

# Random Graphs and Networks - 5<sup>th</sup> LECTURE

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• Focus on sparse regime  $G(n, p)$ ,  $p = \frac{\lambda}{n}$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

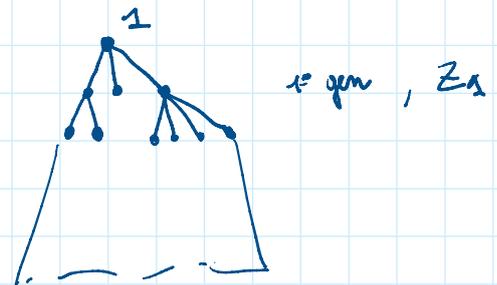
• BP ( $\underline{P}$ )  $\underline{P} = (P_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  offspring distr.

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 $(Z_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  st  $Z_m = \#$  individuals in generation  $m$  :

$$Z_0 = 1$$

$$Z_m = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_{m-1}} X_{m,j}$$

with  $(X_{m,j})_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{N} \\ j \in \mathbb{N}}} \text{ i.i.d. } \stackrel{d}{\sim} \underline{P}$



• Let  $\mu = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \cdot P_k$

• Let  $G_f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k \cdot P_k$ ,  $\forall z \in [0, 1]$  =  $G_m(0)$

• Let  $\eta = P(\exists m : Z_m = 0) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P(Z_m = 0)$

## Theorem :

a.  $\forall f \mu \leq 1 \Rightarrow \eta = 1$

b.  $\forall f \mu > 1 \Rightarrow \eta < 1$

Moreover  $\eta$  is the smallest sol. of :  $z = G_f(z)$

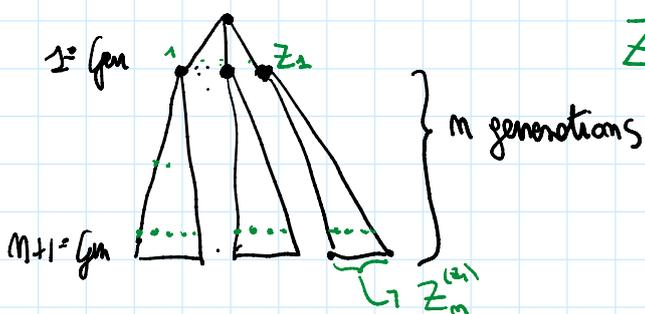
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100): We already seen that  $\eta = g(\eta)$ . This comes from the following:

Lemma:  $\forall z \in [0, 1]$ :

$$(*) \quad g_{m+1}(z) = g(g_m(z)) (= g_m(g(z)))$$

Proof:  $g_{m+1}(z) = \mathbb{E}[z^{Z_{m+1}}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[z^{Z_{m+1}} | Z_1]] \stackrel{*}{=}$



$$Z_{m+1} \stackrel{d}{=} Z_m^{(1)} + Z_m^{(2)} + \dots + Z_m^{(Z_1)}$$

where  $Z_m^{(i)}$  are all independent

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{*}{=} \mathbb{E}[z^{Z_m^{(1)} + \dots + Z_m^{(Z_1)}}] = \mathbb{E}\left[\prod_{i=1}^{Z_1} \mathbb{E}(z^{Z_m^{(i)}})\right] = \mathbb{E}(g_m(z)^{Z_1}) \\ &= g(g_m(z)) \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

As a consequence, taking  $z=0$ , and passing to limit  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , eq. (\*) brings:

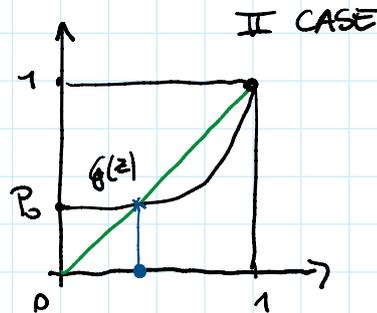
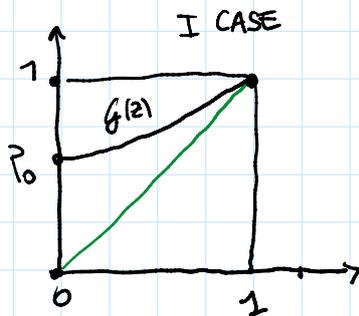
$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_{m+1}=0) &= g_{m+1}(0) = g(g_m(0)) = g(P(Z_m=0)) \\ &\downarrow \eta \qquad \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad g(\eta) \end{aligned}$$

• At last let us study  $z = g(z)$

$$1. \quad g: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1] \quad g(0) = p_0 \quad g(1) = 1$$

$G$  is strictly increasing and convex in  $(0,1)$ :

$$G'(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k z^{k-1} P_k > 0 \quad G''(z) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) z^{k-2} P_k > 0$$



$$\text{I CASE} \iff \lim_{z \rightarrow 1^-} G'(z) \leq 1 \iff \mu \leq 1$$

In that case  $z = G(z)$  has only one solution at  $z=1$ ,  
then  $\eta = 1$  (which proves a.)

$$\text{II CASE} \iff \lim_{z \rightarrow 1^-} G'(z) > 1 \iff \mu > 1$$

In that case  $z = G(z)$  has two solutions: we want to show that  $\eta$  is the smallest one. By induction we show that

$$P(Z_m = 0) \leq z \quad \text{if } z = G(z), \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N} :$$

$$P(Z_{m+1} = 0) = G_{m+1}(0) = G(G_m(0)) = G(\overbrace{P(Z_m = 0)}^{=z \text{ by induction}}) \leq z$$

↳ by monotonicity of  $G$

$$\text{Taking } m \rightarrow \infty : \eta \leq z \quad \text{if } z = G(z)$$

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BP( $\underline{P}$ ) with mean  $\mu$  is

subcritical	if $\mu < 1$
critical	if $\mu = 1$
supercritical	if $\mu > 1$

## A. Size of the total progeny

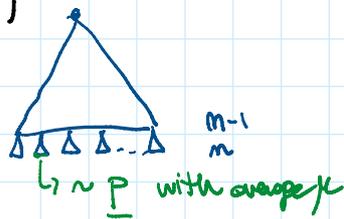
Let  $T := \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Z_m$  (Notice  $P(T < \infty) = \mu$ )

1.  $E(Z_m) = E(E(Z_m | Z_{m-1}))$

$$= E[\mu \cdot Z_{m-1}]$$

$$= \mu^2 E[Z_{m-2}] = \dots = \mu^m$$

$$Z_m = \sum_{i=1}^{Z_{m-1}} X_{m,i}$$



Then  $E(T) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} E(Z_m) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \mu^m = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-\mu} & \text{if } \mu < 1 \\ +\infty & \text{if } \mu \geq 1 \end{cases}$

Def: Exploration process in BP(P)

- We think at vertices of  $BP(P)$  as alive, dead or neutral, and that they may change their value as following:
- At step  $m=0$ : root is live (1 live), all the others are neutral ( $T-1$  neutral)
- At each step we choose a live vertex:
  - \* the chosen vertex: live  $\rightarrow$  dead
  - \* the offspring of the chosen vertex: neutral  $\rightarrow$  live

Let  $S_m = \#$  live vertices at step  $m$  ( $S_0 = 1$ )

$K_m = \#$  dead vertices at step  $m$  ( $K_m = m \forall m$ )

$N_m$  is s.t.  $N_m + K_m + S_m = T$

It turns out that  $S_m$  can be defined iteratively as

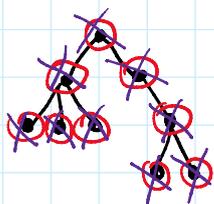
$$\begin{aligned}
 S_0 &= 1 & S_m &= S_{m-1} - 1 + X_m & \text{where } (X_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \\
 & & &= S_{m-2} + X_m + X_{m-1} - 2 & \text{all i.i.d. } \stackrel{\text{d}}{\sim} \underline{P} \\
 & & &= X_1 + \dots + X_m - (m-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

hence  $(S_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a RW with increment  $(X_k - 1)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $S_0 = 1$ .

