

AN ANALYSIS OF DIGITAL SEARCH TREES  
BUILT ON A GENERAL SOURCE

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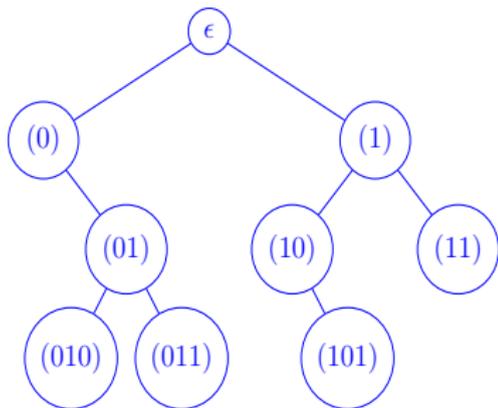
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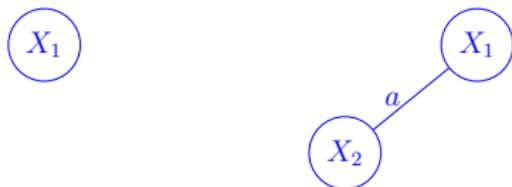
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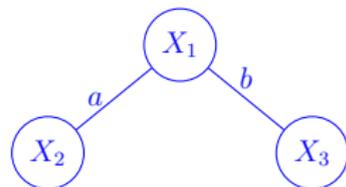
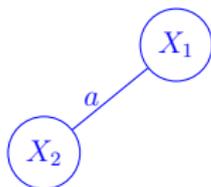


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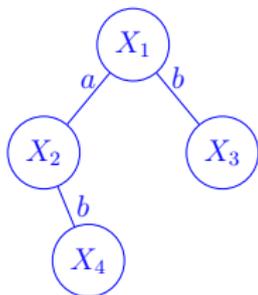
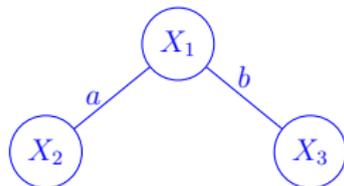
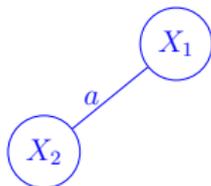


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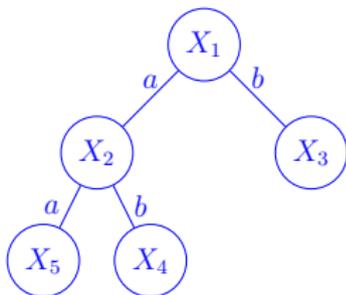
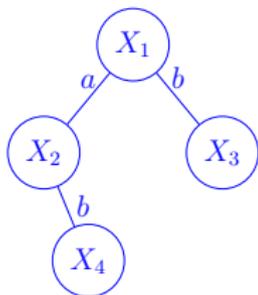
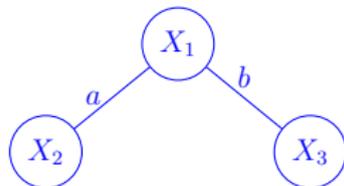
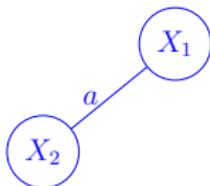


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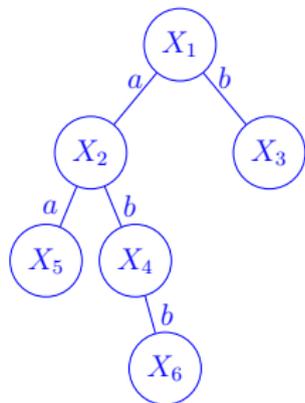
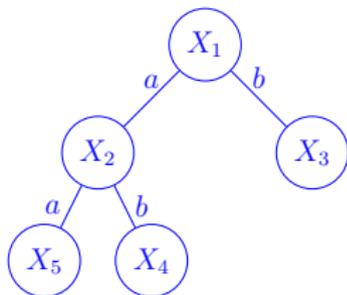
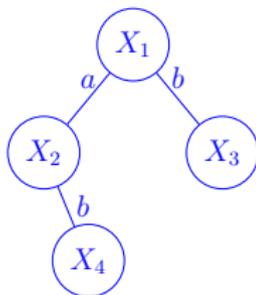
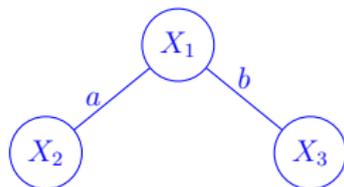
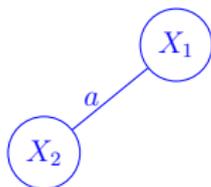


