

Local analysis of matchings on sparse graphs

Asymptotic local law of matchings on random graphs

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$G_{n,p,\mathcal{W}}$ is the weighted random graph generated on $G_{n,p} = (V, E)$ by drawing $(W(e))_{e \in E}$ i.i.d of law \mathcal{W} .

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- We say that it is a minimum cost maximum matching if the sum of the weight on its edge is minimum among matchings of maximum cardinality.

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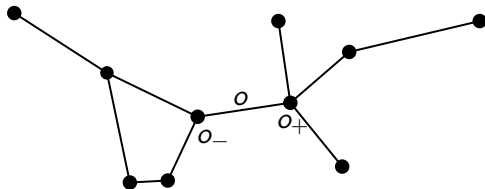
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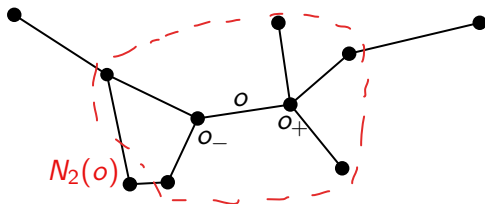
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Let $(G_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of rooted random graphs.

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We say that G_n converges locally to G if for every $H \in \mathbb{N}$, the H -neighborhood of the root of G_n converges in law to the H -neighborhood of the root of G .

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Let us call $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{W}}$ the weighted edge-rooted Galton-Watson tree of reproduction law $\mathcal{P}(c)$ with i.i.d weights on edges drawn with law \mathcal{W} .

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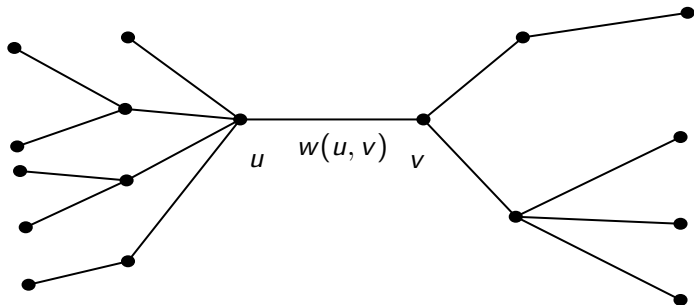
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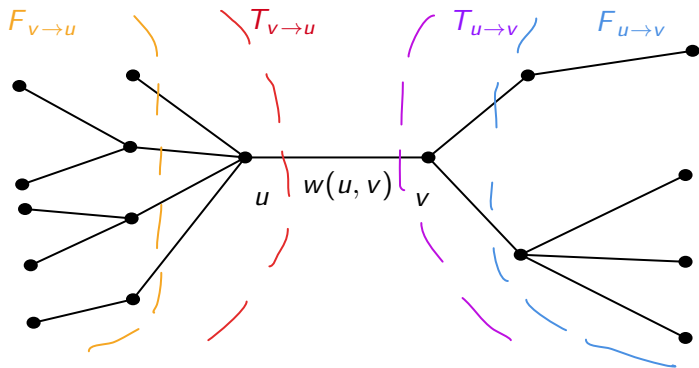
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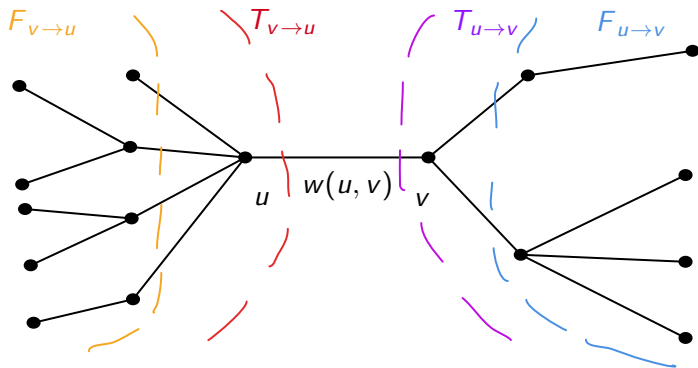
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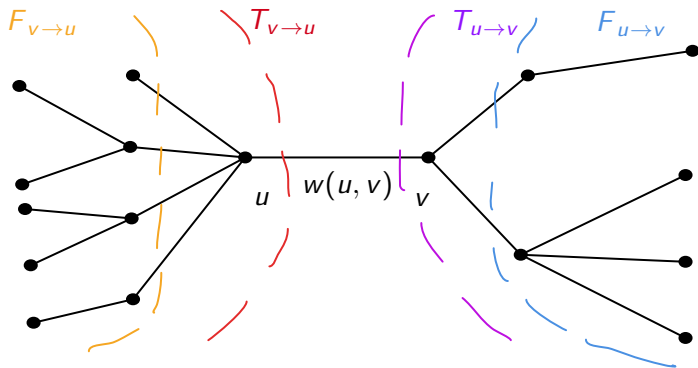
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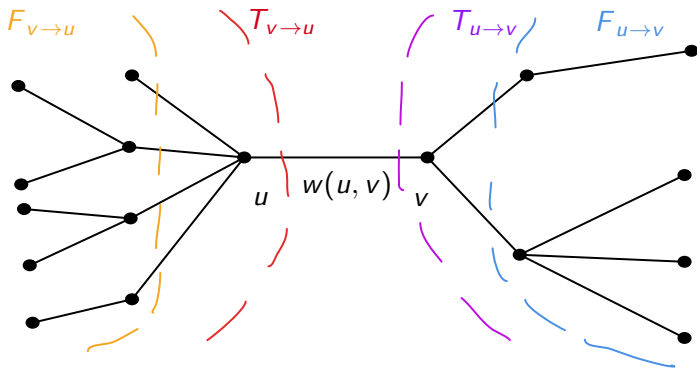


