

Ring : $k=4$ neighbours.

$$P(k) = \delta(k-4)$$

Now, Choose a random node, i .

In the first hop ($l=1$) it has 4 nodes

In the second hop ($l=2$) it has connected to next 4 nodes. Let's assume there is l_{\max} hops (highest distance)

$$\text{So, } 1 + \sum_{l=1}^{l_{\max}} 4 \approx N \quad (\text{why approx.}) \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 4l_{\max} = N$$

$$l_{\max} \approx \frac{N}{4} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

For one particular node. (Sum of all distances for $N \rightarrow \infty$)

$$4 \left(1 + 2 + \dots + \frac{N}{4} \right) = 4 \times \frac{\frac{N}{4} \left(\frac{N}{4} + 1 \right)}{2}$$

$$\therefore \langle l \rangle = \frac{N}{2} \times \frac{4 \times \frac{N}{4} \left(\frac{N}{4} + 1 \right)}{2 \times \frac{N(N-1)}{2}} = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{N(N-1)}{N(N-1)} \times \frac{N}{2}$$

$$\approx \frac{N}{2 \times 4}$$

Turn N into $N-1$ for double counts (see pages 2 to 4)

~~For~~ For a ring (degree 2)

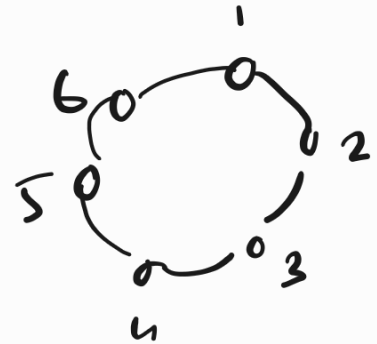
For a chosen node 1

To node 2 : dist 1

To node 3 : 2

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$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{To node } \frac{N}{2} + 1 : & \frac{N}{2} \\ \text{To node } \frac{N+1}{2} : & \frac{N-1}{2} \end{array} \right.$ if N is even
if N is odd



The distance then decrease due to the periodic boundary condition.

For example, the distance to node N is 1

Calculate the sum of distances from a single node:

if N is even

For 4th move
(it will not
be multiplied
by 2)

$$2 \times \left(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + \frac{N}{2} - 1 \right) + \frac{N}{2}$$

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1-2 1-3
or or
1-6 1-5
(Fig 1)

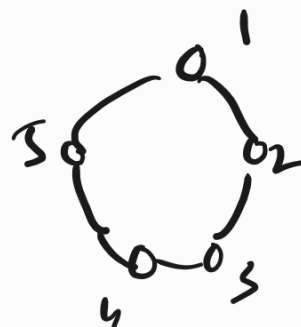
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1 to 4

$$= 2 \times \frac{\left(\frac{N}{2} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{N}{2} - 1 + 1 \right)}{2} + \frac{N}{2}$$

$$= \frac{N(N-2)}{2} + \frac{N}{2}$$

$$= \frac{N^2 - 2N + 2N}{4} = \frac{N^2}{4}$$

If N is odd



$$2 \times \left(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + \frac{N-1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2 \times \left(\frac{N-1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{N-1}{2} + 1 \right)}{2} = \frac{(N-1)(N+1)}{4} = \frac{N-1}{4}$$

Calculate the total sum of all shortest paths

Therefore, the total sum of shortest paths is N times the sum for a single node. However, each path is counted twice (once for i to j and once for j to i), so the sum must be divided by 2:

if N is even:
$$\frac{N\left(\frac{N^2}{4}\right)}{2} = \frac{N^3}{8}$$

if N is odd:
$$\frac{N\left(\frac{N^2-1}{4}\right)}{2} = \frac{N(N^2-1)}{8}$$

Therefore the avg. path length

For even:
$$\frac{\frac{N^3}{8}}{N^2} = \frac{N^3 \times 2}{8 \times N(N-1)} \approx \frac{N^2}{4(N-1)} \sim \frac{N}{4}$$

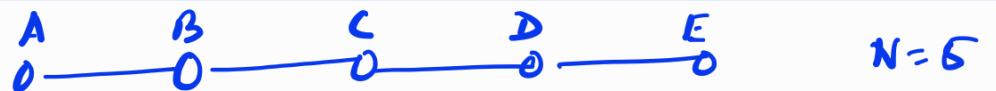
Per odd $\frac{N(N^2-1) \times 2}{8 \times N(N-1)} = \frac{N+1}{4}$

$\sim \frac{N}{4}$

What about degree: k

$$\langle l \rangle \approx \frac{N}{2k}$$

Avg. pathlength of chain



Pathlength of 1: AB / BC / CD / D-E

$L_1: N-1$

Pathlength of 2: \overline{AC} / \overline{BD} / \overline{CE}

$L_2: N-2$

Path length of 3: $\bar{A}D / \bar{B}E$

$$L_3: N-3$$

Path length of 4: $L_4 = N-4$

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Thus avg. path length:

$$\langle L \rangle = \frac{1 \times (N-1) + 2(N-2) + 3(N-3) + \dots + (N-1) \times (N-(N-1))}{N C_2}$$

$$\langle L \rangle = \frac{N(1+2+\dots+N-1) - (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 \dots + (N-1)^2)}{N C_2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N C_2} \left[\frac{N \times N(N-1)}{2} - \frac{(N-1)N(2N-1)}{6} \right]$$

$$\langle L \rangle = \frac{2 \frac{N(N-1)}{2}}{N(N-1)} \left[N - \frac{2N-1}{3} \right]$$

$$\langle L \rangle = \frac{3N - 2N + 1}{3} = \frac{N+1}{3} \approx \frac{N}{3}$$