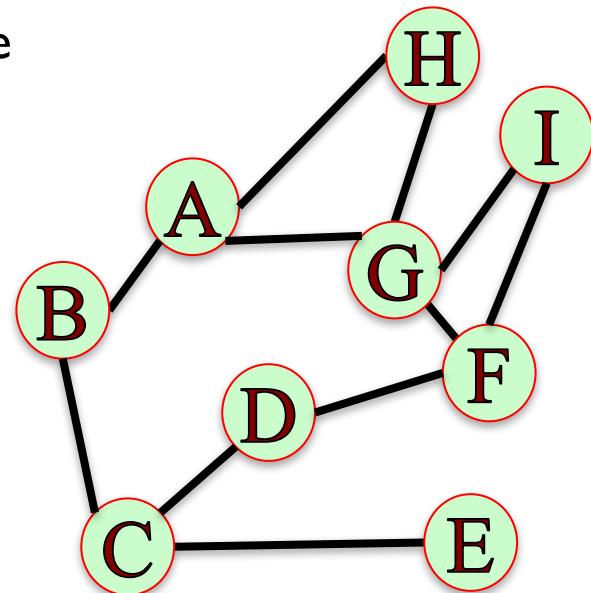


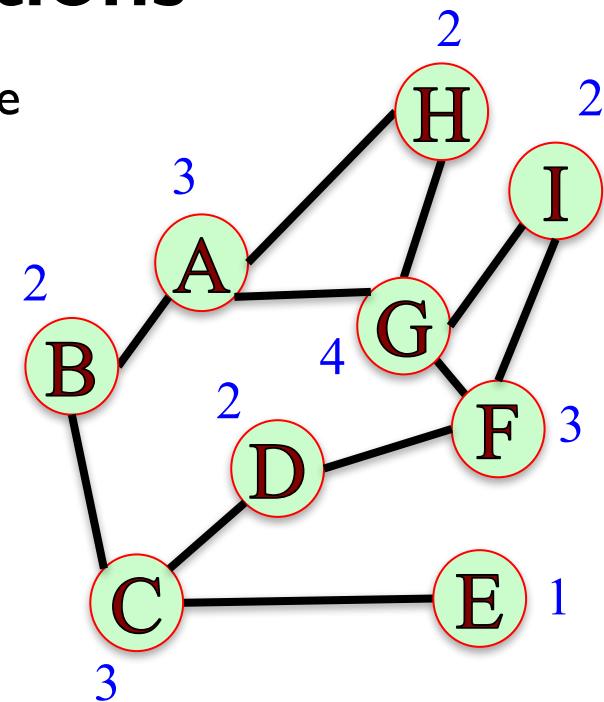
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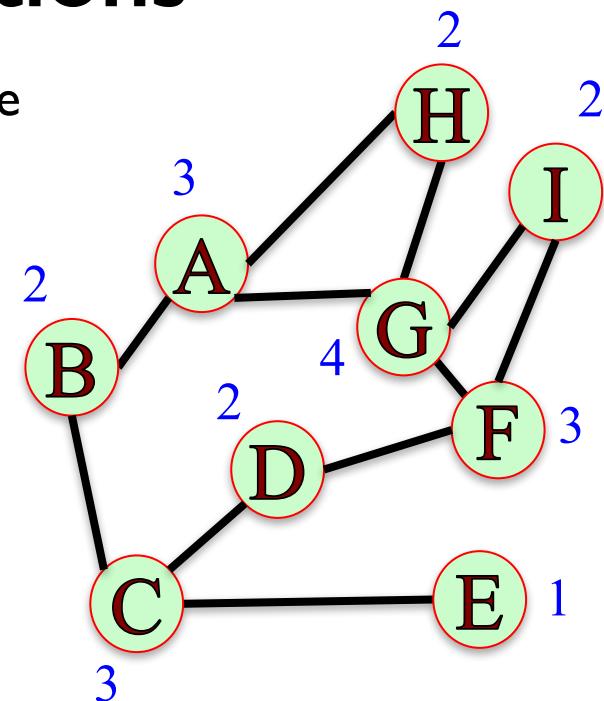
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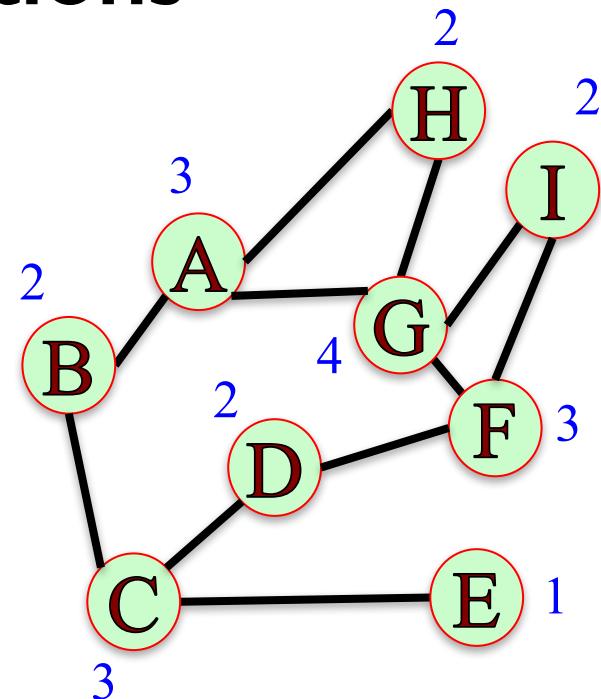


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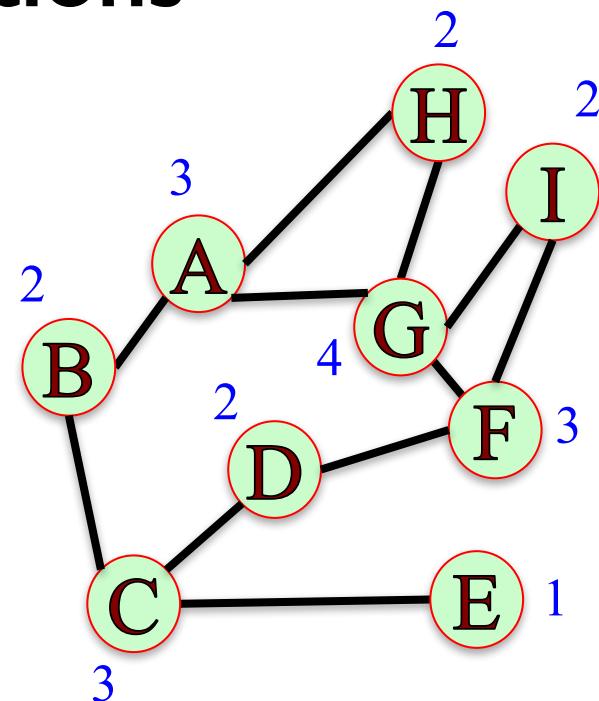
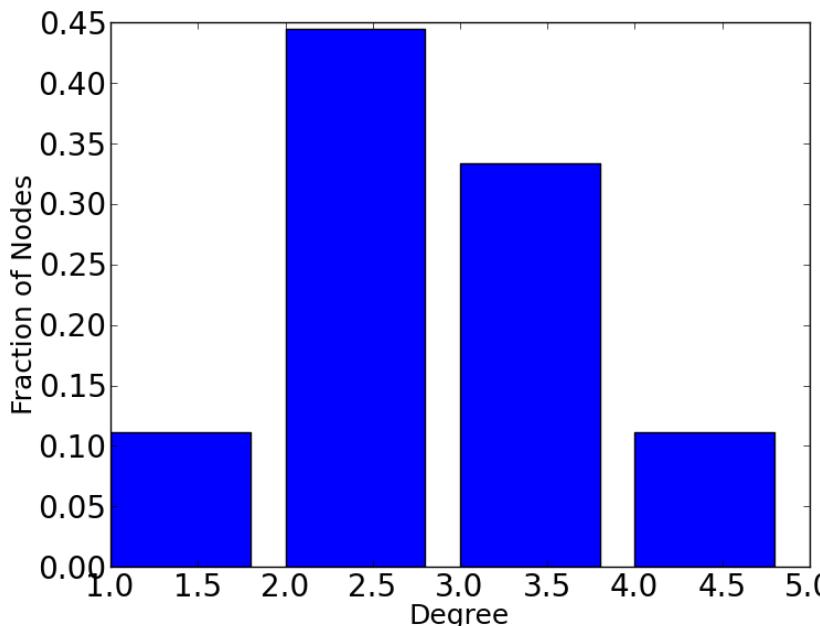
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degrees = G.degree()
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histogram =
