

Complex Networks

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Software

R

Matlab

Python

Networkx [Python]

Graph-tool [Python+C++]

GraphLab [Python+C++]

Graph Editor

Gephi

GraphViz

Pajek

Datasets

Mark Newman's network data set

Stanford Network Analysis Project

Carnegie Mellon CASOS data sets

NCEAS food web data sets

UCI NET data sets

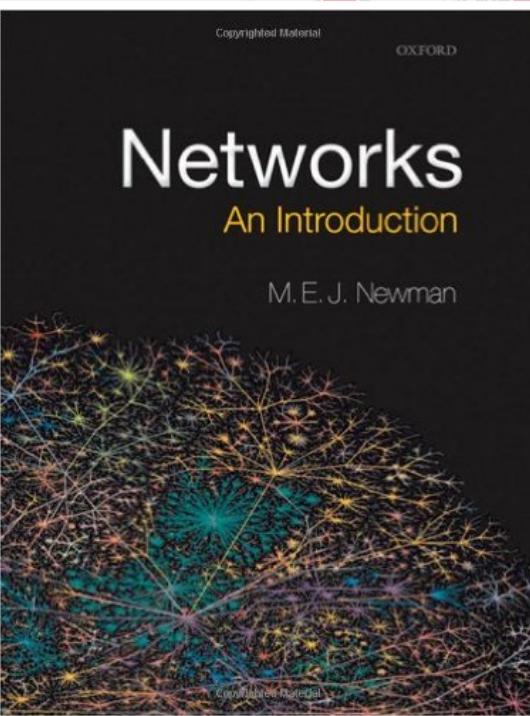
Pajek data sets

Linkgroup's list of network data sets

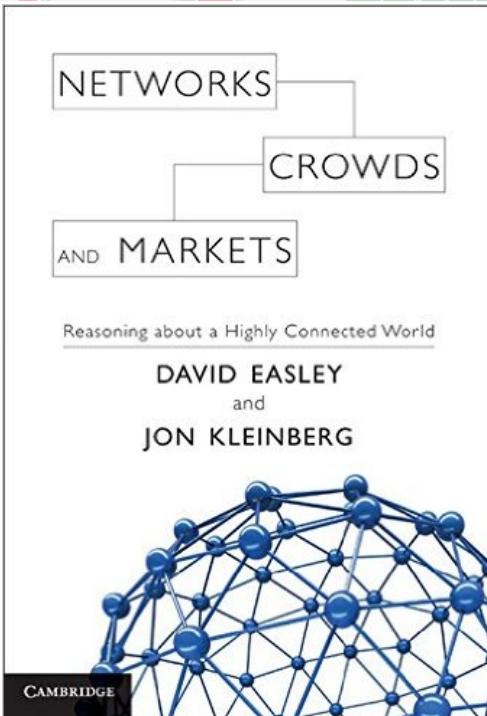
Barabasi lab data sets

Jake Hofman's online network data sets

Alex Arenas's data sets



Networks An Introduction
Mark Newman, 2010.

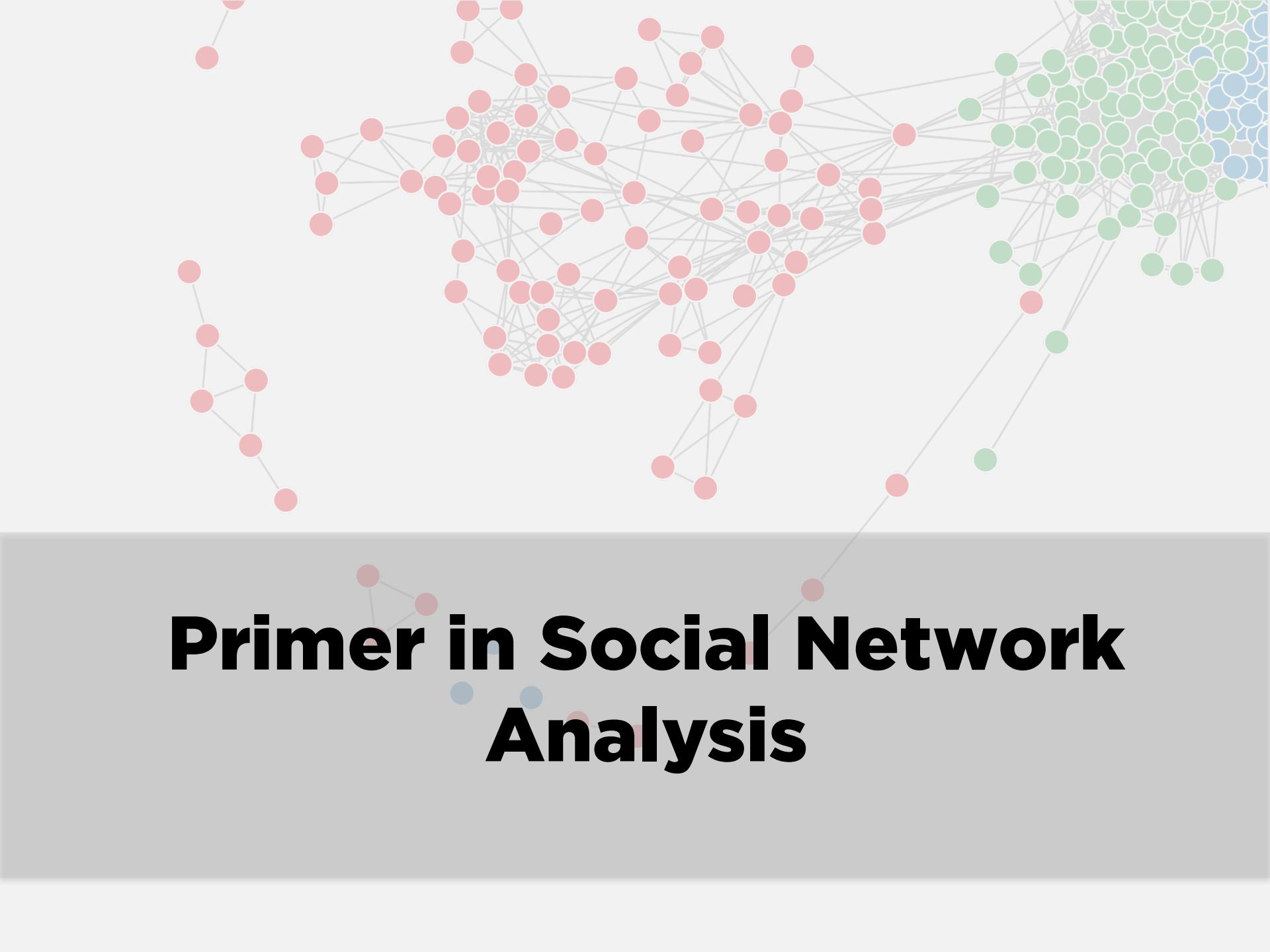


Networks, Crowds, and Markets
Reasoning About a Highly Connected World
David Easley, Jon Kleinberg, 2010.

What we learned

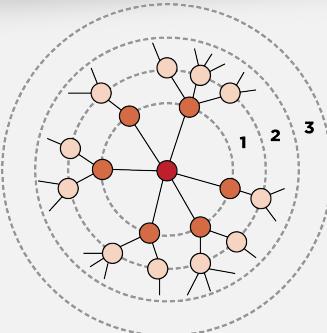
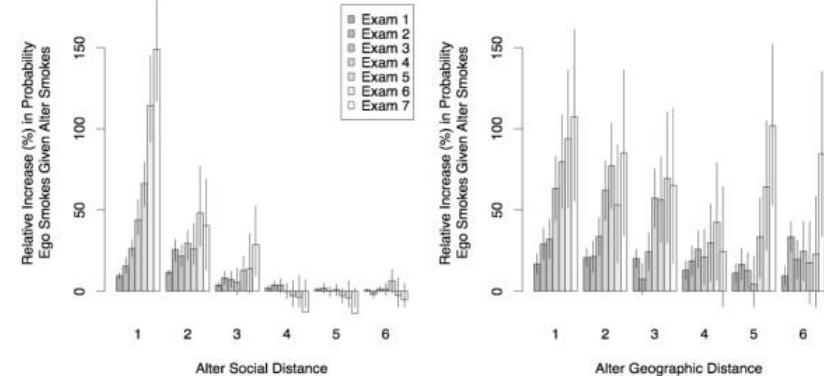
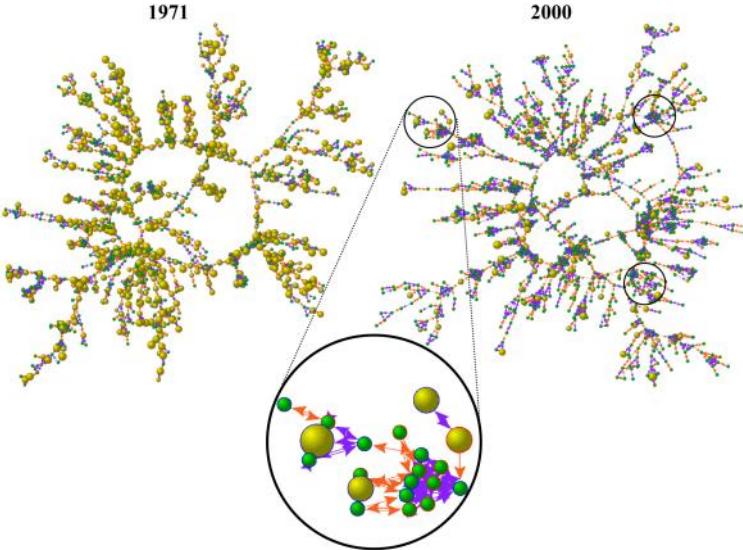
1. We can describe a network with various metrics:
 - a) **Closeness** Centrality (Understanding whom are at the center of the network)
 - b) **Betweenness** Centrality (whom is receiving more in-flux)
 - c) **Eigen Centrality, PageRank** (whom is receiving more trust)
2. Once the **average degree** exceeds $\langle k \rangle = 1$, a giant component should emerge that contains a finite fraction of all nodes
3. **Clustering** shape the way a network is designed
4. Most of the real networks has **small diameter**
5. Most of the real networks has a **power law degree** distribution: there are hubs

