

Some observations:

- $K_n$  can span every  $G \in \mathcal{G}_n$ .
- For any  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{n,m}$ , there are  $M = \binom{n}{2} - m$  edges that must be removed to span it from a  $K_n$ .
- The order in which the edges are removed does not matter.
- The space of prunable edges  $\mathcal{E}$  is not constant, since an edge may become a bridge and disappear from  $\mathcal{E}$ .
- Following the previous statement:  $\mathcal{E}$  initializes as  $\Lambda(n)$  but loses an element per generated bridge.

We know  $|\Lambda(n)| = \binom{n}{2}$ . There are

$$\binom{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}{\frac{n(n-1)}{2} - m} = \binom{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}{m} =: C_{n,m}$$

graphs in  $\mathcal{G}_{n,m}$ , but some of them are disconnected. The question is: how many of them are disconnected.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of all graphs. We wish to produce a generating function for  $\mathcal{A}$ ; this is, a series s.t. its  $k$ th coefficient is the number of graphs with  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges. We know this quantity due to the derivation above, and all that is left is to expand it into a series for each  $n, m$ .

The mixed exponential generating function for  $\mathcal{A}$  is then

$$\begin{aligned} A(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}{m} y^m \right) \frac{x^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1+y)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \frac{x^n}{n!} \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+y)^{n(n-1)/2} \frac{x^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

Now, every graph in  $\mathcal{A}$  is a set of connected graphs. In other words, if we define  $C$  the class of connected graphs, the relationship between these two classes is the set-of relation. This means

$$A(x) = \exp C(x)$$

But we know  $A(x)$ , so we can find  $C(x)$  by taking  $\ln A(x)$ :

$$C(x) = \ln \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+y)^{n(n-1)/2} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right]$$

Here, we recall that

$$\log(1+u) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{u^k}{k}$$

which entails

$$C(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+y)^{n(n-1)/2} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right]^k$$

Thus,  $C(x)$  produces an enumeration of all connected graphs of  $n$  vertices, and we can arrive at the expression for all connected graphs of  $N$  vertices and  $M$  edges:

$$N! y^M x^N \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^N (1+y)^{n(n-1)/2} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right]^k$$

For example, for  $M = N - 1$  across  $N = 2, 3, \dots$ , this effectively produces the sequence

$$1, 1, 3, 16, 125, 1296, \dots$$

which matches the number of trees indicated by the Prufer sequence. If  $m = n - 1$  and  $n = 3$

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 (1+y)^{j(j-1)/2} \frac{x^j}{j!} \right]^k$$

$$= [S_1 + S_2 + S_3]^1 - \frac{1}{2} [S_1 + S_2 + S_3]^2 + \frac{1}{3} [S_1 + S_2 + S_3]^3$$

now

$$S_1 + S_2 + S_3 = (1+y)^0 + (1+y)^1 \frac{x^2}{2} + (1+y)^3 \frac{x^3}{6}$$

$$= 1 + (1+y) \frac{x^2}{2} + (1+y)^3 \frac{x^3}{6}$$

so we have

$$\left[ 1 + (1+y) \frac{x^2}{2} + (1+y)^3 \frac{x^3}{6} \right] - \frac{1}{2} - (1+y) \frac{x^2}{4} - (1+y)^3 \frac{x^3}{12} + \frac{1}{3} + (1+y) \frac{x^2}{6} + (1+y)^3 \frac{x^3}{18}$$

We know  $\mathcal{G}_{n,m} = \binom{\binom{n}{2}}{m}$ . Assuming  $n$  is fixed, this gives us the generating function

$$\begin{aligned} A(z) &= \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{\binom{n}{2}}{m} \frac{z^k}{k!} \\ &= (1+z)^{\binom{n}{2}} \frac{1}{k!} \end{aligned}$$

for the size of  $\mathcal{G}_{n,k}$  across values of  $k$ . Of course, this generating function counts connected and non-connected graphs. But any graph that is not connected is a set of connected graphs. Which entails that if  $C_{n,m}$  is the set of connected graphs with  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges, then it induces a generating function

$$\begin{aligned} B(z) &= \ln A(z) \\ &= \ln \left[ (1+z)^{\binom{n}{2}} \right] \\ &= \binom{n}{2} \ln(1+z) \\ &= \binom{n}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} x^k \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} x^k \end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 3$  this gives:

$$3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} x^k = 3 \left[ 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots \right]$$

Any  $G \in C_{n,m}$  corresponds univocally to a set of edges s.t. removing those edges from a  $K_n$  produces  $G$ . This readily entails that, if we let  $\mathcal{E}_{n,m} \subseteq \Lambda(n)$  be the class of edges which, if removed from a  $K_n$ , produce a graph in  $C_{n,m}$ ,

$$|\mathcal{E}_{n,m}| = \mathbb{G}(n, m)$$

Furthermore, for any  $W \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m}$  it is the case that  $|W| = \binom{n}{2} - m$ .

