# Graph theory basics

Introduction to Network Science Carlos Castillo Topic 04



#### Contents

- Notation for graphs
- Degree distributions
- Adjacency matrices

#### Sources

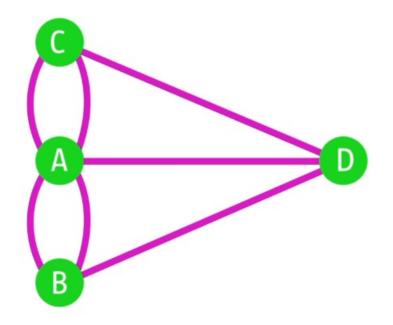
- Albert László Barabási: Network Science.
   Cambridge University Press, 2016.
  - Follows almost section-by-section chapter 02
- URLs cited in the footer of specific slides

## The seven bridges of Königsberg



http://networksciencebook.com/images/ch-02/video-2-1.m4v

## Quick Question

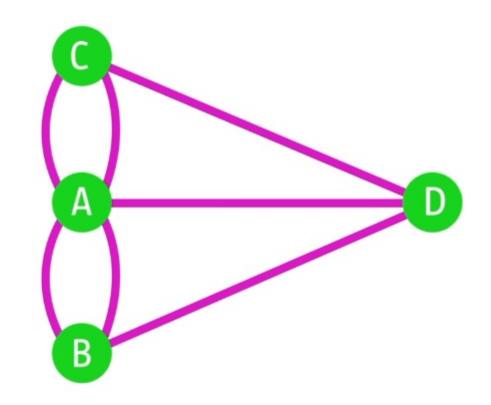


Can one walk across the 7 bridges without crossing the same bridge twice?

## Basic concepts

## Notation for a graph

- G = (V,E)
  - V: nodes or vertices
  - E: links or edges
- |V| = N size of graph
- |E| = L number of links



#### Typical notation variations

- You may find that G is denoted by (N, A), this is typical of directed graphs, means "nodes, arcs"
- You may find that
  - |V| is denoted by n or N
  - |E| is denoted by m, M, or L

## Directed vs undirected graphs

- In an undirected graph
  - E is a symmetric relation

$$(u,v) \in E \Rightarrow (v,u) \in E$$

- In a directed graph, also known as "digraph"
  - E is not a symmetric relation

$$(u,v) \in E \Rightarrow (v,u) \in E$$

## Example graphs we will use

Network	[V]	E
Zachary's Karate Club (karate.gml)	34	78
Les Misérables (lesmiserables.gml)	77	254
E-mail exchanges (email-eu-core.csv)	868	25K
US companies ownership	1351	6721
Marvel comics (hero-network.csv)	6K	167K

#### Degree

- Node i has degree k<sub>i</sub>
  - This is the number of links incident on this node
  - The total number of links L is given by  $L=rac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{N}k_{i}$
- Average degree  $\langle k \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} k_i = \frac{2L}{N}$

#### In directed networks

- We distinguish in-degree from out-degree
  - Incoming and outgoing links, respectively
- Degree is the sum of both  $k_i = k_i^{\rm in} + k_i^{\rm out}$
- Counting total number of links:

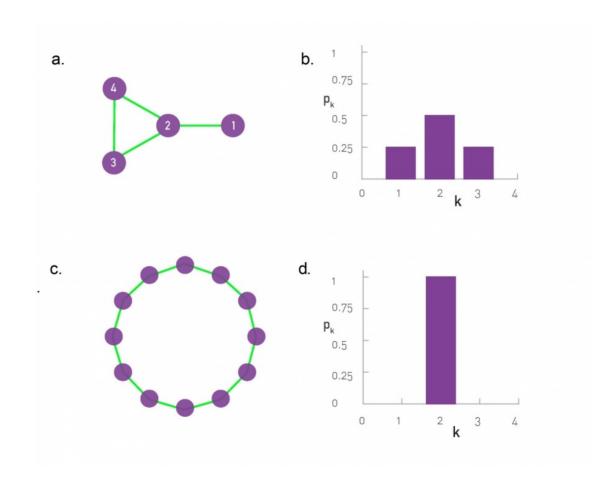
$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{N} k_i^{\text{in}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} k_i^{\text{out}}$$

