

# advanced topics in *network science* (*ants*)

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## announcements *F2 week*

- *random selection* out today
- *random selection* due next week
- *PhD presentations* due *next week*
  
- think about *course project*
- keep your *reading list!*

challenge *F2 week*

*random selection* challenge

# Erdős-Rényi *random graph*

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# graph *models*

- *graph model* is *ensemble* of random graphs
- *algorithm* for random graphs of given parameters
  - *baseline* for *network structure* statistics
  - for *reasoning* about *network evolution*
  - for *generating* large *random graphs*
- *random graph* refers to *Erdős-Rényi model* [ER59]

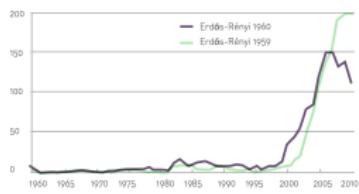
assume *undirected*  $G$  from now on



Pál Erdős



Alfréd Rényi



Erdős-Rényi model

## graph $G(n, m)$ model

- $G(n, m)$  random graph model [ER59]
- randomly place  $m$  links between  $\binom{n}{2}$  node pairs
- computationally convenient but analytically hard

$$n, m \text{ given} \quad \langle k \rangle = 2m/n$$

input parameters  $n, m$

output graph  $G$

- 1:  $G \leftarrow n$  isolated nodes
- 2: while not  $G$  has  $m$  links do
- 3:     add link for random node pair
- 4: end while
- 5: return  $G$

## graph $G(n, p)$ model

- $G(n, p)$  random graph model [SR51]
- place links between  $\binom{n}{2}$  node pairs with probability  $p$
- computationally hard but analytically convenient

$n, p$  given       $m, \langle k \rangle$  unknown

input parameters  $n, p$

output graph  $G$

- 1:  $G \leftarrow n$  isolated nodes
- 2: for all  $\binom{n}{2}$  node pairs in  $G$  do
- 3:     add link with probability  $p$
- 4: end for
- 5: return  $G$

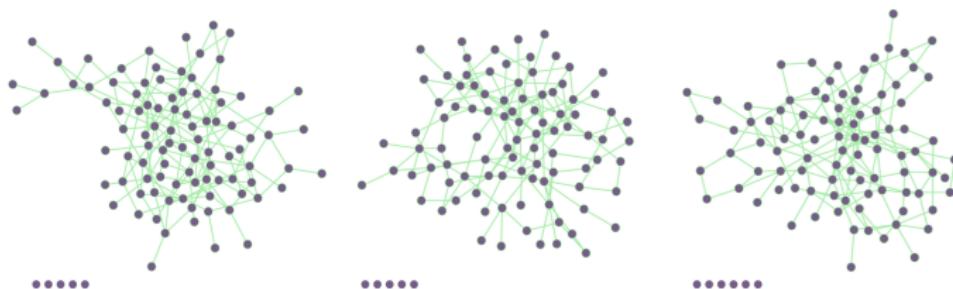
## graph *density & degree*

- number of links  $m$  follows binomial distribution  $B\left(\binom{n}{2}, p\right)$

$x \sim B(n, p)$  then  $p_x = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$  and  $\langle x \rangle = np$

$$\langle m \rangle = \sum_{m=0}^{\binom{n}{2}} m P(m) = \sum_{m=0}^{\binom{n}{2}} m \binom{\binom{n}{2}}{m} p^m (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2}-m} = \binom{n}{2} p$$

- then density  $\rho = p$  and average degree  $\langle k \rangle = (n-1)p$



## graph *degree distribution*

- *degree distribution*  $p_k$  is *binomial distribution*  $B(n - 1, p)$

$x \sim B(n, p)$  then  $p_x = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}$  and  $\langle x \rangle = np$

$$p_k = \binom{n-1}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-1-k}$$

- $p_k$  approximately *Poisson distribution*  $\text{Pois}(\langle k \rangle)$  for  $n \gg \langle k \rangle$

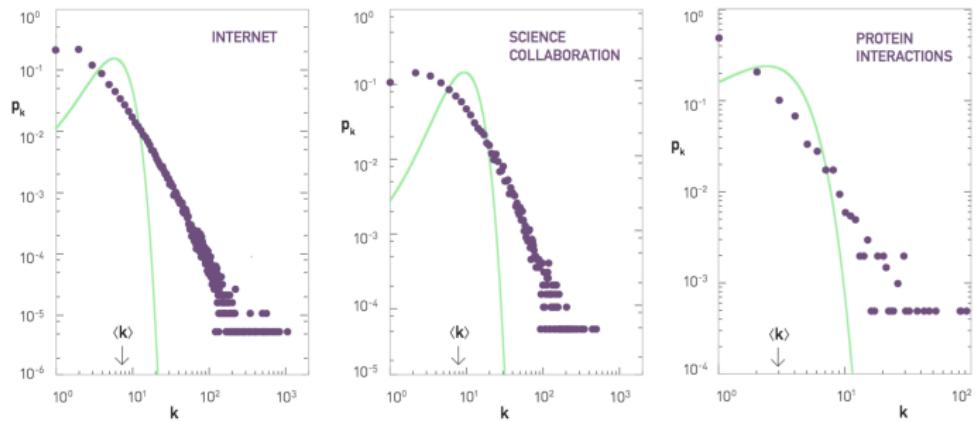
$x \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$  then  $p_x = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$  and  $\langle x \rangle = \lambda$

$$\ln [(1 - p)^{n-1-k}] = (n - 1 - k) \ln \left(1 - \frac{\langle k \rangle}{n-1}\right) \simeq -(n - 1 - k) \frac{\langle k \rangle}{n-1} \simeq -\langle k \rangle$$

$$p_k \simeq \frac{(n-1)^k}{k!} \left(\frac{\langle k \rangle}{n-1}\right)^k e^{-\langle k \rangle} = \frac{\langle k \rangle^k e^{-\langle k \rangle}}{k!}$$

# network *degree distribution*

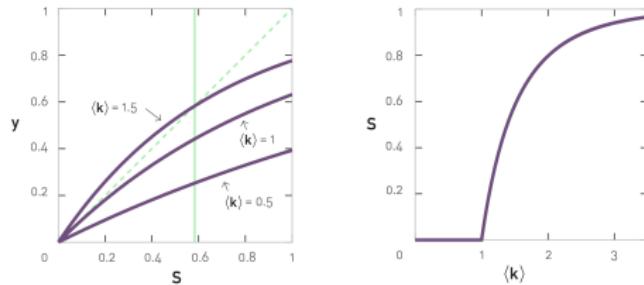
- *scale-free*  $p_k$  of real networks [Bar16]
- real networks are *not Poisson graphs*
- random graphs *lack hubs* with  $k \gg \langle k \rangle$



