

Erdős-Rényi *random graph*

introduction to *network analysis* (*ina*)

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graph *models*

- *graph model* is *ensemble* of random graphs
- *algorithm* for random graphs of given parameters
 - *baseline* for *network structure* statistics
 - for *reasoning* about *network evolution*
 - for *generating* new *large graphs*
- *random graph* refers to *Erdős-Rényi model* [ER59]

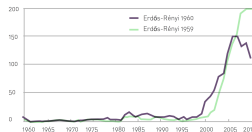
assume *undirected* G from now on



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Erdős-Rényi model

graph $G(n, m)$ model

- $G(n, m)$ random graph model [ER59]
- randomly place m links between $\binom{n}{2}$ node pairs
- computationally convenient but analytically hard

$$n, m \text{ given} \quad \langle k \rangle = 2m/n$$

input parameters n, m

output graph G

- 1: $G \leftarrow n$ isolated nodes
- 2: **while not** G has m links **do**
- 3: add link btw random node pair
- 4: **return** G

graph $G(n, p)$ model

- $G(n, p)$ *random graph* model [SR51]
 - *place links* between $\binom{n}{2}$ node pairs *with probability* p
 - *computationally hard* but *analytically convenient*
- n, p given $m, \langle k \rangle$ *unknown*

input parameters n, p

output graph G

- 1: $G \leftarrow n$ isolated nodes
- 2: **for all** $\binom{n}{2}$ node pairs in G **do**
- 3: add link with probability p
- 4: **return** G

graph *density* & *degree*

— *number of links* m follows *binomial distribution* $B\left(\binom{n}{2}, p\right)$

$x \sim B(n, p)$ then $p_x = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ and $\langle x \rangle = np$

$$\langle m \rangle = \sum_{m=0}^{\binom{n}{2}} m P(m) = \sum_{m=0}^{\binom{n}{2}} m \binom{\binom{n}{2}}{m} p^m (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2}-m} = \binom{n}{2} p$$

— then *density* $\rho = p$ and *average degree* $\langle k \rangle = (n-1)p$



graph *degree distribution*

- *degree distribution* p_k is also *binomial distribution* $B(n-1, p)$

$x \sim B(n, p)$ then $p_x = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ and $\langle x \rangle = np$

$$p_k = \binom{n-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-1-k}$$

- p_k approximately *Poisson distribution* $\text{Pois}(\langle k \rangle)$ for $n \gg \langle k \rangle$

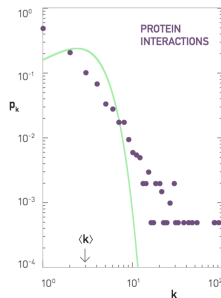
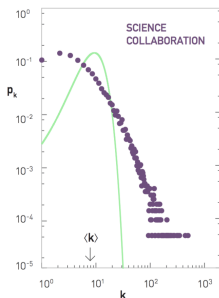
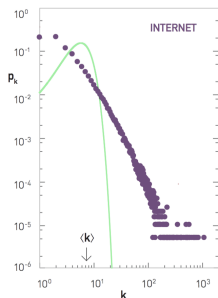
$x \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$ then $p_x = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$ and $\langle x \rangle = \lambda$

$$\ln \left[(1-p)^{n-1-k} \right] = (n-1-k) \ln \left(1 - \frac{\langle k \rangle}{n-1} \right) \simeq -(n-1-k) \frac{\langle k \rangle}{n-1} \simeq -\langle k \rangle$$

$$p_k \simeq \frac{(n-1)^k}{k!} \left(\frac{\langle k \rangle}{n-1} \right)^k e^{-\langle k \rangle} = \frac{\langle k \rangle^k e^{-\langle k \rangle}}{k!}$$

network *degree distribution*

- *scale-free* $p_k \sim k^{-\gamma}$ of real networks [Bar16]
- real networks are *not random graphs* [ER59]
- random graphs *lack hubs* with $k \gg \langle k \rangle$

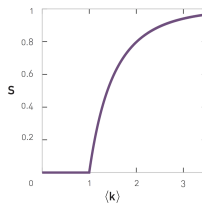
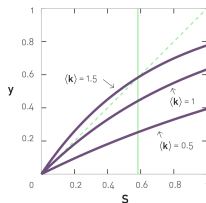


graph *connectivity*

- *fraction of nodes* in *giant component* S for $n \gg \langle k \rangle$

$$\ln(1 - S) = (n - 1) \ln(1 - pS) \simeq -(n - 1)pS = -(n - 1) \frac{\langle k \rangle}{n - 1} S = -\langle k \rangle S$$

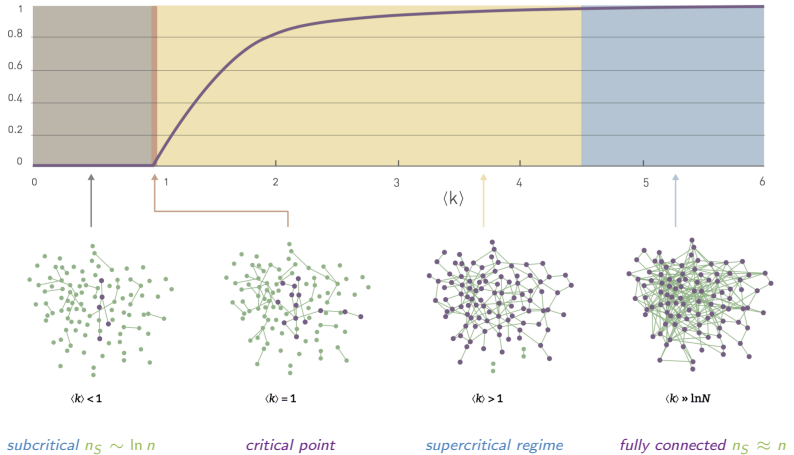
$$1 - S = (1 - p + p(1 - S))^{n-1} \quad S = 1 - e^{-\langle k \rangle S}$$



