

**Problem 1.1** (*Phase Transitions in the Erdős-Renyi Model*)

Consider an Erdős-Renyi random graph  $G(n, p)$ .

- (a) Let  $A_l$  denote the event that node 1 has at least  $l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  neighbors. Do we observe a phase transition for this event? If so, find the threshold function and justify your reasoning.
- (b) Let  $B$  denote the event that a cycle with  $k$  edges (for a fixed  $k$ ) emerges in the graph. Do we observe a phase transition for this event? If so, find the threshold function and justify your reasoning.

**Problem 1.2** (*Problem 1.2 from Jackson*)

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**Problem 1.3** (*Clustering in the Configuration Model*)

- (a) Consider a graph  $g$  with  $n$  nodes generated according to the configuration model with a particular degree distribution  $P(d)$ . Show that the overall clustering coefficient is given by

$$CI(g) = \frac{\langle d \rangle}{n} \left[ \frac{\langle d^2 \rangle - \langle d \rangle^2}{\langle d \rangle^2} \right],$$

where  $\langle d \rangle$  is the expected degree under distribution  $P(d)$ , i.e.,  $\langle d \rangle = \sum_d dP(d)$  and similarly  $\langle d^2 \rangle = \sum_d d^2 P(d)$ .

- (b) (*Optional for Bonus*): Consider a power-law degree distribution  $P(d)$  given by

$$P(d) = cd^{-\alpha} \quad \text{for } \alpha < 3.$$

Show that the overall clustering coefficient satisfies

$$CI(g) \sim n^{-\beta}, \quad \beta = \frac{3\alpha - 7}{\alpha - 1}.$$

Discuss the monotonicity properties of the overall clustering coefficient as a function of  $n$  for different values of  $\alpha$ .

**Problem 1.4** (*Clustering in the Small World Model*)

- (a) Consider the small-world model of Watts and Strogatz with rewiring probability  $p$ . Show that when  $p = 0$ , the overall clustering coefficient of this graph is given by

$$CI(g) = \frac{3k - 3}{4k - 2}.$$

- (b) (*Optional for Bonus*): Show that when  $p > 0$ , the overall clustering coefficient is given by

$$CI(g) = \frac{3k - 3}{4k - 2} (1 - p)^3.$$

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