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## Network Structure (Static)



- Characteristics of networks
  - Node degree distribution
  - Clusters
  - Diameter, sparse/dense, seachability
  - Attribute distributions
  - ...
- How to generate networks with such properties?
  - Node generation
  - Edge generation

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## Dynamics of Networks



- How do nodes interact?
- Behaviors of nodes
  - Diffusion of information
  - Spread of virus
  - Vote
  - Reference (Citation)
  - ...

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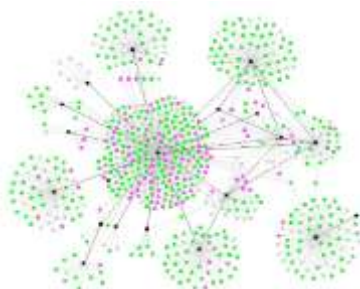
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## Epidemiology



- Hippocrates
  - Epidemic & Endemic

Kermack, W.O. and McKendrick, A.G. (1927).  
A contribution to the mathematical theory of epidemics I. *Proc. Roy. Soc. A* 115, 700-721.



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**John Snow:  
London Cholera, 1854**

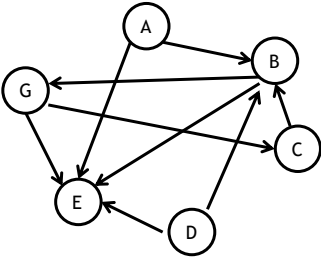


# Representation



- Text, table, ...
  - Adam follows Bob and Eve
  - Bob follows Eve and Genie
  - Charlie follows Bob
  - Dave follows Bob and Eve
  - Genie follows Charlie and Eve

- Graphic



# Matrix



- Adjacency Matrix A: element  $A_{ij}$  is relation between node i and j

	A	B	C	D	F	G
A	0	1	0	0	1	0
B	0	0	0	0	1	1
C	0	1	0	0	0	0
D	0	1	0	0	1	0
E	0	0	0	0	0	0
G	0	0	1	0	0	1

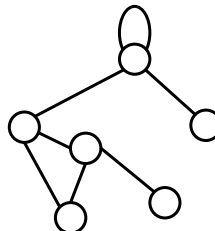


Good for Analysis

## Directed/Undirected Networks

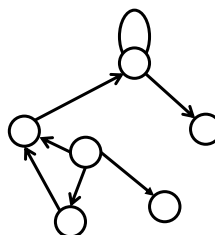
### • Undirected networks

- Links have no direction
- Co-authoring of papers



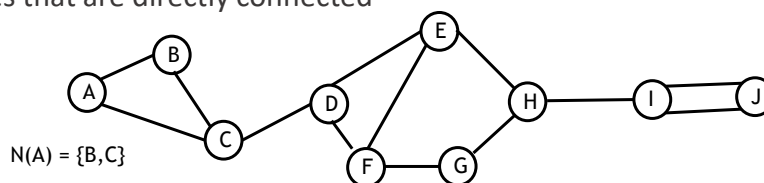
### • Directed networks

- Directed links (arcs)
- Following
- Refer

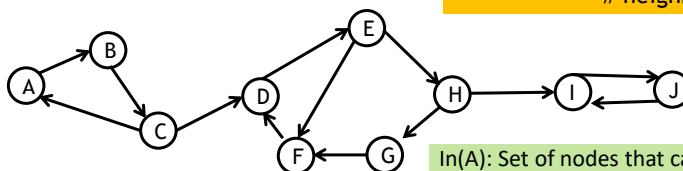


## Neighbors

### • Nodes that are directly connected



### • Directed graph



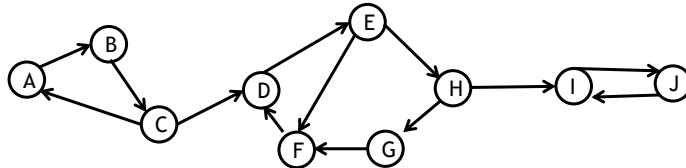
Node degree: # edges connected to a node  
# neighbor nodes  $\cong |N(A)|$

In(A): Set of nodes that can reach to node A  
Out(A): Set of nodes that can be reached from node A

## Connectivity of Directed Networks



- Strongly connected
  - There are (directed) paths from one node to another node
- Weakly connected
  - Connected if edges are replaced by undirected edges



