



Random Connection Hypergraphs

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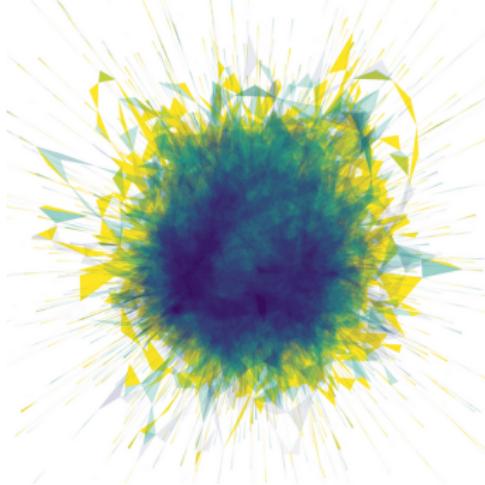
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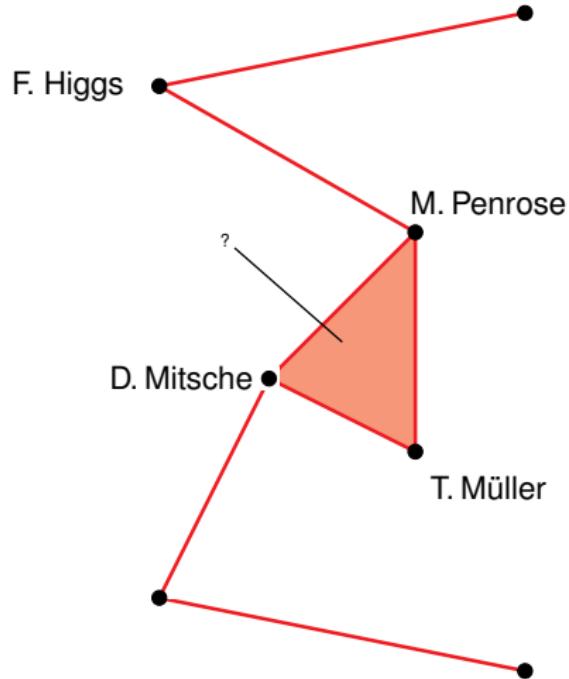
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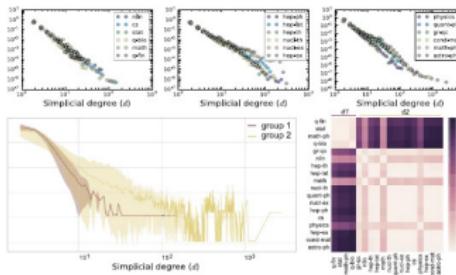
Results in literature



(Petri, Scolamiero, Donato & Vaccarino, 2013)

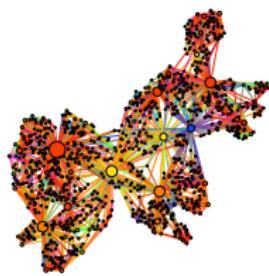
(Patania, Petri, & Vaccarino, 2017)

- ▷ **Topological data analysis** of coauthor networks
- ▷ Empirical investigation



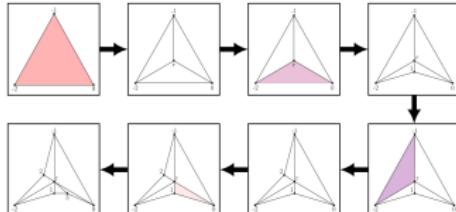
(Bianconi & Rahmede, 2016)

- ▷ **Network geometry with flavor**
- ▷ Difficulty creating non-trivial homology



(Fountoulakis, Iyer, Mailler & Sulzbach, 2022)

- ▷ **General model of random simplicial complexes**
- ▷ **Degree distribution**
- ▷ Higher-order quantities?





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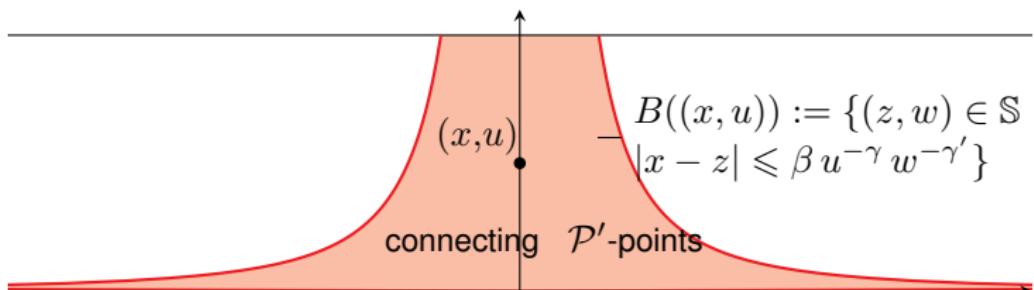


