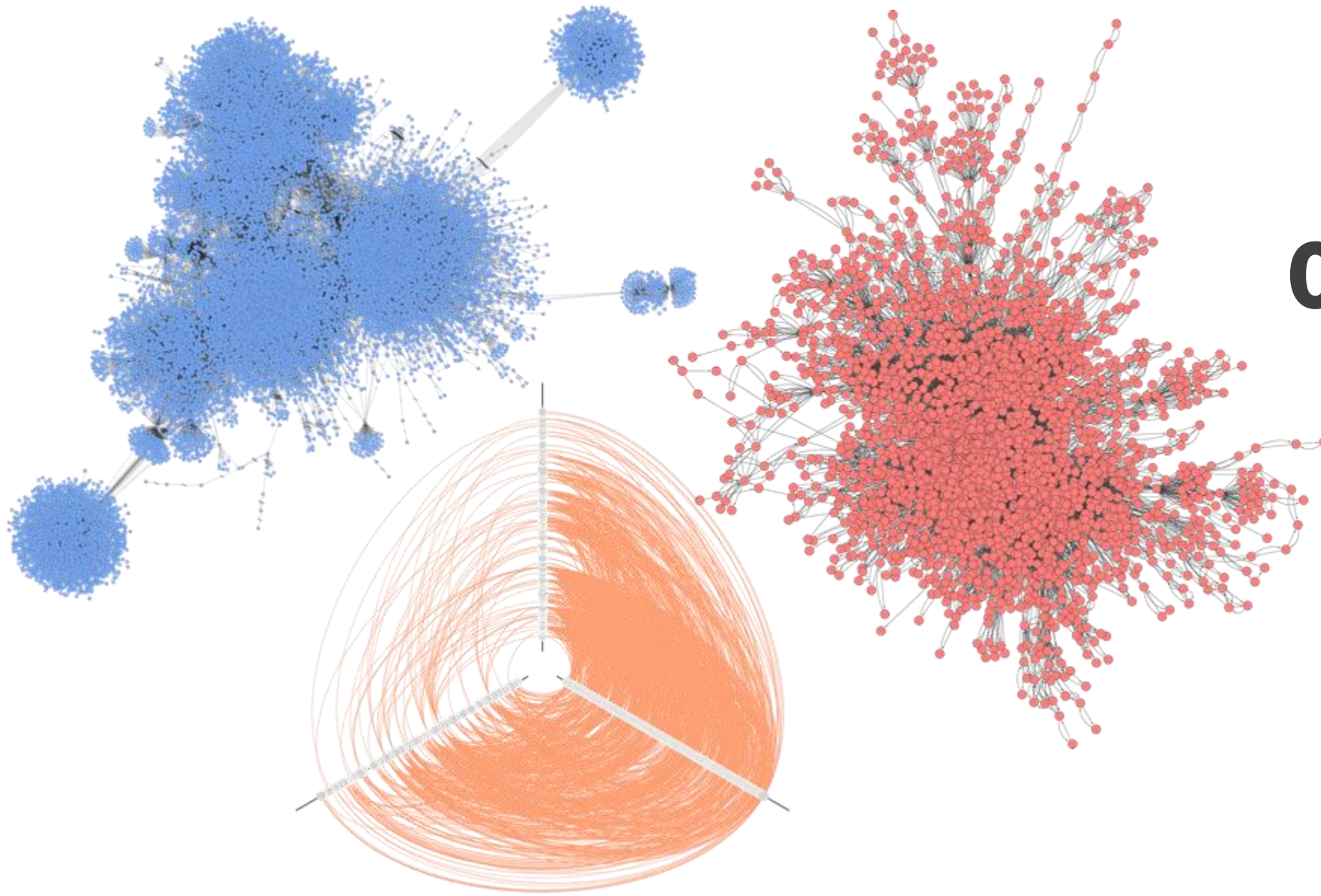


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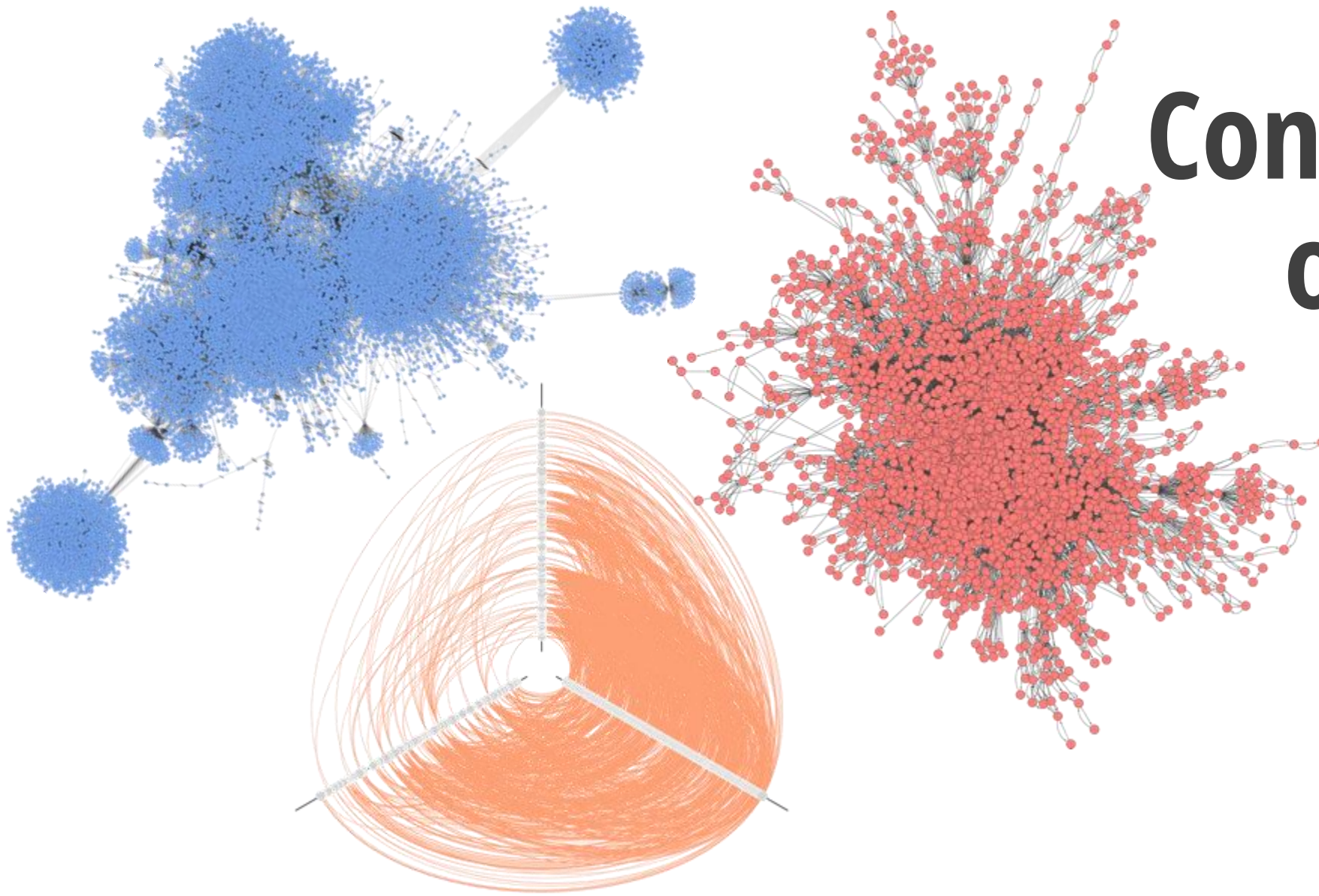


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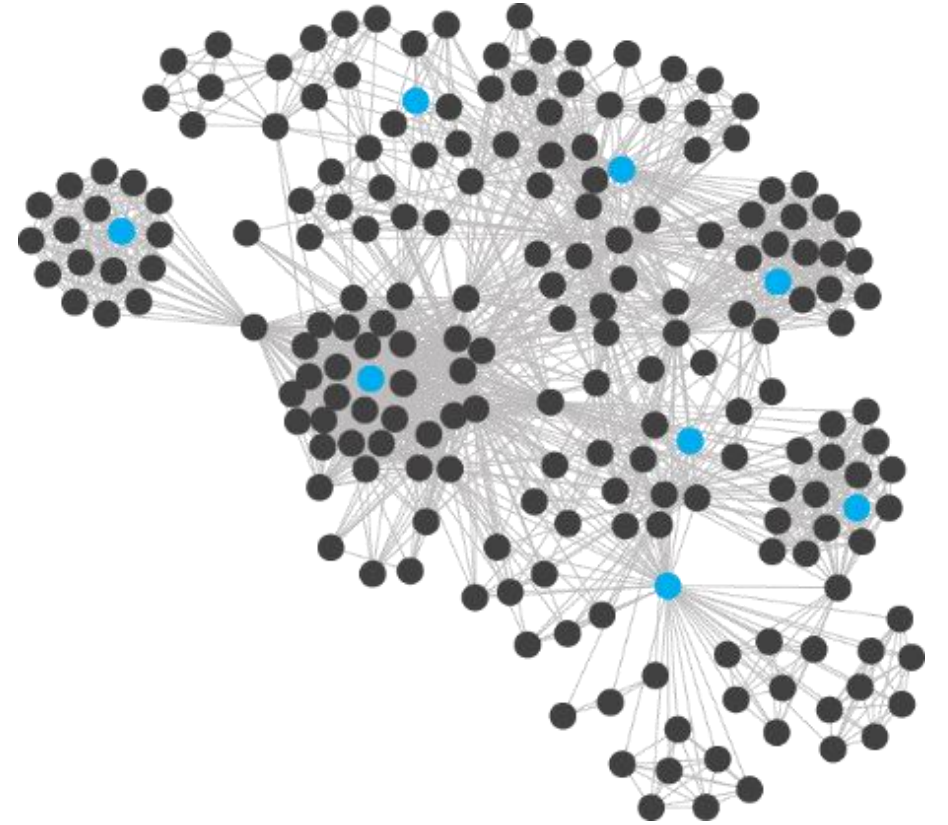
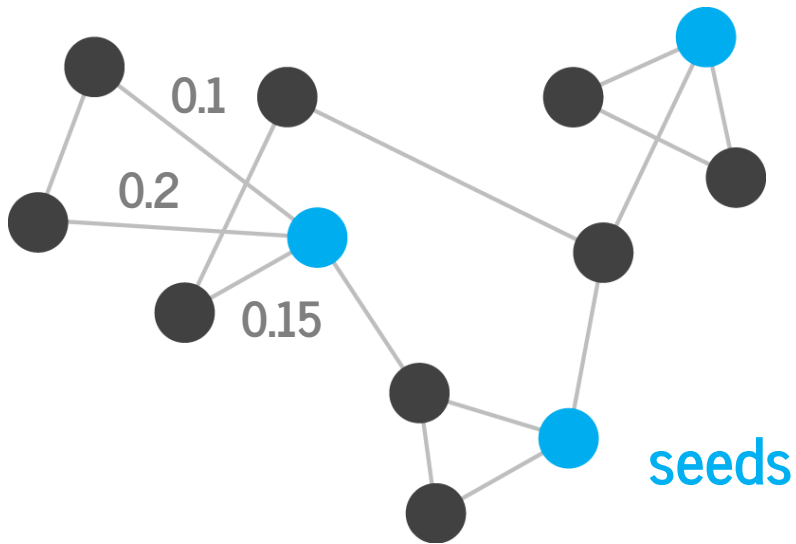
# controlling...

- **Extinction:** populations of a species within a food web
- **Epilepsy:** neuron voltages in the brain
- **Disease:** concentration of proteins within a cell
- **Unrest:** sentiment within a population of individuals

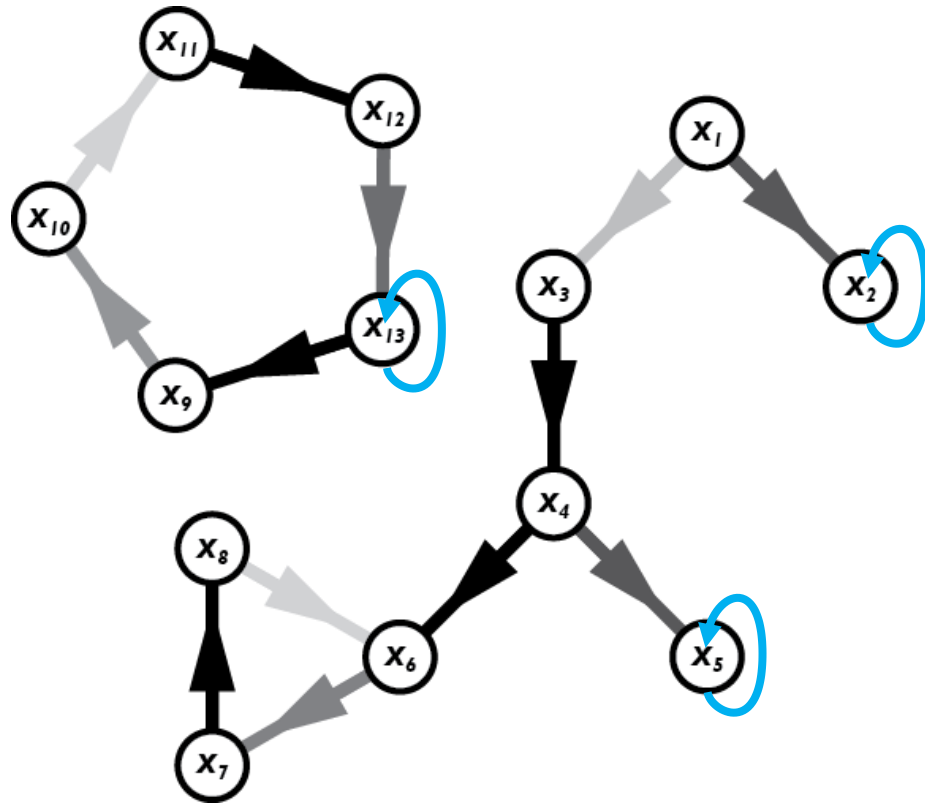


# influence maximization

independent cascade models a discrete, stochastic diffusion based on edge weights (probabilities)



# pinning control

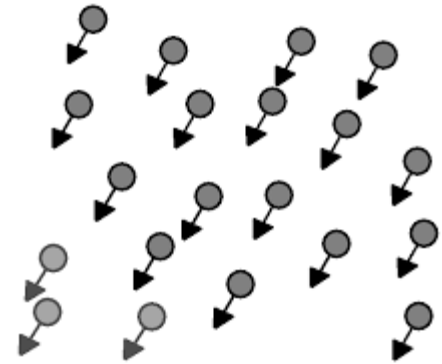


by pinning specific nodes: drive all nodes to a reference trajectory

pins (feedback)

