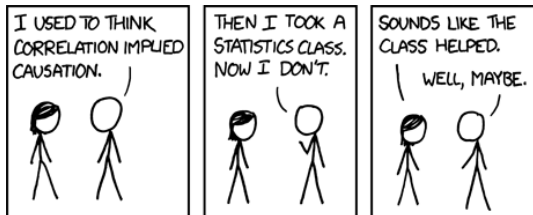


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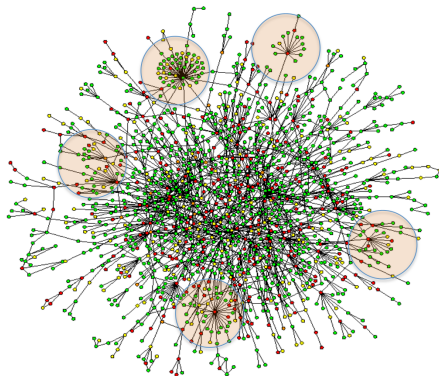
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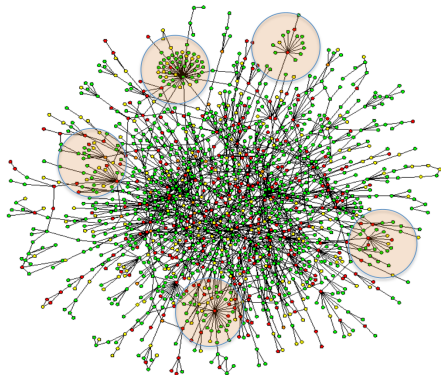
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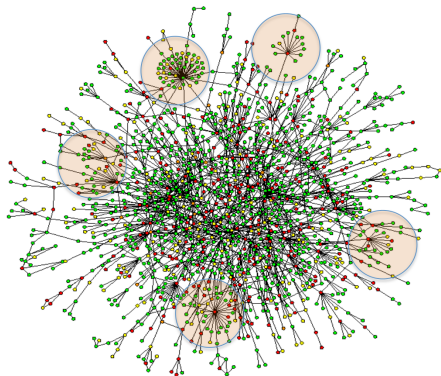
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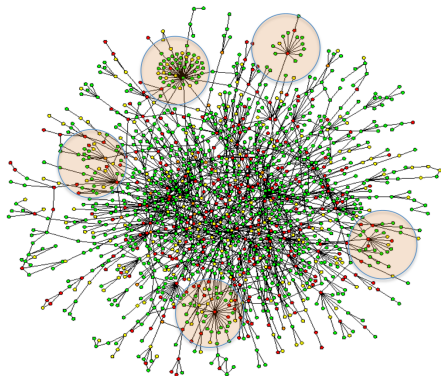
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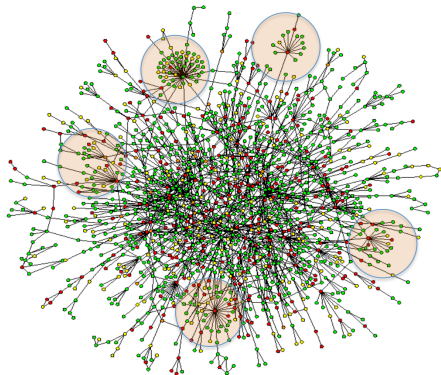
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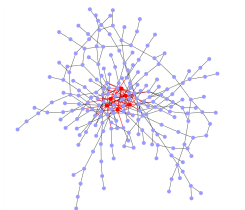
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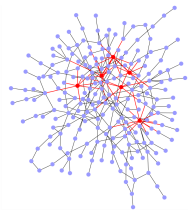
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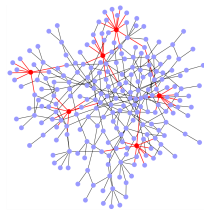
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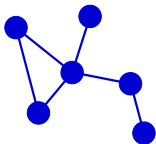
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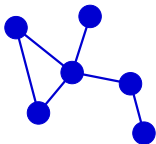


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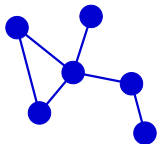