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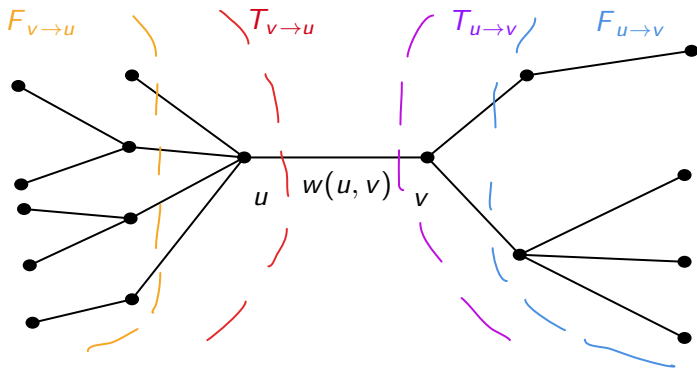


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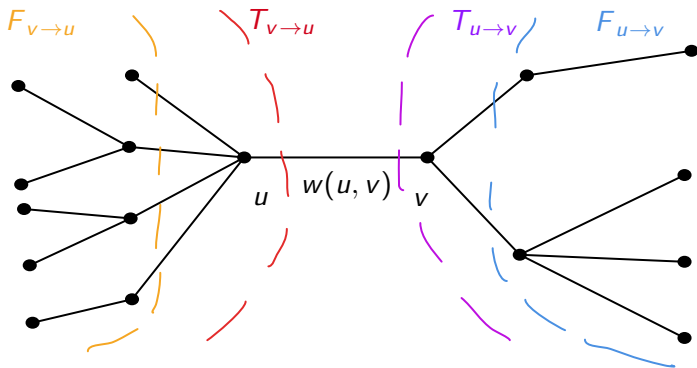


