

## Number of neurons in *i*-th class

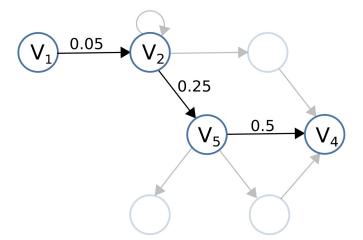
i	$ V_i $	$  ilde{V}_{_i} $	
1	1000	10	
2	250	2.5	
3	100	1	
4	500	5	
5	300	3	
6	400	4	
7	150	1.5	

Block connection prob.  $p_{ij}$ 

0	0.05	0	0	0	0	0
0	0.1	0.3	0	0.25	0	0
0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0.5	0	0.2	0.4
0	0	0	0.15	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$$\mathsf{Cost} \ c_{ij} := \frac{1}{p_{ij}|\widetilde{V}_i||\widetilde{V}_j|}$$

0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1.33	0	0.53	0	0
0	0	0	2	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0.13	0	0.42	0.56
0	0	0	0.33	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Path:

$$\mathcal{P} = \{V_1, V_2, V_5, V_4\}$$

Path length:

$$\ell(\mathcal{P}) = c_{12} + c_{25} + c_{54}$$
$$= 0.8 + 0.53 + 0.42$$
$$= 1.75$$

Figure S1: A simple example illustrating how the path length of a random walk is calculated, using a mock circuit with seven classes (blocks). The number of neurons in each class  $|V_i|$ , and directional edge weights between classes  $p_{ij}$  are assumed to be known — which are used to calculate the cost  $c_{ij}$  of each random step in the walk. The path length for the random walk  $V_1 \rightarrow V_2 \rightarrow V_5 \rightarrow V_4$  is then obtained by summing the costs along the traversed path.