

# Processes on random graphs: routing and attack vulnerability

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# Random graphs

Plan of the lectures:

Lecture 1:

Real-world networks and inhomogeneous random graphs

Lecture 2:

Inhomogeneous random graphs: small-world phenomenon

Lecture 3:

Configuration model and its properties

Lecture 4:

Real-world networks and routing on random graphs

# Material

Lecture notes in preparation:

## Random Graphs and Complex Networks

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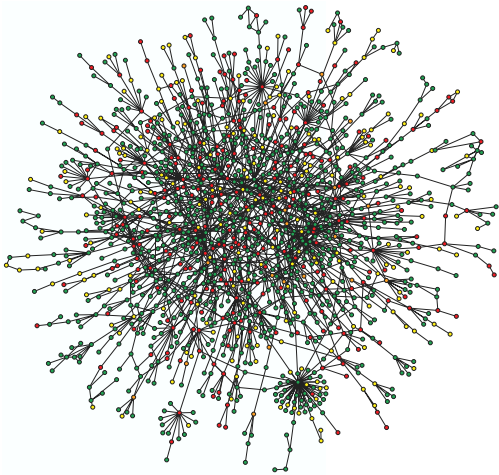
Material from Chapters 6-11.

Exercises taken from lecture notes.

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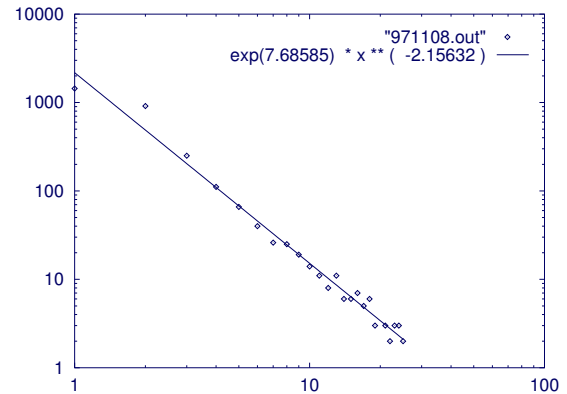
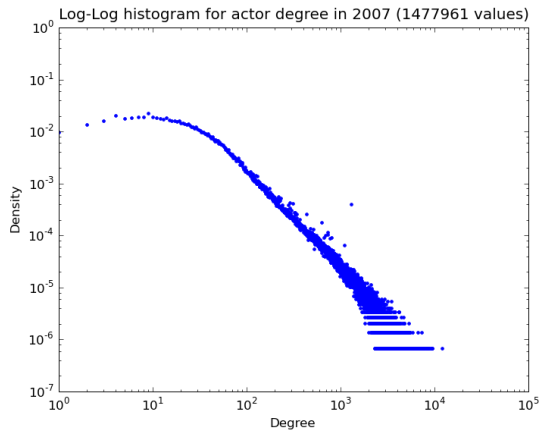


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Internet topology in 2001

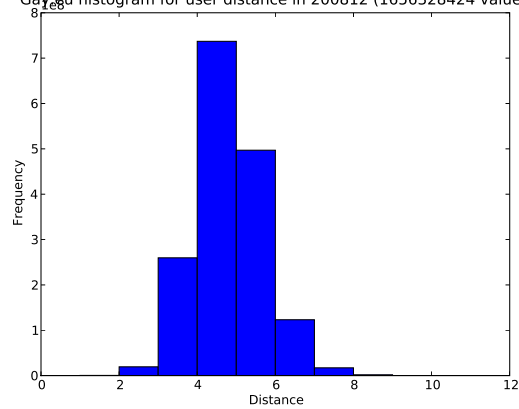
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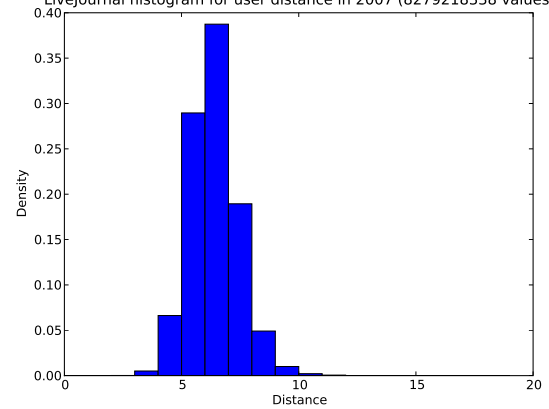
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**Universality??**

