

“I always dream of a pen that would be a syringe.” — Jacques Derrida

BEHAVIORAL NETWORK SCIENCE

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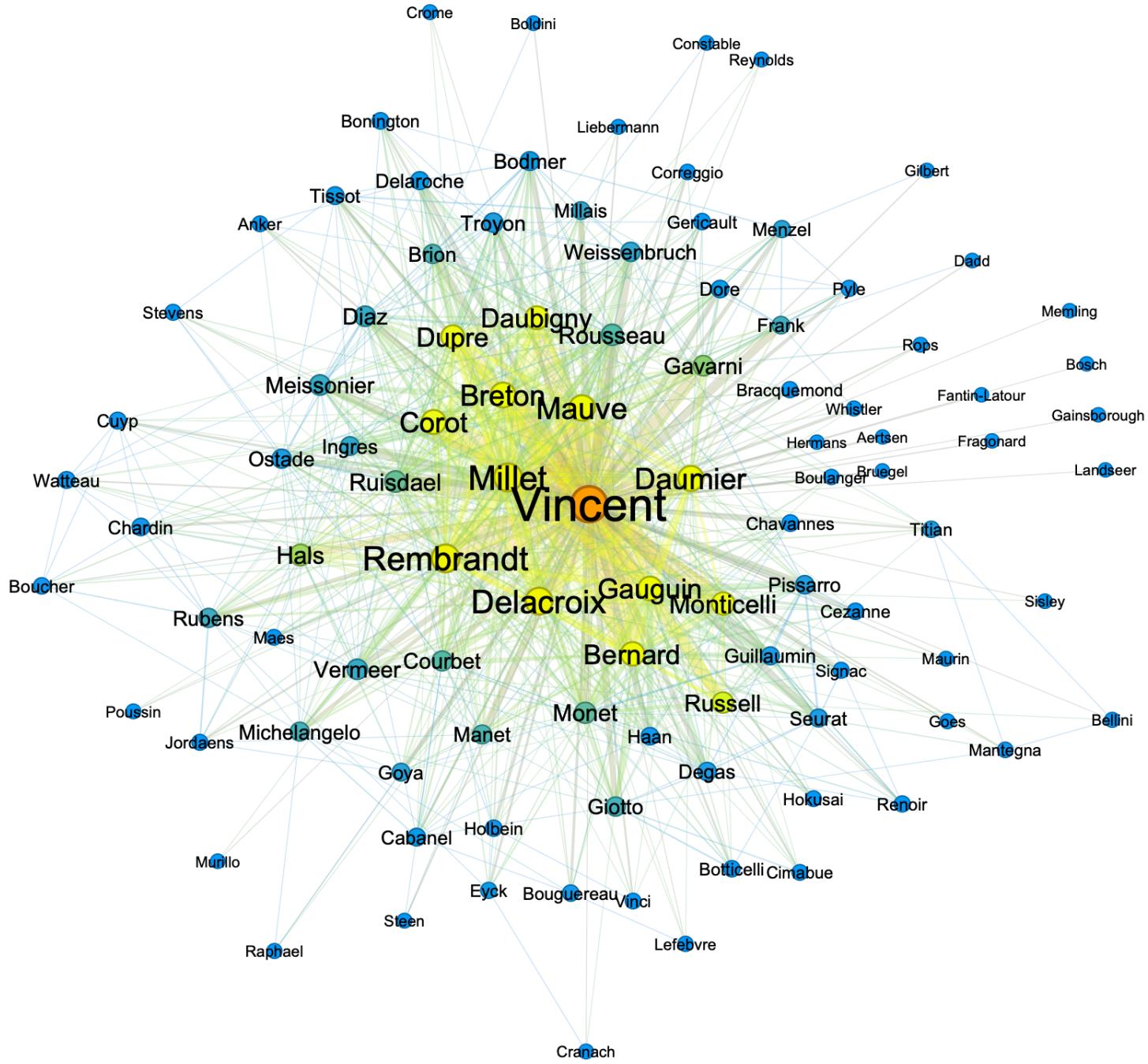
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Today

Goal: Getting our hands dirty with R and your own data (or some of my data on Van Gogh, if you prefer)

Small worlds networks and other comparisons.



What's the control network?

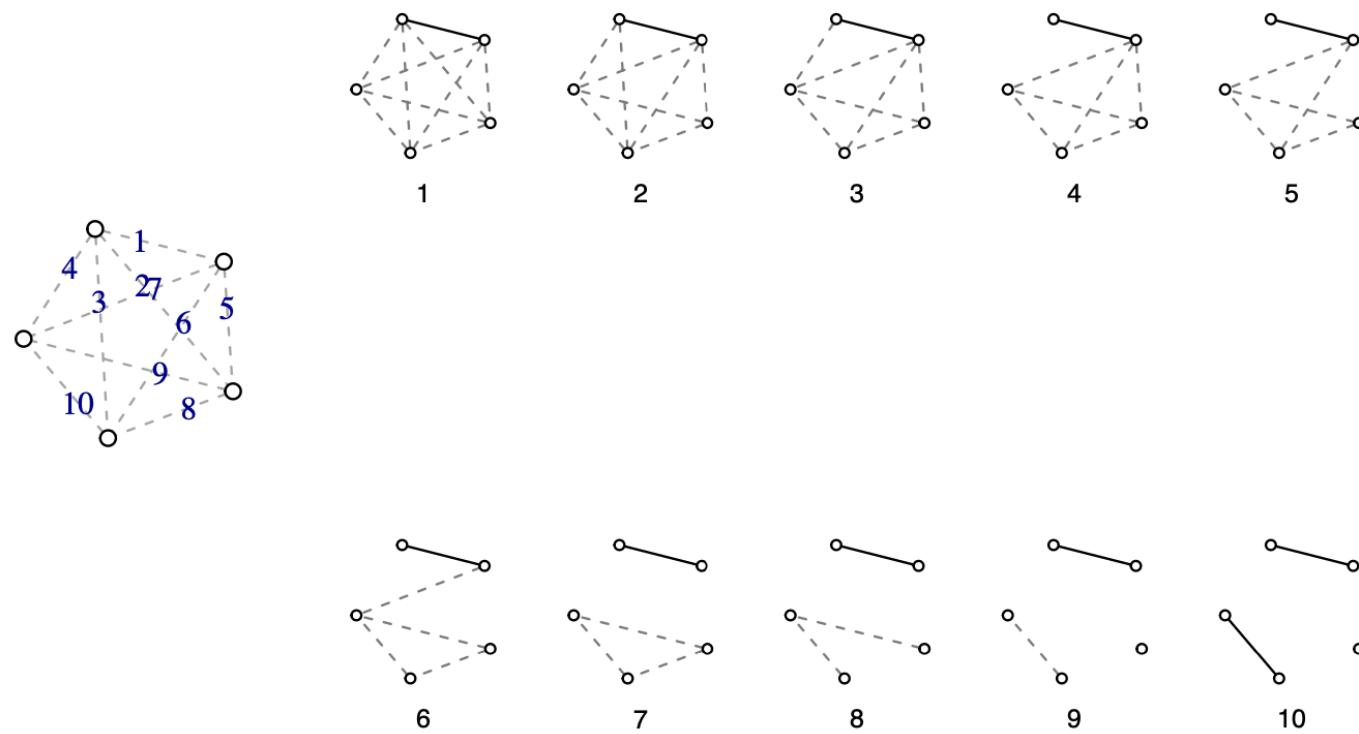
- I can measure structure on networks.
- But this structure needs comparators to be meaningful.
- There are many potential models.

