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**Elizabeth Moseman\*** ([lizz.moseman@gmail.com](mailto:lizz.moseman@gmail.com)). *Improving the Computational Efficiency of the Blitzstein–Diaconis algorithm for Generating Graphs of Prescribed Degree.*

When generating a random graph, if more structure is desired then is given in the popular Erdős–Renyi model, one method is to generate a degree sequence first then create a graph with this degree sequence. Blitzstein and Diaconis (among others) developed a sequential algorithm to create a random graph from a degree sequence. This algorithm is assured to always terminate in a graph with the degree sequence; unfortunately, it is slow. This work focusses on the subroutine of the previous algorithm which determines the candidate edges, improving the runtime of the overall algorithm from  $O(mn^2)$  to  $O(mn)$ . (Received September 20, 2011)