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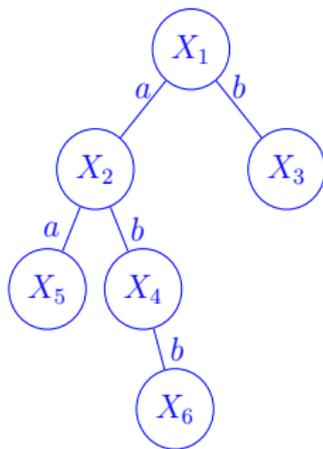
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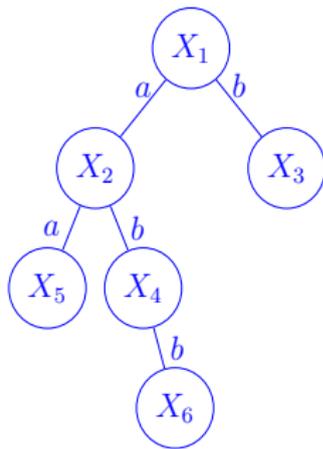
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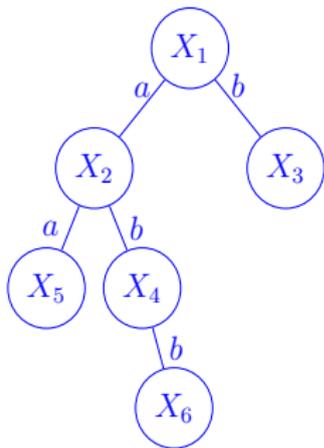
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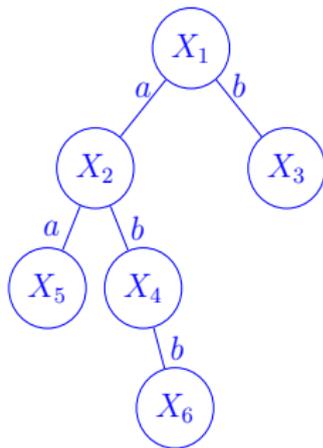
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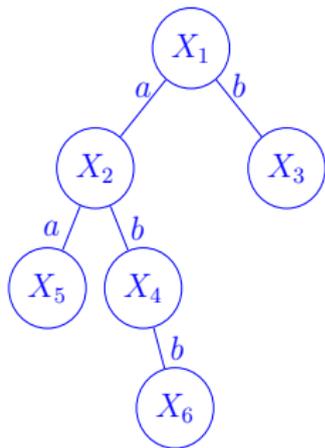
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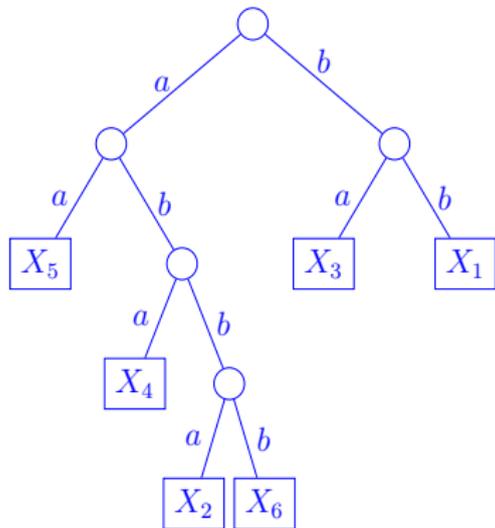
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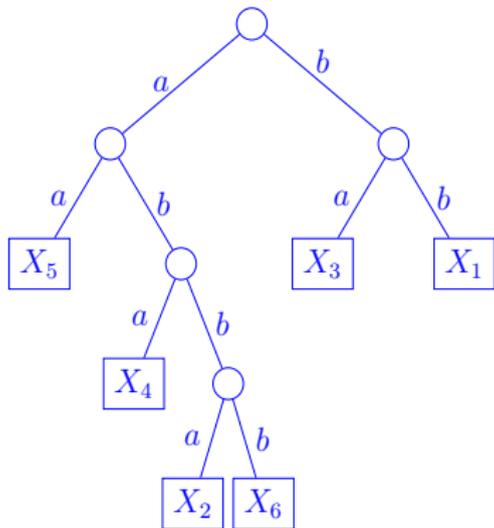
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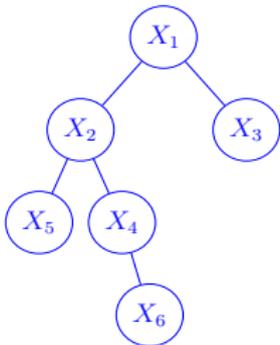
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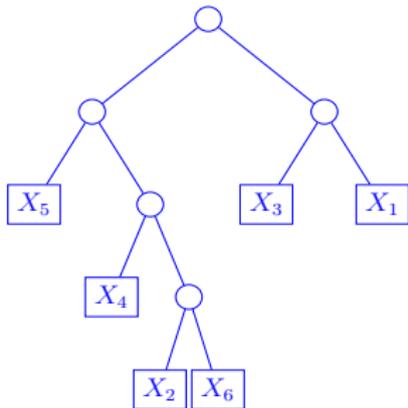
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## Previous results of Trie for a general source

