

# Cooperative and competitive interactions on random graphs

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  - Antiferromagnetic Potts model on Erdős-Rényi random graphs, Contucci, Dommers, G., Starr, [arXiv:1106.4714](#)

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distance between most pairs of vertices are small

# Empirical networks

	network	type	$n$	$m$	$z$	$\ell$	$\alpha$
social	film actors	undirected	449 913	25 516 482	113.43	3.48	2.3
	company directors	undirected	7 673	55 392	14.44	4.60	-
	math coauthorship	undirected	253 339	496 489	3.92	7.57	-
	physics coauthorship	undirected	52 909	245 300	9.27	6.19	-
	biology coauthorship	undirected	1 520 251	11 803 064	15.53	4.92	-
	telephone call graph	undirected	47 000 000	80 000 000	3.16		2.1
	email messages	directed	59 912	86 300	1.44	4.95	1.5/2.0
	email address books	directed	16 881	57 029	3.38	5.22	-
	student relationships	undirected	573	477	1.66	16.01	-
	sexual contacts	undirected	2 810				3.2
information	WWW nd.edu	directed	269 504	1 497 135	5.55	11.27	2.1/2.4
	WWW Altavista	directed	203 549 046	2 130 000 000	10.46	16.18	2.1/2.7
	citation network	directed	783 339	6 716 198	8.57		3.0/-
	Roget's Thesaurus	directed	1 022	5 103	4.99	4.87	-
	word co-occurrence	undirected	460 902	17 000 000	70.13		2.7
technological	Internet	undirected	10 697	31 992	5.98	3.31	2.5
	power grid	undirected	4 941	6 594	2.67	18.99	-
	train routes	undirected	587	19 603	66.79	2.16	-
	software packages	directed	1 439	1 723	1.20	2.42	1.6/1.4
	software classes	directed	1 377	2 213	1.61	1.51	-
	electronic circuits	undirected	24 097	53 248	4.34	11.05	3.0
	peer-to-peer network	undirected	880	1 296	1.47	4.28	2.1
biological	metabolic network	undirected	765	3 686	9.64	2.56	2.2
	protein interactions	undirected	2 115	2 240	2.12	6.80	2.4
	marine food web	directed	135	598	4.43	2.05	-
	freshwater food web	directed	92	997	10.84	1.90	-
	neural network	directed	307	2 359	7.68	3.97	-

M.E.J. Newman, *The structure and function of complex networks* (2003)



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Dynamic random graph, attachment proportional to degree plus constant

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communication, robustness to attack,..
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metabolic pathways, reactions,..

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## Outcome

In the thermodynamic limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , **phase transitions** may occur.

## Statistical Mechanics on Random Graphs

(At least) Two level of randomness

$$H(\sigma) = -\beta \sum_{(i,j) \in E_n} J_{i,j} \sigma_i \sigma_j - B \sum_{i \in V_n} \sigma_i$$

- Randomness of the **graph**  $G_n = (V_n, E_n)$
- Randomness of the **couplings**  $\{J_{i,j}\}$ 
  - Ferromagnets,  $J_{i,j} > 0$ : easy physics, interesting mathematics.
  - Antiferromagnets,  $J_{i,j} < 0$ : frustration appears.
  - Spin glasses,  $J_{i,j}$  i.i.d. random variables with symmetric distribution: order parameter is not self-averaging!

Quenched state  $\mathbb{E}(\langle \cdot \rangle_{\mu_n})$  is studied.



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## Our results

- **Rigorous analysis for degree distribution with finite mean degree**

## Local convergence to homogeneous trees

$\{G_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is *locally tree-like* with asymptotic degree distribution  $P$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_n[B_i(t) \simeq \mathcal{T}] = \mathbb{P}[\mathcal{T}(P, \rho, t) \simeq \mathcal{T}].$$

$B_i(t)$  = ball in  $G_n$  centered at a uniformly chosen vertex  $i \in V$

$\mathcal{T}(P, \rho, t)$  = rooted random tree with  $t$  generations (offspring distribution  $P$  in the first generation, size-biased law  $\rho$  in the further generation)

$$\rho_k = \frac{(k+1)P_{k+1}}{\sum_k kP_k}$$

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## Local Structure

- The degree distribution of a random vertex is  $P$ .
- The probability that the neighbor of a random vertex has degree  $k + 1$  equals the probability that a random stub is attached to a vertex with  $k + 1$  stubs:

$$\frac{(k+1) \sum_{i \in V_n} \mathbb{I}_{\{D_i = k+1\}}}{\sum_{i \in V_n} D_i} \rightarrow \frac{(k+1)P_{k+1}}{\mathbb{E}(D)} = \rho_k$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|E_n|}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i \in V_n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \mathbb{I}_{\{D_i=k\}} = \frac{\mathbb{E}(D)}{2} < \infty.$$

