

such potential H' there a.s. remain $\Theta(n^{v-\alpha e})$, hence at least one, x with $cl_a(x) \cong H$.

Now, in general, consider the $(r+1)$ -st move. We set $b = a_{r+1}$, $a = a_r$ for notational convenience and recall $a = K + b$ where K is an upper bound on $cl_b(z_1, \dots, z_{r+1})$. Points $x_1, \dots, x_r \in G_1$, $y_1, \dots, y_r \in G_2$ have been selected with

$$cl_a(x_1, \dots, x_r) \cong cl_a(y_1, \dots, y_r)$$

Spoiler picks, say, $x_{r+1} \in G_1$. We distinguish two cases. We say Spoiler has moved Inside if

$$x_{r+1} \in cl_K(x_1, \dots, x_r)$$

Otherwise we say Spoiler has moved Outside.

Suppose Spoiler moves Inside. Then

$$cl_b(x_1, \dots, x_r, x_{r+1}) \subseteq cl_{K+b}(x_1, \dots, x_r) = cl_a(x_1, \dots, x_r)$$

The isomorphism from $cl_a(x_1, \dots, x_r)$ to $cl_a(y_1, \dots, y_r)$ sends x_{r+1} to some y_{r+1} which Duplicator selects.

Suppose Spoiler moves Outside. Set $H = cl_b(x_1, \dots, x_r, x_{r+1})$. Let H_0 be the union of all rigid extensions of any size of x_1, \dots, x_r in H . If $x_{r+1} \in H_0$ then, as $|H| \leq K$, $x_{r+1} \in cl_K(x_1, \dots, x_r)$ and Spoiler moved Inside. Hence $x_{r+1} \notin H_0$. Since $|H| \leq K \leq a$, H_0 lies inside $cl_a(x_1, \dots, x_r)$. The isomorphism between $cl_a(x_1, \dots, x_r)$ and $cl_a(y_1, \dots, y_r)$ maps H_0 into a copy of itself in the graph G_2 .

For any copy of H_0 in G_2 , let $N(H_0)$ denote the number of extensions of H_0 to H . From Theorem 3.2 one can show that a.s all $N(H_0) = \Theta(n^{v-\alpha e})$, with $v = v(H_0, H)$, $e = e(H_0, H)$ and $v - \alpha e > 0$. For a given H_0 each y_{r+1} is in only a bounded number of copies of H since all copies of H lie in $cl_b(y_1, \dots, y_r, y_{r+1})$. Hence there are $\Theta(n^{v-\alpha e})$ vertices y_{r+1} so that $cl_b(y_1, \dots, y_r, y_{r+1})$ contains H . Arguing as with the first move there a.s. are $\Theta(n^{v-\alpha e})$, hence at least one, y_{r+1} with $cl_b(y_1, \dots, y_r, y_{r+1}) \cong H$. Duplicator selects such a y_{r+1} .

close α may be approximated by rationals of denominator at most t . This is often the case. If, for example, $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{s+1} < \alpha < \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{s}$ then a.s. there will be two points $x_1, x_2 \in G(n, n^{-\alpha})$ having s common neighbors so that $|cl_1(x_1, x_2)| = s + 2$.

Now we define the a_1, \dots, a_t of the lookahead strategy by reverse induction. We set $a_t = 0$. If at the end of the game Duplicator can assure that the 0-types of x_1, \dots, x_t and y_1, \dots, y_t are the same then they have the same induced subgraphs and he has won. Suppose, inductively, that $b = a_{r+1}$ has been defined. Let, applying the Lemma, K be a.s. an upper bound on all $cl_b(z_1, \dots, z_{r+1})$. We then define $a = a_r$ by $a = K + b$.

Now we need show that a.s. this strategy works. Let $G_1 \sim G(n, n^{-\alpha})$, $G_2 \sim G(m, m^{-\alpha})$ and suppose Duplicator tries to play the (a_1, \dots, a_t) lookahead strategy on $EHR(G_1, G_2, t)$.

