

Network Project

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Abstract

1 Implementation of the BA Model

The BA model is a randomly generated model, which uses a method called preferential attachment to favour which nodes to connect to. This means that nodes with a high degree are more likely to be attached to be new nodes. The algorithm I used works as follows: 1. Set of an initial network a time \mathcal{G}_0 .

2. Increment time $t \rightarrow t+1$

3. Add one new vertex. 4. Add m edges as follows.

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There are a few points of ambiguity in this model. The first of which is with respect to \mathcal{G}_0 . There is no explicit guidance on how to choose \mathcal{G}_0 , however the choice of starting graph does have an affect. When deriving a solving the master equation for the system, we will use the approximation that $E(t) = mN(t)$ for large t . However we can make this approximation exact by choosing an \mathcal{G}_0 such that $E(0) = mN(0)$.

In finding this, one assumption I would like to make is that every node in \mathcal{G}_0 has the same degree. This makes an easily programmable starting graph. This implies that $\deg(n) = m$ for $n \in \mathcal{G}_0$.

There are many graphs with this property, however I would like to minimise the number of nodes in my starting graph (So our starting graph does not change our statistic) which implies we want a complete graph. The algebra is as follows:

In a complete graph $E = \sum_{n=1}^N n - 1 = \frac{N(N-1)}{2}$

And so $E(0) = mN(0) \Rightarrow \frac{N(0)(N(0)-1)}{2} = mN(0)$

$$\Rightarrow N(0)^2 - (2m - 1)N(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow N(0) = 0 \text{ (trivial)} \text{ and } N(0) = 2m + 1$$

Therefore choosing \mathcal{G}_0 to be a complete graph with $2m + 1$ nodes is sufficient

for the condition $E(0) = mN(0)$.