

# Bioinformatics III

## Second Assignment

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### Exercise 2.1: The scale-free network

(a) Listing 1 shows source code.

Listing 1: Example Listing of source code

```
0 import random
  from AbstractNetwork import AbstractNetwork
  import Tools
  from Node import Node

5 class ScaleFreeNetwork(AbstractNetwork):
    """Scale-free network implementation of AbstractNetwork"""
    degreeSum = 0

    def __createNetwork__(self, amount_nodes, amount_links):
        """
        10 Create a network with an amount of n nodes, add m links per iteration step
            for n nodes:
                for m links:
                    link node to other nodes
        """
        15 random.seed()
            numOfNodes = 0
            linksPerIteration = (amount_links-3)/(amount_nodes-3) if amount_nodes > 3 else 1
            #generate n nodes
        20 while numOfNodes < amount_nodes:
            node = Node(numOfNodes)
            self.appendNode(node)
            numOfNodes += 1
            #make first three nodes fully connected
        25 if numOfNodes == 2:
            self.__connectNode__(numOfNodes, 1)
            if numOfNodes == 3:
                self.__connectNode__(numOfNodes, 2)
            #link following nodes
        30 if numOfNodes > 3:
            self.__connectNode__(numOfNodes, linksPerIteration)

    def __connectNode__(self, numOfNodes, linksPerIteration):
        """
        35 Connect an existing node to m other nodes
            :param numOfNodes: current amount of nodes
            :param linksPerIterations: number of links that should be added in this iteration
        """
            numOfLinks = 0
        40 node1 = self.getNode(numOfNodes - 1)
            # add n links per iteration
            while numOfLinks < linksPerIteration:
                #choose second node randomly
                nodeid2 = 0
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45         r = random.random()
           while nodeid2 < numOfNodes-1:
               node2 = self.getNode(nodeid2)
               #determine probability to choose node
               if self.degreeSum != 0 and node2.degree() != 0:
                   pi = float(node2.degree()) / (self.degreeSum - node1.degree())
50               else:
                   pi = float(1)
               #print(str(r) + " " + str(pi))
               if not node1.hasLinkTo(node2):
                   #choose node with probability pi
55                 if r < pi:
                     numOfLinks += 1
                     self.degreeSum += 2
                     node1.addLinkTo(node2)
                     node2.addLinkTo(node1)
60                 #print(str(node1) + str(node2))
                     break
               r -= pi
               nodeid2 += 1

65 #ScaleFreeNetwork(4,5)

```

(b) Listing 2 shows source code.

