

## 1. Warmup

Have discuss with

ii). Prove Markov's Inequality,  $t > 0$ 

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we have:

$$\Pr(X \geq t) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{1}_{(X \geq t)})$$

where,

$$\text{if } X \geq t, \mathbb{1}_{(X \geq t)} = 1 \leq \frac{X}{t}$$

$$\text{if } X < t, \mathbb{1}_{(X \geq t)} = 0 \leq \frac{X}{t}$$

therefore,

$$\mathbb{1}_{(X \geq t)} \leq \frac{X}{t} \text{ always exists.}$$

then,

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbb{1}_{(X \geq t)}) \leq \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{X}{t}\right) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(X)}{t}$$

finally,

$$\Pr(X \geq t) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}(X)}{t}$$

iii). Prove Chebyshev's Inequality

we have:

$$\Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq t) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{1}_{(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq t)})$$

where,

$$\text{if } |X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq t, \mathbb{1}_{(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq t)} = 1 \leq \frac{(X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2}{t^2}$$

and thus:

$$\mathbb{1}_{(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq t)} \leq \frac{(X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2}{t^2}$$

$$\text{if } |X - \mathbb{E}(X)| < t, \mathbb{1}_{(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq t)} = 0 \leq \frac{(X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2}{t^2}$$

and thus:

$$\mathbb{1}_{(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq t)} \leq \frac{(X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2}{t^2}$$

therefore:

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbb{1}_{(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq t)}) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}((X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2)}{t^2} = \frac{\sigma_X^2}{t^2}$$

finally:

$$\Pr(|X - \mathbb{E}(X)| \geq t) \leq \frac{\sigma_X^2}{t^2}$$

iii). Prove the weak law of large numbers.

we have:

$$\Pr\left(\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - \mathbb{E}(X)\right| \geq \varepsilon\right) = \Pr\left(\left|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mathbb{E}(X))\right| \geq \varepsilon\right)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{1}_{\left(\left|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mathbb{E}(X))\right| \geq \varepsilon\right)}\right)$$

from (i) and (ii), we can deduct,

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \mathbb{I} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \mathbb{E}(X)) \geq \epsilon \right) \right) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \mathbb{E}(X)) \right)^2 \right]}{N^2 \epsilon^2}$$

where the cross-term equals 0 when expand it,

that is,

$$\mathbb{E} (X_i - \mathbb{E}(X)) (X_j - \mathbb{E}(X_j)) = 0 \quad \text{because } X_i \text{ and } X_j \text{ are independent,}$$

therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \mathbb{E}(X)) \right)^2 \right] &= \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E} (X_i - \mathbb{E}(X))^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_{X_i}^2 = N \sigma_X^2 \end{aligned}$$

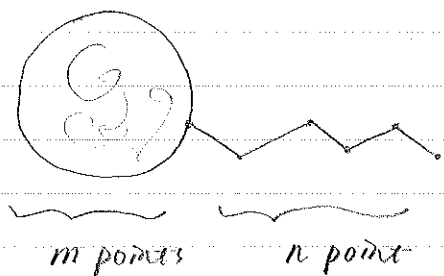
finally,

$$\Pr \left( \left| \frac{S_N}{N} - \mathbb{E}(X) \right| \geq \epsilon \right) \leq \frac{N \sigma_X^2}{N^2 \epsilon^2} = \frac{\sigma_X^2}{N \epsilon^2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr \left( \left| \frac{S_n}{n} - \mathbb{E}(X) \right| \geq \epsilon \right) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma_X^2}{n \epsilon^2} = 0 \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$$

(b).

Construct a graph where  $\frac{\text{diameter}}{\text{average distance}} > 3$ .



The graph is like this, it has 2 parts,

- (1) "body" a complete graph with  $m$  nodes
- (2) "leg" a chain with  $n$  nodes

Then we calculate its average distance.