# graph connectivity

- fraction of nodes in giant component  $S$  for  $n \gg \langle k \rangle$

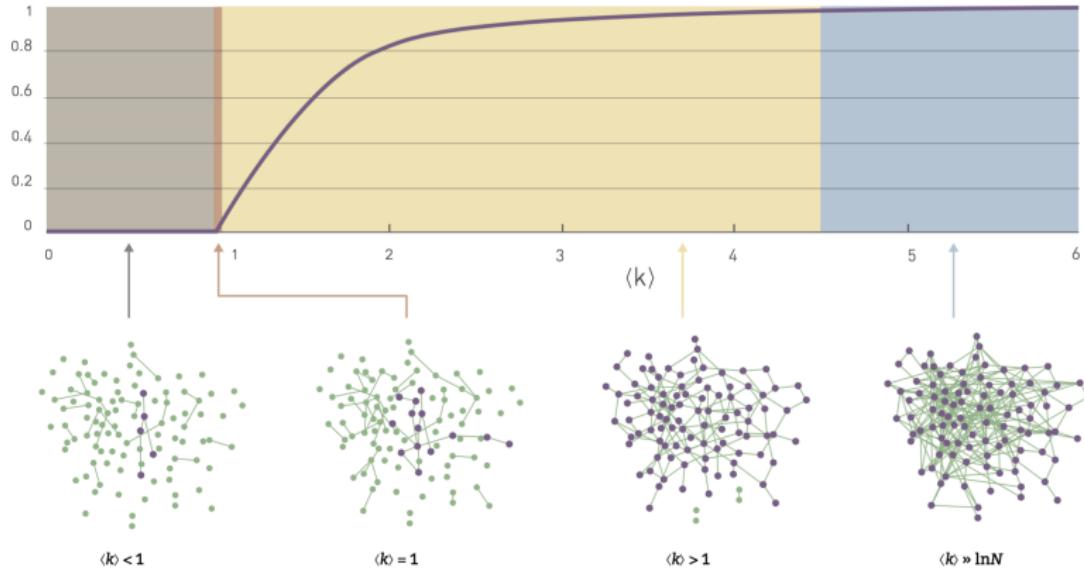
$$\ln(1 - S) = (n - 1) \ln(1 - pS) \simeq -(n - 1)pS = -(n - 1) \frac{\langle k \rangle}{n - 1} S = -\langle k \rangle S$$
$$1 - S = (1 - p + p(1 - S))^{n-1} \quad S = 1 - e^{-\langle k \rangle S}$$



- emergence of giant component or phase transition at  $\langle k \rangle = 1$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dS} (1 - e^{-\langle k \rangle S}) \right|_{S=0} = \left. \langle k \rangle e^{-\langle k \rangle S} \right|_{S=0} = \langle k \rangle > 1$$

# graph evolution



subcritical  $n_S \sim \ln n$

critical point  $n_S \sim n^{2/3}$

supercritical  $n_S \sim n \frac{\langle k \rangle - 1}{n - 1}$

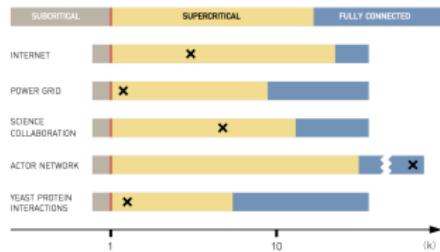
fully connected  $n_S \approx n$

see random graph evolution NetLogo demo

# network *connectivity*

- *connectivity* of real networks [Bar16]
- networks *supercritical* with  $1 < \langle k \rangle < \ln n$

NETWORK	N	L	$\langle k \rangle$	$\ln N$
Internet	192,244	609,066	6.34	12.17
Power Grid	4,941	6,594	2.67	8.51
Science Collaboration	23,133	94,439	8.08	10.05
Actor Network	702,388	29,397,908	83.71	13.46
Protein Interactions	2,018	2,930	2.90	7.61



- Facebook friendships [BBR<sup>+</sup>12] *connected* with  $S > 0.997$

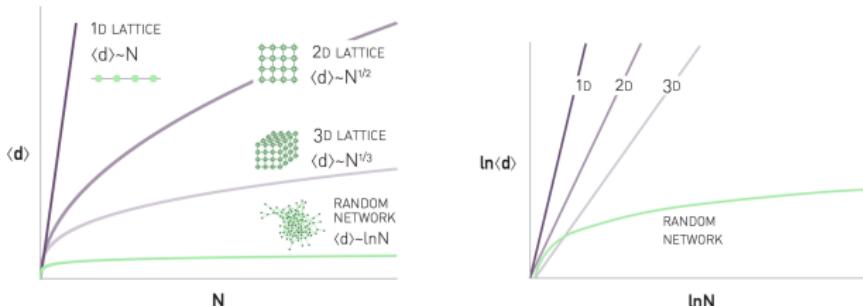
# graph *diameter & distance*

- diameter  $d_{max}$  and average distance  $\langle d \rangle$  for  $n \gg \langle k \rangle$

$$1 + \langle k \rangle + \langle k \rangle^2 + \cdots + \langle k \rangle^{d_{max}} = \frac{\langle k \rangle^{d_{max}+1} - 1}{\langle k \rangle - 1} \approx \langle k \rangle^{d_{max}} \simeq n$$

$$d_{max} \simeq \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle} \quad \langle d \rangle \approx \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$$

- $\langle d \rangle = 4.74$  for Facebook [BBR<sup>+</sup>12] while  $\frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle} = 3.98$
- random graphs *small-world* opposed to *lattices*



# network *diameter* & *distance*

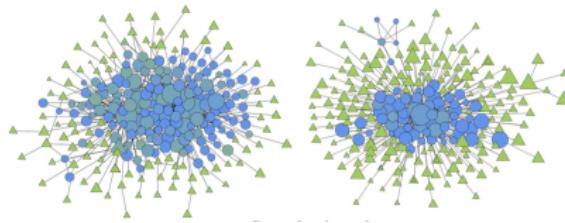
- *diameter*  $d_{max}$  and *distance*  $\langle d \rangle$  of real networks [Bar16]
- $\langle d \rangle$  well estimated by  $\frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$  whereas  $d_{max} \gg \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$

NETWORK	<i>N</i>	<i>L</i>	$\langle k \rangle$	$\langle d \rangle$	$d_{max}$	$\frac{\ln N}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$
Internet	192,244	609,066	6.34	6.98	26	6.58
WWW	325,729	1,497,134	4.60	11.27	93	8.31
Power Grid	4,941	6,594	2.67	18.99	46	8.66
Mobile Phone Calls	36,595	91,826	2.51	11.72	39	11.42
Email	57,194	103,731	1.81	5.88	18	18.4
Science Collaboration	23,133	93,439	8.08	5.35	15	4.81
Actor Network	702,388	29,397,908	83.71	3.91	14	3.04
Citation Network	449,673	4,707,958	10.43	11.21	42	5.55
E. Coli Metabolism	1,039	5,802	5.58	2.98	8	4.04
Protein Interactions	2,018	2,930	2.90	5.61	14	7.14

# graph *clustering*

- clustering coefficients  $\langle C \rangle$  [WS98] and  $C$  [NSW01]