Let  $f_{n,m} : \mathcal{E}_{n,m} \mapsto C_{n,m}$  denote the bijection  $f(W) = (V(K_n), E(K_n) - W)$ . We shall prove that (1) our algorithm effectively constructs a  $W \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m}$  and computes  $f(W)$  and (2) that any  $W \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m}$  has an equal probability of being constructed.

(1) The algorithm iteratively removes edges ensuring that the connectivity invariant is preserved. It is trivial to see that it removes  $k := \binom{n}{2} - m$  edges. Let  $S = \{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$  be the set of randomly sampled edges, where  $e_i$  was sampled at the  $i$ th edge-removing iteration.

It follows that, in the edge-removing iterations, the sampling spaces  $E_1, \dots, E_r$  are

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \{e \in W : W \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m}\} \\ E_2 &= \{e \in W : W \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m} \wedge \{e_1\} \subseteq W\} \\ E_3 &= \{e \in W : W \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m} \wedge \{e_1, e_2\} \subseteq W\} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the general form is  $E_i = \{e \in W : W \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m} \wedge \{e_1, \dots, e_{i-1}\} \subseteq W\}$ .

It follows that  $S = \{e_1, \dots, e_k\} \subseteq W$  for some  $W \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m}$ . But  $|S| = |W| = k$ . Then  $S = W$  and  $S \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m}$ . And since  $S$  is the set of removed edges, the algorithm generates  $f(S)$ .

(2) Since there is a bijection between  $C_{n,m}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{n,m}$ , a graph is more probable than others if and only if there is an  $S \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m}$  that is more probably constructed than others. This could only be true for two cases: (1) An edge or set of edges in  $S$  is more likely to be chosen, or (2)  $S$  contains more elements than other members of  $\mathcal{E}_{n,m}$ . But (1) is impossible if the selection is random, and (2) contradicts that  $|S| = \binom{n}{2} - m$  for every  $S \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m}$ .

$\therefore$  The algorithm is correct and is unbiased.

1. Define  $E = \mathcal{E}_{n,m}$ .
2. Define  $S = \emptyset$ .
3. Define  $G = K_n$ .
4. Sample randomly an edge  $e$  s.t.  $e \in W$  for some  $W \in E$ .
5. Compute  $G = f'_{n,m}(e, G)$ .
6. Update  $S = S \cup e$  and  $E = \{W \in E : S \subseteq W\}$
7. If number of edges is not  $m$  go to (4).

When the algorithm finishes,  $S$  contains a certain number of selected edges; and not only this,  $S \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m}$  (prove this). Thus, the computation equates to  $f_{n,m}(S)$ .

To prove that  $S \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m}$ , we must only see that the (1)  $|S| = \binom{n}{2} - m$  and (2) that removing  $S$  from  $K_n$  does not disconnect the graph. This two statements are obvious by construction of  $S$ .

Of course, this is equivalent to defining  $E$  and  $S$  as before and doing the following process  $\binom{n}{2} - m$  times:

1. Sample randomly an edge  $e$  s.t.  $e \in W$  for some  $W \in E$ .
2. Update  $S = S \cup e$  and  $E = \{W \in E : S \subseteq W\}$

and then computing  $f_{n,m}(S)$ . The only difference lies in that in one algorithm the edges are removed on iterations, and on the other the edges are removed at the end.

That  $S \in \mathcal{E}_{n,m}$  is obvious by construction, since all elements in  $S$  are sampled from either  $\mathcal{E}_{n,m}$  or

So we have a possible recursive procedure:

Thus, the step of our original algorithm which checks if removing the edge disconnects the graph simply checks whether the chosen edge  $e$  is such that there is some  $W \in E$  s.t.  $e \in W$ .

The bijection  $f_{n,m}$  allows us to ask the question differently. Instead of asking if certain graphs are more likely to be generated, we ask whether certain edge sets  $S$  are more likely to be constructed.

This corresponds to asking whether, in the domain of  $f_{n,m}$ , an edge is in more sets than other edges. If this were the case, then removing this edge from the  $K_n$  would result in more possible graphs than removing another edge. But this makes no sense, because after removing any edge from a  $K_n$  I can produce the same number of graphs than before; i.e. a unique removal does not shrink  $E$  (this should be proven).