

# Part 1 : Generating Random Networks

## 1. Create random networks using Erdős-Rényi (ER) model

### Question 1(a)

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!pip install cairocffi
!pip install igraph

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import cairocffi
import igraph as ig
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import ipywidgets as widgets
from IPython.display import display, Image
import os
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression

p_ls = [0.002, 0.006, 0.012, 0.045, 0.1]
for p in p_ls:
    g = ig.Graph.Erdos_Renyi(n = 900, p = p)
    d = g.degree()
    print(f'probability p: {p}: degree mean = {np.mean(d)}, degree
variance = {np.var(d)}')
    print(f'Theoretical values: E[X] = (n-1)p = {(900-1) * p}, Var(X) =
(n-1)p(1-p) = {(900-1) * p * (1-p)}')
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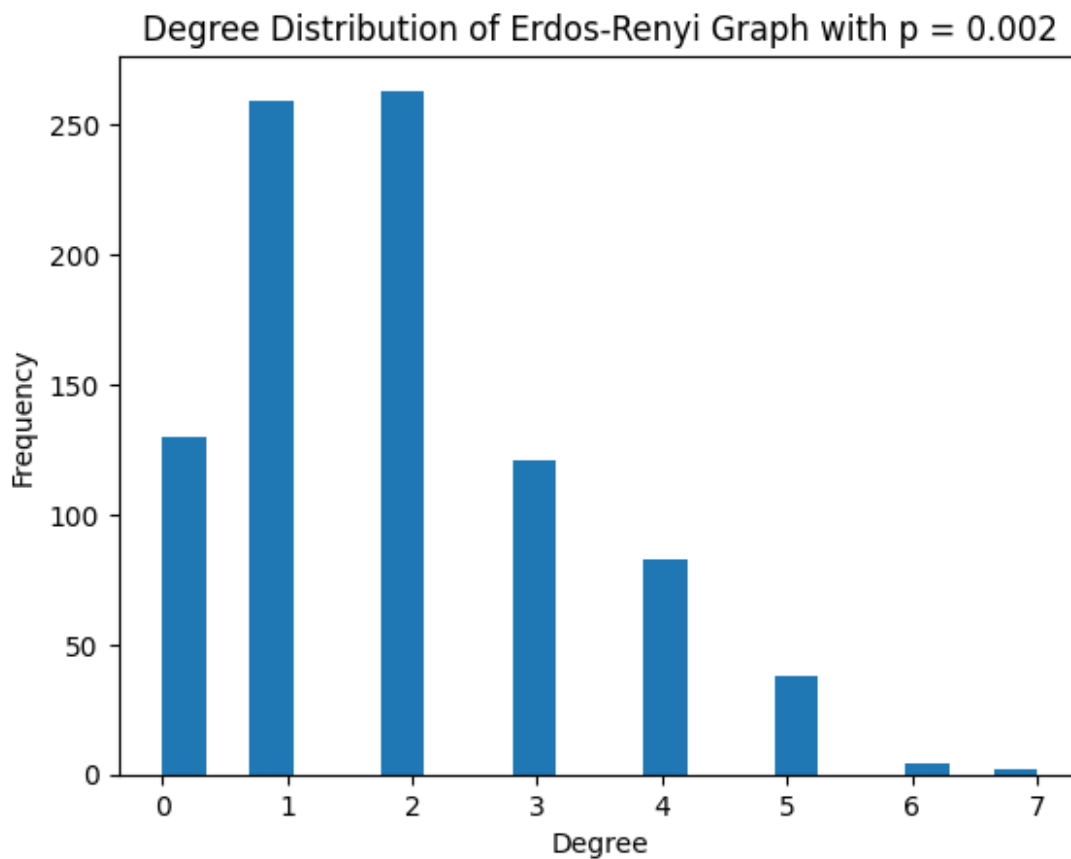
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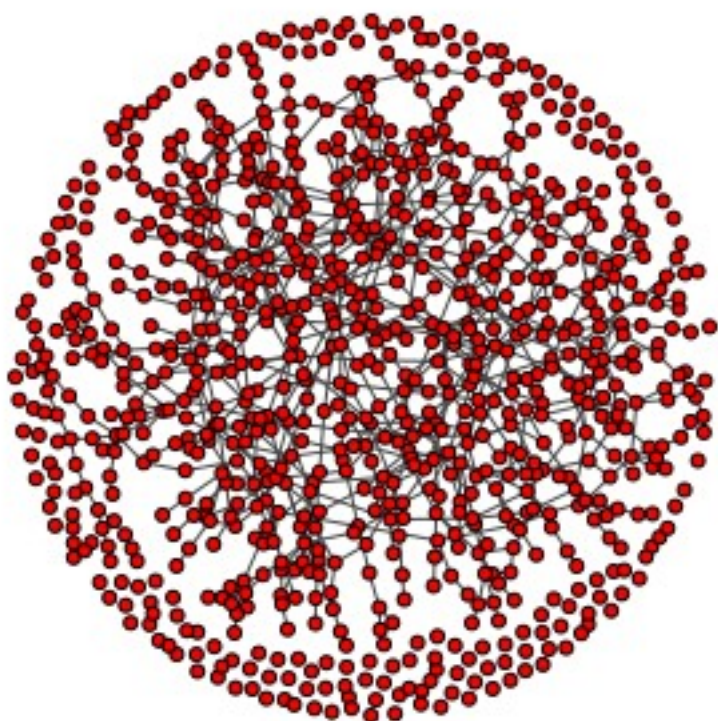
plt.hist(d, bins=20, log=False)
plt.xlabel('Degree')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title(f'Degree Distribution of Erdos-Renyi Graph with p = {p}')
plt.show()
plot_path = f"/content/graph_plot_{p}.png"
ig.plot(g, plot_path, bbox=(300, 300), margin=20, vertex_size=5)

display(Image(filename=plot_path))
os.remove(plot_path)

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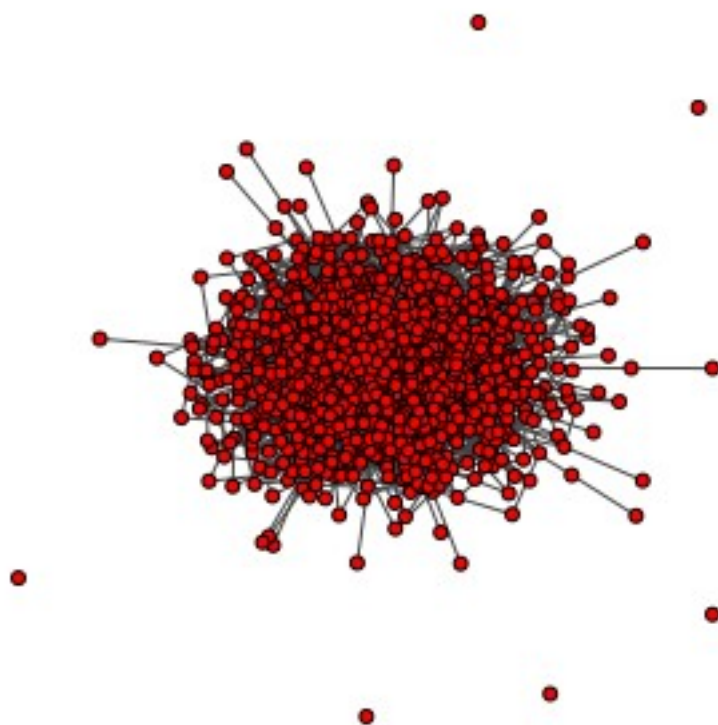
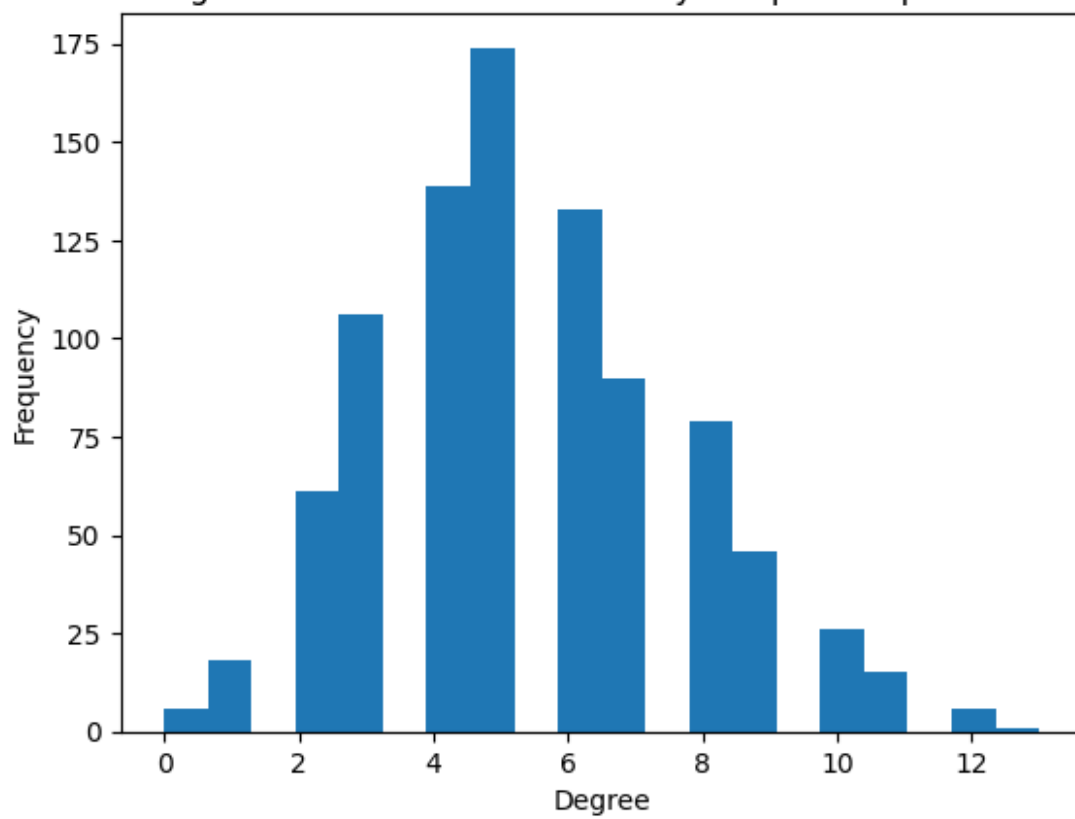
probability p: 0.002: degree mean = 1.8977777777777778, degree  
 variance = 1.8651061728395062  
 Theoretical values:  $E[X] = (n-1)p = 1.798$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = (n-1)p(1-p) = 1.794404$



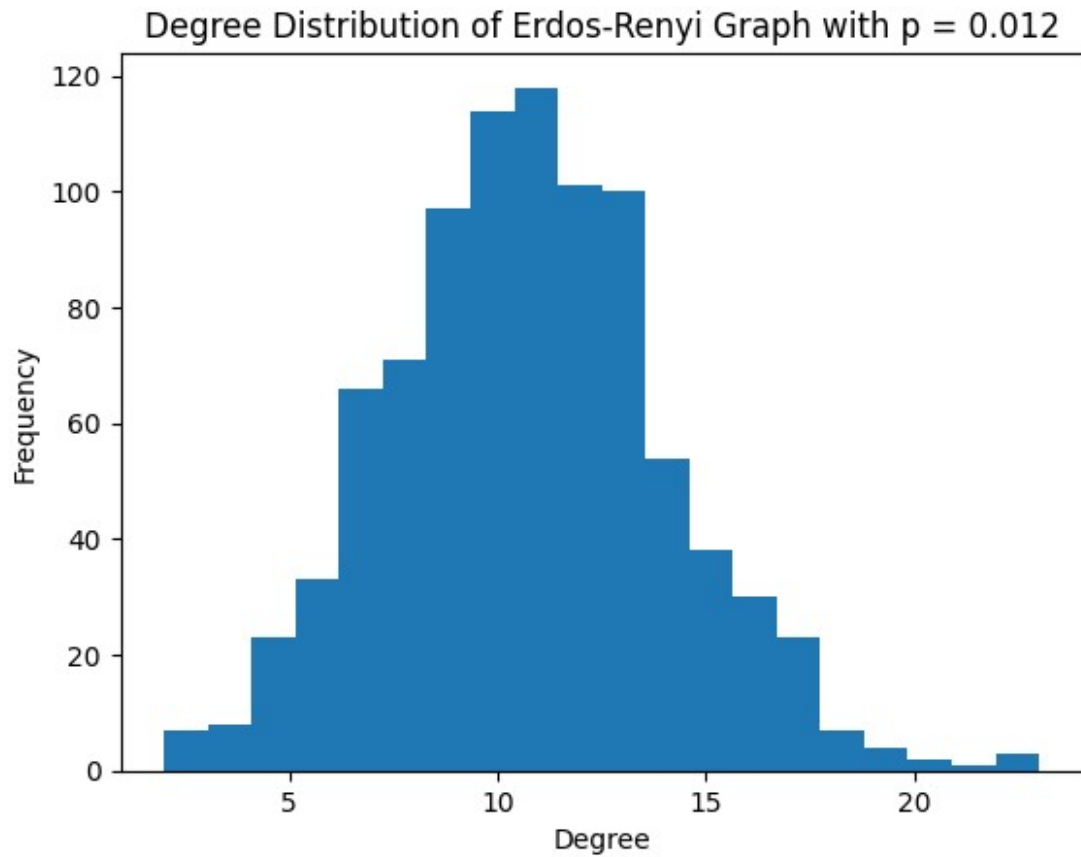


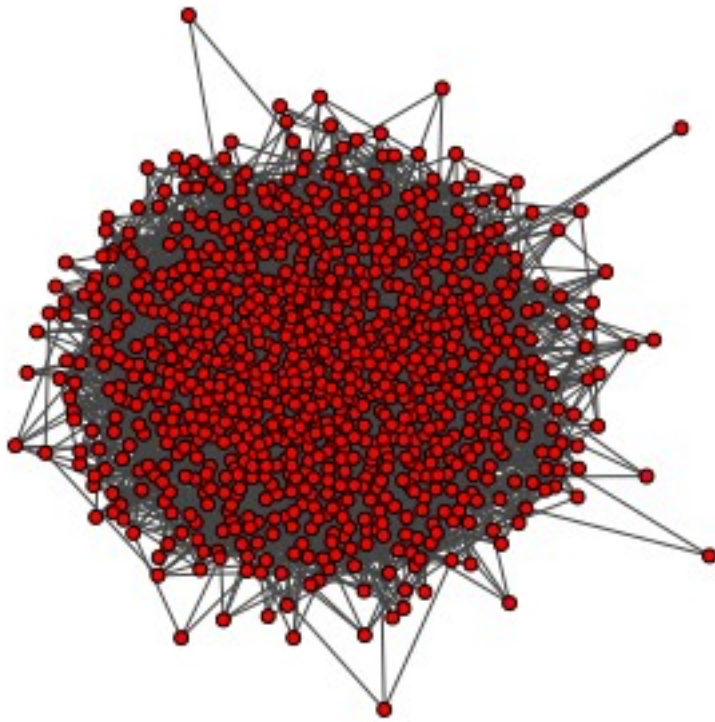
probability  $p$ : 0.006: degree mean = 5.408888888888889, degree variance = 5.430587654320988  
Theoretical values:  $E[X] = (n-1)p = 5.394$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = (n-1)p(1-p) = 5.361636$

Degree Distribution of Erdos-Renyi Graph with  $p = 0.006$



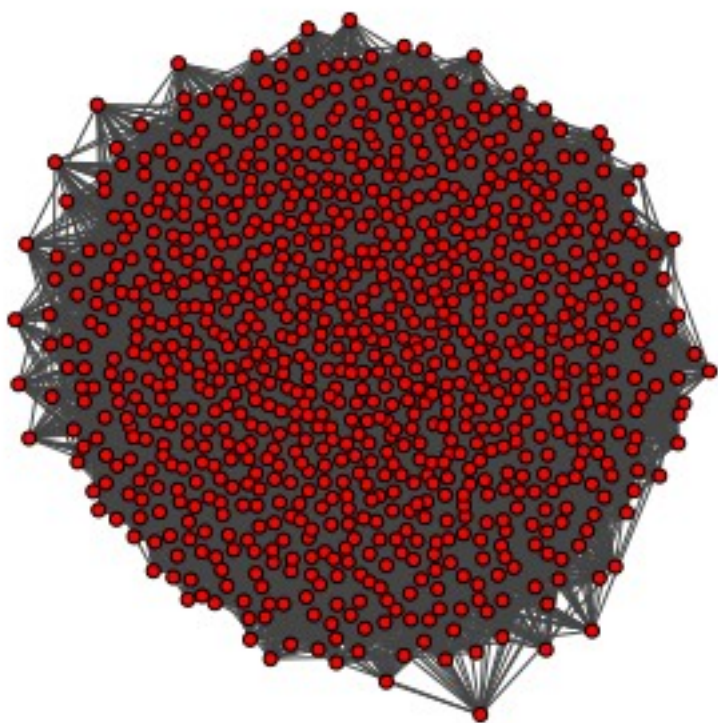
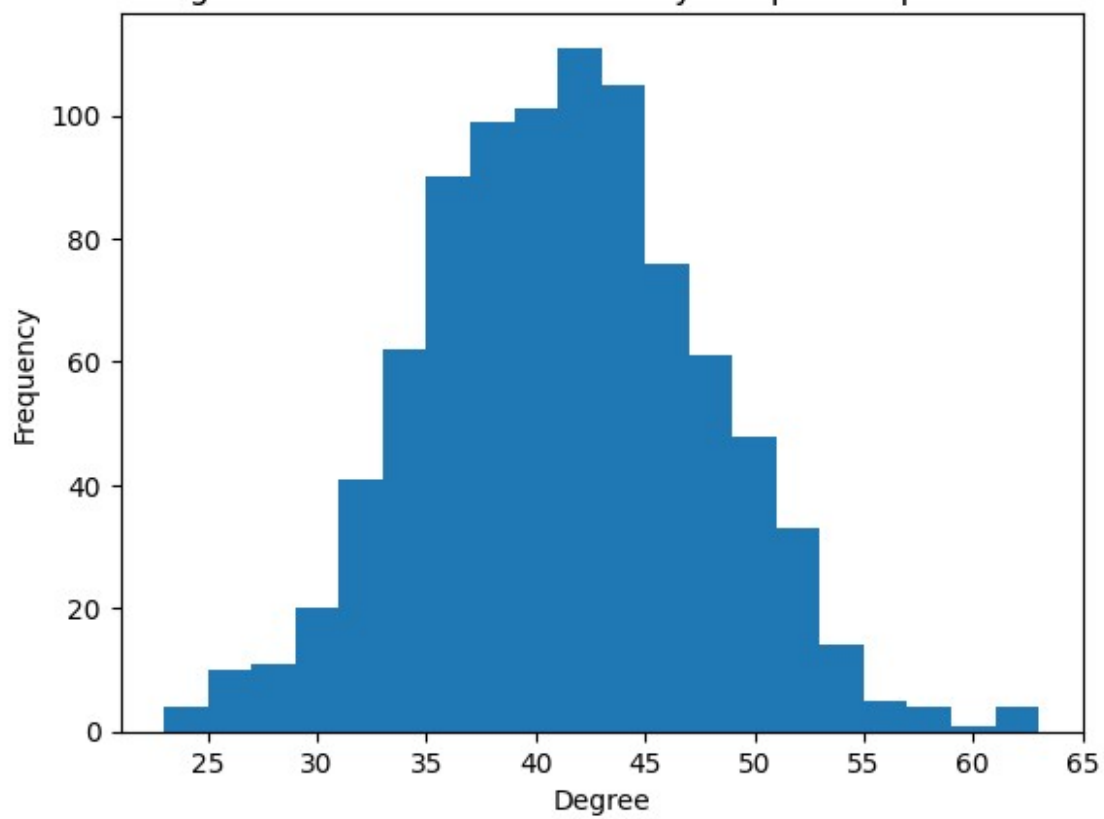
probability  $p$ : 0.012: degree mean = 10.826666666666666, degree variance = 10.1744  
Theoretical values:  $E[X] = (n-1)p = 10.788$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = (n-1)p(1-p) = 10.658544000000001$



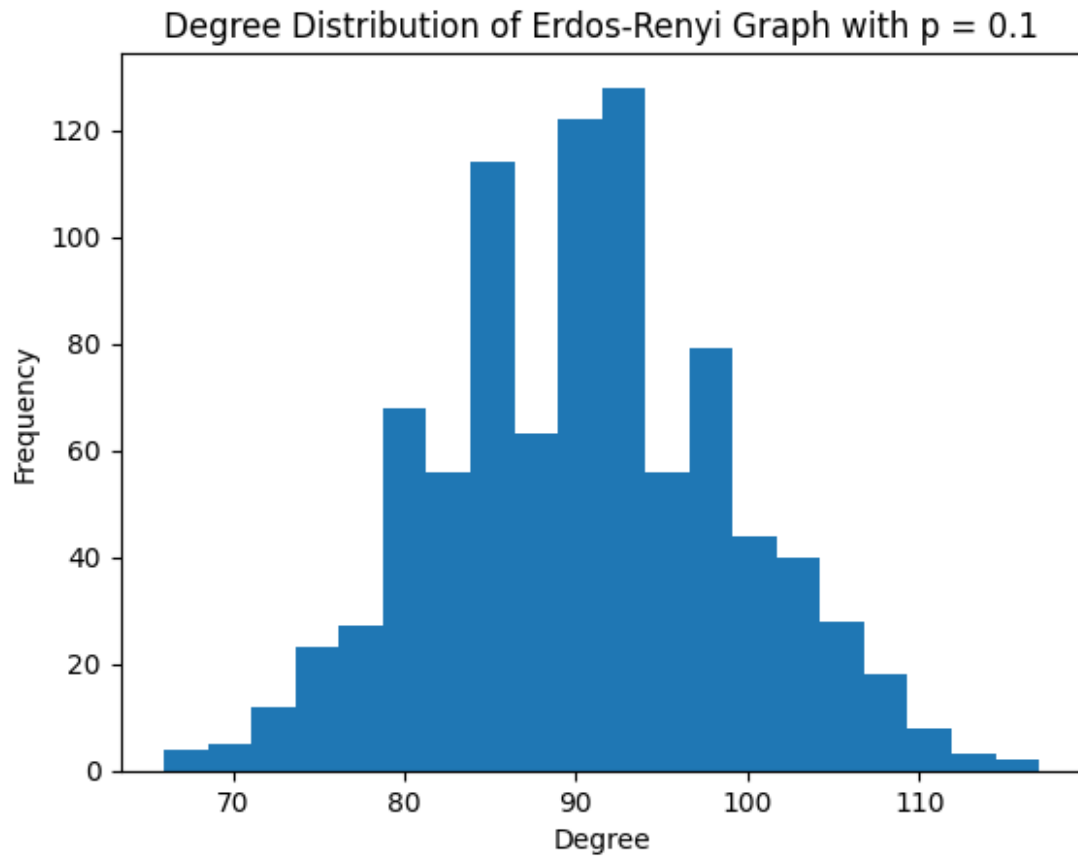


probability  $p$ : 0.045: degree mean = 40.7777777777778, degree variance = 41.60395061728395  
Theoretical values:  $E[X] = (n-1)p = 40.455$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = (n-1)p(1-p) = 38.634525$

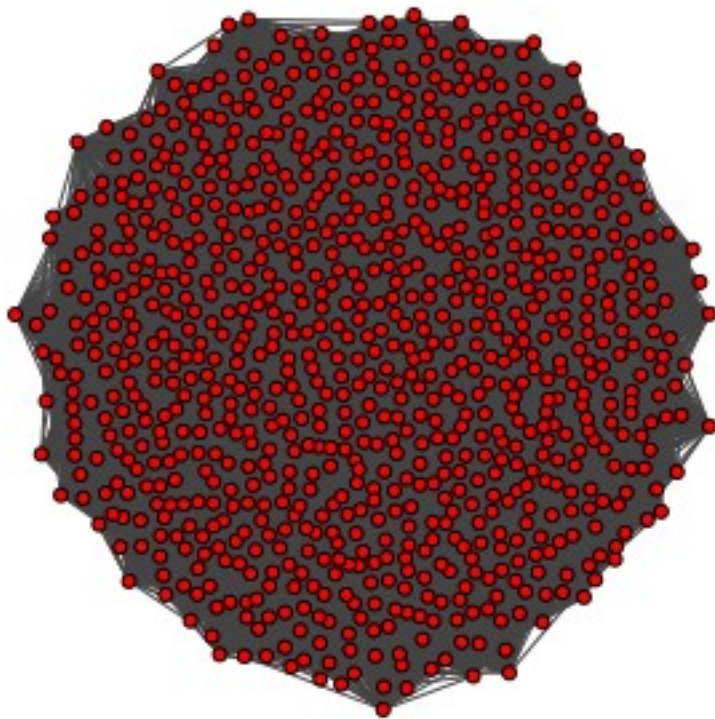
Degree Distribution of Erdos-Renyi Graph with  $p = 0.045$



probability  $p$ : 0.1: degree mean = 90.49555555555555, degree variance = 76.33220246913581  
Theoretical values:  $E[X] = (n-1)p = 89.9$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = (n-1)p(1-p) = 80.91000000000001$







### Question 1(a)

Create undirected random networks with  $n = 900$  nodes, and the probability  $p$  for drawing an edge between two arbitrary vertices 0.002, 0.006, 0.012, 0.045, and 0.1. Plot the degree distributions. What distribution (linear/exponential/gaussian/binomial or something else) is observed? Explain why. Also, report the mean and variance of the degree distributions and compare them to the theoretical values.

We create undirected random networks with  $n = 900$  nodes, and the probability  $p$  for drawing an edge between two arbitrary vertices 0.002, 0.006, 0.012, 0.045, and 0.1. We also plot the degree distributions. You can see the plots above. The binomial distribution is observed. Because in the ER model, each conceivable edge between two nodes is given a predetermined probability  $p$ , regardless of other edges. Also, each node has  $n-1$  edges that can link to other  $n-1$  nodes. And a node's degree is determined by the sum of  $n-1$  independent Bernoulli trials with success probability  $p$ . The probability that a fixed node has  $k$  edges (degree  $k$ ) follows a binomial distribution:

$$P(\text{degree} = k) = \binom{n-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-1-k}$$

Therefore, the binomial distribution is observed.

