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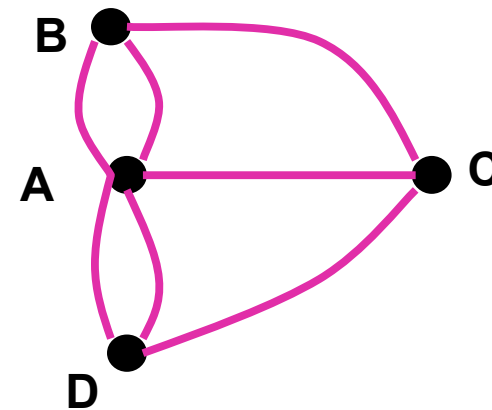
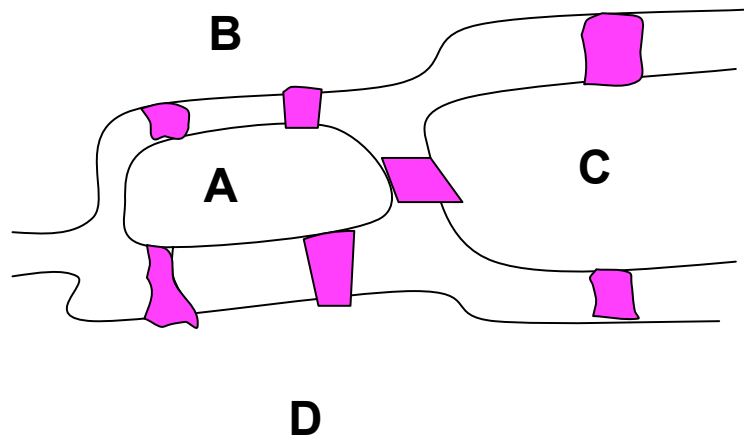
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Graph theory

- 1736 Euler solved the problem of Konisberg bridges



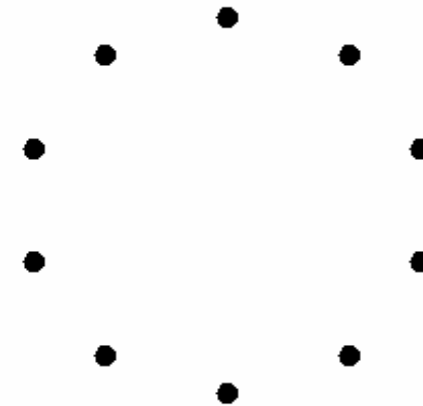
Does it exist a path that goes through each bridge only once and come back to the starting point ?



Random graphs

1947 Erdos paper introduce a **probability space** in graph theory.

- n nodes
- $n(n-1)/2$ total number of possible links
- $2^{n(n-1)/2}$ total number of possible graphs



$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$ -probability space

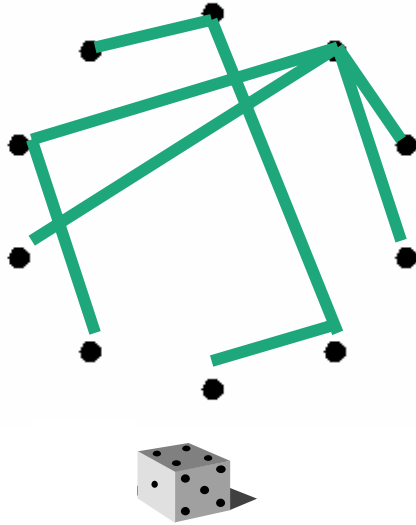
Ω family of graphs with n nodes

\mathcal{F} is the family of all subset of Ω

\mathbf{P} is the probability measure of each graphs realization $(G \in \Omega) \subset$



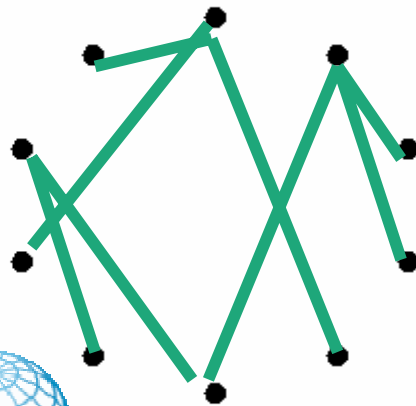
G(n,p) & G(n,M)



G(n,p) - Each couple of nodes are linked with probability p

n nodes
 l links-random variable
 $\langle l \rangle = pn(n-1)/2$

$$P(G) = p^l (1 - p)^{n(n-1)/2 - l}$$



G(n,M)- Graphs with exactly M links

n nodes
 M links

$$P(G) = \frac{1}{\binom{n(n-1)/2}{M}}$$



Rule of thumb:
Asymptotic equivalence
between $G(n,p)$ and $G(n,M)$
when n goes to infinity and $p(n)n(n-1)/2=M(n)$

