

Mock Test

Networks, Crowds and Markets



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Q1. If the adjacency matrix of a weighted graph is symmetric, what does this indicate?

- A. All edges have equal weight.
- B. The graph is directed.
- C. The graph is undirected.
- D. All nodes have the same weight.

Key: C

Q2. What is the average degree of a directed graph with 12 nodes and 25 edges?

- A. 4.2
- B. 3.5
- C. 5.4
- D. 2.1

Key: A

Q3. What defines a graph to be bipartite?

- A. The graph has no cycles.
- B. The graph has a single component.
- C. The graph has two complements.
- D. The nodes can be divided into two disjoint sets with no edges within the sets.

Key: D

Q4. For a Random Network with $N = 10^4$ nodes and a linking probability of $p = 0.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$, what is the most convenient degree distribution we should?

- A. $p_k = \binom{N-1}{k} \cdot p^k \cdot (1-p)^{N-k}$
- B. $p_k = \frac{N(N-1)}{2}$
- C. $p_k = e^{-\langle k \rangle} \frac{\langle k \rangle^k}{k!}$
- D. $p_k = p \frac{N(N-1)}{2}$

Key: C

Q5. What are the properties that are dependent on a single parameter $\langle k \rangle$ in the Poisson degree distribution networks?

- A. Peak position and network size.
- B. Network size and dispersion of the distribution.
- C. Peak position and dispersion of the distribution.
- D. The number of expected links of the network.

Key: C

Q6. What are some of the conclusions drawn from Milgram's Experiment?

- A. There's a lack of short paths in Social Networks.
- B. There is no small world phenomenon in social connections.
- C. People effectively find short paths in networks without a global map.
- D. Social networks are too vast for effective communication.

Key: C

Q7. What is the relevance of the random network model in network science?

- A. It's the perfect model for real-world networks.
- B. It holds no relevance in the study of real networks.
- C. It serves as an important reference for understanding real networks.
- D. It's the only model applicable to large networks.

Key: C

Q8. How does the average path length between nodes behave in scale-free networks, as γ approaches 2?

- A. It stays constant regardless of γ .
- B. It exponentially increases.
- C. It linearly increases with the number of nodes N .
- D. It linearly decreases with the number of nodes N .

Key: A

Q9. What distinguishes a scale-free network from a random network in terms of its degree distribution?

- A. Scale-free networks have a uniform degree distribution across nodes.
- B. Random networks have a power-law degree distribution.
- C. Scale-free networks have many low-degree nodes and a few high-degree hubs.
- D. Random networks have a Gaussian degree distribution.

Key: C

Q10. What is Preferential Attachment in the Barabási-Albert model?

- A. New nodes attach randomly to any node in the network, supporting the BA model.
- B. Preferential Attachment implies new nodes are more likely to connect to low-degree nodes.
- C. It suggests new nodes prefer to attach to high-degree nodes.
- D. The probability of link formation in the BA model is independent of node degrees.

Key: C

Q11. How is Betweenness Centrality computed in a graph?

- A. It measures the ratio of connections within a community.
- B. It sums the paths that cross a node over all possible shortest paths.
- C. It counts the number of nodes a certain node is directly connected to.
- D. It measures the number of triangles a node forms with other nodes.

Key: B

Q12. What does the Maximal Modularity Hypothesis suggest about community structure in a network?

- A. The network should have as many communities as possible.
- B. A partition with maximum modularity represents the optimal community structure.
- C. Networks should avoid any community structure.
- D. The community structure of a network does not impact its functionality.

Key: B

Q13. How does the Girvan-Newman Algorithm work?

- A. It adds random links to form communities.
- B. It looks for disconnected nodes.
- C. It systematically removes links connecting nodes from different communities.
- D. It removes nodes belonging to small communities.

Key: C

Q14. How is *homophily* defined in the context of social networks?

- A. The tendency for people to form connections with those who are similar to them.
- B. The formation of connections due to geographic proximity.
- C. The presence of shared friends within a network.
- D. The tendency for social networks to evolve over time.

Key: A

Q15. What is *triadic closure* in the context of social network theory?

- A. The tendency for individuals to gather in small groups.
- B. The formation of closed loops between connected nodes.
- C. The closing of connections between multiple social circles in a network.
- D. The process by which two individuals who share a connection are likely to form a connection themselves.

Key: D

Q16. Explain the concept of structural balance in the context of positive and negative relationships within a social network.

- A. All relationships are positive in a complete graph.
- B. Unbalanced triangles are desirable.
- C. Balanced triangles are undesirable.
- D. Every set of three nodes is balanced.

Key: D

Q17. In the context of the bipartite matching problem, the perfect matching can only be given if:

- A. Each node is connected to all nodes on the other side.
- B. No two nodes on one side are connected to the same node on the other side.
- C. All nodes on the left have the same preferences.
- D. Nodes on one side have equal valuations.

Key: B

Q18. Define constricted sets in the context of the bipartite matching problem.

- A. Sets of nodes with equal valuations.
- B. Sets of nodes that prefer each other.
- C. Sets of nodes with the same degree.
- D. Sets of nodes with total preferences less than the number of nodes.

Key: D

Q19. In the Susceptible-Infected-Susceptible (SIS), what factors influence the transition from the endemic state and the disease-free state?

- A. The transition depends on the initial number of infected individuals only.
- B. The transition is solely influenced by the recovery rate.
- C. The transition depends on both the recovery rate and the transmission rate, with a critical threshold determining the state.
- D. The transition is unrelated to the recovery rate or transmission rate.

Key: C

Q20. Given the following function in the SIS model of an epidemic that affects 4 million people:

$$i(t) = \frac{0.125e^{0.3t}}{1 + 0.5e^{0.3t}}$$

where t represents time in years. Which statement is true?

- A. The stationary state is reached when 1 million people are infected.
- B. The epidemic is in the Disease-free State.
- C. The entire population is expected to be infected at some point in time.
- D. The stationary state is attained when $i = 0.125$.

Key: A
