



# Graph Modeling-Part1

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# Random Walk

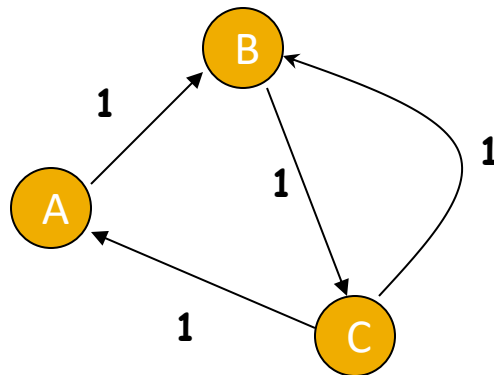
# What is a Random Walk

- Given a graph and a starting point (node), we select a neighbor of it at random, and move to this neighbor;
- Then we select a neighbor of this node and move to it, and so on;
- The (random) sequence of nodes selected this way is a **random walk** on the graph

# An example

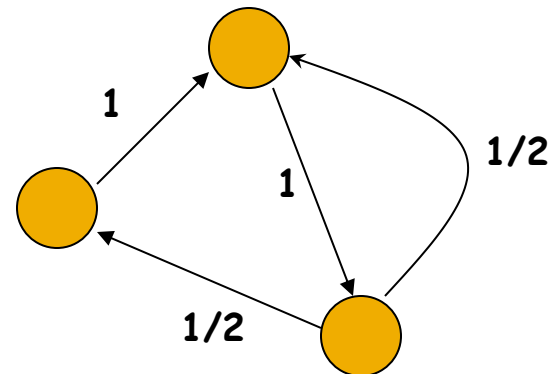
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Adjacency matrix A



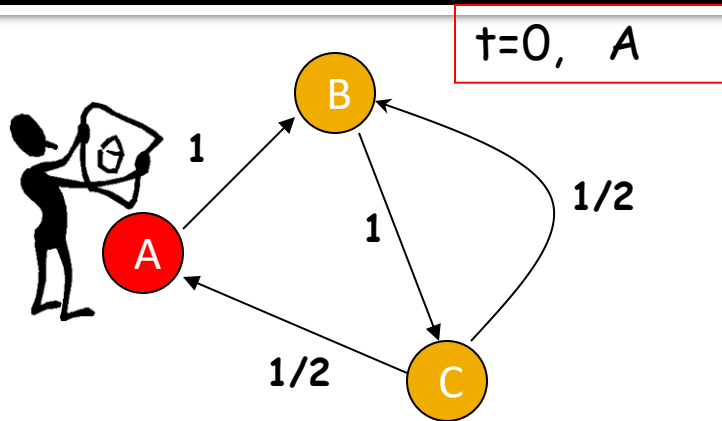
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Transition matrix P



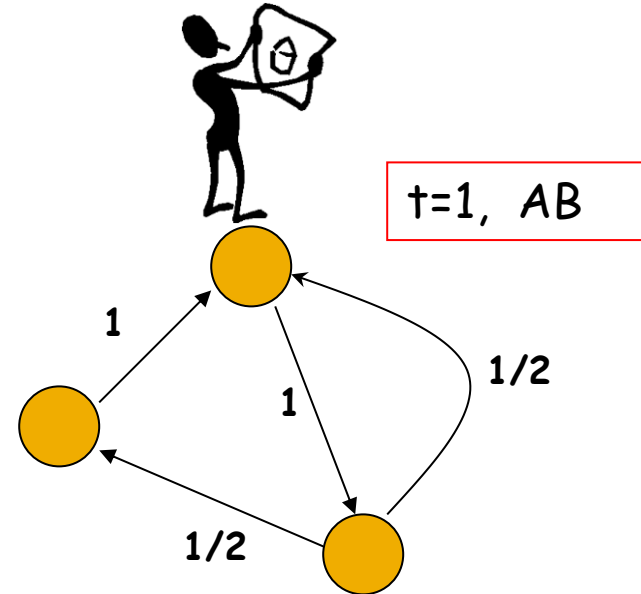
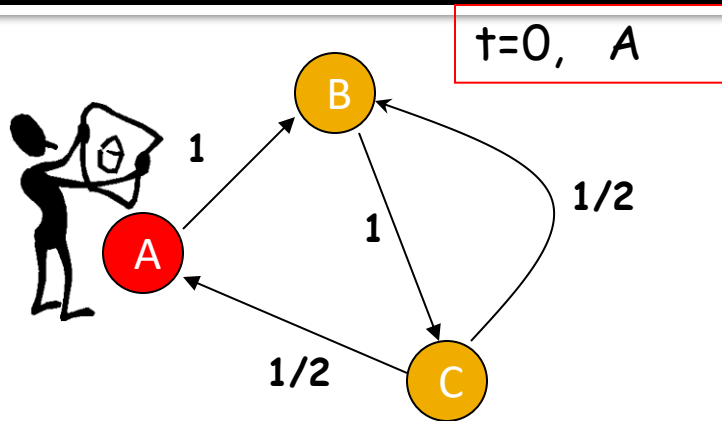
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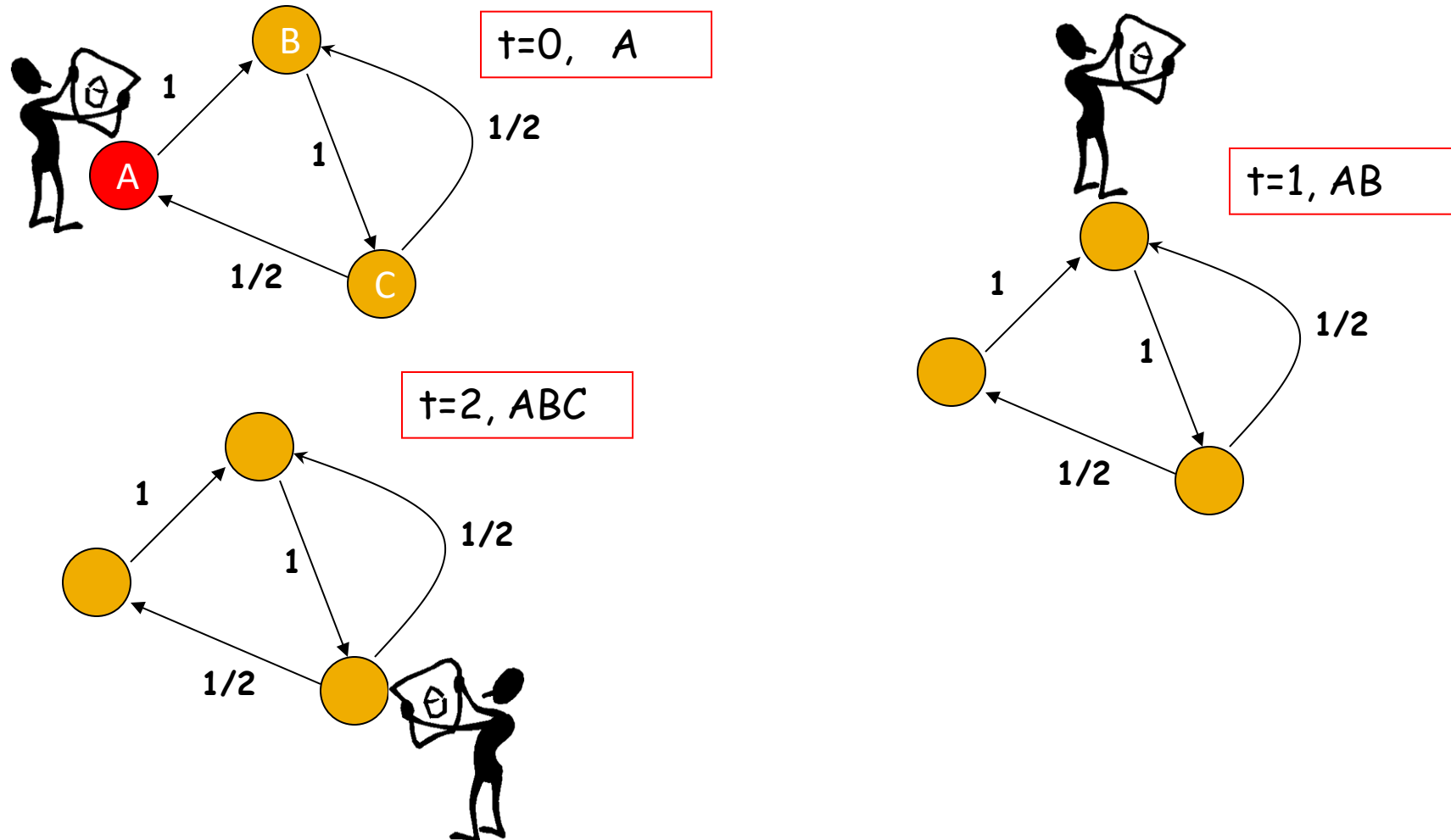
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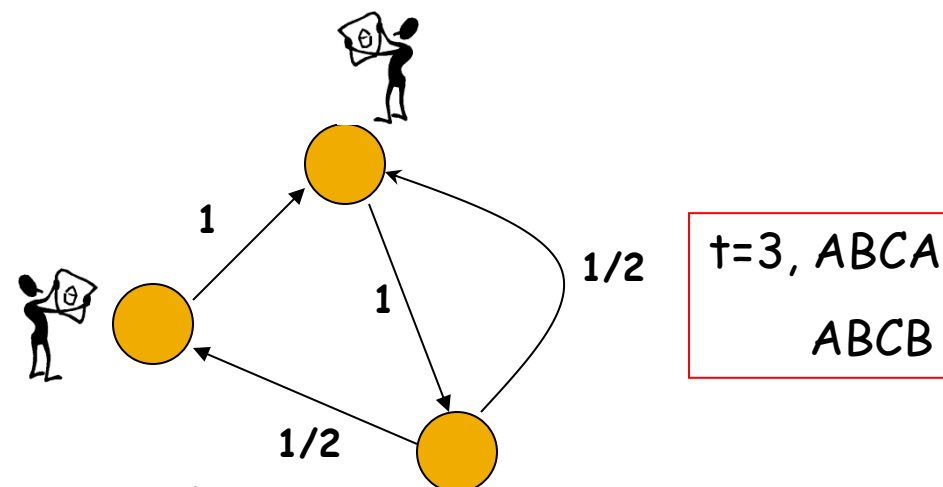
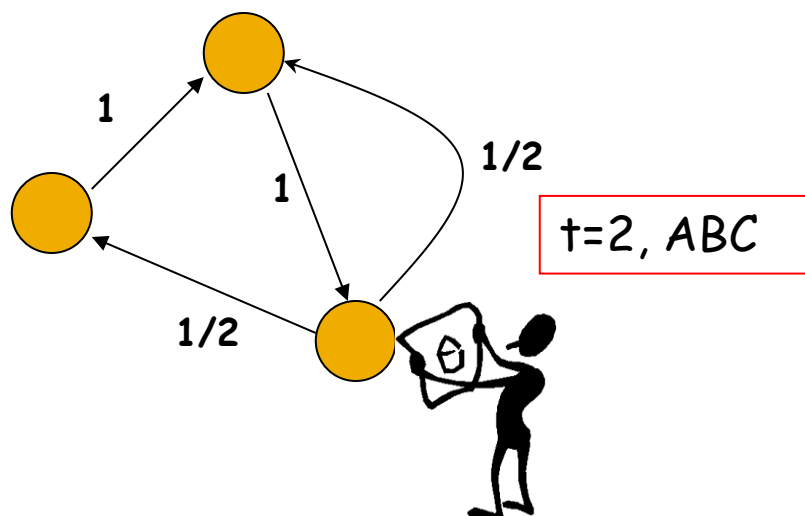
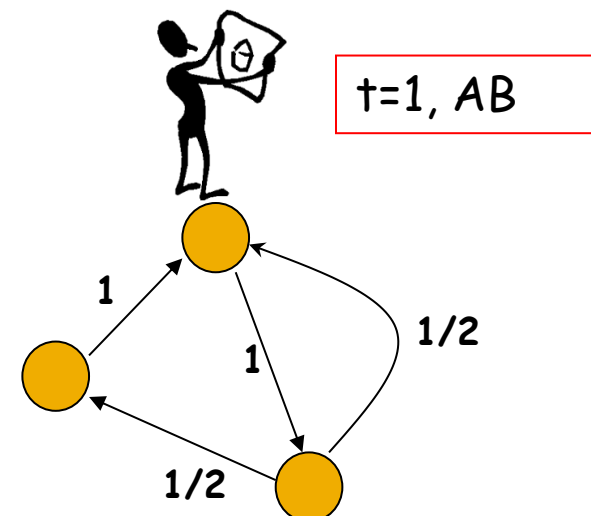
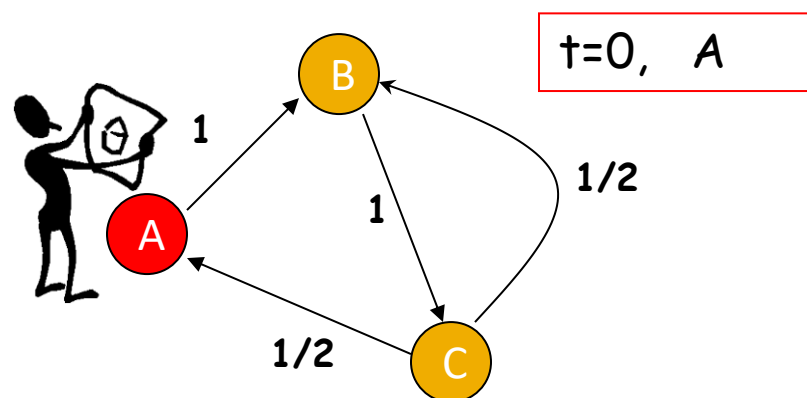
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# Why are random walks interesting?