- **DAG** (Directed Acyclic Graph)
  - Directed graph without cycles
  - If there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$ , then there is no path from  $v$  to  $u$

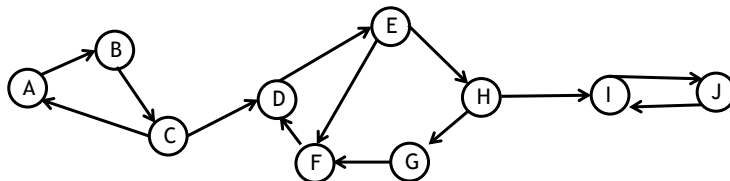
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## SCC (Strongly Connected Component)



- A set  $S$  of nodes
  - Strongly connected
  - Largest set containing  $S$  with the strong connectivity property



- Find SCC
  - An SCC containing node  $A = \text{In}(A) \cap \text{Out}(A)$

**Note: A node belongs to only one SCC**

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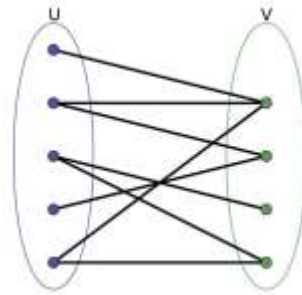


## Bipartite Graph



- Two types of nodes
- Edge between nodes of different types
  - U, V are independent sets
- Examples
  - Actor-Movie
  - Author-paper
  - Person-Community
- Incident matrix
 

$A_{ij} = 1$  if member  $j$  belongs to group  $i$



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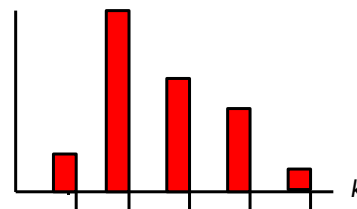
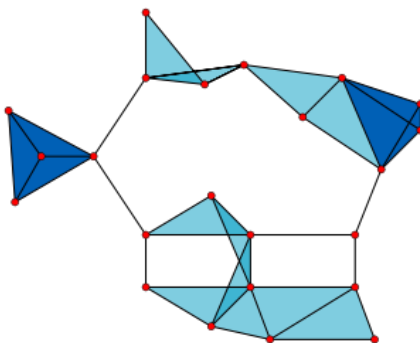
## Network Property: Degree Dist.



- $p(k)$  = Prob. that a node degree =  $k$

$N_k$  = # of nodes with degree =  $k$

$$p(k) = N_k / N$$



Power Law Distribution

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## Path



- Definition:
  - Sequence of nodes that are directly connected
- Path length,  $h$ 
  - Number of hops ( $\equiv$  # of edges  $\equiv$  # of nodes -1)
- Directly connected node pair ( $u, v$ )
  - Path length =1
  - $A_{uv} = 1$
- $u, v$  are connected by a path of length  $h$ 
  - $A^h_{uv}=1$
- Shortest path
  - Path of smallest length

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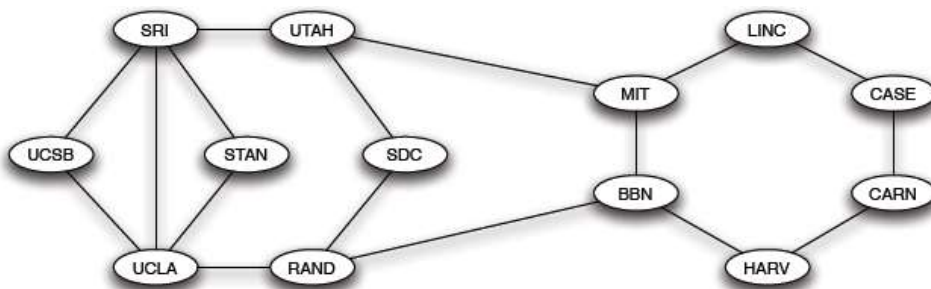
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## BFS (Breath First Search)



- Finding shortest paths in weighted graph
  - Dijkstra algorithms, Bellman-Ford, Floyd-Warshall, ...
- In unweighted graph
  - BFS



