

## A FUNCTIONAL CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM FOR RANDOM MAPPINGS

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We consider the set of mappings of the integers  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  into  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and put a uniform probability measure on this set. Any such mapping can be represented as a directed graph on  $n$  labelled vertices. We study the component structure of the associated graphs as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . To each mapping we associate a step function on  $[0, 1]$ . Each jump in the function equals the number of connected components of a certain size in the graph which represents the map. We normalize these functions and show that the induced measures on  $D[0, 1]$  converge to Wiener measure. This result complements another result by Aldous on random mappings.

1. Random mappings have been studied in some detail in recent years. Typically, for each  $n > 0$ , a uniform probability measure  $P_n$  is defined on  $T_n$ , the set of all maps from  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  into  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , by  $P_n(\phi) = 1/n^n$  for each  $\phi \in T_n$ . In this context it is natural to investigate the limiting distributions, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , of various characteristics of random mappings. Most properties of a map  $\phi \in T_n$  can also be described in terms of an associated directed graph  $G_\phi$  on  $n$  vertices, labelled  $1, 2, \dots, n$ , which represents  $\phi$  as follows. An edge from  $i$  to  $j$  exists in the associated graph  $G_\phi$  if and only if  $\phi(i) = j$ . It is obvious that any limit law for some property of random mappings can be interpreted as a limit law for some characteristic of random directed graphs and vice versa. Limit distributions for many properties of the random graphs associated with random mappings have been computed (see [9], [10], [12]). In this paper we study only the component structure of the associated random graphs.

It is known (see [4]) that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the expected number of connected components in the random graph  $G_\phi$  is asymptotic to  $(1/2)\ln n$ . Nevertheless, the components of a typical graph  $G_\phi$ , for  $\phi \in T_n$ , do not evenly partition the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Kolchin [9] determined, for fixed  $m$ , the limiting distribution of the size of the  $m$ th largest connected component in a random mapping. It follows from this result that for any  $0 < c < 1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(\phi \in T_n: \text{the size of the largest component of } G_\phi \text{ is greater than } cn) > 0$ , i.e., for large  $n$ , a typical element of  $T_n$  has a component whose size is comparable to  $n$ . On the other hand, Kolchin also showed that the limiting distribution of the number of components of fixed size  $k$  is Poisson with parameter  $1/2k$ . So, for example,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(\phi \in T_n: G_\phi \text{ has a component of size one}) = 1 - 1/\sqrt{e}$ .

Aldous [2] improved Kolchin's results by proving a global limit theorem for the component structure of a random mapping. We describe this result. For all  $n > 0$ ,  $i > 0$  and  $\phi \in T_n$ , define  $M_i^n(\phi)$  to be the size of the  $i$ th largest

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component in  $G_\phi$  if  $G_\phi$  has at least  $i$  components, otherwise define  $M_i^n(\phi) = 0$ . Define the map  $L_n: T_n \rightarrow \nabla$  by  $L_n(\phi) = 1/n(M_1^n(\phi), M_2^n(\phi), \dots)$ , where  $\nabla = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots): x_1, x_2, \dots \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^\infty x_i = 1\}$ . Aldous showed that the induced measures  $P_n \circ L_n^{-1}$  on  $\nabla$  converge weakly, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , to the Poisson–Dirichlet distribution on  $\nabla$  with parameter  $1/2$ . This result establishes the limiting joint distribution of the sizes of the  $m$  largest components.

Nevertheless, some information is not contained in Aldous’ theorem. The result does not yield the limiting distributions for the sizes of components of size  $o(n)$ . To recover this information we define, for each  $n > 0$ , a function  $X_n: [0, 1] \times T_n \rightarrow R$  by letting  $X_n(t, \phi)$  equal the number of connected components in  $G_\phi$  of size less than or equal to  $n^t$ , where  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $\phi \in T_n$ . The graph of  $X_n(\cdot, \phi)$  is an increasing step function with jumps occurring at  $\ln k/\ln n$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . The size of a jump at  $\ln k/\ln n$  is equal to the number of connected components of size  $k$  in  $G_\phi$ . Thus, for any  $\phi \in T_n$ , the component structure of  $G_\phi$  is retrievable from the graph of  $X_n(\cdot, \phi)$ . We define the normalized functions  $Y_n: [0, 1] \times T_n \rightarrow R$  by

$$Y_n(t, \phi) = \frac{X_n(t, \phi) - (t/2)\ln n}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1 \text{ and } \phi \in T_n.$$

For fixed  $\phi \in T_n$ , the function  $Y_n(\cdot, \phi)$  is an element of  $D[0, 1]$ , the space of right-continuous functions with left limits on  $[0, 1]$ . Thus  $Y_n$  induces a measure  $P_n \circ Y_n^{-1}$  on  $(D[0, 1], \mathcal{D})$ , where  $\mathcal{D}$  denotes the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the Borel sets of  $D[0, 1]$  with respect to the Skorohod topology on  $D[0, 1]$  (see Billingsley [3]). We now state our result.

