

# Percolation Thresholds in Number-Theoretic Graphs: From Shattered to Small-World Connectivity in Sovereign Knowledge Meshes

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## Abstract

We study a family of number-theoretic graphs  $G_n$  defined on vertex set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  where edges are determined by arithmetic predicates on vertex pairs. We systematically vary the edge predicate from strict ( $\text{Sum}=\text{Prime} \wedge \text{Diff}=\text{Pow2}$ ) to relaxed ( $\text{Sum}=\text{Prime} \vee \text{Diff}=\text{Pow2}$ ) and map the resulting **percolation phase transition**. Our empirical analysis on a real-world knowledge vault of  $n = 5,090$  nodes reveals five key findings: (1) the critical percolation threshold occurs at a locality constraint of  $k^* = 19 \approx 1.54 \cdot \log_2 n$ , producing a connected graph at just 0.10% density; (2) the **power-of-2 difference graph**  $D_n$  exhibits strong small-world structure ( $\sigma = 19.96$ ) with clustering **28x** higher than equivalent random graphs; (3) greedy routing on  $D_n$  succeeds with 100% reliability, achieving **97.4% BFS-optimal paths** with mean stretch 1.008 — making  $D_n$  a navigable small-world; (4) the prime-sum graph  $P_n$  is provably triangle-free and bipartite; and (5) we conjecture  $k^* / \log_2 n \in [1.0, 2.0]$  for all  $n$ , supported by data across seven scales. All results validated against stored vault data (100.00% edge match, 10-seed ER baselines) with 37 passing unit tests.

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Motivation

The MirrorDNA project explores sovereign AI infrastructure — systems that maintain knowledge integrity independent of centralized networks. A foundational question emerges: given a collection of  $n$  knowledge nodes (documents) ordered chronologically, can a deterministic arithmetic rule connect them into a navigable graph without external coordination?

This paper investigates a specific family of such rules and maps their connectivity properties rigorously.

### 1.2 Graph Definitions

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . We define:

- **Prime-Sum Graph**  $P_n$ : Edge  $(i, j)$  exists iff  $i + j$  is prime.
- **Power-of-2 Difference Graph**  $D_n$ : Edge  $(i, j)$  exists iff  $|i - j| = 2^k$  for some  $k \geq 0$ .
- **GrokMirror v1.0**  $G_n^\wedge = P_n \cap D_n$ : Edge iff both conditions hold.
- **GrokMirror v2.0**  $G_n^\vee = P_n \cup D_n$ : Edge iff either condition holds.
- **Locality-Bounded**  $G_n^k = P_n \cap L_n^k$ : Edge  $(i, j)$  iff  $i + j$  is prime and  $|i - j| \leq k$ .

### 1.3 Contribution

Prior work (GrokMirror v1.0, Jan 2026) tested only the endpoints:  $G_n^\wedge$  (shattered) and  $G_n^\vee$  (trivially connected). We contribute:

1. **A complete phase diagram** across 31 rule variants identifying the percolation threshold.
  2. **Random baseline comparisons** (10-seed) showing where number-theoretic structure outperforms random graphs and where it doesn't.
  3. **Discovery of genuine small-world structure** in the power-of-2 difference graph  $D_n$ .
  4. **Greedy routing experiments** demonstrating  $D_n$  is navigable (100% success, 97.4% optimal).
  5. **Asymptotic analysis** of the percolation threshold ratio  $k^* / \log_2 n$  across seven scales.
  6. **Formal proof** that  $P_n$  is triangle-free and bipartite.
  7. **Spectral, robustness, and growth dynamics** analysis.
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## 2. The Phase Diagram

### 2.1 Methodology

We construct graphs at  $n = 5,090$  (the real vault size) across 31 rule variants. For each, we measure: edge count, density, giant component fraction, diameter (sampled over 500 source nodes), average path length, and clustering coefficient. Results validated at  $n = 50, 100, 200, 500$  for consistency. The v2.0 graph was verified edge-by-edge against the stored vault mesh audit (100.00% match, 1,587,325 edges).

All computations performed on Apple Mac Mini M4 (10-core ARM, 24GB RAM) running macOS 26.2. Total pipeline runtime: 585.6s.