1. Definition of a network
2. Basics of graph theory
3. Describing a network
4. Network centrality
5. Eigen centrality, PageRank
6. Small world network (Watts-Strogatz)
7. Network Growth (Barabasi-Albert)
- 8. Social Network Analysis**
- 9. Diffusion on network**



Primer in Social Network Analysis

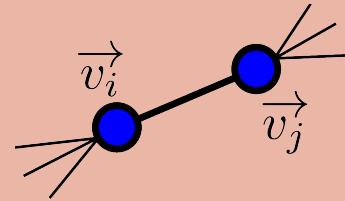
Homophily



Homophily also known as assortativity:

- ▶ Fashion
- ▶ Smoking behavior
- ▶ Religious beliefs
- ▶ Voting
- ▶ Residential segregation

Assortative mixing

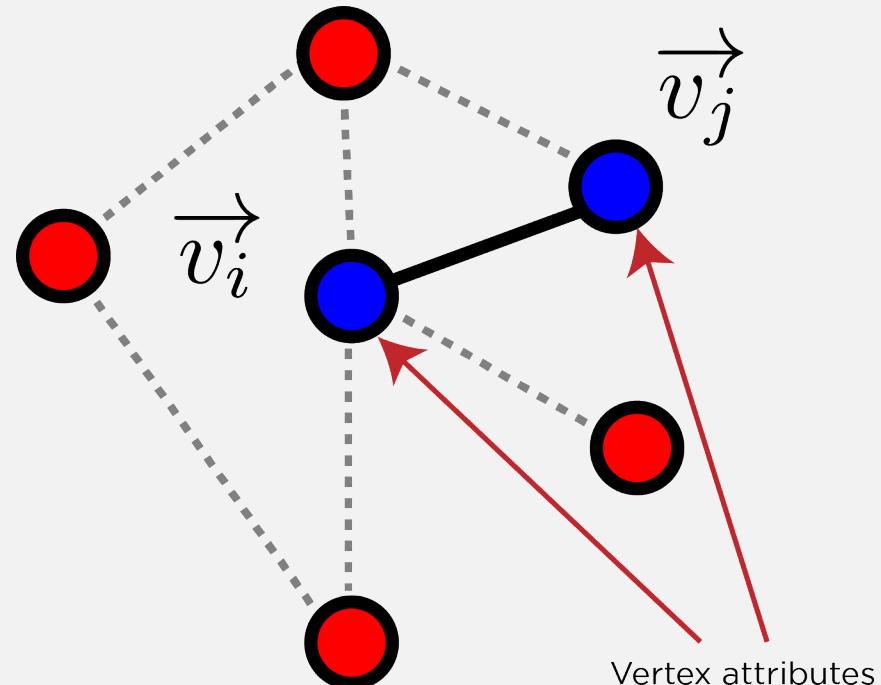


Homophily and assortative mixing:

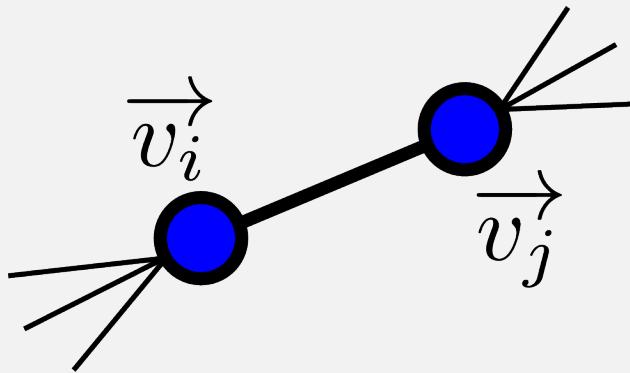
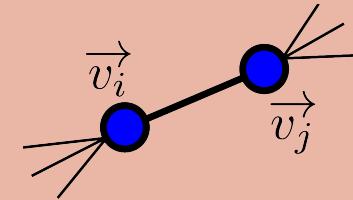
The assortative coefficient r quantify the homophily

Type of vertex attributes:

- ▶ Scalar value
- ▶ Vertex degrees
- ▶ Categorical attributes



Assortative mixing



homophily and assortative mixing

like links with like

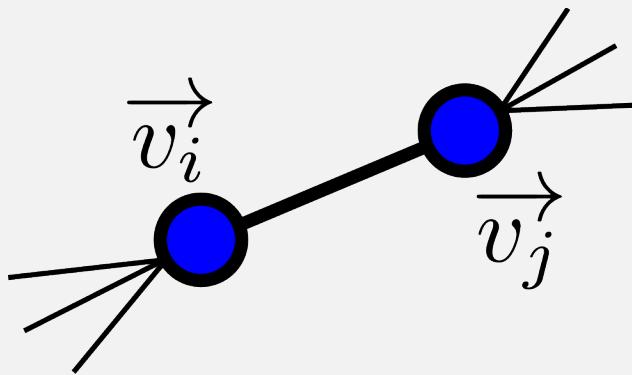
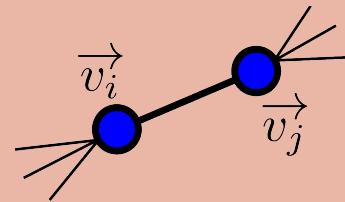
scalar attributes:

- ▶ mean value across ties

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_i \sum_j A_{ij} v_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \sum_i k_i v_i$$

Assortative mixing



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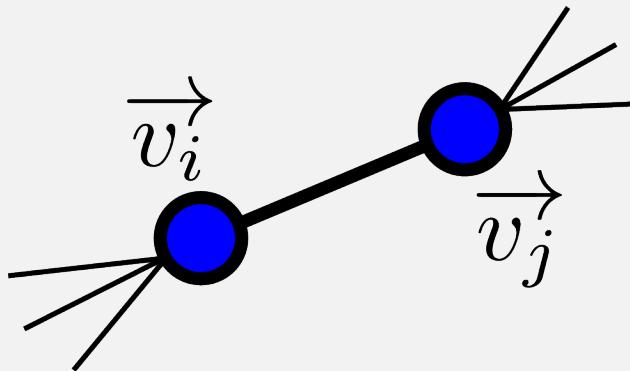
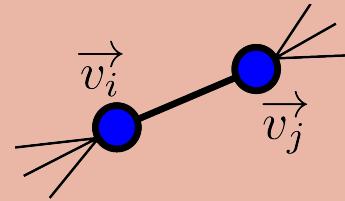
scalar attributes:

- ▶ covariance across ties

$$\text{cov}(v_i, v_j) = \frac{\sum_{ij} A_{ij} (v_i - \mu)(v_j - \mu)}{\sum_{i,j} A_{ij}}$$
$$= \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} v_i v_j - \mu^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i,j} \left(A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2m} \right) v_i v_j$$

Assortative mixing



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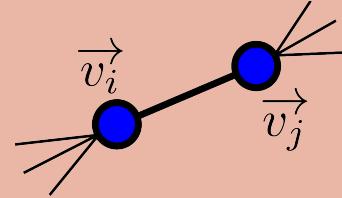
assortativity coefficient (scalar):

$$r = \frac{\text{cov}(v_i, v_j)}{\text{var}(v_i, v_j)}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i,j} (A_{ij} - k_i k_j / 2m) v_i v_j}{\sum_{i,j} k_i \delta_{ij} - k_i k_j / 2m}$$

