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The number of distinct part sizes of some multiplicity in compositions of an Integer. A probabilistic Analysis

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Random compositions of integers are used as theoretical models for many applications. The degree of distinctness of a composition is a natural and important parameter. A possible measure of distinctness is the number X of distinct parts (or components). This parameter has been analyzed in several papers. In this article we consider a variant of the distinctness: the number $X(m)$ of distinct parts of multiplicity m that we call the m -distinctness. A first motivation is a question asked by Wilf for random compositions: what is the asymptotic value of the probability that a randomly chosen part size in a random composition of an integer v has multiplicity m . This is related to $\mathbb{E}(X(m))$, which has been analyzed by Hitczenko, Rousseau and Savage. Here, we investigate, from a probabilistic point of view, the first full part, the maximum part size and the distribution of $X(m)$. We obtain asymptotically, as $v \rightarrow \infty$, the moments and an expression for a continuous distribution ϕ , the (discrete) distribution of $X(m, v)$ being computable from ϕ .

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1 Introduction

Let us first recall some well-known results. Let us consider the composition of an integer v , i.e. $v = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$, $x_i : \text{integer} > 0$. Considering all compositions as equiprobable, we know (see [HL01]) that the number of parts N is asymptotically Gaussian, $v \rightarrow \infty$:

$$N \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{v}{2}, \frac{v}{4}\right), \quad (1)$$

and that the part sizes are asymptotically iid $\text{GEOM}(1/2)$ and *independent*. Consider now n random variables (R.V.), $\text{GEOM}(1/2)$ and define the indicator R.V.[†]

$$Y_i := \llbracket \text{value } i \text{ appears among these } n \text{ R.V.} \rrbracket$$

Then, asymptotically, $n \rightarrow \infty$, the Y_i are independent. The first empty part value, i.e. the first k such that $Y_k = 0$, is of order $O(\log n)$. Here and in the sequel, $\log := \log_2, L := \ln 2$. Similarly, the maximum part

[†] Here we use the indicator function notation proposed by Knuth et al. [GKP89].

size is also of order $O(\log n)$, as well as the number Y of distinct values (part sizes): $Y = \sum_1^\infty Y_i$. The asymptotic distributions and moments of these R.V. are also given in [HL01]. We know (see Hwang and Yeh [HY97]) that

$$\mathbb{E}(Y) \sim \log n + \gamma/L - 1/2 + \beta(\log n) + O(1/n)$$

where β is a small periodic function of $\log n$, and the distribution of Y is highly concentrated around its mean, with a $O(1)$ range. All these distributions depend on $\log n$. Hence, with (1), the same R.V. related to v are asymptotically equivalent by replacing $\log n$ by $\log v - 1$ (see [HL01]).

In this article we consider a variant of the distinctness: the number $X(m)$ of distinct parts of multiplicity m that we call the m -distinctness. A first motivation is a question asked by Wilf for random compositions: what is the asymptotic value of the probability $P(m, v)$ that a randomly chosen part size in a random composition of an integer v has multiplicity m . (The corresponding problem for random partitions has been analyzed in Corteel et al. [CPSW99]). Of course, here,

$$P(m, v) = \mathbb{E}(X(m, v)/Y(v)),$$

where we explicitly show the dependence on v . But, as already mentioned, $Y(v)$ has asymptotically the same distribution as Y (with $\log n$ replaced by $\log v - 1$). On the other side, Y is highly concentrated around its mean. Hence, asymptotically, as shown in Hitczenko, Savage [HS99] and Hitczenko et al [HRS02], for $m = O(1)$,

$$P(m, v) \sim \mathbb{E}(X(m, v))/\mathbb{E}(Y(v)).$$

Here, we investigate, from a probabilistic point of view, the first full part, the maximum part size and the distribution of $X(m, v)$. We obtain asymptotically, as $v \rightarrow \infty$, the moments and an expression for a continuous distribution ϕ , the (discrete) distribution of $X(m, v)$ being computable from ϕ . We will see that, again, all asymptotic distributions for some multiplicity m depend only on $\log n$. Hence, the same R.V. related to v are again simply obtained by replacing $\log n$ by $\log v - 1$. The paper is organized as follows: in Section 2, we consider a fixed multiplicity $m = O(1)$. We analyze the moments, the first full part, the maximum part size, and the distribution of $X(m)$. Section 3 is devoted to large multiplicity m . Section 4 concludes the paper. Due to length constraints, some proofs have been briefly presented.

In this section, we are interested in the properties of the R.V.:

$X_i(m) := \llbracket \text{value } i \text{ appears among the } n \text{ GEOM}(1/2) \text{ R.V. with multiplicity } m, \text{ for fixed } m = O(1) \rrbracket$.

Of course,

$$\Pr[X_i(m) = 1] = \binom{n}{m} (1/2^i)^m (1 - 1/2^i)^{n-m}. \quad (2)$$

We immediately see that the dominant range is given by $i = \log n + O(1)$. To the left and the right of this range, $\Pr[X_i(m) = 1] \sim 0$. Within the range, $\Pr[X_i(m) = 1]$ is asymptotically equivalent to a Poisson distribution:

$$\Pr[X_i(m) = 1] \sim \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^i)^m \exp(-n/2^i),$$

and, with $X(m) := \sum_1^\infty X_i(m)$,

$$\mathbb{E}(X(m)) \sim G(n, m),$$

where, using the "sum splitting technique" as described in Knuth [Knu73], p.131,

$$G(n, m) := \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{i=1}^\infty (n/2^i)^m \exp(-n/2^i),$$

which, for large n , can be analyzed using Mellin transforms: see Flajolet et al. [FGD95]. It is well known that the dominant value is given by some constant. The oscillatory part has a very small amplitude, usually of order 10^{-5} . Indeed, set $f(y) := y^m e^{-y}$. We obtain

$$G(n, m) = \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(n/2^i),$$

the Mellin transform of which is

$$G^*(s) = \frac{\Gamma(m+s)}{m!} \frac{2^s}{1-2^s},$$

defined in the fundamental strip $\langle -m, 0 \rangle$. To the right of this strip, the poles of $G^*(s)$ are a simple pole at $s = 0$, and simple poles at $s = \chi_k := 2k\pi i/L$ ($k \neq 0$). The singular expansion of $G^*(s)$ is given by \ddagger

$$G^*(s) \asymp \left[\frac{\Gamma(m)}{Lm!s} \right] + \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{\Gamma(m + \chi_k)}{Lm!(s - \chi_k)}.$$