### 2.2 Core Results (n = 5,090)

Rule	Edges	Density	Giant Comp.	Diameter	Clustering
v1.0 Strict AND ( $G_n^\wedge$ )	1,249	0.01%	0.1%	$\infty^\dagger$	0.000
Prime AND Diff $\leq 8$	4,988	0.04%	3.1%	37	0.000
Prime AND Diff $\leq 12$	7,477	0.06%	13.1%	86	0.000
Prime AND Diff $\leq 16$	9,961	0.08%	41.7%	190	0.000
<b>Prime AND Diff <math>\leq 19</math></b>	<b>12,441</b>	<b>0.10%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>0.000</b>

Rule	Edges	Density	Giant Comp.	Diameter	Clustering
Prime AND Diff $\leq 32$	19,861	0.15%	100%	187	0.000
Prime AND Diff $\leq 64$	39,517	0.31%	100%	88	0.000
Pow2 Diff Only ( $D_n$ )	57,979	0.45%	100%	7	<b>0.126</b>
Prime AND Diff $\leq 256$	154,195	1.19%	100%	22	0.000
Prime Sum Only ( $P_n$ )	1,530,595	11.82%	100%	3	0.000
v2.0 Strate- gic OR ( $G_n^\vee$ )	1,587,325	12.26%	100%	3	0.015

†*Disconnected: graph shattered into many isolated components, giant component has only 5 nodes.*

### 2.3 The Percolation Threshold

A fine-grained sweep over  $k \in [8, 32]$  reveals a sharp phase transition:

Locality $k$	As $c \cdot \log_2 n$	Giant Frac.	Components	Connected?
8	$0.65 \log_2 n$	3.1%	840	No
11	$0.89 \log_2 n$	13.1%	172	No
13	$1.06 \log_2 n$	15.9%	74	No
15	$1.22 \log_2 n$	41.7%	18	No
17	$1.38 \log_2 n$	93.9%	3	No
<b>19</b>	$1.54 \log_2 n$	<b>100%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Yes</b>
20	$1.62 \log_2 n$	100%	1	Yes
24	$1.95 \log_2 n$	100%	1	Yes

**Finding 1:** The critical threshold for full connectivity in  $G_n^k$  is  $k^* = 19 \approx 1.54 \cdot \log_2 n$  at  $n = 5,090$ . At this threshold, the graph achieves full connectivity with only **12,441 edges** (0.10% density) — 128x fewer edges than v2.0. The transition is sharp: at  $k = 17$  the graph is 93.9% connected with 3 components, and at  $k = 19$  it snaps to a single component.

## 2.4 Logarithmic Locality Scaling

Testing  $k = c \cdot \log_2 n$  directly ( $\log_2 5090 \approx 12.31$ ):

Multiplier $c$	Threshold $k$	Density	Giant Frac.	Diameter
0.5	6	0.03%	1.2%	20
1.0	12	0.06%	13.1%	86
1.5	18	0.09%	93.9%	360
<b>2.0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>263</b>
3.0	36	0.17%	100%	165
4.0	49	0.24%	100%	114
8.0	98	0.46%	100%	56

The percolation threshold occurs between  $c = 1.5$  and  $c = 2.0$ . The exact critical point is  $k^* = 19$  ( $c^* = 1.54$ ).

## 2.5 Asymptotic Conjecture: Does $k^*/\log_2 n$ Converge?

A natural question: is the ratio  $c^* = k^*/\log_2 n$  a constant, or does it drift with  $n$ ? We compute  $k^*$  exactly (via binary search) at seven scales:

$n$	$k^*$	$\log_2 n$	$k^*/\log_2 n$	Edges at $k^*$	Giant below $k^*$
50	7	5.64	1.240	88	96.0%
100	7	6.64	1.054	169	59.0%
200	11	7.64	1.439	445	99.0%
500	11	8.97	1.227	984	89.2%
1,000	17	9.97	1.706	2,667	67.1%
2,000	21	10.97	1.915	5,991	99.9%
5,090	19	12.31	1.543	12,441	93.9%

The ratio **oscillates** in the range  $[1.05, 1.92]$  rather than converging monotonically. This oscillation arises from the discrete nature of  $k^*$  (it can only be an integer) interacting with the density of primes near the threshold. Notably,  $k^*$  sometimes decreases when  $n$  increases (e.g.,  $k^* = 21$  at  $n = 2,000$  but  $k^* = 19$  at  $n = 5,090$ ), because the prime density  $\sim 1/\ln n$  provides more edges per unit of  $k$  at larger  $n$ .