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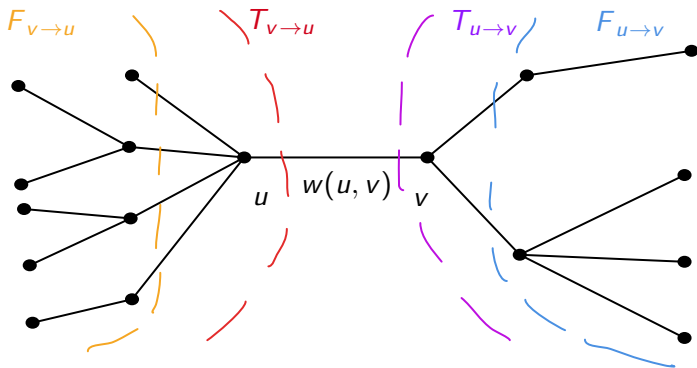
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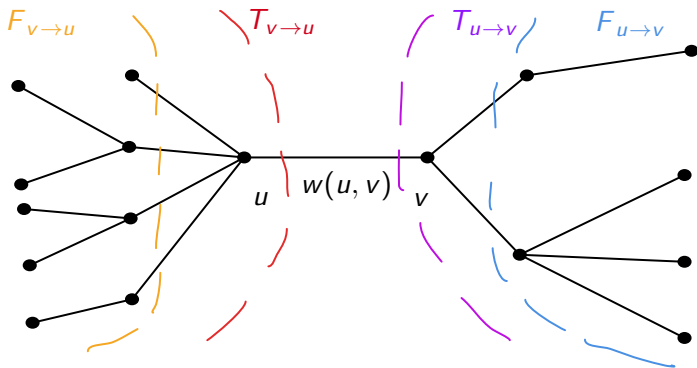
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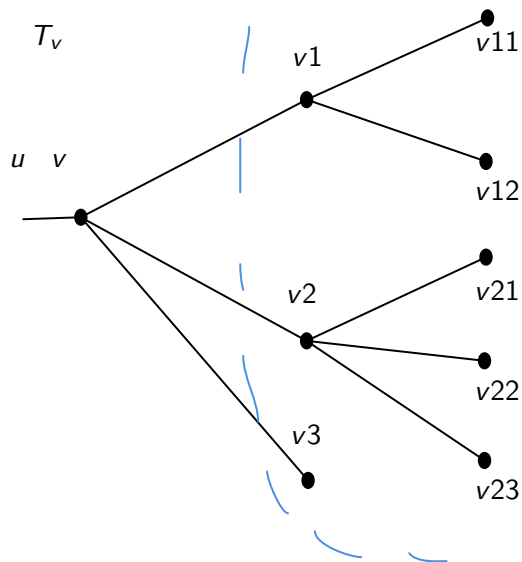
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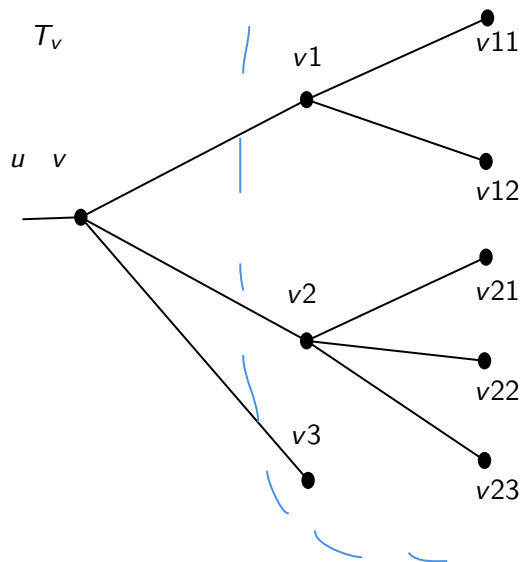
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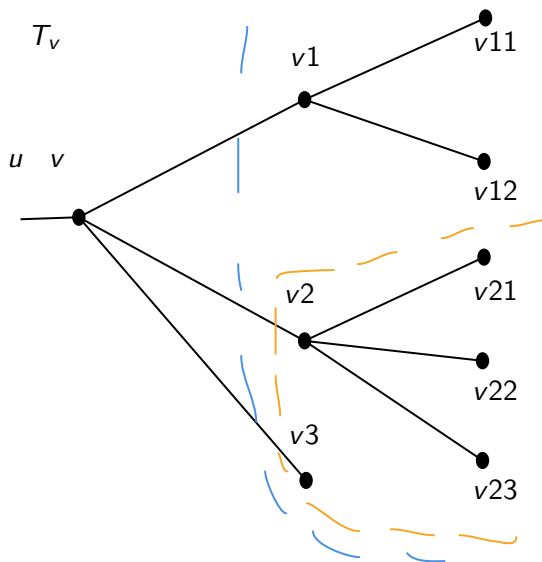


