Network models: dynamic growth and small world

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Network models

Empirical network features:

- Power-law (heavy-tailed) degree distribution
- Small average distance (graph diameter)
- Large clustering coefficient (transitivity)
- Giant connected component, hierarchical structure,etc

Generative models:

- Random graph model (Erdos & Renyi, 1959)
- Preferential attachment model (Barabasi & Albert, 1999)
- Small world model (Watts & Strogatz, 1998)

Motivation

Most of the networks we study are evolving over time, they expand by adding new nodes:

- Citation networks
- Collaboration networks
- Web
- Social networks

Preferential attachment model

Barabasi and Albert, 1999

Dynamic growth model

Start at $t = 0$ with n_0 nodes and some edges $m_0 \geq n_0$

1. **Growth**

   At each time step add a new node with m edges $(m \leq n_0)$, connecting to m nodes already in netwrok $k_i(i) = m$

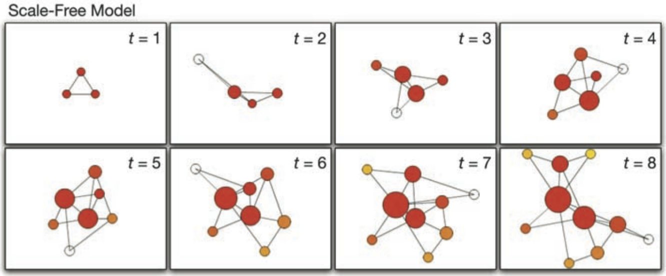
2. **Preferential attachment**

   The probability of linking to existing node i is proportional to the node degree k_i

$$\Pi(k_i) = \frac{k_i}{\sum_i k_i}$$

after t timesteps: $t + n_0$ nodes, $mt + m_0$ edges

Preferential attachment model



Barabasi, 1999

Preferential attachment

Continues approximation: continues time, real variable node degree
$\langle k_i(t) \rangle$- expected value over multiple realizations
Time-dependent degree of a single node:

$$k_i(t + \delta t) = k_i(t) + m\Pi(k_i)\delta t$$

$$\frac{dk_i(t)}{dt} = m\Pi(k_i) = m\frac{k_i}{\sum_i k_i} = \frac{mk_i}{2mt}$$

$$\frac{dk_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{k_i(t)}{2t}$$

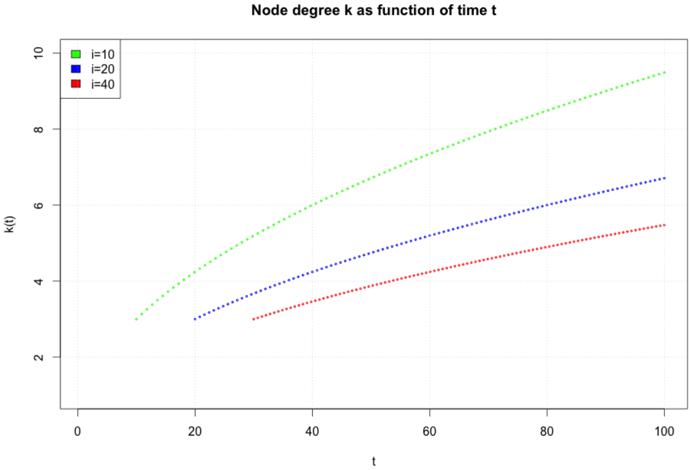
initial conditions: $k_i(t = i) = m$

$$\int_m^{k_i(t)} \frac{dk_i}{k_i} = \int_i^t \frac{dt}{2t}$$

Solution:

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

Preferential attachement



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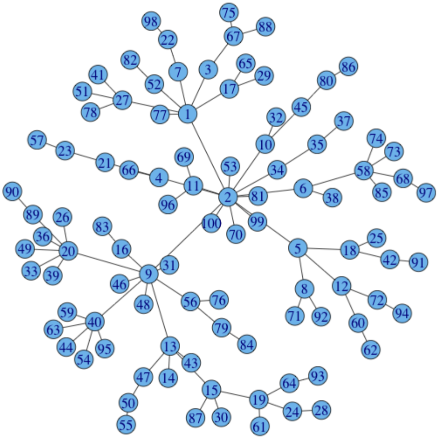