[This is just a Pearson correlation across edges]

$$-1 < r < 1$$



Assortative mixing

Social

Technological

Biological

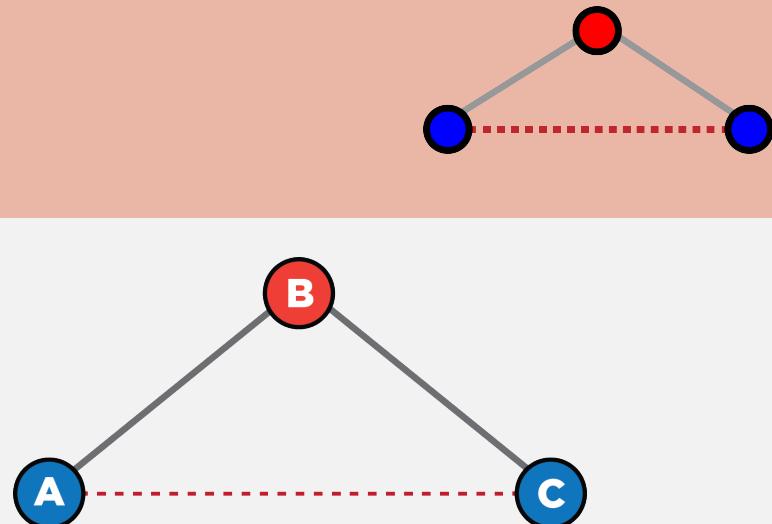
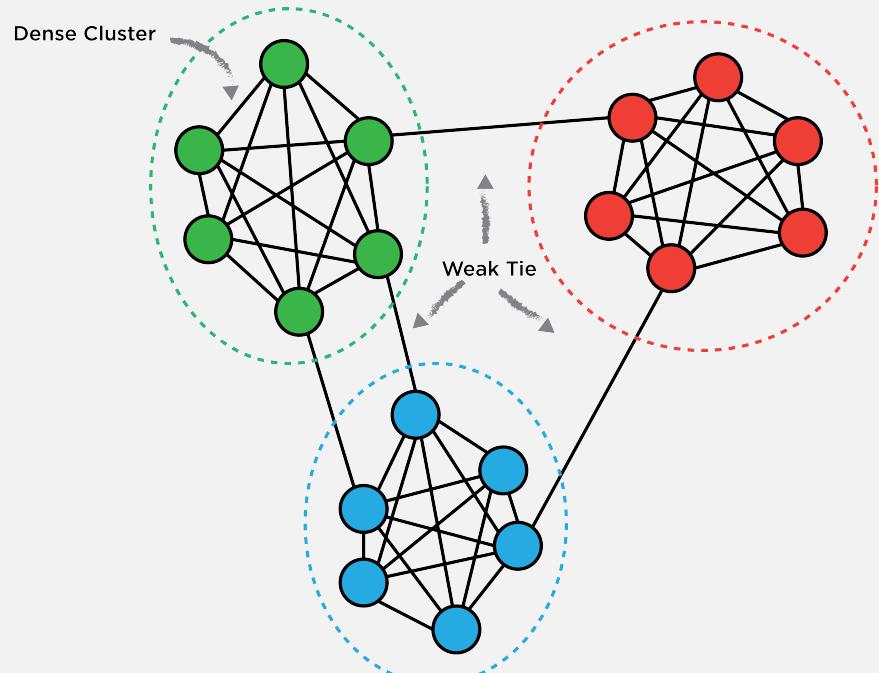
Network	Type	Size	Degree assortativity	Error
physics coauthorship	undirected	52 909	0.363	0.002
biology coauthorship	undirected	1 520 251	0.127	0.0004
mathematics coauthorship	undirected	253 339	0.120	0.002
film actor collaboration	undirected	449 913	0.208	0.0002
company directors	undirected	7 673	0.276	0.004
student relationships	undirected	573	-0.029	0.037
Email address books	directed	16 881	0.092	0.004
Power grid	undirected	4 941	-0.003	0.013
Internet	undirected	10 697	-0.189	0.002
WWW	directed	269 504	-0.067	0.0002
software dependencies	directed	3 162	-0.016	0.020
protein interactions	undirected	2 115	-0.156	0.010
metabolic network	undirected	765	-0.240	0.007
neural network	directed	307	-0.226	0.016
marine food web	directed	134	-0.263	0.037

QUIZ: What type of assortativity mixing appear in technological system?

Internet: highly connected router tend to connect with:

- a) Poorly connected router
- b) Highly connected router

Transitivity

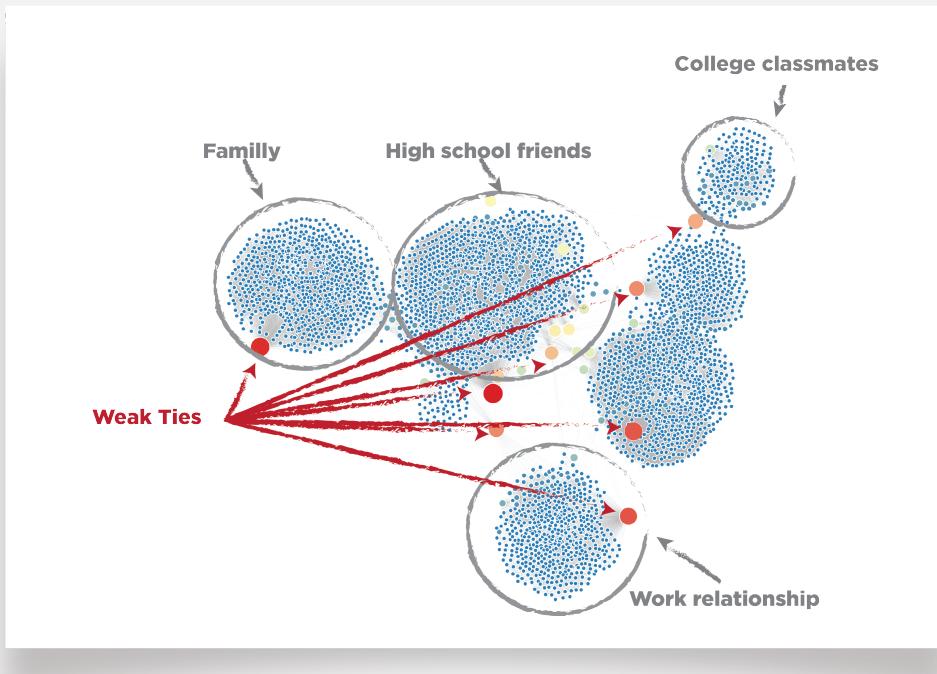
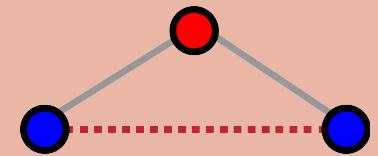


Transitivity: if there is a link between A and B and B and C then in a transitive network A and C will be connected (Triadic closure):

- ▶ Strong tie are often transitive
- ▶ Transitivity and homophily lead to the formation of clique (fully connect cluster)

- ▶ Inside community, triplet tend to close and form a triangle. (i.e my friends are also friends)
- ▶ Simple assumption, in reality a more complex process take place

Strength of weak ties

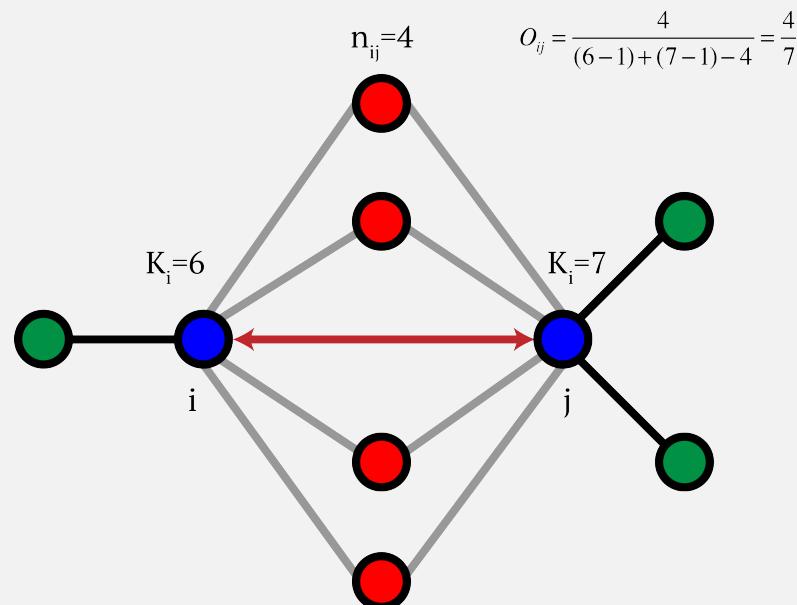


- ▶ information spread quickly within communities
- ▶ spread slowly across communities
- ▶ bridge node enable information to be spread across the entire network
- ▶ most new job opportunities from “weak ties”

Embeddeness: strength of a link

How many common neighbors a pair of node has ?

