

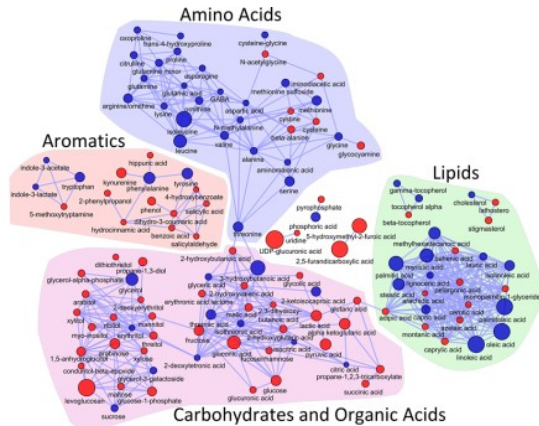
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# Introduction to Network Science

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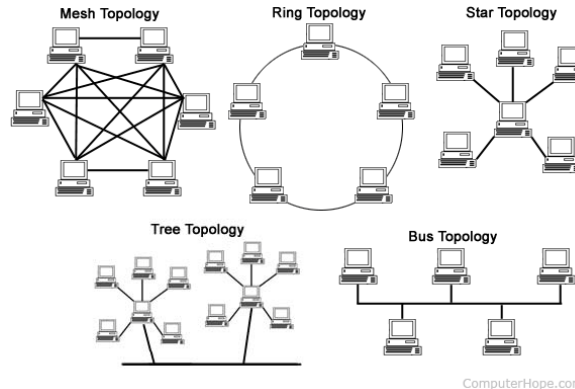
### Example of **biological networks**:

Nodes represent metabolites and edges can be many things.

Source: <https://www.r-bloggers.com/tutorial-building-biological-networks/>

### Telecommunication networks:

Collection of computers, servers, mainframes, network devices.



ComputerHope.com

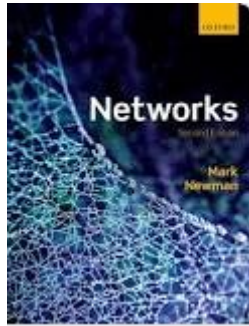
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### Social networks:

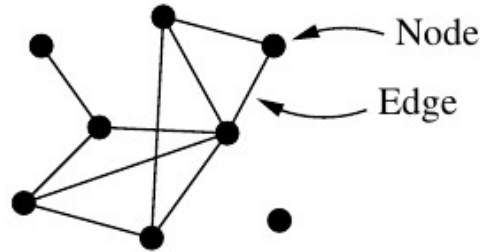
Facebook, Twitter, Wikipedia, etc.



Source: <https://blog.stateofthedapps.com/blockchain-based-social-networks-1b7b729beb4d>



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Network	Node	Edge
Internet	Computer or router	Cable or wireless data connection
World Wide Web	Web page	Hyperlink
Citation network	Article, patent, or legal case	Citation
Power grid	Generating station or substation	Transmission line
Friendship network	Person	Friendship
Metabolic network	Metabolite	Metabolic reaction
Neural network	Neuron	Synapse
Food web	Species	Predation

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Which other examples can we think of?

## Definitions and basic properties:

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A **network**: System made of nodes connected by links (they can be undirected or directed, and unweighted or weighted).

In the mathematical literature, a network is called a **graph**:  $\mathbf{G} = (V, E)$ .

$V$ : Set of nodes (also called vertices).

$E$ : Set of links (also called edges).

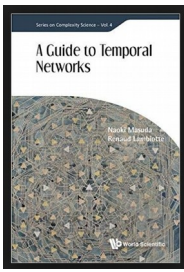
Each link is defined by a pair of nodes,  $e = (v, v') \in E$ .

In the case of undirected networks, the order of  $v$  and  $v'$  does not matter.

In the case of directed networks,  $(v, v')$  is a link from  $v$  to  $v'$ .

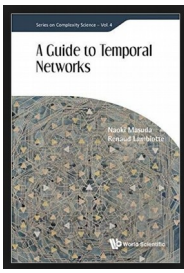
If  $(v, v') \in E$  and  $(v', v) \in E$ , the two nodes are reciprocally connected.

In the case of weighted networks, links are also assigned with a weight function, characterising the importance or weight of the link.