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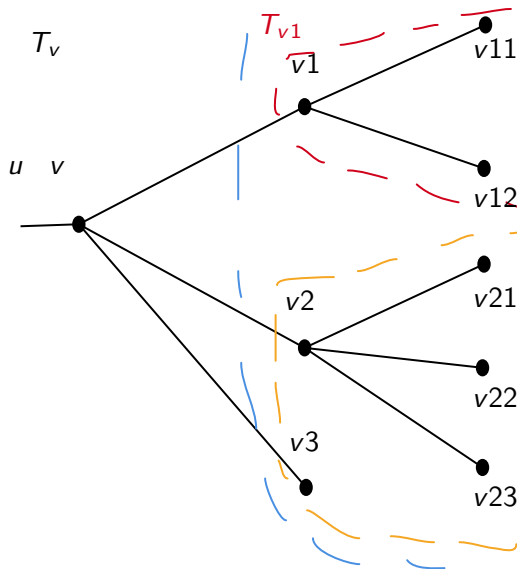
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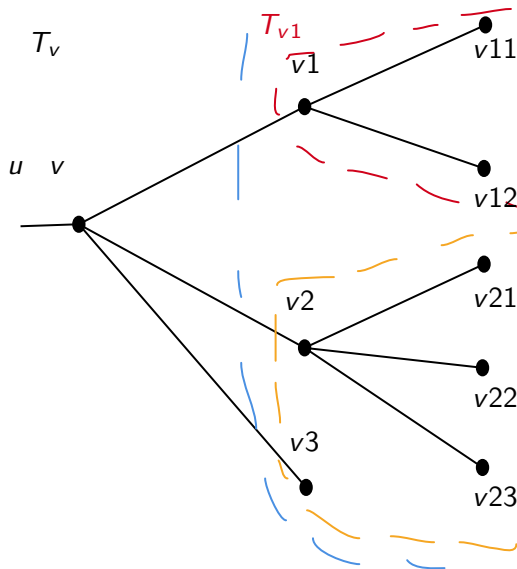


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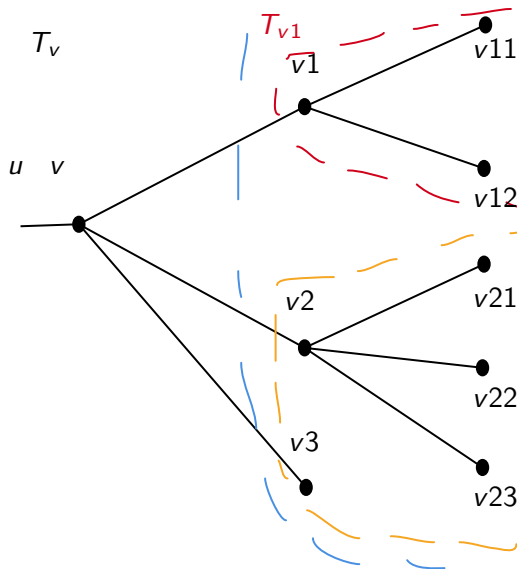
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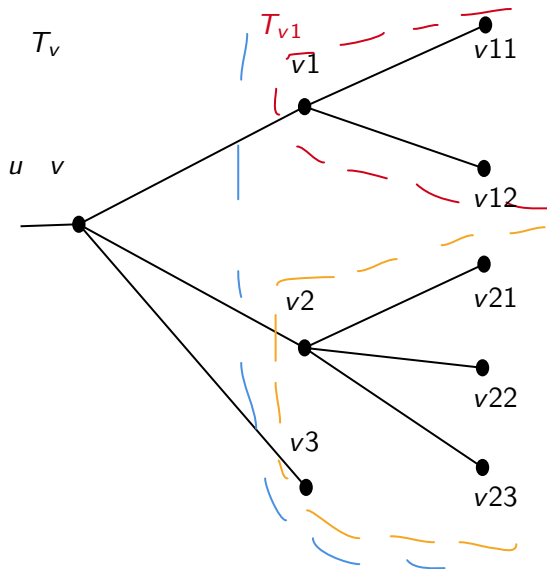
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$v1$ has to be maximal for this quantity hence :