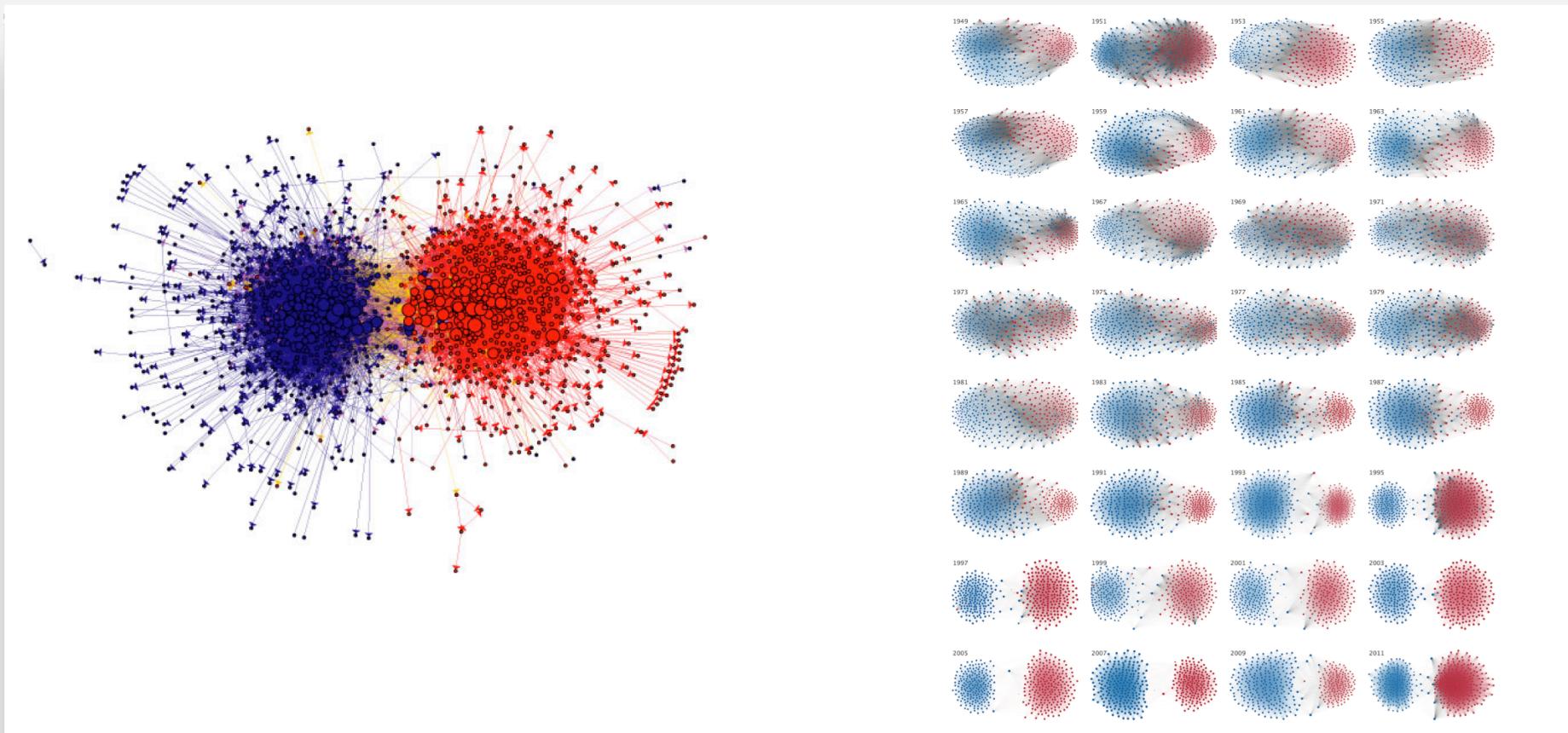
How strong
is a link
between
two people



Structure and tie strengths in mobile communication networks
J.-P. Onnela, J. Saramäki, J. Hyvönen, G. Szabó, D. Lazer, K. Kaski, J. Kertész, and A.-L. Barabási
PNAS 2007

$$O_{ij} = \frac{n_{ij}}{(k_i - 1) + (k_j - 1) - n_{ij}}$$

People form group (communities)



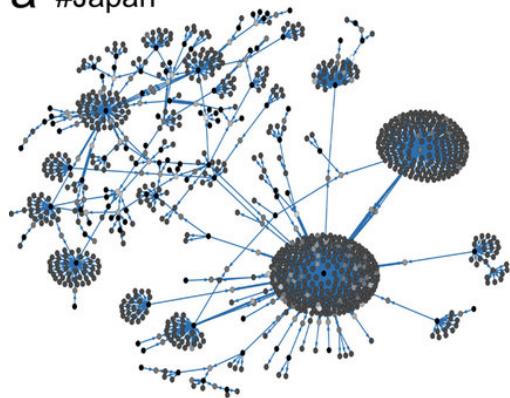
The political blogosphere and the 2004 US election
L. A. Adamic, N. Glance
LinkKDD '05, 2005

The Rise of Partisanship and Super-Cooperators in the U.S. House of Representatives
Clio Andris et al
PlosOne, 2015

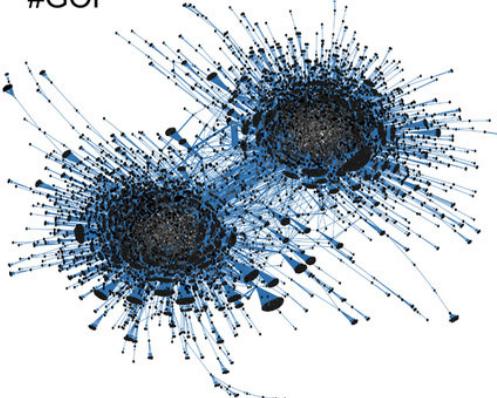
- ▶ Homophily: bird of a feather flock together
- ▶ In social network node tend to form group (or community)