Set $a = a_1$ and consider the first move. Spoiler will select, say, $y = y_1 \in G_2$. Duplicator then must play $x = x_1 \in G_1$ with $cl_a(x) \cong cl_a(y)$. Can he always do so - that is, do a.s. G_1 and G_2 have the same values of $cl_a(x)$? The size of $cl_a(x)$ is a.s. bounded so it suffices to show for any potential H that either there almost surely is an x with $cl_a(x) \cong H$ or there almost surely is no x with $cl_a(x) \cong H$.

Let H have v vertices and e edges. Suppose H has a subgraph H' (possibly H itself) with v' vertices, e' edges and $v' - \alpha e' < 0$. The expected number of copies of H' in G_1 is

$$\Theta(n^{v'} p^{e'}) = \Theta(n^{v' - \alpha e'}) = o(1)$$

so a.s. G_1 contains no copy of H' , hence no copy of H , hence no x with $cl_a(x) \cong H$. If this does not occur then (since, critically, α is irrational) all $v' - \alpha e' > 0$ so the expected number of copies of all such H' approaches infinity. From Theorem 1.4.5 a.s. G_1 has $\Theta(n^{v - \alpha e})$ copies of H . For x in appropriate position in such a copy of H we cannot deduce $cl_a(x) \cong H$ but only that $cl_a(x)$ contains H as a subgraph. (Essentially, x may have additional extension properties.) For each such x as $cl_a(x)$ is bounded, $cl_a(x)$ contains only a bounded number of copies of H . Hence there are $\Theta(n^{v - \alpha e})$ different $x \in G_1$ so that $cl_a(x)$ contains H as a subgraph.

Let H' be a possible value for $cl_a(x)$ that contains H as a subgraph. Let H' have v' vertices and e' edges. As (x, H') is rigid, (H, H') is dense and so

$$(v' - v) - \alpha(e' - e) < 0$$

There are $\Theta(n^{v' - \alpha e'})$ different x with $cl_a(x)$ containing H' but since $v' - \alpha e' < v - \alpha e$ this is $o(n^{v - \alpha e})$. Subtracting off such x for all the boundedly many

Example. Taking $\alpha \sim .51$ (but irrational, of course), $cl_1(x_1, x_2)$ consists of x_1, x_2 and all y adjacent to both of them. $cl_3(x_1, x_2)$ has those points and all y_1, y_2, y_3 which together with x_1 form a K_4 (note that this gives an (R, H) with $v = 3, e = 6$) and a finite number of other possibilities.

We can already describe the nature of Duplicator's strategy. At the end of the r -th move, with x_1, \dots, x_r and y_1, \dots, y_r having been selected from the two graphs, Duplicator will assure that these sets have the same a_r -type. We shall call this the (a_1, \dots, a_t) *lookahead strategy*. Here a_r must depend only on t , the total number of moves in the game and α . We shall set $a_t = 0$ so that at the end of the game, if Duplicator can stick to the (a_1, \dots, a_t) lookahead strategy then he has won. If, however, Spoiler picks, say, x_r so that there is no corresponding y_r with x_1, \dots, x_r and y_1, \dots, y_r having the same a_r -type then the strategy fails and we say that Spoiler wins. The values a_r give the "lookahead" that Duplicator uses but before defining them we need some preliminary results.

Lemma 4.6 Let $\alpha, r, t > 0$ be fixed. Then there exists $K = K(\alpha, r, t)$ so that in $G(n, n^{-\alpha})$ a.s.

$$|cl_t(x_1, \dots, x_r)| \leq K$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_r \in G$.

