

# Structure and dynamics of complex networks

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- Let's calculate it with the help of our newly introduced continuous formalism!

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# Scale-free networks

Measured  $\gamma$  exponents

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WWW	325, 729	4.51	900	2.45	2.1	11.2	8.32	4.77	Albert, Jeong, Barabási 1999
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Internet, domain*	3, 015 - 4, 389	3.42 - 3.76	30 - 40	2.1 - 2.2	2.1 - 2.2	4	6.3	5.2	Faloutsos 1999
Internet, router*	3, 888	2.57	30	2.48	2.48	12.15	8.75	7.67	Faloutsos 1999
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Coauthors, SPIRES*	56, 627	173	1, 100	1.2	1.2	4	2.12	1.95	Newman 2001b,c
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Most measured  $\gamma$  are smaller than 3.

→  $\langle k^2 \rangle$  **diverges in the  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit!**



# Divergence of the variance and $\sigma$

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- The variance of the degree:

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→ The variance is diverging as well!

- The standard deviation of the degree:

$$\sigma(k) \equiv \sqrt{\text{Var}(k)} = \sqrt{\langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle^2}.$$

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etc.

The  $\langle k \rangle$  is not meaningful due to the large fluctuations!

# Consequences of the scale-free $p(k)$

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Summary of the consequences of the scale-free  $p(k)$ :

- we plot  $p(k)$  on **log-log scale**
- **HUBS!**
- **divergent  $\langle k^2 \rangle$ !** (for  $\gamma < 3$ )
  - no “typical” degree,
  - (→ anomalous percolation),
  - (→ anomalous spreading)

# Average distance in scale-free networks

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- Do scale-free networks have the small-world property?

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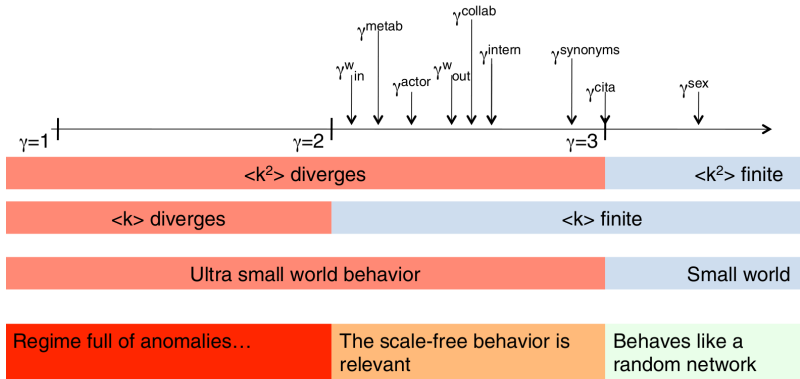
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$$\langle l \rangle \sim \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{const.} & \gamma \leq 2 \\ \frac{\ln \ln N}{\ln(\gamma-1)} & 2 < \gamma < 3 \\ \frac{\ln N}{\ln \ln N} & \gamma = 3 \\ \ln N & \gamma > 3 \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Ultra Small World} \\ \\ \\ \text{Small World} \end{array}$$

# Summary of the behavior of scale-free networks

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(from the slides of A.-L. Barabási)