This leads, by converse mapping, to

$$G(n, m) \sim \frac{1}{mL} + \beta_0(\log n) + O(1/n), \quad (3)$$

where β_0 is a small periodic function of $\log n$:

$$\beta_0(\log_2 n) := \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{\Gamma(m + \chi_k)}{Lm!} n^{-\chi_k} = \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{\Gamma(m + \chi_k)}{Lm!} e^{-2\pi i k \log n}.$$

In the sequel, $\beta_0(\log n)$ will always denote (small) periodic functions. As $n \sim \mathcal{N}(\frac{v}{2}, \frac{v}{4})$, we just have to replace $\log n$ by $\log v - 1$. So we recover the mean already computed in Hitzenko and Savage, [HS99] and Hitzenko, Rousseau and Savage, [HRS02]. To compute all moments, we must check that the X_i are asymptotically independent. We could proceed as was done in [HL01] for the Y_i , but we follow here another route. Let us consider $\Pi_n = \mathbb{E}(z^X)$. We obtain

Theorem 1.1.

$$\Pi_n \sim \prod_{l=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^l)^m e^{-n/2^l} \right) + z \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^l)^m e^{-n/2^l} \right], n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Proof. We use an urn model, as in Sevastyanov and Chistyakov, [SČ64] and Chistyakov, [Chi67], and the Poissonization method (see, for instance Jacquet and Szpankowski [JS98] for a general survey). If we Poissonize, with parameter τ , the number of balls (i.e the number n of R.V. here), the generating function of X_l is given from (2), by

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{m!} (\tau/2^l)^m e^{-\tau/2^l} \right) + z \frac{1}{m!} (\tau/2^l)^m e^{-\tau/2^l},$$

\ddagger The symbol \asymp is used to denote the fact that two functions are of the same asymptotic order.

and we have independency of cells occupation. This leads to

$$e^{-\tau} \sum_n \frac{\tau^n}{n!} \Pi_n = \prod_{l=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{m!} (\tau/2^l)^m e^{-\tau/2^l} \right) + z \frac{1}{m!} (\tau/2^l)^m e^{-\tau/2^l} \right].$$

Hence, by Cauchy, we obtain $\Pi_n = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \exp\{nf(\tau)\} d\tau/\tau$, where Γ is inside the analyticity domain of the integrand and encircles the origin, and

$$f(\tau) := -\log \tau + \tau/n + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \ln \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{m!} (\tau/2^l)^m e^{-\tau/2^l} \right) + z \frac{1}{m!} (\tau/2^l)^m e^{-\tau/2^l} \right].$$

By standard saddle-point method (see, for instance, Flajolet and Sedgewick, [FS94]), we look for τ^* such that $f'(\tau^*) = 0$, with

$$f'(\tau) = -1/\tau + 1/n - \frac{z-1}{n\tau} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\tau/2^l)^{m+1} - m(\tau/2^l)^m}{m! \exp(\tau/2^l) - (\tau/2^l)^m + z(\tau/2^l)^m}.$$

But, again by Mellin, for fixed $z > 0$,

$$\sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\tau/2^l)^{m+1} - m(\tau/2^l)^m}{m! \exp(\tau/2^l) - (\tau/2^l)^m + z(\tau/2^l)^m} \sim C + \beta \cdot (\log \tau).$$

with

$$C := \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{m+1} - my^m}{m! \exp(y) - y^m + zy^m} dy/L.$$

Hence $\tau^* \sim n + C$. It is easily checked that $C = 0$. Finally, $\Pi_n \sim \frac{n! e^{nf(\tau^*)}}{\sqrt{2\pi\tau^*} \sqrt{nf''(\tau^*)}}$, and, by Stirling, we easily derive the theorem. \square

Theorem 1.1 confirms the asymptotic independence assumption.

1.1 The moments of $X(m)$

We now have all necessary ingredients to compute the moments. The variance of $X(m)$ is now easily derived: we obtain, by Mellin,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{VAR}(X(m)) &\sim \frac{1}{m!} \sum_1^{\infty} (n/2^i)^m \exp(-n/2^i) \left[1 - \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^i)^m \exp(-n/2^i) \right] \\ &\sim \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} \frac{y^m}{m!} (1 - e^{-y} \frac{y^m}{m!}) \frac{dy}{Ly} + \beta_1(\log_2 n) \\ &= \frac{1}{mL} - \frac{(2m-1)!}{Lm!^2 2^{2m}} + \beta_1(\log_2 n). \end{aligned}$$

The other moments can be derived as follows. We obtain, setting $z = e^s$,

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(\Pi_n) \sim S_2 &= \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \ln \left[1 + (e^s - 1) \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^l)^m \exp(-n/2^l) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{i+1} (e^s - 1)^i V_i}{i}, \text{ with} \\ V_i &:= \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{m!} (n/2^l)^m \right]^i \exp(-in/2^l). \end{aligned}$$

The centered moments of $X(m)$ can be obtained by analyzing

$$S_3 := \exp[S_2 - sV_1].$$

Again, by Mellin, we obtain

$$V_i \sim B_i + \beta_i(\log n),$$

with

$$B_i = \int_0^{\infty} \left[\frac{y^m}{m!} \right]^i e^{-iy} \frac{dy}{Ly} = \frac{(im-1)!}{m^i L i^m},$$

and finally, the centered moments are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\sigma}^2 := \text{VAR}(X(m)) &\sim \frac{1}{mL} - \frac{(2m)!}{2Lm!^2 2^{2m} m}, \\ \tilde{\mu}_3 := \mu_3(X(m)) &\sim \frac{1}{mL} - \frac{3(2m)!}{2Lm!^2 2^{2m} m} + \frac{2(3m)!}{3Lm!^3 3^{3m} m}, \\ \tilde{\mu}_4 := \mu_4(X(m)) &\sim \frac{1}{mL} + \frac{3}{m^2 L^2} - \frac{3(4m)!}{2Lm!^4 4^{4m} m} + \frac{4(3m)!}{Lm!^3 3^{3m} m} \\ &\quad - \frac{7(2m)!}{2Lm!^2 2^{2m} m} - \frac{3(2m)!}{3L^2 m!^2 2^{2m} m^2} + \frac{3(2m)!^2}{4L^2 m!^4 2^{4m} m^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The neglected terms are made of periodic functions $\beta_i(\log n)$ and of $O(\frac{1}{n})$ contributions.