# Erdős-Rényi random graph

Vertex set  $[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Erdős-Rényi random graph is random subgraph of complete graph on  $[n]$  where each of  $\binom{n}{2}$  edges is occupied with probab.  $p$ .

Simplest imaginable model of a random graph.

- Attracted tremendous attention since introduction 1959, mainly in combinatorics community.

Probabilistic method (Erdős et al).

**Egalitarian:** Every vertex has equal probability of being connected to.  
Misses hub-like structure of real networks.

# Rank-1 inhomogeneous random graphs

Attach **edge** with probability  $p_{ij}$  between vertices  $i$  and  $j$ , where

$$p_{ij} = \frac{w_i w_j}{\ell_n + w_i w_j},$$

and

$$\ell_n = \sum_{i \in [n]} w_i,$$

and different edges are **independent**.

**Interpretation:**  $w_i$  is close to **expected degree** vertex  $i$ .

When  $w_i = n\lambda/(n - \lambda)$ , we retrieve **Erdős-Rényi** random graph with  $p = \lambda/n$ .

## Condition 6.3: Regularity vertex weights

Denote empirical distribution function weight by

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# Canonical choices of weights

(a) Take  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$  as **i.i.d.** random variables with distribution function  $F$ .

(b) Take  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$  as

$$w_i = [1 - F]^{-1}(i/n).$$

**Interpretation:** proportion of vertices  $i$  with  $w_i \leq x$  is close to  $F(x)$ .<sup>†</sup>

**Power-law example:**

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < a, \\ 1 - (a/x)^{\tau-1} & \text{for } x \geq a, \end{cases}$$

in which case

$$[1 - F]^{-1}(u) = a(1/u)^{-1/(\tau-1)}, \quad \text{so that} \quad w_j = a(n/j)^{1/(\tau-1)}.$$

# Degree structure graph

Denote proportion of vertices with degree  $k$  by

$$P_k^{(n)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in [n]} \mathbb{1}_{\{D_i=k\}},$$

where  $D_i$  denotes degree of vertex  $i$ .

Let Condition 6.3(a) hold. Then, model is sparse, i.e., there exists probability distribution  $(p_k)_{k=0}^{\infty}$  s.t.

$$P_k^{(n)} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} p_k \quad \text{where} \quad p_k = \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-W} \frac{W^k}{k!} \right],$$

where  $W \sim F$ .

In particular,  $\sum_{l \geq k} p_l \sim ck^{-(\tau-1)}$  iff  $\mathbb{P}(W \geq k) \sim ck^{-(\tau-1)}$ .<sup>†</sup>

# Critical value IRG

Bollobás-Janson-Riordan (07), Chung-Lu (02), [Theorem 9.2]:

Let  $W \sim F$ , then

- largest component  $\sim \zeta n$  with  $\zeta \in (0, 1)$  for  $\nu = \mathbb{E}[W^2]/\mathbb{E}[W] > 1$ ;
- largest component  $o(n)$  for  $\nu = \mathbb{E}[W^2]/\mathbb{E}[W] \leq 1$ .

Identifies critical value IRG as

$$\nu = \mathbb{E}[W^2]/\mathbb{E}[W] = 1,$$

where  $\nu$  is asymptotic expected number of forward neighbors, and  $W$  is asymptotic weight of uniform vertex.

# Robustness of networks

**Random attack:** Remove vertices uniformly at random with probability  $p$ . Obtain rank-1 IRG where now probability of edge  $ij$  between kept vertices equals

$$\frac{w_i w_j}{\ell_n + w_i w_j},$$

and otherwise equals 0.

