



# Cycles in Random Graphs

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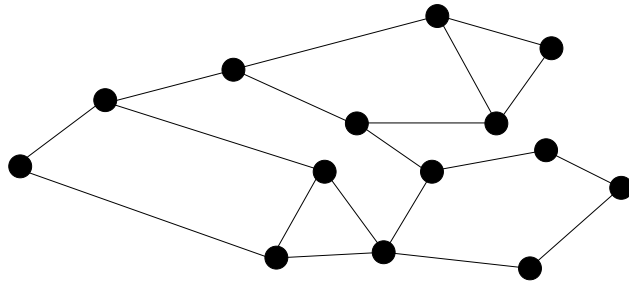
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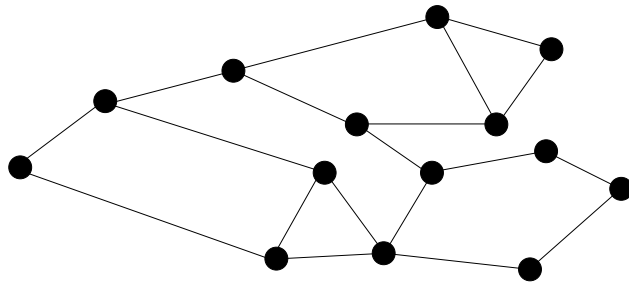
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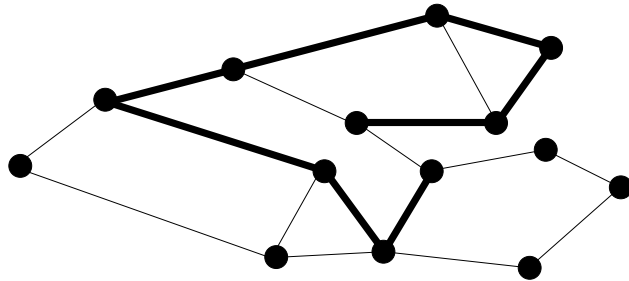


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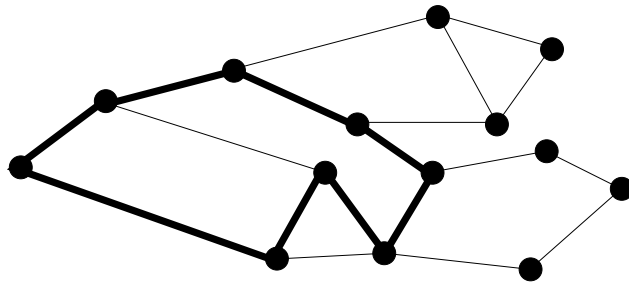
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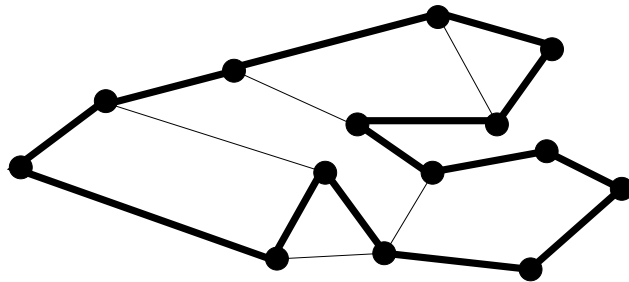
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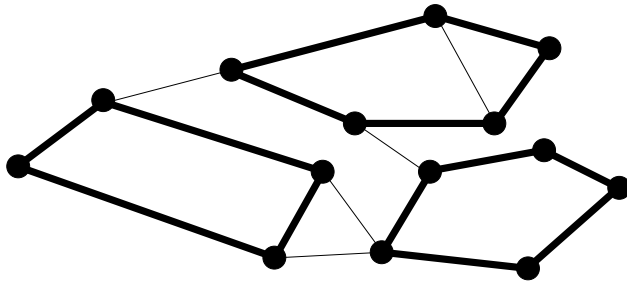
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- Understanding Real World Networks (e.g. Internet, WWW, biological networks, social networks):
  - local properties: degree distribution, clustering  
→ short cycles
  - global properties: shortest paths, network motives  
→ longer cycles
  - dynamics: feedback mechanism
  - vertex ranking

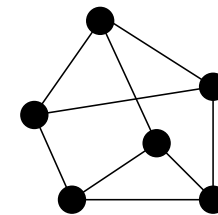
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- ⇒ 3 fundamental questions:
1. Do they exist?
  2. If yes, how many?
  3. Can we locate them?

Computational Difficulty depends on length  $L$  of cycle:

