Title: How famous is a scientist? Theory, society, ergodicity and communications in topologies

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Abstract: In the first part of the talk, we will discuss our recent paper, "How Famous is a Scientist? Famous to Those Who Know Us". Our findings show that fame and merit in science are linearly related, and that the probability distribution for a certain level of fame falls off exponentially. This is in sharp contrast with more Â"popularly famousÂ" groups of people, for which fame is exponentially related to merit (number of downed planes), and the probability of fame decays in power-law fashion. We will define fame in terms of the type of popularity growth model as a rich-get-richer scheme which leads to a scale-free graph. We will discuss the statistics and ergodicity properties of cycles in the topology of a large scale graph, and likewise the roles of communities and subcommunities to understanding the large scale graphs. In, "Statistics of Cycles: How Loopy is your Network?" we study the distribution of cycles of length h in large networks (of size $N \gg 1$) and find it to be an excellent ergodic estimator, even in the extreme inhomogeneous case of scale-free networks. The distribution is sharply peaked around a characteristic cycle length, $h \sim N\tilde{A}¡$. Finally, we will analyze Communication and Synchronization in Disconnected Networks with Dynamic Topology: Moving Neighborhood Networks.

Theory, Society, Ergodicity and Communications in Network Topologies.
How famous is a Scientist?

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Some Graph Theory
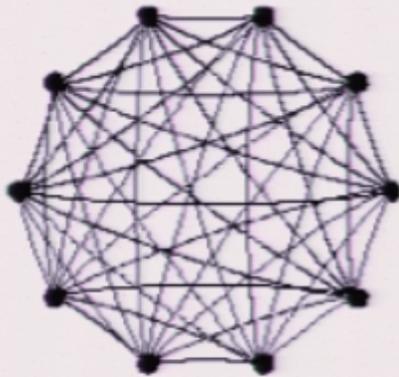

G_A -Graph generated by adjacency matrix A>0

$G_A = (E,V)$ $V=\{v_i\}_{i=1}^N$ -vertices labeling $\{B_i\}$

$E=\{(v_i, v_j): i \leqslant i,j \leqslant N, A_{i,j} > 0\}$ -set of edges

Taxonomy of Popular
Random Graph Communities: Global Topology
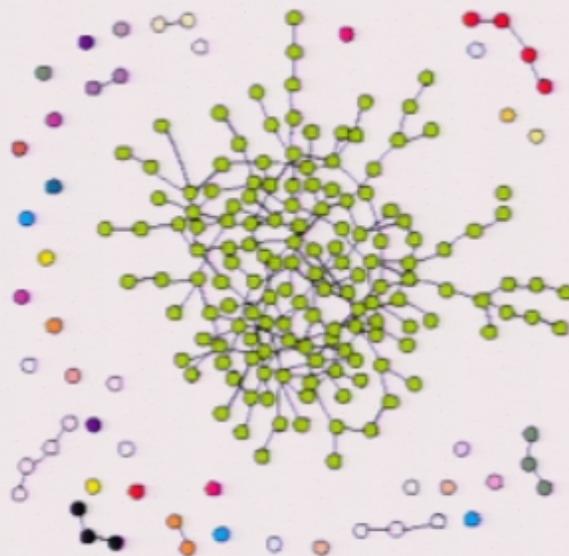## Which Best Describes the World-Wide Web?

