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Abstract

We investigate the equilibrium statistical properties of urn models with disorder. Two urn models are proposed; one belongs to the Ehrenfest class, and the other corresponds to the Monkey class. These models are introduced from the view point of the power-law behavior and randomness; it is clarified that quenched random parameters play an important role in generating the power-law behavior. We evaluate the occupation probability $P(k)$ with which an urn has k balls by using the concept of statistical physics of disordered systems. In the disordered urn model belonging to the Monkey class, we find that above critical density ρ_c for a given temperature, condensation phenomenon occurs and the occupation probability changes its scaling behavior from an exponential law to a heavy tailed power law in large- k regime. We also discuss an interpretation of our results for explaining macro-economy, in particular the emergence of wealth differentials.

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1. Introduction

Many techniques and concepts of statistical mechanics of disordered spin systems, in particular the replica method originally used to analyze the thermodynamics of the spin glass model by Sherrington and Kirkpatrick [1], have been applied to various research fields beyond conventional physics, i.e. information processing [2], game theory [3] and so on. The exactly solvable mathematical model, which describes these problems, is categorized as mean-field class [4].

On the other hand, as another exactly tractable model, in 1907, Paul and Tatiana Ehrenfest published a paper corroborating Boltzmann's view of thermodynamics [5]. Their urn model has been defined by Kac [6] as an exactly solvable example in statistical physics. While it has also been criticized as a marvelous exercise too far removed from reality, their urn model has been applied to modern problems such as complex networks [7, 8] or econophysics [9, 10], etc. For instance, based on extensive simulations of the Lennard–Jones fluid requiring in part a parallel computer in Juelich, an Italian–German team has shown that the prediction of the Ehrenfest urn effectively describes the behavior of the gas phase [11]. Moreover, it has been revealed that the mathematical structure of equilibrium state of the urn model [12] is similar to the zero-range process, which has been widely investigated in research fields of non-equilibrium statistical physics [13].

Recently, in the research field of complex networks [7, 8], Ohkubo *et al* [14] proposed a network model based on the ‘Ehrenfest class urn model’ to explain how the complex network gets scale-free-like properties, where ‘Ehrenfest class’ means that each urn has distinguishable balls. In the model, each urn corresponds to a node in graph (network) and the number of distinguishable balls, k , in each urn is regarded as degree of nodes. For this model system, they succeeded in deriving the scale-free-like properties $\sim k^{-2}(\log k)^{-2}$ in the probability of the degree of nodes by the usage of the replica symmetric theory [15]. In addition, the similarity between the disordered urn model and the random-field Ising model [16], and the condensation phenomena in the disordered urn model have been investigated [17].

We here note that there are a lot of works in which the power-law behavior and the condensation phenomena in urn models have been studied [12, 18]. For example, in the zeta urn model [12], the power-law behavior in the probability of the number of balls, i.e., the occupation distribution, stems from a power-law form of the Boltzmann weight. However, when we attempt to describe various problems in the real world, we should take into account the disorder and treat the urns as a heterogeneous system. Mainly, the previous models which cause the power-law behavior in the occupation distribution do not contain any disorder, and hence it would be important to investigate ‘disordered’ urn models which cause the power-law distribution.

In this paper, we propose two disordered urn models in which quenched randomness is important for generating the power-law behavior. One of them belongs to the Ehrenfest class, and the other corresponds to the Monkey class, in which each urn has indistinguishable balls. In particular, for the Monkey class urn model, we investigate a real-space condensation phenomenon in which the macroscopic number of balls are condensed into only one urn. The occupation probability $P(k)$ with which an urn has k balls is calculated analytically, and furthermore, the critical density ρ_c for a given temperature is evaluated. As a result, it is shown that the occupation distribution function $P(k)$ changes its scaling behavior from the exponential $k^{-(\alpha+1)} e^{-k}$ -law to the $k^{-(\alpha+2)}$ power law in large- k regime.

This paper is organized as follows. In the following section 2, we introduce the general formalism for the urn model with an arbitrary energy function. Although there are several analytical treatments for disordered urn models [15, 19], we give the formalism for the disordered urn model with an arbitrary energy function with a different point of view, and additionally, the analytical treatment makes this paper self-contained. This analytical treatment contains both Ehrenfest and Monkey classes as its special cases. We explain the relation between the saddle point that determines the thermodynamic properties of the system and the chemical potential. With the assistance of this general formalism, we provide an analysis for a special choice of the energy function, which is an example of the Ehrenfest class in section 3. We discuss the condition on which the power law appears in the tail of the occupation probability for the model. In section 4, we show that the condensation occurs for the special

case of the Monkey class with disorder, and a heavy tailed power law emerges in the occupation probability. In section 5, we provide a possible link between our results and macro economy, in particular wealth differentials. Last section is a summary.

2. General formalism for urn models with disorder

Let us prepare N urns and M balls ($M \equiv \rho N$) and consider the situation in which the N urns share the M balls. Then, we start our argument from the Ehrenfest class urn model [12] in which each ball in urns is distinguishable. For the mathematical model categorized in the Ehrenfest class, the Boltzmann weight $p(n_i)$ that i th urn possesses n_i balls is given by