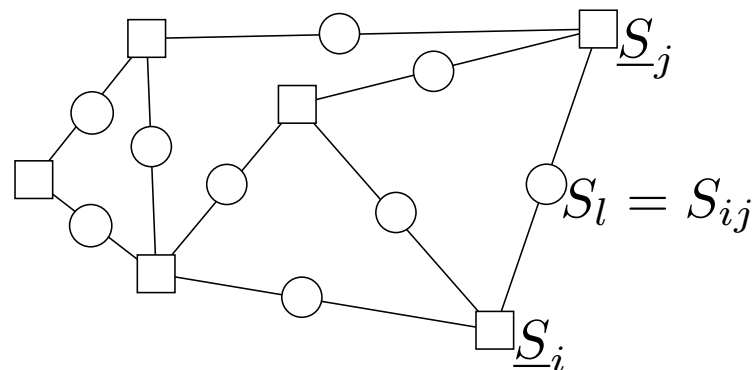
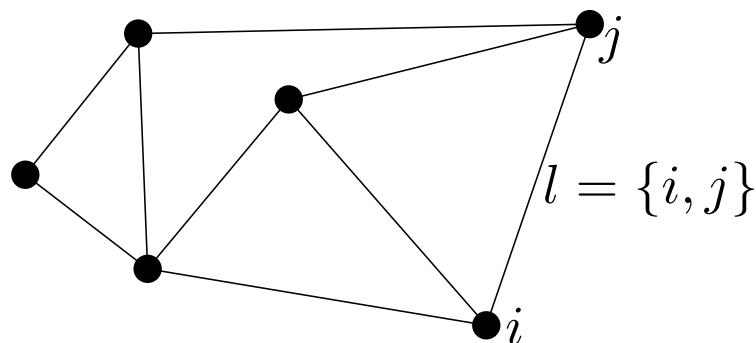
- short cycles ( $L = 3, 4, 5$ ): exhaustive enumeration has time upper bound of  $\mathcal{O}(N \times \#\text{cycles})$ , where  $\#\text{cycles} \propto \exp N$
- intermediate cycles ( $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L}{N} = 0$ ): in limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  distribution can be computed for most random graph ensembles
- long extensive cycles ( $L \propto N$ ), e.g., Hamiltonian cycles:
  - Regular graphs: Hamiltonian with high probability (Wormald)
  - Sparse graphs with minimum degree 3 and bounded maximum degree: conjectured to be Hamiltonian (Wormald)





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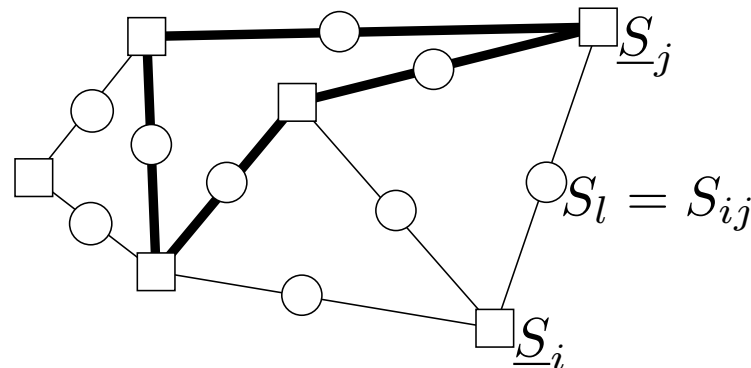
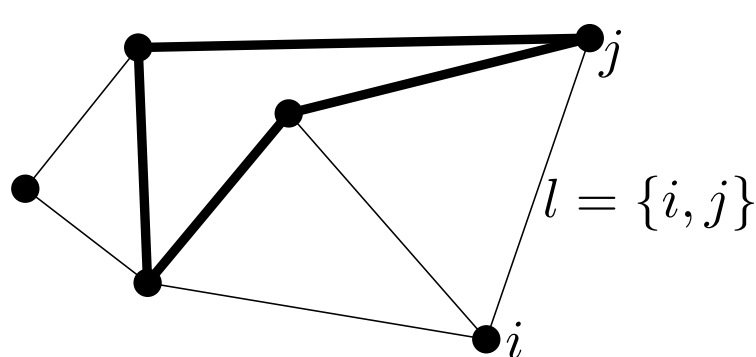
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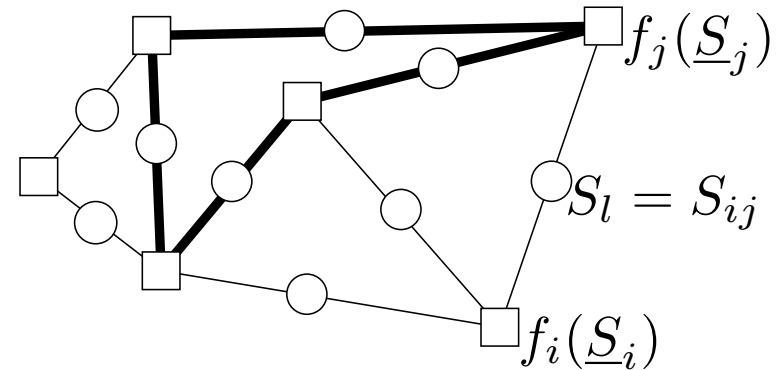
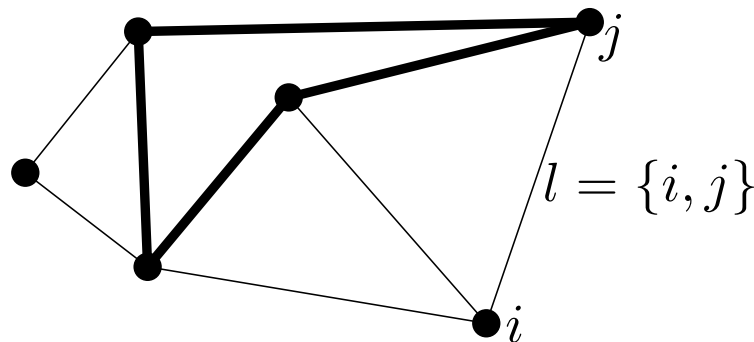


