

# Self Similar (Scale Free, Power Law) Networks (II)

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# Description of the Preferential Attachment

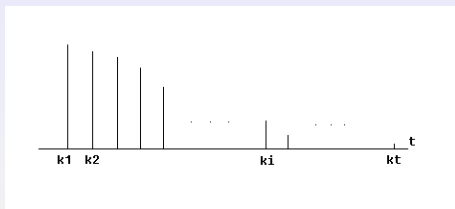
## Basic model

- At time 0, one node is present
- At each discrete time step  $t > 0$ , a new vertex is added, with one undirected edge preferentially ( $\propto k_i$  where  $k_i$  is the degree of the  $i$ th node) attached to one existing node (including itself).
- $t_i$  represents the time when vertex  $i$  was added to the system.

## More general model

Each new vertex has  $m$  edges linking to other vertexes, which allows multiple edges and also loops.

# Informal derivation of preferential attachment



Then, at time  $t$ ,

$$\frac{dk_i}{dt} = \frac{k_i}{2t} \Rightarrow k_i = \left(\frac{t}{t_i}\right)^{1/2}.$$

Thus, the degree  $D$  distribution is obtained by

$$\mathbb{P}[D > x] = \mathbb{P}[t_i < t/x^2] = \frac{t}{x^2(t+1)},$$

which implies  $\mathbb{P}[D = x] \sim \frac{1}{x^3}$ .

## Formal definitions

- $d_G(v)$  - total degree of vertex  $v$  in  $G$ .
- $G_1^t$  - state of the graph at time  $t \geq 1$  for  $m = 1$
- $G_1^1$  - starting graph with one vertex and one loop (pointing to itself).
- Given  $G_1^{t-1}$ , form  $G_1^t$  by adding the vertex  $v_t$  together with a single edge directed from  $v_t$  to  $v_i$ , where  $i$  is chosen randomly with

$$\mathbb{P}[i = s \mid G_1^{t-1}] = \begin{cases} d_{G_1^{t-1}}(v_s)/(2t-1) & 1 \leq s \leq t-1 \\ 1/(2t-1) & s = t. \end{cases}$$

For  $m > 1$ , the graph is constructed by adding  $m$  edges one at a time. Equivalently, the process  $G_m^t$  can be obtained by coalescing every  $m$  vertexes of  $G_1^{mt}$  into one vertex.

## Proving recipe

Used in many other papers.

Let the number of vertices of  $G_1^n$  with indegree equal to  $d$  be  $X_n(d)$ .  
The martingale

$$X_t = \mathbb{E}[X_n(d) \mid G_t]$$

satisfies that  $|X_{t+1} - X_t|$  is bounded by two.

If  $\{X_t\}_{n \geq t \geq 0}$  is a martingale with  $|X_{t+1} - X_t| \leq c$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ , then,

$$\mathbb{P}[|X_n - X_0| \geq x] \leq \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2c^2n}\right).$$

Applying Azuma-Hoeffding inequality, we obtain that  $X_n(d)$  is very concentrated around its mean, and thus only need to compute  $\mathbb{E}[X_n(d)]$ .

# Compute $\mathbb{E}[X_n(d)]$

This needs some work, and it turns that for  $m = 1$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n(d)] \sim \frac{4n}{(d+1)(d+2)(d+3)},$$

and for  $m > 1$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n^m(d)] \sim \frac{2m(m+1)n}{(d+m)(d+m+1)(d+m+2)}.$$

Is the topology unique? Is degree distribution enough?  
Intuition says no; however...(Kleinberg etc. 2005)

### Erdos-Renyi Model: Isomorphism

Let  $G_{rnd}(\infty, p)$  denote the probability distribution on graphs with vertex set  $\mathbb{N}$ , in which each edge  $(i, j)$  is included independently with probability  $0 < p < 1$ . There exists an infinite graph  $R$ , such that a random sample from  $G_{rnd}(\infty, p)$  is isomorphic to  $R$  with probability 1.

### Isomorphism of infinite limits for PA scale-free graphs: $m = 1, 2$

For  $d = 1, 2$ , there is a graph  $R$  such that a random sample from  $G_{rnd}(\infty, p)$  is isomorphic to  $R$  with probability 1.