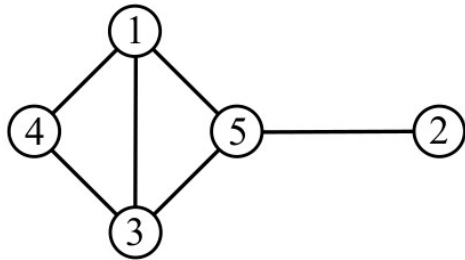
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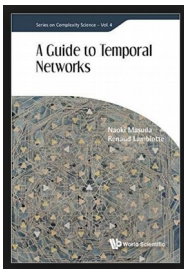
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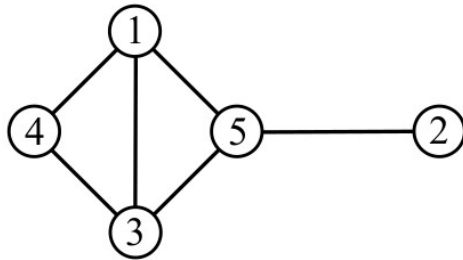
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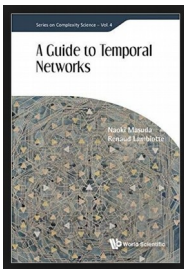
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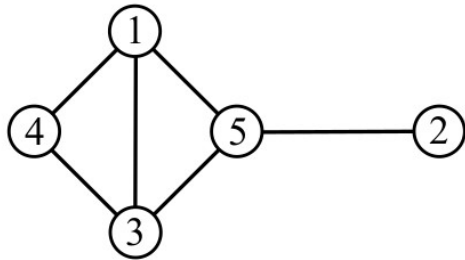
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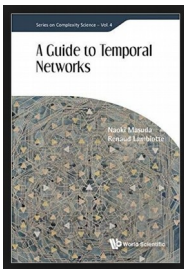
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A representation of static networks alternative to the adjacency matrix is called the **link list**: A graph is described as a list of pairs of nodes



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1.2.1: Degree distribution: Number of links incident to a node. We denote the degree of the  $i$ th node by  $k_i$ . For undirected networks, the degree is given by

$$k_i = \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}.$$

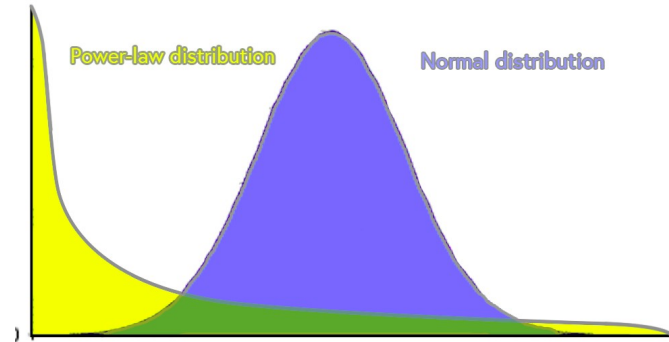
A network is called regular if all nodes have the same degree, i.e.,  $k_i = k_j$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ .

For directed networks, we distinguish the in-degree (number of links incoming to the node), and the out-degree (number of links outgoing from the node).

$$k_i^{\text{in}} = \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}, \quad k_j^{\text{out}} = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ij}.$$

The degree distribution of a network is the frequency distribution of the degree and denoted by  $p(k)$ . A majority of networks in different domains possesses long-tailed degree distributions. In many situations, their tail is described by a power-law:

$$p(k) \propto k^{-\gamma},$$



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**Suggestion:**

Starting point: Distribution of student's height in the classroom:

Distribution of everything's height:

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1.2.2: **Average path length:** Average number of steps along the shortest path for all possible pairs of network nodes. It is a measurement of the efficiency of information or mass transport on a network.