- ▷ Develop spatial model for higher-order connectivities
- ▷ Define **bipartite random connection model** between authors and papers
- ▷ Incorporate **weights** to realize scale-freeness
- ▷ Combines **weighted RCMs** and **AB random geometric graphs**

Model definition

- ▷ $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}' :=$ Poisson point processes on $\mathbb{R} \times [0, 1]$ with intensities λ, λ'
- ▷ $(X, U) \in \mathcal{P}, (Z, W) \in \mathcal{P}'$ are connected by edge iff

$$|X - Z| \leq \beta U^{-\gamma} W^{-\gamma'}, \quad \gamma, \gamma' \in (0, 1), \beta > 0$$



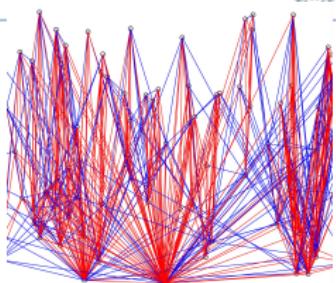
- ▷ Define hypergraph $G(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}')$ with set of **hyperedges** of cardinality $m + 1$ as

$$\Sigma_m := \{\Delta \subseteq \mathcal{P}: \#\Delta = m + 1, \mathcal{P}' \cap \bigcap_{P \in \Delta} B(P) \neq \emptyset\}$$



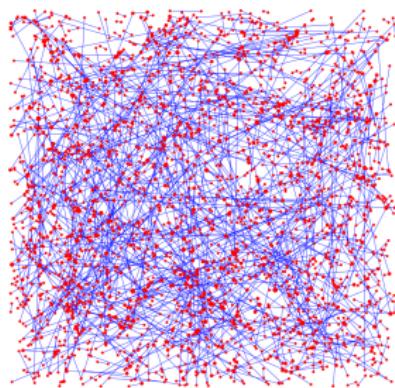
(Gracar, Grauer, Lüchtrath & Mörters, 2019)

- ▷ Degree distribution, clustering coefficient



(van der Hofstad, van der Hoorn & Maitra, 2022)

- ▷ **Scaling of clustering** conditioned on typical degree
- ▷ Results for interpolation kernel
- ▷ **No results on bipartite setting**



(van der Hofstad et. al., 2020)

- ▷ **Alpha-stable limit** of clustering coefficient
- ▷ **No geometry**

<https://petergracar.github.io/>





- ▷ Special case, where $\gamma = \gamma' = 0$
- ▷ Motivated by applications in telecommunication networks.

(Iyer & Yogeshwaran, 2012)

- ▷ Investigation of percolation properties
- ▷ Special focus $d = 2$

(Penrose, 2014)

- ▷ Percolation properties in general dimension
- ▷ Upper bounds on critical intensities

(Dereudre & Penrose, 2018)

- ▷ Lower bounds on critical intensities

~~ **No heavy-tailed degree distribution**





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Idea. Generalize degree to higher-order adjacencies

- ▷ Definition of **typical m -simplex** Δ_m^* via **Palm theory**

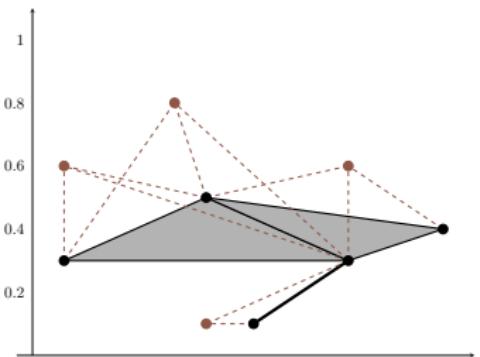
$$\mathbb{E}[f(\Delta_m^*, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}')]=\frac{1}{\lambda_m}\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{\substack{\Delta_m \in \Sigma_m \\ c(\Delta_m) \in [0,1]}} f(\Delta_m - c(\Delta_m), \mathcal{P} - c(\Delta_m), \mathcal{P}' - c(\Delta_m))\right]$$

- ▷ $\deg(\Delta_m^*) := \mathcal{P}'(\Delta_m^*) := \mathcal{P}'(\bigcap_{p \in \Delta_m^*} B(p))$
- ▷ $d_{m,k} := \mathbb{P}(\deg(\Delta_m^*) \geq k)$ = tail of typical simplex degree
- ▷ $d_{1,k}$ = typical node-degree