### Infinite limits of PA scale-free graphs: $m \geq 3$

For each out-degree  $m \geq 3$ , it is not the case that two independent random samples from  $G_{PA}(\infty, p)$  are isomorphic with probability 1.



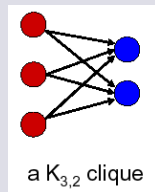
# Preferential Attachment: Continued...

## What if attaching proportional to $k_i^\alpha$ ?

- Only linear preferential attachment yields power-law graphs.
- If  $\alpha > 1$ , eventually one person gets all the links.  
There is a finite time after which no one else gets anything!
- If  $\alpha < 1$ , the degree distribution follows a stretched exponential.

## Limitation of preferential attachment

- Outdegree =  $m$  for directed graph.
- Global information.
- Number of nodes increases linearly.
- In a large scale experimental study by Kumar et al, they observed that the Web contains a large number of small bipartite cliques (cores)



# One generalization

## Both in-degree and out-degree are power law (Bollobás et al)

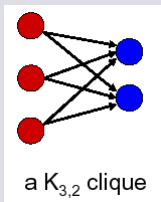
A directed graph which grows by adding single edge at discrete time steps. At each such step a vertex may or may not also be added. Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta_{in}$  and  $\delta_{out}$  be non-negative real numbers, with  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1$ .

- 1 With probability  $\alpha$ , add a new vertex  $v$  together with an edge from  $v$  to an existing vertex  $w$ , where  $w$  is chosen proportionally to  $d_{in} + \delta_{in}$ .
- 2 With probability  $\beta$ , add an edge from an existing vertex  $v$  to an existing vertex  $w$ , where  $v$  and  $w$  are chosen independently,  $v$  according to  $d_{out} + \delta_{out}$ , and  $w$  according to  $d_{in} + \delta_{in}$ .
- 3 With probability  $\gamma$ , add a new vertex  $w$  and an edge from an existing vertex  $v$  to  $w$ , where  $v$  is chosen according to  $d_{out} + \delta_{out}$ .

# Copying Model

- Parameters:
  - 1 The out-degree  $d$  (constant) of each node
  - 2 Probability  $p$ .
- The process:
  - 1 Nodes arrive one at the time
  - 2 A new node selects uniformly one of the existing nodes as a prototype
  - 3 The new node creates  $d$  outgoing links. For the  $i$ th neighbor of the prototype node
    - with probability  $p$  it connects to the  $i$ th neighbor of the prototype node
    - with probability  $1 - p$  it selects the target connection uniformly at random among all the existing nodes

- Power law degree distribution with exponent  $\beta = (2 - p)/(1 - p)$
- Number of bipartite cliques of size  $K_{id}$  is  $ne^{-i}$



The model has also found applications in biological networks:  
copying mechanism in genes

# 1-Step Random Walk with Self-Loop (A. Blum, et al 2006)

Given  $k$  and  $p$ , at time  $t$ , vertex  $v$  makes  $k$  connections to the existing graph by repeating the following process  $k$  times:

- 1 Pick an existing node  $v$  uniformly at random from  $\{v_0, \dots, v_{t-1}\}$ .
- 2 With probability  $p$  stay at  $v$ ; with probability  $1 - p$  take a 1-step walk to a random neighbor of  $v$ .
- 3 Add an edge from  $v$  to the node where the random walk stops.

In the directed version, the edges added are directed from  $v_t$  into the existing graph. In the undirected version, edges are undirected.

# analyzing 1-step walk

$D_i(t)$  is the expected number of nodes with in-degree  $i$  at step  $t$ , then,

$$D_i(t+1) = D_i(t) + \frac{pk}{t}(D_{i-1}(t) - D_i(t)) + \frac{(1-p)k}{t}((i-1)D_{i-1}(t) - iD_i(t)) \frac{1}{k}$$

Substitute  $D_i(t) = c_i t$  in the above equation,

$$c_i = pk(c_{i-1} - c_i) + (1-p)((i-1)c_{i-1} - ic_i),$$

to get  $c_i \sim Ci^{-\frac{2-p}{1-p}}$ . (same as the copying model)