In the following we will always refer to $G(n,p)$ as Erdos
and Renyi graphs



**Small subgraphs appears
abruptly when we increase p
($p \approx n^{-z}$)
or equivalently
the average number of links in the
network**



Small subgraphs in ER networks

The average number of subgraphs G of v nodes and e links is given by

$$E(X_G) = \binom{n}{v} \frac{v!}{\text{aut}(G)} p^e (1-p)^{v(v-1)/2-e} \approx n^v p^e \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & p \ll n^{-v/e} \\ \infty & p \gg n^{-v/e} \end{cases}$$

Thus we have

$$P(X_G > 0) = o(1) \quad \text{if } p \ll n^{-v/e}$$



Probability of having a subgraph G

The probability that the number of subgraphs of type G is greater than zero satisfy a slightly more subtle condition

$$P(X_G > 0) \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & p \ll n^{-1/m(G)} \\ 1 & p \gg n^{-1/m(G)} \end{cases}$$

Abrupt change

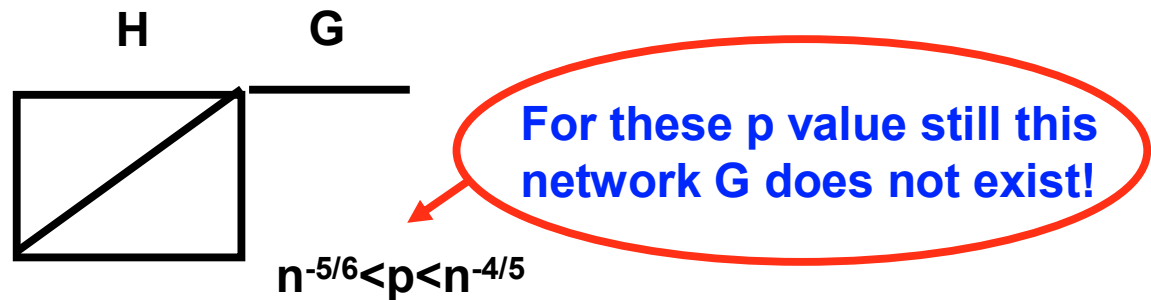
Where $m(G)$ is the density of the denser subset of G

$$m(G) = \max \left\{ \frac{e_H}{v_H} \quad \text{for } H \subset G \right\}$$



Intuition of the previous result

Suppose we want to look of subgraphs of type G : we know for sure that for $p \ll n^{-5/6}$ we don't have the network, what about $p \gg n^{-5/6}$?