For  $p = 0.002$

- Degree mean = 1.897777777777778
- Degree variance = 1.8651061728395062
- Theoretical mean = 1.798

- Theoretical variance = 1.794404

For  $p = 0.006$

- Degree mean = 5.408888888888889
- Degree variance = 5.430587654320988
- Theoretical mean = 5.394
- Theoretical variance = 5.361636

For  $p = 0.012$

- Degree mean = 10.826666666666666
- Degree variance = 10.1744
- Theoretical mean = 10.788
- Theoretical variance = 10.658544000000001

For  $p = 0.045$

- Degree mean = 40.77777777777778
- Degree variance = 41.60395061728395
- Theoretical mean = 40.455
- Theoretical variance = 38.634525

For  $p = 0.1$

- Degree mean = 90.49555555555555
- Degree variance = 76.33220246913581
- Theoretical mean = 89.9
- Theoretical variance = 80.91000000000001

## Question 1(b)

```
n = 900
p_ls = [0.002, 0.006, 0.012, 0.045, 0.1]
num_simulations = 1000

for p in p_ls:
    connected_count = 0
    diameters = []

    for _ in range(num_simulations):
        g = ig.Graph.Erdos_Renyi(n=n, p=p)
        if g.is_connected():
            connected_count += 1
        else:
            gcc = g.connected_components().giant()
            diameters.append(gcc.diameter())

    connectivity_prob = connected_count / num_simulations
    print(f'For p={p}')
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print(f'Connectivity probability = {connectivity_prob}')

if len(diameters) > 0:
    avg_diameter = np.mean(diameters)
    print(f'Average diameter of the GCC: {avg_diameter}')

print("-----")
else:
    print(f'All graphs are connected, no GCC diameter to report.')

print("-----")

For p=0.002
Connectivity probability = 0.0
Average diameter of the GCC: 25.23
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For p=0.006
Connectivity probability = 0.02
Average diameter of the GCC: 8.324489795918367
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For p=0.012
Connectivity probability = 0.973
Average diameter of the GCC: 5.0
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For p=0.045
Connectivity probability = 1.0
All graphs are connected, no GCC diameter to report.
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For p=0.1
Connectivity probability = 1.0
All graphs are connected, no GCC diameter to report.
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### Question 1(b)

For each  $p$  and  $n = 900$ , answer the following questions:

Are all random realizations of the ER network connected? Numerically estimate the probability that a generated network is connected. For one instance of the networks with that  $p$ , find the giant connected component (GCC) if not connected. What is the diameter of the GCC?

You can see the results above. For  $p=0.002$  and  $n = 900$ , all random realizations of the ER network are not connected. The probability that a generated network is connected is 0.0. Because it is not connected, the diameter of the GCC is 25.23. For  $p=0.006$  and  $n = 900$ , most of random realizations of the ER network are not connected. The probability that a generated network is connected is 0.02. Because it is not connected, the diameter of the GCC is 8.324489795918367. For  $p=0.012$  and  $n = 900$ , most of random realizations of the ER network are connected. The probability that a generated network is connected is 0.973. But there are still some realizations of the ER network are not connected, so the diameter of the GCC is 5.0. For  $p=0.045$  and  $n = 900$ , all of random realizations of the ER network are connected. The probability that a generated network is connected is 1.0. Because it is connected, the diameter of the GCC is not reported. For  $p=0.1$  and  $n = 900$ , all of random realizations of the ER network are connected. The probability that a generated network is connected is 1.0. Because it is connected, the diameter of the GCC is not reported.

### Question 1(c)

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n = 900
p1 = 1/n
p2 = np.log(n)/n
p_max = p2 + 0.001
p_values = np.linspace(0, p_max, 50)
num_simulations = 100

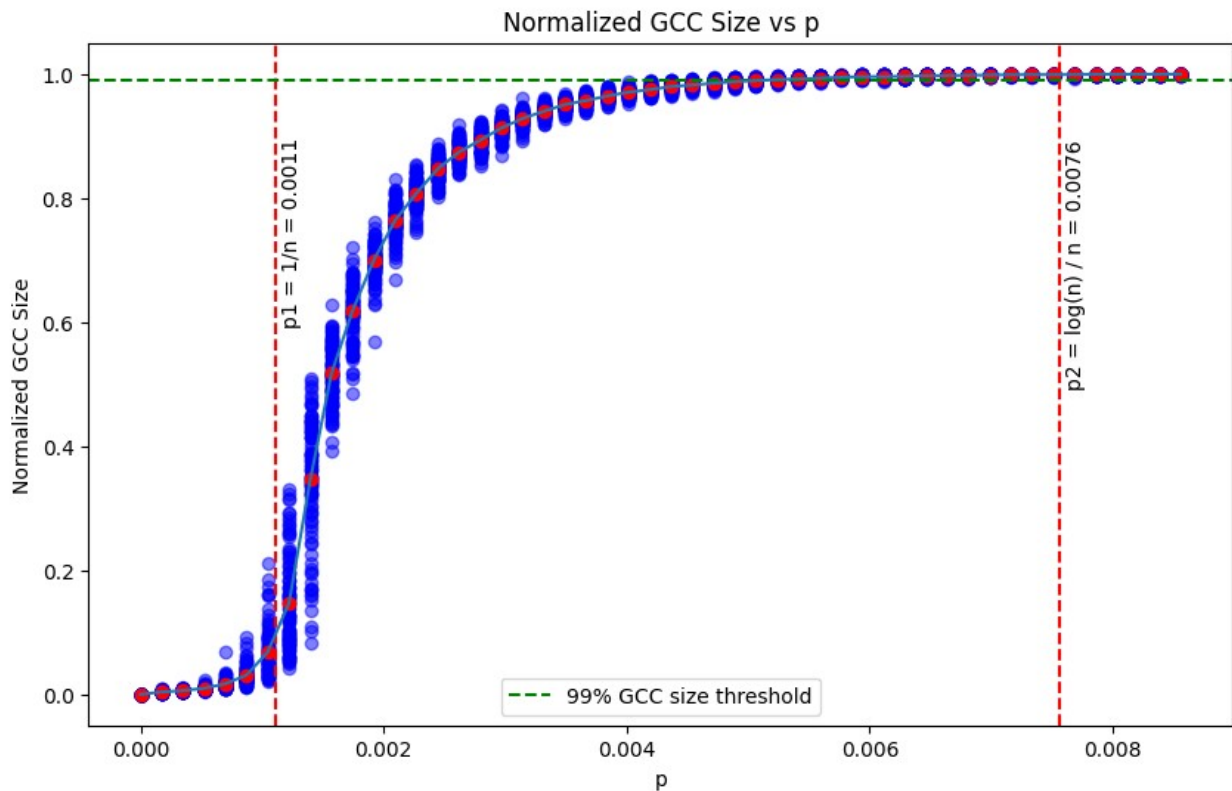
p_gcc_sizes = {p: [] for p in p_values}
size_means = []

for p in p_values:
    for _ in range(num_simulations):
        g = ig.Graph.Erdos_Renyi(n=n, p=p)
        gcc_size = len(g.connected_components().giant().vs)
        normalized_gcc_size = gcc_size / n
        p_gcc_sizes[p].append(normalized_gcc_size)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
for p, sizes in p_gcc_sizes.items():
    size_means.append(np.mean(sizes))
    plt.scatter([p] * len(sizes), sizes, color='blue', alpha=0.5)
    plt.plot(p, np.mean(sizes), 'ro')

plt.xlabel('p')
plt.ylabel('Normalized GCC Size')
plt.title('Normalized GCC Size vs p')
plt.axvline(x=p1, color='r', linestyle='--')
plt.text(p1 + 0.00005, 0.6, f'p1 = 1/n = {round(p1, 4)}', rotation=90)
plt.axvline(x=p2, color='r', linestyle='--')
plt.text(p2 + 0.00005, 0.5, f'p2 = log(n) / n = {round(p2, 4)}',
rotation=90)
plt.axhline(0.99, color='green', linestyle='--', label='99% GCC size
threshold')
plt.plot(p_values, size_means)
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plt.legend()
plt.show()
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# i.
# We define the emergence of a giant connected component when the
# average GCC size exceeds 0.1.
for p, s in p_gcc_sizes.items():
    if np.mean(s) > 0.1:
        print(f'P value where the a GCC starts to emerge: {p}.')
        print(f'The theorectical value of p where a GCC starts to emerge:
1/n = {p1}')
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P value where the a GCC starts to emerge: 0.0012226023433848114.  
The theorectical value of p where a GCC starts to emerge: 1/n = 0.0011111111111111111

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# ii.
for p, s in p_gcc_sizes.items():
    if np.percentile(s, 0) > 0.99:
        print(f'P value where every normalized GCC size > 0.99: {p}.')
        break
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P value where every normalized GCC size > 0.99: 0.006287669194550459.

### Question 1(c)

It turns out that the normalized GCC size (i.e., the size of the GCC as a fraction of the total network size) is a highly nonlinear function of  $p$ , with interesting properties occurring for values where  $p = O(1/n)$  and  $p = O(\ln n/n)$ . For  $n = 900$ , sweep over values of  $p$  from 0 to a  $p_{\max}$  that makes the network almost surely connected and create 100 random networks for each  $p$ .  $p_{\max}$  should be roughly determined by yourself. Then scatter plot the normalized GCC sizes vs  $p$ . Plot a line of the average normalized GCC sizes for each  $p$  along with the scatter plot.

i. Empirically estimate the value of  $p$  where a giant connected component starts to emerge (define your criterion of “emergence”)? Do they match with theoretical values mentioned or derived in lectures?

You can see the results above. We define the emergence of a giant connected component when the average GCC size exceeds 0.1. The  $P$  value where the GCC starts to emerge is 0.0012226023433848114. The theoretical value of  $p$  where a GCC starts to emerge:  $1/n = 0.0011111111111111111$ . We find that they are closely matched.

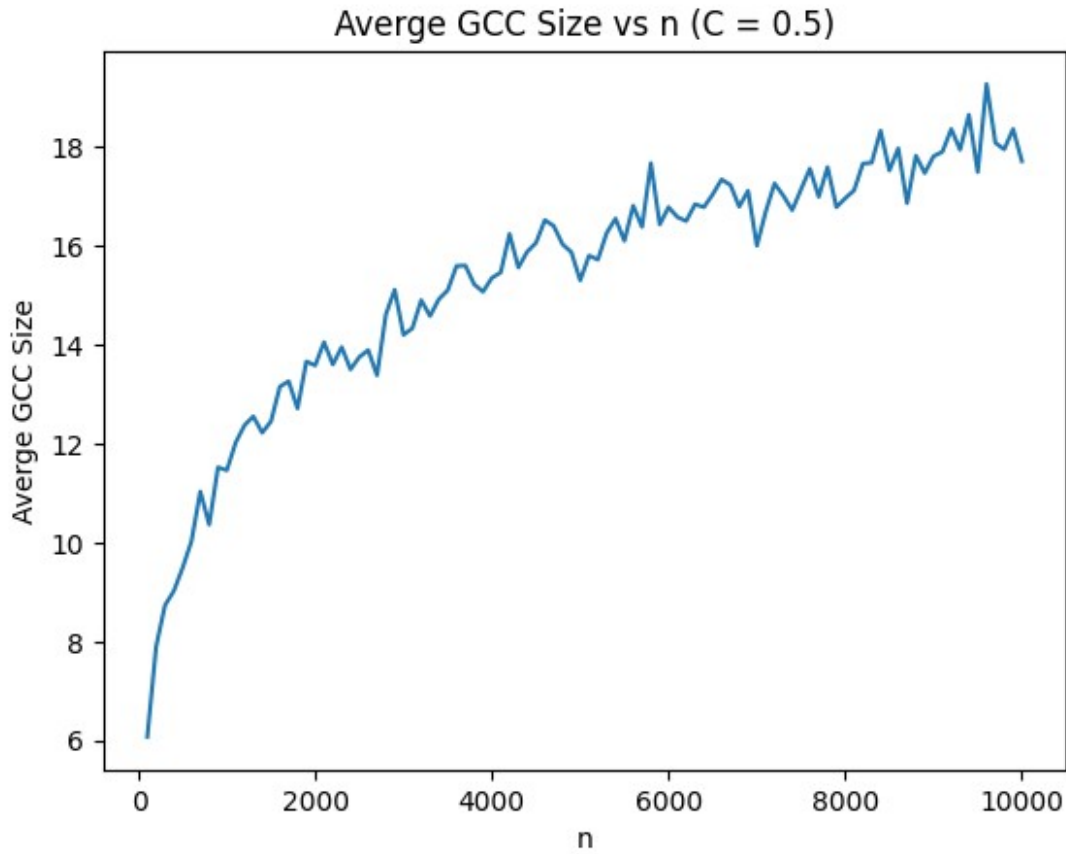
ii. Empirically estimate the value of  $p$  where the giant connected component takes up over 99% of the nodes in almost every experiment.

You can see the results above. We find that the  $P$  value where every normalized GCC size  $> 0.99$  is 0.006287669194550459.

### Question 1(d)

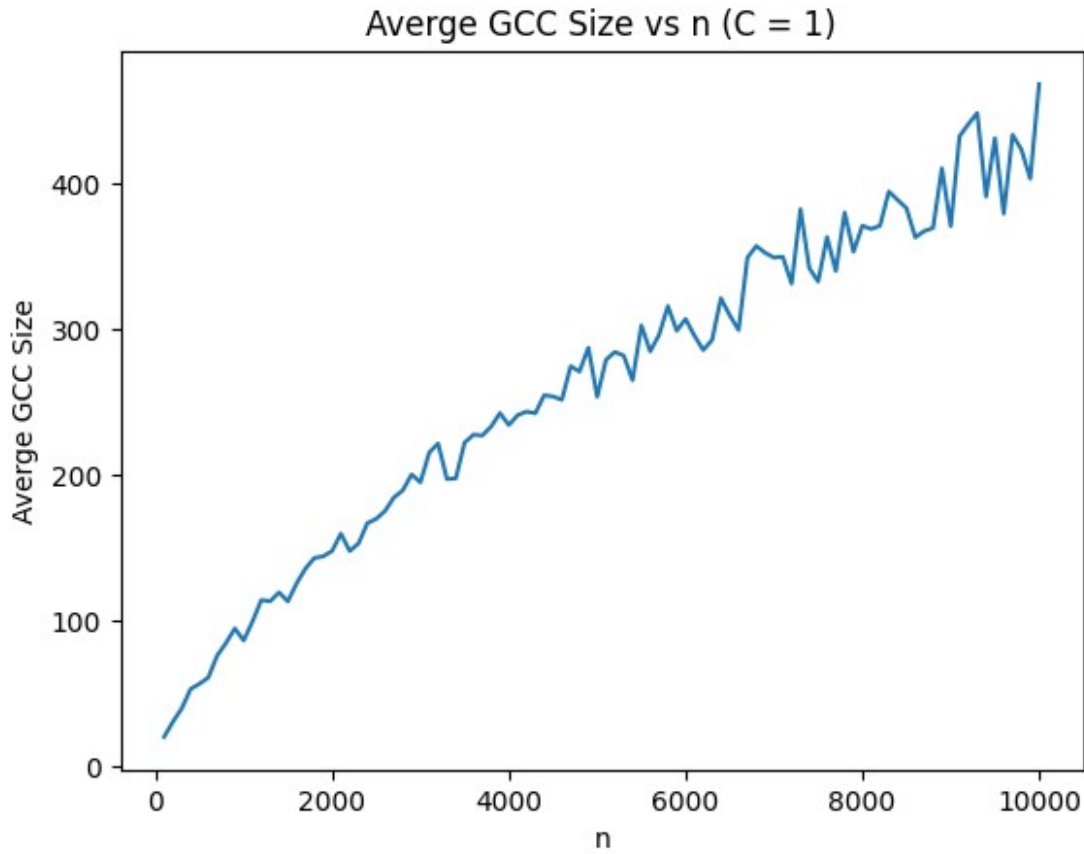
```
# i.
c = 0.5
num_simulations = 100
n_values = np.linspace(100, 10000, 100)
n_gcc_sizes = {n: [] for n in n_values}
for n in n_values:
    n = int(n)
    p = c / n
    for _ in range(num_simulations):
        g = ig.Graph.Erdos_Renyi(n=n, p=p)
        gcc_size = len(g.connected_components().giant().vs)
        n_gcc_sizes[n].append(gcc_size)

plt.plot(n_values, [np.mean(s) for s in n_gcc_sizes.values()])
plt.xlabel('n')
plt.ylabel('Average GCC Size')
plt.title('Average GCC Size vs n (C = 0.5)')
plt.show()
```



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# ii.
c = 1
num_simulations = 100
n_values = np.linspace(100, 10000, 100)
n_gcc_sizes = {n: [] for n in n_values}
for n in n_values:
    n = int(n)
    p = c / n
    for _ in range(num_simulations):
        g = ig.Graph.Erdos_Renyi(n=n, p=p)
        gcc_size = len(g.connected_components().giant().vs)
        n_gcc_sizes[n].append(gcc_size)

plt.plot(n_values, [np.mean(s) for s in n_gcc_sizes.values()])
plt.xlabel('n')
plt.ylabel('Average GCC Size')
plt.title(f'Average GCC Size vs n (C = {c})')
plt.show()
```



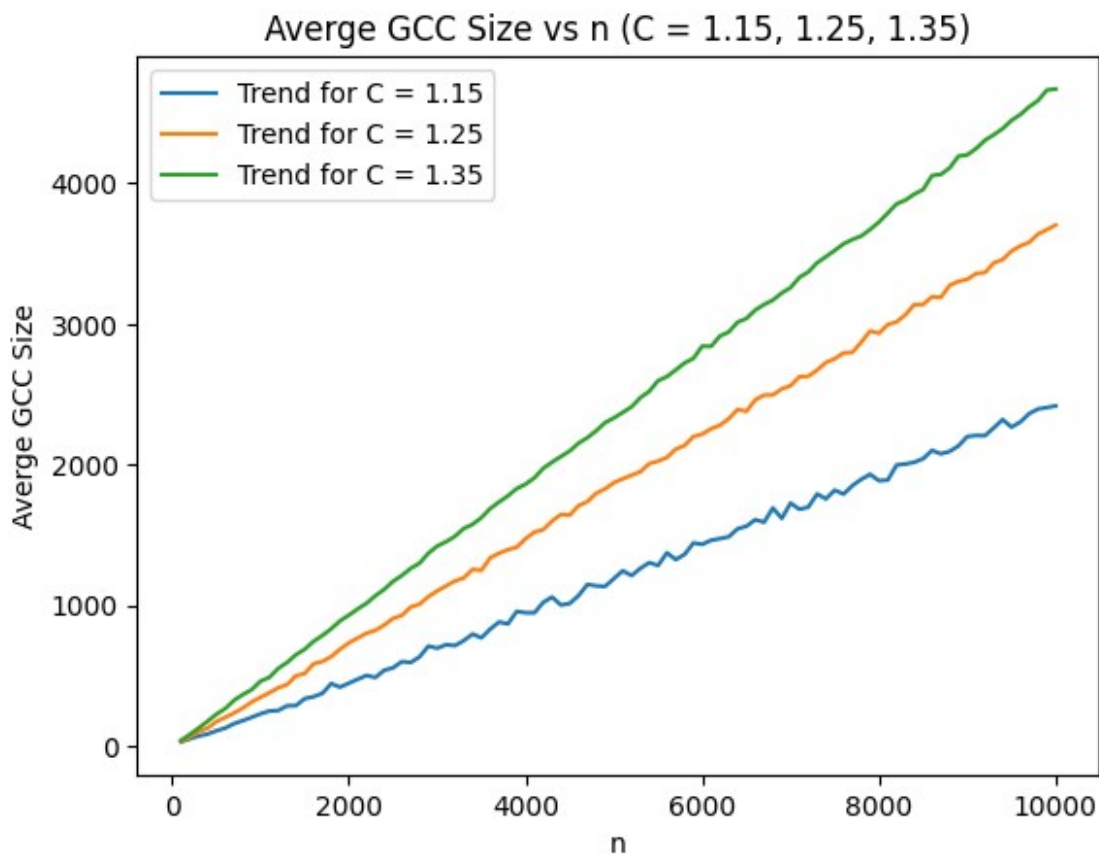
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# iii.
num_simulations = 100
n_values = np.linspace(100, 10000, 100)
n_gcc_sizes = {n: [] for n in n_values}
for n in n_values:
    n = int(n)
    for _ in range(num_simulations):
        g_1 = ig.Graph.Erdos_Renyi(n=n, p=1.15/n)
        gcc_size_1 = len(g_1.connected_components().giant().vs)
        g_2 = ig.Graph.Erdos_Renyi(n=n, p=1.25/n)
        gcc_size_2 = len(g_2.connected_components().giant().vs)
        g_3 = ig.Graph.Erdos_Renyi(n=n, p=1.35/n)
        gcc_size_3 = len(g_3.connected_components().giant().vs)
        n_gcc_sizes[n].append((gcc_size_1, gcc_size_2, gcc_size_3))

sizes_1 = [[x[0] for x in sublist] for sublist in
n_gcc_sizes.values()]
sizes_2 = [[x[1] for x in sublist] for sublist in
n_gcc_sizes.values()]
sizes_3 = [[x[2] for x in sublist] for sublist in
n_gcc_sizes.values()]

plt.xlabel('n')
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plt.ylabel('Average GCC Size')
plt.title(f'Average GCC Size vs n (C = 1.15, 1.25, 1.35)')
plt.plot(n_values, [np.mean(x) for x in sizes_1], label = 'Trend for C = 1.15')
plt.plot(n_values, [np.mean(x) for x in sizes_2], label = 'Trend for C = 1.25')
plt.plot(n_values, [np.mean(x) for x in sizes_3], label = 'Trend for C = 1.35')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



#### Question 1(d)

i. Define the average degree of nodes  $c = n \times p = 0.5$ . Sweep over the number of nodes,  $n$ , ranging from 100 to 10000. Plot the expected size of the GCC of ER networks with  $n$  nodes and edge-formation probabilities  $p = c/n$ , as a function of  $n$ . What trend is observed?

We defined the average degree of nodes  $c = n \times p = 0.5$ . Sweep over the number of nodes,  $n$ , ranging from 100 to 10000. Plot the expected size of the GCC of ER networks with  $n$  nodes and edge-formation probabilities  $p = c/n$ , as a function of  $n$ . You can see the plot above. There is a positive relationship between  $n$  and average GCC sizes. When  $n$  increase, the average GCC sizes will also increase. But when  $n$  is large enough, the slope become smooth.

ii. Repeat the same for  $c = 1$ .

We repeated the same for  $c = 1$ . You can see the plot above. Also, there is a positive relationship between  $n$  and average GCC sizes. When  $n$  increase, the average GCC sizes will also increase. But in this case, when  $n$  is large, the slope did not become smooth.

**iii. Repeat the same for values of  $c = 1.15, 1.25, 1.35$ , and show the results for these three values in a single plot.**

We repeated the same for values of  $c = 1.15, 1.25, 1.35$ , and show the results for these three values in a single plot. You can see the plot above. Also, for each values of  $c$ , there is a positive relationship between  $n$  and average GCC sizes. When  $n$  increase, the average GCC sizes will also increase.

**iv. What is the relation between the expected GCC size and  $n$  in each case?**

For  $c = 0.5$ , when  $n$  increase, the average GCC sizes will also increase. But when  $n$  is large enough, the slope become smooth. For  $c = 1, 1.15, 1.25, 1.35$ , When  $n$  increase, the average GCC sizes will also increase. In other words, expected GCC size become larger when  $c$  increase and  $n$  is the same, because  $p = c/n$ . When  $c$  is larger,  $p$  is larger, and more nodes are connected, and the GCC size is larger.

## 2. Create networks using preferential attachment model

### Question 2(a)

```
all([ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=1050, m=1).is_connected() for _ in
range(10000)])
```

True

```
g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=1050, m=1)
ig.plot(g, bbox=(300, 300), margin=20, vertex_size=5)
```

### Question 2(a)

**Create an undirected network with  $n = 1050$  nodes, with preferential attachment model, where each new node attaches to  $m = 1$  old nodes. Is such a network always connected?**

We create an undirected network with  $n = 1050$  nodes, with preferential attachment model, where each new node attaches to  $m = 1$  old nodes. You can see the results above. We also plot the graph. Such a network is always connected.

### Question 2(b)

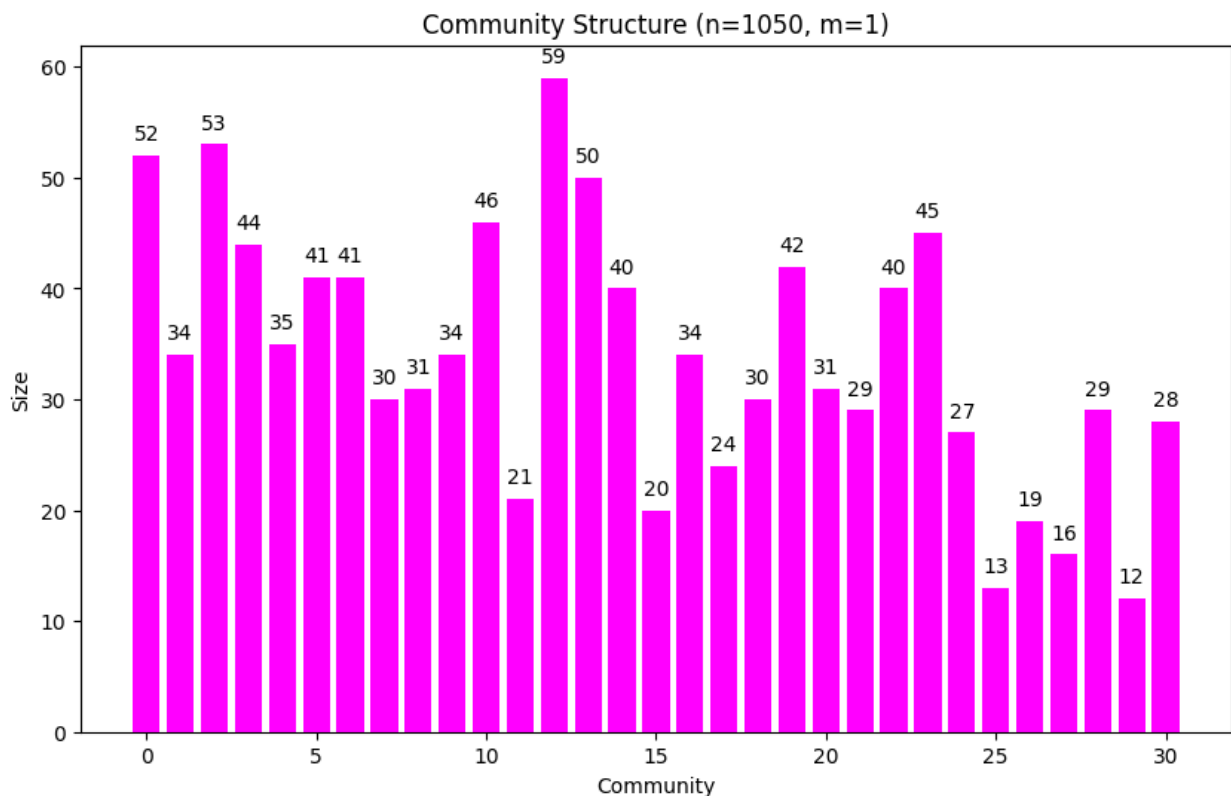
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g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=1050, m=1)
communities = g.community_fastgreedy()
clusters = communities.as_clustering()
modularity = clusters.modularity
community_sizes = clusters.sizes()
colors = ig.drawing.colors.ClusterColoringPalette(len(clusters))
g.vs['color'] = colors.get_many(clusters.membership)

visual_style = {
    "bbox": (600, 600),
    "margin": 20,
    "vertex_size": 5,
    "edge_width": 0.5,
    "vertex_color": g.vs['color']
```

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}  
ig.plot(g, **visual_style)
```

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plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))  
plt.bar(range(len(community_sizes)), community_sizes, color='magenta')  
  
for i, size in enumerate(community_sizes):  
    plt.text(i, size + 1, str(size), ha='center', va='bottom')  
  
plt.xlabel('Community')  
plt.ylabel('Size')  
plt.title('Community Structure (n=1050, m=1)')
```

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plt.show()
```



```
print(f'The modularity is {modularity}')
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The modularity is 0.9349609824055048

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assortativity = g.assortativity_degree()
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print('Assortativity score measures the tendency of nodes to connect  
to others that are similar to them in some characteristic.')
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print(f'The assortativity is {assortativity}')
```

Assortativity score measures the tendency of nodes to connect to others that are similar to them in some characteristic.

The assortativity is -0.07867840696526218

### Question 2(b)

**Use fast greedy method to find the community structure. Measure modularity. Define Assortativity. Compute Assortativity.**

We used fast greedy method to find the community structure. We plot the graph and community structure, and you can see the results above. The modularity is 0.9349609824055048.

About Assortativity, the assortativity score measures the tendency of nodes to connect to others that are similar to them in some characteristic. The degree assortativity coefficient, ( $r$ ), can be calculated using the formula:

$$r = \frac{\sum_{x,y} x y (e_{xy} - a_x b_y)}{\sigma_a \sigma_b}$$

Where:

- $e_{xy}$  is the proportion of edges that connect vertices of degree  $x$  and  $y$ ,
- $a_x$  and  $b_y$  are the proportions of edges that start and end at degrees  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively,
- $\sigma_a$  and  $\sigma_b$  are the standard deviations of the distributions  $a$  and  $b$ .

The assortativity is -0.07867840696526218.

### Question 2(c)

```
g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=10500, m=1)
communities = g.community_fastgreedy()
clusters = communities.as_clustering()
modularity = clusters.modularity
colors = ig.drawing.colors.ClusterColoringPalette(len(clusters))
g.vs['color'] = colors.get_many(clusters.membership)

visual_style = {
    "bbox": (600, 600),
    "margin": 20,
    "vertex_size": 5,
    "edge_width": 0.5,
    "vertex_color": g.vs['color']
}
ig.plot(g, **visual_style)
```

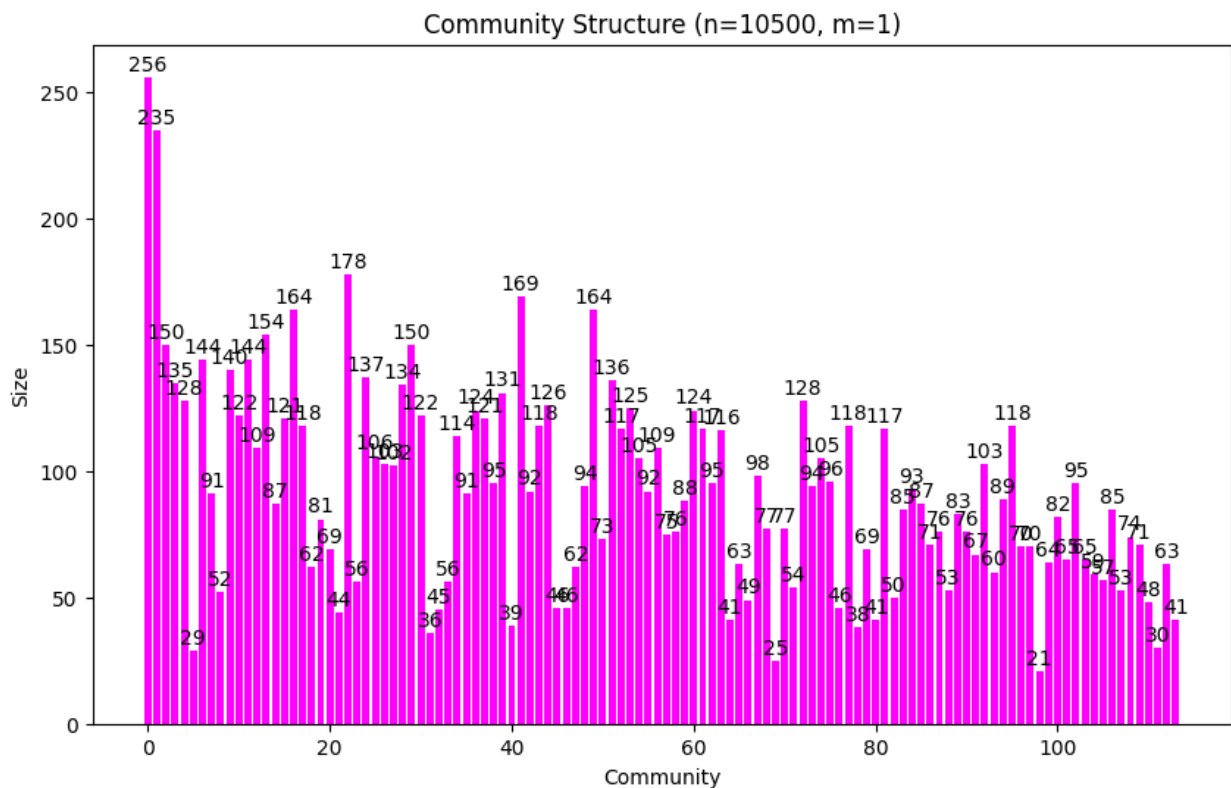
```
community_sizes = clusters.sizes()

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.bar(range(len(community_sizes)), community_sizes, color='magenta')

for i, size in enumerate(community_sizes):
    plt.text(i, size + 1, str(size), ha='center', va='bottom')

plt.xlabel('Community')
plt.ylabel('Size')
plt.title('Community Structure (n=10500, m=1)')
```

```
plt.show()
```



```
print(f'The modularity is {modularity}')
```

The modularity is 0.9786711257593639

```
assortativity = g.assortativity_degree()
```

```
print(f'The assortativity is {assortativity}')
```

The assortativity is -0.029133700086676755

### Question 2(c)

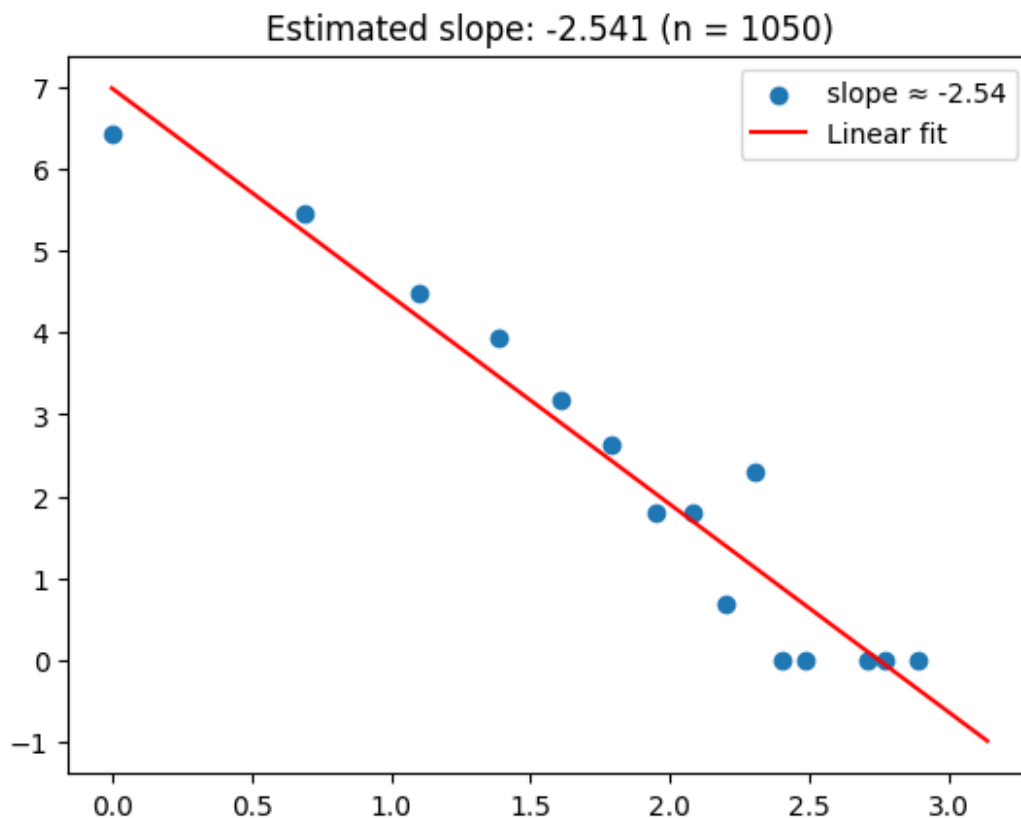
**Try to generate a larger network with 10500 nodes using the same model. Compute modularity and assortativity. How is it compared to the smaller network's modularity?**

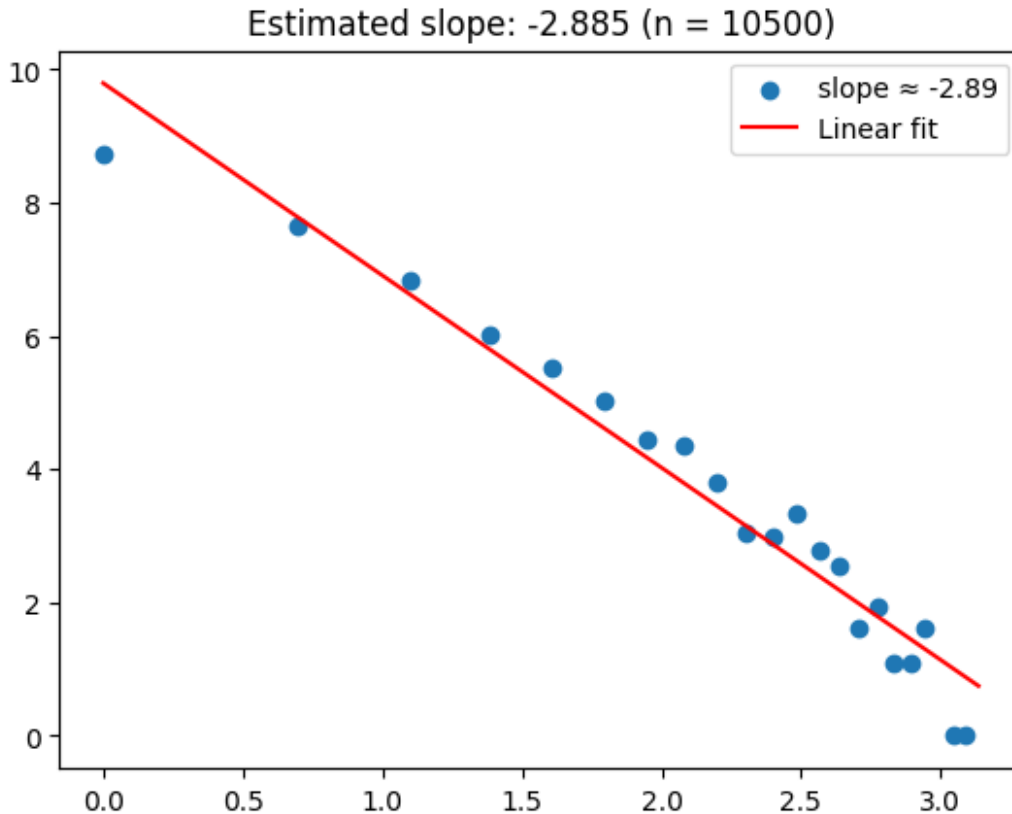
We try to generate a larger network with 10500 nodes using the same model. We also plot the graph and community structure, and you can see the results above. The modularity is 0.9786711257593639. The assortativity is -0.029133700086676755. Compare to the smaller network, the modularity is larger than the smaller network's modularity, which indicates that the modularity is related to the number of nodes in the network.