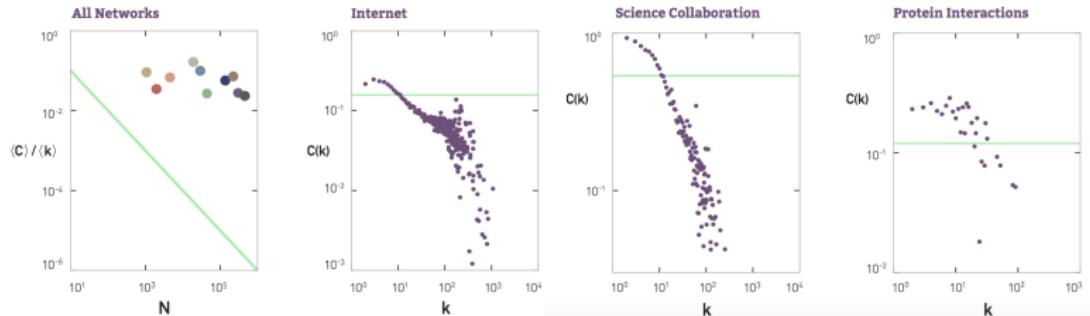
$$C = \langle C \rangle = \langle C_i \rangle = \frac{2\langle t_i \rangle}{k_i(k_i-1)} = \frac{2p\binom{k_i}{2}}{k_i(k_i-1)} = p$$



- $\langle C \rangle = 0.61$  for Facebook social circles [NL12] while  $p < 10^{-6}$
- random graphs lack clustering for  $n \gg \langle k \rangle$  opposed to lattices

# network *clustering*

- clustering  $\langle C \rangle$  and  $C_i(k)$  of real networks [Bar16]
- $C_i$  under-/overestimated for low-/high- $k$  nodes
- random graphs substantially underestimate  $\langle C \rangle$



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*configuration graph* model

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## configuration *model*

- random graphs *Poisson distribution*  $p_k \simeq \frac{\langle k \rangle^k e^{-\langle k \rangle}}{k!}$  [ER59]
- real networks *power-law degree distribution*  $p_k \sim k^{-\gamma}$  [BA99]
- *configuration model* random graph for arbitrary  $\{k\}$  [NSW01]

assume *undirected*  $G$  from now on



Mark Newman



Steven Strogatz



Duncan Watts

# configuration $G(\{k\})$ model

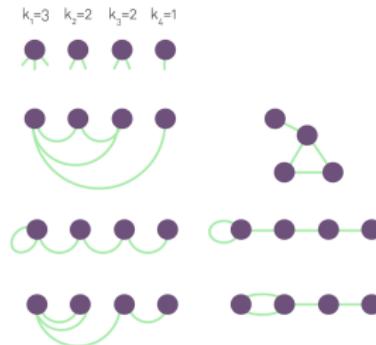
- $G(\{k\})$  configuration model [NSW01]
- randomly link  $m$  stub pairs between  $n$  nodes
- computationally convenient and analytically tractable

$$\text{graphical } k_1, k_2 \dots k_n \quad m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i k_i$$

input sequence  $\{k\}$

output graph  $G$

- 1:  $G \leftarrow n$  nodes with  $\{k\}$  stubs
- 2: while  $G$  has node stubs do
- 3:   link random node stub pair
- 4: end while
- 5: return  $G$



## configuration *probability*

- probability of self-loop  $p_i$  on  $i$

$$p_i = m \frac{\binom{k_i}{2}}{\binom{2m}{2}} \approx \frac{k_i(k_i - 1)}{4m}$$

- probability of link  $p_{ij}$  between  $i$  and  $j$

$$p_{ij} = m \frac{k_i k_j}{\binom{2m}{2}} = k_i \frac{k_j}{2m - 1} \approx \frac{k_i k_j}{2m}$$

- thus number of multilinks and self-loops is

$$\left[ \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle}{\sqrt{2}\langle k \rangle} \right]^2 \quad \sum_i p_i = \sum_i \frac{k_i(k_i - 1)}{2n\langle k \rangle} = \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle}{2\langle k \rangle}$$

## configuration *neighbors*

- neighbor degree distribution  $p_k$  is not  $p_k$

—  $n_k$  is number of degree- $k$  nodes thus  $n_k = np_k$

$$\{neighbor p_k\} = n_k \frac{k}{2m-1} \approx \frac{kp_k}{\langle k \rangle}$$

- average neighbor degree  $\langle k \rangle$  is not  $\langle k \rangle$

$$\frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{\langle k \rangle} - \langle k \rangle = \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle^2}{\langle k \rangle} = \frac{\sigma_k^2}{\langle k \rangle} > 0$$

$$\langle neighbor k \rangle \approx \sum_k k \frac{kp_k}{\langle k \rangle} = \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{\langle k \rangle} > \langle k \rangle$$

- $\frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{\langle k \rangle} = \frac{\langle k \rangle^2 + \langle k \rangle}{\langle k \rangle} = \langle k \rangle + 1$  even for Poisson graph [ER59]

# network *neighbors*

- *friendship paradox*  $\langle \text{neighbor } k \rangle > \langle k \rangle$  [Fel91] in real networks
- $\langle \text{neighbor } k \rangle$  well estimated by  $\frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{\langle k \rangle}$  whereas  $\langle k \rangle \ll \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{\langle k \rangle}$

network	$n$	$\langle k \rangle \ll$	$\langle \text{neighbor } k \rangle$	$\approx \frac{\langle k^2 \rangle}{\langle k \rangle}$
Southern women [DGG41]	32	5.56	7.57	7.02
Karate club [Zac77]	34	4.59	9.61	7.77
American football [GN02]	115	10.71	10.78	10.79
Java dependencies [ŠB11]	1368	16.20	207.52	140.53
Facebook circles [ML12]	4039	43.69	105.55	106.57
Physics collaboration [New01]	36 458	9.42	21.65	27.88
Enron e-mails [LLDM09]	36 692	20.04	472.86	280.16
Internet map [HJJ <sup>+</sup> 03]	75 885	9.42	1853.73	1461.54
Actors collaboration [BA99]	382 219	78.69	282.72	417.69
Physics citation [ŠFB14]	438 943	21.56	78.38	77.72
Patent citation [HJT01]	3 774 768	8.75	17.15	21.33
Facebook snowball [Fer12]	8 217 272	3.06	308.52	157.06

# configuration *clustering*

- (*neighbor*) *excess degree distribution*  $q_k$  defined as

*excess degree* is remaining neighbor degree or neighbor degree-1

$$q_k = \frac{(k+1)p_{k+1}}{\langle k \rangle}$$

- then *network clustering coefficient*  $C$  [NSW01] is

$$\sum_{k_i, k_j} q_{k_i} q_{k_j} \frac{k_i k_j}{2m} = \frac{1}{2m} [\sum_k k q_k]^2 = \frac{1}{2m \langle k \rangle^2} [\sum_k k(k+1)p_{k+1}]^2 = \frac{1}{n \langle k \rangle^3} [\sum_k (k-1)kp_k]^2$$

$$C = \sum_{k_i, k_j} q_{k_i} q_{k_j} p_{ij} \approx \frac{[\langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle]^2}{n \langle k \rangle^3}$$

