

# **Social Network Analysis**

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# Sobo Research Infrastructure

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#### Exploratory: Big Data for City of Citizens

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Flows of traffic exiting from the city.





Time distribution of trips entering the city during a tipical week. Trips can be filtered by occasional or systematic.





Distribution of durations



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#### Distribution Jurban Mobility Atlas http://kdd.isti.cnr.it/uma2/





Analizzare l'influenza dei grandi attrattori sulla mobilità dei territori circostanti

#### CASO STUDIO:

gli aeroporti di Firenze e Pisa e la propensione dei residenti toscani all'uso delle due infrastrutture.







## **Attractiveness of Galilei vs. Vespucci**





### **Modeling Investments and Attractiveness on Tuscan** Airports

An intertwined system based on investment and attractiveness

$$\begin{split} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} &A = s(mF - (k + e)A), & \text{A -> Attractiveness of } \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} &F = -rF + re\frac{bA}{1 + bhA}. & \text{F -> Number of pass} \end{split}$$

of airport

sengers served

Attractiveness is proportional to the cost of operating the airport (k) and the extra investments (e)

#### Simple case: non spatial model



#### Spatial model: two airports, two populations



The two airports reach an equilibrium: neither of the two is overwhelming the other





### Exploratory: Big Data for Societal Debates

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# 3 Million Brexit Tweets Reveal Leave Voters Talked About Immigration More Than Anything Else

Groundbreaking analysis shows immigration, not sovereignty or the NHS, dominated the conversation – and making British judges responsible for British law was a key theme for Leave supporters.



James Ball BuzzFeed Special Correspondent



Chris Applegate Editorial Developer, UK

posted on Dec. 9, 2016, at 2:03 p.m.



https://www.buzzfeed.com/jamesball/3-million-brexit-tweets-reveal-leave-voters-talked-about-imm?utm\_term=.jmDQE9JNR#.fuOOrb145







#### xploratory:

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#### **Big Data for Well Being and Economic Performance**



Deprivation Index (in France) predicted with Mobile Phone traces







#### New economic growth: the role of science, technology, innovation and infrastructure

#### **Policy recommendations**

G7 Academies of Science urge governments to:

i. expand investment and capabilities in science and pre-competitive technologies;

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G7 Academies' Joint Statements 2017

Attention should be given to emerging technologies in light of their potential to impact virtually all economic activities:

 Data Science, thanks to the ability to extract new knowledge and policy capability by the integrated algorithmic analysis of highly diverse data generated today at exponentially growing pace.

May

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE STATE OF THE WORLD

Global Challenge Insight Report

## The Future of Jobs

Employment, Skills and Workforce Strategy for the Fourth Industrial Revolution

January 2016



#### New and Emerging Roles

Our research also explicitly asked respondents about new and emerging job categories and functions that they expect to become critically important to their industry by the year 2020, and where within their global operations they would expect to locate such roles.

Two job types stand out due to the frequency and consistency with which they were mentioned across practically all industries and geographies. The first are data analysts, as already frequently mentioned above, which companies expect will help them make sense and derive insights from the torrent of data generated by the technological disruptions referenced above. The second

http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF\_Future\_of\_Jobs.pdf



#### https://www.di.unipi.it/it/didattica/wds-Im

#### Founded 2002





Big Data Analytics & Social Mining



































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# Sobo Research Infrastructure

# www.sobigdata.eu H2020 excellent science research infrastructure



# Big data proxies of social life

Shopping patterns & lyfestyle



#### **RELATIONSHIPS & SOCIAL TIES**



MOVEMENTS



#### DESIRES, OPINIONS, SENTIMEN**ts**
















# **Complex (Social) Networks**

- Big graph data and social, information, biological and technological networks
- The architecture of complexity and how real networks differ from random networks:
  - node degree and long tails,
  - social distance and small worlds,
  - clustering and triadic closure.
- Comparing real networks and random graphs.
- The main models of network science: small world and preferential attachment.