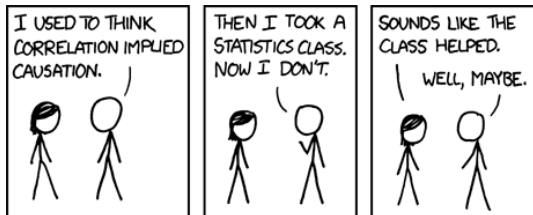
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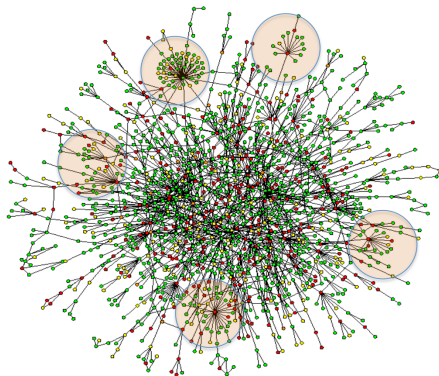
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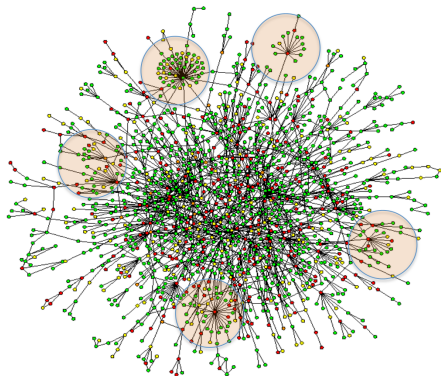
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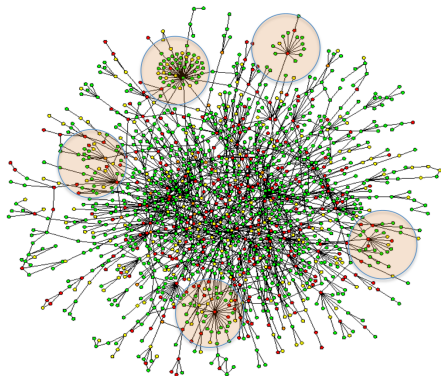
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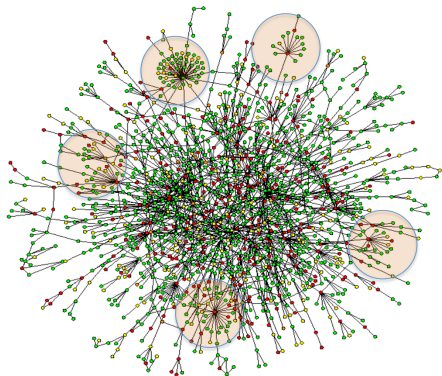
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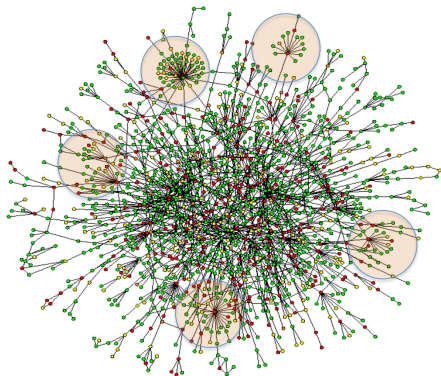
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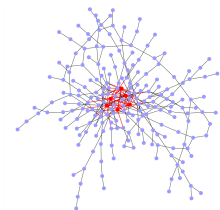
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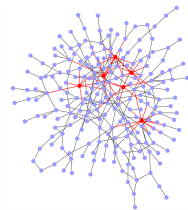
## Assortativity and disassortativity

- **Assortative network:** small degree nodes tend to connect to other small degree nodes, hubs tend to link to each other.
- Neutral network: nodes connect to each other at random.
- **Disassortative network:** hubs avoid linking to each other, instead they connect to small degree nodes.

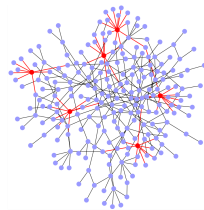
Illustration:



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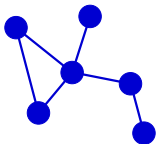
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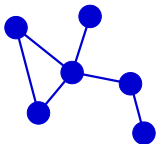
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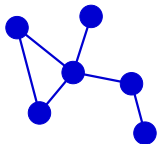
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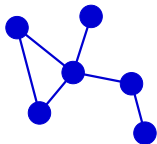
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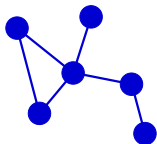
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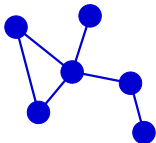
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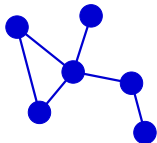
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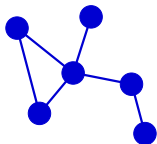
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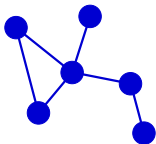
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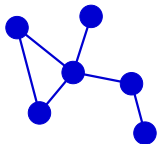
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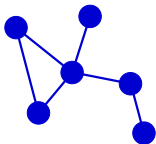
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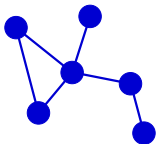
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