

→ main assumpt<sup>n</sup>: edges b/w nodes formed randomly.

## Erdos Renyi random graph model. ( $G(n, p)$ model)

- graph has fixed no. of nodes  $n$ . —  $\binom{n}{2}$  edges can be formed independently w/ probability  $p$ .

(no. of edges not fixed)

Expected no. of edges connected to a node

$c = (n-1)p$  — all edges selected independently w/ probability  $p$ .  
expected degree of node.

$G(n, p)$   $p(\deg(v) = k) = \binom{n-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-1-k}$  (no. of nodes fixed) contain all or none edges.

$G(n, m)$   $p(|E| = m) = \frac{\binom{n}{2}!}{m!} p^m (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2}-m}$  (no. of edges fixed)

avg. path length  $l = \frac{\ln |V|}{\ln c}$  expected degree

Small  $p$  — no components.

bigger  $p$  — giant components, no loners.

large  $p$  — diameter shrinks } → "phase transition."

when  $p = \frac{1}{n-1}$   
 $p = \text{global clustering coeff}$

### Random graph model vs scale free network

The main difference between a random and a scale-free network comes in the **tail of the degree distribution**, representing the **high- $k$  region of  $p_k$** . If we compare a scale free **power law graph** with a **Poisson function (random network)**, we find that :

- For small  $k$ , the **power law** is above the **Poisson function**, indicating that a **scale-free network** has a **large number of small degree nodes**, most of which are absent in a random network.
- For moderate  $k$ , in the vicinity of some value  $\langle k \rangle$  the **Poisson distribution** is above the power law, indicating that in a random network **there is an excess of nodes with degree  $k \approx \langle k \rangle$  which are in the middle range**.
- For large  $k$ , the **power law** is again above the **Poisson curve**. The difference is particularly visible if we show  $p_k$  on a **log-log plot** indicating that the **probability of observing a high-degree node, or hub, is several orders of magnitude higher in a scale-free than in a random network**.

## Disruption in scale free vs. random graph

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- **Disruption**
  - A **random percentage** of the nodes are removed
- **How does the diameter change?**
  - Increases monotonically and linearly in random graphs
  - Remains almost the same in scale-free networks
    - Since a random sample is unlikely to pick the high-degree nodes

## Attack in scale free vs. random graph

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- **Attack**
  - A percentage of nodes **are removed willfully (e.g. from high degree in decreasing order of connectivity)**
- How does the diameter change?
  - For **random networks, essentially no difference from disruption as all nodes are approximately same**
  - **For scale-free networks, diameter doubles for every 5% node removal!**
    - This is an opportunity when you are fighting to contain spread of an epidemic