All-All

E=10,N=10

Scale-Free
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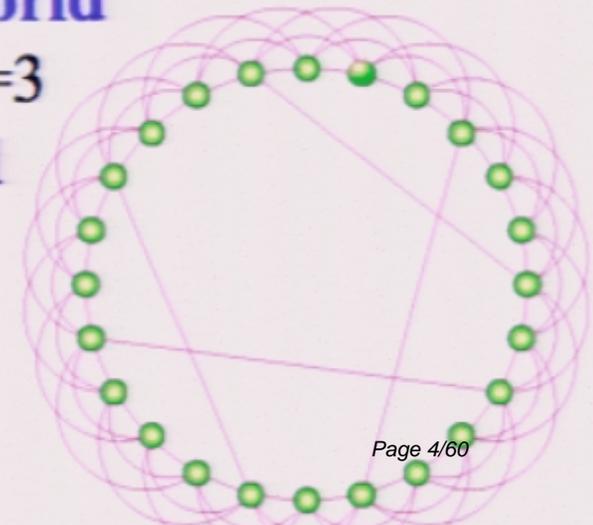- Red->k=33 degree
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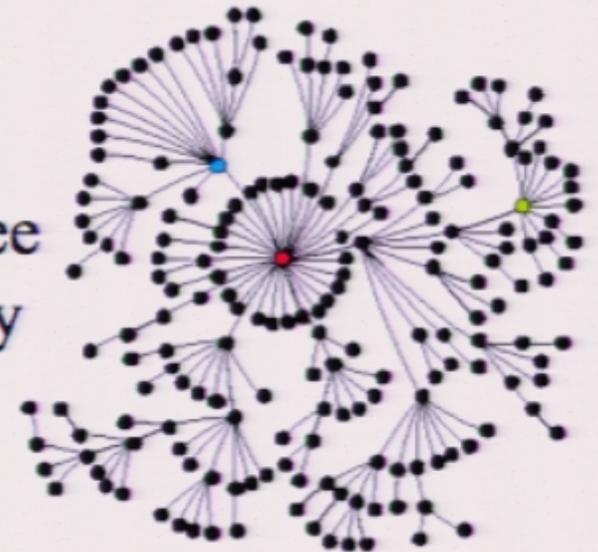
ER Random

E=193, N=200

Giant Component

Expect if E>N/2

No Central Hub
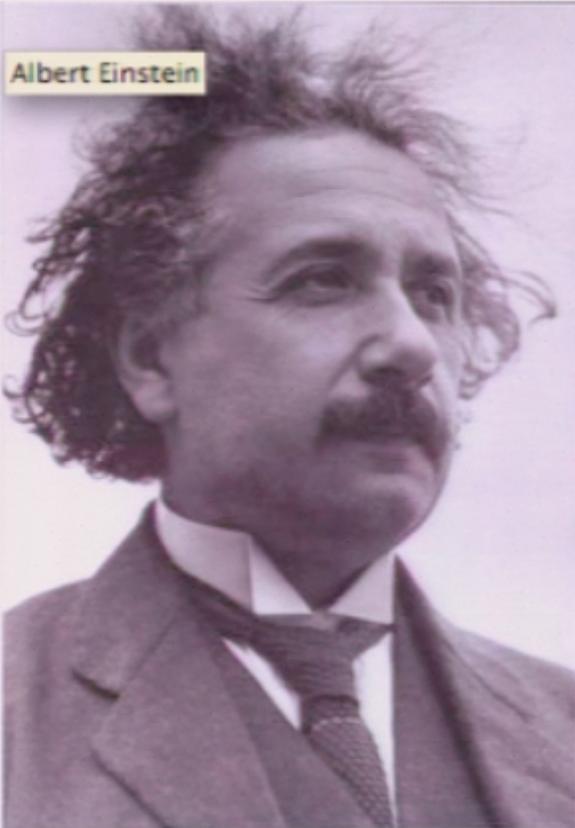
Small-World
- N=24, k=3
- $\phi(k)$ add

Who is famous?

What is fame?

Is fame linked to Merit?

V. Simkin og V.P. Roychowdhury; Theory of Aces: Fame by chance or merit?; Condensed Matter, arXiv.org; 2. oktober 2003

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How "Famous" are these folks?

Guess Who

Albert Einstein

4,710,000

Brother

7,010,000

Sister at Superbowl

1,500,000

Michael Jordan

1,560,000

Tom Cruise

3,510,000

Isaac Newton

Me

~660-9730

An "anonymous" Nobel winner from 1990's

Nobelprize.org
Get to know all 770 Prize
Winners! >

59,900

My favorite Fields Winner

Wayne Gretzky
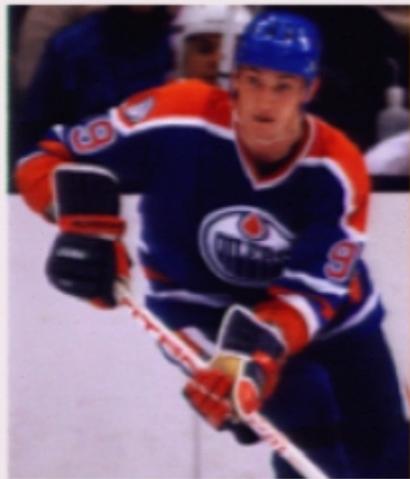
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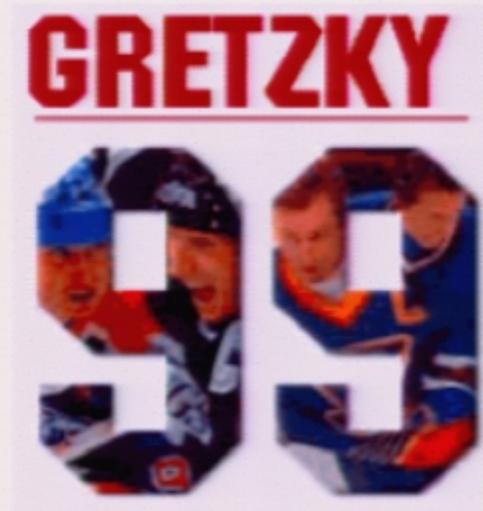
I challenge you

