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**Nicholas Cook\*** ([nickcook@math.ucla.edu](mailto:nickcook@math.ucla.edu)). *Large deviations for subgraph counts in sparse Erdős–Rényi graphs.*

Let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix of an Erdős–Rényi graph  $G$  on  $N$  vertices with expected edge density  $p$ . That is,  $A$  is a random  $N \times N$  symmetric matrix with zeros on the diagonal and iid Bernoulli( $p$ ) entries above the diagonal. We focus on the sparse regime where  $p \sim N^{-c}$  for a fixed constant  $c \in (0, 1)$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . We determine the asymptotic rate function for deviations of the  $k$ th moment of  $A$  above a fixed multiple of its expectation, for each  $k \geq 3$ , assuming  $c < 1/2$  when  $k \geq 4$  and  $c < 1/3$  when  $k = 3$ . The case  $k = 3$  gives the sharp upper tail for triangle counts in  $G$ , extending a previous result of Eldan holding for  $c < 1/18$ . We also obtain results for large deviations of general subgraph counts in  $G$  (for narrower ranges of  $c$ ), as well as for a general class of spectral statistics of  $A$  that includes the Perron–Frobenius eigenvalue. (Received August 21, 2018)