Listing 2: Example Listing of source code

```

0 from ScaleFreeNetwork import ScaleFreeNetwork
  from RandomNetwork import RandomNetwork
  import Tools
  import numpy as np

5
  def computeDegreeDistribution(AbstractNetwork):
      """
      Initis DegreeDistribution with a network and calculate its distribution
      """
      # one further entry since 0 is degree 0 is included
      histogram = [0.0] * (AbstractNetwork.maxDegree() + 1)
      # increment degree distribution
      for i in range(0, AbstractNetwork.size()):
          histogram[AbstractNetwork.getNode(i).degree()] += 1.0
15 # turn it into a real distribution
      for i in range(0, len(histogram)):
          histogram[i] /= float(AbstractNetwork.size())
      return histogram

20
  def comparison1():
      """
      Compares the degree distribution of a network with 1000 nodes to one with 10000 nodes
      """
25      net1 = ScaleFreeNetwork(1000, 1997)
      net2 = ScaleFreeNetwork(10000, 19997)
      hist1 = computeDegreeDistribution(net1)
      hist2 = computeDegreeDistribution(net2)
      histograms = list()
30      legend = list()
      histograms.append(hist1)
      legend.append("network_with_1000_nodes")
      histograms.append(hist2)
      legend.append("network_with_10000_nodes")
35      Tools.plotDistributionComparisonLogLog(histograms, legend, "Task_1_b")

  def comparison2():
      """
40      Compares the degree distribution of a scale-free network to a random

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    """ network with the same amount of nodes
    """
    net1 = ScaleFreeNetwork(1000, 1997)
    net2 = RandomNetwork(1000, 1997)
45  hist1 = computeDegreeDistribution(net1)
    hist2 = computeDegreeDistribution(net2)
    histograms = list()
    legend = list()
    histograms.append(hist1)
50  legend.append("scale-free-network")
    histograms.append(hist2)
    legend.append("_random-network")
    Tools.plotDistributionComparisonLogLog(histograms, legend, "Task_1_b")

55  def determineGamma():
    """
    Fits the theoretical distribution of a scale-free network to the degree
    distribution of a scale-free network using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance.
60  :return: gamma that fits best to the degree distribution of a scale-free network
    with 10 000 nodes and two new links per iteration
    """
    net1 = ScaleFreeNetwork(10000, 19997)
    hist1 = computeDegreeDistribution(net1)
65  mindist = float("inf") #minimal distance between theoretical and empirical network
    bestgamma = 0
    #try using gammas between 1 and zero in 0.1 steps
    for gamma in np.arange(1, 3, 0.1):
        #generate theoretical distribution with parameter gamma
70  hist2 = Tools.getScaleFreeDistributionHistogram(gamma, 10000)
        #compute distance using Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance
        dist = Tools.simpleKSdist(hist1, hist2)
        #set minimal distance
        if dist < mindist:
75  mindist = dist
            bestgamma = gamma
    histograms = list()
    histograms.append(hist1)
    histograms.append(hist2)
80  legend = list()
    legend.append("empirical-distribution")
    legend.append("optimal-distribution")
    Tools.plotDistributionComparisonLogLog(histograms, legend, "Task_1_c")
    print(bestgamma)

85

#determineGamma()
comparison2()

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Both degree distributions, the one for 1000 and 10000 nodes, follow the same distribution. Only the network with more nodes has some nodes with a higher degree than the other network which seems to result from the higher number of nodes. Figure 1 shows the plot.

(c) Listing 3 shows source code.

Listing 3: Example Listing of source code

```

0  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    import math

    def plotDistributionComparison(histograms, legend, title):
        """
5  Plots a list of histograms with matching list of descriptions as the legend
        """
        # determine max. length
        max_length = max(len(x) for x in histograms)