**Conjecture 1 (Weak).** There exist constants  $0 < c_1 < c_2$  such that  $c_1 \cdot \log_2 n \leq k^* \leq c_2 \cdot \log_2 n$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ . Empirically,  $c_1 \approx 1.0$  and  $c_2 \approx 2.0$ .

**Conjecture 2 (Strong).** The ratio  $k^*/\log_2 n$  converges to a constant  $c^* \in [1.2, 1.8]$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , with oscillations of order  $O(1/\log n)$ .

Resolving these conjectures requires either analytic estimates of edge density in  $G_n^k$  near the percolation threshold (connecting to the prime number theorem for arithmetic progressions), or numerical computation at scales  $n > 10^5$ .

### 3. Random Baseline Comparisons

#### 3.1 Methodology

For each GrokMirror graph, we construct  $G(n, m)$  Erdős–Rényi random graphs with **identical node and edge counts** (not approximate density matching). We run **10 independent seeds** per graph and report mean  $\pm$  std to establish statistical confidence.

#### 3.2 Results (n = 5,090; 10-seed ER baselines)

Graph	Metric	GrokMirror	ER mean $\pm$ std	Ratio GM/ER
<b>Pow2 Diff</b>	Clustering	0.1256	$0.0045 \pm 0.0002$	<b>28.0</b>
<b>Pow2 Diff</b>	Transitivity	0.1253	$0.0045 \pm 0.0001$	<b>27.8</b>
<b>Pow2 Diff</b>	Diameter	7	$4.0 \pm 0.0$	1.75
<b>Pow2 Diff</b>	Avg Path	4.31	$3.007 \pm 0.004$	1.43
<b>Pow2 Diff</b>	Degree $\sigma$	1.17	$4.745 \pm 0.029$	0.25
Prime Sum	Clustering	0.000	$0.1182 \pm 0.0000$	<b>0.00</b>
Prime Sum	Diameter	3	$2.0 \pm 0.0$	1.50
Prime Sum	Avg Path	2.263	$1.882 \pm 0.000$	1.20
Prime Sum	Degree $\sigma$	26.57	$23.17 \pm 0.14$	1.15
v2.0 OR	Clustering	0.015	$0.1226 \pm 0.0000$	<b>0.125</b>
v2.0 OR	Diameter	3	$2.0 \pm 0.0$	1.50
v2.0 OR	Avg Path	1.878	$1.878 \pm 0.000$	1.000
v2.0 OR	Degree $\sigma$	26.26	$23.56 \pm 0.14$	1.11

All ER metrics show negligible variance across seeds (std  $< 0.03$  for degree,  $< 0.005$  for path length), confirming the comparisons are statistically robust.

#### 3.3 Interpretation

##### Finding 2: The Power-of-2 Difference Graph Is Profoundly Non-Random.

At  $n = 5,090$ ,  $D_n$  shows **28.0x higher clustering** than random ( $\pm 0.0002$  std across 10 seeds — this is not noise). The degree distribution is nearly uniform ( $\sigma = 1.17$  vs.  $4.75 \pm 0.03$  for ER), confirming geometric structure. This effect *strengthens* with scale (it was 5.6x at  $n = 500$ ).

##### Finding 3: The Prime-Sum Graph Is Anti-Clustered.

$P_n$  has **zero clustering** — no triangles exist. This is a provable property (see Appendix A): for three nodes  $i < j < k$  to form a triangle, all three sums  $i + j$ ,  $i + k$ ,  $j + k$  must be prime. A parity argument shows this is impossible for distinct positive integers. Therefore  $P_n$  is **triangle-free** for all  $n$ . Meanwhile, ER at the same density gives  $C = 0.1182 \pm 0.0000$  — the absence of triangles is a hard structural constraint, not a density effect.

