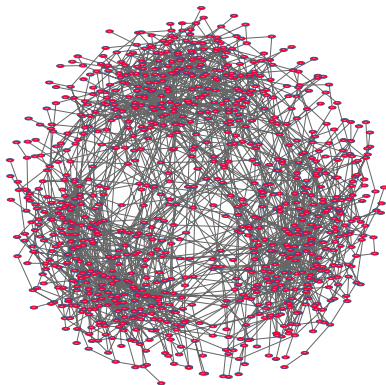


# Statistical physics of tailored random graphs: entropies, processes, and generation

## II. Tailored sparse random graphs

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# Background - tailored random graphs

## networks/graphs:

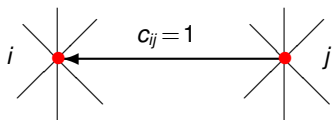
number of nodes:  $N$

nodes (vertices):  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$

links (edges):  $c_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$

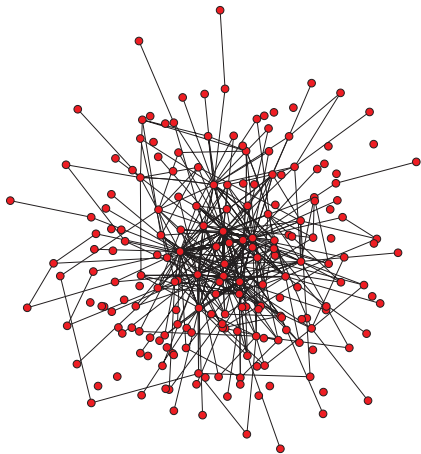
no self-links:  $c_{ii} = 0$  for all  $i$

graph:  $\mathbf{c} = \{c_{ij}\}$



nondirected graph:  $\forall(i, j) : c_{ij} = c_{ji}$

directed graph:  $\exists(i, j) : c_{ij} \neq c_{ji}$



*if we model real-world systems by graphs  
we want these graphs to be realistic ...*



# Networks in cell biology

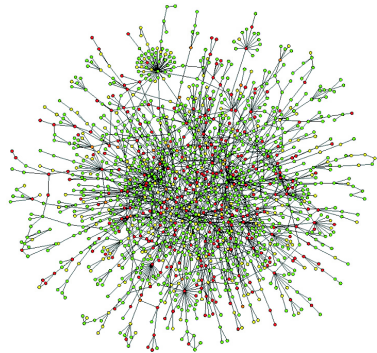
- **protein interaction networks:**

nodes: proteins  $i, j = 1 \dots N$

links:  $c_{ij} = c_{ji} = 1$  if  $i$  can bind to  $j$   
 $c_{ij} = c_{ji} = 0$  otherwise

nondirected graphs,

$N \sim 10^4$ , links/node  $\sim 7$



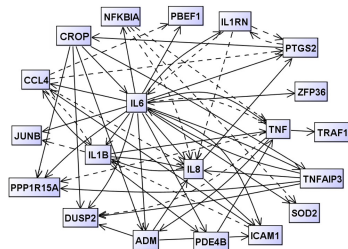
- **gene regulation networks:**

nodes: genes  $i, j = 1 \dots N$

links:  $c_{ij} = 1$  if  $j$  is transcription factor of  $i$   
 $c_{ij} = 0$  otherwise

directed graphs,

$N \sim 10^4$ , links/node  $\sim 5$



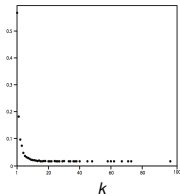
# Quantify topology of nondirected graphs

- degrees,

degree sequence:  $k_i(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_j c_{ij}$ ,  $\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{c}) = (k_1(\mathbf{c}), \dots, k_N(\mathbf{c}))$

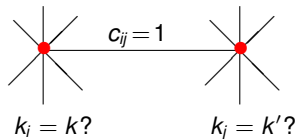
- degree distribution:

$$p(k|\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{k, k_i(\mathbf{c})}$$



- joint degree statistics of connected nodes

$$W(k, k'|\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{k, k_i(\mathbf{c})} \delta_{k', k_j(\mathbf{c})}$$



normalisation:

$$\sum_{k, k' \geq 0} W(k, k'|\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{ij} c_{ij} = \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_i k_i(\mathbf{c}) = 1$$

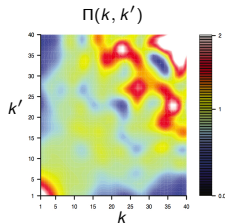
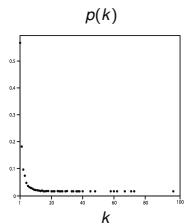
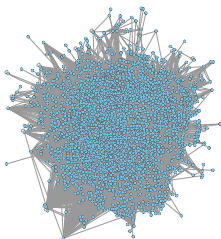
- relation between  $p$  and  $W$ :

$$\begin{aligned} W(k|\mathbf{c}) &= \sum_{k'} W(k, k'|\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{k, k_j(\mathbf{c})} \\ &= \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_i k_i(\mathbf{c}) \delta_{k, k_i(\mathbf{c})} = \frac{k}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_i \delta_{k, k_i(\mathbf{c})} = p(k|\mathbf{c}) k / \langle k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- hence marginals of  $W$  carry no info beyond degree statistics  
so focus on:

$$\Pi(k, k'|\mathbf{c}) = \frac{W(k, k'|\mathbf{c})}{W(k|\mathbf{c})W(k'|\mathbf{c})}$$

if  $\exists(k, k')$  with  $\Pi(k, k'|\mathbf{c}) \neq 1$ :  
structural information in degree correlations



H sapiens PIN  
 $N = 9306$   
 $\langle k \rangle = 7.53$

# Quantify topology of directed graphs

links now become *arrows*

- degrees,

degree sequences:

$$k_i^{\text{in}}(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_j c_{ij}, \quad \mathbf{k}^{\text{in}}(\mathbf{c}) = (k_1^{\text{in}}(\mathbf{c}), \dots, k_N^{\text{in}}(\mathbf{c}))$$

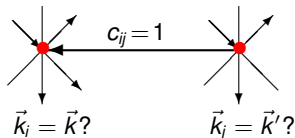
$$k_i^{\text{out}}(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_j c_{ji}, \quad \mathbf{k}^{\text{out}}(\mathbf{c}) = (k_1^{\text{out}}(\mathbf{c}), \dots, k_N^{\text{out}}(\mathbf{c}))$$

- degree distribution:

$$k_i \rightarrow \vec{k}_i = (k_i^{\text{in}}, k_i^{\text{out}}) \quad p(\vec{k}|\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}_i(\mathbf{c})}$$

- joint in-out degree statistics of connected nodes

$$W(\vec{k}, \vec{k}'|\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}_i(\mathbf{c})} \delta_{\vec{k}', \vec{k}_j(\mathbf{c})}$$



note:

$$W(\vec{k}, \vec{k}'|\mathbf{c}) - W(\vec{k}', \vec{k}|\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{ij} (c_{ij} - c_{ji}) \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}_i(\mathbf{c})} \delta_{\vec{k}', \vec{k}_j(\mathbf{c})} \neq 0$$