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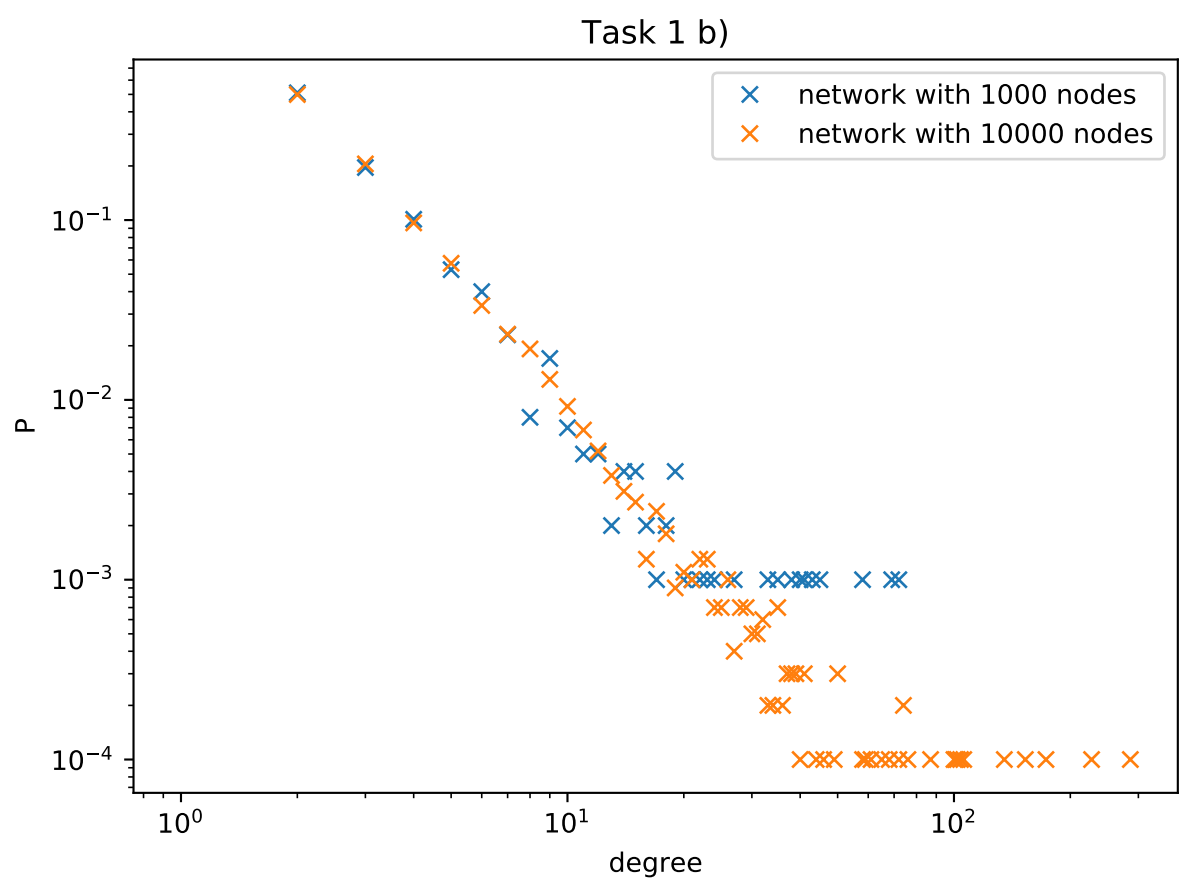


Figure 1: Comparison of two scale-free networks

```
10     # extend "shorter" distributions
    for x in histograms:
        x.extend([0.0]* (max_length-len(x)) )

    # plots histograms
15    for h in histograms:
        plt.plot(range(len(h)), h, marker = 'x')

    # remember: never forget labels!
    plt.xlabel('degree')
20    plt.ylabel('P')

    # you don't have to do something stuff here
    plt.legend(legend)
    plt.title(title)
25    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()

def plotDistributionComparisonLogLog(histograms, legend, title):
    '''
30    Plots a list of histograms with matching list of descriptions as the legend
    '''
    ax = plt.subplot()
    # determine max. length
    max_length = max(len(x) for x in histograms)
35    # extend "shorter" distributions
    for x in histograms:
        x.extend([0.0]* (max_length-len(x)) )

40    ax.set_xscale("log")
    ax.set_yscale("log")

    # plots histograms
    for h in histograms:
45        ax.plot(range(len(h)), h, marker = 'x', linestyle='')

    # remember: never forget labels!
    plt.xlabel('degree')
    plt.ylabel('P')
50    # you don't have to do something stuff here
    plt.legend(legend)
    plt.title(title)
    plt.tight_layout()
55    plt.show()

def getScaleFreeDistributionHistogram(gamma, k):
    '''
    Generates a Power law distribution histogram with slope gamma up to degree k
    '''
60    histogram = list()
    histogram.append(0)
    for i in range(1, k):
        histogram.append(1.0 / math.pow(i, gamma))
65    return histogram

def simpleKSdist(histogram_a, histogram_b):
    '''
70    Simple Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance implementation
    '''
    dist = list()
    F1 = {0: histogram_a[0]}
    F2 = {0: histogram_b[0]}
75    for x in range(1, len(histogram_a)):
        F1[x] = F1[x-1] + histogram_a[x]
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        F2[x] = F2[x - 1] + histogram_b[x]
        dist.append(abs(F1[x] - F2[x]))
    return max(x for x in dist)

80 def poisson(k, l):
    """
    Compute the poisson entry for k and lambda (l)
    """
85     k = float(k)
    l = float(l)
    if (k == 0):
        return (math.exp(-1.0*l))
    else:
90         return (1/k)*poisson(k-1.0,l)

def getPoissonDistributionHistogram(num_nodes, num_links, k):
    """
    Generates a Poisson distribution histogram up to k
    """
95     poissonHist = []
    lambda_ = 2.0*(float(num_links))/float(num_nodes)
    print "Lambda:", lambda_
    for i in range(0,num_links):
100         if (i <= k):
            poissonHist.append(poisson(i, lambda_))
    return poissonHist
```