- When the underlying data has a natural graph structure, several physical processes can be conceived as a random walk

Data	Process
WWW	Random surfer
Internet	Routing
P2P	Search
Social network	Information percolation

# Random walks: definitions

- $n \times n$  **Adjacency matrix**  $A$ .
  - $A(i,j)$  = weight on edge from  $i$  to  $j$
  - If the graph is undirected  $A(i,j)=A(j,i)$ , i.e.  $A$  is symmetric
- $n \times n$  **Transition matrix**  $P$ .
  - $P$  is row stochastic
  - $P(i,j)$  = probability of stepping on node  $j$  from node  $i = A(i,j)/\sum_i A(i,j)$
- $n \times n$  **Laplacian Matrix**  $L$ .
  - $L(i,j) = \sum_i A(i,j) - A(i,j) \Rightarrow L = D - A$
  - **Symmetric positive semi-definite for undirected graphs??**
  - **Singular??**

# Laplacian Matrix

- Positive semi-definite for undirected graphs.

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad x^T Lx \geq 0$$

$$x^T Lx = x^T Dx - x^T Ax$$

- $x^T Dx = \sum_i \deg(i) x_i^2$
- $x^T Ax = \sum_{i,j} A(i,j) x_i x_j$

$$x^T Lx = \sum_i \deg(i) x_i^2 - \sum_{i,j} A(i,j) x_i x_j$$

$$x^T Lx = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} A(i,j) (x_i - x_j)^2$$

$$A(i,j) \geq 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad x^T Lx \geq 0$$

# Laplacian Matrix

## ■ Singular

$$\mathbf{1} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$L \cdot \mathbf{1} = (D - A)\mathbf{1} = D\mathbf{1} - A\mathbf{1}$$

- $D\mathbf{1} = \deg(i)$
- $A\mathbf{1} = \text{sum of neighbors} = \deg(i)$

$$L \cdot \mathbf{1} = 0$$

So, zero is the eigenvalue, and eigenvalues multiplication is the determinant. Therefore,  $\det(L)=0$ .

# Probability Distributions

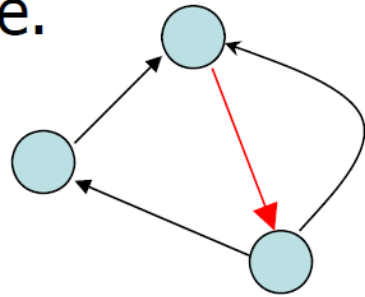
- $x_t(i)$  = probability that the surfer is at node  $i$  at time  $t$
- $x_{t+1}(i) = \sum_j (\text{Probability of being at node } j) * \Pr(j \rightarrow i)$   
 $= \sum_j x_t(j) * P(j, i)$
- $x_{t+1} = x_t P = x_{t-1} * P * P = x_{t-2} * P * P * P = \dots = x_0 P^t$
- What happens when the surfer keeps walking for a long time?
- Stationary distribution:
  - When the surfer keeps walking for a long time
  - When the distribution does not change anymore, i.e.  $x_{T+1} = x_T$
  - For “well-behaved” graphs this does not depend on the start distribution!!!

# What is a stationary distribution?

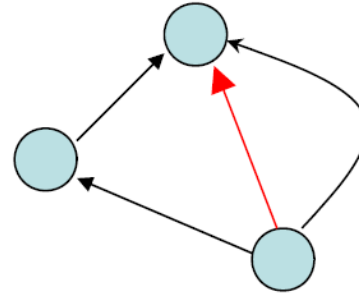
- The stationary distribution at a node is related to the amount of time a random walker spends visiting that node.
- Remember that we can write the probability distribution at a node as
  - $x_{t+1} = x_t P$
- For the stationary distribution  $v_0$  we have
  - $v_0 = v_0 P$
- So, that's just the left eigenvector of the transition matrix!
- Interesting questions:
  - Does a stationary distribution always exist? Is it unique? (Yes, if the graph is "well-behaved")
  - What is "well-behaved"?
  - How fast will the random surfer approach this stationary distribution? (Mixing Time!)

# Well-behaved graphs

- **Irreducible:** There is a path from every node to every other node.

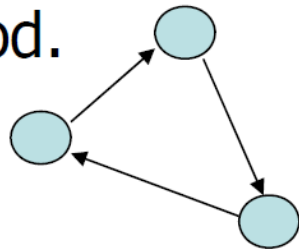


Irreducible

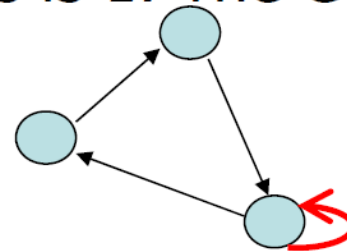


Not irreducible

- **Aperiodic:** The GCD of all cycle lengths is 1. The GCD is also called period.



Periodicity is 3

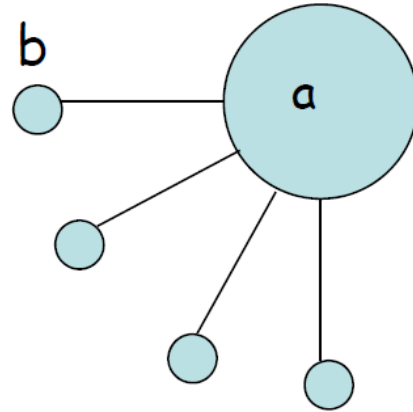


Aperiodic

# Perron Frobenius Theorem

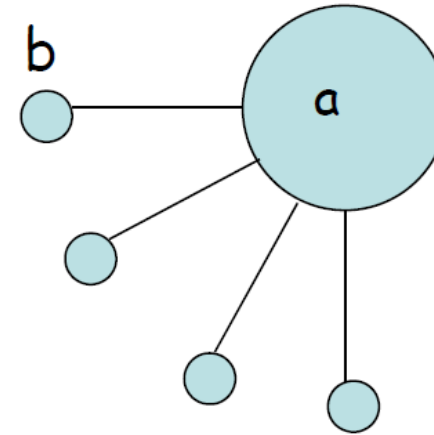
- If a markov chain is irreducible and aperiodic, then the largest eigenvalue of the transition matrix will be equal to **1** and all the other eigenvalues will be strictly less than **1**.
  - Let the eigenvalues of  $P$  be  $\{\sigma_i \mid i=0:n-1\}$  in non-increasing order of  $\sigma_i$ .
  - $\sigma_0 = 1 > \sigma_1 > \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n$
- These results imply that **for a well behaved graph there exists an unique stationary distribution.**
- The pagerank uses these results.
- We know that
  - A connected undirected graph is irreducible
  - A connected non-bipartite undirected graph has a stationary distribution proportional to the degree distribution!
  - Makes sense, since larger the degree of the node more, likely a random walk is to come back to it.

# Proximity measures from random walks



- How long does it take to hit node b in a random walk starting at node a ? **Hitting time**.
- How long does it take to hit node b and come back to node a ? **Commute time**.

# Hitting and Commute times



- Hitting time from node  $i$  to node  $j$ 
  - Expected number of hops to hit node  $j$  starting at node  $i$
  - Is **not** symmetric.  $h(a,b) \neq h(b,a)$
  - $h(i,j) = 1 + \sum_{k \in \text{nbrs}(A)} p(i,k)h(k,j)$
- Commute time between node  $i$  and  $j$ 
  - Is expected time to hit node  $j$  and come back to  $i$
  - $c(i,j) = h(i,j) + h(j,i)$
  - Is symmetric.  $c(a,b) = c(b,a)$

# Random graphs

- A deterministic model  $D$  defines a single graph for each value of  $n$  (or  $t$ )
- A randomized model  $R$  defines a probability space  $\langle G_n, P \rangle$  where  $G_n$  is the set of all graphs of size  $n$ , and  $P$  a probability distribution over the set  $G_n$  (similarly for  $t$ )
  - we call this a family of random graphs  $R$ , or a random graph  $R$

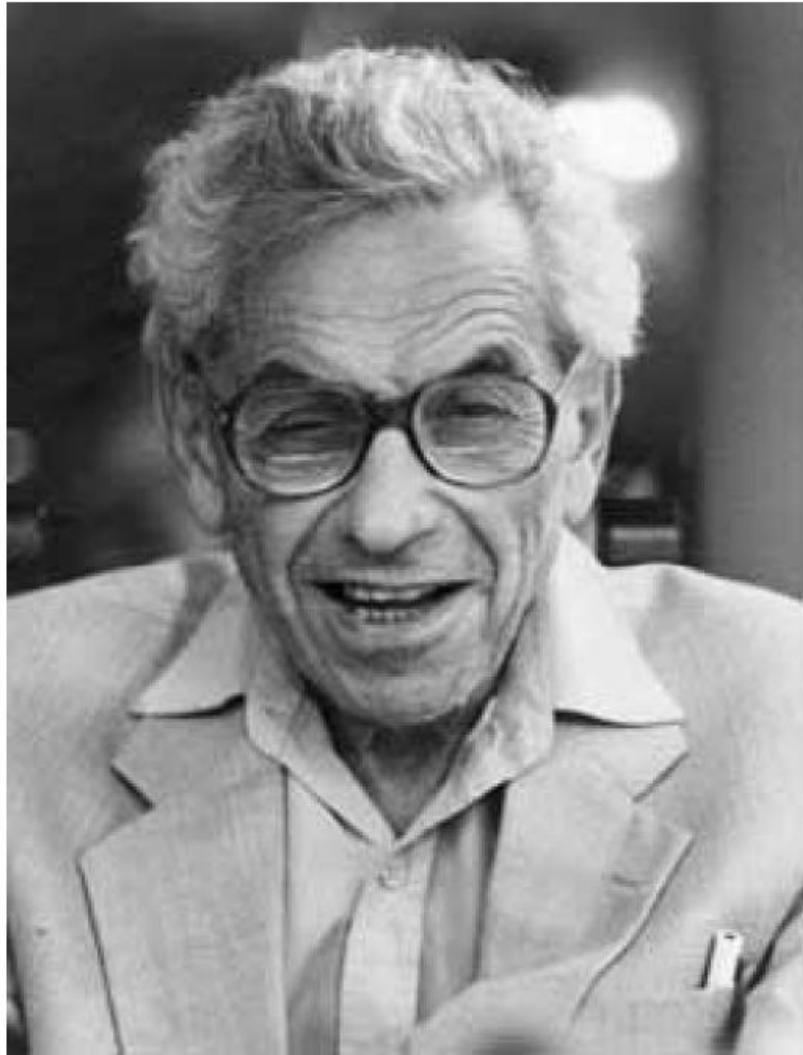


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# Erdős-Rényi Random graphs



# Erdős-Renyi Random graphs



Paul Erdős (1913-1996)

You may have heard about Erdős number!

What is your Erdős number?

# Erdős-Renyi Random graphs

For generation of Erdős-Renyi network, one of the following methods is used:

1. The  $G_{n,p}$  model
  - **input**: the number of vertices  $n$ , and a parameter  $p$ ,  $0 \leq p \leq 1$
  - **process**: for each pair  $(i,j)$ , generate the edge  $(i,j)$  independently with probability  $p$
2. Related, but not identical: The  $G_{n,m}$  model
  - **process**: select  $m$  edges uniformly at random

# Erdős–Renyi Random graphs

- $G(n, p)$ :
  - Consider a set of nodes  $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
  - Connect each pair  $i, j$  of nodes with probability  $p$
  - The expected number of edges:  $\binom{n}{2}p$
  - The expected degree of nodes:  $(n - 1)p$
- $G(n, M)$ :
  - Choose  $M$  edges out of all  $\binom{n}{2}$  pair of nodes:  $\binom{\binom{n}{2}}{M}$  choices
  - Number of edges:  $M$
  - The expected degree of nodes:  $\frac{M}{\binom{n}{2}} \times (n - 1) = \frac{2M}{n}$

# Binomial Distribution

- Binomial Distribution:

- Consider a sequence of Bernoulli trials. What is the probability of  $m$  heads out of  $n$  flips?  $P(d)$  is:

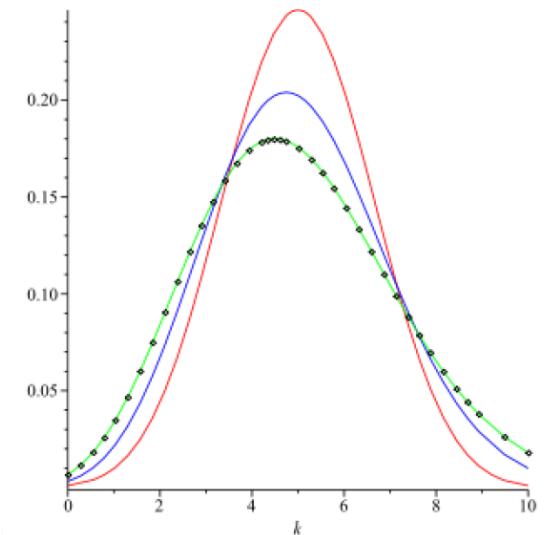
$$\binom{n}{m} p^m (1-p)^{n-m}$$

- Expected number of heads:  $np$
- The variance:  $npq = np(1-p)$
- Standard deviation:  $\sqrt{np(1-p)}$