- relation between  $p$  and  $W$ :

$$\begin{aligned} W_1(\vec{k}|\mathbf{c}) &= \sum_{\vec{k}'} \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}_i(\mathbf{c})} \delta_{\vec{k}', \vec{k}_j(\mathbf{c})} = \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}_i(\mathbf{c})} \\ &= \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_i k_i^{\text{in}}(\mathbf{c}) \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}_i(\mathbf{c})} = \frac{k^{\text{in}}}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_i \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}_i(\mathbf{c})} = p(\vec{k}|\mathbf{c}) k^{\text{in}} / \langle k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_2(\vec{k}'|\mathbf{c}) &= \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}_i(\mathbf{c})} \delta_{\vec{k}', \vec{k}_j(\mathbf{c})} = \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{\vec{k}', \vec{k}_j(\mathbf{c})} \\ &= \frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_j k_j^{\text{out}}(\mathbf{c}) \delta_{\vec{k}', \vec{k}_j(\mathbf{c})} = \frac{k^{\text{out}}(\mathbf{c})}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_j \delta_{\vec{k}', \vec{k}_j(\mathbf{c})} = p(\vec{k}'|\mathbf{c}) k^{\text{out}} / \langle k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

so focus on:

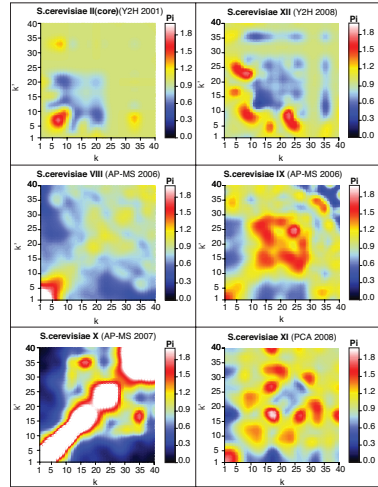
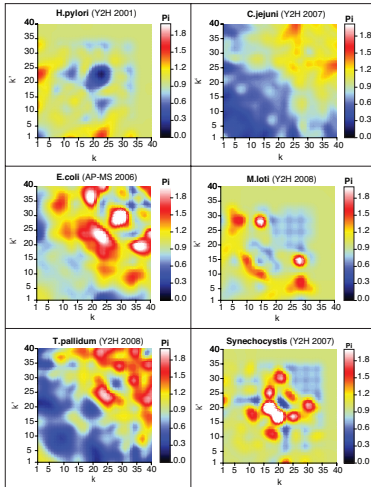
$$\Pi(\vec{k}, \vec{k}'|\mathbf{c}) = \frac{W(\vec{k}, \vec{k}'|\mathbf{c})}{W_1(\vec{k}|\mathbf{c}) W_2(\vec{k}'|\mathbf{c})}$$

if  $\exists(\vec{k}, \vec{k}')$  with  $\Pi(\vec{k}, \vec{k}'|\mathbf{c}) \neq 1$ :

structural information in degree correlations

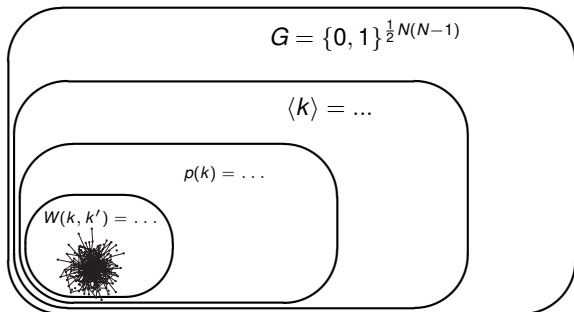
## Information in degree correlations?

plot  $\Pi(k, k') = W(k, k') / W(k)W(k')$   
for protein interaction networks:



Graph classification  
via increasingly detailed  
feature prescription

*e.g. nondirected graphs:*



## Tailored random graph ensembles

maximum entropy random graph ensembles,  
 $p(\mathbf{c})$  with prescribed values for  $\langle k \rangle$ ,  $p(k)$ ,  $W(k, k')$ , ...

- proxies for real networks in stat mech models
- complexity: how many networks exist with same features as  $\mathbf{c}$ ? **counting**
- hypothesis testing: graphs with controlled features as null models **generating**

$N = 1000$ :  $2^{\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)} \approx 10^{150,364}$  graphs  
(universe has  $\sim 10^{82}$  atoms ...)

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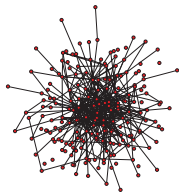
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# random graph ensembles

- (i) set  $G$  of allowed graphs,
- (ii) probability measure  $p(\mathbf{c})$  on  $G$



## • Tailoring via hard constraints

- (i) impose values for specific observables:  $\Omega_\mu(\mathbf{c}) = \Omega_\mu$  for  $\mu = 1 \dots p$
- (ii)  $p(\mathbf{c})$ : all graphs that meet constraints are equally likely

$$p(\mathbf{c}|\Omega) = \frac{\delta_{\Omega(\mathbf{c}),\Omega}}{\mathcal{N}(\Omega)}, \quad \mathcal{N}(\Omega) = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} \delta_{\Omega(\mathbf{c}),\Omega} \quad (\text{nr of graphs in ensemble})$$

with  $\Omega = (\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_p)$

note 1:

$p(\mathbf{c})$  maximises Shannon entropy  $S$   
on  $G[\Omega] = \{\mathbf{c} | \Omega(\mathbf{c}) = \Omega\}$

$$S = -\frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{\mathbf{c}} p(\mathbf{c}) \log p(\mathbf{c})$$

note 2:

$$e^{N\langle k \rangle S[\Omega]} = e^{-\sum_{\mathbf{c}} p(\mathbf{c}) \log p(\mathbf{c})} = e^{-\sum_{\mathbf{c}} \frac{\delta_{\Omega(\mathbf{c}),\Omega}}{\mathcal{N}(\Omega)} \left( \log \delta_{\Omega(\mathbf{c}),\Omega} - \log \mathcal{N}(\Omega) \right)} = \mathcal{N}(\Omega)$$

## ● Tailoring via soft constraints

- (i) impose *averages* for specific observables:  $\Omega_\mu(\mathbf{c}) = \Omega_\mu$  for  $\mu = 1 \dots p$
- (ii)  $p(\mathbf{c})$ : maximum entropy, subject to constraints

$$p(\mathbf{c}|\Omega) = Z^{-1}(\Omega) e^{\sum_\mu \omega_\mu(\Omega)\Omega_\mu(\mathbf{c})}, \quad Z(\Omega) = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} e^{\sum_\mu \omega_\mu(\Omega)\Omega_\mu(\mathbf{c})}$$

parameters  $\omega_\mu(\Omega)$ :  
to be solved from

$$\forall \mu : \sum_{\mathbf{c}} p(\mathbf{c}|\Omega)\Omega_\mu(\mathbf{c}) = \Omega_\mu$$

note 1:

all graphs  $\mathbf{c}$  can in principle emerge; those with  $\Omega(\mathbf{c}) \approx \Omega$  are the most likely

note 2:

*effective* number of graphs  $\mathcal{N}(\Omega)$  defined via entropy:

$$\mathcal{N}(\Omega) = e^{N\langle k \rangle S[\Omega]}, \quad S[\Omega] = -\frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{\mathbf{c} \in G} p(\mathbf{c}|\Omega) \log p(\mathbf{c}|\Omega)$$

note 3:

for observables  $\Omega(\mathbf{c})$  that are *macroscopic in nature* and  $\mathcal{O}(N^0)$ ,  
one will generally find deviations from  $\Omega(\mathbf{c}) = \Omega$  to tend to zero as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

## Example 1a

nondirected graphs,  $c_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i$ ,  
impose average connectivity via hard constraint,

$$\Omega(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{ij} c_{ij}$$

- demand  $\sum_{ij} c_{ij} = N\langle k \rangle$

$$p(\mathbf{c}|\langle k \rangle) = \frac{\delta_{\sum_{ij} c_{ij}, N\langle k \rangle}}{\mathcal{N}(\langle k \rangle)}, \quad \mathcal{N}(\langle k \rangle) = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} \delta_{\sum_{ij} c_{ij}, N\langle k \rangle}$$