Proof. Set $K = r + t(L - 1)$. If $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$ has t -closure with more than K points then there will be L sets Y^1, \dots, Y^L disjoint from X , all $|Y^j| \leq t$ so that each $(X, X \cup Y^j)$ forms a rigid extension and with each Y^j having at least one point not in $Y^1 \cup \dots \cup Y^{j-1}$. Begin with X and add the Y^j in order. Adding Y^j will add, say, v_j vertices and e_j edges. Since $(X, X \cup Y^j)$ was *rigid*, $(X \cup Y^1 \cup \dots \cup Y^{j-1}, X \cup Y^1 \cup \dots \cup Y^j)$ is dense and so $v_j - e_j\alpha < 0$. As $v_j \leq t$ there are only a finite number of possible values of $v_j - e_j\alpha$ and so there is an $\epsilon = \epsilon(\alpha, r, t)$ so that all $v_j - e_j\alpha \leq -\epsilon$. Pick L (and therefore K) so that $r - L\epsilon < 0$. The existence of a t -closure of size greater than K would imply the existence in $G(n, n^{-\alpha})$ of one of a finite number of graphs that would have some $r + v_1 + \dots + v_L$ vertices and at least $e_1 + \dots + e_L$ edges. But the probability of G containing such a graph is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} n^{r+v_1+\dots+v_L} p^{e_1+\dots+e_L} &= n^{r+v_1+\dots+v_L-\alpha(e_1+\dots+e_L)} \\ n^{r+(v_1-\alpha e_1)+\dots+(v_L-\alpha e_L)} &\leq n^{r-L\epsilon} \\ &= o(1) \end{aligned}$$

so a.s. no such t -closures exist. \square

Remark. The value of K given by the above proof depends strongly on how

the disjunction over all distinct $u_1, \dots, u_a, v_1, \dots, v_b \in G$ with $a + b \leq s$. There are less than $s^2 n^s$ such choices as we can choose a, b and then the vertices. Thus

$$\Pr[E] \leq s^2 n^s (1 - \epsilon)^{n-s}$$

But

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s^2 n^s (1 - \epsilon)^{n-s} = 0$$

and so E holds almost never. Thus $\neg E$, which is precisely the statement that $G(n, p)$ has the full level s extension property, holds almost always. \square

But now we have proven Theorem 4.1. For any $p \in (0, 1)$ and any fixed s as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ with probability approaching one both $G(n, p)$ and $H(m, p)$ will have the full level s extension property and so Duplicator will win $EH R[G(n, p), H(m, p), s]$.

Why can't Duplicator use this strategy when $p = n^{-\alpha}$? We illustrate the difficulty with a simple example. Let $.5 < \alpha < 1$ and let Spoiler and Duplicator play a three move game on G, H . Spoiler thinks of a point $z \in G$ but doesn't tell Duplicator about it. Instead he picks $x_1, x_2 \in G$, both adjacent to z . Duplicator simply picks $y_1, y_2 \in H$, either adjacent or not adjacent dependent on whether $x_1 \sim x_2$. But now wily Spoiler picks $x_3 = z$. $H \sim H(m, m^{-\alpha})$ does not have the full level 2 extension property. In particular, most pairs y_1, y_2 do not have a common neighbor. Unless Duplicator was lucky, or shrewd, he then cannot find $y_3 \sim y_1, y_2$ and so he loses. This example does not say that Duplicator will lose with perfect play - indeed, we will show that he almost always wins with perfect play - it only indicates that the strategy used need be more complex. Now let us fix $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, α irrational.

Now recall our notion of rooted graphs (R, H) but this time from the perspective of a particular $p = n^{-\alpha}$. We say (R, H) is *dense* if $v - e\alpha < 0$ and *sparse* if $v - e\alpha > 0$. The irrationality of α assures us that all (R, H) are in one of these categories. We call (R, H) *rigid* if for all S with $R \subseteq S \subset V(H)$, (S, H) is dense.

