

M2 Complex Systems - Complex Networks

Lecture 3 - Network models

Erdős-Rényi random graphs and configuration model

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- To simulate :

- ▶ phenomena
- ▶ algorithms
- ▶ protocols

- In order to :

- ▶ design
- ▶ test
- ▶ predict
- ▶ better understand

- Example :

Would Internet protocols still work if Internet was 10 times larger ?

- ▶ generate a synthetic network and simulate

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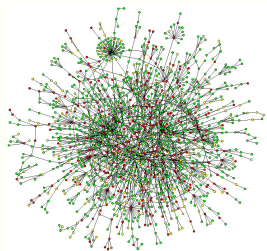
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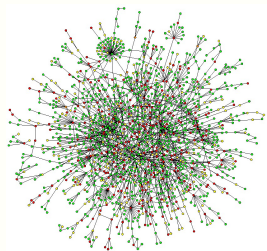


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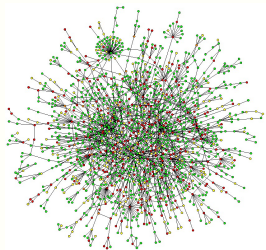


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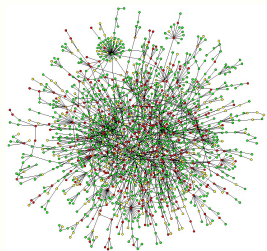


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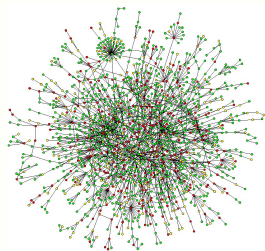


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- For mathematical analysis of the model? $G_{n,p}$

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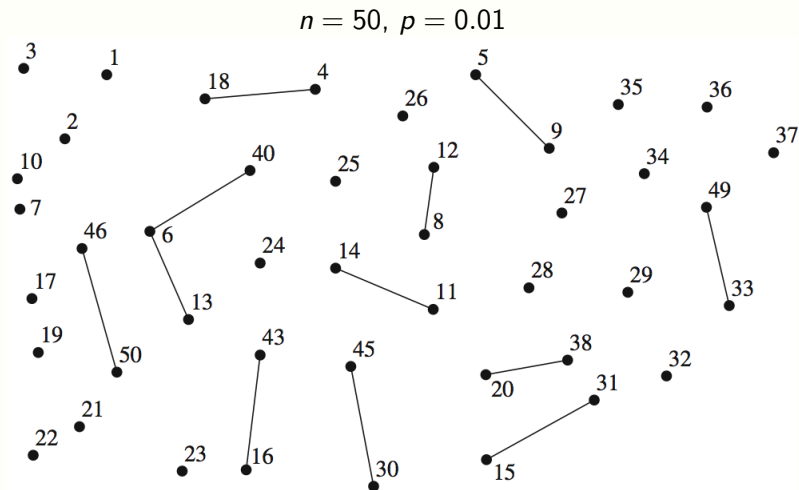
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N.B. : p (eventually) depends on n

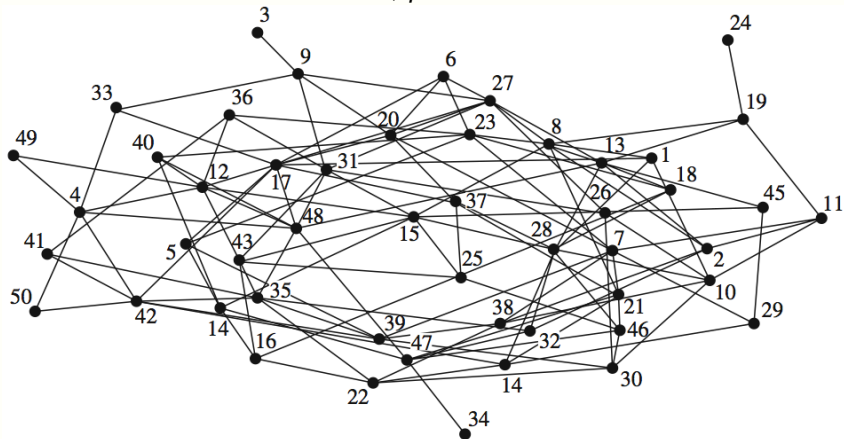
- Threshold function $t(n)$ for property A :
 - ▶ $\mathbb{P}(A) \rightarrow 0$ if $\frac{p(n)}{t(n)} \rightarrow 0$
 - ▶ $\mathbb{P}(A) \rightarrow 1$ if $\frac{p(n)}{t(n)} \rightarrow +\infty$
 - ▶ makes sense for monotonic properties (for inclusion of edge set)
- such a threshold function exists \Rightarrow **phase transition**
- Seminal work of Erdős and Rényi in 1959

