Evolution of a Random Recursive Tree with limited memory

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A random recursive tree is a simple model describing the growth of a network iteratively. At each step, a new element chooses uniformly at random on of the present nodes to connect to, thereby constructing a growing tree. This model is often present in a large variety of applications, from algorithmic analysis to the study of social networks.

In a recent article Evolution of Recursive Trees with Limited Memory, Angel et al. considered a version of this model in which nodes age out. They suggest to consider instead a recursive tree in which at each step, the new element chooses uniformly at random a node to connect to belonging to the j(n)th last connected nodes. They study this model assuming $j(n) \sim n^{\beta}$ or θn for $\beta, \theta \in (0, 1)$, and prove various asymptotic results on this model.

The aim of this project is to continue this analysis and extend their result to additional situations, such as j(n) = n + o(n) and $j(n) \le \log n$. This project does not lead towards a PhD project.

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