Memes Diffusion

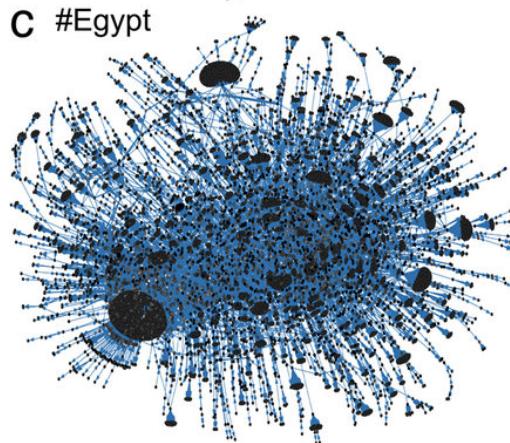
a #Japan



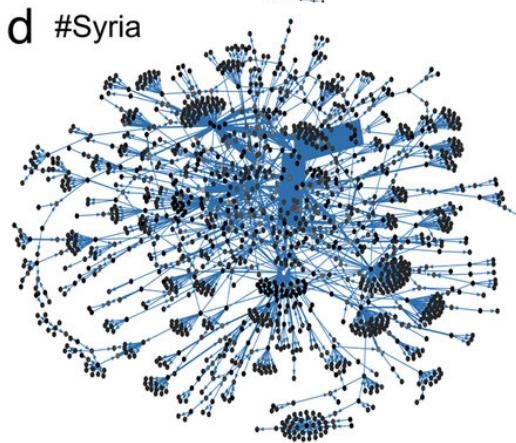
b #GOP



c #Egypt



d #Syria



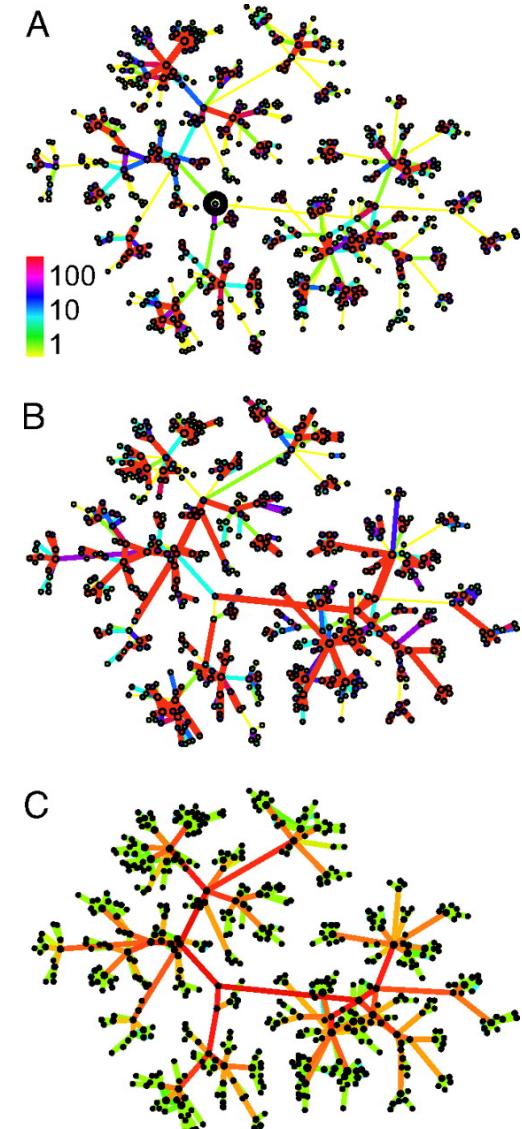
Nodes represent Twitter users, and directed edges represent retweeted posts that carry the meme. The brightness of a node indicates the activity (number of retweets) of a user, and the weight of an edge reflects the number of retweets between two users.

(a) The **#Japan** meme shows how news about the March 2011 earthquake propagated. (b) The **#GOP** tag stands for the US Republican Party and as many political memes, displays a strong polarization between people with opposing views. Memes related to the “Arab Spring” and in particular the 2011 uprisings in (c) **#Egypt** and (d) **#Syria** display characteristic hub users and strong connections, respectively.

Conclusion

- ▶ clustering and embeddedness play a important role especially in social network
- ▶ there is an interplay between network diameter and the clustering coefficient
- ▶ in social network node tend to form group (or community)
- ▶ strong tie and weak tie both play an important role

We need a better understanding of the link between clustering coefficient and the network diameter





Social Contagion

Social contagion

Two focuses for us

- ▶ Widespread media influence
- ▶ Word-of-mouth influence

We need to understand influence

- ▶ Who influences whom? Very hard to measure...
- ▶ What kinds of influence response functions are there?
- ▶ Are some individuals super influencers?
- ▶ The infectious idea of opinion leaders (Katz and Lazarsfeld). Remember the eigen centrality

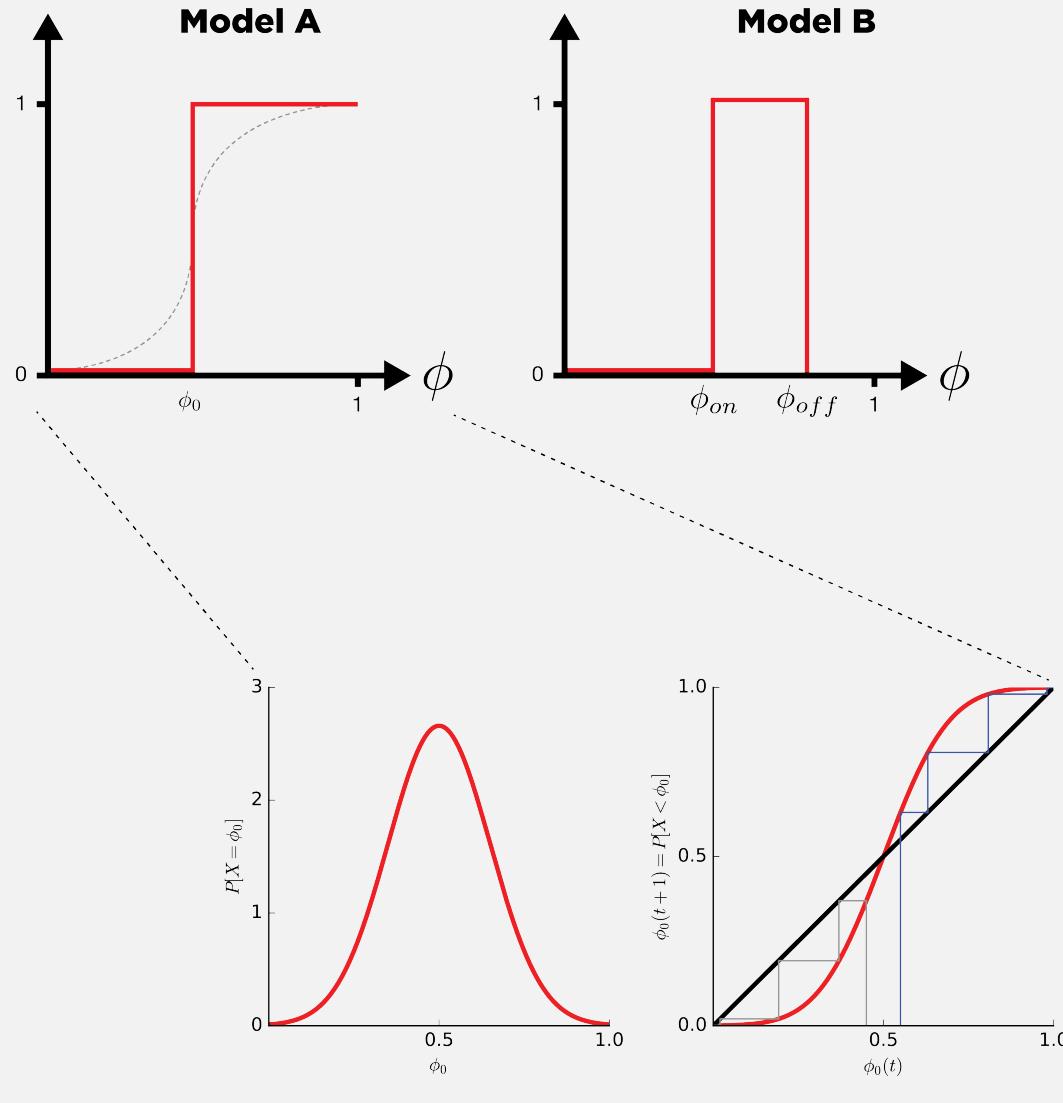
Social contagion

continued

Some important model:

- ▶ Tipping models—Schelling (1971)
 - ▶ Simulation on checker boards ↗
 - ▶ Idea of thresholds
- ▶ Thresholds model - Granovetter (1978)
- ▶ Herding models—Bikhchandani, Hirshleifer, Welch (1992)
 - ▶ Social learning theory, information cascade

Social contagion model



- ▶ The threshold is deterministic or stochastic
- ▶ ϕ = Fraction of contact ‘active’
- ▶ Basic idea: individuals adopt a behavior when a certain fraction of others have adopted
- ▶ ‘Others’ may be everyone in a population, an individual’s close friends, any reference group
- ▶ Response can be probabilistic or deterministic
- ▶ Individual thresholds can vary
- ▶ Assumption: order of others’ adoption does not matter... (**unrealistic**).
- ▶ Assumption: level of influence per person is uniform (**unrealistic**)

Threshold model on a network

- ▶ Interactions between individuals now represented by a network.
- ▶ Network is sparse
- ▶ An individual i has k_i contacts
- ▶ Each individual i has a fixed threshold ϕ_i
- ▶ An individual i becomes active when fraction of active contacts $\frac{a_i}{k_i} > \phi_i$