The distance between nodes  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ ,  $d(v_i, v_j)$ , is defined as the smallest number of jumps in a path necessary to go from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$

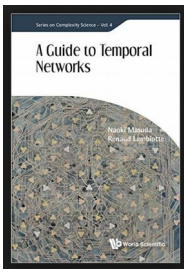
$$L = \frac{2}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} d(v_i, v_j).$$

6 degrees of separation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a99ry70CnRs>

Another example for later on:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8j1wX5Nznro>



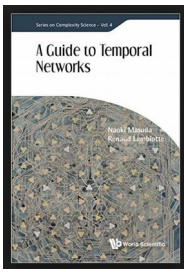
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1.2.3: Clustering coefficient: it quantifies the amount of triangles in a network.

$$C \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N C_i.$$

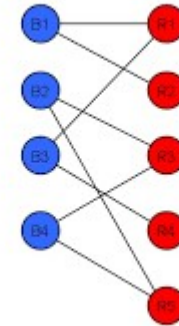
Where the node's clustering:

$$C_i \equiv \frac{\text{number of triangles including the } i\text{th node}}{k_i(k_i - 1)/2},$$



## Particularities of some networks

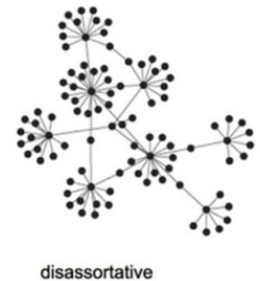
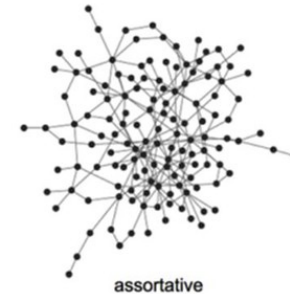
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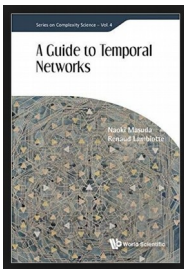
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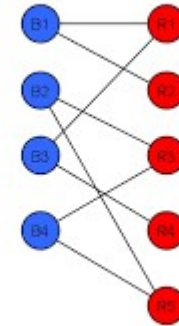


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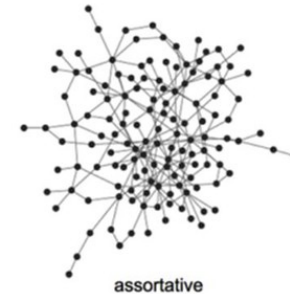
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## Particularities of some networks

Size  $n$  and assortativity coefficient  $r$  for various networks

Network	$n$	$r$
Physics coauthorship (a)	52 909	0.363
Biology coauthorship (a)	1 520 251	0.127
Mathematics coauthorship (b)	253 339	0.120
Film actor collaborations (c)	449 913	0.208
Company directors (d)	7 673	0.276
Internet (e)	10 697	-0.189
World-Wide Web (f)	269 504	-0.065
Protein interactions (g)	2 115	-0.156
Neural network (h)	307	-0.163
Marine food web (i)	134	-0.247
Freshwater food web (j)	92	-0.276
Random graph (u)		0
Callaway <i>et al.</i> (v)		$\delta/(1 + 2\delta)$
Barabási and Albert (w)		0

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assortativity>



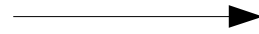
## Networks Visualizations

<https://networkx.github.io/>



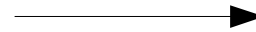
Python module

<https://graph-tool.skewed.de/>



Python module (running in C)  
Interactive visualization

<https://igraph.org/r/>



Python, R, Mathematica  
and C/C++

<https://www.smrfoundation.org/nodexl/>



Microsoft Excel

<http://mrvar.fdv.uni-lj.si/pajek/>



Pajek for all OS

## Let us check whether everyone has installed:

- Python 2.7. You can also use Anaconda Python.

- NetworkX      `pip install networkx==2.2`      ( <https://pypi.org/project/networkx/2.2/> )  
`sudo apt install python-pip` → if you haven't installed pip yet

- `pip install matplotlib`

- `pip install numpy`

`sudo apt-get install python-tk` (Linux)