- calculate  $\mathcal{N}(\langle k \rangle)$ :

$$\text{use } \delta_{nm} = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\omega e^{i(n-m)\omega}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\langle k \rangle) &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{i\omega N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{\mathbf{c}} e^{-i\omega \sum_{ij} c_{ij}} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{i\omega N\langle k \rangle} \prod_{i < j} \left[ \sum_{c_{ij}} e^{-2i\omega c_{ij}} \right] \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{i\omega N\langle k \rangle} (1 + e^{-2i\omega})^{\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)} \\ &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)} \binom{\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)}{\ell} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{i\omega N\langle k \rangle - 2i\ell\omega} = \binom{\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)}{\frac{1}{2}N\langle k \rangle} \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{2}N\langle k \rangle [\log(N/\langle k \rangle) + 1] + \mathcal{O}(\log N)} \quad \text{Stirling: } n! = e^{n \log n - n + \mathcal{O}(\log n)} \quad n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

## Example 1b

nondirected graphs,  $c_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i$ ,  
impose average connectivity via soft constraint,

$$\Omega(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{ij} c_{ij}$$

- demand  $\langle \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \rangle = N \langle k \rangle$

$$p(\mathbf{c} | \langle k \rangle) = \frac{1}{Z(\omega)} e^{\omega \sum_{ij} c_{ij}}, \quad Z(\omega) = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} e^{\omega \sum_{ij} c_{ij}}$$

$$\omega \text{ solved from: } \langle k \rangle = \frac{1}{Z(\omega)} \sum_{\mathbf{c}} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{kl} c_{kl} \right) e^{\omega \sum_{ij} c_{ij}} = \frac{d}{d\omega} \frac{1}{N} \log Z(\omega)$$

- calculate  $Z(\omega)$  and  $\omega$ :

$$\langle k \rangle = \frac{d}{d\omega} \frac{1}{N} \log(e^{2\omega} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2} N(N-1)} = (N-1) \frac{e^{2\omega}}{e^{2\omega} + 1}$$

- Equivalently:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{c} | \langle k \rangle) &= \frac{1}{Z(\omega)} \prod_{i < j} e^{2\omega c_{ij}} = \frac{1}{Z(\omega)} \prod_{i < j} \left[ e^{2\omega \delta_{c_{ij},1} + \delta_{c_{ij},0}} \right] \\ &= \prod_{i < j} \frac{e^{2\omega \delta_{c_{ij},1} + \delta_{c_{ij},0}}}{e^{2\omega} + 1} = \prod_{i < j} \left[ \frac{e^{2\omega}}{e^{2\omega} + 1} \delta_{c_{ij},1} + \frac{1}{e^{2\omega} + 1} \delta_{c_{ij},0} \right] \end{aligned}$$

## Example 2a

nondirected graphs,  $c_{ii} = 0$  for all  $i$ ,  
impose degree sequence via hard constraint,

$$\Omega_i(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_j c_{ij}, \quad i = 1 \dots N$$

- demand:  $\sum_j c_{ij} = k_i$  for all  $i$

$$p(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\prod_i \delta_{\sum_j c_{ij}, k_i}}{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{k})}, \quad \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} \prod_i \delta_{\sum_j c_{ij}, k_i}$$

- calculate  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{k})$ :

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{k}) &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \prod_i \left( \frac{d\omega_i}{2\pi} e^{i\omega_i k_i} \right) \sum_{\mathbf{c}} e^{-i \sum_i \omega_i \sum_j c_{ij}} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega} e^{i\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{k}}}{(2\pi)^N} \prod_{i < j} \left[ \sum_{c_{ij}} e^{-i(\omega_i + \omega_j) c_{ij}} \right] \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega} e^{i\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{k}}}{(2\pi)^N} \prod_{i < j} (1 + e^{-i(\omega_i + \omega_j)}) = ? \quad \text{possible (leading orders in } N), \\ & \quad \text{but no longer obvious ...} \end{aligned}$$

## Example 2b

nondirected graphs,  $c_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i$ ,  
impose degree sequence via soft constraint,  
 $\Omega_i(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_j c_{ij}$ ,  $i = 1 \dots N$

- demand:  $\langle \sum_j c_{ij} \rangle = k_i$  for all  $i$

$$p(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{Z(\boldsymbol{\omega})} e^{\sum_i \omega_i \sum_j c_{ij}}, \quad Z(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} e^{\sum_i \omega_i \sum_j c_{ij}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} \text{ solved from : } \forall m: k_m = \frac{1}{Z(\boldsymbol{\omega})} \sum_{\mathbf{c}} \left( \sum_n c_{mn} \right) e^{\sum_i \omega_i \sum_j c_{ij}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega_m} \log Z(\boldsymbol{\omega})$$

- calculate  $Z(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} k_m &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega_m} \log \sum_{\mathbf{c}} e^{\sum_{i<j} c_{ij}(\omega_i + \omega_j)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega_m} \log \prod_{i<j} \left[ \sum_{c_{ij}} e^{c_{ij}(\omega_i + \omega_j)} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i<j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega_m} \log(1 + e^{\omega_i + \omega_j}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} (\delta_{im} + \delta_{jm}) \frac{e^{\omega_i + \omega_j}}{1 + e^{\omega_i + \omega_j}} = \sum_{i \neq m} \frac{e^{\omega_i + \omega_m}}{1 + e^{\omega_i + \omega_m}} \end{aligned}$$

$N$  transcendental eqns to be solved ...

### Example 3a

nondirected graphs,  $c_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i$ ,

impose degree sequence and kernel  $W(k, k')$  via hard constraint,

$$\Omega_i(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_j c_{ij}, \quad i, j = 1 \dots N,$$

$$\Omega_{kk'}(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{k, \sum_\ell c_{i\ell}} \delta_{k', \sum_\ell c_{j\ell}}, \quad k, k' \in \mathbb{IN}$$

- demand:  $\sum_j c_{ij} = k_i$  for all  $i$ , and

$$\sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{k, \sum_\ell c_{i\ell}} \delta_{k', \sum_\ell c_{j\ell}} = N \langle k \rangle W(k, k') \text{ for all } (k, k')$$

(with  $\langle k \rangle = N^{-1} \sum_i k_i$ )

$$\rho(\mathbf{c} | \mathbf{k}, W) = \frac{\left[ \prod_i \delta_{\sum_j c_{ij}, k_i} \right] \left[ \prod_{k, k'} \delta_{\sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{k, k_i} \delta_{k', k_j}, N \langle k \rangle W(k, k')} \right]}{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{k}, W)},$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{k}, W) = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} \left[ \prod_i \delta_{\sum_j c_{ij}, k_i} \right] \left[ \prod_{k, k'} \delta_{\sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{k, k_i} \delta_{k', k_j}, N \langle k \rangle W(k, k')} \right]$$

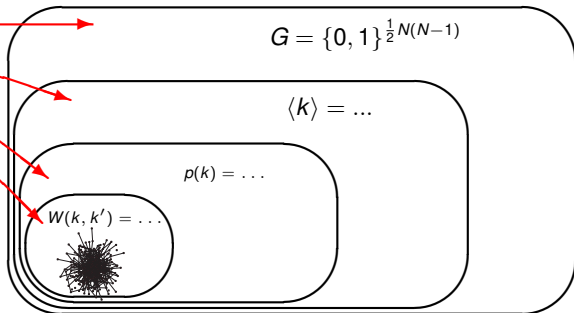
- calculate  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{k}, W)$ :