Again, the centered moments (of order ≥ 2) of X related to a composition of v are given by the same expressions.

For $n = 20000, m = 2$, we have done a simulation (of $T = 4000$ sets). We obtain the results of Table 1 (the probability related moments are explained later on). For an easy comparison, we give here only four significant digits.

1.2 The maximum part size of multiplicity m

The maximum part size $\mathcal{M}_n(m)$ of multiplicity m is such that

$$\Pr(\mathcal{M}_n(m) < k) \sim \prod_{i=k}^{\infty} \left[1 - \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^i)^m \exp(-n/2^i) \right].$$

| | Theoretical asymptotic value | Observed value | Probability related value |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| mean | .7213 ... | .7345... | .7214... |
| variance | .5861 ... | .5945... | .5863... |
| μ_3 | .3750... | .3752 ... | .3752... |
| μ_4 | 1.1197... | 1.1341... | 1.1198... |

Tab. 1: Moments, $n = 20000, m = 2$.

Set $\eta := Lk - \ln n$. This leads, with $\eta = O(1)$, to

$$\Pr(\mathcal{M}_n(m) < k) \sim \varphi_1(m, \eta),$$

with

$$\varphi_1(m, \eta) = \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} \left[1 - \frac{1}{m!} e^{-m(\eta+Lj)} e^{-e^{-(\eta+Lj)}} \right].$$

Figure 1 gives $\varphi_1(m, \eta)$ for $m = 1, \dots, 4$, bottom to top. It appears that for $\eta \rightarrow -\infty$, $\varphi_1(m, \eta)$ seems to converge to some value, which of course corresponds to

$$P(m, 0) := \Pr(X(m) = 0),$$

but a closer view reveals the usual fluctuations, shown in Figure 2, for $m = 2$. Set $\psi(n) := \log n - \lfloor \log n \rfloor$ (fractional part). With $\eta = L(-6 - \psi(20000))$, we obtain $P(2, 0) = .4489079864\dots$, which will be compared later on with a direct expression.

Similarly, we derive

$$\Pr(\mathcal{M}_n(m) = k - 1) \sim \varphi_2(m, \eta) = \varphi_1(m, \eta) e^{-m(\eta-L)} e^{-e^{-(\eta-L)}} / m!.$$

Figure 3 gives $\varphi_2(m, \eta)$ for $m = 1, \dots, 4$, (more and more concentrated as m increases).

Our simulation for $n = 20000, m = 2$ of $T = 4000$ sets leads to Figure 4 (φ_1 , observed = circle, asymptotic = line) and Figure 5 (φ_2 , observed = circle, asymptotic = line). Again, for compositions, we replace $\log n$ by $\log v - 1$.

1.3 First full part value of multiplicity m

Another variable of interest is the first k such that $X_k = 1$, i.e we are interested in the probability

$$\Pr[X_i = 0, i = 1 \dots k - 1, X_k = 1].$$

Note that this is the opposite situation of the Y_k case (see [HL01]), where we looked for the first k such that $Y_k = 0$. The probability is asymptotically given by

$$\prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \left[1 - \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^i)^m \exp(-n/2^i) \right] \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^k)^m \exp(-n/2^k).$$

Again, we set $\eta := Lk - \ln n$. This leads asymptotically, with $\eta = O(1)$ to

$$\Pr[X_i = 0, i = 1 \cdots k-1, X_k = 1] \sim \varphi_3(m, \eta),$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_3(m, \eta) &= \varphi_4(m, \eta) \frac{1}{m!} e^{-m\eta} e^{-e^{-\eta}}, \\ \varphi_4(m, \eta) &= \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[1 - \frac{1}{m!} e^{-m(\eta-Lj)} e^{-e^{-(\eta-Lj)}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Again, for compositions, we replace $\log n$ by $\log v - 1$. Figure 6 gives $\varphi_4(2, \eta)$ and Figure 7 gives $\varphi_4(2, \eta)$ for large values of η . Again, this is oscillating and corresponds to $P(2, 0)$.

1.4 Asymptotic distribution of $X(m)$

The analysis is rather similar to the one we used in [Lou87] and [HL01]. First of all we have, for any fixed $k = O(\log n)$,

$$P(m, 0) \sim \varphi_4(\eta) \varphi_1(\eta).$$

Let us choose $k = \lfloor \log n \rfloor$. This leads to $\eta = -L\psi(n)$ and we obtain a periodic function of ψ :

$$P(m, 0) \sim \varphi_4[-L\psi(n)] \varphi_1[-L\psi(n)],$$

shown in Figure 10 for $m = 2$. For $n = 20000, m = 2$, the numerical value of $P(2, 0)$ is exactly the same as before. Now we turn to $P(m, j) := \Pr(X(m) = j)$. We take advantage of the fact that all urns are empty before the first occupied urn, $k - 1$ say. Then, again with $\eta := Lk - \ln n$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(m, 1) &\sim \sum_k \varphi_3(\eta - L) \varphi_1(\eta), \\ P(m, 2) &\sim \sum_k \varphi_3(\eta - L) \varphi_1(\eta) \sum_{r_1 \geq k} \left\{ \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^{r_1})^m \exp(-n/2^{r_1}) \left/ \left[1 - \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^{r_1})^m \exp(-n/2^{r_1}) \right] \right. \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

and more generally,

$$\begin{aligned} P(m, u+1) &\sim \sum_k \varphi_3(\eta - L) \varphi_1(\eta) \cdot \\ &\cdot \sum_{[r_1 > r_2 > \dots > r_u, r_j \geq k]} \prod_{i=1}^u \left\{ \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^{r_i})^m \exp(-n/2^{r_i}) \left/ \left[1 - \frac{1}{m!} (n/2^{r_i})^m \exp(-n/2^{r_i}) \right] \right. \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Now we set $r_i = k + w_i, l = k - \lfloor \log n \rfloor$ and we finally derive the following theorem

