

CS598HS Advanced Social & Information Networks

Information Diffusion in Grid-like Social Networks

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- Finally, there is a constant probability p that the information will leak through a single interaction. This implies that an agent j who interacts with frequency $f_{ij}^*(t)$ at time t with another agent i who has the information, has a probability $pf_{ij}^*(t)$ of getting the information.

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- We seek to both develop a model and obtain some theoretical results about the DR between these graphs, as well as perform several simulations that possibly confirm our theoretical analysis.

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For any graph G

$$DR \leq n \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \left(t \left(1 - (1 - \delta)^{|C_t|} \right) \prod_{k=1}^{t-1} (1 - \delta)^{|C_k|} \right)$$

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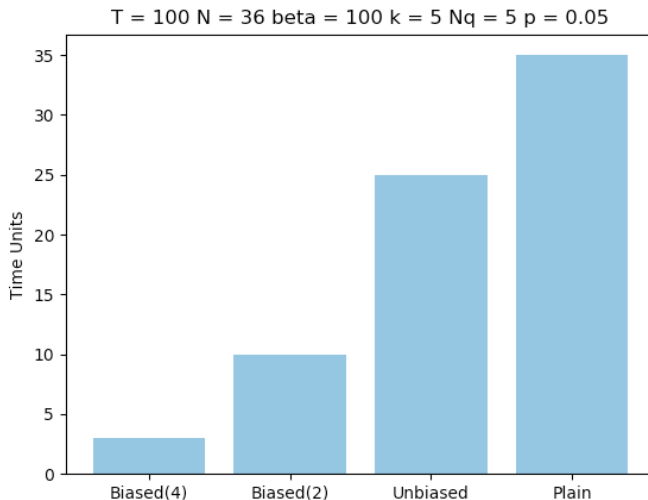
- Similarly, the increase in DR between BG and UG is exponential, and is dependent on the bias b .
- Specifically, for $b = 2$ we expect the difference in DR between BG and UG to be larger than the difference in DR between UG and PG.

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