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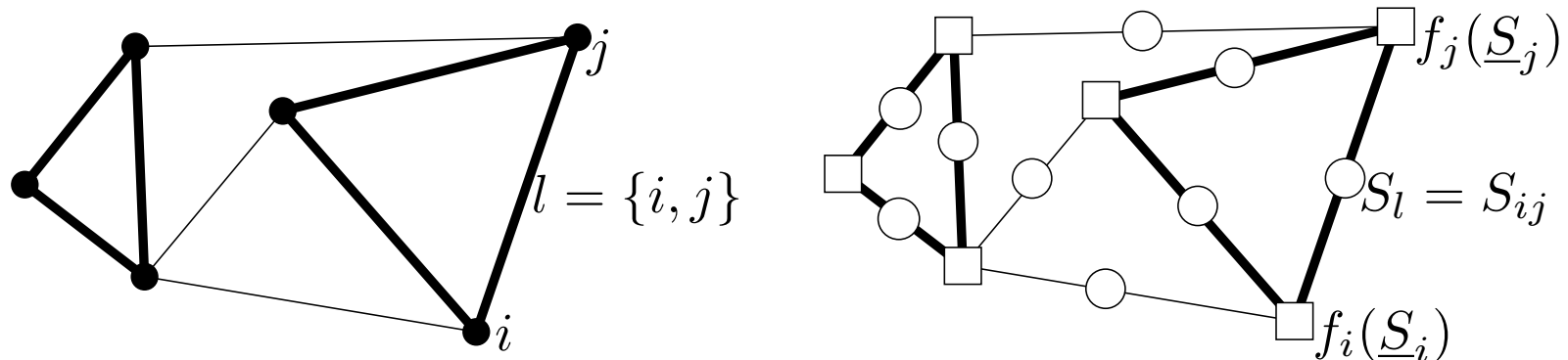
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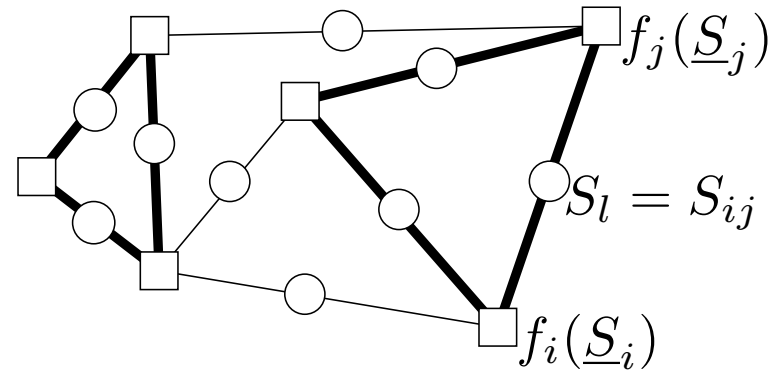
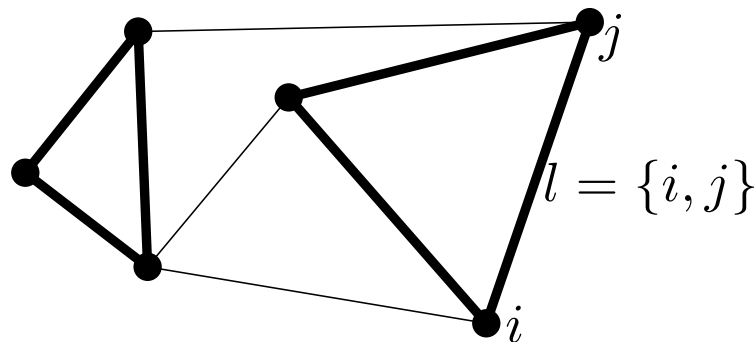
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$u = 1$  uniform sampling

$u \rightarrow \infty$  cycles of longest length (e.g. Hamiltonian cycles)





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Compute partition function  $Z = \sum_{\underline{x}} w(\underline{x})$

$\Leftrightarrow$  Minimizing the corresponding Gibbs free energy functional

$$F_{\text{Gibbs}}[p_{\text{var}}] = \sum_{\underline{x}} p_{\text{var}}(\underline{x}) \ln \left( \frac{p_{\text{var}}(\underline{x})}{w(\underline{x})} \right)$$

since  $\min_{p_{\text{var}}} F_{\text{Gibbs}}[p_{\text{var}}] = F_{\text{Gibbs}}[P_{\text{Gibbs}}] = -\ln Z$ .

**Mean Field approximation:** factorizable trial distributions

$$p_{\text{MF}}(\underline{x}) = \prod_i p_i(x_i)$$

**Bethe approximation:** take first order correlations into account

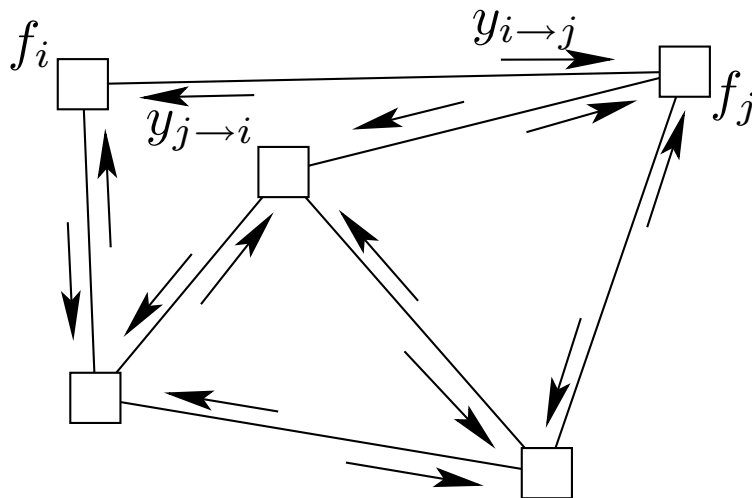
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distributions  $p_i, p_{ij}$  and consistency

$\Rightarrow$  Introduce Lagrange Multipliers

$\Leftrightarrow$  Finding fixed point of the corresponding distributed Belief Propagation (BP) algorithm.

