

Data Structures and Algorithms for Engineers

Module 9: Complex Networks

Lecture 1: The importance of complex networks and network science,
review of graph theory.

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Complex Networks

- The importance of complex networks and network science
- Review of graph theory
 - Euler's theorem: the Bridges of Königsberg
 - Networks vs. graphs
 - Degree, average degree, and degree distribution
 - Bipartite networks
 - Path length, BFS, Connectivity, Components
 - Clustering coefficient

This lecture is based on Chapters 1 and 2 of *Network Science* by A.-L. Barabási [see <https://networksciencebook.com/>]

Network Science

by Albert-László Barabási

1. Introduction

2. Graph Theory

3. Random Networks

4. The Scale-Free Property

5. The Barabási-Albert Model

6. Evolving Networks

7. Degree Correlations

8. Network Robustness

9. Communities

10. Spreading Phenomena

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Economic Impact: From Web Search to Social Networking

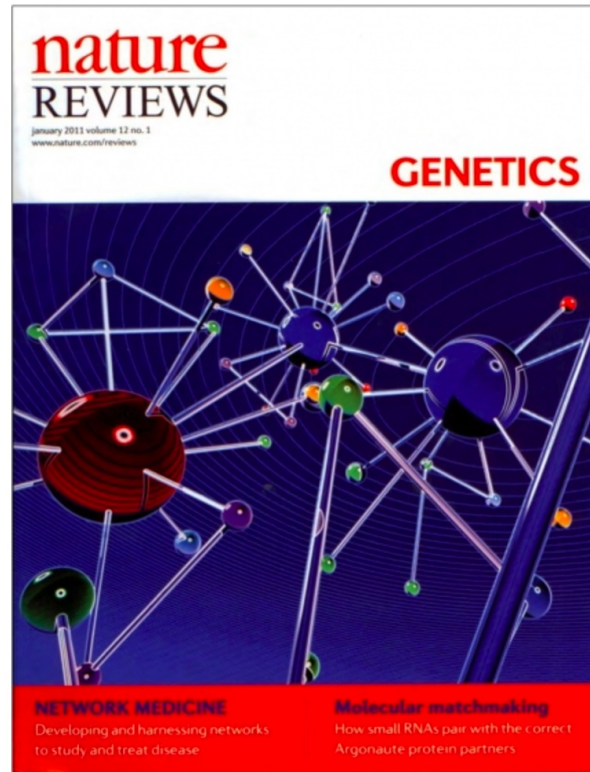
“The most successful companies of the 21st century, from Google to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Cisco, Apple and Akamai, **base their technology and business model on networks**”

A.-L. Barabási

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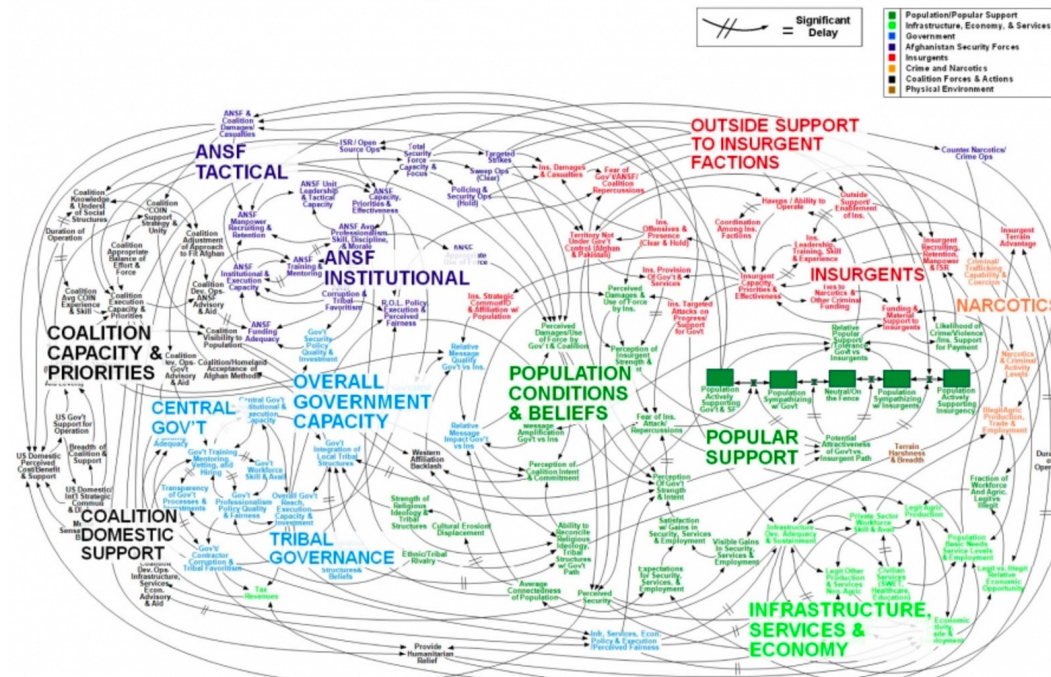
Health: From Drug Design to Metabolic Engineering



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Security: Fighting Terrorism

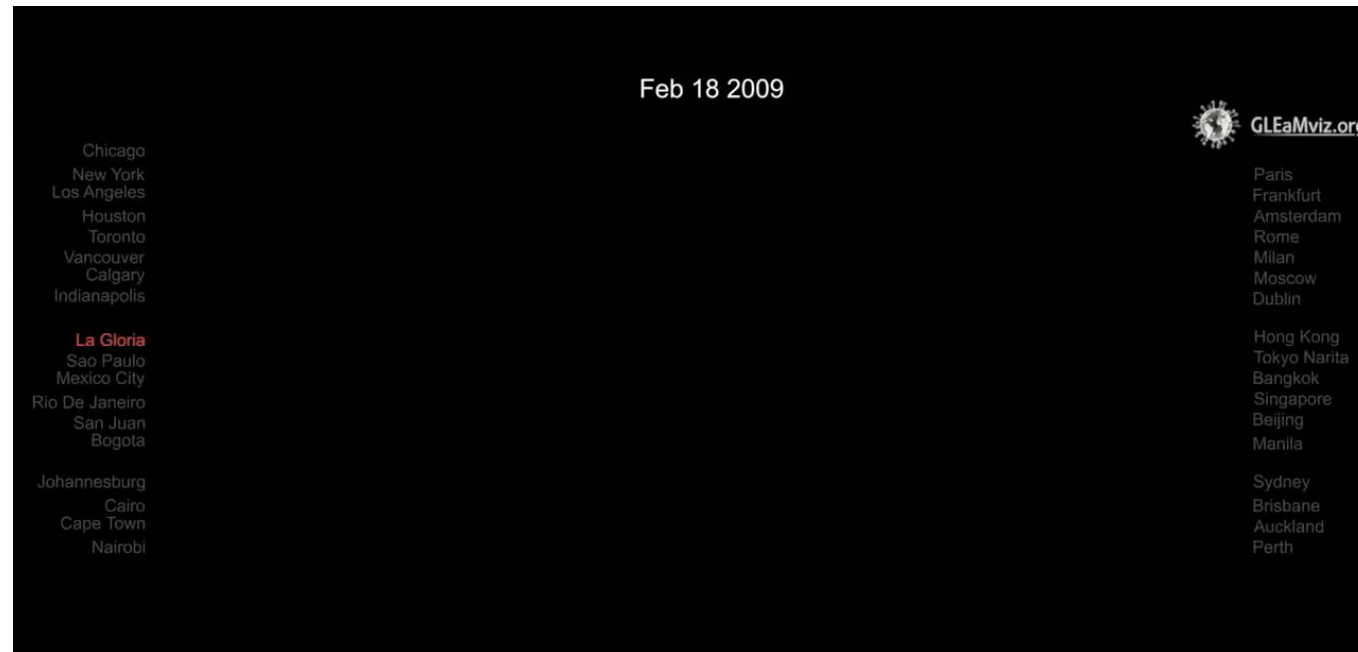


This diagram was designed during the Afghan war in 2012 to portray the American operational plans in Afghanistan

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Epidemics: from Forecasting to Halting Deadly Viruses



The predicted spread of the H1N1 epidemics during 2009, representing the first successful real-time prediction of a pandemic

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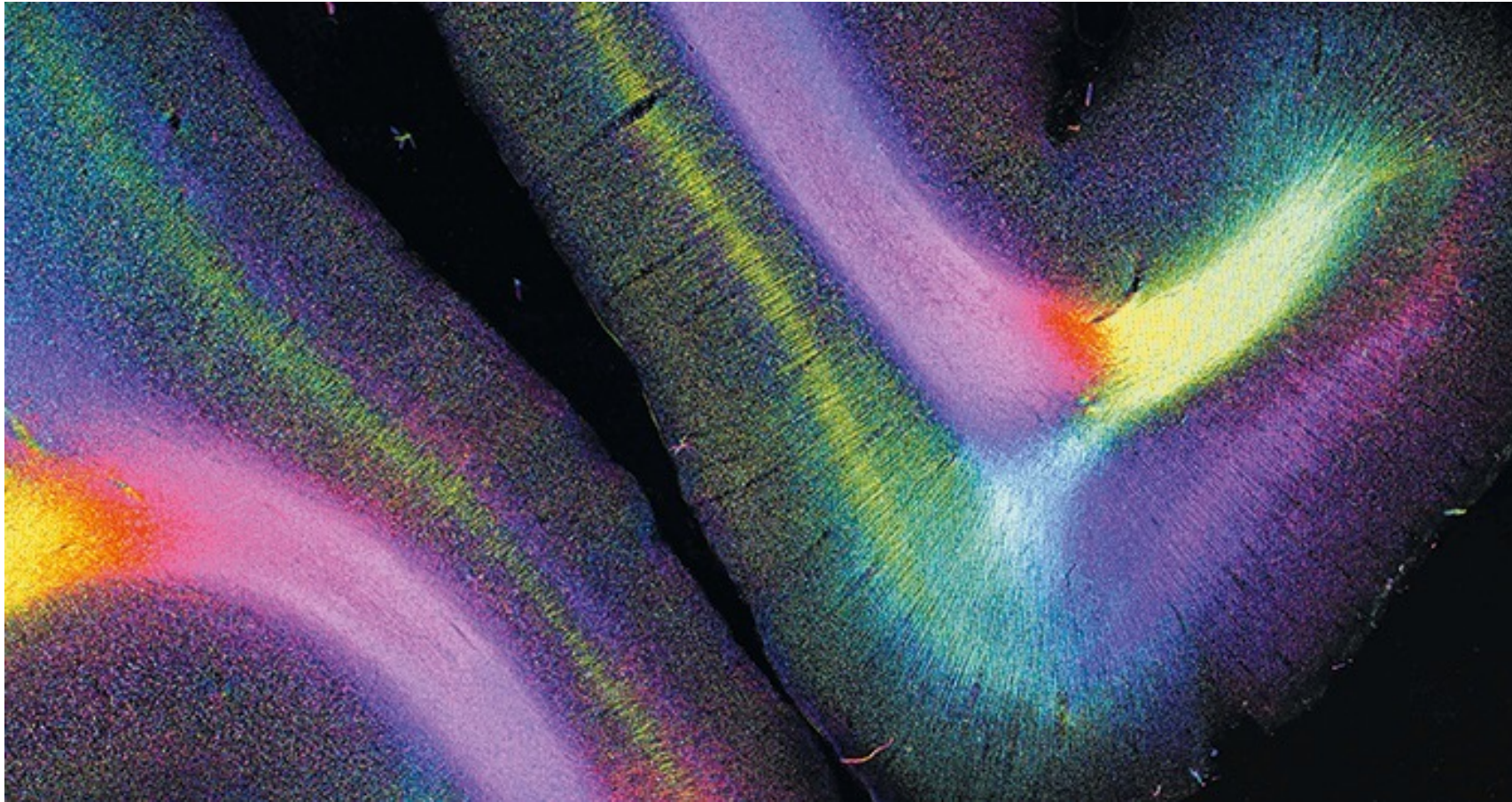
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Neuroscience: Mapping the Brain



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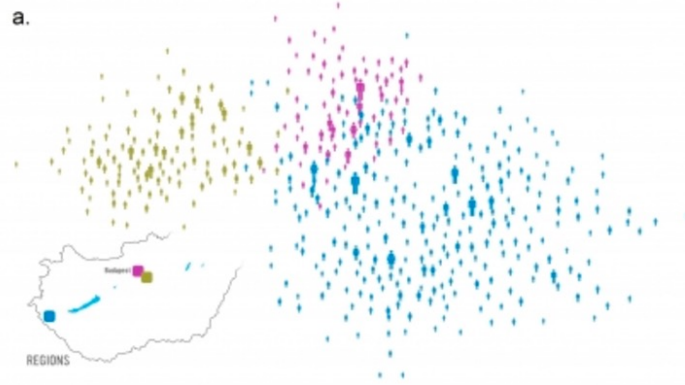
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Management: Uncovering the Internal Structure of an Organization