Giant component exists whenever

$$(1 - p)\nu > 1.$$

In particular, when  $\nu = \infty$ , **always** giant component:

**Robust to random failure.**



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**Deliberate attack:** Remove proportion  $p$  of vertices with highest weight. Obtain rank-1 IRG where probability of edge  $ij$  for  $i, j > np$  equals

$$\frac{w_i w_j}{\ell_n + w_i w_j},$$

while otherwise probability equals 0.

Thus, giant component exists whenever

$$\frac{\sum_{i>np} w_i^2}{\ell_n} > 1.$$

In particular, even when  $\nu = \infty$ , for  $p$  large, no giant component:

**Fragile to deliberate attacks.**

# Exercises Monday afternoon

Exercises:

6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.8, 6.15;

9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 9.11, 9.12, 9.13.

[Numbers refer to October 3, 2011 version of the lecture notes.]

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Inhomogeneous random graphs:  
small-world phenomenon and its proofs

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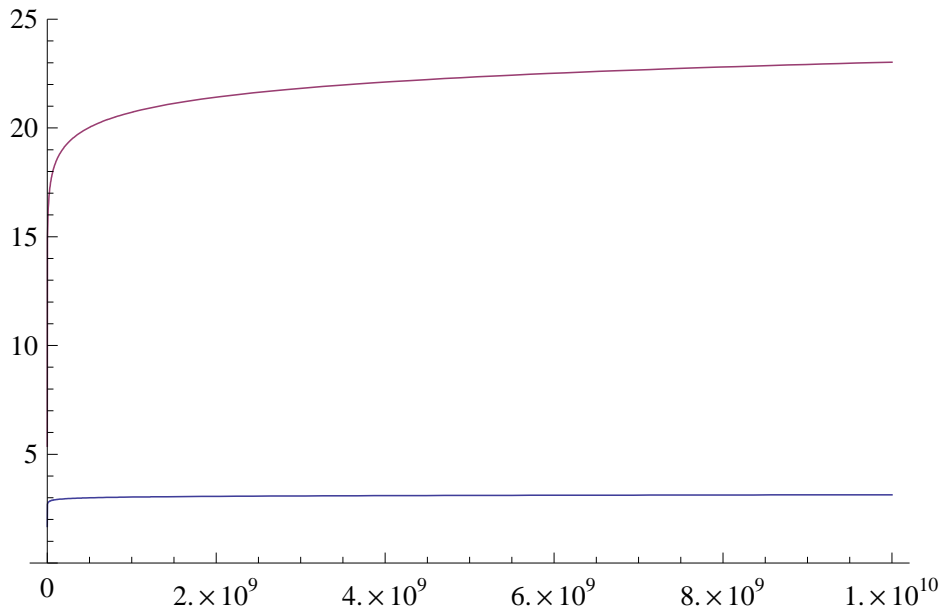
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**Theorem 2.** [Theorem 9.4] (CL03, Norros+Reittu 06). When  $\tau \in (2, 3)$ , and Condition 6.3(a-b) hold, under certain further conditions on  $F_n$ , and conditionally on  $H_n < \infty$ ,

$$\frac{H_n}{\log \log n} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \frac{2}{|\log(\tau - 2)|}.$$

$x \mapsto \log \log x$  grows extremely slowly



Plots of  $x \mapsto \log x$  and  $x \mapsto \log \log x$ .

## Digression 1: $\tau = 3$

**Theorem 3.** [Theorem 9.22]. When  $\tau = 3$  in the form

$$w_i = c(n/i)^{1/2},$$

then, conditionally on  $H_n < \infty$ ,

$$\frac{H_n \log \log n}{\log n} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 1.$$



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# Configuration model and its properties

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Invented by Bollobás (1980), EJC: 285 cit. to study  
number of graphs with given degree sequence.

Inspired by Bender+Canfield (1978), JCT(A): 300 cit.

