

Abstract

Frozen percolation and random graphs

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Critical frozen percolation is percolation modified in such a way that infinitely big components are deleted from the graph at the time of their birth. In this thesis we examine the critical frozen percolation started from a configuration model with the underlying graph being the complete graph. Our main goal was to find the local limit of the graph sequence whose n^{th} element is the graph $G^{(n)}(t)$, the graph in the frozen percolation started from a configuration model on n vertices at time t .

We have thus investigated $r_T(t)$, the limit of $r_T^{(n)}(t)$ which is the ratio of the number of the copies of the graph T in the n^{th} element of the graph sequence and n . We proved that if the random variables $r_T^{(n)}(t)$ converge in probability for every graph T to deterministic numbers, then the Benjamini-Schramm limit exists if the size of the connected component of a uniformly chosen vertex in graph $G^{(n)}(t)$ is tight.

We call hybrid graphs the family of graphs whose edgeset is the union of the edgeset of an Erdős-Rényi graph and a configuration model on the same vertex set. We have proved the existence of r_T and calculated r_T for every T in the hybrid graph model and also in the critical frozen percolation model started from a configuration model. We have shown that they are the same if we choose the parameters of the hybrid graph in a given way. This allowed us to reach our main goal and prove that the Benjamini-Schramm limit of $G^{(n)}(t)$ is a two type branching process. We have also shown that if we start critical frozen percolation from a configuration model, then $r_{(\cdot)}^{(n)}(\cdot)$ converges in probability uniformly in time in the l^1 topology to the unique solution of the natural generalisation of Stockmeyer's differential equation. Our method was the same as the method of the authors of [1].

The limit of the ratio of the number of the remaining vertices in $G^{(n)}(t)$ and n is called the total mass at time t . We proved the existence of this limit in probability for every t . Under the assumption that the total mass is differentiable and strictly decreasing in time, we proved that the frozen percolation started from a critical configuration model remains critical.

References

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