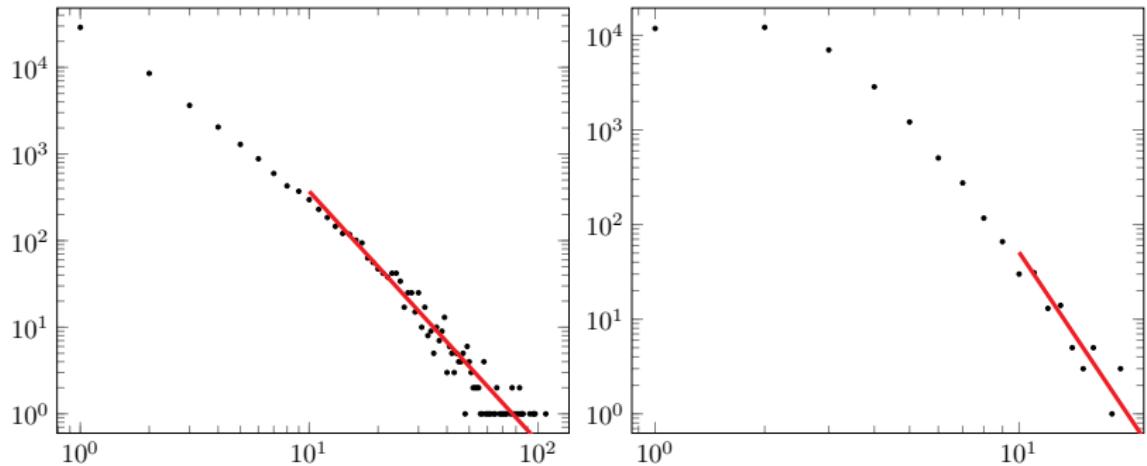
Theorem (Power-law degrees)

Let $\gamma' < 1/(m+1)$. Then,

$$\lim_{k \uparrow \infty} \log(d_{m,k}) / \log(k) = m - (m+1)/\gamma$$



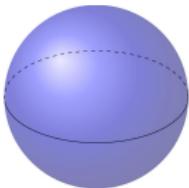
Vertex degrees



Δ_0 degree (left) and Δ'_0 degree (right) in `math.stat`

Is the model a good fit with the data?

- ▷ The considered hypergraph is a **simplicial complex**
- ▷ **Betti numbers** as test statistic



- ▷ β_0 = number of components
- ▷ β_1 = number of loops
- ▷ β_2 = number of cavities

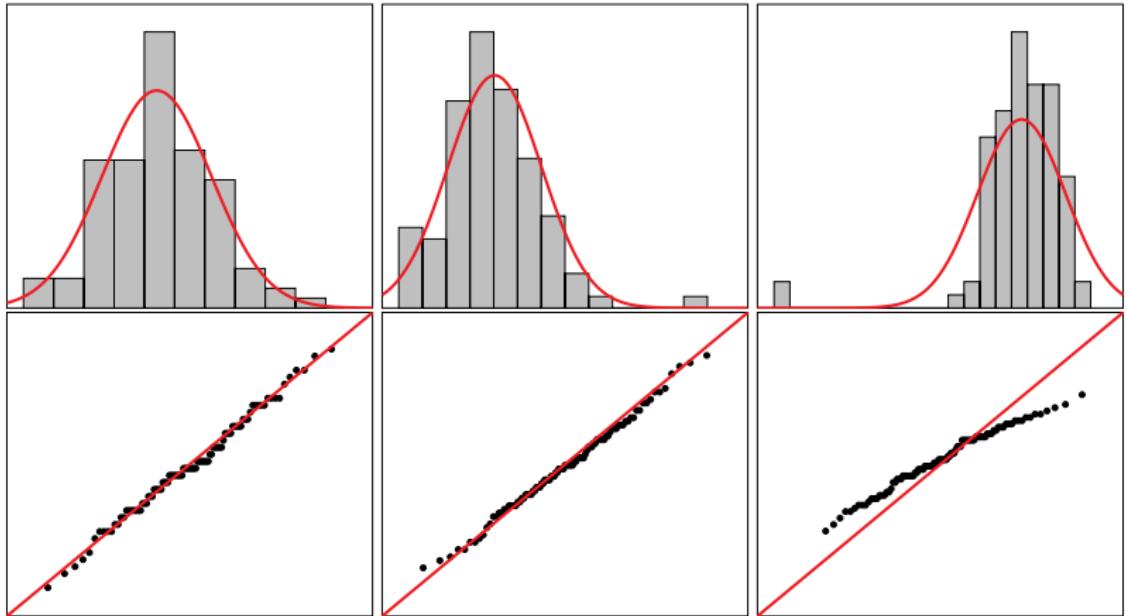
- ▷ $\mathcal{P}_n := \mathcal{P} \cap [0, n]$:= Poisson process on $[0, n]$
- ▷ $\beta_{n,q} := q$ th Betti number of $G_n := G(\mathcal{P}_n, \mathcal{P}'_n)$.

Theorem (CLT for Betti numbers)

Let $q \geq 0$, $\gamma < 1/4$ and $\gamma' < 1/(4(m+1))$. Then,

$$\frac{\beta_{n,q} - \mathbb{E}[\beta_{n,q}]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\beta_{n,q})}} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

Betti numbers, $\gamma' = 0.1$



$\gamma = 0.25$ (left), $\gamma = 0.5$ (middle), $\gamma = 0.75$ (right)



What if $\gamma > 1/2$?