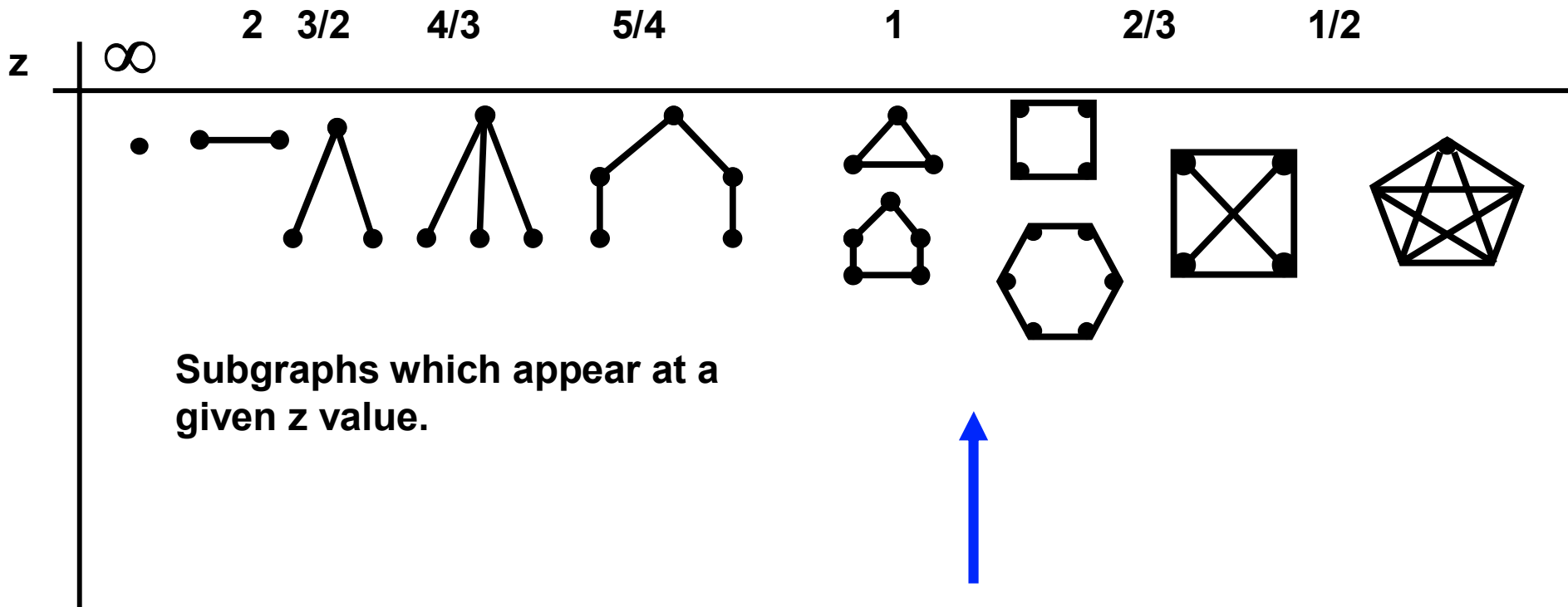


Let's consider the subgraph H we know for sure that this graph is not present in the network for $p \ll n^{-4/5}$ which is grater than $n^{-5/6}$!



Subgraph thresholds

$$p \approx n^{-z}$$



Finite connectivity



**Finite connectivity random
graphs
 $p(n)=c/n$**

Degree distribution of ER networks

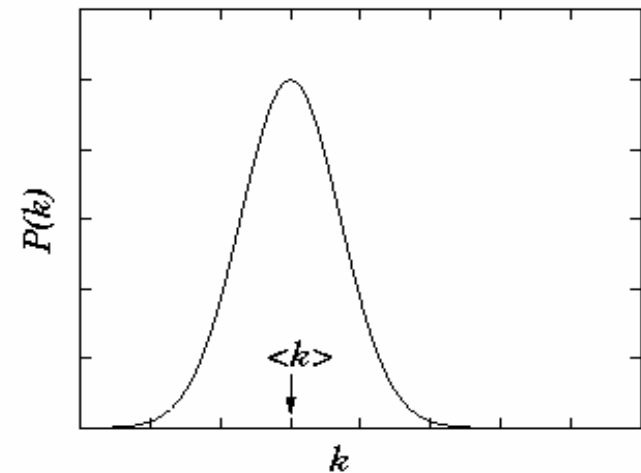
- For each node we extract $n-1$ times a random number with probability p .
- The probability that the node has k links is then

$$P(k) = \binom{n-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-1-k} \approx \frac{1}{k!} c^k e^{-c}$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$pn = c = \text{const}$$