## **Complex (Social) Networks**

- Strong and weak ties, community structure and longrange bridges.
- Robustness of networks to failures and attacks.
- Cascades and spreading. Network models for diffusion and epidemics. The strength of weak ties for the diffusion of information. The strength of strong ties for the diffusion of innovation.



# **Complex (Social) Networks**

- Textbooks
  - Albert-Laszlo Barabasi. Network Science (2016)
  - <u>http://barabasi.com/book/network-science</u>
  - Easley, Kleinberg: Networks, Crowds, and Markets (2010)
  - http://www.cs.cornell.edu/home/kleinber/networks-book/
- Network Analytics Software:
  - Cytoscape: <u>http://www.cytoscape.org/</u>
  - Gephi: <u>http://gephi.github.io/</u>
- Network dynamics simulation :
  - NetLogo: <u>https://ccl.northwestern.edu/netlogo/</u>
- Network Data Repository
  - <u>http://networkrepository.com/</u>

## Wiki of the course

 <u>http://didawiki.di.unipi.it/doku.php/wma/</u> <u>acm-athens-july2017</u>

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### The architecture of complexity

Lecture 1

# Complex

[adj., v. kuh m-pleks, kom-pleks; n. kompleks]

-adjective

#### 1.

#### composed of many interconnected parts;

compound; composite: a complex highway system.

#### 2.

characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: complex machinery.

#### 3.

so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: a complex problem.

Source: Dictionary.com

Complexity, a **scientific theory** which asserts that some systems display behavioral phenomena that are completely inexplicable by any conventional analysis of the systems' constituent parts. These phenomena, commonly referred to as **emergent behaviour**, seem to occur in many complex systems involving living organisms, such as a stock market or the human brain.

Source: John L. Casti, Encyclopædia Britannica

# Complexity

### **Emergent behavior: segregation**



Behind each complex system there is a **network**, that defines the interactions between the components. Social, informational, technological, biological networks



The "Day of 7 Billion" has been in October 2011

#### The "Social Graph" behind Facebook

Keith Shepherd's "Sunday Best". http://baseballart.com/2010/07/shades-of-greatness-a-story-that-needed-to-be-told/





#### **Mapping Organizations**

connecting knowledge





connecting knowledge



#### **COLLABORATION NETWORKS: ACTOR NETWORK**

Nodes: actors Links: cast jointly





Days of Thunder (1990) Far and Away (1992) Eyes Wide Shut (1999)



N = 212,250 actors  $\langle k \rangle$  =28.78

#### **Nodes**: scientist (authors) **Links**: write paper together



#### **STRUCTURE OF AN ORGANIZATION**



: consultants

: external experts

#### **BUSINESS TIES IN US BIOTECH-INDUSTRY**



LINKS: Collaborations

Financial

R&D

http://ecclectic.ss.uci.edu/~drwhite/Movie

#### Information networks: the Web and Science Citation Indexes



\* citation total may be skewed because of multiple authors with the same name

#### INTERNET









#### **HUMANS GENES**



diverse interactions.



#### **HUMAN DISEASE NETWORK**



### **Biological networks: Food Web**

#### **Nodes**: species **Links**: trophic interactions



R. Sole (cond-mat/0011195)

R.J. Williams, N.D. Martinez Nature (2000)

#### THE LIFE OF NETWORKS



#### THE EMERGENCE OF NETWORK SCIENCE

#### Data Availability: Movie Actor Network, 1998; World Wide Web, 1999. C elegans neural wiring diagram 1990 Citation Network, 1998 Metabolic Network, 2000; PPI network, 2001

### Universality:

The architecture of networks emerging in various domains of science, nature, and technology are more similar to each other than one would have expected.

# The (urgent) need to understand complexity:

Despite the challenges complex systems offer us, we cannot afford to not address their behavior, a view increasingly shared both by scientists and policy makers. Networks are not only essential for this journey, but during the past decade some of the most important advances towards understanding complexity were provided in context of network theory.