Theorem 1.2. *Set $\psi(n) := \log n - \lfloor \log n \rfloor$, then*

$$P(m, u+1) \sim \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_5[L(l - \psi(n))],$$

with

$$\varphi_5(\eta) = \varphi_3(\eta - L)\varphi_1(\eta).$$

$$\cdot \sum \llbracket w_1 > w_2 > \dots > w_u, w_j \geq 0 \rrbracket \prod_{i=1}^u \left\{ \frac{1}{m!} e^{-m(\eta+Lw_i)} e^{-e^{-(\eta+Lw_i)}} \right\} / \left[1 - \frac{1}{m!} e^{-m(\eta+Lw_i)} e^{-e^{-(\eta+Lw_i)}} \right]$$

Note that, for compositions, we obtain asymptotically $\psi(n) = \psi(v)$. We get again periodic function of $\psi(n)$. We give in Figure 11 and Figure 12 the sums $\sum_{i=0}^3 P(2, i), \sum_{i=0}^4 P(2, i)$. The effect of computing $P(2, i)$ with bounded indices (we limit the values of w_u to 16) becomes apparent at the 10^{-7} precision.

Figure 13 gives $P(m, i), m = 1, \dots, 4$, (from top to bottom to the right of $i = 2$). The distributions become more concentrated as m increases.

Finally, we compare the observed distribution of $X(2)$ with the asymptotic one in Figure 14 (observed = circle, asymptotic = line). Apart from $i = 0$ the fit is quite good. The "Probability related values" moments given in Table 1 are computed with the distribution $P(2, i)$.

2 Large multiplicity m

2.1 Fixed number of parts n

It is now clear that large m are related to small integer values i . More precisely, the number M_i of integers equal to i is asymptotically given by a Gaussian:

$$\Pr(M_i = m) \sim \exp\left\{-\frac{(m - n/2^i)^2}{[2n/2^i(1 - 1/2^i)]}\right\} / \sqrt{2\pi n/2^i(1 - 1/2^i)}. \quad (4)$$

The means $n/2^i, i = 1, 2, \dots$ are given by $n/2, n/4, \dots$, separated by $n/4, n/8, \dots$ which shows that the Gaussians (4) are asymptotically exponentially distinct in the sense that some common intervals, for instance $m \in [3n/2^{i+2} - n/2^{i+3}, 3n/2^{i+2} + n/2^{i+3}]$ have asymptotically small probability measures. So for any large value m , only one value

$$i = \text{round}[\log(n/m)] \quad (5)$$

is related to m and $X(m)$ has only two possible values: $\{0, 1\}$. The following events are equivalent: $\llbracket X_i(m) = 1 \rrbracket \equiv \llbracket M_i = m \rrbracket$. The probability (4) is small, of order at most $O(1/\sqrt{m})$. Figure 15 gives $\Pr(X_i(m) = 1)$ for $n = 2000$ (first three ranges, $i = 1, 2, 3$) and Figure 16 gives the corresponding distribution functions, together with the observed values provided by a simulation of $T = 2000$ sets (observed = circle, asymptotic = line).

An interesting check would be to recover the dominant term of the mean of Y : $\mathbb{E}(Y) \sim \log n$. Choose $\tilde{j} := \alpha \log n, 0 < \alpha < 1$ which corresponds, by (5), to $\tilde{m} = n^{1-\alpha}$. For each $i \leq \tilde{j}$, by Euler-McLaurin,

$$\sum_{m=\lfloor 3n/2^{i+2} \rfloor}^{\lfloor 3n/2^{i+1} \rfloor} \exp\left\{-\frac{(m - n/2^i)^2}{[2n/2^i(1 - 1/2^i)]}\right\} / \sqrt{2\pi n/2^i(1 - 1/2^i)} \sim 1,$$

and this contributes to $\mathbb{E}(Y)$ by $S_1 = \tilde{j}$. On the other side, each $m < \tilde{m}$ contributes, by (3), with $\frac{1}{mL}$, with a total contribution

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{L} \sum_1^{\tilde{m}} 1/m \sim \frac{1}{L} \ln \tilde{m}.$$

The quantity $S_1 + S_2 \sim \log n$ as expected.

2.2 Composition of v .

Now the number of parts N is such that (see(1))

$$N \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{v}{2}, \frac{v}{4}\right).$$

We obtain

$$\mathbb{E}(M_k) = \frac{v}{2} \frac{1}{2^k}. \quad (6)$$

The asymptotic distribution of M_k is obtained as follows. We derive, setting $\tilde{M}_k := (M_k - n/2^k)/\sqrt{v}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [\exp[iM_k\theta/\sqrt{v}]] &= \mathbb{E} [\exp[in\theta/(\sqrt{v}2^k) + i\tilde{M}_k\theta]] \\ &\sim \mathbb{E} [\exp[in\theta/(\sqrt{v}2^k) - \theta^2 n/(2v2^k)(1 - 1/2^k)]] \\ &\sim \exp \left[i v \theta / (2\sqrt{v}2^k) - v \theta^2 / (2v2^k)(1 - 1/2^k) + v/8 [i\theta/(\sqrt{v}2^k) - \theta^2/(2v2^k)(1 - 1/2^k)]^2 \right] \\ &\sim \exp \left[i \theta \sqrt{v} / (2 \cdot 2^k) - \theta^2 / 2 [1/(4 \cdot 4^k) + 1/(2 \cdot 2^k)(1 - 1/2^k)] \right], v \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

The first term confirms (6). The second term shows that

$$M_k \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{v}{2} \frac{1}{2^k}, v\sigma_m^2\right),$$

with

$$\sigma_m^2 = 1/(4 \cdot 4^k) + 1/(2 \cdot 2^k)(1 - 1/2^k).$$

The conclusions of Sec. 2.2 are still valid.

3 Conclusion

Using various techniques from analysis and probability theory, we have analyzed the stochastic properties of the m -distinctness of random compositions. An interesting open problem would be to extend our results to the Carlitz compositions, where two successive parts are different (see [LP02]).

