

# Probability

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# Main ideas

- 1 Given two pages, we want to estimate how many pages would be linked by both if links were created randomly.
- 2 If the actual number is smaller, then we conclude that those pages are not related. If it's bigger, we assign a score between 0 and 1.
- 3 This estimate depends on how we model random link creation between pages.

# The Barabási–Albert model

# Balls and bins, 1/2

## Problem

*Suppose that we have  $W$  bins,  $n_1$  red balls and  $n_2$  blue balls. When we throw a ball it falls in bin  $i$  with probability  $p_i$ . When we are done throwing all the balls, what's the expected number of bins with both a blue and a red ball?*

# Balls and bins, 2/2

## Solution

**If all throws are independent**, then, by linearity of expectation, we have

$$\mathbb{E}[|N_1 \cap N_2|] = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n_1, n_2} \mathbb{E}[I_{ij}] = n_1 n_2 \sum_{i=1}^W p_i^2 = \mathbf{P}$$

where

# Results



group3

0.594

0.660

0.539