## Degree distribution

- If there are  $N_k$  nodes with degree k
- The degree distribution is given by  $p_k = \frac{N_k}{N}$

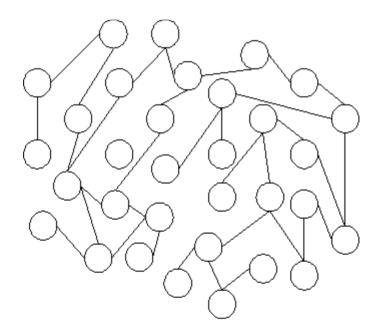
• The average degree is then  $\langle k \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k p_k$ 

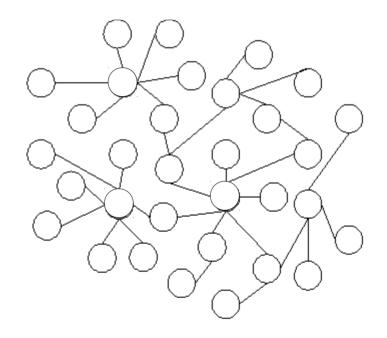
## Degree distribution; two toy graphs



#### Exercise

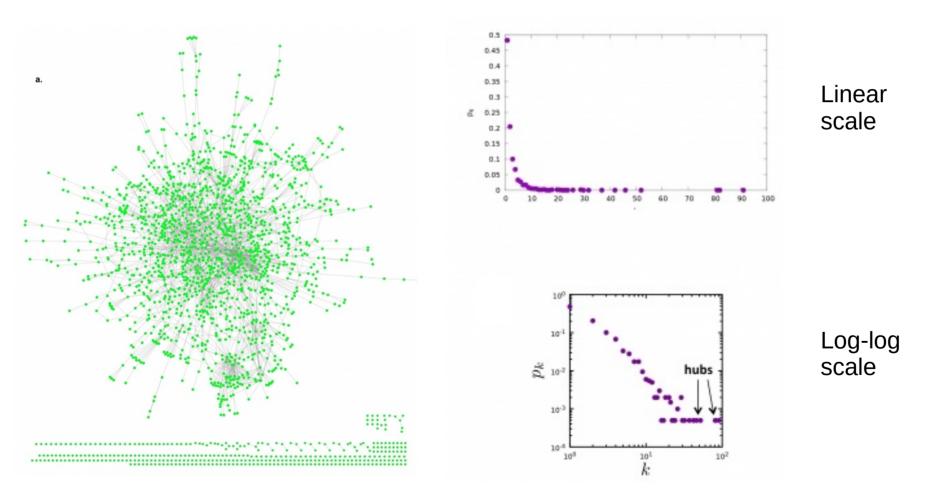
Answer in Google Spreadsheet





Draw the degree distribution of these graphs

# Degree distribution; real graph

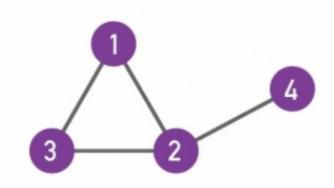


## Adjacency matrix

## What is an adjacency matrix

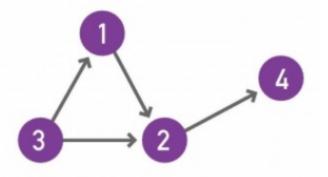
- A is the adjacency matrix of G = (V, E) iff:
  - A has |V| rows and |V| columns
  - $-A_{ij} = 1$  if  $(i,j) \in E$
  - $A_{ij}$  = 0 if (i,j)∉ E

## Examples



**Undirected graph** 

$$A_{ij} = \begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$



**Directed graph** 

$$A_{ij} = \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

## Quick Question

• In terms of A, what is the expression for:

$$k_i^{\text{in}} = k_i^{\text{out}} =$$

#### Some "graphology" ...

- G is undirected ⇔ A is symmetric
- G has a self-loop
   ⇔ A has a non-zero element in the diagonal
- G is complete 

  A<sub>ii</sub> ≠ 0 (except if i=j)

## Summary

## Things to remember

- Definitions:
  - Degree, in-degree, out-degree
- Writing the adjacency matrix of a graph and drawing a graph given its adjacency matrix

#### Practice on your own

Draw the indegree, outdegree, degree distribution

Write the adjacency matrix

