Small-world networks and model, Homework #1

You are given three networks in Pajek format (edge list and LNA formats are also available).

- The famous Zachary karate club network (small)
- iMDB actors collaboration network (medium)
- A part of Google web graph (large)

I. Watts-Strogatz small-world graphs

- 1. **(answer)** Study the algorithm for generating Watts-Strogatz small-world graphs G(n, k, p) introduced in lectures. Does the algorithm generate networks with realistic structure? What is the time complexity of the algorithm?
- 2. **(code)** Implement the algorithm and generate Watts-Strogatz small-world graphs that best match networks above. (Set k to $\langle k \rangle$ rounded to the nearest even number and try to find the value of p that best reproduces $\langle C \rangle$.) Compute their average node clustering coefficient $\langle C \rangle$ and approximate distance between the nodes $\approx \langle d \rangle$. Are the results expected or are they surprising?

II. Homework #1 review

(Write solutions on the blackboard.)