**THEOREM 1.** *The sequence of induced measures  $P_n \circ Y_n^{-1}$  converges weakly to Wiener measure  $W$  on  $(D[0, 1], \mathcal{D})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

**REMARKS.** This is a global result which complements Aldous’ theorem. One consequence of this result is a central limit theorem, when  $t$  is fixed, for the sequence of random variables  $X_n(t, \cdot)$ , since  $Y_n(t, \cdot)$  converges weakly to the normal distribution  $N(0, t)$  with mean 0 and variance  $t$ . When  $t = 1$ , we obtain the central limit theorem for the number of components in  $G_\phi$ ; this was first proved by Stepanov [12]. We also mention here that a similar Brownian motion result has been proved by DeLaurentis and Pittel [5] for random permutations. We obtain Theorem 1 by a different approach which can be generalized. In particular, by an argument similar to the proof given below, we are able to establish (see [7]) a functional central limit theorem for the Ewens sampling formula (see Kingman [8]) which arises in population genetics. The result for random permutations is then a special case of the result for the Ewens sampling formula.

To prove Theorem 1 we first define another sequence of functions  $\bar{Y}_n: [0, 1] \times T_n \rightarrow R$  such that

$$(1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\phi \in T_n} \rho(Y_n(\cdot, \phi), \bar{Y}_n(\cdot, \phi)) = 0,$$

where  $\rho$  is the Skorohod metric on  $D[0, 1]$ . We establish that the *new* sequence of measures  $P_n \circ \bar{Y}_n^{-1}$  converges weakly to Wiener measure. It then follows from (1) that the original sequence of measures,  $P_n \circ Y_n^{-1}$ , also converge to Wiener measure (see [3]).

To show that the measures  $P_n \circ \bar{Y}_n^{-1}$  converge to  $W$  we must check that the finite-dimensional distributions of the measures  $P_n \circ \bar{Y}_n^{-1}$  converge weakly to those of Wiener measure, i.e., for any  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_k \leq 1$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in R$ ,

$$(2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t_1) \leq a_1, \bar{Y}_n(t_2) - \bar{Y}_n(t_1) \leq a_2, \dots, \bar{Y}_n(t_k) - \bar{Y}_n(t_{k-1}) \leq a_k) \\ = \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t_i - t_{i-1})}} \int_{-\infty}^{a_i} e^{-u^2/2(t_i - t_{i-1})} du,$$

where  $\bar{Y}_n(t)$  denotes the random variable  $\bar{Y}_n(t, \cdot)$  on  $T_n$ , and we must show that the sequence of measures  $P_n \circ \bar{Y}_n^{-1}$  is tight on  $(D[0, 1], \mathcal{D})$ . Given that the finite-dimensional distributions converge, it suffices to prove (see [3])

$$(3) \quad E_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) - \bar{Y}_n(t_1))^2(\bar{Y}_n(t_2) - \bar{Y}_n(t))^2 \leq (F(t_2) - F(t_1))^\alpha$$

for any  $n \in Z^+$  and  $0 \leq t_1 < t < t_2 \leq 1$ , where  $F$  is a strictly increasing continuous function on  $[0, 1]$  with  $F(0) = 0$  and  $\alpha > 1$ .

To establish (2) and (3) above, we must compute expected values for certain random variables on  $T_n$ . In Section 2 we develop a tool for this purpose by modifying a technique first used in Shepp and Lloyd [11]. We then prove Theorem 1. We will often make use of Stirling's formula, so we remind the reader of the inequality

$$\sqrt{2\pi} n^{n+1/2} e^{-n} < n! < \sqrt{2\pi} n^{n+1/2} e^{-n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{6n}\right)$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ . We adopt some notational conventions. For  $\alpha, \beta \in R^+$ , the symbol  $\sum_{k > \alpha}^\beta$  means the sum over all  $k \in Z^+$  such that  $\alpha < k \leq \beta$ , and we interpret this sum to be 0 whenever there is no  $k \in Z^+$  such that  $\alpha < k \leq \beta$ . Also, if  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty f_k z^k$  is a power series, then  $[z^n] f(z) = f_n$ , the coefficient of the  $z^n$  in  $f(z)$ .

**2.** In this section we construct a tool for the evaluation of the expectations which must be computed in order to prove Theorem 1. For  $k \geq 1$ , define  $\alpha_k(\phi)$  to be the number of connected components of size  $k$  in  $G_\phi$ , where  $\phi \in \cup_{n=1}^\infty T_n$ . Let  $A_n$  be the number connected mappings in  $T_n$ . A straightforward counting argument yields an expression for the joint distribution of  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  restricted to  $T_n$  in terms of  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ . For  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$ , nonnegative integers such that  $\sum_{k=1}^n km_k = n$ ,

$$(4) \quad P_n(\alpha_1 = m_1, \dots, \alpha_n = m_n) = \frac{n!}{n^n} \prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{A_k}{k!}\right)^{m_k} \frac{1}{m_k!}.$$

Note that  $P_n(\alpha_1 = m_1, \dots, \alpha_n = m_n) = 0$  if  $\sum_{k=1}^n km_k \neq n$ . The value of  $A_n$  for each  $n > 0$  is given in Lemma 2.1, which we state without proof (see [4]).

**LEMMA 2.1.** *For each  $n \in Z^+$ ,  $A_n = (n-1)! \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} n^k / k!$ .*

We now define an auxiliary system of sequence spaces. For  $0 < z < 1$ , let  $\Omega_z = \{(m_1, m_2, \dots) : m_i \text{ is a nonnegative integer for each } i \geq 1\}$  and let  $P_z$  be the product measure on  $\Omega_z$  such that the distribution of the value of the  $k$ th coordinate in the product space  $\Omega_z$  is Poisson with mean  $(A_k/k!)(z/e)^k$ . Define the random variable  $\nu$  on  $\Omega_z$  by  $\nu(m_1, m_2, \dots) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} km_k$ . It follows from the next lemma that  $\nu$  is finite  $P_z$ -almost surely for  $0 < z < 1$ .