Comparing the empirical and the theoretical distributions, one may see the first third of the graph fit well, whereas the rest of the empirical distribution is very differently distributed. We determined a gamma value of 1.8. The quality of our fit isn't very high. Maybe it could be improved by computing a average distance between each value. Figure 2 shows the plot.

## Exercise 2.2: Real-world network

- (a) File sharing services like Google Drive form clustered networks, which are clustered by the users which have access to a file. Every time a user adds a new file, a directed link connects a new file to an user.
- (b) Social networks like Facebook, Twitter and so on may be represented as undirected scale-free networks because people with many friends are more likely to get new friends because they know many people. Moreover a connection between two users is not directed because both users have to accept a friend request.  
A social network can also be represented as a clustered network, whereby the clustered are made of different groups of friends.
- (c) Broadcasting networks may form hierarchical or clustered networks. In the case of a hierarchical network, we assume that one broadcaster sends data to multiple other services which publish the data. The network could be clustered by the receiver, which receive data from the same broadcaster. A directed node connects each broadcaster to its receiver.

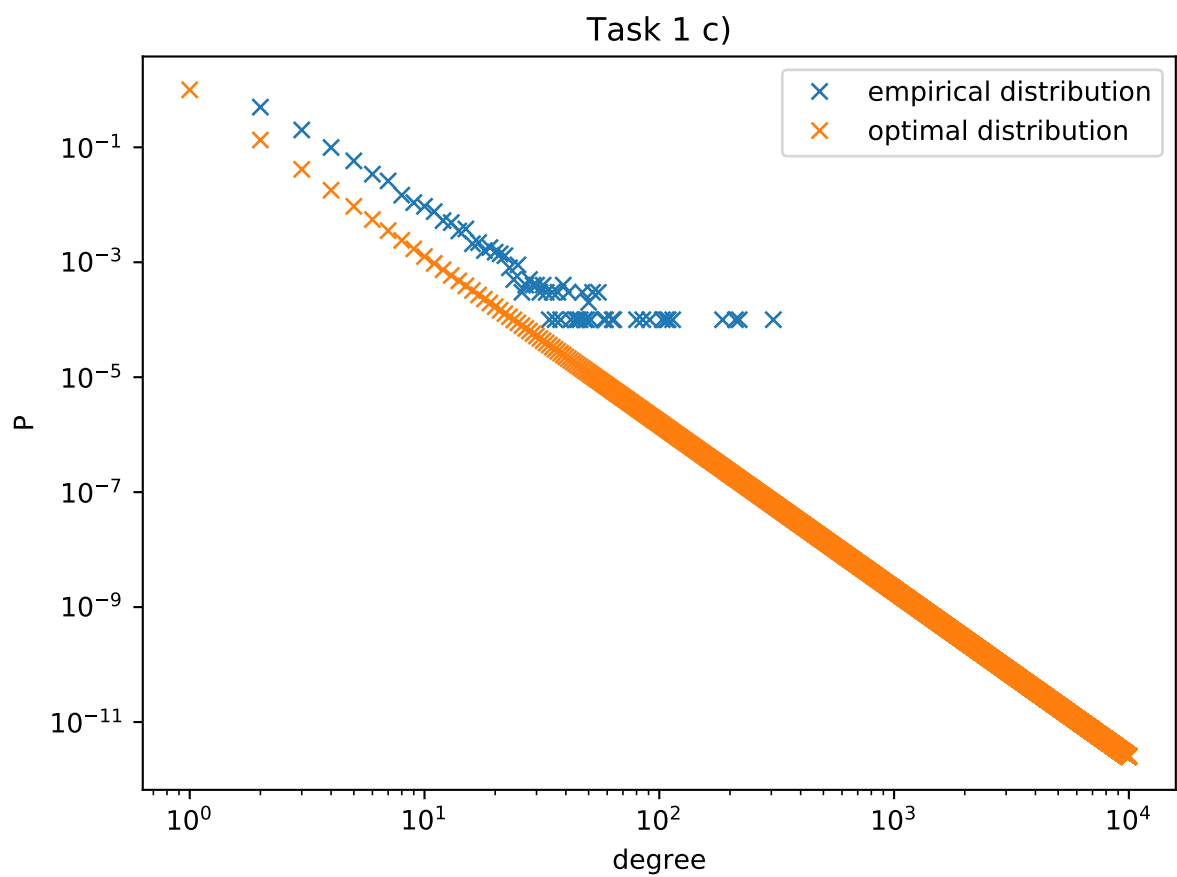


Figure 2: Comparison of empirical to theoretical network

## Exercise 2.3: Real interaction networks

- (a) Listing 4 shows source code of BioGRIDReader. To retrieve all interactions of an organism, use function getInteractions(taxonID)

Listing 4: Example Listing of source code

```
0 from os.path import exists
  from sets import Set

  class BioGRIDReader:
      '''Reads BioGRID tab files'''
5      def __init__(self, filename):
          '''
            Initialization, read in file and build any data structure that makes you happy
            '''

          # Use dic of Sets of Tuples
          self.storage = dict()
          if exists(filename):
              # "with" closes the file again after reading
              with open(filename) as openfile:
                  # catch table header line
                  first = True
15                 for line in openfile:
                     # get entries of a line as list
                     content = self.separate(line[0:(len(line)-1)])
                     # and store them
                     if first:
20                         first = False
                     else:
                         self.insertInteraction(content)

              else:
25                 print filename, "does_not_exist"

      def separate(self, line):
          '''
            Split line into list of entries
            '''
30         if "\t" in line:
            content = line.split("\t")
            return content
        # return empty list if not splittable
35         return []

      def insertInteraction(self, content):
          '''
            Store content of a line in the dict structure
            '''
40         # check validity of input
          if len(content) == 11:
              # check if both genes are from the same organism
              if content[9] == content[10]:
45                 # extract important information
                 organism = content[9]
                 geneA = content[0]
                 geneB = content[1]
                 # store the results
                 if self.storage.has_key(organism):
50                     self.storage[organism].add((geneA, geneB))
                     # avoid reverse duplicated for non-self-loops
                     if geneA != geneB:
                         self.storage[organism].discard((geneB, geneA))
55                 else:
                     # use a set, it avoids duplicates
                     self.storage[organism] = Set()
                     self.storage[organism].add((geneA, geneB))

60         def getInteractions(self, taxonID):
```



```
'''
Return the number of links between genes of a prganism
'''
return self.storage[taxonID]

65
def getMostAbundantTaxonIDs(self, n):
'''
Returns a list of n (taxonID/number of links) lists with
the most reported genes interactions per organisms
'''
70
# allow bad paraeters to be handled
if n > len(self.storage):
    n = len(self.storage)
if n < 0:
75
    n = 0
# use lefmade sort algorithm
# iterate over organisms and store the number of interaction
# use a decreasing order
counter = []
80
first = True
for i in self.storage.keys():
    links = len(self.storage[i])
    inserted = False
    # first element must be inserted
85
    if first:
        counter.append([i, links])
        first = False
    else:
        # find position for insertion
90
        for j in range(0, len(counter)):
            if links > counter[j][1]:
                counter.insert(j, [i, links])
                inserted = True
                break
95
        if not inserted:
            counter.append([i, links])
# return the required n organisms with the most interactions
return counter[0:n]

100
def writeInteractionFile(self, taxon_id, filename):
if taxon_id in self.storage.keys():
    output = open(filename, "w")
    for (a,b) in self.storage[taxon_id]:
        output.write(a + "\t" + b + "\n")
105
    output.close()
```