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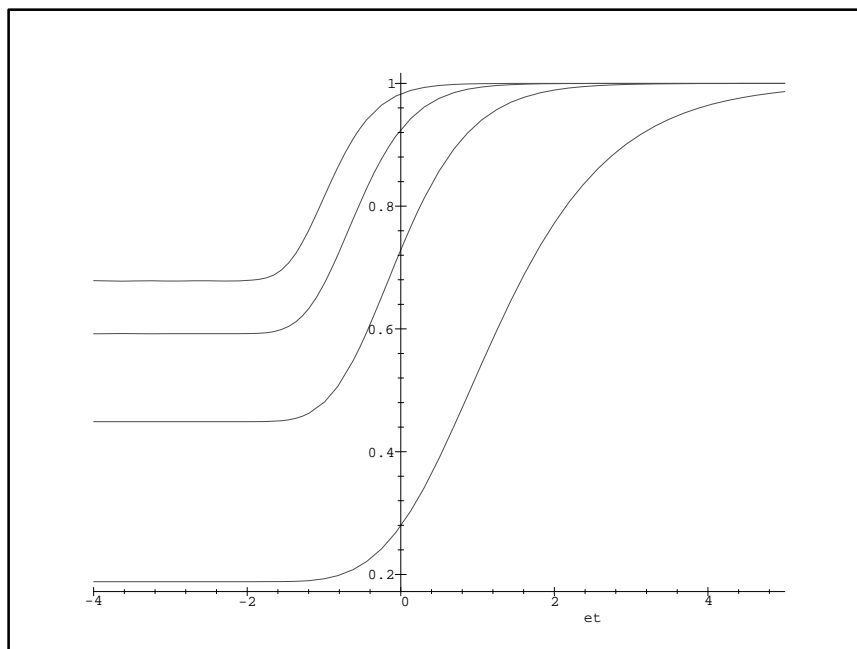