■ A simple model of global cascades on random networks

Duncan J. Watts

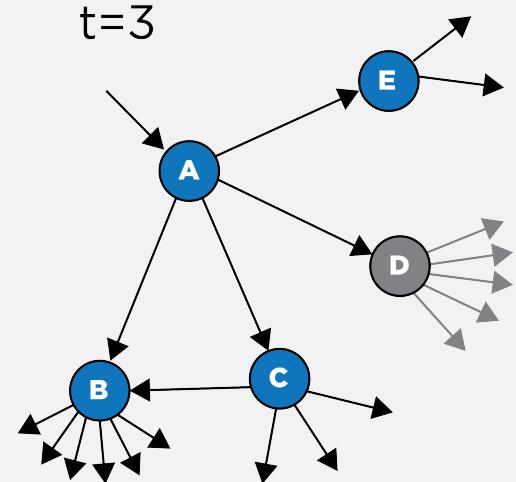
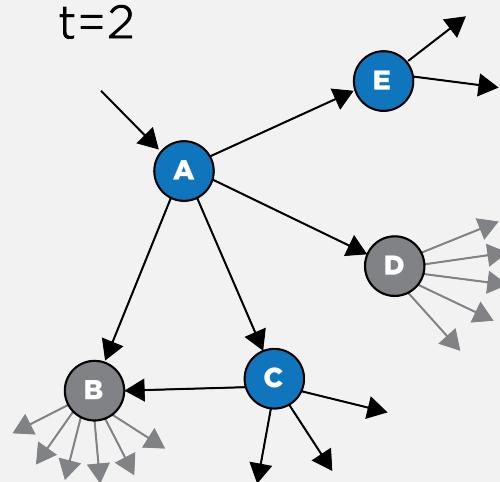
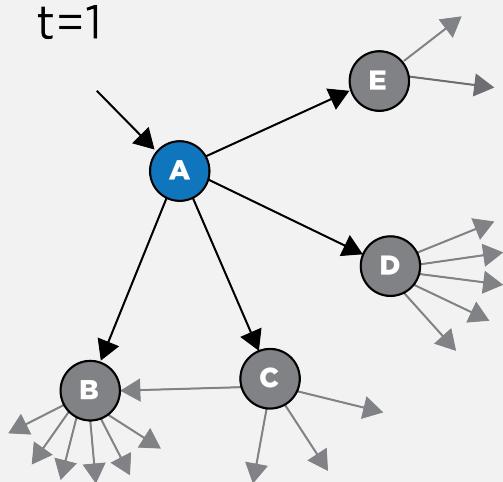
PNAS, 2002

■ Influentials, networks, and public opinion formation

D. J. Watts and P. S. Dodds

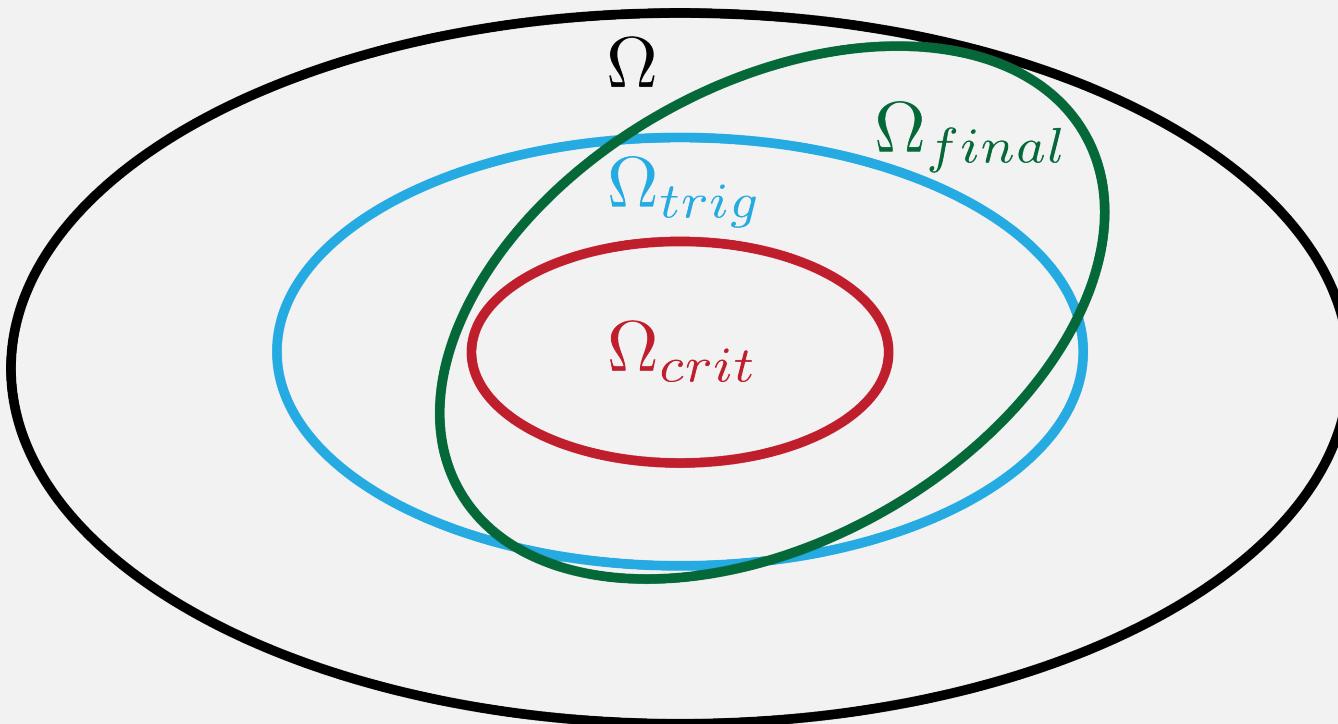
Journal of Consumer Research, 2007.

Threshold model on a network



All nodes have a threshold $\phi_0 = 0.2$

Social contagion model



- ▶ Ω_{crit} global vulnerable component
- ▶ Ω_{trig} triggering component
- ▶ Ω_{final} potential extent of the spread
- ▶ Ω entire network

Snowballing

Cascade condition:

- ▶ If one individual is initially activated, what is the probability that an activation will spread over a network?
- ▶ What features of a network determine whether a cascade occurs?

Snowballing:

- ▶ An active link is a link connected to an activated node
- ▶ If an infected link leads to at least 1 more infected link, then activation spreads
- ▶ We need to understand which nodes can be activated when only one of their neighbors becomes active

Snowballing

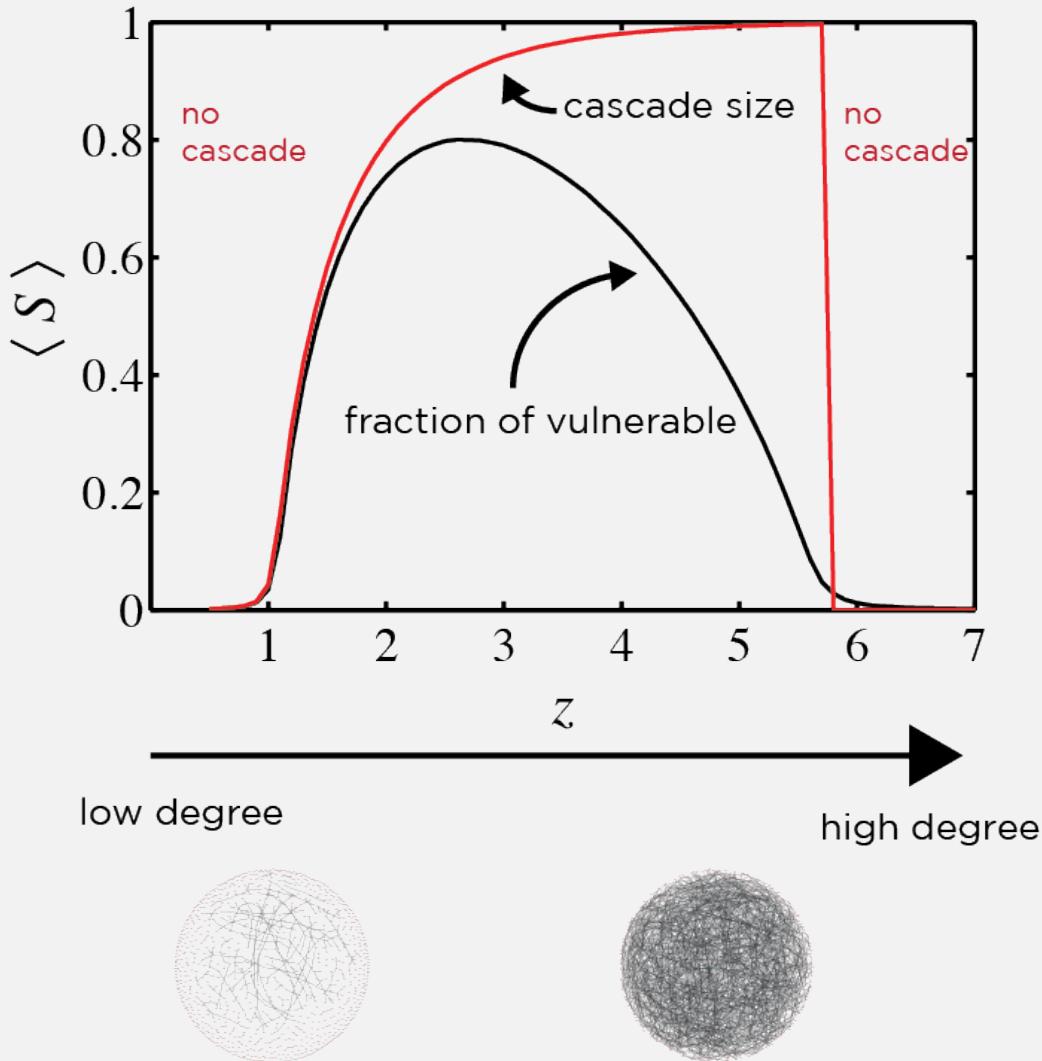
Vulnerable:

- ▶ We call individual who can be activated by just one contact being active vulnerable
- ▶ The vulnerability condition for node i

$$1/k_i \geq \phi_0$$

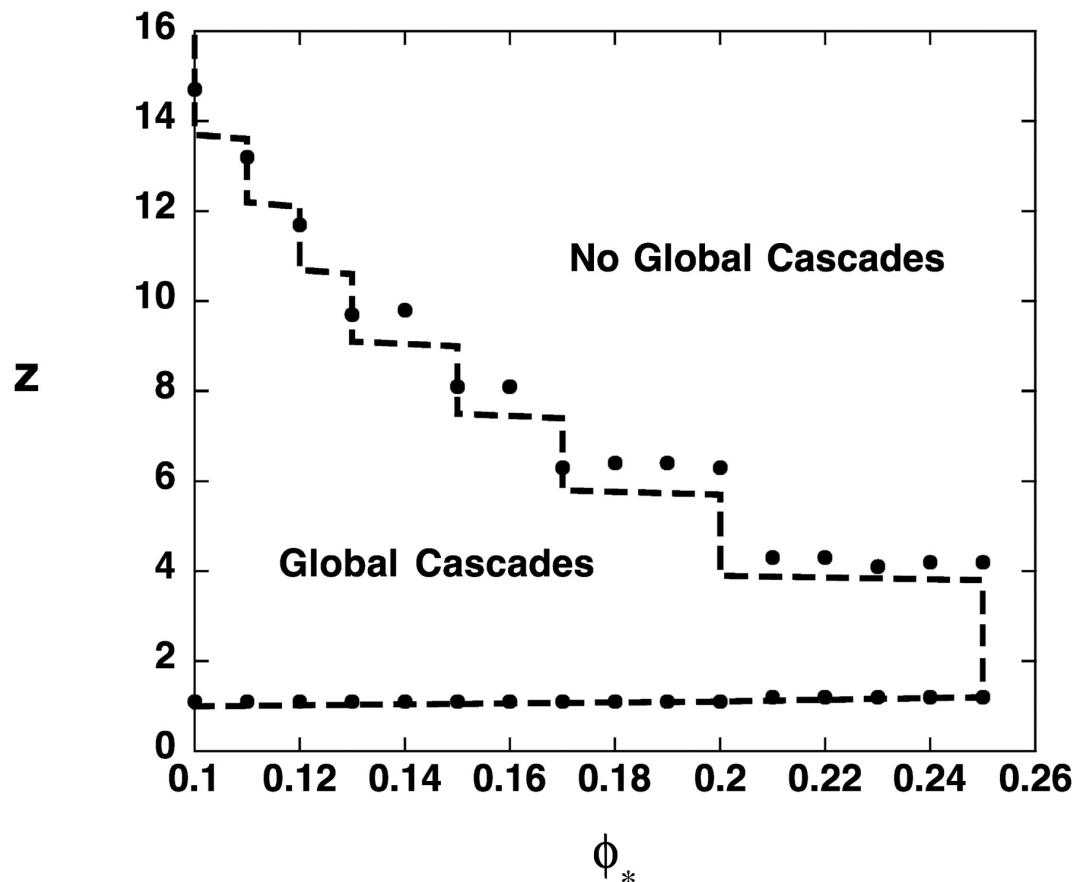
- ▶ Which mean #contacts $k_i \leq \lfloor 1/\phi_0 \rfloor$
- ▶ For a global cascade on random network, must have a global cluster of vulnerable
- ▶ On network :
 - ▶ One node → critical mass → everyone

Cascades on random network



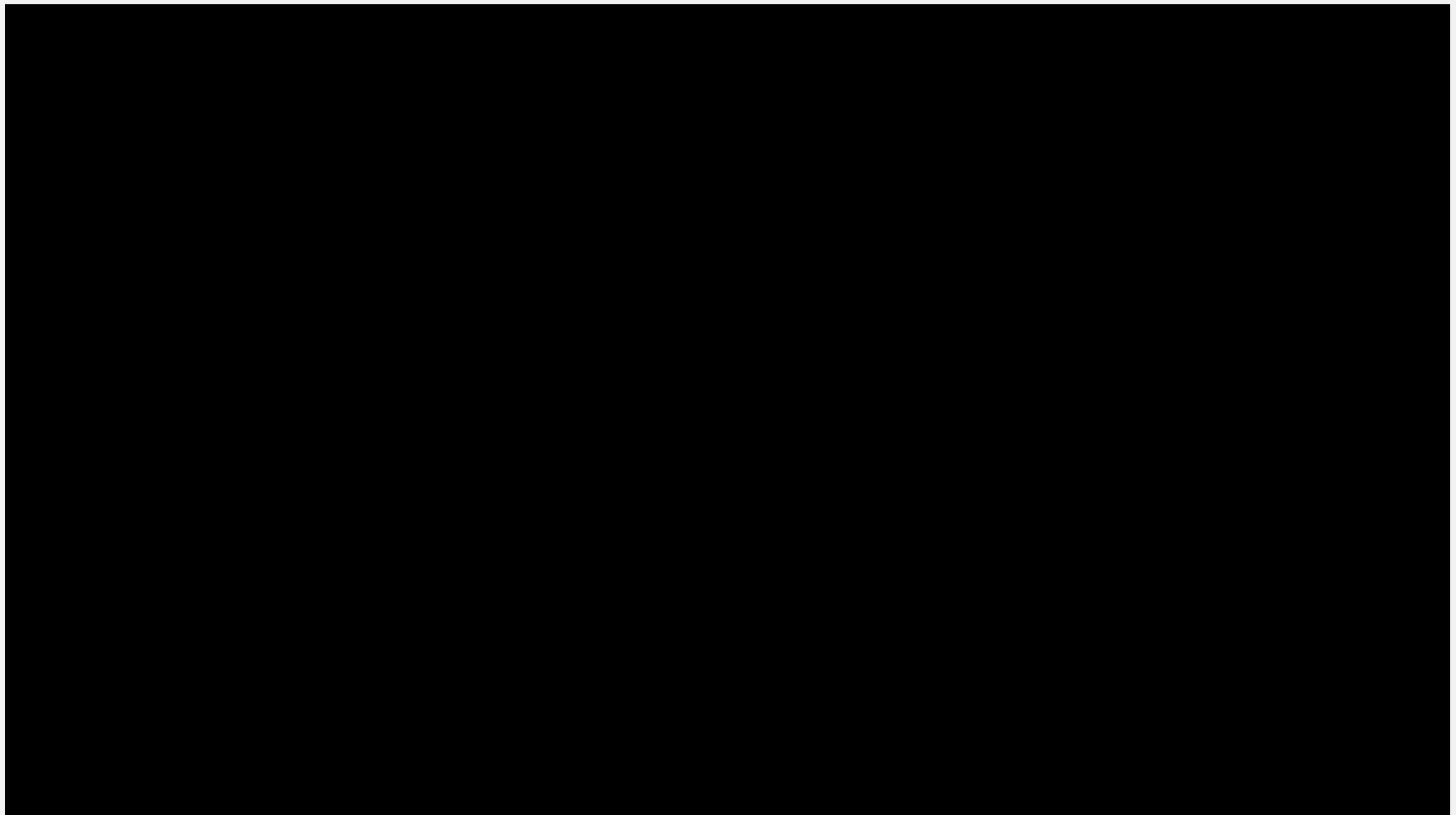
- ▶ Cascades occur only if max vulnerable > 0
- ▶ System maybe "**robust yet fragile**"
- ▶ Myopic view of the system enable cascades (**ignorance** enable spreading)

