

Lab9 - Random Graphs

In this lab, we explore random graphs, introduced by Erdos and Renyi. You will need to install networkx in order to complete this lab (<http://networkx.github.io/documentation/latest/install.html>, <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/9836909/easy-install-networkx>). Many of you may already have networkx because it comes default with the Anaconda installation of iPython.

You will need the following basic imports as well as a function written to draw graphs for you. The structure of a graph object is a collection of edges, in (node1, node2) form. You should know how to use draw_graph, but you don't really need to know how it works. Play around with it to see what it does. Wow! Look at those pretty graphs :)

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In []: %matplotlib inline
from pylab import *
import random as rnd
import networkx as nx
from __future__ import division

rcParams['figure.figsize'] = 12, 12 # that's default image size for this interactive session

def draw_graph(graph, labels=None, graph_layout='shell',
                node_size=1600, node_color='blue', node_alpha=0.3,
                node_text_size=12,
                edge_color='blue', edge_alpha=0.3, edge_tickness=1,
                edge_text_pos=0.3,
                text_font='sans-serif'):
    """
    Based on: https://www.udacity.com/wiki/creating-network-graphs-with-python
    We describe a graph as a list enumerating all edges.
    Ex: graph = [(1,2), (2,3)] represents a graph with 2 edges - (node1 - node
    2) and (node2 - node3)
    """

    # create networkx graph
    G=nx.Graph()

    # add edges
    for edge in graph:
        G.add_edge(edge[0], edge[1])

    # these are different layouts for the network you may try
    # shell seems to work best
    if graph_layout == 'spring':
        graph_pos=nx.spring_layout(G)
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elif graph_layout == 'spectral':
    graph_pos=nx.spectral_layout(G)
elif graph_layout == 'random':
    graph_pos=nx.random_layout(G)
else:
    graph_pos=nx.shell_layout(G)

# draw graph
nx.draw_networkx_nodes(G,graph_pos,node_size=node_size,
                       alpha=node_alpha, node_color=node_color)
nx.draw_networkx_edges(G,graph_pos,width=edge_tickness,
                       alpha=edge_alpha,edge_color=edge_color)
nx.draw_networkx_labels(G, graph_pos,font_size=node_text_size,
                       font_family=text_font)

# show graph
plt.show()

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In []: graph = [(1,2),(2,3),(1,3)]
draw_graph(graph)

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In []: graph = [(1,1),(2,2)]
draw_graph(graph) # no self-loops, so put a self-loop if you want a disconnected node

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Lets create a function that returns all the nodes that can be reached from a certain starting point given the representation of a graph above.

Q1. Fill out the following method, `find_connected_component`, that takes `graph` and `starting_node` as input arguments. It must return a set of nodes that are connected to the `starting_node`, including the `starting_node` itself.

```

In []: def find_connected_component(graph, starting_node):
        """
        >>> graph = [(1,2),(2,3),(1,3)]
        >>> find_connected_component(graph,1)
        {1, 2, 3}
        >>> graph = [(1,1),(2,3),(2,4),(3,5),(3,6),(4,6),(1,7),(7,8),(1,8)]
        >>> find_connected_component(graph,1)
        {1, 7, 8}
        >>> find_connected_component(graph,2)
        {2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
        """
        connected_nodes = set()
        connected_nodes.add( starting_node )

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#Your code here

return connected_nodes
```

Q2. Fill out the following method, `connected_components`, that takes `graph` and returns all the connected components of the graph. You may want to use the function you wrote above.

```
In []: def connected_components(graph):
    """
    >>> graph = [(1,1),(2,3),(2,4),(3,5),(3,6),(4,6),(1,7),(7,8),(1,8)]
    >>> connected_components(graph)
    [{1, 7, 8}, {2, 3, 4, 5, 6}]
    >>> largest_component_size(graph)
    5
    """
    nodes = set()
    components = []

    # Your code here

    return components

# These guys should work after you've implemented connected_components
component_sizes = lambda graph: [len(component) for component in (connected_co
mponents(graph))]
largest_component_size = lambda graph: max(component_sizes(graph))
```

Next, we want to create a function that, given the number of nodes in a graph, will randomly generate edges between nodes. That is, we want to construct a random graph following the Erdos-Renyi model.

Q3. Fill out the following function to create an Erdos-Renyi random graph $G(n,p)$. For each pair of nodes, randomly create an edge between them with probability p . Return the resulting graph (same format as before).

```
In []: def G(n,p):
    graph = []
    # Recall that we describe a graph as a list enumerating all edges. Node na
mes can be numbers.

    #Your code here

    return graph
```

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In []: # Try this!
graph = G(10,0.1)
draw_graph(graph)
```

Phase Transitions!!!

Now let's examine some of the qualitative properties of a random graph developed in the original Erdos & Renyi paper.

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In []: epsilon = 1/100
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Transition 1: If $(np < 1)$, then a graph in $(G(n, p))$ will almost surely have no connected components of size larger than $O(\log(n))$

```
In []: largest_sizes = []
n = 50
p = 1/50 - epsilon
for i in range(1000):
    graph = G(n,p)
    largest_sizes.append(largest_component_size(graph))

print "We expect the largest component size to be on the order of: ", np.log2(n)
print "True average size of the largest component: ", np.mean(largest_sizes)
```

Transition 2: If $(np = 1)$, then a graph in $(G(n, p))$ will almost surely have a largest component whose size is of order $n^{2/3}$.

```
In []: largest_sizes = []
n = 50
p = 1/50
for i in range(1000):
    graph = G(n,p)
    largest_sizes.append(largest_component_size(graph))

print "We expect the largest component size to be on the order of: ", n**(2/3)
print "True average size of the largest component: ", np.mean(largest_sizes)
```

Transition 3: If $(np \rightarrow c > 1)$, where (c) is a constant, then a graph in $(G(n,p))$ will almost surely have a unique giant component containing a positive fraction of the vertices. No other component will contain more than $O(\log(n))$ vertices.

We'll increase the number of nodes by a factor of 10 here so we can see this more clearly. Pay attention the precipitous decline from the size of the largest connected component to that of all the rest.

```
In []: largest_sizes = []
epsilon = 1/10000
n = 5000
p = 1/5000 + epsilon
graph = G(n,p)
print sorted(component_sizes(graph))[:-1]
```

Transition 4: If $(p < \frac{(1-\epsilon)\ln n}{n})$, then a graph in $(\operatorname{G}(n,p))$ will almost surely contain isolated vertices, and thus be disconnected.

```
In []: largest_sizes = []
epsilon = 1/20000
n = 10000
p = (1-epsilon)*np.log(n) / n - epsilon
num_isolated = 0
for _ in range(10):
    graph = G(n,p)
    if 1 in component_sizes(graph):
        num_isolated += 1
print "Probability of graphs containing isolated vertices: ", num_isolated / 10
```

Transition 5: If $(p > \frac{(1-\epsilon)\ln n}{n})$, then a graph in $(\operatorname{G}(n,p))$ will almost surely be connected.

```
In []: largest_sizes = []
epsilon = 1/20000
n = 10000
p = (1-epsilon)*np.log(n) / n + epsilon
num_isolated = 0
for _ in range(10):
    graph = G(n,p)
    if 1 in component_sizes(graph):
        num_isolated += 1
print "Probability that graphs are connected: ", 1 - num_isolated / 10
```

Cool! Now we've experimentally verified the results of the Erdos-Reyni paper. Isn't it neat that you can rigorously formalize this kind of qualitative behavior of a graph? And that you can clearly see these transitions in simulation? I think it's cool.