Conjecture: Alpha-stable limit

Let $q \geq 0$, $\gamma \in (1/2, 1)$, and γ' **sufficiently small**. Then,

$$n^{-\gamma}(\beta_{n,q} - \mathbb{E}[\beta_{n,q}]) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{S}(1/\gamma),$$

where $\mathcal{S}(1/\gamma)$ is a $(1/\gamma)$ -stable random variable

▷ $S_n :=$ Edge count of bipartite graph in $[0, n]$

Theorem (Limit law for the edge count)

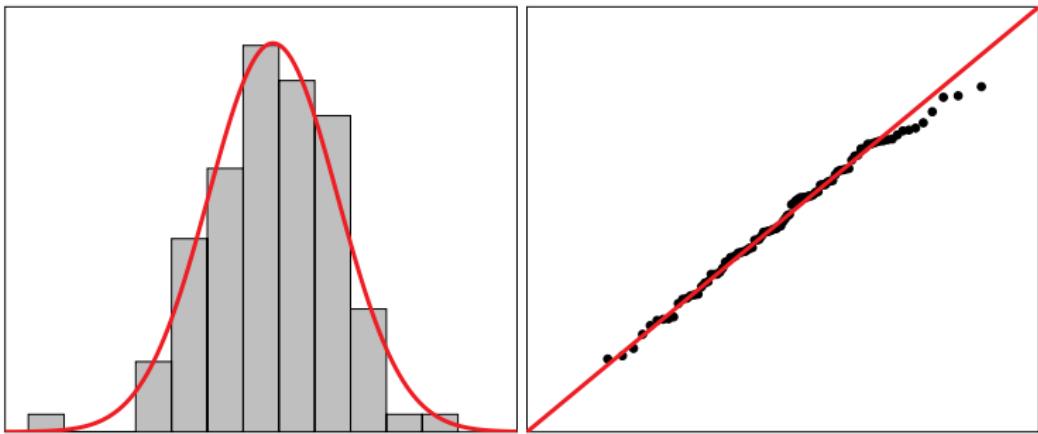
- ▷ Let $\gamma \in (1/2, 1)$, $\gamma' < 1/3$. Then, $n^{-\gamma}(S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n]) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{S}(1/\gamma)$
- ▷ Let $\gamma < 1/2$, $\gamma' < 1/3$. Then, $n^{-1/2}(S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n]) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

Extends to simplex count.



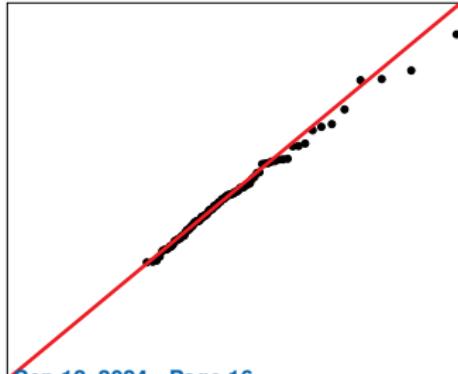
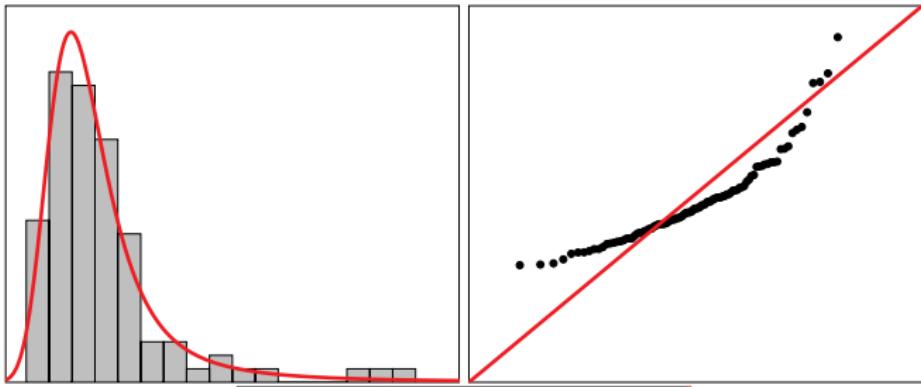


$\gamma = 0.25, \gamma' = 0.10$: QQ-plot with normal distribution





$\gamma = 0.75, \gamma' = 0.10$: Stable Distribution





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Step 1. Palm representation of typical m -simplex Δ_m^* .

- ▷ Represent Δ_m^* as $\mathbf{p}_m(u) := ((0, u), \mathbf{p}_m) = ((0, u), o_1, \dots, o_m)$
- ▷ $g_m(\mathbf{p}_m(u), \mathcal{P}') :=$ Indicator of event that $\mathbf{p}_m(u)$ forms an m -simplex
 $u \leqslant u_1 \leqslant \dots \leqslant u_m$
- ▷ $\mathbb{S} := \mathbb{R} \times [0, 1] :=$ Space-time domain

Palm representation

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\Delta_m^*, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}')] = \frac{\int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{S}^m} \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{p}_m(u), \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}')] g_m(\mathbf{p}_m(u), \mathcal{P}') d\mathbf{p}_m du}{\int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{S}^m} \mathbb{E}[g_m(\mathbf{p}_m(u), \mathcal{P}')] d\mathbf{p}_m du}$$

for any bounded measurable f .