Poisson distribution

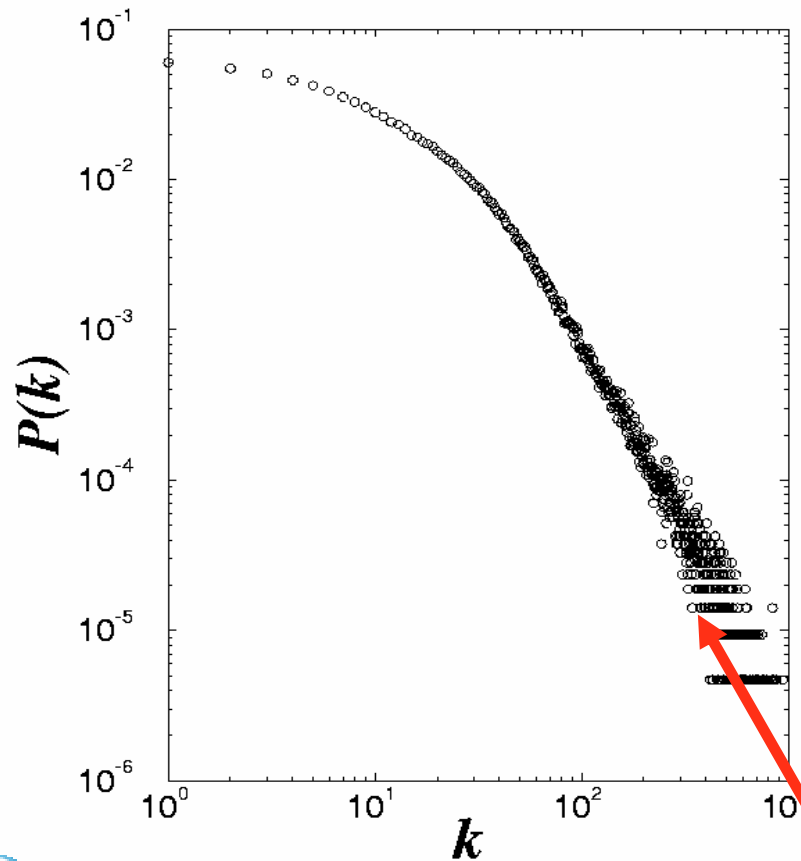


**But the properties
of real graph are different!**



Scale-free degree distribution

$$P(k) \propto k^{-\gamma}$$



with $2 < \gamma < 3$

Well defined average connectivity $\langle k \rangle$
but diverging fluctuation around the mean $\langle k^2 \rangle$

with $1 < \gamma < 2$

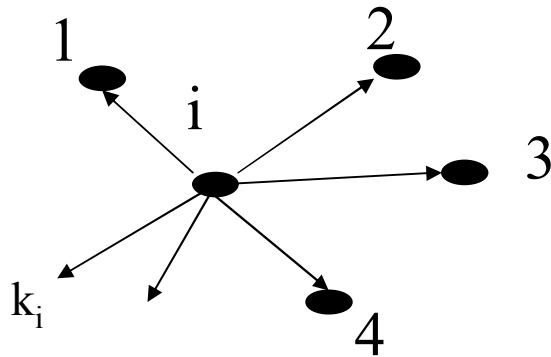
Diverging average connectivity $\langle k \rangle$
and fluctuation around the mean $\langle k^2 \rangle$

Hubs



Clustering Coefficient-Average distance

Clustering: My friends will likely know each other!



Probability to be connected $C \gg p$

$$C = \frac{\# \text{ of links between } 1, 2, \dots, k_i \text{ neighbors}}{k_i(k_i-1)/2}$$

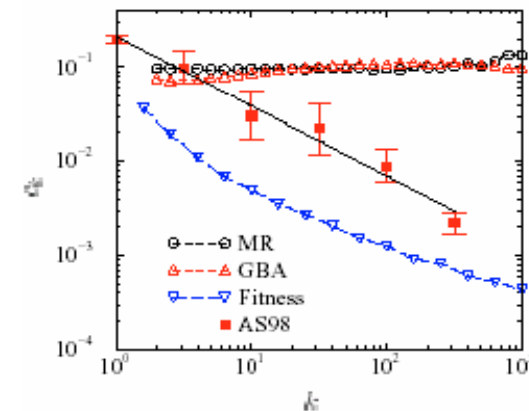
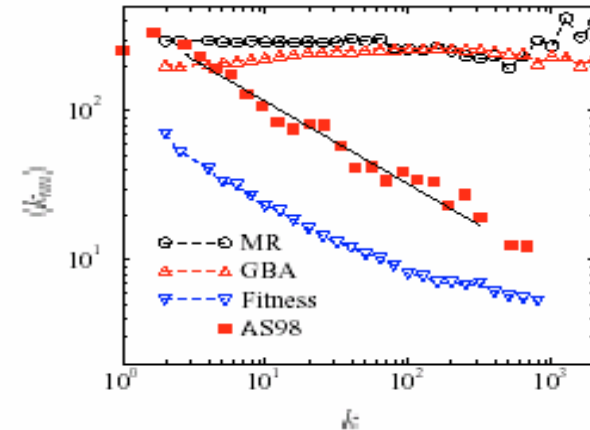
Network	C	C _{rand}	L	N
WWW	0.1078	0.00023	3.1	153127
Internet	0.18-0.3	0.001	3.7-3.76	3015-6209
Actor	0.79	0.00027	3.65	225226
Coauthorship	0.43	0.00018	5.9	52909
Metabolic	0.32	0.026	2.9	282
Foodweb	0.22	0.06	2.43	134
C. elegance	0.28	0.05	2.65	282



