Mixing times of Gibbs samplers on random graphs

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We study mixing times of Gibbs samplers on random graphs. Ideas from theoretical physics (replicas) suggest that the mixing time should depend on some notion of decay of correlation for Gibbs measures on infinite trees. Some initial results and open problems will be presented.

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