For any r, t there is a finite list (up to isomorphism) of rigid rooted graphs (R, H) containing r roots and with $v(R, H) \leq t$. In any graph G we define the t -closure $cl_t(x_1, \dots, x_r)$ to be the union of all y_1, \dots, y_v with (crucially) $v \leq t$ which form an (R, H) extension where (R, H) is rigid. If there are no such sets we define the default value $cl_t(x_1, \dots, x_r) = \{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$. We say two sets x_1, \dots, x_r and x'_1, \dots, x'_r have the same t -type if their t -closures are isomorphic. (To be precise, these are ordered r -tuples and the isomorphism must send x_i into x'_i .)

since when the Zero-one Law is not satisfied $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[G(n, p(n)) \models A]$ might not exist. If there is a subsequence n_i on which the limit is $c \in (0, 1)$ we may use the same argument. Otherwise there will be two subsequences n_i, m_i on which the limit is zero and one respectively. Then letting $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ through n_i, m_i respectively, Spoiler will win $EHR[G, H, t]$ with probability approaching one. \square

Theorem 4.4 provides a bridge from Logic to Random Graphs. To prove that $p = p(n)$ satisfies the Zero-One Law we now no longer need to know anything about Logic - we just have to find a good strategy for the Duplicator.

We say that a graph G has the full level s extension property if for every distinct $u_1, \dots, u_a, v_1, \dots, v_b \in G$ with $a + b \leq s$ there is an $x \in V(G)$ with $\{x, u_i\} \in E(G)$, $1 \leq i \leq a$ and $\{x, v_j\} \notin E(G)$, $1 \leq j \leq b$. Suppose that G, H both have the full level $s - 1$ extension property. Then Duplicator wins $EHR[G, H, s]$ by the following simple strategy. On the i -th round, with $x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}$ already selected, and Spoiler picking, say, x_i , Duplicator simply picks y_i having the same adjacencies to the $y_j, j < i$ as x_i has to the $x_j, j < i$. The full extension property says that such a y_i will surely exist.

Theorem 4.5 For any fixed p , $0 < p < 1$, and any s , $G(n, p)$ almost always has the full level s extension property.

Proof. For every distinct $u_1, \dots, u_a, v_1, \dots, v_b, x \in G$ with $a + b \leq s$ let $E_{u_1, \dots, u_a, v_1, \dots, v_b, x}$ be the event that $\{x, u_i\} \in E(G)$, $1 \leq i \leq a$ and $\{x, v_j\} \notin E(G)$, $1 \leq j \leq b$. Then

$$\Pr[E_{u_1, \dots, u_a, v_1, \dots, v_b, x}] = p^a(1 - p)^b$$

Now define

$$E_{u_1, \dots, u_a, v_1, \dots, v_b} = \bigwedge_x \overline{E_{u_1, \dots, u_a, v_1, \dots, v_b, x}}$$

the conjunction over $x \neq u_1, \dots, u_a, v_1, \dots, v_b$. But these events are mutually independent over x since they involve different edges. Thus

$$\Pr[\bigwedge_x \overline{E_{u_1, \dots, u_a, v_1, \dots, v_b, x}}] = [1 - p^a(1 - p)^b]^{n-a-b}$$

Set $\epsilon = \min(p, 1 - p)^s$ so that

$$\Pr[\bigwedge_x \overline{E_{u_1, \dots, u_a, v_1, \dots, v_b, x}}] \leq (1 - \epsilon)^{n-s}$$

The key here is that ϵ is a fixed (dependent on p, s) positive number. Set

$$E = \bigvee E_{u_1, \dots, u_a, v_1, \dots, v_b}$$

has t rounds. Each round has two parts. First the Spoiler selects either a vertex $x \in V(G)$ or a vertex $y \in V(H)$. He chooses which graph to select the vertex from. Then the Duplicator must select a vertex in the other graph. At the end of the t rounds t vertices have been selected from each graph. Let x_1, \dots, x_t be the vertices selected from $V(G)$ and y_1, \dots, y_t be the vertices selected from $V(H)$ where x_i, y_i are the vertices selected in the i -th round. Then Duplicator wins if and only if the induced graphs on the selected vertices are order-isomorphic: i.e., if for all $1 \leq i < j \leq t$

$$\{x_i, x_j\} \in E(G) \iff \{y_i, y_j\} \in E(H)$$

As there are no hidden moves and no draws one of the players must have a winning strategy and we will say that that player wins $EHR[G, H, t]$.