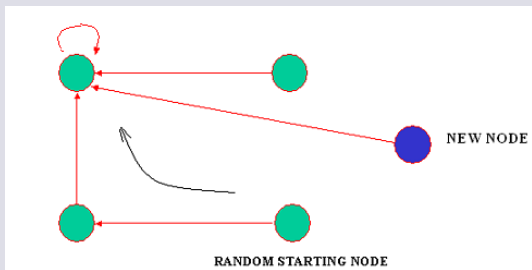
# Geometric random walk (A. Blum et al 2006)

Given  $k$  and  $p$ , at time  $t$ , vertex  $v$  makes  $k$  connections to the existing graph by repeating the following process  $k$  times:

- 1 Pick an existing node  $v$  uniformly at random from  $\{v_0, \dots, v_{t-1}\}$ .
- 2 Flip a coin of bias  $p$ .
- 3 If the coin comes up heads add an edge from  $v_t$  to the current node and stop.
- 4 If the coin comes up tails, move to a random neighbor of the current node and go back to (2).

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First and second toss = tail, second toss = head.





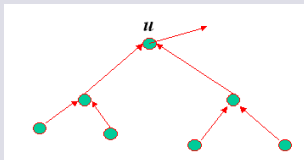
# Existing results (only for directed graphs)

Let  $l_i(u)$  be the number of level  $i$  descendants of node  $u$ . For example,  $l_1(u) = \#$  of children,  $l_2(u) = \#$  of grandchildren, etc.

Let  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots)$  be a sequence of real numbers with  $\beta_1 = 1$ .

Define virtual degree of  $u$  with respect to  $\beta$  to be

$$v_\beta(u) = 1 + \beta_1 l_1(u) + \beta_2 l_2(u) + \beta_3 l_3(u) + \dots$$



$$v(u) = 1 + 2\beta_1 + 4\beta_2 + 0\beta_3 + 0\beta_4 + \dots$$

# Existing results

Theorem: There always exist  $\beta_i$ , dependent on  $p$  with  $\beta_0 = 1$ ,  $|\beta_i| \leq 1$  such that the expected increase in  $v(u)$  from step  $t$  to  $t + 1$  is  $v(u)p/t$ . Furthermore,  $\beta_i = O(\rho^i)$ ,  $0 < \rho < 1$ .

Let  $v_t(u)$  be the virtual degree of node  $u$  at time  $t$  and  $t_u$  be the time when node  $u$  first appears. Then, for any node  $u$  and time  $t \geq t_u$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[v_t(u)] = \Theta((t/t_u)^p).$$

Proof:  $\mathbb{E}[v_t(u)] = (1 + \frac{p}{t-1})\mathbb{E}[v_{t-1}(u)]$ , hence,

$$\mathbb{E}[v_t(u)] = \prod_{i=t_u}^t (1 + p/i) = \Theta\left(\left(\frac{t}{t_u}\right)^p\right)$$

# Existing results

## For real degree $d(u)$

Let  $d_t(u)$  be the virtual degree of node  $u$  at time  $t$  and  $t_u$  be the time when node  $u$  first appears. For any node  $u$  and time  $t \geq t_u$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[d_t(u)] \geq \Omega((t/t_u)^{\rho(1-\rho)}).$$

## Proof

Observe that

$$\mathbb{E}[d_{t+1}(u)] \geq \mathbb{E}[d_t(u)] + \frac{\rho(1-\rho)}{t} \mathbb{E}[d_t(u)],$$

then...

Only partial results are proved for the random walk model.

## Scale free network caused by random walk

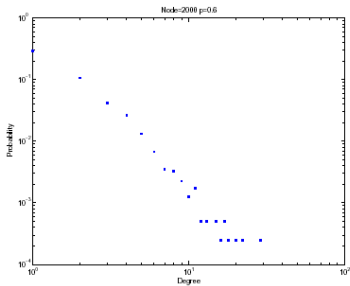
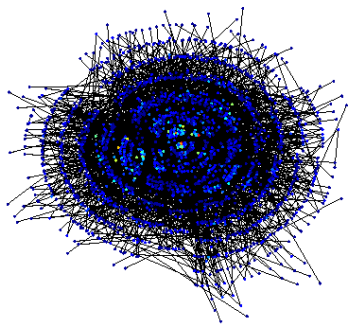


Figure: Node=2000, Random Walk  $p = 0.6$ .