# multi-agent consensus

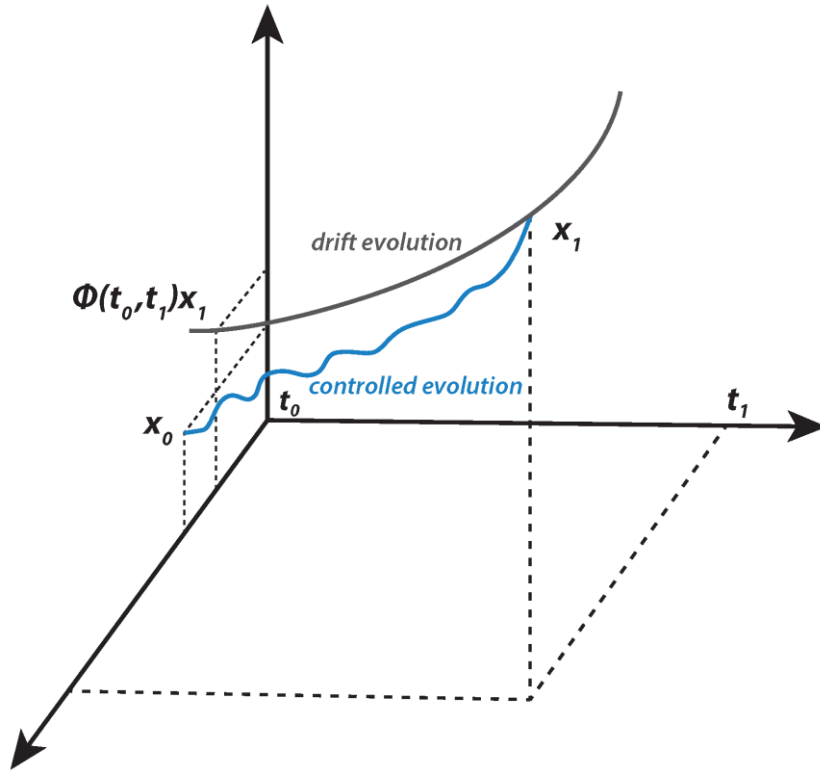
design feedback policies and topologies that lead toward attaining consensus.



$$\dot{x}_i(t) = \sum_{j \in N_i} A_{ij} (x_j(t) - x_i(t)) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \dot{x}(t) = -Lx(t)$$

$L = D - A$

for an undirected connected graph, these dynamics yield asymptotic consensus for all initial states



$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t)$$

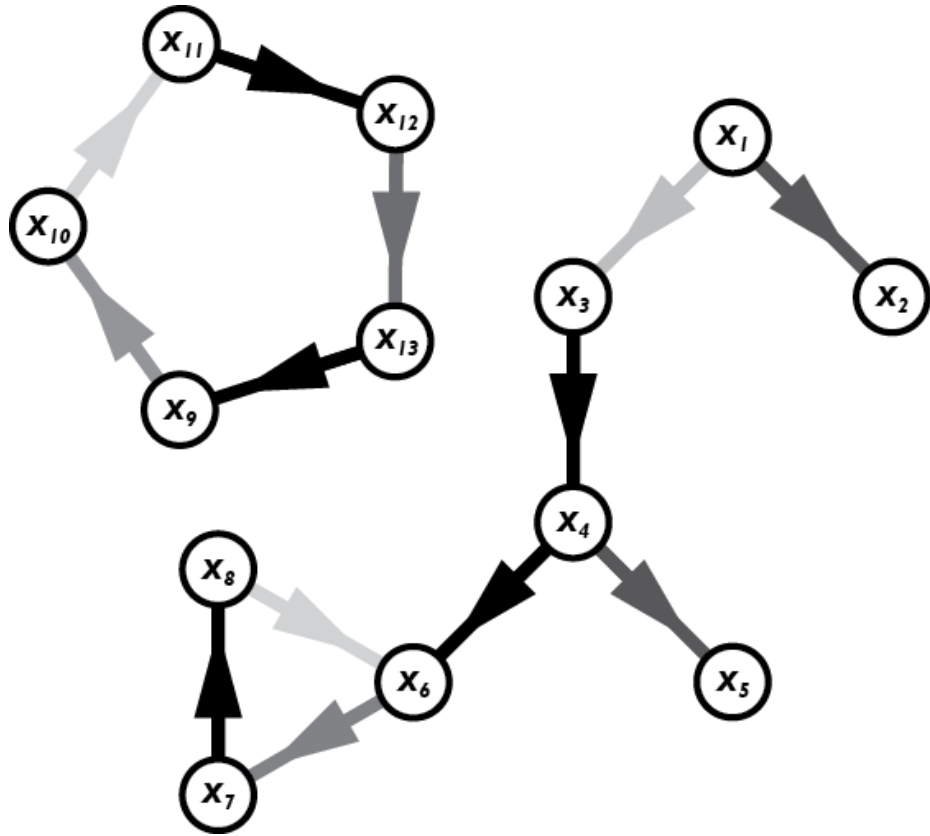
$$x_0 - \Phi(t_0, t_1)x_1 \in \mathcal{R}(W(t_0, t_1))$$

$$W(t_0, t_1) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \Phi(t_0, t) B(t) B'(t) \Phi'(t_0, t) dt$$

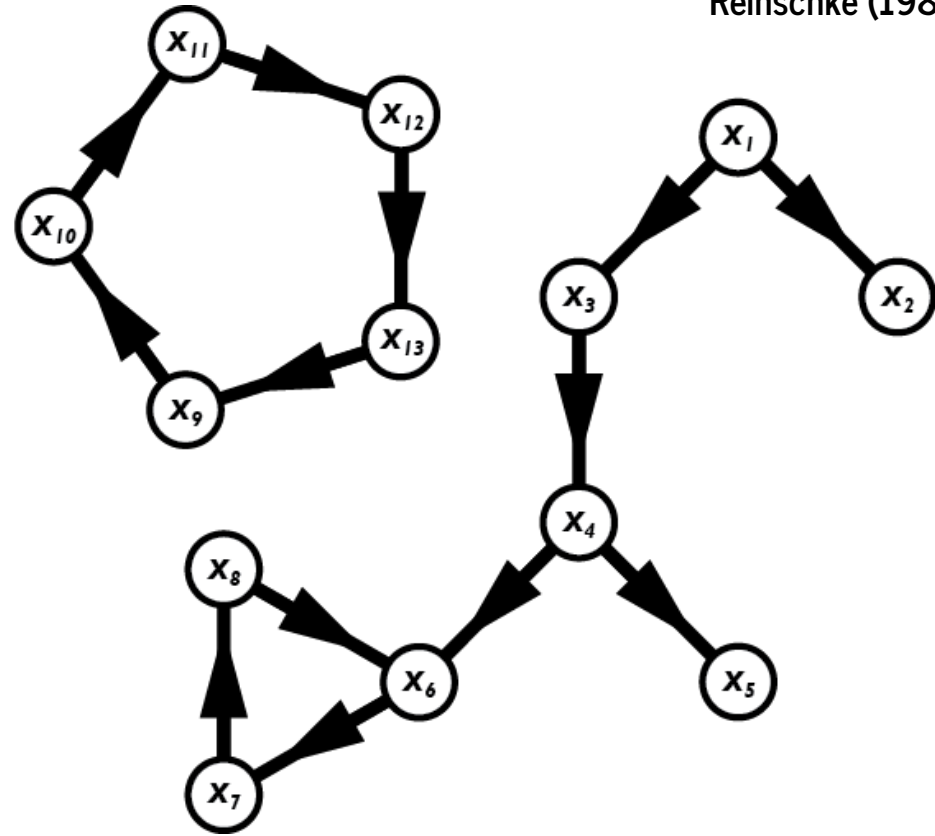
**controllability** is the ability to drive a dynamical system from an arbitrary initial state  $x(t_0) = x_0$  to an arbitrary final state,  $x(t_1) = x_1$ , through the application of a time-varying input  $u(t)$ .

# structural control

Lin (1974)  
Shields & Pearson (1976)  
Glover & Silverman (1976)  
Schizas & Evans (1981)  
Mayeda (1981)  
Hosoe (1980)  
Reinschke (1985)

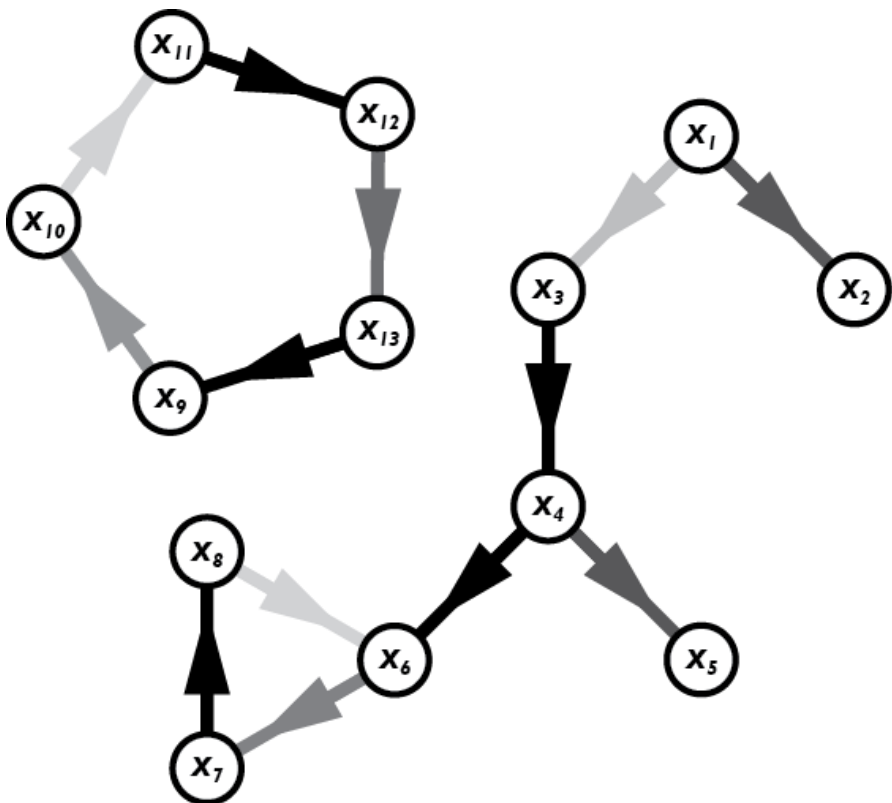


weighted



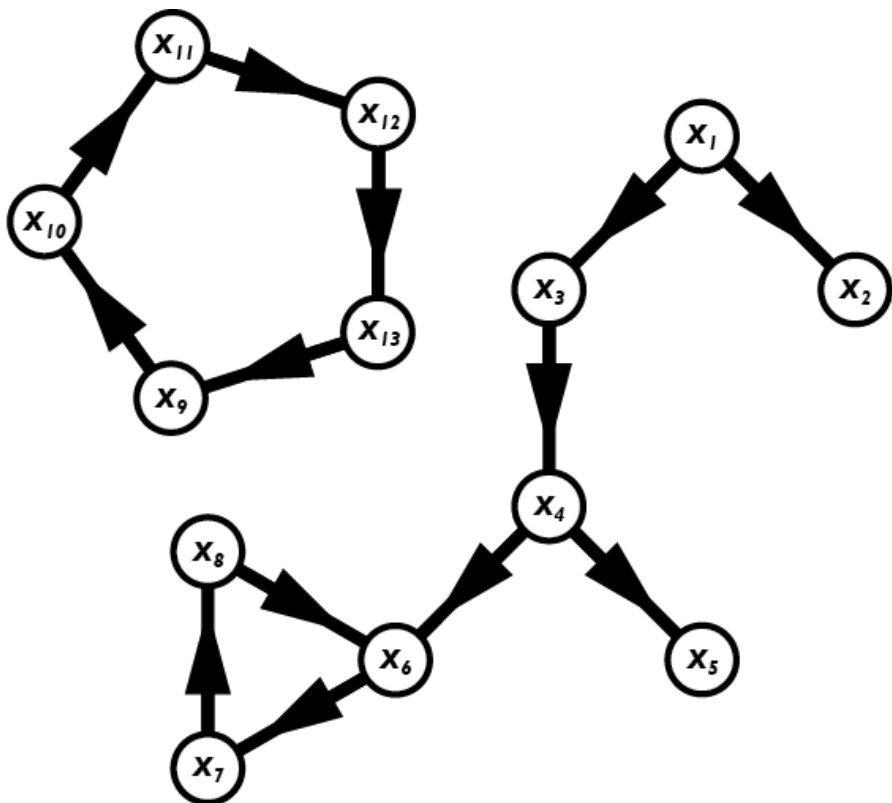
structured





$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = Ax(t)$$

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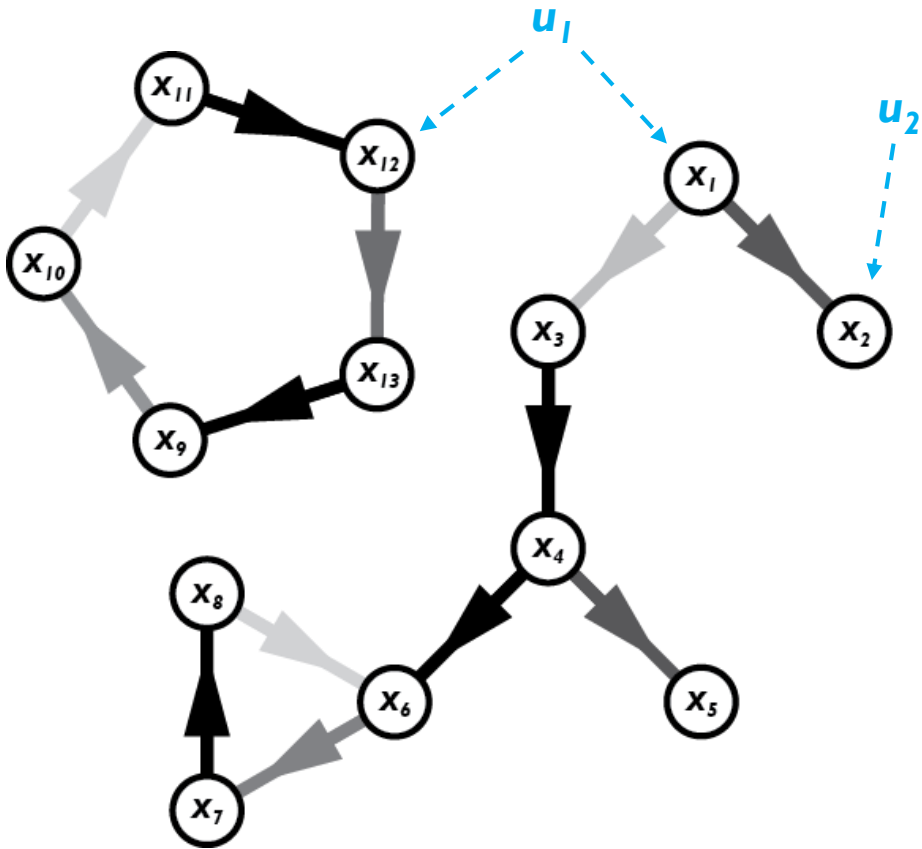
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independent parameters

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$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

- Control typically looks at the problem **given A and B**,
  - Is the system controllable?
  - What is the reachable subspace?
- New problems arising from networks ask **given A**,
  - What is the **B** that guarantees controllability?
  - What are the characteristics of this **B**?