## network *clustering*

- *average clustering coefficient*  $\langle C \rangle$  [WS98] of real networks
- *neither*  $G(n, p)$  [ER59] *nor*  $G(\{k\})$  [NSW01] *explain*  $\langle C \rangle \gg 0$

network	$n$	$\langle C \rangle$	$\gg \frac{[\langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle]^2}{n \langle k \rangle^3}$	$\gg \frac{\langle k \rangle}{n-1}$
Southern women [DGG41]	32	0.000	0.204	0.179
Karate club [Zac77]	34	0.571	0.294	0.139
American football [GN02]	115	0.403	0.078	0.094
Java dependencies [ŠB11]	1368	0.497	0.879	0.012
Facebook circles [ML12]	4039	0.606	0.063	0.011
Physics collaboration [New01]	36 458	0.657	0.002	0.000
Enron e-mails [LLDM09]	36 692	0.497	0.106	0.001
Internet map [HJJ <sup>+</sup> 03]	75 885	0.160	2.985	0.000
Actors collaboration [BA99]	382 219	0.780	0.006	0.000
Physics citation [ŠFB14]	438 943	0.227	0.001	0.000
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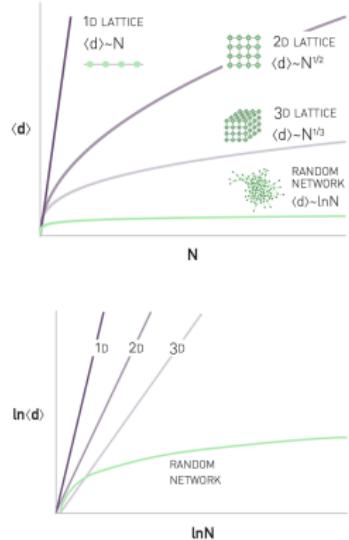
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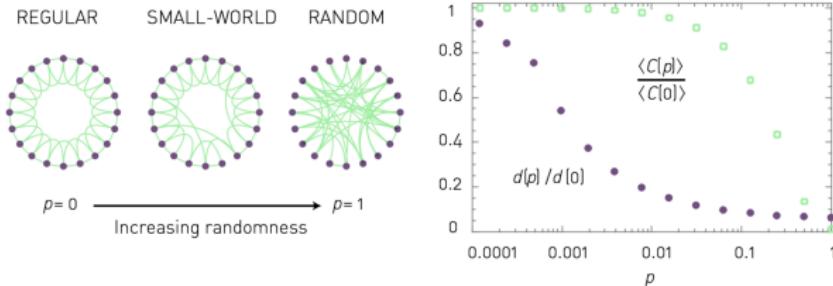
# small-world *phenomenon*

- for *regular lattices*
  - *high clustering*  $\langle C \rangle \gg 0$
  - long distances  $\langle d \rangle \simeq n^{1/D}$
- in *random graphs* [ER59]
  - low clustering  $\langle C \rangle = \frac{\langle k \rangle}{n-1}$
  - *short distances*  $\langle d \rangle \simeq \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$
- real *small-world networks* [WS98]
  - *high clustering*  $\langle C \rangle \gg 0$
  - *short distances*  $\langle d \rangle \simeq \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$
- $\langle d \rangle = 4.74$  for *Facebook* friendships [BBR<sup>+</sup>12] while  $\frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle} = 3.98$
- $\langle C \rangle = 0.61$  for *Facebook* social circles [NL12] while  $\rho < 10^{-6}$



# small-world *model*

- $G(n, k, p)$  small-world model [WS98]
- randomly rewire  $p n k / 2$  links of regular lattice
- conceptually interesting but practically inapplicable
  - for some  $p$  small-world with  $\langle d \rangle \simeq \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$  and  $\langle C \rangle \gg 0$
  - for  $p = 1$  random graph with  $\langle d \rangle \simeq \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$
  - for  $p = 0$  regular lattice with  $C = \frac{3(k-2)}{4(k-1)}$



see small-world model [NetLogo demo](#)

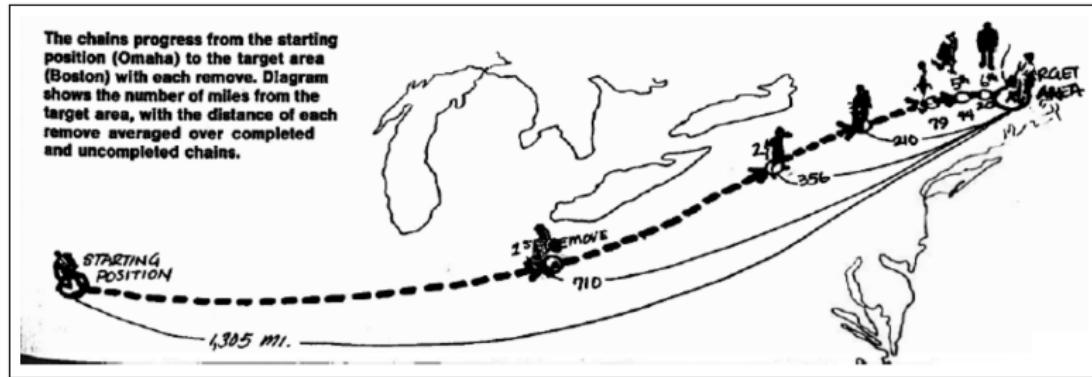
# small-world *networks*

- clustering coefficient  $\langle C \rangle$  in *real small-world* networks
- average distance  $\langle d \rangle$  in *real small-world* networks

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Enron e-mails [LLDM09]	36 692	0.497	0.001	3.39	3.51
Internet map [HJJ <sup>+</sup> 03]	75 885	0.160	0.000	5.83	5.01
actors collaboration [BA99]	382 219	0.780	0.000	$\approx 3.6$	2.94
physics citation [ŠFB14]	438 943	0.227	0.000	$\approx 5.0$	4.23
patent citation [HJT01]	3 774 768	0.076	0.000	$\approx 8.1$	6.98
Facebook snowball [Fer12]	8 217 272	0.019	0.000	$\approx 6.8$	14.23

## small-world *experiments*

- 6 degrees of separation in letter passing as  $\langle d \rangle = 6.2$  [Mil67]
- 4/7 degrees of separation in e-mail communication [DMW03]
- 4 degrees of separation on Facebook as  $\langle d \rangle = 4.74$  [BBR<sup>+</sup>12]