Erdös-Renyi random graphs

G(N,E) – Define N nodes and probability of edge (or density)

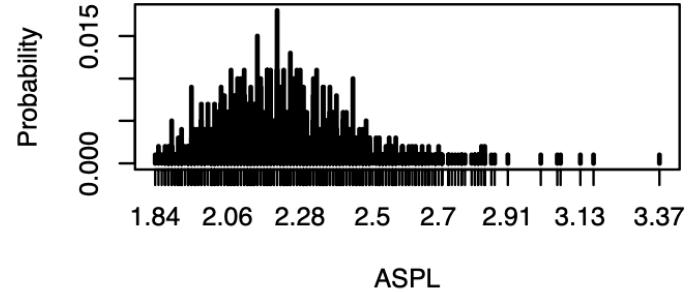
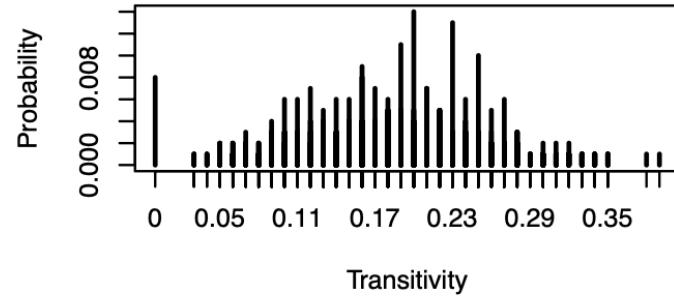
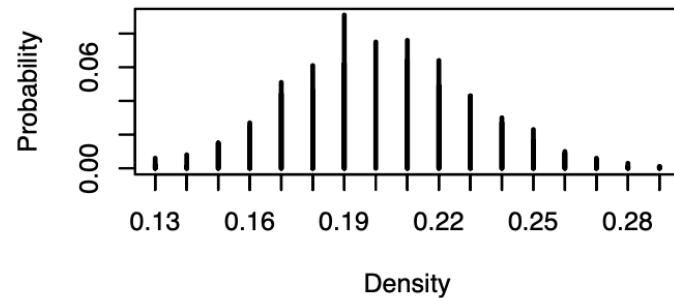
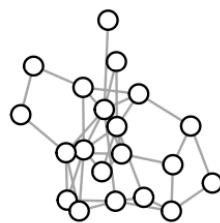
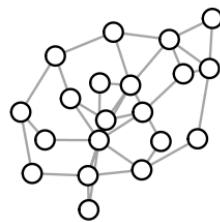
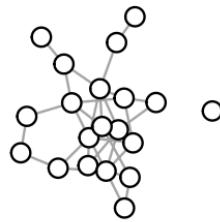
This is *the* standard model for a ‘null’ graph.

Erdös-Renyi random graphs



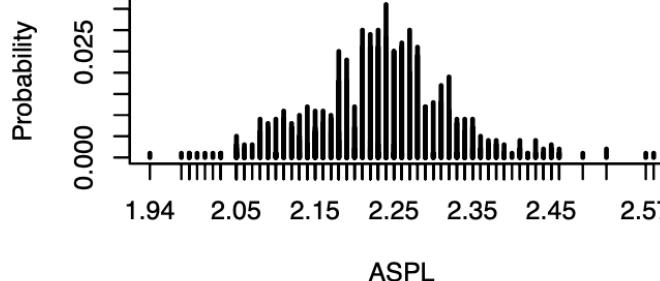
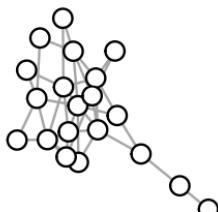
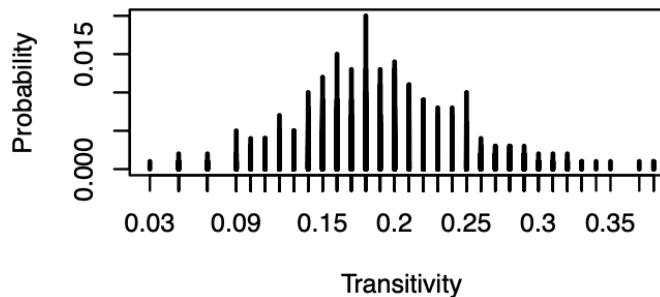
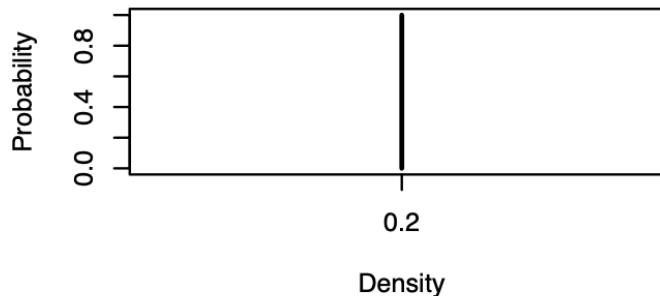
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Erdös-Renyi random graphs are distributions



**Fixed
probability**

Erdös-Renyi random graphs are distributions



ER Random Graphs – what happens as p and N increase?