## Question 2(d)

```
for n in [1050, 10500]:
    g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=n, m=1)
    degrees = g.degree()
    counts, bins = np.histogram(degrees, bins = np.arange(0.5, 24.5, 1))
    X = np.log(np.arange(1, 24, 1))[counts > 0]
    y = np.log(counts[counts > 0])
    X = X.reshape(-1, 1)
    reg = LinearRegression().fit(X, y)
    slope = reg.coef_[0]
    intercept = reg.intercept_
    plt.scatter(X, y, label=f'slope ≈ {slope:.2f}')
    plt.plot(np.log(np.arange(1, 24)), intercept +
np.log(np.arange(1,24))*slope, 'r', label='Linear fit')
    plt.title(f'Estimated slope: {round(slope, 3)} (n = {n})')
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
```





### Question 2(d)

**Plot the degree distribution in a log-log scale for both  $n = 1050$ ,  $10500$ , then estimate the slope of the plot using linear regression.**

We plot the degree distribution in a log-log scale for both  $n = 1050$  and  $10500$ . You can see the graphs above. We also estimate the slope of the plot using linear regression. For  $n = 1050$ , the slope is  $-2.54$ . For  $n = 10500$ , the slope is  $-2.89$ , which is smaller. It indicates that when  $n$  is larger, the slope will be smaller.

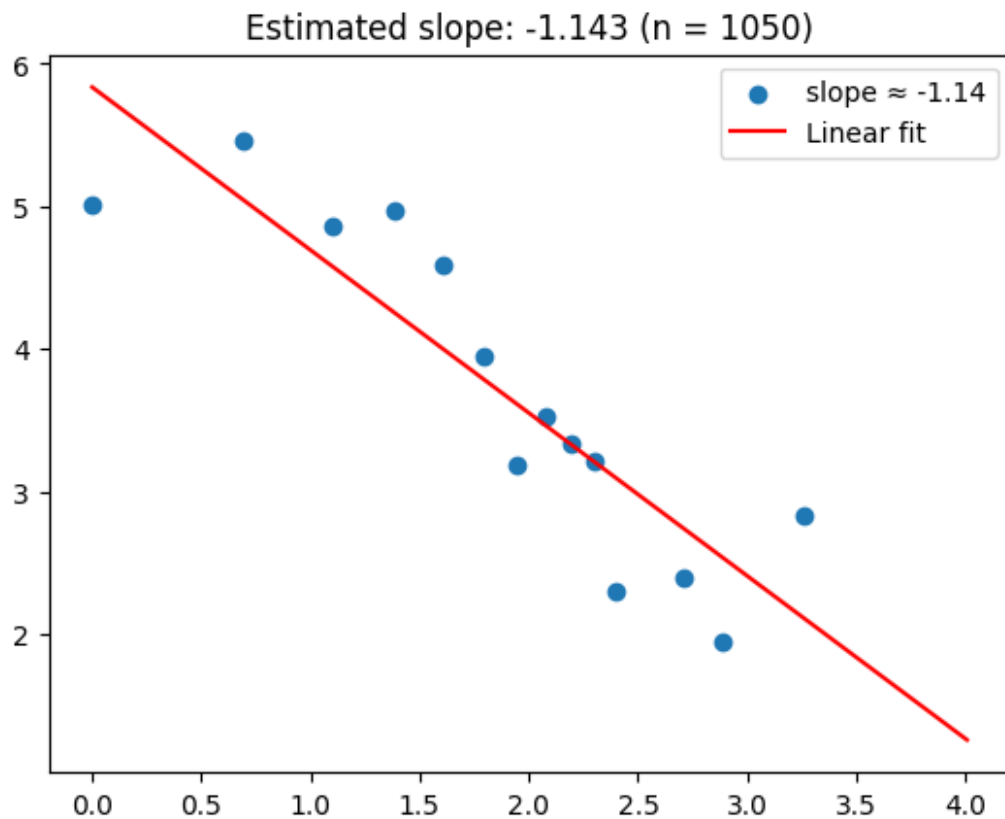
### Question 2(e)

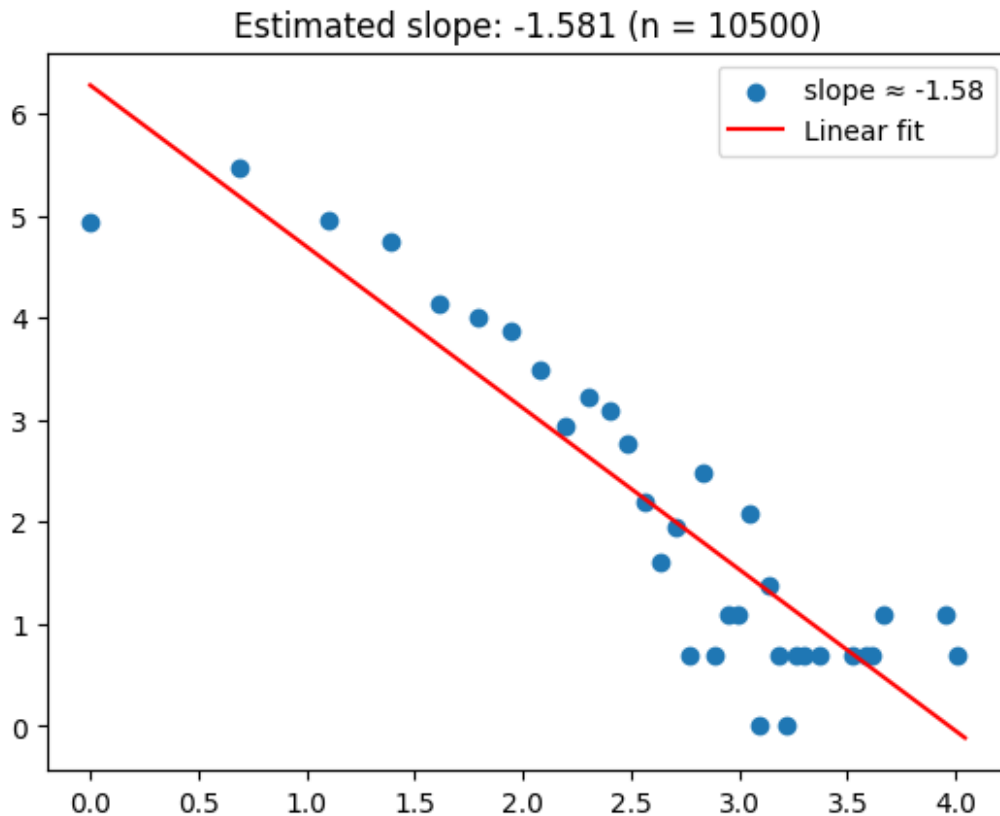
```
for n in [1050, 10500]:
    num_simulations = 1000
    degrees = []
    g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n = n, m=1)
    for _ in range(num_simulations):
        node_i = np.random.randint(0, g.vcount())
        neighbors = g.neighbors(node_i)
        node_j = np.random.choice(neighbors)
        degree_j = g.degree(node_j)
        degrees.append(degree_j)
    counts, bins = np.histogram(degrees, bins = np.arange(0.5,
max(degrees) + 0.5, 1))
    X = np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees), 1))[counts > 0]
```

```

y = np.log(counts[counts > 0])
X = X.reshape(-1, 1)
reg = LinearRegression().fit(X, y)
slope = reg.coef_[0]
intercept = reg.intercept_
plt.scatter(X, y, label=f'slope ≈ {slope:.2f}')
plt.plot(np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees))), intercept +
np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees))) * slope, 'r', label='Linear fit')
plt.title(f'Estimated slope: {round(slope, 3)} (n = {n})')
plt.legend()
plt.show()

```





### Question 2(e)

In the two networks generated in 2(a) and 2(c), perform the following:

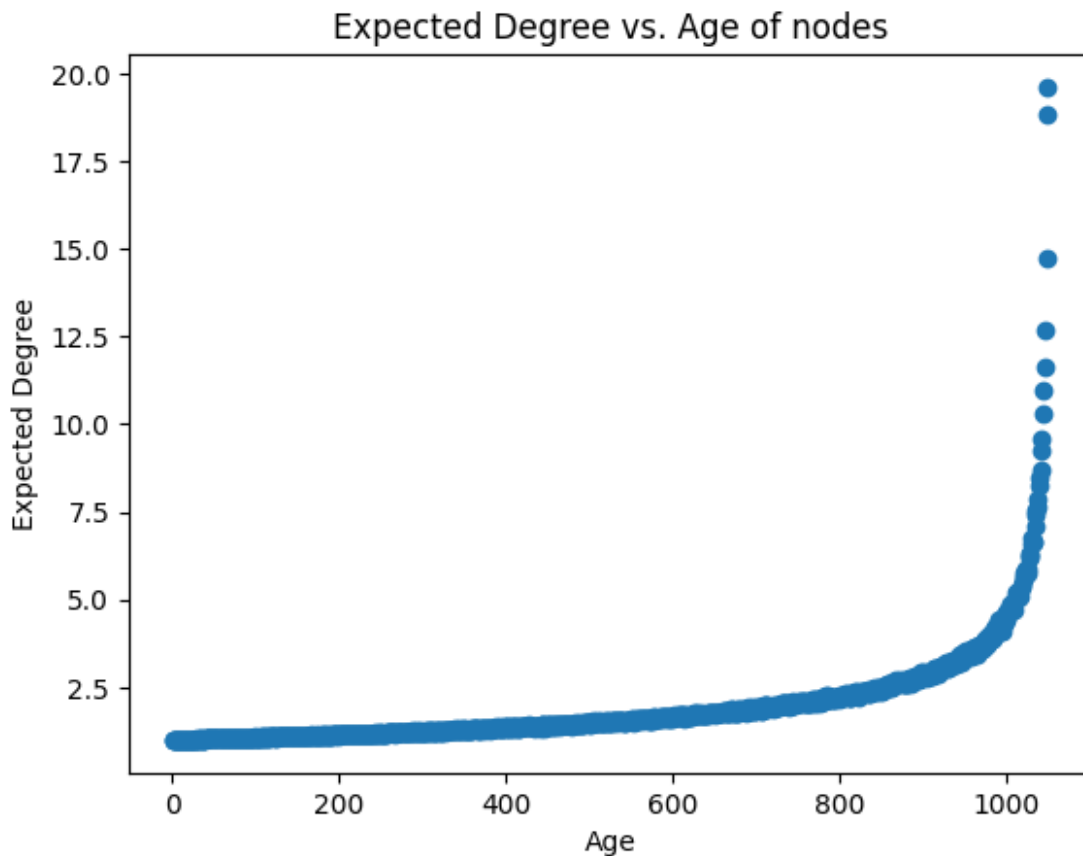
Randomly pick a node  $i$ , and then randomly pick a neighbor  $j$  of that node. Plot the degree distribution of nodes  $j$  that are picked with this process, in the log-log scale. Is the distribution linear in the log-log scale? If so, what is the slope? How does this differ from the node degree distribution?

We randomly pick a node  $i$ , and then randomly pick a neighbor  $j$  of that node. And then we plot the degree distribution of nodes  $j$  that are picked with this process, in the log-log scale. You can see the results above. The distribution linear is in the log-log scale. For  $n = 1050$ , the slope is -1.14. For  $n = 10500$ , the slope is -1.58. This is different from the node degree distribution. You can notice that this is more spread out than the node degree distribution and is not concentrated in a straight line. Because this is picking a random point and choosing random neighbors, it leads to more dispersion.

### Question 2(f)

```
ds = {age: [] for age in np.arange(1, 1051)}
for _ in range(1000):
    g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n = n, m=1)
    for node in g.vs:
        ds[node.index + 1].append(node.degree())
```

```
plt.scatter(np.arange(1, 1051), [np.mean(d) for d in ds.values()][::-1])
plt.xlabel('Age')
plt.ylabel('Expected Degree')
plt.title('Expected Degree vs. Age of nodes')
Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Expected Degree vs. Age of nodes')
```



#### Question 2(f)

Estimate the expected degree of a node that is added at time step  $i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 1050$ . Show the relationship between the age of nodes and their expected degree through an appropriate plot. Note that the newest added node is the youngest.

We show the relationship between the age of nodes and their expected degree through an appropriate plot. You can see the plot above. For the plot, we can find that when age of node is larger, the expected degree is larger. At age less than 1000, the rate of growth is slower. But when age is over 1000, the rate of growth becomes very fast, almost a vertical line.

#### Question 2(g)

```
# Repeat 2a with m = 2, 6
for m in [2, 6]:
    if all([ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=1050, m=m).is_connected() for _ in
```

```

range(10000))]:
    print(f'The preferential attachment model with m = {m} is always
connected.')
else:
    print(f'The preferential attachment model with m = {m} is not
always connected.')

```

The preferential attachment model with m = 2 is always connected.  
The preferential attachment model with m = 6 is always connected.

```

# Repeat 2b with m = 2, 6
for m in [2, 6]:
    g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=1050, m=m)
    communities = g.community_fastgreedy()
    clusters = communities.as_clustering()
    modularity = clusters.modularity
    community_sizes = clusters.sizes()
    colors = ig.drawing.colors.ClusterColoringPalette(len(clusters))
    g.vs['color'] = colors.get_many(clusters.membership)

    visual_style = {
        "bbox": (300, 300),
        "margin": 20,
        "vertex_size": 5,
        "edge_width": 0.5,
        "vertex_color": g.vs['color']
    }
    plot_path = f"/content/graph_plot_{m}.png"
    ig.plot(g, plot_path, **visual_style)
    print(f'Visualization of the graph (m = {m}):')
    display(Image(filename=plot_path))
    os.remove(plot_path)

    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
    plt.bar(range(len(community_sizes)), community_sizes,
color='magenta')

    for i, size in enumerate(community_sizes):
        plt.text(i, size + 1, str(size), ha='center', va='bottom')

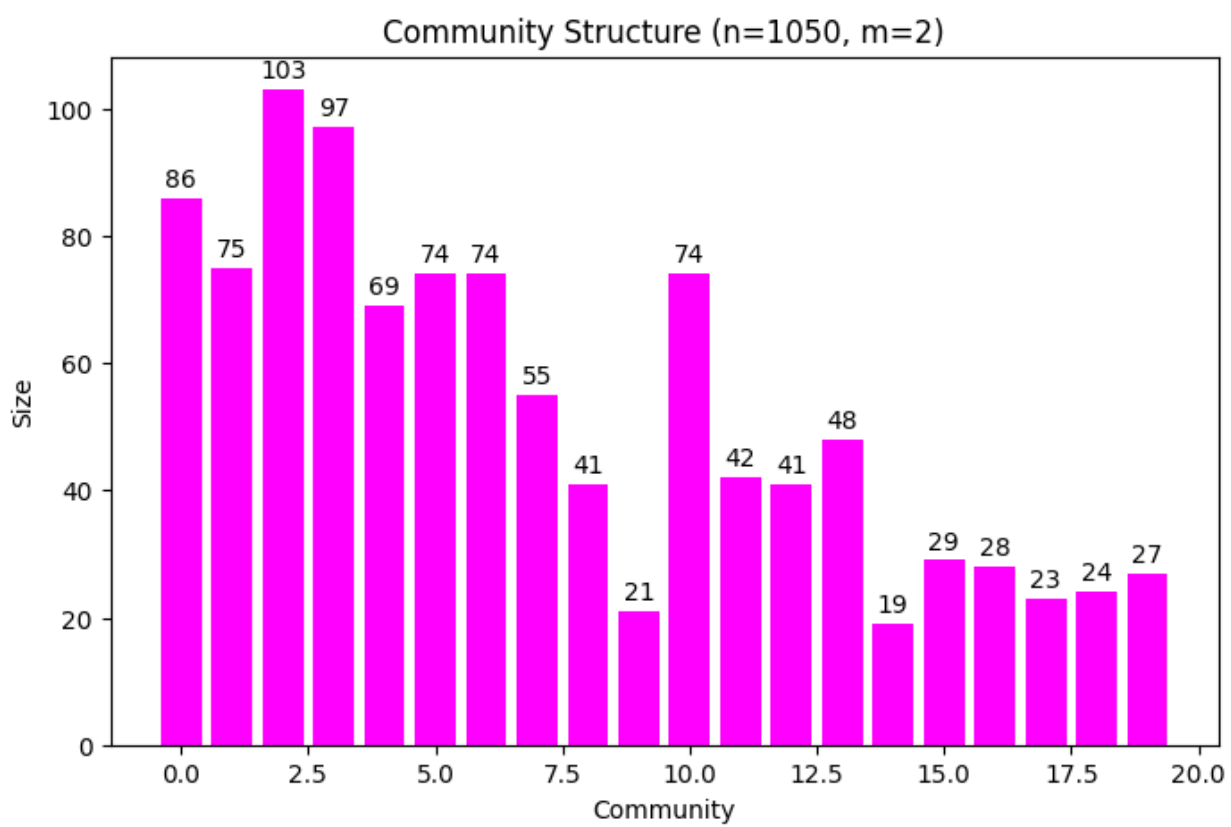
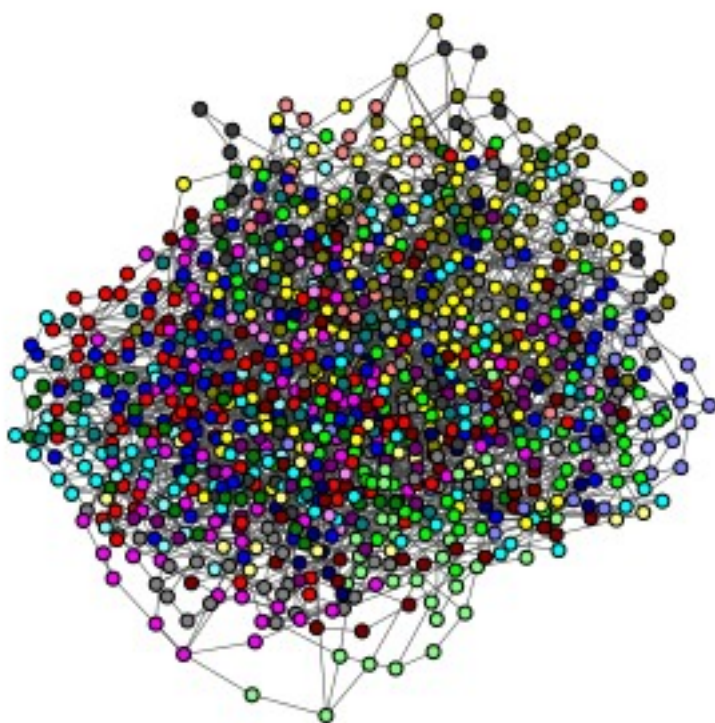
    plt.xlabel('Community')
    plt.ylabel('Size')
    plt.title(f'Community Structure (n=1050, m={m})')

    plt.show()

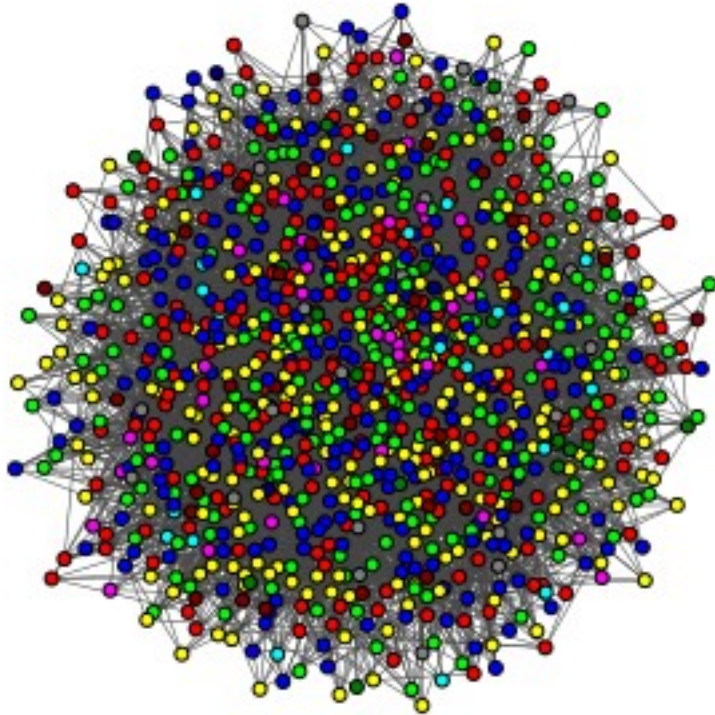
    print(f'The modularity is {modularity}')
    assortativity = g.assortativity_degree()
    print(f'The assortativity is {assortativity}')

```

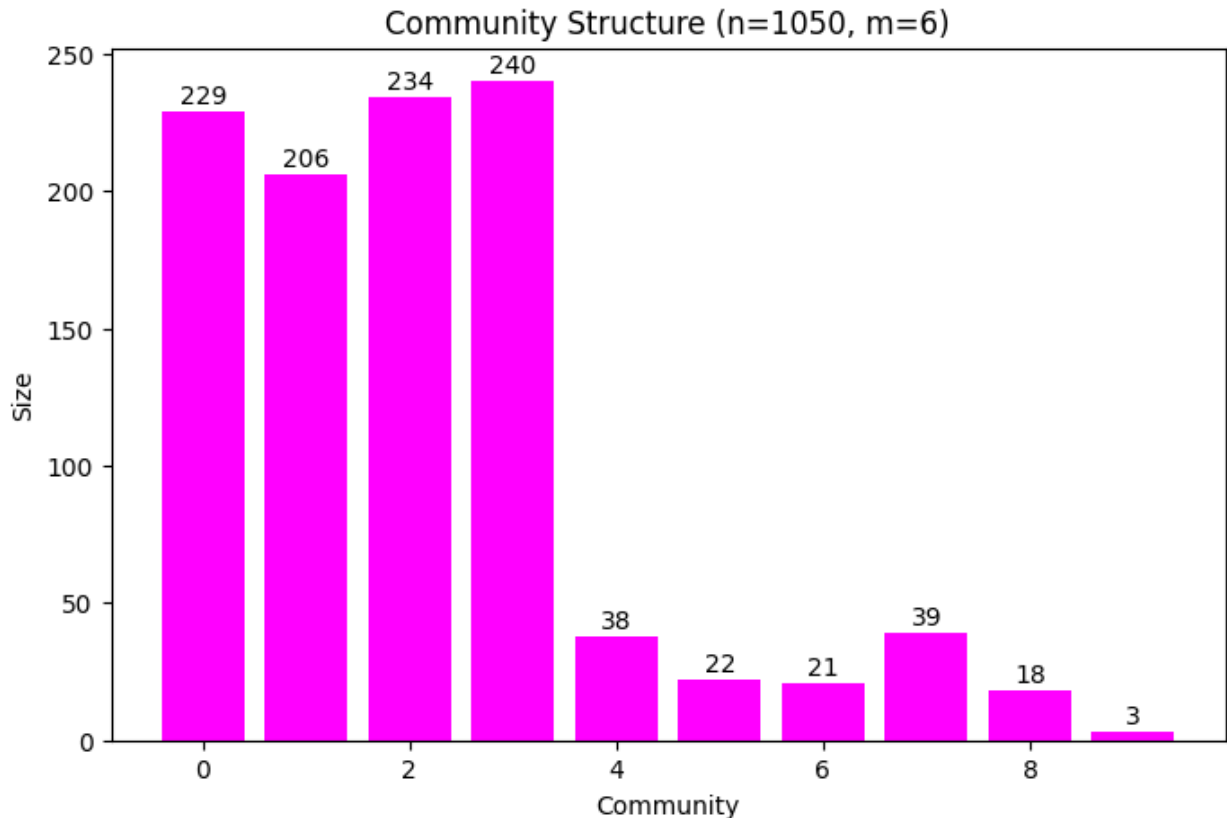
Visualization of the graph (m = 2):



The modularity is 0.5221770365230981  
The assortativity is -0.04313899139482385  
Visualization of the graph ( $m = 6$ ):