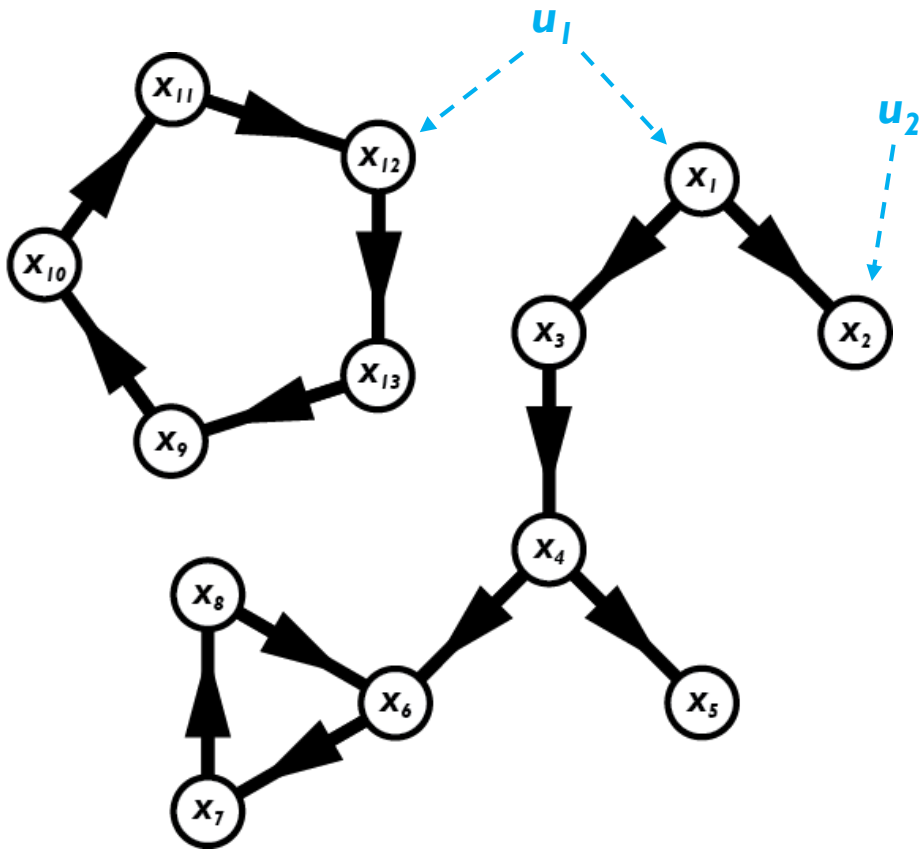


$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

$$\text{rank}[W(t_0, t_1)] \quad \text{Kalman rank condition}$$

$$= \text{rank}[B, AB, A^2B, \dots, A^{n-1}B]$$

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$$\text{rank}[W(t_0, t_1)] \\ = \text{grank}[\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}]$$

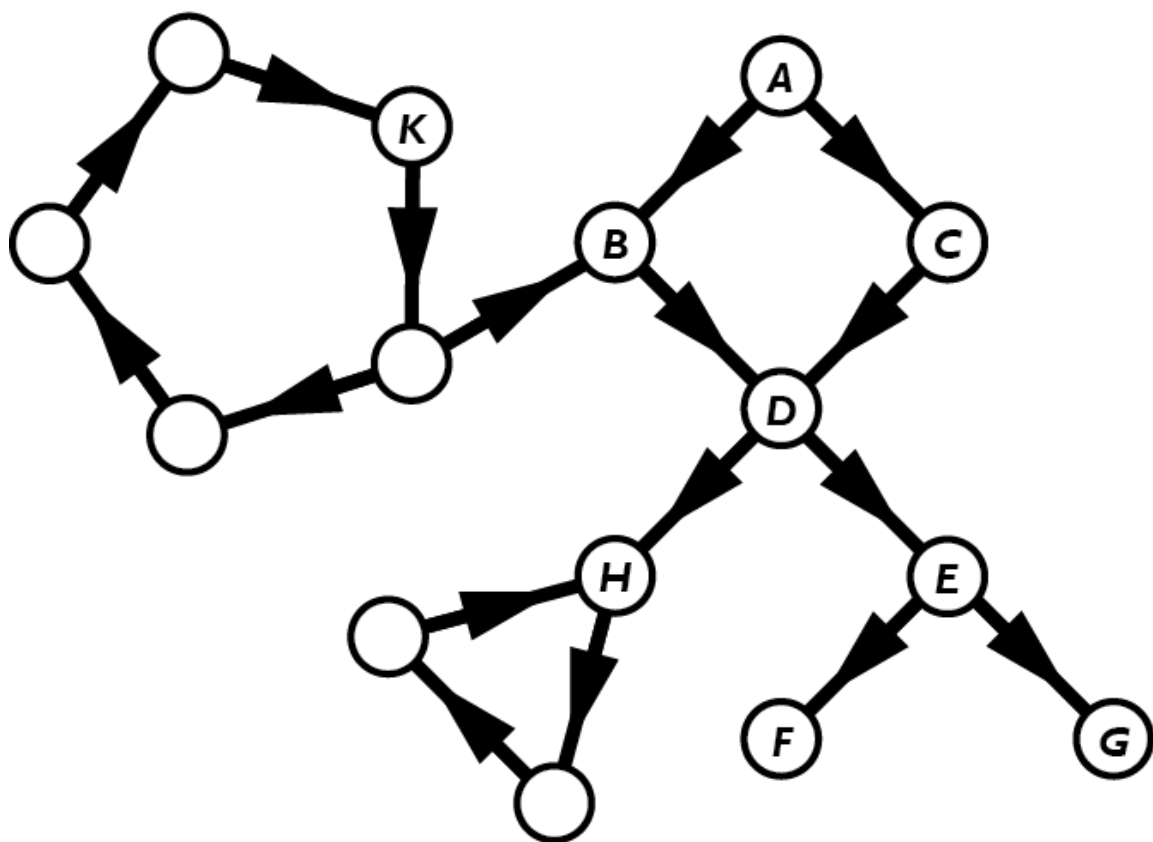
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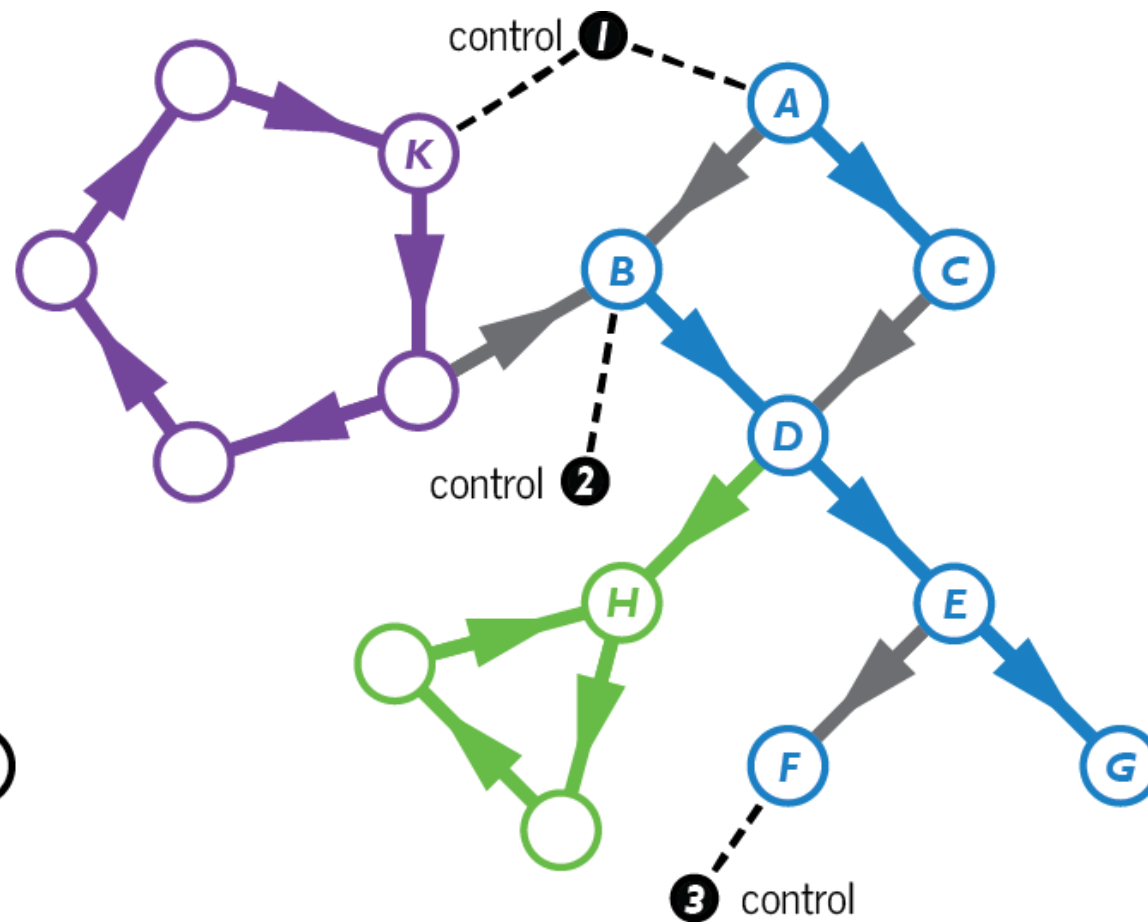
$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

- The system **(A,B)** is structurally controllable if and only if:
  - the system is irreducible and the generic rank of  $[A \ B] = n$ ;
  - there exists a vertex disjoint union of cacti that covers all state vertices;
  - every state vertex is the end of a U-rooted path and there exists a disjoint union of a U-rooted path family and a cycle family that covers all state vertices.





directed network



control structure (cacti)

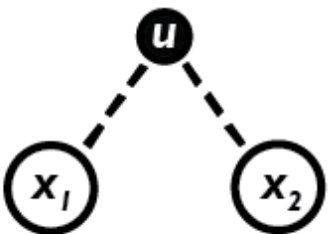
**reducibility:** there are nodes not reachable from the controls (i.e., union of cacti do not cover all nodes)

$$\begin{aligned} P^T A P &= \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & 0 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \\ P^T B &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ B_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & 0 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ B_2 \end{pmatrix} u(t)$$

**g-rank of  $[A \ B] = n$ :** there are sufficient independent controls (i.e., vertex disjoint cacti)

**generic** properties hold for almost all values (i.e., they do not hold for a measure-zero set)

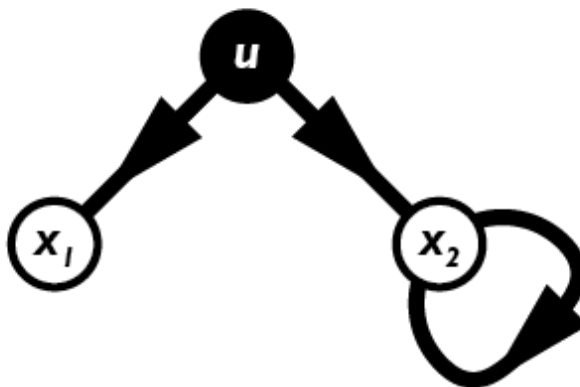
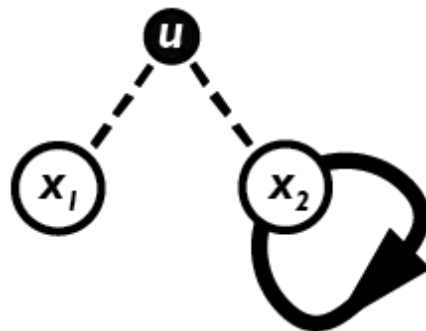
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g-rank < n



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} * \\ * \end{pmatrix}$$

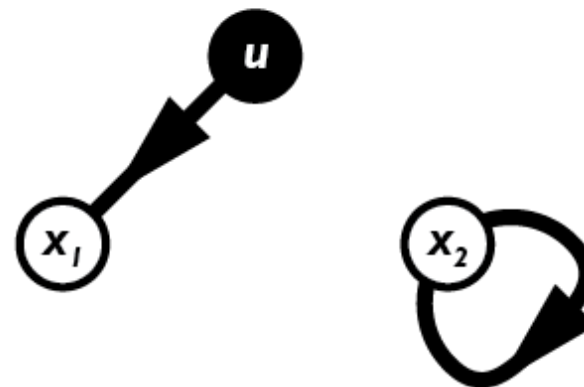
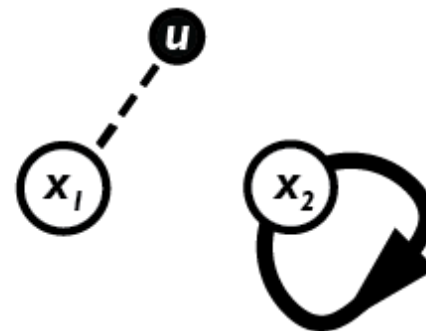
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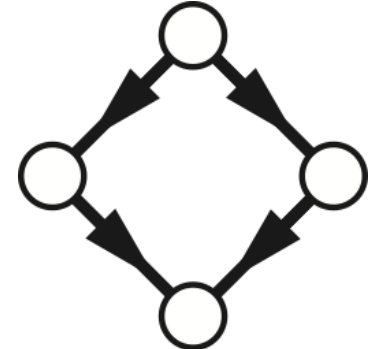
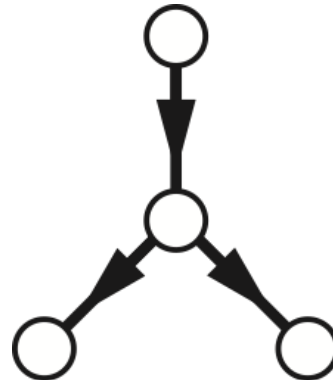
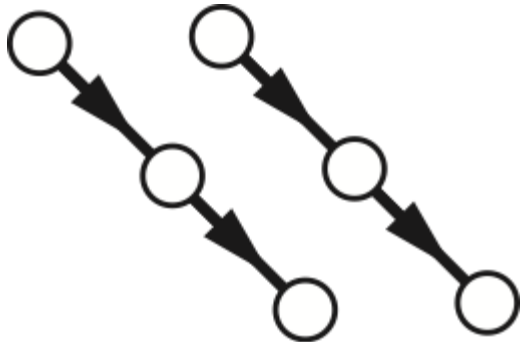
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# dilation

$$|T(S)| < |S|$$

set of nodes with  
edges pointing to S

a subset of  
nodes

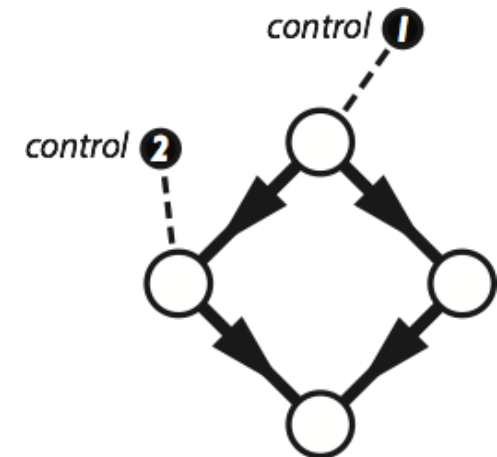
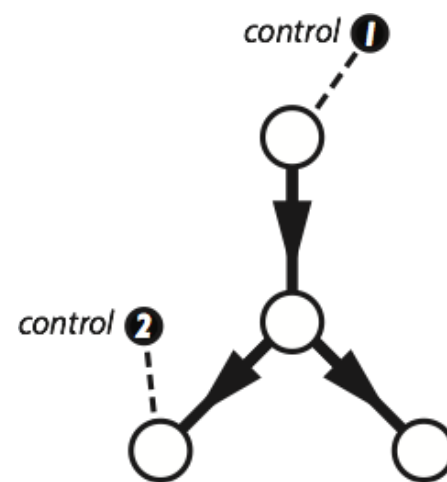
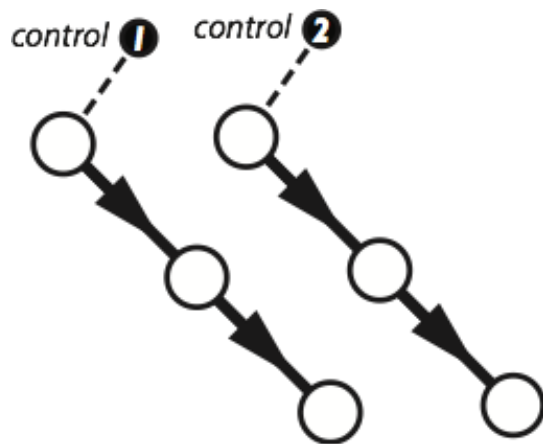