Giant component studied by Molloy, Reed (1995), RSA: 664 cit.

Popularized by Newman, Strogatz, Watts (2001), Psys. Rev. E: 1190  
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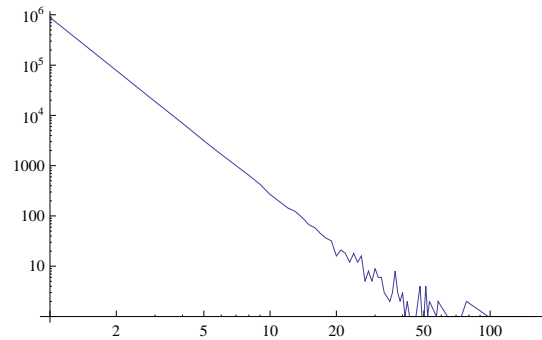
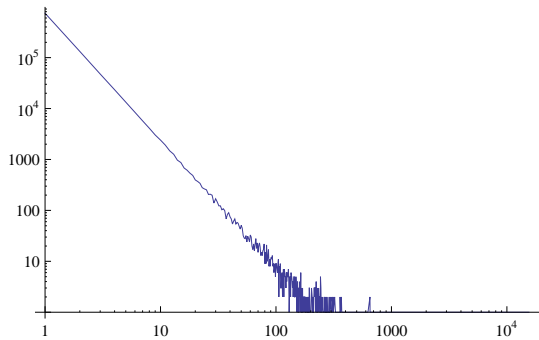
Let  $n$  be number of vertices and  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$  sequence of degrees.  
Often take  $(d_i)_{i \in [n]}$  to be sequence of independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables with certain distribution.

Special attention for power-law degrees, i.e., when

$$\mathbb{P}(D_1 \geq k) = c_\tau k^{-\tau+1}(1 + o(1)),$$

where  $c_\tau$  is constant and  $\tau > 1$ .

# Power-law degree sequence CM



Loglog plot of degree sequence CM with i.i.d. degrees  $n = 1,000,000$   
and  $\tau = 2.5$  and  $\tau = 3.5$ , respectively.

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- **Connect stubs** to create **edges** as follows:

Number stubs from 1 to  $\ell_n$  in any order.

First connect first stub at random with one of *other*  $\ell_n - 1$  stubs.

Continue with second stub (when not connected to first) and so on, until **all stubs are connected...**

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# Properties configuration model

CM can have **cycles** and **multiple edges**, but these are relatively **scarce** compared to the number of edges. [Theorem 7.6]

Let  $D_n$  denote **degree of uniformly chosen vertex**. Condition 7.2(a):  $D_n$  converges in distribution to **limiting random variable  $D$** .

[Theorem 7.8, Prop. 7.9] When  $\mathbb{E}[D_n^2] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[D^2] < \infty$ , then numbers of **self-loops** and **multiple edges** converge in distribution to two **independent Poisson** variables with parameters  $\nu/2$  and  $\nu^2/4$ , respectively, where

$$\nu = \frac{\mathbb{E}[D(D-1)]}{\mathbb{E}[D]}.$$

**Configuration model (CM) is locally tree-like.**

## Properties configuration model (Cont.)

Can interpret parameter  $\nu$  as mean of **size-biased** distribution of  $D$  minus one.

This distribution is asymptotic distribution of **forward degree** of neighbor of uniformly chosen vertex.

$\nu > 1$  is equivalent to branching process approximation of connected components being **supercritical**, and **giant component** existing.