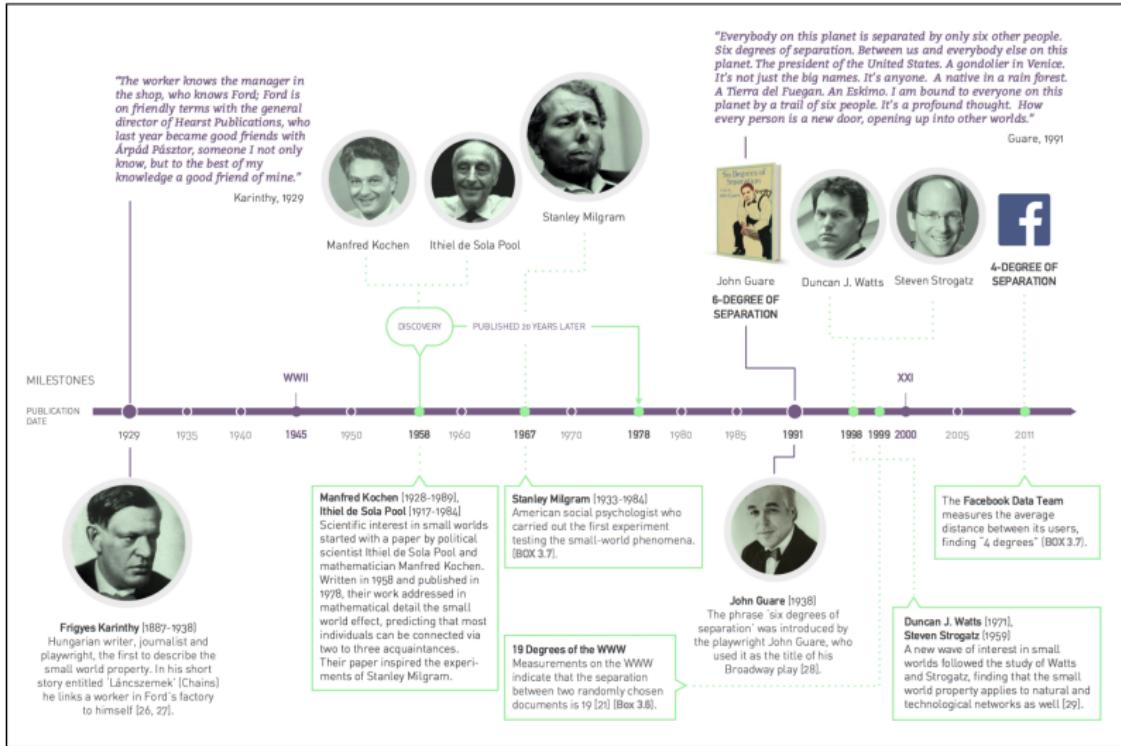


- the strength (weakness) of weak (strong) ties [Gra73]

## small-world *navigation*

does existence of short paths imply  
*navigable small-world* by *decentralized search*? [Kle00]

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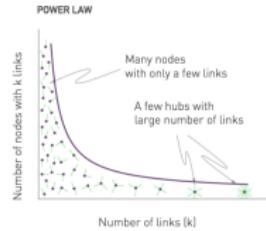
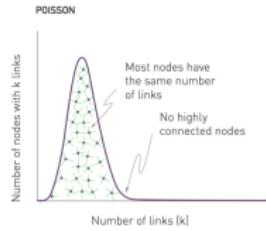
# *scale-free* networks

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# scale-free *property*

- random graphs Poisson degree distribution  $p_k$  [ER59]
- real networks contain highly linked hubs [Pri65, FFF99]
- scale-free networks power-law degree distribution  $p_k$  [BA99]

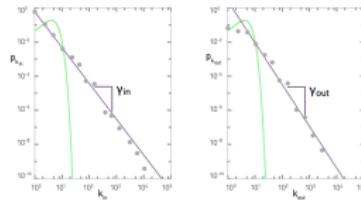


# scale-free *power-law*

- *power-law degree distribution*  $p_k$  with *exponent*  $\gamma > 1$

$$p_k \sim k^{-\gamma}$$

$$\log p_k \sim -\gamma \log k$$



- *theoretically correct discrete power-law*  $p_k$  for  $k \geq 1$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k = C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{-\gamma} = C \zeta(\gamma) = 1$$
$$p_k = C k^{-\gamma} = \frac{k^{-\gamma}}{\zeta(\gamma)}$$

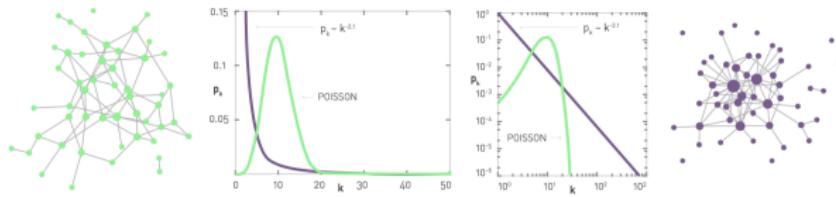
- *analytically convenient continuos power-law*  $p(k)$  for  $k \geq k_{min}$

$$\int_{k_{min}}^{\infty} p(k) dk = C \int_{k_{min}}^{\infty} k^{-\gamma} dk = C \frac{k^{-\gamma+1}}{-\gamma+1} \Big|_{k_{min}}^{\infty} = C \frac{k_{min}^{-\gamma+1}}{\gamma-1} = 1$$

$$p(k) = C k^{-\gamma} = (\gamma - 1) k_{min}^{\gamma-1} k^{-\gamma}$$

# scale-free *hubs*

- for *small*  $k \ll \langle k \rangle$  power-law above Poisson
  - many *small degree nodes* in *scale-free network*
- for *average*  $k \approx \langle k \rangle$  power-law below Poisson
  - most *nodes similar degree* in *random graph*
- for *large*  $k \gg \langle k \rangle$  power-law above Poisson
  - existence of hubs* in *scale-free network*



- *random graph* with  $n \approx 10^{12}$  and  $\langle k \rangle = 4.6$  then  $n_{k \geq 100} \approx 10^{-82}$
- *scale-free network* with  $n \approx 10^{12}$  and  $\gamma = 2.1$  then  $n_{k \geq 100} \approx 4 \cdot 10^9$

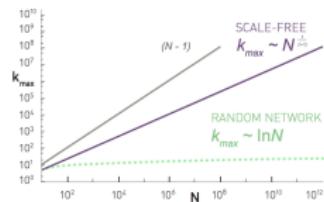
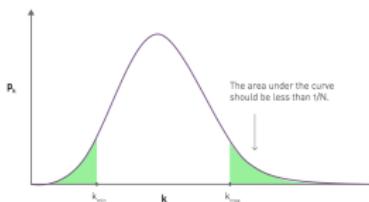
# scale-free cutoff

- maximum degree  $k_{\max}$  by upper natural cutoff of  $p(k)$
- for random graph with exponential  $p(k) = \lambda e^{\lambda k_{\min}} e^{-\lambda k}$

$$\int_{k_{\max}}^{\infty} p(k) dk = \lambda e^{\lambda k_{\min}} \frac{e^{-\lambda k}}{-\lambda} \Big|_{k_{\max}}^{\infty} = e^{\lambda k_{\min}} e^{-\lambda k_{\max}} = n^{-1}$$
$$k_{\max} = k_{\min} + \frac{\ln n}{\lambda}$$

- for scale-free network with power-law  $p(k) = (\gamma - 1) k_{\min}^{\gamma-1} k^{-\gamma}$

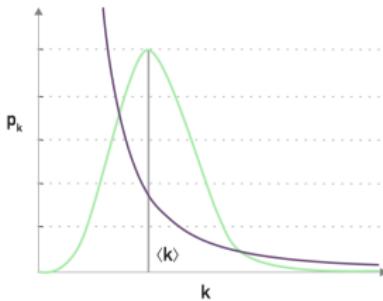
$$\int_{k_{\max}}^{\infty} p(k) dk = (\gamma - 1) k_{\min}^{\gamma-1} \frac{k^{-\gamma+1}}{-\gamma+1} \Big|_{k_{\max}}^{\infty} = k_{\min}^{\gamma-1} k_{\max}^{-\gamma+1} = n^{-1}$$
$$k_{\max} = k_{\min} n^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}}$$