Preferential attachment

Time evolution of a node degree

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

Nodes with $k_i(t) \leq k$:

$$m\left(\frac{t}{i}\right)^{1/2} \leq k$$

$$i \geq \frac{m^2}{k^2}t$$

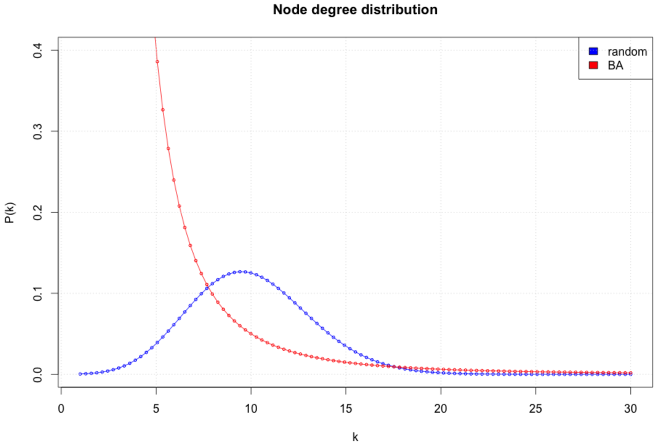
Probability of randomly selected node to have $k' \leq k$ (fraction of nodes with $k' \leq k$)

$$F(k) = P(k' \leq k) = \frac{n_0 + t - m^2 t/k^2}{n_0 + t} \approx 1 - \frac{m^2}{k^2}$$

Distribution function:

$$P(k) = \frac{d}{dk}F(k) = \frac{2m^2}{k^3}$$

Preferential attachment vs random graph



$$BA: P(k) = \frac{2m^2}{k^3}, \qquad ER: P(k) = \frac{\langle k \rangle^k e^{-\langle k \rangle}}{k!}, \quad \langle k \rangle = pn$$

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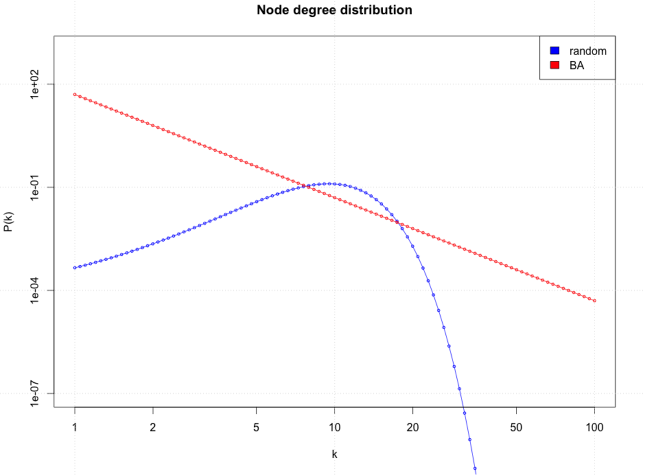

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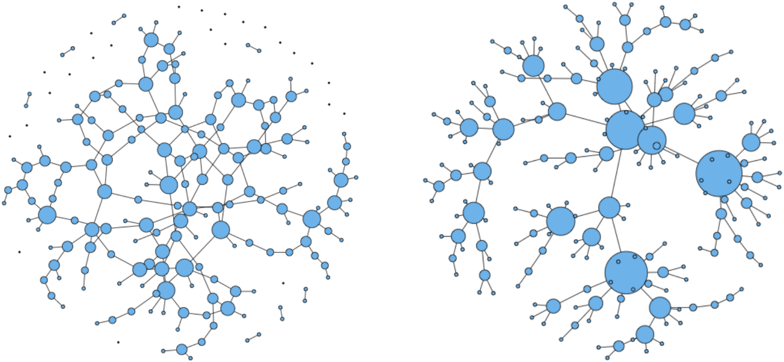
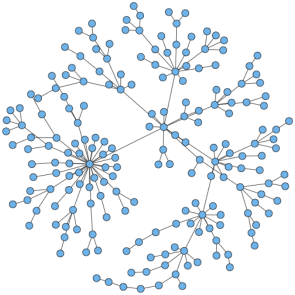


Preferential attachment model



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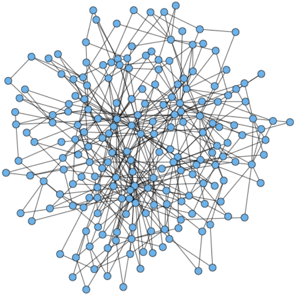
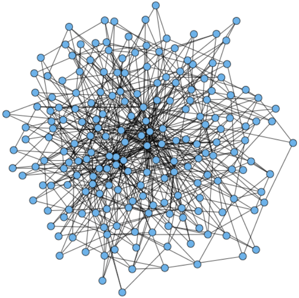