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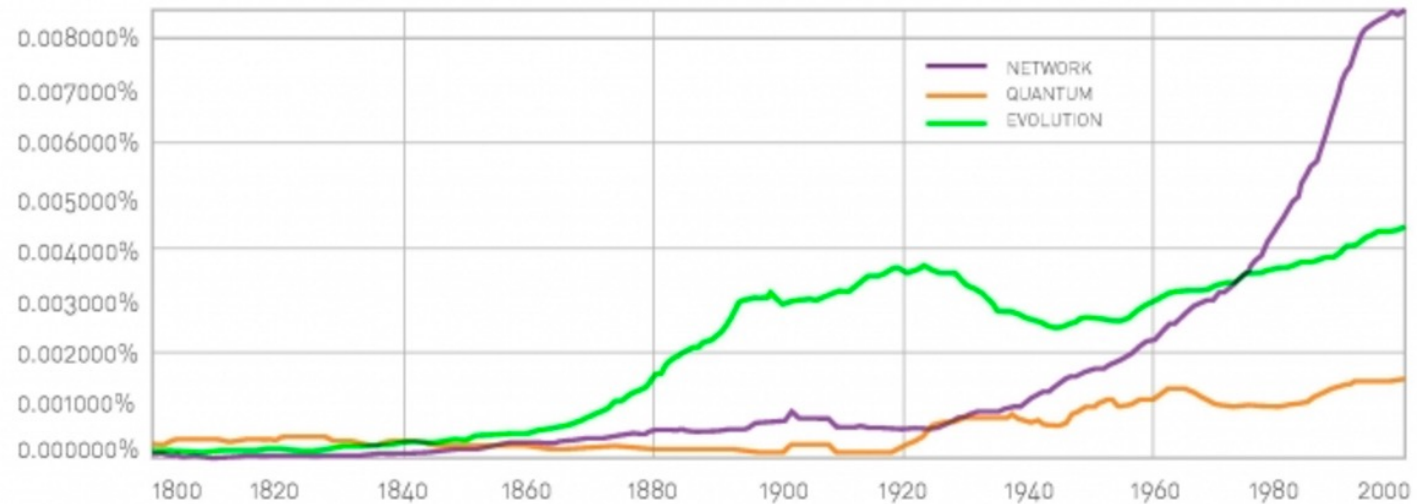


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The Rise of Networks:

The frequency of use of the words **evolution**, **quantum**, and **network** in books since 1880



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“Network science is an enabling platform, offering novel tools and perspectives for a wide range of scientific problems, from social networking to drug design.”

A.-L. Barabási

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“A key discovery of network science is that **the architecture of networks** emerging in various domains of science, nature, and technology **are similar to each other**,

a consequence of being **governed by the same organizing principles**.

Consequently, we can use a **common set of mathematical tools** to explore these systems.”

A.-L. Barabási

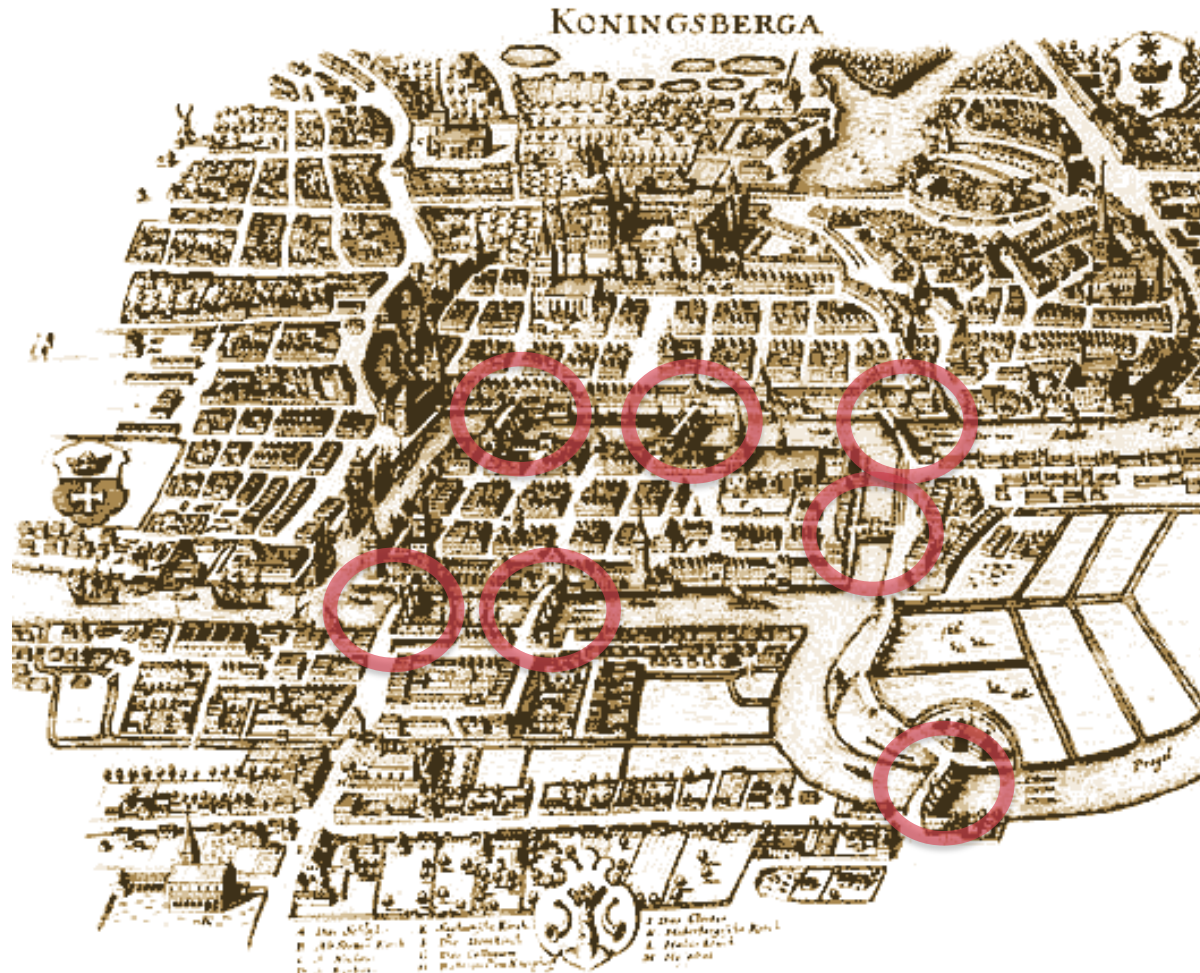
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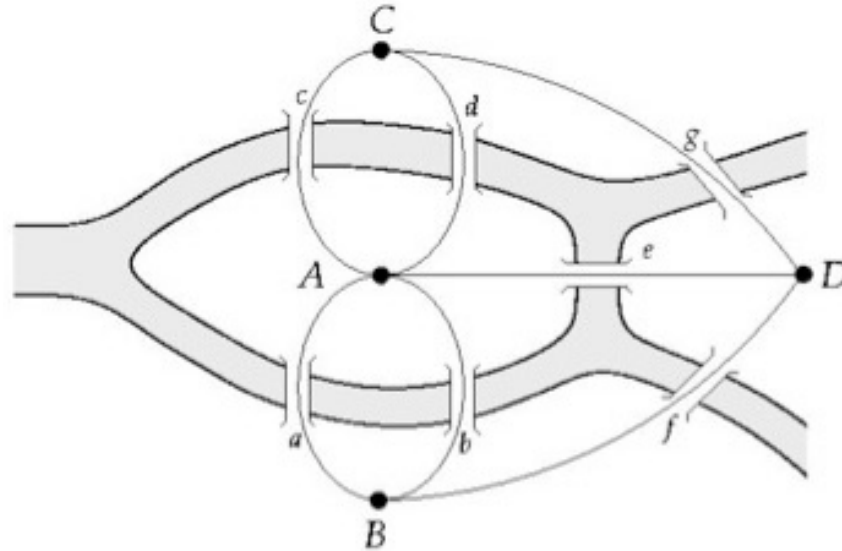
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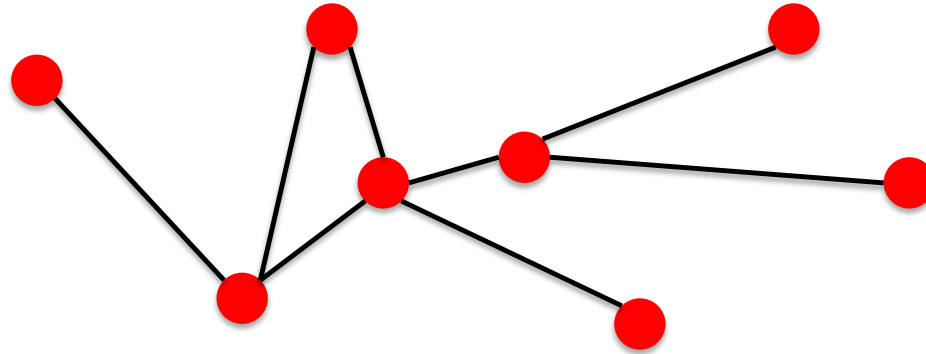
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1735: Euler's theorem:

- (a) If a graph has more than two nodes of odd degree, there is no path.
- (b) If a graph is connected and has no odd degree nodes, it has at least one path.

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Networks and Graphs



- **components:** nodes, vertices N
- **interactions:** links, edges L
- **system:** network, graph (N,L)

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Networks and Graphs

Networks or Graphs?

In the scientific literature the terms *network* and *graph* are used interchangeably:

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Network

Graph

Node

Vertex

Link

Edge

network often refers to real systems

graph: mathematical representation of a network

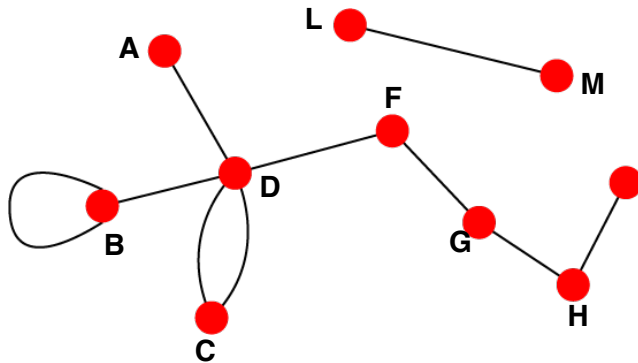
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Undirected

Links: undirected (*symmetrical*)

Graph:

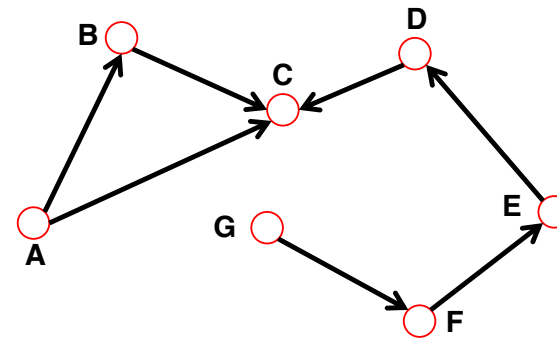


Undirected links :
coauthorship links
Actor network
protein interactions

Directed

Links: directed (*arcs*).

Digraph = directed graph:



An undirected link is the superposition of two opposite directed links.

Directed links :
URLs on the www
phone calls
metabolic reactions

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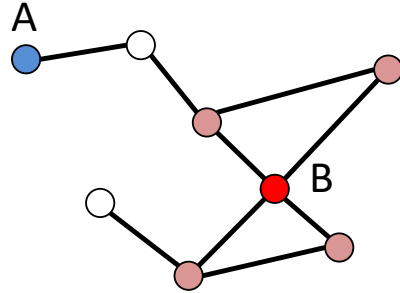
Networks and Graphs

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WWW	Webpages	Links	Directed	325,729	1,497,134
Power Grid	Power plants, transformers	Cables	Undirected	4,941	6,594
Mobile Phone Calls	Subscribers	Calls	Directed	36,595	91,826
Email	Email addresses	Emails	Directed	57,194	103,731
Science Collaboration	Scientists	Co-authorship	Undirected	23,133	93,439
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Degree, Average Degree, and Degree Distribution

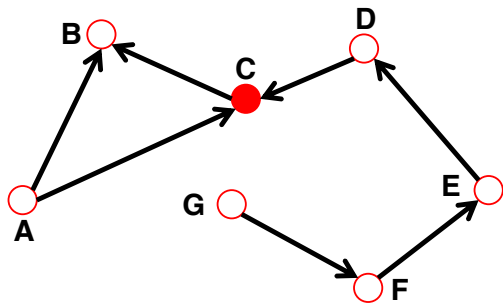
Undirected



Node degree: the number of links connected to the node.

$$k_A = 1 \quad k_B = 4$$

Directed



In *directed networks* we can define an **in-degree** and **out-degree**.