## Networks and graphs

#### **COMPONENTS OF A COMPLEX SYSTEM**



• components: nodes, vertices N

interactions: links, edges

system: network, graph

(N,L)

#### network often refers to real systems

www,
social network
metabolic network.

Language: (Network, node, link)

#### graph: mathematical representation of a network

•web graph, •social graph (a Facebook term)

Language: (Graph, vertex, edge)

We will try to make this distinction whenever it is appropriate, but in most cases we will use the two terms interchangeably.

#### A COMMON LANGUAGE



#### **UNDIRECTED VS. DIRECTED NETWORKS**

#### 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

#### **Reference Networks**

NETWORK

Internet WWW Power Grid Mobile Phone Calls Email Science Collaboration Actor Network

Citation Network

E. Coli Metabolism

**Protein Interactions** 

Routers Webpages Power plants, transformers Subscribers Email addresses Scientists Actors Paper Metabolites Proteins

NODES

LINKS Internet connections Links Cables Calls Emails Co-authorship Co-acting Citations Chemical reactions Binding interactions

Ν DIRECTED UNDIRFCTED Undirected 609,066 192,244 Directed 325,729 1,497,134 Undirected 6,594 4,941 91,826 Directed 36,595 Directed 103,731 57,194 Undirected 23,133 93,439 Undirected 702,388 29,397,908 Directed 449,673 4,689,479 Directed 5,802 1,039 Undirected 2,018 2,930

# Degree, Average Degree and Degree Distribution

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Undirected

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

$$k_A = 1$$
  $k_B = 4$ 



B

In *directed networks* we can define an in-degree and out-degree. The (total) degree is the sum of in- and out-degree.

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

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

Four key quantities characterize a sample of N values  $x_1, ..., x_N$ :

Average (mean):

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

*The n*<sup>th</sup> *moment*:

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

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

$$\sum_{i} p_x = 1 \left( \int p_x \, dx = 1 \right)$$

#### **AVERAGE DEGREE**



$$\bigcup_{A} \bigcup_{i=1}^{\mathsf{D}} \left\langle k^{in} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} k_i^{in}, \quad \left\langle k^{out} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} k_i^{out}, \quad \left\langle k^{in} \right\rangle = \left\langle k^{out} \right\rangle$$

NETWORK Internet WWW Power Grid Mobile Phone Calls Email Science Collaboration Actor Network

Citation Network E. Coli Metabolism

Protein Interactions

NODES Routers Webpages Power plants, transformers Subscribers Email addresses Scientists Actors Paper Metabolites Proteins LINKS Internet connections Links Cables Calls **Emails** Co-authorship Co-acting Citations Chemical reactions **Binding interactions** 

DIRECTED UNDIRECTED Undirected Directed Undirected Directed Directed Undirected Undirected Directed Directed Undirected

Ν L  $\langle k \rangle$ 192,244 609,066 6.33 325,729 1,497,134 4.60 2.67 4,941 6,594 36,595 91,826 2.51 1.81 57,194 103,731 8.08 23,133 93,439 702,388 29,397,908 83.71 4,689,479 449,673 10.43 5.802 5.58 1,039 2,018 2,930 2.90

#### **DEGREE DISTRIBUTION**

### **Degree distribution**

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





 $N_k = #$  nodes with degree k

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





#### **DEGREE DISTRIBUTION**



## Real networks are sparse





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

#### Most networks observed in real systems are sparse:



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

<sup>(</sup>Source: Albert, Barabasi, RMP2002)

# **BIPARTITE NETWORKS**

#### **BIPARTITE GRAPHS**

**bipartite graph** (or **bigraph**) is a <u>graph</u> whose nodes can be divided into two <u>disjoint sets</u> *U* and *V* such that every link connects a node in *U* to one in *V*; that is, *U* and *V* are <u>independent sets</u>.



