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Graph classes with given 3-connected components: asymptotic counting, limit laws and critical phenomena.

Consider a family \mathcal{T} of 3-connected graphs, and let \mathcal{G} be the class of graphs whose 3-connected components are graphs in \mathcal{T} . We present a general framework for analyzing such graphs classes based on singularity analysis of generating functions. This generalizes previously studied cases such as planar graphs and series-parallel graphs. We provide a general theorem for the asymptotic number of graphs in \mathcal{G} , based on the singularities of the exponential generating function associated to \mathcal{T} . We derive limit laws for the number of connected components, for the number of edges and for the number of 2-connected components. At last, for some classes under study we show the existence of critical phenomena as the edge density in the class varies. (Received August 06, 2008)