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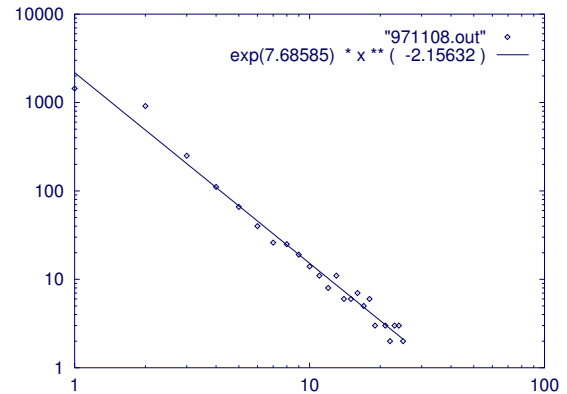
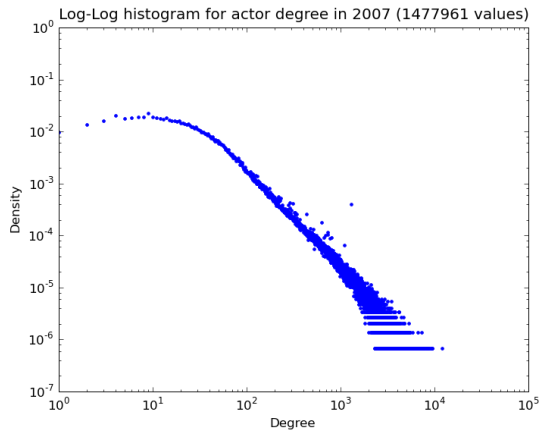
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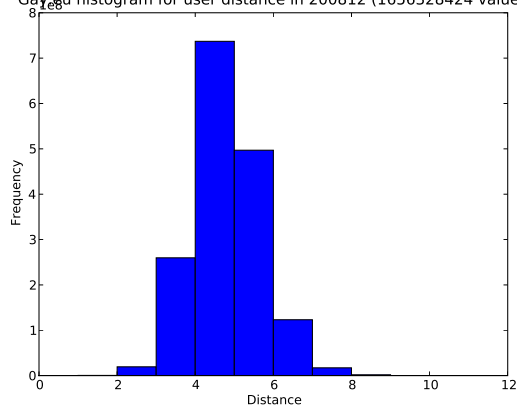
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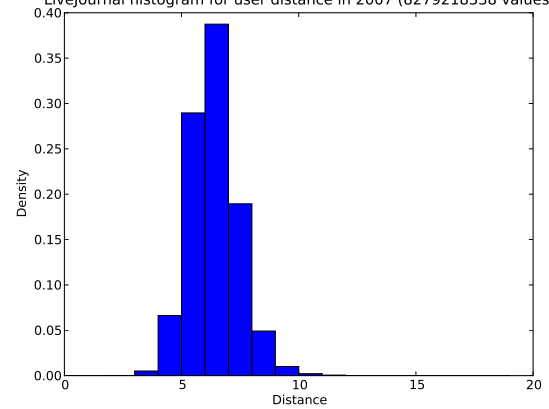
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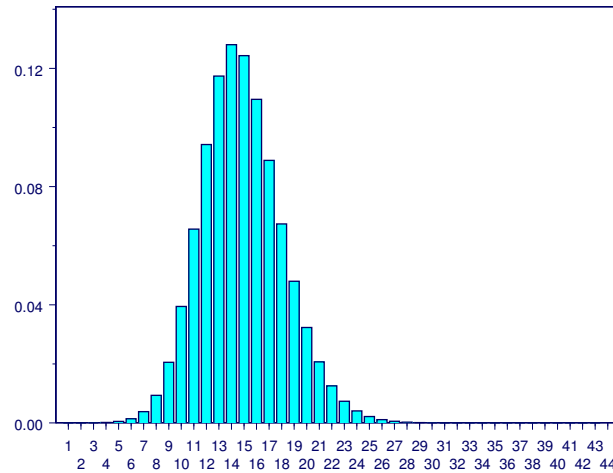
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## Processes on networks!

# Movies

# Distances in IP graph



Poisson distribution??

## Digression 2: Preferential attachment models

Albert-Barabási (1999):

Emergence of scaling in random networks (Science)

8737 citations on April 4, 2011.

Bollobas, Riordan, Spencer, Tusnády (2001):

The degree sequence of a scale-free random graph process (RSA)

371 citations in April 4, 2011.

