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Lecture: Complex Network Analysis

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Assignment 1
Graph Theory and Networks in Python

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1 Problem 3-2 Parametrized Random Networks

1. Determine the average degree. We use the equation $\langle k \rangle = p(N - 1)$:

- $a = 0.5, z = 1$

$$\langle k \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0.5}{N}(N - 1) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 0.5 - \frac{0.5}{N} = 0.5 \quad (1)$$

$\langle k \rangle = 0.5$ and $\langle k \rangle < 1$, which means there is **no GC**.

- $a = 2, z = 1$

$$\langle k \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{N}(N - 1) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 2 - \frac{2}{N} = 2 \quad (2)$$

$\langle k \rangle = 2$ and $\langle k \rangle > 1$, which means there is a **GC**.

- $a > 0, z = 2$

$$\langle k \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{N^2}(N - 1) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{N} - \frac{a}{N^2} = 0 \quad (3)$$

$\langle k \rangle = 0$ and $\langle k \rangle < 1$, which means there is **no GC**.

- $a > 0, z = 0.5$

$$\langle k \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{\sqrt{N}}(N - 1) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} a\sqrt{N} - \frac{a}{\sqrt{N}} = \infty \quad (4)$$

$\langle k \rangle = \infty$ and $\langle k \rangle > 1$, which means there is a **GC**.

2. Determine the average degree. Again with $\langle k \rangle = p(N - 1)$:

$$\langle k \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{N^z}(N - 1) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} aN^{1-z} - \frac{a}{N^z} \quad (5)$$

This means:

$$\langle k \rangle = \begin{cases} \infty, & \text{if } z < 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } z \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

3. Determine the conditions on a and z for which these random networks are critical, again in the limit $N \rightarrow \infty$.

Networks are critical, if $\langle k \rangle = 1$

We have this equation from the previous subtask:

$$\langle k \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} aN^{1-z} - \frac{a}{N^z} \quad (6)$$

Since here $1 - z$ must be 0 and aN^0 must be 1, the conditions are: z must be 1 and a must be 1.