Degree-degree correlations for example in Internet

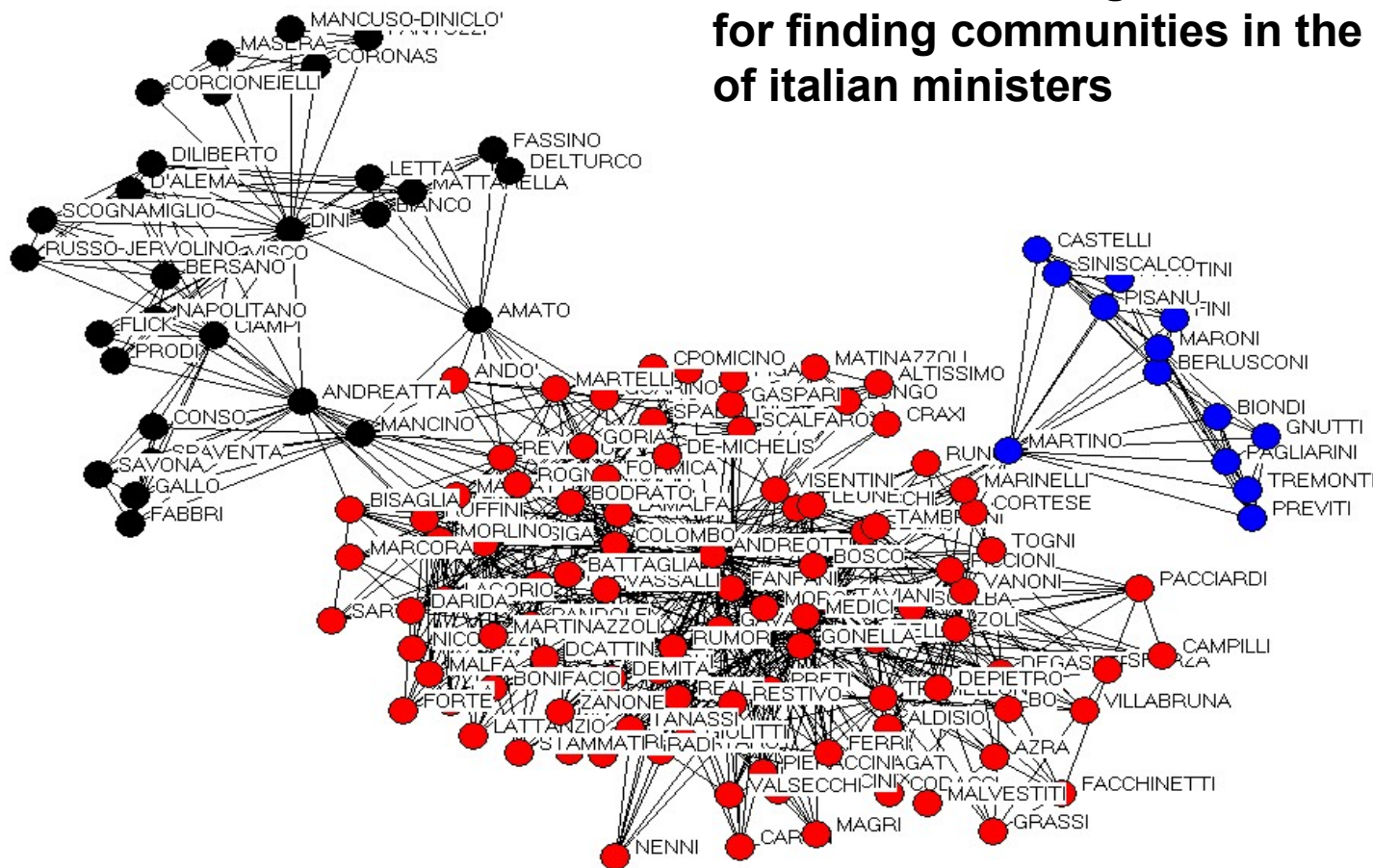
• $\langle k_{nn}(k) \rangle$ mean value of the connectivity of neighbors sites of a node with connectivity k
 If $\alpha < 0$ the network is called **disassortative** while if $\alpha > 0$ the network is **assortative**

• $C(k)$ average clustering coefficient of nodes with connectivity k .
 If $\beta > 0$ the network is called **modular**.



Community detection in the network of italian ministers

Givan, Newman algorithm
for finding communities in the network
of italian ministers



**Lets building up a
random graph
which has at least one of all these
properties:
the degree
distribution**



Ensembles of random graphs with given degree distribution

- **Molloy-Reed ensemble**

To each node of the network i it is assigned a degree k_i from the desired degree distribution. Then edges are randomly matched.