$$p(n_i) = \frac{\exp[-\beta E(\epsilon_i, n_i)]}{n_i!}, \tag{1}$$

where $E(\epsilon_i, n_i)$ is an energy function, ϵ_i is a disorder parameter for urn i and β is the inverse temperature of the system. The factorial $n!$ stems from the property of the Ehrenfest class [12]. The only point of our analysis which is different from [12] is quenched disorder ϵ_i appearing in the energy function. For the Ehrenfest class, the probability that an urn specified by the disorder parameter ϵ_1 possesses k balls is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\}) &= \frac{1}{Z_1} \sum_{n_1=0}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{n_N=0}^{\infty} \delta(n_1, k) p(n_1) \cdots p(n_N) \delta\left(\sum_{i=1}^N n_i, M\right) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon_1, k)}}{k!} \frac{1}{Z_1} \prod_{i=2}^N \left[\sum_{n_i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon_i, n_i)}}{n_i!} \right) \right] \\ &\quad \times \oint \frac{dz}{2\pi i} \exp \left[\left(k + \sum_{i=2}^N n_i - M - 1 \right) \log z \right] \\ &= \frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon_1, k)}}{k!} \left(\frac{Z_2}{Z_1} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where $\{\epsilon_{i/1}\} \equiv \{\epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_N\}$ and we defined Z_2 as

$$Z_2 = \prod_{i=2}^N \left[\sum_{n_i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon_i, n_i)}}{n_i!} \right) \right] \oint \frac{dz}{2\pi i} \exp \left[\left(k + \sum_{i=2}^N n_i - M - 1 \right) \log z \right], \tag{3}$$

and used the Fourier transform of the Kronecker delta,

$$\delta(A, B) = \oint \frac{dz}{2\pi i} z^{A-B-1} \tag{4}$$

to introduce the conservation of the total balls : $n_1 + \cdots + n_N = M \equiv \rho N$ into the system. In order to calculate $P(k)$, we take the configuration average of $f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\})$. While one can calculate the configuration average by means of the replica method [15], it has been revealed that the mathematical structure of the disordered urn model is related to that of a random-field Ising model [16]. Hence, we here use the law of large numbers and simplify the calculation. To calculate the average of the quantity $\exp[\log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\})]$ over the configuration $\{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N\}$, we consider the Taylor expansion,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \exp[\log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\})] \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}} &= 1 + \langle \log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\}) \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \langle (\log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\}))^2 \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}} + \cdots, \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where $\langle \cdots \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}}$ means the configuration average over $\{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N\}$. Here we assume that the observable $\log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\})$ for a given realization of configuration $\{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N\}$ is almost identical to the average $\langle \log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\}) \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}}$. In other words, the deviation is vanishingly small as $\langle (\log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\}))^2 \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}} - \langle \log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\}) \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}}^2 \simeq 0$ in the thermodynamics limit. By using the assumption, we rewrite (5) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \exp[\log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\})] \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}} &\simeq 1 + \langle \log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\}) \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \langle (\log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\}))^2 \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}} + \cdots \\ &= \exp[\langle \log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\}) \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}}] \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

This replacement of the configuration average reads

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\}) \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}} &= \langle \exp(\log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\})) \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}} \simeq \exp(\langle \log f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}(\{\epsilon_{i/1}\}) \rangle_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}}) \\ &= \exp(\langle \log[e^{-\beta E(\epsilon_1,k)} / k!] + \langle \log Z_2 \rangle_{\{2,3,\dots,N\}} - \langle \log Z_1 \rangle_{\{2,3,\dots,N\}} \rangle_{\{1\}}). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

In the thermodynamic limit $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\langle \log Z_2 \rangle_{\{2,3,\dots,N\}}$ is evaluated as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \log Z_2 \rangle_{\{2,3,\dots,N\}} &= \left\langle \log \left(\oint \frac{dz}{2\pi i} z^{k-M-1} \prod_{i=2}^N \left\{ \sum_{n_i=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon_i, n_i)}}{n_i!} z^{n_i} \right\} \right) \right\rangle_{\{2,3,\dots,N\}} \\ &= \left\langle \log \left(\oint \frac{dz}{2\pi i} \exp \left[(k - \rho N - 1) \log z \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \sum_{i=2}^N \left\{ \log \sum_{n_i=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon_i, n_i)}}{n_i!} z^{n_i} \right\} \right] \right) \right\rangle_{\{2,3,\dots,N\}} \\ &\simeq \log \left(\oint \frac{dz}{2\pi i} \exp \left[(k - \rho N - 1) \log z + (N - 1) \left\langle \log \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon, n)}}{n!} z^n \right\rangle \right] \right) \\ &\simeq k \log z_{s1} - (\rho N + 1) \log z_{s1} + (N - 1) \left\langle \log \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon, n)}}{n!} z_{s1}^n \right\rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where we used the law of large numbers, and in the final line the saddle-point method was used. $\langle \cdots \rangle$ means the average over only ϵ , namely $\langle \cdots \rangle \equiv \int (\cdots) D(\epsilon) d\epsilon$. In the following two sections, we consider specific choices of $D(\epsilon)$ to evaluate the occupation probability distribution concretely. Using the same way as Z_2, Z_1 , which is obtained by the normalization condition of $f_k^{(\epsilon_1)}$, namely $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k^{(\epsilon_1)} = 1$ with equation (2), is rewritten as

$$\langle \log Z_1 \rangle_{\{2,3,\dots,N\}} = \log \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon_1, k)}}{k!} z_{s2}^k - (\rho N + 1) \log z_{s2} + (N - 1) \left\langle \log \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon, n)}}{n!} z_{s2}^n \right\rangle. \quad (9)$$

We easily find $z_{1s} = z_{2s}$ because the first terms for each saddle-point equation (8) or (9) are vanishingly smaller than the other two terms in the limit of $N \rightarrow \infty$.