[list(degrees.values()).count(i)/float(nx.number_of_nodes(G)) for i in degree_values]
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.bar(degree_values, histogram)
plt.xlabel('Degree')
plt.ylabel('Fraction of Nodes')
plt.show()
```



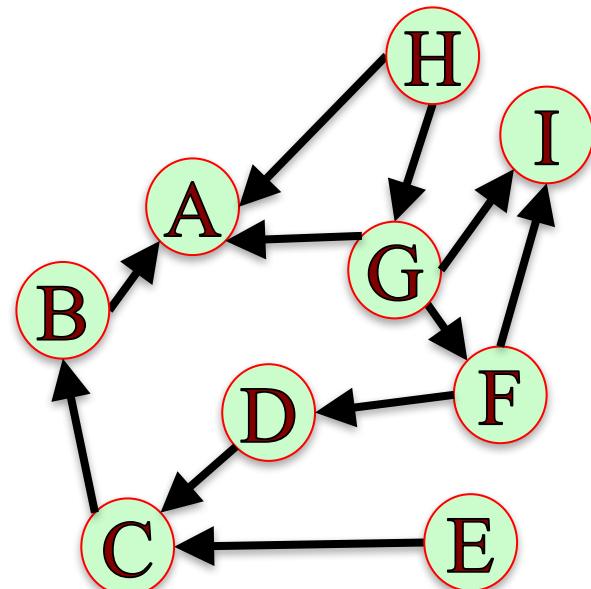
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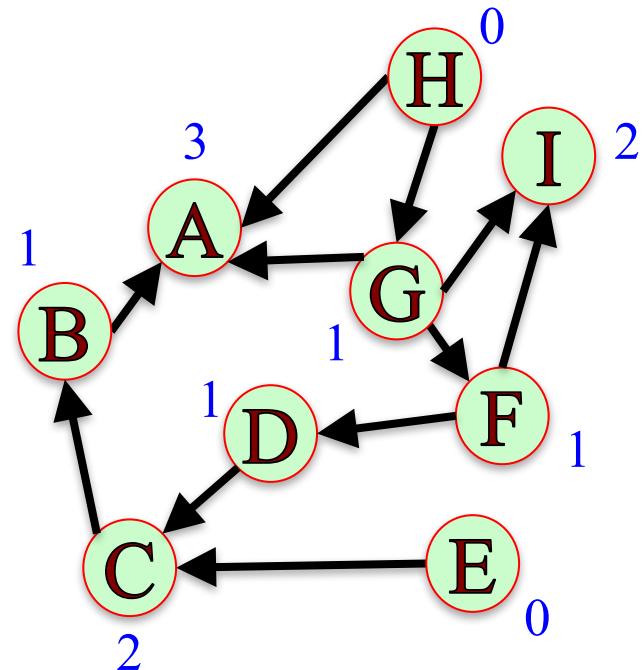


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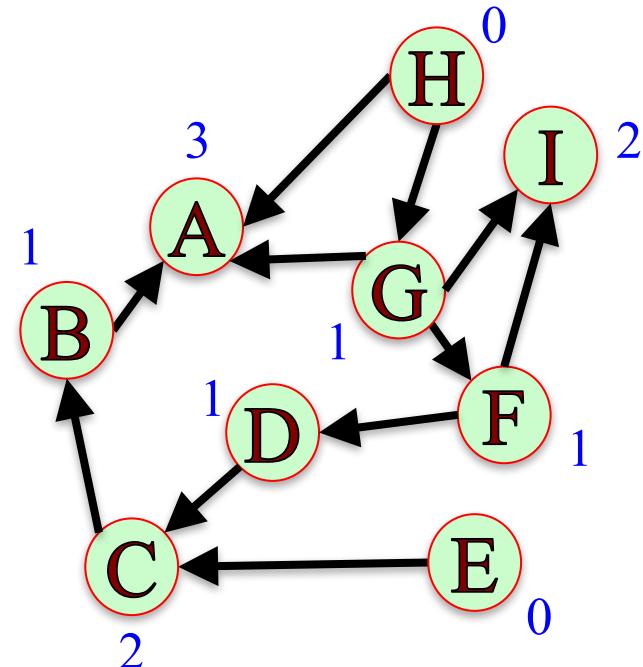