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{k}, W) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \prod_i \left( \frac{d\omega_i}{2\pi} e^{i\omega_i k_i} \right) \left( \prod_{k, k'} \frac{d\psi_{kk'}}{2\pi} e^{i\psi_{kk'} N \langle k \rangle W(k, k')} \right)$$

$$\times \sum_{\mathbf{c}} e^{-i \sum_i \omega_i \sum_j c_{ij} - i \sum_{kk'} \psi_{kk'} \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \delta_{k, k_i} \delta_{k', k_j}} \quad \text{doable, but increasingly complicated....}$$

# Counting tailored graphs

*how many graphs  
in each family?*





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# entropy and complexity

properties of Shannon entropy (information theory)

- **effective nr of graphs** in ensemble  $p(\mathbf{c}|\star)$ :  
( $\star$ : imposed observables)

$$\mathcal{N}(\star) = e^{N\langle k \rangle S(\star)}, \quad S(\star) = -\frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \sum_{\mathbf{c}} p(\mathbf{c}|\star) \log p(\mathbf{c}|\star) \quad (\text{entropy per link})$$

- $S(\star)$ : proportional to the average nr of bits one needs to specify to identify a member graph  $\mathbf{c}$  in the ensemble
- **complexity of graphs** in ensemble  $p(\mathbf{c}|\star)$ :

$$C(\star) = S(\emptyset) - S(\star)$$

$\emptyset$ : no constraints

nondirected,  $c_{ij} = 0 \forall i$ :

$$p(\mathbf{c}|\emptyset) = 2^{-\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)}, \quad S(\emptyset) = -\frac{1}{N\langle k \rangle} \log 2^{-\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)} = \frac{N-1}{2\langle k \rangle} \log 2$$

- $\exists$  many graphs with feature  $\star$ : graphs with  $\star$  have low complexity
- $\exists$  few graphs with feature  $\star$ : graphs with  $\star$  have high complexity

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## Shannon entropy per bond final result for nondirected graphs

$$P(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left[ \prod_i dk_i p(k_i) \right] \frac{\prod_i \delta_{k_i, k_i(\mathbf{c})}}{Z(\mathbf{k}, W)} \prod_{i < j} \left[ \frac{\langle k \rangle}{N} \frac{W(k_i, k_j)}{p(k_i)p(k_j)} \delta_{c_{ij}, 1} + \left( 1 - \frac{\langle k \rangle}{N} \frac{W(k_i, k_j)}{p(k_i)p(k_j)} \right) \delta_{c_{ij}, 0} \right]$$

$$S = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \log \left( \frac{N}{\langle k \rangle} \right) \right]}_{\text{Erdos-Renyi entropy}} - \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_k p(k) \log \left[ \frac{p(k)}{\pi(k)} \right]}_{\text{degree complexity}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k, k'} W(k, k') \log \left[ \frac{W(k, k')}{W(k)W(k')} \right]}_{\text{wiring complexity}} \right\} + \epsilon_N$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_N = 0$$

$$\pi(\ell) = e^{-\langle k \rangle} \langle k \rangle^\ell / \ell!$$

degree distr of Erdős-Renyi graphs

degree complexity: proportional to Kullback-Leibler distance (so  $\geq 0$ )

wiring complexity: proportional to mutual information (so  $\geq 0$ )

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## Shannon entropy per bond

### final result for directed graphs:

$$\vec{k}_i = (k_i^{\text{in}}, k_i^{\text{out}})$$

$$p(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{\vec{k}} \prod_i \left[ d\vec{k}_i p(\vec{k}_i) \right] \frac{\prod_i \delta_{\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_i(\mathbf{c})}}{Z(\vec{k}, W)} \prod_{i < j} \left[ \frac{\langle k \rangle}{N} \frac{W(\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_j)}{p(\vec{k}_i)p(\vec{k}_j)} \delta_{c_{ij}, 1} + \left( 1 - \frac{\langle k \rangle}{N} \frac{W(\vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_j)}{p(\vec{k}_i)p(\vec{k}_j)} \right) \delta_{c_{ij}, 0} \right]$$

$$S = \underbrace{1 + \log\left(\frac{N}{\langle k \rangle}\right)}_{\text{directed ER entropy}} - \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_{\vec{k}} p(\vec{k}) \log\left[\frac{p(\vec{k})}{\pi(k^{\text{in}})\pi(k^{\text{out}})}\right]}_{\text{degree complexity}} + \underbrace{\sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'} W(\vec{k}, \vec{k}') \log\left[\frac{W(\vec{k}, \vec{k}')}{W(\vec{k})W(\vec{k}')}\right]}_{\text{wiring complexity}} \right\} + \epsilon_N$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_N = 0$$

$$\pi(\ell) = e^{-\langle k \rangle} \langle k \rangle^\ell / \ell!$$

$\pi(k^{\text{in}})\pi(k^{\text{out}})$ : degree distr of directed Erdős-Renyi graphs

degree complexity: proportional to Kullback-Leibler distance (so  $\geq 0$ )

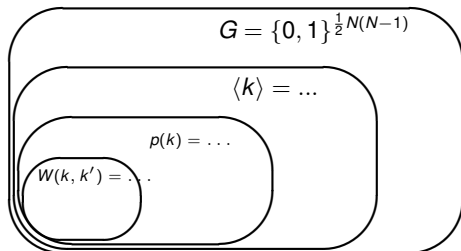
wiring complexity: proportional to mutual information (so  $\geq 0$ )

# Generating tailored random graphs numerically

next:

## generate tailored random graphs

from these families numerically ...



## typical questions

$G$ : all nondirected  $N$ -node graphs

$G[\mathbf{k}] \subset G$ : all nondirected  $N$ -node graphs with degrees  $\mathbf{k}$

how to generate

- random  $\mathbf{c} \in G$ , with specified probability  $p(\mathbf{c})$
- random  $\mathbf{c} \in G[\mathbf{k}]$ , with uniform probability
- random  $\mathbf{c} \in G[\mathbf{k}]$ , with specified probability  $p(\mathbf{c})$

similar for directed graphs ...

## why is the generation of graphs a nontrivial issue?

- many users underestimate/misjudge what the real problem is:  
sampling the space of all graphs with given features: usually easy ...  
sampling them with required probabilities: nontrivial!
- many ad-hoc graph generation algorithms that *appear* sensible,  
but without proper analysis of which measure they converge to
- in cellular biology graphs are often used as ‘null models’,  
against which to test hypotheses on observed features in  
signalling networks  
  
if these null models are *biased*,  
the hypothesis test is fundamentally flawed ...