Thus, we obtain the saddle-point equation with respect to $z_s \equiv z_{s1} = z_{s2}$ and the occupation probability $P(k) = \langle f_k^{(\epsilon)} \rangle$ that an arbitrary urn with the energy function E at inverse temperature β has k balls are given by

$$\rho z_s^{-1} = \left\langle \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon, n)}}{(n-1)!} z_s^{n-1}}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon, n)}}{n!} z_s^n} \right\rangle \quad (10)$$

and

$$P(k) = \left\langle \frac{e^{-\beta E(\epsilon, k)} z_s^k}{k! z_s^n} \right\rangle, \tag{11}$$

respectively. It should be noted that the above saddle-point equation for the Ehrenfest class urn model (10) is now rewritten in terms of chemical potential

$$\mu \equiv \beta^{-1} \log z_s \tag{12}$$

as

$$\rho = \left\langle \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \frac{e^{-\beta[E(\epsilon, n) - n\mu]}}{n!}}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\beta[E(\epsilon, n) - n\mu]}}{n!}} \right\rangle. \tag{13}$$

Then, we define the probability p_n that an arbitrary Ehrenfest class urn with energy E has n balls by

$$p_n = \frac{\phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(\epsilon, n)}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(\epsilon, n)}, \quad \phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(\epsilon, n) = \frac{e^{-\beta[E(\epsilon, n) - n\mu]}}{n!}. \tag{14}$$

From this formula of the probability p_n with the effective Boltzmann factor $\phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(\epsilon, n)$, equation (13) means that the ratio M/N corresponds to the average number of balls put in an arbitrary urn: $\rho = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(\epsilon, n) / \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(\epsilon, n)$, and its value is controlled by the chemical potential μ through equation (13). Then, the chemical potential μ and the saddle point z_s are related through equation (12). Therefore, when we construct the system so as to have a density ρ , the corresponding saddle point z_s is given by (13). As a result, the chemical potential μ that gives ρ is determined by the relation (12).

Thus, our problem is now to solve the saddle-point equation

$$\rho = \left\langle \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(\epsilon, n)}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(\epsilon, n)} \right\rangle, \tag{15}$$

and to calculate the following averaged occupation probability for the solution $z_s = e^{\beta\mu}$ of equation (15),

$$P(k) = \left\langle \frac{\phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(k)}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(\epsilon, n)} \right\rangle. \tag{16}$$

Now it is time for us to stress that the Ehrenfest or Monkey class is recovered if we choose the effective Boltzmann factor $\phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(\epsilon, n)$ as follows [12]:

$$\phi_{E, \mu, \beta}(\epsilon, n) = \begin{cases} (n!)^{-1} \exp[-\beta(E(\epsilon, n) - n\mu)] & \text{(Ehrenfest class),} \\ \exp[-\beta(E(\epsilon, n) - n\mu)] & \text{(Monkey class).} \end{cases} \tag{17}$$

It should be noted that in our formalism, the distinction between two models only comes from the difference of the effective Boltzmann factor (17). We here also comment on the effect of the disorder to the dynamics of urn models. In the uniform case without disorder, all urns are equivalent, and we do not distinguish each urn in the Monkey class. On the other hand, in the disordered urn model, each urn i has own label ϵ_i , and hence they are distinguishable at least in principle. However, we assume that this heterogeneity of urns does not change the ‘Monkey’ nature in the Monkey class; we cannot see the disorder parameter assigned to each urn from outside, and the dynamics (the so-called ‘box-to-box choice’) is not changed.

3. Ehrenfest class urn model with disorders

As a demonstration of the Ehrenfest urn model whose thermodynamic properties are specified by equations (10) and (11), we introduce a kind of disordered Ehrenfest urn models and consider the condition on which the power law appears. To this end, we choose the energy function $E(\epsilon, n)$ as

$$E(\epsilon, n) = -\epsilon n, \quad (18)$$

where ϵ means an urn-dependent disorder of the system, and we here assume that ϵ takes a value in the range $[0, 1]$ randomly, that is, $D(\epsilon) = \Theta(\epsilon) - \Theta(\epsilon - 1)$ with the step function $\Theta(\cdot)$. Of course, we might choose the other distribution $D(\epsilon)$; however, the main issue of this section is to examine whether the power law appears in the occupation probability distribution when we introduce the disorder, and for this purpose, the simplest choice is enough. The tendency of this energy function to force each urn of the system to gather balls as much as possible results in the fact that *the rich get richer* as its collective behavior. We should mention that in [19], the so-called Backgammon model [20] described by the cost function $E(\epsilon_i, n_i) = -\epsilon_i \delta_{n_i, 0}$ for each urn was studied. In the model, the cost decreases if and only if each urn is empty. In this sense, the model we deal with in this section is regarded as an opposite situation of our model. Therefore, it is interesting to investigate whether there exists any significant difference or the similarity between two models from the view point of the occupation probability distribution. The extensive studies concerning this issue will be our future studies.

For this choice of the energy function (18), the saddle-point equation (10) leads to

$$z_s = \frac{\beta \rho}{e^\beta - 1}. \quad (19)$$

From equation (11), the occupation probability for the choice (18), $P(k)$, is given by

$$P(k) = \frac{z_s^k}{k!} \int_0^1 d\epsilon \exp(\beta \epsilon k - z_s e^{\beta \epsilon}). \quad (20)$$

In following, we evaluate the above occupation probability. We first show the phase diagram that indicates the area of the power-law behavior. In figure 1(left), we show the phase diagram for the case of $\beta = 3$. The shaded area in this figure means non-power, exponential-law region. From this figure, we find that while the upper bound (the cut-off) k_u and the lower bound k_d increase as the density ρ increases, the cut-off k_u increases much more quickly than the lower bound k_d . As a result, the heavy tailed power-law k^{-1} -region is broadened by the increase of the density ρ . In the right panel of figure 1, we display the inverse temperature dependence of the area of the power law. As temperature increases, the area of the power law shrinks to zero. Then, we have a Poisson law in whole region of the phase diagram in the high-temperature limit of $\beta = 0$.