- random graph with  $n \approx 3 \cdot 10^5$  and  $\lambda = 1$  then  $k_{\max} \approx 14$
- scale-free network with  $n \approx 3 \cdot 10^5$  and  $\gamma = 2.1$  then  $k_{\max} \approx 10^5$

## scale-free *moments*

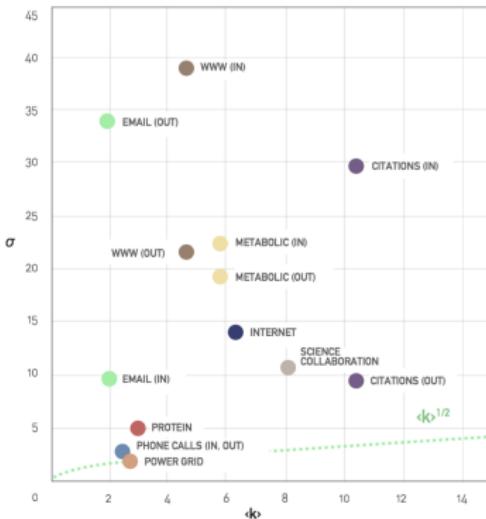
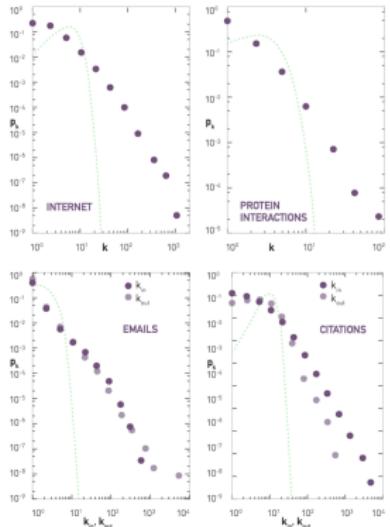
- *x-th moment*  $\langle k^x \rangle$  of power-law  $p_k \sim k^{-\gamma}$ 
  - $\langle k^2 \rangle = \sigma_k^2 + \langle k \rangle^2$  determines *spread* and  $\langle k^3 \rangle$  is *skewness*
- $\langle k^x \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^x p_k \approx \int_{k_{min}}^{k_{max}} k^x p(k) dk \sim \frac{k_{max}^{x-\gamma+1} - k_{min}^{x-\gamma+1}}{x-\gamma+1}$
- *moments*  $x \leq \gamma - 1$  *finite* whereas *moments*  $x > \gamma - 1$  *diverge*



- *scale-free network*  $\gamma < 3$  *lacks scale* with  $k = \langle k \rangle \pm \infty$
- *random graph has scale* with  $k = \langle k \rangle \pm \sqrt{\langle k \rangle}$

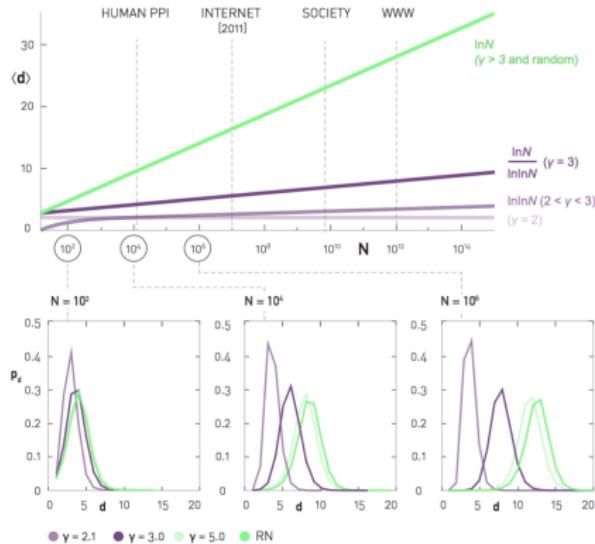
# scale-free networks

- heavy-tail  $p_k$  of real networks [Bar16]
- spread  $\sigma_k = \sqrt{\langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle^2}$  in real networks

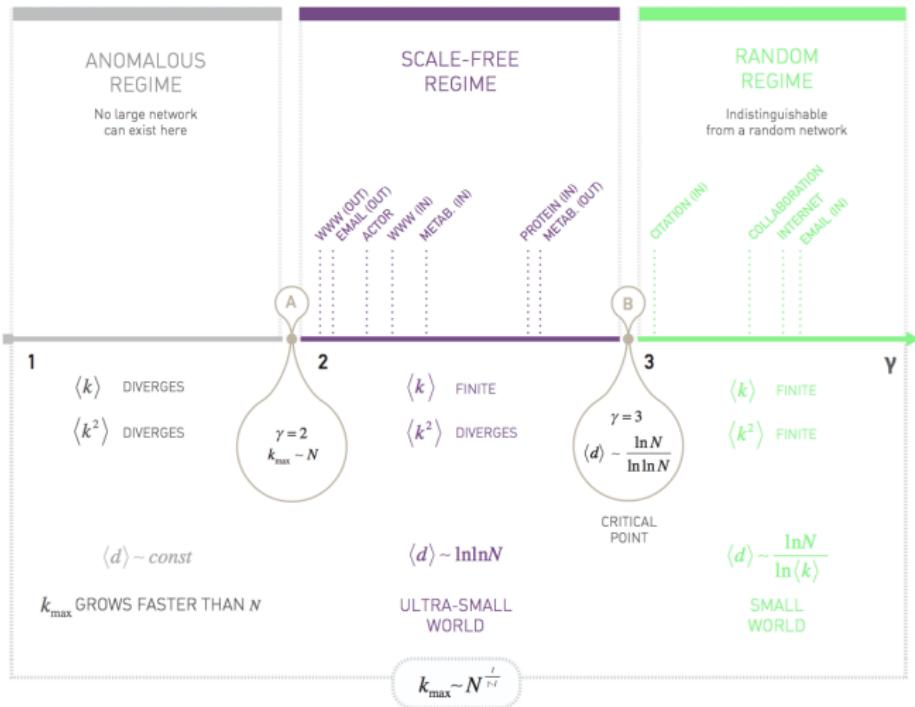


# scale-free “small-world”

- random graph is “small-world” with  $\langle d \rangle \simeq \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$
- scale-free network  $\gamma > 3$  is “small-world” with  $\langle d \rangle \sim \ln n$
- scale-free network  $\gamma < 3$  “ultrasmall-world” with  $\langle d \rangle \sim \ln \ln n$