- Binomial distribution can be approximated by  $\lambda = np$  for large  $n$

$$P(d) \approx \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^d}{d!}$$

- Highly concentrated around the mean, with a tail that drops exponentially



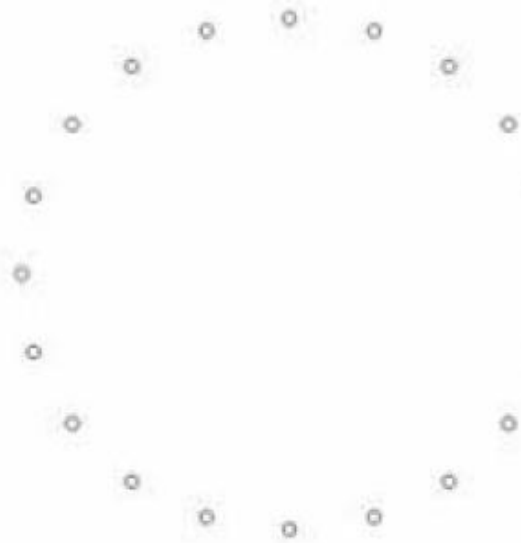
# Poisson Networks

- Degree distribution: Binomial distribution
  - The probability of having  $d$  neighboring edges is equal to:
- Can be approximated by  $\lambda = (n - 1)p = np$  for large  $n$

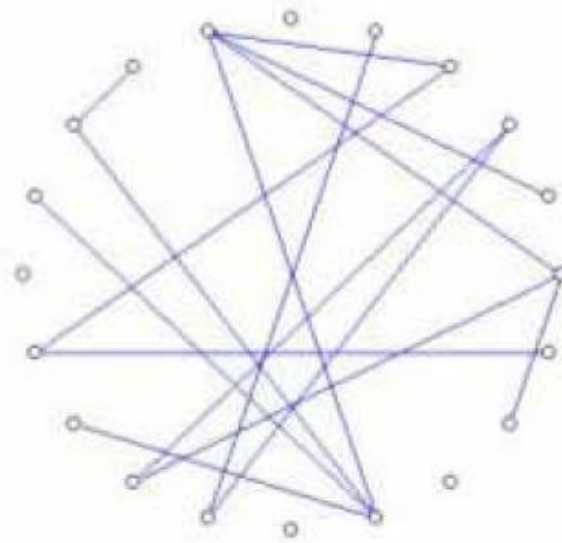
$$P(d) = \binom{n-1}{d} p^d (1-p)^{n-1-d}$$

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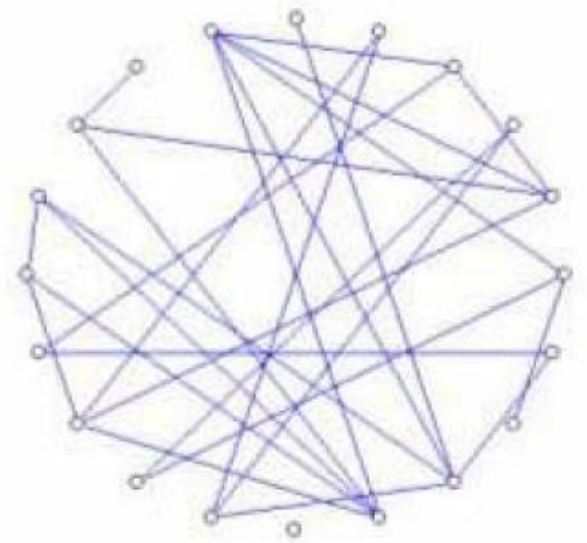
# Example



$p = 0$   
(a)



$p = 0.1$   
(b)



$p = 0.2$   
(c)

# Clustering Coefficient

Let's say a node  $v$  has degree  $k$ .

$$C_v = \frac{\text{number of links between neighbors of } v}{\binom{k}{2}}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{edges among neighbors}] = \binom{k}{2} \cdot p$$

$$C_v = \frac{\binom{k}{2} \cdot p}{\binom{k}{2}} = p$$

Since  $\langle k \rangle = (n-1)p \approx np$ , we get:

$$p = \frac{\langle k \rangle}{n}$$

$$C = p \sim \frac{\langle k \rangle}{n}$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , clustering goes to 0 in Poisson/Erdős-Rényi graphs, while **real-world networks** often **maintain high clustering**. That's why we say:

**"Erdős-Rényi graphs are poor models for social networks."**

# Diameter

- maximum length of shortest paths
  - To estimate the maximum distance between two nodes, we think:
    - Start from any node.
    - How many steps do we need until we can reach everyone?

$$\lambda^d = n \Rightarrow d = \log_{\lambda} n = \frac{\log n}{\log \lambda}$$

# Phase transition

- Starting from some vertex  $v$  perform a BFS walk
- At each step of the BFS a Poisson process with mean  $\lambda$ , gives birth to new nodes
- When  $\lambda < 1$  this process will stop after  $O(\log n)$  steps
- When  $\lambda > 1$ , this process will continue for  $O(n)$  steps

# Are real-world networks random?

- A decade ago, the most elegant theory for modelling real-world networks was based on random graphs
- But real-world networks are not random (we will see)
- However, studies on random networks provides insights into complex structures

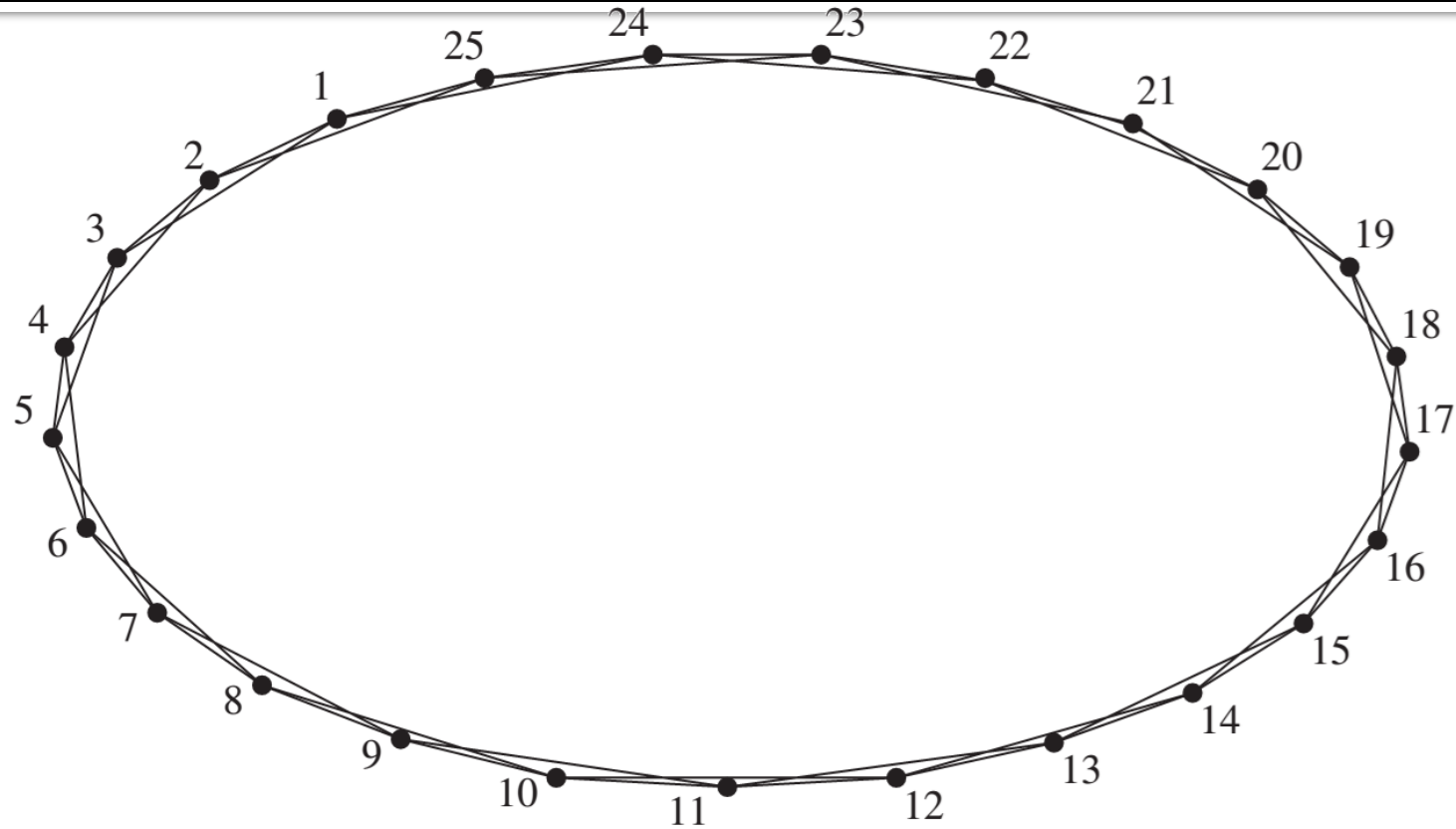


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# Watts-Strogatz Model

# Watts-Strogatz Model

- Consider a  $n$  nodes cycle and connect each node to its  $2m$  nearest nodes
- For  $m=2$ :
  - Diameter:  $\frac{n}{4}$
  - Clustering Coefficient:  $\frac{1}{2}$
- Diameter is high, while the clustering coefficient is also high

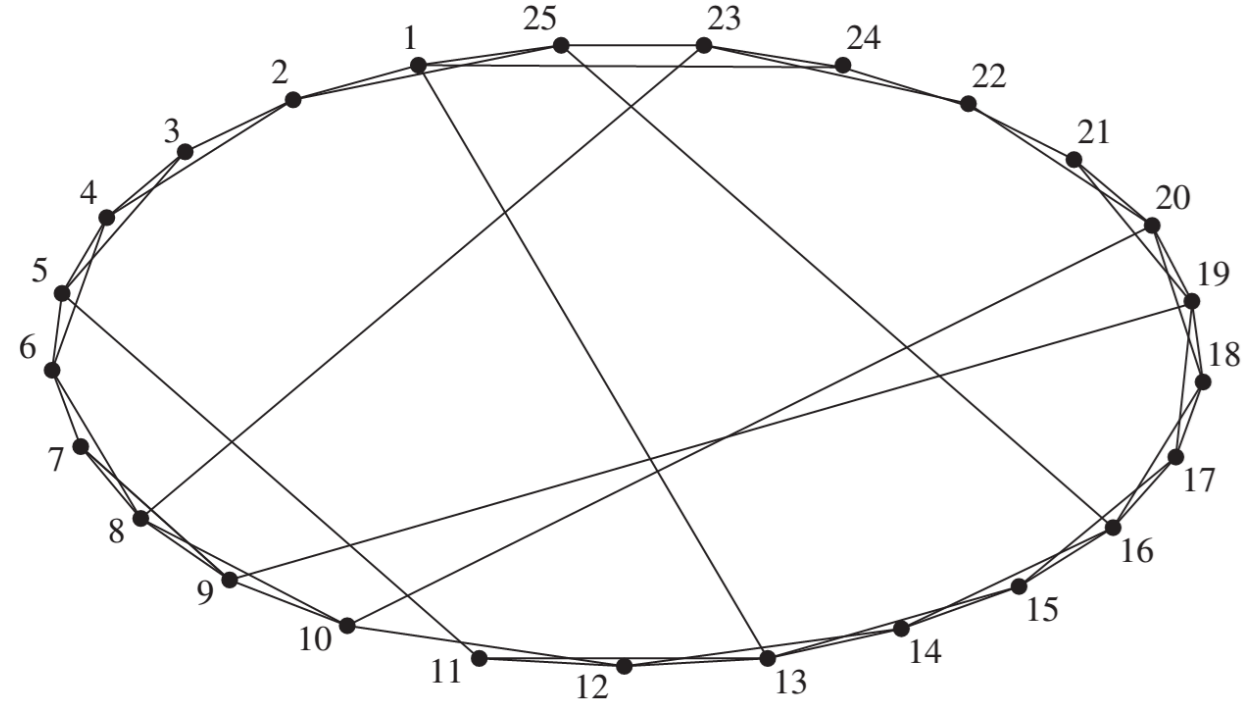


Global Clustering Coefficient

$$C = \frac{3 \times \text{number of triangles in the graph}}{\text{number of connected triples}}$$

# Watts-Strogatz Model

- Watts & Strogatz show that with a few random rewiring the diameter will be decreased a lot.
- We will speak about **small-world** models deeply later

