First Order Logic of Sparse Random Hyper-Graphs

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The first order language of graphs.

- Variables x_1, \ldots, x_n, \ldots
- Connectives ∧, ∨, equality symbol =, and negation symbol \neg .
- Quantifiers ∀, ∃.
- A binary relation symbol R

- Vertices.
- "And", "or", "equals", "not".
- "For all", "there exists".
- Edges $x \sim y$.

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \ R(x_1, x_2) \implies \exists x_3 (\neg (x_3 = x_1) \land \neg (x_3 = x_2) \land R(x_1, x_3))$$

The binomial model

The binomial model of random graphs G(n, p) is a discrete probability space where we assign to each graph G = ([n], E) the probability

$$\Pr(G) = p^{|E|} \cdot (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2}-|E|}.$$

Lynch's theorem

Theorem (Lynch, 1992)

Let φ be a sentence in the F.O. language of graphs. Then the map $F_{\omega}:[0,\infty)\to\mathbb{R}$ given by

$$F_{\varphi}(\beta) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \Pr(G(n, \beta/n) \models \varphi)$$

is well defined and admits an analytic extension to \mathbb{C} .

Overview of the proof

Some properties of $G(n, \beta/n)$:

- The number of cycles of length 3, 4..., r are asymptotically distributed like independent Poisson variables.
- Small cycles are a.a.s far away.
- Fixed vertices are a.a.s far away.
- The ball of a given radius centered in fixed vertex is a.a.s a tree. Any tree occurs with a positive probability.

Overview of the proof

For each fixed quantifier rank k:

- (1) It is given a finite classification of "small" uni-cycles.
- (2) It is shown that the rank k type of random graph G in $G(n, \beta/n)$ a.a.s depends exclusively on the number of "small" uni-cycles belonging to each class.
- (3) The asymptotic distribution of those quantities is obtained.

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Edge sets

Definition

Fix

- natural numbers $n, a \in \mathbb{N}$, with $a \geq 2$
- a subgroup of the symmetric group $\Phi < S_a$
- and a subset of pairs $A \subset ([a] \times [a]) \setminus \Delta_a$.

The **total edge set** $\mathcal{H}_{(a,\Phi,A)}(n)$ of size a, symmetry group Φ and restrictions A. on n elements is the set

$$\mathcal{H}_{(a,\Phi,A)}(n) = ([n]^a/\Phi) \setminus R,$$

where

$$R = \{ [x_1, \dots, x_a] \in [n]^a / \Phi \mid x_i = x_i \text{ for some } (i, j) \in A \}$$

Graphs

Definition

An (hyper)-graph ($[n], H_1, \ldots, H_c$) with edge colors $1, \ldots, c$, sizes a_1, \ldots, a_c , symmetry groups Φ_1, \ldots, Φ_c and restrictions A_1, \ldots, A_c consists of

- The vertex set [n] for some natural number n.
- For $i=1,\ldots,c$, a "colored" edge set $H_i\subseteq\mathcal{H}_{(a_i,\Phi_i,A_i)}(n)$ whose elements have color i.

The first order language

Consider the first order purely relational language \mathcal{L} whose signature consists of the relation symbols R_1, \ldots, R_c with arities a_1, \ldots, a_c .

A graph $G = ([n], H_1, \dots, H_c)$ is a \mathcal{L} -structure in the following way:

- The universe of G is its vertex set, [n].
- For each 1 < *i* < *c*,

$$(x_1,\ldots,x_{a_i})\in R_i^{\mathcal{G}}\iff [x_1,\ldots,x_{a_i}]\in H_i.$$

The first order language

By definition, a graph $G = ([n], H_1, \dots, H_n)$ satisfies, for each $1 \le i \le c$:

Symmetry formulas:

$$S_g := (R_i(x_1 \ldots, x_{a_i}) \iff R_i(x_{g(1)} \ldots, x_{g(a_i)})),$$

where g is an element from Φ_i .

Anti-reflexivity formulas:

$$A_{i,(j,l)} := (R_i(x_1 \ldots, x_{a_i}) \implies \neg(x_j = x_l)),$$

where $(i, I) \in A_i$.