##### Finding 4: The v2.0 OR Graph Is 8x Less Clustered Than Random.

$G_n^v$  has clustering ratio 0.125 — the OR combination inherits the anti-clustering of  $P_n$  (which contributes 96.4% of edges at  $n = 5,090$ ) and heavily dilutes  $D_n$ 's structural clustering. At

average path length 1.878 vs ER's  $1.878 \pm 0.000$ , it is **statistically indistinguishable from a random graph** on path-length metrics.

## 4. The Pow2 Difference Graph: A Natural Small-World

### 4.1 Small-World Coefficient

The small-world sigma ( $\sigma$ ) compares a graph's clustering and path length against random baselines:

$$\sigma = \frac{C/C_{rand}}{L/L_{rand}}$$

Graph	$\sigma$	$C_{real}$	$C_{rand}$	$L_{real}$	$L_{rand}$	$\gamma$	$\lambda$	Verdict
$D_n$ (Pow2 Diff)	<b>19.96</b>	0.126	0.004	4.31	3.02	28.70	1.44	<b>Strong Small- World</b>
$G_n^V$ (v2.0 OR)	0.12	0.015	0.123	1.88	1.88	0.12	1.00	Not Small- World

**Finding 5:** The power-of-2 difference graph  $D_n$  is a **strong small-world network** ( $\sigma = 19.96 \gg 1$ ) at vault scale. The clustering ratio  $\gamma = 28.7$  means  $D_n$  has nearly 29x the clustering of a random graph, while the path ratio  $\lambda = 1.44$  shows paths are only 44% longer. This effect **amplifies with scale** ( $\sigma$  rose from 4.25 at  $n = 500$  to 19.96 at  $n = 5,090$ ), indicating that  $D_n$ 's small-world structure is intrinsic, not a finite-size artifact.

### 4.2 Why $D_n$ Is Small-World

In  $D_n$ , node  $i$  connects to nodes at distances 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, ... This is structurally analogous to a **skip list** or **Kleinberg's navigable small-world model**: dense local connections (distance 1, 2) provide clustering, while long-range connections (distance 256, 512, ...) keep diameter logarithmic.

### 4.3 Robustness (n = 5,090)

Removal %	Type	$D_n$ Giant Frac.	$G_n^V$ Giant Frac.
5%	Random	1.000	1.000
10%	Random	1.000	1.000
20%	Random	1.000	1.000
30%	Random	1.000	1.000
50%	Random	1.000	1.000
5%	Targeted (highest-degree)	1.000	1.000
10%	Targeted (highest-degree)	1.000	1.000

Removal %	Type	$D_n$ Giant Frac.	$G_n^\vee$ Giant Frac.
20%	Targeted (highest-degree)	1.000	1.000
30%	Targeted (highest-degree)	1.000	1.000
50%	Targeted (highest-degree)	1.000	1.000

Both  $D_n$  and  $G_n^\vee$  survive **50% targeted node removal** (highest-degree first) at  $n = 5,090$ . The near-uniform degree distribution of  $D_n$  (degree  $\sigma = 1.17$ , coefficient of variation 5.1%) means there are no critical hubs — every node is equally important, making the network maximally resilient to targeted attack.

#### 4.4 Greedy Routing: $D_n$ Is Navigable

A small-world network is only useful for sovereign infrastructure if it supports **decentralized navigation** — routing from any source to any target without global knowledge.  $D_n$  has a natural coordinate system: each node’s ID is its coordinate on  $[1, n]$ .

**Greedy routing algorithm.** At each hop, forward to the neighbor closest to the target by  $|i - t|$ . No routing tables, no global state.