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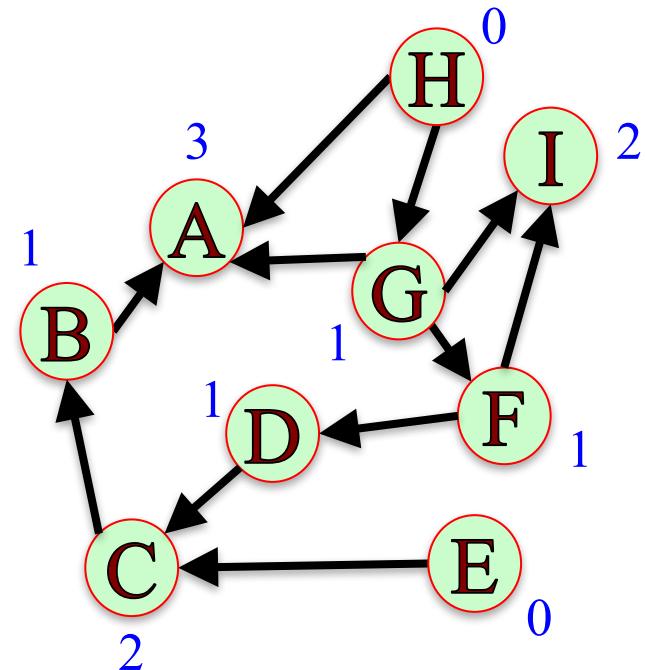
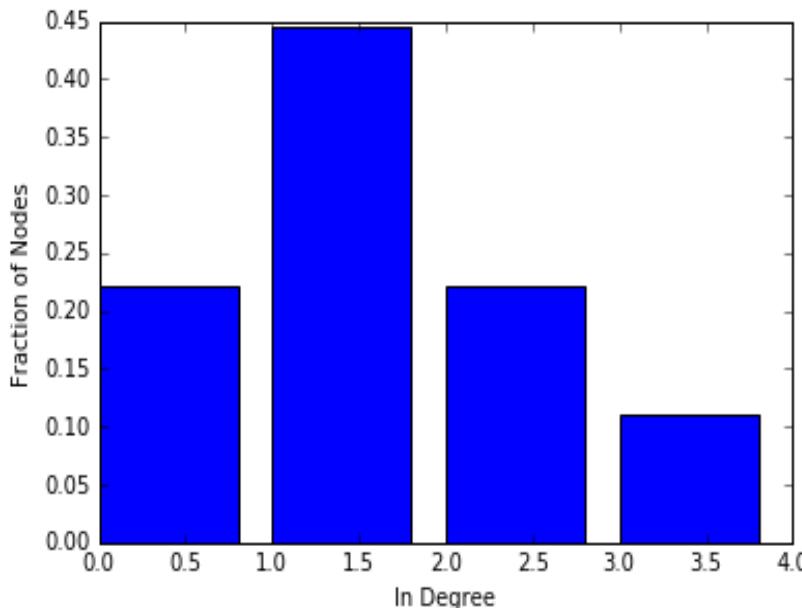
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```
in_degrees = G.in_degree()  
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histogram =  
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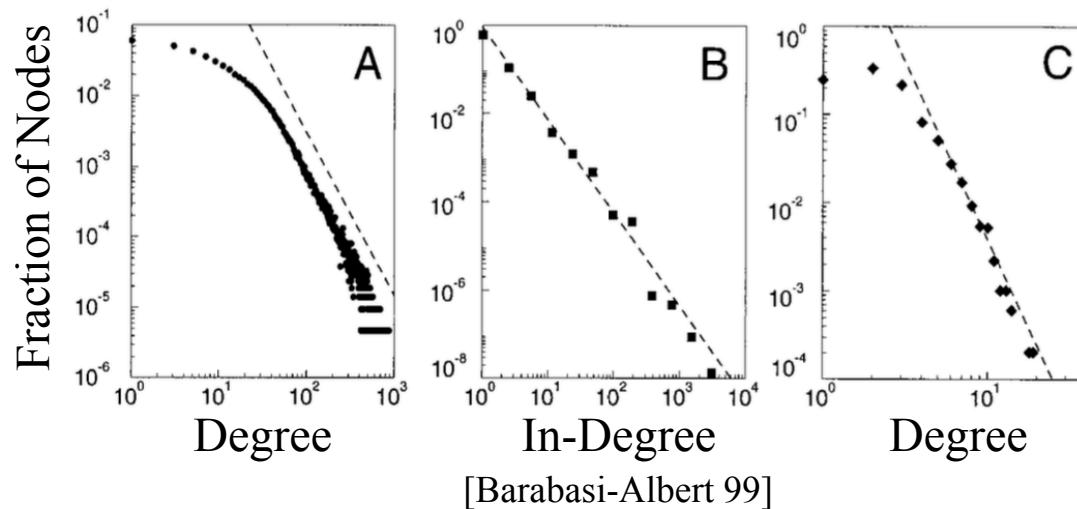


# Degree Distributions in Real Networks

A – **Actors**: network of 225,000 actors connected when they appear in a movie together.