The random model

The random model $HG(n, p_1, \ldots, p_c)$ is a discrete probability space where for each graph $G = ([n], H_1, \dots, H_c)$,

$$\Pr(G) = \prod_{i=1}^{c} p_i^{|H_i|} \cdot (1 - p_i)^{|\mathcal{H}_{(a_i, \Phi_i, A_i)}(n)| - |H_i|}.$$

We consider the case where for each $1 \le i \le c$, $p_i(n) = \beta_i/n^{a_i-1}$.

Let
$$\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_c) \in [0, \infty)^c$$
. We abbreviate

$$HG(n, p(n, \beta)) := HG(n, \beta_1/n^{a_1-1}, \dots, \beta_c/n^{a_c-1}).$$

The theorem

We want to prove the following

Theorem

Let φ be a first order sentence in \mathcal{L} . Then the map $F:[0,\infty)^c\to\mathbb{R}$ given by

$$F(\beta_1,\ldots,\beta_c) = \lim_{n\to\infty} Pr(HG(n,p(n,\beta)) \models \varphi)$$

is well defined and admits an analytic extension to \mathbb{C}^c .

Distance and paths

Given any graph G, we define the following distance over its vertex-set:

$$d(x,y) = \min_{\substack{H \leq G \\ H \text{ connected} \\ x,y \in V(H)}} \big(|V(H)| - 1\big), \text{ or } \infty \text{ if } x,y \text{ are not connected}.$$

Definition

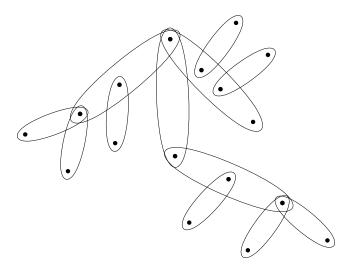
A path between two vertices x, y in a graph G is a connected subgraph H < G containing both x, y whose number of vertices is minimum.

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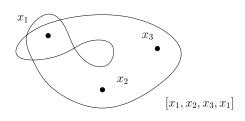
The likelihood L(G) of a graph $G = (V, H_1, \dots, H_c)$ is the number

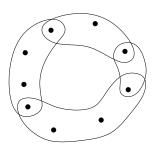
$$|V(G)| - \sum_{i=1}^{c} |H_i|(a_i - 1).$$

• A tree is a connected graph with likelihood 1.

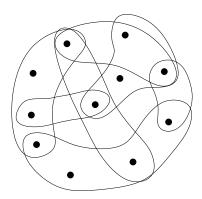


 An unicycle is a connected graph with likelihood 0. A cycle is a minimal unicycle.





• A cluster is a graph G with $L(G) \le 0$ such that L(H) > L(G)for any subgraph $H \leq G$.



A rooted (T, x) is a tree T together with a distinguished vertex $x \in V(T)$.

$$\mathit{Tree}(y, T) = (T[X], y),$$
 where $X = \{z \in V(T) \, | \, d(x, z) = d(x, y) + d(y, z)\}.$

The root of an edge $e \in H(T)$ in a rooted tree (T,x) is the vertex $y \in e$ such that d(x, y) = d(x, e).

The radius of an edge $e \in H(T)$ is

$$\max_{\substack{y \in e \\ y \text{ not the root of } e}} r(\mathit{Tree}(y, T)).$$

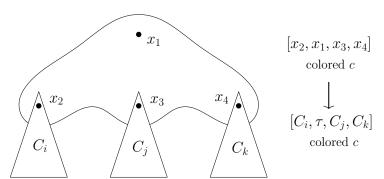
Fix $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

We define the k-morphism relation over rooted trees of the same radius inductively as follows:

• If $r(T_1) = r(T_2) = 0$ then $T_1 \stackrel{k}{\simeq} T_2$.

For r > 0:

• First we define the type of a en edge with radius less than r:



- If $r(T_1) = r(T_2) = r$ we say that $T_1 \stackrel{K}{\simeq} T_2$ if for any edge k-type E of radius less than r either:
 - the number of initial edges in T₁ and T₂ of k-type E is the same, or
 - both T_1 and T_2 contain no less than k+1 initial edges of k-type E.