**LEMMA 2.2.** *For  $0 < z < 1$  and any nonnegative integer  $n$ ,*

$$P_z(\nu = n) = \left(\frac{z}{e}\right)^n \frac{n^n}{n! S(z/e)},$$

where  $S(z/e) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m^m/m!)(z/e)^m$ .

**PROOF.** We begin by computing the probability generating function of  $\nu$  with respect to the measure  $P_z$ . Since  $m_1, m_2, \dots$  are independent Poisson variables with respect to  $P_z$ , for  $|u| < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E_z(u^\nu) &= \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} E_z(u^{km_k}) \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \exp\left[(u^k - 1) \frac{A_k}{k!} \left(\frac{z}{e}\right)^k\right] \\ &= \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_k}{k!} \left[\left(\frac{uz}{e}\right)^k - \left(\frac{z}{e}\right)^k\right]\right) \\ &= S\left(\frac{uz}{e}\right) / S\left(\frac{z}{e}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The last equality is obtained from the identity  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (A_k/k!)(z/e)^k = \ln S(z/e)$ . This identity is established by a combinatorial generating function argument. The series  $S(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k^k/k!)x^k$  is the exponential generating function for the number of mappings of  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  into  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . From this it is easy to verify (see [1]) that  $\exp(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (A_r/r!)x^r) = S(x)$ . Therefore,

$$P_z(\nu = n) = [u^n] E_z(u^\nu) = [u^n] S\left(\frac{uz}{e}\right) / S\left(\frac{z}{e}\right) = \left(\frac{z}{e}\right)^n \frac{n^n}{n! S(z/e)}$$

for  $n \geq 0$ .  $\square$

REMARK. Here is the idea behind the construction of this auxiliary system of sequence spaces. For  $n$  fixed, the random variables  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  restricted to  $T_n$  must be dependent since  $\sum_{k=1}^n k\alpha_k(\phi) = n$  for all  $\phi \in T_n$ . Using the construction given above we can avoid computational difficulties which arise from the dependence of  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  restricted to  $T_n$ . Roughly speaking, in the space  $\Omega_z$  with the product measure  $P_z$ , an infinite sequence  $(m_1, m_2, \dots)$  corresponds to choosing  $m_1$  components of size 1,  $m_2$  components of size 2, etc., independently accordingly to Poisson distributions with parameters  $(A_1/1!)(z/e), (A_2/2!)(z/e)^2, \dots$ , respectively. The random variable  $\nu(m_1, m_2, \dots) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} km_k$  determines the random "size" of the "graphs" with component-type vector  $(m_1, m_2, \dots)$ . By letting the size of the graphs vary, we have gained independence of the variables that count the number of components of each size. The probability measure  $P_z$  on  $\Omega_z$  is related to the measure  $P_n$  on  $T_n$  as follows. For  $(m_1, m_2, \dots) \in \Omega_z$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} km_k = n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P_z((m_1, m_2, \dots) | \nu = n) \\
 &= \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (A_k/k!)^{m_k} (z/e)^{km_k} \exp((-A_k/k!)(z/e)^k) 1/m_k!}{(z/e)^n (n^n/n!) \exp(-\ln S(z/e))} \\
 (5) \quad &= \frac{n!}{n^n} \prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{A_k}{k!}\right)^{m_k} \frac{1}{m_k!} \\
 &= P_n(\alpha_1 = m_1, \dots, \alpha_n = m_n).
 \end{aligned}$$

As we have noted, to prove Theorem 1 we must compute the expectations of various functions on  $T_n$  which are determined by the component structure of elements of  $T_n$ . To do this we use a transform which relates the expectations of functions defined on  $\Omega_z$  to the expectations of functions defined on  $T_n$ . Let  $\Psi$  be any function defined on  $\Omega_z$ , then  $\Psi$  determines a function  $\Psi_n$  on  $T_n$  as follows. For  $\phi \in T_n$ , let  $\Psi_n(\phi) = \Psi(\alpha_1(\phi), \alpha_2(\phi), \dots, \alpha_n(\phi), 0, 0, \dots)$ . Let  $E_z(\Psi)$  denote the expectation of  $\Psi$  with respect to  $P_z$  and let  $E_n(\Psi_n)$  denote the expectation of  $\Psi_n$  with respect to  $P_n$ . Using (5), we compute

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_z(\Psi) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_z(\nu = n) E_z(\Psi | \nu = n) \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_z(\nu = n) E_n(\Psi_n) + P_z(\nu = 0) \Psi(\bar{0}) \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{n!} \left(\frac{z}{e}\right)^n \frac{E_n(\Psi_n)}{S(z/e)} + \frac{\Psi(\bar{0})}{S(z/e)},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{0} = (0, 0, \dots)$ . Thus

$$(6) \quad S\left(\frac{z}{e}\right)E_z(\Psi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{n!} \left(\frac{z}{e}\right)^n E_n(\Psi_n) + \Psi(\bar{0}).$$

We note from (6), that  $E_n(\Psi_n)$  is the coefficient of  $z^n$  in  $(e^n n! / n^n) S(z/e) E_z(\Psi)$ . We now turn to the proof of Theorem 1.