B – **The Web**: network of 325,000 documents on the WWW connected by URLs.

C – **US Power Grid**: network of 4,941 generators connected by transmission lines.



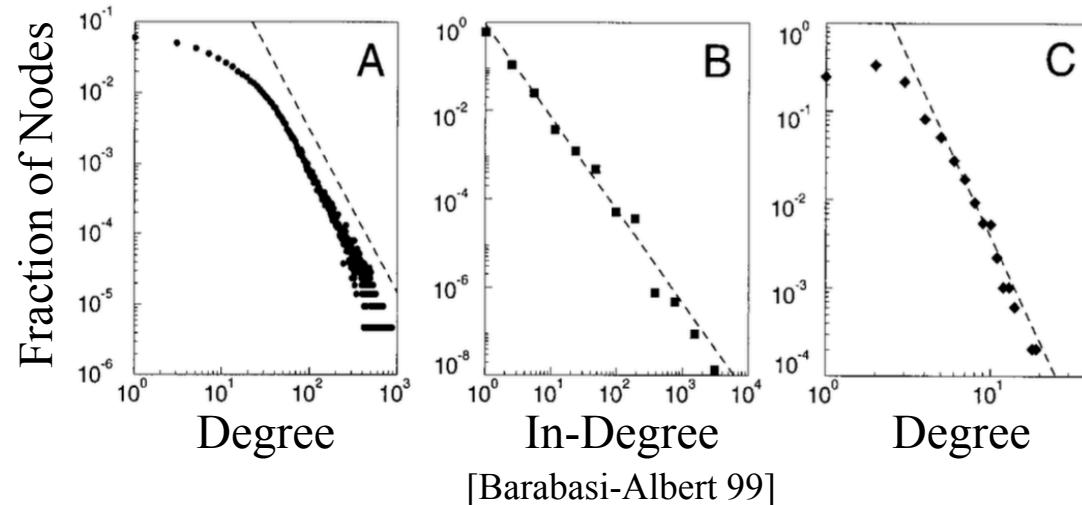
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# Modeling Networks

Networks with power law distribution have many nodes with small degree and a few nodes with very large degree.

What could explain power law degree distribution we observe in many networks?

Can we find a set of basic assumptions that explain this phenomenon?