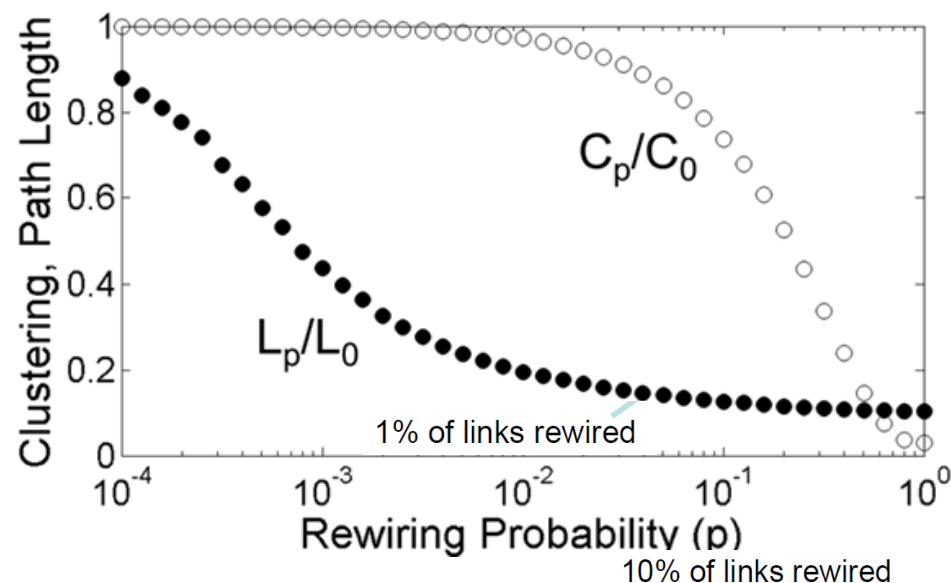
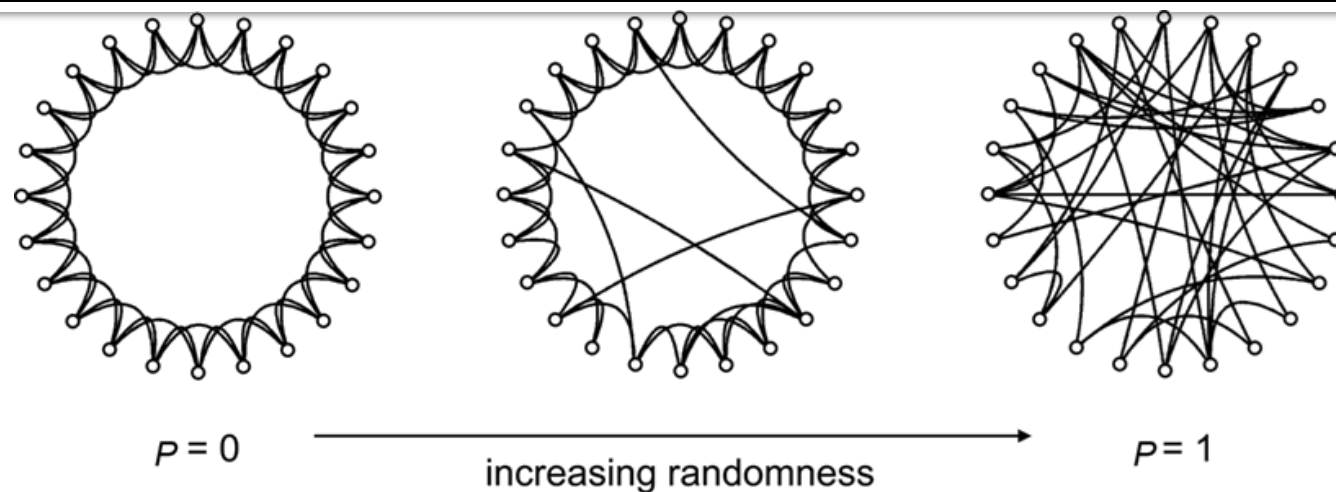


# Watts-Strogatz Model

The construction algorithm:

- Consider a ring graph where each node is connected to its  $m$  nearest neighbors with undirected edges
- Choose a node and one of the edges that connects it to its nearest neighbors and then with probability  $P$  reconnect this edge to a node randomly chosen over the graph
  - provided that the duplication of edges and self-loops are forbidden
- The process is repeated until all nodes and nearest neighbor connecting edges are met
- Next, the edges that connect the nodes to their second-nearest neighbors are reconnected and the rewiring process is performed on them with the same conditions as above
- The same procedure is then repeated for the remaining edges connecting the nodes to their  $m$  nearest neighbors

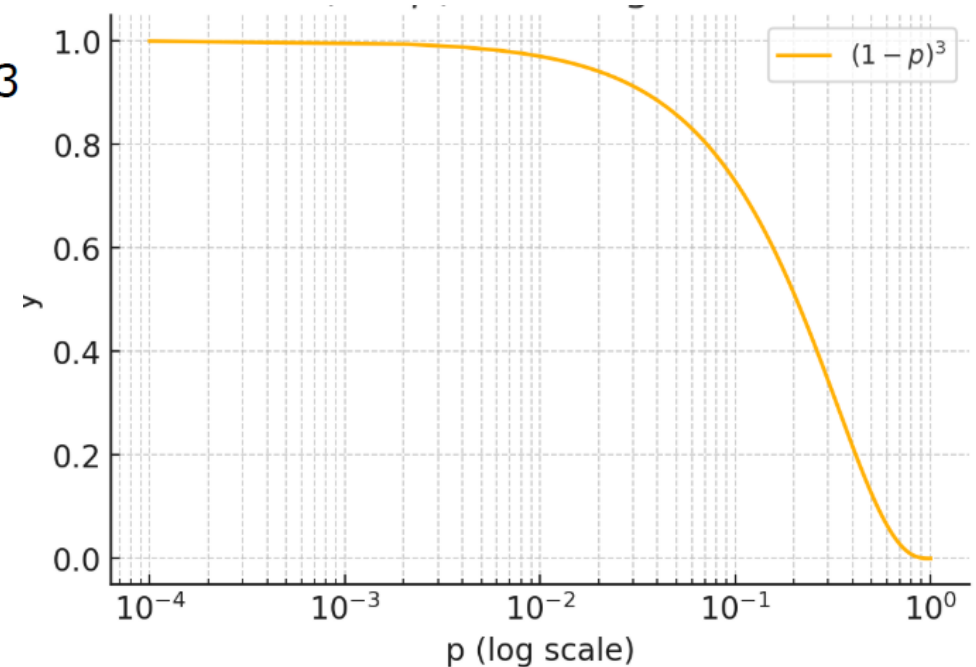
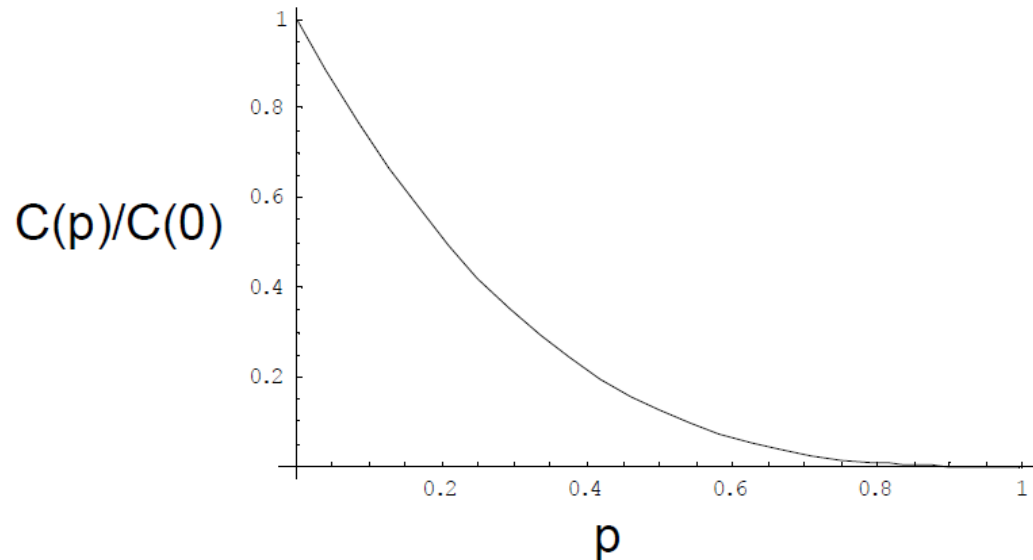
# Watts-Strogatz Model



Why?

# Clustering Coefficient

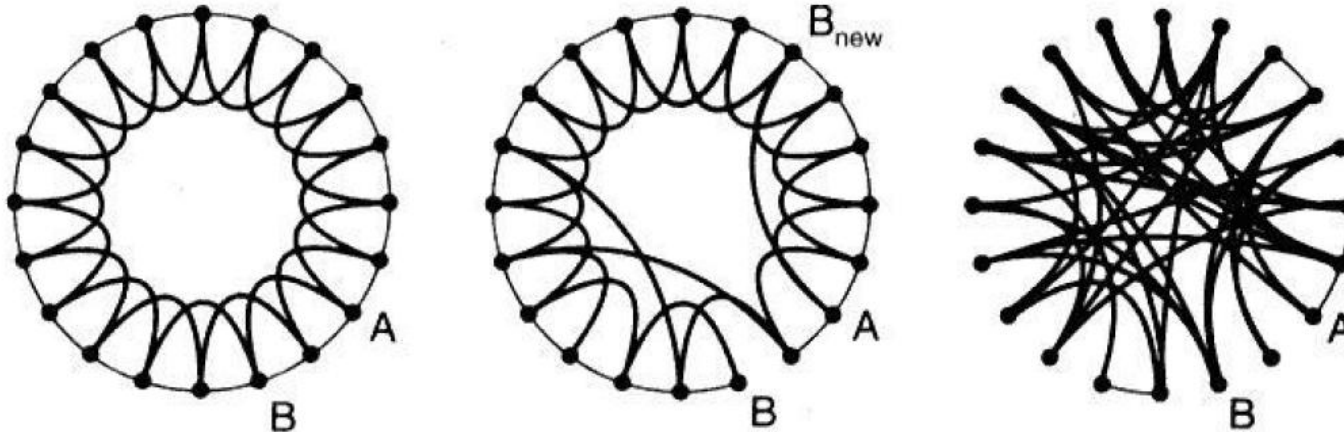
- The probability that a connected triple stays connected after rewiring
  - probability that none of the 3 edges were rewired  $(1-p)^3$
  - probability that edges were rewired back to each other very small, can ignore
- Clustering coefficient =  $C(p) = C(p=0) * (1-p)^3$



# Watts-Strogatz Model

## Reconciling two observations:

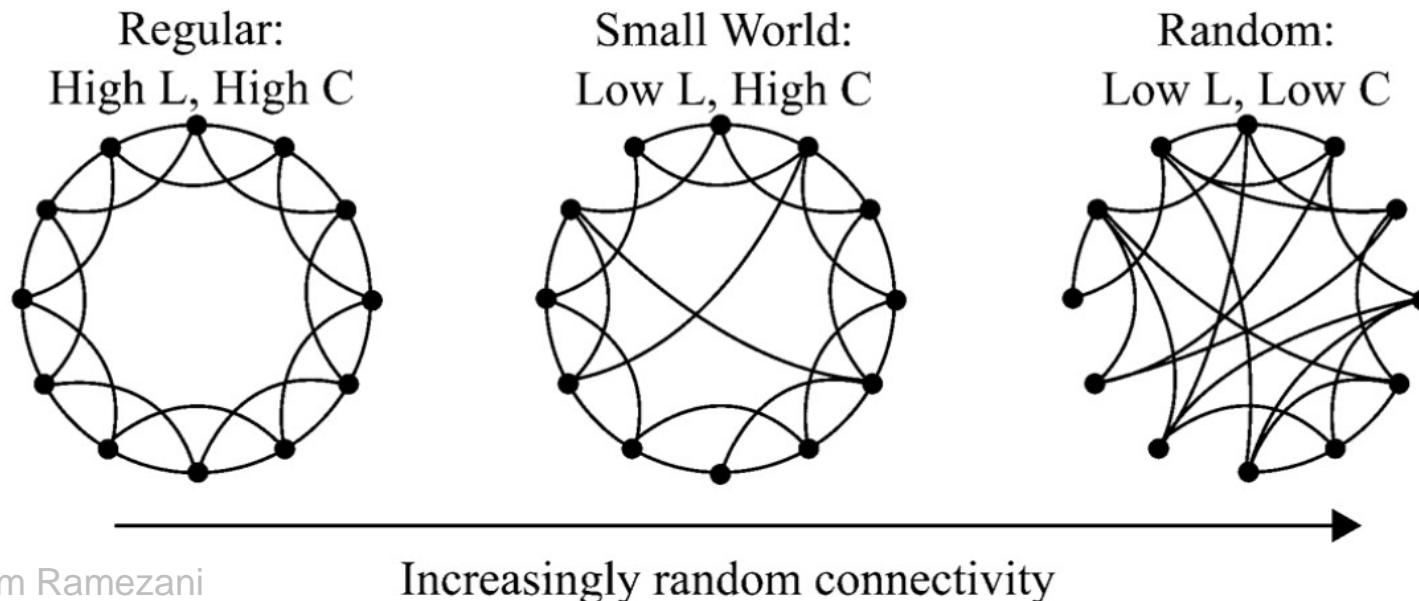
- **High clustering:** my friends' friends tend to be my friends
- **Short average paths**



Source: Watts, D.J., Strogatz, S.H.(1998) Collective dynamics of 'small-world' networks. Nature 393:440-442.