#### **GENE NETWORK – DISEASE NETWORK**



**Gene network** 





#### **Disease network**

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

#### **HUMAN DISEASE NETWORK**



#### **Ingredient-Flavor Bipartite Network**



Y.-Y. Ahn, S. E. Ahnert, J. P. Bagrow, A.-L. Barabási Flavor network and the principles of food pairing, Scientific Reports 196, (2011).



### **Basic network measures**

Degree of a node Distance between two nodes Clustering among three nodes

#### **DEGREE DISTRIBUTION**

#### **Degree distribution** P(k): probability that

a randomly chosen vertex has degree k

 $N_k = #$  nodes with degree k  $P(k) = N_k / N \rightarrow plot$ 





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

 $P_{i0,in}$  of length *n* between nodes  $i_0$  and  $i_n$  is an ordered collection of *n+1* nodes and *n* links



• In a directed network, the path can follow only the direction of an arrow.



The *distance (shortest path, geodesic path)* between two nodes is defined as the number of edges along the shortest path connecting them.

\*If the two nodes are disconnected, the distance is infinity.

In directed graphs each path needs to follow the direction of the arrows.

Thus in a digraph the distance from node A to B (on an AB path) is generally different from the distance from node B to A (on a BCA path).



*Diameter*:  $d_{max}$  the maximum distance between any pair of nodes in the graph.

Average path length/distance, <d>, for a connected graph:

$$\langle d \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{2L_{\max}} \sum_{i,j \neq i} d_{ij}$$

where  $d_{ij}$  is the distance from node *i* to node j

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

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

**\*** Clustering coefficient:

what portion of your neighbors are connected?

\* Node i with degree ki

\* C<sub>i</sub> in [0,1]

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



Degree distribution: P(k)

Path length: /

**Clustering coefficient:** 





<u>Undirected network</u> N=2,018 proteins as nodes L=2,930 binding interactions as links. Average degree <k>=2.90.

Not connected: 185 components the largest (giant component) 1,647 nodes





 $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{k}}$  is the probability that a node has degree  $\mathbf{k}$ .

 $p_k = N_k / N$ 



$$d_{max}=14$$

<d>=5.61

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Network Science: Graph Theory January 24, 2011

## Random graphs

What are the expected basic measures emerging from random?

#### **RANDOM NETWORK MODEL**

Pául Erdös (1913-1996)





Erdös-Rényi model (1960)

Connect with probability p

p=<mark>1/6</mark> N=10 (k) ~ 1.5



#### **RANDOM NETWORK MODEL**



Definition: A **random graph** is a graph of N labeled nodes where each pair of nodes is connected by a preset probability **p**.

#### **RANDOM NETWORK MODEL**

*N* and *p* do not uniquely define the network– we can have many different realizations of it. **How many?** 



The probability to form a *particular* graph **G(N,L)** is  $P(G(N,L)) = p^{L}(1-p)^{\frac{N(N-1)}{2}-L}$  That is, each graph **G(N,L)** appears with probability **P(G(N,L))**.

N=10 p=1/6

#### **DEGREE DISTRIBUTION OF A RANDOM GRAPH**



$$< k >= p(N-1) \qquad \qquad \sigma_k^2 = p(1-p)(N-1)$$
$$\frac{\sigma_k}{< k >} = \left[\frac{1-p}{p}\frac{1}{(N-1)}\right]^{1/2} \approx \frac{1}{(N-1)^{1/2}}$$

As the network size increases, the distribution becomes increasingly narrow—we are increasingly confident that the degree of a node is in the vicinity of <k>.

#### **WORLD WIDE WEB**

Nodes: WWW documents Links: URL links

Over 3 billion documents

ROBOT: collects all URL's found in a document and follows them recursively





#### **Degree distribution of the WWW**



#### The difference between a power law and an exponential distribution



Above a certain x value, the power law is always higher than the exponential.