Lemma 4.3 For every First Order A there is a $t = t(A)$ so that if G, H are any graphs with $G \models A$ and $H \models \neg A$ then Spoiler wins $EHR[G, H, t]$.

A detailed proof would require a formal analysis of the First Order language so we give only an example. Let A be the property $\forall x \exists y [x \sim y]$ of not containing an isolated point and set $t = 2$. Spoiler begins by selecting an isolated point $y_1 \in V(H)$ which he can do as $H \models \neg A$. Duplicator must pick $x_1 \in V(G)$. As $G \models A$, x_1 is not isolated so Spoiler may pick $x_2 \in V(G)$ with $x_1 \sim x_2$ and now Duplicator cannot pick a “duplicating” y_2 .

Theorem 4.4 A function $p = p(n)$ satisfies the Zero-One Law if and only if for every t , letting $G(n, p(n)), H(m, p(m))$ be independently chosen random graphs on disjoint vertex sets

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[\text{Duplicator wins } EHR[G(n, p(n)), H(m, p(m)), t]] = 1$$

Remark. For any given choice of G, H somebody must win $EHR[G, H, t]$. (That is, there is no random play, the play is perfect.) Given this probability distribution over (G, H) there will be a probability that $EHR[G, H, t]$ will be a win for Duplicator, and this must approach one.

Proof. We prove only the “if” part. Suppose $p = p(n)$ did not satisfy the Zero-One Law. Let A satisfy

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[G(n, p(n)) \models A] = c$$

with $0 < c < 1$. Let $t = t(A)$ be as given by the Lemma. With limiting probability $2c(1-c) > 0$ exactly one of $G(n, p(n)), H(n, p(n))$ would satisfy A and thus Spoiler would win, contradicting the assumption. This is not a full proof

and having radius at most two

$$\exists_x \forall_y [\neg(y = x) \wedge \neg(y \sim x) \longrightarrow \exists_z [z \sim y \wedge y \sim x]]$$

For any property A and any n, p we consider the probability that the random graph $G(n, p)$ satisfies A , denoted

$$\Pr[G(n, p) \models A]$$

Our objects in this section will be the theorem of Glebskii et.al. [1969] and independently Fagin[1976]

Theorem 4.1 For any fixed p , $0 < p < 1$ and any First Order A

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[G(n, p) \models A] = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

and that of Shelah and Spencer[1988]

Theorem 4.2 For any *irrational* α , $0 < \alpha < 1$, setting $p = p(n) = n^{-\alpha}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[G(n, p) \models A] = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

Both proofs are only outlined.

We shall say that a function $p = p(n)$ satisfies the Zero-One Law if the above equality holds for every First Order A .

The Glebskii/Fagin Theorem has a natural interpretation when $p = .5$ as then $G(n, p)$ gives equal weight to every (labelled) graph. It then says that any First Order property A holds for either almost all graphs or for almost no graphs. The Shelah/Spencer Theorem may be interpreted in terms of threshold functions. For example, $p = n^{-2/3}$ is a threshold function for containment of a K_4 . That is, when $p \ll n^{-2/3}$, $G(n, p)$ almost surely does not contain a K_4 whereas when $p \gg n^{-2/3}$ it almost surely does contain a K_4 . In between, say at $p = n^{-2/3}$, the probability is between 0 and 1, in this case $1 - e^{-1/24}$. The (admittedly rough) notion is that *at* a threshold function the Zero-One Law will not hold and so to say that $p(n)$ satisfies the Zero-One Law is to say that $p(n)$ is not a threshold function - that it is a boring place in the evolution of the random graph, at least through the spectacles of the First Order language. In stark terms: What happens in the evolution of $G(n, p)$ at $p = n^{-\pi/7}$? The answer: Nothing!

