

# Package ‘netseer’

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generate\_graph\_exp     *Generates a bigger graph using exponential growth.*

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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` Generates a bigger graph by linear growth.

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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

<code>gr</code>	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.
<code>del_edge</code>	The number of edges deleted from the input graph. Default set to 1.
<code>new_nodes</code>	The number of nodes added to the input graph. Default set to 1.
<code>edge_increase</code>	The number of edges added to the input graph. Default set to 1.
<code>edges_per_new_node</code>	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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`generate_graph_list` Generates a bigger graph using either linear or exponential growth.

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## Description

Wrapper around 'generate\_graph\_linear' and 'generate\_graph\_exp'.

**Usage**

```
generate_graph_list(
  num_graphs = 15,
  del_edge = 0.1,
  new_nodes = 0.1,
  edge_increase = 0.1,
  mode = "exp"
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>num_graphs</code>	The number of graphs to be generated. Default set to 15.
<code>del_edge</code>	The proportion of edges deleted from the input graph. Default set to 0.1.
<code>new_nodes</code>	The proportion of nodes added to the input graph. Default set to 0.1.
<code>edge_increase</code>	The proportion of edges added to the input graph. Default set to 0.1.
<code>mode</code>	The method the graphs grow in. Either "linear" for linear creation, or "exp". Default set to "exp".
<code>gr</code>	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.

**Value**

A graph list.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
gr <- generate_graph_list(12, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, "exp")
gr
```

`measure_error`

*Gives an error measurement for predicted graphs*

**Description**

This function compares the predicted graph with the actual and computes the vertex and edge error as a proportion

**Usage**

```
measure_error(actual, predicted)
```

**Arguments**

<code>actual</code>	The ground truth or actual graph.
<code>predicted</code>	The predicted graph.

**Value**

The vertex error and edge error as a proportion.

## Examples

```
data(syngraphs)
# Taking the 20th graph as the actual and the 19th graph as predicted.
measure_error(syngraphs[[20]], syngraphs[[19]])
```

`predict_graph`

*Predicts a graph from a time series of graphs.*

## 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,
  weights_param = 0.001,
  h = 1
)
```

## Arguments

<code>graphlist</code>	A list of graphs in igraph format.
<code>formulation</code>	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.
<code>conf_level1</code>	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.
<code>conf_level2</code>	The upper confidence bound for the degree distribution. Default set to 90.
<code>dense_opt</code>	If set to 2 the dense option in R package lpSolve will be used.
<code>weights_opt</code>	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 <code>weights_param</code> 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 `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,
                            edge_increase = edge_increase_val )
  graphlist[[i]] <- gr
}
grpred <- predict_graph(graphlist[1:15], conf_level2 = 90, weights_opt = 6)
grpred
```

**read\_graph\_list**      *Reads graphs from a folder*

### Description

This function reads graphs from a folder to a list

### Usage

```
read_graph_list(path_to_graphs, format)
```

### Arguments

**path\_to\_graphs** The folder where graphs are contained.  
**format** Formats supported by `igraph::read_graph`.

### Value

A list of graphs in `igraph` format.

### Examples

```
path_to_graphs <- system.file("extdata", package = "netseer")
grlist <- read_graph_list(path_to_graphs = path_to_graphs, format = "gml")
grlist
```

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`syngraphs`

*A dataset containing synthetic graphs*

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## Description

This dataset contains a list of synthetic igraph objects

## Usage

`syngraphs`

## Format

A list of 20 igraph graphs

## Examples

```
data(syngraphs)
syngraphs[[1]]
```

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