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*On the edit distance function of the random graph.*

Given a hereditary property of graphs  $\mathcal{H}$  and a  $p \in [0, 1]$ , the edit distance function  $\text{ed}_{\mathcal{H}}(p)$  is asymptotically the maximum proportion of edge-additions plus edge-deletions applied to a graph of edge density  $p$  sufficient to ensure that the resulting graph satisfies  $\mathcal{H}$ . The edit distance function is directly related to other well-studied quantities such as the speed function for  $\mathcal{H}$  and the  $\mathcal{H}$ -chromatic number of a random graph.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the property of forbidding an Erdős-Rényi random graph  $F \sim \mathbb{G}(n_0, p_0)$ , and let  $\varphi$  represent the golden ratio. In this paper, we show that if  $p_0 \in [1 - 1/\varphi, 1/\varphi]$ , then a.a.s. as  $n_0 \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\text{ed}_{\mathcal{H}}(p) = (1 + o(1)) \frac{2 \log n_0}{n_0} \cdot \min \left\{ \frac{p}{-\log(1 - p_0)}, \frac{1 - p}{-\log p_0} \right\}.$$

Moreover, this holds for  $p \in [1/3, 2/3]$  for any  $p_0 \in (0, 1)$ . (Received August 17, 2020)