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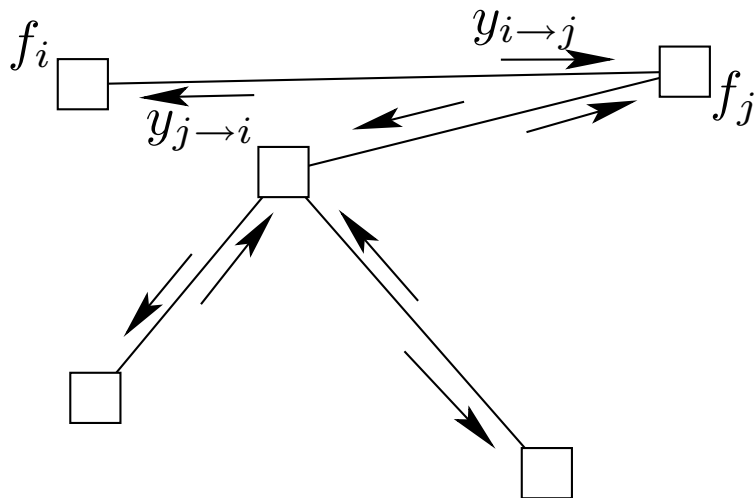
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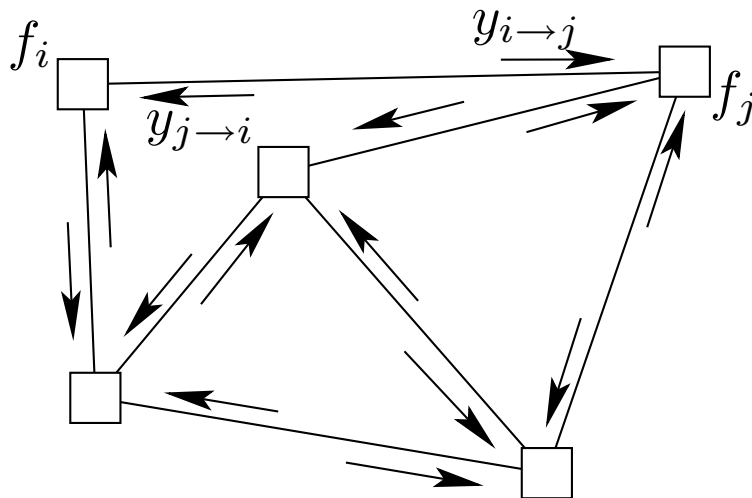
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