$m = 2$



$m = 3$

Growing random graph

1. **Growth**
   At each time step add a new node with m edges ($m \leq n_0$), connecting to m nodes already in network $k_i(i) = m$
2. ~~**Preferential attachment**~~ **Uniformly at random**
   The probability of linking to existing node i is

$$\Pi(k_i) = \frac{1}{n_0 + t - 1}$$

Node degree growth:

$$k_i(t) = m\left(1 + \log\left(\frac{t}{i}\right)\right)$$

Node degree distribution function:

$$P(k) = \frac{e}{m}\exp\left(-\frac{k}{m}\right)$$

Preferential attachment

- Power law distribution function:

$$P(k) = \frac{2m^2}{k^3}$$

- Average path length (analytical result) :

$$\langle L \rangle \sim \log(N)/\log(\log(N))$$

- Clustering coefficient (numerical result):

$$C \sim N^{-0.75}$$

Many more models

Some other models that produce scale-free networks:

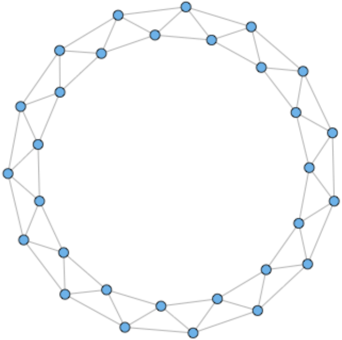
- Non-linear preferential attachment
- Link selection model
- Copying model
- Cost-optimization model
- ...

Historical note

- Polya urn model, George Polya, 1923
- Yule process, Udny Yule, 1925
- Distribution of wealth, Herbert Simon,1955
- Evolution of citation networks, cumulative advantage, Derek de Solla Price, 1976
- Preferential attachment network model, Barabasi and Albert, 1999

Small world

Motivation: keep high clustering, get small diameter



Clustering coefficient $C = 1/2$
Graph diameter $d = 8$

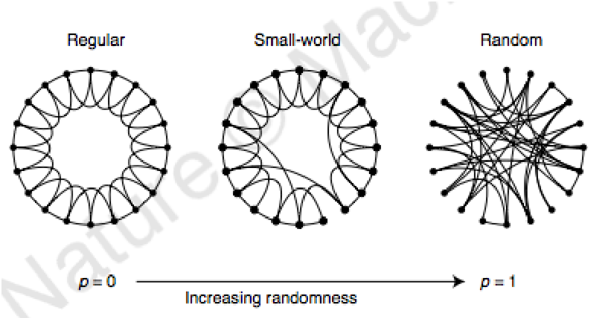
Small world

Watts and Strogatz, 1998

Single parameter model, interpolation between regular lattice and random graph

- start with regular lattice with n nodes, k edges per vertex (node degree), $k << n$
- randomly connect with other nodes with probability p, forms $pnk/2$ "long distance" connections from total of $nk/2$ edges
- $p = 0$ regular lattice, $p = 1$ random graph

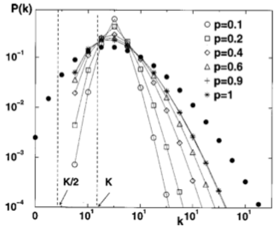
Small world

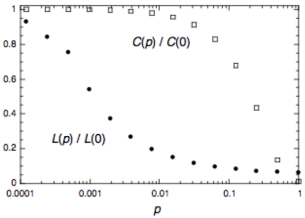


Watts, 1998

Small world model

- Node degree distribution:
  Poisson like
- Ave. path length $\langle L(p) \rangle$:
  $p \to 0$, ring lattice, $\langle L(0) \rangle = 2n/k$
  $p \to 1$, random graph, $\langle L(1) \rangle = \log(n)/\log(k)$
- Clustering coefficient $C(p)$:
  $p \to 0$, ring lattice, $C(0) = 3/4 = const$
  $p \to 1$, random graph, $C(1) = k/n$





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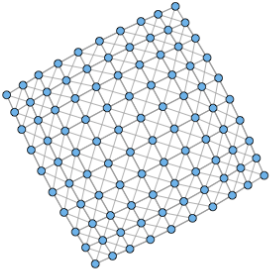
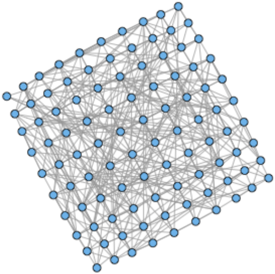
Small world model





20% rewiring:

ave. path length $= 3.58 \rightarrow$ ave. path length $= 2.32$

clust. coeff $= 0.49 \rightarrow$ clust. coeff $= 0.19$

Model comparison

	Random	BA model	WS model	Empirical networks
P(k)	$\frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$	k^{-3}	poisson like	power law
C	$\langle k \rangle / N$	$N^{-0.75}$	const	large
$\langle L \rangle$	$\frac{\log(N)}{\log(\langle k \rangle)}$	$\frac{\log(N)}{\log\log(N)}$	$\log(N)$	small

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