The modularity is 0.25328100166588713  
 The assortativity is -0.0075470982540233695

```
# Repeat 2b with m = 2, 6
for m in [2, 6]:
    g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=10500, m=m)
    communities = g.community_fastgreedy()
    clusters = communities.as_clustering()
    modularity = clusters.modularity
    community_sizes = clusters.sizes()
    colors = ig.drawing.colors.ClusterColoringPalette(len(clusters))
    g.vs['color'] = colors.get_many(clusters.membership)

    visual_style = {
        "bbox": (300, 300),
        "margin": 20,
        "vertex_size": 5,
        "edge_width": 0.5,
        "vertex_color": g.vs['color']
    }
    plot_path = f"/content/graph_plot_{m}.png"
    ig.plot(g, plot_path, **visual_style)
    print(f'Visualization of the graph (m = {m}):')
    display(Image(filename=plot_path))
```

```

os.remove(plot_path)

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
plt.bar(range(len(community_sizes)), community_sizes,
color='magenta')

for i, size in enumerate(community_sizes):
    plt.text(i, size + 1, str(size), ha='center', va='bottom')

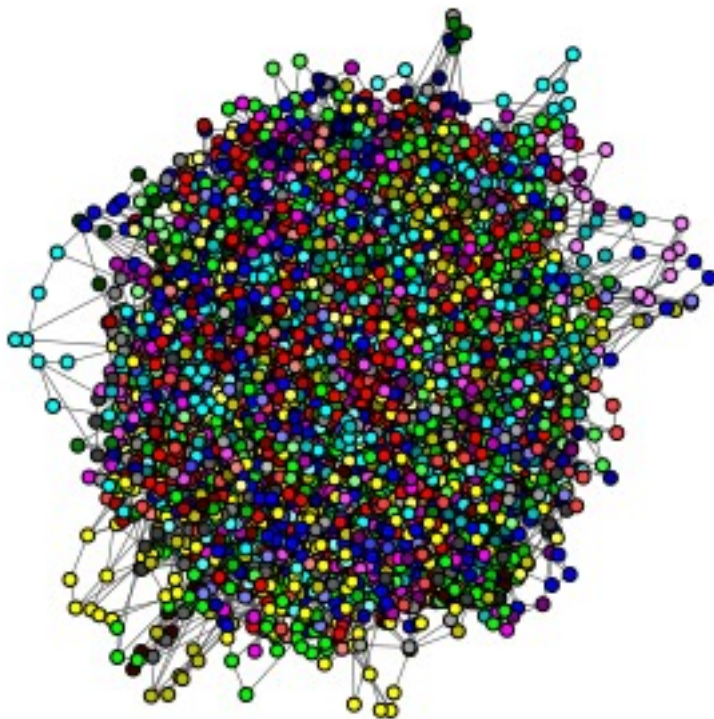
plt.xlabel('Community')
plt.ylabel('Size')
plt.title(f'Community Structure (n=10500, m={m})')

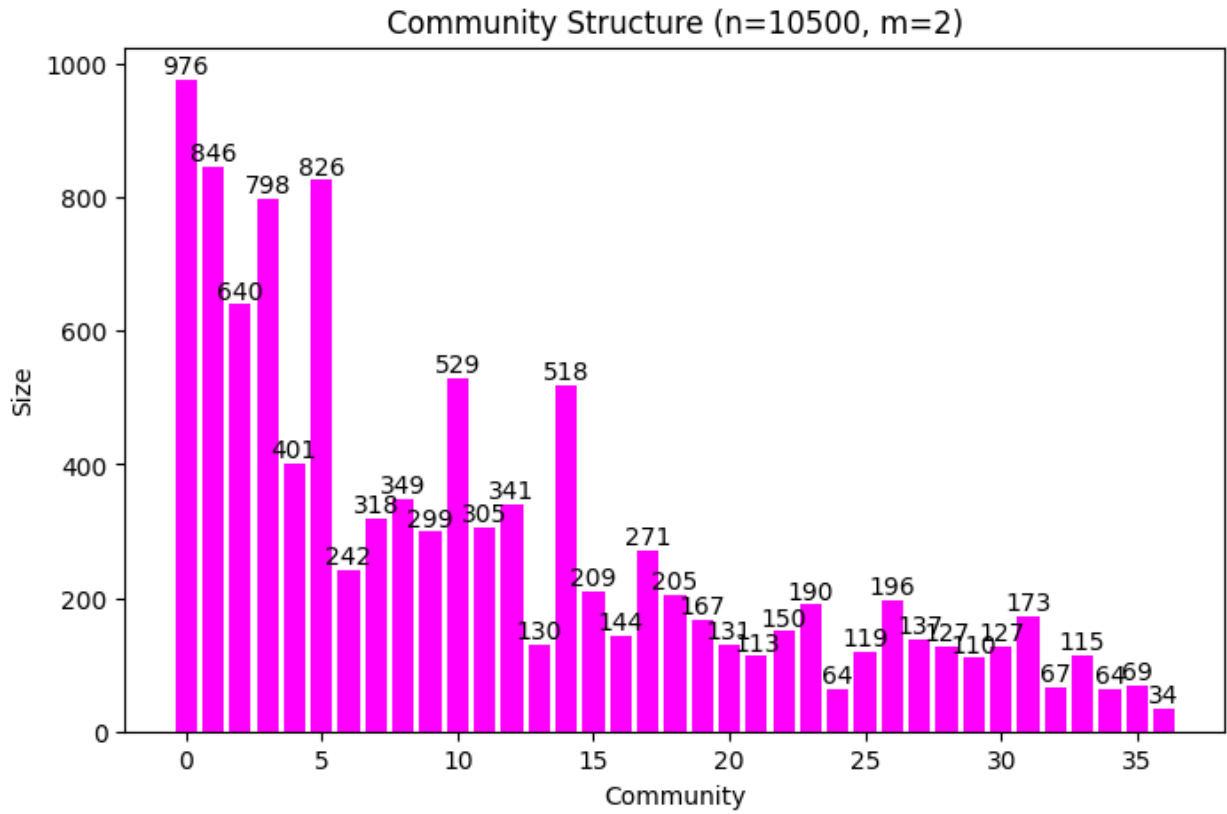
plt.show()

print(f'The modularity is {modularity}')
assortativity = g.assortativity_degree()
print(f'The assortativity is {assortativity}')

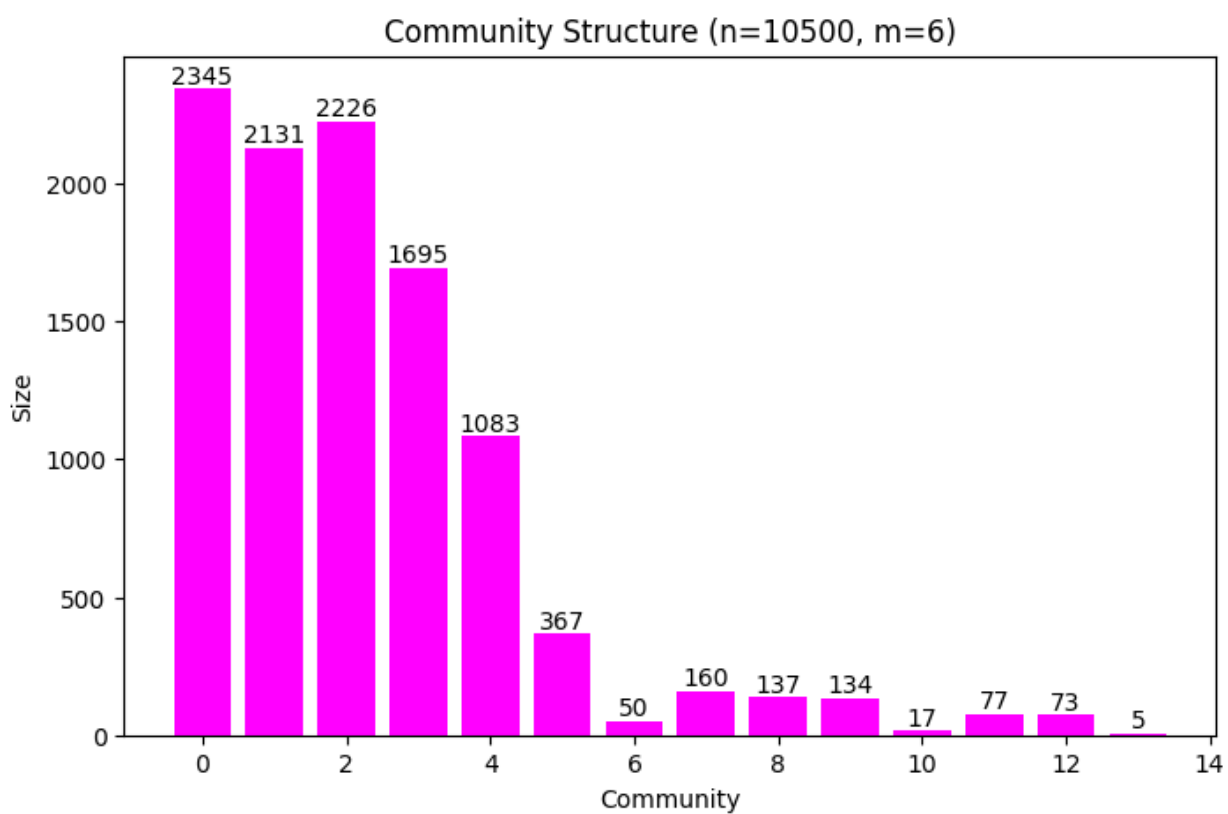
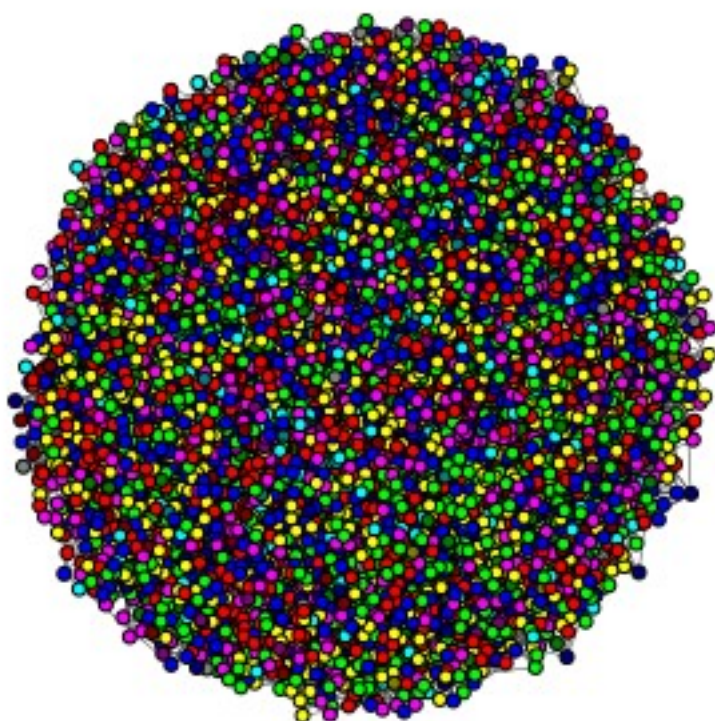
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Visualization of the graph (m = 2):



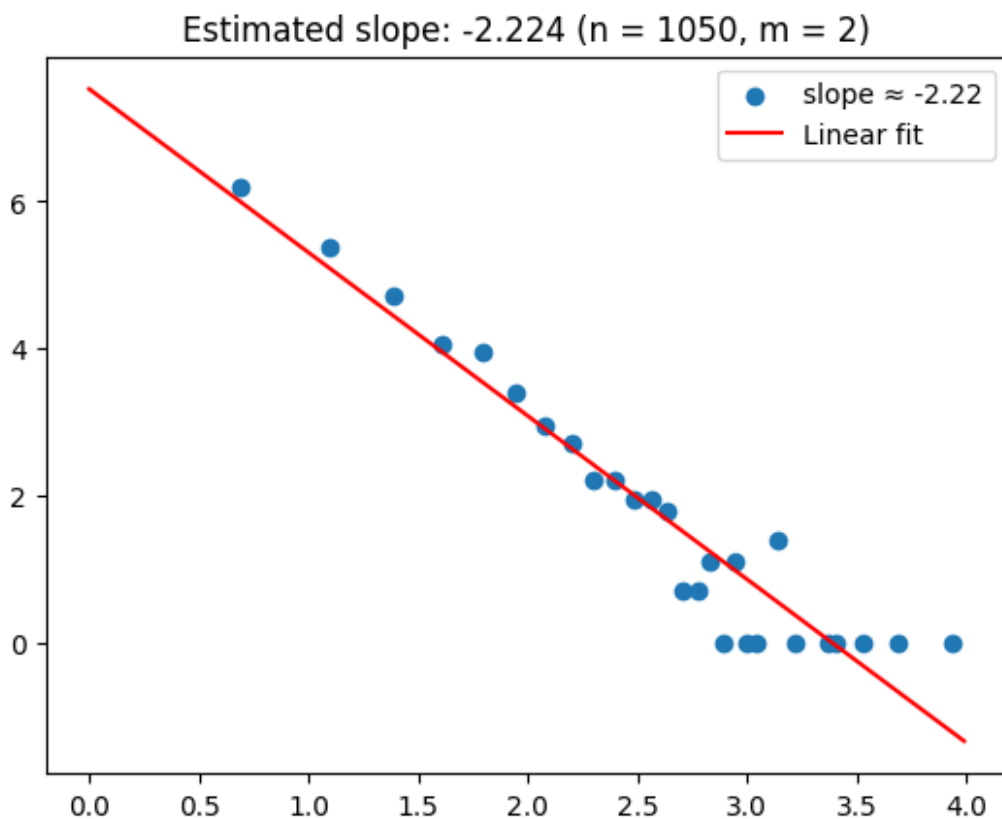


The modularity is 0.5308751711875127  
The assortativity is -0.010623307125522606  
Visualization of the graph (m = 6):

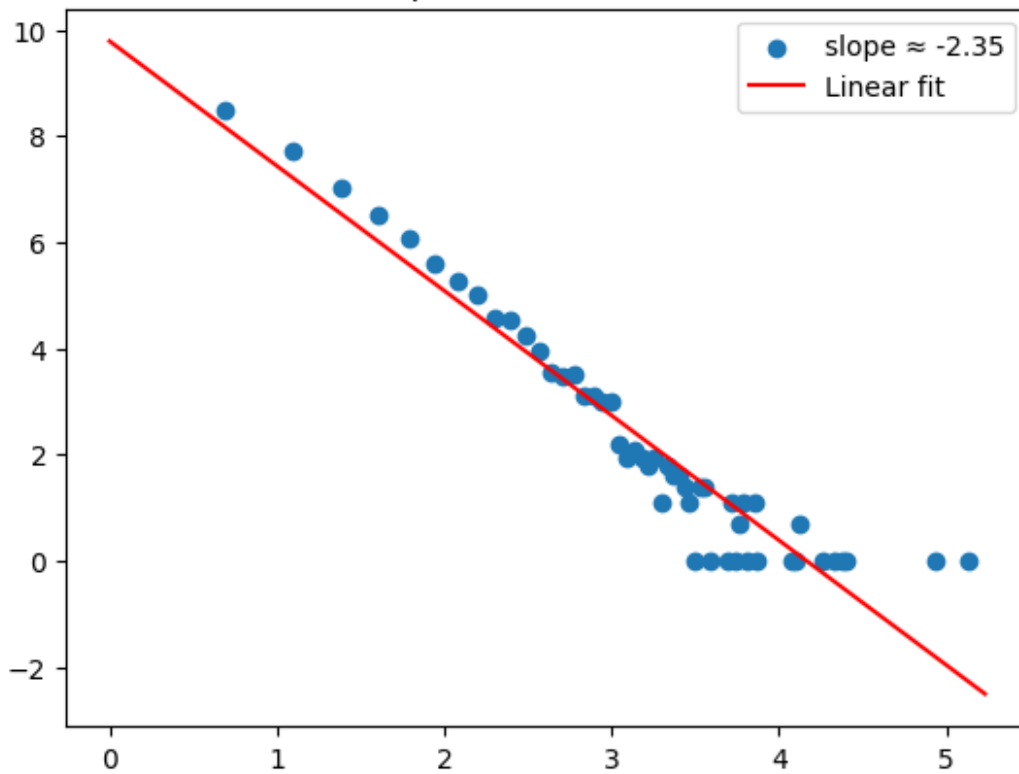


The modularity is 0.24913248694709889  
The assortativity is -0.0052104272237945325

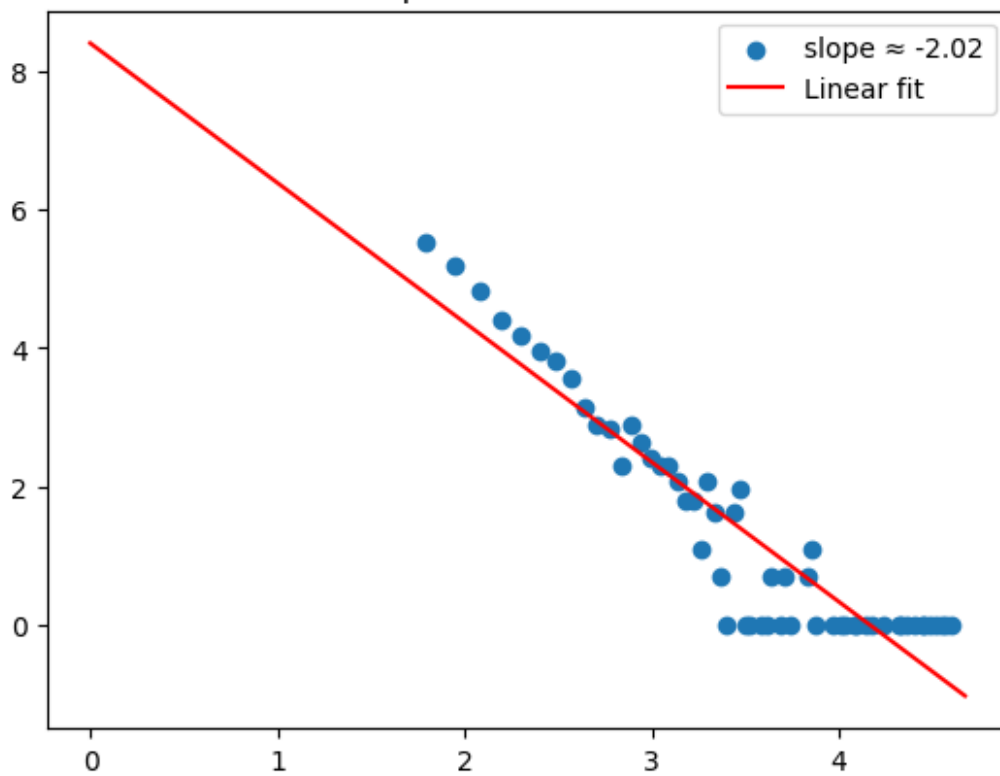
```
# Repeat 2d with m = 2, 6
for m in [2, 6]:
    for n in [1050, 10500]:
        g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=n, m=m)
        degrees = g.degree()
        counts, bins = np.histogram(degrees, bins = np.arange(0.5,
max(degrees) + 0.5, 1))
        X = np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees), 1))[counts > 0]
        y = np.log(counts[counts > 0])
        X = X.reshape(-1, 1)
        reg = LinearRegression().fit(X, y)
        slope = reg.coef_[0]
        intercept = reg.intercept_
        plt.scatter(X, y, label=f'slope ≈ {slope:.2f}')
        plt.plot(np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees))), intercept +
np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees))) * slope, 'r', label='Linear fit')
        plt.title(f'Estimated slope: {round(slope, 3)} (n = {n}, m =
{m})')
        plt.legend()
        plt.show()
```

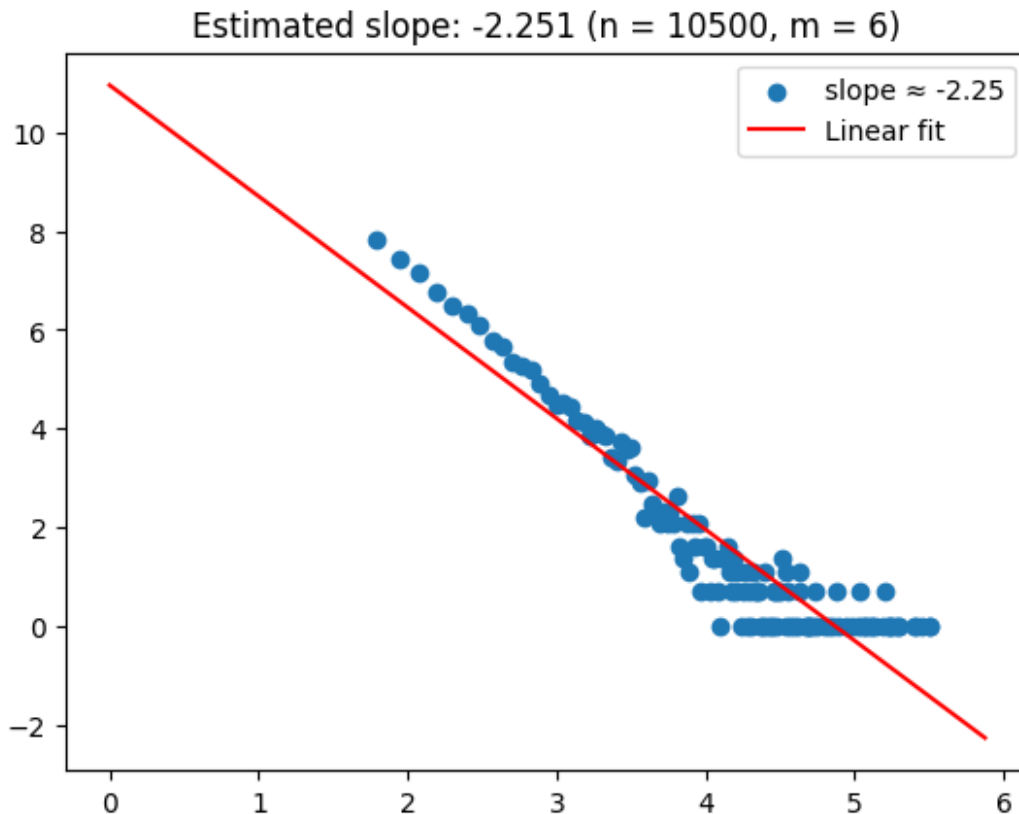


Estimated slope: -2.349 (n = 10500, m = 2)



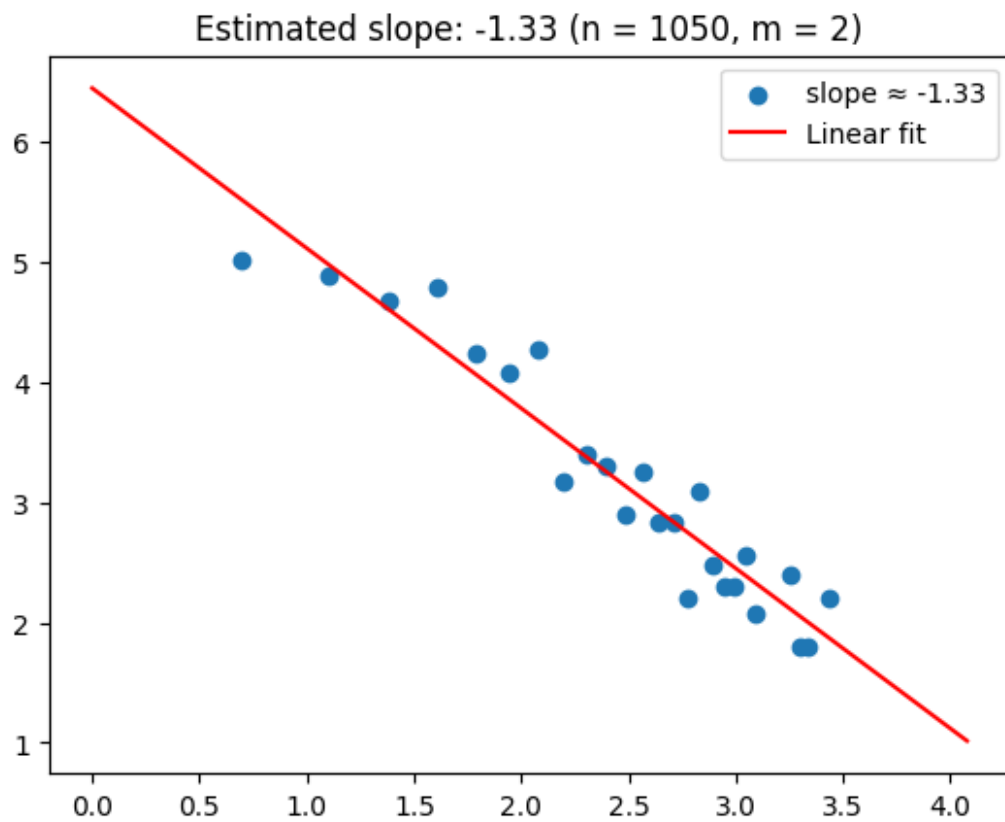
Estimated slope: -2.023 (n = 1050, m = 6)





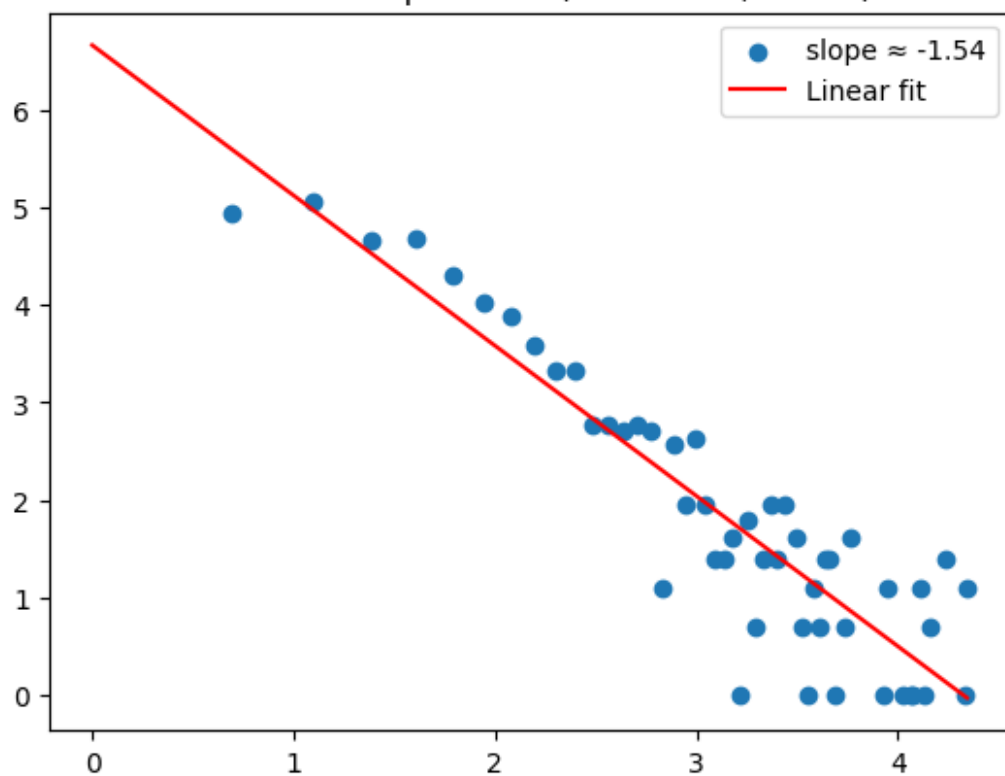
```
# Repeat 2e with m = 2, 6
for m in [2, 6]:
    for n in [1050, 10500]:
        num_simulations = 1000
        degrees = []
        g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n = n, m=m)
        for _ in range(num_simulations):
            node_i = np.random.randint(0, g.vcount())
            neighbors = g.neighbors(node_i)
            node_j = np.random.choice(neighbors)
            degree_j = g.degree(node_j)
            degrees.append(degree_j)
        counts, bins = np.histogram(degrees, bins = np.arange(0.5,
max(degrees) + 0.5, 1))
        X = np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees), 1))[counts > 0]
        y = np.log(counts[counts > 0])
        X = X.reshape(-1, 1)
        reg = LinearRegression().fit(X, y)
        slope = reg.coef_[0]
        intercept = reg.intercept_
        plt.scatter(X, y, label=f'slope ≈ {slope:.2f}')
        plt.plot(np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees))), intercept +
np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees))) * slope, 'r', label='Linear fit')
        plt.title(f'Estimated slope: {round(slope, 3)} (n = {n}, m =
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{m})')  
plt.legend()  
plt.show()
```

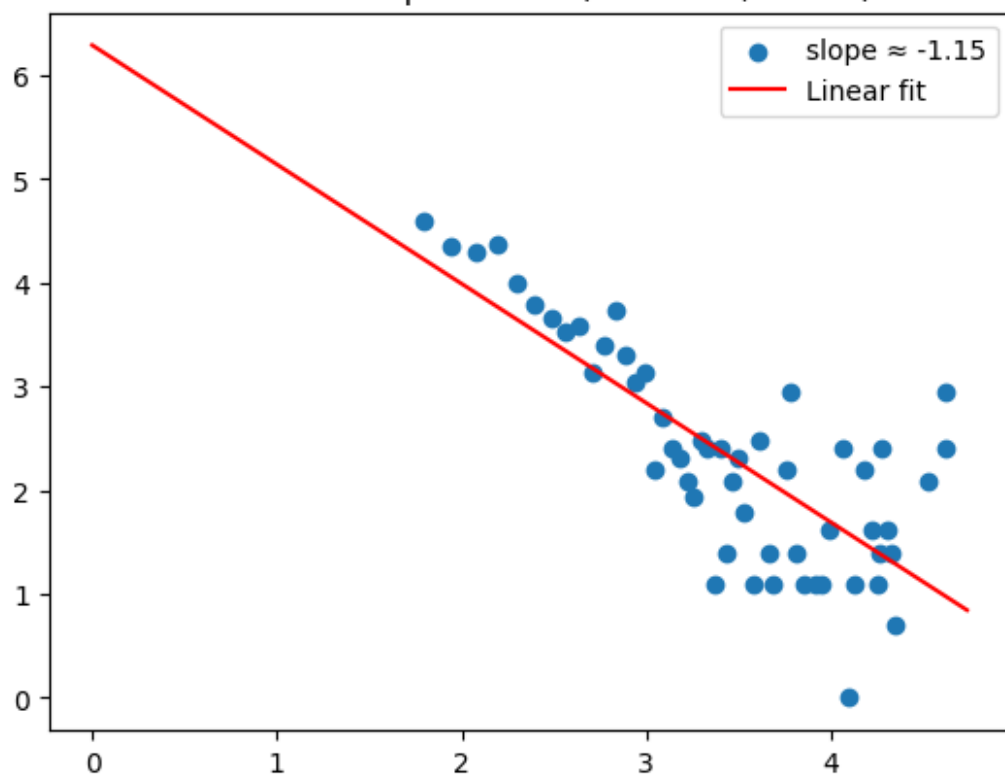


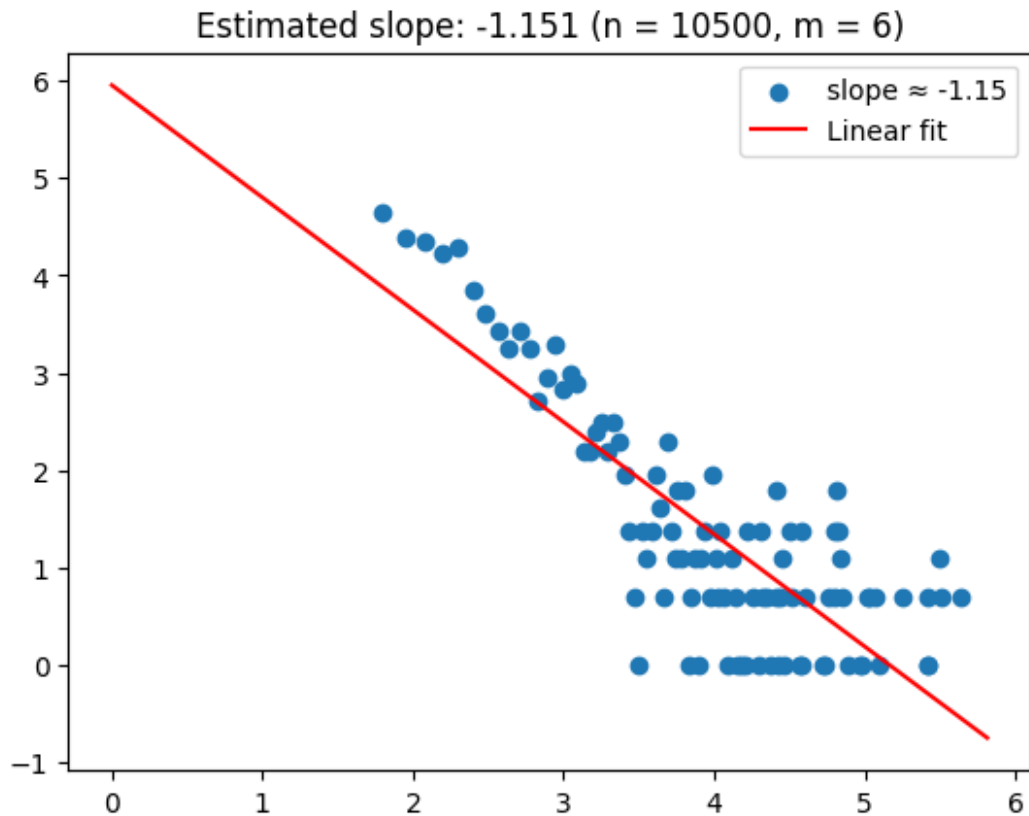


Estimated slope: -1.54 (n = 10500, m = 2)



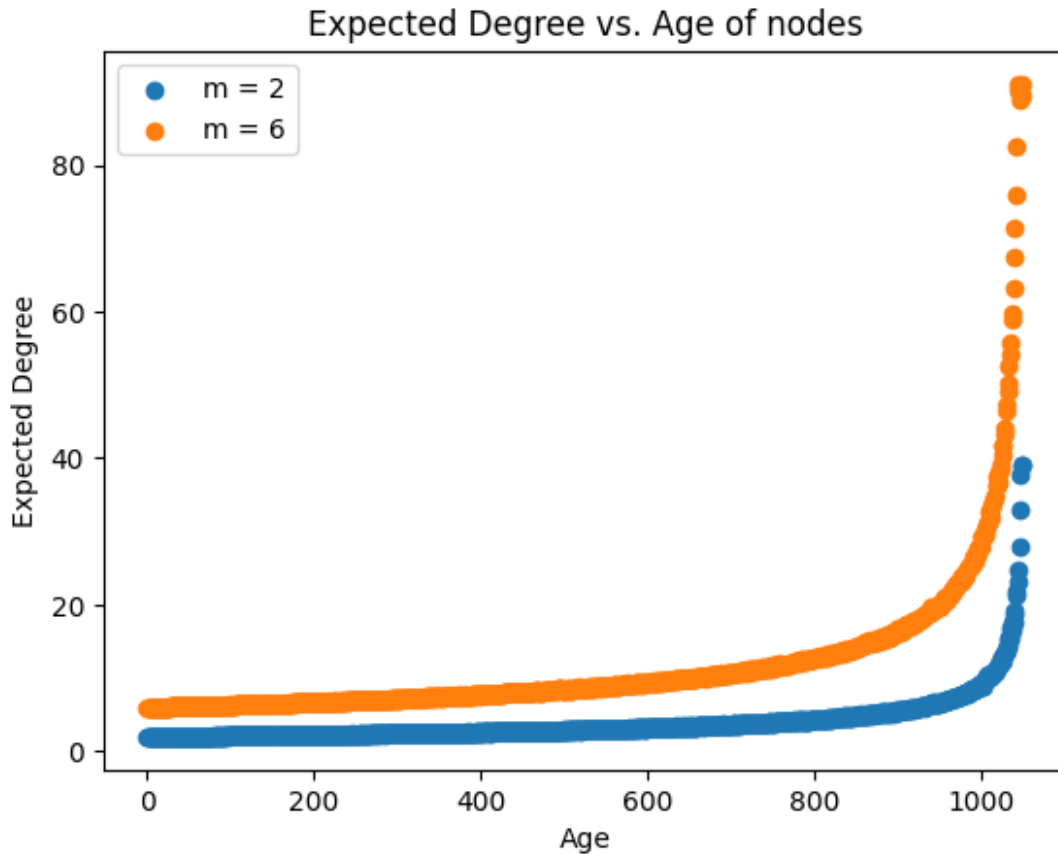
Estimated slope: -1.149 (n = 1050, m = 6)





```
# Repeat 2f with m = 2, 6
for m in [2, 6]:
    ds = {age: [] for age in np.arange(1, 1051)}
    for _ in range(1000):
        g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n = 1050, m=m)
        for node in g.vs:
            ds[node.index + 1].append(node.degree())
    plt.scatter(np.arange(1, 1051), [np.mean(d) for d in ds.values()]
[::1], label = f'm = {m}')
    plt.xlabel('Age')
    plt.ylabel('Expected Degree')
    plt.title(f'Expected Degree vs. Age of nodes')
    plt.legend()

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```



### Question 2(g)

Repeat the previous parts (a-f) for  $m = 2$ , and  $m = 6$ . Compare the results of each part for different values of  $m$ .