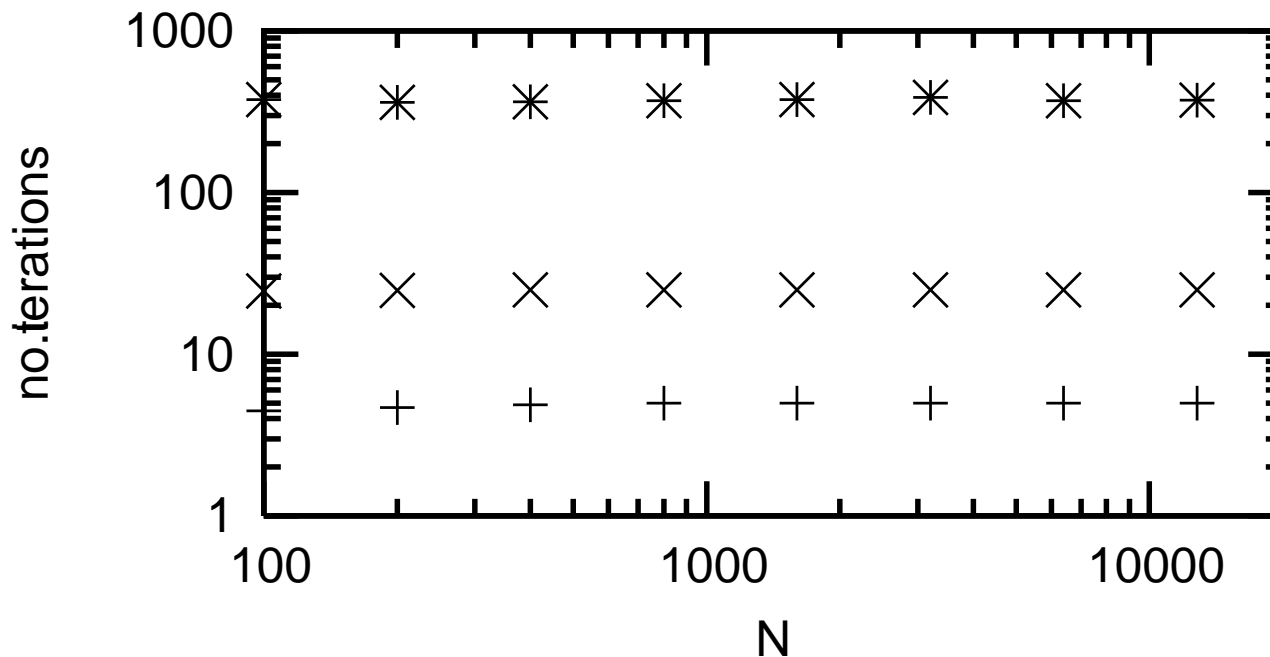
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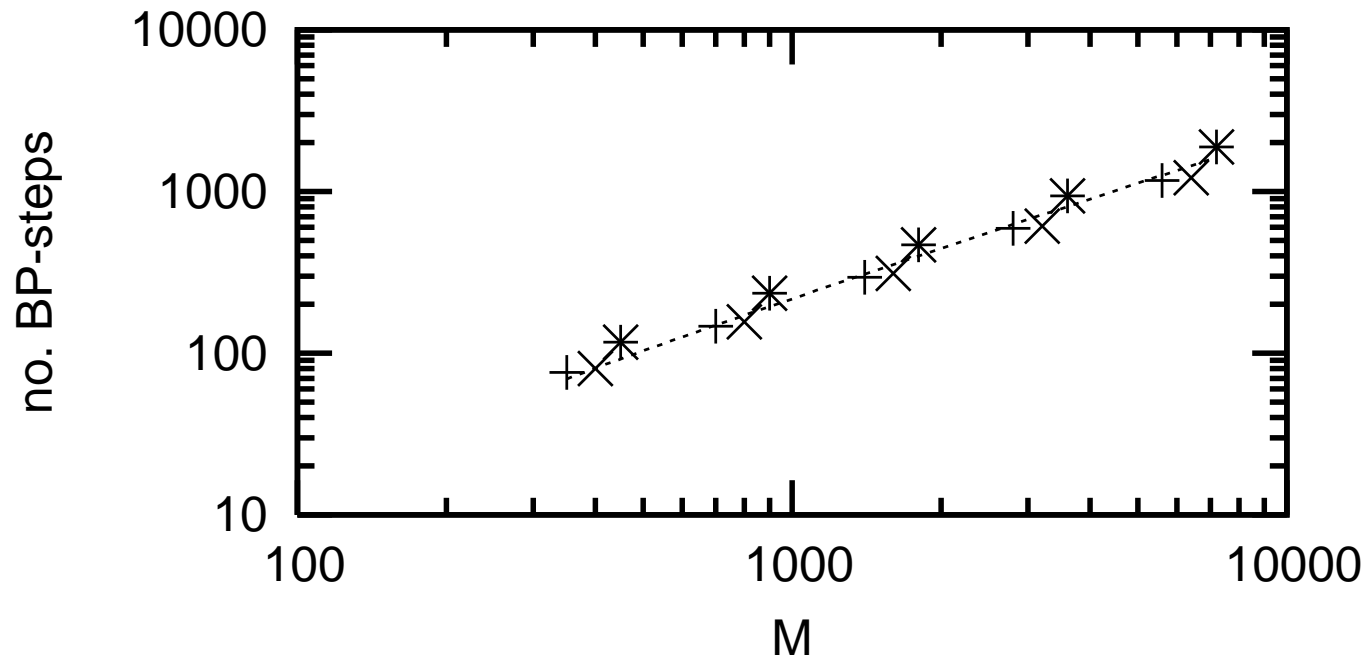
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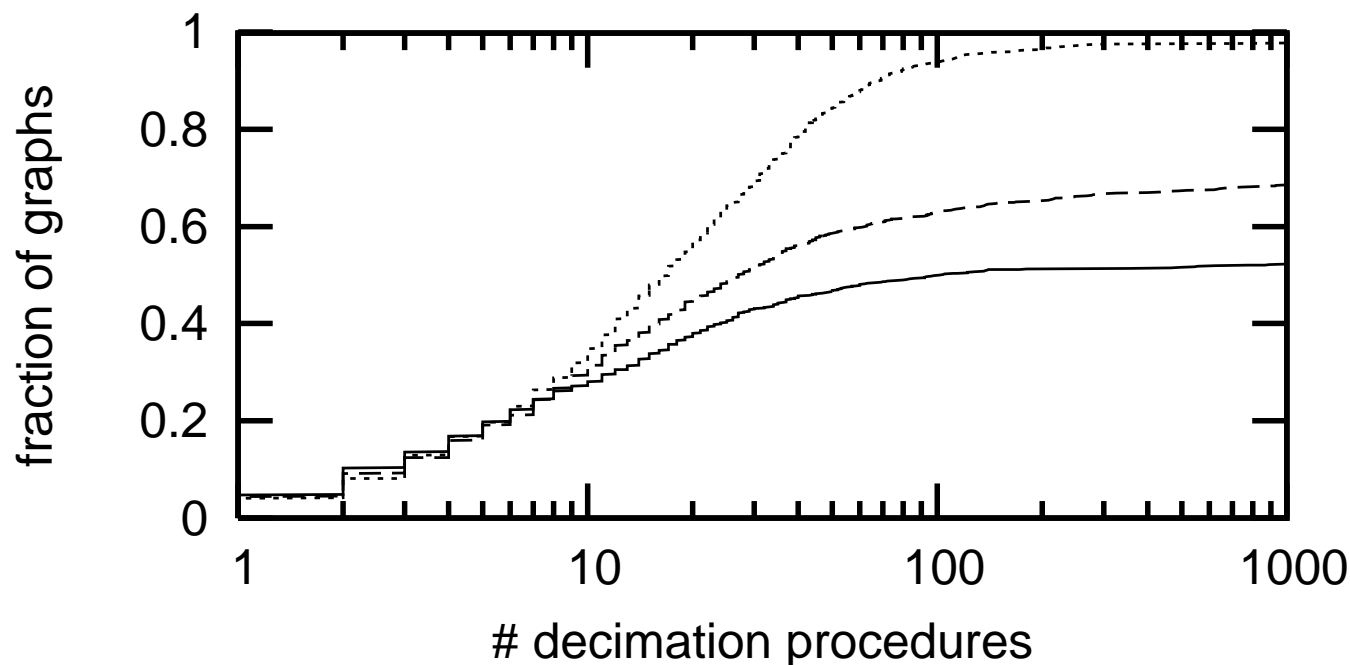