1. Name 10 Nobel prize winners from the 1980's-Today.

2. Name 10 "Famous" athletes.

3. Name 10 "Famous" movie actors.

4. Name 10 "Famous" (economists/biologists/ Engineers/...not in your (sub)field).

Don't tell anyone: I don't even like football or hockey!

Assert: Fame is a mechanism

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Theory of Aces

Let F Fame be ~number of times cited by google

Let A Merit be ~number of enemy aircraft shot down
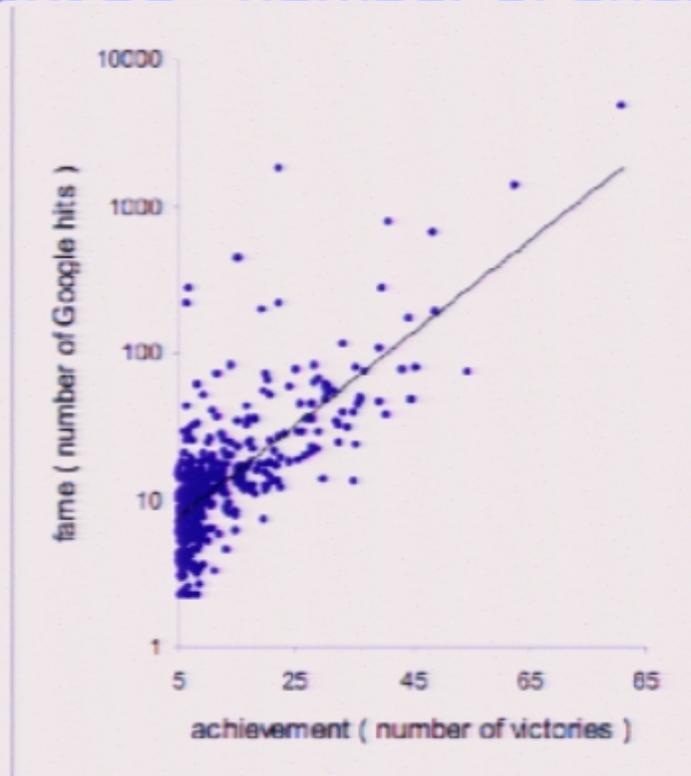
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nature

Only legendary physicists pass Google's fame test

the INQUIRER
News, reviews, facts and friction

We've a Pocket PC page too

Search to see if you are famous

FELIX

Fame! I want to study forever....

NEWSFACTOR TECHNOLOGY NEWS

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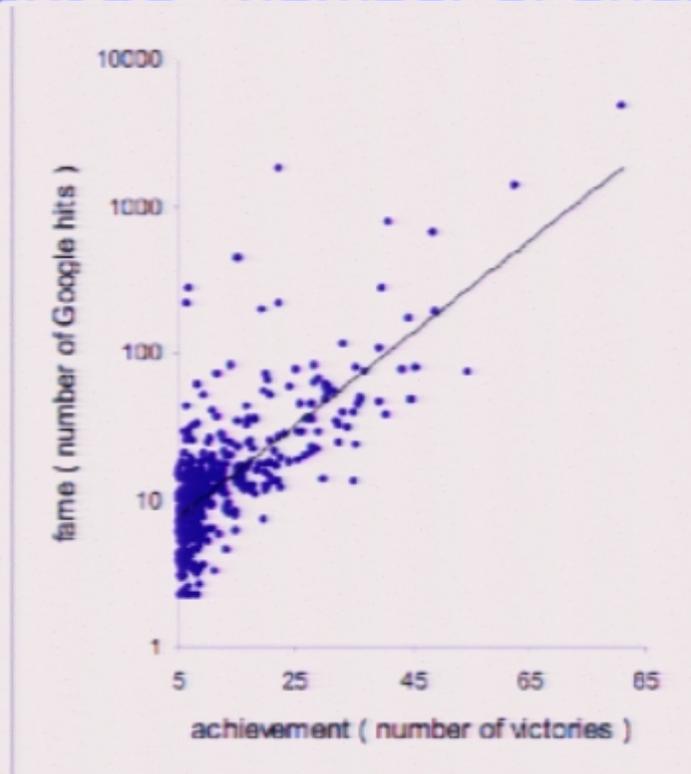Let A Merit be ~number of enemv aircraft shot down

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A stochastic model of multiplicative fitness.
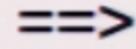## In the beginning, there was one web page.