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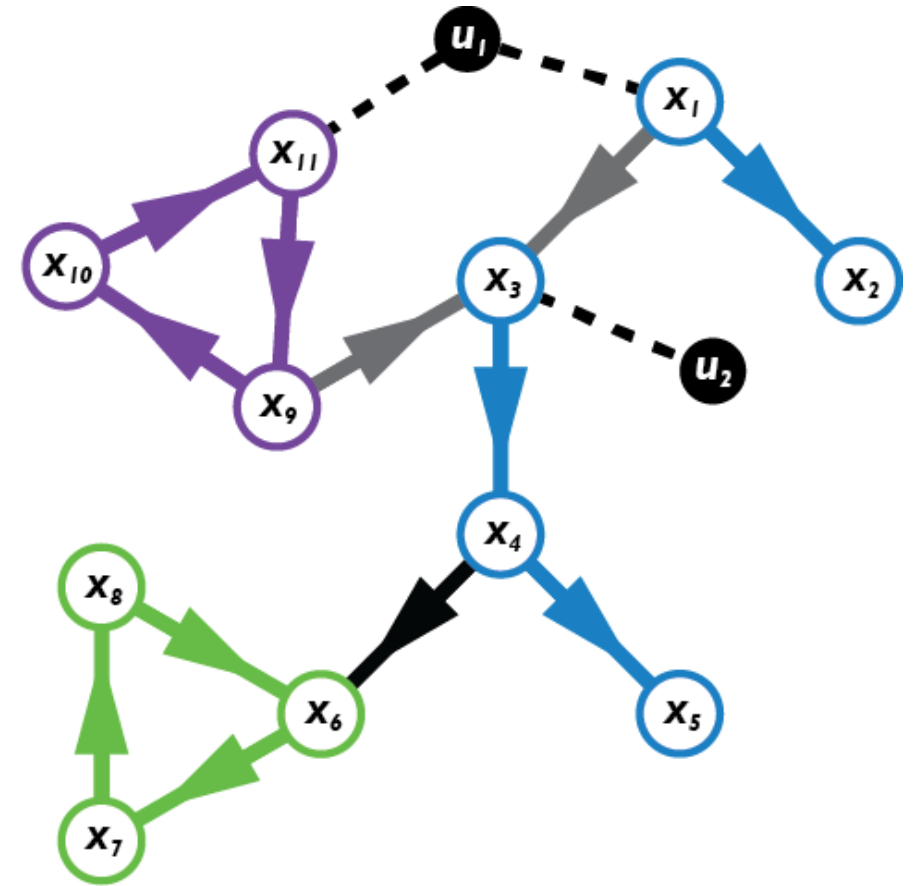
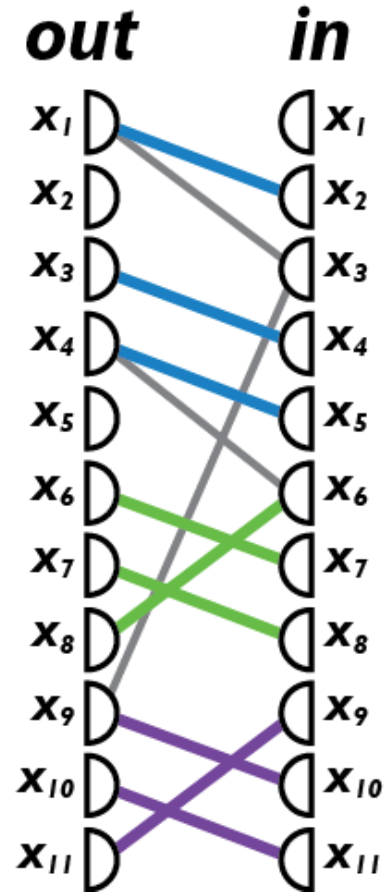
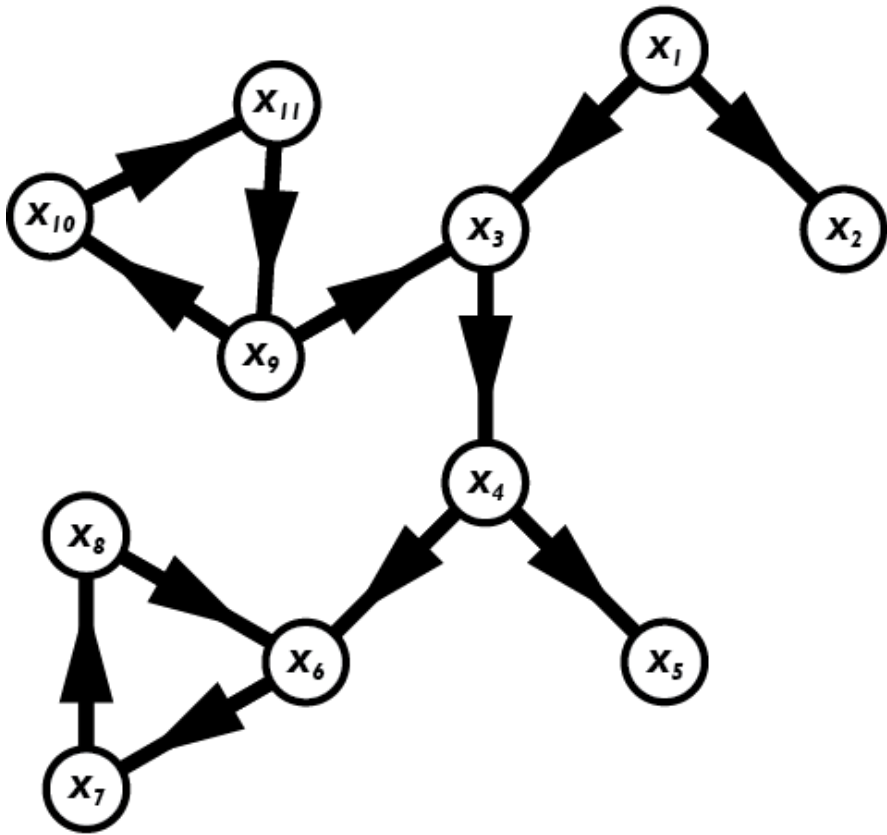
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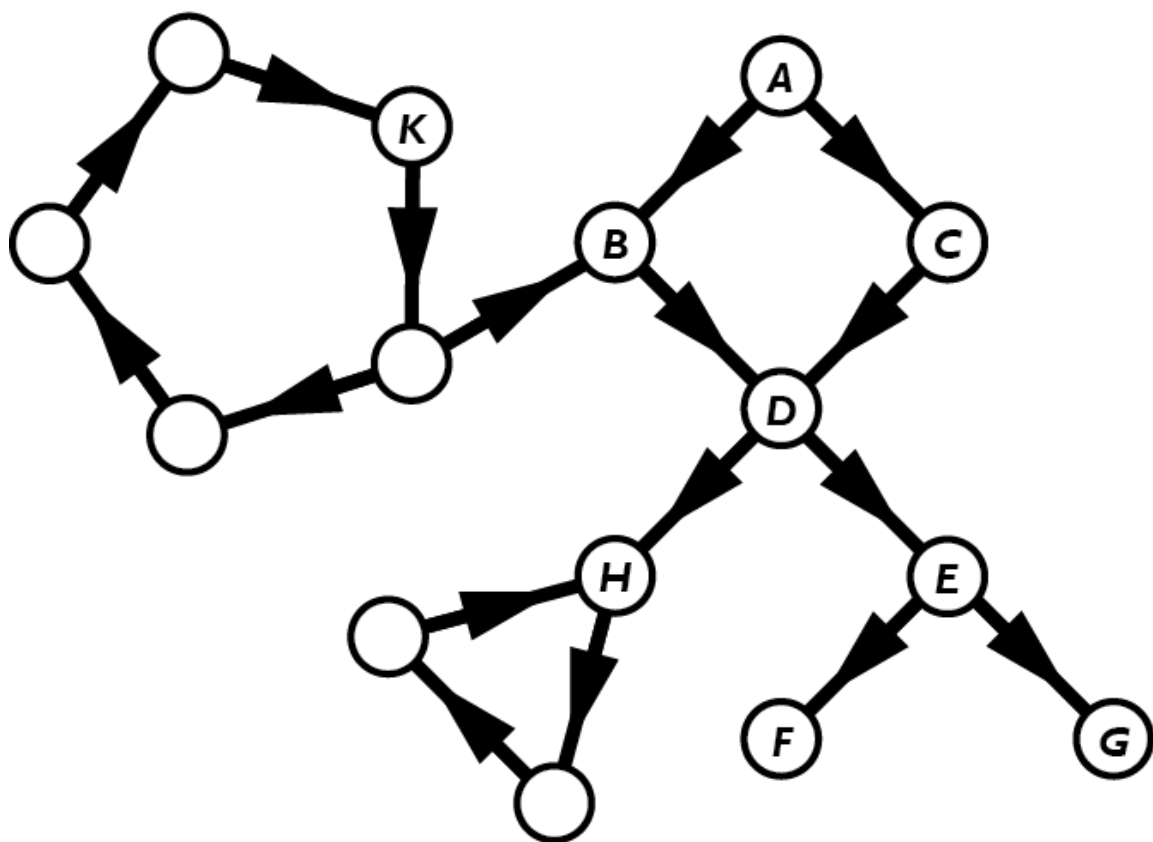
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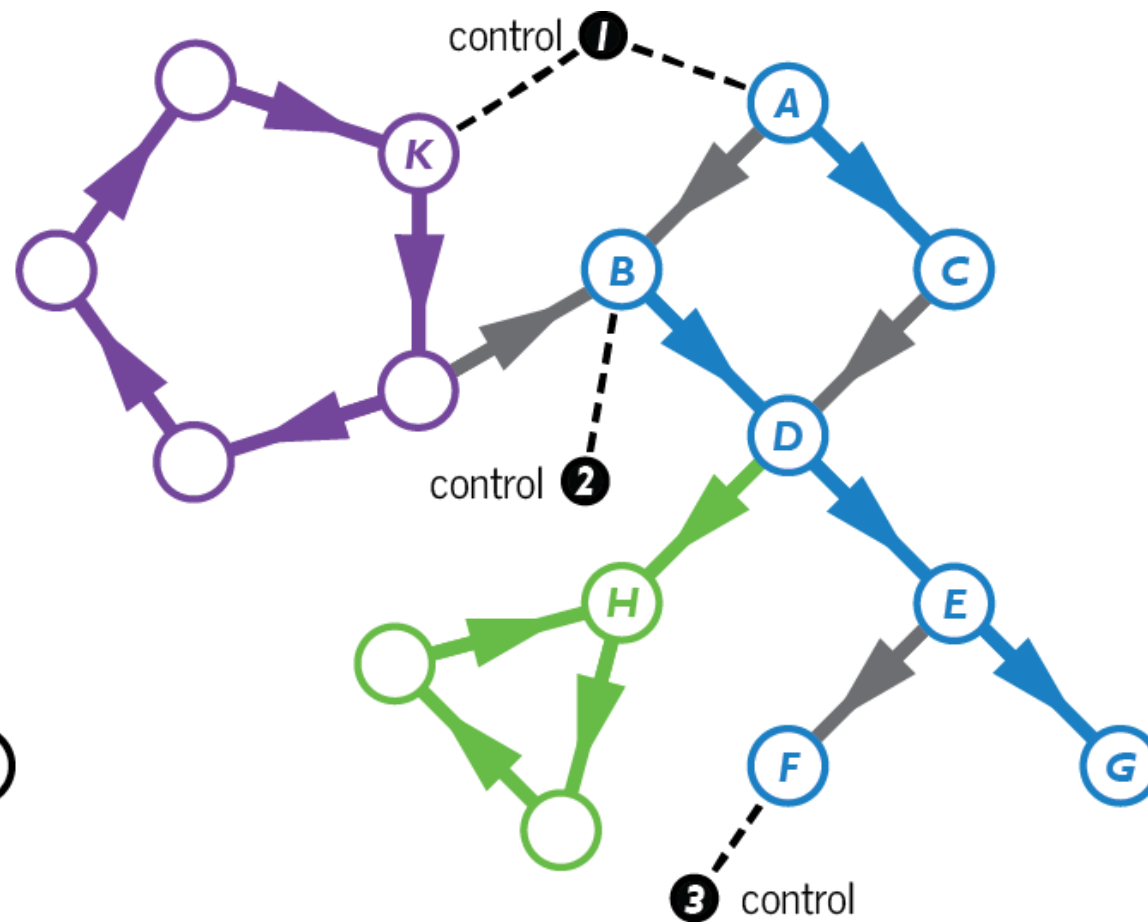
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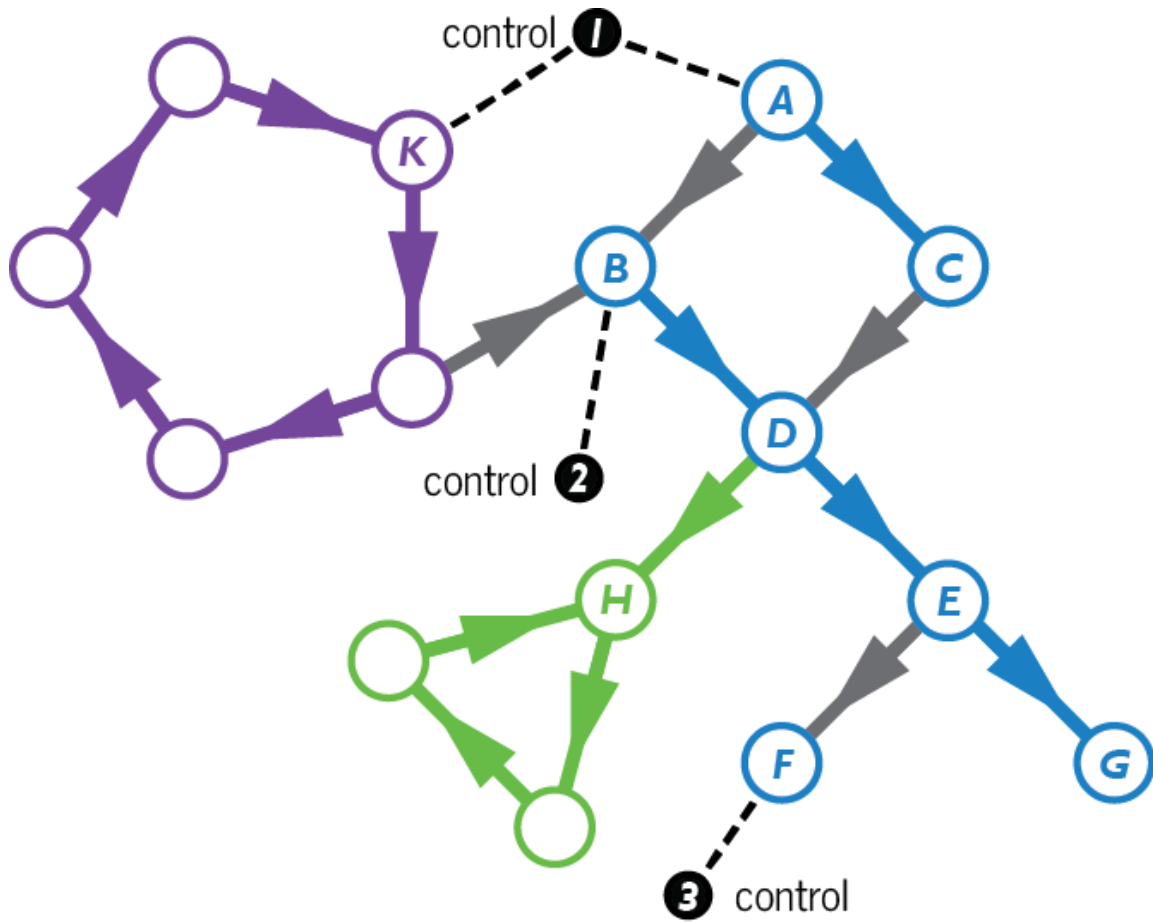




directed network



control structure (cacti)