We explain the detail of the evaluations as follows. We first consider the high-temperature limit $\beta = 0$. For this case, the saddle point (19) leads to $z_s = \rho$ and we obtain

$$P(k) = \frac{\rho^k}{k!} \exp(-\rho), \quad (21)$$

which is nothing but a Poisson distribution.

For finite temperature $\beta > 0$, the occupation probability $P(k)$ is rewritten as

$$P(k) = \frac{1}{\beta k!} \left[\Gamma_k \left(\frac{\beta \rho}{e^\beta - 1}, \infty \right) - \Gamma_k \left(\frac{\beta \rho e^\beta}{e^\beta - 1}, \infty \right) \right], \quad (22)$$

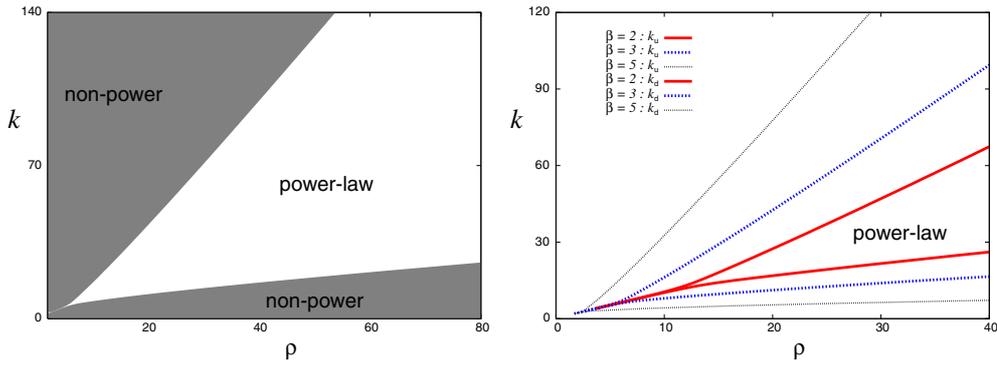


Figure 1. The ρ - k phase diagrams concerning the heavy tailedness of the occupation probability. In the phase diagram for $\beta = 3$ (left panel), the occupation probability follows non-power, exponential law. The power-law regime exists for $\rho \geq \rho_b = 2.697423$. In the right panel, we plot the phase boundaries k_d, k_u as a function of density ρ for several values of inverse temperature, namely $\beta = 2, 3$ and 5 .

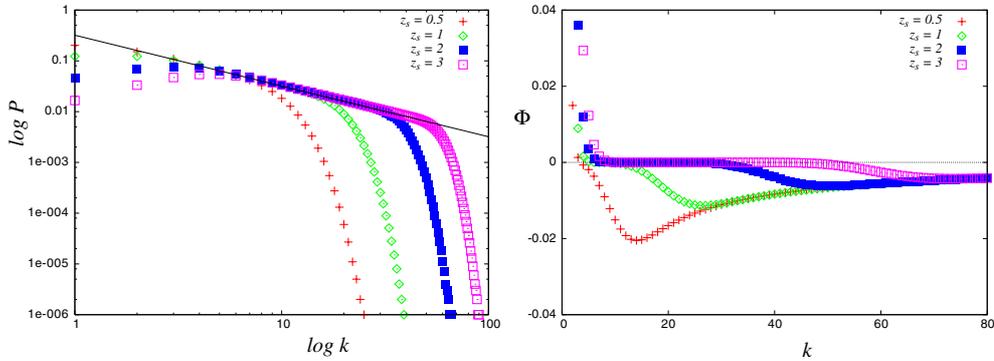


Figure 2. The log-log plot of occupation probability $P(k)$ as a function of k for several values of z_s , namely $z_s = 0.5, 1, 2$ and 3 , namely $\rho = 3.180923, 6.361846, 12.723691$ and 19.085537 . We set the inverse temperature $\beta = 3.0$. The right panel shows the behavior of $\Phi(k)$.

where we defined the incomplete Gamma function by $\Gamma_k(a, b) = \int_a^b t^{k-1} e^{-t} dt$. In figure 2, we plot the occupation probability $P(k)$ for several values of ρ for $\beta = 3, z_s = 0.5, 1, 2$ and 3 , namely $\rho = 3.180923, 6.361846, 12.723691$ and 19.085537 . From this figure, we find that $P(k)$ obeys a power law $\sim k^{-1}$ in the intermediate regime of k and there exists a cut-off value from which the distribution decays exponentially. To see the existence of the cut-off value explicitly, we rewrite the distribution $P(k)$ as

$$P(k) = \frac{1}{\beta k} - \Phi(k), \quad \Phi(k) \equiv \frac{1}{\beta k!} \left[\Gamma_k \left(0, \frac{\beta \rho}{e^{\beta \rho} - 1} \right) - \Gamma_k \left(\frac{\beta \rho e^{\beta}}{e^{\beta} - 1}, \infty \right) \right]. \quad (23)$$

In figure 2(right), we plot the function $\Phi(k)$ for several values of z_s at $\beta = 3$. We easily find that in the range of $[k_d, k_u]$ defined in terms of the function $\Phi(k)$ as $k_d \equiv \min\{k | \Phi(k) = 0\}, k_u \equiv \max\{k | \Phi(k) = 0\}$, the occupation probability $P(k)$ follows a power-law distribution $\sim k^{-1}$. Thus, we specified the region (ρ, k) in which a power-law heavy tail appears in the occupation distribution as shown in figure 1.