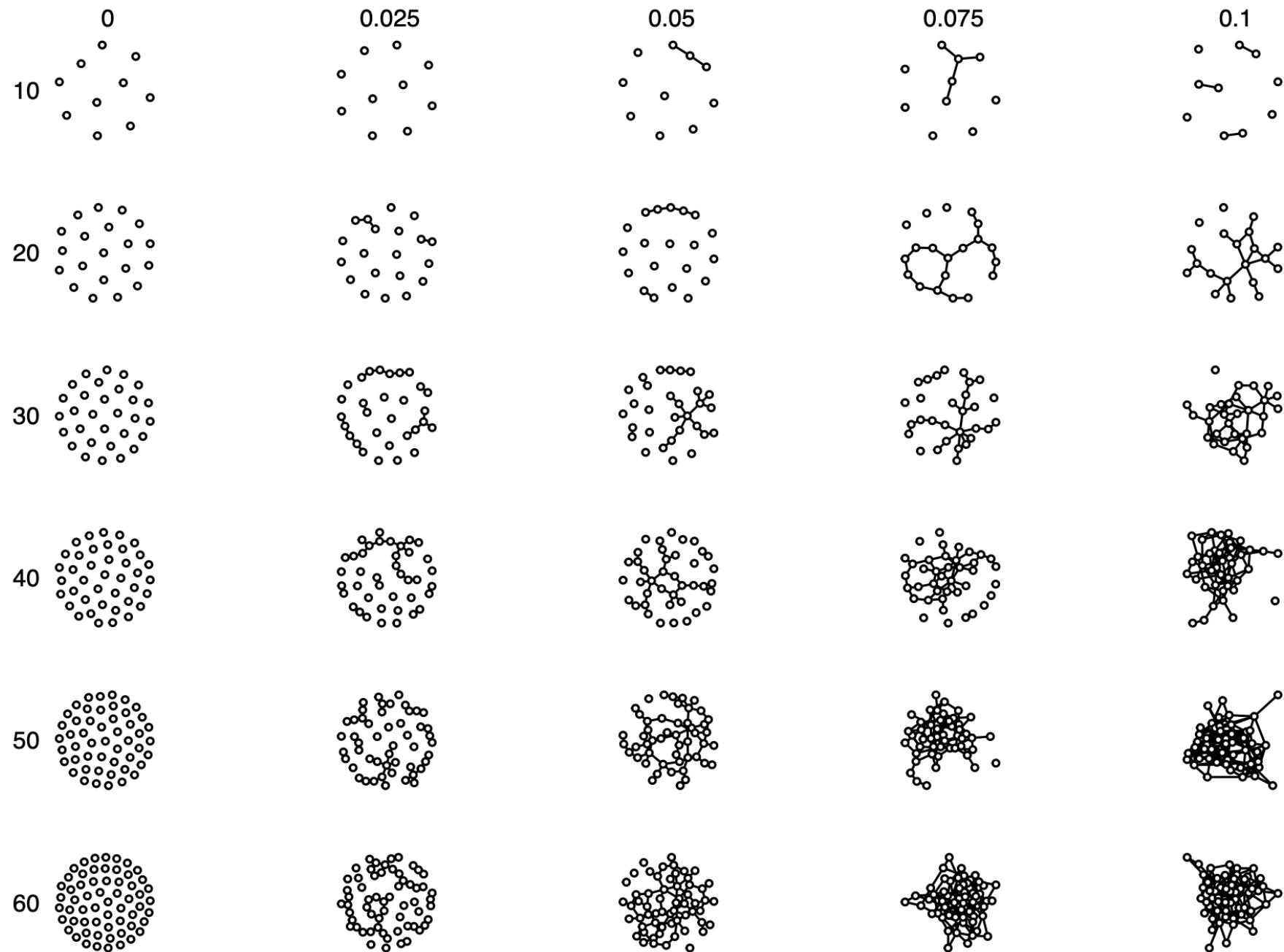


Figure 2: The influence of density and number of nodes on components and connectivity.

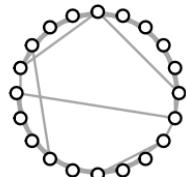
Small world networks

(Watts Strogatz)

Small world networks: nodes are closer together than they would be in a random network.



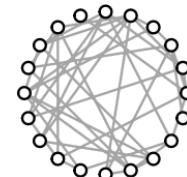
$p = 0$
CC = 0.5
ASPL = 2.9



$p = 0.05$
CC = 0.4
ASPL = 2.6



$p = 0.5$
CC = 0.2
ASPL = 2.2



$p = 1$
CC = 0.1
ASPL = 2.2

Start with structured lattice (ring lattice) and rewire edges with probability p

Small world networks

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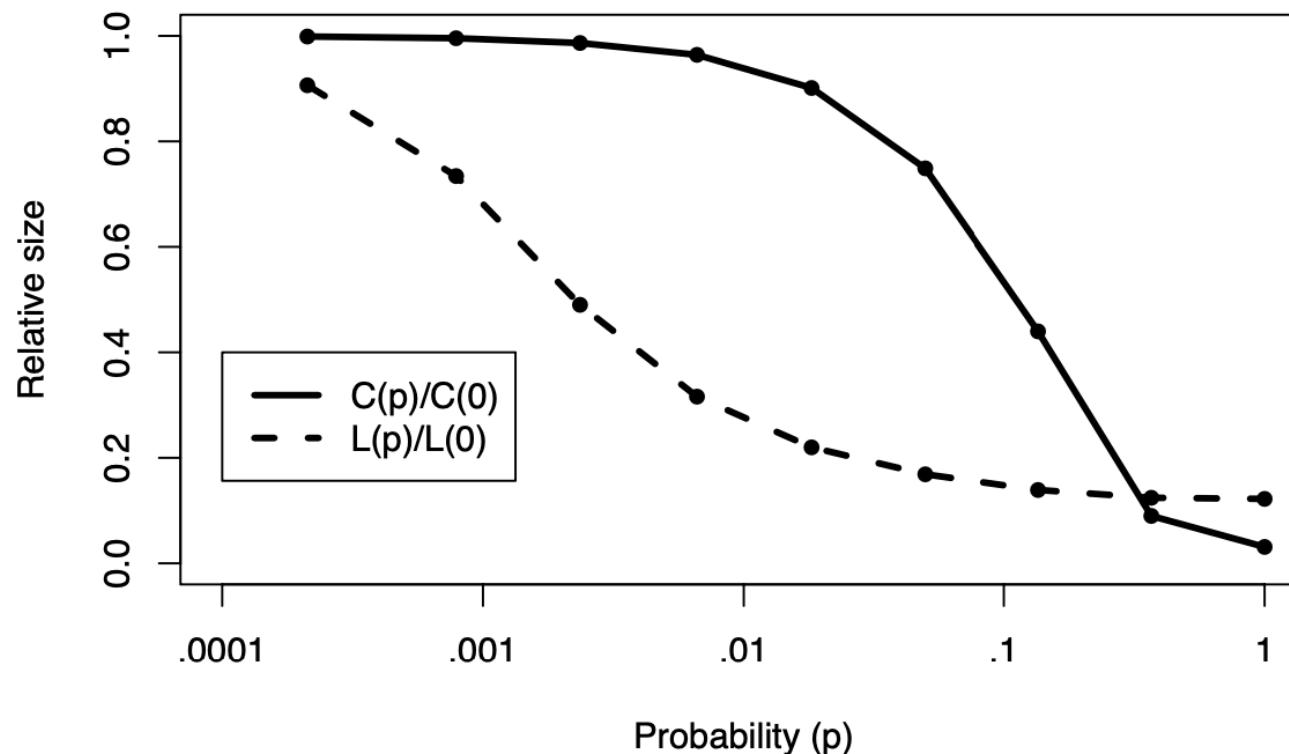
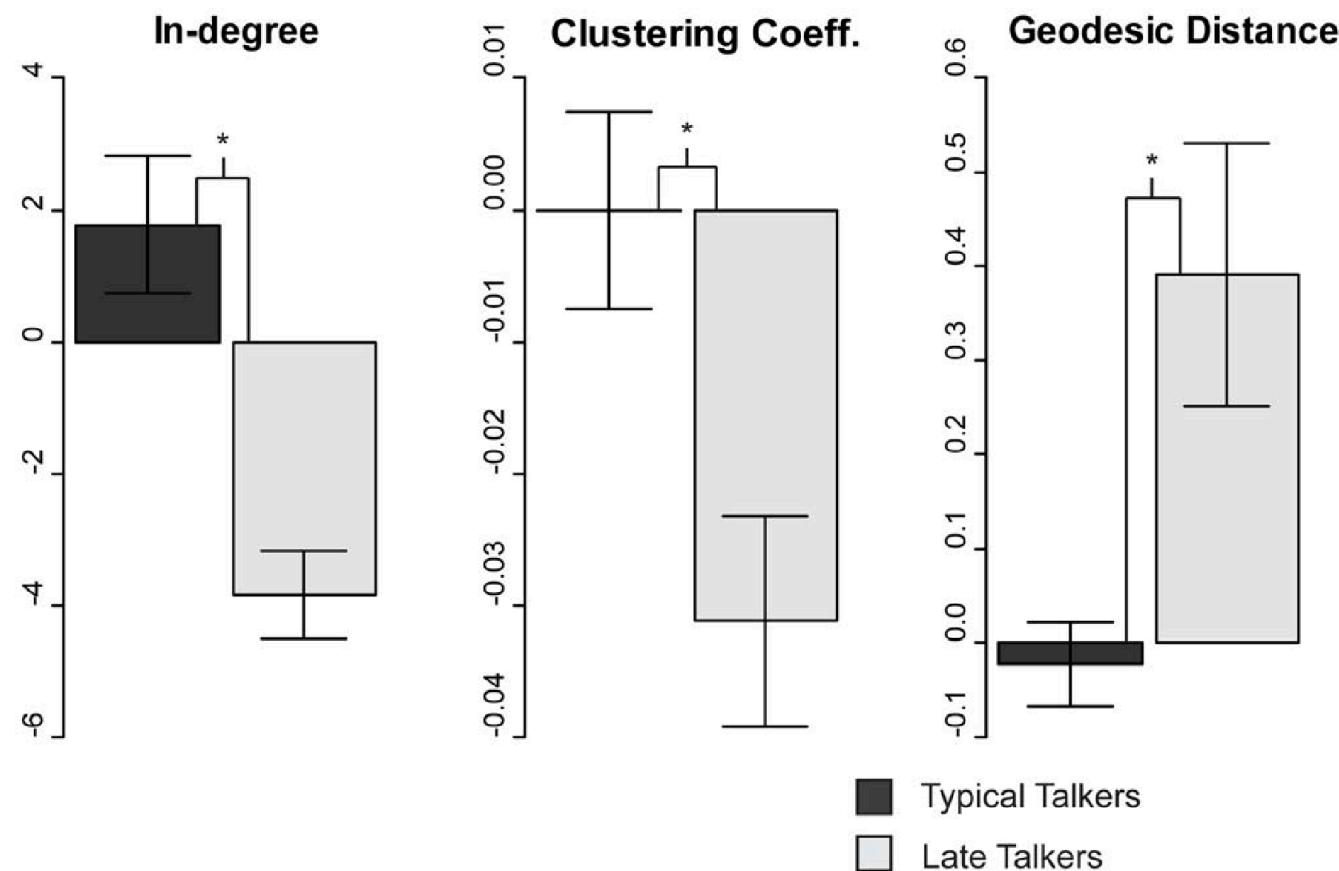