- **Hidden variable ensemble**

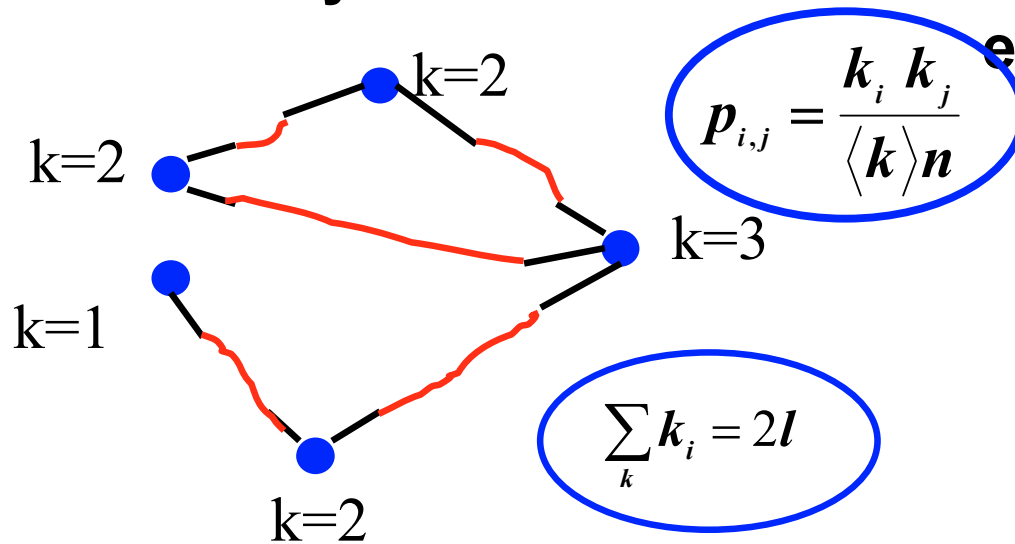
To each node it is assigned a random variable q_i from the desired degree distribution. Each couple of nodes is linked with probability

$$p_{i,j} = \frac{q_i q_j}{\langle q \rangle n}$$



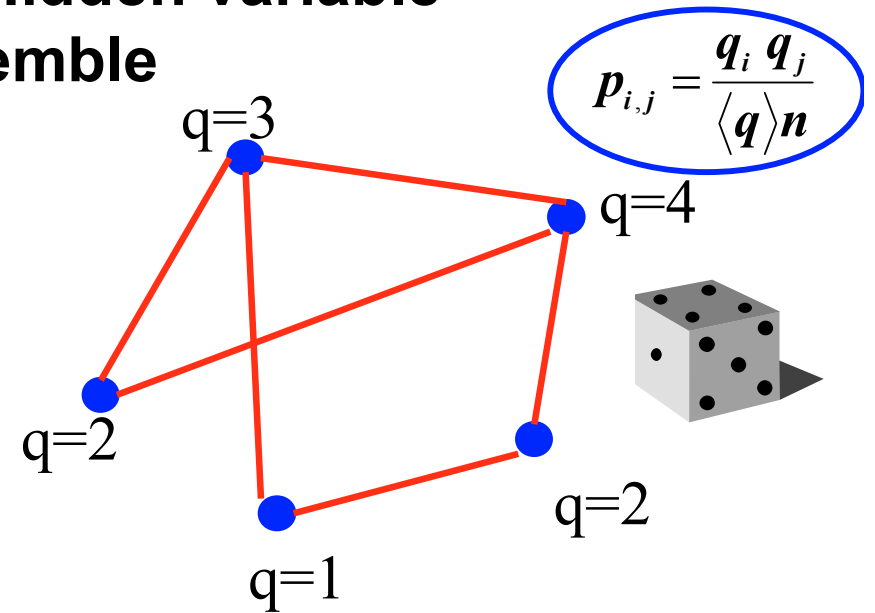
Ensembles of random graphs with given degree distribution

Molloy-Reed ensemble



$$P(k) \quad k \in [m, K]$$

Hidden variable ensemble



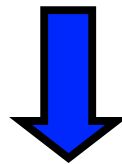
$$P(q) \quad q \in [m, K]$$



In these ensembles one gets the high clustering for free!

In fact the clustering coefficient of a node is given by the average number of triangles divided by the total number of possible triangles passing through that node.

$$C(k_i) = \frac{1}{k_i(k_i - 1)} \left\langle \frac{(k_i - 1)k'(k' - 1)k''(k'' - 1)k_i}{\langle k \rangle^3} \right\rangle_{k', k''} = \frac{\langle k(k - 1) \rangle^2}{\langle k \rangle^3}$$



But no correlations!!!

