

**Homework 6. Due Thursday, Dec. 3**

1. **(5 pts)** Implement the DFS to check experimentally the theoretical result for the Poisson random graph with mean degree  $z = p(n-1)$ .

- The fraction  $S$  of vertices in the giant component is the largest solution of

$$S = 1 - \exp(-zS);$$

- Let  $v$  be a randomly chosen vertex from a non-giant component. The average size of the component to which  $v$  belongs is

$$\langle s \rangle = \frac{1}{1 - z + zS}.$$

Proceed as follows. Program the DFS (from scratch). Set the number of vertices  $n = 1000$ . Define a grid of values of  $z$  ranging between 0 and 4. For each  $z$ , generate  $r = 100$  random graphs  $G(n, p)$  where  $p = z/(n-1)$ . For each graph, use the DFS to find its connected components. Calculate  $\langle s(z) \rangle$  and  $S(z)$ . Make two figures:

- Figure 1: find numerically and plot the theoretical values  $S(z)$  versus  $z$ . Also plot the experimentally found values for  $S(z)$ .
- Figure 2: plot the theoretical value for  $\langle s(z) \rangle = [1 - z + zS(z)]^{-1}$  and the experimentally found values for  $\langle s(z) \rangle$ .

Comment on your findings. Link files with your codes to the pdf file with your report.

2. **(5 pts)** Implement the BFS to obtain estimates for the average length of shortest paths in the Poisson random graph:

$$l \simeq \frac{\log(n)}{\log(z)}. \quad (1)$$

Proceed as follows. Program the BFS (from scratch). Set  $z = 4$  so that almost all vertices belong to the giant component. For  $n = 2^p$ ,  $p = 10, 11, 12, 13$ , generate a random graph  $G(n, p)$ . Randomly select  $r = 100$  vertices, and use each of them as a seed for the BFS. Average the found path lengths and find  $l(n)$ . Plot the found  $l(n)$  versus  $n$  as well as the theoretical estimate (1). Comment on your observations. Link files with your codes to the pdf file with your report.

3. **(5 pts)** Read Sections II.A, II.C, and II.D in [Newman, Strogatz, Watts, Random graphs with arbitrary degree distributions and their applications, Phys. Rev. E, 64, 026118](#). Consider a random graph with a prescribed degree distribution  $p_k$ . Let  $v$  be a randomly chosen vertex from a non-giant component. Write a book report with a detailed derivation of the formula for the average size of the component to which  $v$  belongs to:

$$\langle s \rangle = 1 + \frac{zu^2}{[1 - S][1 - G'_1(u)]}. \quad (2)$$