They Told Two Friends

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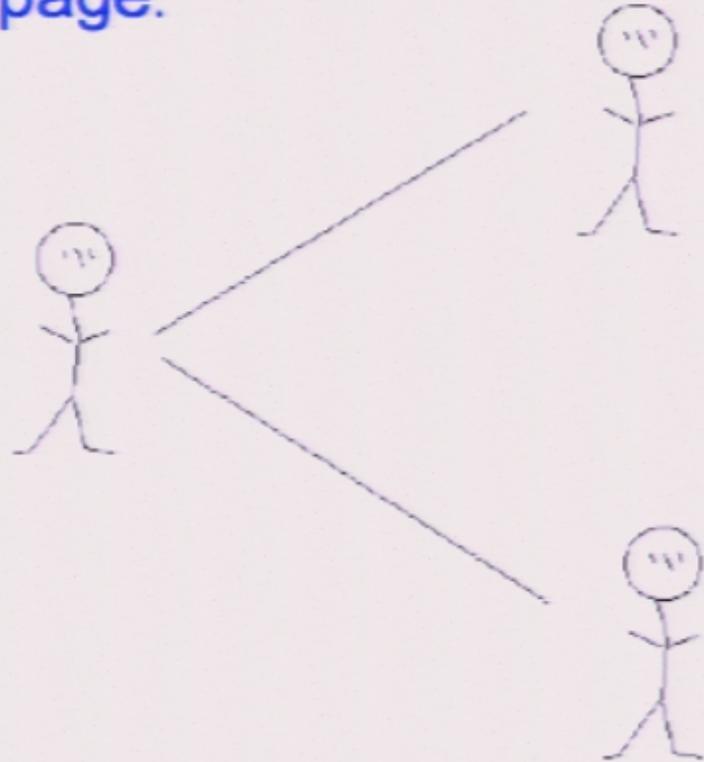
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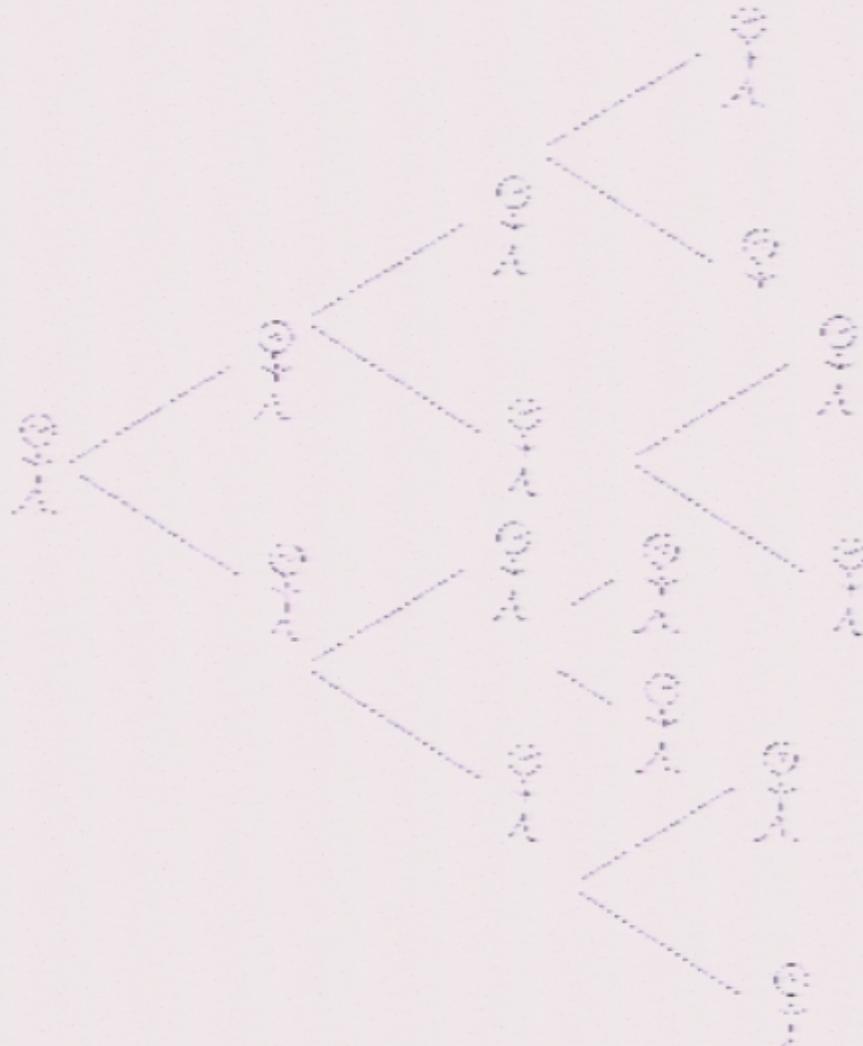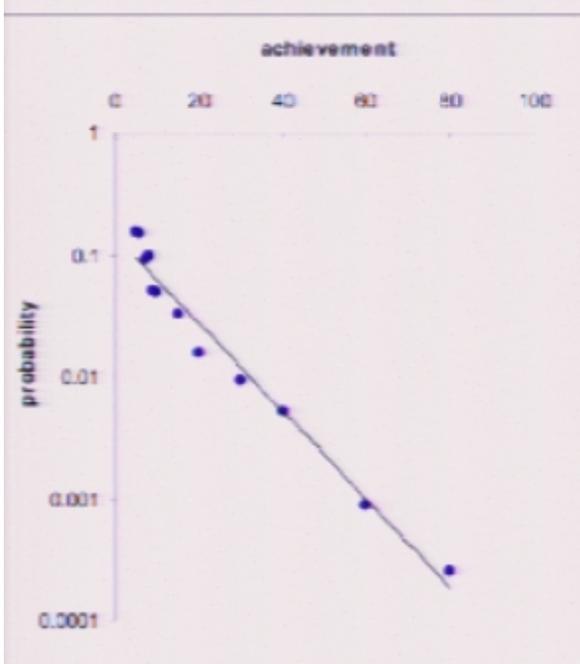
