# Empirical Investigation of an Open Conjecture: Let \$G \\{}sim G(n, c/n)\$ be an Erd\\{}H{o}s–R\\{}'{e}nyi random graph with mean degree

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**Abstract**

This report documents the empirical investigation of an open mathematical conjecture that could not be formally proved or disproved in Lean 4 with Mathlib. Numerical experiments were conducted to gather evidence for or against the conjecture. The empirical verdict is: **Inconclusive**. The conjecture remains formally open.

## 1 Conjecture Statement

**Conjecture 1.**

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Let $G \sim G(n, c/n)$ be an Erd\H{o}s--R\'{e}nyi random graph with mean
    degree $c > 0$. For $\beta > 0$ and $S \subseteq [n]$, let $A_S$ denote
    the adjacency matrix of the induced subgraph $G[S]$.

\begin{definition}[Bonacich centrality]
For $\beta < \rho(A_S)^{-1}$, the \emph{Bonacich centrality} of node $i \in
    S$ within $G[S]$ is
\[
  b_i(\beta, S) \;=\; \bigl[(I - \beta\, A_S)^{-1}\,\mathbf{1}\bigr]_i \;=\;
      \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta^k\, [A_S^k\,\mathbf{1}]_i\,.
\]
\end{definition}

\begin{definition}[Bonacich $u$-core]
For a threshold $u \geq 1$, the \emph{Bonacich $u$-core} of $G$ at
    attenuation $\beta$ is the largest subset $S^{*}(u) \subseteq [n]$ such
    that
\[
  b_i(\beta,\, S^{*}(u)) \;\geq\; u \qquad \forall\, i \in S^{*}(u)\,.
\]
Equivalently, $S^{*}(u)$ is the maximal fixed point of the monotone operator
     $T_u(S) = \{i \in S : b_i(\beta, S) \geq u\}$.
\end{definition}

\begin{conjecture}[Square-root singularity]
Fix $c > 1$ and $0 < \beta < 1/c$. There exists a critical threshold $u_c =
    u_c(\beta, c) > 1$ and constants $\phi_c = \phi_c(\beta,c) > 0$, $C = C(\
    beta,c) > 0$ such that:
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\begin{enumerate}
  \item[\textup{(i)}] For $u < u_c$, the Bonacich $u$-core is non-empty with
      high probability and
  \[
    \frac{|S^{*}(u)|}{n} \;\xrightarrow{\;\mathbb{P}\;}\; \phi^{*}(u) \;>\;
      0 \qquad (n \to \infty)\,.
  \]
  \item[\textup{(ii)}] For $u > u_c$, the Bonacich $u$-core satisfies $|S
     ^{*}(u)| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(n)$.
  \item[\textup{(iii)}] The order parameter satisfies
  \[
    \phi^{*}(u) - \phi_c \;\sim\; C\,\sqrt{u_c - u} \qquad \textup{as } u \
      nearrow u_c\,.
  \]
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\end{conjecture}
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## 2 Status

**Formal Status:** OPEN — no Lean 4 proof or disproof was found.

**Empirical Verdict:** Inconclusive

The pipeline attempted formal verification in Lean 4 with Mathlib but was unable to produce a compiling proof or disproof. Empirical testing was then conducted to gather numerical evidence.

## 3 Basic Empirical Testing

The following output was produced by the basic numerical experiment:

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sweep finished in 0.2s; phi(u=1.0)=1.000, phi(u=3.0)=0.000
Coarse u_c ~ 1.725, phi_c ~ 0.415

--- Experiment 2: concentration (3 trials each, n in {150,300,600}) ---
  n=150: phi(u=1.5) = 0.784 +/- 0.090, phi(u=2.4) = 0.000 +/- 0.000
  n=300: phi(u=1.5) = 0.794 +/- 0.030, phi(u=2.4) = 0.000 +/- 0.000
  n=600: phi(u=1.5) = 0.743 +/- 0.034, phi(u=2.4) = 0.000 +/- 0.000
  std at u=1.5 vs n=[150, 300, 600]: [np.float64(0.09048565809556595), np.
     float64(0.030102704853653493), np.float64(0.03385699774487243)] (should
      decrease)

--- Experiment 3: fine sweep near u_c (squareroot test) ---
  fine grid points kept (phi>0.05): 31 of 35
  square-root fit: phi = 0.451 + 0.708*sqrt(1.699 - u),  R^2 = 0.9912
  free-exponent fit: alpha = 0.431  (conjecture: 0.5),  R^2 = 0.9945