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.** The first step is to define functions  $\bar{Y}_n: [0, 1] \times T_n \rightarrow R$ , each of which depends on a parameter  $z_n$ , by

$$\bar{Y}_n(t, \phi) = \frac{X_n(t, \phi) - \sum_{k=1}^{n^t} A_k / k! (z_n/e)^k}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}}$$

for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $\phi \in T_n$ . The parameter is chosen so that  $z_n \in (0, 1)$  and so that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{A_k e^{-k}}{k!} (z_n^k - 1) \right| < 1.$$

Thus, for all  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,

$$(7) \quad \left| \sum_{k=1}^{n^t} \frac{A_k}{k!} \left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right)^k - \frac{t}{2} \ln n \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{A_k e^{-k}}{k!} (z_n^k - 1) \right| + \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{A_k e^{-k}}{k!} - \frac{1}{2k} \right| + \left| \sum_{k=1}^{n^t} \frac{1}{2k} - \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \ln n \right| \leq 2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{A_k e^{-k}}{k!} - \frac{1}{2k} \right|.$$

To bound the right side of (7) we first note that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{k^j e^{-k}}{j!} = \text{prob}(U_1 + \dots + U_k \leq k - 1),$$

where  $U_1, \dots, U_k$  are i.i.d. Poisson random variables with parameter 1. It then follows from the Berry-Esseen theorem [6] and Lemma 2.1 that for  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$\left| \frac{A_k e^{-k}}{k!} - \frac{1}{2k} \right| = \frac{1}{k} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{k^j e^{-k}}{j!} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq \frac{8}{k^{3/2}}.$$

So the right side of (7) is less than 26 and

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\phi \in T_n} \rho(Y_n(\cdot, \phi), \bar{Y}_n(\cdot, \phi)) \\ & \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\phi \in T_n} \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |Y_n(t, \phi) - \bar{Y}_n(t, \phi)| \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \frac{|\sum_{k=1}^{n^t} (A_k/k!)(z_n/e)^k - (t/2)\ln n|}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}} \\ & = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus it suffices to show that the measures  $P_n \circ \bar{Y}_n^{-1}$  converge to Wiener measure. We do this by showing the convergence of the finite-dimensional distributions of measures  $P_n \circ \bar{Y}_n^{-1}$  to those of  $W$  and by establishing the bound

$$E_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) - \bar{Y}_n(t_1))^2(\bar{Y}_n(t_2) - \bar{Y}_n(t))^2 \leq 640(t_2 - t_1)^{3/2} \leq (75t_2 - 75t_1)^{3/2}$$

for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $0 \leq t_1 < t < t_2 \leq 1$ .

*Convergence of the finite-dimensional distributions.* To show that the finite-dimensional distributions of  $P_n \circ \bar{Y}_n^{-1}$  converge to those of  $W$ , we show that for any  $0 \leq t < t' \leq 1$  and any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) \leq a, \bar{Y}_n(t') - \bar{Y}_n(t) \leq b) \\ & = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^a e^{-u^2/2t} du \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t' - t)}} \int_{-\infty}^b e^{-u^2/2(t' - t)} du. \end{aligned}$$

The argument extends in an obvious way to the general case.

CASE 1:  $0 \leq t < t' < 1$ . For each  $n > 0$ , let

$$a_n = a\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n} + \sum_{k=1}^{n^t} (A_k/k!)(z_n/e)^k$$

and let  $b_n = b\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n} + \sum_{k>n^t}^{n^{t'}} (A_k/k!)(z_n/e)^k$ , where  $z_n$  is the parameter which appears in the definition of  $\bar{Y}_n$ . Define the indicator function  $I_{a_n}$  on  $\cup_{m=1}^{\infty} T_m$  by  $I_{a_n}(\phi) = 1$  for all  $\phi \in \cup_{m=1}^{\infty} T_m$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^{n^t} \alpha_k(\phi) \leq a_n$  and  $I_{a_n}(\phi) = 0$  otherwise. Likewise, define  $I_{b_n}$  on  $\cup_{m=1}^{\infty} T_m$  by  $I_{b_n}(\phi) = 1$  if  $\sum_{k>n^t}^{n^{t'}} \alpha_k(\phi) \leq b_n$  and  $I_{b_n}(\phi) = 0$  otherwise. Extend  $I_{a_n}$  to a function on  $\Omega_{z_n}$  by letting  $I_{a_n}(m_1, m_2, \dots) = 1$  if  $\sum_{k=1}^{n^t} m_k \leq a_n$  and  $I_{a_n}(m_1, m_2, \dots) = 0$  otherwise and similarly extend the definition of  $I_{b_n}$  on  $\Omega_{z_n}$ .

Observe that  $P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) \leq a, \bar{Y}_n(t') - \bar{Y}_n(t) \leq b) = E_n(I_{a_n}I_{b_n})$ . It follows from (6) that

$$E_n(I_{a_n}I_{b_n}) = [(z_n)^n] \frac{n!e^n}{n^n} E_{z_n}(I_{a_n}I_{b_n})S\left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right).$$

Furthermore, the functions  $I_{a_n}$  and  $I_{b_n}$  restricted to  $\Omega_{z_n}$  are independent random variables with respect to the product measure  $P_{z_n}$  since they depend on disjoint coordinates in the product space  $\Omega_{z_n}$ . So

$$E_{z_n}(I_{a_n}I_{b_n}) = E_{z_n}(I_{a_n})E_{z_n}(I_{b_n}) = P_{z_n}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n^t} m_k \leq a_n\right)P_{z_n}\left(\sum_{k>n^t}^{n^{t'}} m_k \leq b_n\right).$$