Fig. 1: $\varphi_1(m, \eta)$ for $m = 1, \dots, 4$, bottom to top

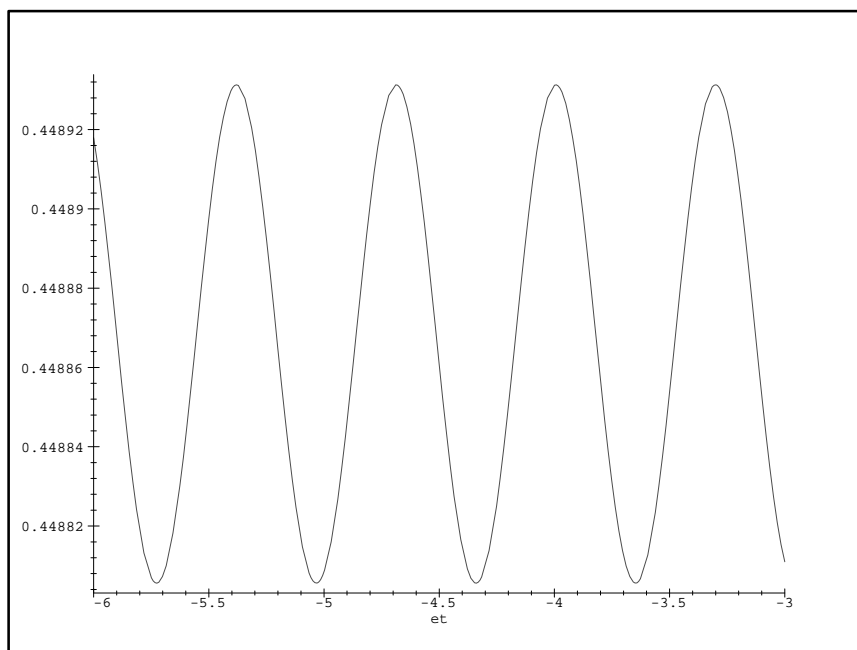


Fig. 2: $\varphi_1(2, \eta)$ for large negative values of η

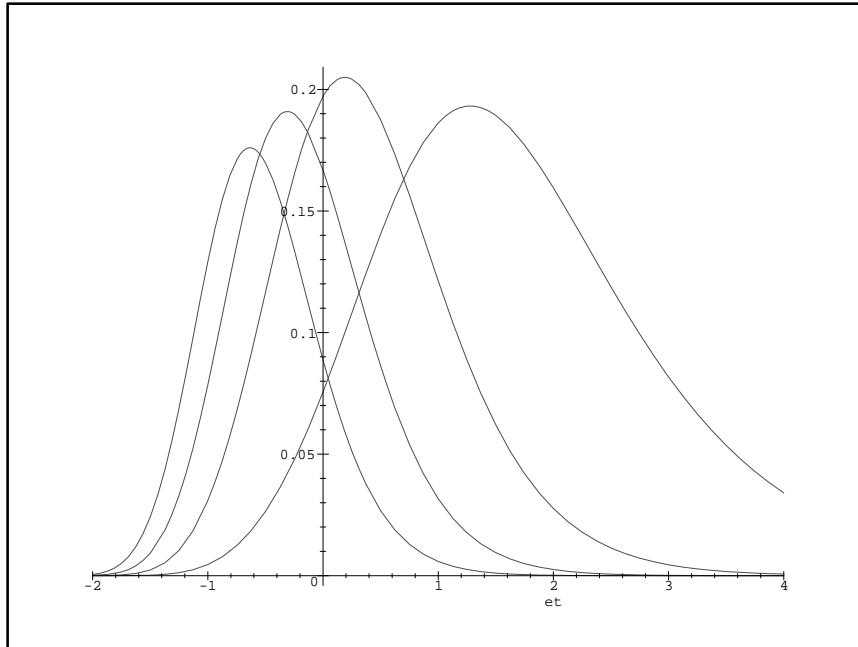


Fig. 3: $\varphi_2(m, \eta)$ for $m = 1, \dots, 4$

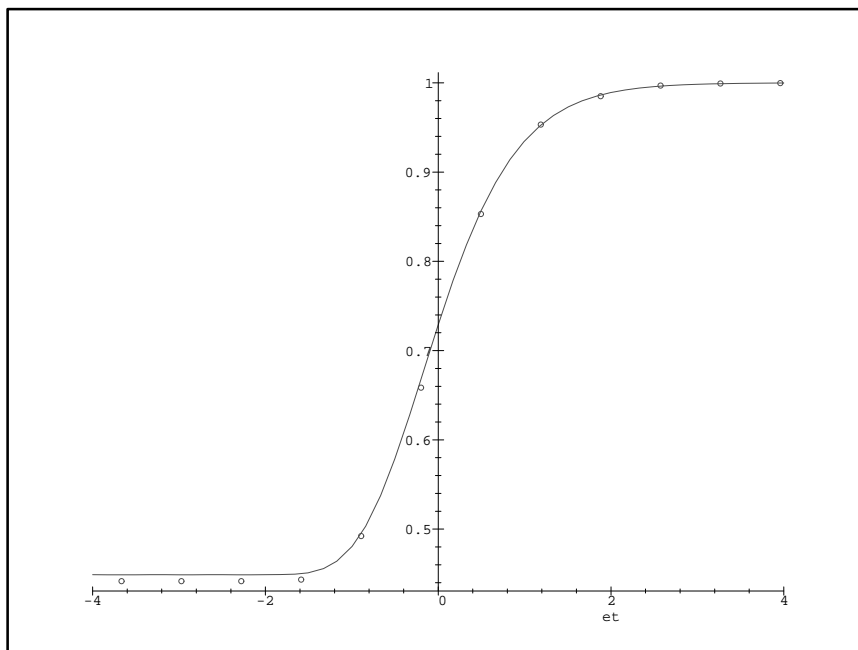


Fig. 4: Maximum part size distribution function ($m = 2$, observed = circle, asymptotic = line)

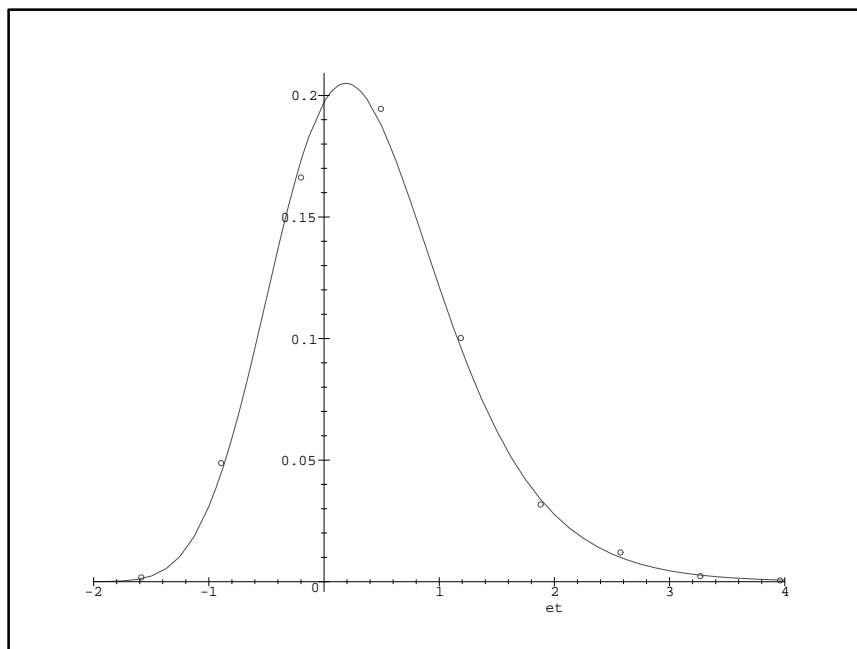


Fig. 5: Maximum part size distribution ($m = 2$, observed = circle, asymptotic = line)