**Results at  $n = 5,090$  (5,000 random pairs):**

Metric	Value
Success rate	<b>100.0%</b>
Greedy path length (mean $\pm$ std)	$4.34 \pm 1.07$
Shortest path length (mean $\pm$ std)	$4.31 \pm 1.03$
Stretch (greedy / BFS)	<b><math>1.008 \pm 0.060</math></b>
Paths at optimal (stretch = 1.0)	<b>97.4%</b>
Paths within 2x optimal	100.0%
Max greedy path	9 hops
Theoretical diameter ( $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ )	13

**Finding 7: Greedy routing on  $D_n$  achieves near-optimal paths.** 97.4% of routes are BFS-optimal, with mean stretch 1.008 — greedy adds less than 1% overhead. No route ever fails. This makes  $D_n$  a **navigable small-world**: any node can route to any other using only local information.

**Scaling behavior:**

$n$	Success	Greedy mean	BFS mean	Stretch	% Optimal
50	100%	2.12	2.10	1.008	98.7%
100	100%	2.45	2.43	1.011	97.9%
500	100%	3.30	3.27	1.007	98.3%
2,000	100%	3.86	3.85	1.004	98.8%
5,090	100%	4.32	4.28	1.009	96.9%

Stretch remains below 1.01 at all scales, and greedy path length grows as  $O(\log n)$  — matching the theoretical BFS diameter.

**Why greedy works perfectly on  $D_n$ .** For any source  $s$  and target  $t$ , the binary representation of  $|s - t|$  directly encodes the greedy path: each power-of-2 connection eliminates the corresponding bit. This is equivalent to binary subtraction, giving greedy paths of length at most  $\lfloor \log_2 |s - t| \rfloor + 1$  — which is at most 1 hop longer than the BFS shortest path.

## 5. Spectral Analysis

The algebraic connectivity  $\lambda_2$  (second-smallest eigenvalue of the Laplacian) measures how well-connected a graph is:

Graph	$\lambda_2$	Interpretation
$G_n^\wedge$ (v1.0)	0.586	Weak (computed on 5-node giant component)
$D_n$ (Pow2 Diff)	<b>3.039</b>	Strong intrinsic connectivity
$G_n^\vee$ (v2.0 OR)	332.2	Extremely high (density artifact)

$D_n$ 's algebraic connectivity of 3.039 is notable — it means the graph cannot be easily bisected, confirming robustness from a spectral perspective. The v2.0 value of 332.2 is an artifact of having 624 average connections per node.

### 5.1 Assortativity

Graph	Assortativity	Meaning
$D_n$ (Pow2 Diff)	<b>+0.685</b>	Strongly assortative (similar-degree nodes cluster)
$G_n^\vee$ (v2.0 OR)	+0.051	Essentially random

**Finding 6:**  $D_n$ 's strong assortativity (+0.685 at  $n = 5,090$ , up from +0.615 at  $n = 500$ ) further distinguishes it from random graphs. This is characteristic of lattice-like and geometric networks, and consistent with  $D_n$ 's structure where boundary nodes (lower degree) connect to other boundary nodes.

## 6. Growth Dynamics

### 6.1 How Properties Scale with $n$

$n$	$D_n$ Density	$P_n$ Density	$G_n^\wedge$ Density	$G_n^\vee$ Density	$D_n \sigma$
50	19.4%	24.1%	1.96%	41.5%	—
100	11.6%	21.1%	0.91%	31.8%	—



$n$	$D_n$ Density	$P_n$ Density	$G_n^\wedge$ Density	$G_n^\vee$ Density	$D_n \sigma$
200	6.76%	18.5%	0.39%	24.8%	—
500	3.20%	16.0%	0.13%	19.1%	4.25
<b>5,090</b>	<b>0.45%</b>	<b>11.82%</b>	<b>0.01%</b>	<b>12.26%</b>	<b>19.96</b>

Key observations: -  $D_n$  **density** decreases as  $O(\log n/n)$  — each node has  $\sim 2 \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$  neighbors, so density =  $\Theta(\log n/n)$ . At  $n = 5,090$ : mean degree 22.8, density 0.45%. -  $P_n$  **density** decreases slowly: by the prime number theorem,  $\Pr[i + j \text{ is prime}] \approx \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$ , so density  $\sim \frac{1}{\ln n}$ . -  $G_n^\wedge$  **density** drops to 0.01% at vault scale — utterly shattered. -  $D_n$ 's **small-world sigma scales up** from 4.25 to 19.96, confirming the structure is intrinsic. - All three non-v1.0 graphs remain connected at all tested sizes.

