

# Package ‘netseer’

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**Description** Predicting the structure of a graph including new nodes and edges using a time series of graphs. Flux balance analysis, a linear and integer programming technique used in biochemistry is used with time series prediction methods to predict the graph structure at a future time point  
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**VignetteBuilder** knitr

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generate_graph_exp	<i>Generates a bigger graph using exponential growth.</i>
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### Description

Generates a bigger graph using parameters for node and edge growth. If a sequence of graphs are created, the number of nodes in this sequence would exponentially increase.

### Usage

```
generate_graph_exp(  
  gr = NULL,  
  del_edge = 0.1,  
  new_nodes = 0.1,  
  edge_increase = 0.1  
)
```

### Arguments

gr	The input graph to generate the next graph. If set to NULL a graph using <code>igraph::sample_pa</code> is used as the input graph.
del_edge	The proportion of edges deleted from the input graph. Default set to 0.1.
new_nodes	The proportion of nodes added to the input graph. Default set to 0.1.
edge_increase	The proportion of edges added to the input graph. Default set to 0.1.

### Value

A graph.

### Examples

```
set.seed(1)  
gr <- generate_graph_exp()  
gr
```

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generate_graph_linear	<i>Generates a bigger graph by linear growth.</i>
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### Description

Generates a bigger graph using parameters for node and edge growth. If a sequence of graphs are created, the number of nodes would linearly increase.

**Usage**

```
generate_graph_linear(
  gr = NULL,
  del_edge = 1,
  new_nodes = 1,
  edge_increase = 1,
  edges_per_new_node = 3
)
```

**Arguments**

gr	The input graph to generate the next graph. If set to NULL a graph using <code>igraph::sample_pa</code> is used as the input graph.
del_edge	The number of edges deleted from the input graph. Default set to 1.
new_nodes	The number of nodes added to the input graph. Default set to 1.
edge_increase	The number of edges added to the input graph. Default set to 1.
edges_per_new_node	The number of edges added to the new nodes. Default set to 3.

**Value**

A graph.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
gr <- generate_graph_linear()
gr
```

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predict_graph	<i>Predicts a graph from a time series of graphs.</i>
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**Description**

This function predicts the graph at a future time step using a time series of graphs.

**Usage**

```
predict_graph(
  graphlist,
  formulation = 2,
  conf_level1 = NULL,
  conf_level2 = 90,
  dense_opt = 2,
  weights_opt = 8,
```

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    weights_param = 0.001,
    h = 1
  )

```

### Arguments

graphlist	A list of graphs in igraph format.
formulation	Formulation 2 includes an additional condition constraining total edges by the predicted value. Formulation 1 does not have that constraint. Formulation 2 gives more realistic graphs due to that constraint. Default is set to 2.
conf_level1	A value between 50 and 100 denoting the confidence interval for the number of predicted nodes in the graph. If set to NULL the predicted graph has the mean number of predicted nodes. If set to 80 for example, there would be 3 predicted graphs. One with mean number of predicted nodes, and the other two with the number of nodes corresponding to lower and upper confidence bounds.
conf_level2	The upper confidence bound for the degree distribution. Default set to 90.
dense_opt	If set to 2 the dense option in R package lpSolve will be used.
weights_opt	Weights option ranging from 1 to 6 used for different edge weight schemes. Weights option 1 uses uniform weights for all edges. Option 2 uses binary weights. If the edge existed in a past graph, then weight is set to 1. Else set to 0. All possible new edges are assigned weight 1. Option 3 is a more selective version. Option 4 uses proportional weights according to the history. Option 5 uses proportional weights, but as the network is more in the past, it gives less weight. Option 5 uses linearly decaying proportional weights. Option 6 uses harmonically decaying weights. That is the network at T is given weight 1, T-1 is given weight 1/2 and so on. Option 7 uses 1 for edges that are present in the last graph. Option 8 is a slightly different to Option 7. It uses 1 for edges in the last seen graph and the weights_param for new edges. Default is set to 8.
weights_param	The weight given for possible edges from new vertices. Default set to 0.001.
h	The prediction time step. Default is h = 1.

### Value

A list of predicted graphs. If conf\_level1 is not NULL, then 3 graphs are returned one with the mean number of predicted nodes and the other 2 with the number of nodes equal to the lower and upper bound values of prediction. If conf\_level1 is NULL, only the mean predicted graph is returned.

### Examples

```

set.seed(2024)
edge_increase_val <- new_nodes_val <- del_edge_val <- 0.1
graphlist <- list()
graphlist[[1]] <- gr <- igraph::sample_pa(5, directed = FALSE)
for(i in 2:15){
  gr <- generate_graph_exp(gr,
    del_edge = del_edge_val,
    new_nodes = new_nodes_val,

```

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                                edge_increase = edge_increase_val )  
  graphlist[[i]] <- gr  
}  
grpred <- predict_graph(graphlist[1:15], conf_level2 = 90, weights_opt = 6)  
grpred
```

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