#### For part (a):

When  $m = 1$ , the network is always connected. When  $m = 2$ , the network is always connected. When  $m = 6$ , the network is always connected. For different values of  $m$ , the results are all the same.

#### For part (b):

For  $n = 1050$ , when  $m = 1$ , the modularity is 0.9349609824055048. The assortativity is -0.07867840696526218. When  $m = 2$ , the modularity is 0.5221770365230981. The assortativity is -0.04313899139482385. When  $m = 6$ , the modularity is 0.25328100166588713. The assortativity is -0.0075470982540233695. You can find that when  $m$  is smaller, the modularity is larger. The assortativity is also larger.

#### For part (c):

For  $n = 10500$ , when  $m = 1$ , the modularity is 0.9786711257593639. The assortativity is -0.029133700086676755. When  $m = 2$ , the modularity is 0.5308751711875127. The assortativity is -0.010623307125522606. When  $m = 6$ , the modularity is 0.24913248694709889. The

assortativity is -0.0052104272237945325. You can find that when  $m$  is smaller, the modularity is larger. The assortativity is also larger.

**For part (d):**

When  $m = 1$ , for  $n = 1050$ , the slope is -2.54. For  $n = 10500$ , the slope is -2.89. When  $m = 2$ , for  $n = 1050$ , the slope is -2.22. For  $n = 10500$ , the slope is -2.35. When  $m = 6$ , for  $n = 1050$ , the slope is -2.02. For  $n = 10500$ , the slope is -2.25. You can see that for when  $m$  is larger, the slope for these two networks is larger.

**For part (e):**

When  $m = 1$ , for  $n = 1050$ , the slope is -1.14. For  $n = 10500$ , the slope is -1.58. When  $m = 2$ , for  $n = 1050$ , the slope is -1.33. For  $n = 10500$ , the slope is -1.54. When  $m = 6$ , for  $n = 1050$ , the slope is -1.15. For  $n = 10500$ , the slope is -1.15. You can see that for when  $m$  is larger, the slope for these two networks is larger.

**For part (f):**

When  $m = 1, 2$ , and  $6$ , we find that when age of node is larger, the expected degree is larger. And when age less than 1000, the rate of growth is slower. But when age is over 1000, the rate of growth becomes very fast, almost a vertical line. They have the similar trend.

## Question 2(h)

```
g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=1050, m=1)

communities = g.community_fastgreedy()
clusters = communities.as_clustering()
modularity = clusters.modularity
colors = ig.drawing.colors.ClusterColoringPalette(len(clusters))
g.vs['color'] = colors.get_many(clusters.membership)

visual_style = {
    "bbox": (300, 300),
    "margin": 20,
    "vertex_size": 5,
    "edge_width": 0.5,
    "vertex_color": g.vs['color']
}

print(f'Modularity of Preferential Attachment Network: {modularity}')
ig.plot(g, **visual_style)
```

Modularity of Preferential Attachment Network: 0.929566585272096

```

degrees = g.degree()
stubs = np.repeat(np.arange(g.vcount()), degrees).tolist()

edges = set()
while len(stubs) > 0:
    node_1, node_2 = np.random.choice(stubs, 2, replace = False)
    if node_1 != node_2 and (node_1, node_2) not in edges and (node_2,
node_1) not in edges:
        edges.add((node_1, node_2))
        stubs.remove(node_1)
        stubs.remove(node_2)
    else:
        continue

new_g = ig.Graph(edges=edges)

communities = new_g.community_fastgreedy()
clusters = communities.as_clustering()
modularity = clusters.modularity
colors = ig.drawing.colors.ClusterColoringPalette(len(clusters))
g.vs['color'] = colors.get_many(clusters.membership)

print(f'Modularity of Stub-Matching Network: {modularity}')
ig.plot(new_g, **visual_style)

```

Modularity of Stub-Matching Network: 0.8453068472311439

#### Question 2(h)

**Again, generate a preferential attachment network with  $n = 1050$ ,  $m = 1$ . Take its degree sequence and create a new network with the same degree sequence, through stub-matching procedure. Plot both networks, mark communities on their plots, and measure their modularity. Compare the two procedures for creating random power-law networks.**

We generate a preferential attachment network with  $n = 1050$ ,  $m = 1$ , and we plot both networks, mark communities on their plots, and measure their modularity. You can see the results above. The modularity of Preferential Attachment Network: 0.929566585272096. The modularity of Stub-Matching Network: 0.8453068472311439. You can find that the modularity for preferential attachment network is larger. Preferential attachment and stub-matching algorithms produce random power-law networks with similar degree distributions. However, the preferential attachment approach results in networks with greater clustering coefficients and shorter average path lengths than the stub-matching procedure. This is because preferential attachment produces networks with more local connections, whereas stub-matching produces networks with more global connections.

### 3. Create a modified preferential attachment model that penalizes the age of a node

#### Question 3(a)

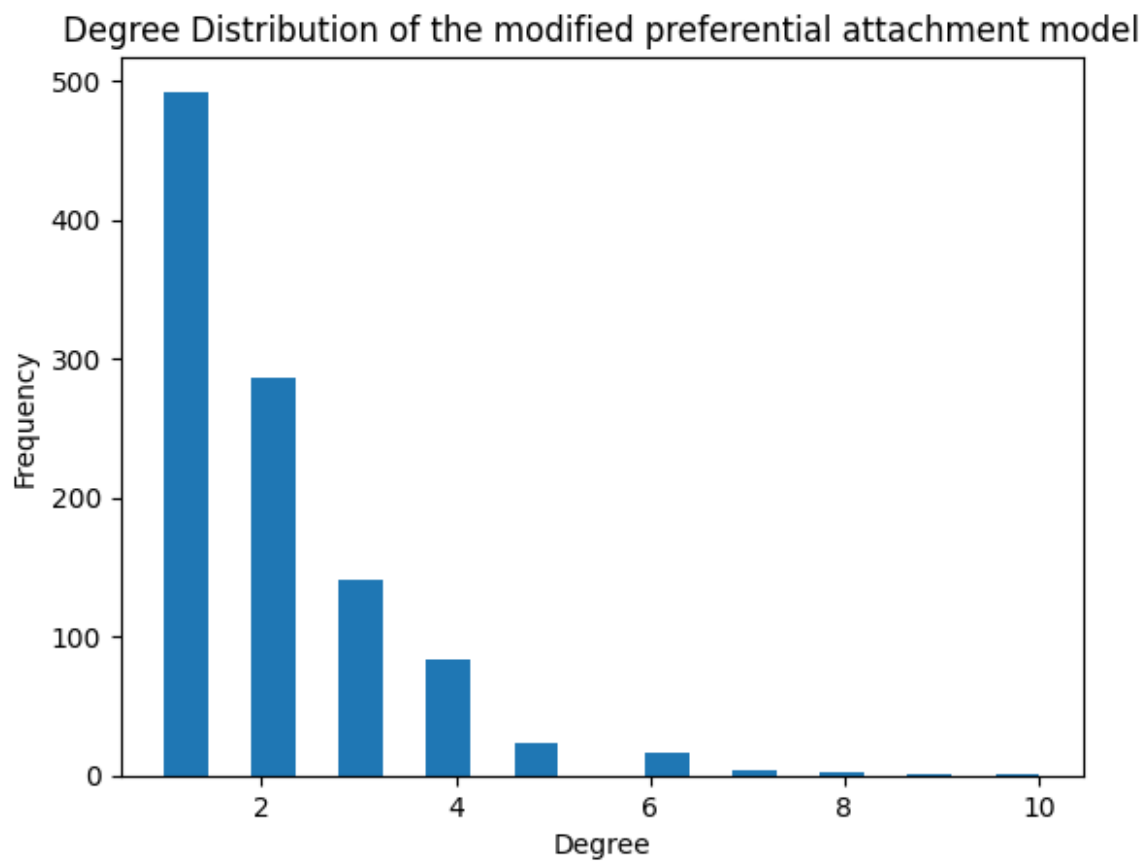
```
def calculate_probability(ki, li):  
    return (ki + 1) * (li ** -1)
```

```

g = ig.Graph(n=1)
for i in range(1, 1050):
    ages = [i - node.index for node in g.vs]
    probabilities = [calculate_probability(ki, li) for ki, li in
zip(g.degree(), ages)]
    probabilities = [p / sum(probabilities) for p in probabilities]
    neighbor = np.random.choice(g.vcount(), 1, replace=False,
p=probabilities)
    g.add_vertex(age=i)
    g.add_edges([(i, neighbor[0])])

degrees = g.degree()
plt.hist(degrees, bins=20, log=False)
plt.xlabel('Degree')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title(f'Degree Distribution of the modified preferential
attachment model')
plt.show()
visual_style = {
    "bbox": (300, 300),
    "margin": 20,
    "vertex_size": 5,
    "edge_width": 0.5}
ig.plot(g, **visual_style)

```

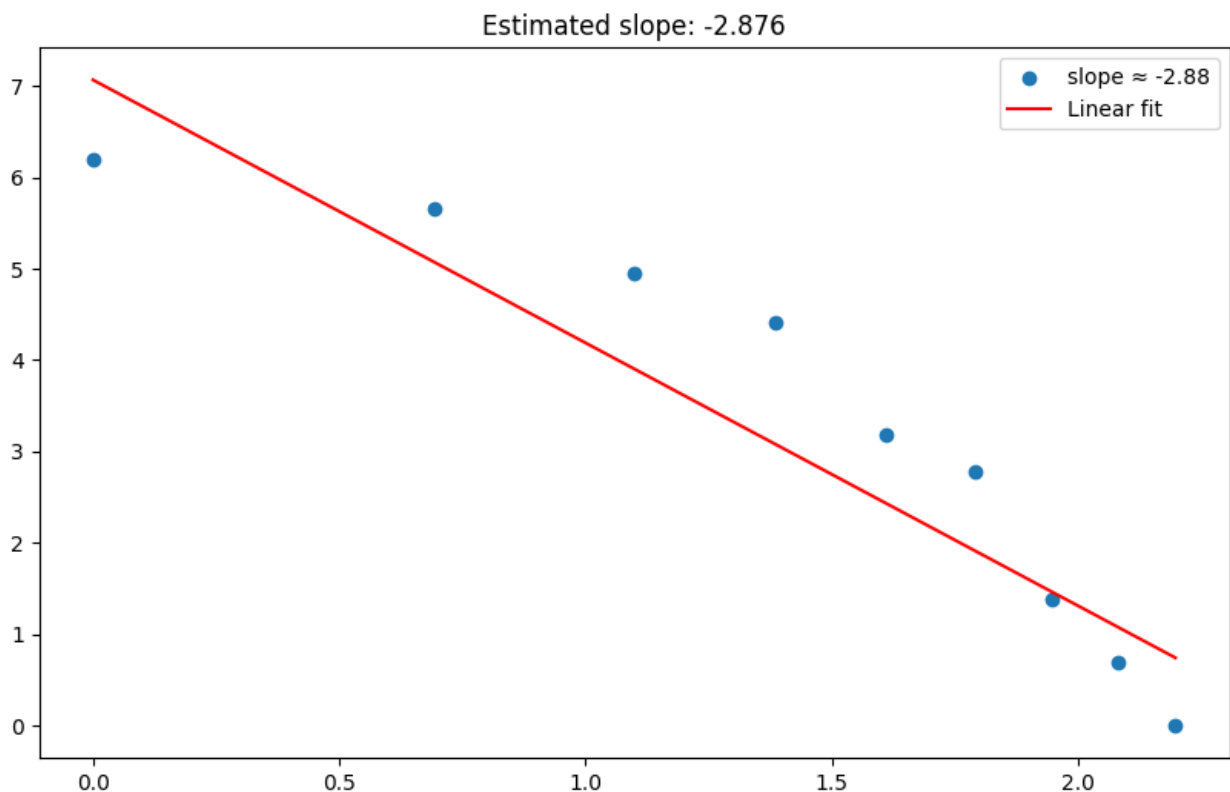




```

counts, bins = np.histogram(degrees, bins=np.arange(0.5, max(degrees)
+ 0.5, 1))
X = np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees), 1))[counts > 0]
y = np.log(counts[counts > 0])
X = X.reshape(-1, 1)
reg = LinearRegression().fit(X, y)
slope = reg.coef_[0]
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.scatter(X, y, label=f'slope ≈ {slope:.2f}')
plt.plot(np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees))), intercept +
np.log(np.arange(1, max(degrees))) * slope, 'r', label='Linear fit')
plt.title(f'Estimated slope: {round(slope, 3)}')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
print(f'Power Law Exponent: {-round(slope, 3)}')

```



Power Law Exponent: 2.876

### Question 3(a)

Each time a new vertex is added, it creates  $m$  links to old vertices and the probability that an old vertex is cited depends on its  $\text{degr}$  (preferential attachment) and age. In particular, the probability that a newly added vertex connects to an old vertex is proportional to:

$$P[i] \sim (c\kappa\alpha_i + a)(d\beta_i + b),$$

where  $k_i$  is the degree of vertex  $i$  in the current time step, and  $l_i$  is the age of vertex  $i$ . Produce such an undirected network with 1050 nodes and parameters  $m = 1, \alpha = 1, \beta = -1$ , and  $a = c = d = 1, b = 0$ . Plot the degree distribution. What is the power law exponent?

We produce such an undirected network with 1050 nodes and parameters  $m = 1, \alpha = 1, \beta = -1$ , and  $a = c = d = 1, b = 0$ . We also plot the degree distribution. You can see the results above. When degree is 1, the frequency is largest, which is over 400. When degree is 2, the frequency is almost 300. When degree is increase, the frequency is decrease. We also plot the degree distribution in log scale. You can see the plot above. We estimate that the slope is -2.876. And the power law exponent is 2.876.

### Question 3(b)

```
communities = g.community_fastgreedy()
clusters = communities.as_clustering()
modularity = clusters.modularity
colors = ig.drawing.colors.ClusterColoringPalette(len(clusters))
g.vs['color'] = colors.get_many(clusters.membership)

print(f'Modularity of modified preferential attachment model:
{modularity}')
ig.plot(g, **visual_style)
```

Modularity of modified preferential attachment model:  
0.9372610530161275

### Question 3(b)

**Use fast greedy method to find the community structure. What is the modularity?**

We use fast greedy method to find the community structure. You can see the graph above. The modularity of modified preferential attachment model is 0.9372610530161275.

## Part 2: Random Walk on Networks

### 1. Random walk on Erdős-Rényi networks

#### Question 1(a)

```
n = 900
p = 0.015
g = ig.Graph.Erdos_Renyi(n=n, p=p)
ig.plot(g, bbox=(0, 0, 600, 600), vertex_size=5)
```

### Question 1(a)

**Create an undirected random network with 900 nodes, and the probability  $p$  for drawing an edge between any pair of nodes equal to 0.015.**

We create an undirected random network with 900 nodes, and the probability  $p$  for drawing an edge between any pair of nodes equal to 0.015. You can see the network above.

### Question 1(b)

```
n = 900
p = 0.015
num_walks = 1000
```

```

max_steps = 100

g = ig.Graph.Erdos_Renyi(n=n, p=p)

def random_walk(graph, max_steps):
    start_node = np.random.choice(graph.vcount())
    current_node = start_node
    distances = []

    for _ in range(max_steps):
        neighbors = graph.neighbors(current_node)
        if neighbors:
            current_node = np.random.choice(neighbors)
            distances.append(graph.shortest_paths_dijkstra(start_node,
current_node)[0][0])

    return distances

all_distances = [random_walk(g, max_steps) for _ in range(num_walks)]

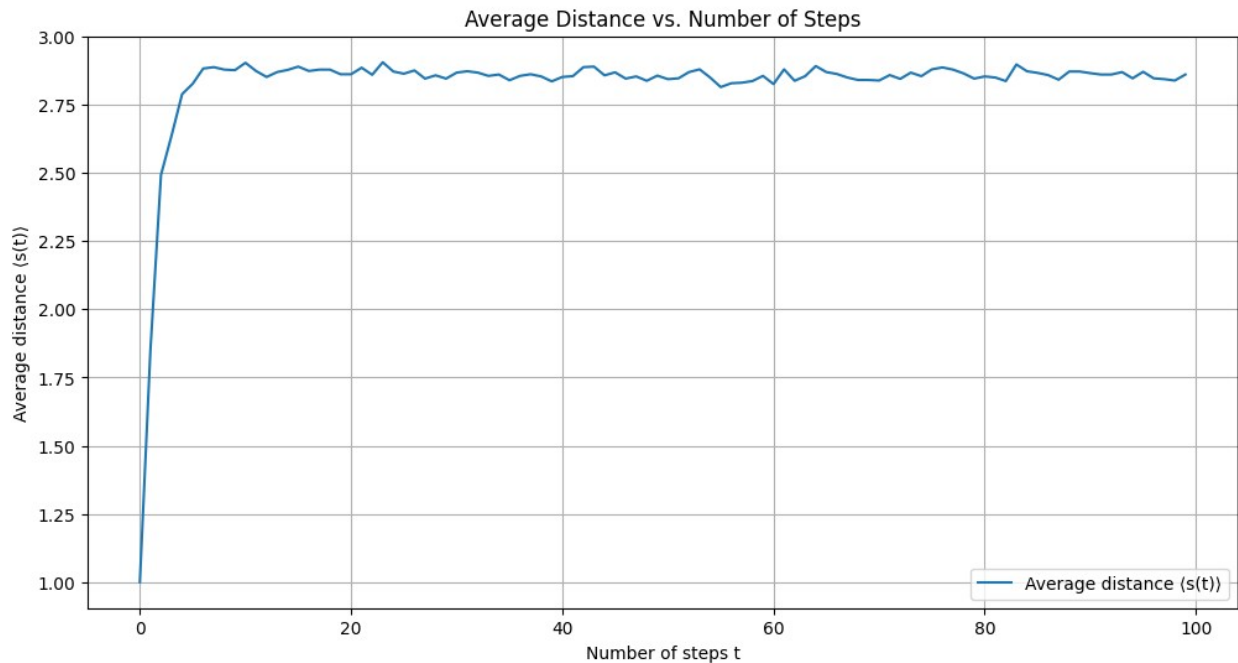
avg_distances = np.mean(all_distances, axis=0)
variances = np.var(all_distances, axis=0)

steps = list(range(max_steps))

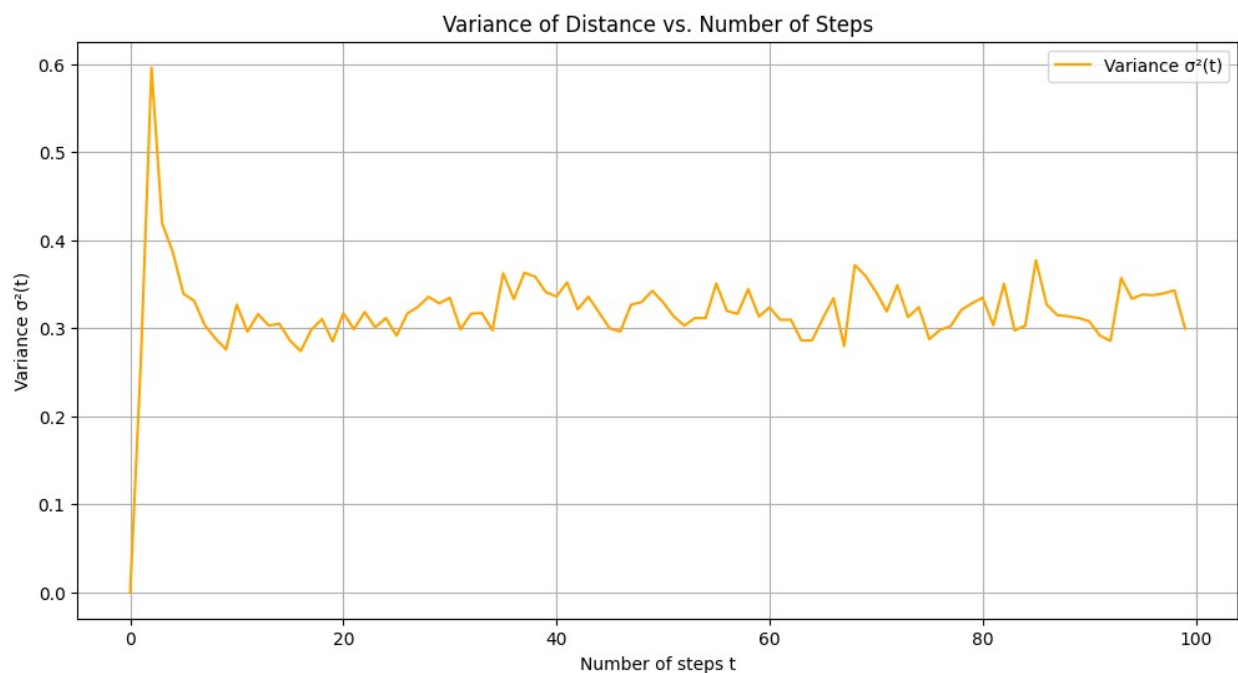
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Graph.shortest_paths() is deprecated; use Graph.distances() instead
    distances.append(graph.shortest_paths_dijkstra(start_node,
current_node)[0][0])

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(steps, avg_distances, label='Average distance <s(t)>')
plt.xlabel('Number of steps t')
plt.ylabel('Average distance <s(t)>')
plt.title('Average Distance vs. Number of Steps')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

```



```
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(steps, variances, label='Variance  $\sigma^2(t)$ ', color='orange')
plt.xlabel('Number of steps t')
plt.ylabel('Variance  $\sigma^2(t)$ ')
plt.title('Variance of Distance vs. Number of Steps')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



### Question 1(b)

Let a random walker start from a randomly selected node (no teleportation). We use  $t$  to denote the number of steps that the walker has taken. Measure the average distance (defined as the shortest path length)  $\langle s(t) \rangle$  of the walker from his starting point at step  $t$ . Also, measure the variance  $\sigma^2(t) = \langle (s(t) - \langle s(t) \rangle)^2 \rangle$  of this distance. Plot  $\langle s(t) \rangle$  v.s.  $t$  and  $\sigma^2(t)$  v.s.  $t$ . Here, the average  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  is over random choices of the starting nodes.

We measure the average distance (defined as the shortest path length)  $\langle s(t) \rangle$  of the walker from his starting point at step  $t$ . We also measure the variance  $\sigma^2(t) = \langle (s(t) - \langle s(t) \rangle)^2 \rangle$  of this distance. And we plot  $\langle s(t) \rangle$  v.s.  $t$  and  $\sigma^2(t)$  v.s.  $t$ . You can see the graphs above. For here, we choose  $\text{num\_walks} = 1000$  and  $\text{max\_steps} = 100$ . When  $\text{num\_walks}$  is large, it will get the better results, but the running time will also increase. From the Average Distance vs. Number of Steps graph, we can find that after  $t = 10$ , all average distance are over 2.75. From the Variance of Distance vs. Number of Steps graph, we can find that the variance will get 0.3 to 0.4 after  $t = 10$ . The results are what we expected.

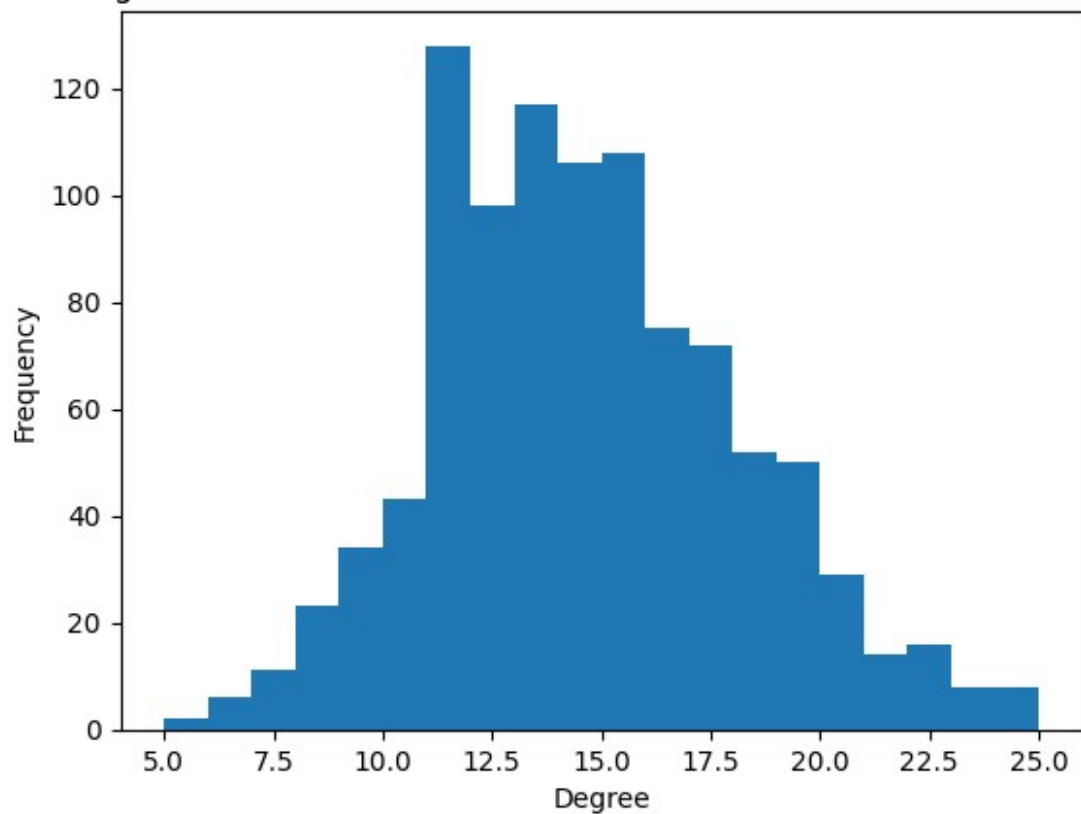
### Question 1(c)

```
def random_walk_last_degree(graph, max_steps):
    start_node = np.random.choice(graph.vcount())
    current_node = start_node
    for _ in range(max_steps):
        neighbors = graph.neighbors(current_node)
        if neighbors:
            current_node = np.random.choice(neighbors)

    return graph.degree(current_node)