Proof idea.

- ▷ Application of **Mecke formula**.
- ▷ Denominator finite?



**Finiteness of denominator.**

$$\triangleright \mu_m(u) := \int_{\mathbb{S}^m} \mathbb{E}[g_m(\mathbf{p}_m(u), \mathcal{P}')] d\mathbf{p}_m du.$$

$\triangleright \mu_0(u) \leqslant$ Expected typical degree; $I_r(x) := [-r + x, r + x]$. That is,

$$\mu(u) := \mu_0(u) \leqslant \int_u^1 |I_{\beta u^{-\gamma} w^{-\gamma'}}| dw = \frac{2\beta u^{-\gamma}}{1-\gamma'} (1 - u^{1-\gamma'}).$$

Sketch for general case.

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{1}\{|z| \leqslant \beta u^{-\gamma} w^{-\gamma'}\} \int_{\mathbb{S}^m} \mathbb{1}\{|z - y_i| \leqslant \beta v_i^{-\gamma} w^{-\gamma'} : 1 \leqslant i \leqslant m\} d\mathbf{p}_m dp'.$$

Next, we integrate the spatial coordinates \mathbf{y} , the marks \mathbf{v} as well as z, w, u

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{1}\{|z| \leqslant \beta u^{-\gamma} w^{-\gamma'}\} \int_{[0,1]^m} \prod_{i=1}^m (2\beta v_i^{-\gamma} w^{-\gamma'}) d\mathbf{v} dp' \\ &= \left(\frac{2\beta}{1-\gamma}\right)^m \int_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{1}\{|z| \leqslant \beta u^{-\gamma} w^{-\gamma'}\} w^{-m\gamma'} dp' \\ &= \frac{(2\beta)^{m+1}}{(1-\gamma)^m} u^{-\gamma} \int_0^1 w^{-(m+1)\gamma'} dw = \frac{(2\beta)^{m+1}}{(1-\gamma)^m} \frac{u^{-\gamma}}{1 - (m+1)\gamma'}, \end{aligned}$$



Idea. Build specific configurations leading to high simplex degrees.

$$\triangleright R_k := [0, k] \times [0, (\beta/k)^{1/\gamma}] \subseteq \mathbb{S}$$

- ▷ Any $p := (y, v) \in R_k$ and $p' := (z, w) \in [0, k] \times [0, 1]$ are connected.
- ▷ This gives for $\nu(k) := \lambda'k - \log(2)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(\deg(\Delta_m^*) \geq \nu(k)) &\geq \frac{\lambda^{m+1}}{\lambda_m(m+1)!} \int_{R_k^m} \int_0^{(\beta/k)^{1/\gamma}} \mathbb{P}(\deg(\mathbf{p}_m(u)) \geq \nu(k)) du d\mathbf{p}_m \\ &\geq \frac{\lambda^{m+1}(\beta/k)^{1/\gamma}}{\lambda_m(m+1)!} \int_{R_k^m} \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{P}'([0, k] \times [0, 1]) \geq \nu(k)) d\mathbf{p}_m, \end{aligned}$$

Median of $\mathcal{P}'([0, k] \times [0, 1]) \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda'k)$ bounded below by $\nu(k)$



Next, bound $\int_{[0,1]} \int_{\mathbb{S}^m} \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{P}'(B(\mathbf{p}_m(u))) \geq k) d\mathbf{p}_m du$

▷ $X := \mathcal{P}'(B(\mathbf{p}_m(u)))$ is Poisson with parameter $b := |B(\mathbf{p}_m(u))|$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq k) \leq \mathbb{1}\{\lambda' b \geq k/2\} + \mathbb{P}(X \geq k) \mathbb{1}\{\lambda' b < k/2\}$$

▷ Poisson concentration bound the probability

Idea. Consider **pairwise** intersections under the order $u \leq v_1 \leq \dots \leq v_m$

$$b \leq |B(\mathbf{p}_1(u))| \wedge \min_{i=1, \dots, m-1} |B(\{p_i, p_{i+1}\})|.$$

Lemma (Pairwise intersections)

Let $0 \leq u \leq v \leq 1$, and set $o := (0, u) \in \mathbb{S}$ and $p := (y, v) \in \mathbb{S}$. Then,

$$|B(\{o, p\})| \leq \frac{2\beta}{1 - \gamma'} v^{-\gamma} s_{\wedge}(u, y)^{1-\gamma'},$$

where $s_{\wedge}(u, y) := (2\beta u^{-\gamma} |y|^{-1})^{1/\gamma'} \wedge 1$.