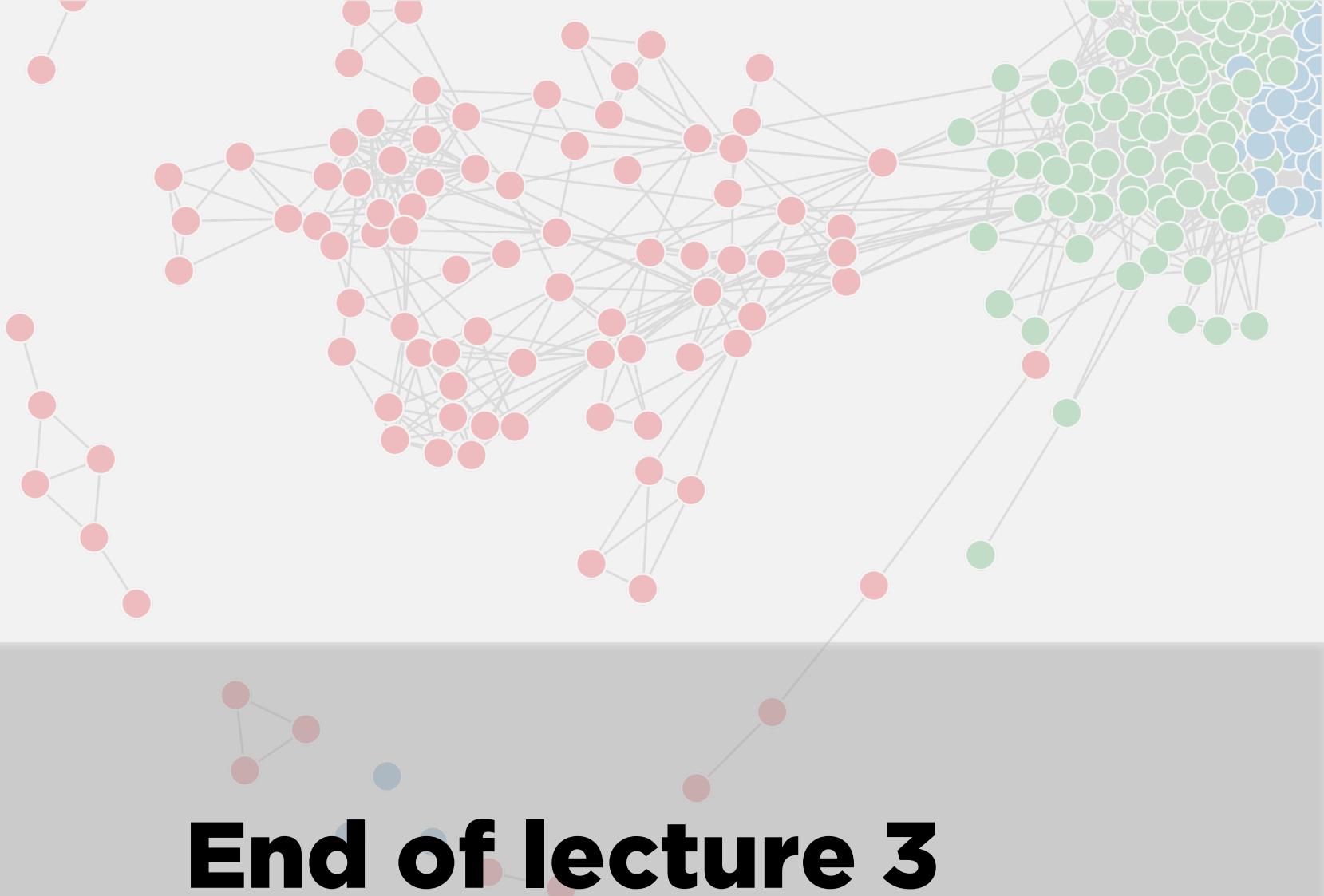
Cascade windows for the threshold model



- ▶ Cascade window widens as threshold ϕ decreases
- ▶ Lower thresholds enable spreading

How to start a social movement





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Origins of small worlds: efficient network example trade-off between wiring and connectivity

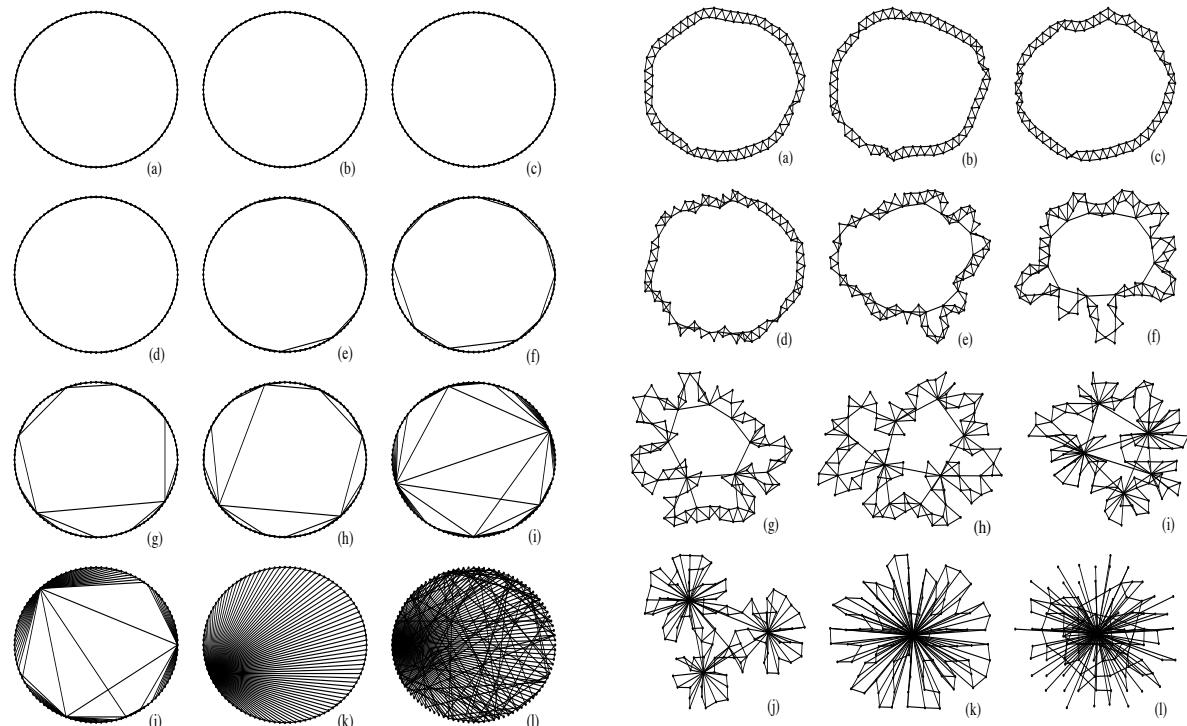
Rewiring according to a optimization:

$$E = \lambda L + (1 - \lambda)W$$

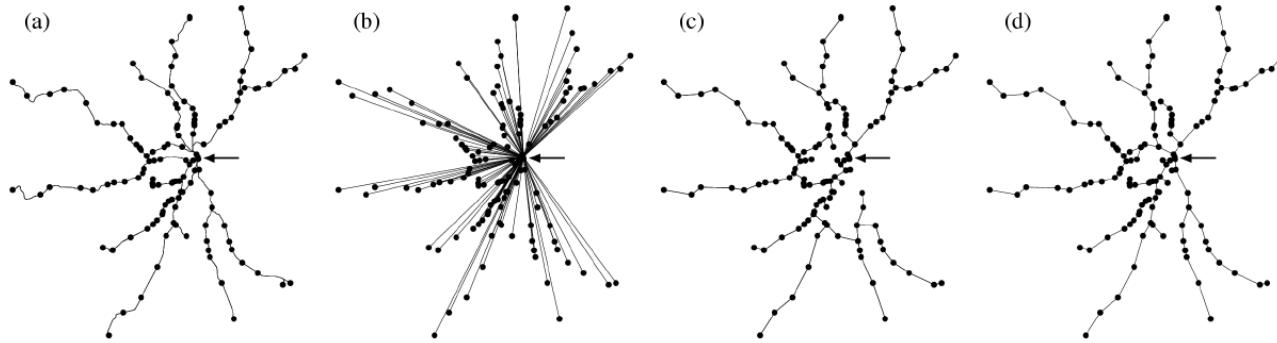
$$L = \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} d_{ij}$$

$$W = \sum_{e_{ij}} \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2}$$

- E is the ‘energy’ cost we are trying to minimize
- L is the average shortest path in ‘hops’
- W is the total length of wire used



Optimizing from scratch



- (a) Commuter rail network in the Boston area. The arrow marks the assumed root of the network
- (b) Star graph
- (c) Minimum spanning tree
- (d) The model applied to the same set of stations

add edge with smallest weight

$$W_{ij} = d_{ij} + \beta l_{j0} \quad \text{\# hops to root node}$$

Euclidian distance between i and j

Quiz:

- A network that contains many hubs with far reaching edges is indicative of (check all that apply)**
 - **high cost of distance traveled**
 - **low cost of distance traveled**
 - **high cost of making many hops**
 - **low cost of making many hops**

Price's preferential attachment model

citation networks

Price 1965

- ▶ each new paper is generated with m citations (mean)
- ▶ new papers cite previous papers with probability proportional to their indegree (citations)
- ▶ what about papers without any citations?
 - ▶ each paper is considered to have a “default” citation
 - ▶ probability of citing a paper with degree k , proportional to $k+1$

Power law with exponent $\alpha = 2+1/m$