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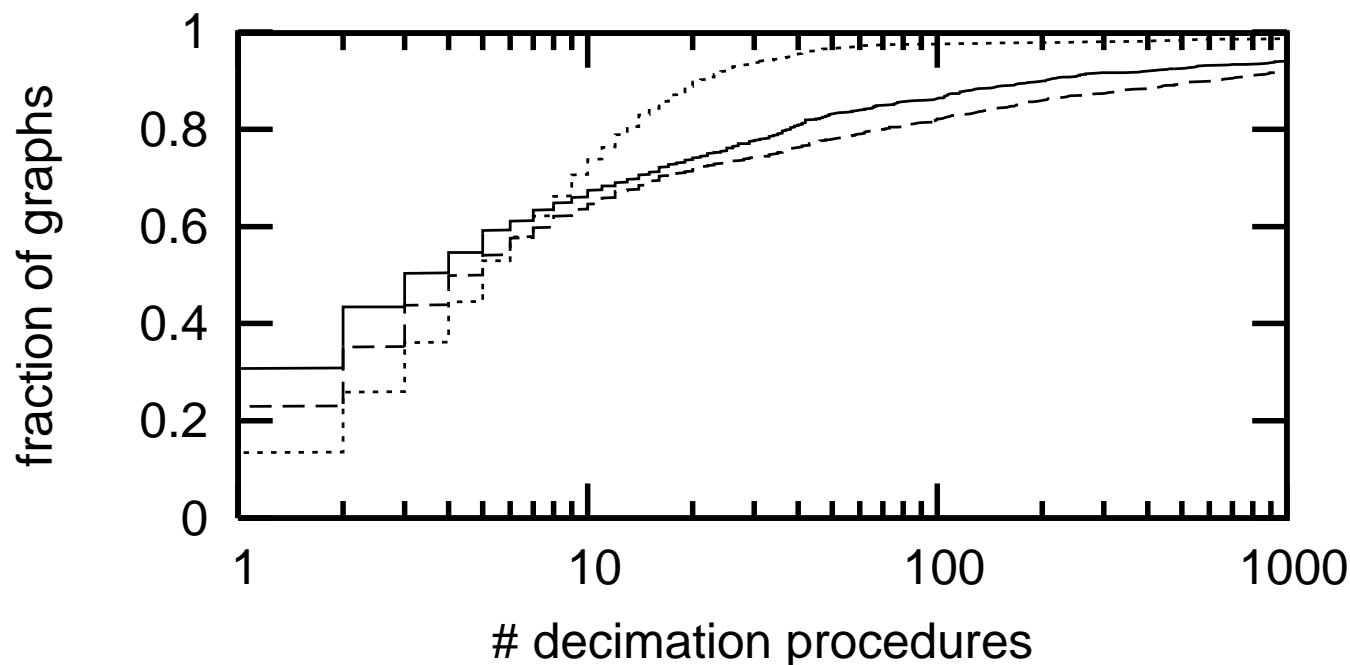
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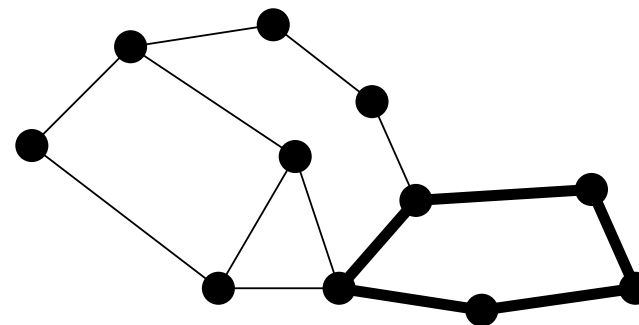
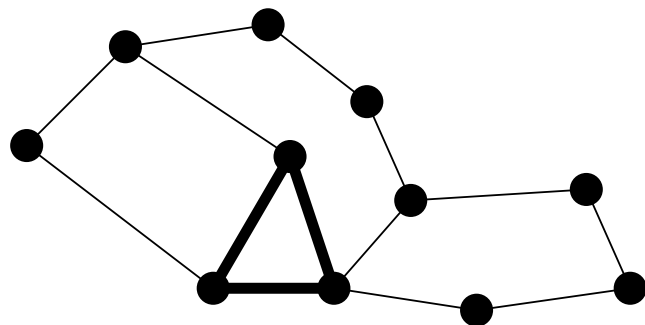
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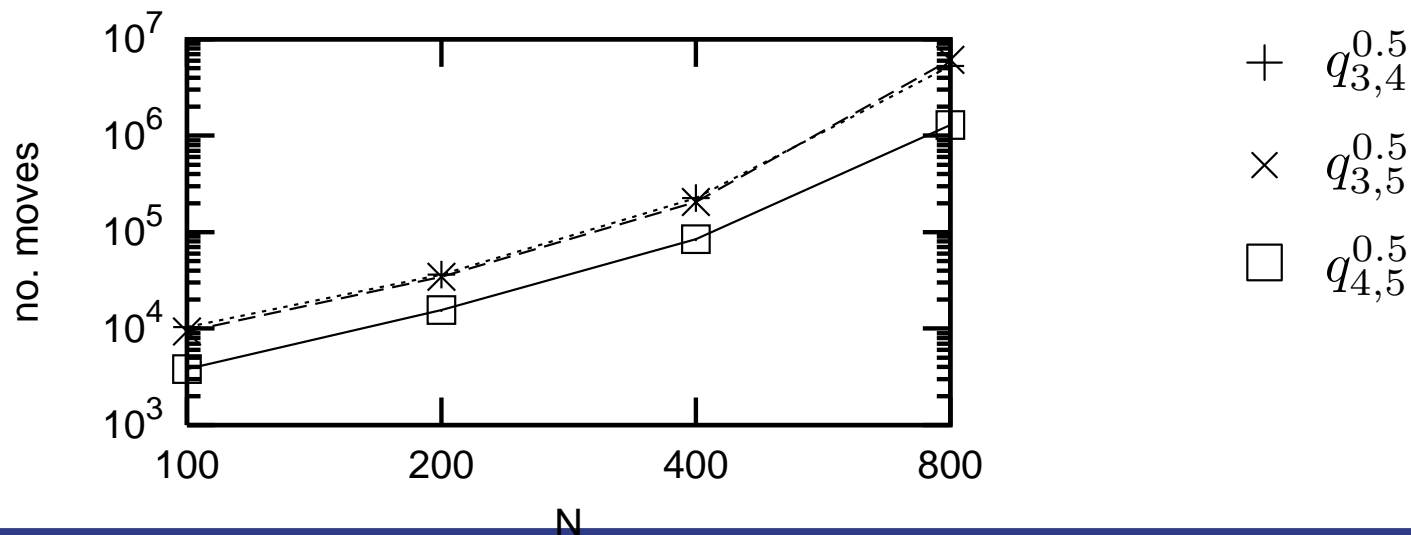