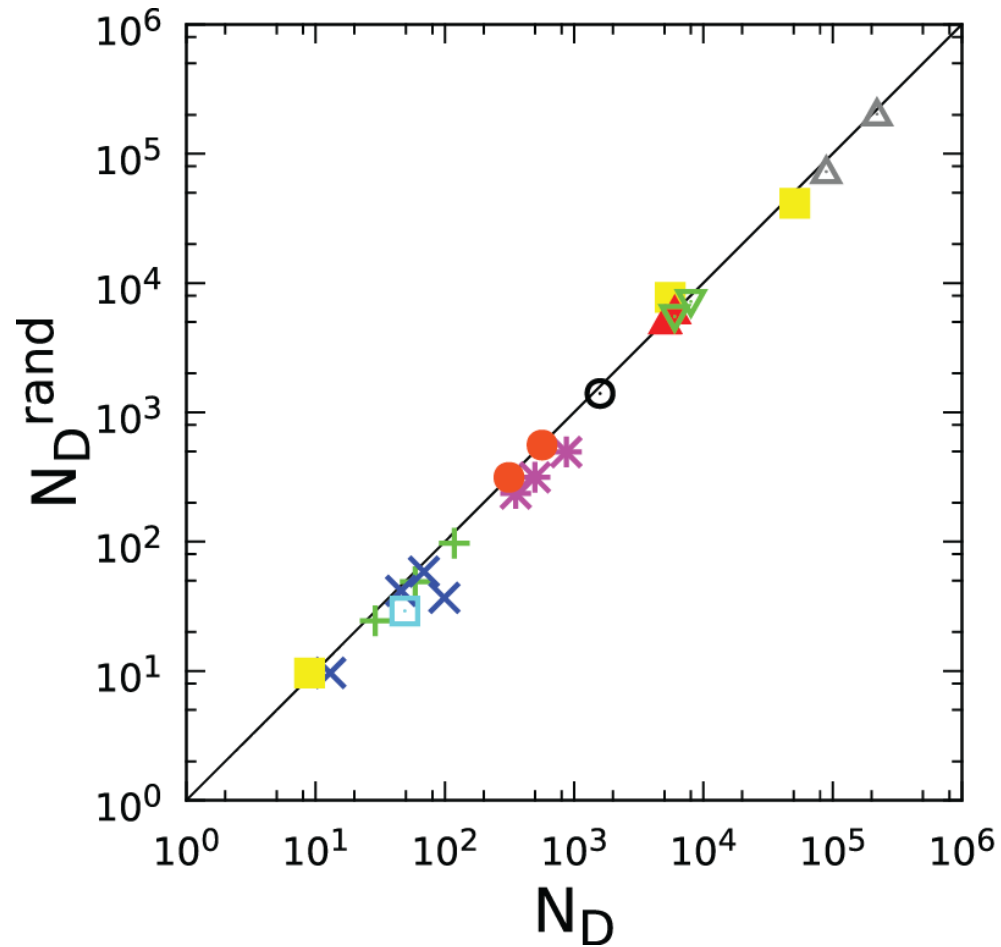
stems

buds via distinguished edges

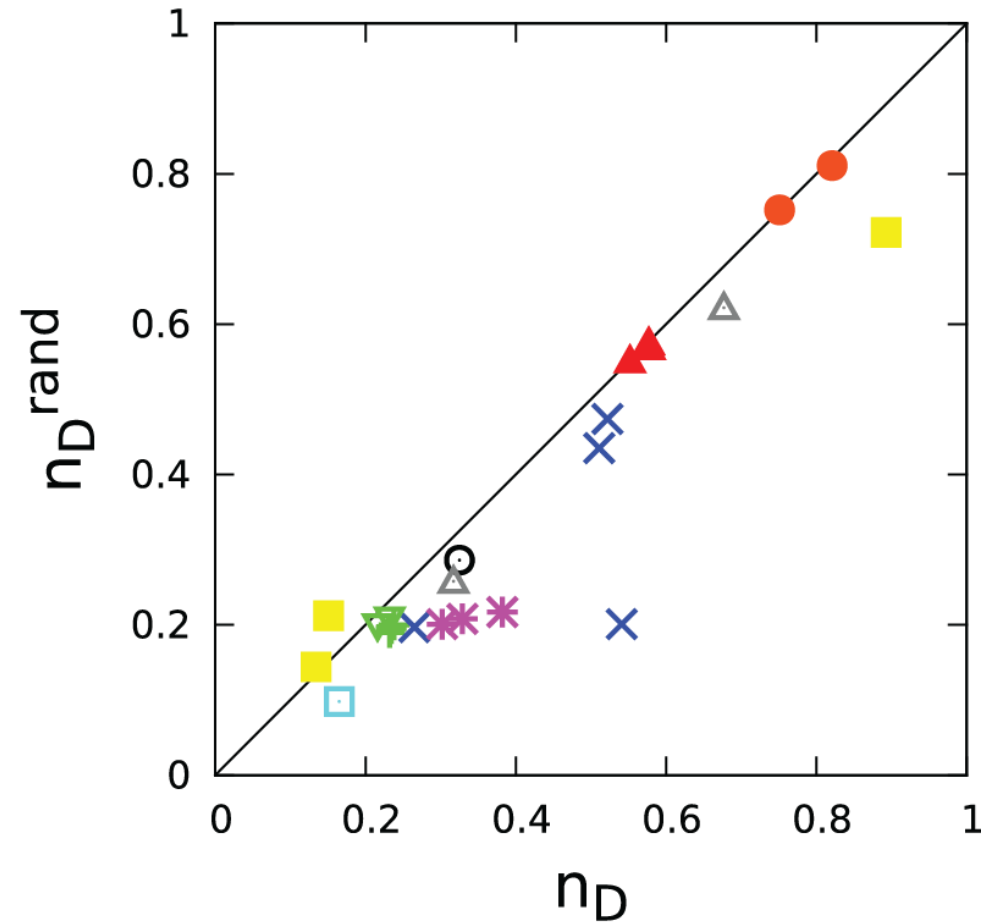
cycles must become buds

**control structure (cacti)**

# correlation with degree distribution

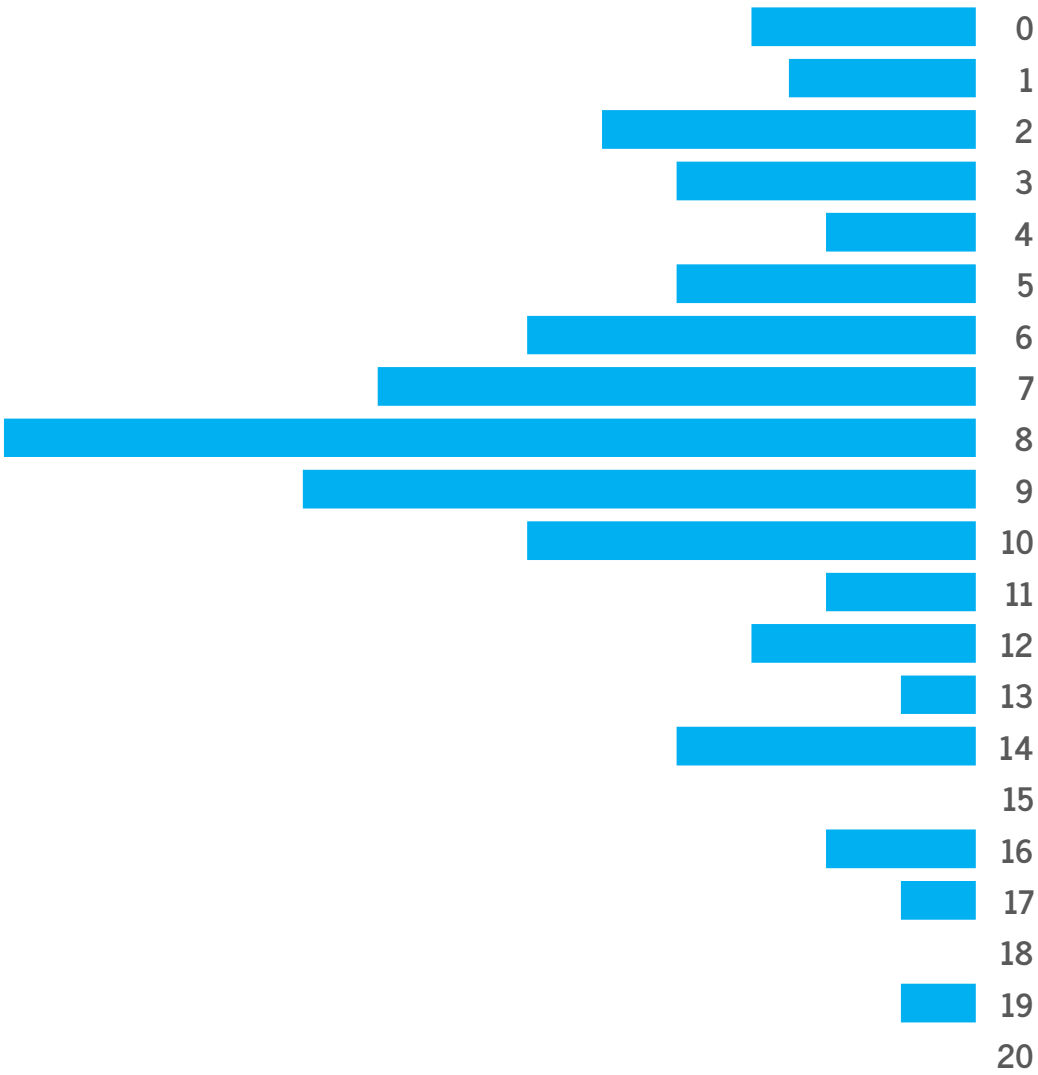


Liu, Slotine, Barabasi (2011)

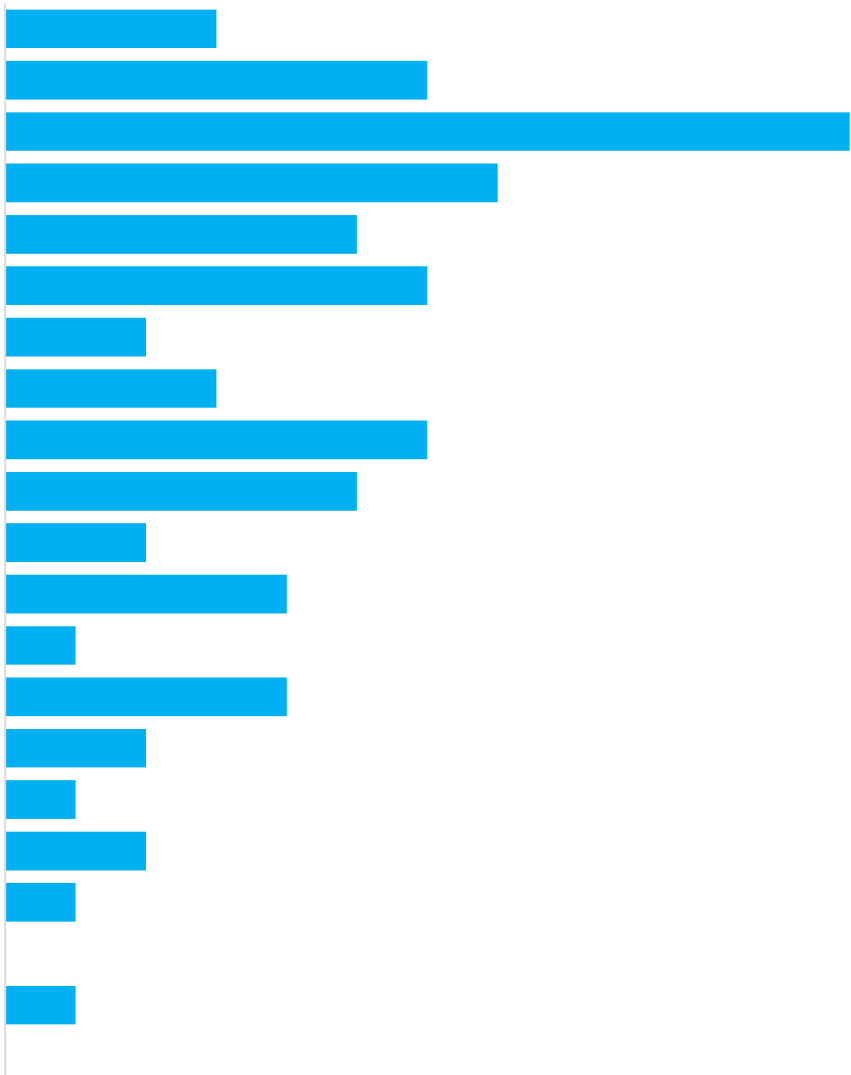


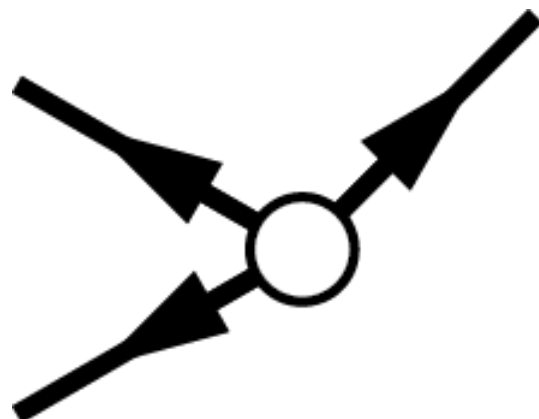
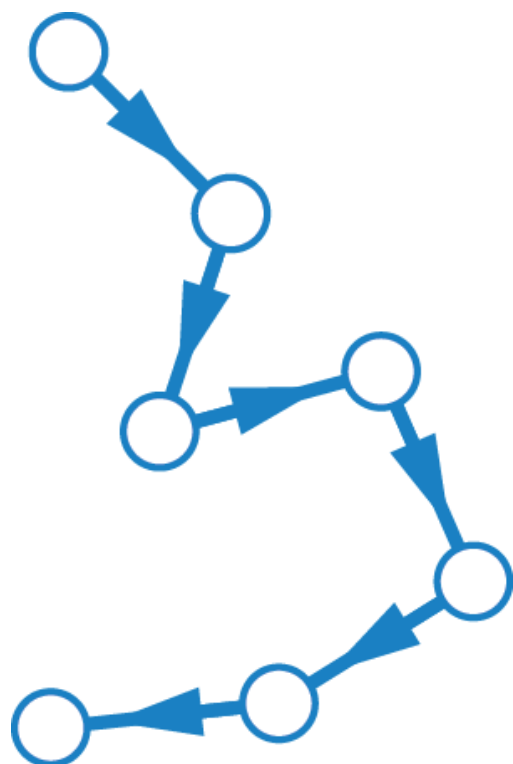
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in-degree distribution



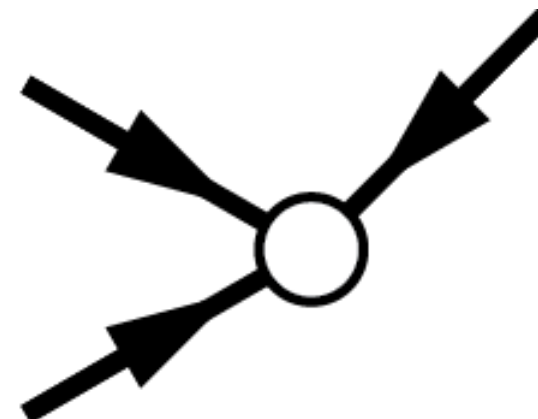
out-degree distribution





**source**

$$N_s$$

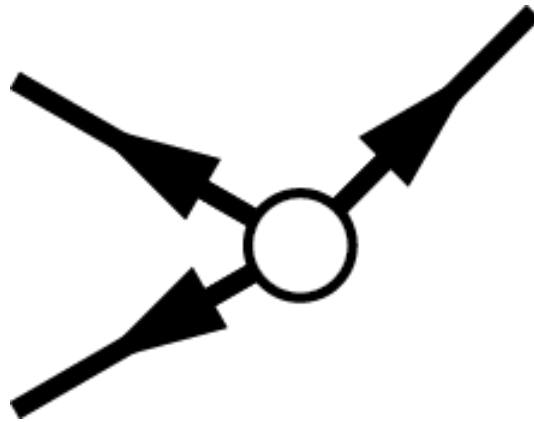
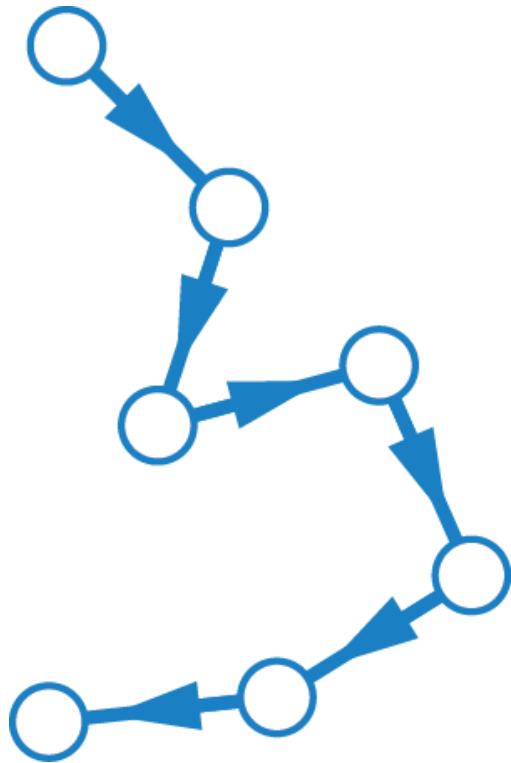