(b) Results for organisms with most annotated interactions:

Table 1: List of top five organisms with the most annotated interactions mentioned in the BioGRID

| Taxon ID | Organism  | Number of annotated interaction |
|----------|---|---------------------------------|
| 559292   | <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> S288C           | 513254                          |
| 9606     | <i>Homo sapiens</i>                             | 275472                          |
| 316407   | <i>Escherichia coli</i> str. K-12 substr. W3110 | 181620                          |
| 284812   | <i>Schizosaccharomyces pombe</i> 972h-          | 58563                           |
| 7227     | <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>                  | 55093                           |

"The genome of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is by far the best studied fungal genome" (<https://genome.jgi.doe.gov/Sacce1/Sacce1.home.html>). The human genome is known since the start of the 21th century, and often analyzed since that time. *E. coli* cells are one of the most popular model organisms for laboratory experiments. The same holds true for the fruit fly *Drosophila*. Further, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* 972h-, or fission yeast is a well known model organism too.

So, beside humans, all top 5 listed organisms are popular laboratory model organisms. Humans are not necessarily model organisms, but clinical research uncovered many intracellular interaction. Therefore, the list is not surprising.

(c) The human interaction network has 275472 annotated interactions and 17087 nodes. The top 10 interacting proteins are:

Table 2: Top 10 interacting proteins of humans, annotated in BioGRID, last column shows evaluation of the Biogrid webpage (<https://thebiogrid.org/>)

| ID            | Protein | Interactions | reported from BioGrid: Unique Interactor (Interactions) |
|---------------|---------|--------------|---|
| ETG7706       | TRIM25  | 2369         | 2371(2551)  |
| ETG351        | APP     | 2099         | 2115(2475)  |
| ETG4914       | NTRK1   | 1944         | 1943(1999)  |
| ETG1994       | ELAVL1  | 1779         | 1780(1840)  |
| ETG7514       | XPO1    | 1214         | 1236(1315)  |
| ETG8452       | CUL3    | 1209         | 1219(1640)  |
| ETG1956       | EGFR    | 1195         | 1209(2128)  |
| ETG10482      | NXF1    | 1124         | 1132(1202)  |
| ETG7157       | TP53    | 1011         | 1053(3075)  |
| RP11-426L16.2 | MOV10   | 1010         | 1024(1050)  |

Hint: The difference in calculated and reported interaction (from BioGRID) can be explained by the fact that our network does not allow multiple links between the same proteins. Further the differences of unique interaction partners can be partly explained by selfloop which are ignored in the network.

EGFR: This protein is involved in signaling pathways, which normally includes many protein interactions. Example here is the MAPK cascade in which the protein is involved. Further, EGFR is involved in the transcription of the Polymerase II. Overall, <https://thebiogrid.org/> assigns 70 GO annotations to EGFR, 42 for biological processes, 15 for its function and 13 GO components. All these listed annotations hint on activities in which many proteins are involved. This can explain the many interactions, reported in our network.

- (d) The function `writeInteractionFile` is implemented in the class `BioGRIDReader`, listings 4. A possible output for human organisms is given in the file `human.txt`. Listing 5 shows source code of the generic `Network`.

