

Exercise Sheet 2: Social and Graph Data Management

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Consider the graph G in the following figure:

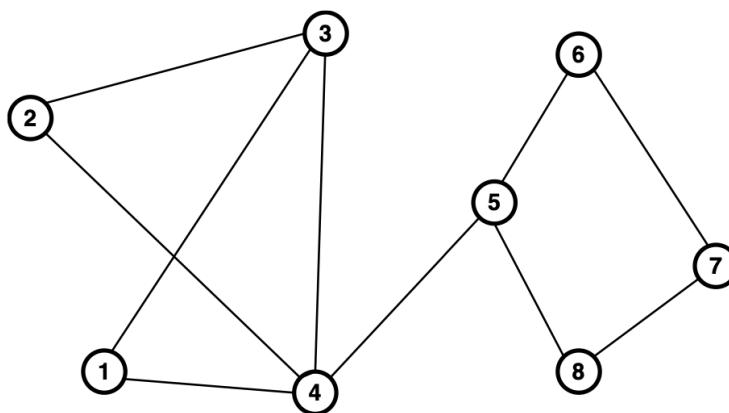


Figure 1: Graph G

- **Question 1:** Represent the graph as an adjacency matrix.
- **Question 2:** Write down the degree distribution of G , and the average degree $\langle k \rangle$.
- **Question 3:** Compute the clustering coefficient of node 4 in G . Explain how it is computed.
- **Question 4:** Compute the diameter d_{max} of G , and show a path of length d_{max} in G .
- **Question 5:** Assume that the graph was computed using a random network model with parameter p . What is the value of p ? Explain how you found it.
- **Question 6:** Compute the Jaccard coefficient score for each of the node pairs $(1, 2)$ and $(3, 6)$.
- **Question 7:** Compute the inverse distance score for each of the node pairs $(1, 2)$ and $(3, 6)$.

1.1 Answers

Let's tackle each question step by step:

- **Question 1:** Represent the graph as an adjacency matrix.

The graph has 8 nodes, and the **adjacency matrix** A is an 8×8 matrix where $A[i][j] = 1$ if there is an edge between nodes i and j , otherwise $A[i][j] = 0$, then :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Question 2:** Write down the **degree distribution of G** , and the **average degree $\langle k \rangle$** .

The **degree distribution** can be extracted by counting how many 1's appear per row in the adjacency matrix A :

$$k_1 = 2; \quad k_2 = 2; \quad k_3 = 3; \quad k_4 = 4; \quad k_5 = 3; \quad k_6 = 2; \quad k_7 = 2; \quad k_8 = 2$$

Therefore, the **degree distribution** of G is:

$$p_0 = 0; \quad p_1 = 0; \quad p_2 = \frac{5}{8}; \quad p_3 = \frac{2}{8} \quad p_4 = \frac{1}{8}$$

Then, the **average degree** is:

$$\langle k \rangle = 0 \times p_0 + 1 \times p_1 + 2 \times p_2 + 3 \times p_3 + 4 \times p_4 = \frac{20}{8}$$

- **Question 3:** Compute the **clustering coefficient** of node 4 in G . Explain how it is computed.

The **clustering coefficient** of a node i is computed as follows:

$$C_i = \frac{2 \cdot e_i}{k_i \cdot (k_i - 1)}$$

Where e_i denotes the number of edges between neighbours of i and k_i is the degree of node i . Therefore, in our situation:

$$C_4 = \frac{2 \cdot e_4}{k_4 \cdot (k_4 - 1)} = \frac{2 \cdot 2}{4 \cdot (4 - 1)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Here, $e_4 = 2$, because the neighbours of node 4 are $\{1, 2, 3, 5\}$ and only 2 edges are connecting any one of them directly (between nodes 2 and 3 and nodes 1 and 3 there is an edge, but between nodes 1, 2, 3 and 5 there).

- **Question 4:** Compute the **diameter d_{max} of G** , and show a path of length d_{max} in G .

The d_{max} is the **longest shortest path** between any two nodes in the graph, therefore the $d_{max} = 4$. One path with such length could be for instance the path that connects node 2 and node 7, which is:

$$2 \xrightarrow{1} 4 \xrightarrow{1} 5 \xrightarrow{1} 6 \xrightarrow{1} 7$$

Another path with maximum distance could be:

$$3 \xrightarrow{1} 4 \xrightarrow{1} 5 \xrightarrow{1} 8 \xrightarrow{1} 7$$

- **Question 5:** Assume that the graph was computed using a **random network** model with parameter p . What is the value of p ? Explain how you found it.

The theory studied during the lectures tells us that the average degree $\langle k \rangle$ in a **random network** with size N nodes, is described as:

$$\langle k \rangle = p \cdot (N - 1) \longleftrightarrow p = \frac{\langle k \rangle}{N - 1} = \frac{\frac{20}{8}}{8 - 1} = \frac{20}{56} = \frac{5}{14}$$

- **Question 6:** Compute the **Jaccard coefficient** score for each of the node pairs (1, 2) and (3, 6).

The **Jaccard coefficient** for two nodes u and v is:

$$J(u, v) = \frac{|N(u) \cap N(v)|}{|N(u) \cup N(v)|}$$

where $N(u)$ and $N(v)$ are the neighbors of u and v , respectively. Therefore, with the given pairs:

1. Pair (1, 2)

- **Neighbors of 1:** {3, 4}
- **Neighbors of 2:** {3, 4}
- **Intersection:** {3, 4} ($|N(1) \cap N(2)| = 2$)
- **Union:** {3, 4} ($|N(1) \cup N(2)| = 2$)

$$J(1, 2) = \frac{2}{2} = 1.0$$

2. Pair (3, 6)

- **Neighbors of 3:** {1, 2, 4}
- **Neighbors of 6:** {5, 7}
- **Intersection:** ($|N(3) \cap N(6)| = 0$)
- **Union:** {1, 2, 4, 5, 7} ($|N(3) \cup N(6)| = 5$)

$$J(3, 6) = \frac{0}{5} = 0.0$$

- **Question 7:** Compute the **inverse distance score** for each of the node pairs (1, 2) and (3, 6).

The **inverse distance score** for two nodes u and v is:

$$S(u, v) = \frac{1}{d(u, v)}$$

where $d(u, v)$ is the shortest path distance between u and v . For pair (1, 2), the shortest path distance $d(1, 2) = 2 \implies S(1, 2) = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$. For pair (3, 6), the shortest path distance $d(3, 6) = 3 \implies S(3, 6) = \frac{1}{3} \approx 0.333$.