## 6.2 Scaling Implications

At  $n = 5,090$  (real vault),  $D_n$  has density 0.45% with  $\sim 23$  connections per node, diameter 7, and small-world  $\sigma = 19.96$ . This is the **minimal connected navigable graph** — the tightest deterministic wiring that maintains both local clustering and global reachability. The critical percolation threshold graph  $G_n^{19}$  achieves connectivity at 0.10% density with only 12,441 edges, but lacks clustering —  $D_n$  trades a 4.5x increase in edges for genuine small-world structure.

## 7. Honest Assessment of v2.0

### 7.1 What the Original Paper Claimed

The original GrokMirror v2.0 paper claimed the “Strategic OR” validation as a primary result, with diameter 3 and 90% giant component as evidence of mathematical integrity.

### 7.2 What the Data Shows

At  $n = 5,090$ ,  $G_n^\vee$  has: - **1,587,325 edges** at 12.26% density - Average degree **624** (each node connected to 12% of all others) - Diameter 3, fully connected

An Erdős–Rényi random graph at the same density achieves **diameter 2** with 100% connectivity. The v2.0 result is therefore a **density artifact**, not a structural property: - Path length: GM 1.878 vs ER 1.877 (ratio 1.000 — identical) - Clustering: GM 0.015 vs ER 0.123 (ratio 0.125 — v2.0 is **8x worse**) - The prime-sum condition alone creates 96.4% of edges

### 7.3 Reframing the Contribution

The actual contributions of this work are:

1. **The percolation threshold at  $k^* = 19 \approx 1.54 \cdot \log_2 n$**  — the tightest locality constraint under which prime-sum graphs remain connected, with only 12,441 edges.
2.  **$D_n$  as a strong small-world ( $\sigma = 19.96$ )** — a pure number-theoretic construction with 29.3x the clustering of random graphs, strengthening with scale.

3.  $P_n$  is **triangle-free** — a provable structural property with potential applications in bipartite-like mesh design.
4. **The v1.0 refutation** — empirical demonstration that the AND intersection is irrecoverably sparse (0.01% density at vault scale).

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## 8. Reproducibility

### 8.1 Software

All analysis code is available in the `analysis/` directory:

File	Purpose
<code>grokmirror_core.py</code>	Edge predicates, graph construction, all metrics
<code>phase_diagram.py</code>	Phase diagram computation (25+ rule variants)
<code>baselines.py</code>	Erdős-Rényi baseline and advanced analysis
<code>run_all.py</code>	Full pipeline orchestrator ( $n \leq 1000$ )
<code>run_n5090.py</code>	Optimized pipeline for real vault scale
<code>validate_vault.py</code>	Edge-by-edge validation against stored vault mesh
<code>test_grokmirror.py</code>	Test suite (37 tests, all passing)

### 8.2 Environment

Platform: macOS-26.2-arm64 (Mac Mini M4, 10-core, 24GB)  
 Python: 3.9.6  
 networkx: 3.2.1  
 numpy: 2.0.2  
 scipy: 1.13.1

### 8.3 Running

```
# Run tests (37 tests, <1s)
python3 -m pytest test_grokmirror.py -v

# Run quick analysis (n=500, ~20s)
python3 run_all.py --n 500 --full

# Run full vault-scale analysis (n=5090, ~10 min)
python3 -u run_n5090.py

# Validate against stored vault mesh (100% edge match)
python3 validate_vault.py

# Results written to analysis/results_n5090/
```

## 8.4 Data

The original vault mesh audit (`vault_mesh_audit.json`, 37MB) contains the full adjacency list for  $n = 5,090$  under v2.0 rules. Validation confirms 100.00% edge match (1,587,325 edges) between stored data and recomputed graph.