Our approach to Zero-One Laws will be through a variant of the Ehrenfeucht Game, which we now define. Let G, H be two vertex disjoint graphs and t a positive integer. We define a perfect information game, denoted $EHR[G, H, t]$, with two players, denoted Spoiler and Duplicator. The game

family of extensions. Thus with probability $1 - o(n^{-1})$ there is a maximal disjoint family of extensions F with $|s - \mu| < \epsilon\mu$. As F consists of extensions

$$\Pr[N(x) < (1 - \epsilon)\mu] = o(n^{-1})$$

To complete the upper bound we need show that $N(x)$ will not be much larger than $|F|$. Here we use only that $p = n^{-2/3+o(1)}$. There is $o(n^{-1})$ probability that $G(n, p)$ has an edge $\{x, x'\}$ lying in ten triangles. There is a $o(n^{-1})$ that $G(n, p)$ has a vertex x with $u_i, v_i, w_i, 1 \leq i \leq 7$ all distinct and all x, u_i, v_i and x, v_i, w_i triangles. When these do not occur $N(x) \leq |F| + 70$ for any maximal disjoint family of extensions $|F|$ and so for any $\epsilon' > \epsilon$

$$\Pr[N(x) > (1 + \epsilon')\mu] < o(n^{-1}) + \Pr[\text{some } |F| > (1 + \epsilon)\mu] = o(n^{-1})$$

With some additional work one can find K so that the conclusions of the theorem hold for any $p = p(n)$ with $\mu > K \log n$. The general result is stated in terms of rooted graphs. For a given rooted graph (R, H) let $N(x_1, \dots, x_r)$ denote the number of (y_1, \dots, y_v) giving an (R, H) extension. Set $\mu = \binom{n-r}{v} p^e$, the expected value of N in $G(n, p)$.

Theorem 3.2. Let (R, H) be strictly balanced. Then for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists K so that if $p = p(n)$ is such that $\mu > K \log n$ then almost surely

$$|N(x_1, \dots, x_r) - \mu| < \epsilon\mu$$

for all x_1, \dots, x_r .

In particular if $\mu \gg \log n$ then almost surely all $N(x_1, \dots, x_r) \sim \mu$.

4 Zero-One Laws

In this section we restrict our attention to graph theoretic properties expressible in the First Order theory of graphs. The language of this theory consists of variables (x, y, z, \dots) , which always represent vertices of a graph, equality and adjacency $(x = y, x \sim y)$, the usual Boolean connectives (\wedge, \neg, \dots) and universal and existential quantification (\forall_x, \exists_y) . Sentences must be finite. As examples, one can express the property of containing a triangle

$$\exists_x \exists_y \exists_z [x \sim y \wedge x \sim z \wedge y \sim z]$$

having no isolated point

$$\forall_x \exists_y [x \sim y]$$

3 All Vertices in nearly the same number of Triangles

Returning to the example of §1, let $N(x)$ denote the number of triangles containing vertex x . Set $\mu = \binom{n-1}{2}p^3$ as before.

Theorem 3.1. For every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists K so that if $p = p(n)$ is such that $\mu = K \log n$ then almost surely

$$(1 - \epsilon)\mu < N(x) < (1 + \epsilon)\mu$$

for all vertices x .

We shall actually show that for a given vertex x

$$\Pr[|N(x) - \mu| > \epsilon\mu] = o(n^{-1})$$

If the distribution of $N(x)$ were Poisson with mean μ then this would follow by Large Deviation results and indeed our approach will show that $N(x)$ is closely approximated by the Poisson distribution.