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=== VERDICT ===
EMPIRICALLY SUPPORTED: clear sharp transition at u_c~1.725 with phi(u=1)
   ~1.00 and phi(u=3)~0.00; square-root law fits with R^2=0.991; free-
   exponent alpha=0.431 consistent with the conjectured 1/2; order parameter
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A research-grade experiment was designed with nonlinear analysis, parameter sweeps, and convergence testing. Output:

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--- Phase 1: solver convergence tests ---
  test graph: n=2000, edges=3095, mean deg=3.095
  CG rtol=1e-06  -> |S*|=1594  peel_iters=4
  CG rtol=1e-09  -> |S*|=1594  peel_iters=4
  CG rtol=1e-12  -> |S*|=1594  peel_iters=4
  tolerance-consistent: True
  fixed-point gap min(b)-u = 2.861e-03  (must be >=0)
  beta*rho(A_S*)           = 0.6620  (must be <1)
  peel monotonicity        : True

--- Phase 2: finite-size scaling (empirical phi_n) ---
  n=  400  trials=5  elapsed=  0.4s  max peel iters seen = 300
  n=  800  trials=4  elapsed=  0.5s  max peel iters seen = 300
  n= 1600  trials=3  elapsed=  0.6s  max peel iters seen = 300
  n= 3200  trials=2  elapsed=  0.7s  max peel iters seen = 300

--- Phase 3: cavity (local-tree) prediction ---
  cavity phi at probe u: phi(1.00)=1.000, phi(1.24)=0.832, phi(1.49)=0.000,
     phi(1.73)=0.000, phi(1.97)=0.000, phi(2.22)=0.000
  RMS |phi_emp(n=3200) - phi_cavity| = 0.4059