Figure 2: Relative clustering coefficient and average shortest path length for the Watts-Strogatz small world model across a range of rewiring probabilities, p .

Clustering coefficient and the words children learn

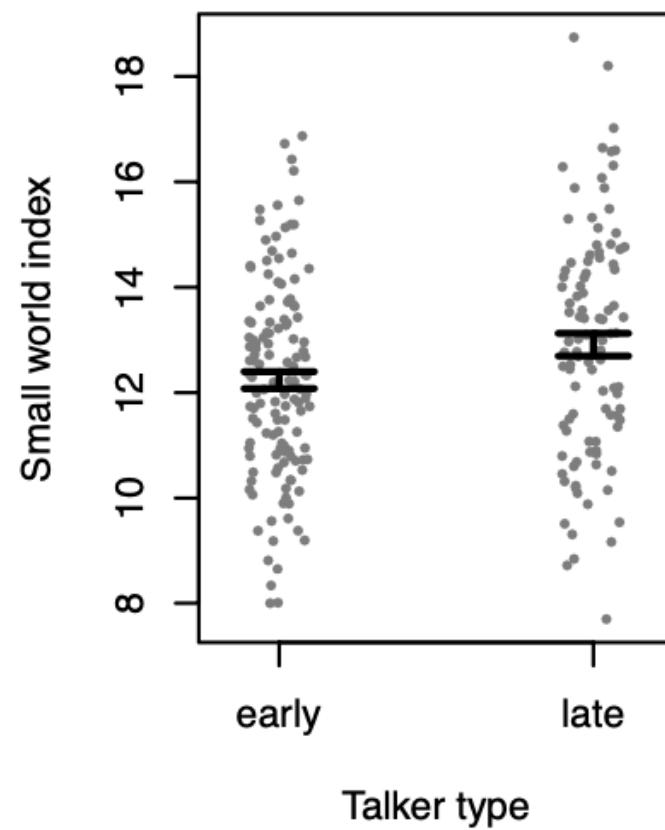
Difference between typical and late talkers with respect to random acquisition



Late talkers have lower degree and lower clustering coefficient and have average shortest path length (ASPL = geodesic distance)

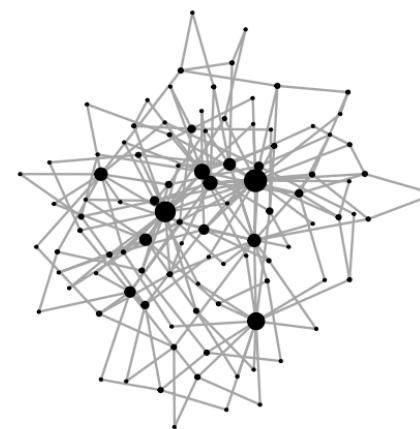
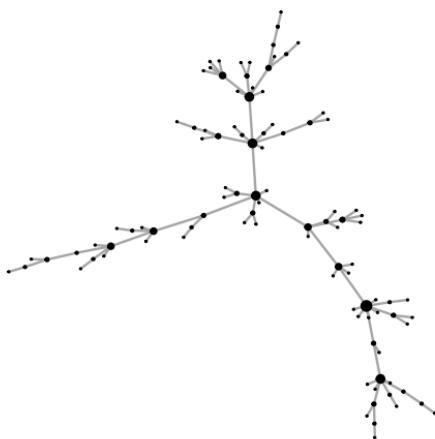
Small world Index

$$SWI = \frac{\frac{C_{observed}}{C_{random}}}{\frac{L_{observed}}{L_{random}}} = \frac{\gamma}{\lambda}$$



Preferential Attachment (Barabasi)

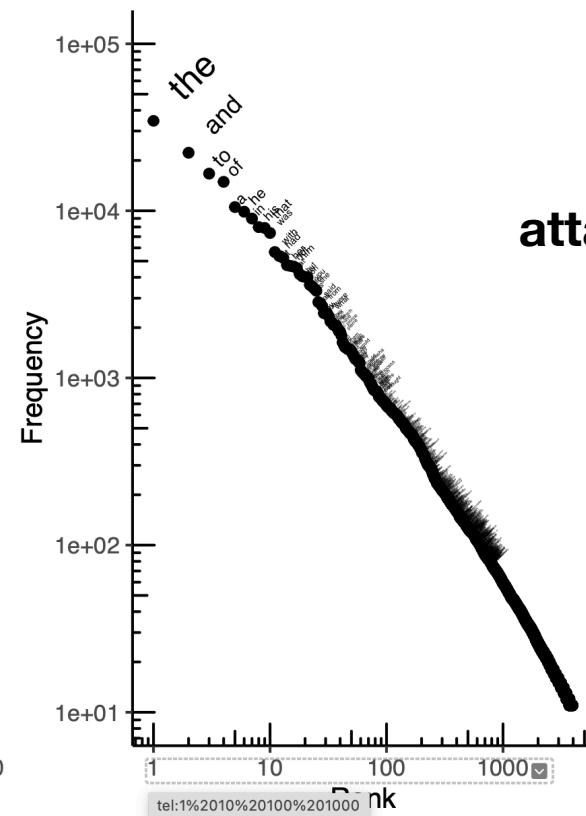
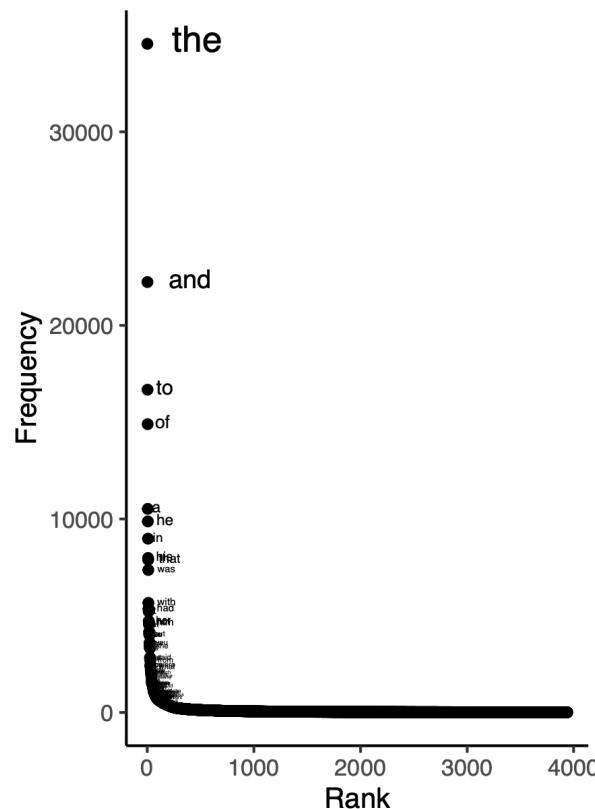
Nodes are added one at a time and preferentially attach to existing nodes $\sim f(\text{degree})$