#### What does the difference mean? Visual representation.



R. Albert, H. Jeong, A-L Barabasi, Nature, 401 130 (1999).


#### **PARETO DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH**



Vilfredo Pareto (1848-1923)

## percentage of population 1,800 600 200 1,000 1,400 wealth in thousands of dollars

#### Rich and Poor in America

This plot of household wealth in the United States, taken from 1998 census figures, clearly shows a distribution of rich and poor forming a Pareto curve. The highest percentage of households fall at the lower levels of wealth, but at the higher end, the curve drops off relatively slowly, displaying Pareto's "fat-tailed" pattern.



Size of Cities

#### **NO OUTLIERS IN A RANDOM SOCIETY**

$$P(k) = e^{-\langle k \rangle} \frac{\langle k \rangle^k}{k!}$$

→The most connected individual has degree  $k_{max}$ ~1,185 →The least connected individual has degree  $k_{min}$ ~ 816

The probability to find an individual with degree k>2,000 is  $10^{-27}$ . Hence the chance of finding an individual with 2,000 acquaintances is so tiny that such nodes are virtually inexistent in a random society.

 $\rightarrow$ a random society would consist of mainly average individuals, with everyone with roughly the same number of friends.

 $\rightarrow$  It would lack outliers, individuals that are either highly popular or recluse.

After Bill enters the arena the average wealth of the public  $\sim$  \$1,000,000



 $\sim$  \$100 billion



#### 10<sup>5</sup> people, 10<sup>5</sup> \$ average wealth per capita

Analisi di reti sociali - Aprile 2011

#### **FACING REALITY: Degree distribution of real networks**

$$P(k) = e^{-\langle k \rangle} \frac{\langle k \rangle^k}{k!}$$



| Network               | Size               | $\langle k \rangle$ | ĸ     | $\gamma_{out}$ | Yin       |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------|-----------|
| www                   | 325 729            | 4.51                | 900   | 2.45           | 2.1       |
| WWW                   | $4 \times 10^{7}$  | 7                   |       | 2.38           | 2.1       |
| WWW                   | $2 \times 10^{8}$  | 7.5                 | 4000  | 2.72           | 2.1       |
| WWW, site             | 260 000            |                     |       |                | 1.94      |
| Internet, domain*     | 3015-4389          | 3.42-3.76           | 30-40 | 2.1 - 2.2      | 2.1 - 2.2 |
| Internet, router*     | 3888               | 2.57                | 30    | 2.48           | 2.48      |
| Internet, router*     | 150 000            | 2.66                | 60    | 2.4            | 2.4       |
| Movie actors*         | 212 250            | 28.78               | 900   | 2.3            | 2.3       |
| Co-authors, SPIRES*   | 56 627             | 173                 | 1100  | 1.2            | 1.2       |
| Co-authors, neuro.*   | 209 293            | 11.54               | 400   | 2.1            | 2.1       |
| Co-authors, math.*    | 70 975             | 3.9                 | 120   | 2.5            | 2.5       |
| Sexual contacts*      | 2810               |                     |       | 3.4            | 3.4       |
| Metabolic, E. coli    | 778                | 7.4                 | 110   | 2.2            | 2.2       |
| Protein, S. cerev.*   | 1870               | 2.39                |       | 2.4            | 2.4       |
| Ythan estuary*        | 134                | 8.7                 | 35    | 1.05           | 1.05      |
| Silwood Park*         | 154                | 4.75                | 27    | 1.13           | 1.13      |
| Citation              | 783 339            | 8.57                |       |                | 3         |
| Phone call            | 53×10 <sup>6</sup> | 3.16                |       | 2.1            | 2.1       |
| Words, co-occurrence* | 460 902            | 70.13               |       | 2.7            | 2.7       |
| Words, synonyms*      | 22 311             | 13.48               |       | 2.8            | 2.8       |

#### Networks:

The exponents vary from system to system. Most are between 2 and 3

#### Universality:

the emergence of common features across different networks. Like the scale-free property.