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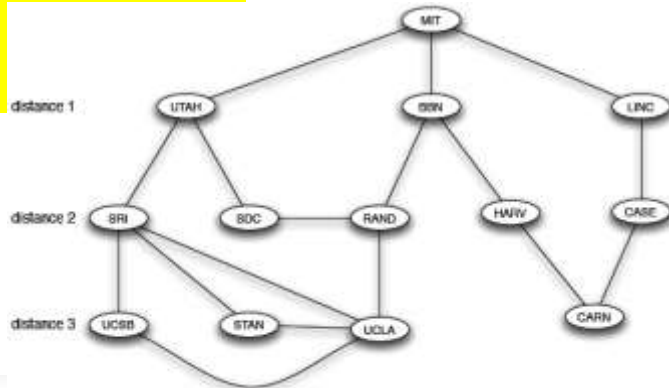
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## BFS

Shortest path tree from node u  
Mark u, let  $h(u) = 0$ , enqueue(u)

While queue not empty  
dequeue(v), retrieve its unmarked neighbor, w  
 $h(w) = h(v) + 1$   
mark w  
enqueue(w)



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## Network Diameter

- Diameter Definition 1:
  - The length of the longest path in a graph
- Diameter Definition 2:
  - Average path length of connected pairs

$$\bar{h} = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum \sum h_{ij}$$

Complex  
Use sampling to reduce complexity

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# Clustering Coefficient

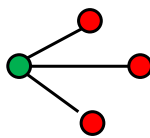


## • Clustering coefficient

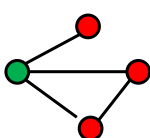
- Proportion of directly connected neighbor pairs

-  $C_i = \frac{2 e_i}{k_i(k_i-1)}$  where  $k_i$  is the degree of node  $i$  and  $e_i$  is the number of directed connected neighbor pairs

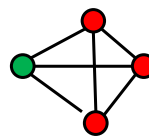
# triangles



-  $C_i = 0$



$C_i = 1/3$



$C_i = 1$

## • Average clustering coefficient

$$C = \frac{1}{N} \sum C_i$$

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## Random Network & Basic Graph Theory

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## Erdős-Renyi Random Graph

- Erdős-Renyi - 1960

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul\\_Erd%C5%91s](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Erd%C5%91s)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Alfred\\_Renyi.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Alfred_Renyi.jpg)

- Two variants

- $G_{n,p}$  : Undirected graph on  $n$  nodes each edge  $(u,v)$  appears i.i.d. with probability  $p$
- $G_{n,m}$  : Undirected graph with  $n$  nodes and  $m$  uniformly and randomly picked edges



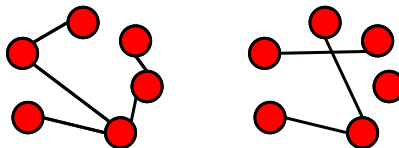
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## Random Graph, $G_{n,p}$

- Construction

- Connect each  $n \cdot (n-1)/2$  node pairs with prob.  $p$



Two examples of  $N=6$ ,  $p=0.3$

## Random networks vs Real networks

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## Properties of Random Graph



- Node degree distribution
- Clustering coefficient
- Size of giant components, prob. of isolated nodes
- Diameter
- ...

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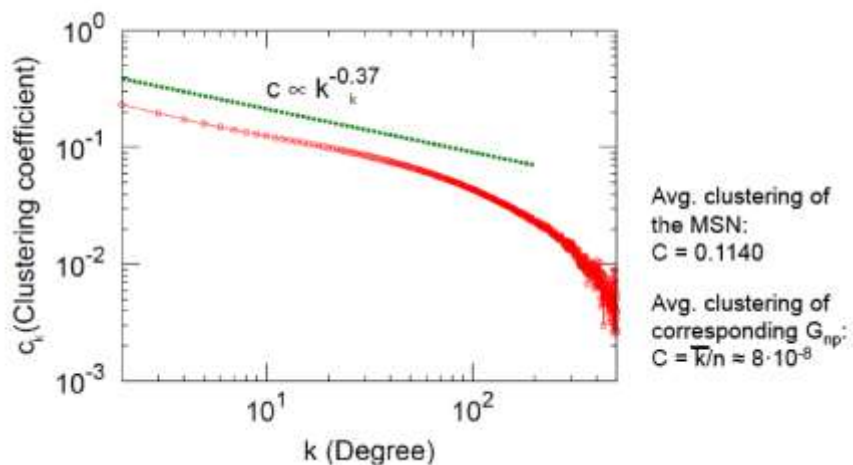
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## Properties of $G_{n,p}$ – Clustering Coefficient