Let  $\mu(n, z) = \sum_{k=1}^{n^t}(A_k/k!)(z/e)^k$  and  $\mu'(n, z) = \sum_{k>n^t}^{n^{t'}}(A_k/k!)(z/e)^k$ , then it follows from the construction of  $(\Omega_{z_n}, P_{z_n})$  that the sums  $\sum_{k=1}^{n^t} m_k$  and  $\sum_{k>n^t}^{n^{t'}} m_k$  are Poisson random variables with parameters  $\mu(n, z_n)$  and  $\mu'(n, z_n)$ , respectively. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} &P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) \leq a, \bar{Y}_n(t') - \bar{Y}_n(t) \leq b) \\ &= [(z_n)^n] \frac{n!e^n}{n^n} E_{z_n}(I_{a_n})E_{z_n}(I_{b_n})S\left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right) \\ &= [(z_n)^n] \frac{n!e^n}{n^n} \exp(-\mu(n, z_n) - \mu'(n, z_n)) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{a_n} \frac{(\mu(n, z_n))^k}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^{b_n} \frac{(\mu'(n, z_n))^j}{j!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{m^m}{m!} \left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right)^m \\ &= [(z_n)^n] \frac{n!e^n}{n^n} \sum_{l=0}^{n^T} \frac{(-\mu(n, z_n) - \mu'(n, z_n))^l}{l!} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{a_n} \frac{(\mu(n, z_n))^k}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^{b_n} \frac{(\mu'(n, z_n))^j}{j!} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{m^m}{m!} \left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right)^m \\ &\quad + [(z_n)^n] \frac{n!e^n}{n^n} \sum_{l>n^T}^{\infty} \frac{(-\mu(n, z_n) - \mu'(n, z_n))^l}{l!} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{a_n} \frac{(\mu(n, z_n))^k}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^{b_n} \frac{(\mu'(n, z_n))^j}{j!} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{m^m}{m!} \left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right)^m, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where  $0 < T < 1 - t'$ . To compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) \leq a, \bar{Y}_n(t') - \bar{Y}_n(t) \leq b)$ , we will show that the limit of expression (9) is 0 and that expression (8) converges to the correct value as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

The absolute value of expression (9) is less than or equal to

$$\begin{aligned} R_n &= \frac{n!e^n}{n^n} \sum_{l>n^T} \frac{(\mu(n, 1) + \mu'(n, 1))^l}{l!} \sum_{k=0}^{a_n} \frac{(\mu(n, 1))^k}{k!} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{j=0}^{b_n} \frac{(\mu'(n, 1))^j}{j!} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{m^m e^{-m}}{m!}. \end{aligned}$$



To estimate  $R_n$ , we first note that Stirling's formula yields

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \frac{m^m e^{-m}}{m!} \leq 1 + \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}} \leq \sqrt{n}.$$

We also recall that  $A_k e^{-k}/k! = (1/k) \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} k^j e^{-k}/j! < 1/k$ , so for all  $n$  sufficiently large,

$$\mu(n, 1) + \mu'(n, 1) = \sum_{k=1}^{n'} \frac{A_k e^{-k}}{k!} < \sum_{k=1}^{n'} \frac{1}{k} \leq 2t' \ln n.$$

Using these two bounds, we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_n &\leq \frac{n! e^n}{n^{n-1/2}} \sum_{l > n^T} \frac{(2t' \ln n)^l}{l!} \sum_{k=0}^{a_n} \frac{(2t' \ln n)^k}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^{b_n} \frac{(2t' \ln n)^j}{j!} \\ &< \frac{n! e^n}{n^{n-1/2}} \sum_{l > n^T} \frac{(2t' \ln n)^l}{l!} n^{4t'} \\ &< \frac{n! e^n}{n^{n-1/2}} \frac{(2t' \ln n)^{\lceil n^T \rceil}}{\lceil n^T \rceil!} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2t' \ln n}{n^T} \right)^l n^{4t'} \\ &< 2n \left( \frac{2et' \ln n}{\lceil n^T \rceil} \right)^{\lceil n^T \rceil} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2t' \ln n}{n^T} \right)^l n^{4t'}. \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality is obtained by using Stirling's formula. Now note that for sufficiently large  $n$ ,  $(2t' \ln n)/n^T \leq (2et' \ln n)/\lceil n^T \rceil \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , so substituting this bound into the above inequality yields

$$R_n \leq 2n^{4t'+1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n^T} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^l \leq 4n^5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n^T}.$$

Thus  $R_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and hence the absolute value of the expression (9) goes to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

To compute the limit of expression (8) recall that (8) is equal to  $[(z_n)^n] (n! e^n/n^n) Q_n(z_n) \sum_{m=0}^n (m^m/m!) (z_n/e)^m$ , where

$$Q_n(z) = \sum_{l=0}^{n^T} \frac{(-\mu(n, z) - \mu'(n, z))^l}{l!} \sum_{k=0}^{a_n} \frac{(\mu(n, z))^k}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^{b_n} \frac{(\mu'(n, z))^j}{j!}.$$

The degree of  $Q_n(z)$  is less than  $n^T n^t + a_n n^t + b_n n^t$ , so for all large  $n$ ,  $\deg Q_n(z) \leq n^T$ , where  $T + t' < T' < 1$ , since  $a_n = O(\ln n)$  and  $b_n = O(\ln n)$ . If we write  $Q_n(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{d_n} c_{j,n} z^j$ , where  $d_n$  denotes the degree of  $Q_n(z)$ , then

expression (8) is equal to  $\sum_{j=0}^{d_n} c_{j,n} ((n-j)^{n-j} e^j n! / (n-j)! n^n)$ . It follows from Stirling's formula that for  $0 \leq j \leq d_n$ ,

$$1 \leq ((n-j)^{n-j} e^j n! / (n-j)! n^n) \leq \sqrt{n/(n-n^{T'})} (1 + 1/n).$$

Thus (8) is bounded between  $Q_n(1) = \sum_{j=0}^{d_n} c_{j,n}$  and  $Q_n(1) \sqrt{n/(n-n^{T'})} (1 + 1/n)$ , and the limit of (8) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  equals  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q_n(1)$ .

To compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q_n(1)$ , we write

$$(10) \quad Q_n(1) = \exp(-\mu(n, 1) - \mu'(n, 1)) \sum_{k=0}^{a_n} \frac{(\mu(n, 1))^k}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^{b_n} \frac{(\mu'(n, 1))^j}{j!} \\ - \sum_{l > n^T} \frac{(-\mu(n, 1) - \mu'(n, 1))^l}{l!} \sum_{k=0}^{a_n} \frac{(\mu(n, 1))^k}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^{b_n} \frac{(\mu'(n, 1))^j}{j!}.$$

The absolute value of the second term on the right side of (10) is less than or equal to  $R_n$  and goes to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The first term on the right side of (10) equals  $P(Z_n \leq a_n)P(Z'_n \leq b_n)$ , where  $Z_n$  and  $Z'_n$  are Poisson random variables with parameters  $\mu(n, 1) = \sum_{k=1}^{n'} A_k e^{-k} / k!$  and  $\mu'(n, 1) = \sum_{k > n'} A_k e^{-k} / k!$ , respectively. So

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q_n(1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(Z_n \leq a_n)P(Z'_n \leq b_n) \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{Z_n - \mu(n, z_n)}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}} \leq a\right)P\left(\frac{Z'_n - \mu'(n, z_n)}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}} \leq b\right).$$

To compute one of the limits above, we write

$$\frac{Z_n - \mu(n, z_n)}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}} = \frac{Z_n - \mu(n, 1)}{\sqrt{\mu(n, 1)}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\mu(n, 1)}}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}} \right) + \frac{\mu(n, 1) - \mu(n, z_n)}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}}.$$

By the choice of the parameter  $z_n$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\mu(n, 1) - \mu(n, z_n)}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}} \right| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}} = 0.$$

Also, from inequality (7),

$$\left| \mu(n, 1) - \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \ln n \right| \leq |\mu(n, 1) - \mu(n, z_n)| + \left| \mu(n, z_n) - \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \ln n \right| \leq 27$$

and so  $\sqrt{\mu(n, 1) / ((1/2)\ln n)} \rightarrow \sqrt{t}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $(Z_n - \mu(n, z_n)) / \sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}$

and  $(\sqrt{t}(Z_n - \mu(n, 1)))/\sqrt{\mu(n, 1)}$  converge in distribution to the same limit. Since  $\mu(n, 1) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the normalized Poisson variable

$$(\sqrt{t}(Z_n - \mu(n, 1)))/\sqrt{\mu(n, 1)}$$

converges in distribution to the normal distribution  $N(0, t)$  and hence  $(Z_n - \mu(n, z_n))/\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}$  converges in distribution to  $N(0, t)$ . In particular

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{Z_n - \mu(n, z_n)}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}} \leq a\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^a e^{-u^2/2t} du$$

and by the same argument,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{Z'_n - \mu'(n, z_n)}{\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}} \leq b\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t' - t)}} \int_{-\infty}^b e^{-u^2/2(t' - t)} du.$$

This establishes the limit for expression (10) and completes the proof for this case.

CASE 2:  $0 \leq t < t' = 1$ . For  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2 \wedge 1 - t$  and  $n > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) \leq a, \bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(t) \leq b) \\ (11) \quad &\leq P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) \leq a, \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon) - \bar{Y}_n(t) \leq b + \sqrt[4]{\varepsilon}) \\ &+ P_n(|\bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon)| \geq \sqrt[4]{\varepsilon}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) \leq a, \bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(t) \leq b) \\ (12) \quad &\geq P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) \leq a, \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon) - \bar{Y}_n(t) \leq b - \sqrt[4]{\varepsilon}) \\ &- P_n(|\bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon)| \geq \sqrt[4]{\varepsilon}). \end{aligned}$$

Fixing  $\varepsilon$ , we can compute, using Case 1, the limit of the first term in each bound given above for  $P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) \leq a, \bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(t) \leq b)$ . To bound the second term in both cases we use Chebyshev's inequality,

$$P_n(|\bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon)| \geq \sqrt[4]{\varepsilon}) \leq \frac{E_n(\bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon))^2}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}.$$

To bound  $E_n(\bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon))^2$  we begin by defining  $\gamma_n^\varepsilon$  on  $\Omega_{z_n}$  by  $\gamma_n^\varepsilon(m_1, m_2, \dots) = \sum_{k > n^{1-\varepsilon} m_k}$ . We extend  $\bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon)$  in the usual way to a function on  $\Omega_{z_n}$  and note that  $\bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon) = (\gamma_n^\varepsilon - \mu_n^\varepsilon(z_n))/\sqrt{(1/2)\ln n}$  on

$\Omega_{z_n}$  where  $\mu_n^\varepsilon(z) = \sum_{k > n^{1-\varepsilon}} (A_k/k!)(z/e)^k$ . Thus, by (6),

