

Machine Learning for Graphs and Sequential Data Exercise Sheet 10**Graphs & Networks, Generative Models**

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Hint: for information about the “eigengap” see Sec. 8.3 in this tutorial

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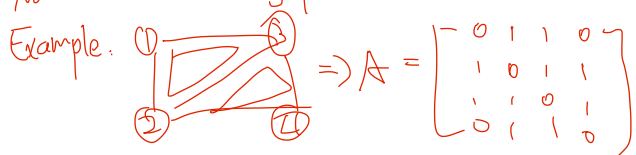
Given the probabilities a and b , for which values of p will the expected number of triangles in G_2 be *larger* than the expected number of triangles in G_1 ?

w/o self-loop

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$$\begin{aligned} A^0 &= I_N \\ A^1 &= A \cdot A^0 = A \cdot I = A \Rightarrow A_{ij}^1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{connected } i, j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \\ A^2 &= A \cdot A^1 = \Rightarrow A_{ij}^2 = \sum_{v=1}^N A_{iv} \cdot A_{vj}^1 \\ A^k &= A \cdot A^{k-1} \Rightarrow A_{ij}^{k-1} = \sum_{v=1}^N A_{iv} \cdot A_{vj}^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

Note: undirected graph



$$k=3 \quad A^3 = A^2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A^2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = A^3$$

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} \text{trace}(A^3) = \frac{1}{6} [2 + 2 + 4 + 4] = 2$$

Recall: $\text{trace}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i$ $A \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}$

$$\begin{aligned} A^3 \vec{v} &= A^2 (A \vec{v}) = \lambda A^2 \vec{v} = \lambda A (A \vec{v}) \\ &= \lambda^2 A \vec{v} \\ &= \lambda^3 \vec{v} \end{aligned}$$

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$e_{ij} \sim \text{Bernouli}(p)$ Have $N-1$ edges

$$\Rightarrow d_i \sim \text{Binomial}(N-1, p) = \binom{N-1}{k} p^k p^{N-1-k} \quad k=3$$

Problem 3: Given is an Erdős-Rényi graph consisting of N nodes with edge probability $p \in [0, 1]$. What is the expected number of triangles in this graph?

define $\binom{N}{3}$ non-independent RVs

$$X_t = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if triplet "t" forms triangle} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\sim \text{Bernouli}(p^3)$ identically distributed

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[\sum_{t \sim 2} X_t \right] &= \sum_{t \sim 2} E[X_t] \\ &= \binom{N}{3} E[X_t] = \binom{N}{3} p^3 \\ &\quad \uparrow \\ &\quad |t| \end{aligned}$$

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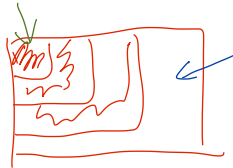
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a) degree ~ Poisson

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$$G_2 = \binom{N}{3} p^3$$

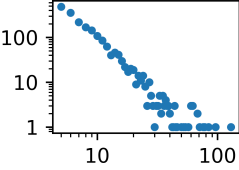
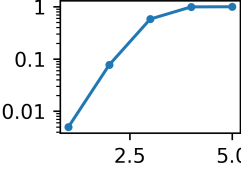
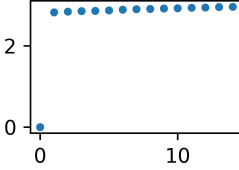
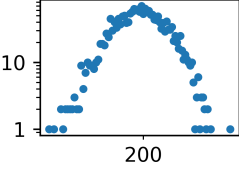
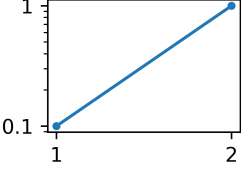
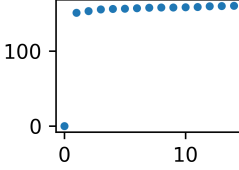
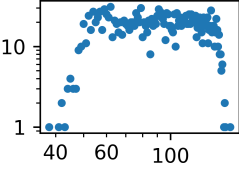
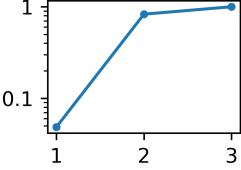
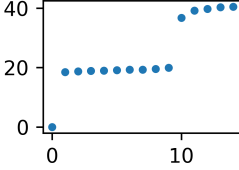
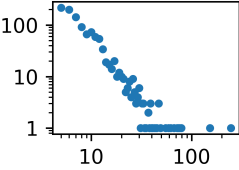
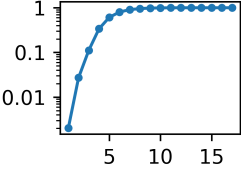
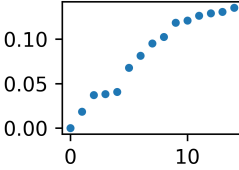
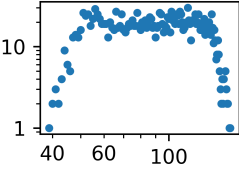
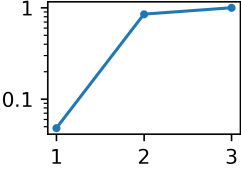
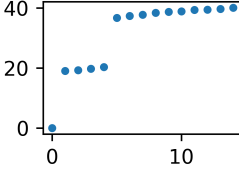
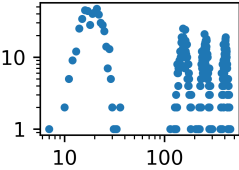
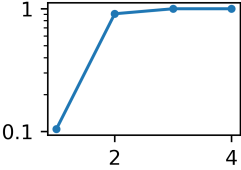
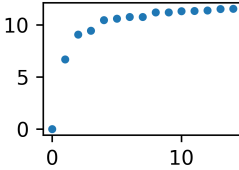
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$$2 \cdot \left[\binom{N/2}{3} a^3 + \binom{N/2}{1} \binom{N/2}{2} a b^2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \binom{N}{3} p^3 > 2 \left[\binom{N/2}{3} a^3 + \binom{N/2}{1} \binom{N/2}{2} a b^2 \right]$$

$$p > \sqrt[3]{\frac{2 \left[\binom{N/2}{3} a^3 + \binom{N/2}{1} \binom{N/2}{2} a b^2 \right]}{\binom{N}{3}}}$$

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