As shown in this section, for the Ehrenfest class disordered urn model, we could clarify the control parameters of the system for which the heavy tail power law emerges in the occupation probability. In the following section, we consider a Monkey class urn model with disorders.

4. Bose–Einstein condensation and the emergence of the heavy tail

In the previous section, we evaluated the asymptotic form of the occupation probability $P(k)$ for the urn model of the Ehrenfest class with energy function $E(\epsilon, n) = -\epsilon n$. Obviously, from the view point of the energy cost, it is a suitable strategy for each urn to gather balls as much as possible. In that sense, this case should be referred to by the concept that *the rich get richer* in the context of social networks. However, by using the general definition of the problem, we freely choose the energy function for both the Ehrenfest and Monkey classes.

In this section, for the Monkey class urn model whose thermodynamic properties are defined by equations (15)–(17), we evaluate $P(k)$ for a specific choice of energy function $E(\epsilon, n)$. We choose the energy $E(\epsilon, n)$ as

$$E(\epsilon, n) = \epsilon n (\epsilon \geq 0). \quad (24)$$

We should note that for this simple choice of the energy function, the urn labeled by $\epsilon \neq 0$ is hard to gather the balls. On the other hand, the urn with $\epsilon = 0$ energy level easily gathers the balls. The urn model having this type of energy function does not agree with the concept *the rich get richer*. Nevertheless, we use the energy function (24) because as we shall see below, a kind of condensation with respect to the urns occurs for this choice of energy function, and as a result, the power law in the tail of the occupation probability emerges.

For a given choice of $D(\epsilon)$ as the density of state, namely the degeneracy of the energy level of the urn, we rewrite the saddle-point equation (15) as follows:

$$\rho = \int_0^\infty \frac{D(\epsilon) d\epsilon}{z_s^{-1} e^{\beta\epsilon} - 1}. \quad (25)$$

To proceed to the next stage of the calculation, we choose the density of state $D(\epsilon)$ explicitly as

$$D(\epsilon) = \varepsilon_0 \sqrt{\epsilon}, \quad (26)$$

where ε_0 is a constant. Although we chose the above form, a more general setup of the argument is possible by choosing $D(\epsilon) = \varepsilon_0 \epsilon^\alpha$. We shall discuss the result for this kind of generalization later on. Then, equation (25) is rewritten by

$$\rho = \int_0^\infty \frac{\varepsilon_0 \sqrt{\epsilon} d\epsilon}{z_s^{-1} e^{\beta\epsilon} - 1} + \rho_{\epsilon=0}, \quad (27)$$

where $\rho_{\epsilon=0}$ means the density of balls in the urn labeled by the zero-energy level $\epsilon = 0$. We should note that the second term appearing in the right-hand side of equation (27), namely $\rho_{\epsilon=0}$, vanishes in the thermodynamic limit $N \rightarrow \infty$ when a condensation does not occur. In other words, when the condensation arises, the second term, $\rho_{\epsilon=0}$, changes from zero to a finite value; this means that an urn with $\epsilon = 0$ comes to have a macroscopic number of balls.

In the following, we show the system undergoes a condensation and investigate the behavior of the system when the density ρ increases beyond the critical point ρ_c for a given finite inverse temperature β .

- Before condensation: $\rho < \rho_c$
By a simple transformation $\beta\epsilon = x$, equation (27) is rewritten in terms of the so-called Appeli function (see e.g. [21]) $b_n(z_s)$ as follows:

$$\rho = \frac{\epsilon_0\sqrt{\pi}}{2}\beta^{-3/2}b_{3/2}(z_s), \tag{28}$$

where the Appeli function (see e.g. [21]) $b_n(z_s)$ is defined by means of the Gamma function $\Gamma(n)$ as

$$b_n(z_s) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{z_s^{-1}e^x - 1}. \tag{29}$$

We should keep in mind that $b_{3/2}(z_s) \leq b_{3/2}(1) = \zeta(3/2) = 2.6\dots$ is satisfied ($b_n(1) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty k^{-n} = \zeta(n)$). The solution of the saddle-point equation (29) possesses a solution $z_s < 1$.

- At the critical point: $\rho = \rho_c$
The critical point at which the condensation occurs is determined by the radius of convergence for the following partition function:

$$Z = \sum_{n=0}^\infty z_s^n e^{-\beta\epsilon n} = \sum_{n=0}^\infty (e^{-\beta\epsilon + \log z_s})^n, \tag{30}$$

namely $z_s = 1$ for $\epsilon = 0$ gives the critical point. Therefore, substituting $z_s = 1$ for a given density level ρ , the critical point ρ_c , above which the condensation occurs, is obtained by

$$\rho_c = \frac{\epsilon_0\sqrt{\pi}}{2}\beta^{-3/2}b_{3/2}(1). \tag{31}$$

- After condensation: $\rho > \rho_c$
For $\rho > \rho_c$, the saddle equation of (29) no longer has any solution as $z_s < 1$. Obviously, for the solution $z_s > 1$, the partition function diverges. Then, we should bear in mind that the term $\rho_{\epsilon=0}$ in (27), which was omitted before the condensation, becomes $\mathcal{O}(1)$ object and the saddle-point equation we should deal with is not (29) but (27). As a result, equation (27) has a solution $z_s = 1$ even for $\rho > \rho_c$ and the number of balls k_* in the condensation state increases linearly in ρ as

$$k_* = N(\rho - \rho_c), \tag{32}$$

whereas the number of balls in excited states reaches $\hat{k} \equiv N\rho_c$.

Thus, we obtained the saddle point z_s for a given density and inverse temperature. We found that the condensation is specified by the solution $z_s = 1$.

