

Calculation

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We calculate what the covariance matrix looks like after a single partition/local complementation operation. We assume that the partition is sampled according to the stochastic block model. So the graph is partitioned into subgraphs V_1 and V_2 and an edge between two vertices in V_i exists with probability p , while an edge between a vertex in V_1 and a vertex in V_2 exists with probability q . We assume $|V_1| = |V_2|$.

1.1 Edge Exists

First calculate $P(\text{edge } e \text{ exists after partition/complement operation})$. Let e connect vertices i and j . This equals

$$\begin{aligned} & P(e \text{ exists after complementing} | (i \text{ and } j \in V_1)) \cdot P(i \text{ and } j \in V_1) \\ & + P(e \text{ exists after complementing} | (i \text{ and } j \in V_2)) \cdot P(i \text{ and } j \in V_2) \\ & + P(e \text{ exists after complementing} | (i \in V_1, j \in V_2)) \cdot P(i \in V_1, j \in V_2) \\ & + P(e \text{ exists after complementing} | (i \in V_2, j \in V_1)) \cdot P(i \in V_2, j \in V_1). \end{aligned}$$

When vertices i and j are in the same partition after a complement, the probability the edge exists after the complement is $1-p$. Complements don't affect edges which go across partitions, so the probability of that edge existing after the complement is still q . So the above equals

$$\begin{aligned} & (1-p) \cdot \frac{1}{4} + (1-p) \cdot \frac{1}{4} + q \cdot \frac{1}{4} + q \cdot \frac{1}{4} \\ & = \frac{1-p+q}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

1.2 Variance

Let X_{e_i} denote the random variable where $X_{e_i} = 1$ if the edge e_i exists and 0 otherwise. So the covariance matrix we want to calculate looks like

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(X_{e_1}) & \text{Cov}(X_{e_1}, X_{e_{n_2}}) \\ \text{Cov}(X_{e_2}, X_{e_1}) & \text{Var}(X_{e_2}) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(X_{e_{n_2}}, X_{e_1}) & \text{Var}(X_{e_{n_2}}) \end{bmatrix}$$

We first calculate the diagonal elements (i.e. the variances). By definition, $\text{Var}(X_{e_i}) = E(X_{e_i}^2) - E(X_{e_i})^2$. $E(X_{e_i})$ is just the probability that the edge e_i exists, which we already calculated.

Consider the random variable $Y_{e_i} = X_{e_i}^2$. Then Y_{e_i} is 1 when the edge e_i exists after the complement and zero otherwise. That is, it has the exact same distribution as X_{e_i} . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X_{e_i}) &= E(Y_i) - E(X_{e_i})^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1-p+q}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{(1-p+q)^2}{4} \right). \end{aligned}$$

1.3 Covariance

We calculate $Cov(X_{e_i}, X_{e_j})$. By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(X_{e_i}, X_{e_j}) &= E(X_{e_i} - \mu_{X_{e_i}})(X_{e_j} - \mu_{X_{e_j}}) \\ &= E(X_{e_i}X_{e_j} - X_{e_i}\mu_{X_{e_j}} - X_{e_j}\mu_{X_{e_i}} + \mu_{X_{e_i}}\mu_{X_{e_j}}). \end{aligned}$$

We just need to calculate the product term. Then we can use the linearity to get the whole thing. See that $X_{e_i}X_{e_j}$ is the random variable which takes the value 1 if both edges e_i and e_j exist after complementing and zero otherwise. So $E(X_{e_i}X_{e_j}) = P(X_{e_i} = 1 \text{ and } X_{e_j} = 1)$. Let e_i connect vertices i, j and e_j connect vertices (i', j') . This is

$$\begin{aligned} &P(X_{e_i=1} \wedge X_{e_j=1} | (i, j), (i', j') \in V_1) \cdot P((i, j), (i', j') \in V_1) \\ &+ P(X_{e_i=1} \wedge X_{e_j=1} | (i, j), (i', j') \in V_2) \cdot P((i, j), (i', j') \in V_2) \\ &+ P(X_{e_i=1} \wedge X_{e_j=1} | (i, j) \in V_1, (i', j') \in V_2) \cdot P((i, j) \in V_1, (i', j') \in V_2) \\ &+ P(X_{e_i=1} \wedge X_{e_j=1} | (i, j) \in V_2, (i', j') \in V_1) \cdot P((i, j) \in V_2, (i', j') \in V_1). \\ &= (1-p)^2 \cdot 1/4 + (1-p)^2 \cdot 1/4 + (1-p)q \cdot 1/4 + (1-p)q \cdot 1/4 \\ &= \frac{(1-p)((1-p)+q)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

So the covariance is equal to $\frac{(1-p)((1-p)+q)}{2}$ plus the (expectation of) the other terms. These values and the variance values give us all entries in the covariance matrix after a single partition/complementing operation.