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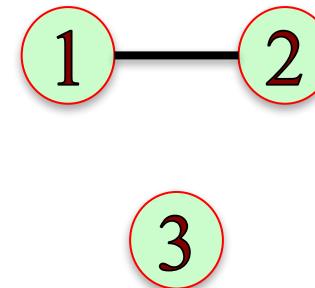
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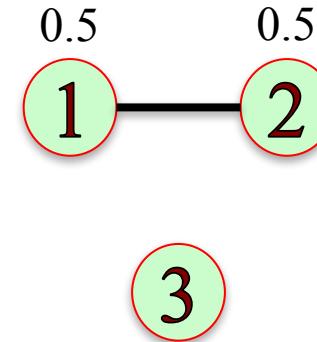
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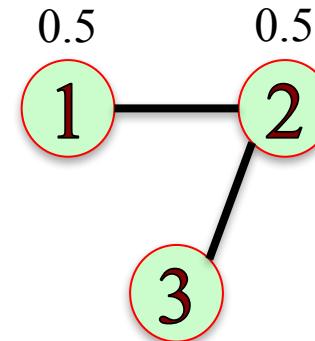
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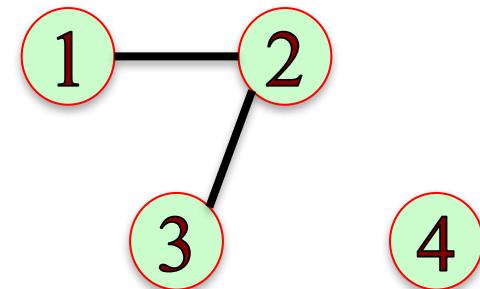
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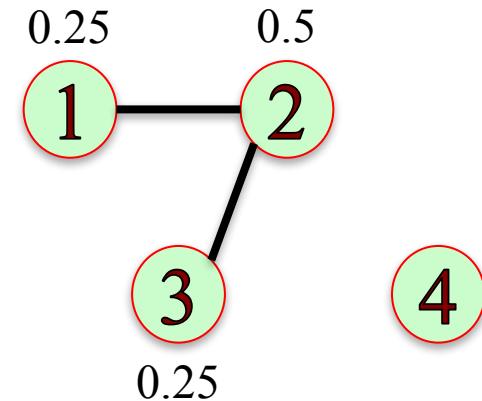
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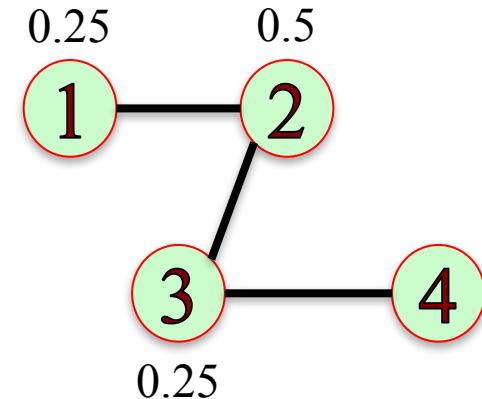
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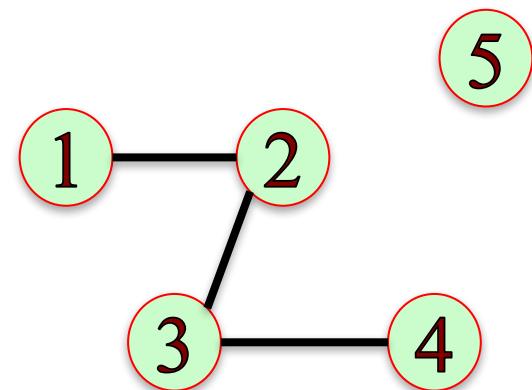
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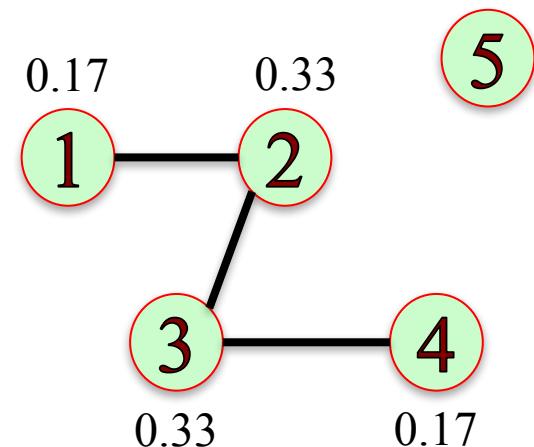
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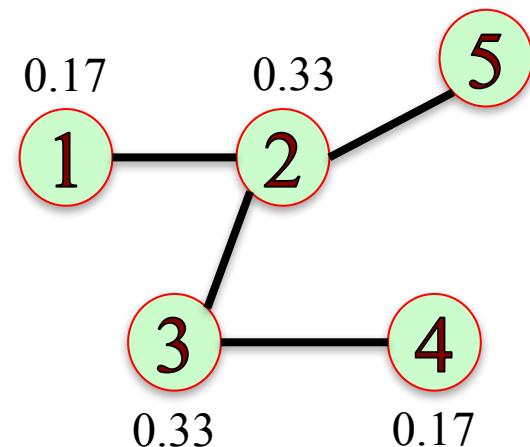