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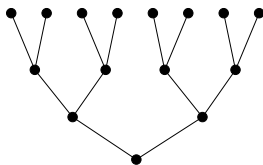
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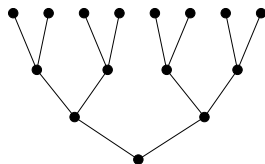
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$$h_1 \stackrel{d}{=} B + \sum_{i=1}^K \operatorname{arctanh}(\tanh(\beta) \tanh(h_i)) := B + \sum_{i=1}^K \xi(h_i)$$

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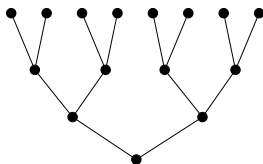


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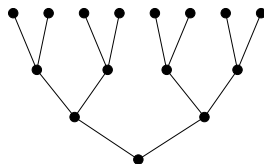


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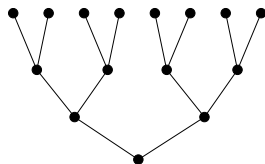


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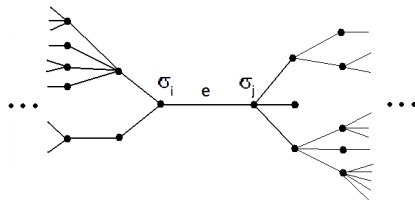
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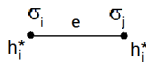
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- The long loops of locally tree-like random graphs **do matter** .
- They induce frustration.
- Rather than compare to the tree, better to compare to the spin-glass.

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A phase transition is a **non-analyticity** in  $\beta$ :

$$\psi(\beta, c) \begin{cases} = \mathcal{P}(\beta, c) := \ln q + \frac{c}{2} \ln \left( 1 - \frac{1 - e^{-\beta}}{q} \right) & \text{if } \beta \leq \beta_{2nd}, \\ < \mathcal{P}(\beta, c) & \text{if } \beta \geq \min\{\beta_{RS}, \beta_{entr}\}. \end{cases}$$

## Proof ingredients

- 1 **Interpolation** method from spin glasses:  
existence of TD-limit, Extended Variational Principle, pressure upper-bounds
- 2 (Conditioned) **second moment** method:  
control of high temperature region.

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Assuming  $\langle \delta(\sigma_i, \sigma_j) \rangle = \frac{1}{q}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\psi_n(\beta, \mathbf{c})] &= \mathbb{E}[\psi_n(\beta, \mathbf{0})] + \int_0^1 dt \frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{E}[\psi_n(t)] \\ &= \ln q + \frac{c}{2} \ln \left( 1 - \frac{1 - e^{-\beta}}{q} \right) = \mathcal{P}(\beta, \mathbf{c}) \end{aligned}$$

## Interpolation: consequences

- The sequence  $(\mathbb{E}[\psi_n(\beta)])_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is superadditive: let  $n_1 + n_2 = n$

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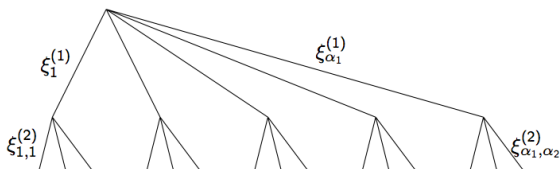
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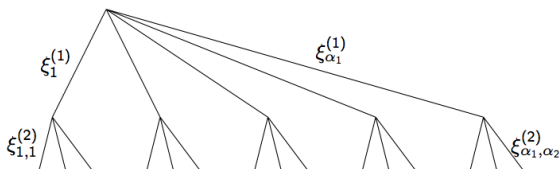


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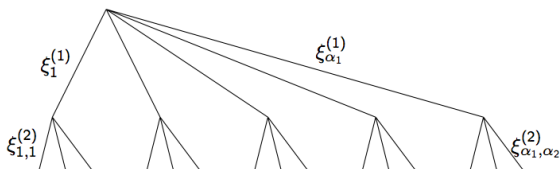
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THANK YOU!

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