**sink**

$$N_t$$

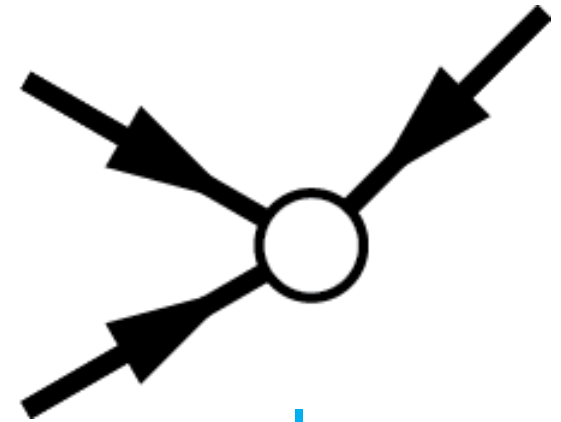
number of stems

$$\max(N_s, N_t)$$



**source**

$$N_s$$



surplus

**sink**

$$N_e = \max(0, N_t - N_s)$$

number of stems

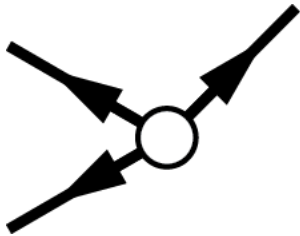
$$N_s + N_e$$



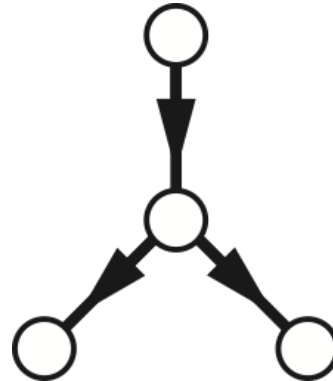
# number of controls

$$N_c = N_s + N_e + N_i$$

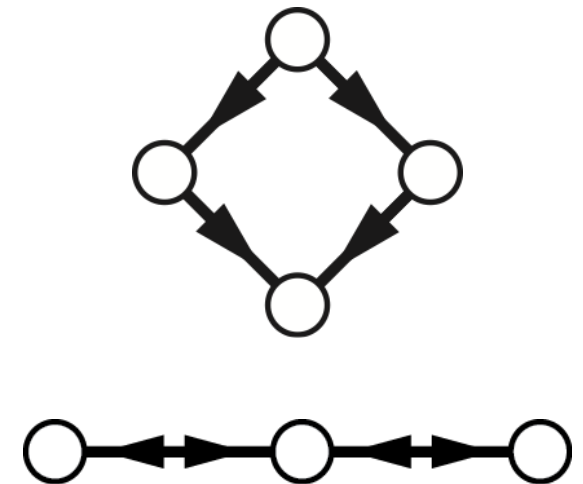
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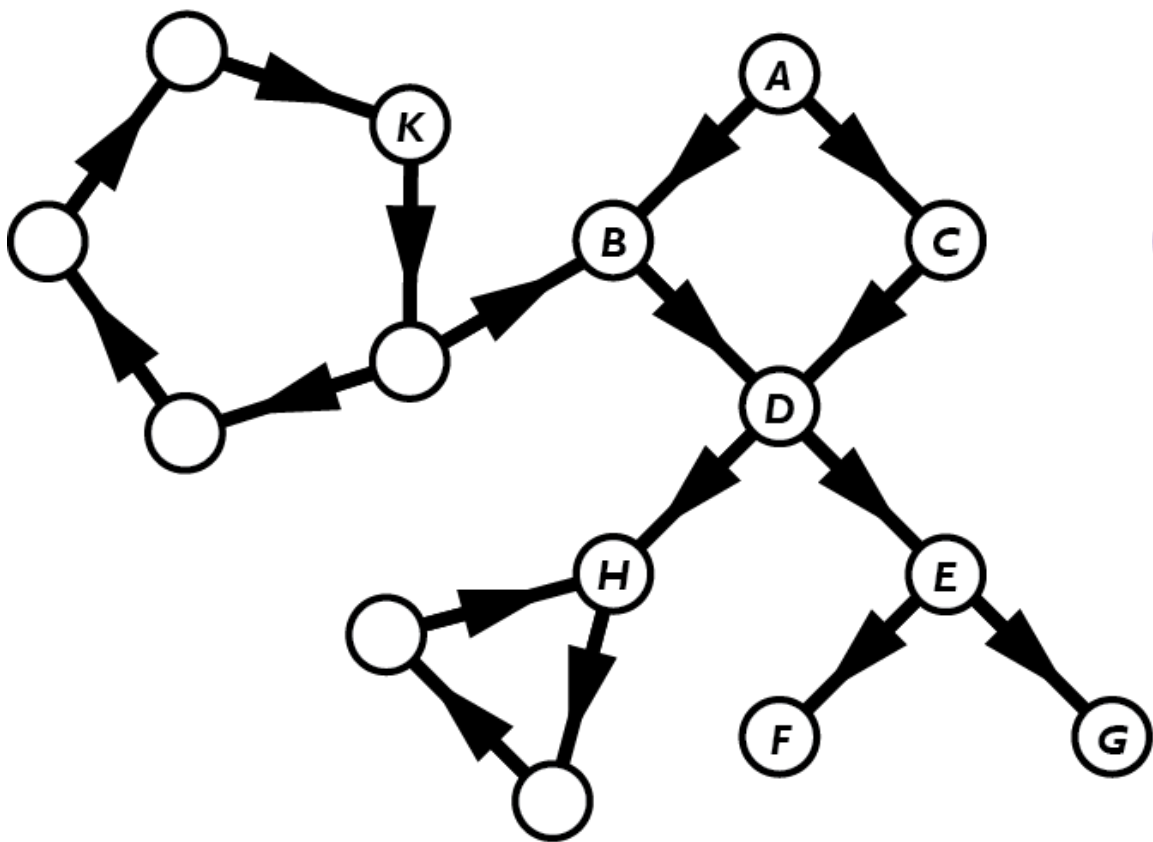


external dilations  
(surplus sinks)

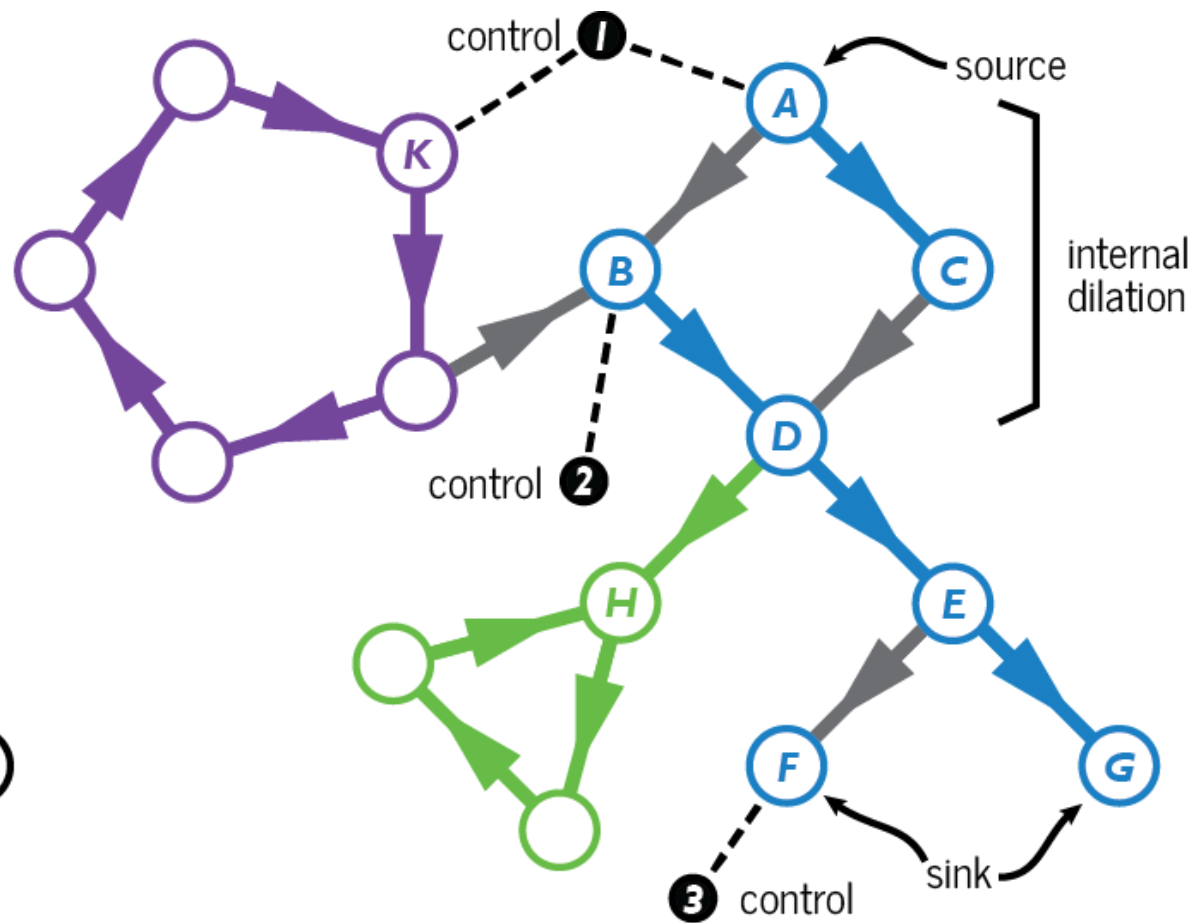


internal dilations





**directed network**



**control structure (cacti)**

- Erdos-Renyi

$p$  is the probability that any two nodes have an edge between them

- Barabasi-Albert

with each new node  $m$  edges are added such that the probability to connect to a node is proportional to its degree

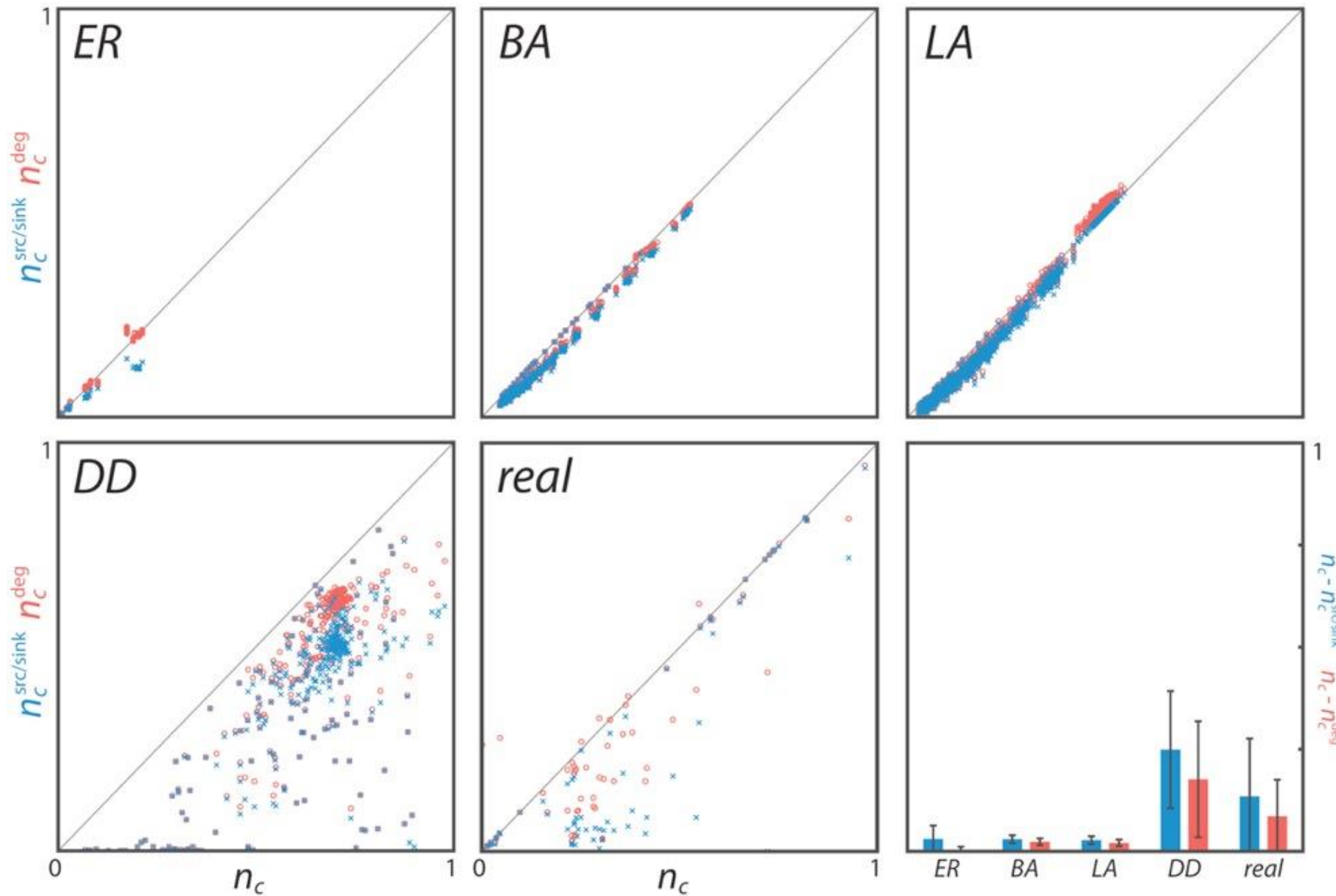
- Local Attachment

with each new node,  $m$  edges are added.  $r$  are added randomly (the parents) and  $m-r$  are added to the outbound neighbors of the parents.