In preferential attachment models, network is growing in time, in such a way that **new vertices** are more likely to be connected to vertices that already have **high degree**.

**Rich-get-richer model.**

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**Different** edges can attach with different updating rules:

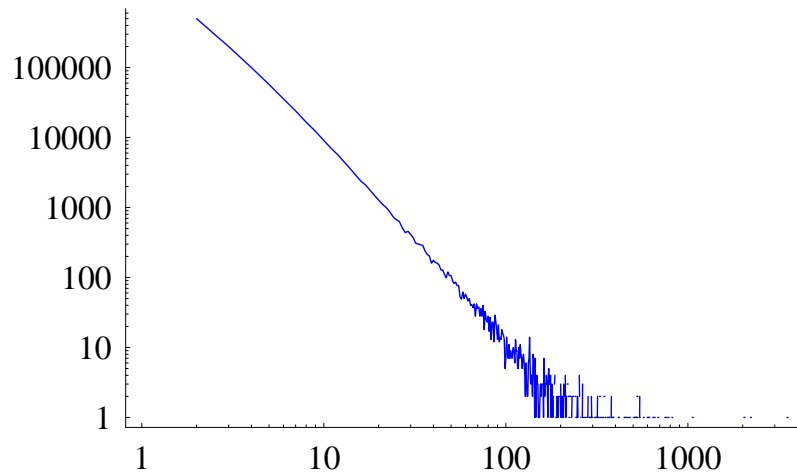
- (a) intermediate updating degrees with self-loops (BA99, BR04, BRST01)
- (b) intermediate updating degrees without self-loops;
- (c) without intermediate updating degrees, i.e., **independently**.

(Graphs in cases (b-c) have advantage of being **connected**.)

# Scale-free nature PA

Yields **power-law degree sequence** with power-law exponent  $\tau = 3 + \delta/m \in (2, \infty)$ .

(Bollobás, Riordan, Spencer, Tusnády (01)  $\delta = 0$ , Deijfen, vdE, vdH, Hoo (09),...) [Theorem 8.2]



$$(m = 2, \delta = 0, \tau = 3 + \frac{\delta}{m} = 3, n = 1,000,000)$$

# Albert-László Barabási



“...the scale-free topology is evidence of organizing principles acting at each stage of the network formation. (...) No matter how large and complex a network becomes, as long as preferential attachment and growth are present it will maintain its hub-dominated scale-free topology.”



# Distances PA models

Non-rigorous physics literature predicts that scaling distances in preferential attachment models similar to the one in configuration model with equal power-law exponent degrees.

# Distances PA models

$\text{Diam}_n$  is diameter in PA model of size  $n$ .

**Theorem 6 (Dommers-vdH-Hoo 10).** For all  $m \geq 2$  and  $\tau \in (3, \infty)$ ,

$$\text{Diam}_n, H_n = \Theta(\log n).$$

**Theorem 7 (Dommers-vdH-Hoo 10, DerMonMor 11).** For all  $m \geq 2$  and  $\tau \in (2, 3)$ ,

$$\frac{H_n}{\log \log n} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \frac{4}{|\log(\tau - 2)|},$$

and

$$\text{Diam}_n = \Theta(\log \log n).$$

[Talk Christian Mönch.]

# Distances PA models

**Theorem 8 (Bol-Rio 04).** For all  $m \geq 2$  and  $\tau = 3$ , for model (a),

$$\text{Diam}_n, H_n = \frac{\log n}{\log \log n} (1 + o_{\mathbb{P}}(1)).$$

**Universality!**

# Shortest-weight problems

In many applications, **edge weights** represent **cost structure** graph, such as economic or congestion costs across edges.

**Time delay** experienced by vertices in network is given by **hopcount**  $H_n$ , which is number of edges on shortest-weight path.