# scale-free exponent



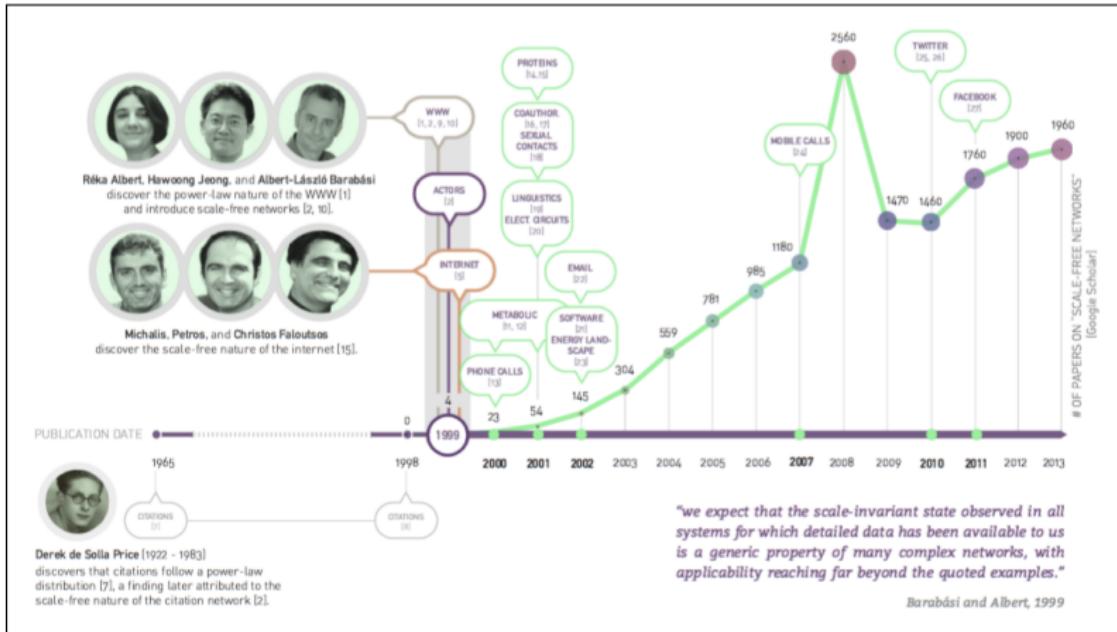
no graphical  $\{k\}$  for  $\gamma < 2$

$n = (k_{\max}/k_{\min})^{\gamma-1}$  nonexistent for  $\gamma \gg 3$

# scale-free *distributions*

NAME	$p_x/p(x)$	$\langle x \rangle$	$\langle x^2 \rangle$
Poisson (discrete)	$e^{-\mu} \mu^x / x!$	$\mu$	$\mu(1 + \mu)$
Exponential (discrete)	$(1 - e^{-\lambda}) e^{-\lambda x}$	$1/(e^\lambda - 1)$	$(e^\lambda + 1)/(e^\lambda - 1)^2$
Exponential (continuous)	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$	$1/\lambda$	$2/\lambda^2$
Power law (discrete)	$x^{-\alpha}/\zeta(\alpha)$	$\begin{cases} \zeta(\alpha - 2)/\zeta(\alpha), & \text{if } \alpha > 2 \\ \infty, & \text{if } \alpha \leq 1 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} \zeta(\alpha - 1)/\zeta(\alpha), & \text{if } \alpha > 1 \\ \infty, & \text{if } \alpha \leq 2 \end{cases}$
Power law (continuous)	$a x^{-\alpha}$	$\begin{cases} \alpha/(\alpha - 1), & \text{if } \alpha > 2 \\ \infty, & \text{if } \alpha \leq 1 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} \alpha/(\alpha - 2), & \text{if } \alpha > 1 \\ \infty, & \text{if } \alpha \leq 2 \end{cases}$
Power law with cutoff (continuous)	$\frac{\lambda^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} x^{-\alpha} e^{-\lambda x}$	$\lambda^{-1} \frac{\Gamma(2-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}$	$\lambda^{-2} \frac{\Gamma(3-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}$
Stretched exponential (continuous)	$\beta \lambda^\beta x^{\beta-1} e^{-(\lambda x)^\beta}$	$\lambda^{-1} \Gamma(1 + \beta^{-1})$	$\lambda^{-2} \Gamma(1 + 2\beta^{-1})$
Log-normal (continuous)	$\frac{1}{x \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(\ln x - \mu)^2 / (2\sigma^2)}$	$e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2}$	$e^{2(\mu + \sigma^2)}$
Normal (continuous)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x - \mu)^2 / (2\sigma^2)}$	$\mu$	$\mu^2 + \sigma^2$

# scale-free *history*



## *scale-free* models

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# scale-free *models*

- *graph models* are *ensembles* of random graphs
- *generative models* reason about *network evolution*
- *cumulative advantage* process of *Price model* [Pri76]
- *preferential attachment* or *Barabási-Albert model* [BA99]

Pólya process    Yule process    Zipf's law    Matthew effect  
*rich-get-richer*    proportional growth    cumulative advantage

see preferential attachment model [NetLogo](#) demo



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## scale-free $G(n, c, a)$ model

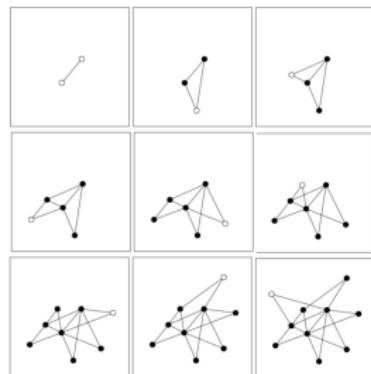
- $G(n, c, a)$  cumulative advantage model [Pri76]
- each new node  $i$  forms  $k_i^{out} = c > 0$  directed links
- node  $j$  receives link with probability  $\sim k_j^{in} + a = q_j + a > 0$

$n, c, a$  given       $p_q$  unknown

input parameters  $n, c, a$

output directed graph  $G$

```
1:  $G \leftarrow \geq c$  isolated nodes
2: while not  $G$  has  $n$  nodes do
3:   add node  $i$  to  $G$ 
4:   for  $c$  times do
5:     add link  $(i, j)$  with  $\sim q_j + a$ 
6:   end for
7: end while
8: return  $G$ 
```



## scale-free $G(n, c, a)$ equation

- master equation for in-degree distribution  $p_q(n)$

- $p_q(n)$  is in-degree distribution  $p_q$  at time  $n$

$$\sum_i \frac{q_i + a}{q_i + a} = \frac{q_i + a}{n(c+a)} \quad cn p_q(n) \frac{q+a}{n(c+a)} = \frac{c(q+a)}{c+a} p_q(n)$$

$$(n+1)p_q(n+1) = np_q(n) + \frac{c(q-1+a)}{c+a} p_{q-1}(n) - \frac{c(q+a)}{c+a} p_q(n)$$

$$(n+1)p_0(n+1) = np_0(n) + 1 - \frac{ca}{c+a} p_0(n)$$

- power-law in-degree distribution  $p_q \sim q^{-\gamma}$  with  $\gamma > 2$

- $p_q$  is in-degree distribution in limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt \quad B(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)} \simeq x^{-y} \Gamma(y)$$

$$p_q = \frac{q+a-1}{q+a+1+a/c} p_{q-1} = \dots = \frac{B(q+a, 2+a/c)}{B(a, 1+a/c)} \sim q^{-2-a/c}$$

$$p_0 = \frac{1+a/c}{a+1+a/c}$$

# scale-free $G(n, c)$ model

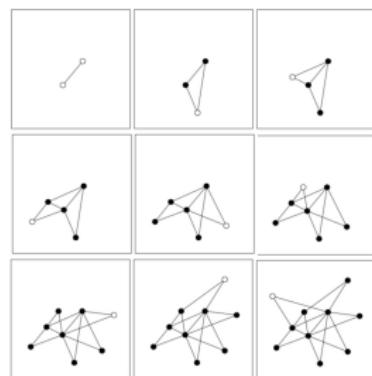
- $G(n, c)$  preferential attachment model [BA99]
- each new node  $i$  forms  $c > 0$  undirected links
- node  $j$  receives links with probability  $\sim k_j$