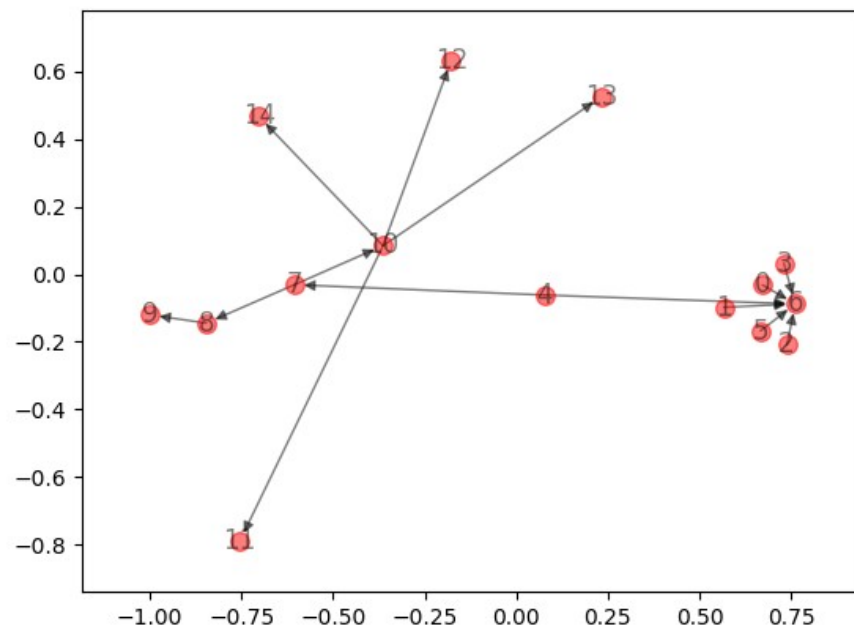
- Community detection for NetworkX's (louvain method)  
<https://python-louvain.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>  
→ clone or download → extract

→ `python setup.py install`      Or

`pip install python-louvain`



Let us visualize a small network



**Closeness centrality:** The inverse of the mean distance from node in question to any other node in the network. The closeness centrality is well-defined only for connected networks

$$\text{closeness}_i = \frac{N - 1}{\sum_{j=1; j \neq i}^N d(v_i, v_j)},$$

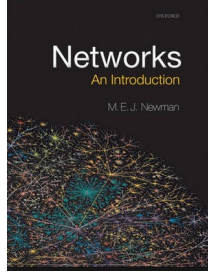
**Betweenness centrality:** is defined as the fraction of the shortest paths passing through the node in question. This quantity is averaged over all possible pairs of nodes.

$$\text{betweenness}_i = \frac{2}{(N-1)(N-2)} \sum_{j=1; j \neq i}^N \sum_{\ell=1; \ell \neq i}^{j-1} \frac{\sigma_{j\ell}^i}{\sigma_{j\ell}},$$

where  $\sigma_{j\ell}$  is the number of the shortest paths connecting the  $j$ th and  $\ell$ th nodes, and  $\sigma_{j\ell}^i$  is the number of such shortest paths that pass through the  $i$ th node.

The summation excludes the shortest paths that start or end at the  $i$ th node.

The normalisation factor  $2/[(N-1)(N-2)]$  comes from the combinations of  $j$  and  $\ell$ .

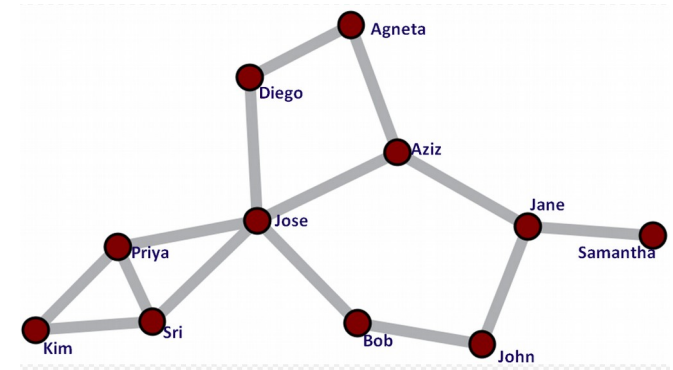


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For example, Let's calculate John's Katz centrality, using as attenuation parameter  $\alpha = 0.5$ . The weight assigned to each link that connects John with his immediate neighbors Jane and Bob will be  $(0.5)^1 = 0.5$ . Since Jose connects to John indirectly through Bob, the weight assigned to this connection (composed of two links) will be  $(0.5)^2 = 0.25$ . Similarly, the weight assigned to the connection between Agneta and John through Aziz and Jane will be  $(0.5)^3 = 0.125$ , and the weight assigned to the connection between Agneta and John through Diego, Jose and Bob will be  $(0.5)^4 = 0.0625$ .