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## trivial case: no constraints standard Glauber/MCMC dynamics

(Metropolis et al 1953)

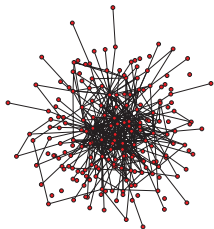
objective: generate random nondirected  $\mathbf{c} \in \{0, 1\}^{\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)}$   
with specified probabilities  $p(\mathbf{c})$

strategy: start from any graph  $\mathbf{c}$   
propose random moves  $c_{ij} \rightarrow 1 - c_{ij}$  (giving  $\mathbf{c} \rightarrow F_{ij}\mathbf{c}$ ),  
define acceptance probabilities  $A(F_{ij}\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c})$   
via detailed balance condition

$$A(F_{ij}\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c})p(\mathbf{c}) = A(\mathbf{c}|F_{ij}\mathbf{c})p(F_{ij}\mathbf{c}) \rightarrow A(\mathbf{c}'|\mathbf{c}) = \left[1 + p(\mathbf{c})/p(\mathbf{c}')\right]^{-1}$$

stochastic process is ergodic,  
and converges to the distribution  $p(\mathbf{c})$

practicalities:  
equilibration can take a *very long* time,  
so monitor Hamming distances



(trivially generalised  
to directed graphs)

# Matching algorithm

(Bender and Canfield, 1978)

objective: generate random nondirected graph  $\mathbf{c} \in \{0, 1\}^{\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)}$   
with specified degree sequence  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_N)$

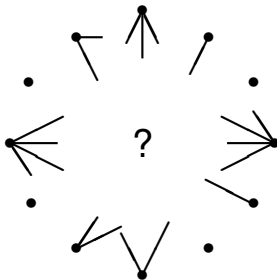
strategy: stochastic growth dynamics,  
starting from graph with no links

- initialisation:  $c_{ij} = 0$  for all  $(i, j)$

repeat:

- pick at random two nodes  $(i, j)$
- if  $\sum_{\ell} c_{i\ell} < k_i$  and  $\sum_{\ell} c_{j\ell} < k_j$ :  
connect  $i$  and  $j$   
 $c_{ij} = 0 \rightarrow c_{ij} = 1$

terminate if  $\sum_j c_{ij} = k_i$  for all  $i$



(trivially generalised  
to directed graphs)

## Matching algorithm

limitations and problems ...

- major limitation:

cannot control graph probabilities, just aims to generate  $\mathbf{c} \in G[\mathbf{k}]$  with equal probs

- inconvenience: convergence not guaranteed

process can 'hang' before  $\sum_j c_{ij} = k_i$  for all  $i$   
if one remaining 'stub' requires self-loops  
(happens more often when there are 'hubs',  
i.e. nodes with large degree)

– monitor the evolving degrees, to test for this

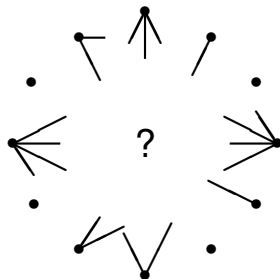
– if process 'hangs': reject and start over again from empty graph

- sampling bias:

if process 'hangs', users often don't reject the graph  
but do 'backtracking' (for CPU reasons),  
this creates correlations between graph realisations

even if we reject rather than backtrack:

no proof published yet that sampling measure  $p(\mathbf{c})$  is flat ...



# Edge switching algorithm

(Seidel, 1976)

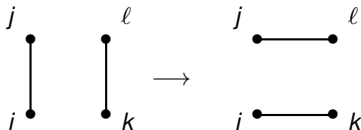
objective: generate random nondirected graph  $\mathbf{c} \in \{0, 1\}^{\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)}$   
with specified degree sequence  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_N)$

strategy: degree-preserving randomisation ('shuffling') process,  
starting from any graph  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_N)$

- initialisation:  $c_{ij} = c_{ij}^0$  for all  $(i, j)$ ,  
where  $\mathbf{c}^0$  is some graph  
with the correct degrees

repeat:

- pick at random four nodes  $(i, j, k, \ell)$   
that are *pairwise connected*
- carry out an 'edge swap'  
(or 'Seidel switch'), see diagram  
(preserves all degrees!)



terminate if stochastic process has equilibrated

# Edge switching algorithm

limitations and problems ...

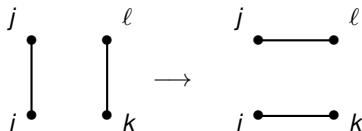
- major limitation:

cannot control graph probabilities, aims to generate  $\mathbf{c} \in G[\mathbf{k}]$  with equal probs

- inconvenience: need for a 'seed graph' with the correct degrees  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_N)$

- sampling bias:

edge swaps are ergodic on  $G[\mathbf{k}]$  (Taylor, 1981), but sampling is *not uniform!*



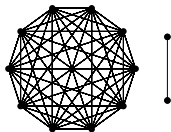
nr of possible moves

depends on state  $\mathbf{c}$ !

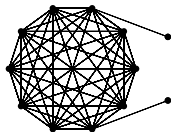
result:

stationary state of Markov chain favours high-mobility graphs

*many possible moves*



*only one move ...*

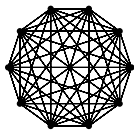


dangerous for **scale-free** graphs ...

target:  
uniform measure  $p(\mathbf{c})$   
on  $G[\mathbf{k}]$

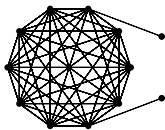
1 graph

$$n(\mathbf{c}) = (N-2)(N-3)$$



$(N-2)(N-3)$  graphs

$$n(\mathbf{c}) = 2(N-3)$$



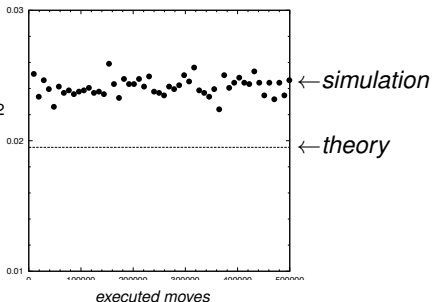
for flat measure:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n(\mathbf{c}) \rangle &= \frac{(N-2)(N-3) + (N-2)(N-3) \cdot 2(N-3)}{1 + (N-2)(N-3)} \\ &= \frac{(N-2)(N-3)[1 + 2(N-3)]}{1 + (N-2)(N-3)} \end{aligned}$$

$N = 100$ :

$$\langle n(\mathbf{c}) \rangle / N^2 \approx 0.0195$$

'accept all'  
edge swapping:  $\overline{n(\mathbf{c})} / N^2$



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need to study graph dynamics more systematically ...

## Monte Carlo processes for constrained graphs

- constraints:  
 $G[\star] \subseteq G$ : all  $\mathbf{c} \in G$  that satisfy constraints  $\star$
- stochastic graph dynamics as a Markov chain,  
transition probabilities  $W(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}')$  for the move  $\mathbf{c}' \rightarrow \mathbf{c}$   
 $n \in \mathbb{N}$ : algorithmic time

$$\forall \mathbf{c} \in G[\star] : \quad p_{n+1}(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{\mathbf{c}' \in G[\star]} W(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}') p_n(\mathbf{c}')$$

- allowed moves (exclude identity):  
 $\Phi$ : set of allowed moves  $F : G_F[\star] \rightarrow G[\star]$   
 $G_F[\star]$ : those  $\mathbf{c} \in G[\star]$  on which  $F$  can act  
all moves are auto-invertible:  $(\forall F \in \Phi) : F^2 = \mathbf{I}$   
 $\Phi$  is ergodic on  $G[\star]$

## MCMC objective

construct transition probs  $W(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}')$ , based on moves  $F \in \Phi$ , such that process converges to  $p(\mathbf{c}) = Z^{-1} e^{-H(\mathbf{c})}$  on  $G[\star]$

$$W(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}') = \sum_{F \in \Phi} q(F|\mathbf{c}') \left[ \delta_{\mathbf{c}, F\mathbf{c}'} A(F\mathbf{c}'|\mathbf{c}') + \delta_{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}'} [1 - A(F\mathbf{c}'|\mathbf{c}')] \right]$$

$q(F|\mathbf{c})$  : *move proposal probability*

$A(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}')$  : *move acceptance probability*

- graph mobility  $n(\mathbf{c})$ :

$$n(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{F \in \Phi} I_F(\mathbf{c}), \quad I_F(\mathbf{c}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{c} \in G_F[\star] \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{c} \notin G_F[\star] \end{cases}$$

