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Seminar

Topological Data Analysis and Scale-Free Networks

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<u>Abstract</u>

Topological data analysis has been developing rapidly over the last 2 decades, but statistical inference is still difficult because of the lack of suitable random models. In this talk, after reviewing some applications of topological data analysis, I will discuss my recent result on the topology of random preferential attachment complexes. Many real-world networks are hypothesized to be scale-free graphs, for which the preferential attachment is a popular random model. We found that the expected Betti numbers of the flag complexes of these random graphs grow sublinear in the number of nodes, with the exceptions at dimensions 0 (constant) and 1 (linear). If time allows, we will also discuss the homotopy properties of these flag complexes. This is joint work with Gennady Samorodnitsky, Christina Yu and Rongyi He. The talk is based on https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.11259.

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