

res\_external

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[3]: load('fractal_functions.sage')
%display latex
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## 1 Compute the Resistance Across Boundary Vertices of $H_n$

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[24]: def compute_single_resistance(graph, v1, v2):
    """
    Computes the effective resistance between two specific vertices v1 and v2
    efficiently using a conjugate gradient solver.

    Args:
        graph: A SageMath graph with edge labels as conductances.
        v1, v2: The labels of the two vertices.

    Returns:scipy.sparse
        float: The effective resistance  $R(v1, v2)$ .
    """
    N = graph.order()
    vertices = list(graph.vertices())
    v_map = {vertex: i for i, vertex in enumerate(vertices)}

    if v1 not in v_map or v2 not in v_map:
        raise ValueError("One or both vertices not in the graph.")

    i1, i2 = v_map[v1], v_map[v2]

    # --- Step 1: Build the sparse Laplacian Matrix ---
    # Using a sparse matrix is crucial for performance with large graphs.
    # LIL (List of Lists) format is efficient for construction.
    L = lil_matrix((N, N), dtype=float)

    for u, v, conductance in graph.edges(labels=True):
        if conductance is None or conductance <= 1e-9:
            continue

        i, j = v_map[u], v_map[v]
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if i != j:
    L[i, j] = -conductance
    L[j, i] = -conductance
    L[i, i] += conductance
    L[j, j] += conductance
else:
    L[i, i] += conductance

# Convert to CSR (Compressed Sparse Row) format for fast arithmetic
L_csr = L.tocsr()

# --- Step 2: Set up and solve the linear system ---

# Create the current injection vector b
b = np.zeros(N)
b[i1] = 1.0
b[i2] = -1.0

# Pin the last node (remove its row and column)
pinned_idx = N - 1 # pinning the last vertex
mask = np.arange(N) != pinned_idx

L_reduced = L_csr[mask][:, mask]
b_reduced = b[mask]

# Solve the reduced system
f_reduced = spsolve(L_reduced, b_reduced)

# Reconstruct full potential vector (insert pinned node voltage=0)
f_full = np.zeros(N)
f_full[mask] = f_reduced
f_full[pinned_idx] = 0.0 # pinned node voltage

# --- Step 3: The resistance is the voltage difference ---
resistance = f_full[i1] - f_full[i2]

return resistance

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# --- EXAMPLE USAGE ---
st1 = time.time()
n = 7

# 1. Create the graph
st2 = time.time()
my_large_graph = weighted_tails_d(n)
en1 = time.time()

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print(f'Time to make the graph: {en1 - st1}')
# 2. Choose two vertices to compute the resistance between.
v_a = 'b0'
v_b = 'b1'

# 3. Compute the single resistance value
R_ab = compute_single_resistance(my_large_graph, v_a, v_b)

print(f"\ncomputed resistance for H_{n}:")
print(f"R({v_a}, {v_b}) = {R_ab:.6f}")
en2 = time.time()
print(f"full time: {en2 - st1}")
print(f"System Solve time: {(en2 - st1) - (en1 - st1)}")

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Time to make the graph: 0.38072633743286133

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computed resistance for H_7:
R(b0, b1) = 1.000000
full time: 0.5402765274047852
System Solve time: 0.15955018997192383

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b_res = []
v_a = 'b0'
v_b = 'b1'
v_c = 'ext_1'
v_d = 'ext_2'

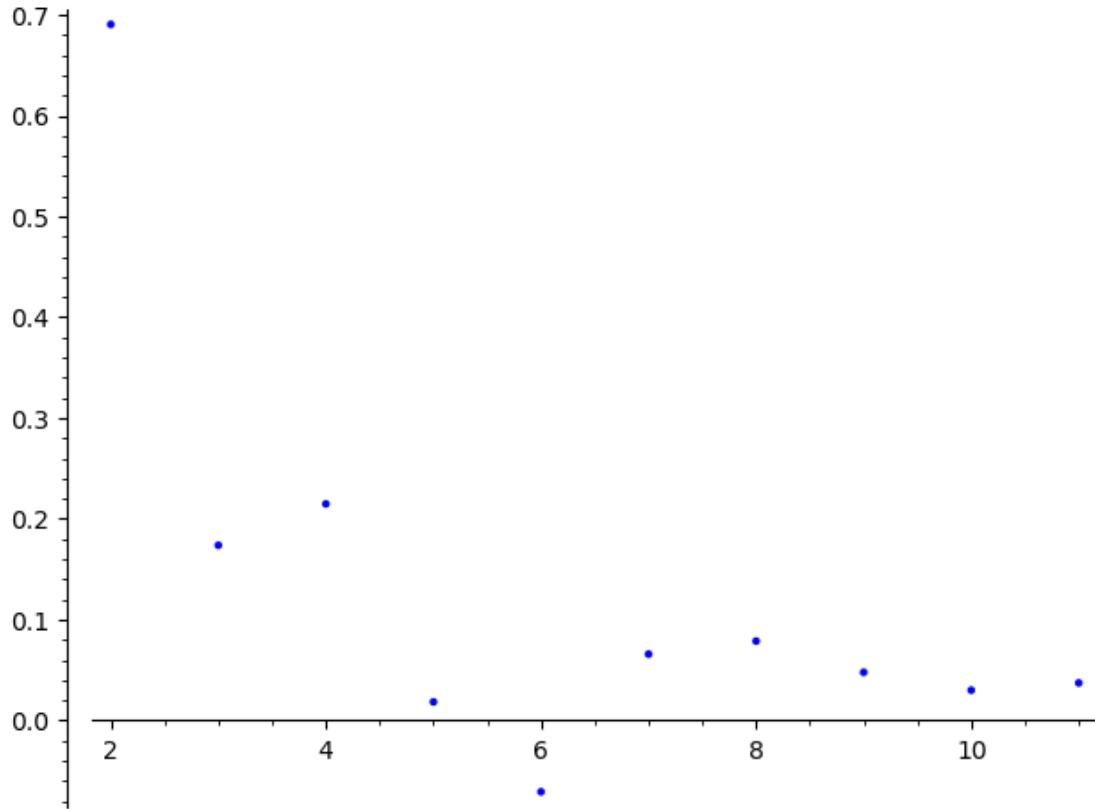
for n in range(2,12):
    g = weighted_tails_r(n)
    R_ab = compute_single_resistance(g, v_a, v_b)
    b_res.append(1 - R_ab)