- detailed balance condition:

$$(\forall F \in \Phi)(\forall \mathbf{c} \in G[\star]) : \quad q(F|\mathbf{c})A(F\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c})e^{-H(\mathbf{c})} = q(F|F\mathbf{c})A(\mathbf{c}|F\mathbf{c})e^{-H(F\mathbf{c})}$$

if allowed  $F$  equally probable:

$$q(F|\mathbf{c}) = I_F(\mathbf{c})/n(\mathbf{c})$$

$$(\forall F \in \Phi)(\forall \mathbf{c} \in G_F[\star]) : \quad \frac{1}{n(\mathbf{c})} A(F\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c})e^{-H(\mathbf{c})} = \frac{1}{n(F\mathbf{c})} A(\mathbf{c}|F\mathbf{c})e^{-H(F\mathbf{c})}$$

## canonical Markov chain

ergodic auto-invertible moves  $F \in \Phi$ ,  
convergence to  $p(\mathbf{c}) = Z^{-1} e^{-H(\mathbf{c})}$  on  $G[\star]$   
for acceptance probabilities

$$A(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}') = \frac{n(\mathbf{c}') e^{-\frac{1}{2}[H(\mathbf{c})-H(\mathbf{c}')]} }{n(\mathbf{c}') e^{-\frac{1}{2}[H(\mathbf{c})-H(\mathbf{c}')]} + n(\mathbf{c}) e^{\frac{1}{2}[H(\mathbf{c})-H(\mathbf{c}')]} }$$

### conventional edge-swapping?

$$(\forall \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}') : A(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}') = 1$$

$$(\forall F, \mathbf{c}) : \frac{A(F\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}) e^{-H(\mathbf{c})}}{n(\mathbf{c})} = \frac{A(\mathbf{c}|F\mathbf{c}) e^{-H(F\mathbf{c})}}{n(F\mathbf{c})} \rightarrow (\forall F, \mathbf{c}) : \frac{e^{-H(\mathbf{c})}}{n(\mathbf{c})} = \frac{e^{-H(F\mathbf{c})}}{n(F\mathbf{c})}$$

corresponds to  
 $H(\mathbf{c}) = -\log n(\mathbf{c})$ ,  
so would give

$$\text{sampling bias : } p(\mathbf{c}) = \frac{n(\mathbf{c})}{\sum_{\mathbf{c}' \in G[\star]} n(\mathbf{c}')}$$

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# Constrained dynamics of nondirected graphs

## bookkeeping of elementary moves

- constraints: imposed degrees, so graph set is  $G[\mathbf{k}]$

ergodic set  $\Phi$  of admissible moves:

edge swaps  $F : G_F[\mathbf{k}] \rightarrow G[\mathbf{k}]$

$\{(i, j, k, \ell) \in \{1, \dots, N\}^4 \mid i < j < k < \ell\}$ , ordered node quadruplets

possible edge swaps  
to act on  $(i, j, k, \ell)$ :



- group into pairs (I,IV), (II,V), and (III,VI)  
auto-invertible swaps:  $F_{ijk\ell;\alpha}$ , with  $i < j < k < \ell$  and  $\alpha \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$I_{ijk\ell;\alpha}(\mathbf{c}) = 1: \quad \begin{aligned} F_{ijk\ell;\alpha}(\mathbf{c})_{qr} &= 1 - c_{qr} && \text{for } (q, r) \in \mathcal{S}_{ijk\ell;\alpha} \\ F_{ijk\ell;\alpha}(\mathbf{c})_{qr} &= c_{qr} && \text{for } (q, r) \notin \mathcal{S}_{ijk\ell;\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{ijk\ell;1} &= \{(i, j), (k, \ell), (i, \ell), (j, k)\}, & \mathcal{S}_{ijk\ell;2} &= \{(i, j), (k, \ell), (i, k), (j, \ell)\} \\ \mathcal{S}_{ijk\ell;3} &= \{(i, k), (j, \ell), (i, \ell), (j, k)\} \end{aligned}$$

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to implement the Markov chain,  
 need **analytical formula for the graph mobility**

$$n(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{i < j < k < \ell}^N \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 I_{ijk\ell; \alpha}(\mathbf{c})$$

$$I_{ijk\ell; 1}(\mathbf{c}) = c_{ij} c_{k\ell} (1 - c_{i\ell})(1 - c_{jk}) + (1 - c_{ij})(1 - c_{k\ell}) c_{i\ell} c_{jk}$$

$$I_{ijk\ell; 2}(\mathbf{c}) = c_{ij} c_{k\ell} (1 - c_{ik})(1 - c_{j\ell}) + (1 - c_{ij})(1 - c_{k\ell}) c_{ik} c_{j\ell}$$

$$I_{ijk\ell; 3}(\mathbf{c}) = c_{ik} c_{j\ell} (1 - c_{i\ell})(1 - c_{jk}) + (1 - c_{ik})(1 - c_{j\ell}) c_{i\ell} c_{jk}$$

combinatorial problem:

$$(\bar{\delta}_{ij} = 1 - \delta_{ij})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n(\mathbf{c}) &= \sum_{i < j < k < \ell} \overbrace{\left( I_{ijk\ell; 1}(\mathbf{c}) + I_{ijk\ell; 2}(\mathbf{c}) + I_{ijk\ell; 3}(\mathbf{c}) \right)}^{\text{invariant under all permutations of } (i, j, k, \ell)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4!} \sum_{ijkl} \bar{\delta}_{ij} \bar{\delta}_{ik} \bar{\delta}_{i\ell} \bar{\delta}_{jk} \bar{\delta}_{j\ell} \bar{\delta}_{k\ell} \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 I_{ijk\ell; \alpha}(\mathbf{c}) && \text{(permutation invariance)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} \bar{\delta}_{ij} \bar{\delta}_{ik} \bar{\delta}_{i\ell} \bar{\delta}_{jk} \bar{\delta}_{j\ell} \bar{\delta}_{k\ell} c_{ij} c_{k\ell} (1 - c_{i\ell})(1 - c_{jk}) && \text{(permutation, inversion)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} \bar{\delta}_{ik} \bar{\delta}_{i\ell} \bar{\delta}_{jk} \bar{\delta}_{j\ell} c_{ij} c_{k\ell} (1 - c_{i\ell})(1 - c_{jk}) && \text{(no diagonal entries)}
 \end{aligned}$$

work out remaining terms explicitly ...

$$n(\mathbf{c}) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}N^2\langle k \rangle^2 + \frac{1}{4}N\langle k \rangle - \frac{1}{2}N\langle k^2 \rangle}_{\text{invariant}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}\text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^4) + \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^3) - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{ij} k_i c_{ij} k_j}_{\text{state dependent}}$$

Examples:

- Fully connected graphs:

$$k_i = N-1 \text{ for all } i, \quad \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^4) = (N-1)[(N-1)^3 + 1], \quad \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^3) = N(N-1)(N-2)$$

formula:  $n(\mathbf{c}) = 0$  (ok by inspection)

- Periodic chains  $c_{ij} = \delta_{i,j-1} + \delta_{i,j+1} \pmod{N}$ ,  $N \geq 4$ :

$$k_i = 2 \text{ for all } i, \quad \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^4) = 6N, \quad \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^3) = 0$$

formula:  $n(\mathbf{c}) = N(N-4)$  (ok by inspection)