**How does weight structure influence hopcount and weight SWP?**

Assume that

**edge weights are i.i.d. random variables:  
Aldous' stochastic mean-field model of distance.**

Problem with **exponential edge weights** received tremendous attention on **complete graph**, here extend to **random graphs**.  
Graph distances: **weights = 1.**

# Results

**Theorem 9. (BvdHH10).** Let  $H_n$  be number of edges between two uniformly chosen vertices on CM with i.i.d. exponential edge weights.

Assume  $D \geq 2$  a.s. and  $\nu = \frac{\mathbb{E}[D(D-1)]}{\mathbb{E}[D]} > 1$ .

For  $\tau > 3$  or  $\tau \in (2, 3)$ ,

$$\frac{H_n - \alpha \log n}{\sqrt{\alpha \log n}} \xrightarrow{d} Z,$$

where  $Z$  is standard normal, and

$$\alpha = \frac{\nu}{\nu - 1} > 1 \quad \text{for } \tau > 3,$$
$$\alpha = \frac{2(\tau - 2)}{\tau - 1} \in (0, 1) \quad \text{for } \tau \in (2, 3).$$

# Results

**Theorem 10. (BvdHH10).** Let  $\mathcal{C}_n$  be weight of shortest path between two uniformly chosen vertices on CM with i.i.d. exponential edge weights.

Assume  $D \geq 2$  a.s. and  $\nu = \frac{\mathbb{E}[D(D-1)]}{\mathbb{E}[D]} > 1$ .

Then, for some limiting random variable  $\mathcal{C}_\infty$ , and for  $\tau > 3$  or  $\tau \in (2, 3)$ ,

$$\mathcal{C}_n - \gamma \log n \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{C}_\infty,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= \frac{1}{\nu - 1} > 0 && \text{for } \tau > 3, \\ \gamma &= 0 && \text{for } \tau \in (2, 3). \end{aligned}$$

## Discussion Theorems 9-10

Random weights have marked effect on shortest-weight problem.

Proof Theorems 9-10: Comparison neighborhood uniform vertex to branching process, and use wealth of results on FPP on trees.

Surprisingly universal behavior for FPP on configuration model.  
Universality is leading paradigm in statistical physics.  
Only few examples where universality can be rigorously proved.  
Extension to FPP on super-critical Erdős-Rényi random graph.

**Key question:**

To what extent is universality true for processes on random graphs models?

Cool application by Ding, Kim, Lubetzky, and Peres identifying distance between two random vertices in two-core of slightly supercritical ERRG.

## Digression 3: FPP on complete graph

Consider complete graph  $K_n = ([n], E_n)$  with edge weights  $E_e^s$ , where  $(E_e)_{e \in E_n}$  are i.i.d. exponentials.

**Theorem 11. (BvdH10).** Let  $C_n$  and  $H_n$  be weight and number of edges of shortest path between two uniformly chosen vertices in  $K_n$ . Then, with

$$\lambda = \lambda(s) = \Gamma(1 + 1/s)^s,$$

there exists a limiting random variable  $C_\infty$ , such that

$$C_n - \frac{1}{\lambda} \log n \xrightarrow{d} C_\infty,$$

while

$$\frac{H_n - s \log n}{\sqrt{s^2 \log n}} \xrightarrow{d} Z,$$

where  $Z$  is standard normal.



## Weights matter: $s < 0$

Not always CLT, even when weights have density:

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**Theorem 12. (BvdHH10b).**  $H_n$  converges in distribution. Limit is constant  $k = k(s)$  for most  $s$ ...

What are universality classes FPP on complete graph?

[Talk Jesse Goodman.]

# Topology matters

**Theorem 13.** (BvdHH in progress). For configuration model with degree exponent  $\tau > 3$ , there exist  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  such that

$$\frac{H_n - \alpha \log n}{\sqrt{\beta \log n}} \xrightarrow{d} Z.$$

Hopcount not always of order  $\log n$ :

Weights  $(1 + E_e)_{e \in \mathcal{E}_n}$  and  $\tau \in (2, 3)$ ,  $H_n = \Theta(\log \log n)$ .

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