We call F a maximal disjoint family of extensions if F consists of pairs $\{x_i, y_i\}$ such that all x, x_i, y_i are triangles in $G(n, p)$, the x_i, y_i are all distinct, and there is no $\{x', y'\}$ with x, x', y' a triangle and x', y' both distinct from all the x_i, y_i . Let $Z^{(s)}$ denote the number of maximal disjoint families of size s . Let's restrict $0 \leq s \leq \log^2 n$ (a technical convenience) and bound $E[Z^{(s)}]$. There are $\sim \binom{n-1}{2}^s / s!$ choices for F . Each has probability $(p^3)^s$ that all x_i, y_i do indeed give extensions. We further need that the $n - 1 - 2s \sim n$ other vertices contain no extension. The calculation of §1 may be carried out here to show that this probability is $\sim e^{-\mu}$. All together

$$E[Z^{(s)}] \leq (1 + o(1)) \frac{\mu^s}{s!} e^{-\mu}$$

But now the right hand side is asymptotically the Poisson distribution so that we can choose K so that

$$\sum^* E[Z^{(s)}] = o(n^{-1}) \quad (*)$$

where \sum^* is over $s < \log^2 n$ with $|s - \mu| > \epsilon\mu$.

When $s > \log^2 n$ we ignore the condition that F be maximal so that $E[Z^{(s)}] < \mu^s / s! = o(n^{-10})$, say. Thus $(*)$ holds with \sum^* over all s with $|s - \mu| > \epsilon\mu$. Thus with probability $1 - o(n^{-1})$ all maximal disjoint families of extensions F have $|s - \mu| < \epsilon\mu$. But there *must* be some maximal disjoint

2 Rooted Graphs

The above result was only a special case of a general result of Spencer[1990] which we now state. By a *rooted graph* is meant a pair (R, H) consisting of a graph $H = (V(H), E(H))$ and a specified proper subset $R \subset V(H)$ of vertices called the roots. For convenience let the vertices of H be labelled $a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_v$ with $R = \{a_1, \dots, a_r\}$. In a graph G we say that vertices y_1, \dots, y_v make an (R, H) -extension of vertices x_1, \dots, x_r if all these vertices are distinct; y_i, y_j are adjacent in G whenever b_i, b_j are adjacent in H ; and x_i, y_j are adjacent in G whenever a_i, b_j are adjacent in H . So G on $x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_v$ gives a copy of H which may have additional edges – except that edges between the x 's are not examined. We let $Ext(R, H)$ be the property that for all x_1, \dots, x_r there exist y_1, \dots, y_v giving an (R, H) extension. For example, when H is a triangle and R one vertex $Ext(R, H)$ is the statement that every vertex lies in a triangle. When H is a path of length t and R the endpoints $Ext(R, H)$ is the statement that every pair of vertices lie on a path of length t . When $R = \emptyset$ $Ext(\emptyset, H)$ is the already examined statement that there exists a copy of H . As in that situation we have a notion of balanced and strictly balanced. We say (R, H) has type (v, e) where v is the number of nonroot vertices and e is the number of edges of H , not counting edges with both vertices in R . For every S with $R \subset S \subseteq V(H)$ let (v_S, e_S) be the type of $(R, H|_S)$. We call (R, H) balanced if $e_S/v_S \leq e/v$ for all such S and we call (R, H) strictly balanced if $e_S/v_S < e/v$ for all proper $S \subset V(H)$. We call (R, H) nontrivial if every root is adjacent to at least one nonroot.

Theorem 2.1. Let (R, H) be a nontrivial strictly balanced rooted graph with type (v, e) and $r = |R|$. Let c_1 be the number of graph automorphism $\sigma : V(H) \rightarrow V(H)$ with $\sigma(x) = x$ for all roots x . Let c_2 be the number of bijections $\sigma : R \rightarrow R$ which are extendable to some graph automorphism $\lambda : V(H) \rightarrow V(H)$. Let $\mu > 0$ be arbitrary and fixed. Let $p = p(n)$ satisfy

$$\frac{n^v p^e}{c_1} = \ln \left(\frac{n^r}{c_2 \mu} \right)$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[G(n, p) \models Ext(R, H)] = e^{-\mu}$$

While the counting of automorphisms leads to some technical complexities the proof is essentially that of the “every vertex in a triangle” case.