- Two isolated links  $c_{12} = c_{21} = c_{34} = c_{43} = 1$ , all other  $c_{ij} = 0$ :

$$k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = 1, \quad k_{i>4} = 0, \quad \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^4) = 4, \quad \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^3) = 0$$

formula:  $n(\mathbf{c}) = 2$  (ok by inspection)

- Regular random graphs with  $p(k) = \delta_{k,2}$ :

use eigenvalue distribution of  $\mathbf{c}$  (Dorogovtsev 2003),  
 formula:  $n(\mathbf{c}) = N(N-4) + o(N)$



$$n(\mathbf{c}) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}N^2\langle k \rangle^2 + \frac{1}{4}N\langle k \rangle - \frac{1}{2}N\langle k^2 \rangle}_{\text{invariant}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}\text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^4) + \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^3) - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{ij} k_i c_{ij} k_j}_{\text{state dependent}}$$

## practicalities

how to avoid calculating  $n(\mathbf{c})$  at each iteration step,

- use simple bounds:

$$\frac{N}{4} \left( N\langle k \rangle^2 + \langle k \rangle - \langle k^2 \rangle \right) - \frac{N}{2} \langle k^2 \rangle k_{\max} \leq n(\mathbf{c}) \leq \frac{N}{4} \left( N\langle k \rangle^2 + \langle k \rangle - \langle k^2 \rangle \right)$$

state-dependent part can be ignored if  $\langle k^2 \rangle k_{\max} / \langle k \rangle^2 \ll N$

- (i) calculate  $n(\mathbf{c})$  only at time  $n = 0$
- (ii) update  $n(\mathbf{c})$  dynamically, by calculating at each step change  $\Delta_{ijk\ell;\alpha} n(\mathbf{c})$  for executed move  $F_{ijk\ell;\alpha}$

e.g.

$$\Delta_{ijk\ell;\alpha} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^3) = 6 \sum_{(a,b) \in S_{ijk\ell;\alpha}, a < b} (1 - 2c_{ab}) \sum_{v \notin \{i,j,k,\ell\}} c_{bv} c_{va}$$

$$\Delta_{ijk\ell;\alpha} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^4) = \text{more complicated but explicit formula ...}$$

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## Example:

target =  
uniform measure on  $G[\mathbf{k}]$

$N = 100$

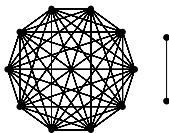
naive versus correct  
acceptance probabilities

predictions:

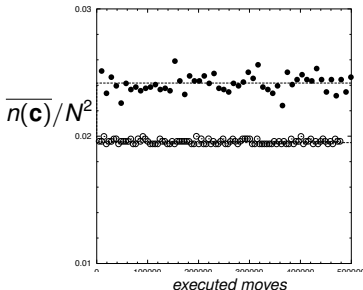
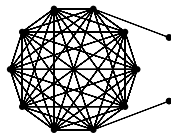
$$p(\mathbf{c}) = \text{constant}: \\ \overline{n(\mathbf{c})}/N^2 \approx 0.0195$$

$$p(\mathbf{c}) = n(\mathbf{c})/Z: \\ \overline{n(\mathbf{c})}/N^2 \approx 0.0242$$

many possible moves



only one move ...



$$A(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}') = 1$$

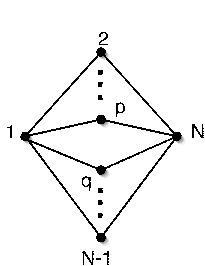
$$A(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{c}') = \left[1 + \frac{n(\mathbf{c})}{n(\mathbf{c}')}\right]^{-1}$$

## Example

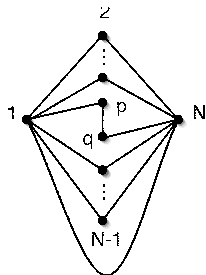
graph type A:  $n(\mathbf{c}) = K(K - 1)$

graph type B:  $n(\mathbf{c}) = 2(K - 1)$

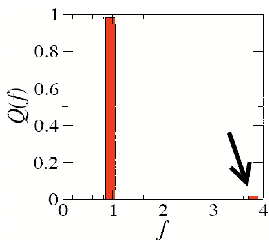
measure distribution  $Q(f)$  of  
(rescaled) frequencies at which  
graphs are visited



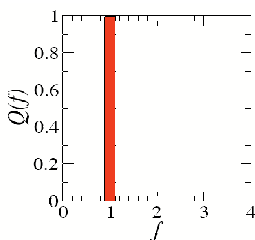
Type A



Type B



'accept all'

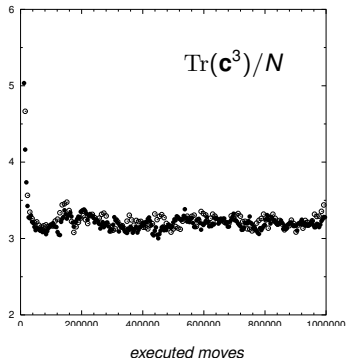
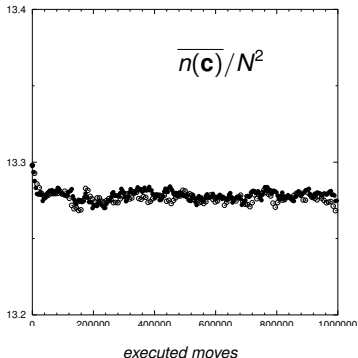


correct dynamics

## Example

human protein interaction network

$N = 9463$ ,  $\langle k \rangle \approx 7.4$

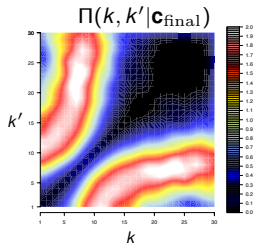
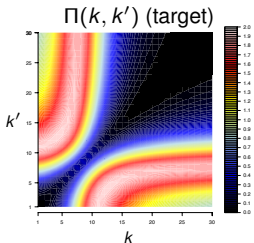
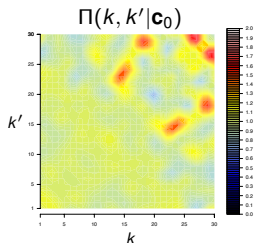
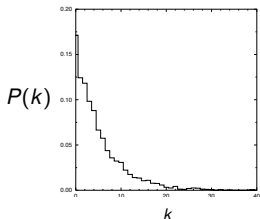


- : 'accept all' edge swap dynamics
- : correct edge swap dynamics

*(so no serious harm done yet ...)*

## Example

target =  
degree-correlated  
measure on  $G[\mathbf{k}]$



$N = 4000,$   
 $\bar{k} = 5$

$$\Pi(k, k') = \frac{(k - k')^2}{[\beta_1 - \beta_2 k + \beta_3 k^2][\beta_1 - \beta_2 k' + \beta_3 k'^2]}$$

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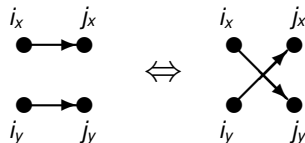
# Constrained dynamics of directed graphs

## bookkeeping of elementary moves

- constraints: imposed in-out degrees, so graph set is  $G[\mathbf{k}^{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}^{\text{out}}]$

set  $\Phi$  of admissible moves:

directed edge swaps  $F : G_F[\mathbf{k}^{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}^{\text{out}}] \rightarrow G[\mathbf{k}^{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}^{\text{out}}]$



- auto-invertible edge-swaps:

Let  $\Lambda = \{(i, j) \in N^2 \mid c_{ji} = 1\}$

$$I_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y); \square} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y) \in \Lambda \text{ and } (i_x, j_y), (i_y, j_x) \notin \Lambda \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If  $I_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y); \square} = 1$ :

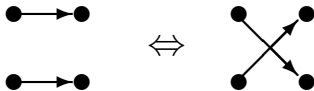
$$F_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y); \square}(\mathbf{c})_{ij} = 1 - c_{ij} \quad \text{if } i \in \{i_x, i_y\} \text{ and } j \in \{j_x, j_y\}$$

$$F_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y); \square}(\mathbf{c})_{ij} = c_{ij} \quad \text{otherwise}$$



for **nondirected** graphs:  
 edge swaps are *ergodic* set of moves  
 (Taylor, 1981 – proof based on Lyapunov function)

for **directed** graphs:  
 are edge swaps *ergodic* set of moves?