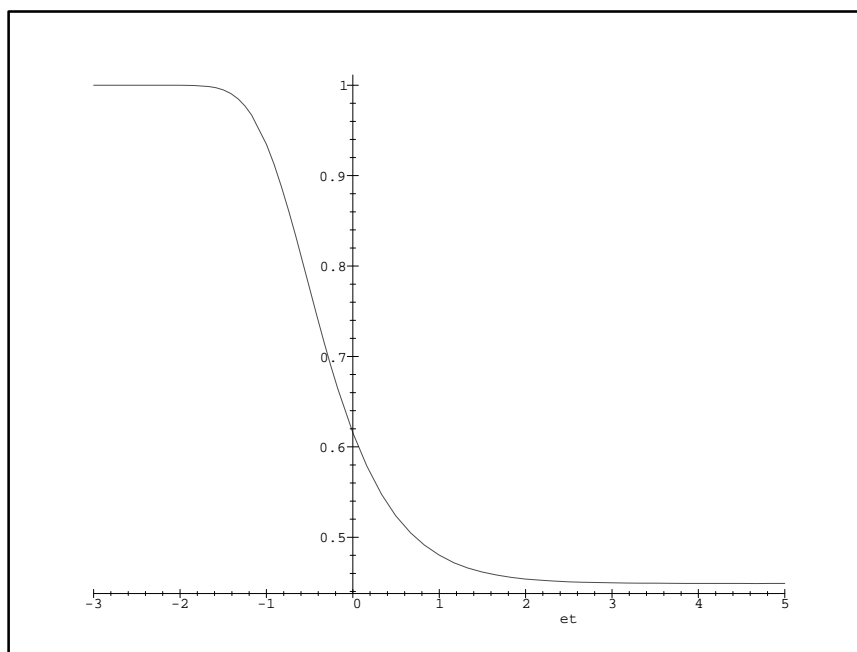


Fig. 6: $\varphi_4(2, \eta)$

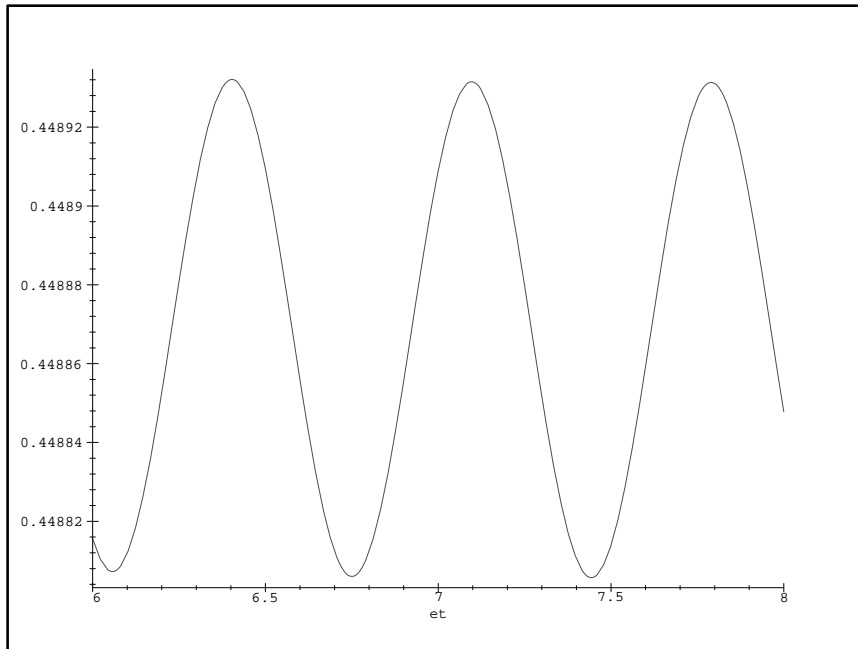


Fig. 7: $\varphi_4(2, \eta)$ for large values of η

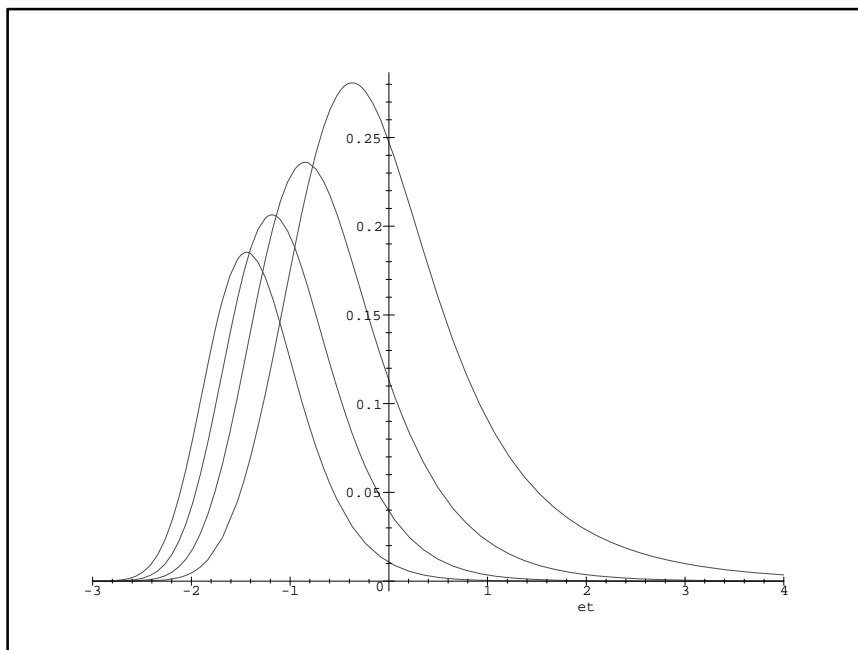


Fig. 8: $\varphi_3(2, \eta)$ for $m = 1, \dots, 4$.

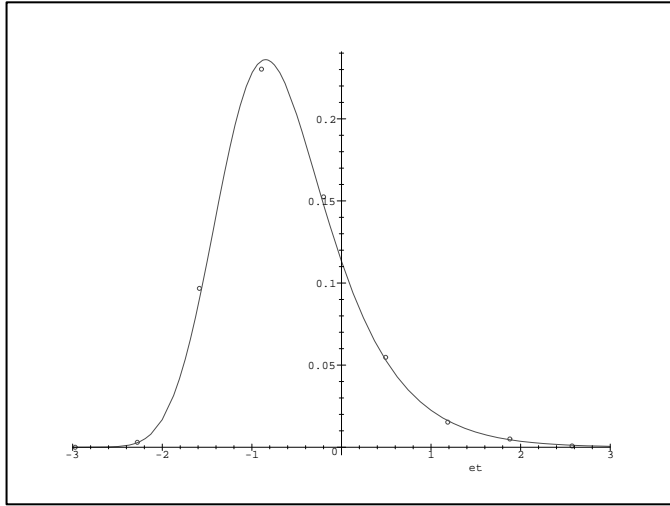


Fig. 9: First full part distribution ($m = 2$, observed = circle, asymptotic = line)