We next investigate the density dependence of the occupation probability through the saddle point. For the solution of the saddle-point equation z_s , the occupation probability at inverse temperature β is evaluated as follows:

$$P(k) = \int_0^\infty D(\epsilon) d\epsilon \left(\frac{e^{-\beta\epsilon k} z_s^k}{\sum_{n=0}^\infty e^{-\beta\epsilon n} z_s^n} \right) = \frac{z_s^k \epsilon_0 \Gamma(3/2)}{\beta^{3/2}} k^{-3/2} - \frac{z_s^{k+1} \epsilon_0 \Gamma(3/2)}{\beta^{3/2}} (k+1)^{-3/2}. \tag{33}$$

The above occupation probability is valid for an arbitrary integer value of k for $k \geq 1$. We plot the behavior of the occupation probability $P(k)$ in finite k regime in figure 3. In this plot, we set $\epsilon_0 = 1$ and z_s as $z_s = 0.1, 0.8, 1.0$, and the inverse temperate is $\beta = 1$. In the inset of the same figure, we also show the same data in log–log scale for the asymptotic behavior of the probability $P(k)$ for several values of z_s , namely $z_s = 0.1, 0.5, 0.7, 0.99$ and 1 . From this figure, we find that the power law $k^{-5/2}$ emerges when the condensation is taken place for

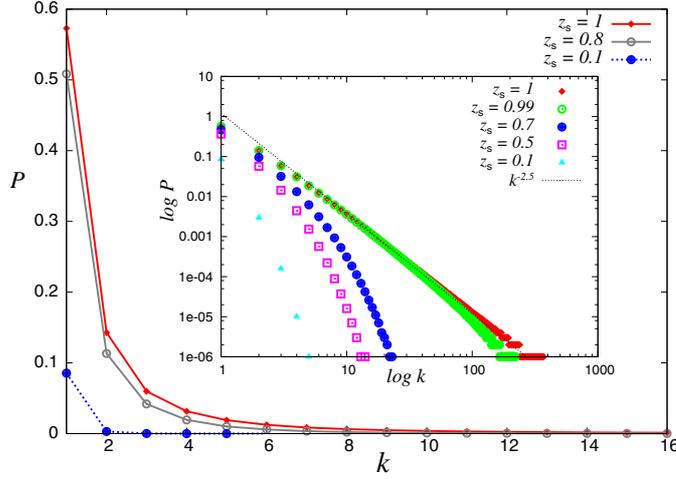


Figure 3. The behavior of the occupation probability (33) in non-asymptotic regime. We set $\epsilon_0 = 1$ and z_s as $z_s = 0.1, 0.8, 1.0$, and the inverse temperate is $\beta = 1$. The inset of the figure shows the asymptotic behavior of the occupation probability $P(k)$ as log–log plots for the cases of $z_s = 0.1, 0.5, 0.7, 0.99$ and 1 .

$\rho > \rho_c$. The numerical analysis of the occupation probability (33) in the limit of $k \rightarrow \infty$ is easily confirmed by asymptotic analysis of equation (33). We easily find that the asymptotic form of the wealth distribution $P(k)$ behaves as

$$P(k) = \beta^{-3/2} z_s^k (1 - z_s) \epsilon_0 \Gamma(3/2) k^{-3/2} + \frac{3}{2} \beta^{-3/2} z_s^{k+1} \epsilon_0 \Gamma(3/2) k^{-5/2} + \mathcal{O}(k^{-7/2}). \quad (34)$$

We also should note that a macroscopic number of balls k_* is gathered to a specific urn with energy level $\epsilon = 0$ when the condensation occurs. As a result, the term such as $\sim (1/N) \delta(k - k_*)$ should be added to the occupation probability.

Let us summarize the results as follows:

$$P(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{\epsilon_0 (1 - z_s)}{\beta^{3/2}} k^{-3/2} \exp[-k \log(1/z_s)] & (\rho < \rho_c : z_s < 1), \\ \frac{3\epsilon_0 \Gamma(3/2)}{2\beta^{3/2}} k^{-5/2} + \frac{1}{N} \delta(k - k_*) & (\rho \geq \rho_c : z_s = 1). \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

The scenario of the condensation is as follows. For a given $\rho < \rho_c$, one can find a solution $z_s < 1$ for the saddle-point equation (27), and hence the second term of equation (27) is zero in the thermodynamic limit. Then, for non-condensed $N\rho$ balls, the occupation probability follows $\sim k^{-3/2} e^{-k}$ -law. Namely, urns possessing a large number of balls do not appear due to the repulsive force as $E = \epsilon n$. When $\rho > \rho_c$, the saddle point z_s is fixed as $z_s = 1$; if $z_s > 1$, the first term of the saddle-point equation (27) has a singularity. Therefore, in order to avoid the singularity, the second term of the saddle-point equation (27) becomes from zero to a finite value. As a result, the occupation probability is described by the $k^{-5/2}$ -law with a delta peak which corresponds to an urn of $\epsilon = 0$ gathering the condensed $N(\rho - \rho_c)$ balls. This corresponds to the condensation phenomena in the disordered urn model. In particular, the occurrence of the condensation in the disordered urn model treated in the present paper is characterized by the transition from the exponential law to the heavy tailed power law. We also mention the effect of disorder on the power-law behavior of the occupation probability. We easily find that the power-law behavior disappears when one cancels the disorder of the

system by choosing the density of the energy such as $D(\epsilon) = \delta(\epsilon - \hat{\epsilon})$ ($\hat{\epsilon}$ is a constant). This fact means that the disorder appealing in the system possesses a central role to make the occupation probability to have a power-law behavior.