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$n = 50, p = 0.10$



Threshold for connectivity

- We show a threshold with function $t(n) = \frac{\log n}{n}$
- Denote $p(n) = \lambda \frac{\log n}{n}$ (mean degree $\sim \lambda \log n$)
- We show a (much) stronger statement for threshold function $\frac{\log n}{n}$:
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- so we have $\text{var}(X) \sim \mathbb{E}[X]$
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- we obtain $\mathbb{P}(X = 0) \leq \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[X]} \rightarrow 0$
- it follows that $\mathbb{P}(X > 0) \rightarrow 1$ when $n \rightarrow +\infty$
- and consequently $\mathbb{P}(\text{disconnected}) \rightarrow 1$ when $n \rightarrow +\infty$

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- using this expression, one can show that
$$\mathbb{P}(G \text{ is disconnected}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

Threshold for giant component

- Giant = constant fraction of the vertices
- We show a threshold with function $t(n) = \frac{1}{n}$
- Denote $p(n) = \frac{\lambda}{n}$ (mean degree $\sim \lambda$)
- We again show a strong statement for threshold function $\frac{1}{n}$:
 1. if $\lambda < 1$, $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, $\mathbb{P}(\text{maxsize}(CC) \geq a \log n) \rightarrow 0$
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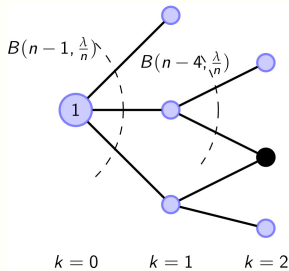
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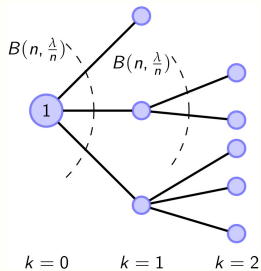
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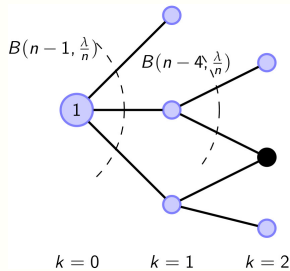
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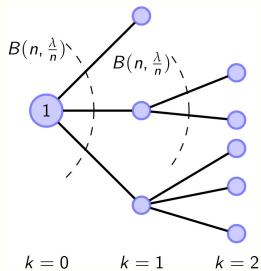
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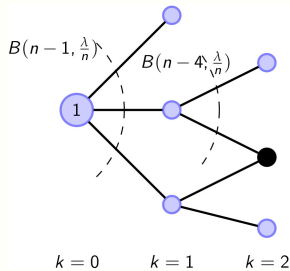


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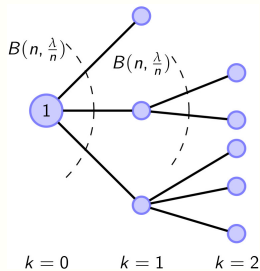
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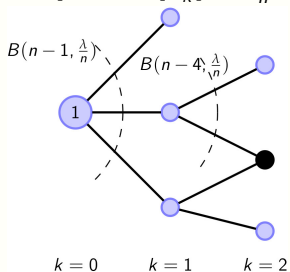
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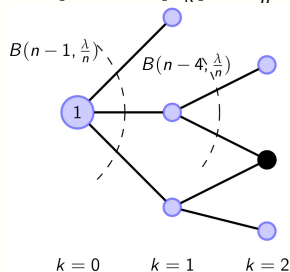
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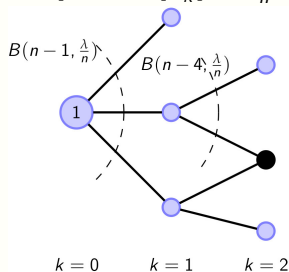
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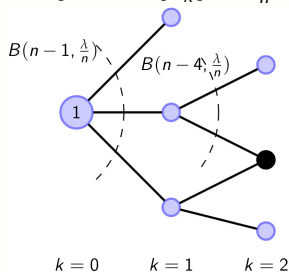
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What degree distribution should we take as parameter ?

- The degree distribution of some real-world network
- A mathematically defined one, powerlaw $\mathbb{P}(k) \sim k^{-\alpha}$.

Configuration model : implementation and complexity

- Put the semi-links in a table of size $2m$
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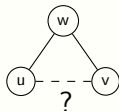
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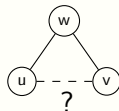


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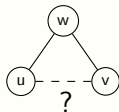
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