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_n(\bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon))^2 &= [(z_n)^n] \frac{n!e^n}{n^n} E_{z_n}(\bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon))^2 S\left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right) \\
 (13) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= [(z_n)^n] \frac{2n!e^n}{n^n \ln n} E_{z_n}(\gamma_n^\varepsilon - \mu_n^\varepsilon(z_n))^2 S\left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right) \\
 &= [(z_n)^n] \frac{2n!e^n}{n^n \ln n} \mu_n^\varepsilon(z_n) S\left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

The last equality holds since, with respect to  $P_{z_n}$ , the function  $\gamma_n^\varepsilon$  is a Poisson variable on  $\Omega_{z_n}$  with parameter  $\mu_n^\varepsilon(z_n)$ . Using Stirling's formula and the bound  $(A_k/k!)e^{-k} \leq 1/k$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{2[(z_n)^n] n!e^n}{n^n \ln n} \mu_n^\varepsilon(z_n) S(z_n/e) \\
 &= \frac{2n!}{n^n \ln n} \sum_{k > n^{1-\varepsilon}} \frac{A_k}{k!} \frac{(n-k)^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \\
 &\leq \frac{2}{\ln n} \sum_{k > n^{1-\varepsilon}} \frac{2}{k} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-k}} + \frac{4\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{n} \ln n} \\
 &\leq \frac{4}{\ln n} \left[ \sum_{k > n^{1-\varepsilon}} \frac{3n/4}{k} + \frac{4}{3} \sum_{k > 3n/4} \frac{n-1}{n\sqrt{1-k/n}} + \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{n}} \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{4}{\ln n} \left[ \varepsilon \ln n + \frac{4}{3} \int_{3/4}^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x}} + \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{n}} \right] \\
 &\leq 5\varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

for all sufficiently large  $n$ . Substituting this bound into (13) and using Chebyshev's inequality we have  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(|\bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(1 - \varepsilon)| \geq \sqrt[4]{\varepsilon}) \leq 5\sqrt{\varepsilon}$ . Now take limits in (11) and (12) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) \leq a, \bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(\varepsilon) \leq b) \\
 \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^a e^{-u^2/2t} du \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1-\varepsilon-t)}} \int_{-\infty}^b e^{-u^2/2(1-\varepsilon-t)} du + 5\sqrt{\varepsilon}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) \leq a, \bar{Y}_n(1) - \bar{Y}_n(t) \leq b) \\
 \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^a e^{-u^2/2t} du \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1-\varepsilon-t)}} \int_{\infty}^b e^{-u^2/2(1-\varepsilon-t)} du - 5\sqrt{\varepsilon}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty$  to obtain the desired limit in this case.

The bound for  $E_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) - \bar{Y}_n(t_1))^2(\bar{Y}_n(t_2) - \bar{Y}_n(t))^2$ . We begin by noting that there are two cases where  $E_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) - \bar{Y}_n(t_1))^2(\bar{Y}_n(t_2) - \bar{Y}_n(t))^2 = 0$ . First, for  $n$  fixed, if  $\ln(k - 1)/\ln n \leq t_1 \leq t < \ln k/\ln n$  for some  $2 \leq k \leq n$  then  $\bar{Y}_n(t, \phi) = \bar{Y}_n(t_1, \phi)$  for all  $\phi \in T_n$  and the expectation

$$E_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) - \bar{Y}_n(t_1))^2(\bar{Y}_n(t_2) - \bar{Y}_n(t))^2 = 0.$$

Similarly, if  $\ln(k - 1)/\ln n \leq t \leq t_2 < \ln k/\ln n$  for some  $2 \leq k \leq n$  then  $\bar{Y}_n(t, \phi) = \bar{Y}_n(t_2, \phi)$  for all  $\phi \in T_n$  and the expectation is 0. Thus the expectation will be nonzero only if  $\ln(k - 1)/\ln n \leq t_1 < \ln k/\ln n$  and  $\ln(k + 1)/\ln n \leq t_2$  for some  $2 \leq k \leq n - 1$ . In this case

$$(14) \quad t_2 - t_1 \geq \frac{\ln(k + 1) - \ln k}{\ln n} \geq \frac{1}{k \ln n} \geq \frac{1}{2n^4 \ln n}.$$

Thus, to avoid trivialities, we assume in the calculations below that inequality (14) holds.

To compute the bound recall that

$$\begin{aligned} & E_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) - \bar{Y}_n(t_1))^2(\bar{Y}_n(t_2) - \bar{Y}_n(t))^2 \\ &= \frac{[(z_n)^n] n! e^n}{n^n} E_{z_n}(\bar{Y}_n(t) - \bar{Y}_n(t_1))^2(\bar{Y}_n(t_2) - \bar{Y}_n(t))^2 S\left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The functions  $\bar{Y}_n(t) - \bar{Y}_n(t_1)$  and  $\bar{Y}_n(t_2) - \bar{Y}_n(t)$  are independent random variables on  $(\Omega_{z_n}, P_{z_n})$ , so [cf. (13)]