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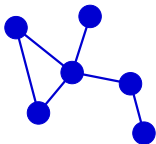
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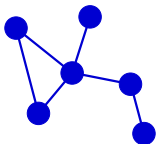
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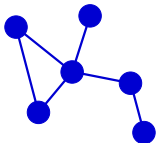
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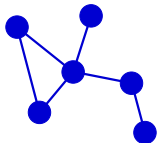
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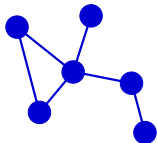
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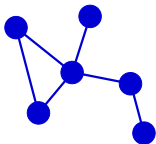
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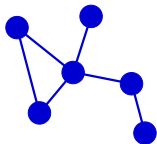
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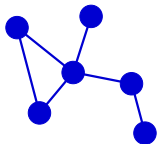


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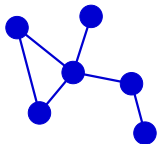
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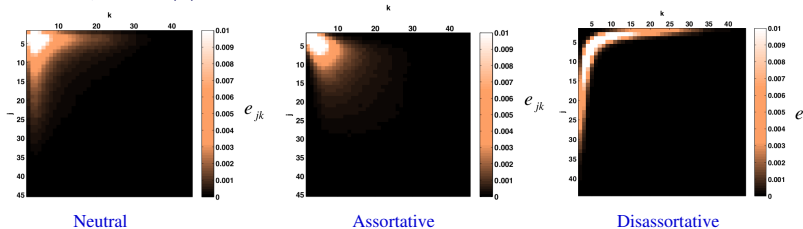
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- $q_k = \frac{kp(k)}{\langle k \rangle}$ : prob. of degree  $k$  at one end of a link,
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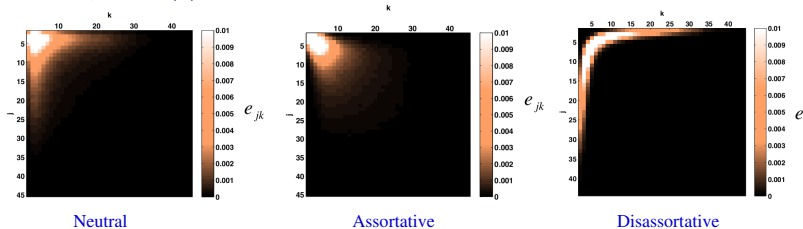
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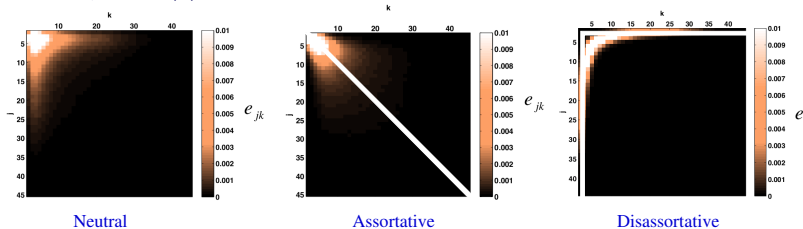


