Bounded-degree spanning trees in randomly perturbed graphs

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We show that for any fixed dense graph G and bounded-degree tree T on the same number of vertices, a modest random perturbation of G will typically contain a copy of T. This combines the viewpoints of the well-studied problems of embedding trees into fixed dense graphs and into random graphs, and extends a sizeable body of existing research on randomly perturbed graphs.

Specifically, we show that there is $c = c(\alpha, \Delta)$ such that if G is an *n*-vertex graph with minimum degree at least αn , and T is an *n*-vertex tree with maximum degree at most Δ , then if we add cn uniformly random edges to G, the resulting graph will contain T with high probability. Our proof uses a lemma concerning the decomposition of a dense graph into super-regular pairs of comparable sizes, which may be of independent interest.

Time permitting, we will also discuss some other results concerning spanning substructures in randomly perturbed graphs and hypergraphs.

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