$$P(i) = \frac{k_i^\alpha + a}{\sum_{j \in N} k_j^\alpha + a}$$

Scale-free Networks

Scale-free networks are linear on a log-log plot



Scale-free Networks

Fractals are scale-free

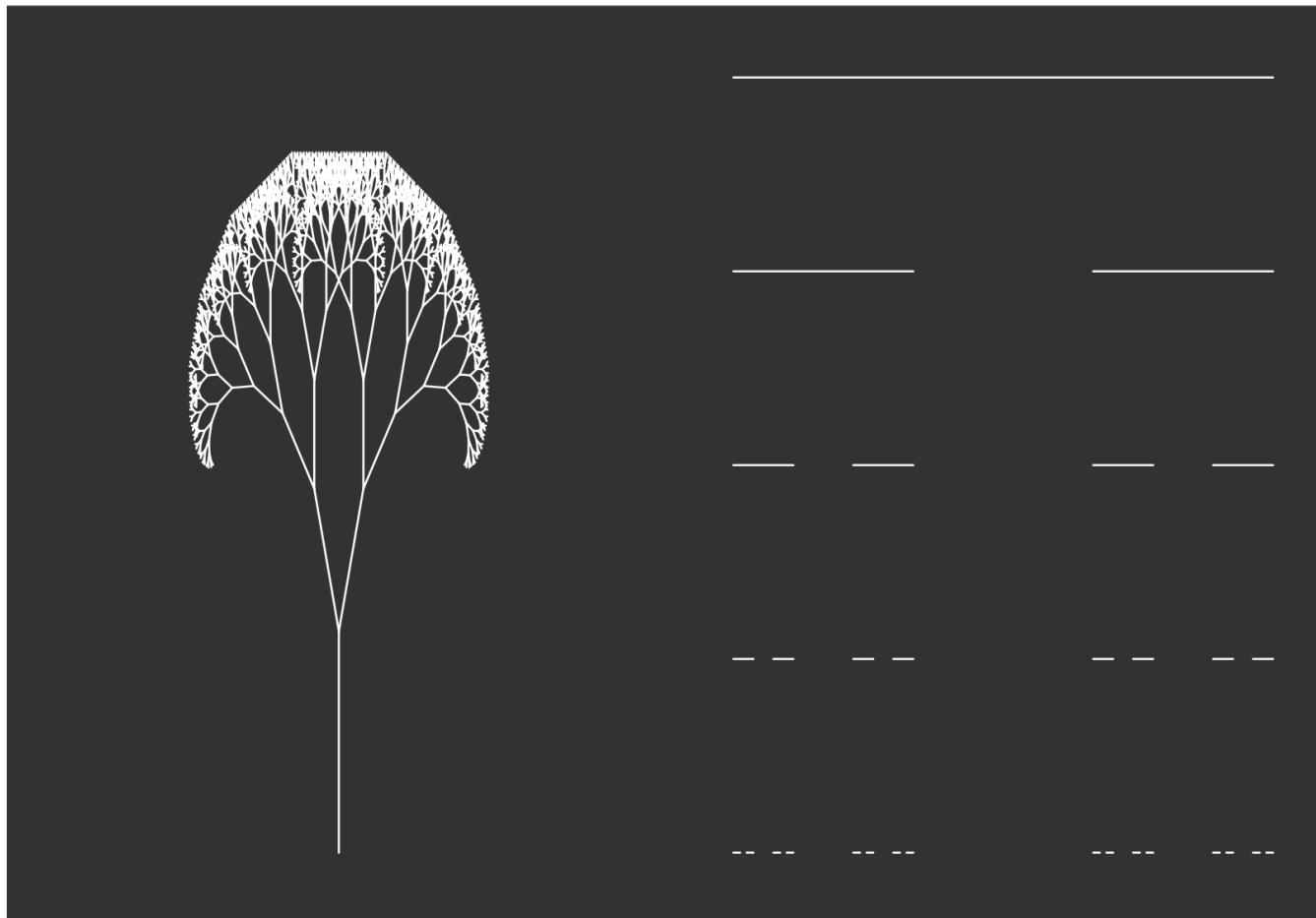
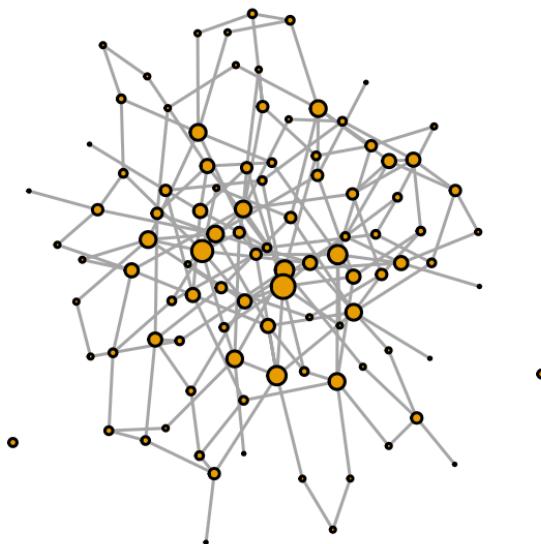


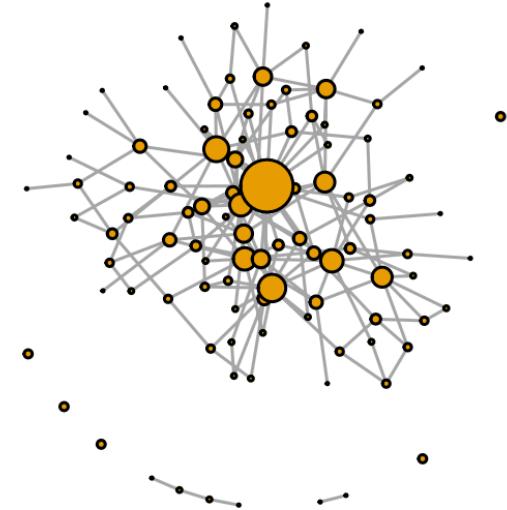
Figure 2: Fractals exhibiting scale-free and power-law distributions of edge lengths. On the left is a recursive tree: each branch leads to two new lines of reduced size. On the right is a Cantor Set: each line produces two new lines of $1/3$ the size as we move downwards. Note that as we move up in size, the number of larger lines is always half the number of lines one-size smaller.