Listing 5: `GenericNetwork` class which reads the network from a special file

```
0 from os.path import exists
  from AbstractNetwork import AbstractNetwork
  from BioGRIDReader import BioGRIDReader
  from AbstractNetwork import AbstractNetwork
  from Node import Node
5
  class GenericNetwork(AbstractNetwork):
      def __init__(self, filename):
          """
          Create a network from a file
          """
10         self.nodes = {}
          if exists(filename):
              # "with" closes the file again after reading
              with open(filename) as openfile:
15                 for line in openfile:
                     # get entries of a line as list
                     content = line[0:(len(line)-1)].split("\t")
                     # and store them
                     if len(content) == 2:
20                         n1 = self.getNode(content[0])
                         n2 = self.getNode(content[1])
                         n1.addLinkTo(n2)
                         n2.addLinkTo(n1)
          else:
25             print filename, "does_not_exist"

      def printDegreeHigherThan(self, n):
          """
          Print proteins, with more than n interactions
          """
30         for i in self.nodes:
             if (self.getNode(i).degree() > n):
                 print i, self.getNode(i).degree()

35         def degreeDistribution(self):
            vector = [0.0]*(self.size()+1)
            for name in self.nodes:
                node = self.getNode(name)
                vector[node.degree()] += 1.0
40             for i in range(0,len(vector)):
                 vector[i] /= float(self.size())
            return vector
```

The generic network has its own distribution calculation due to an error in the `DegreeDistribution` class. The degree distribution of our human interaction network can be seen in figure 3. Green colored is the poisson distribution, which we can expect when analyzing a random network. It is obvious, that the Human interaction network has a different distribution. The red line, the estimated distribution of a scale-free network on the other hand looks similar to our distribution. Even if the applied parameters for the red line were not similar to our human distribution.

Therefore, the human interaction network behaves more like a scale-free network.

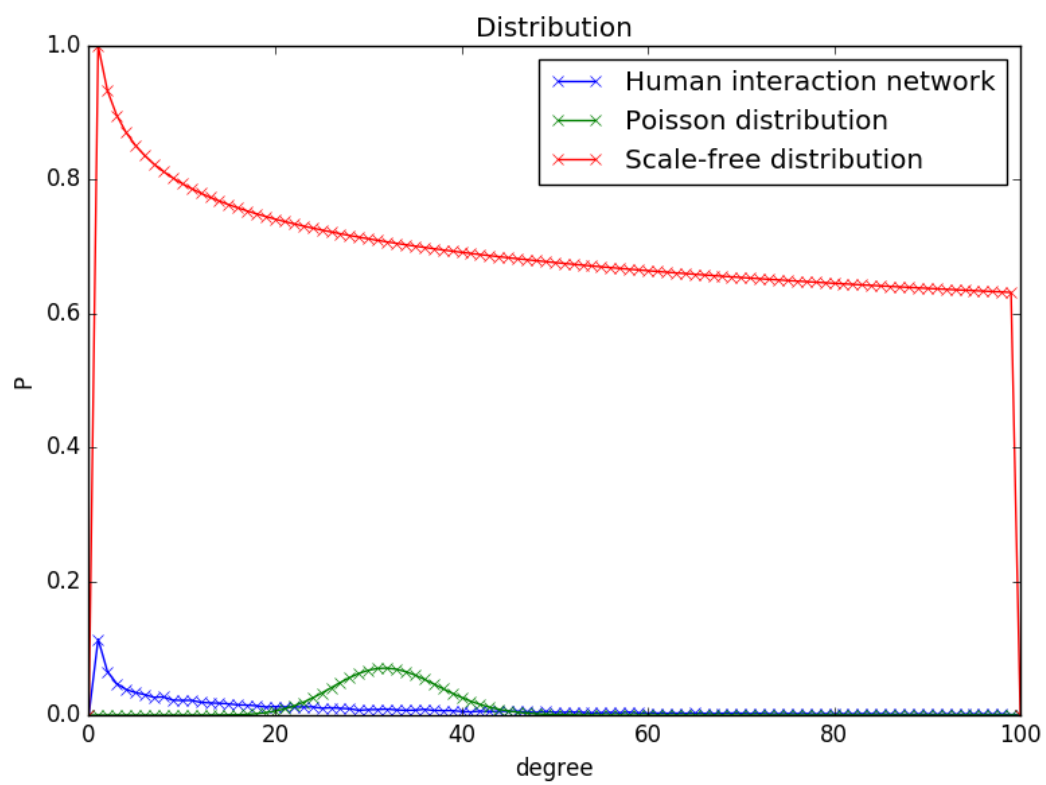


Figure 3: Comparison of empirical to theoretical network