

Introduction: Biology and transport problems

1. Ecological networks

- Describe from previous work (suggestions for papers?)
- food web (Is a food web optimal?)(Sun \rightarrow Grass \rightarrow Herbivore \rightarrow Carnivore \rightarrow Bacteria(?))
- Interested in statistical properties
- Decide how the 'p' level is done—keep constant
- Need to add more nodes (possibly adjust p,c) in this food web case to handle the complexity of interactions between different types of individuals
- Concern/Difficulty: Connecting to empirical data
- Check for connection weights

2. Network Optimization

- Empirical study of networks
- information transport ($c \rightarrow 0$ (?)) (see email from 12/21)
- Relation to evolution

3. Transport problems

Description of the model

1. Discrete network model

- Pump
 - Other nodes
 - Connectivity rules
 - Consumption of energy
 - Cost of transport proportional to amount of transport
- ### 2. Determining energy at each node
- Given an energy that the pump receives, we can know the energy received by all other cells.
 - Simple examples (figure 1)
 - Critical energy - Knowing a point when a certain number of cells die, find the energy at the pump

3. Special Networks

- Line
- Star
- Importance of these motifs
- Simple generalizations
 - Fork
 - Stellar flare (re-name)
- Provide explicit formula of first critical energy
- Node to die is independent of c and p
- only one path back to the pump

Recursive Formula

- 0. Motivation
 - a. Where to start?
 - b. Which node dies first? second, etc.
 - c. More paths back to the pump as the network grows
 - d. How do we handle loops (i.e. when there is no explicit formula)?
- 1. The formula itself
 - a. The special topologies don't span the space of allowable topologies
 - i. Topologies may depend on c and p (figure)
 - ii. What happens when a node dies in general?
 - iii. How many nodes die at a given event?
- iv. The formula
- v. Example of a simple topology with non-trivial death events (figure)
- vi. Example of dependence on p even within a single topology
- b. Calculate critical energy for everyone, the maximum is the 1st critical energy (2nd largest – >2nd critical energy, 3rd, etc.)
- 2. (Aside/Example: Finding the stoichiometric coefficient of a chemical reaction)
- 3. Anything else goes into Supplementary Material

Example of competing topologies

- 0. Find best E_k .
 - a. How to minimize a specific E_k that we are more interested in
 - b. Which of the possible topologies is the best for a given beta (environmental energy distribution)?
- 1. Analytically find when p values cross
- 2. Not reasonable to do this for large numbers of topologies
- 3.

Colormap and Data Analysis (random and builder)

- 1. Cross-section
 - a. p
 - b. E
- 2. Mean and Standard Deviation
- 3. Low/Upper edge
- 4. Derivatives
- 5. Compare random and builder (Description of each in supplementary material)

Conclusions and Future Work

- 0. Connections to biological evolution
 - 1. Analysis of E_1 , E_2 , and E_3 in real vs. optimal networks
 - 2. Comparing result with Diffusion (flux?)