Scale-free Networks

ER random network



Scale-free network



Attack Tolerance

Scale-free networks are resilient to random attacks, but not to targeted attacks

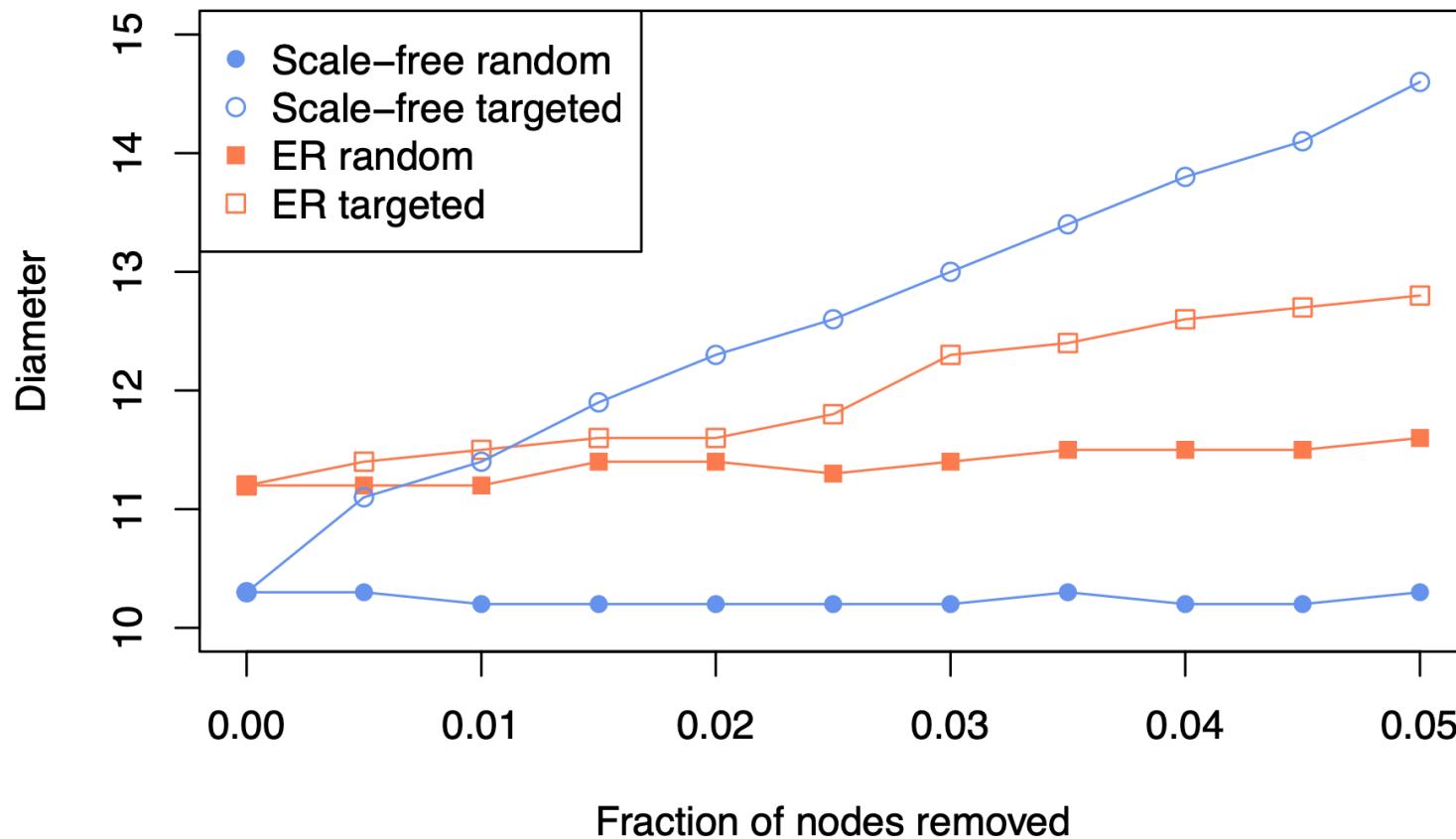


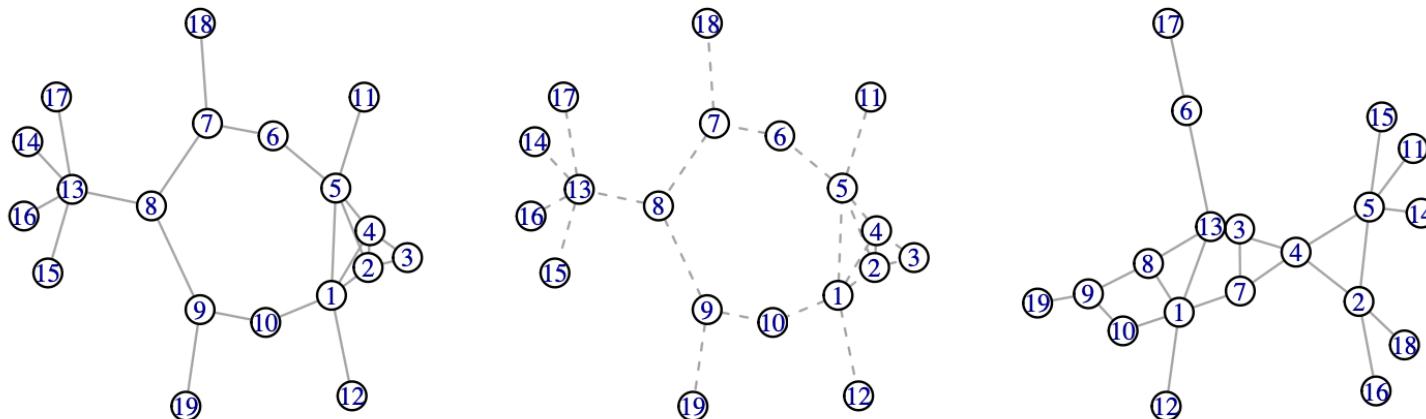
Figure 5: Targeted and random attacks on random and scale-free networks. All networks have $N=5000$ nodes and $E=10000$ edges. Random error attacks remove a fraction, f , of nodes with a uniform probability across all nodes. Targeted attacks remove the fraction, f , of nodes with the highest degree. Scale-free networks are more resilient to random attacks, but more susceptible to targeted attacks.

Null models

- Other kinds of ‘null’ models are variations of the data we start with.