# Watts-Strogatz Model

- The resulting graph is so that
  - for the value of  $P = 0$  we will have the original ring graph
  - for the value of  $P = 1$  produces a pure random graph
  - For some values of  $P$  between these two extremes the resulting network has small characteristics path length, and at the same time, high clustering coefficient
  - the average degree will be  $\langle k \rangle = 2m$



# Real-world networks

Network	size	Characteristic path length	Shortest path in fitted random graph	Clustering coefficient	Clustering in random graph
Film actors	225,226	3.65	2.99	0.79	0.00027
MEDLINE co-authorship	1,520,251	4.6	4.91	0.56	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$
E.Coli substrate graph	282	2.9	3.04	0.32	0.026
C.Elegans	282	2.65	2.25	0.28	0.05

# Newman-Watts model

- Starting with a  $k$ -ring graph
- $N$  nodes
- Non-connected nodes get connected with probability  $P$
- $P = 1$  results in complete graph
- for some small values of  $P$ 
  - small-world property
  - high transitivity
- The networks are always connected

# Newman-Watts model

20 nodes in a 2-regular ring with

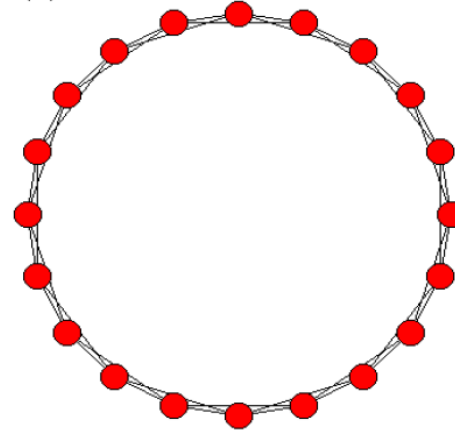
a)  $P = 0$

b)  $P = 0.05$

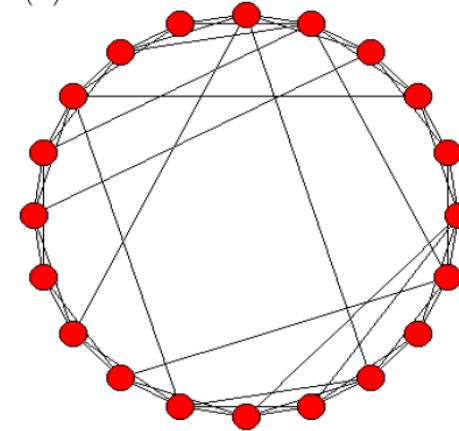
c)  $P = 0.15$

d)  $P = 1$

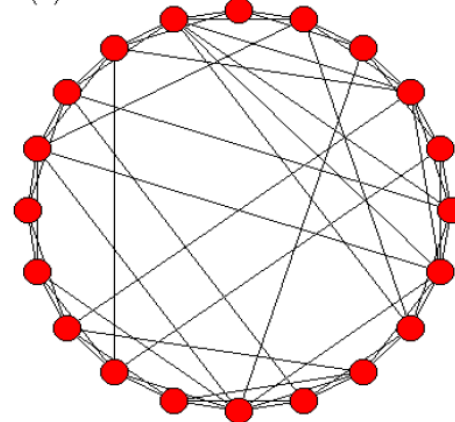
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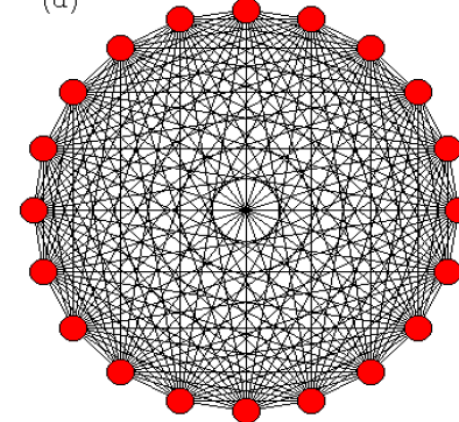
(b)



(c)



(d)





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# Small-world Network



# Newman-Watts model

- It was Longley believed that real-world networks have random structure
- Milgram did an experiment showing the small-world property
- Watts and Strogatz showed that many real-world networks:
  - Have small characteristic path length compared to random networks
  - At the same time, have high clustering coefficient that is much larger than that of random networks
  - They are indeed small-worlds
- This discovery had huge impact on the various developments in Network fields
  - Search in complex networks
  - Communication in networks

# Milgram's experiment

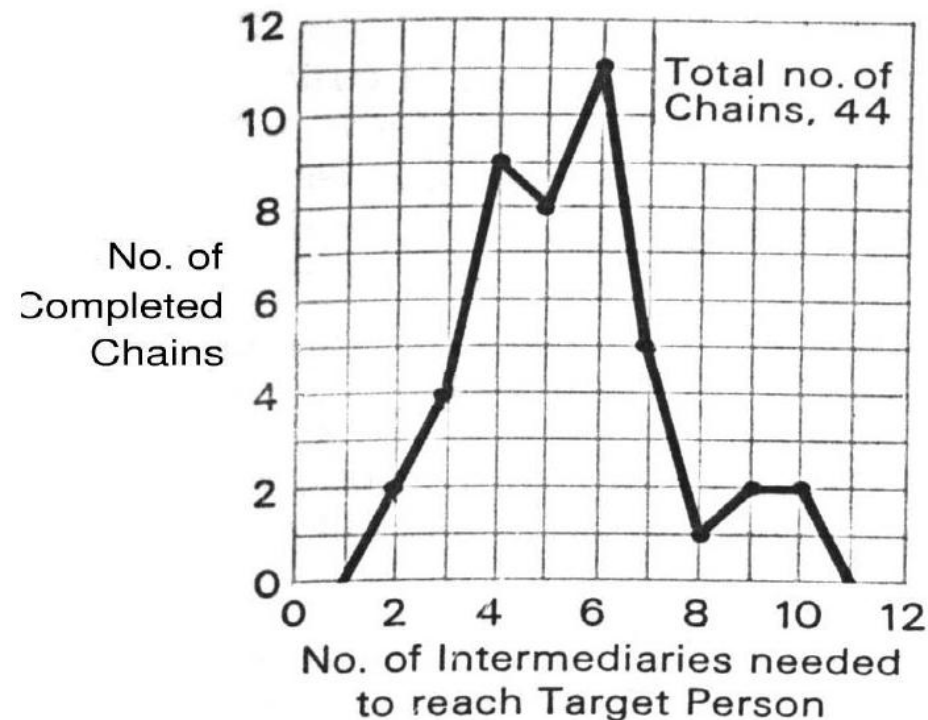
- Instructions:
  - Given a target individual (stockbroker in Boston), pass the message to a person you correspond with who is "closest" to the target.
  - 160 letters: From Wichita (Kansas) and Omaha (Nebraska) to Sharon (Mass)
  - If you do not know the target person on a personal basis, do not try to contact him directly. Instead, mail this folder to a personal acquaintance who is more likely than you to know the target person.
- Outcome:
  - 20% of initiated chains reached
  - Target average chain length = 6.5
  - "Six degrees of separation"



Milgram, *Psych Today* **2**, 60 (1967)

# Milgram's experiment

- "Six degrees of separation"
- The **Small World** concept in simple terms describes the fact despite their often **large size**, in most networks there is a **relatively short path between any two nodes**.



**In the Nebraska Study the chains varied from two to 10 intermediate acquaintances with the median at five.**

# Milgram's experiment repeated

- Email experiment by Dodds, Muhamad, Watts, Science 301, (2003):
  - 18 targets
  - 13 different countries
  - More than 60,000 participants
  - 24,163 message chains
  - 384 reached their targets
  - Average path length 4.0



Source: NASA, U.S. Government; [http://visibleearth.nasa.gov/view\\_rec.php?id=2429](http://visibleearth.nasa.gov/view_rec.php?id=2429)

# Applicable to other networks?

Same pattern:

**high clustering**

$$C_{\text{network}} \gg C_{\text{randomgraph}}$$

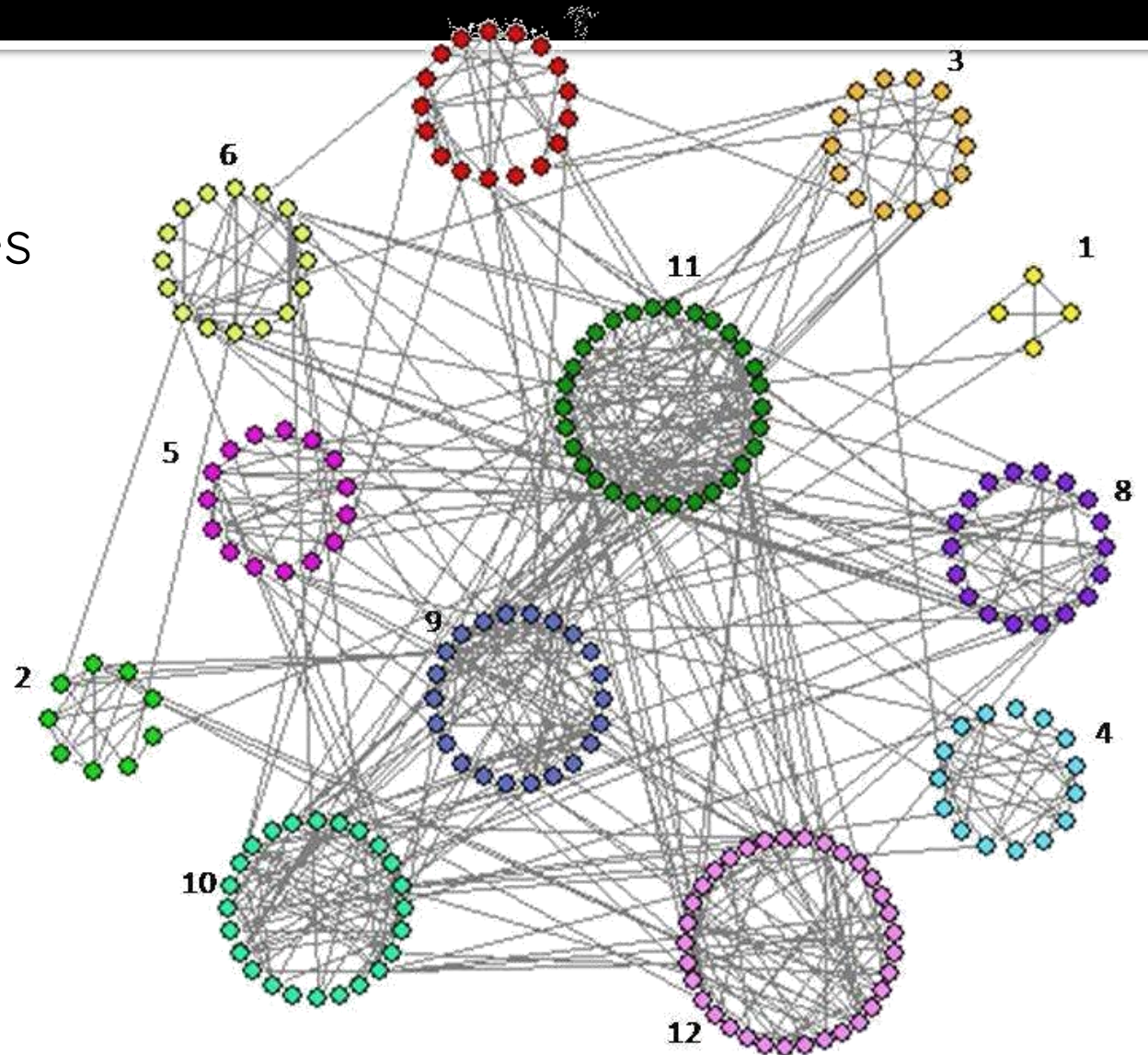
**low average shortest path**

$$l_{\text{network}} \approx \ln(N)$$

- of course in many social networks
- neural network of *C. elegans*,
- Human brain
- semantic networks of languages,
- actor collaboration graph
- food webs
- Power grids
- ...