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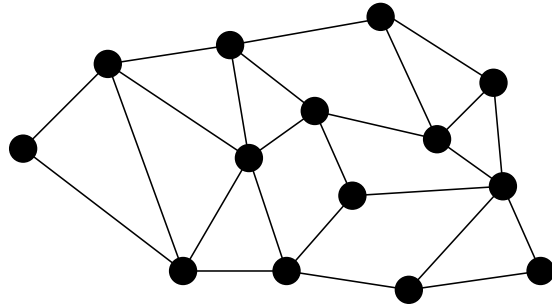
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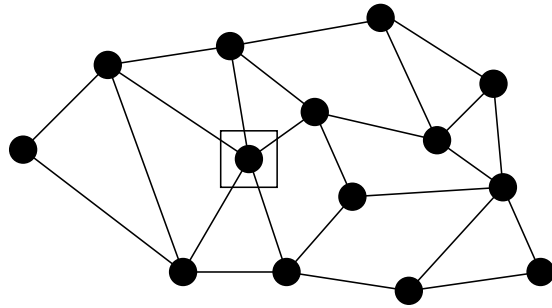
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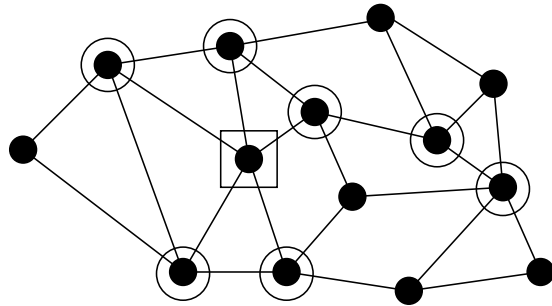
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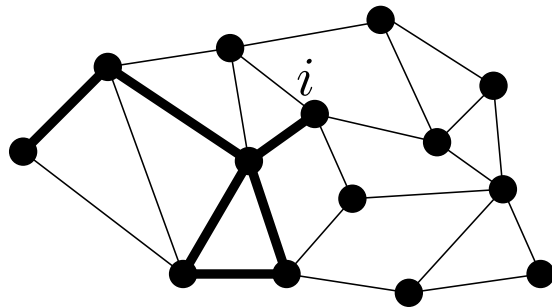
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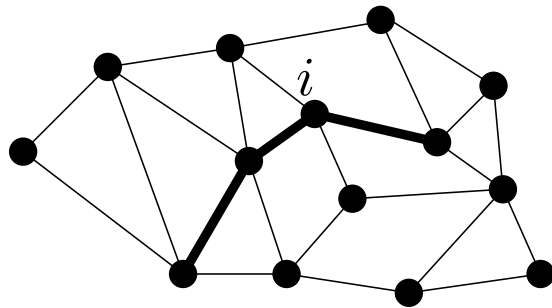
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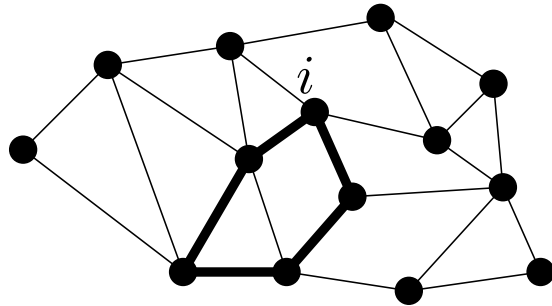
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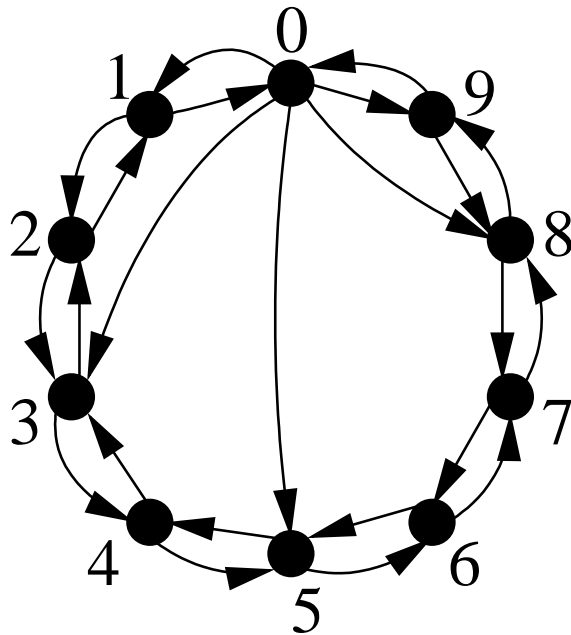
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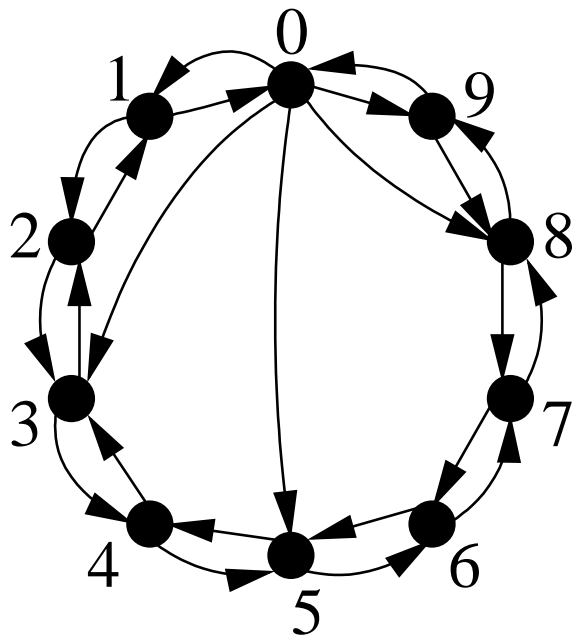
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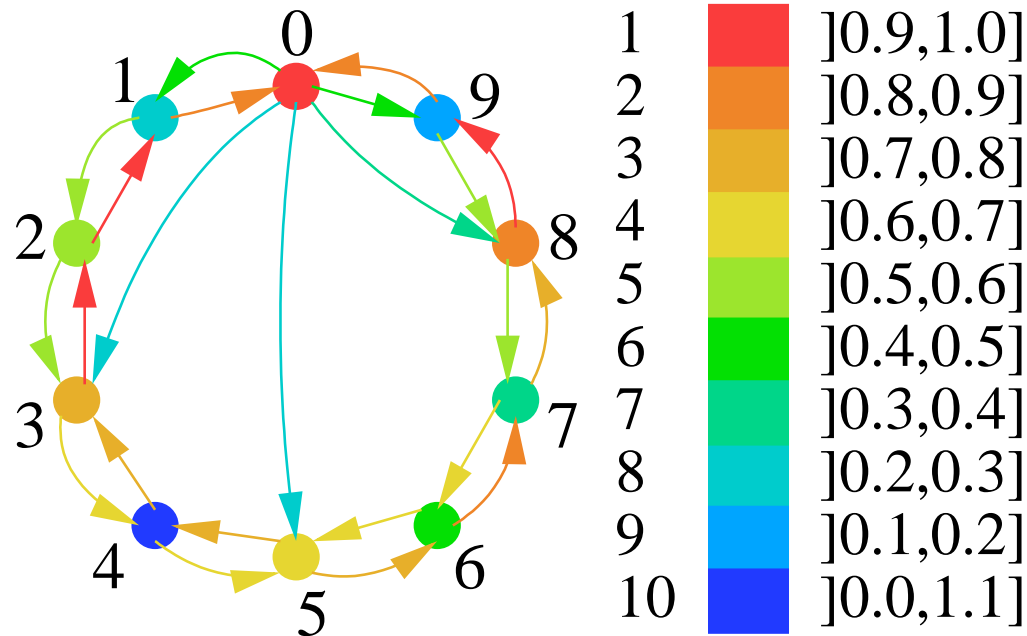