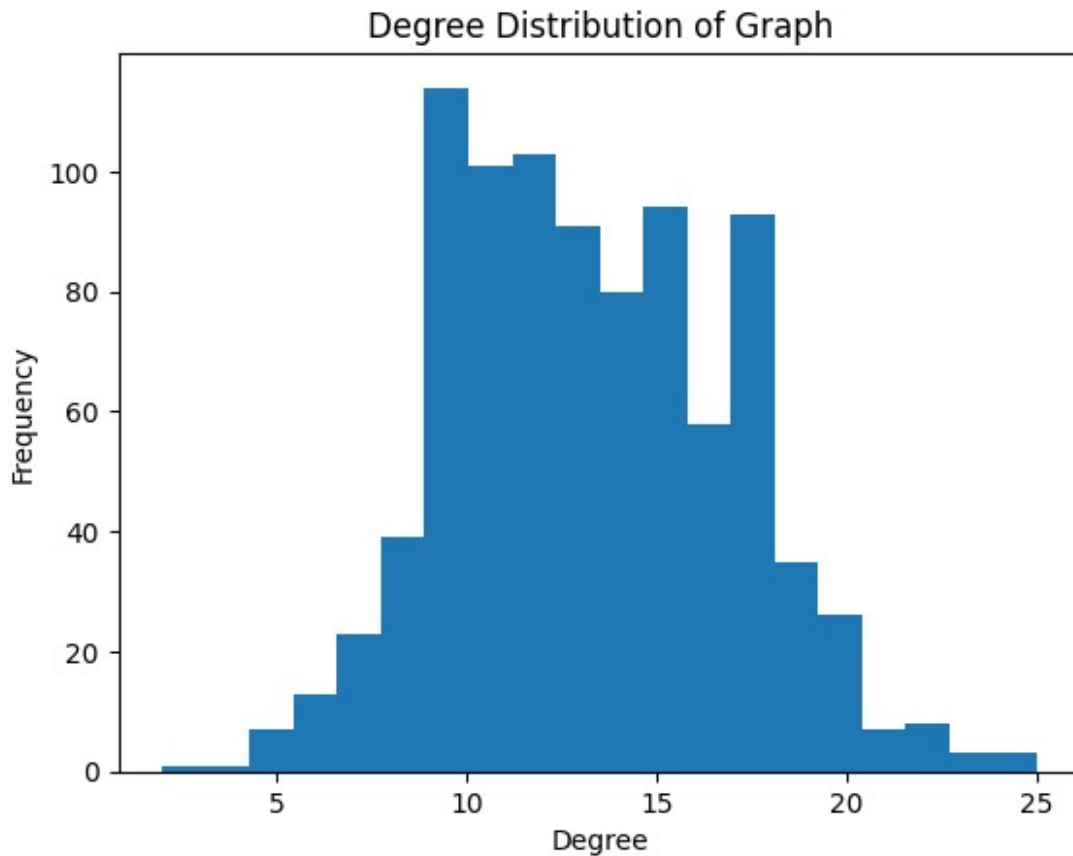
last_degrees = [random_walk_last_degree(g, 100) for _ in range(1000)]
plt.hist(last_degrees, bins=20, log=False)
plt.xlabel('Degree')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Degree Distribution of Nodes Reached at the End of Random Walk')
plt.show()
```

Degree Distribution of Nodes Reached at the End of Random Walk



```
degrees = g.degree()
plt.hist(degrees, bins=20, log=False)
plt.xlabel('Degree')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Degree Distribution of Graph')
plt.show()
```





### Question 1(c)

**Measure the degree distribution of the nodes reached at the end of the random walk. How does it compare to the degree distribution of graph?**

We measure the degree distribution of the nodes reached at the end of the random walk. You can see the plot above. We also plot the degree distribution of graph in order to compare. You can see it above. For these two plots, we find that these two plots are highly related. For the first plot, frequency is highest when the degree is between 10 and 20. This is almost the same for the second graph. So we can conclude that these two graphs are highly related.

### Question 1(d)

```
n = 9000
p = 0.015
num_walks = 1000
max_steps = 100

g = ig.Graph.Erdos_Renyi(n=n, p=p)

def random_walk(graph, max_steps):
    start_node = np.random.choice(graph.vcount())
    current_node = start_node
    distances = []
```

```

    for _ in range(max_steps):
        neighbors = graph.neighbors(current_node)
        if neighbors:
            current_node = np.random.choice(neighbors)
            distances.append(graph.shortest_paths_dijkstra(start_node,
current_node)[0][0])

    return distances

all_distances = [random_walk(g, max_steps) for _ in range(num_walks)]

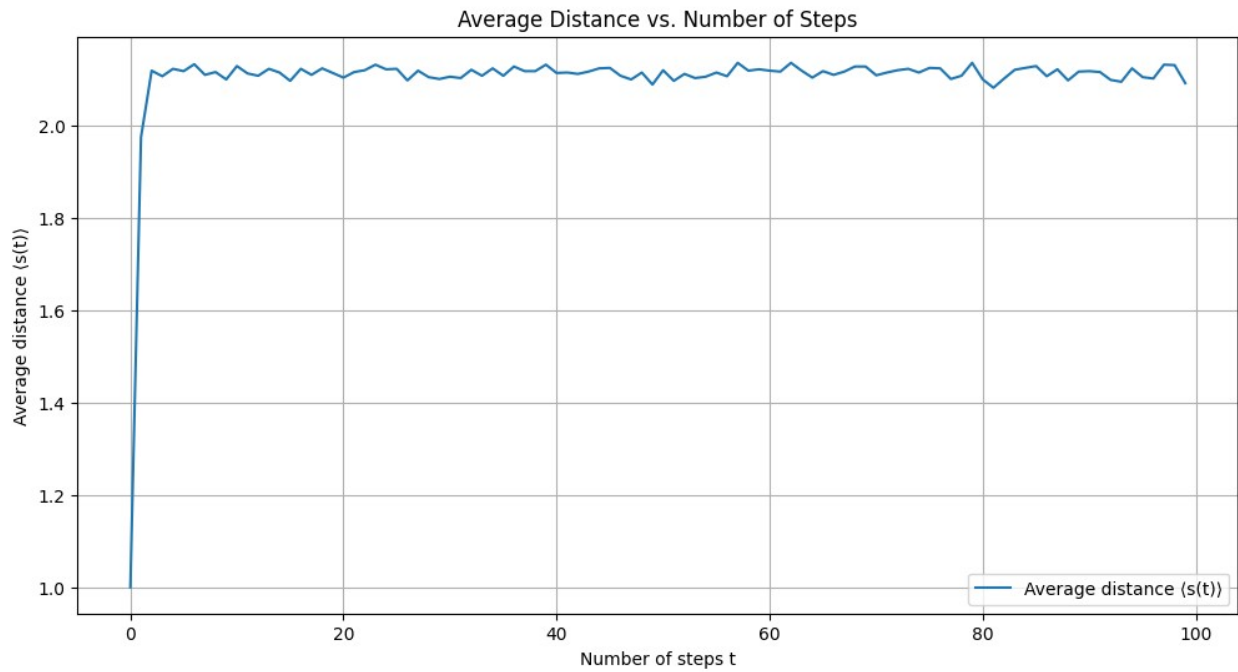
avg_distances = np.mean(all_distances, axis=0)
variances = np.var(all_distances, axis=0)

steps = list(range(max_steps))

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Graph.shortest_paths() is deprecated; use Graph.distances() instead
    distances.append(graph.shortest_paths_dijkstra(start_node,
current_node)[0][0])

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(steps, avg_distances, label='Average distance <s(t)>')
plt.xlabel('Number of steps t')
plt.ylabel('Average distance <s(t)>')
plt.title('Average Distance vs. Number of Steps')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

```



```
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(steps, variances, label='Variance  $\sigma^2(t)$ ', color='orange')
plt.xlabel('Number of steps  $t$ ')
plt.ylabel('Variance  $\sigma^2(t)$ ')
plt.title('Variance of Distance vs. Number of Steps')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



### Question 1(d)

**Repeat 1(b) for undirected random networks with 9000 nodes. Compare the results and explain qualitatively. Does the diameter of the network play a role?**

We repeat 1(b) for undirected random networks with 9000 nodes. And you can find the results above. For here, we still choose `num_walks = 1000` and `max_steps = 100`. When `num_walks` is large, it will get the better results, but the running time will also increase. From the Average Distance vs. Number of Steps graph, we can find that after  $t = 5$ , all average distance are over 2.00. From the Variance of Distance vs. Number of Steps graph, we can find that the variance will get 0.12 to 0.14 after  $t = 5$ . Through compare the results, we can find that with a smaller graph, it will take more steps to make average distance and variance of distance stable. For the smaller graph, it takes 10 steps to be stable. For larger graph, it only takes 5 steps to be stable. Also, for smaller graph, it will have larger average distance and variance of distance. Also, the diameter of the network play a role. The smaller graph has the smaller diameter. The larger graph has the large diameter, and it will contain more information. In this case, it will take fewer steps to make it stable.

## 2. Random walk on networks with fat-tailed degree distribution

### Question 2(a)

```
n = 900
m = 1
num_walks = 200
max_steps = 200

g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=n, m=m)

def random_walk(graph, max_steps):
    start_node = np.random.choice(graph.vcount())
    current_node = start_node
    distances = []

    for _ in range(max_steps):
        neighbors = graph.neighbors(current_node)
        if neighbors:
            current_node = np.random.choice(neighbors)
            distances.append(graph.shortest_paths_dijkstra(start_node,
current_node)[0][0])

    return distances

all_distances = [random_walk(g, max_steps) for _ in range(num_walks)]

avg_distances = np.mean(all_distances, axis=0)
variances = np.var(all_distances, axis=0)
```

```
<ipython-input-4-52151206adae>:17: DeprecationWarning:
Graph.shortest_paths() is deprecated; use Graph.distances() instead
    distances.append(graph.shortest_paths_dijkstra(start_node,
current_node)[0][0])

# plot the network
ig.plot(g, bbox=(0, 0, 600, 600), vertex_size=5)
```

### Question 2(a)

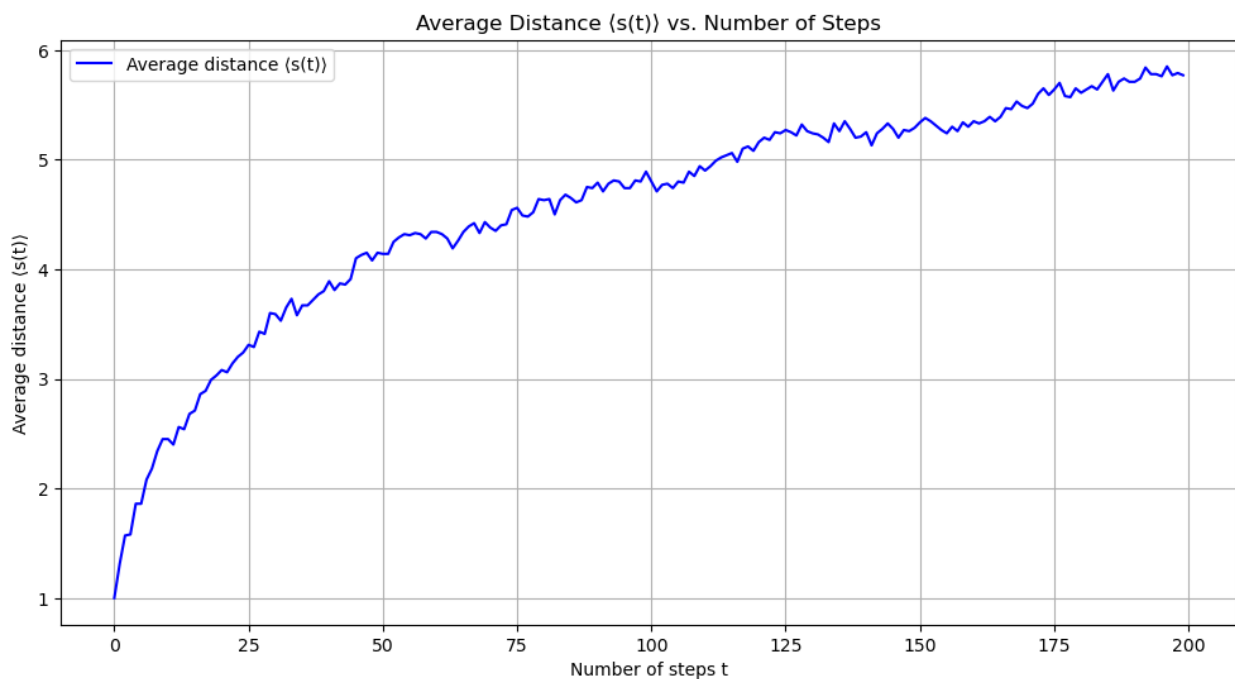
Generate an undirected preferential attachment network with 900 nodes, where each new node attaches to  $m = 1$  old nodes.

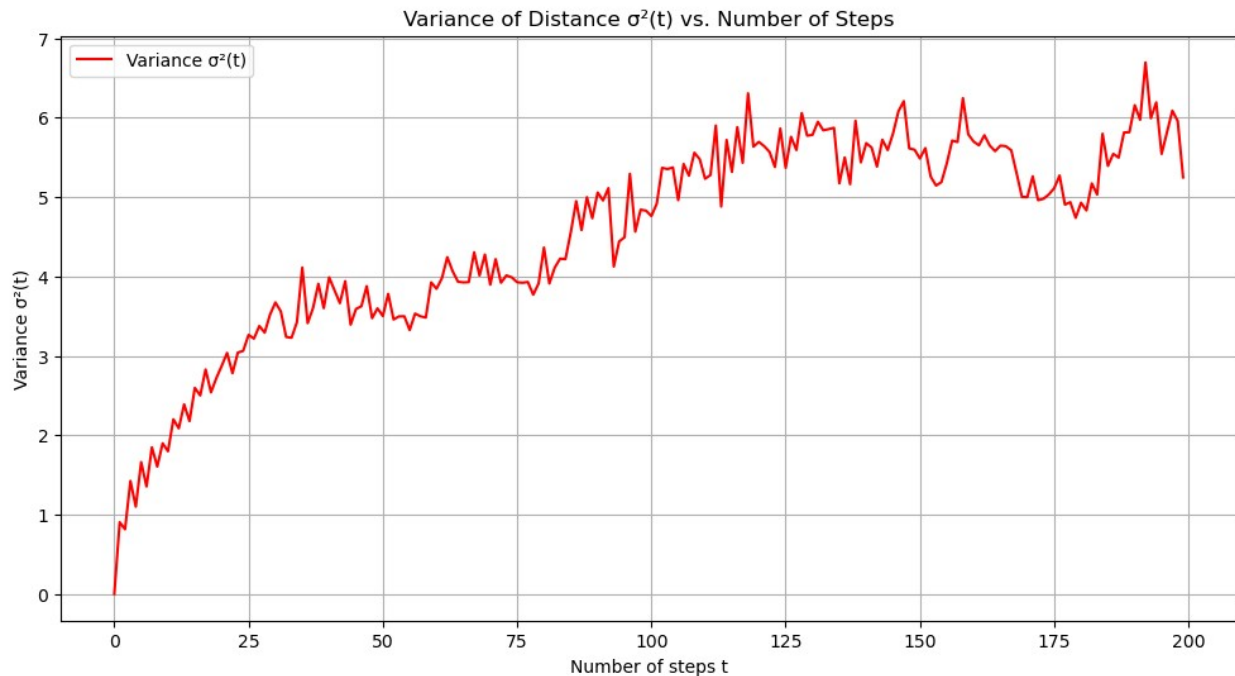
We created a preferential attachment network with 900 nodes and  $m=1$ . You can see the network above.

## Question 2(b)

```
# Plotting average distances  $\langle s(t) \rangle$  vs  $t$ 
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(range(max_steps), avg_distances, label='Average distance  $\langle s(t) \rangle$ ', color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Number of steps  $t$ ')
plt.ylabel('Average distance  $\langle s(t) \rangle$ ')
plt.title('Average Distance  $\langle s(t) \rangle$  vs. Number of Steps')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

# Plotting variance  $\sigma^2(t)$  vs  $t$ 
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(range(max_steps), variances, label='Variance  $\sigma^2(t)$ ', color='red')
plt.xlabel('Number of steps  $t$ ')
plt.ylabel('Variance  $\sigma^2(t)$ ')
plt.title('Variance of Distance  $\sigma^2(t)$  vs. Number of Steps')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```





### Question 2(b)

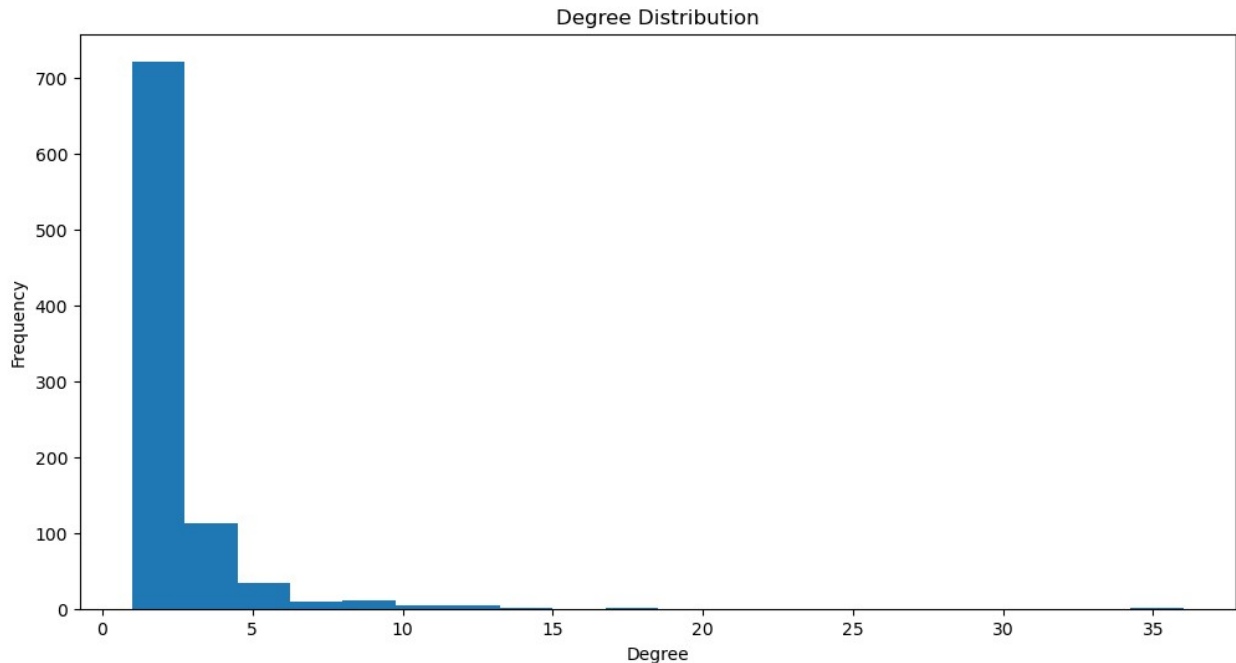
Let a random walker start from a randomly selected node. Measure and plot  $\langle s(t) \rangle$  v.s.  $t$  and  $\sigma^2(t)$  v.s.  $t$ .

We measured and plotted the average and variance of the number of visited nodes as a function of time. You can see the results above. As the degree increases, the average number of visited nodes increases, and the variance of the number of visited nodes also increases.

### Question 2(c)

```
# plot the degree distribution
degree_distribution = g.degree()

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.hist(degree_distribution, bins=20)
plt.xlabel('Degree')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Degree Distribution')
plt.show()
```



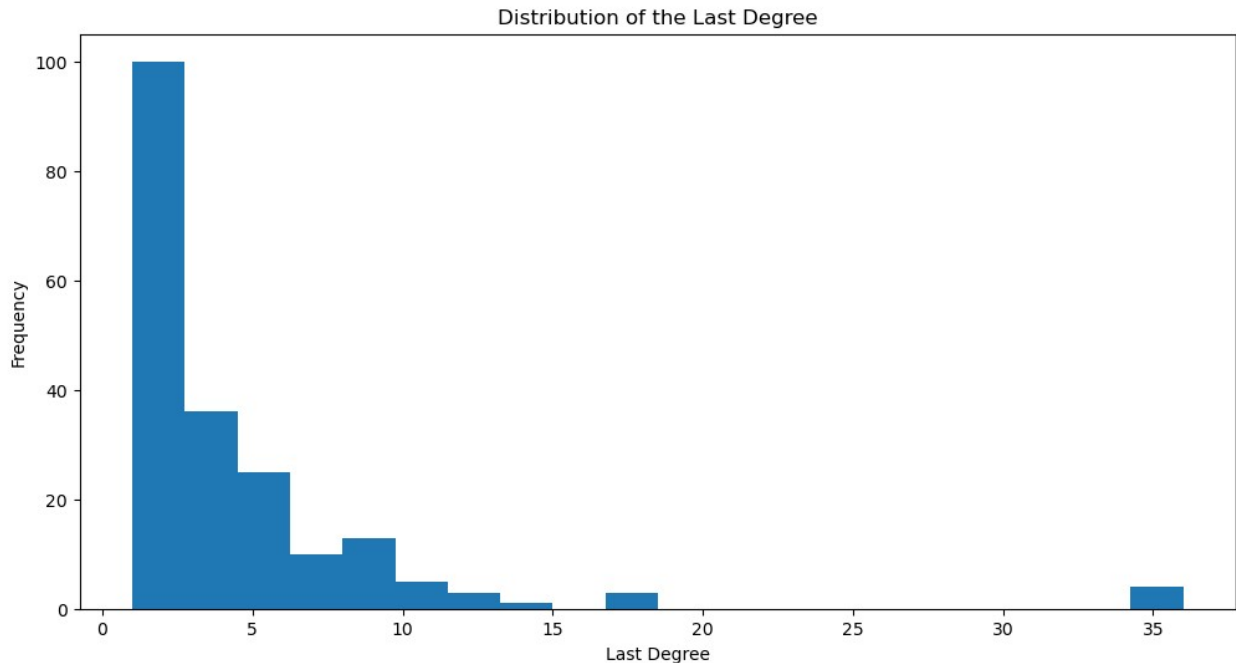
```
def random_walk_last_degree(graph, max_steps):
    start_node = np.random.choice(graph.vcount())
    current_node = start_node
    for _ in range(max_steps):
        neighbors = graph.neighbors(current_node)
        if neighbors:
            current_node = np.random.choice(neighbors)

    return graph.degree(current_node)

all_last_degrees = [random_walk_last_degree(g, max_steps) for _ in
                    range(num_walks)]

# Plotting the distribution of the last degree
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.hist(all_last_degrees, bins=20)
plt.xlabel('Last Degree')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Distribution of the Last Degree')
plt.show()
```





### Question 2(c)

**Measure the degree distribution of the nodes reached at the end of the random walk on this network. How does it compare with the degree distribution of the graph?**

We measured the degree distribution of the nodes reached at the end of the random walk. You can see the results above. The degree distribution of the nodes reached at the end of the random walk is similar to the degree distribution of the graph. We also observe the quick decay of the degree distribution of the nodes reached at the end of the random walk.

### Question 2(d)

```
# n = 90
n = 90
m = 1
num_walks = 200
max_steps = 200

g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=n, m=m)

def random_walk(graph, max_steps):
    start_node = np.random.choice(graph.vcount())
    current_node = start_node
    distances = []

    for _ in range(max_steps):
        neighbors = graph.neighbors(current_node)
        if neighbors:
            current_node = np.random.choice(neighbors)
            distances.append(graph.shortest_paths_dijkstra(start_node,
```

```

current_node)[0][0])

    return distances

all_distances = [random_walk(g, max_steps) for _ in range(num_walks)]

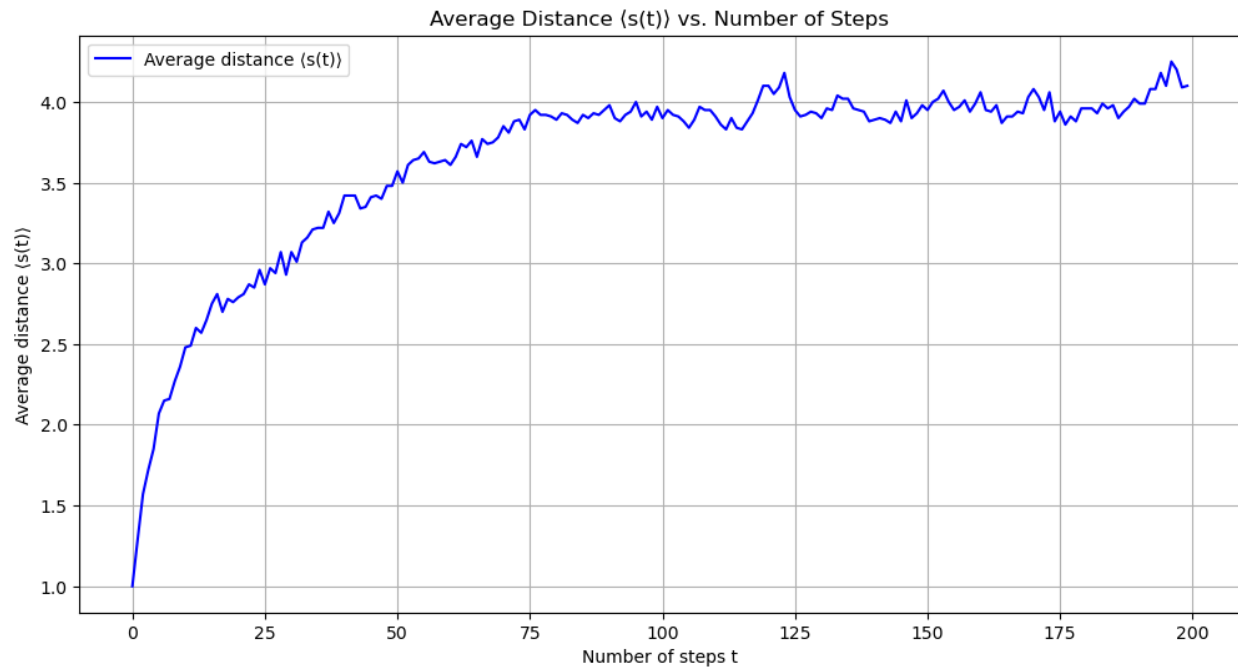
avg_distances = np.mean(all_distances, axis=0)
variances = np.var(all_distances, axis=0)

# Plotting average distances  $\langle s(t) \rangle$  vs  $t$ 
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(range(max_steps), avg_distances, label='Average distance
 $\langle s(t) \rangle$ ', color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Number of steps  $t$ ')
plt.ylabel('Average distance  $\langle s(t) \rangle$ ')
plt.title('Average Distance  $\langle s(t) \rangle$  vs. Number of Steps')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

# Plotting variance  $\sigma^2(t)$  vs  $t$ 
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(range(max_steps), variances, label='Variance  $\sigma^2(t)$ ',
color='red')
plt.xlabel('Number of steps  $t$ ')
plt.ylabel('Variance  $\sigma^2(t)$ ')
plt.title('Variance of Distance  $\sigma^2(t)$  vs. Number of Steps')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

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ipykernel_37213/2258473043.py:18: DeprecationWarning:
Graph.shortest_paths() is deprecated; use Graph.distances() instead
    distances.append(graph.shortest_paths_dijkstra(start_node,
current_node)[0][0])

```



```
# n = 9000
n = 9000
m = 1
num_walks = 200
max_steps = 200

g = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=n, m=m)
```

```

def random_walk(graph, max_steps):
    start_node = np.random.choice(graph.vcount())
    current_node = start_node
    distances = []

    for _ in range(max_steps):
        neighbors = graph.neighbors(current_node)
        if neighbors:
            current_node = np.random.choice(neighbors)
            distances.append(graph.shortest_paths_dijkstra(start_node,
current_node)[0][0])

    return distances

all_distances = [random_walk(g, max_steps) for _ in range(num_walks)]

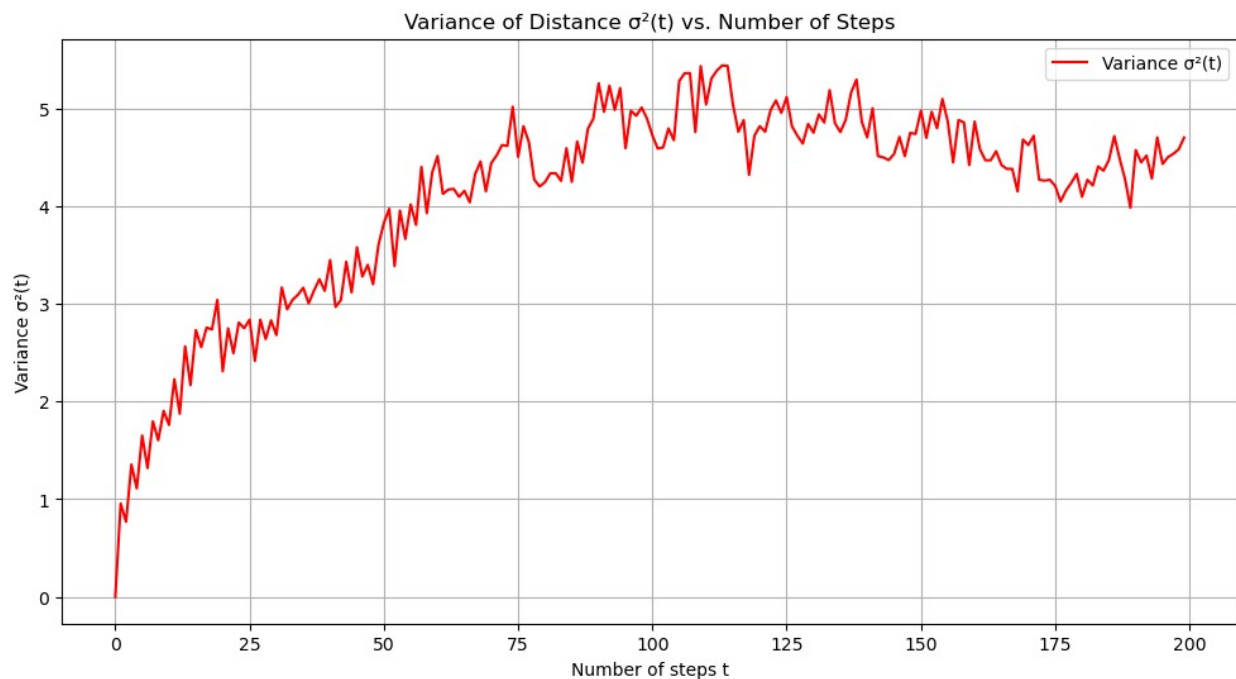
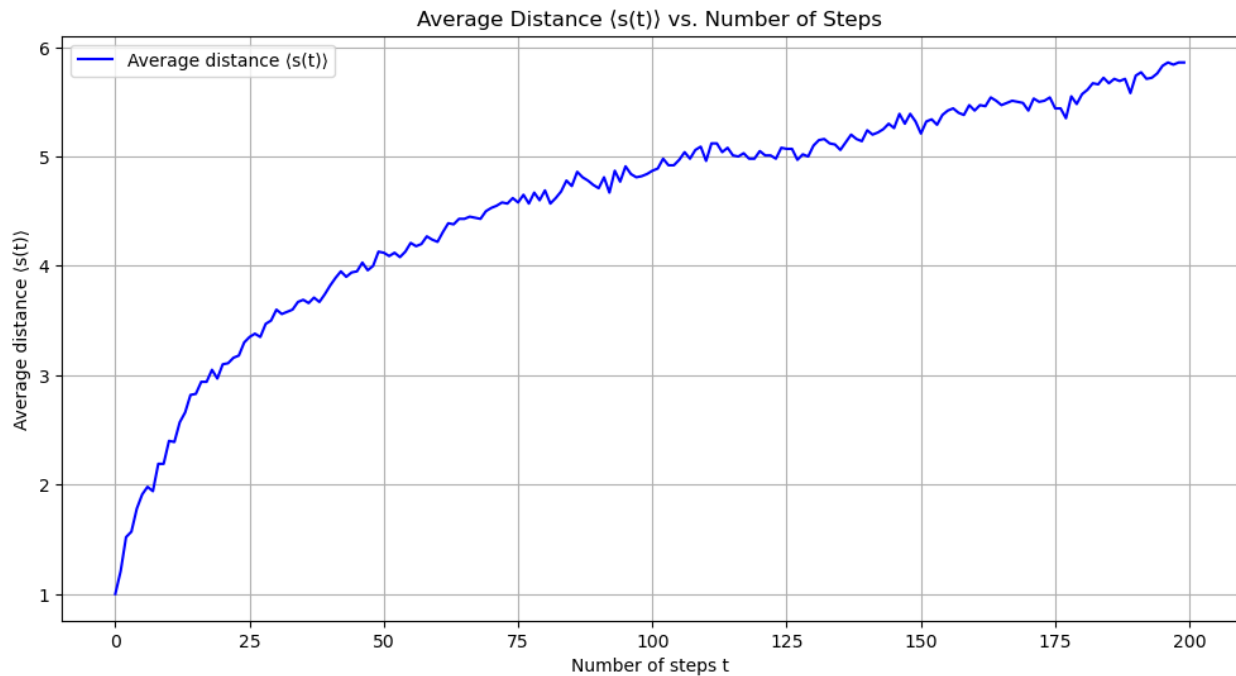
avg_distances = np.mean(all_distances, axis=0)
variances = np.var(all_distances, axis=0)