The (total) degree is the sum of in- and out-degree.

$$k_C^{in} = 2 \quad k_C^{out} = 1 \quad k_C = 3$$

Source: a node with $k^{in} = 0$; **Sink**: a node with $k^{out} = 0$.

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Degree, Average Degree, and Degree Distribution

BRIEF STATISTICS REVIEW

Four key quantities characterize a sample of N values x_1, \dots, x_N :

Average (mean):

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_N}{N} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

The n^{th} moment:

$$\langle x^n \rangle = \frac{x_1^n + x_2^n + \dots + x_N^n}{N} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^n$$

Standard deviation:

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \langle x \rangle)^2}$$

Distribution of x :

$$p_x = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \delta_{x, x_i}$$

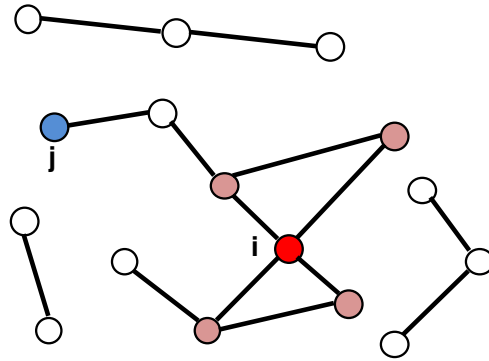
where p_x follows

$$\sum_i p_x = 1 \quad \left(\int p_x dx = 1 \right)$$

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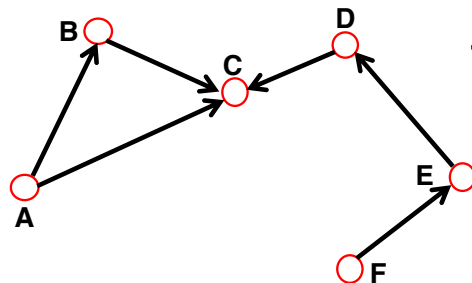
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$$\langle k \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N k_i \quad \langle k \rangle \equiv \frac{2L}{N}$$

N – the number of nodes in the graph

Directed



$$\langle k^{in} \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N k_i^{in}, \quad \langle k^{out} \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N k_i^{out}, \quad \langle k^{in} \rangle = \langle k^{out} \rangle$$

$$\langle k \rangle \equiv \frac{L}{N}$$

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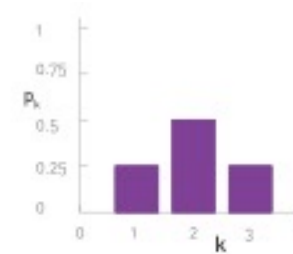
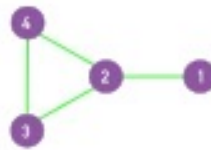
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Degree, Average Degree, and Degree Distribution

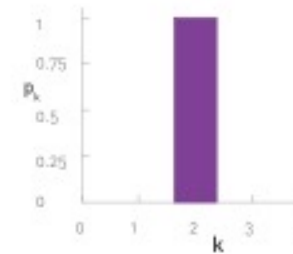
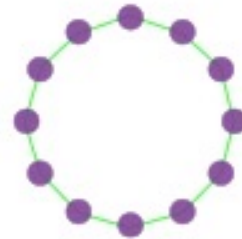
Degree distribution

$P(k)$: probability that a randomly chosen node has degree k



$N_k = \#$ nodes with degree k

$P(k) = N_k / N \rightarrow$ plot



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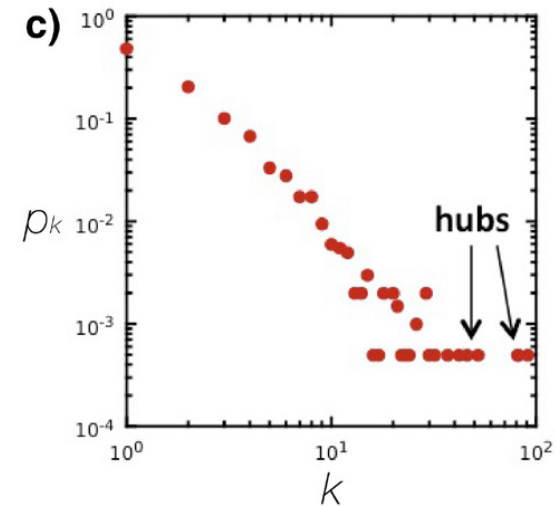
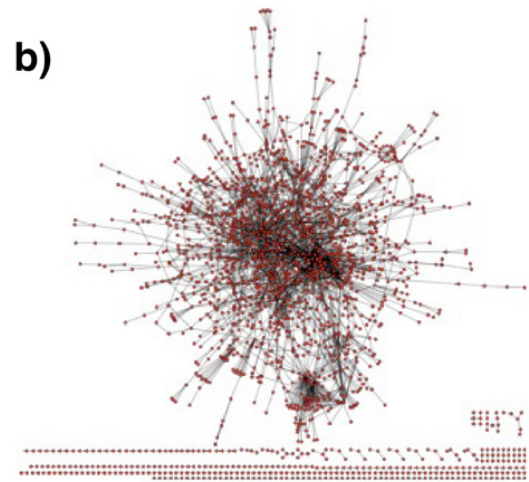
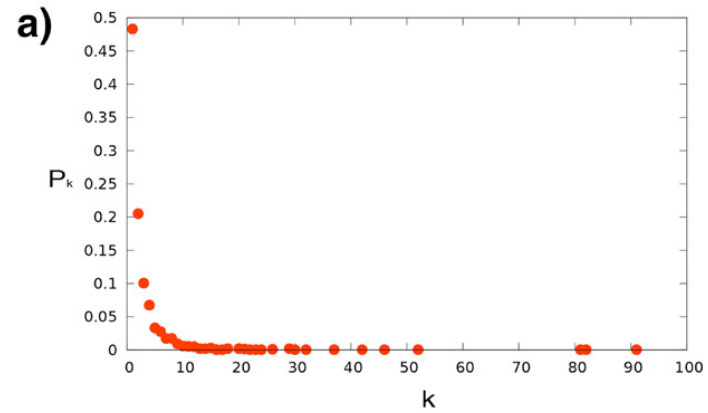


Image 2.4b

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Degree, Average Degree, and Degree Distribution

Discrete Representation: p_k is the probability that a node has degree k .

Continuum Description: $p(k)$ is the pdf of the degrees, where

$$\int_{k_1}^{k_2} p(k) dk$$

represents the probability that a node's degree is between k_1 and k_2 .

Normalization condition:

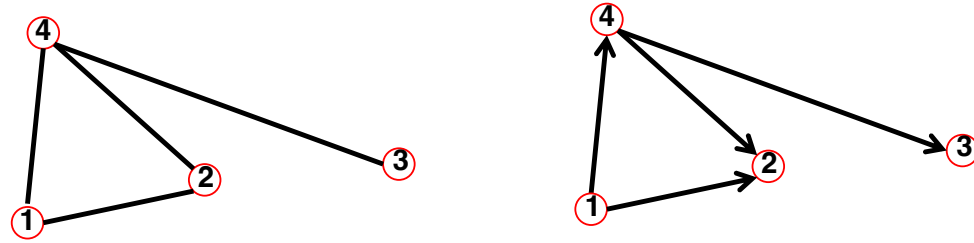
$$\sum_0^{\infty} p_k = 1$$

$$\int_{K_{\min}}^{\infty} p(k) dk = 1$$

where K_{\min} is the minimal degree in the network.

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Adjacency Matrix Representation



$A_{ij}=1$ if there is a link between node i and j

$A_{ij}=0$ if nodes i and j are not connected to each other.

$$A_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad A_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that for a directed graph (right) the matrix is not symmetric.

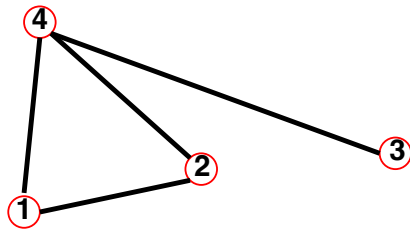
$A_{ij} = 1$ if there is a link pointing from node j and i

$A_{ij} = 0$ if there is no link pointing from j to i

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Adjacency Matrix Representation

Undirected



$$A_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{ij} = A_{ji}$$

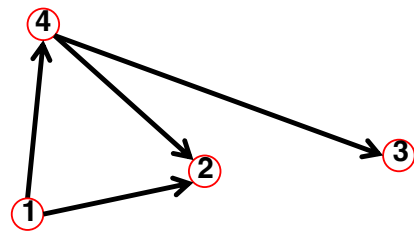
$$A_{ii} = 0$$

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

$$k_j = \sum_{i=1}^N A_{ij}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N k_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} A_{ij}$$

Directed



$$A_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{ij} \neq A_{ji}$$

$$A_{ii} = 0$$

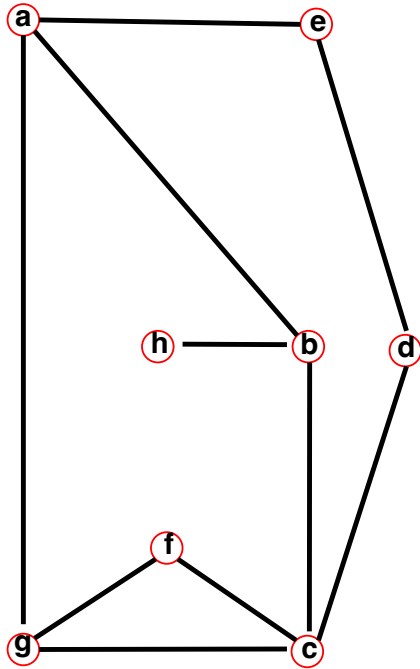
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$$k_j^{out} = \sum_{i=1}^N A_{ij}$$

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Adjacency Matrix Representation

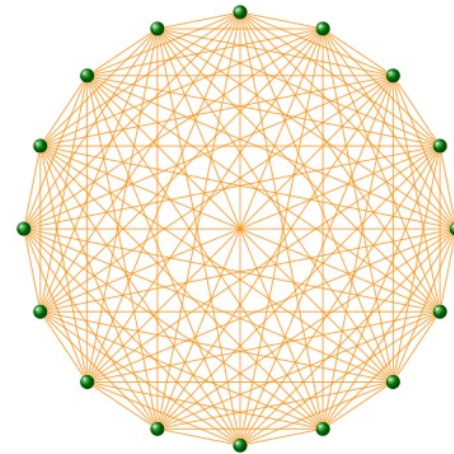


	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
a	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
b	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
c	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
d	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
e	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
f	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
g	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
h	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Complex Networks

Real Networks are Sparse

The maximum number of links a network of N nodes can have is: $L_{\max} = \binom{N}{2} = \frac{N(N-1)}{2}$



A graph with degree $L = L_{\max}$ is called a **complete graph**, and its average degree is $\langle k \rangle = N-1$