- Duplication-Divergence

duplicate a randomly chosen node and retain each edge with probability  $s$ .

$$N_c = N_s + N_e + N_i$$



full degree distribution reduces prediction error by only:

$$\frac{n_c^{\text{deg}} - n_c^{\text{src/snk}}}{n_c}$$

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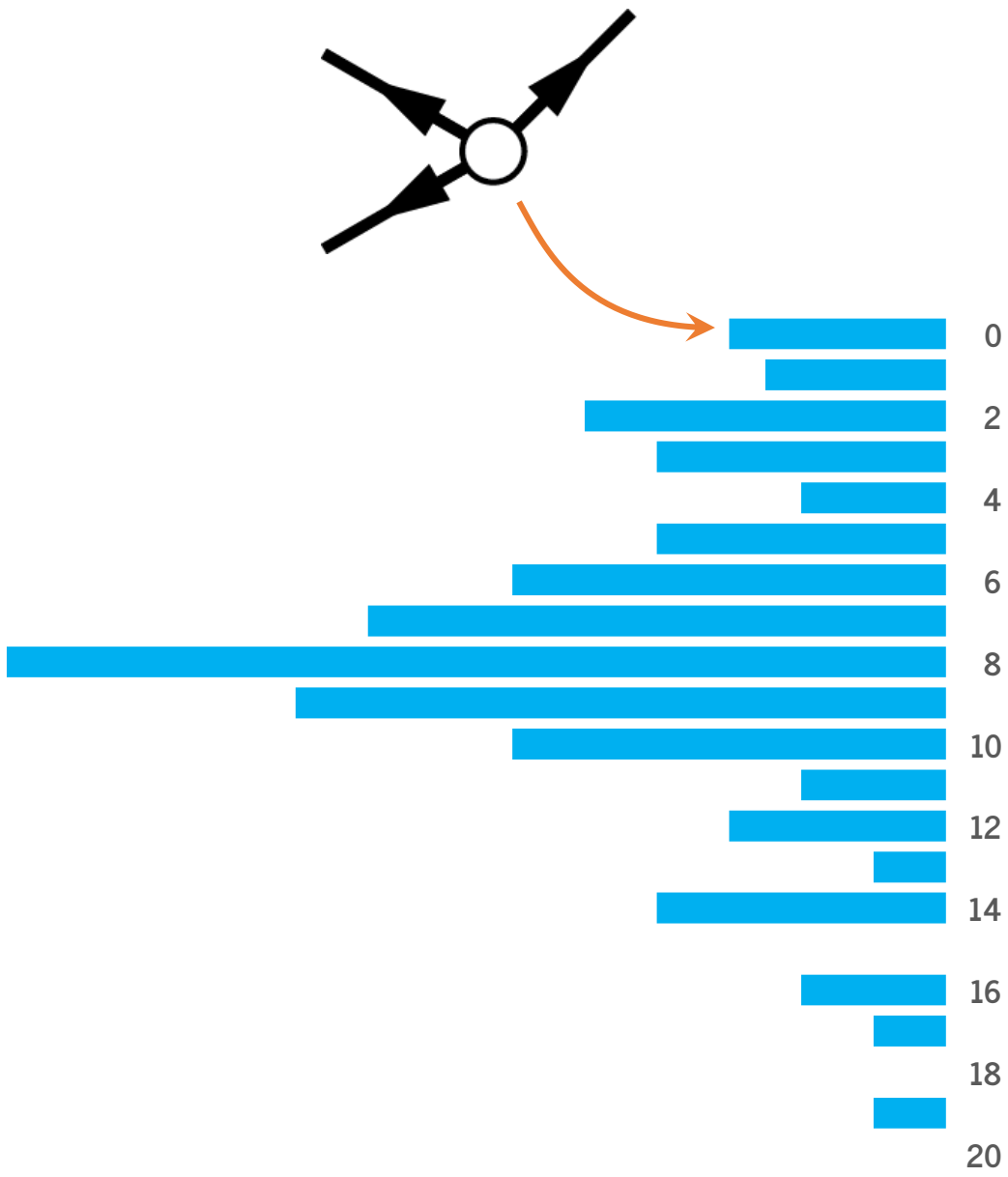
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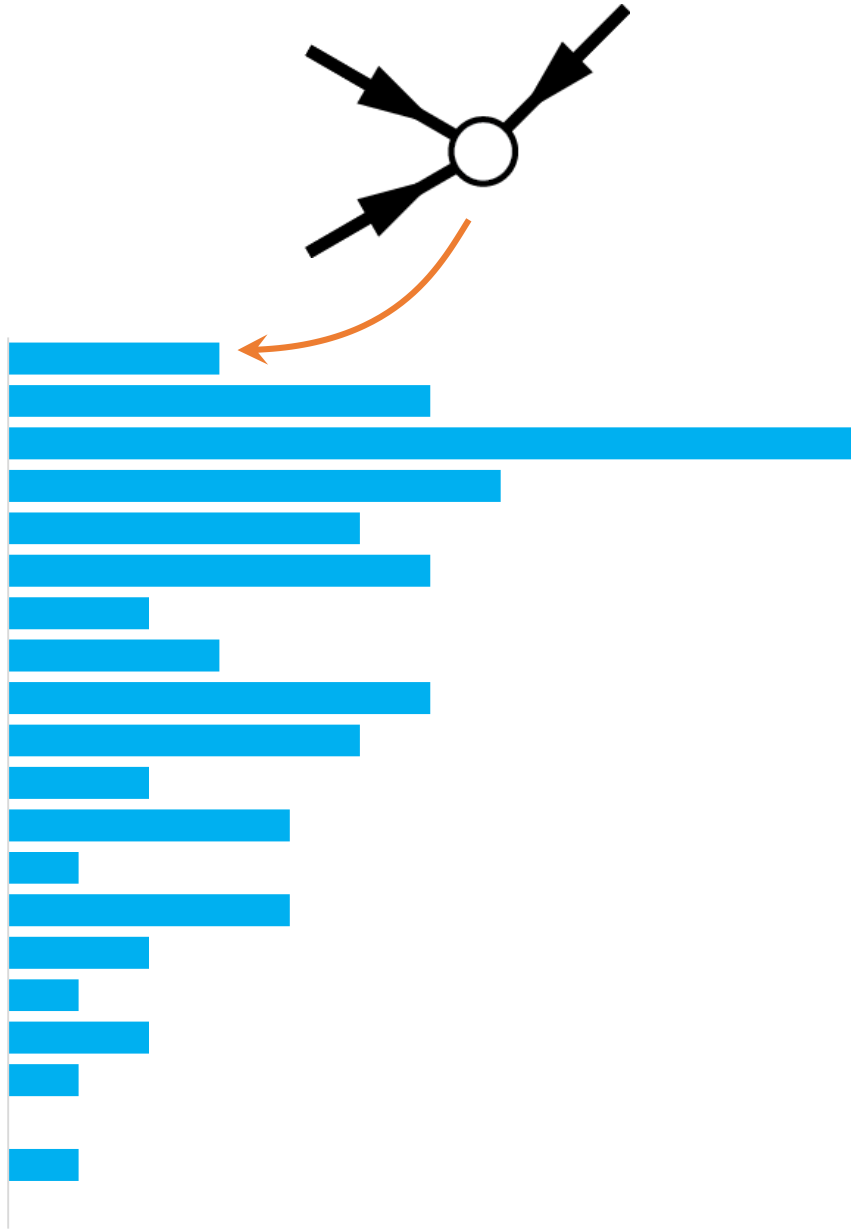
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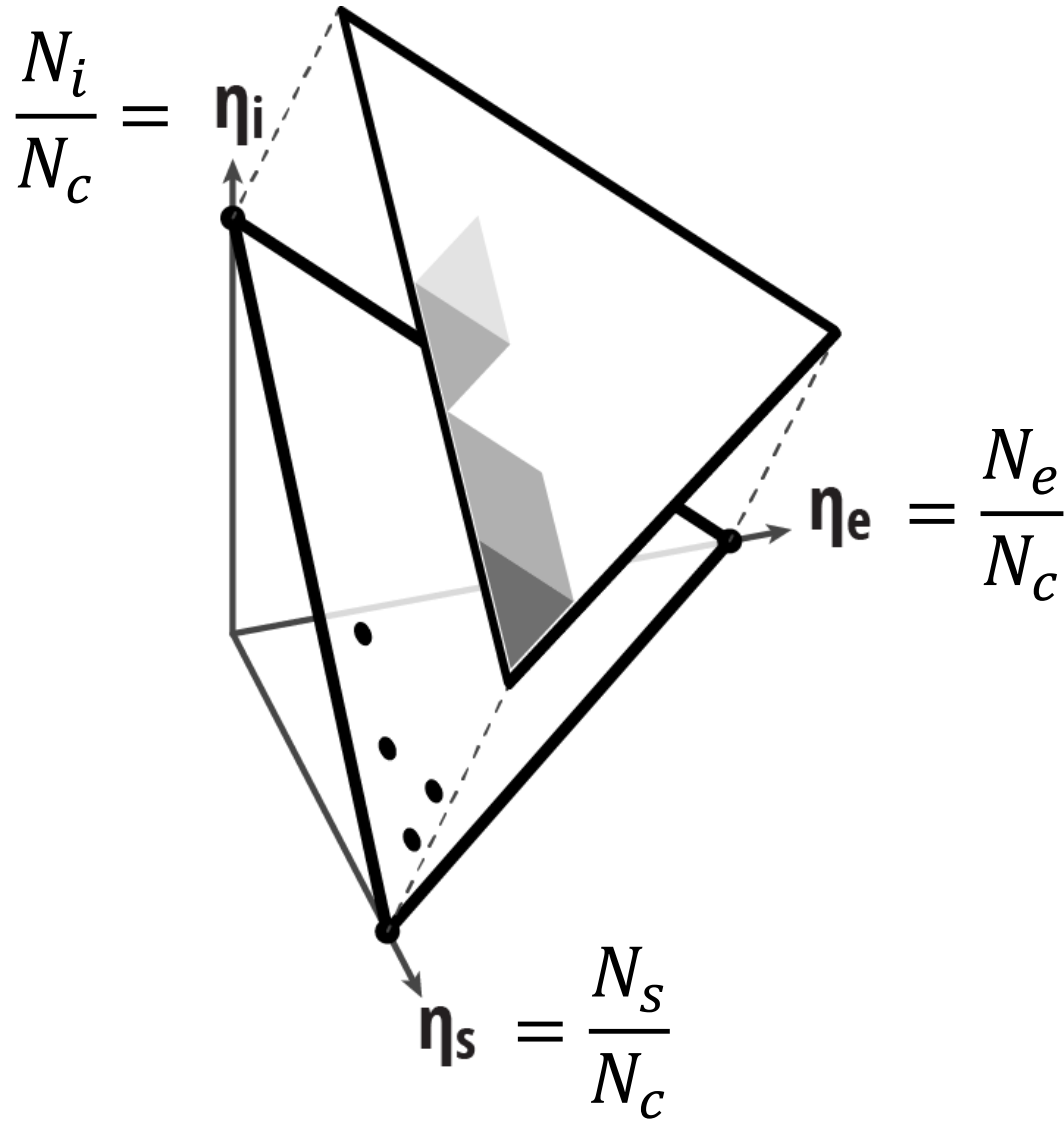
in-degree distribution



out-degree distribution



# control profile



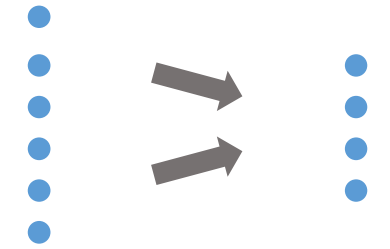
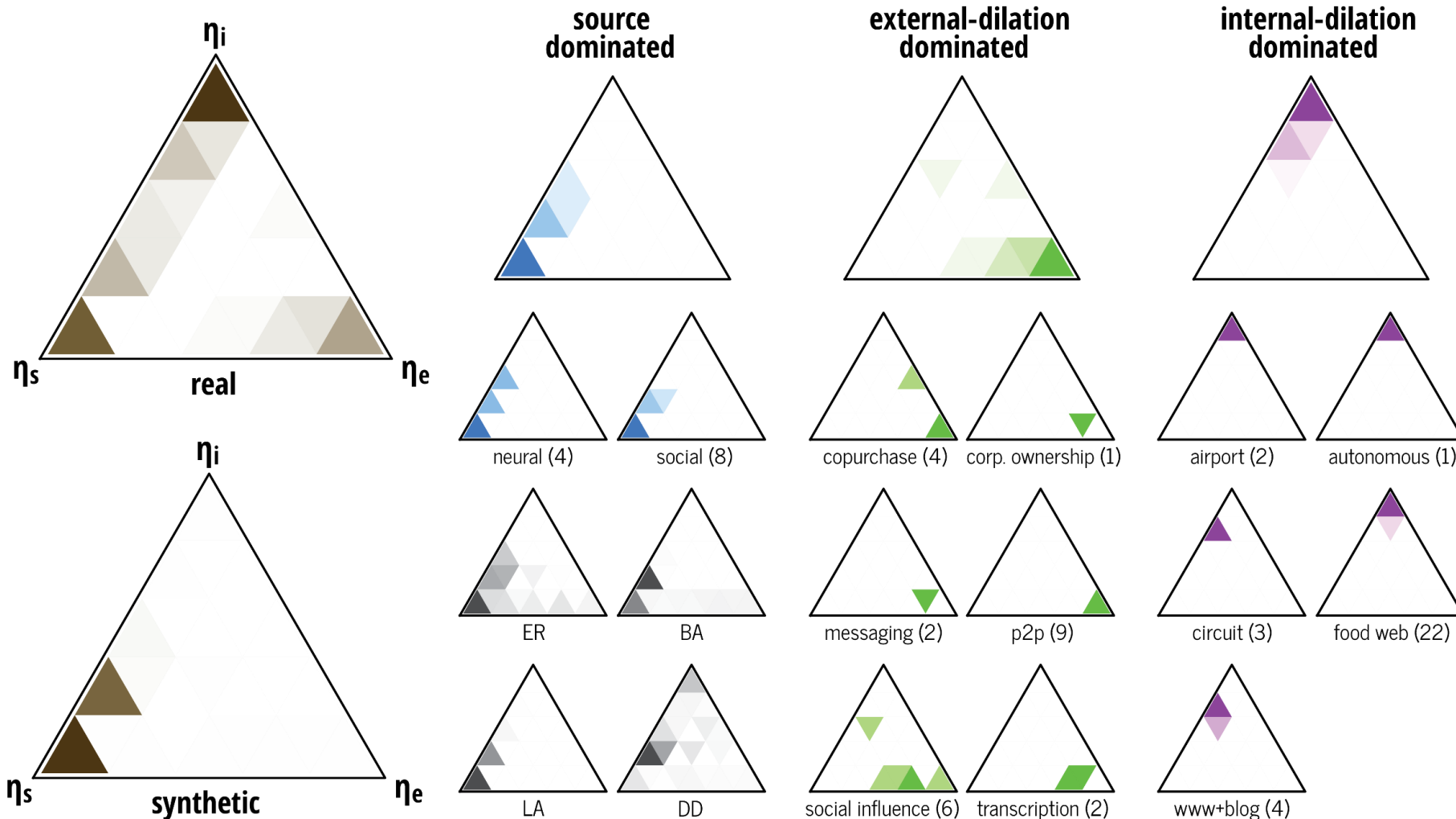
$$(\eta_s, \eta_e, \eta_i)$$

$$1 = \eta_s + \eta_e + \eta_i$$

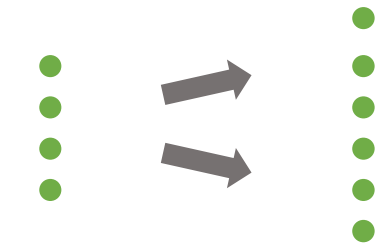


# functional breakdown

$$1 = \eta_s + \eta_e + \eta_i$$



top-down organization



correlated behavior



closed systems

# controllable subspace

Kalman rank condition:  $\text{rank}[B, AB, A^2B, \dots, A^{n-1}B]$

generic rank:  $\text{grank}[\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}]$

integer linear program

[Hosoe (1980), Poljak (1990)]

$\longleftrightarrow$

weighted maximum matching

[??, Ruths (2014, 2016)]