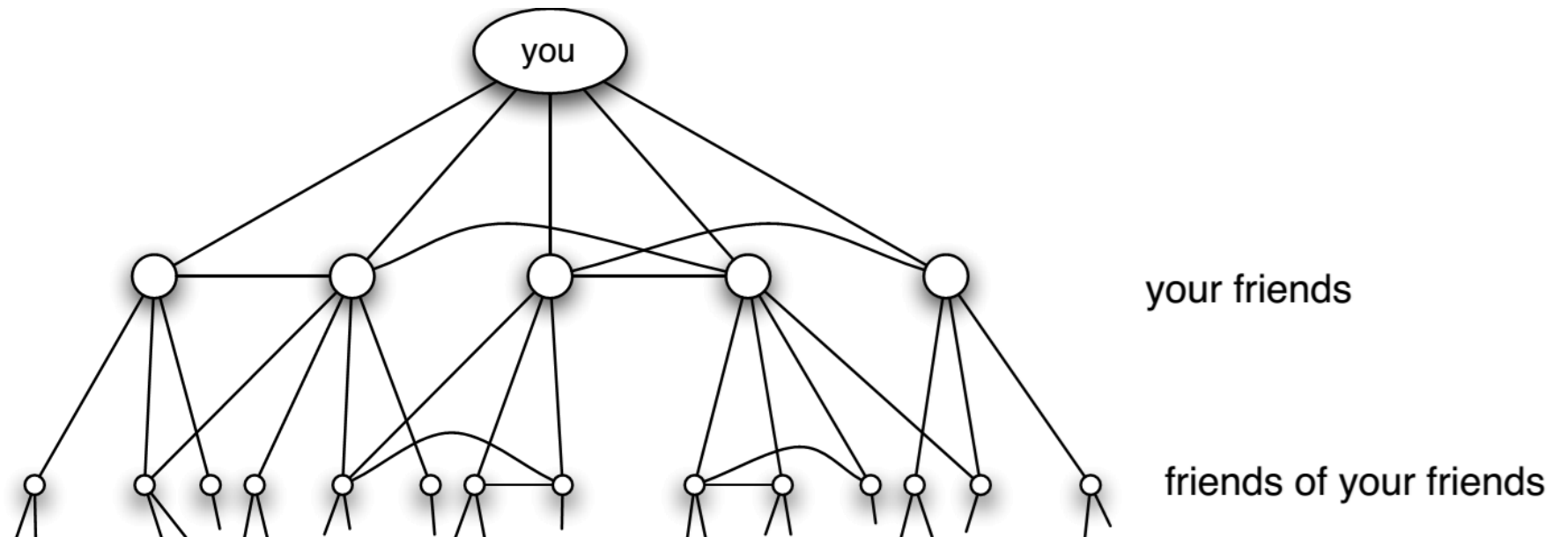
# Small Worlds

- Six degrees of separation: although the number of edges is low, nodes are reachable from each other with small number of edges
- Small diameter or Small average path length
  - Weak ties to close dense communities
- Highly Clustered
  - High density of triangles
  - Homophily & prone to triadic closure



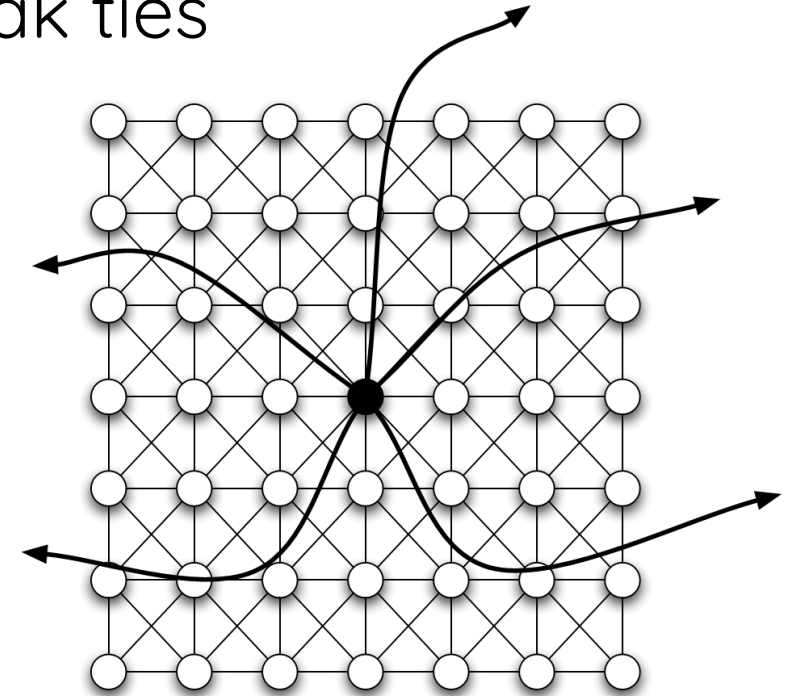
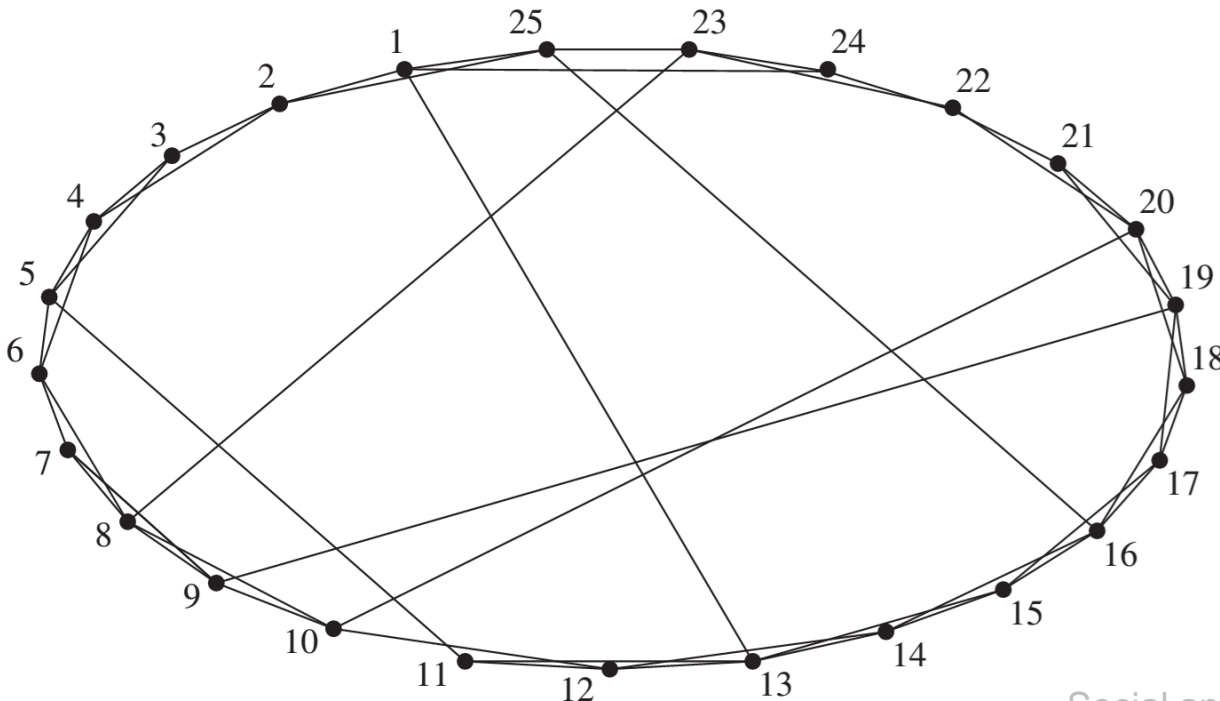
# Structure + Randomness

- Structure makes shortest paths
- Random links make triads
- It is naturally incorrect!



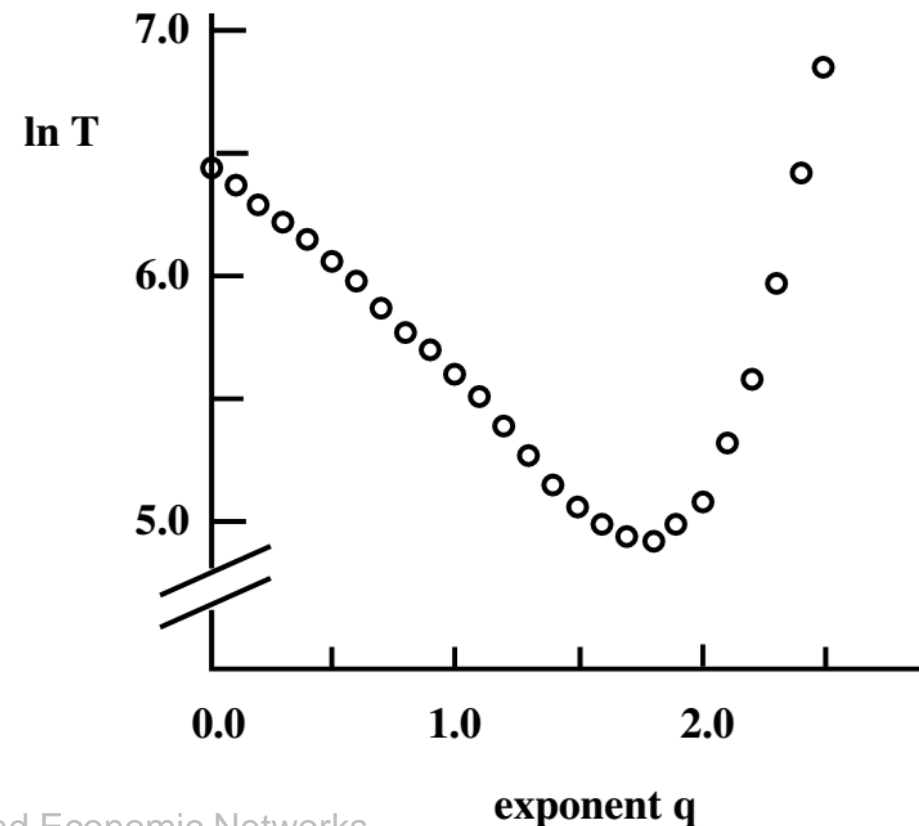
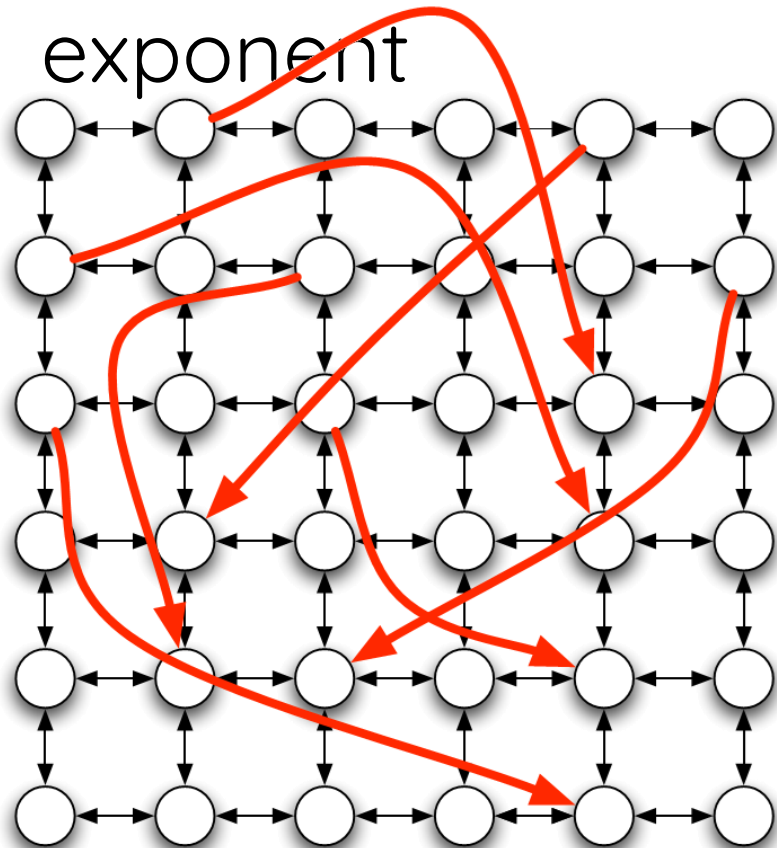
# Structure + Randomness

- Watts & Strogatz model
  - Structure makes triads
  - Random links make short distances: Weak ties



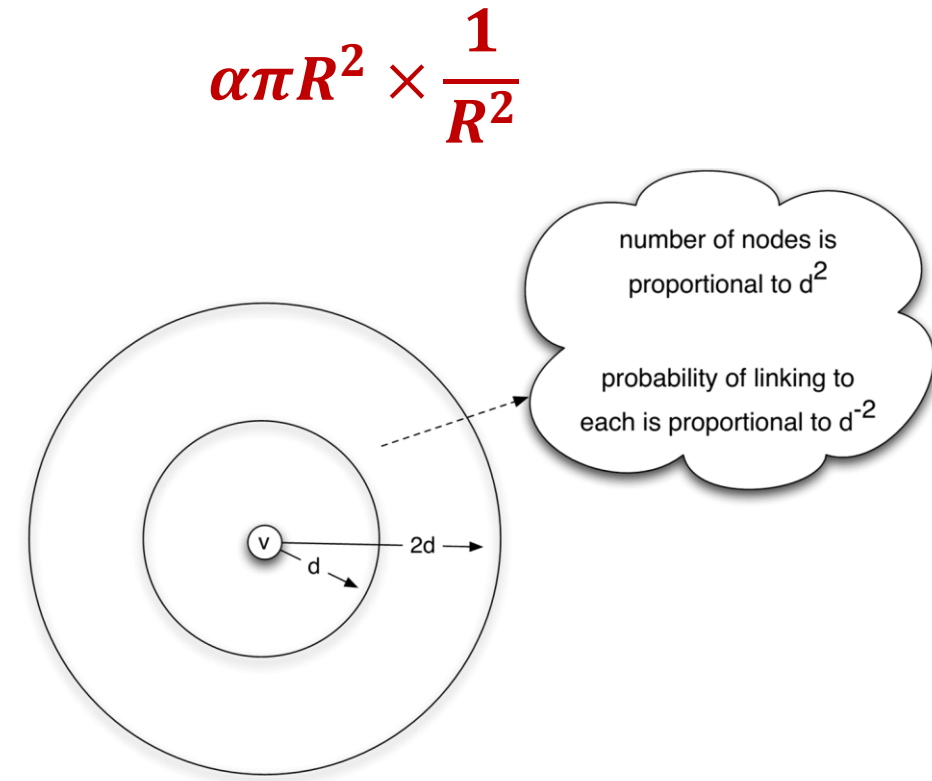
# Watts-Strogatz Models for Decentralized Search

- Consider a grid with additional random links each with probability  $d(v, w)^{-q}$  in which  $q$  is the clustering