Configuration Models

Preserve degree distribution, but rewire edges

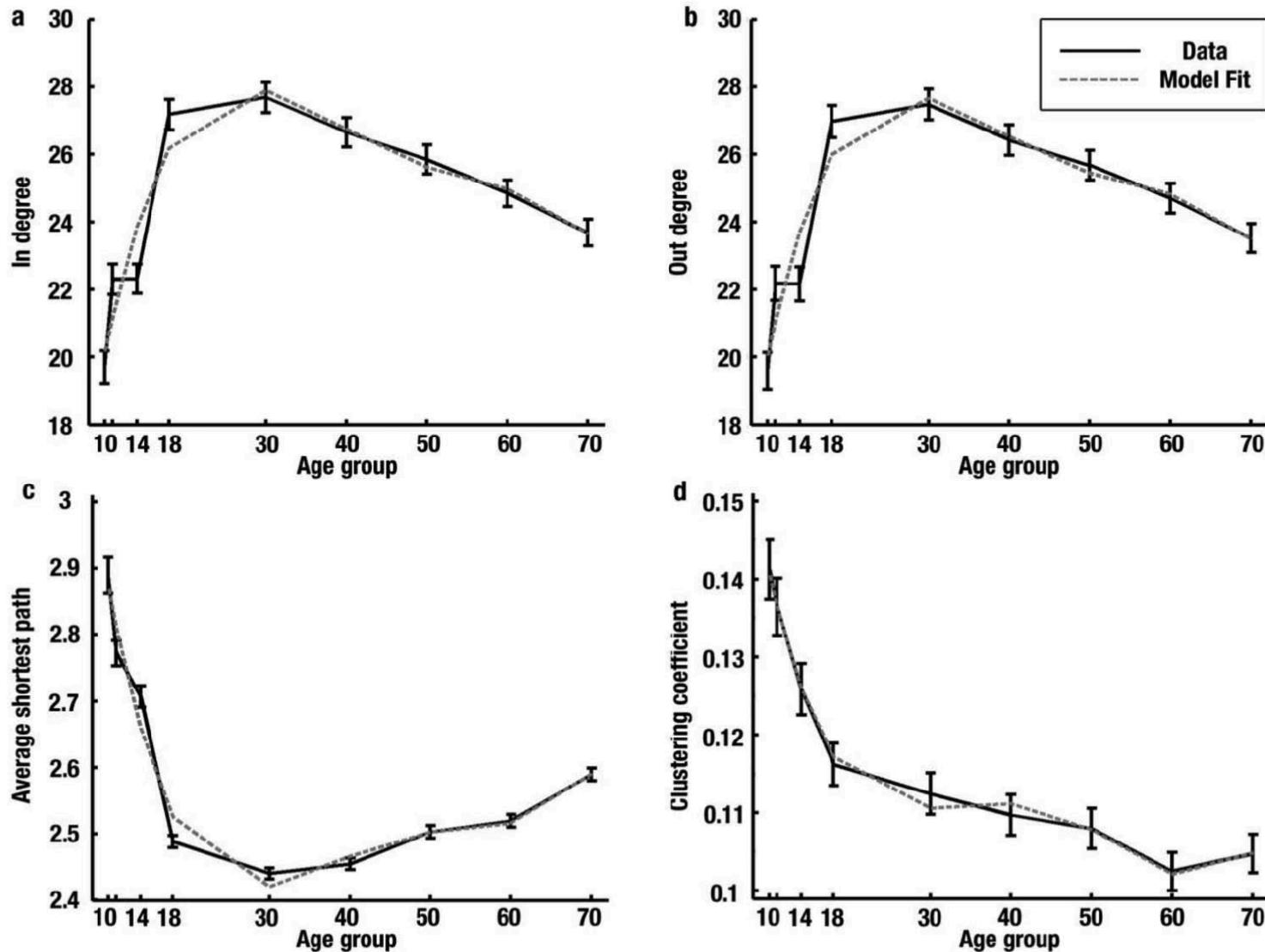


Comparisons between networks



- 420 nodes, 8000 participants (~1000 per age group)

Network comparisons



Network comparisons

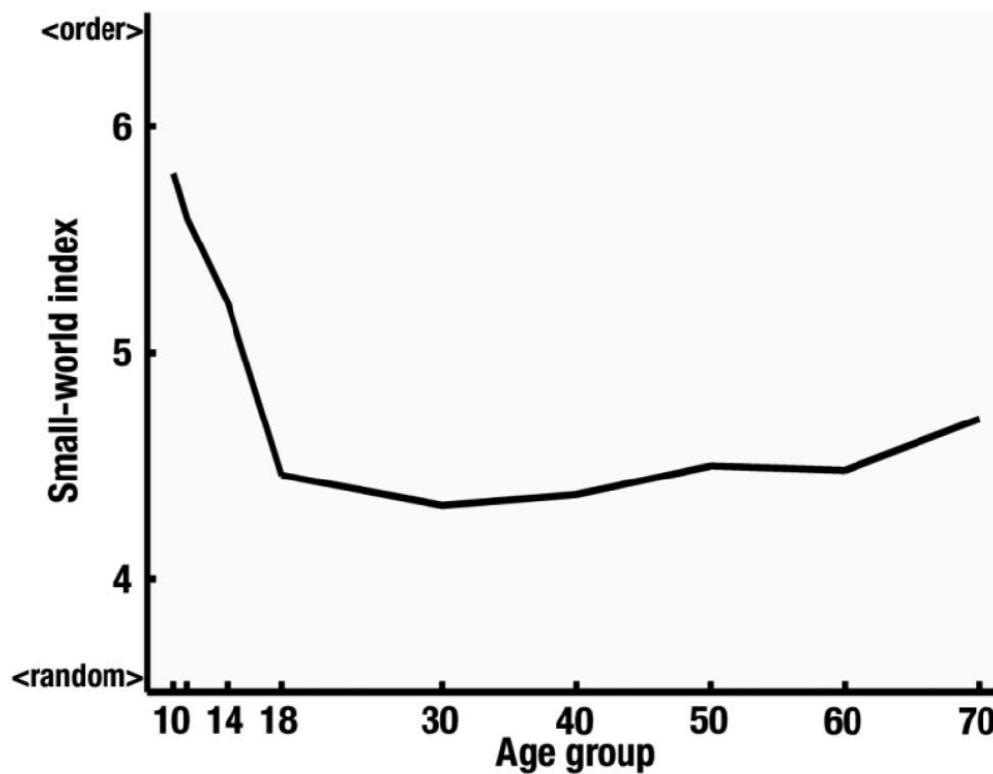


Figure 5. The small-world index across the life span.