Rao, 1996:

unless self-interactions are allowed,  
 edge swaps *not ergodic for directed graphs*

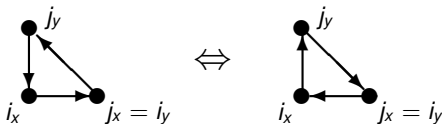
proof:  
 by counterexample

these two  $N = 3$  graphs  
 are both in  $G[\mathbf{k}^{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}^{\text{out}}]$ ,  
 with  $\mathbf{k}^{\text{in}} = \mathbf{k}^{\text{out}} = (1, 1, 1)$

but *no edge swap maps one to the other*



further move type required  
to restore ergodicity:  
3-loop reversal



$$I_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y); \Delta} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y), (j_y, i_x) \in \Lambda \text{ and } x_j = y_i \\ & \text{and } (j_x, i_x), (j_y, i_y), (i_x, j_y) \notin \Lambda \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y); \Delta}(\mathbf{c})_{ij} = 1 - c_{ij} \quad \text{for } (i, j) \in S_{i_x, j_x, j_y}$$

$$F_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y); \Delta}(\mathbf{c})_{ij} = c_{ij} \quad \text{for } (i, j) \notin S_{i_x, j_x, j_y}$$

$$S_{abc} = \{(a, b), (b, c), (c, a), (b, a), (c, b), (a, c)\}$$

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to implement the Markov chain,  
need to calculate graph mobility **analytically**:

$$\begin{aligned}
 n(\mathbf{c}) &= n_{\square}(\mathbf{c}) + n_{\triangle}(\mathbf{c}) \\
 &= \sum_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y) \in \Lambda} l_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y); \square} + \sum_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y) \in \Lambda} l_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y); \triangle}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$l_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y); \square} = c_{i_x, j_x} c_{i_y, j_y} (1 - c_{i_x, j_y}) (1 - c_{i_y, j_x})$$

$$l_{(i_x, j_x), (i_y, j_y); \triangle} = \delta_{x_j, y_i} c_{i_x, j_x} c_{i_y, j_y} c_{j_y, i_x} (1 - c_{j_x, i_x}) (1 - c_{j_y, i_y}) (1 - c_{i_x, j_y})$$

combinatorial problem again easily solved:

$$n_{\square}(\mathbf{c}) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} N^2 \langle k \rangle^2 - \sum_j k_j^{\text{in}} k_j^{\text{out}}}_{\text{invariant}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^2) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^{\dagger} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c}^{\dagger} \mathbf{c}) + \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^2 \mathbf{c}^{\dagger}) - \sum_{ij} k_i^{\text{in}} c_{ij} k_j^{\text{out}}}_{\text{state dependent}}$$

$$n_{\triangle}(\mathbf{c}) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^3) - \text{Tr}(\hat{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{c}^2) + \text{Tr}(\hat{\mathbf{c}}^2 \mathbf{c}) - \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}(\hat{\mathbf{c}}^3)}_{\text{state dependent}}$$

with:  $(\mathbf{c}^{\dagger})_{ij} = c_{ji}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{ij} = c_{ij} c_{ji}$

$$n_{\square}(\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{2} N^2 \langle k \rangle^2 - \sum_j k_j^{\text{in}} k_j^{\text{out}} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^2) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^\dagger \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c}^\dagger \mathbf{c}) + \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^2 \mathbf{c}^\dagger) - \sum_{ij} k_i^{\text{in}} c_{ij} k_j^{\text{out}}$$

$$n_{\triangle}(\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}^3) - \text{Tr}(\hat{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{c}^2) + \text{Tr}(\hat{\mathbf{c}}^2 \mathbf{c}) - \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}(\hat{\mathbf{c}}^3)$$

## practicalities

how to avoid calculating  $n_{\square}(\mathbf{c})$  and  $n_{\triangle}(\mathbf{c})$  at each iteration step,

- use simple bounds on  $n_{\square}(\mathbf{c})$  and  $n_{\triangle}(\mathbf{c})$ , state-dependent part can be ignored if

$$\frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} + \frac{2}{\langle k \rangle^2} \left( k_{\max}^{\text{in}} \langle k^{\text{out}^2} \rangle + k_{\max}^{\text{out}} \langle k^{\text{in}^2} \rangle \right) \ll N$$

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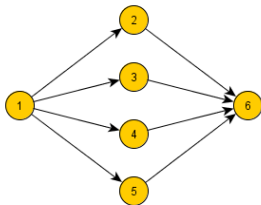
$$(k_1^{\text{in}}, k_1^{\text{out}}) = (0, N-2)$$

$$i = 2 \dots N-1:$$

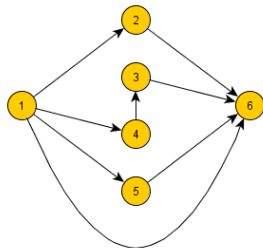
$$(k_i^{\text{in}}, k_i^{\text{out}}) = (1, 1)$$

$$(k_N^{\text{in}}, k_N^{\text{out}}) = (N-2, 0)$$

$(N-2)(N-3)$  moves



$2N - 7$  moves



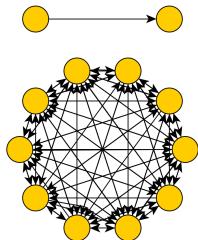
predicted values versus  
equilibrated dynamics for  $\overline{n(\mathbf{c})}/N^2$ :

	prediction for $p(\mathbf{c}) = \text{const}$	dynamics with $A(\mathbf{c} \mathbf{c}') = 1$	dynamics with $A(\mathbf{c} \mathbf{c}') = [1 + \frac{n(\mathbf{c})}{n(\mathbf{c}')}]^{-1}$
$N = 17$ :	27.87	33.59	27.87
$N = 27$ :	47.92	58.32	47.95

## Example

fully connected 'core' of  $N-2$  nodes,  
plus two extra nodes

$N = 20$ , target: flat measure



'accept all' edge swapping:

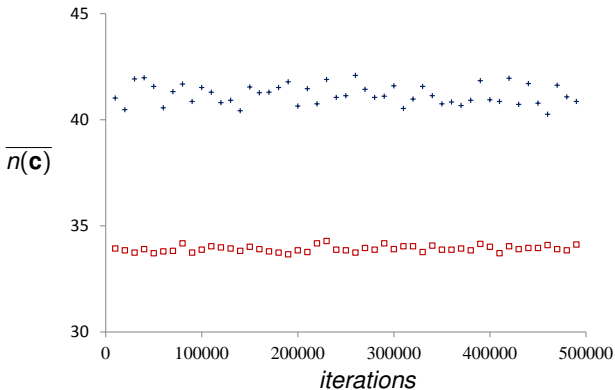
$$\overline{n(\mathbf{c})} \approx 41.09$$

predicted: 41.03

edge swapping with  
correct acceptance  
probabilities:

$$\overline{n(\mathbf{c})} \approx 33.92$$

predicted: 33.89





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