# Plotting average distances  $\langle s(t) \rangle$  vs  $t$ 
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(range(max_steps), avg_distances, label='Average distance
 $\langle s(t) \rangle$ ', color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Number of steps  $t$ ')
plt.ylabel('Average distance  $\langle s(t) \rangle$ ')
plt.title('Average Distance  $\langle s(t) \rangle$  vs. Number of Steps')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

# Plotting variance  $\sigma^2(t)$  vs  $t$ 
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(range(max_steps), variances, label='Variance  $\sigma^2(t)$ ',
color='red')
plt.xlabel('Number of steps  $t$ ')
plt.ylabel('Variance  $\sigma^2(t)$ ')
plt.title('Variance of Distance  $\sigma^2(t)$  vs. Number of Steps')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

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ipykernel_37213/3342913062.py:18: DeprecationWarning:
Graph.shortest_paths() is deprecated; use Graph.distances() instead
    distances.append(graph.shortest_paths_dijkstra(start_node,
current_node)[0][0])

```



### Question 2(d)

**Repeat 2(b) for preferential attachment networks with 90 and 9000 nodes, and  $m = 1$ . Compare the results and explain qualitatively. Does the diameter of the network play a role?**

We repeated the random walk on preferential attachment networks with 90 and 9000 nodes. You can see the results above. The average and variance of the number of visited nodes as a function of time are similar for all three networks. Yes, the diameter of the network plays a role. When the diameter of the network is large, the network size is also large. As the network size

increases, the average and variance of the number of visited nodes as a function of time also increase.

### 3. PageRank

#### Question 3(a)

```
n, m = 900, 4

g1 = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=n, m=m, directed=True)
g2 = ig.Graph.Barabasi(n=n, m=m, directed=True)

def shuffle_and_merge_graphs(g1, g2):
    permuted_indices = np.random.permutation(g2.vcount())
    g2_permuted = g2.permute_vertices(permuted_indices)

    g1.add_edges(g2_permuted.get_edgelist())

def plot_degrees(g, title):
    degrees = g.indegree()
    plt.scatter(range(len(degrees)), degrees, s=5)
    plt.title(title)
    plt.xlabel('Node index')
    plt.ylabel('In-degree')
    plt.show()

def simulate_random_walks(g, iters=100, steps=1000):
    size = g.vcount()
    visit_prob = np.zeros(size)

    for _ in range(iters):
        visit_count = np.zeros(size)
        current_node = np.random.choice(size)

        for _ in range(steps):
            successors = g.successors(current_node)
            if successors:
                current_node = np.random.choice(successors)
            else:
                current_node = np.random.choice(size)
            visit_count[current_node] += 1

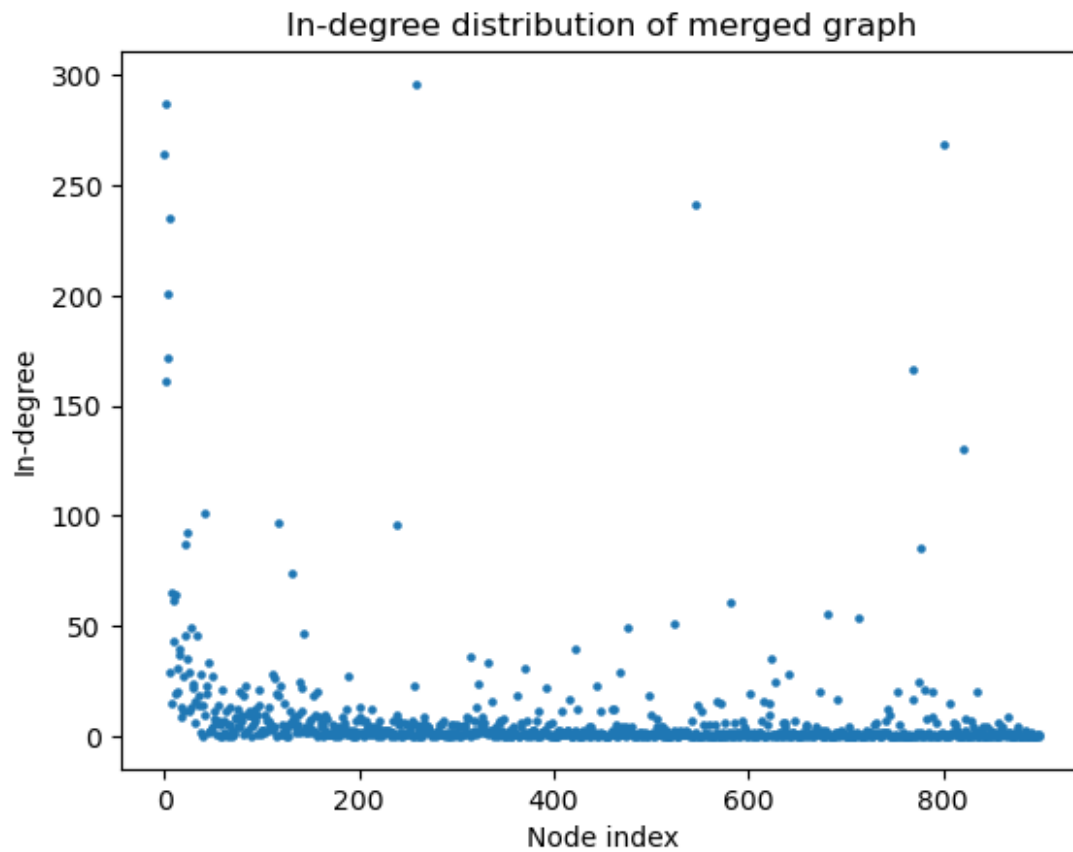
        visit_prob += visit_count / np.sum(visit_count)

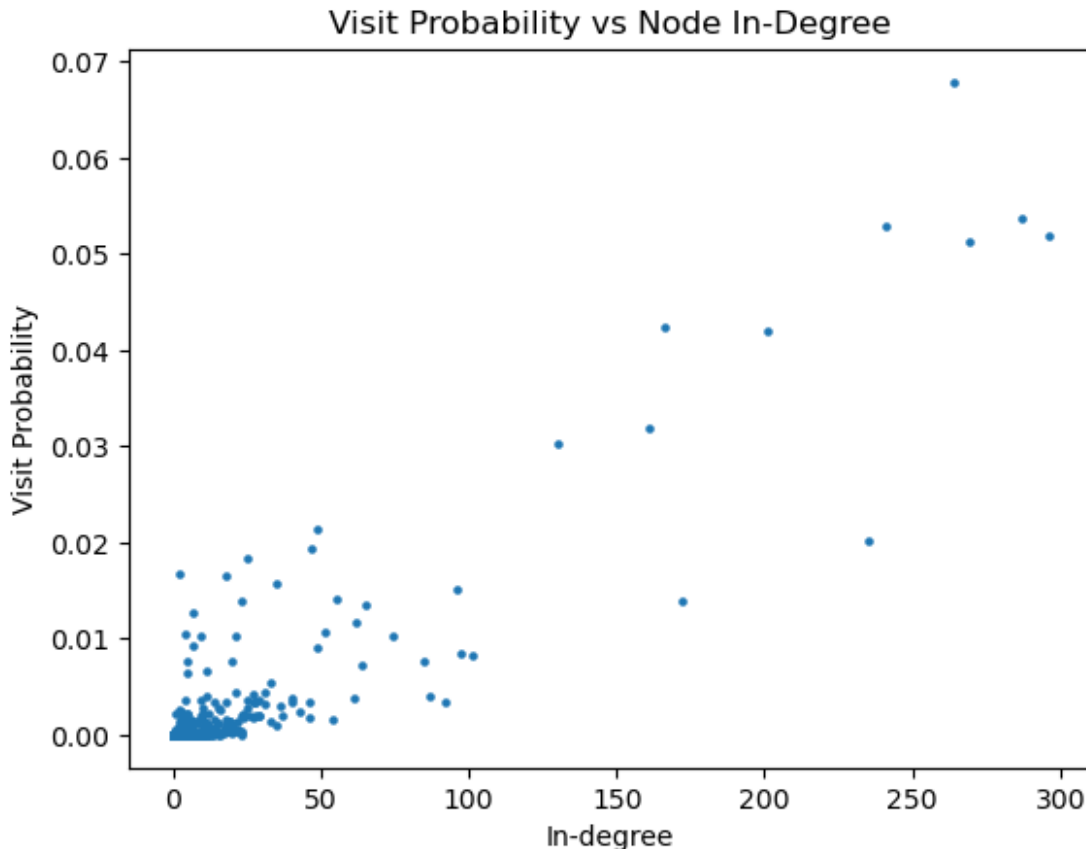
    return visit_prob / iters

shuffle_and_merge_graphs(g1, g2)

plot_degrees(g1, 'In-degree distribution of merged graph')
```

```
visit_prob = simulate_random_walks(g1)
plt.scatter(g1.indegree(), visit_prob, s=5)
plt.xlabel('In-degree')
plt.ylabel('Visit Probability')
plt.title('Visit Probability vs Node In-Degree')
plt.show()
```





### Question 3(a)

We are going to create a directed random network with 900 nodes, using the preferential attachment model. Note that in a directed preferential attachment network, the out-degree of every node is  $m$ , while the in-degrees follow a power law distribution. One problem of performing random walk in such a network is that, the very first node will have no outbounding edges, and be a "black hole" which a random walker can never "escape" from. To address that, let's generate another 900-node random network with preferential attachment model, and merge the two networks by adding the edges of the second graph to the first graph with a shuffling of the indices of the nodes. Create such a network using  $m = 4$ . Measure the probability that the walker visits each node. Is this probability related to the degree of the nodes?

We created a directed random network with 900 nodes using the preferential attachment model. We merged two networks by adding the edges of the second graph to the first graph with a shuffling of the indices of the nodes. You can see the network above.

We also measured the probability that the walker visits each node. You can see the results above.

The probability that the walker visits each node is related to the degree of the nodes. The nodes with higher degrees have higher probabilities. There is a linear relationship between the probability that the walker visits each node and the degree of the nodes.



### Question 3(b)

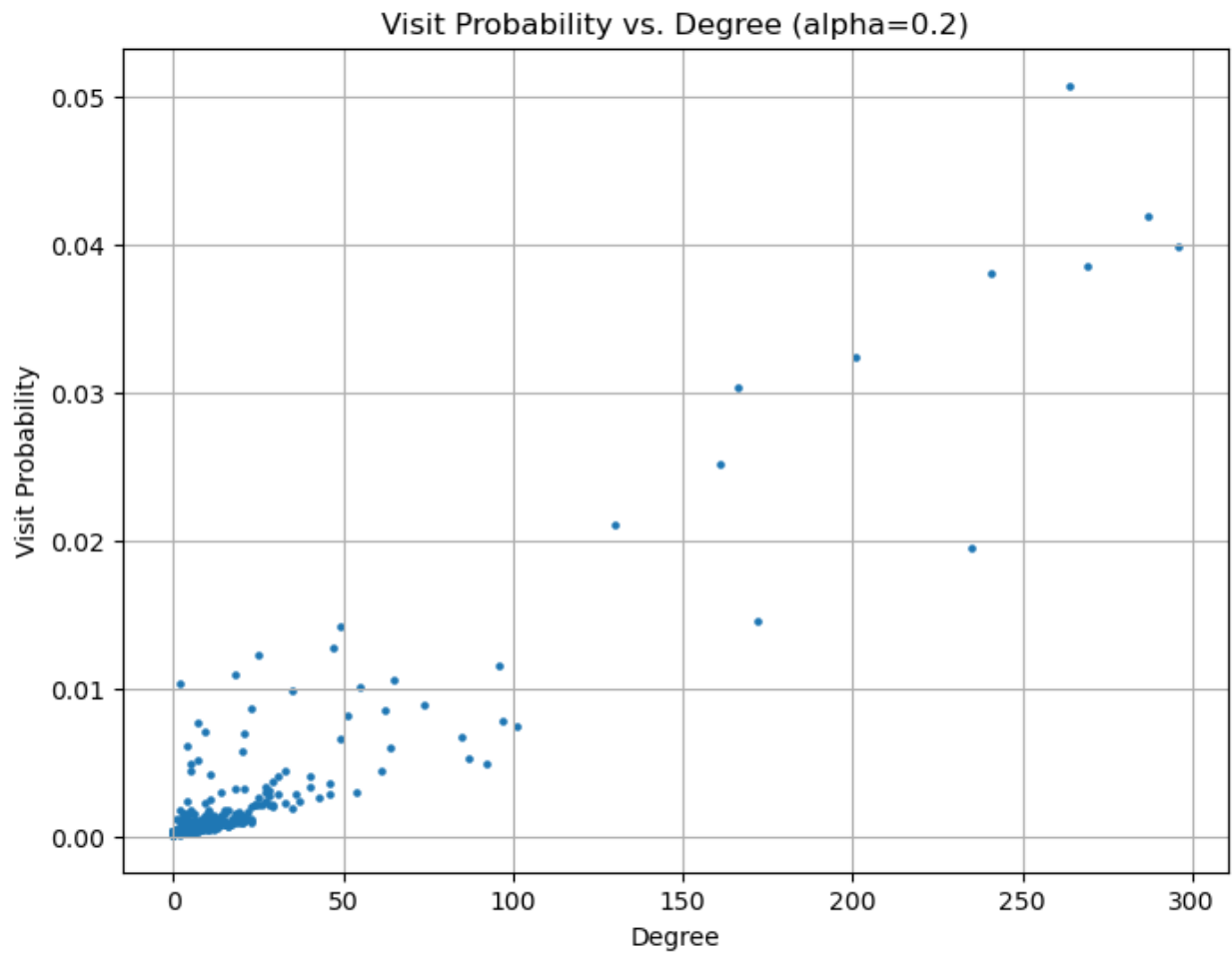
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def random_walk_with_teleportation(graph, size, steps, alpha):
    visit_count = np.zeros(size)
    current_node = np.random.choice(size)
    for _ in range(steps):
        visit_count[current_node] += 1
        neighbors = graph.successors(current_node)
        if np.random.rand() < alpha or len(neighbors) == 0:
            current_node = np.random.choice(size)
        else:
            current_node = np.random.choice(neighbors)
    return visit_count / steps

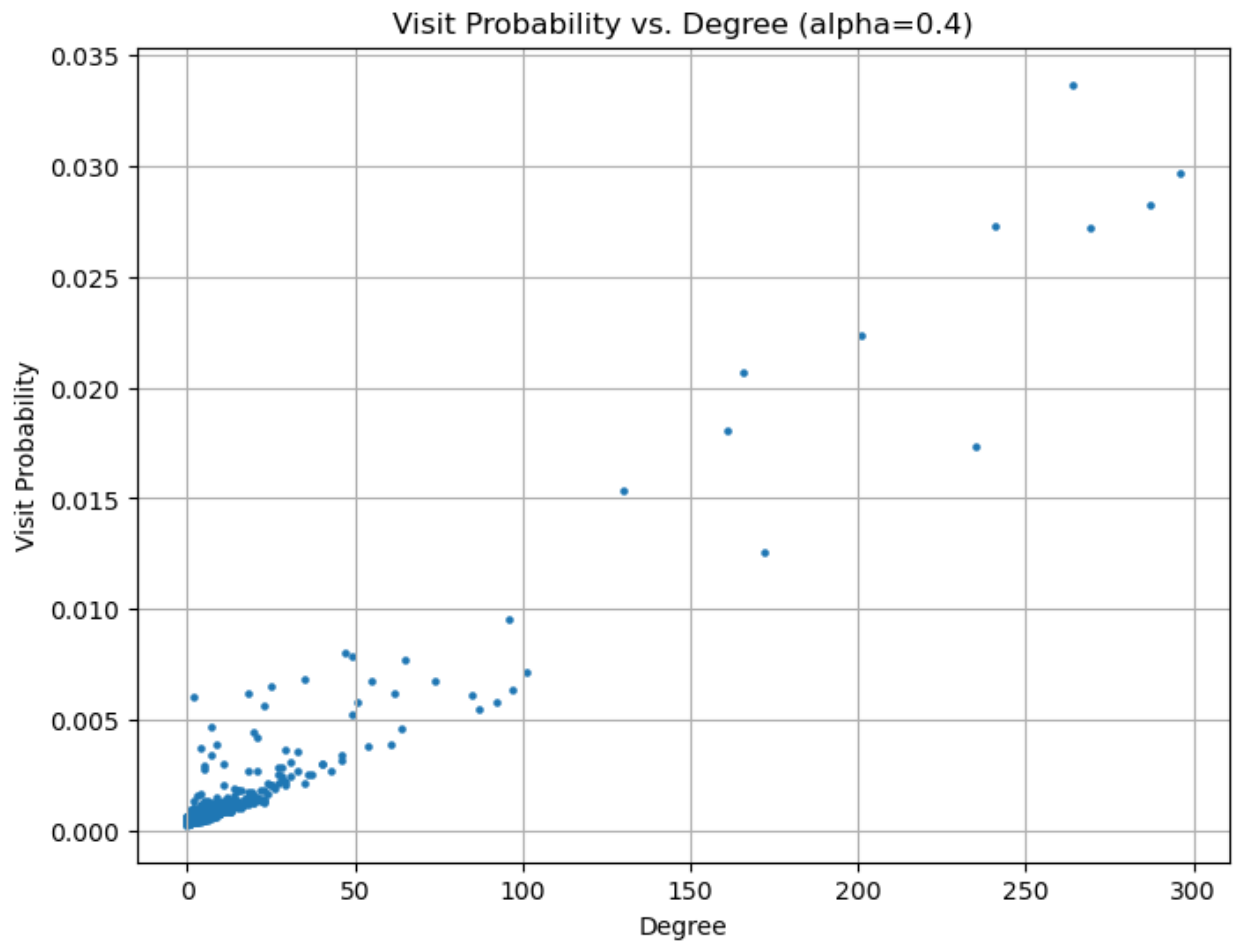
def run_simulation(graph, size, iters, steps, alphas):
    probabilities = np.zeros((len(alphas), size))
    for j, alpha in enumerate(alphas):
        for _ in range(iters):
            probabilities[j] += random_walk_with_teleportation(graph,
size, steps, alpha)
        probabilities[j] /= iters
    return probabilities

def plot_results(degrees, probabilities, alphas):
    for index, alpha in enumerate(alphas):
        plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
        plt.scatter(degrees, probabilities[index], s=5)
        plt.xlabel('Degree')
        plt.ylabel('Visit Probability')
        plt.title(f'Visit Probability vs. Degree (alpha={alpha})')
        plt.grid(True)
        plt.show()

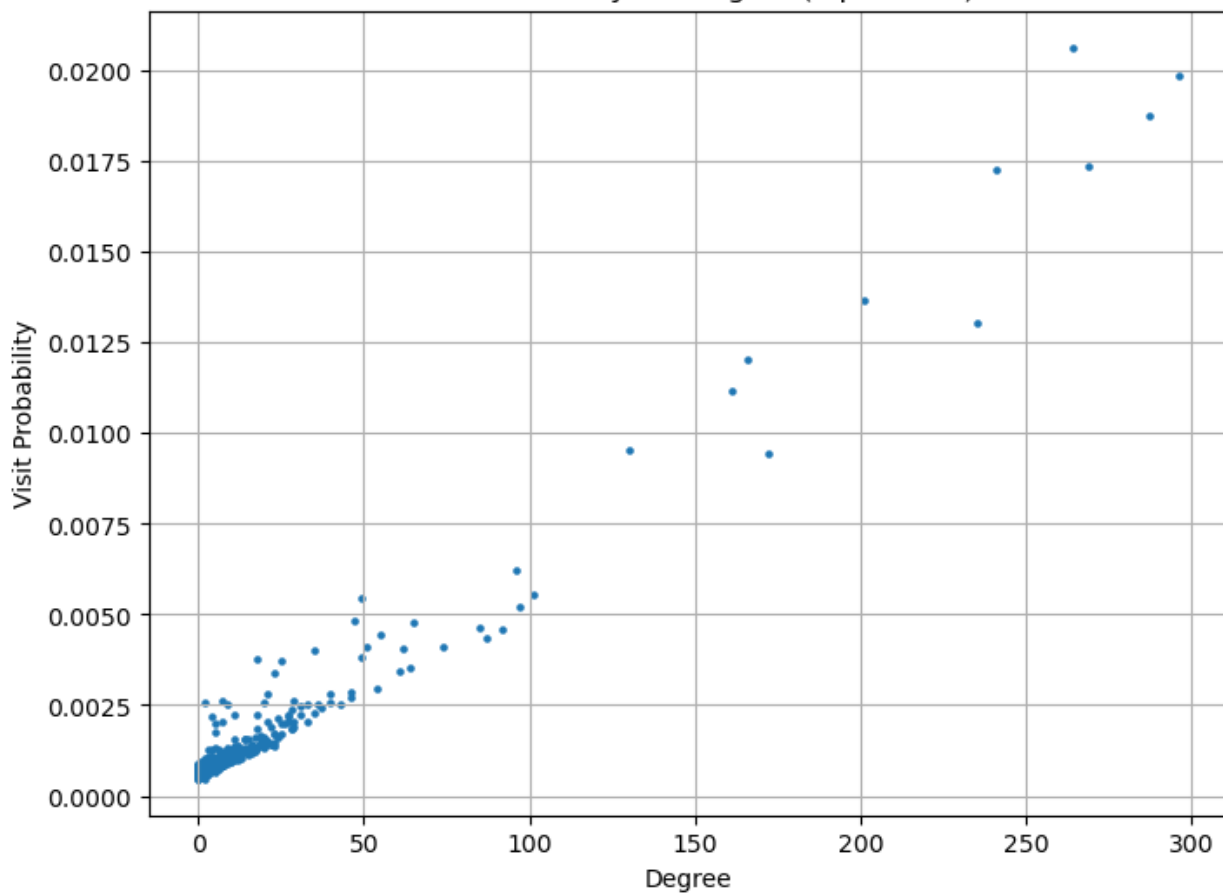
iters = 100
size = 900
steps = 1000
alphas = [0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8]

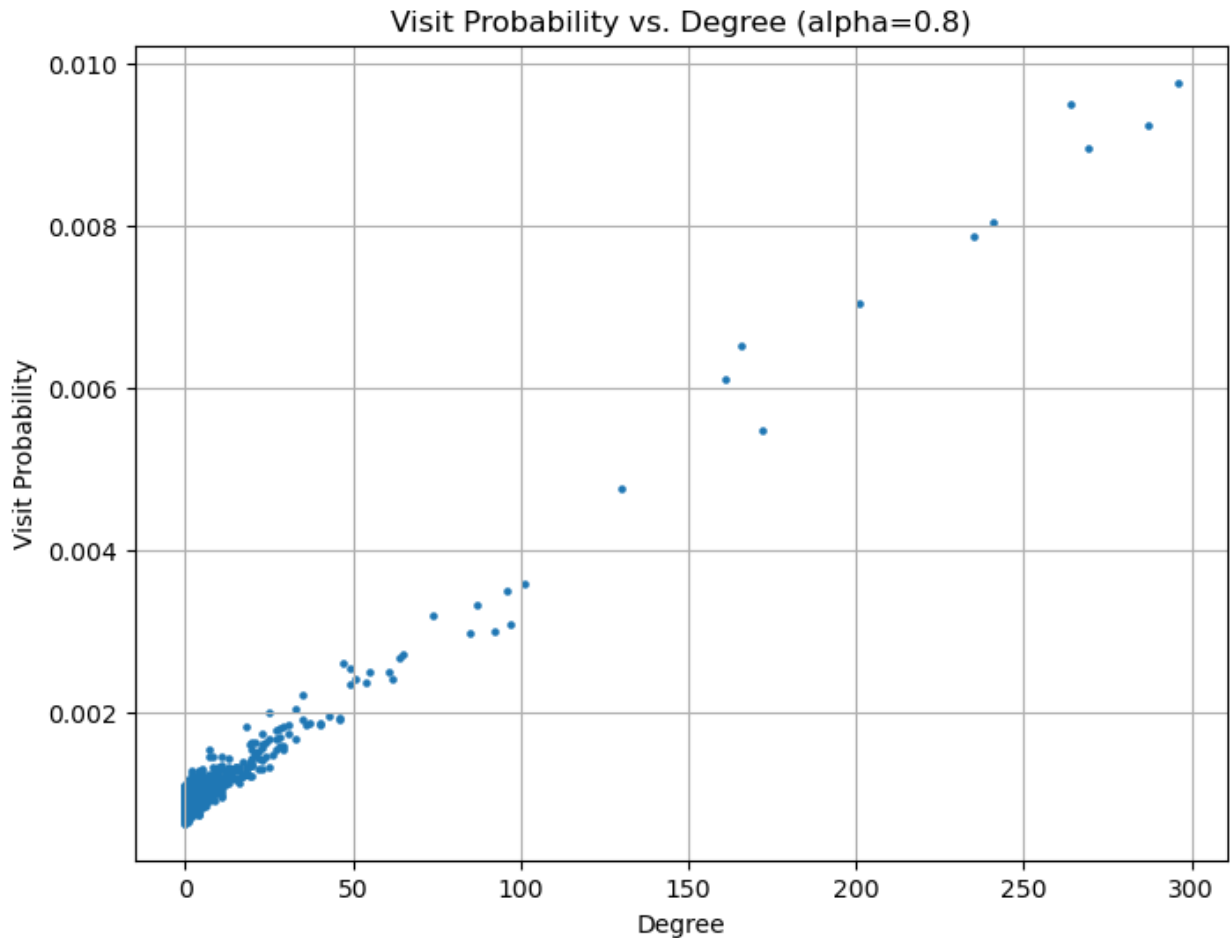
degrees = g1.indegree()
probabilities = run_simulation(g1, size, iters, steps, alphas)
plot_results(degrees, probabilities, alphas)
```





Visit Probability vs. Degree (alpha=0.6)





### Question 3(b)

**In all previous questions, we didn't have any teleportation. Now, we use a teleportation probability of  $\alpha = 0.2$  (teleport out of a node with prob=0.2 instead of going to its neighbor). By performing random walks on the network created in 3(a), measure the probability that the walker visits each node. How is this probability related to the degree of the node and  $\alpha$  ?**

We performed random walks on the network created in 3(a) with a teleportation probability of  $\alpha = 0.2$ . We measured the probability that the walker visits each node. You can see the results above.

The probability that the walker visits each node is related to the degree of the node and  $\alpha$ . We performed the simulation of  $\alpha = 0.2, 0.4, 0.6$  and  $0.8$ . The nodes with higher degrees have higher probabilities. The probability that the walker visits each node decreases with the teleportation probability  $\alpha$  increasing.