#### **VARIANCE DIVERGES!**



## The evolution of a random network

#### **EVOLUTION OF A RANDOM NETWORK**







## Real networks are supercritical

#### Section 7

| Subcritical                   | Supercritical Full         |         |           |         |       | Fully Connected |  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------------|--|
| Internet                      | ×                          |         |           |         |       |                 |  |
| Power Grid                    | ×                          |         |           |         |       |                 |  |
| Science<br>Collaboration      |                            | X       |           |         |       |                 |  |
| Actor Network                 |                            |         |           |         |       | ×               |  |
| Yeast Protein<br>Interactions | ×                          |         |           |         |       |                 |  |
|                               | 1                          | 10      |           |         |       |                 |  |
|                               | Network                    | N       | L         | <k></k> | ln N  |                 |  |
|                               | Internet                   | 192,244 | 609,066   | 6.34    | 12.17 | 1               |  |
|                               | Power Grid                 | 4,941   | 6,594     | 2.67    | 8.51  |                 |  |
|                               | Science Collaboration      | 23,133  | 186,936   | 8.08    | 10.04 |                 |  |
|                               | Actor Network              | 212,250 | 3,054,278 | 28.78   | 12.27 |                 |  |
|                               | Yeast Protein Interactions | 2,018   | 2,930     | 2.90    | 7.61  |                 |  |

## Small world property

#### SIX DEGREES small worlds



Frigyes Karinthy, 1929 Stanley Milgram, 1967

#### SIX DEGREES

#### 1929: Frigyes Kartinthy



1929: *Minden másteppen van* (Everything is Different) *Láncszemek* Chains)

"Look, Selma Lagerlöf just won the Nobel Prize for Literature, thus she is bound to know King Gustav of Sweden, after all he is the one who handed her the Prize, as required by tradition. King Gustav, to be sure, is a passionate tennis player, who always participates in international tournaments. He is known to have played Mr. Kehrling, whom he must therefore know for sure, and as it happens I myself know Mr. Kehrling quite well."

"The worker knows the manager in the shop, who knows Ford; Ford is on friendly terms with the general director of Hearst Publications, who last year became good friends with Arpad Pasztor, someone I not only know, but to the best of my knowledge a good friend of mine. So I could easily ask him to send a telegram via the general director telling Ford that he should talk to the manager and have the worker in the shop quickly hammer together a car for me, as I happen to need one."

Frigyes Karinthy (1887-1938) Hungarian Writer

#### HOW TO TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY

1. ADD YOUR NAME TO THE ROSTER AT THE BOT OM OF THIS SHEET, so that the next person who receives this letter will know who it came from.

2. DETACH ONE POSTCARD. FILL IT AND RETURN IT TO HARVARD UNIVERSITY. No stamp is needed. The postcard is very important. It allows us to keep track of the progress of the folder as it moves toward the target person.

3. IF YOU KNOW THE TARGET PERSON ON A PERSONAL BASIS, MAIL THIS FOLDER DIRECTLY TO HIM (HER). Do this only if you have previously met the target person and know each other on a first name basis.

4. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE TARGET PERSON ON A PERSONAL BASIS, DO NOT TRY TO CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY. INSTEAD, MAIL THIS FOLDER (POST CARDS AND ALL) TO A PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE WHO IS MORE LIKELY THAN YOU TO KNOW THE TARGET PERSON. You may send the folder to a friend, relative or acquaintance, but it must be someone you know on a first name basis.

#### SIX DEGREES 1991: John Guare



"Everybody on this planet is separated by only six other people. Six degrees of separation. Between us and everybody else on this planet. The president of the United States. A gondolier in Venice.... It's not just the big names. It's anyone. A native in a rain forest. A Tierra del Fuegan. An Eskimo. I am bound to everyone on this planet by a trail of six people. It's a profound thought. How every person is a new door, opening up into other worlds."

#### **DISTANCES IN RANDOM GRAPHS**

Random graphs tend to have a tree-like topology with almost constant node degrees.



