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3-connected cores of random 2-connected graphs

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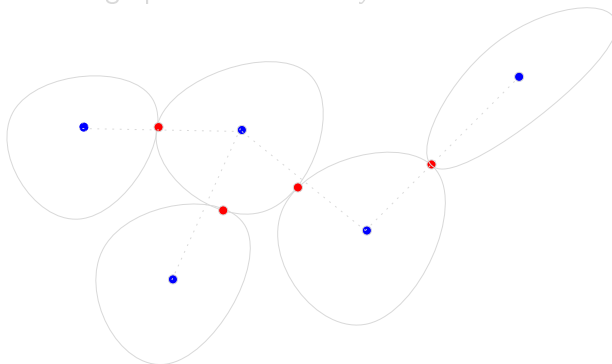
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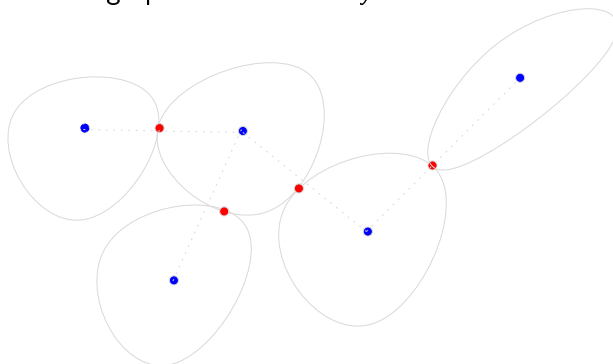


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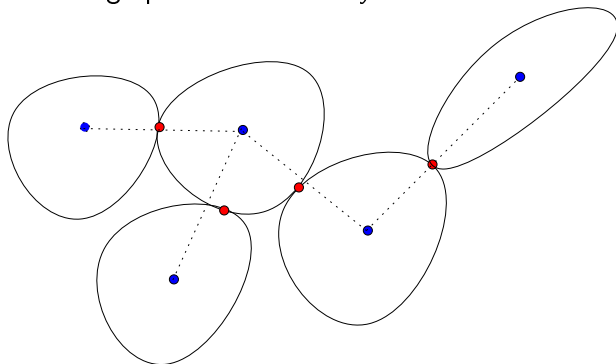


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Theorem [Panagiotou and Steger (2009)]

Let C_n be a random graph sampled uniformly from the family of connected graphs on n vertices with biconnected components in \mathcal{B} . With probability $1 - o(1)$

- if $\rho_{\mathcal{B}} B''(\rho_{\mathcal{B}}) > 1$, then all biconnected components have size $O(\log n)$;
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Random biconnected graphs

Question

If C_n is a random graph on n vertices sampled from a certain class of biconnected graphs, what is the typical distribution of its 3-connected building blocks?

What is a building block of a 2-connected graph?



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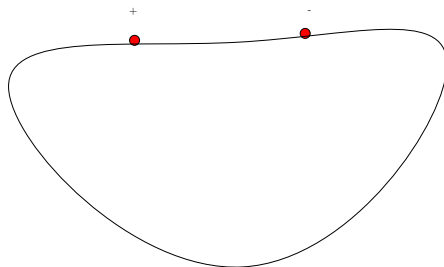
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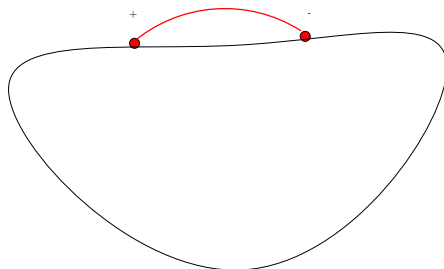
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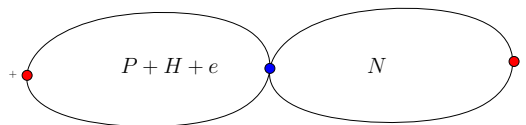
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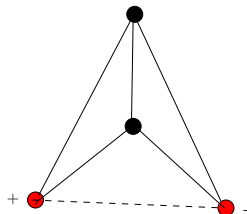


The two types of *parallel networks*



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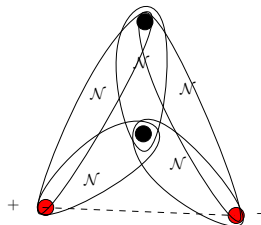


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$$\Phi(x, y, N(x, y)) = 0,$$

where

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = T(x, z) - \log\left(\frac{1+z}{1+y}\right) + \frac{xz^2}{1+xz}.$$



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Aim

We study random networks on n vertices, where the cores are sampled from a given class of 3-connected graphs.



Random networks

A certain correspondence between networks and the resulting class of biconnected graphs yields the following:

Rough equivalence

If a property holds a.a.s. for such a class of networks, then it also holds a.a.s. for the corresponding class of biconnected graphs.



Random networks

What determines the typical structure of a random network on n vertices is

the sign of $\Phi_z(\rho_N(1), 1, N(\rho_N(1), 1))$,

where $\rho_N(1)$ is the radius of convergence of $N(x, 1)$.



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$\Phi_z(\rho_N(1), 1, N(\rho_N(1), 1)) > 0$, then

all cores of N_n have $O_C(\log n)$ vertices.

If $\Phi_z(\rho_N(1), 1, N(\rho_N(1), 1)) < 0$, then for some $\gamma_C > 0$

there is a unique core with $\gamma_C n + o_p(n)$ vertices, but every other core has $o_p(n)$ vertices.



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For every $4 \leq \ell = O\left(\left(\frac{n}{\log n}\right)^{2/5}\right)$ the number of cores with ℓ vertices is for any $\varepsilon > 0$

$$c_\ell n(1 \pm \varepsilon),$$

with probability $1 - o(1)$, where c_ℓ is determined by the generating function of the class of 3-connected planar graphs.



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Example: Boltzmann sampler for Core Networks

$\Gamma H(x, y) : T \leftarrow \Gamma T(x, N(x, y))$

for each edge e of T

$\gamma_e \leftarrow \Gamma N(x, y)$

replace every e in T by γ_e

Return T , relabeling randomly its vertices.



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We show that for each $Z \in \{A_{\text{Net}}, A_{\text{Ser}}, A_{\text{Par}}, V_T, E_T\}$ we have

$$\mathbb{P}(|Z - zn| < \varepsilon n) > 1 - e^{-C\varepsilon^2 n},$$

where $z \in \{a_{\text{Net}}, a_{\text{Ser}}, a_{\text{Par}}, v_T, e_T\}$ and the vector $a := [a_{\text{Net}}, a_{\text{Ser}}, a_{\text{Par}}, v_T, e_T]^T$ is the solution of the system $Ma = r$, where

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{N(x,y)} & \frac{\rho_N N(x,y)}{S(x,y)} & \frac{N(x,y)-1}{2P(x,y)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{S(x,y)}{N(x,y)} & -1 & \frac{S(x,y)N(x,y)}{P(x,y)} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{P(x,y)}{N(x,y)} & \frac{\rho_N P(x,y)N(x,y)}{S(x,y)} & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, r = \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

and $\mu = -\frac{\rho'_N(1)}{\rho_N(1)}$.



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