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list_plot([(i+2, b_res[i]) for i in range(len(b_res))])
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## 2 Variance of $R_n$ (With Bootstrapping)

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[85]: # define number of initial samples
n_samples = 100 # good for up to n=7?

# define the largest graph level to sample from
n = 7

# create the graph outside the loop, initialize resistance list
g = H_tails(n); lambda_n = ll_vals[n-1]

res_list = []

# choose boundary points
v_a = 'b0'
v_b = 'b1'

for i in range(n_samples):
    # weight the graph
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# 2. Assign a random population to each vertex (representing a cell in the
# pre-amalgamated SG).
#     We add 1 to the Poisson result to ensure the population is always >= 1.
cell_populations = {v: pois(lambda_n) + 1 for v in g.vertices()}

d1 = [v for v in g.vertices() if g.degree(v) == 1]

# 3. Iterate through edges and assign weights based on endpoint populations.
for u, v, _ in g.edges():
    # Look up the pre-assigned populations
    pop_u = cell_populations[u]
    pop_v = cell_populations[v]

    # Calculate resistance
    r_uv = 1 / (pop_u * pop_v)

    if u in d1 or v in d1:
        r_uv /= 2

    g.set_edge_label(u, v, 1/r_uv)

# compute the single resistance value, append to list
R_ab = compute_single_resistance(g, v_a, v_b)

res_list.append(R_ab)

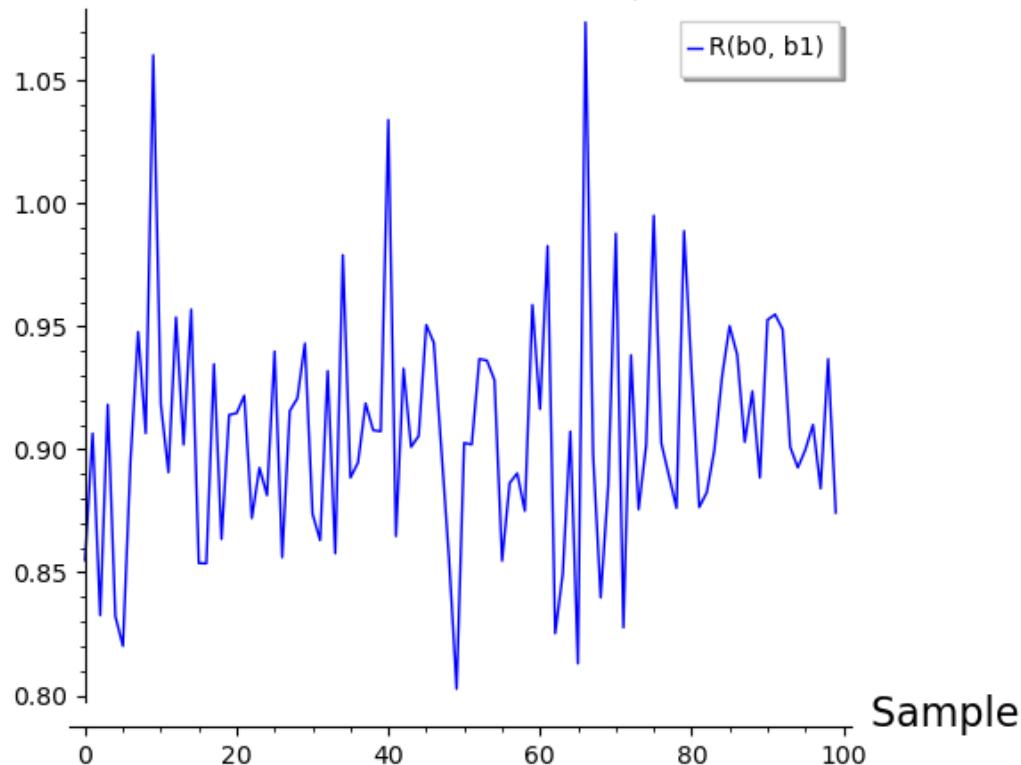
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[86]: list_plot(res_list, plotjoined=True,
               title=f"R({v_a}, {v_b}) for n={n} with {n_samples} samples",
               legend_label=f"R({v_a}, {v_b})",
               axes_labels=["Sample Index", "Resistance Value"])
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## Resistance Value

$R(b_0, b_1)$  for  $n=7$  with 100 samples



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[87]: res_arr = np.array(res_list)
# use scipy.stats.bootstrap to compute the confidence interval for the variance
# of the resistance at level n
from scipy.stats import bootstrap
boot = bootstrap((res_arr,), np.var, confidence_level=0.95)
ci = boot.confidence_interval()
print(f"95% CI for variance of R({v_a}, {v_b}) at n={n}: ({ci[0]}, {ci[1]})")
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95% CI for variance of  $R(b_0, b_1)$  at  $n=7$ : (0.0016394468068399084, 0.0034461216038283514)

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[84]: len(boot.bootstrap_distribution)
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