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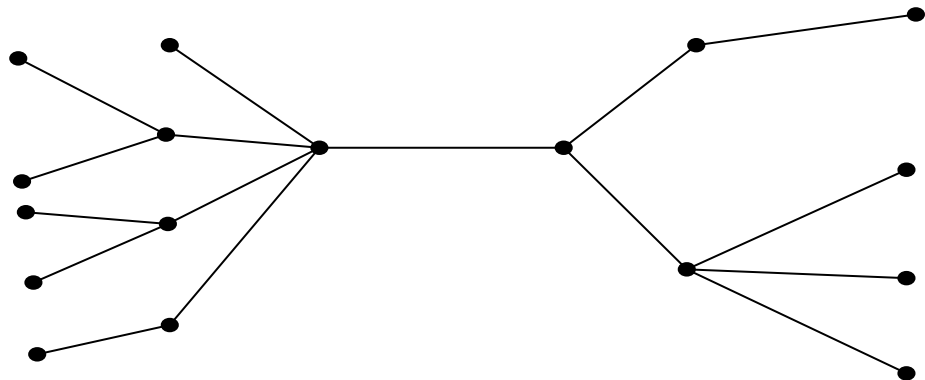
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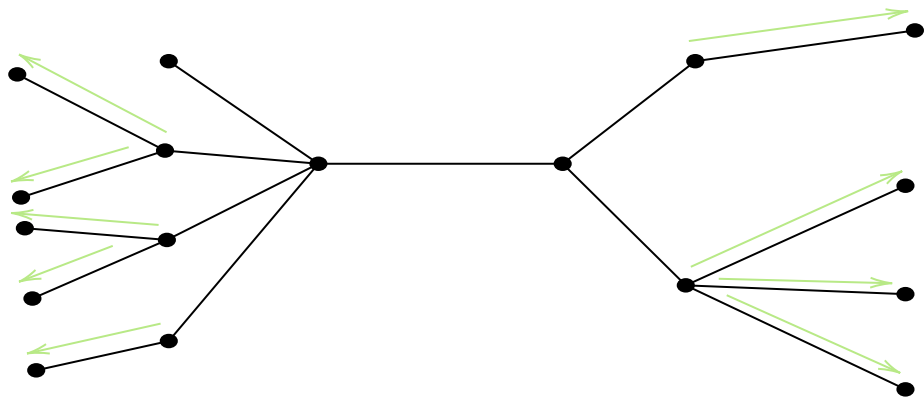
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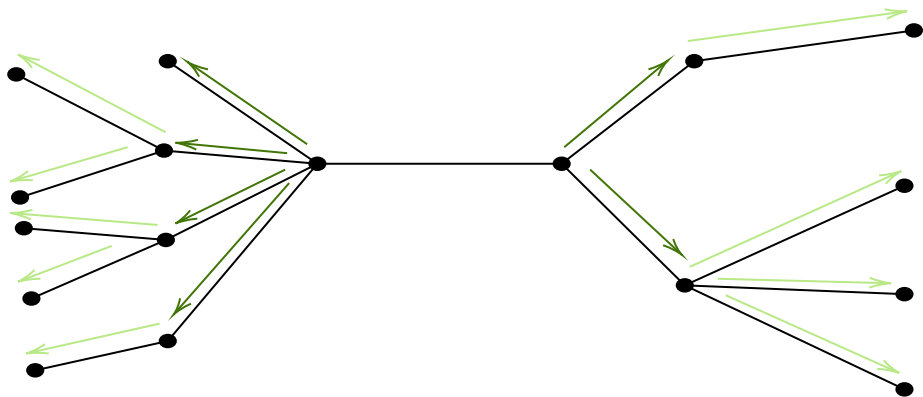