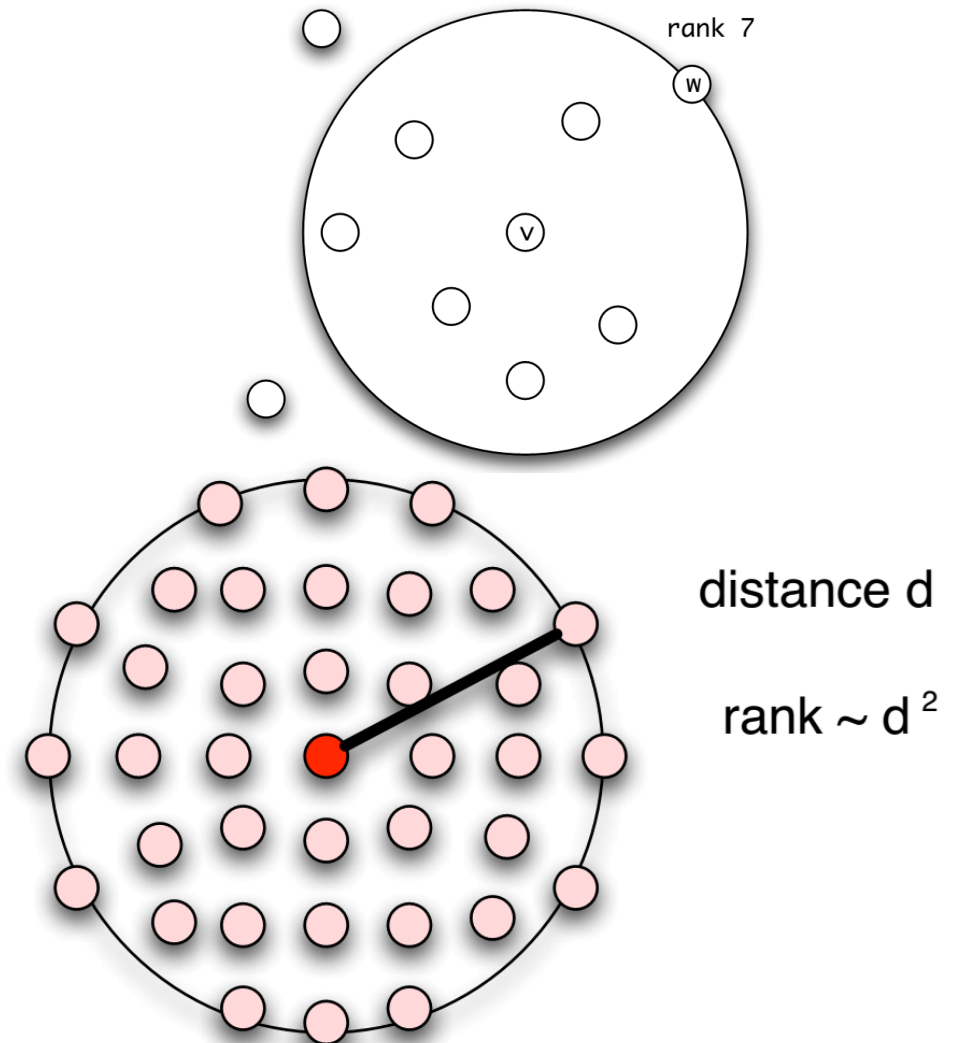
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- Let's set the clustering coefficient  $q = 2$
- Terms  $d^2$  and  $d^{-2}$  cancel each other and thus the probability that a random edge links into *some node* in this ring is approximately independent of the value of  $d$
- long-range weak ties are being formed in a way that's spread roughly uniformly over all different scales of resolution



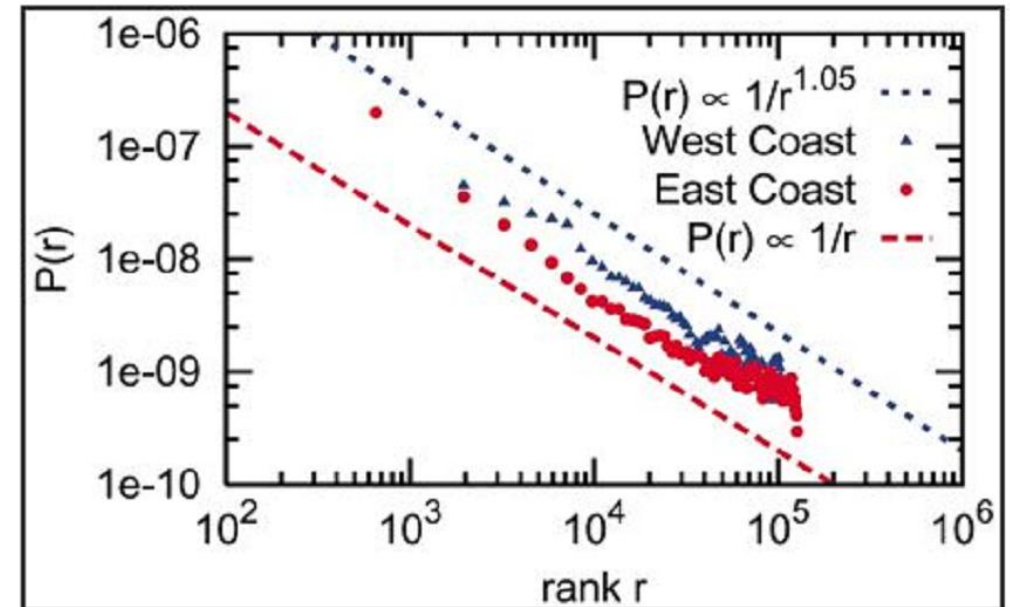
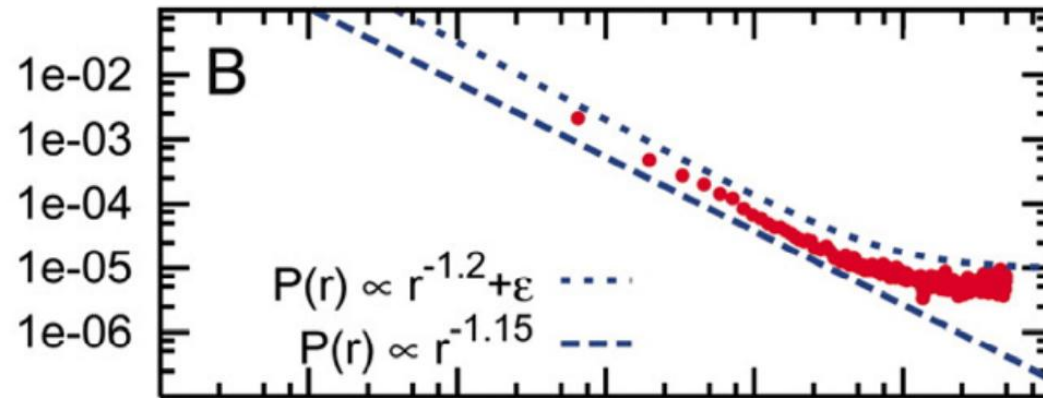
# Watts-Strogatz Models for Decentralized Search

- Rank-based friendship:
  - Create (weak) random links with probability  $\text{rank}(w)^{-p}$
  - What should  $p$  be to have a uniform spread of random links?  $\text{rank}$  approximately is  $d^2$ , thus  $p$  should be approximately 1



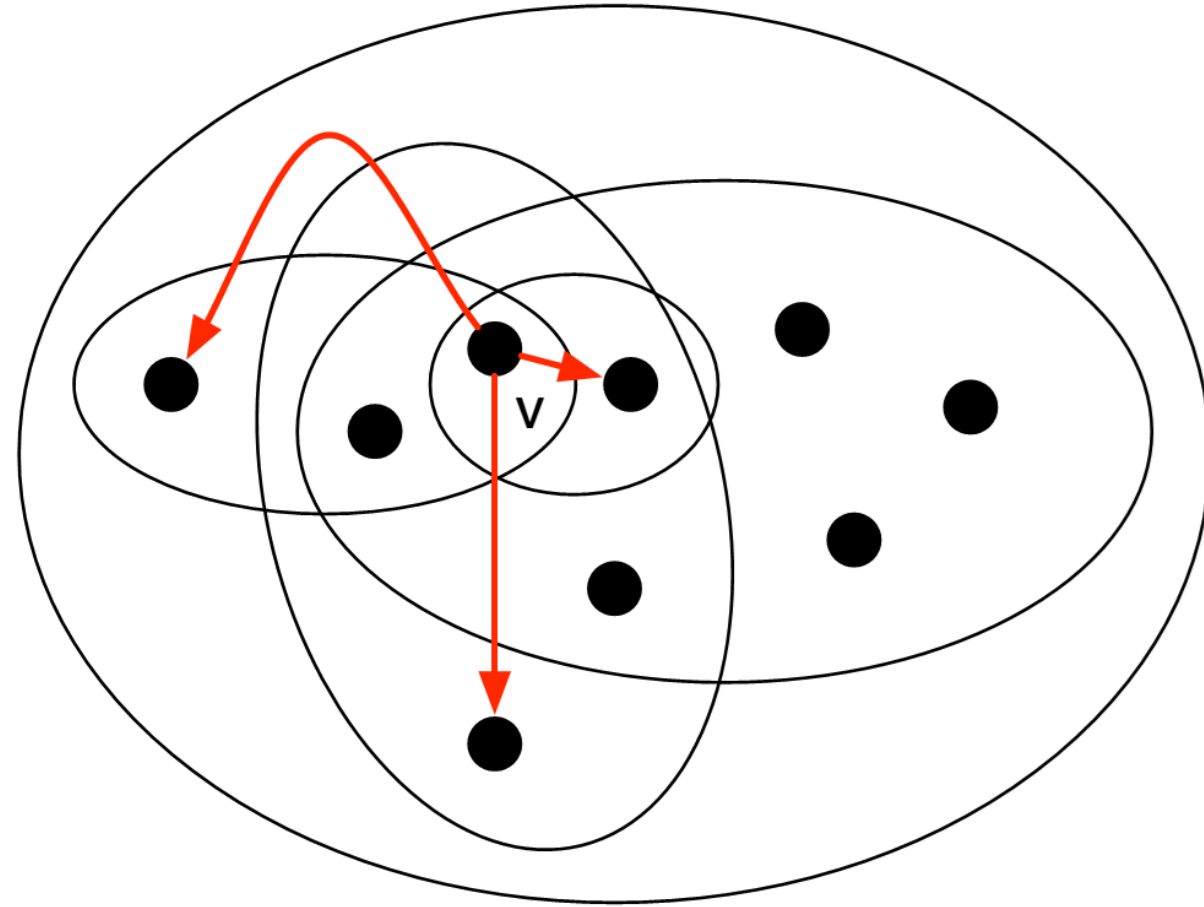
# Watts-Strogatz Models for Decentralized Search

- Some Experiments



# Watts-Strogatz Models for Decentralized Search

- Foci-based friendship:
  - Define the size of the smallest focal point that include both of  $v$  and  $w$  as their distance
  - We again draw random links with probability  $dis(v, w)^p$
  - If focal points are defined as the nearest nodes, we may again have  $p = 1$



# Watts-Strogatz Models for Decentralized Search

- Mathematical study of myopic decentralized search in a simple Watts-Strogatz model:
  - A fixed structure: a ring or a grid with empty links
  - Some additional random links with probability proportional to  $d(v, w)^{-1}$  with order of outdegree is 1
  - What is the constant multiplier for link probabilities:

$$Z \leq 2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n/2} \right)$$

$$Z \leq 2 + 2 \log_2(n/2) = 2 + 2(\log_2 n) - 2(\log_2 2) = 2 \log_2 n$$

$$\frac{1}{Z} d(v, w)^{-1} \geq \frac{1}{2 \log n} d(v, w)^{-1}$$



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# Markov Graphs & $P^*$ Networks

# Markov Graphs & P\* Networks

- Think about building a random graph in which the formation of the link  $ij$  is correlated with formation of the links  $jk$  and  $ik$ ?
- Frank & Strauss method using Clifford & Hammersley theorem:
  - Build a graph  $D$  whose nodes is the potential links in  $G$
  - If  $ij$  and  $jk$  are linked in  $D$ , it means that there exist some sort of dependency between them
  - $C(D)$  is the set of  $D$ 's cliques
  - $I_A(G) = 1$  for  $A \in C(D)$ ,  $A \subseteq G$  (consider  $G$  as a set of edges) and else  $I_A(G) = 0$
  - The probability of a given network  $G$  depends only on which cliques of  $D$  it contains:

$$\log(\Pr[G]) = \sum_{A \in C(D)} \alpha_A I_A(G) - c$$

# Markov Graphs & P\* Networks

- An example: a symmetric case
  - Build a random graph with controllability on the number of its edges ( $n_1(G)$ ) and its triads ( $n_3(G)$ )
  - C(D) consists of  $n_3(G)$  triads and  $n_1(G)$  edges. So, if we weight them equally, we have:
$$\log(\Pr(G)) = \alpha_1 n_1(G) + \alpha_3 n_3(G) - c$$
  - We can calibrate with different parameters to have different random networks with different number of triangles and edges.
    - $\alpha_3 = 0$  is the Poisson networks case



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# Configuration Model



# The Configuration Model

- A sequence of degrees is given  $(d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_n)$  and we want to build a random graph having these degrees
- We generate the following sequence of numbers

$$\underbrace{1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}_{d_1 \text{ entries}} \quad \underbrace{2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2}_{d_2 \text{ entries}} \quad \dots$$
$$\underbrace{n, n, n, n, n, n, n, n, n, n, n, n}_{d_n \text{ entries}} .$$

- Randomly pick two number of elements and connect corresponding nodes
- The result is a multigraph

# An Expected Degree Model

- Form a link between node  $i$  and node  $j$  with probability

$$p(e_{ij}) = \frac{d_i d_j}{\sum_k d_k} < 1$$

- Self links are allowed
- The expected degree of node  $i$  will be  $d_i$
- Maximum of  $d_i^2 < \sum_k d_k$

# Configuration Model vs Expected Degree Model

- Consider the degree sequence  $\langle k, k, \dots, k \rangle$
- In configuration model:
  - The probabilities of self links and multi links is negligible
  - The probability of a node to have degree  $k$  will converge to 1
- In expected degree model:
  - The probability of a node to have degree  $k$  will converge to

$$\frac{e^{-k} (k)^k}{k!}$$

**whose maximum value is  $1/2$ .**

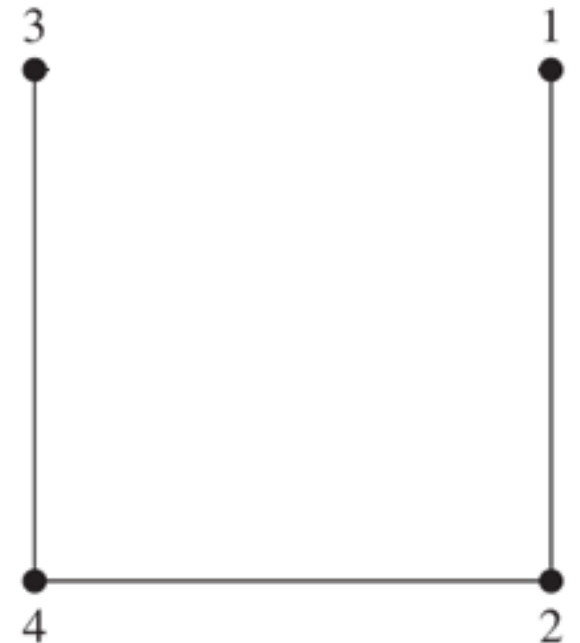
- Why?

