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The threshold for a random graph to have a subgraph with minimum degree  $k \geq 3$  (i.e. a  $k$ -core) has been well understood for decades: Pittel, Spencer and Wormald determined that it is equal to  $c_k n$  for a particular constant  $c_k$ . The threshold for a random graph to have a  $k$ -regular subgraph still eludes us. Bollobas, Kim and Verstraete conjecture that the two thresholds are different and prove this for  $k = 3$ .

We prove that the thresholds are very close: the regular subgraph threshold is at most  $(c_k + e^{-k/100})n$  for large  $k$ . (Received February 12, 2018)