Idea.

- ▷ Proceed as in (Shirai & Hiraoka, 2018) for Gilbert graph
- ▷ Apply **stabilization technique** from (Penrose & Yukich, 2003)
- ▷ $\beta(\mathcal{P}_n, \mathcal{P}'_n) := \beta_{n,m}(\mathcal{P}_n, \mathcal{P}'_n)$ = m th Betti number of the hypergraph G_n
- ▷ Introduce the typical points $x := (x, u), x' := (x', w)$.
- ▷ **Key tasks** Stabilization conditions
 - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(\mathcal{P}_n \cup \{x\}, \mathcal{P}'_n) - \beta(\mathcal{P}_n \cup \{x\}, \mathcal{P}'_n) < \infty$
 - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta(\mathcal{P}_n, \mathcal{P}'_n \cup \{x'\}) - \beta(\mathcal{P}_n, \mathcal{P}'_n \cup \{x'\}) < \infty$
- ▷ Also need to check **moment conditions**



Idea. “holes = cycles - boundaries”:

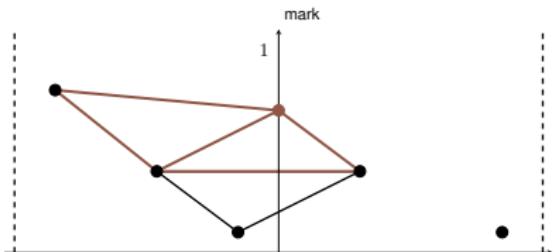
$$\beta_m(G_n) = \dim(Z(G_n)) - \dim(B(G_n))$$

Idea: show weak stabilization for **cycles** and boundaries separately.

- ▷ Boundedness: $\dim(Z_{n,x}) - \dim(Z_n)$ is bounded by number of new m -simplices containing x
- ▷ Monotonicity



- Let $n_1 \leq n_2$, and consider the canonical map $Z_{n_1, x} \rightarrow Z_{n_2, x}/Z_{n_2}$



- Claim: $\text{kernel } Z_{n_1, x} \cap Z_{n_2} = Z_{n_1}$
 - $\Delta_m \in \Sigma_{n_1} \implies \Delta_m \in \Sigma_{n_1, o} \cap \Sigma_{n_2} \implies Z_{n_1} \subseteq Z_{n_1, x} \cap Z_{n_2}$
 - $Z_{n_1} \supseteq Z_{n_1, x} \cap Z_{n_2}$
- Induced map: $Z_{n_1, x}/Z_{n_1} \rightarrow Z_{n_2, x}/Z_{n_2}$ is injective
- $\dim(Z_{n_1, o}) - \dim(Z_{n_1}) \leq \dim(Z_{n_2, o}) - \dim(Z_{n_2})$



Idea. Use CLT for *associated random variables*

- ▷ T_1, \dots, T_k **associated** if

$$\text{Cov}(f_1(T_1, \dots, T_k), f_2(T_1, \dots, T_k)) \geq 0$$

for any increasing $f_1, f_2: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Express edge count as

$$\sum_{i \leq n} T_i := \sum_{i \leq n} \sum_{P_j \in [i-1, i] \times [0, 1]} \deg(P_j)$$

- ▷ $\{T_i\}_i$ get larger with more Poisson points
- ⇝ $\{T_i\}_i$ are associated by the **Harris-FKG theorem**
- ▷ Remains to show $\sum_{k \geq 1} \text{Cov}(T_1, T_k) < \infty$



Idea. Correlation induced by **joint in-neighbors** of T_1 and T_k . Apply Mecke formula

$$\text{Cov}(T_1, T_k) = \lambda' \int_{[0,1] \times [0,1]} \int_{[k-1,k] \times [0,1]} |B(\{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}'\})| d\mathbf{p}' d\mathbf{p}$$

Lemma (Scaling of $B(\mathbf{p}_m(u))$)

Let $u \leq 1, m \geq 1, 0 < \gamma < 1$ and $0 < \gamma' < 1/(m+1)$. It holds that

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^m} |B(\mathbf{p}_m(u))| d\mathbf{p}_m = \frac{u^{-\gamma}}{1 - (m+1)\gamma'} \frac{(2\beta)^{m+1}}{(1-\gamma)^m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{S}^m} |B(\mathbf{p}_m(u))| d\mathbf{p}_m &= \iint_{\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}^m} \mathbb{1}\{\mathbf{p}' \in B(\mathbf{p}_m(u))\} d\mathbf{p}_m d\mathbf{p}' \\ &= \int_{B(o)} \left(\int_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{1}\{|z-y| \leq \beta v^{-\gamma} w^{-\gamma'}\} d(y, v) \right)^m d(z, w) \\ &= \int_{B(o)} \left(\frac{2\beta w^{-\gamma'}}{1-\gamma} \right)^m d(z, w) \\ &= u^{-\gamma} \int_0^1 \frac{(2\beta w^{-\gamma'})^{m+1}}{(1-\gamma)^m} dw = \frac{u^{-\gamma}}{1 - (m+1)\gamma'} \frac{(2\beta)^{m+1}}{(1-\gamma)^m} \end{aligned}$$





Idea. Split into contributions from young and old nodes.

$$S_n^{\geqslant} := \sum_{P_i \in [0,n] \times [u_n, 1]} \deg(P_i), \quad \text{and} \quad S_n^{\leqslant} := \sum_{P_i \in [0,n] \times [0, u_n]} \deg(P_i),$$

where $u_n := n^{-0.9}$.