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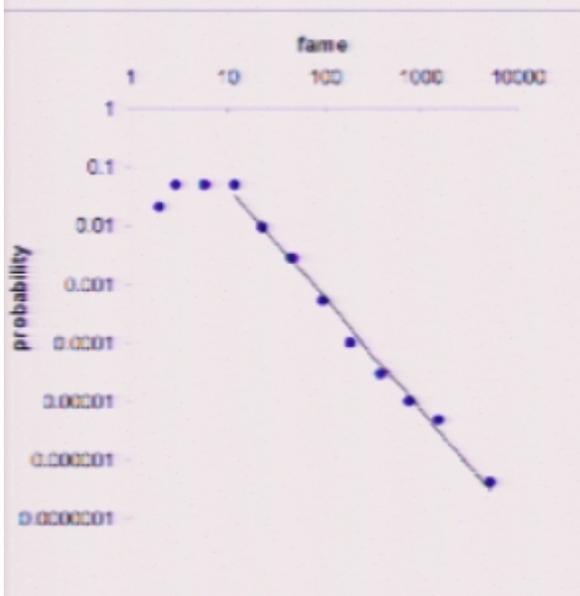
Figure 3. The distribution of fame (number of Google hits) computed using a sample of 393 German WWI aces. The straight line is the fit of $p(F) \propto F^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma = 1.9$.