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Real Networks are Sparse

Most networks observed in real systems are sparse:

$$L \ll L_{max}$$

or

$$\langle k \rangle \ll N-1$$

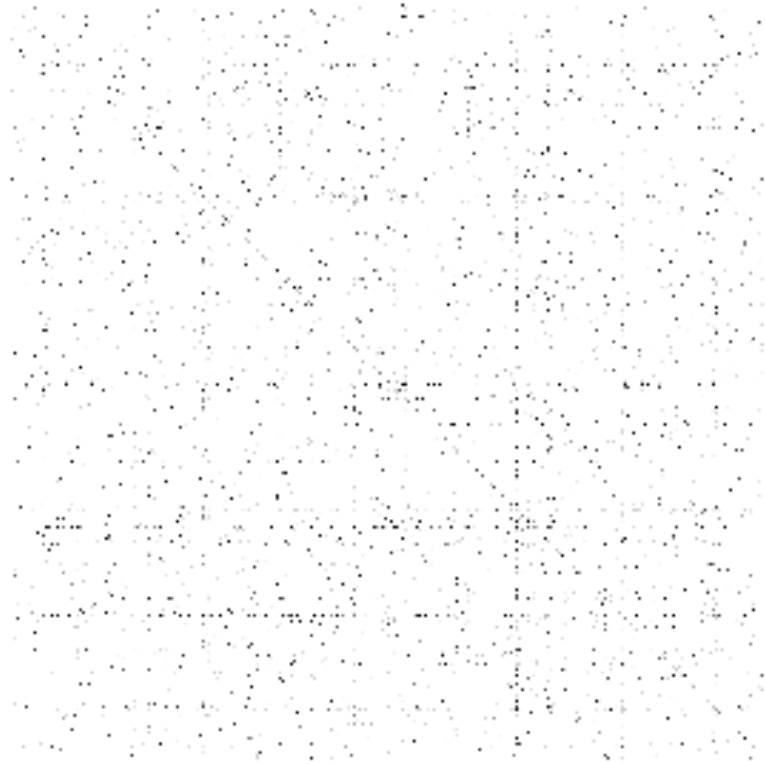
WWW (ND Sample):	N=325,729;	L=1.4 10 ⁶	L _{max} =10 ¹²	<k>=4.51
Protein (<i>S. Cerevisiae</i>):	N= 1,870;	L=4,470	L _{max} =10 ⁷	<k>=2.39
Coauthorship (Math):	N= 70,975;	L=2 10 ⁵	L _{max} =3 10 ¹⁰	<k>=3.9
Movie Actors:	N=212,250;	L=6 10 ⁶	L _{max} =1.8 10 ¹³	<k>=28.78

(Source: Albert, Barabasi, RMP2002)

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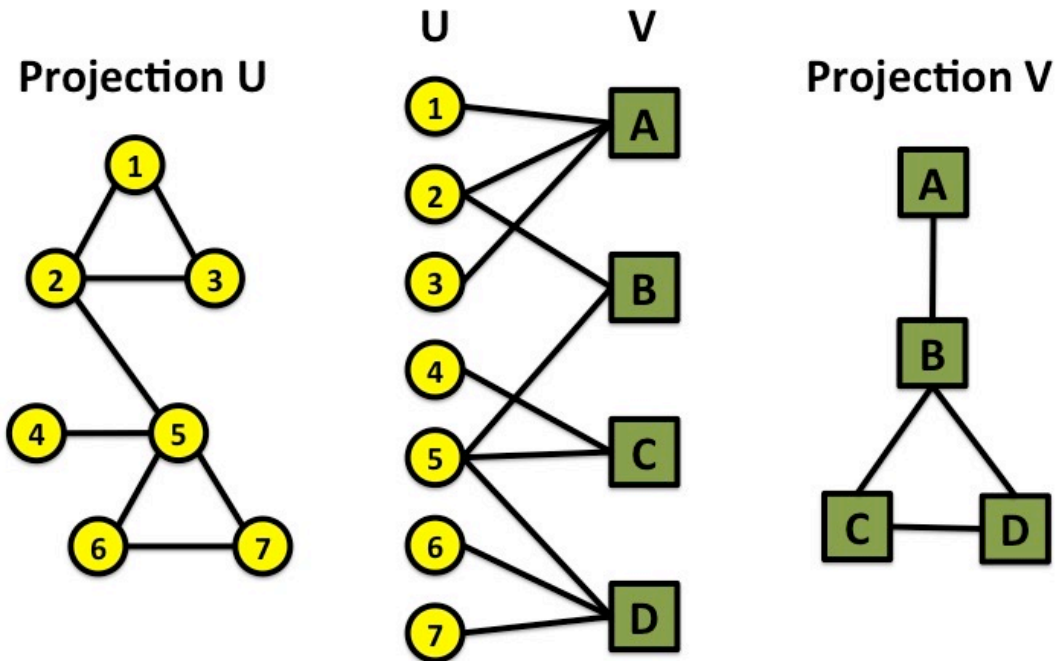
Real Networks are Sparse



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Bipartite Networks

A bipartite graph (or bigraph) is a [graph](#) whose nodes can be divided into two [disjoint sets](#) U and V such that every link connects a node in U to one in V ; that is, U and V are [independent sets](#).

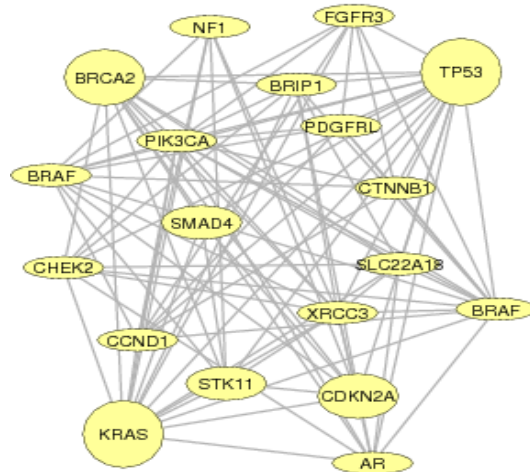


Examples:

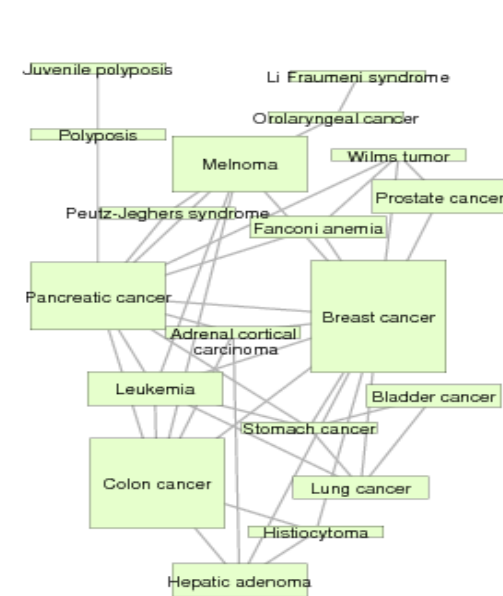
- Hollywood actor network
- Collaboration networks
- Disease network (diseasome)

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Bipartite Networks



Gene network



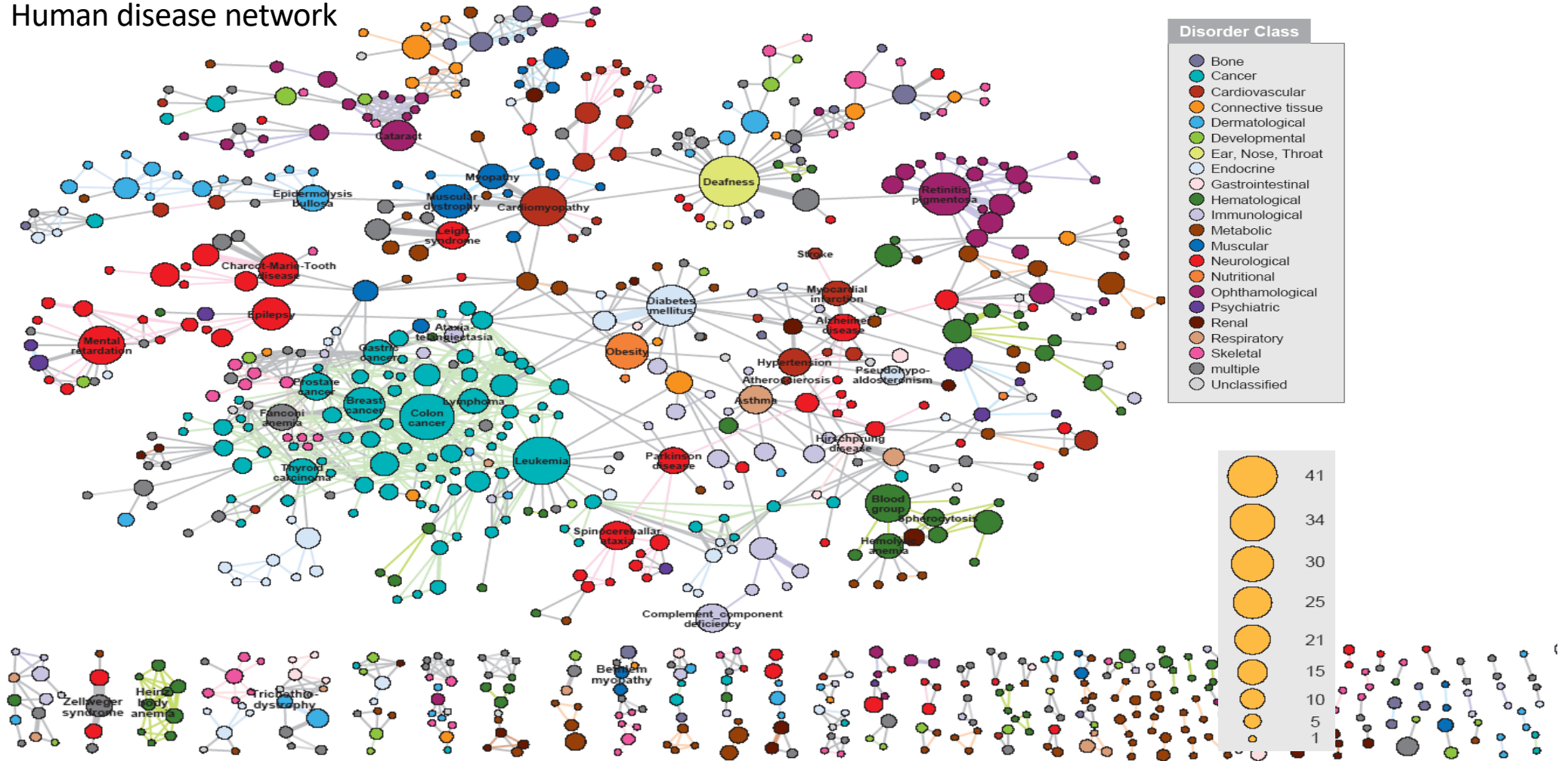
Disease network

Goh, Cusick, Valle, Childs, Vidal & Barabási, PNAS (2007)

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Human disease network



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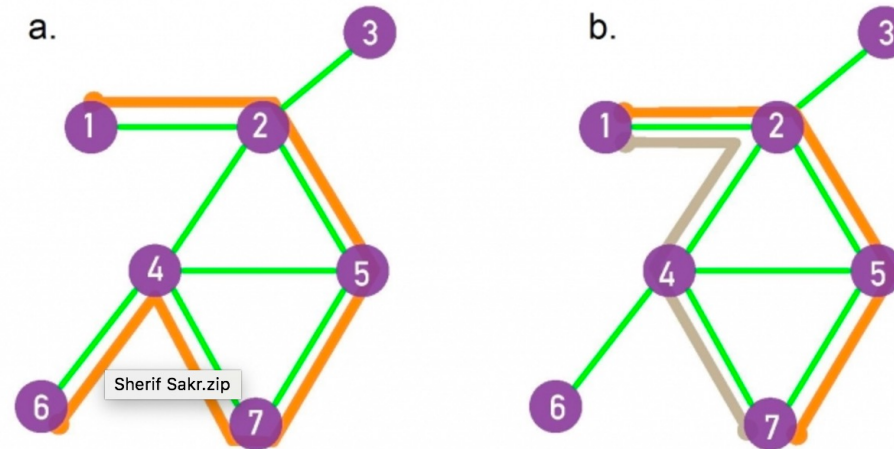
Paths

A *path* is a sequence of nodes in which each node is adjacent to the next one

P_{i_0, i_n} of length n between nodes i_0 and i_n is an ordered collection of $n+1$ nodes and n links

$$P_n = \{i_0, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\}$$

$$P_n = \{(i_0, i_1), (i_1, i_2), (i_2, i_3), \dots, (i_{n-1}, i_n)\}$$



The path shown in orange in (a) follows the route $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 6$, hence its length is $n = 5$.