R	$i$	$\frac{\mathcal{P}(i)}{\mathcal{P}(5)}$	$i$	$\frac{\mathcal{L}(i)}{\mathcal{L}(0)}$	$i$	$\frac{\mathcal{B}(i)}{\mathcal{B}(0)}$
1	5	1.00	0	1.00	0	1.00
2	4	0.94	8	0.92	5	0.68
3	3	0.91	3	0.90	3	0.58
4	6	0.90	5	0.89	8	0.55
5	7	0.84	2	0.87	1	0.50
6	8	0.78	6	0.84	4	0.45
7	2	0.71	7	0.83	6	0.45
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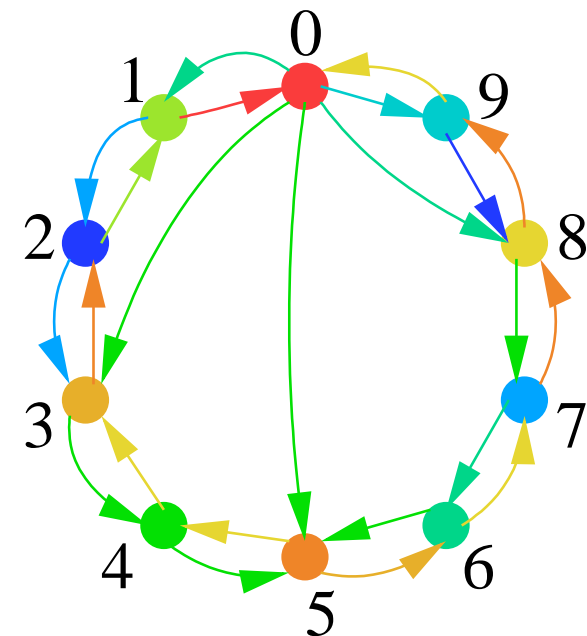


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