We should note that in the above argument, the solution $z_s = 1$ that indicates the condensation does not change even if we choose the density as $D(\epsilon) = \epsilon_0 \epsilon^\alpha$, ($\alpha \geq 0$). For this choice, ρ_c is given by

$$\rho_c = \epsilon_0 \beta^{-1-\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^\alpha dx}{e^x - 1}. \tag{36}$$

Then, one obtains the following occupation probability:

$$P(k) = \frac{z_s^k \epsilon_0 \Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\beta^{\alpha+1}} k^{-\alpha-1} - \frac{z_s^{k+1} \epsilon_0 \Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\beta^{\alpha+1}} (k + 1)^{-\alpha-1}. \tag{37}$$

At the end of this section, we should mention the result for the uniform distribution of ϵ , that is, the case of $\alpha = 0$ leading to $D(\epsilon) = \Theta(\epsilon) - \Theta(\epsilon - 1)$. For this choice, we have the following occupation probability

$$P(k) = \frac{z_s^k}{\beta k} (1 - e^{-\beta k}) - \frac{z_s^{k+1}}{\beta(k+1)} (1 - e^{-\beta(k+1)}). \tag{38}$$

Then, beyond the critical density $\rho_c = \int_0^1 d\epsilon / (e^{\beta\epsilon} - 1) = \beta^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^\infty (1 - e^{-\beta n}) / n$, the occupation probability $P(k)$ behaves as

$$P(k) = \frac{\beta^{-1}}{k(k+1)} + \beta^{-1} \left(\frac{ke^{-\beta} - k - 1}{k(k+1)} \right) e^{-\beta k}. \tag{39}$$

Therefore, after the condensation, the crossover from the $k^{-1} e^{-\beta k}$ -law to the k^{-2} -law is observed around $k \sim \beta^{-1}$ and as a result, the power-law heavy tail appears.

5. Interpretation from a view point of macro economics

In this section, we reconsider the results obtained in the previous sections from a view point of macro economics. It is easy for us to regard the occupation probability as wealth distribution when we note the relations: balls–money and urns–people in a society. In the following, we attempt to find an interpretation of the condensation and the emergence of the Pareto law [22] in terms of wealth differentials [23–31].

In section 3, we devoted our analysis to extremely large income regimes (the tail of the wealth distribution); however, it is quite important for us to consider the whole range of the wealth. As reported in [30], the wealth distribution for small income regime follows the Gibbs/log-normal law and a kind of transition to the Pareto-law phase is observed. For the whole range distribution of the wealth, the so-called Lorentz curve [32–34] is obtained. The Lorentz curve is given in terms of the relation between the cumulative distribution of wealth and the fraction of the total wealth. Then, the so-called Gini index [32–35], which is a traditional, popular and one of the most basic measures for wealth differentials, could be calculated. The index could be changed from 0 (no differentials) to 1 (the largest differentials). For the energy function (24) in the previous section, we derived the wealth distribution for the whole range of incomes k . In this section, we evaluate the Gini index analytically.

As we mentioned above, the Lorentz curve is determined by the relation between the cumulative distribution of wealth $X(t) = \int_{t_{\min}}^t P(k) dk$ and the fraction of the total wealth $Y(t) = \int_{t_{\min}}^t kP(k) dk / \int_{t_{\min}}^\infty kP(k) dk$ for a given wealth distribution $P(k)$. For instance, the

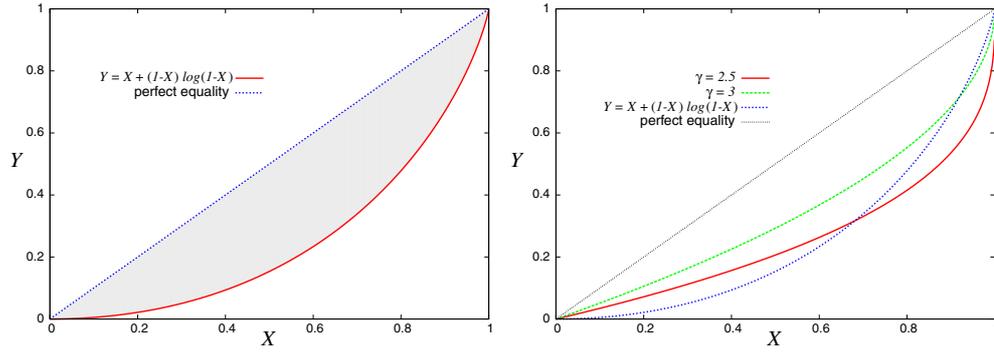


Figure 4. The left panel: the Gini index is obtained as an area between the perfect equality line $Y = X$ and the Lorenz curve (e.g. $Y = X + (1 - X) \log(1 - X)$ for exponential distributions). The right panel shows the Lorenz curves for the exponential distribution (40) and the power-law distributing (41) with several values of $\gamma = 2.5$ and 3.

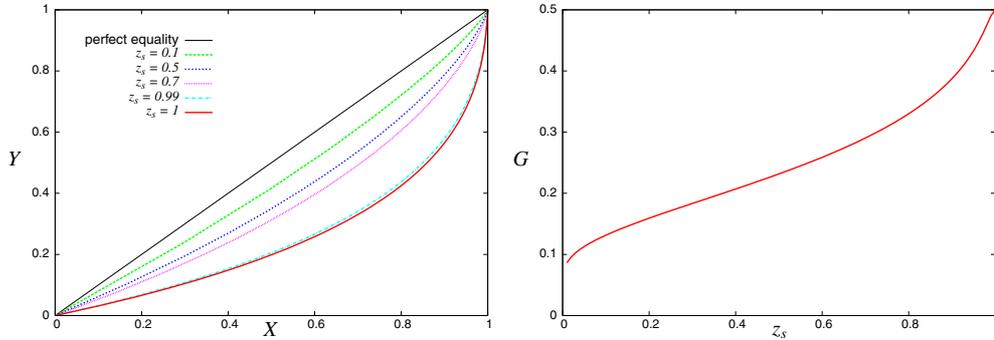


Figure 5. The left panel: the Lorenz curve for (33). The right panel shows the Gini index for several values of z_s .