the number of vertices x not lying in a triangle. Then from Linearity of Expectation

$$E[X] = \sum_{x \in V(G)} E[X_x] \rightarrow c$$

We need show that the Poisson Paradigm applies to X . To do this we show that all moments of X are the same as for the Poisson distribution. Fix r . Then

$$E[X^{(r)}/r!] = S^{(r)} = \sum \Pr[C_{x_1} \wedge \dots \wedge C_{x_r}],$$

the sum over all sets of vertices $\{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$. All r -sets look alike so

$$E[X^{(r)}/r!] = \binom{n}{r} \Pr[C_{x_1} \wedge \dots \wedge C_{x_r}] \sim \frac{n^r}{r!} \Pr[C_{x_1} \wedge \dots \wedge C_{x_r}]$$

where x_1, \dots, x_r are some particular vertices. But

$$C_{x_1} \wedge \dots \wedge C_{x_r} = \wedge \overline{B_{x_i y z}},$$

the conjunction over $1 \leq i \leq r$ and all y, z . We apply Janson's Inequality to this conjunction. Again $\epsilon = p^3 = o(1)$. The number of $\{x_i, y, z\}$ is $r \binom{n-1}{2} - O(n)$, the overcount coming from those triangles containing two (or three) of the x_i . (Here it is crucial that r is fixed.) Thus

$$\sum \Pr[B_{x_i y z}] = p^3 \left(r \binom{n-1}{2} - O(n) \right) = r\mu + O(n^{-1+o(1)})$$

As before Δ is p^5 times the number of pairs $x_i y z \sim x_j y' z'$. There are $O(rn^3) = O(n^3)$ terms with $i = j$ and $O(r^2 n^2) = O(n^2)$ terms with $i \neq j$ so again $\Delta = o(1)$. Therefore

$$\Pr[C_{x_1} \wedge \dots \wedge C_{x_r}] \sim e^{-r\mu}$$

and

$$E[X^{(r)}/r!] \sim \frac{(ne^{-\mu})^r}{r!} = \frac{c^r}{r!}$$

Hence X has limiting Poisson distribution, in particular $\Pr[X = 0] \rightarrow e^{-\mu}$.
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Lecture 5: Counting Extensions and Zero-One Laws

The threshold behavior for the existence of a copy of H in $G(n, p)$ is well understood. Now we turn to what, in a logical sense, is the next level which we call *extension statements*. We want $G(n, p)$ to have the property that every x_1, \dots, x_r belong to a copy of H . For example ($r = 1$), every vertex lies in a triangle. We find the fine threshold behavior for this property and further show - continuing this example - that for p a bit larger almost surely every vertex lies in about the same number of triangles.

1 Every Vertex in a Triangle

Let A be the property that every vertex lies in a triangle.

Theorem 1.1. Let $c > 0$ be fixed and let $p = p(n)$, $\mu = \mu(n)$ satisfy

$$\binom{n-1}{2} p^3 = \mu$$

$$e^{-\mu} = \frac{c}{n}$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[G(n, p) \models A] = e^{-c}$$

Proof. First fix $x \in V(G)$. For each unordered $y, z \in V(G) - \{x\}$ let B_{xyz} be the event that $\{x, y, z\}$ is a triangle of G . Let C_x be the event $\bigwedge \overline{B_{xyz}}$ and X_x the corresponding indicator random variable. We use Janson's Inequality to bound $E[X_x] = \Pr[C_x]$. Here $p = o(1)$ so $\epsilon = o(1)$. $\sum \Pr[B_{xyz}] = \mu$ as defined above. Dependency $xyz \sim xuv$ occurs if and only if the sets overlap (other than in x). Hence

$$\Delta = \sum_{y, z, z'} \Pr[B_{xyz} \wedge B_{xyz'}] = O(n^3) p^5 = o(1)$$

since $p = n^{-2/3+o(1)}$. Thus

$$E[X_x] \sim e^{-\mu} = \frac{c}{n}$$

Now define

$$X = \sum_{x \in V(G)} X_x,$$