Young nodes are negligible; old nodes converge to stable distribution

It holds that

$$n^{-\gamma}(S_n^{\geqslant} - \mathbb{E}[S_n^{\geqslant}]) \xrightarrow{d} 0 \quad \text{and} \quad n^{-\gamma}(S_n^{\leqslant} - \mathbb{E}[S_n^{\leqslant}]) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{S}$$





Idea. Apply Mecke formula on domain $B_n = [0, n] \times [u_n, 1]$

$$\text{Var}(S_n^{\geq}) = \underbrace{\int_{B_n} \mathbb{E}[\deg(p)^2] dp}_{I} + \underbrace{\int_{B_n} \int_{B_n} \text{Cov}(\deg(p), \deg(p')) dp dp'}_{II}.$$

Term I.

- ▷ $\deg(x, u) \sim \text{Poi}(\mu(u))$
- ↝ first term of order $O(nu_n^{1-2\gamma})$; hence in $o(n^{2\gamma})$

Term II.

- ▷ Recall $\text{Cov}(\deg(p), \deg(p')) = \lambda' |B(\{p, p'\})|$
- ↝ second term of order $O(n)$; hence in $o(n^{2\gamma})$



Idea. Replace in-degrees by expectation and replace Poisson by binomial process

$$S_n^{(1)} := \sum_{\substack{X_i \in [0, n] \\ U_i \leq u_n}} \mu(U_i) \quad \text{and} \quad S_n^{(2)} := \sum_{\substack{i \leq n \\ U_i \leq u_n}} \mu(U_i).$$

$$\mathbb{E}[|S_n^{\leq} - S_n^{(1)}|] \in o(n^\gamma).$$

- ▷ Poisson concentration $\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{E}[|\deg(x, u) - \mu(u)|] \in O(u^{-0.6\gamma})$
- $\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{E}[|S_n^{\leq} - S_n^{(1)}|] \in O(nu_n^{1-0.6\gamma})$; and hence in $o(n^\gamma)$

$$\mathbb{E}[|S_n^{(1)} - S_n^{(2)}|] \in o(n^\gamma).$$

- ▷ Let $N := \text{Poi}(n)$. Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[|S_n^{(1)} - S_n^{(2)}|] \leq \mathbb{E}[|N - n|] \int_0^{u_n} \mu(u) du.$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{E}[|S_n^{(1)} - S_n^{(2)}|] \in O(\sqrt{n}u_n^{1-\gamma})$$
; and hence in $o(n^\gamma)$





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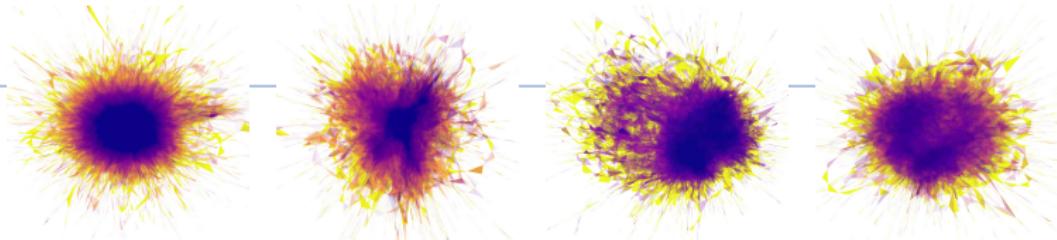