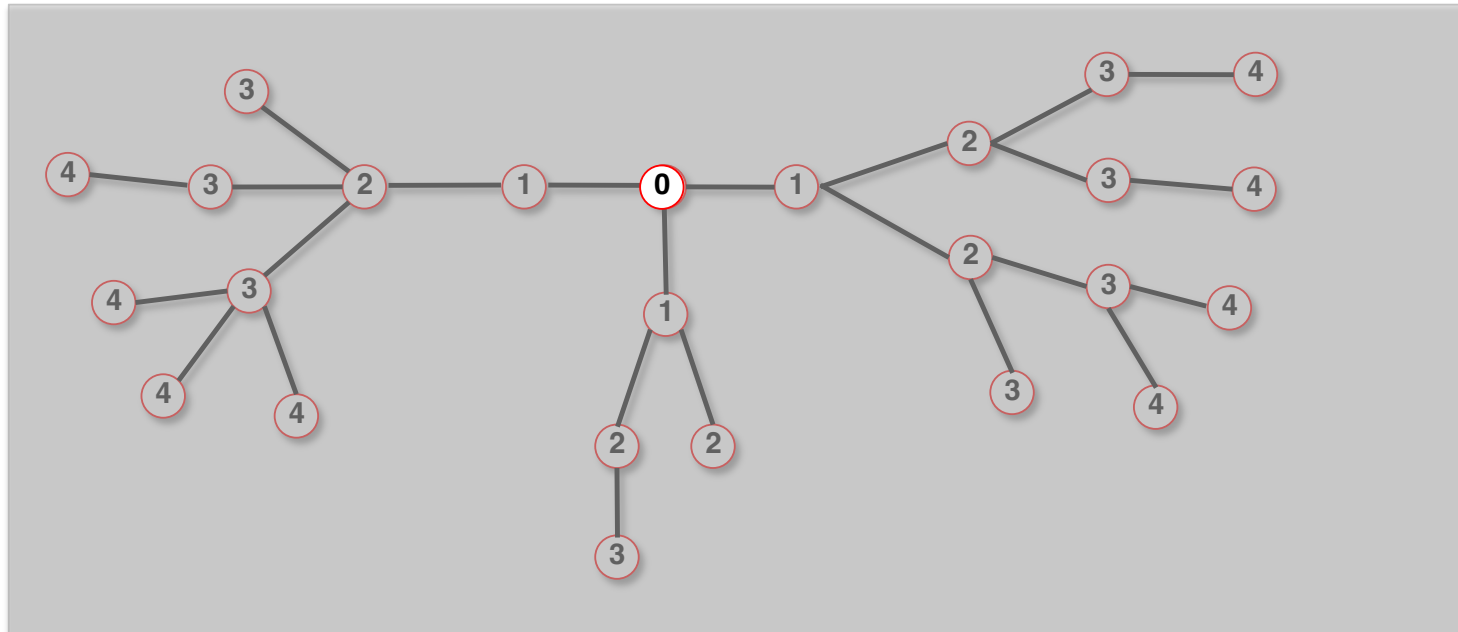
The network diameter is the largest distance in the network, being $d_{max} = 3$ here.

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Paths - Breadth-First Search

Distance between node 0 and node 4:

1. Start at 0.



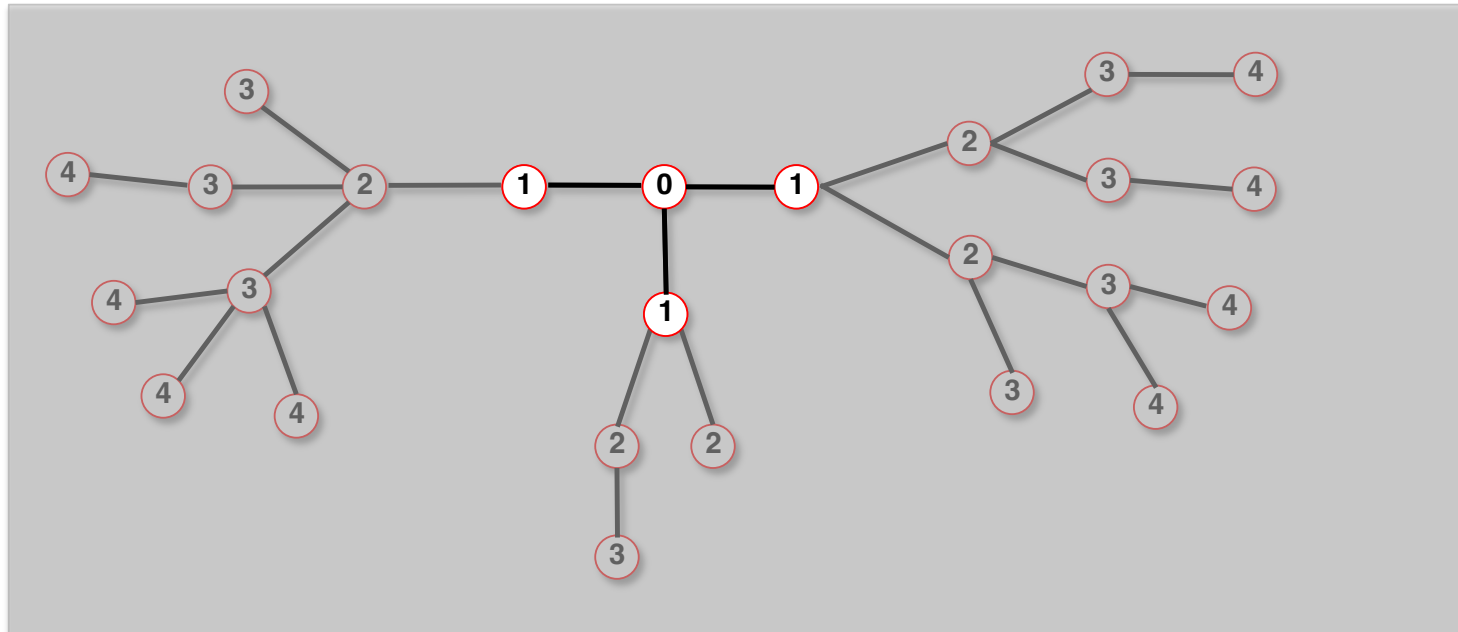
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Paths – Breadth-First Search

Distance between node 0 and node 4:

1. Start at 0.
2. Find the nodes adjacent to 1. Mark them as at distance 1. Put them in a queue.



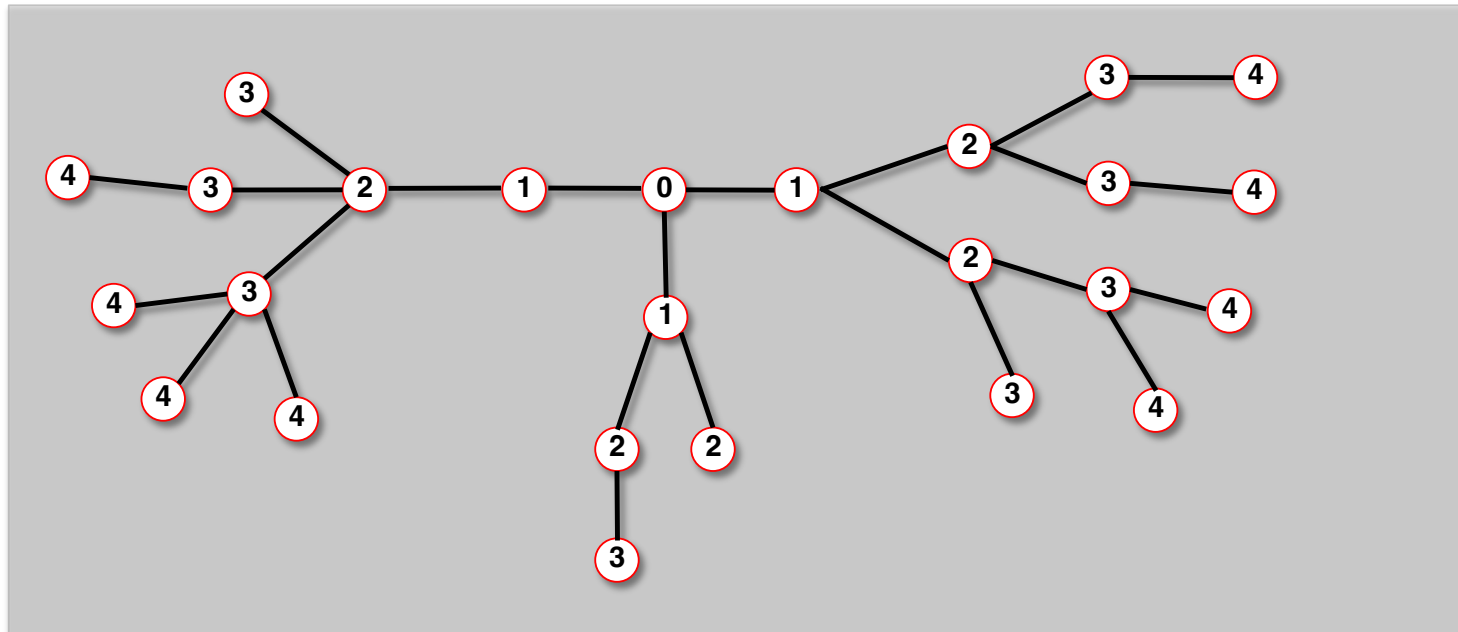
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Paths - Breadth-First Search

Distance between node 0 and node 4:

- 1.Repeat until you find node 4 or there are no more nodes in the queue.
- 2.The distance between 0 and 4 is the label of 4 or, if 4 does not have a label, infinity.



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Paths

Diameter: d_{max} the maximum (shortest) distance between any pair of nodes in the graph

Average path length/distance, $\langle d \rangle$, for a **directed graph**:

$$\langle d \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{2L_{\max}} \sum_{i,j \neq i} d_{ij} \quad \text{where } d_{ij} \text{ is the distance from node } i \text{ to node } j$$

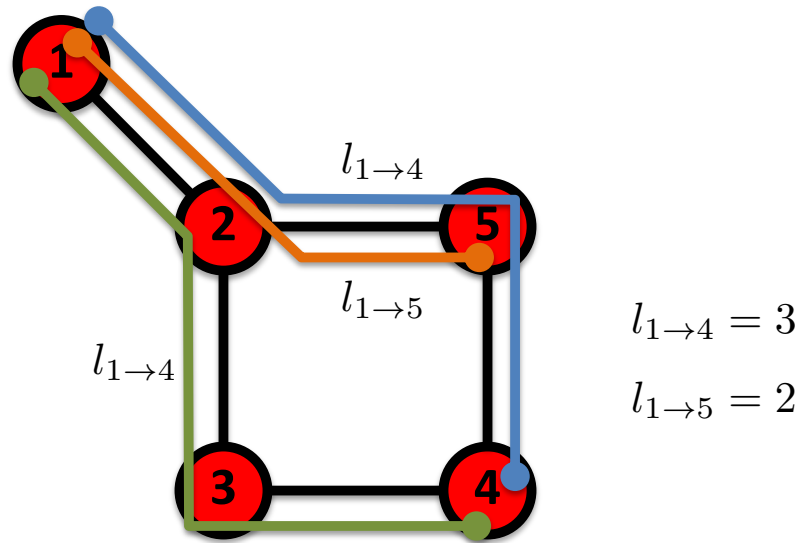
In an *undirected graph* $d_{ij} = d_{ji}$, so we only need to count them once:

$$\langle d \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{L_{\max}} \sum_{i,j > i} d_{ij}$$

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Paths

Shortest Path



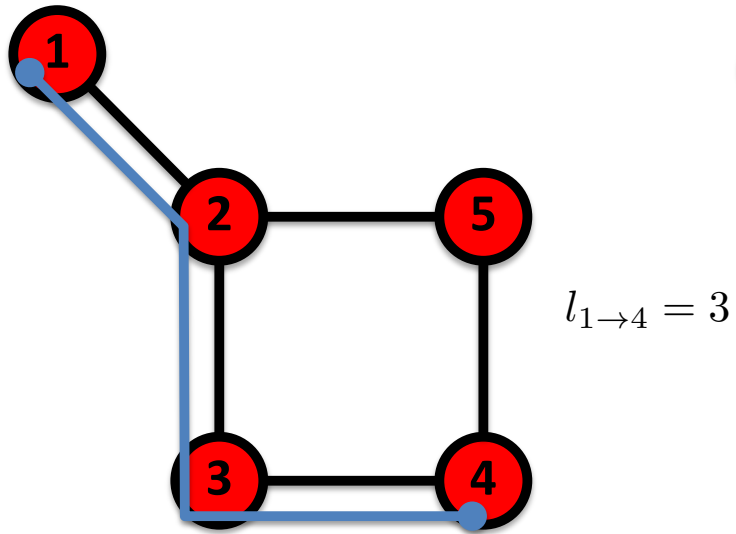
The path with the shortest length between two nodes (distance)

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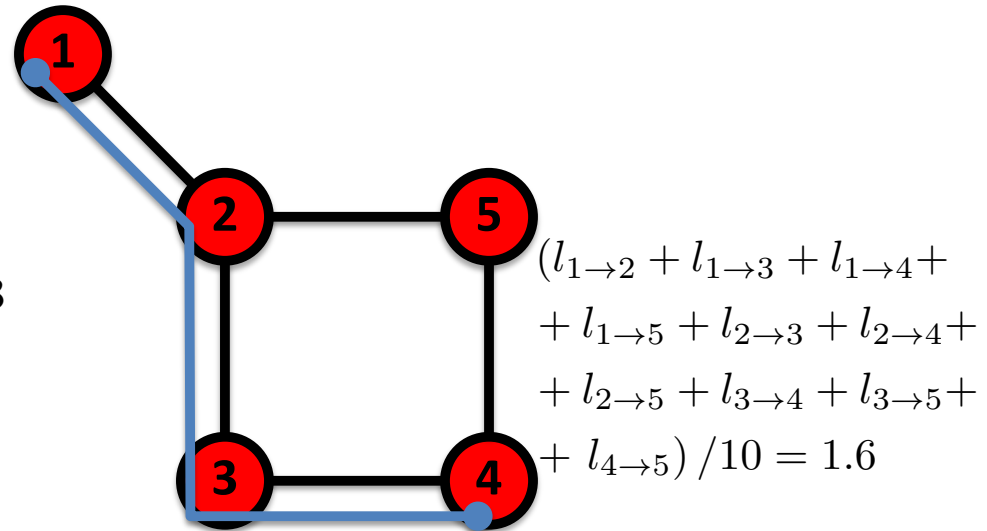
Paths

Diameter



The longest shortest path in a graph

Average Path Length

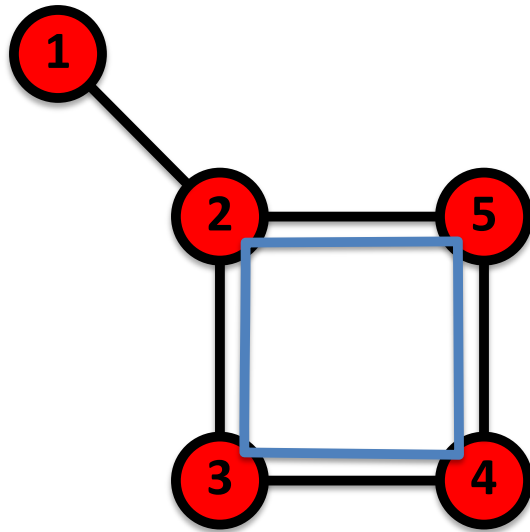


The average of the shortest paths for all pairs of nodes.