- Expected clustering coefficient ?
- Real networks



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## Properties of $G_{n,p}$ – Node Degree



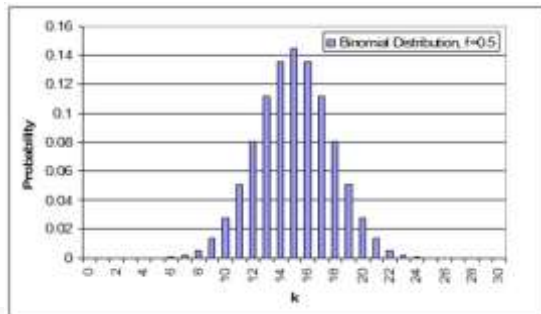
- Prob. that  $G_{n,p}$  generates a graph with  $E$  edges

$$P(E) = \binom{E^{max}}{E} p^E (1-p)^{E^{max}-E}$$

→ Binomial distribution

- Pr. that a node has  $k$  edges

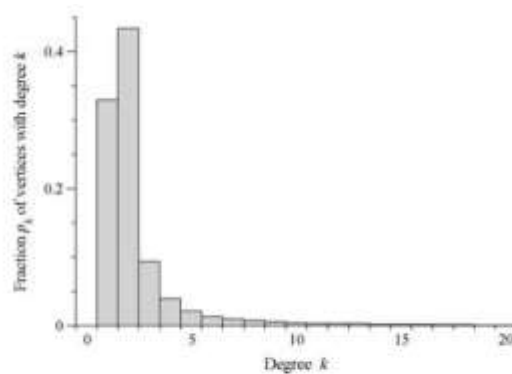
$$P(k) = \binom{n-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-1-k}$$



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## Real Networks – Degree Distribution

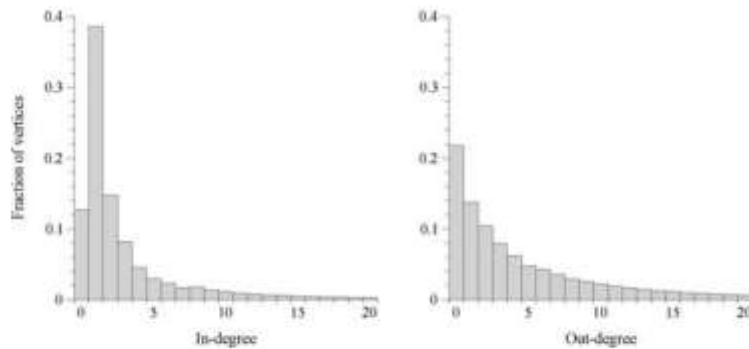


**Figure 8.3: The degree distribution of the Internet.** A histogram of the degree distribution of the vertices of the Internet graph at the level of autonomous systems.

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## Real Networks – Degree Distribution



**Figure 8.4: The degree distributions of the World Wide Web.** Histograms of the distributions of in- and out-degrees of pages on the World Wide Web. Data are from the study by Broder *et al.* [56].

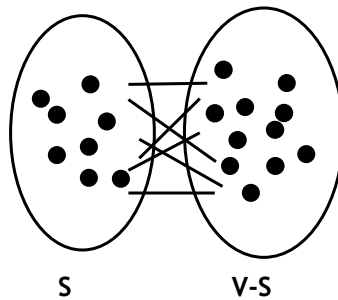
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## Properties of $G_{n,p}$ - Diameter

- First define expansion
- Graph  $G(V, E)$  has expansion  $a$ 
  - If  $\forall S \subseteq V$ , # of edges leaving  $S \geq a \cdot \min(|S|, |V-S|)$

$$\rightarrow a = \min \frac{\text{\# of edges leaving } S}{\min(|S|, |V-S|)}$$



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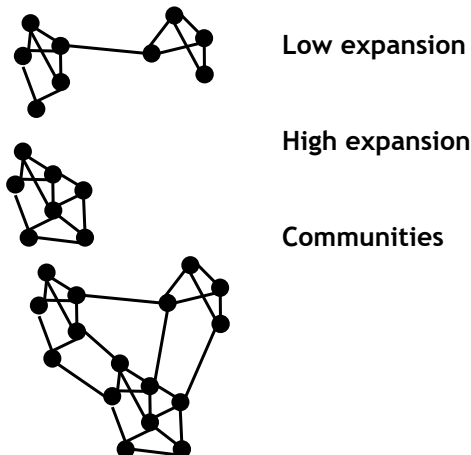
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## Expansion