Modeling Growth

Vocabulary grows across the lifespan

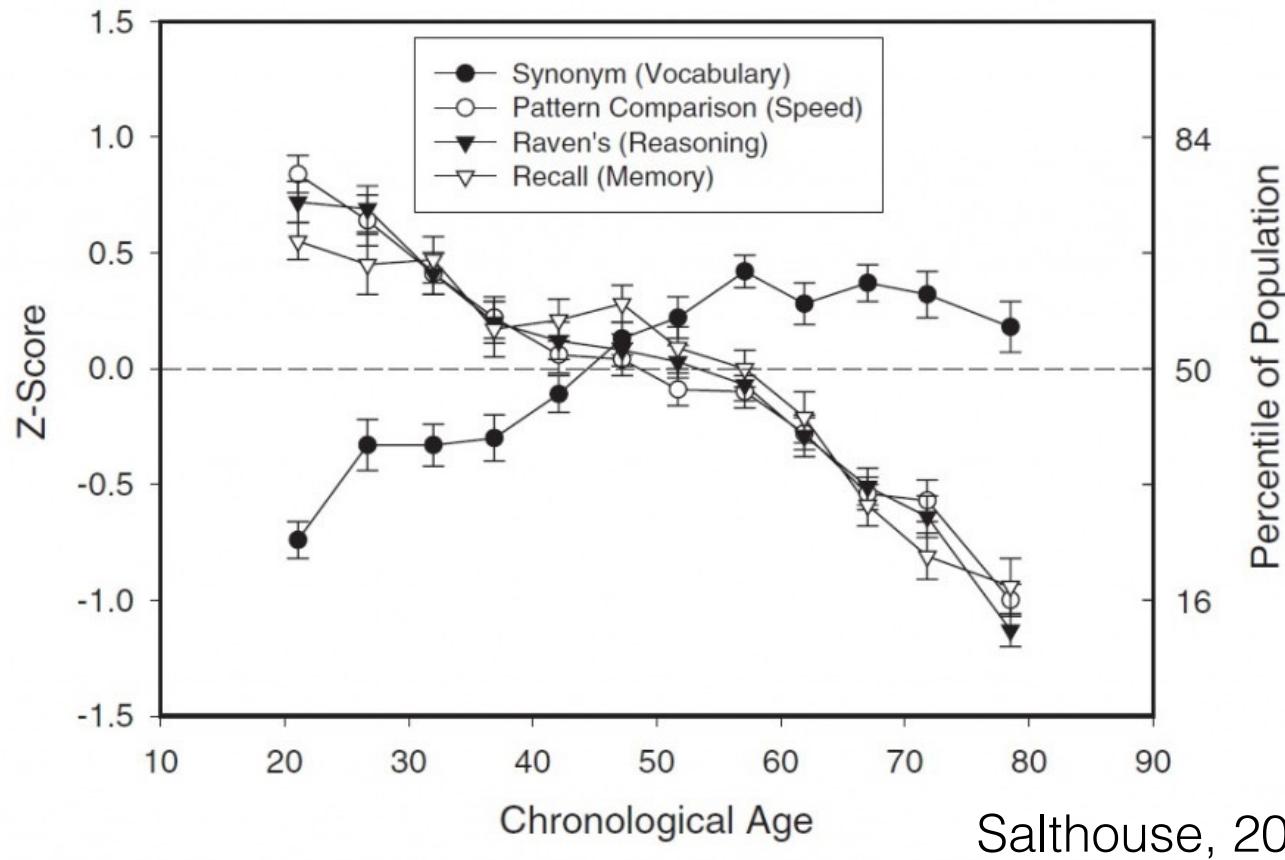
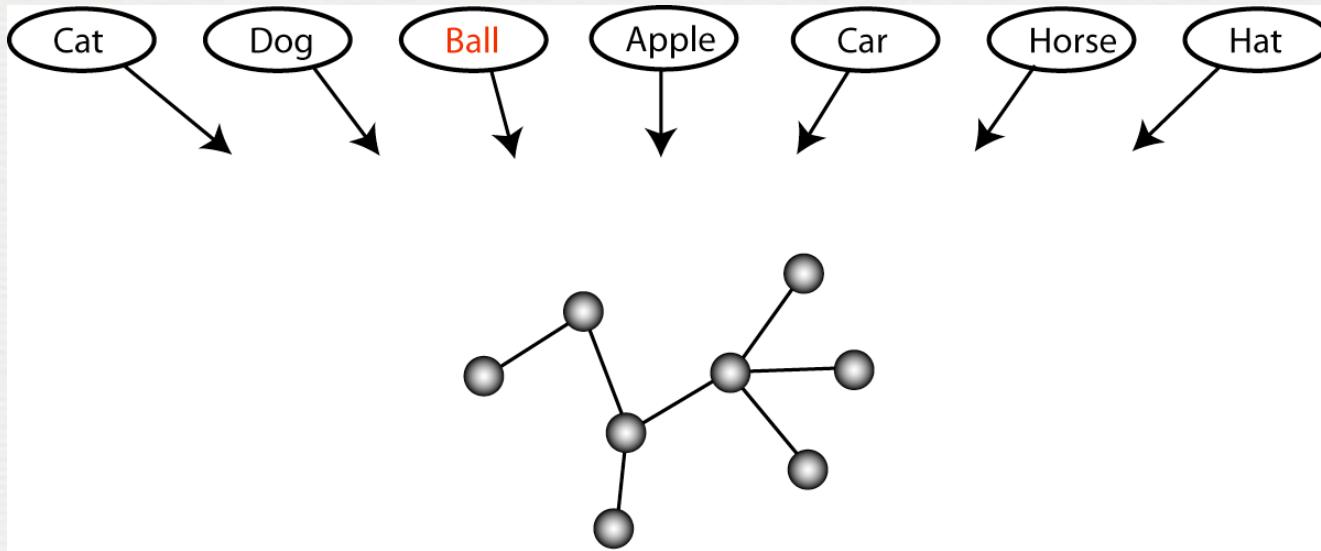


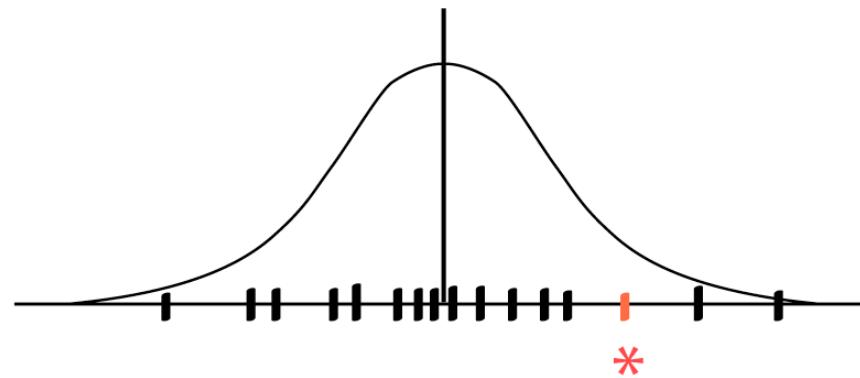
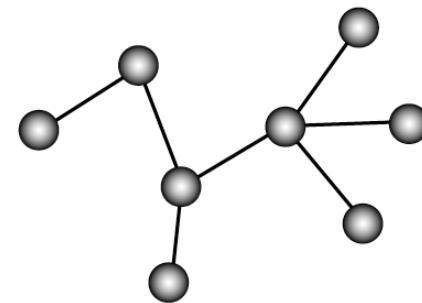
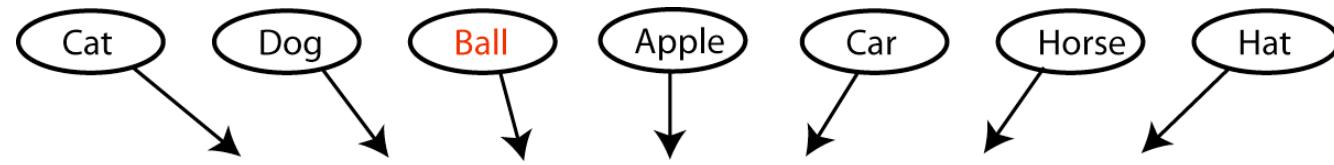
Fig. 1. Means (and standard errors) of performance in four cognitive tests as a function of age. Each data point is based on between 52 and 156 adults.

MODELING WORD ACQUISITION: WHICH WORD SHOULD BE LEARNED NEXT?



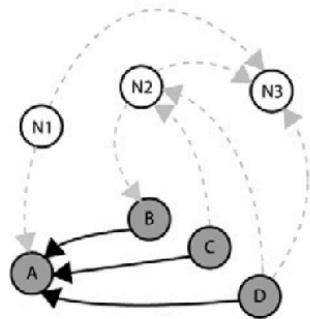
$$P(w_i) = \frac{e^{\beta d_i}}{\sum_j e^{\beta d_j}}$$

Modeled for each month from 15-25 months



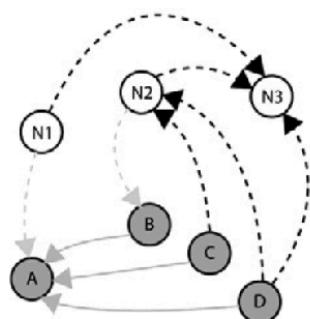
Three growth models

Preferential Attachment Model



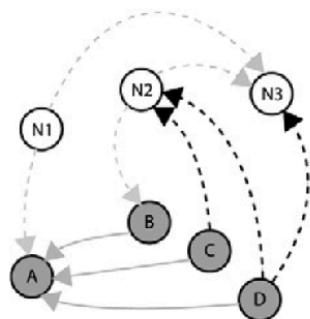
Node	Value	Add
N1	3	+
N2	0	-
N3	0	-

Preferential Acquisition Model



Node	Value	Add
N1	0	-
N2	2	-
N3	3	+

Lure of the Associates Model



Node	Value	Add
N1	0	-
N2	2	+
N3	1	-

$$P(w_i) = \frac{e^{\beta d_i}}{\sum_j e^{\beta d_j}}$$

Fit Beta to data and see which model has best fit