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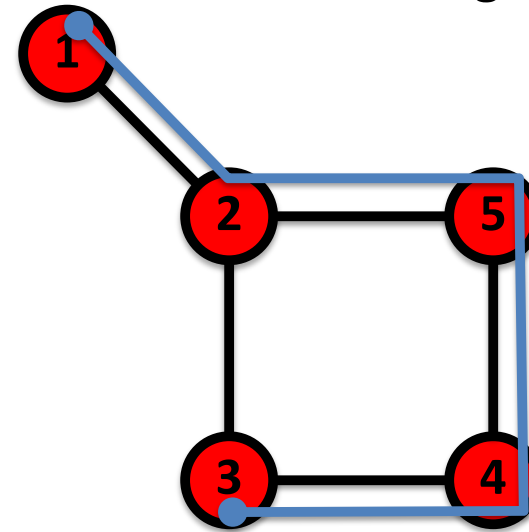
Paths

Cycle



A path with the same start and end node.

Self-avoiding Path

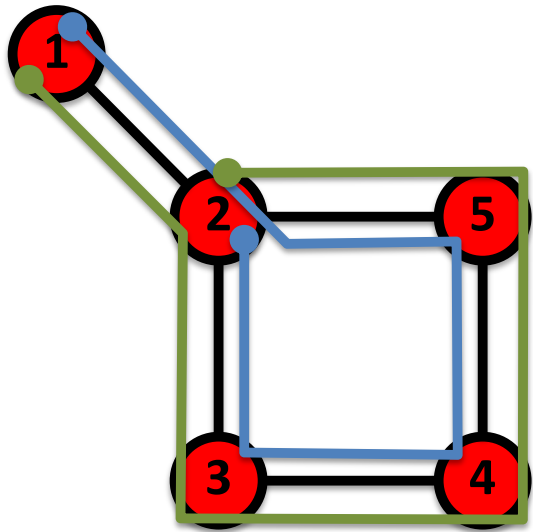


A path that does not intersect itself.

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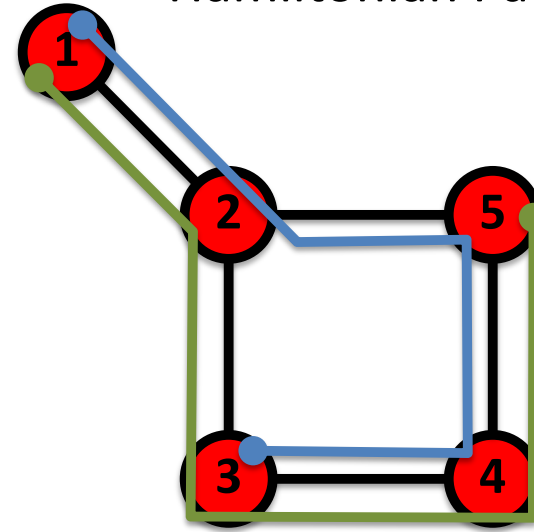
Paths

Eulerian Path



A path that traverses each **link** exactly once

Hamiltonian Path

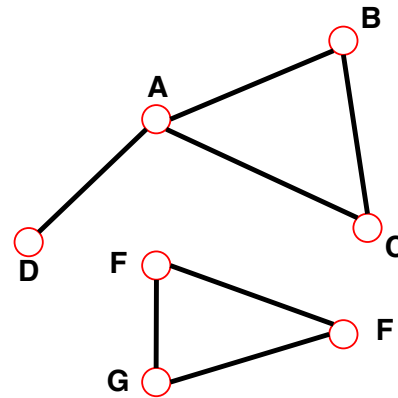
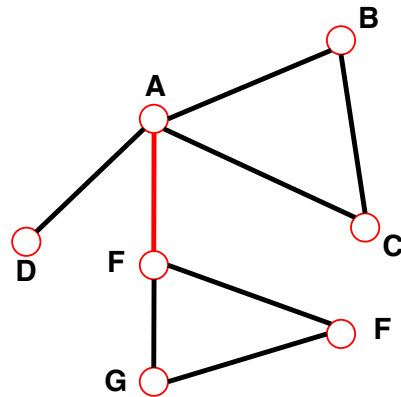


A path that visits each **node** exactly once

Complex Networks

Connectivity & Components: Undirected Graphs

Connected (undirected) graph: any two vertices can be joined by a path.
A disconnected graph is made up by two or more connected components.



Largest Component:
Giant Component

The rest: **Isolates**

Bridge: if we erase it, the graph becomes disconnected.

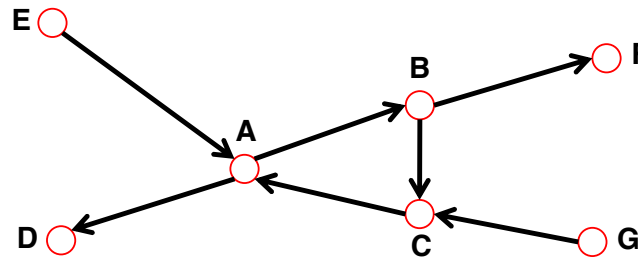
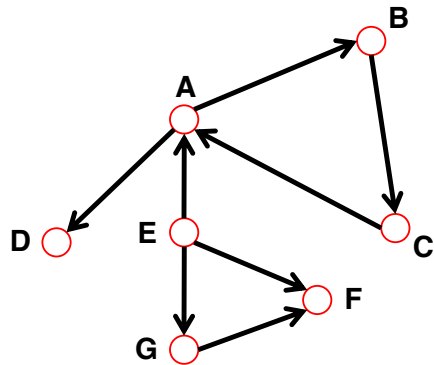
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Connectivity & Components: Directed Graphs

Strongly connected directed graph: has a path from each node to every other node and vice versa (e.g. AB path and BA path).

Weakly connected directed graph: it is connected if we disregard the edge directions.

Strongly connected components can be identified, but not every node is part of a nontrivial strongly connected component.



In-component: nodes that can reach the scc,

Out-component: nodes that can be reached from the scc.

Complex Networks

Connectivity & Components: Directed Graphs

Finding the Connected Components of a Network

- Start from a randomly chosen node i and perform a BFS. Label all nodes reached this way with $n = 1$.
- If the total number of labeled nodes equals N , then the network is connected. If the number of labeled nodes is smaller than N , the network consists of several components. To identify them, proceed to step 3.
- Increase the label $n \rightarrow n + 1$. Choose an unmarked node j , label it with n . Use BFS to find all nodes reachable from j , label them all with n . Return to step 2.

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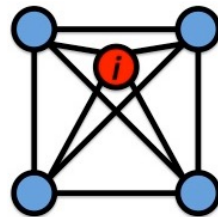
Clustering Coefficient

Local clustering coefficient: what fraction of your neighbors are connected?

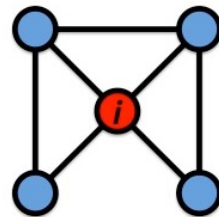
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L_i represents the number of links **between the k_i neighbors of node i**

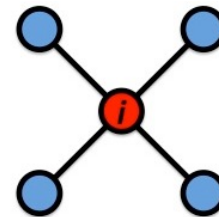
C_i measures the network's local link density: the more densely interconnected the neighborhood of node i , the higher is its local clustering coefficient. C_i in $[0,1]$



$$C_i = 1$$



$$C_i = 1/2$$



$$C_i = 0$$

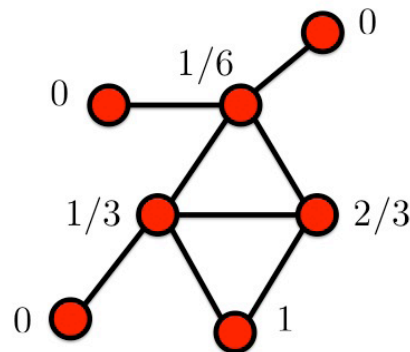
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Clustering Coefficient

The degree of clustering of a whole network is captured by the **average clustering coefficient**:

$$\langle C \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N C_i$$

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$$\langle C \rangle = \frac{13}{42} \approx 0.310$$