- *emergence* of *giant component* or *phase transition* at $\langle k \rangle = 1$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dS} (1 - e^{-\langle k \rangle S}) \right|_{S=0} = \langle k \rangle e^{-\langle k \rangle S} \Big|_{S=0} = \langle k \rangle > 1$$

graph *evolution*

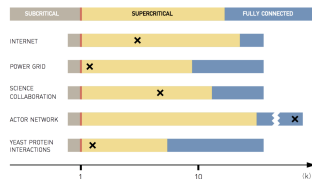


see random graph evolution [NetLogo](#) demo

network *connectivity*

- *connectivity* of real networks [Bar16]
- networks *supercritical* with $1 < \langle k \rangle < \ln n$

NETWORK	N	L	$\langle k \rangle$	$\ln N$
Internet	192,244	609,066	6.34	12.17
Power Grid	4,941	6,594	2.67	8.51
Science Collaboration	23,133	94,439	8.08	10.05
Actor Network	702,388	29,397,908	83.71	13.46
Protein Interactions	2,018	2,930	2.90	7.61



- *Facebook* friendships [BBR⁺12] *connected* $S > 0.997$

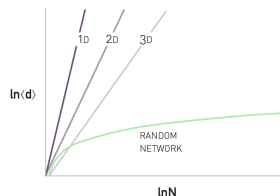
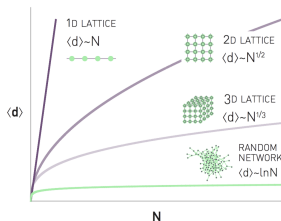
graph *diameter & distance*

- *diameter* d_{max} and *average distance* $\langle d \rangle$ for $n \gg \langle k \rangle$

$$1 + \langle k \rangle + \langle k \rangle^2 + \dots + \langle k \rangle^{d_{max}} = \frac{\langle k \rangle^{d_{max}+1} - 1}{\langle k \rangle - 1} \approx \langle k \rangle^{d_{max}} \simeq n$$

$$d_{max} \simeq \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle} \quad \langle d \rangle \approx \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$$

- $\langle d \rangle = 4.74$ for *Facebook* [BBR⁺12] while $\frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle} = 3.98$
- random graphs *short distances* opposed to *lattices*



network *diameter & distance*

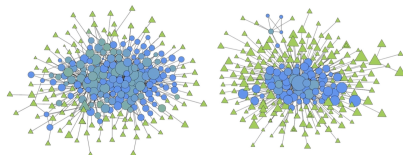
- *diameter* d_{max} and *distance* $\langle d \rangle$ of real networks [Bar16]
- $\langle d \rangle$ *well estimated* by $\frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$ whereas $d_{max} \gg \frac{\ln n}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$

NETWORK	N	L	$\langle k \rangle$	$\langle d \rangle$	d_{max}	$\frac{\ln N}{\ln \langle k \rangle}$
Internet	192,244	609,066	6.34	6.98	26	6.58
WWW	325,729	1,497,134	4.60	11.27	93	8.31
Power Grid	4,941	6,594	2.67	18.99	46	8.66
Mobile Phone Calls	36,595	91,826	2.51	11.72	39	11.42
Email	57,194	103,731	1.81	5.88	18	18.4
Science Collaboration	23,133	93,439	8.08	5.35	15	4.81
Actor Network	702,388	29,397,908	83.71	3.91	14	3.04
Citation Network	449,673	4,707,958	10.43	11.21	42	5.55
E. Coli Metabolism	1,039	5,802	5.58	2.98	8	4.04
Protein Interactions	2,018	2,930	2.90	5.61	14	7.14

graph *clustering*

- *clustering coefficients* $\langle C \rangle$ [WS98] and C [NSW01]

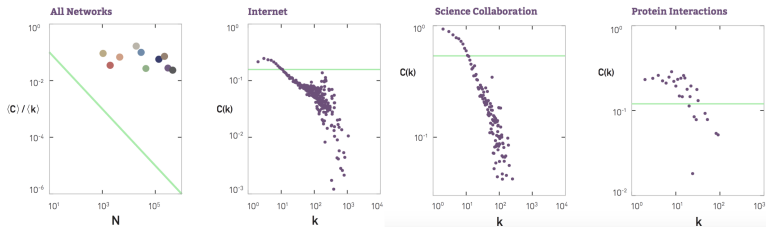
$$C = \langle C \rangle = \langle C_i \rangle = \frac{\langle t_i \rangle}{\binom{k_i}{2}} = \frac{\rho \binom{k_i}{2}}{\binom{k_i}{2}} = \rho$$



- $\langle C \rangle = 0.61$ for *Facebook* social circles [NL12] while $\rho < 10^{-6}$
- random graphs *lack clustering* for $n \gg \langle k \rangle$ opposed to *lattices*

network *clustering*

- *clustering* $\langle C \rangle$ and $C(k)$ of real networks [Bar16]
- C is *under-/overestimated* for *low-/high- k* nodes
- random graphs *substantially underestimate* $\langle C \rangle$



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