- Measure of Robustness

- To partition  $m$  nodes, should cut at least  $a*m$  edges



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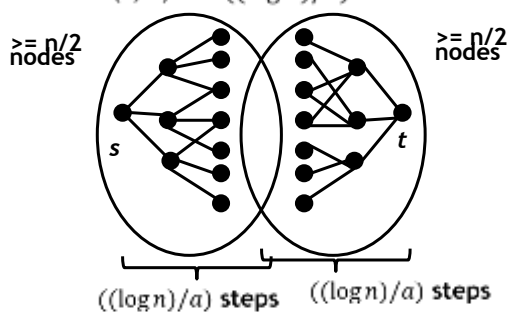
## Expansion & Diameter - 1



- Theorem: The diameter of a graph on  $n$  nodes with expansion  $a$  is  $O((\log n)/a)$

- Proof

- To show the length of a shortest path between any node pair  $(s, t)$  is  $O((\log n)/a)$



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## Expansion & Diameter - 2



- Let  $S_j$  be a set of all nodes found within  $j$  steps of BFS from  $s$

$$\begin{aligned}\rightarrow |S_{j+1}| &\geq |S_j| + \frac{a * |S_j|}{k} \\ &= |S_j| \left(1 + \frac{a}{k}\right) \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{a}{k}\right)^{j+1}\end{aligned}$$

How many BFS steps are required to cover  $> n/2$  nodes?

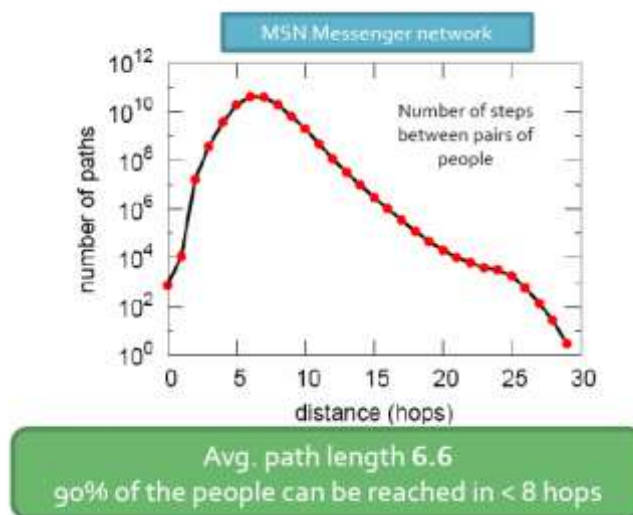
$$\left(1 + \frac{a}{k}\right)^j \geq n/2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Let } j = \frac{k \log_2 n}{a}, \text{ then } \left(1 + \frac{a}{k}\right)^{\frac{k \log_2 n}{a}} \geq n$$

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## Real Network - Diameter



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# Homophily in Networks


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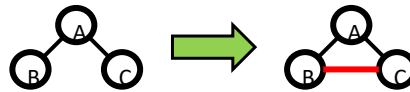




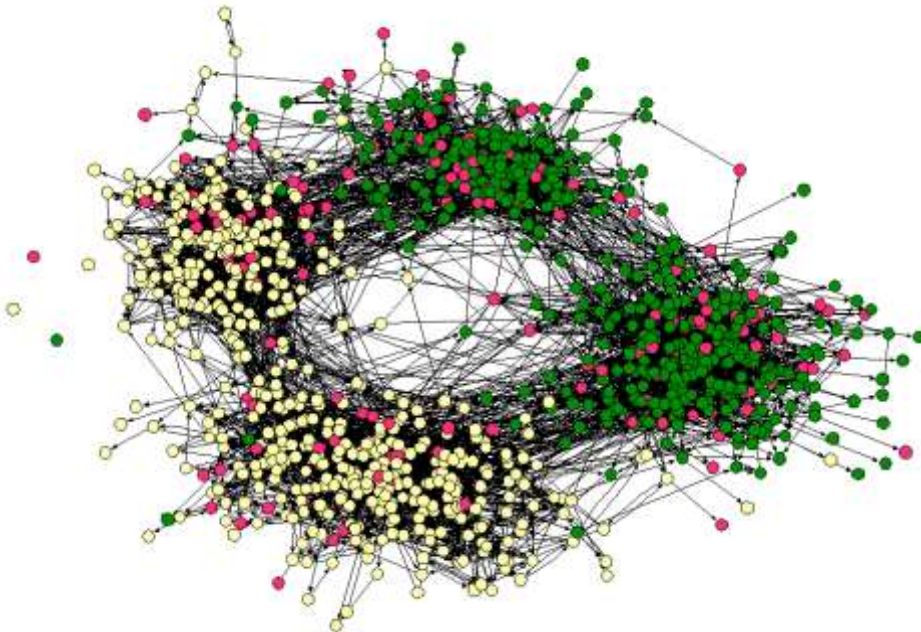
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## Homophily