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control centrality

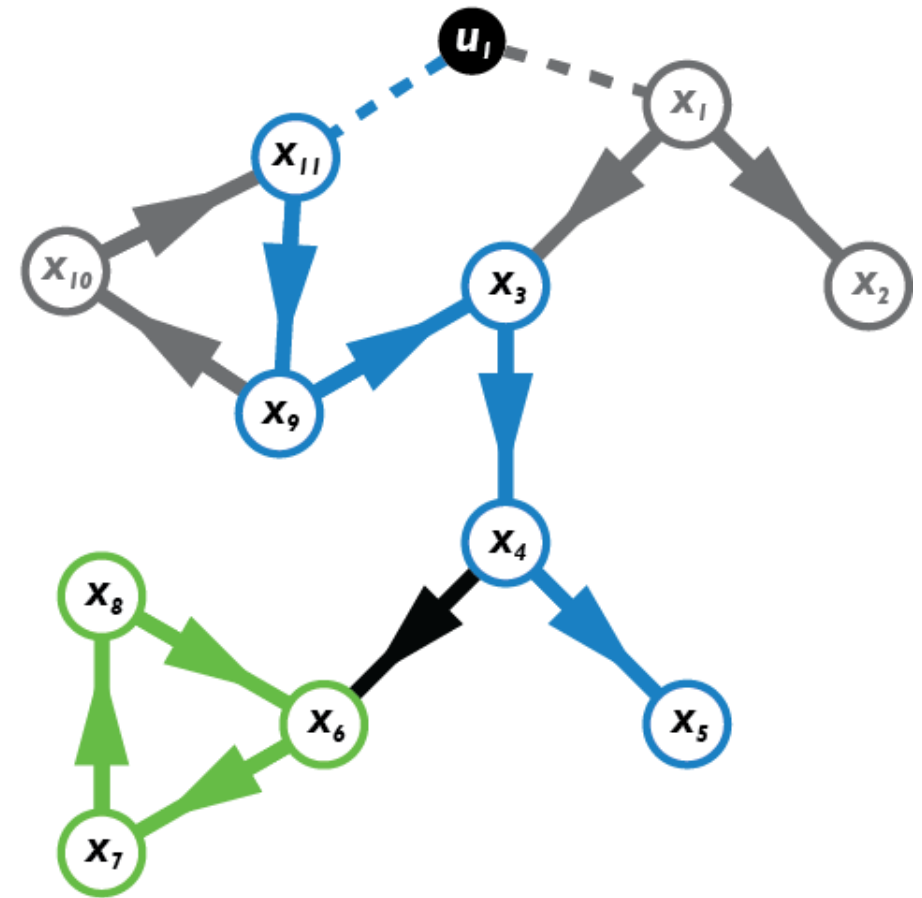
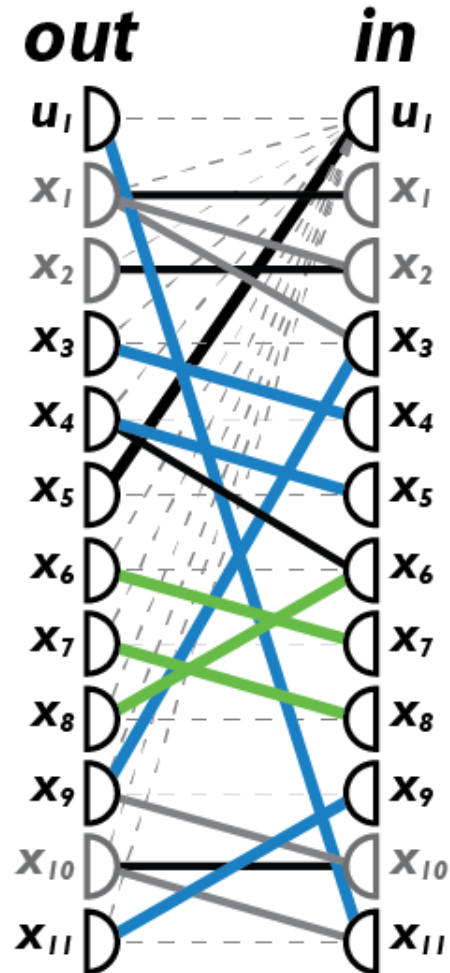
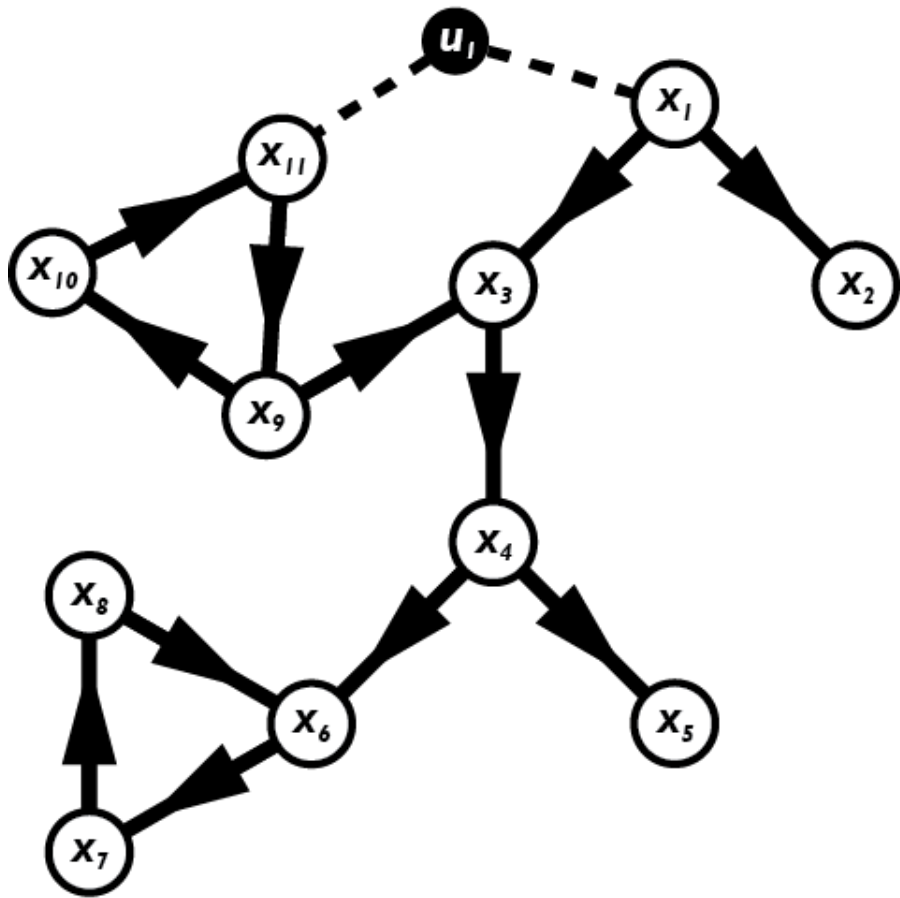
[Liu, Slotine, Barabasi (2012)]

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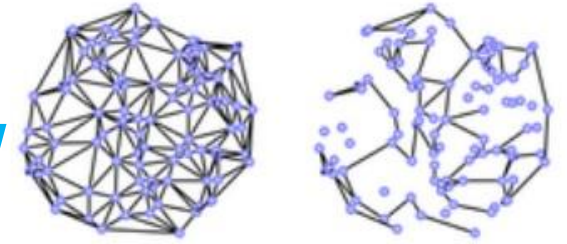
robustness of controllability

[??, Ruths (2014, 2016)]

# controllable subspace



# robustness of network controllability



control-based  
robustness

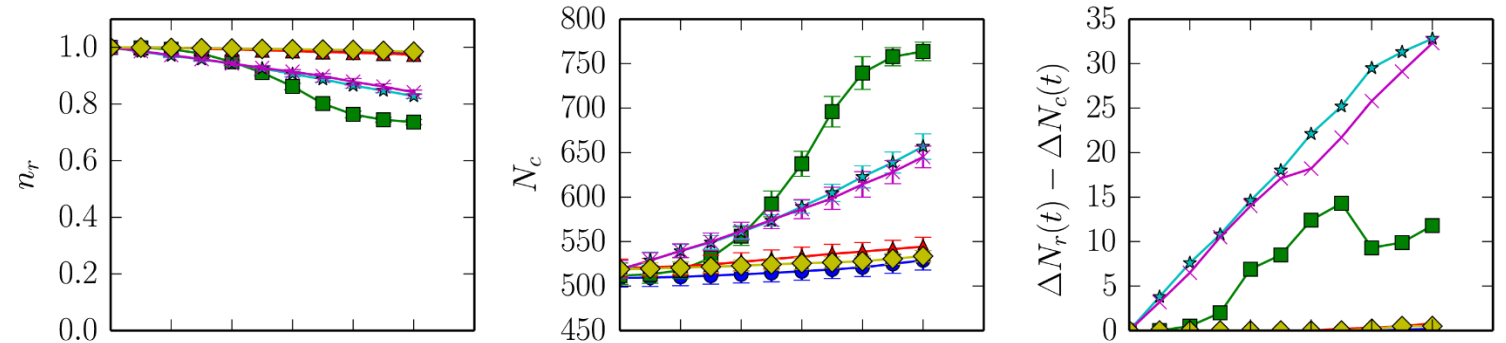
increase of controls  
required with failure or  
attack

reachability-based  
robustness

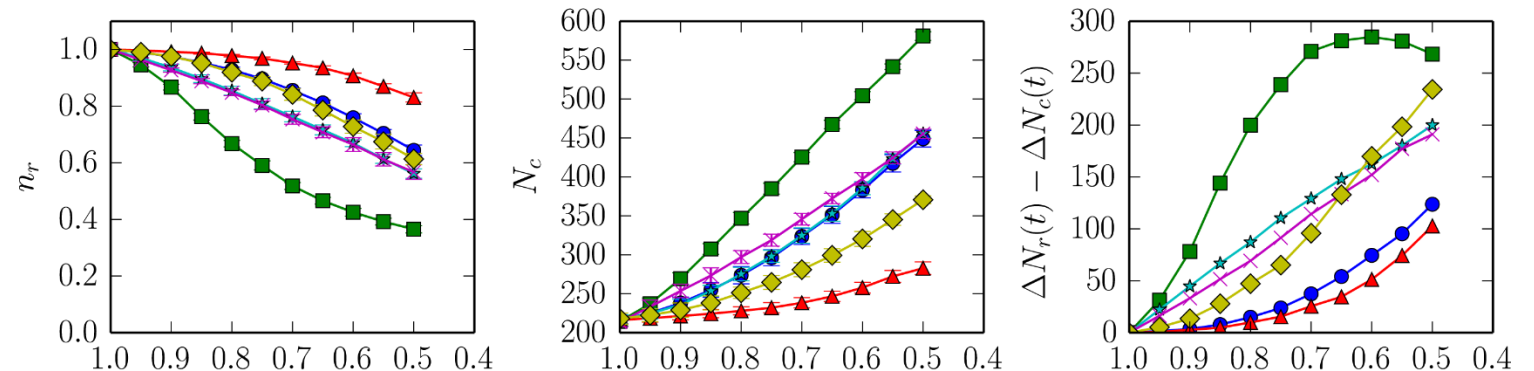
decrease in control due  
to failure or attack

across network classes  
attack types  
control reconfigurations

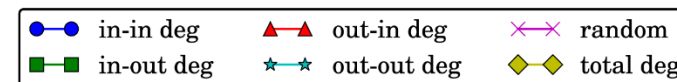
(a) BA,  $k=2$



(b) ER,  $k=2$



Fraction of Edges in Network

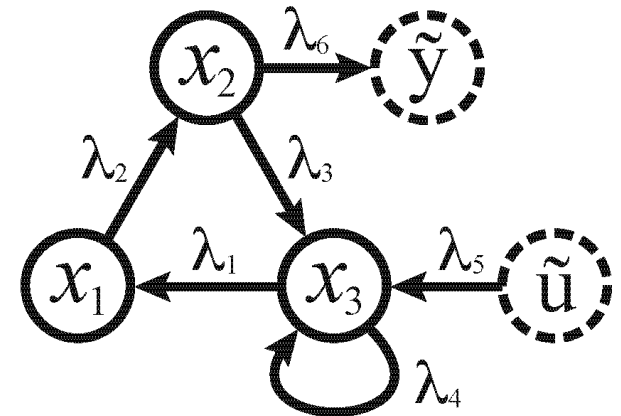
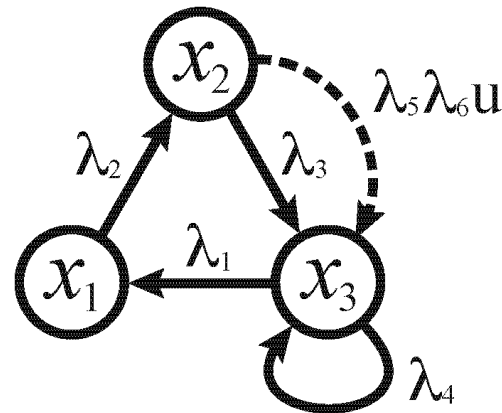
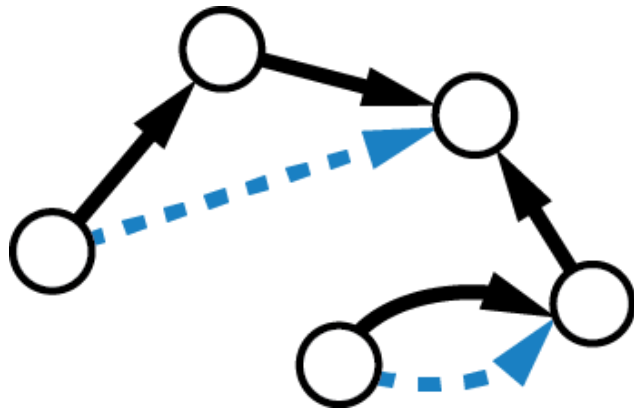


# a bilinear model

$$\frac{d}{dt}x = Ax(t) + u(t)Bx(t) = (A + uB)x$$

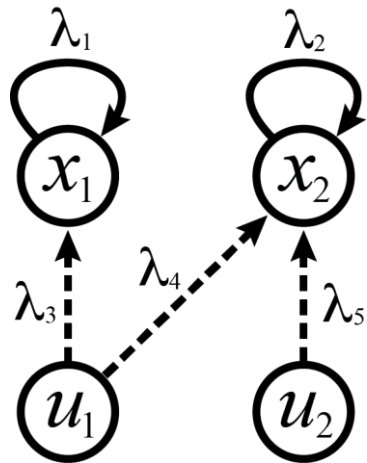
**linear** model corresponds to control applied exogenously  
control directly modulates the state of the nodes/agents

**bilinear** model corresponds to control applied endogenously  
control modulates the interaction between nodes/agents



# closing the gap between structural controllability and controllability

what are the parameter sets for which a system is structurally controllable but not classically controllable?



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_3 & 0 \\ \lambda_4 & \lambda_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_3 & 0 & \lambda_1 \lambda_3 & 0 \\ \lambda_4 & \lambda_5 & \lambda_2 \lambda_4 & \lambda_2 \lambda_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Clockwise arrow} \\ (\lambda_i \dots \lambda_{i+\ell_1})^{1/\ell_1} \\ = \\ (\lambda_j \dots \lambda_{j+\ell_2})^{1/\ell_2} \\ \text{Counter-clockwise arrow} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\lambda) &= (\lambda_3 \lambda_5)^2 + [\lambda_3 \lambda_4 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)]^2 + (\lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_5)^2 + (\lambda_1 \lambda_3 \lambda_5)^2 + (\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_5)^2 \\ &= 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \lambda_3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda_5 = 0, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \end{aligned}$$

# feasibility of control (input energy)

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) \longrightarrow x(T) = e^{AT}x_0 + \int_0^T e^{A(T-t)}Bu(t) dt$$

bounds on energy based on eigenvalues  
of the reachability Grammian matrix

$$W_T = \int_0^T e^{A(T-t)}BB'e^{A'(T-t)}dt$$

# resources

zen python library <http://zen.networkdynamics.org/>

online videos and datasets at <http://justinruths.com>