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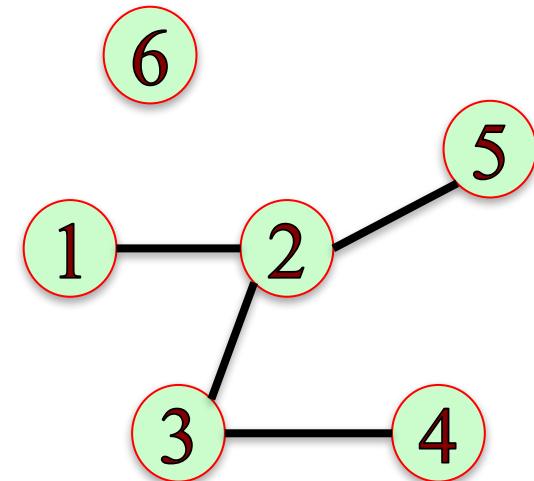
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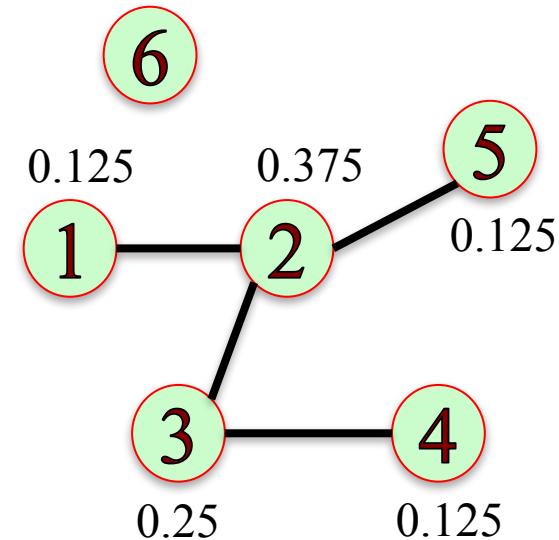
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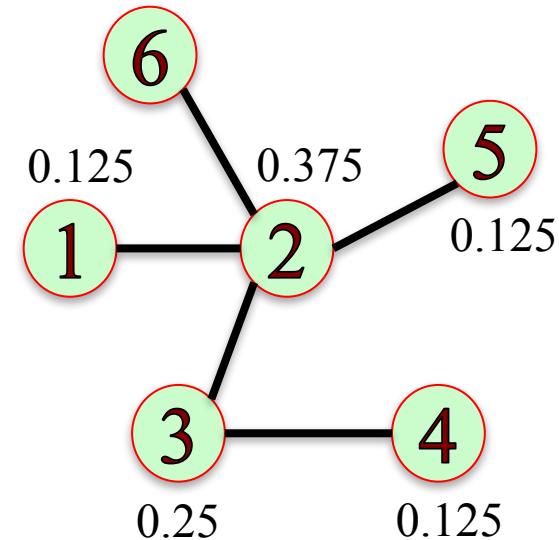
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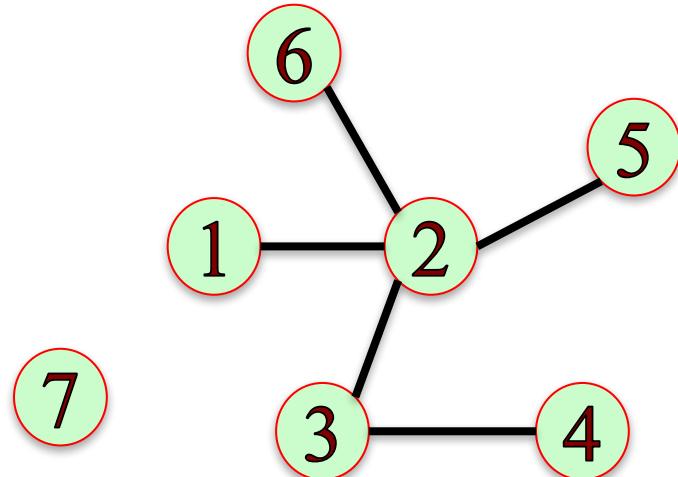
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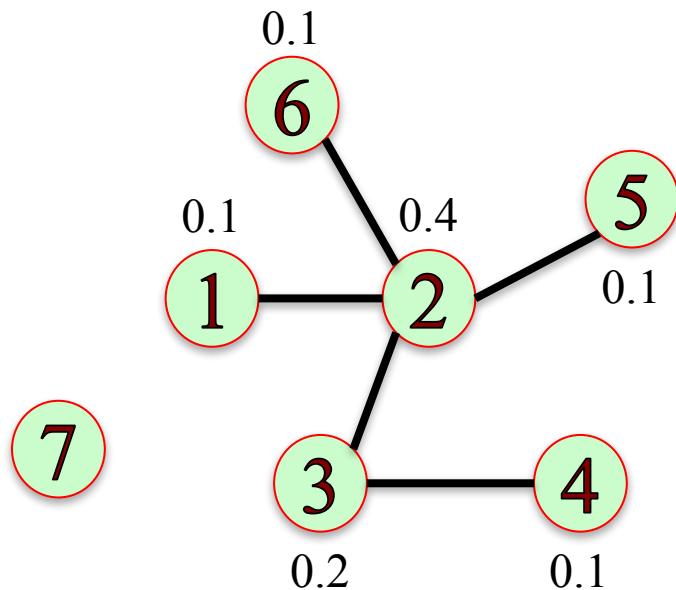
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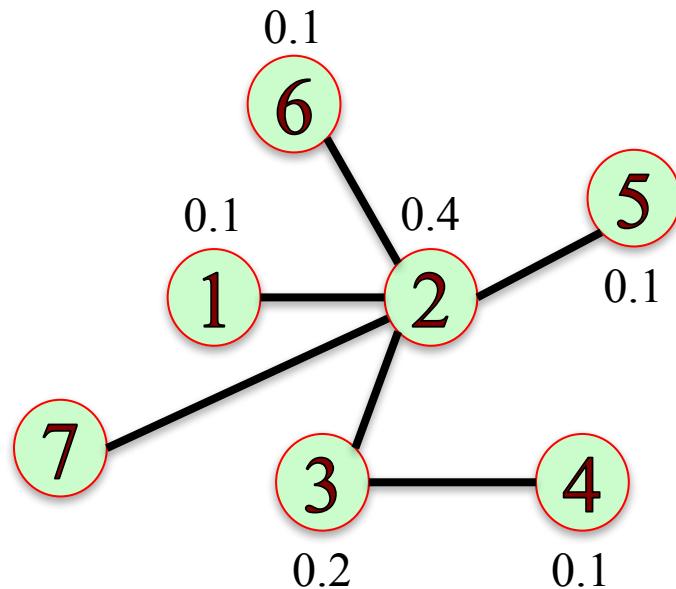
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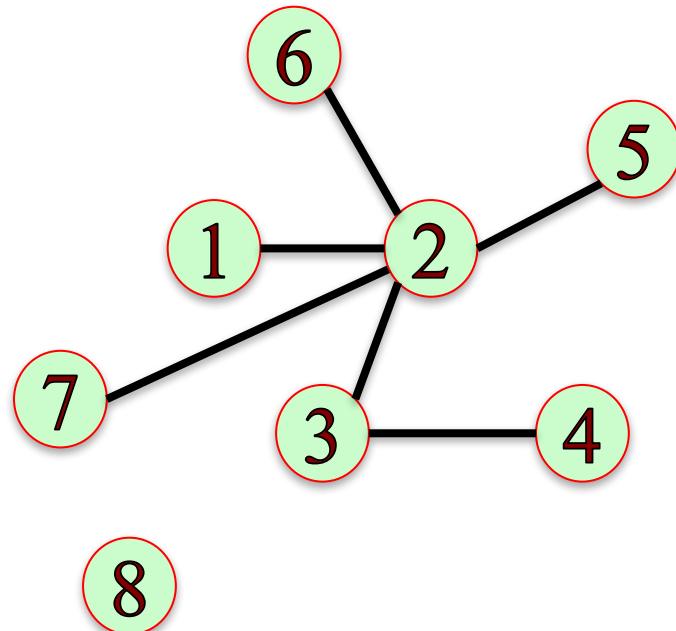
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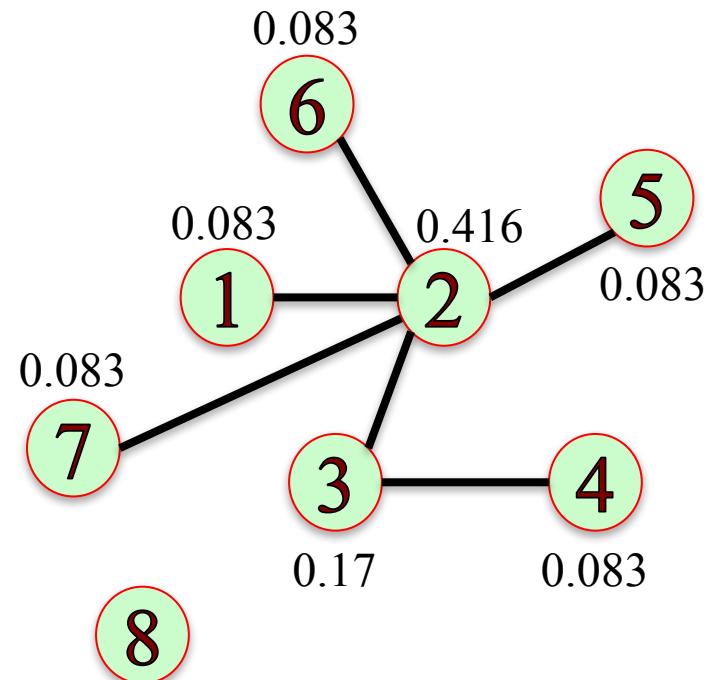
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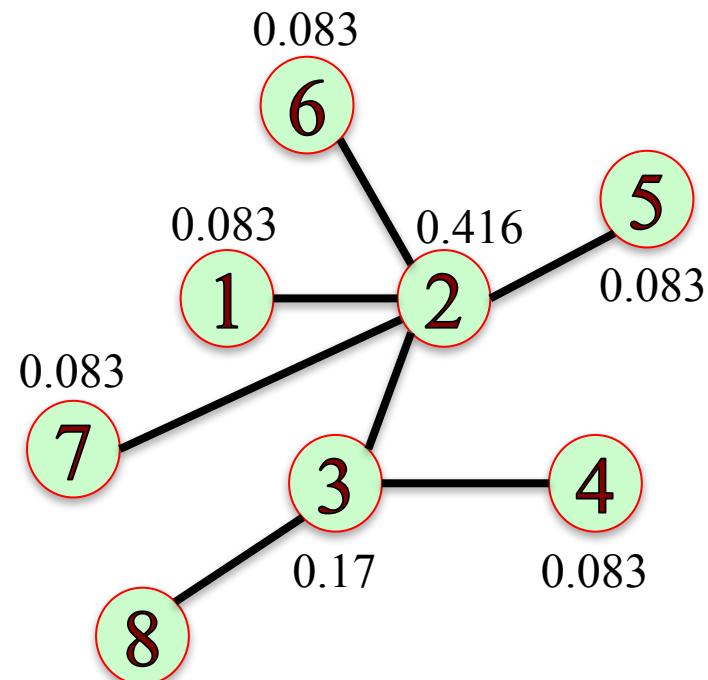
