



Probability Seminar

Title: The scaling limit of a critical random directed graph

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Abstract: We consider the random directed graph $D(n, p)$ with vertex set $1, 2, \dots, n$ in which each of the $n(n-1)$ possible directed edges is present independently with probability p . We are interested in the strongly connected components of this directed graph. A phase transition for the emergence of a giant strongly connected component is known to occur at $p = 1/n$, with critical window $p = 1/n + \lambda n^{-4/3}$ for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. We show that, within this critical window, the strongly connected components of $D(n, p)$, ranked in decreasing order of size, converge to a limiting distribution. This is joint work with Robin Stephenson (Oxford).

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