Lorenz curve for the exponential distribution $P(k) = \gamma e^{-\gamma k}$ is given by

$$Y = X + (1 - X) \log(1 - X). \tag{40}$$

We should note that the Lorenz curve for the exponential distribution is independent of γ .

For the power-law distribution $P(k) = (\gamma - 1)k^{-\gamma}$ ($\gamma > 1$), we have

$$Y = 1 - (1 - X)^{\frac{\gamma-2}{\gamma-1}} \tag{41}$$

as the Lorenz curve. This curve depends on the exponent γ . In figure 4, we plot the Lorenz curve for the exponential distribution (40) and the power-law distribution (41) with several values of γ .

Then, as shown in the left panel of figure 4, the Gini index G is defined as an area between the perfect equality line $Y = X$ and the Lorenz curve. This quantity explicitly reads

$$G = 2 \int_0^1 (X - Y) dX = 2 \int_{t_{\min}}^{\infty} (X(t) - Y(t)) \cdot \frac{dX}{dt} dt \tag{42}$$

and we have $G = 1/2$ [33, 34] for the exponential distribution and $G = 1/(2\gamma - 3)$ for the power-law distribution. As the occupation probability distribution (33) is defined for $k > 1$, one can evaluate the Gini index as a function of the saddle point z_s . In figure 5, we plot the

Lorentz curve (left) for several values of z_s . In the right panel, the Gini index $G(z_s)$ is shown. We find that the index approaches to $1/2$ as $z_s \rightarrow 1$.

From the argument in the previous section, we easily find that the occupation distribution for $N\rho_c$ non-condensed balls beyond the critical point is modified such as $\sim k^{-(\alpha+2)}$ by choosing the density of the energy $D(\epsilon) = \epsilon_0\epsilon^\alpha$. Namely, for the Pareto-law distribution $\sim k^{-(\alpha+2)}$, the Gini index leads to $G = 1/(2\alpha + 1)$. Therefore, the condensation is specified by the change of the Gini index from $G = 1/2$ to $1/(2\alpha + 1)$. However, we should keep in mind that the Gini index itself has less information about the differentials than the wealth distribution. For example, the Gini index for $\alpha = 1/2$ of the Pareto law $P(k) \sim k^{-(\alpha+2)}$ gives the same Gini index as the exponential distribution. This fact stems from the definition of the Gini index G , that is, G is defined as an area between $Y = X$ and the Lorentz curve. It could be possible to draw lots of the Lorentz curves that give the same area (the same Gini index). As we explained above, it should be noted that actually the Gini index is one of the measures for the earning differentials; however, the wealth distribution is much more informative than the Gini index. Although the Gini index is less informative than the distribution, for a given real (empirical) data $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_N$ (x denotes the amount of money for example. Such empirical data are not always massive enough for us to specify the distribution), one can evaluate it as a statistics by $G = (1/N^2\mu) \sum_{i=1}^N (2i - N - 1)x_i$ with $\mu N = \sum_{r=1}^N x_r$ [35]. Therefore, it is helpful for us to use the Gini index to compare the earning differentials between different countries (the population of each country should be different and of course it is finite $N < \infty$). In our analysis of this paper, the distribution was analytically obtained in the thermodynamic limit because we treated an ideal case as a society. Nevertheless, even if we encounter more realistic situation for which the analytical evaluation of wealth distribution is very tough, one can evaluate the earning differentials via the Gini index by computer simulations for finite population N . Then, one can investigate the earning differentials by comparing the numerical results with the analytical expressions obtained in this paper.

6. Summary

In this paper, we investigated equilibrium properties of disordered urn models and discussed the condition on which the heavy tailed power law appears in the occupation probability by using statistical physics of disordered spin systems. We applied our formalism to two urn models of both the Ehrenfest and Monkey classes. In particular, for the choice of the energy function as $E(\epsilon, n) = \epsilon n$ with the density of state $D(\epsilon) = \epsilon_0\epsilon^\alpha$ for the Monkey class urn model, we found that above the critical density $\rho > \rho_c$ for a temperature, the condensation phenomenon has taken place, and most of the balls fall in an urn with the lowest energy level. As a result, the occupation probability changes its scaling behavior from the exponential $k^{-(\alpha+1)}e^{-k}$ -law to the $k^{-(\alpha+2)}$ power law in large- k regime. We also provided a possible link between our results and macro economy, in particular wealth differentials.

Of course, there might exist the other urn models showing the power-law behavior after the condensation. In fact, we find such a case in a recent study on the Ehrenfest urn model [17], in which the occupation probability follows a Poisson law when the condensation occurs. Although we provided a piece of evidence to show that the power-law behavior in the occupation probability distribution takes place after the condensation for several restricted cases of the cost function, it is not yet clear whether the condensation always causes the power law or not. The nature of the link between them will be a central problem to be clarified in the future. Therefore, as one of our future studies, it might be important to investigate the universality class of urn models that shows the power-law behavior in the occupation probability beyond the critical point.

We hope that various versions and extensions of the disordered urn model, including Backgammon model [19, 20], could be applied to research area beyond conventional statistical physics.

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