For $2 < \gamma < 3$ the numerator diverges and we have a clustering coefficient much higher than the one of random graphs

$$C(k) \approx \text{const} \approx N^{-(\gamma-1)/2} \gg C_{ER} \approx N^{-1}$$



**Giant component
in random graphs
with finite connectivity**

Generating functions

$$P(k)$$

Probability distribution

$$F(z) = \sum_k P(k) z^k$$

Generating function

The derivatives of the generating function provides the all the moments of the distribution

$$F'(1) = \langle k \rangle$$

$$F''(1) = \langle k(k-1) \rangle$$

⋮



Properties of generating functions

$$\{f_s\}$$

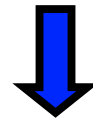
$$F(z)$$

$$\{h_s\}$$

$$H(z)$$

$$s=s_1+s_2$$

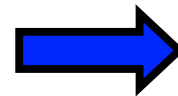
$$h_s = \sum_{s_1, s_2} f_{s_1} f_{s_2} \delta_{s_1+s_2, s}$$



$$H(z) = F(z)^2$$

Then it is clear that if

$$s=s_1+s_2+\dots+s_k$$



$$H(z) = F(z)^k$$



Generating functions for the degree distribution

Generating function for the degree distribution

$$\{p_k\} \quad \longrightarrow \quad G_0(z) = \sum_k p_k z^k$$

Generating function for the degree of the nodes that we arrive at by following a link

$$\left\{ p'_{k-1} = \frac{kp_k}{\langle k \rangle} \right\} \quad \longrightarrow \quad G_1(z) = \frac{1}{\langle k \rangle} \sum_k kp_k z^{k-1}$$

For a ER graph

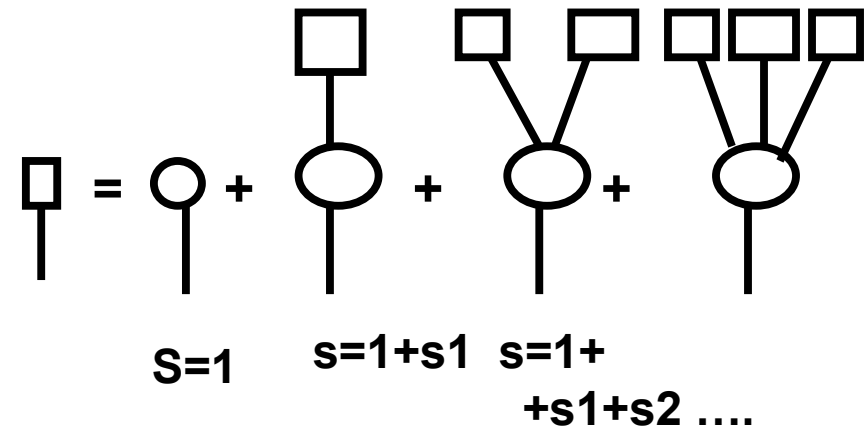
$$G_0(z) = G_1(z) = e^{c(z-1)}$$



Generating functions for the cluster distribution

Generating function for the probability distribution that following a link we reach a cluster of finite size s

$$H_1(z) = zG_1(H_1(z))$$



Generating function for the probability distribution that choosing a node randomly we reach a cluster of finite size s

$$H_0(z) = zG_0(H_1(z))$$



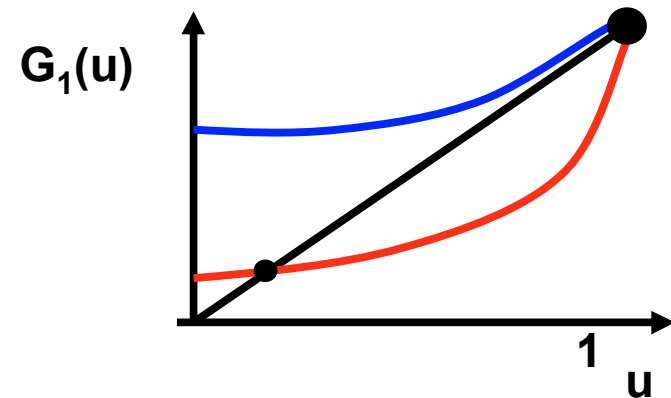
Giant component

Probability that following a link we are not
In the giant component u satisfy:

$$H_1(1) = u = G_1(u)$$



$$\begin{cases} G'(1) = \frac{\langle k(k-1) \rangle}{\langle k \rangle} > 1 \quad u < 1 & \text{there is a GC} \\ G'(1) = \frac{\langle k(k-1) \rangle}{\langle k \rangle} \leq 1 \quad u = 1 & \text{there is no GC} \end{cases}$$



- In scale-free graphs with $\gamma < 3$ there is always a GC
- In ER graphs there is a phase transition
the birth of the GC at $c = \langle k \rangle = 1$



Birth of the giant component in ER graph

As we change c in a random ER graph we find a phase transition at $c=1$:

one cluster of size of order n emerges.

This phase transition is exactly the same as percolation in infinite dimension and is naturally described by statistical mechanics methods.