## 4. Personalized PageRank

### Question 4(a)

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def calculate_pagerank(graph):
    return np.array(graph.pagerank())

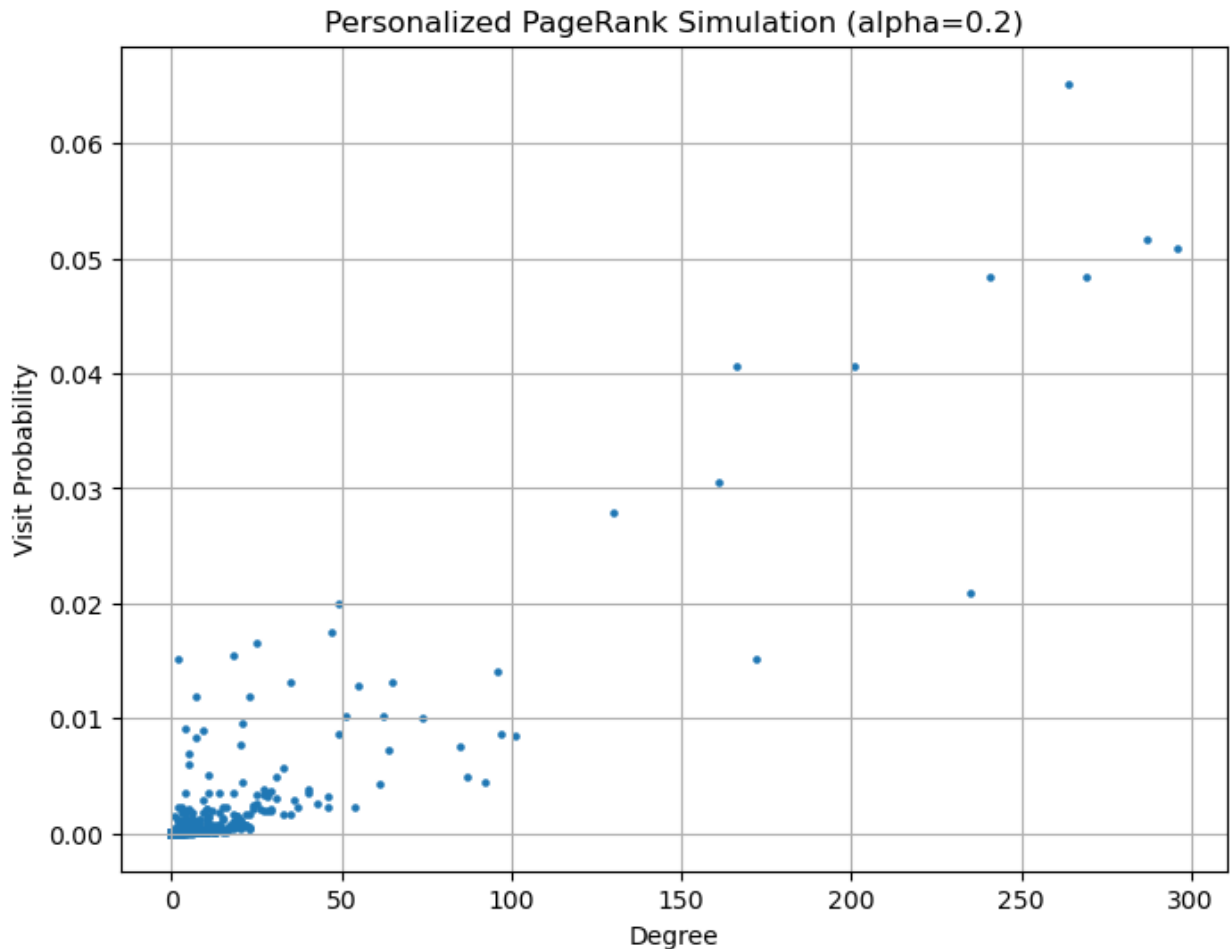
def random_walk_personalized(graph, size, steps, alpha, pagerank):
    visit_count = np.zeros(size)
    current_node = np.random.choice(size)
    teleport_distribution = np.random.choice(size, p=pagerank,
size=steps)
    for i in range(steps):
        visit_count[current_node] += 1
        neighbors = graph.successors(current_node)
        if np.random.rand() < alpha or len(neighbors) == 0:
            current_node = teleport_distribution[i]
        else:
            current_node = np.random.choice(neighbors)
    return visit_count / steps

def run_simulation(graph, size, iters, steps, alpha):
    pagerank = calculate_pagerank(graph)
    probabilities = np.zeros(size)
    for _ in range(iters):
        probabilities += random_walk_personalized(graph, size, steps,
alpha, pagerank)
    return probabilities / iters

def plot_results(degrees, probabilities):
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    plt.scatter(degrees, probabilities, s=5)
    plt.xlabel('Degree')
    plt.ylabel('Visit Probability')
    plt.title(f'Personalized PageRank Simulation (alpha=0.2)')
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.show()

iters = 100
size = 900
steps = 1000
alpha = 0.2

degrees = g1.indegree()
probabilities = run_simulation(g1, size, iters, steps, alpha)
plot_results(degrees, probabilities)
```



#### Question 4(a)

Suppose you have your own notion of importance. Your interest in a node is proportional to the node's PageRank, because you totally rely upon Google to decide which website to visit (assume that these nodes represent websites). Again, use random walk on network generated in question 3 to simulate this personalized PageRank. Here the teleportation probability to each node is proportional to its PageRank (as opposed to the regular PageRank, where at teleportation, the chance of visiting all nodes are the same and equal to  $1/N$ ). Again, let the teleportation probability be equal to  $\alpha = 0.2$ . Compare the results with 3(a).

We used random walk on the network generated in question 3 to simulate personalized PageRank. The teleportation probability to each node is proportional to its PageRank. We set the teleportation probability to be equal to  $\alpha = 0.2$ . You can see the results above. Compared to 3(a), the simulation is very similar. We can see a similar relationship between the probability that the walker visits each node and the degree of the nodes. The nodes with higher degrees have higher probabilities.

#### Question 4(b)

```
def random_walk_two_medians(graph, size, steps, alpha, median_nodes):
    visit_count = np.zeros(size)
```

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current_node = np.random.choice(size)
for _ in range(steps):
    visit_count[current_node] += 1
    neighbors = graph.successors(current_node)
    if np.random.rand() < alpha or len(neighbors) == 0:
        current_node = np.random.choice(median_nodes)
    else:
        current_node = np.random.choice(neighbors)
return visit_count / steps

def run_simulation_two_medians(graph, size, iters, steps, alpha,
median_nodes):
    probabilities = np.zeros(size)
    for _ in range(iters):
        probabilities += random_walk_two_medians(graph, size, steps,
alpha, median_nodes)
    return probabilities / iters

iters = 100
size = 900
steps = 1000
alpha = 0.2

original_pageranks = calculate_pagerank(g1)

sorted_indices = np.argsort(original_pageranks)
idx1 = len(sorted_indices)//2 - 1
idx2 = len(sorted_indices)//2
median_index1, median_index2 = sorted_indices[idx1],
sorted_indices[idx2]
median_nodes = [median_index1, median_index2]

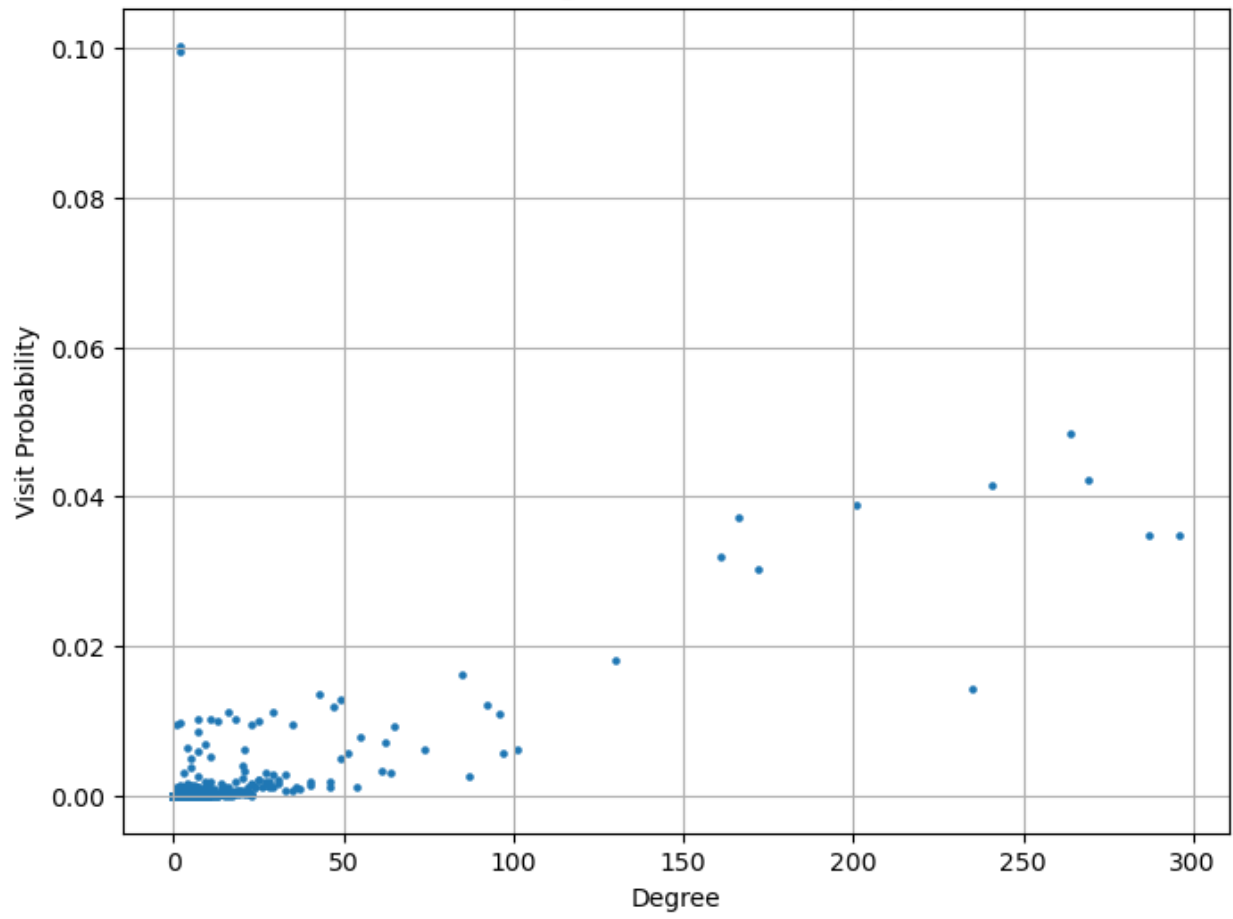
modified_probabilities = run_simulation_two_medians(g1, size, iters,
steps, alpha, median_nodes)
plot_results(degrees, modified_probabilities)

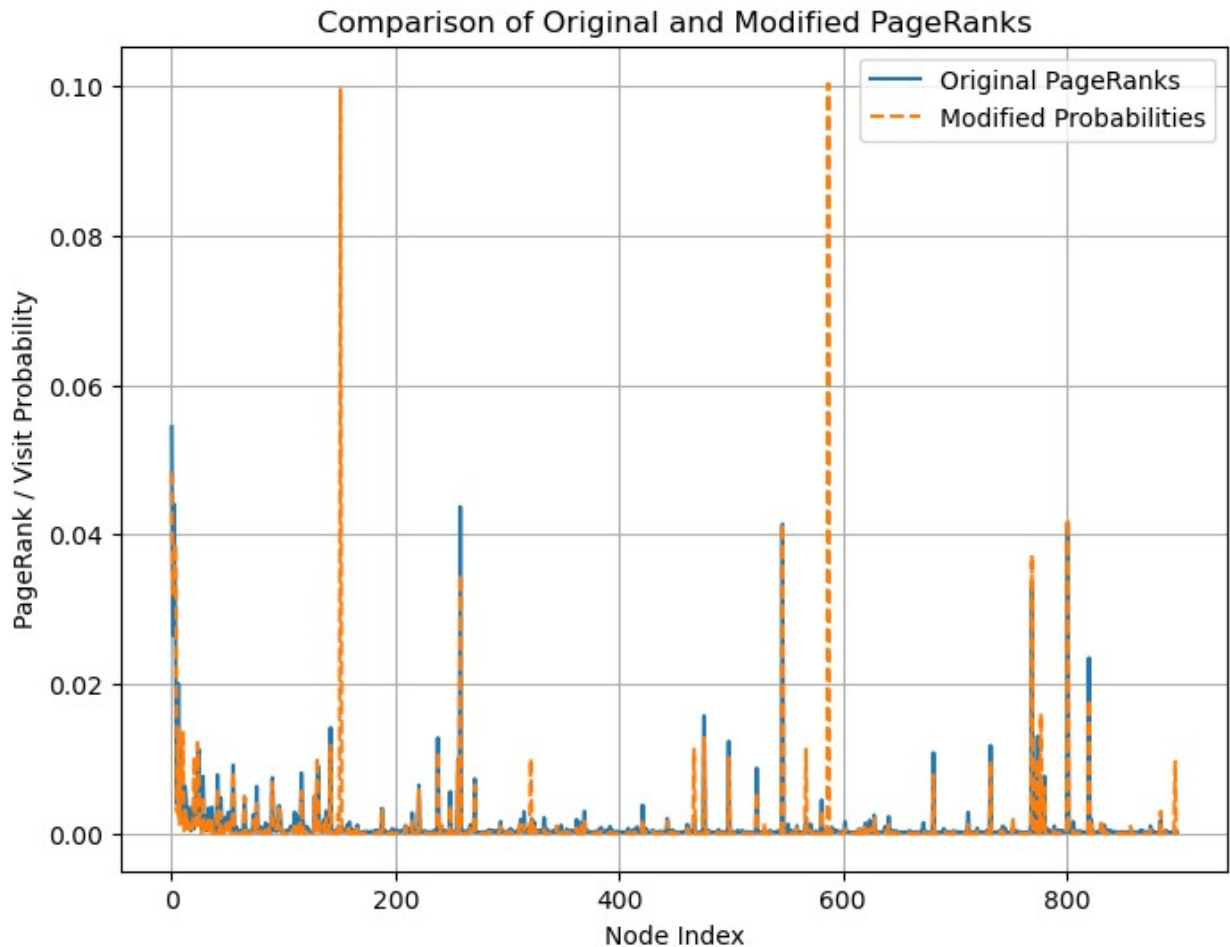
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.plot(original_pageranks, label='Original PageRanks')
plt.plot(modified_probabilities, label='Modified Probabilities',
linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('Node Index')
plt.ylabel('PageRank / Visit Probability')
plt.title('Comparison of Original and Modified PageRanks')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

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Personalized PageRank Simulation ( $\alpha=0.2$ )





#### Question 4(b)

**Find two nodes in the network with median PageRanks. Repeat part 4(a) if teleportations land only on those two nodes (with probabilities 1/2, 1/2). How are the PageRank values affected?**

We found two nodes in the network with median PageRanks. We repeated part 4(a) if teleportations land only on those two nodes (with probabilities 1/2, 1/2). You can see the results above.

The PageRank values are affected. You can see two outliers in the first plot, which are the two nodes with median PageRanks. We can see more nodes with lower PageRank values in the first plot. In the second plot, we can see two spikes, which are the two nodes with median PageRanks. The PageRank values of the nodes with median PageRanks are higher than the other nodes.

#### Question 4(c)

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**More or less, 4(b) is what happens in the real world, in that a user browsing the web only teleports to a set of trusted web pages. However, this is against the assumption of normal**

**PageRank, where we assume that people's interest in all nodes are the same. Can you take into account the effect of this self-reinforcement and adjust the PageRank equation?**

Considering web browsing behavior, it's more practical to account for users often favoring a subset of trusted pages, deviating from the classical PageRank assumption of uniform interest across all nodes. To integrate this concept, we take into account the effect of self-reinforcement by adjusting the PageRank equation.

The adjusted PageRank  $P_{ij}$  for a node  $j$  considering a set  $T$  of trusted nodes is:

$$P_{ij} = (1 - \alpha) \left( \frac{1}{k_{\text{out}}(i)} A_{ij} \right) + \alpha \frac{1}{|T|} B(j)$$

where  $B(j)$  is a bias function defined as:

$$B(j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \in T \\ 0 & \text{if } j \notin T \end{cases}$$

The overall probability of visiting node after convergence, reflecting the page rank of is:

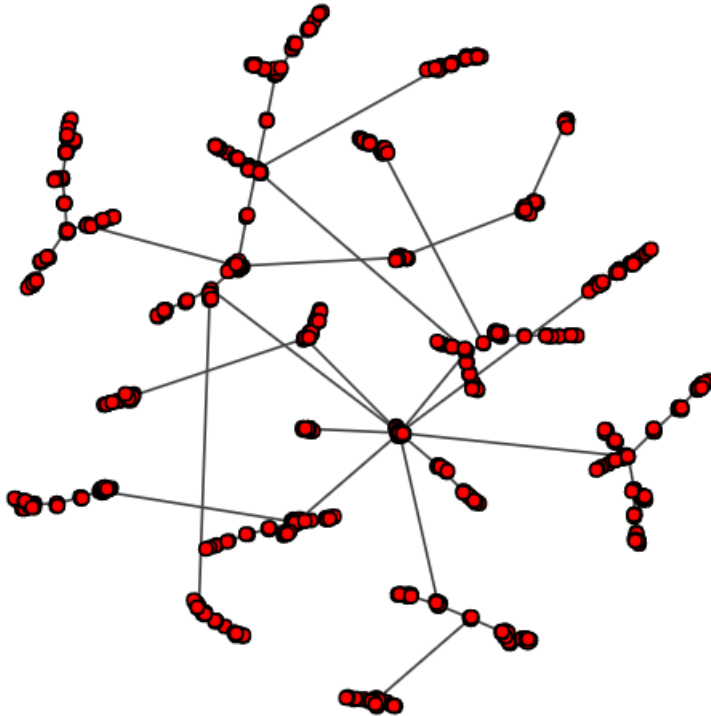
$$\pi(j) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_{ij} \pi(i)$$
$$\pi(j) = (1 - \alpha) \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{k_{\text{out}}(i)} A_{ij} \pi(i) \right) + \alpha \frac{1}{|T|} B(j)$$

This modified PageRank equation thus captures the increased likelihood of visiting trusted nodes, aligning the algorithm more closely with real-world web surfing behaviors.

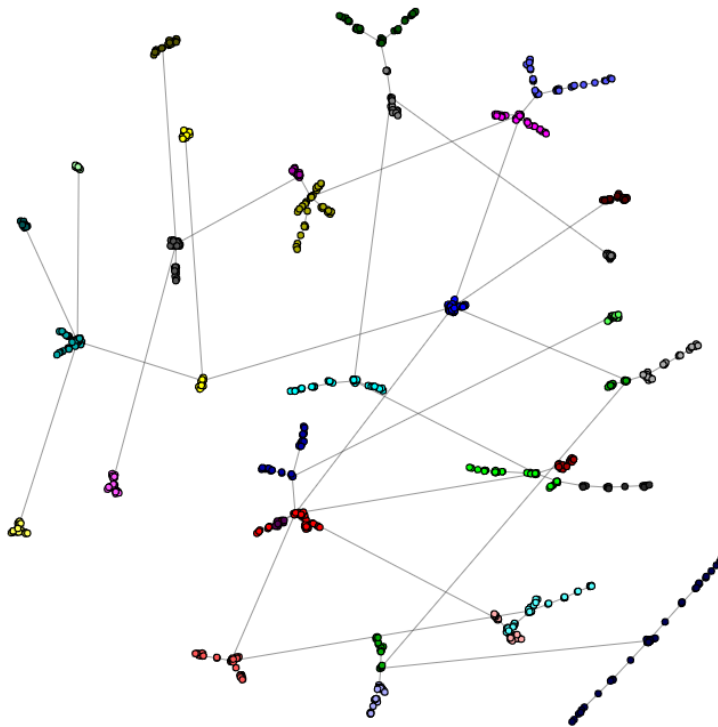
In practical situations, such as in Problem 4 Part b, where  $\frac{1}{|T|} = 0.5$  and  $T$  is a set of median-ranked nodes, the random walker is predisposed towards these nodes, resulting in higher probabilities in the convergence of the algorithm for those particular nodes.

Part 1:

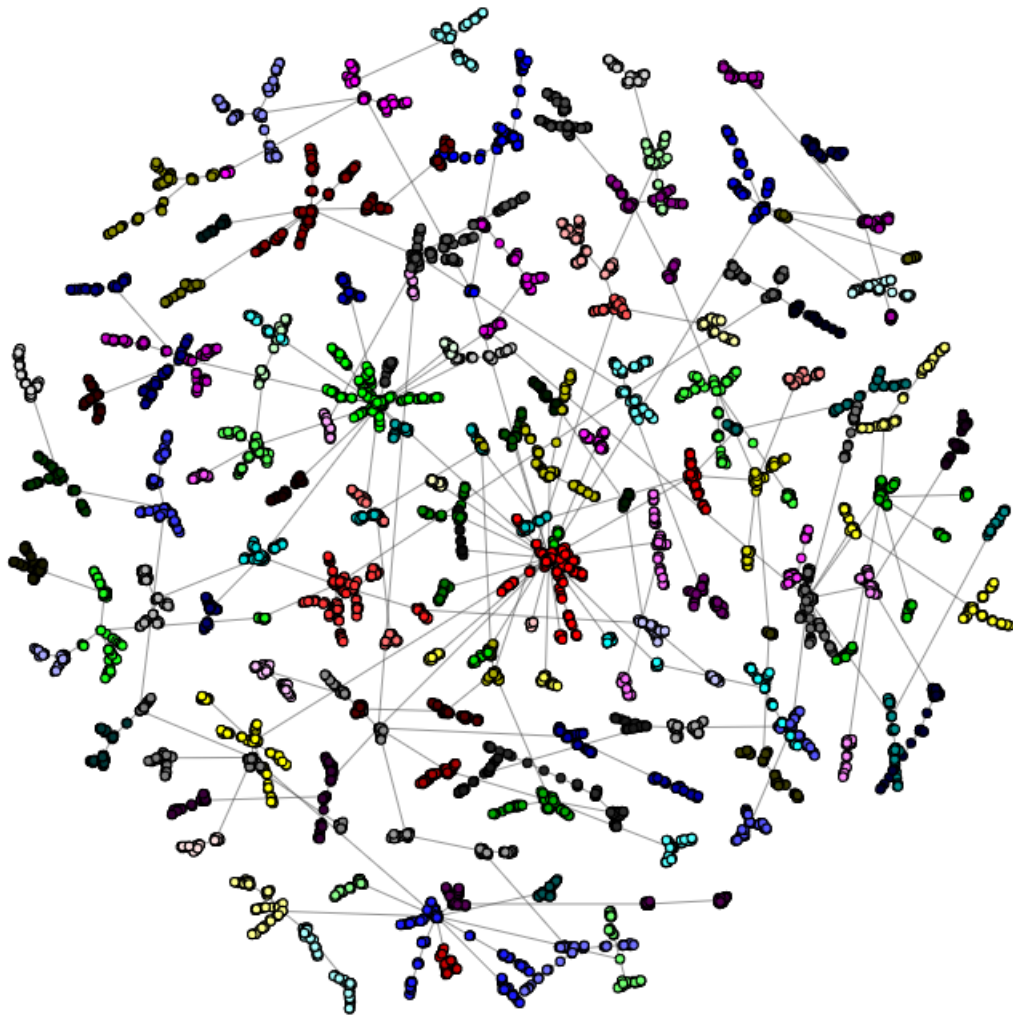
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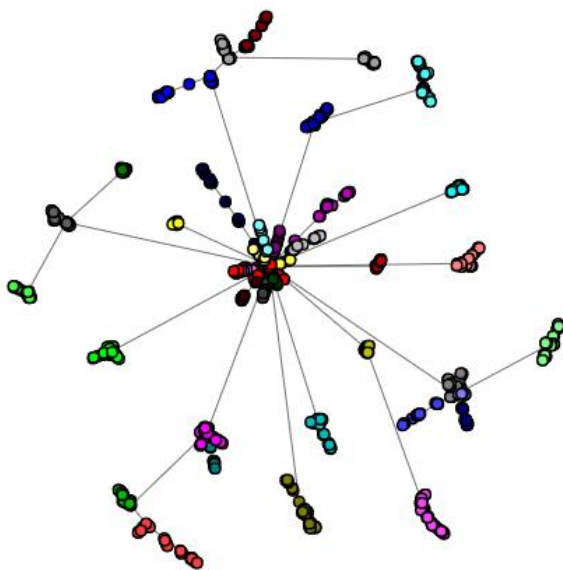
2(b)

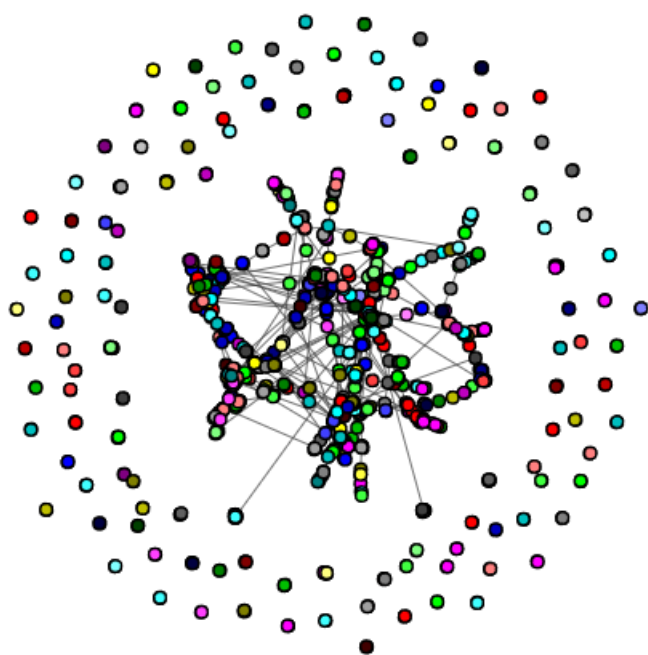


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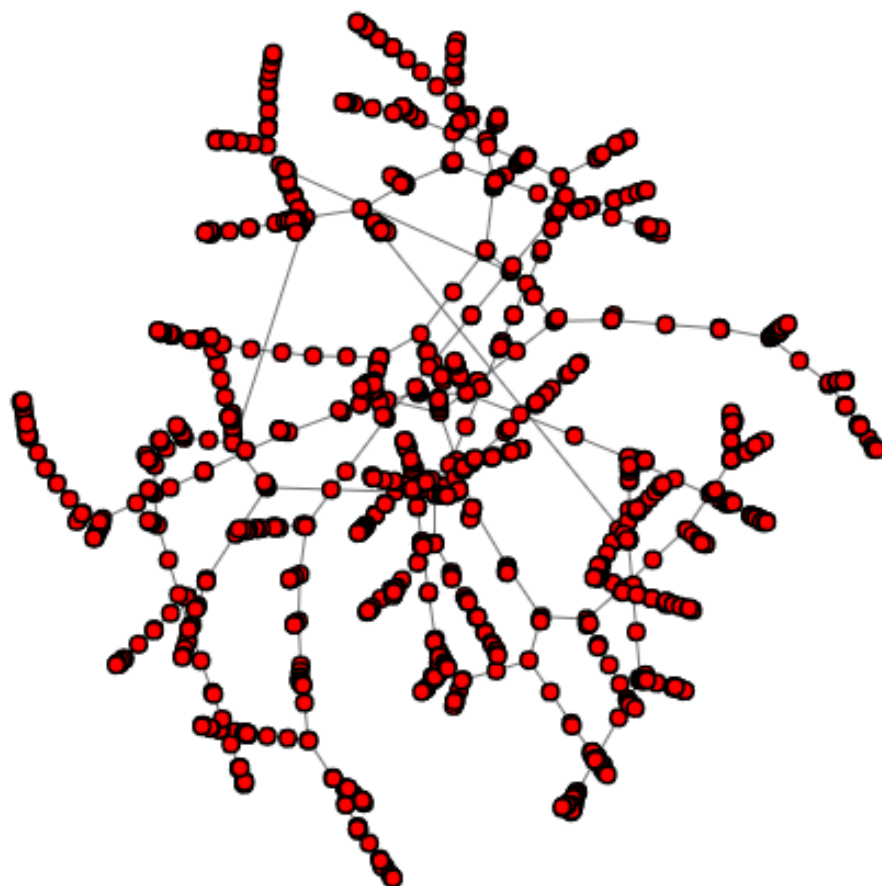


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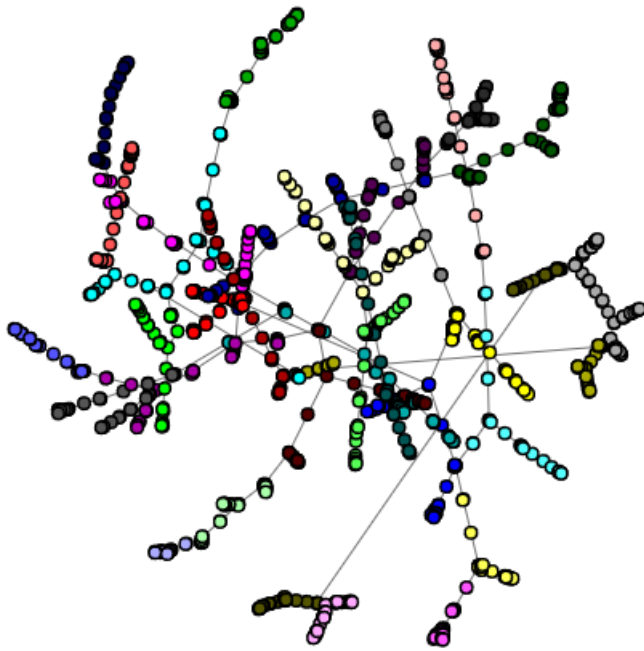




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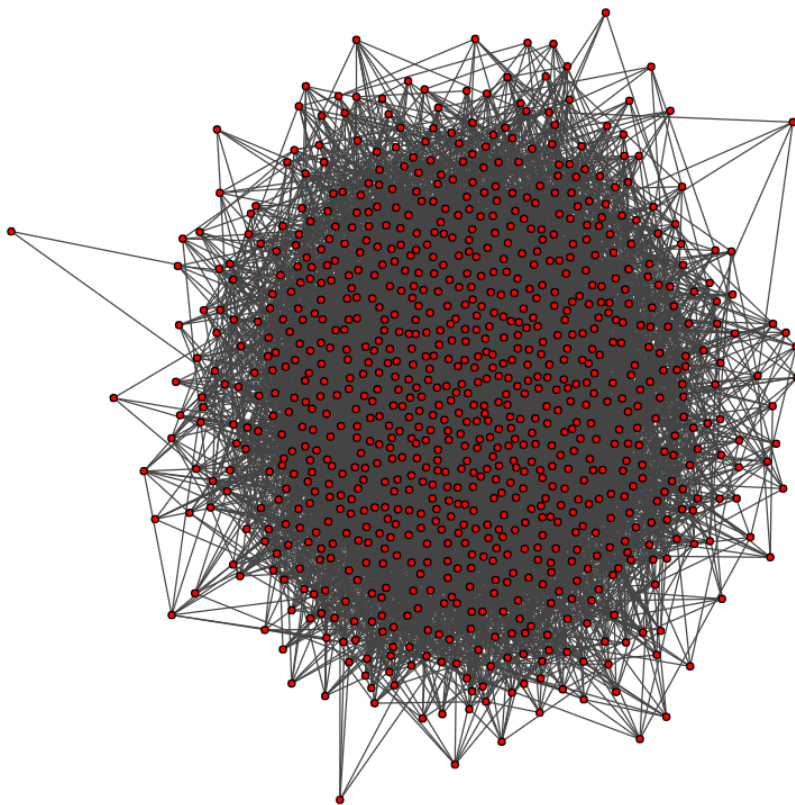


3(b)



Part 2:

1(a)



2(a)