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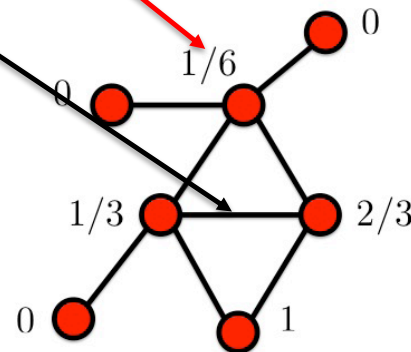
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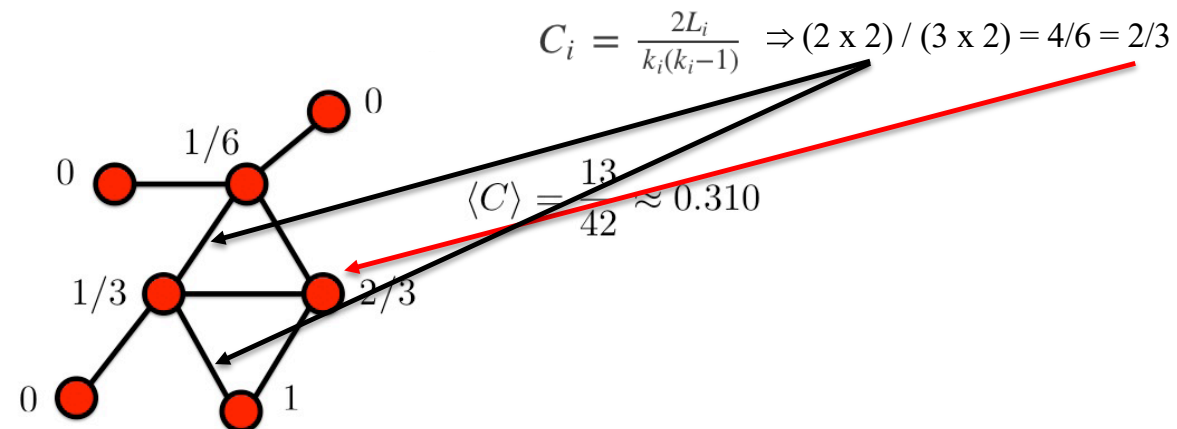
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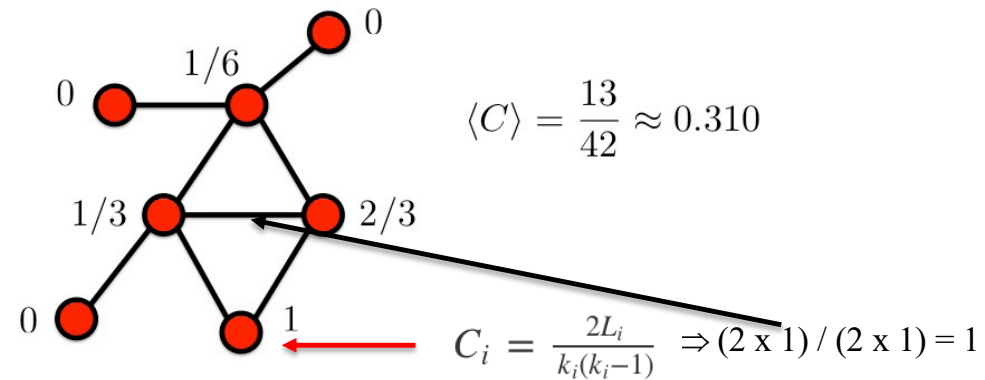
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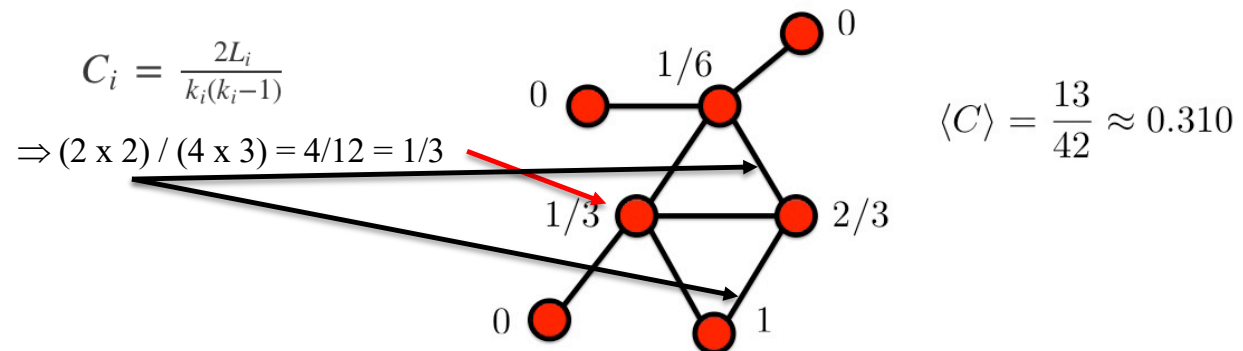
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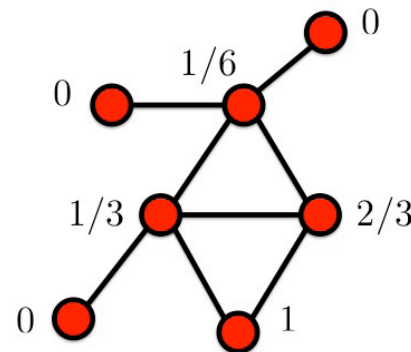
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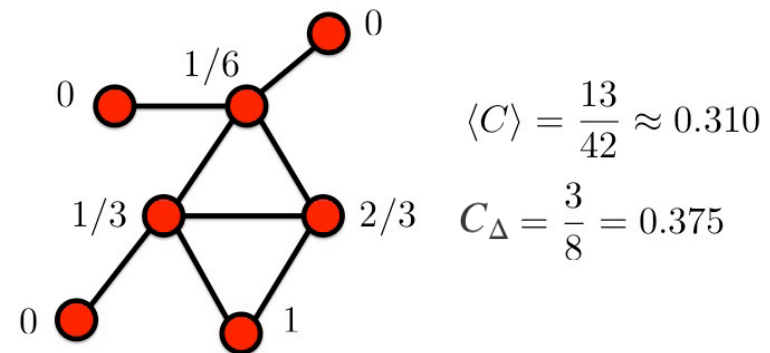
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Complex Networks

Clustering Coefficient

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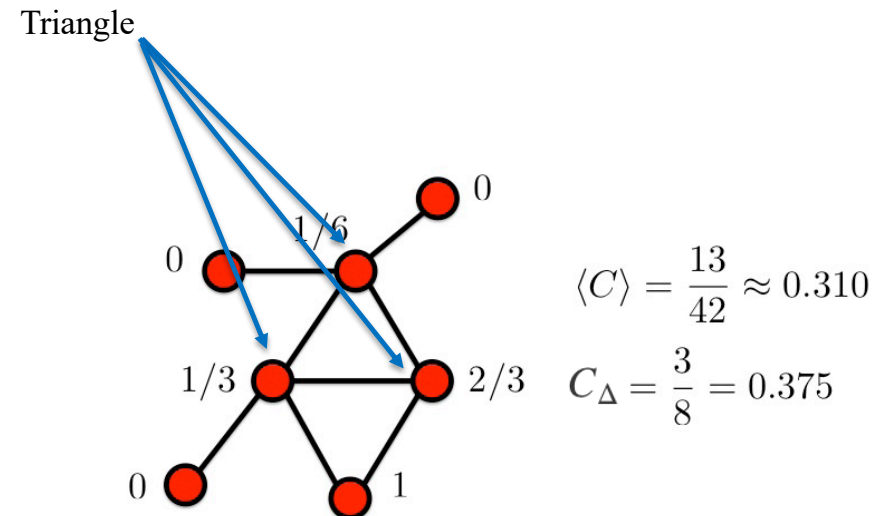
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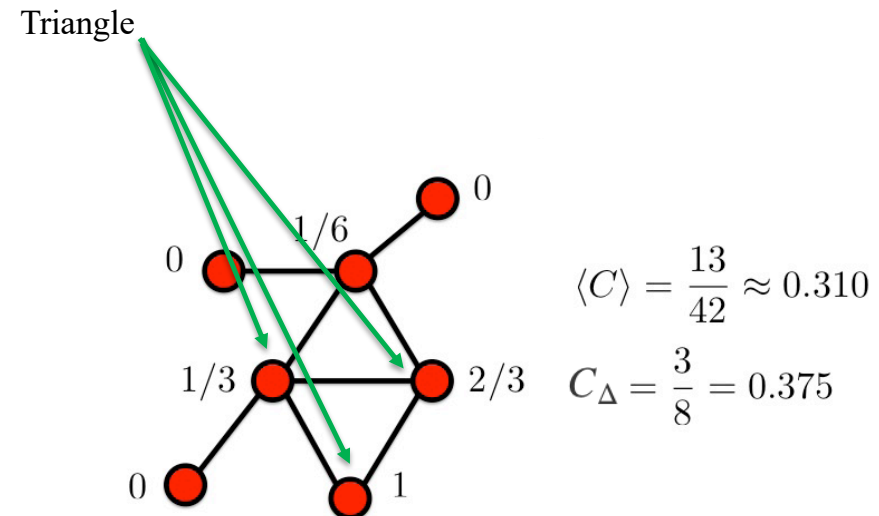


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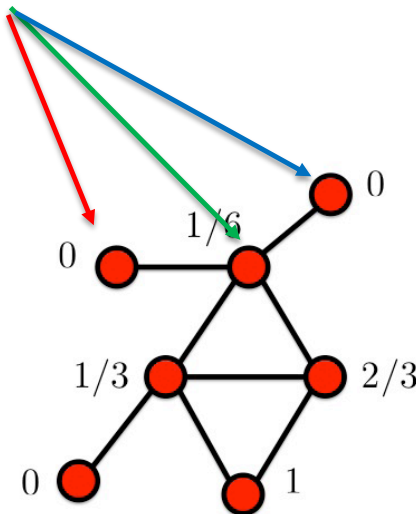
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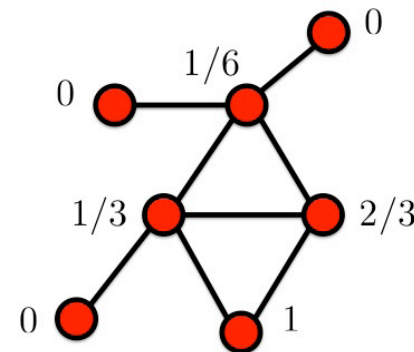
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$$(3 \times 2) / (10 + 6) = (6/16) = 3 / 8$$

open triples

closed triples



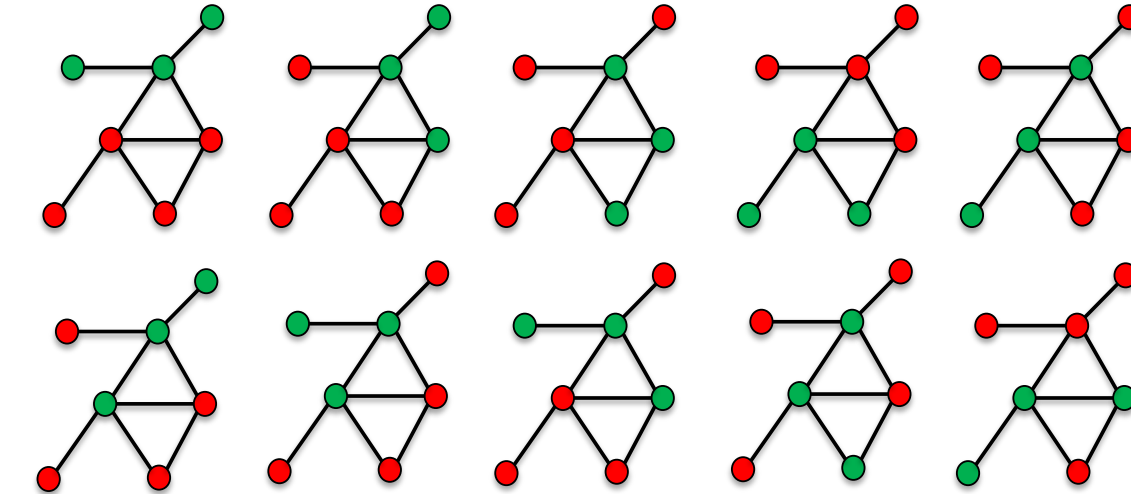
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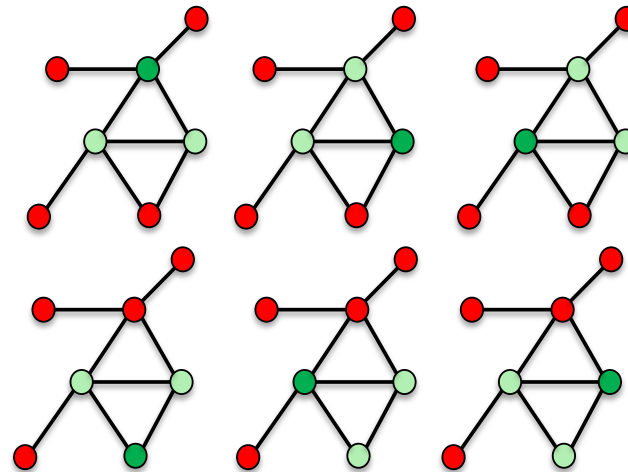
Complex Networks

Clustering Coefficient

10 open triples

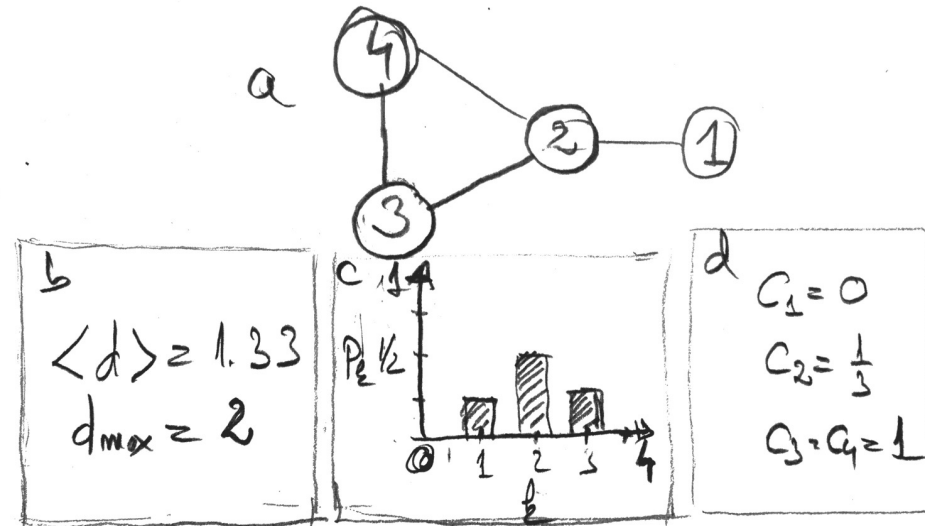


6 closed triples



Complex Networks

Three Central Quantities in Network Science



Average path length:

$$\langle d \rangle$$

Degree distribution:

$$p(k) \quad p_k$$

Clustering coefficient:

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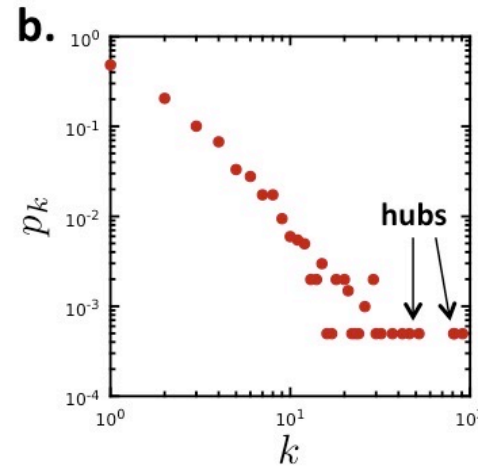
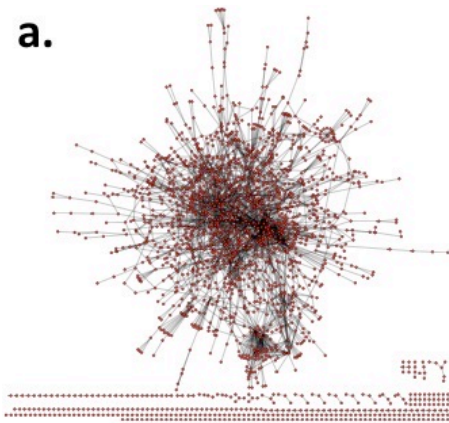
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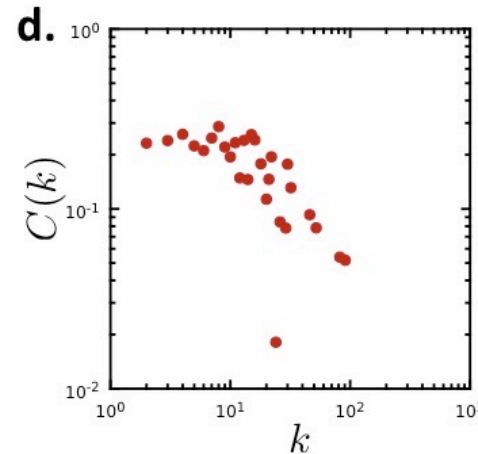
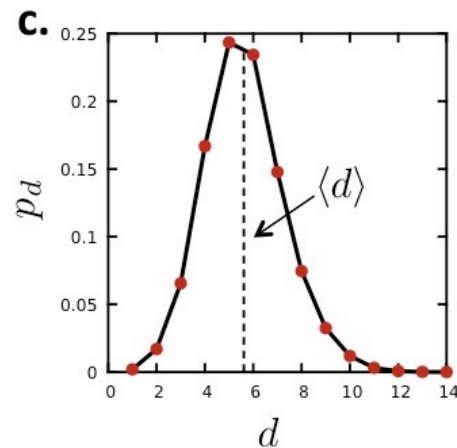


Undirected network

N=2,018 proteins as nodes

L=2,930 binding interactions as links.

Average degree $\langle k \rangle = 2.90$.

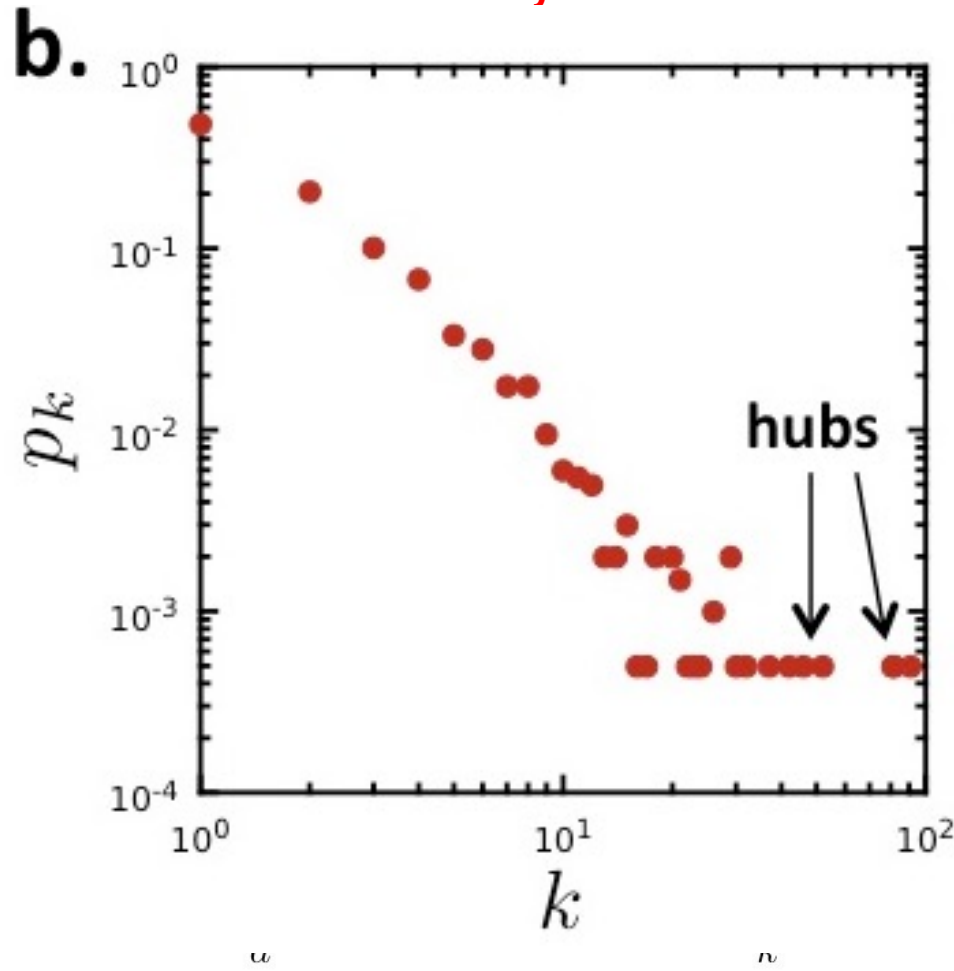


Not connected: 185 components

the largest (giant component) 1,647 nodes

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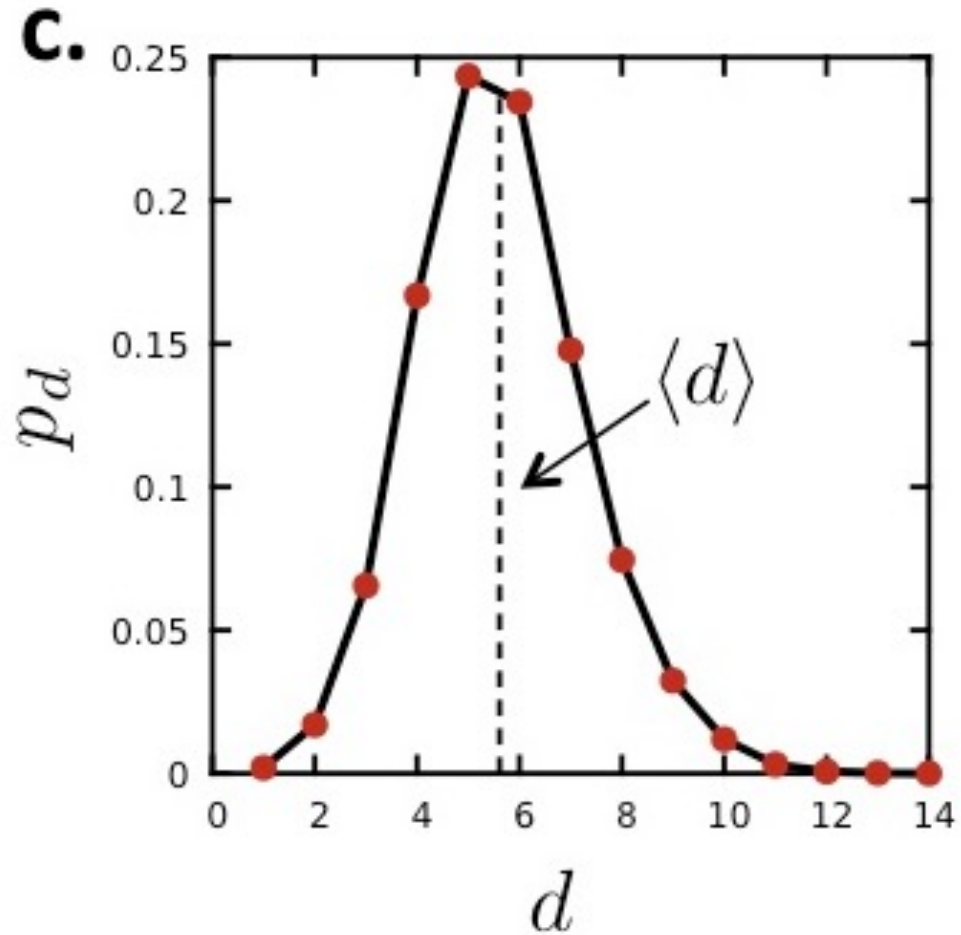
p_k is the probability that a node has degree k

$N_k = \#$ nodes with degree k

$$p_k = N_k / N$$

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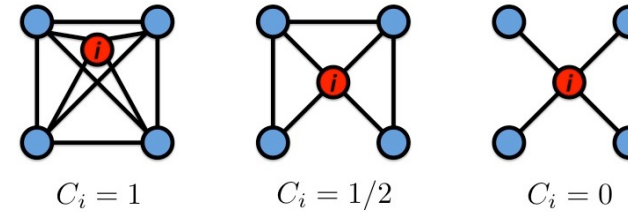
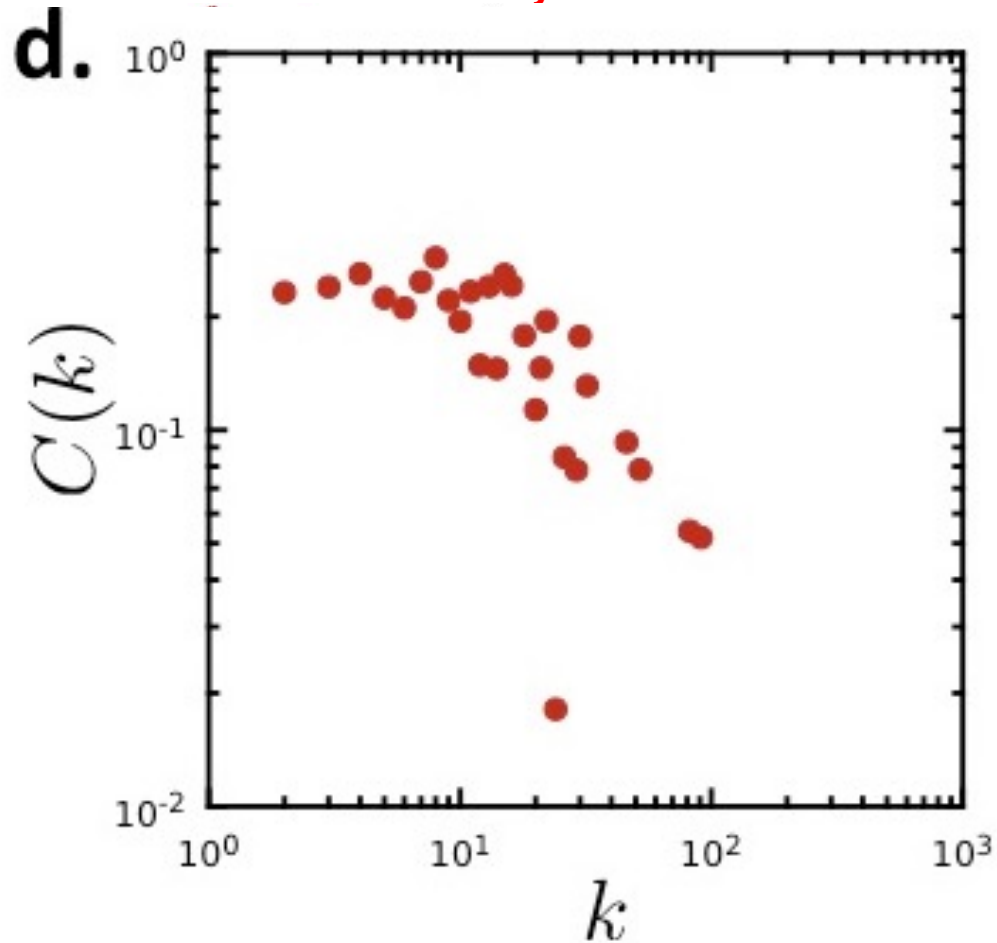


$$d_{max} = 14$$

$$\langle d \rangle = 5.61$$

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$$C_i = \frac{2e_i}{k_i(k_i - 1)}$$

$$\langle C \rangle = 0.12$$