[Clément, Flajolet, Vallée (2001)]

Consider  $n$  words independently drawn from a general *tame* source. Then the *mean path-length*  $\mathbb{E}[T_n]$  of the *Trie* satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}[T_n] = \frac{1}{h_S} n \log n + nB_S + n\delta_T(n) + R_n$$

The remainder term  $R_n$  depends on the “tameness” region of the source. The “fluctuating” (small) term  $\delta_T(n)$  exists when the source is periodic. The constant term  $B_S$  is expressed with characteristics of the source.

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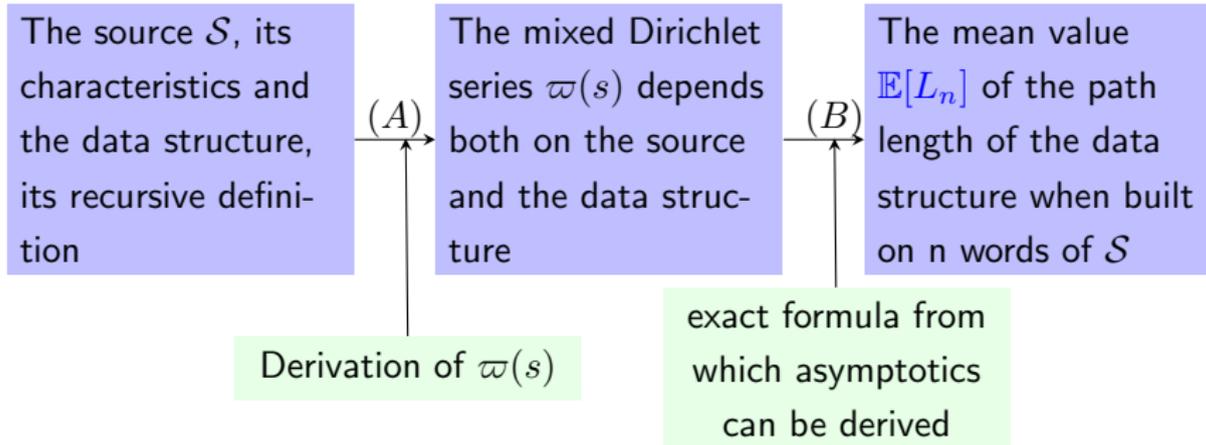
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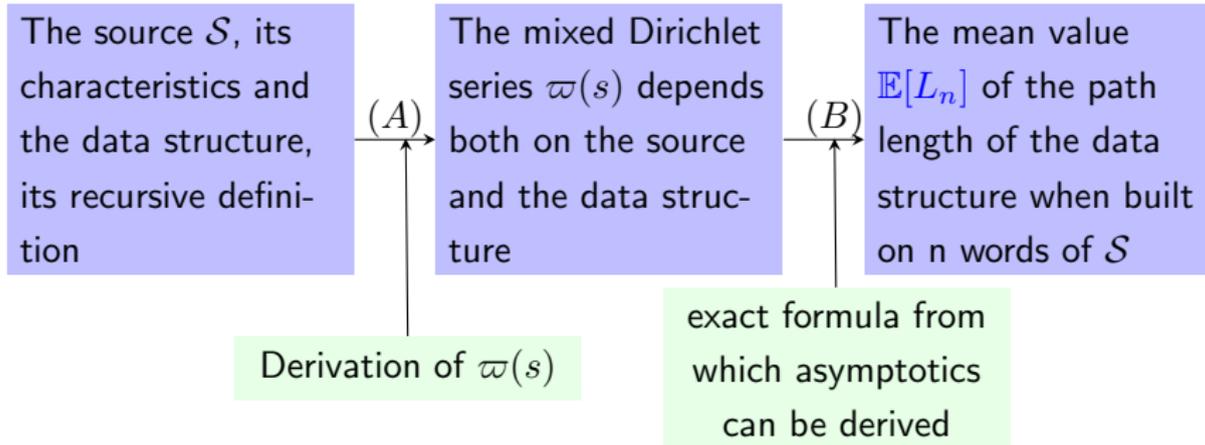
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## Various extensions

**Main result.** For a general “hyper-tame” source, the typical depth of a DST follows an asymptotic gaussian law.

- To be done :
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