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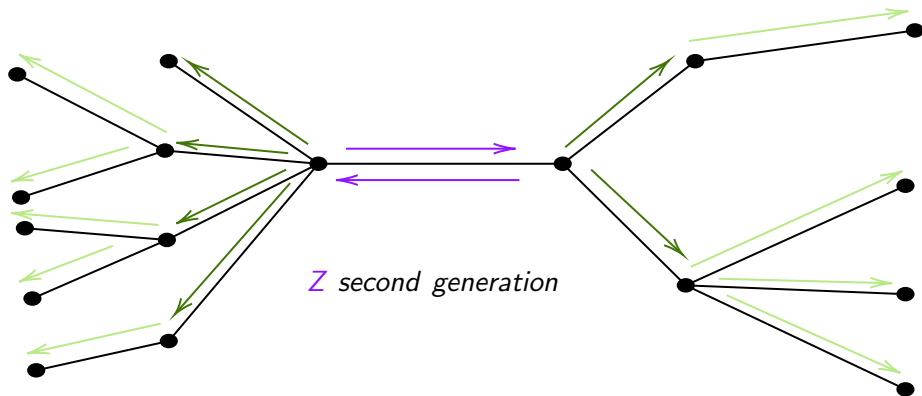


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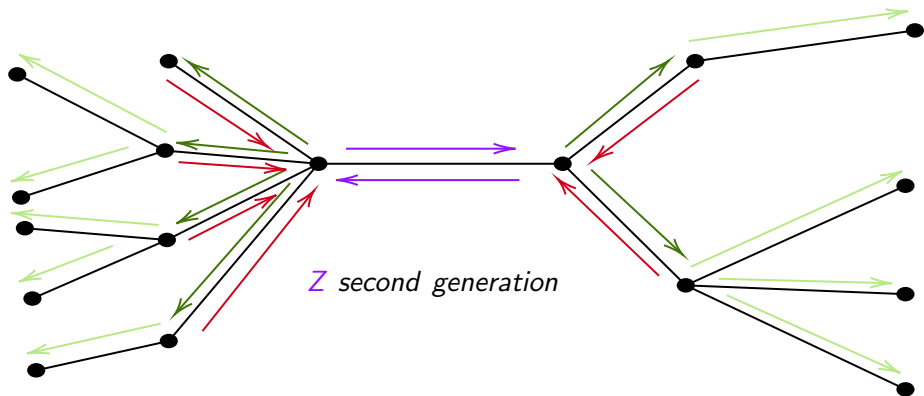


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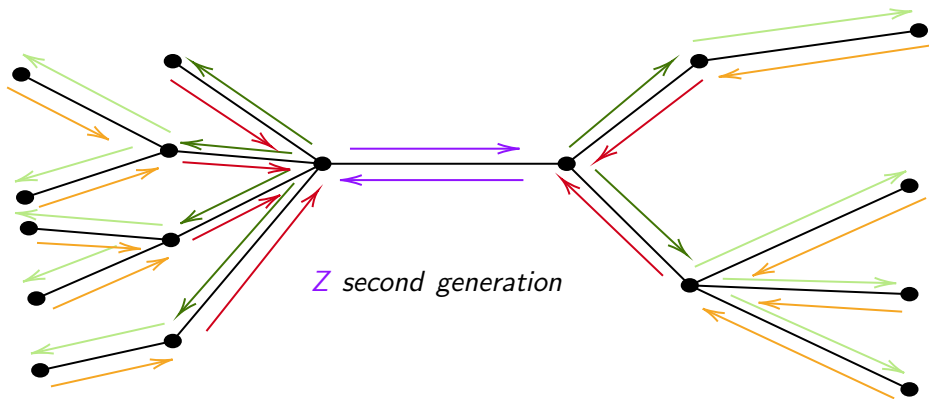


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Z fourth generation

Description of \mathcal{M}

We now define \mathcal{M} as the set of (u, v) such that

$$Z(u, v) + Z(v, u) < W(u, v).$$

This defines the limit law in Theorem 1.

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As ϵ goes to 0 and through renormalization methods, it is possible to show that we need to replace Z by:

$\Phi = (\Phi_0, \Phi_1)$ when $c \leq e$,

$\Phi = (\Phi_0, \Phi_{\frac{1}{2}}, \Phi_1)$ when $c > e$. with:

$$\Phi_0(u, v) = \max(0, \max_{\substack{w \sim v \\ w \neq u}}(-w(v, w) - \Phi_1(v, w))),$$

$$\Phi_1(u, v) = \max_{\substack{w \sim v \\ w \neq u}}(-w(v, w) - \Phi_0(v, w)),$$

$$\Phi_{\frac{1}{2}}(u, v) = \max_{\substack{w \sim v \\ w \neq u}}(-w(v, w) - \Phi_{\frac{1}{2}}(v, w)).$$

