

Theory of Barnes Beta Probability Distributions

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Based on: IMRN '12, ECP '13, Forum Math '14, DO '16

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- Modern theory is due to Ruijsenaars (2000)

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- Given $a = (a_1 \cdots a_M) > 0$, $b = (b_0, b_1 \cdots b_N) > 0$, let

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- Example: $M = N = 2$, $a = (a_1, a_2)$,

$$\eta_{2,2}(q|a,b) = \frac{\Gamma_2(q+b_0|a)}{\Gamma_2(b_0|a)} \frac{\Gamma_2(b_0+b_1|a)}{\Gamma_2(q+b_0+b_1|a)} \frac{\Gamma_2(b_0+b_2|a)}{\Gamma_2(q+b_0+b_2|a)} \times \\ \times \frac{\Gamma_2(q+b_0+b_1+b_2|a)}{\Gamma_2(b_0+b_1+b_2|a)}$$

Existence of Barnes Beta Distributions

Theorem (ECP '13, Forum Math '14, DO '16)

1) Let $M \leq N + 1$, $\text{Re}(q) > -b_0$, then $\eta_{M,N}(q | a, b)$ is the Mellin transform of a probability distribution $\beta_{M,N}(a, b)$ on $(0, 1]$ if $M \leq N$ and on $(0, \infty)$ if $M = N + 1$

$$\mathbf{E}[\beta_{M,N}(a, b)^q] = \eta_{M,N}(q | a, b).$$

2) $\log \beta_{M,N}(a, b)$ is infinitely divisible. If $M \leq N$,

$$\mathbf{E}\left[e^{q \log \beta_{M,N}(a, b)}\right] = \exp\left(\int_0^\infty (e^{-tq} - 1)e^{-b_0 t} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^N (1 - e^{-b_j t})}{\prod_{i=1}^M (1 - e^{-a_i t})} \frac{dt}{t}\right).$$

3) $\beta_{M,N}(a, b)$ has density iff $M = N$ or $M = N + 1$.

4) Let $\kappa > 0$, $M \leq N$, then $\beta_{M,N}^\kappa(\kappa a, \kappa b) \stackrel{\text{in law}}{=} \beta_{M,N}(a, b)$

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$$M_{(\tau, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)} = 2\pi 2^{-[3(1+\tau)+2\tau(\lambda_1+\lambda_2)]/\tau} \Gamma(1 - 1/\tau)^{-1} L X_1 X_2 X_3 Y,$$

$$\mathbf{E}[M_{(\tau, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)}^n] = \mathbf{E}\left[\left(\int_0^1 s^{\lambda_1} (1-s)^{\lambda_2} M_\beta(ds)\right)^n\right], n < 1/\beta^2$$

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Conjecture (CMP '09, Fyodorov et al '09, IMRN '12)

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then $M_{(\tau, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)} = \frac{2\pi}{\Gamma(1-1/\tau)} XY$ has the property that for $n < 1/\beta^2$

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Multiplicative Chaos on the Circle and Barnes Beta II

Theorem (DO '16)

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- Forum Math '14 (arbitrary λ on interval), DO '16 (circle)
involution invariance under $\tau \rightarrow \frac{1}{\tau}$, $q \rightarrow \frac{q}{\tau}$, $\lambda_i \rightarrow \tau\lambda_i$:

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Fyodorov *et al* '09 ($\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$), '15 (arbitrary λ on interval)

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$$\mathbf{E}[e^{qV_N}] \approx e^{q(2 \log N - (3/2) \log \log N + O(1))} F(q | \beta = 1, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$$

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Theorem (Fyodorov and Bouchaud '08 ($\alpha = 0$), DO '16)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\beta \uparrow 1} \left[M_{(\frac{1}{\beta^2}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \frac{\Gamma(1 - \beta^2)}{2\pi} \right] &= \log X + \log Y, \\ X &= \beta_{2,2}^{-1}(1, b_0 = 1, b_1 = 1 + \alpha, b_2 = 1 + \alpha), \\ Y &= \beta_{1,0}^{-1}(1, b_0 = 2\alpha + 2), \\ Y' &= \beta_{1,0}^{-1}(1, b_0 = 1). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if $\alpha = 0$, $\log X + \log Y = \log Y'$

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- Similarly, $\mathcal{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{T})$ statistics (eg. global CUE) give rise in the same way to Morris integral distribution

Open Questions and Work in Progress

- Fundamental open problem: total mass of chaos measures. Can we compute negative moments from first principles?
- What is the *right* approximation of the GFF? GFF on the interval is the limit of a fractional integral of Brownian motion. Is the law of the exponential functional of BM à la Marc Yor (Hartman-Watson law) related to the Selberg integral distribution? GFF and hyperbolic geometry?
- Why do Barnes beta distributions appear in the distribution of extremes (stable Lévy à la Kuznetsov, GFF conjecturally)?
- What is the origin of infinite divisibility?