

1 Design of the solution

I have generated a random graph ($graph = nx.erdos_renyi_graph(N, P)$) using *networkx* library, where $N = \text{number of nodes}$, $P = \text{probability}$, which means each edge is included in the graph with probability P independent from every other edge. From the graph, I have generated the variable, domain and constraint list. Domains are randomly selected with a fixed length domain size and I have used 10 constraints which are assigned randomly to every node as I described my earlier problem description assignment. I have used this graph for all the arc-consistency algorithms and the comparisons and findings are described in the following sections.

2 Comparisons

I have compared all these four algorithms (AC-1, AC-2, AC-3, and AC-4) based on *total number of nodes vs run time* and *probability of edges vs run time*. For both cases, I have changed the domain size from 5 to 85, increased by 20. I have calculated the average run time for each domain size. I have taken an average of 200 iterations for both cases to calculate the average run time. For comparing the *total number of nodes vs run time*, I have changed the value of the total number of nodes from 5 to 95, increased by 10. I have fixed the probability of edge to 0.5 for this case. For the second case, *probability of edges vs run time*, I have changed the value of the probability of edge from 0.1 to 0.9, increased by 0.1. I have fixed the number of total nodes to 20 for this case. The graphs are shown below:

- *Total number of nodes vs Run time:*

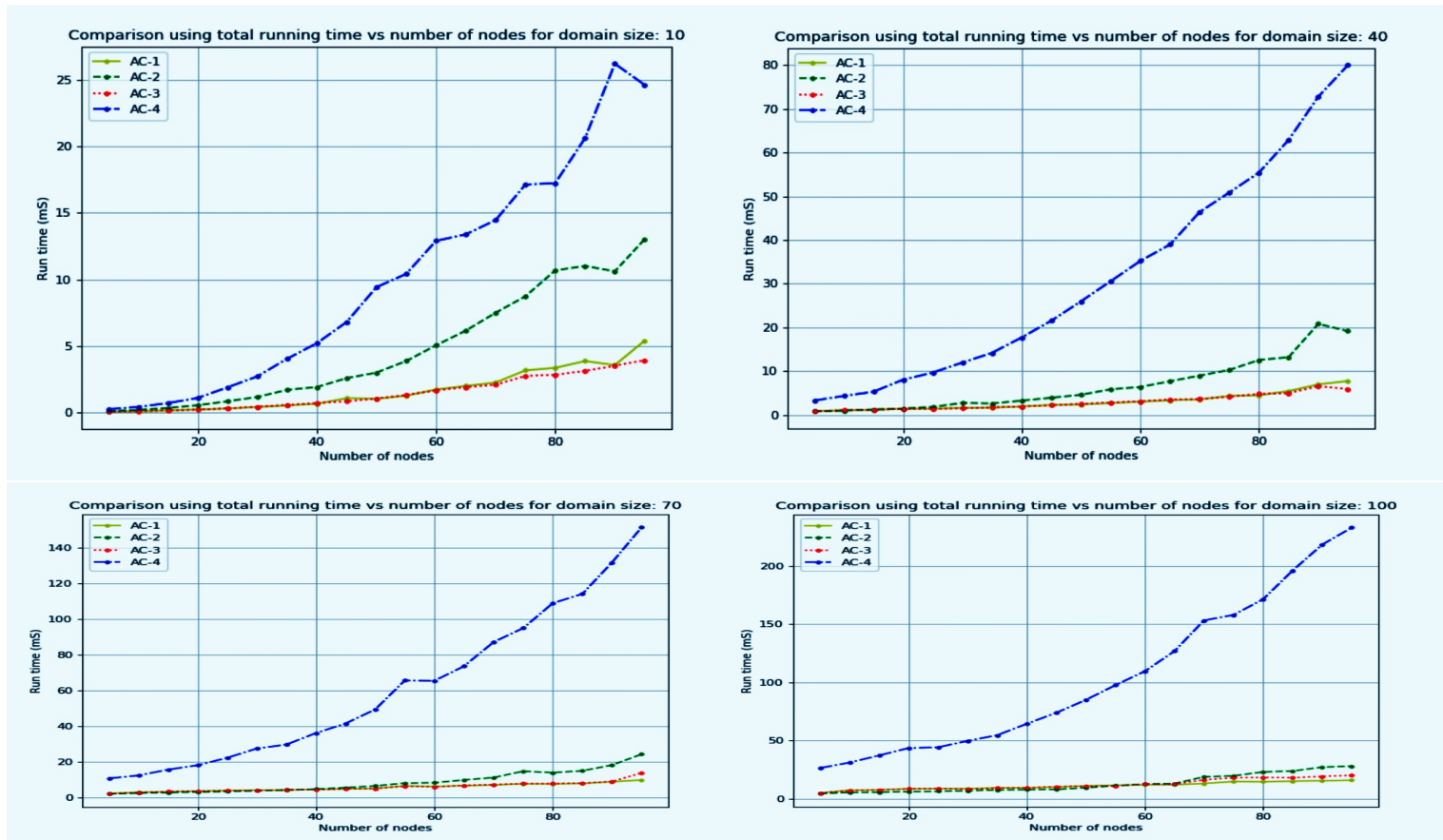


Figure 1: Total number of nodes vs Run-time for domain size 5, 25, 65, 85

- *Probability of edges vs Run time:*

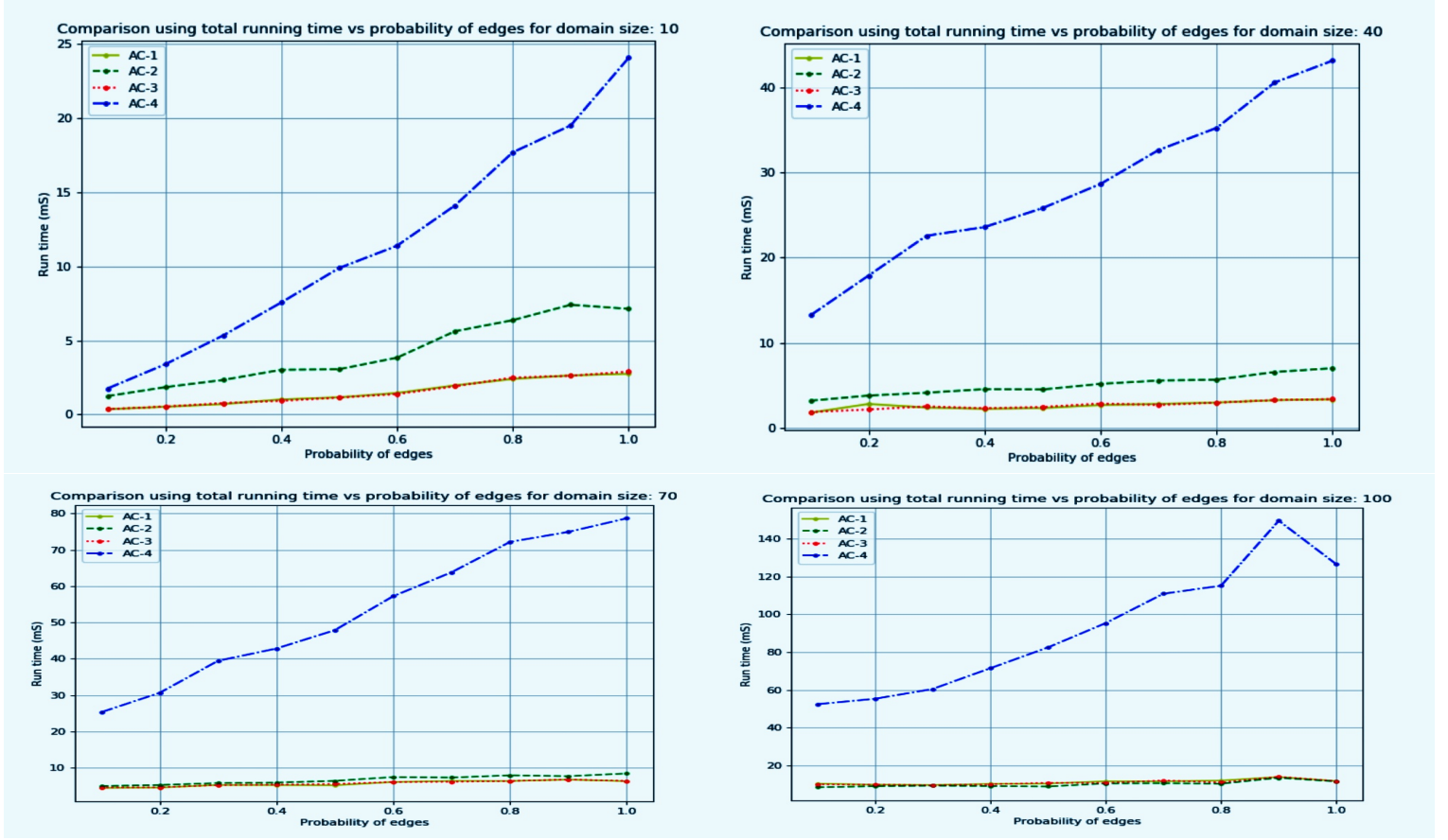


Figure 2: Probability of edges vs Run-time for domain size 5, 45, 65, 85

3 Findings

From the relative comparisons, it is clear that the performance of these four algorithms depends highly on *domain size* as well as *constraints selected*, *number of nodes*, *edges*, and other factors. From Figure 1, we can conclude that, for small domain size, performances are close to one another. Both **AC-1** and **AC-3** performs well in that case. But for larger domain size, **AC-2** performs best and **AC-4** worst. Running time increases dramatically for **AC-4** when we use larger domain size.

In Figure 2, conditions are very similar to that of Figure 1. Running time of **AC-4** increases dramatically and **AC-2** performs best for larger domains. The performance of **AC-1** and **AC-3** are very similar in this case. From these findings, we can conclude that **AC-2** is the best performer in my case. Although **AC-4** has the best run time (ek^2) in the worst case scenario, in the best case, **AC-1** and **AC-3** outperform **AC-4**.