Description of $\mathcal{M}^{mc}(2)$

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Corollary

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\text{Size of maximum matching on } G_{n, \frac{c}{n}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{e \in \mathcal{M}_n^{\text{opt mc}}} 1 \right] = \frac{c}{2} \mathbb{E} [\mathbb{1}_{o \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{mc}}}] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(e \text{ is matched by } \mathcal{M}_n | w(e) \leq x)$$

for some fixed x , or

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(e \text{ is matched by } \mathcal{M}_n | \text{the degrees of } e \text{ are 3 and 4})$$

In general, fix some $H \in \mathbb{N}$, if \mathcal{G} is a collection of rooted weighted graphs and \mathcal{G}_H the collection of their H -neighborhood of their roots, we can compute

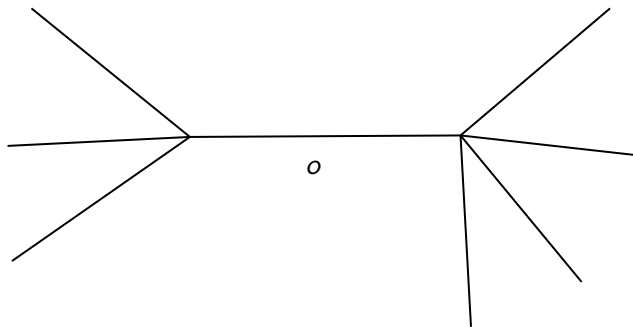
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(e \text{ is matched by } \mathcal{M}_n | N_H(e_n) \in \mathcal{G}_H).$$

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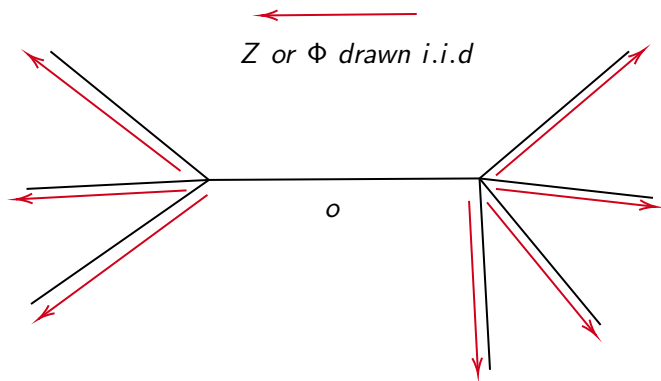
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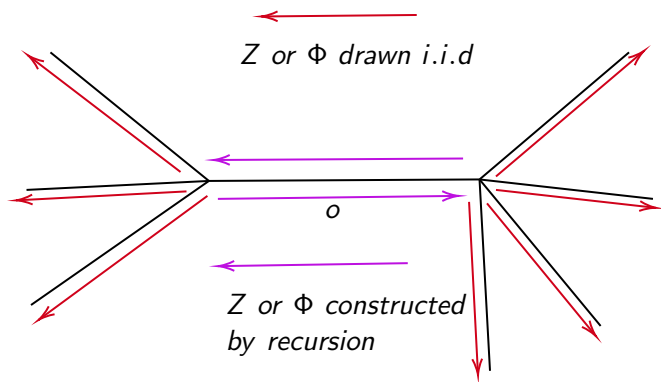
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Surprising statistics

Surprisingly, there are some quantities that do not depend on the law \mathcal{W} . It is possible to compute

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(e = (u, v) \text{ is matched by } \mathcal{M}_n^{\text{opt mc}} | \text{deg}(v) = k)$$

for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and any law \mathcal{W} and show it is equal to :

$$\frac{1 - \left(1 + \frac{\ln(\beta)}{c}\right)^k}{c},$$

where

$$\beta = \underline{\gamma} + \bar{\gamma} + \underline{\gamma}\bar{\gamma} - 1$$

with $\underline{\gamma}$ (resp. $\bar{\gamma}$) the smallest (resp. biggest) solution to $e^{-ce^{-cx}} = x$.