- We observed triadic closures
  - People with common friends become friend
- Why?
  - Intrinsic to the network
    - Introduction by a common friend
  - Surrounding contexts (Property outside of network)
    - Same school, same region, ...
    - A-B, A-C are similar → B-C are similar too
- Surrounding Context affects network formation
- Homophily:
  - Links are formed between nodes of similarity and compatibility
  - Plato “Similarity begets friendship”





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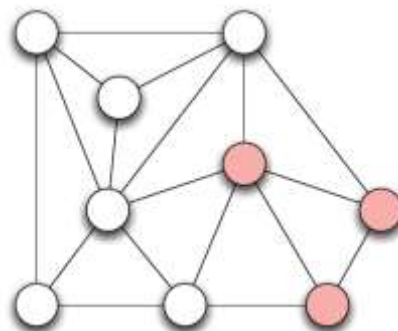
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## Homophily Test

- Test if nodes of the same context form links
- Let populations of attribute A and B are  $p$  and  $q$ , resp.
  - If no homophily, then  

$$\text{A-A link} : \text{B-B link} : \text{A-B link} = p^2 : q^2 : 2pq$$
- Test
  - The fraction of A-B links  $< 2pq$ ,  
then homophily exist
  - The fraction of A-B links  $> 2pq$ ,  
reverse homophily

$P=2/3, q=1/3$   
 $\rightarrow 2pq= 4/9$   
 $|E|=18$   
 Heterogeneous edge= 5



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## Selection & Social Influence



- **Note:** Links connect people with similar characteristics
- **Why?**
  - 1. Selection:** Select friends with similar characteristics
    - Individual characteristics drive the formation of links
  - 2. Social influence:** Modify behaviors adapting to friends' behavior
    - Links shape characteristics
- What factor is more dominant?
- Longitudinal study
  - Social connections and behaviors within a group are traced over time

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## Obesity & Social Network



- Christakis & Fowler, "The spread of obesity in a large social network over 32 years", NEJM, 2007

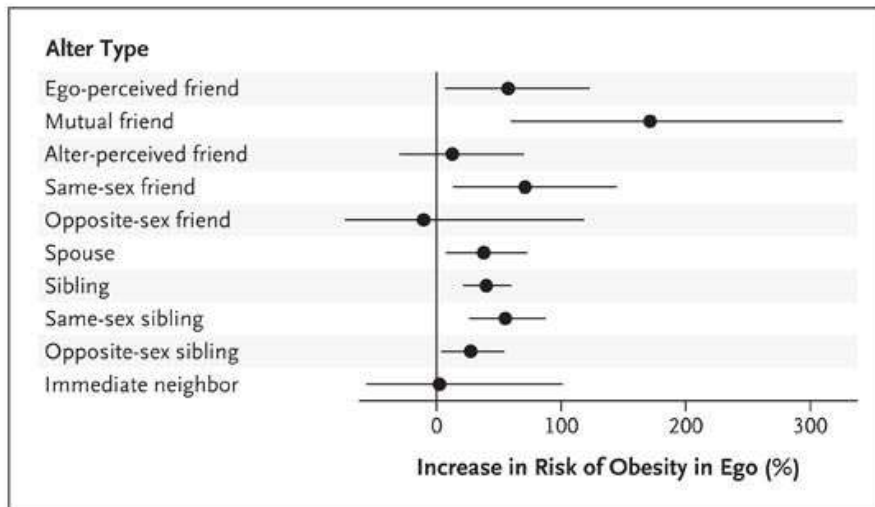


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## Obesity & Social Network - 2



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## Context, Characteristics

- Immutable
  - Race, Ethnicity
- Mutable
  - Behavior, activity, interest, belief
  - Modify one's characteristics to align with neighbors