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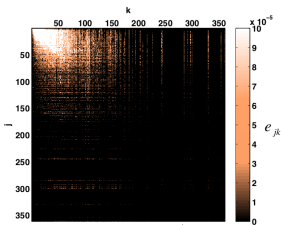
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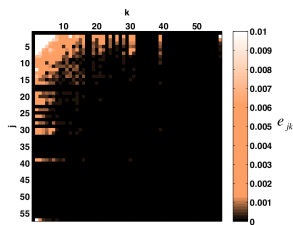
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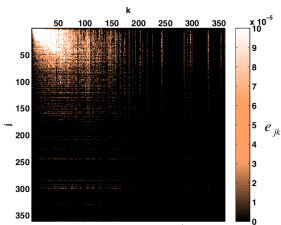
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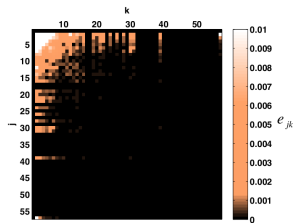
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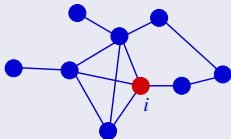
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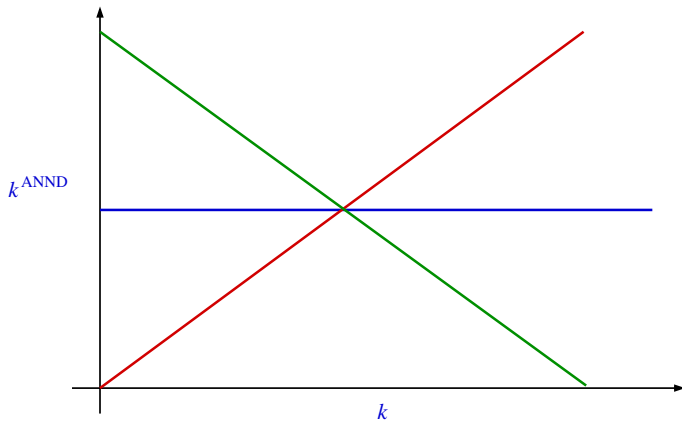
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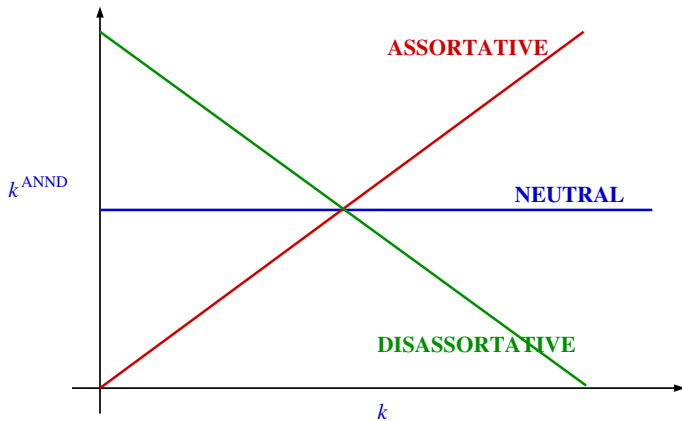


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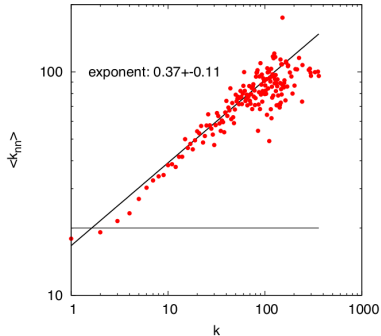
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Thus, for neutral networks  $k^{\text{ANND}}(k)$  is **independent** of  $k$ !

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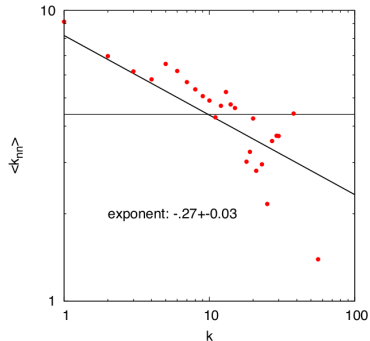
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	Film actor collaborations (c)	449 913	0.208
	Company directors (d)	7 673	0.276
	Internet (e)	10 697	-0.189
	World-Wide Web (f)	269 504	-0.065
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	Neural network (h)	307	-0.163
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	Random graph (u)		0
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Biological, technological networks are **disassortative**

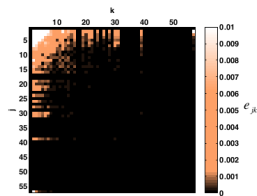
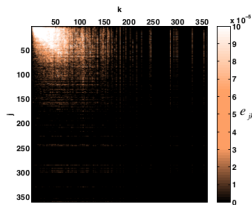
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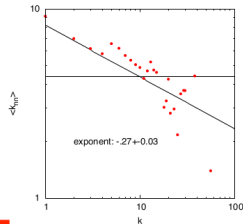
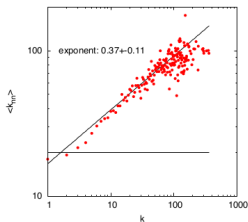
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$$e_{jk}$$



$$k_{annd}(k)$$



$$r$$

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single node	whole network
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closeness betweenness	
clust. coeff., $C$	av. clustering, $\langle C \rangle$

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