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### katz\_centrality\_numpy

```
katz_centrality_numpy(G, alpha=0.1, beta=1.0, normalized=True, weight='weight') \[source\]
```

Compute the Katz centrality for the graph G.

Katz centrality is related to eigenvalue centrality and PageRank. The Katz centrality for node  $i$  is

$$x_i = \alpha \sum_j A_{ij} x_j + \beta,$$

where  $A$  is the adjacency matrix of the graph G with eigenvalues  $\lambda$ .


The parameter  $\beta$  controls the initial centrality and

$$\alpha < \frac{1}{\lambda_{max}}.$$



Now let us calculate the centrality measures on our small network !!!!

# What types of networks have been mainly found in real systems?



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## Complex network

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In the context of [network theory](#), a **complex network** is a [graph](#) (network) with non-trivial [topological](#) features—features that do not occur in simple networks such as [lattices](#) or [random graphs](#) but often occur in graphs modelling of real systems. The study of complex networks is a young and active area of scientific research<sup>[1][2][3][4]</sup> (since 2000) inspired largely by the empirical study of real-world networks such as [computer networks](#), technological networks, brain networks and [social networks](#).

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### Definition [\[ edit \]](#)

Most [social](#), [biological](#), and [technological networks](#) display substantial non-trivial topological features, with patterns of connection between their elements that are neither purely regular nor purely random. Such features include a heavy tail in the [degree distribution](#), a high [clustering coefficient](#), [assortativity](#) or disassortativity among vertices, [community structure](#), and [hierarchical structure](#). In the case of directed networks these features also include [reciprocity](#), triad significance profile and other features. In contrast, many of the mathematical models of networks that have been studied in the past, such as [lattices](#) and [random graphs](#), do not show these features. The most complex structures can

### Network science



#### Theory

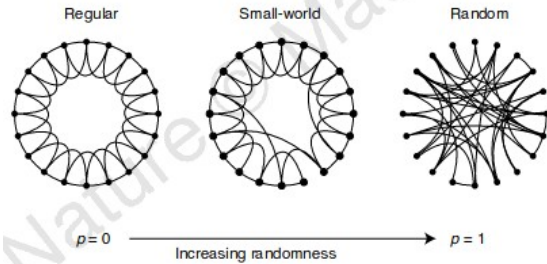
Graph • **Complex network** • Contagion • Small-world • Scale-free • Community structure • Percolation • Evolution • Controllability • Graph drawing • Social capital • Link analysis • Optimization • Reciprocity • Closure • Homophily • Transitivity • Preferential attachment • Balance theory • Network effect • Social influence

#### Network types

Informational (computing) • Telecommunication • Transport • Social • Scientific collaboration • Biological • Artificial neural • Interdependent • Semantic • Spatial • Dependency • Flow

## Watts-Strogatz algorithm for Small-world networks

Starting from a ring lattice with  $n$  vertices and  $k$  edges per vertex, we rewire each edge at random with probability  $p$ .