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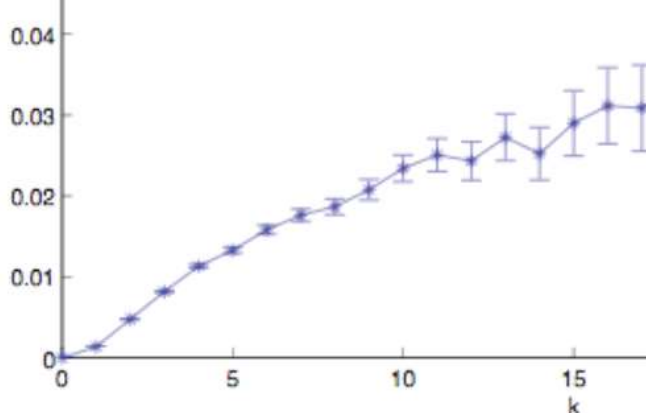
## Network Evolution –Membership Closure

Leskovec

Wikipedia

Friendship: User talk page

Foci: Edit the same article

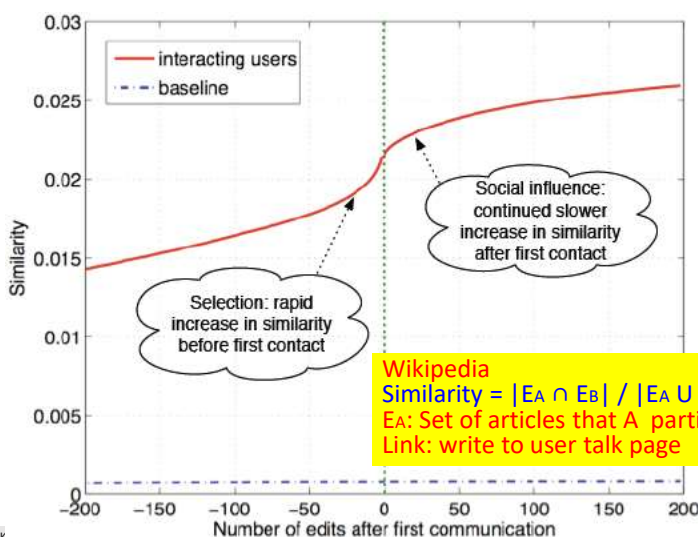


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## Selection OR Social Influence



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$\text{Similarity} = |E_A \cap E_B| / |E_A \cup E_B|$

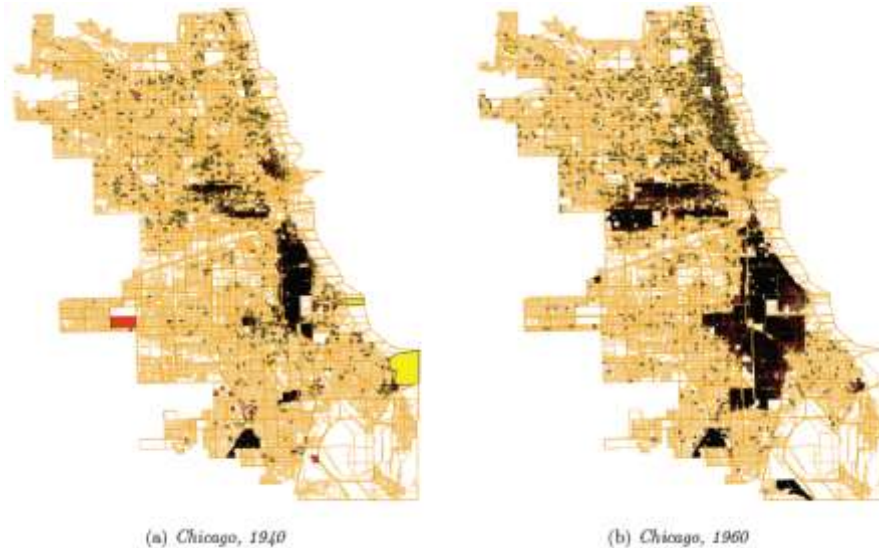
$E_A$ : Set of articles that A participates in editing

Link: write to user talk page

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## Spatial Segregation



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## Spatial Segregation

- **Segregation** is a result of **homophily**
- Segregation
  - **Global** pattern
- Homophily
  - **Local** decision (individual desire)
- Shelling explained the relation using a simple model



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