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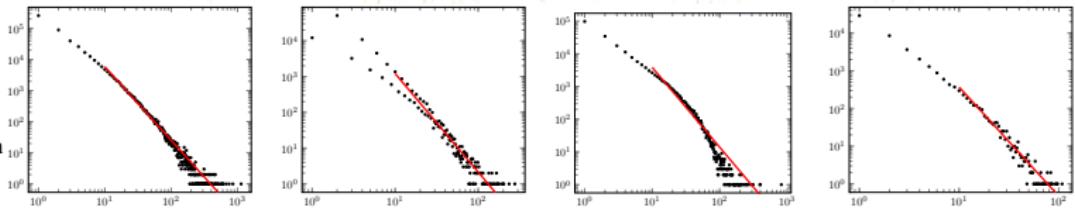
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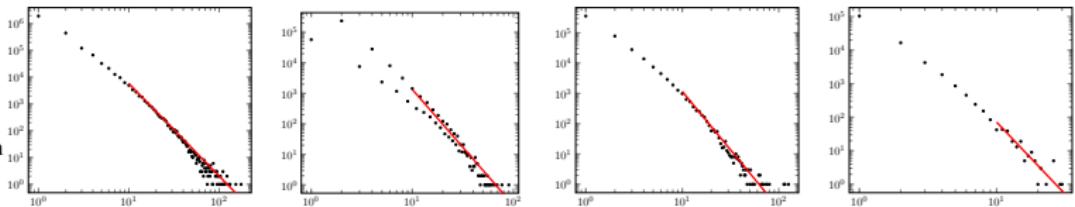
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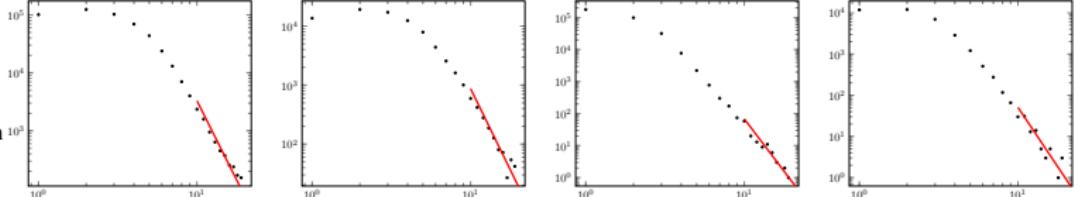
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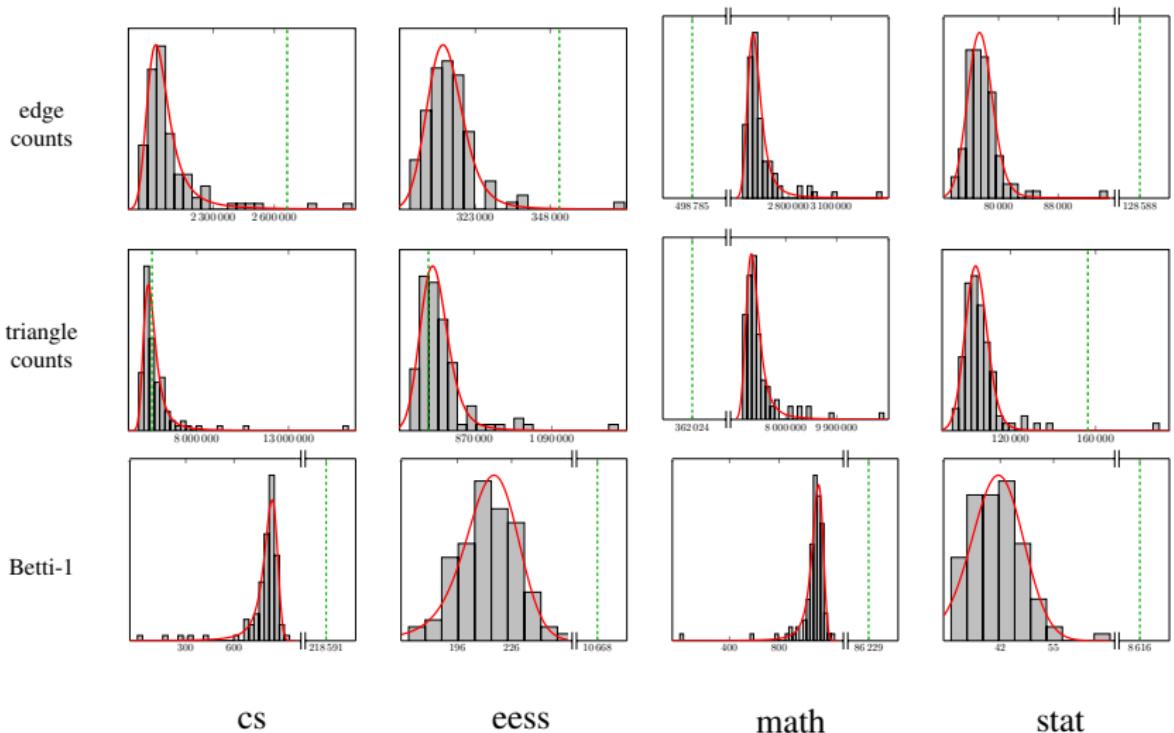
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Hypothesis tests using triangle counts and Betti number





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- ▷ ***Random connection hypergraph*** as new model ✓
- ▷ ***Scale-free*** extension of AB random geometric graph ✓
- ▷ ***Higher-order degree distribution*** for ADRCM ✓
- ▷ ***CLT*** for Betti number and simplex count ✓
- ▷ ***Alpha-stable limit*** for simplex count ✓
- ▷ ***Speed of convergence*** in normal approximation! ✓
- ▷ Time-varying extensions !
- ▷ Alpha-stable convergence of Betti number! ✓



Thank you!





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