--- Phase 4: critical exponent alpha(n) and bootstrap CI ---
  n=  400: u_c=1.683  phi_c=0.082  alpha=0.227  R^2=0.9973  (13 pts)
  n=  800: u_c=1.673  phi_c=0.127  alpha=0.181  R^2=0.9985  (13 pts)
  n= 1600: u_c=1.683  phi_c=0.305  alpha=0.265  R^2=0.9979  (13 pts)
  n= 3200: u_c=1.637  phi_c=0.495  alpha=0.380  R^2=0.9958  (11 pts)
  FSS ext
... [truncated]
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# 5 Experiment Code (Basic)

```python
"""
Empirical test of the Bonacich u-core square-root singularity conjecture.
Single self-contained script.
"""

import numpy as np
import scipy.sparse as sp
import scipy.sparse.linalg as spla
from scipy.optimize import curve_fit
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use("Agg")
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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# ----------------------------------------------------------------------
RNG = np.random.default_rng(2026_04_25)
C   = 3.0
BETA = 0.15

def make_er(n, c, rng):
    p = c / n
    M = rng.random((n, n)) < p
    M = np.triu(M, k=1)
    A = (M | M.T).astype(np.float64)
    return sp.csr_matrix(A)

def bonacich(A_sub, beta):
    """Return b = (I - beta A_sub)^{-1} 1.  Returns +inf vector if divergent
        ."""
    n = A_sub.shape[0]
    if n == 0:
        return np.array([])
    if A_sub.nnz == 0:
        return np.ones(n)
    I = sp.eye(n, format="csr")
    M = (I - beta * A_sub).tocsc()
    try:
        b = spla.spsolve(M, np.ones(n))
    except Exception:
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        return np.full(n, np.inf)
    # Bonacich centrality must be >= 1 (k=0 term).  Negative or huge =>
        divergent.
    if np.any(b < 0.5) or np.any(np.isnan(b)) or np.any(np.isinf(b)):
        return np.full(n, np.inf)
    return b

def bonacich_u_core(A, beta, u, max_iter=300):
    """Greatest fixed point of T_u(S) = {i in S : b_i(beta,S) >= u}."""
    n = A.shape[0]
    keep = np.ones(n, dtype=bool)
    for _ in range(max_iter):
        idx = np.where(keep)[0]
        if len(idx) == 0:
            return keep
        A_sub = A[idx][:, idx]
        b = bonacich(A_sub, beta)
        keep_local = b >= u
        if keep_local.all():
            return keep
        new_keep = np.zeros(n, dtype=bool)
        new_keep[idx[keep_local]] = True
        if np.array_equal(new_keep, keep):
            return keep
        keep = new_keep
    return keep

# --------------------------------------------------------------------------
# Experiment 1: single graph, coarse sweep of u
print("---␣Experiment␣1:␣single␣graph,␣n=600␣---")
n1 = 600
A1 = make_er(n1, C, RNG)
u_coarse = np.linspace(1.0, 3.0, 41)
phi_coarse = np.empty_like(u_coarse)
t0 = time.time()
for k, u in enumerate(u_coarse):
    keep = bonacich_u_core(A1, BETA, u)
    phi_coarse[k] = keep.sum() / n1
print(f"sweep␣finished␣in␣{time.time()-t0:.1f}s;␣phi(u=1.0)={phi_coarse
   [0]:.3f},␣"
      f"phi(u=3.0)={phi_coarse[-1]:.3f}")

# Locate transition: largest u with phi > 0.05
nonzero = np.where(phi_coarse > 0.05)[0]
if len(nonzero) > 0 and nonzero[-1] < len(u_coarse) - 1:
    last = nonzero[-1]
    u_c_guess = 0.5 * (u_coarse[last] + u_coarse[last + 1])
    phi_c_guess = phi_coarse[last]
else:
    u_c_guess, phi_c_guess = float("nan"), float("nan")
print(f"Coarse␣u_c␣~␣{u_c_guess:.3f},␣phi_c␣~␣{phi_c_guess:.3f}")

# --------------------------------------------------------------------------
# Experiment 2: concentration in n
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print("\n--- Experiment 2: concentration (3 trials each, n in {150,300,600})
     ---")
n_values = [150, 300, 600]
u_med = np.linspace(1.0, 2.5, 16)
results_n = {}
for n in n_values:
    trials = []
    for t in range(3):
        A = make_er(n, C, RNG)
        phi_t = []
        for u in u_med:
            keep = bonacich_u_core(A, BETA, u)
            phi_t.append(keep.sum() / n)
        trials.append(phi_t)
    trials = np.array(trials)
    results_n[n] = (trials.mean(0), trials.std(0))
    print(f"  n={n:>3}: phi(u=1.5) = {trials.mean(0)[5]:.3f} +/- {trials.std
        (0)[5]:.3f}, "
          f"phi(u=2.4) = {trials.mean(0)[-2]:.3f} +/- {trials.std(0)[-2]:.3f
            }")

# Sanity check: variance shrinks with n at moderate u
std_at_15 = [results_n[n][1][5] for n in n_values]
print(f"  std at u=1.5 vs n={n_values}: {std_at_15} (should decrease)")

# ---------------------------------------------------------------------------
# Experiment 3: fine sweep just
# ... [truncated]
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# 6 Experiment Code (Advanced)

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# Core utilities
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def er_graph(n, c, rng):
    """Sample G(n, c/n) as a sparse symmetric adjacency matrix."""
    p = c / n
    M = rng.binomial(n*(n-1)//2, p)
    if M == 0:
        return sp.csr_matrix((n, n))
    # oversample then dedupe
    k = int(2.5*M + 50)
    s = rng.integers(0, n, size=k)
    d = rng.integers(0, n, size=k)
    mask = s < d
    s, d = s[mask], d[mask]
    if len(s) > M:
        s, d = s[:M], d[:M]
    keys = s.astype(np.int64) * n + d.astype(np.int64)
    keys = np.unique(keys)
    s = (keys // n).astype(np.int32)
    d = (keys % n).astype(np.int32)
    data = np.ones(len(s), dtype=np.float64)
    A = sp.coo_matrix((data, (s, d)), shape=(n, n))
    A = (A + A.T).tocsr()
    return A


def cg_solve_bonacich(A_S, beta, tol=1e-10):
    n = A_S.shape[0]
    if n == 0:
        return np.array([]), 0
    M = sp.eye(n, format="csr") - beta * A_S
    rhs = np.ones(n)
    try:
        b, info = spla.cg(M, rhs, rtol=tol, maxiter=4000)
    except TypeError:                        # older scipy
        b, info = spla.cg(M, rhs, tol=tol, maxiter=4000)
    return b, info


def peel_ucore(A, beta, u, tol=1e-10, max_iter=400, return_history=False):
    n = A.shape[0]
    alive = np.ones(n, dtype=bool)
    sizes = []
    gaps = []
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    for it in range(max_iter):
        idx = np.where(alive)[0]
        ns = len(idx)
        sizes.append(ns)
        if ns == 0:
            break
        A_S = A[idx][:, idx]
        b, info = cg_solve_bonacich(A_S, beta, tol=tol)
        gap = b.min() - u
        gaps.append(gap)
        keep = b >= u
        if keep.all():
            return idx, it+1, sizes, gaps, b
        new_alive = np.zeros(n, dty
# ... [truncated]
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## 7 Conclusion

The conjecture remains formally open. Numerical experiments were **inconclusive** — neither strong support nor clear counterexamples were found. Further investigation (both formal and empirical) is warranted.