

Supplemental Material

Illustrations of the Forcing Operations.

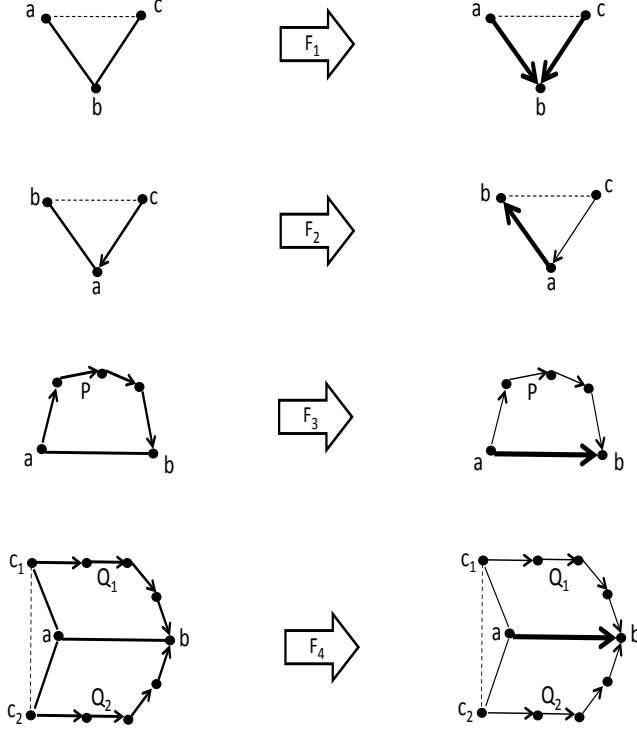


Figure 2: Forced Orientations.

Proof of Theorem 4.1.

Without loss of generality, we may assume the vertex ordering is $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Given this ordering, we want to know what is the probability that vertex t is the r th (smallest) vertex in an undirected clique in \mathcal{U} . Observe that there are $\binom{t-1}{r-1}$ possible r -cliques ending at vertex t . Take any such clique Q . Let A_Q be the indicator variable for Q to be a clique in \mathcal{U} .

To calculate the probability of this event, first note that each edge $e = (j, i)$, $j < i \leq t$ in Q must have been selected in the random graph $C_{n,p}$. This occurs with probability $p^{\binom{r}{2}}$. Furthermore, no edge $(j, t) \in Q$ can be contained in any v -structure; otherwise its orientation will already have been discovered and it will not be in \mathcal{U} . For these events to occur, (j, t) must be chosen as an edge in the random graph **and** for all $k < t$, $k \notin Q$, either (k, t) is not an edge or (k, t) is an edge and (k, q) is an edge for all $q \in Q$, $q < t$. Thus, if t is the r th smallest vertex in Q ,

$$P(A_Q) \leq p^{\binom{r}{2}} \cdot ((1-p) + p \cdot p^{r-1})^{t-r}$$

Therefore, by the union bound, the probability that any r -clique ends at vertex t is at most

$$\binom{t-1}{r-1} \cdot p^{\binom{r}{2}} \cdot (1-p+p^r)^{t-r} \leq \binom{t}{r} \cdot p^{\binom{r}{2}} \cdot (1-p+p^r)^{t-r}$$