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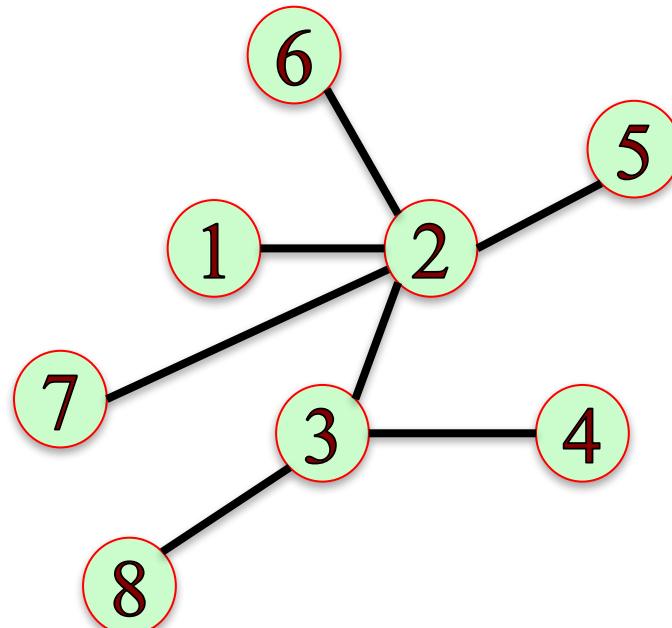
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# Preferential Attachment Model

As the number of nodes increases, the degree distribution of the network under the preferential attachment model approaches the power law  $P(k) = Ck^{-3}$  with constant  $C$ .

The preferential attachment model produces networks with degree distributions similar to real networks.

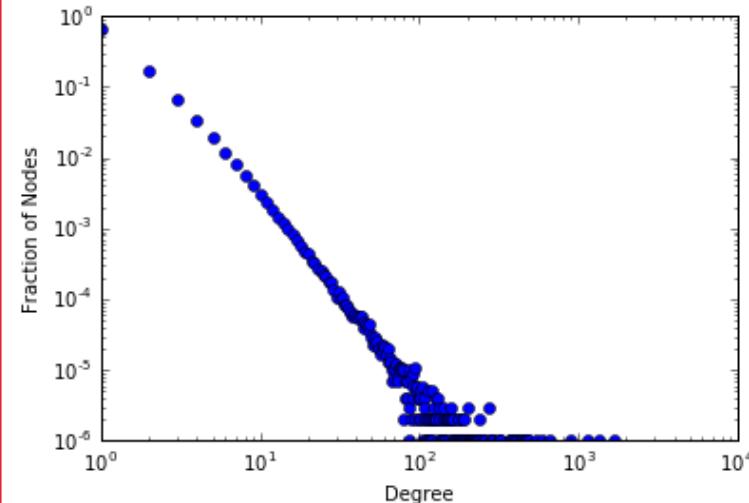


# Preferential Attachment in NetworkX

`barabasi_albert_graph(n, m)` returns a network with  $n$  nodes. Each new node attaches to  $m$  existing nodes according to the Preferential Attachment model.

```
G = nx.barabasi_albert_graph(1000000,1)
degrees = G.degree()
degree_values = sorted(set(degrees.values()))
histogram =
[list(degrees.values().count(i))/float(nx.number_of_nodes(G)) for i in degree_values]

plt.plot(degree_values, histogram, 'o')
plt.xlabel('Degree')
plt.ylabel('Fraction of Nodes')
plt.xscale('log')
plt.yscale('log')
plt.show()
```



# Summary

- The degree distribution of a graph is the probability distribution of the degrees over the entire network.
- Many real networks have degree distributions that look like power laws ( $P(k) = Ck^{-\alpha}$  ).
- Models of network generation allow us to identify mechanisms that give rise to observed patterns in real data.
- The Preferential Attachment Model produces networks with a power law degree distribution.
- You can use `barabasi_albert_graph(n, m)` to construct a  $n$ -node preferential attachment network, where each new node attaches to  $m$  existing nodes.