

# WEEK 6 Lecture 2

We will now concentrate on the expected # of subgraphs  
in ensembles of random graphs

## 4.7 NUMBER OF CLIQUES

**DEF** CLIQUE ← From Sect (2.6)

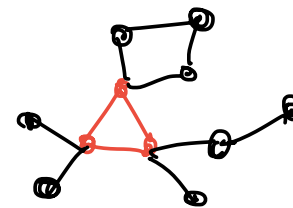
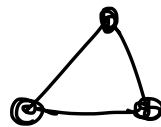
A clique  $K_n$  is a subgraph  $G'(V', E')$  with  $|V'| = n$  of an undirected network, such that every node is linked to every other node

$n$  is the clique size  
 $n \geq 3$

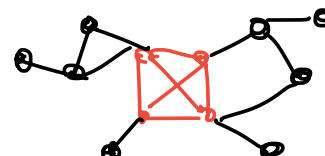
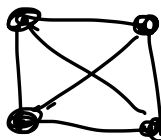
$$\# \text{ of links} = \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

**EX**

$n=3$  Triangle  $K_3$



$n=4$  4-clique  $K_4$



## PROPOSITION $n$ -CLIQUES

The expected # of  $n$ -cliques  $\langle N_n^{\text{cliques}} \rangle$  in a network of  $\mathbb{E}(N, p)$  ensemble is:

$$\langle N_n^{\text{cliques}} \rangle = \binom{N}{n} p^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}$$

Proof

$$\binom{N}{n}$$

is the # of ways in which we can select  $n$  nodes out of the  $N$  nodes in the network

$$p^{\binom{n}{2}} = p^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}$$

is the probability of observing  $\binom{n}{2}$

links among the  $n$  selected nodes

EX

For triangles  $m=3$

$$\langle N^{\text{triangles}} \rangle = \binom{N}{3} p^3 = \frac{N!}{3! (N-3)!} p^3 = \frac{N(N-1)(N-2)}{3!} \frac{c^3}{(N-1)^3}$$

POISSON NETWORK  $p = \frac{c}{N-1}$

In a Poisson network the # of triangles is

Hence it is a finite number even if  $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{c^3}{3!}$$

large  $N$

TRIANGLES can be neglected

We will now consider the  $\mathbb{G}(N, p)$  ensemble with

$$p = \frac{a}{N^z}$$

with  $a > 0$  and

$$z \geq 0$$

generalised the case  $z=1$

### PROPOSITION

In the  $\mathbb{G}(N, p)$  ensemble with

$$p = \frac{a}{N^z}$$

the expected

# of  $m$ -cliques in the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  is:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle \mathcal{N}_n^{\text{cliques}} \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z > \frac{2}{m-1} \\ \frac{1}{m!} a^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2}} & \text{if } z = \frac{2}{m-1} \\ \infty & \text{if } z < \frac{2}{m-1} \end{cases}$$

$$z_{\text{critical}} = \frac{2}{m-1}$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{N}_n^{\text{cliques}} \rangle &= \binom{N}{m} p^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2}} = \frac{N!}{m! (N-m)!} \left( \frac{a}{N^2} \right)^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2}} \\ &\stackrel{N \gg 1}{\approx} \frac{N(N-1)(N-2)\dots(N-m+1)}{m!} \frac{a^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2}}}{N^{\frac{z m(m-1)}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{a^{\binom{m}{2}}}{m!} N^{m - \frac{z m(m-1)}{2}} \\ &= \frac{a^{\binom{m}{2}}}{m!} N^m \left[ 1 - \frac{z(m-1)}{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$0 > 1 - \frac{z(m-1)}{2} \Leftrightarrow z > \frac{2}{m-1}$$

Finally

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle N_n^{\text{cliques}} \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z > \frac{2}{n-1} \\ \frac{a^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{n!} & \text{if } z = z_c = \frac{2}{n-1} \\ \infty & \text{if } z < \frac{2}{n-1} \end{cases}$$

EX

Triangles

$$n=3 \quad z_c = \frac{2}{n-1} = \frac{2}{3-1} = 1$$

$$z_c^{\text{Triangles}} = 1$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle N^{\text{triangles}} \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z > 1 \\ \frac{a^{\binom{3}{2}}}{3!} & \text{if } z = z_c = 1 \\ \infty & \text{if } z < 1 \end{cases}$$

For  $z=1$   $p = \frac{a}{N^z} = \frac{a}{N}$  ← means that  $a = c = \langle k \rangle$

↑ POISSON NETWORK

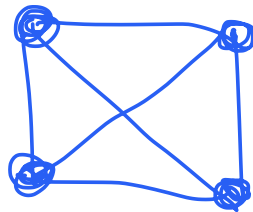
$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle N^{\text{triangles}} \rangle = \frac{a^{\frac{3 \cdot 2}{2}}}{3!} = \frac{c^3}{3!}$$

← coincides with our previous result

Ex

4-cliques

$K_4$



$$m=4 \quad z_c = \frac{2}{m-1} = \frac{2}{4-1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$z_c^{K_4} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle N_4^{\text{cliques}} \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z > \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{a^6}{4!} & \text{if } z = z_c = \frac{2}{3} \\ \infty & \text{if } z < \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

In Poisson networks (for which  $z=1$ ) there are NO 4-cliques

To have 4-cliques we require  $z \leq \frac{2}{3}$  which corresponds

$$\text{to } \langle k \rangle = p(N-1) = \frac{a}{N^z} (N-1) \approx a N^{1-z}$$

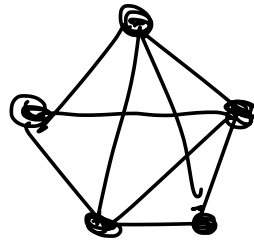
Hence we need at least

$$\langle k \rangle = a N^{1-\frac{2}{3}} = a N^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ to have 4-cliques}$$

diverging average degree

EX

$$m = 5$$



$$z_c \ll K_5 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$z_c = \frac{2}{m-1} = \frac{2}{5-1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

## Subgraph thresholds

$$p \approx a/N^z$$