- ① the amount of shortest distance in "body".

$$N_1 = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} \times 1$$

- ② the amount of shortest distance in "leg"

$$\begin{aligned} N_2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (n+1-i) \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+1)n}{2} - \frac{n(n+1)(n+1)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

- ③ the amount of shortest distance between "body" and "leg"

$$N_3 = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} (m-1)$$

in total, the average distance of this graph is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{average distance} &= \frac{N_1 + N_2 + N_3}{\frac{(m+n)(m+n-1)}{2}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{m(m-1)}{2} + \frac{n(n+1)(n-1)}{2} + \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + (m-1) \frac{n(n+1)}{2}}{\frac{(m+n)(m+n-1)}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

when  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , average distance  $\rightarrow 1$   
 while diameter  $= n+1$ ;  
 therefore,  $\frac{\text{diameter}}{\text{average distance}} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} n+1$

So, our graph have 3 points in "leg" and after calculation,  
 our main part "body" has 40 points to make,  
 $\frac{\text{diameter}}{\text{average distance}} > 3$

Theoratically, if we have enough points in "body", we can have any number of  $C$ .

## 2. Job Interview Problems:

(a) In order to get an unbiased random bit 0/1.

Using the unknown biased  $p$  coin, ( $p$  top,  $(1-p)$  bottom)  
we flip twice independently in one row.

(a) 1 top, 2 top:  $Pr = p^2$

(b) 1 top, 2 bottom:  $Pr = p(1-p)$

(c) 1 bottom, 2 top:  $Pr = p(1-p)$

(d) 1 bottom, 2 bottom:  $Pr = (1-p)^2$

only when (b) or (c) happens we counts.

then, if is (b), I win

if is (c), my friends win,

in this case,  $Pr(b | b \text{ or } c) = Pr(c | b \text{ or } c) = \frac{1}{2}$

The expected number of flips:

we flip the coin twice in each row under it shows 1 top, another bottom

$Pr(1 \text{ top and another bottom}) = 2p(1-p)$

using  $X$  to represent the number of rows we play,

$Pr(X=j) = [2p(1-p)] [1 - 2p(1-p)]^{j-1}, j=1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$E(X) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j (2p(1-p)) (1 - 2p(1-p))^{j-1} = \frac{1}{2p(1-p)}$$

then,

the expected number of flips is:

$$\geq E(X) = \frac{1}{p(1-p)}$$

(b) a Peer-to-peer system:

1 round:  $t_1$

2 round:  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) (kt_2 + t_1)$

$\vdots$

m round:  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{m}{n}\right) (kt_2 + t_1)$

(round) (expected value of time used)

therefore, the expected value of time to get all  $n$  chunks.

$$E(t) = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^k \left(\frac{n-m}{n}\right) (kt_2 + t_1)$$

$$= nt_1 + \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^k \left(\frac{n-m}{n}\right) kt_2$$

$$= nt_1 + \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{n-m}{n}\right) t_2 \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^k \cdot k}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p \int p^{k-1} \cdot k dp \quad (p = \frac{m}{n})$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^k p$$

$$= \frac{p}{(1-p)^2}$$

therefore,

$$E(t) = nt + \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{n-m}{n}\right) t_2 \cdot \frac{\frac{m}{n}}{\left(1 - \frac{m}{n}\right)^2}$$

$$= nt + \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{m}{n-m}\right) t_2$$

(C)

Dealer's Offer:

When the first record occurs at time step  $n > 1$ ,  
it means:  $X_1$  is the max among  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n-1}$ ,  
 $X_n$  is the max among  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ ,

therefore, the probability:

$$P_n = \frac{1}{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

where,  $\frac{1}{n-1}$  represents that  $X_1$  is the 2nd biggest and  $\frac{1}{n}$  represents that  $X_n$  is the biggest. It doesn't matter what random variable I choose.  
therefore, the expected value of  $N$  is:

$$\mathbb{E}[N] = \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} i \cdot \frac{1}{i-1} \cdot \frac{1}{i} = \infty$$

which indicates this game is not in my favor.