Notice that  $T' := \inf \{m : S_m = 0\}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T' \stackrel{\text{d}}{=} T}.$$

Idea:



$$\begin{aligned}
 S_0 &\stackrel{\text{d}}{=} 1 \\
 S_1 &\stackrel{\text{d}}{=} X_1 \\
 S_2 &\stackrel{\text{d}}{=} X_1 + X_2 - 2 \\
 S_3 &\stackrel{\text{d}}{=} X_1 + X_2 + X_3 - 3 \\
 S_4 &\stackrel{\text{d}}{=} X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4 - 4
 \end{aligned}$$

Main point:  $P(T = k) = P(S_k = 0, S_j > 0 \forall j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\})$

Theorem (hitting time for RW).

Let  $(S_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a RW on  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $S_0 = 0$  and i.i.d integer increments  $(X_k)_{k \geq 1}$  s.t.  $P(X_m \geq -1) = 1$

For  $k > 0$ , let  $T_{-k} = \inf \{m : S_m = -k\}$

$$\Rightarrow P(T_{-k} = N) = \frac{k}{N} \cdot P(S_N = -k), \quad \forall N \in \mathbb{N}$$

→ Applying this result to the total progeny of  $BP(\underline{P}), T$ :

$$P_{BP}(T=N) = P_0(T'_{-1}=N) = \frac{1}{N} P(X_1 + \dots + X_N = N-1)$$

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### B. Duality principle

Consider a  $BP(\underline{P})$  s.t.  $\mu = \sum k P_k \geq 1$  so that

$$\eta = P(T < \infty) < 1.$$

Def.: We say that  $\underline{P}' = (P'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  - probability density over  $\mathbb{N}_0$  - is conjugate of  $\underline{P}$  ( $\mu > 1$ ) if

$$P'_k = \eta^{k-1} \cdot P_k, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

Theorem [duality principle]: If  $\underline{P}$  and  $\underline{P}'$  are conjugate, then

$$BP(\underline{P}) \{T < \infty\} \stackrel{d}{=} BP(\underline{P}')$$

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Example:

$$\text{Let } \underline{P} \stackrel{d}{=} \text{Poi}(\lambda) : P_k = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \cdot e^{-\lambda}$$

$$\text{Hence: } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot P_k = \lambda > 1; \quad G_{\text{Poi}(\lambda)}(z) = e^{\lambda(z-1)}$$

$$\text{Then we have: } \eta = f(\eta) \Leftrightarrow \eta = e^{\lambda(\eta-1)}$$

Thus, a conjugate  $\underline{P}'$  of  $\underline{P}$  is s.t.,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

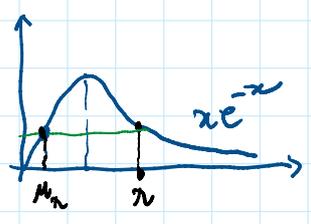
$$P'_k = \eta^{k-1} \cdot P_k = \eta^k \cdot e^{-\lambda(\eta-1)} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} = \frac{(\eta \lambda)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda \eta}$$

$$P'_k = \eta^{k-1} \cdot P_k = \eta^k \cdot e^{-\eta(\eta-1)} \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!} = \frac{(\eta\lambda)^k e^{-\eta\lambda}}{k!}$$

$k=1 : P'_1 = P_1$

$$\Rightarrow P'_i \stackrel{a}{=} P_{oi}(\hat{\lambda}\eta) = P_{oi}(\mu_n)$$

Moreover (from eq. at  $k=1$ ) :  $\mu_n e^{-\mu_n} = \lambda e^{-\lambda}$



$$\Rightarrow \mu_n < \lambda$$