# Distribution of the Degree of Neighboring Nodes

- Consider a given graph with degree distribution  $P(d)$
- A related calculation  $\tilde{P}(d)$ : the probability that a randomly chosen edge has a (randomly chosen) neighbor with degree  $d'$
- $P(d) = \tilde{P}(d)$ ?
  - $P(1) = P(2) = \frac{1}{2}$
  - $\tilde{P}(1) = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3}$
  - $\tilde{P}(2) = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{1} = \frac{2}{3}$
- We can formulate  $\tilde{P}(d)$

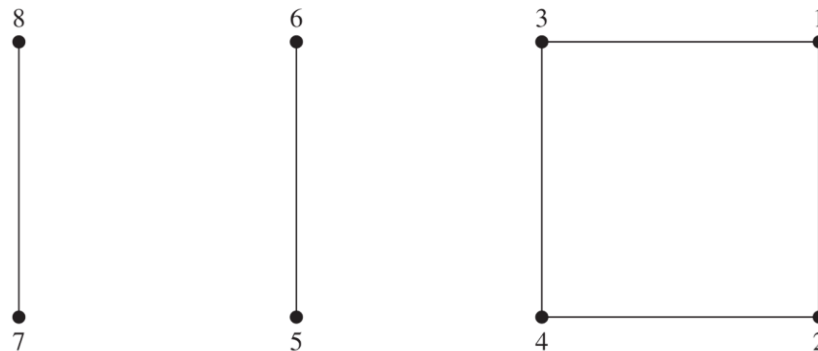
$$\tilde{P}(d) = \frac{P(d)d}{\langle d \rangle}$$

See the blackboard



# Distribution of the Degree of Neighboring Nodes

- Consider the degree sequence  $\langle 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, \dots \rangle$ .  
Compare two cases
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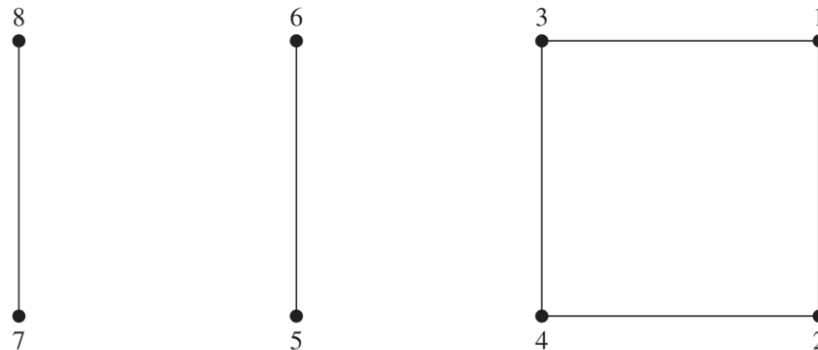


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# Preferential Attachment

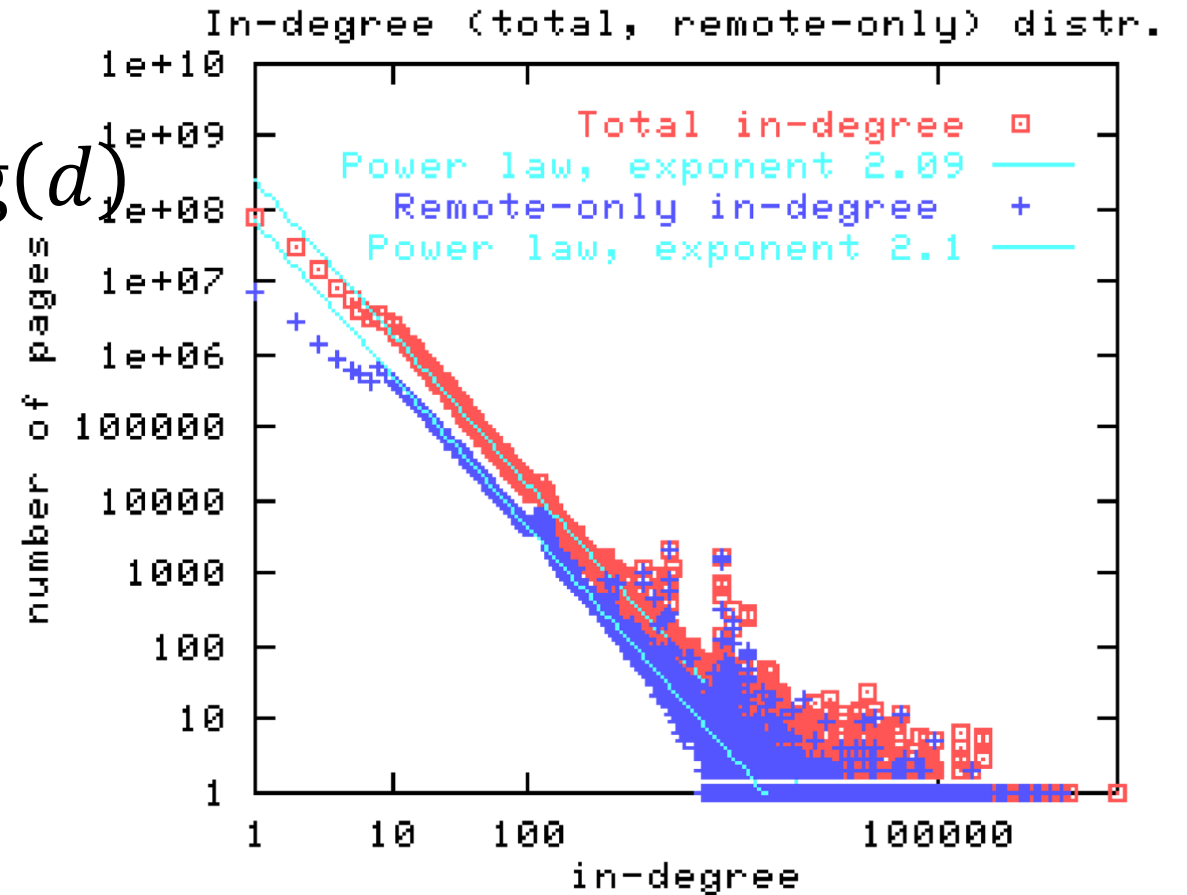
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# Power Law Degree Distribution

- $P(d) = cd^{-\gamma}$
- $\log(P(d)) = \log(c) - \gamma \log(d)$
- Features:
  - Scale-free
  - Fat tail



# Richer-Get-Richer & Preferential Attachment

- In many scenarios, richers have more opportunity to get richers
  - More money for investment
  - Lower risks
  - More reputation to be involved in activities
  - ....
- Preferential Attachment: richer-get-richer effect in network creation
  - The probability that page  $L$  experiences an increase in popularity is directly proportional to  $L$ 's current popularity.
  - In the sense that links are formed “preferentially” to pages that already have high popularity

# Preferential Attachment Models

- Devise models to simulate preferential attachment processes
- A basic growing model:
  - Nodes are born over time and indexed by their date of birth  $i \in \{0, 1, 2 \dots, t, \dots\}$
  - Upon birth each new node forms  $m$  links with pre-existing nodes
  - It attaches to nodes with probabilities proportional to their degrees.
  - the probability that an existing node  $i$  receives a new link:

$$m \frac{d_i(t)}{\sum_{j=1}^t d_j(t)}$$

- The interesting fact is that these models leads to networks with power-law degree distribution

# Growing Models

- A network model dealing with adding newborn nodes instead of statically having the whole network
- Consider a variation of the Poisson random setting
  - Start with a complete network of  $m+1$  nodes
  - Each newborn node choose  $m$  nodes from the existing ones and links to them
- A natural study of degree distribution:

- The expected degree of a node born at time  $i$ , at time  $t$ :
$$m + \frac{m}{i+1} + \frac{m}{i+2} + \dots + \frac{m}{t} = m \left( 1 + \frac{1}{i+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{t} \right) \approx m \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{t}{i} \right) \right)$$

- Degree distribution:

$$m \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{t}{i} \right) \right) < d \Rightarrow i > t e^{1 - \frac{d}{m}}$$

# Growing Models

- A natural study of degree distribution:
  - The nodes with expected degree less than  $d$  are those born at time  $te^{1-\frac{d}{m}}$
  - This is a fraction of  $1 - e^{1-\frac{d}{m}}$  of total  $t$  nodes
  - Thus

$$F_t(d) = 1 - e^{-\frac{d-m}{m}}$$

- Another way: Mean Field Approximation

# Mean Field Approximation

- Using expected increase in the number of sth as its rate
- Visiting the last example with MFA:

$$\frac{dd_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{m}{t} \Rightarrow d_i(t) = m + m \log\left(\frac{t}{i}\right)$$

$$d = m + m \log\left(\frac{t}{i(d)}\right)$$

$$\frac{i(d)}{t} = e^{-\frac{d-m}{m}}$$

- With the same argumentation we have:

$$F_t(d) = 1 - e^{-\frac{d-m}{m}}$$

# Basic Preferential Attachment Model

- The probability that an existing node  $i$  receives a new link:

$$m \frac{d_i(t)}{\sum_{j=1}^t d_j(t)} = m \frac{d_i(t)}{2mt} = \frac{d_i(t)}{2t}$$

- Using MFA:

$$\frac{dd_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{d_i(t)}{2t}$$

- With initial condition  $d_i(i) = m$  we have:

$$d_i(t) = m \left( \frac{t}{i} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

# Basic Preferential Attachment Model

- We have:

$$\frac{i_t(d)}{t} = \left(\frac{m}{d}\right)^2$$

- Thus

$$F_t(d) = 1 - m^2 d^{-2} \Rightarrow f_t(d) = 2m^2 d^{-3}$$

- If the rate changes to  $\frac{d_i(t)}{\gamma t}$  we have:

$$f_t(d) = \gamma m^\gamma d^{-\gamma-1}$$

Which is a power law distribution

# Hybrid Preferential Attachment Models

- Mixing Random & Preferential Attachment:

$$\frac{dd_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{\alpha m}{t} + \frac{(1-\alpha)md_i(t)}{2mt} = \frac{\alpha m}{t} + \frac{(1-\alpha)d_i(t)}{2t}$$

- By solving the above differential equation we have:

$$d_i(t) = \phi_t(i) = \left(d_0 + \frac{2\alpha m}{1-\alpha}\right) \left(\frac{t}{i}\right)^{(1-\alpha)/2} - \frac{2\alpha m}{1-\alpha}$$

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- To have the degree distribution:
  - If  $d_i(t) = \phi_t(i)$  (the degree of the node with i'th birth)

$$F_t(d) = 1 - \frac{\phi_t^{-1}(d)}{t}$$

$$\phi_t^{-1}(d) = t \left( \frac{d_0 + \frac{2\alpha m}{1-\alpha}}{d + \frac{2\alpha m}{1-\alpha}} \right)^{2/(1-\alpha)} \quad F_t(d) = 1 - \left( \frac{m + \frac{2\alpha m}{1-\alpha}}{d + \frac{2\alpha m}{1-\alpha}} \right)^{2/(1-\alpha)}$$

# Graph Properties

- A property  $P$  holds **almost surely** (or for **almost every** graph), if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[G \text{ has } P] = 1$$

- Evolution of the graph: which properties hold as the probability  $p$  increases?
  - different from the evolving graphs that we will see in the future lectures
- **Threshold phenomena**: Many properties appear suddenly. That is, there exist a probability  $p_c$  such that for  $p < p_c$  the property does not hold and for  $p > p_c$  the property holds.



# Any Question?