

Social Networks & Recommendation Systems

IV. Network metrics.

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Warning!

Exercises 1-8 in total are worth 1P for the project.

P4.1 Collect obtained scripts for power distribution analysis in one file. We will use them again and again. [1P]

Nearest neighbors degree in practice

- P4.2 Prove that for uncorrelated network $\langle k \rangle_{nn}(k_i) = \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{\langle k \rangle}$. [1P]
- P4.3 Determine the dependence of the average degree of the nearest neighbor on the degree of the vertex for selected real or artificial networks. [1P]
- P4.4 Check how random edge switching affects the result of the previous task. [1P]

Correlation coefficient in practice

P4.5 Make the derivation omitted on the lecture slide. [1P]

P4.6 Find the correlation coefficient for the network from task P4.3-P4.4 (before and after edge switching). [1P]

What real networks are?

Let's check!

Network's name	$\leftrightarrow?$	N	E	$\langle k \rangle$	α	ℓ	r
...

P4.7 Let's fill the above table with metrics of selected real networks, use the built-in functions for counting the parameters. Compare the results with the literature. [2.5P]

Erdős Number Project
oakland.edu/enp/

P4.8 Analyse the data on the ENP website. Draw histograms of the Erdős number for the Nobel prize and the Fields medal laureates. [1P]

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Oracle of Bacon

`oracleofbacon.org`

P4.9 Check the Bacon number of selected actors. Draw a histogram of Bacon number among Oscar winners. Who will find the actor with the highest Bacon number? [1P]

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