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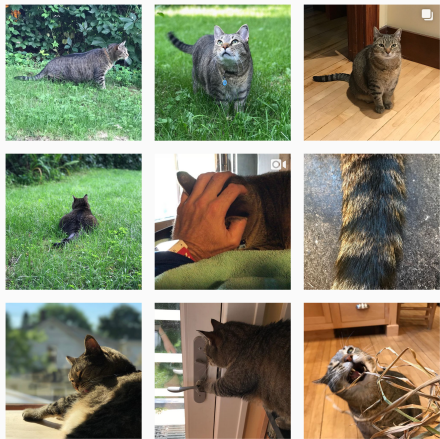
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where $-1 \leq r_{\min} < 0$.

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- This is the observed normalized deviation from randomness in the product jk .

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 Notation reconciliation for undirected networks:


$$r = \frac{\sum_{j,k} jk(e_{jk} - R_j R_k)}{\sigma_R^2}$$

where, as before, R_k is the probability that a randomly chosen edge leads to a node of degree $k + 1$, and

$$\sigma_R^2 = \sum_j j^2 R_j - \left[\sum_j j R_j \right]^2.$$

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-  Mildly sneaky as variables need to be independent for us to be truly happy and edges are correlated...

Measurements of degree-degree correlations

	Group	Network	Type	Size n	Assortativity r	Error σ_r
Social	a	Physics coauthorship	undirected	52 909	0.363	0.002
	a	Biology coauthorship	undirected	1 520 251	0.127	0.0004
	b	Mathematics coauthorship	undirected	253 339	0.120	0.002
	c	Film actor collaborations	undirected	449 913	0.208	0.0002
	d	Company directors	undirected	7 673	0.276	0.004
	e	Student relationships	undirected	573	-0.029	0.037
	f	Email address books	directed	16 881	0.092	0.004
Technological	g	Power grid	undirected	4 941	-0.003	0.013
	h	Internet	undirected	10 697	-0.189	0.002
	i	World Wide Web	directed	269 504	-0.067	0.0002
	j	Software dependencies	directed	3 162	-0.016	0.020
Biological	k	Protein interactions	undirected	2 115	-0.156	0.010
	l	Metabolic network	undirected	765	-0.240	0.007
	m	Neural network	directed	307	-0.226	0.016
	n	Marine food web	directed	134	-0.263	0.037
	o	Freshwater food web	directed	92	-0.326	0.031

 Social networks tend to be assortative (homophily)

 Technological and biological networks tend to be disassortative

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 Rearranging and introducing a sneaky δ_{jk} :

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\delta_{jk} R_k - k B_{k+1,1} e_{jk}) F'_k(1; \vec{B}_1) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e_{jk} B_{k+1,1}.$$

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 In matrix form, we have

$$\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{E}, \vec{B}_1} \vec{F}'(1; \vec{B}_1) = \mathbf{E} \vec{B}_1$$

where

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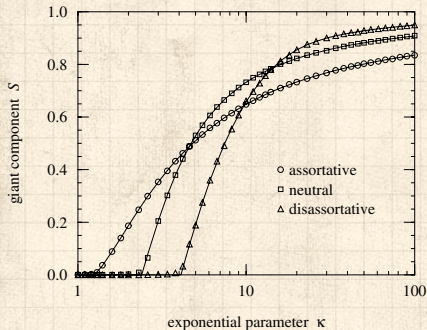
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Condition for spreading is therefore dependent on eigenvalues of this matrix:

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How the giant component changes with assortativity:



from Newman, 2002 [5]



More assortative networks percolate for lower average degrees



But disassortative networks end up with higher extents of spreading.

Toy guns don't pretend blow up things ...

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