$n, c$  given       $p_k$  unknown

input parameters  $n, c$

output undirected graph  $G$

```
1:  $G \leftarrow c$  connected nodes
2: while not  $G$  has  $n$  nodes do
3:   add node  $i$  to  $G$ 
4:   for  $c$  times do
5:     add link  $\{i, j\}$  with  $\sim k_j$ 
6:   end for
7: end while
8: return  $G$ 
```



## scale-free $G(n, c)$ equation

- undirected  $G(n, c)$  is directed  $G(n, c, c)$  for  $k_i = q_i + c$
- same master equation for in-degree distribution  $p_q$

—  $p_q$  is in-degree distribution in limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$p_q = \frac{B(q+c, 2+c/c)}{B(c, 1+c/c)} = \frac{B(q+c, 3)}{B(c, 2)} \sim q^{-3}$$

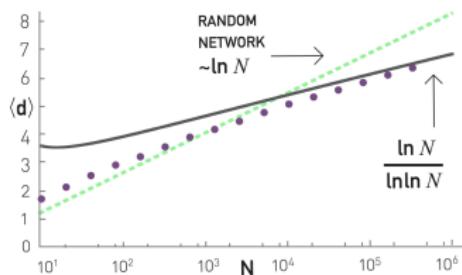
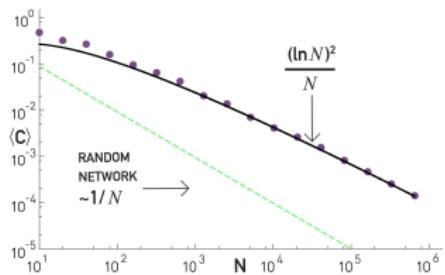
- power-law degree distribution  $p_k \sim k^{-3}$

—  $p_k$  is degree distribution in limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$p_k = \frac{B(k, 3)}{B(c, 2)} = \dots = \frac{2c(c+1)}{k(k+1)(k+2)} \sim k^{-3}$$

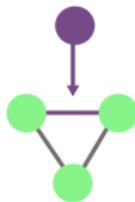
## preferential $\neg$ small-world

- random graphs are “small-world” as  $\langle d \rangle \simeq \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$
- random graphs are not small-world as  $\langle C \rangle = \frac{\langle k \rangle}{n-1}$
- scale-free networks  $\gamma = 3$  are “small-world” as  $\langle d \rangle \sim \frac{\ln n}{\ln \ln n}$
- $G(n, c)$  scale-free model is not small-world as  $\langle C \rangle \simeq \frac{(\ln n)^2}{n}$

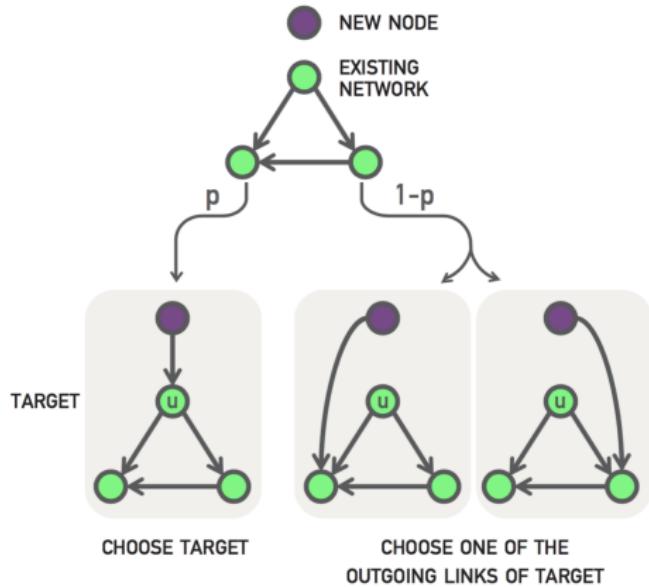


# preferential *models*

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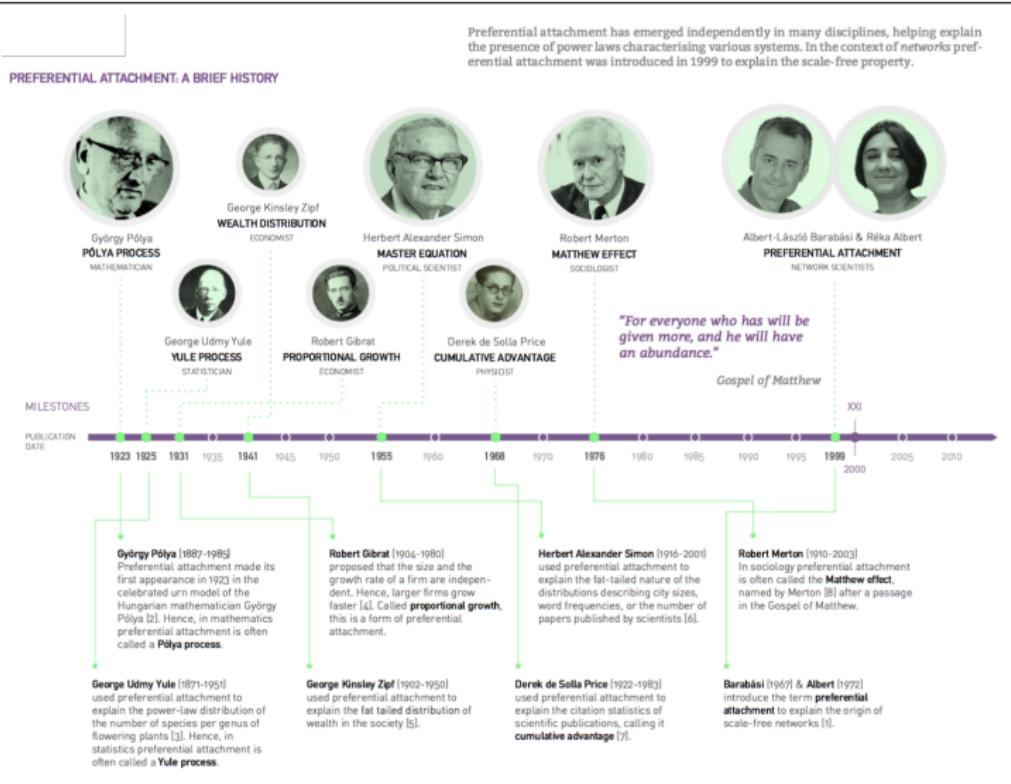
NEW NODE  
EXISTING NETWORK



link selection [DM02]

random link copying model [KKR<sup>+</sup>99]

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