Techer's Offer:

In this model, the probability of getting a record at time step  $n$  is:

$$P_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

then,

the expected number of records in  $M$  steps is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[M] &= \sum_{i=1}^M \mathbb{1}_{(X_i \text{ is a record})} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{1}{i} \approx \ln M \end{aligned}$$

to determine which  $M$  to choose, we have

$$\ln M = x$$

$$M = e^x$$

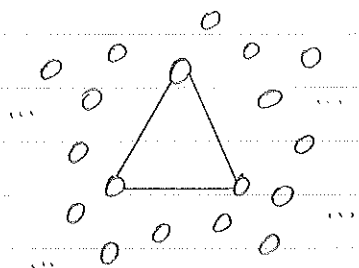
### 3. Understanding Clustering

Based on the definitions of average clustering coefficient and overall clustering coefficient,

$$Cl^{avg}(G) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Cl_i(G)}{n}, \quad Cl(G) = \frac{3 \times \# \text{triangles}}{\# \text{connected tuples}}$$

we can construct examples -

- i) when # number of nodes  $\rightarrow \infty$ ,  $Cl^{avg}(G) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $Cl(G) = 1$



in this example, when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it is only counted in  $Cl^{avg}(G)$  and is neglected in  $Cl(G)$ , therefore,  $Cl^{avg}(G) \rightarrow 0$

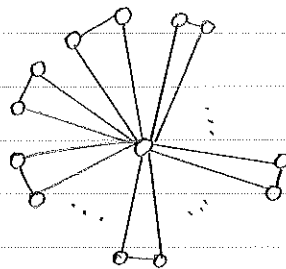
$$Cl(G) = \frac{3 \times 1}{3} = 1$$

- ii) another example where -

$$Cl(G) \rightarrow 0,$$

$$Cl^{avg}(G) = 1$$

we prove it:



in this graph, we can divide the node in two classes,

A: the only one node in the center,  $Cl_{i \in A}(G) = \frac{\# \text{triangles}}{\# \text{triples}} < 1$

B: the rest of the other nodes  $Cl_{i \in B}(G) = 1$

when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

even  $Cl_{i \in A}(G) < 1$ , all the other nodes  $Cl_i(G) = 1$

then,

$$Cl^{avg}(G) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Cl_{i \in A}(G) + Cl_{i \in B}(G))}{n} \rightarrow 1$$

But for the overall clustering coefficient,

# tuples for node in class A equals  $\infty$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$

which will be counted directly in denominator in  $Cl(G)$

when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $Cl(G) \rightarrow 0$

#### 4. Six degree of separation.

(a)

(i) first path: ( 3 hops )

Network congestion  $\rightarrow$  fiber-optic  $\rightarrow$  electromagnetic interference  
 $\rightarrow$  capacitor

(ii) shortest path: the same as (i) 3 hops

\*: The main thought for this problem is to turn this concept to  
a more specific electronic entity. (Network congestion)  
(capacitor)

So I first look for entities (fiber-optic) and then electronic  
related entity (electromagnetic interference  $\rightarrow$  capacitor),

(i) first path: ( 6 hops )

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Universities  $\rightarrow$  California Institute of Technology  $\rightarrow$   
California Institute of Technology people  $\rightarrow$  California Institute  
of Technology faculty  $\rightarrow$  K. Mani Chandy

(ii) shortest path: ( 4 hops )

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(b)

(i) first path: ( 5 hops )

Adam Wieman  $\rightarrow$  Nikhil Bansal  $\rightarrow$  Joel H. Spencer  
 $\rightarrow$  Ernst Gabor Straus  $\rightarrow$  Albert Einstein  $\rightarrow$  Erwin Schrödinger

(ii) shortest path: same as (i)

(i) first path: ( 4 hops )

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James C. Browne  $\rightarrow$  K. Mani Chandy

(ii) Same as (i) for shortest way.