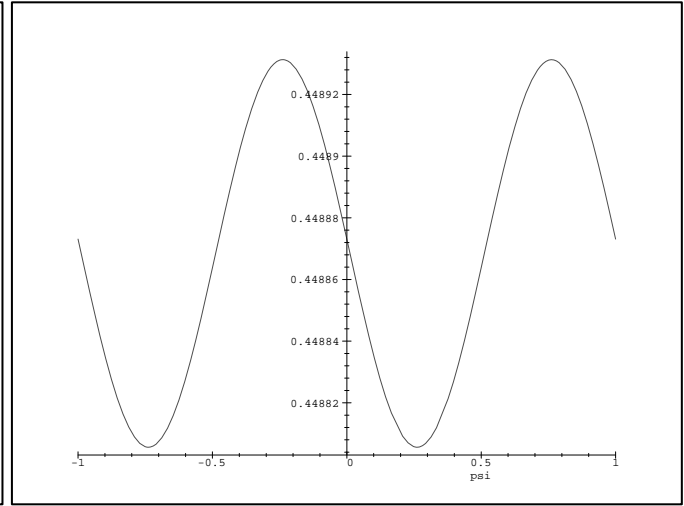


Fig. 10: $P(2,0)$ as a function of ψ

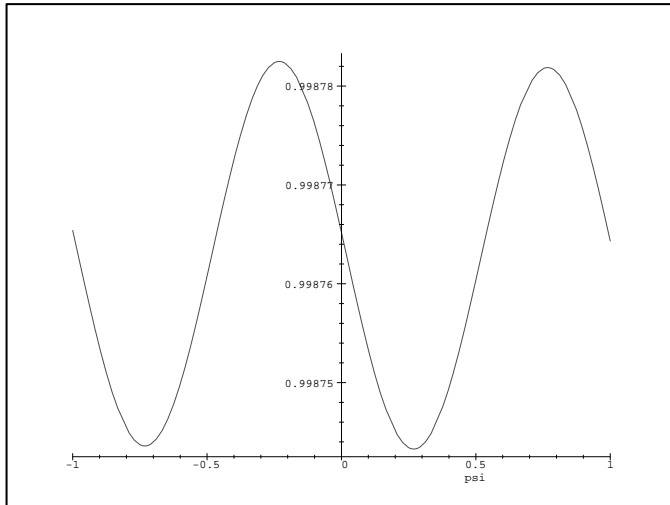


Fig. 11: $\sum_{i=0}^3 P(2,i)$

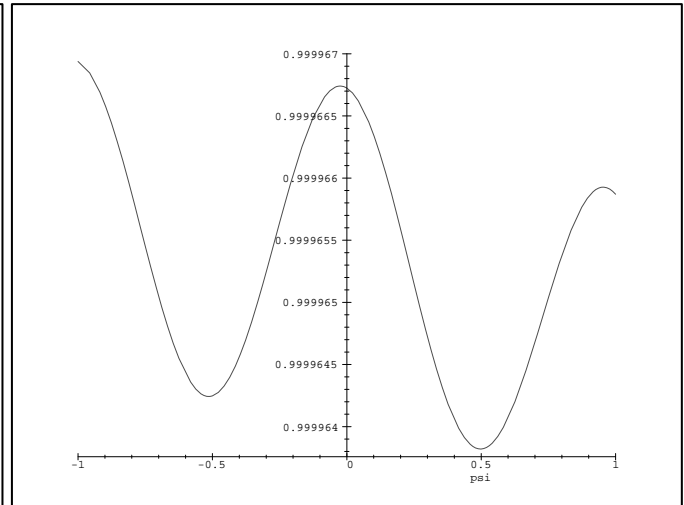


Fig. 12: $\sum_{i=0}^4 P(2,i)$

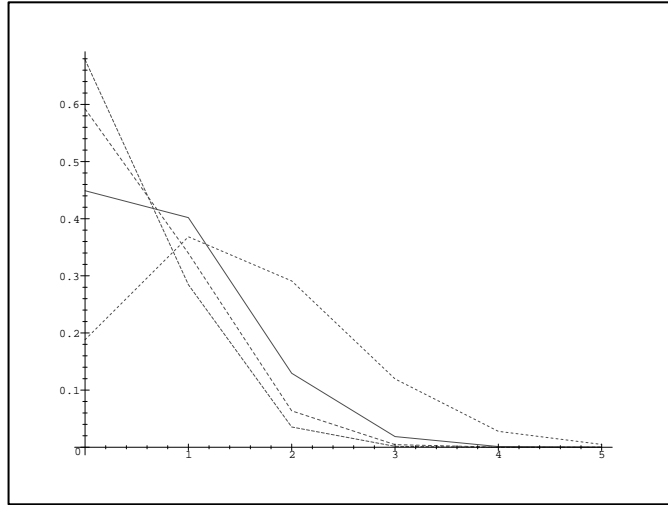


Fig. 13: $P(m, i), m = 1, \dots, 4$

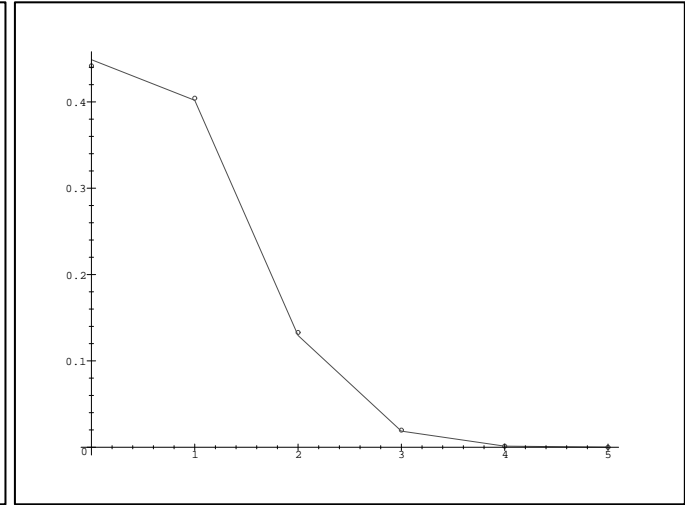


Fig. 14: Distribution of $X(2)$ (observed = circle, asymptotic = line)

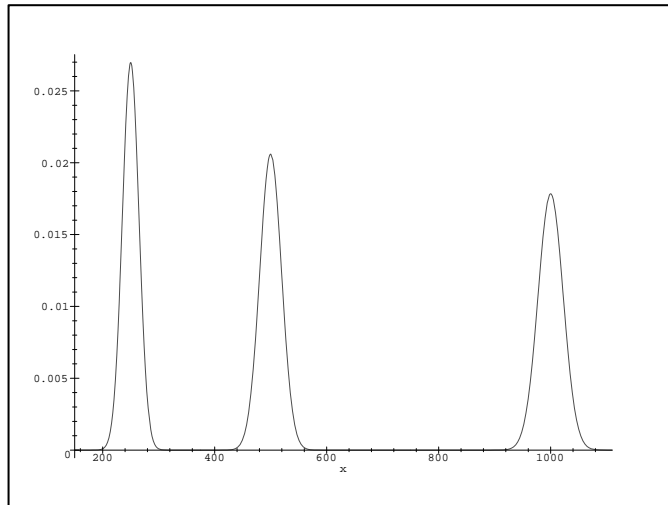


Fig. 15: $\Pr(X_i(m) = 1), i = 1, \dots, 3$

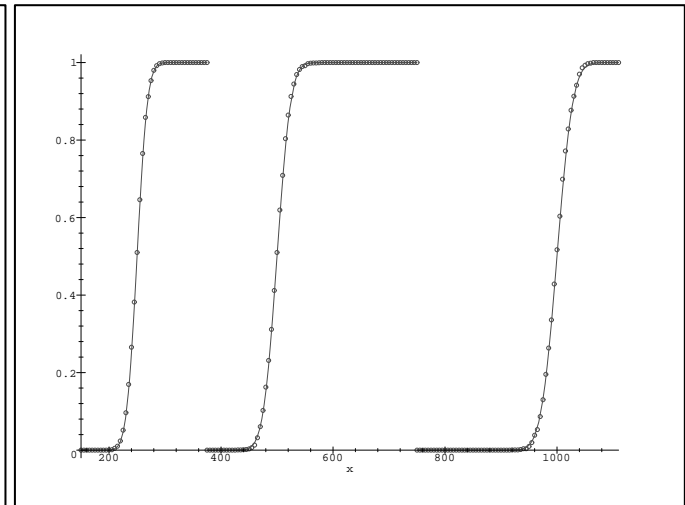


Fig. 16: Distribution function of $M_i, i = 1, \dots, 3$ (observed = circle, asymptotic = line)

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