Description of the phase transition

$$P \approx (c - 1)^\beta$$

Size of the giant component

$$\langle s \rangle \approx |c - 1|^{-\gamma, \gamma'}$$

Average size of the finite components

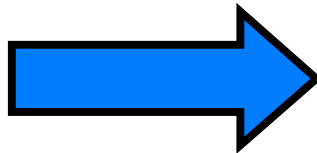
$$n_s \approx s^{-\tau-1} e^{-s|c-1|^\sigma}$$

Distribution of the finite components

$$\beta = \gamma = \gamma' = 1$$

$$\tau = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\sigma = 2$$



Size of the giant component in ER graph

- $S=1-u$ is the probability that following a link we end in the giant component.
- P is the probability that choosing randomly a node it belongs to the giant component
- In a ER graph S satisfy

$$S = 1 - e^{-cS} \approx cS - \frac{1}{2}c^2S^2 \quad \leftarrow H_1(z) = zG_1(H_1(z))$$

$$1 - S = G_1(1 - S)$$

$$S \approx \frac{2(c-1)}{c^2}$$

$$P \approx S \approx (c-1)^\beta \quad \beta = 1$$

$$\leftarrow H_0(z) = zG_0(H_1(z))$$

$$1 - P = G_0(1 - S)$$



Average size of finite components

The average sizes of finite components are given by moment of $H'_0(1)$.

- Lets calculate how the average size of these components diverges with $(1-c)$ for $c < 1$

$$\langle s \rangle = 1 + \frac{G'_0(1)}{1 - G'_1(1)} = 1 + \frac{c}{1 - c} \approx (1 - c)^{-\gamma} \quad \gamma = 1$$

- For $c > 1$ one has to be careful and calculate everything at $z=1$, and $H_1(1)=u$, one finds

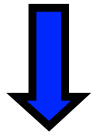
$$\langle s \rangle \approx \frac{1}{1 - G'_1(u)} = \frac{1}{1 - c(1 - S)} \approx (c - 1)^{-\gamma'} \quad \gamma' = 1$$



Distribution of the size of finite clusters

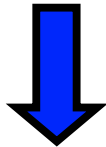
$$n_s \approx s^{-\tau-1} \exp(-s|c-1|^\sigma)$$

Distribution of clusters



$$P_0(s) \approx s^{-\tau} \exp(-s|c-1|^\sigma)$$

Distribution of cluster of size s
when choosing a random node



$$P_1(s) \approx s^{-\tau} \exp(-s|c-1|^\sigma)$$

Distribution of cluster of size s
when choosing a random link



Distribution of clusters found following a link

If we suppose
then

$$P_1(s) = s^{-\tau} \Phi(s|c-1|^\sigma)$$

$$H_1(e^{-\alpha}) = u - \alpha^{\tau-1} h(\alpha/|c-1|^\sigma)$$

In fact we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_1(e^{-\alpha}) &= u - \int ds s^{-\tau} \Phi(s\varepsilon^\sigma)(1 - e^{-\alpha s}) \\ &= u - \alpha^{\tau-1} h(\alpha/\varepsilon^\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

Where $\varepsilon = |c-1|$



τ and σ exponents

$$H_1(z) = zG_1(H_1(z))$$

$$1 - \alpha^{\tau-1}h(x) = (1 - \alpha)(1 - c\alpha^{\tau-1}h(x) + \frac{1}{2}c^2\alpha^{2\tau-2}h^2(x)) + O(\alpha^{3(\tau-1)})$$

$$(1 - c)\alpha^{\tau-1}h(x) - \alpha + \frac{1}{2}c^2\alpha^{2\tau-2}h^2(x) + \dots = 0$$

$$x^{-\sigma}\alpha^{\tau-1+\sigma}h(x) - \alpha + \frac{1}{2}c^2\alpha^{2\tau-2}h^2(x) + \dots = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \tau & = & \frac{3}{2} \\ \sigma & = & 2 \end{cases}$$



Average distance in ER graph

The network is locally a tree the number of nodes z_m at distance m is given by

$$z_m \approx c \left(\frac{z_2}{z_1} \right)^{m-1} \approx c^m$$

The average distance is given by d such that

$$\sum_{m=0,d} z_m \approx c^d = n$$

Thus d scales as the logarithm of the network size

$$d \approx \log(n) / \log(c)$$



Summary

- *Introduction to random graphs ensembles*
 - *ER graphs*
 - *Given degree distribution random graphs*
- *Abrupt appearance of small subgraphs in ER graphs*
- *Condition for existence of the giant component in any type of random graphs*
- *Description of the birth of the giant component in ER graphs*



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