DEVIATIONS OF TRIANGLE COUNTS IN THE BINOMIAL RANDOM GRAPH I

Online Seminar

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Abstract: Suppose that Y_1, …, Y_N are i.i.d. (independent identically distributed) random variables and let X = Y_1 + … + Y_N. The classical theory of large deviations allows one to accurately estimate the probability of the tail events X < (1-c)E[X] and X > (1+c)E[X] for any positive c. However, the methods involved strongly rely on the fact that X is a linear function of the independent variables Y_1, … , Y_N. There has been considerable interest-both theoretical and practical-in developing tools for estimating such tail probabilities also when X is a nonlinear function of the Y_i. One archetypal example studied by both the combinatorics and the probability communities is when X is the number of triangles in the binomial random graph G(n,p).

Talk 1: We will give a very gentle introduction to the theory of large deviations and discuss the history of the large deviation problem for triangle counts.