University of Oslo IN5020 - Distributed Systems Assignment 3 - PeerSim

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Topology analysis

With regards to the topologies simulated, the **star** seems to be the most adequate one to bootstrap a P2P system. By analyzing the graphs we can see that this topology is the most stable during the course of the simulation and the quickest to converge to the values exhibited by a random graph overlay when using the basic shuffle algorithm.

However, in some P2P systems, a star topology is not attainable because it requires to have a central node which is aware of all the other nodes in the topology, which transforms the system into a centralized P2P system.

Cache size analysis

The larger cache (50 nodes) contributes to a smaller average path length, which makes the network faster. However, the clustering coefficient gets higher and takes more time to converge to a random graph value with a larger cache, due to the increased number of neighbors, causing the network to be more partition prone and inefficient. Finally, the in-degree distribution value also increases with a larger cache, which makes for a more robust and well-balanced network. Overall, it seems that finding a large enough cache size is definitely beneficial when implementing a P2P network.