## 8.5 Results Files

File	Contents
<code>phase_diagram_n5090.json</code>	All 31 rule variants with full metrics
<code>baselines_n5090.json</code>	Erdős-Rényi comparisons for 4 primary rules
<code>advanced_n5090.json</code>	Spectral, small-world, robustness analysis
<code>percolation_detail_n5090.json</code>	Fine-grained sweep $k=8..32$
<code>vault_validation.json</code>	Edge-by-edge validation report
<code>master_results_n5090.json</code>	Aggregated master results

## 9. Conclusion

We have mapped the complete connectivity landscape of GrokMirror’s number-theoretic graphs across 31 rule variants at real vault scale ( $n = 5,090$ ). The headline result is not the v2.0 validation (which is trivially dense and structurally indistinguishable from random), but five discoveries:

1. A **sharp percolation threshold** at  $k^* = 19 \approx 1.54 \cdot \log_2 n$ , achieving full connectivity at just 0.10% density — 128x fewer edges than v2.0.
2. The **power-of-2 difference graph**  $D_n$  as a strong small-world network ( $\sigma = 19.96$ ) with 28x the clustering of random graphs.
3.  $D_n$  **is navigable**: greedy routing succeeds 100% of the time with 97.4% of paths BFS-optimal and mean stretch 1.008.
4. The **triangle-free and bipartite structure** of prime-sum graphs  $P_n$ , formally proven via a parity-sum argument.
5. An **asymptotic conjecture** that  $k^* / \log_2 n \in [1.0, 2.0]$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ , with empirical evidence across seven scales.

For sovereign mesh applications, the recommended wiring rule is  $D_n$ : logarithmic diameter, small-world clustering, near-optimal greedy routing, near-uniform degree distribution, and complete robustness under 50% targeted removal — all from a deterministic, coordination-free,  $O(1)$ -computable rule requiring zero global state.

## Appendix A: Proof that $P_n$ is Triangle-Free

**Theorem.** For all  $n \geq 2$ , the prime-sum graph  $P_n$  on vertex set  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  (where  $(i, j)$  is an edge iff  $i + j$  is prime) contains no 3-cycles. Equivalently,  $P_n$  is triangle-free and its girth is  $\geq 4$ .

**Proof.** Assume for contradiction that three distinct vertices  $a, b, c \in V$  with  $a < b < c$  form a triangle. Then  $a + b$ ,  $a + c$ , and  $b + c$  are all prime.

**Lemma (Parity constraint).** Among any three distinct positive integers  $a < b < c$ , at most two of the sums  $a + b$ ,  $a + c$ ,  $b + c$  can be odd.

*Proof of lemma.* Note that  $(a + b) + (a + c) + (b + c) = 2(a + b + c)$ , which is even. Therefore the three sums have an even total, so either zero or two of them are odd.  $\square$

**Case 1: Exactly two sums are odd.** Then exactly one sum is even. The only even prime is 2. So one of  $\{a + b, a + c, b + c\} = 2$ . Since  $a, b, c \geq 1$  and  $a < b < c$ , the smallest possible sum is  $a + b \geq 1 + 2 = 3 > 2$ . Contradiction.

**Case 2: All three sums are even.** Then all three must equal 2 (the only even prime). But  $a + b = 2$  requires  $a = b = 1$ , contradicting  $a < b$ .

Both cases yield contradictions. Therefore no triangle exists in  $P_n$ .  $\square$

**Corollary.**  $P_n$  is bipartite: every edge connects a node with odd index to a node with even index (since  $i + j$  must be odd to be an odd prime  $\geq 3$ , which requires opposite parities). The only edge that could violate bipartiteness would need  $i + j = 2$ , which is impossible for distinct positive integers.

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## Appendix B: Degree Distribution of $D_n$

In  $D_n$ , node  $i$  connects to  $i \pm 2^0, i \pm 2^1, \dots, i \pm 2^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor}$  (where the neighbor is in  $[1, n]$ ). Interior nodes have degree  $2(\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1)$ ; boundary nodes have fewer connections. The degree distribution is therefore approximately uniform at  $2 \log_2 n$ , with a narrow band at the boundaries.

This is confirmed empirically:

$n$	Mean Degree	Degree $\sigma$	CV (%)
500	15.96	1.39	8.7%
5,090	22.78	1.17	5.1%

The coefficient of variation *decreases* with  $n$ , confirming that the degree distribution becomes increasingly uniform at scale.

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