- nr. of first neighbors:
- nr. of second neighbors:
- •nr. of neighbours at distance d:
- estimate maximum distance:

- $N_{1} \cong \left\langle k \right\rangle$
- $N_{2} \cong \left\langle k \right\rangle^{2}$ 
  - $N_d \cong \langle k \rangle^d$



 $l_{\max} = \frac{\log N}{\log \langle k \rangle}$ 

| Network                 | Size      | (k)       | I        | rand      | С        | $C_{rand}$             | Reference  | Nr |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------------------|--|----|
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| Internet, domain level  | 3015-6209 | 3.52-4.11 | 3.7-3.76 | 6.36-6.18 | 0.18-0.3 | 0.001                  | Yook e al., 2001a,<br>Pastor-Satorras et al., 2001 | 2  |
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Given the huge differences in scope, size, and average degree, the agreement is excellent.

#### **CLUSTERING COEFFICIENT**

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

Since edges are independent and have the same probability p,

$$n_i \cong p \frac{k_i(k_i - 1)}{2}$$
  $C \cong p = \frac{\langle k \rangle}{N}$ 

The clustering coefficient of random graphs is small.

For fixed degree C decreases with the system size N.

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#### Degree distribution

Binomial, Poisson (exponential tails)

#### Clustering coefficient

Vanishing for large network sizes

#### Average distance among nodes

Logarithmically small

## Are real networks like random graphs? NO!

#### THE DEGREE DISTRIBUTION

#### **Prediction:**

$$P_{rand}(k) \cong C_{N-1}^{k} p^{k} (1-p)^{N-1-k}$$

Data:

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





- (a) Internet;
- (b) Movie Actors;
- (c) Coauthorship, high energy physics;
- (d) Coauthorship, neuroscience

#### PATH LENGTHS IN REAL NETWORKS



#### **CLUSTERING COEFFICIENT**



## The small-world model

# Real networks are between random networks and lattices





## Watts-Strogatz model



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#### **Collective dynamics of 'small-world' networks**

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Networks of coupled dynamical systems have been used to model biological oscillators<sup>1-4</sup>, Josephson junction arrays<sup>5,6</sup>, excitable media<sup>7</sup>, neural networks<sup>8-10</sup>, spatial games<sup>11</sup>, genetic control networks<sup>12</sup> and many other self-organizing systems. Ordinarily, the connection topology is assumed to be either completely regular or completely random. But many biological, technological and social networks lie somewhere between these two extremes.



#### Average path length vs. clustering coefficient



The Watts Strogatz Model: It takes a lot of randomness to ruin the clustering, but a very small amount to overcome locality





Hubs represent the most striking difference between a random and a scalefree network. Their emergence in many real systems raises several fundamental questions:

•Why does the random network model of Erdős and Rényi fail to reproduce the hubs and the power laws observed in many real networks?

• Why do so different systems as the WWW or the cell converge to a similar scale-free architecture?

## Growth and preferential attachment
**ER model**: the number of nodes, N, is fixed (static models)

# networks expand through the addition of new nodes



Barabási & Albert, Science 286, 509 (1999)

ER model: links are added randomly to the network

## New nodes prefer to connect to the more connected nodes

The random network model differs from real networks in two important characteristics:

**Growth:** While the random network model assumes that the number of nodes is fixed (time invariant), real networks are the result of a growth process that continuously increases.

**Preferential Attachment:** While nodes in random networks randomly choose their interaction partner, in real networks new nodes prefer to link to the more connected nodes.

# The Barabási-Albert model

### **Origin of SF networks: Growth and preferential attachment**

(1) Networks continuously expand by the addition of new nodes

WWW : addition of new documents

(2) New nodes prefer to link to highly connected nodes.

WWW : linking to well known sites

#### **GROWTH:**

add a new node with m links

#### **PREFERENTIAL ATTACHMENT:**

the probability that a node connects to a node with k links is proportional to k.