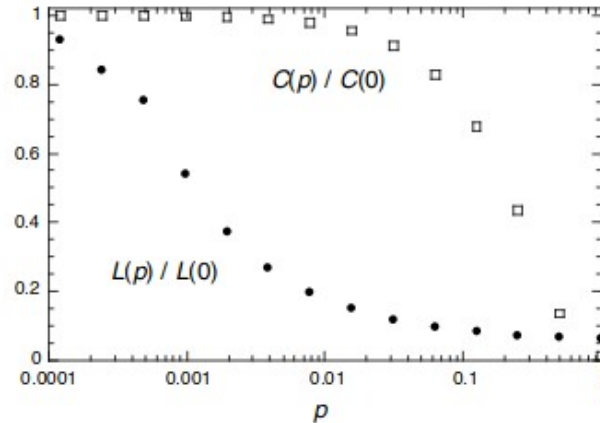


### Collective dynamics of 'small-world' networks

Duncan J. Watts\* & Steven H. Strogatz

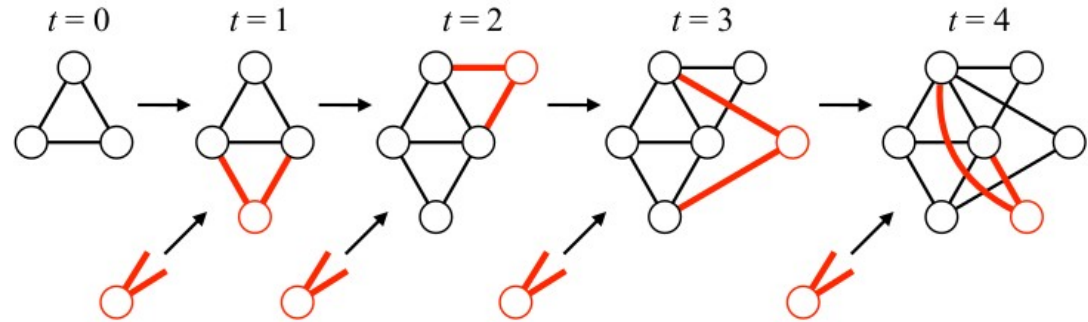
*Department of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Kimball Hall,  
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## Barabasi-Albert algorithm for Scale-free networks

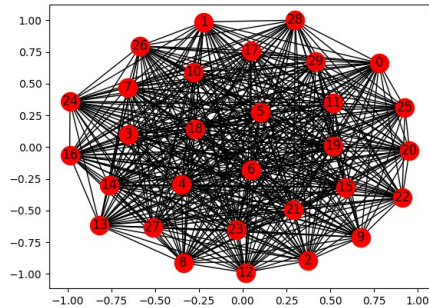
Prepare  $m_0$  nodes, typically fully connected. Add a node with  $m(\leq m_0)$  edges to the connected nodes. A node receives a new link with the probability proportional to its degree (preferential attachment). Continuing growing until achieving  $N$  nodes



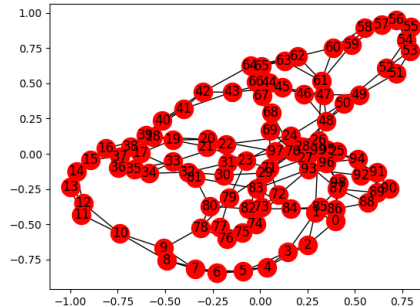
First several stages of the BA model with  $m_0 = 3$  and  $m = 2$ .  
The bold lines represent new links.

## Main models of networks

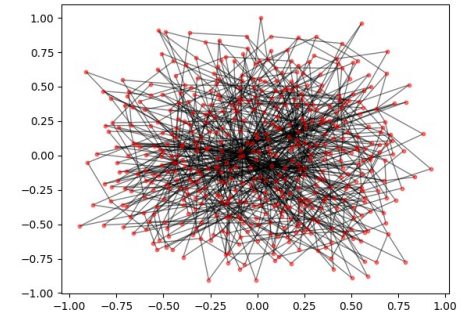
<https://networkx.github.io/documentation/stable/reference/generators.html>



Fully connected

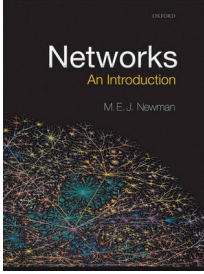


Watts-Strogatz network  
From 1-D



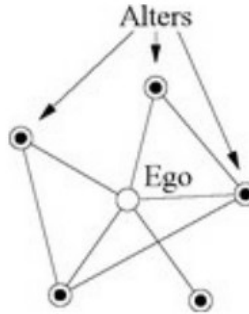
Barabasi-Albert algorithm

1\_graphs.py



## Personal networks or ego-centered networks:

An ego-centered network is a network surrounding one particular individual, meaning, usually, the individual surveyed and her or his immediate contacts. The individual surveyed is referred to as the ego and the contacts as alters.



Let's download some networks:

<https://snap.stanford.edu/data/>

→ ego-Facebook

Anoter repository:

<http://konect.cc/>

python 2\_real\_graphs.py

## **Repositories for networks:**

<http://konect.cc/>

<https://snap.stanford.edu/data/>

<http://networkrepository.com/network-data.php>

<https://icon.colorado.edu/#!/networks>

## **More material:**

<https://github.com/schochastics/netViz>

<https://kids.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/frym.2019.00099>