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{[(z_n)^n] n! e^n}{n^n} E_{z_n}(\bar{Y}_n(t) - \bar{Y}_n(t_1))^2(\bar{Y}_n(t_2) - \bar{Y}_n(t))^2 S\left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right) \\ &= \frac{4[(z_n)^n] n! e^n}{n^n (\ln n)^2} E_{z_n} \left( \sum_{k > n^4}^{n^t} m_k - \mu_{t_1}^t(n, z_n) \right)^2 \\ (15) \quad & \times E_{z_n} \left( \sum_{k > n^t}^{n^{t_2}} m_k - \mu_{t_2}^{t_2}(n, z_n) \right)^2 S\left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right) \\ &= \frac{4[(z_n)^n] n! e^n}{n^n (\ln n)^2} \mu_{t_1}^t(n, z_n) \mu_{t_2}^{t_2}(n, z_n) S\left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu_{t_1}^t(n, z_n) = \sum_{k > n^4}^{n^t} (A_k/k!)(z_n/e)^k = E_{z_n}(\sum_{k > n^4}^{n^t} m_k)$  and  $\mu_{t_2}^{t_2}(n, z_n) = \sum_{k > n^t}^{n^{t_2}} (A_k/k!)(z_n/e)^k = E_{z_n}(\sum_{k > n^t}^{n^{t_2}} m_k)$ . We proceed to expand the right side of (15).

The first step is to bound the terms in the expansion by using Stirling's formula and the inequality  $A_k e^{-k}/k! \leq 1/k$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{4[(z_n)^n] n! e^n}{n^n (\ln n)^2} \mu_{t_1}^t(n, z_n) \mu_{t_2}^t(n, z_n) S\left(\frac{z_n}{e}\right) \\
 &= \frac{4}{(\ln n)^2} \left[ \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \sum_{k>n^t}^{n/4 \wedge n^{t_2}} \frac{A_j A_k n! (n-j-k)^{n-j-k}}{j! k! n^n (n-j-k)!} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \sum_{k>n/4 \vee n^t}^{(n-j) \wedge n^{t_2}} \frac{A_j A_k n! (n-k-j)^{n-j-k}}{j! k! n^n (n-j-k)!} \right] \\
 (16) \quad & \leq \frac{8}{(\ln n)^2} \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \sum_{k>n^t}^{n/4 \wedge n^{t_2}} \frac{1}{jk} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-j-k}} \\
 & \quad + \frac{8}{(\ln n)^2} \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \sum_{k>n/4 \vee n^t}^{(n-j-1) \wedge n^{t_2}-1} \frac{1}{jk} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-j-k}} \\
 & \quad + \frac{8}{(\ln n)^2} \sum_{\substack{j>n^{t_1} \\ \text{s.t. } n-j>n/4}}^{n^t} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi} \sqrt{n}}{j(n-j)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Next we bound each term on the right side of (16). First,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{8}{(\ln n)^2} \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \sum_{k>n^t}^{n/4 \wedge n^{t_2}} \frac{1}{jk} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-j-k}} \\
 & \leq \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{(\ln n)^2} \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \sum_{k>n^t}^{n^{t_2}} \frac{1}{jk} \\
 & \leq \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{(\ln n)^2} \left( (t-t_1) \ln n + \frac{1}{n^{t_1}} \right) \left( (t_2-t) \ln n + \frac{1}{n^t} \right) \\
 & \leq 72\sqrt{2} (t_2-t_1)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality follows from (14). Next,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{8}{(\ln n)^2} \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \sum_{k>n/4 \vee n^t}^{n-j-1 \wedge n^{t_2}-1} \frac{1}{jk} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n-j-k}} \\
 & \leq \frac{8}{(\ln n)^2} \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \sum_{k>n/4 \vee n^t}^{(n-j-1) \wedge n^{t_2}-1} \frac{4}{jn} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-j/n-k/n}} \\
 & \leq \frac{32}{(\ln n)^2} \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \frac{1}{j} \int_{n^t/n}^{(1-j/n) \wedge (n^{t_2}/n)} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-j/n-x}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \frac{32}{(\ln n)^2} \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \frac{1}{j} \int_{n^t/n-j}^{1 \wedge (n^{t_2}/n-j)} \frac{du}{\sqrt{1-u}} \\
 &\leq \frac{64}{(\ln n)^2} \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \frac{1}{j} \left( \sqrt{1 - \frac{n^t}{n-j}} - \sqrt{1 - \left(1 \wedge \frac{n^{t_2}}{n-j}\right)} \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{64\sqrt{t_2-t}}{(\ln n)^{3/2}} \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \frac{1}{j} \\
 &\leq \frac{64\sqrt{t_2-t}}{(\ln n)^{3/2}} \left( (t_1-t)\ln n + \frac{1}{n^{t_1}} \right) \\
 &\leq 192(t_2-t_1)^{3/2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

To obtain this bound we have used the inequality  $\sqrt{1-x} - \sqrt{1-y} \leq \sqrt{\ln(y/x)}$  for all  $0 < x < y \leq 1$ . Finally

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{8}{(\ln n)^2} \sum_{\substack{j>n^{t_1} \\ \text{s.t. } n-j>n/4}}^{n^t} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi n}}{j(n-j)} &\leq \frac{32\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{n}(\ln n)^2} \sum_{j>n^{t_1}}^{n^t} \frac{1}{j} \\
 &\leq \frac{96\sqrt{2\pi}(t-t_1)}{\sqrt{n^{t_1}\ln n}} \leq 192\sqrt{\pi}(t_2-t_1)^{3/2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the right side of (16) is less than or equal to  $640(t_2-t_1)^{3/2}$ . This establishes the bound for  $E_n(\bar{Y}_n(t) - \bar{Y}_n(t_1))^2(\bar{Y}_n(t_2) - \bar{Y}_n(t))^2$  and completes the proof.  $\square$

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