A rate equation for number of pages F_k which refer to ace-k is proportional to A_k, achievement, and N is total number of webpages about aces.

$$\frac{dF_k}{dN} = A_k F_k \bigg/ \sum_{i=1}^{M} A_i F_i$$

Leads asymptotically to solution distributed solution:

$$p(F) \propto F^{-\gamma} \; ; \gamma = 2 + \frac{M}{N-M}$$

But…that assumes unlimited resource.
Consider x'=ax versus x'=ax(1-rx)

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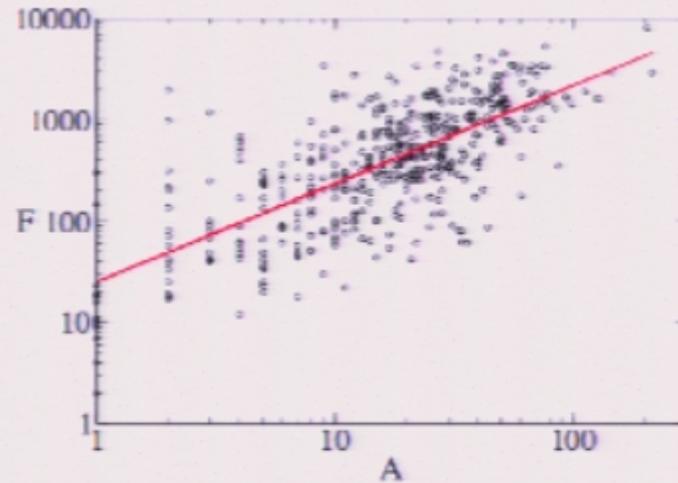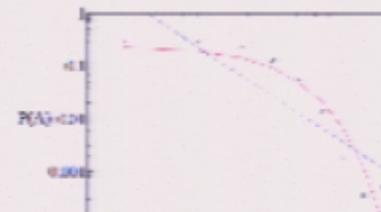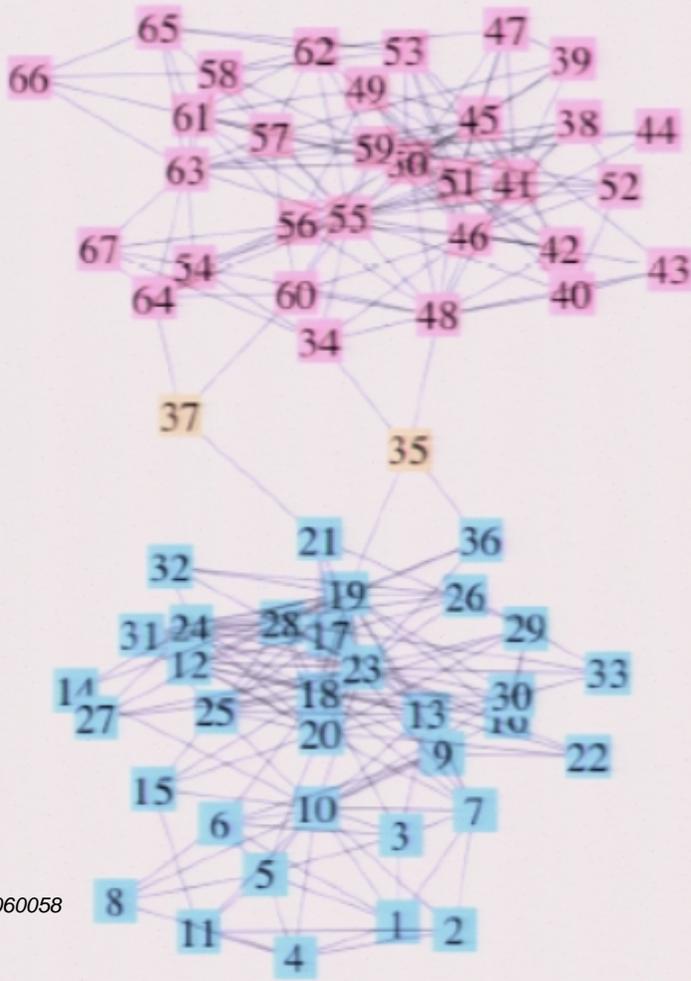is posting to the archive okay to measure merit,
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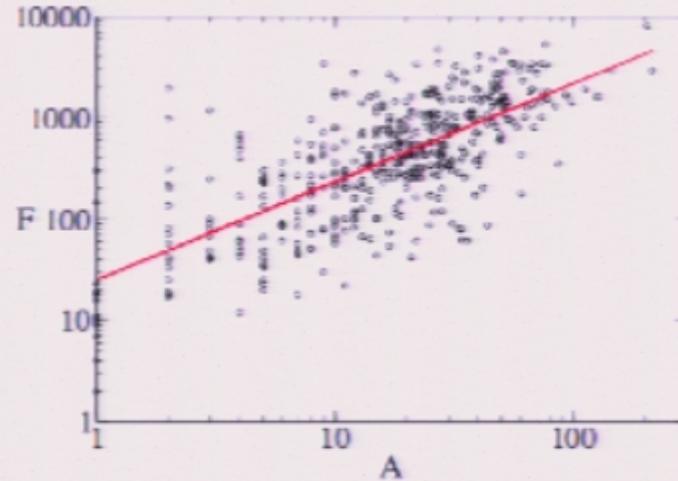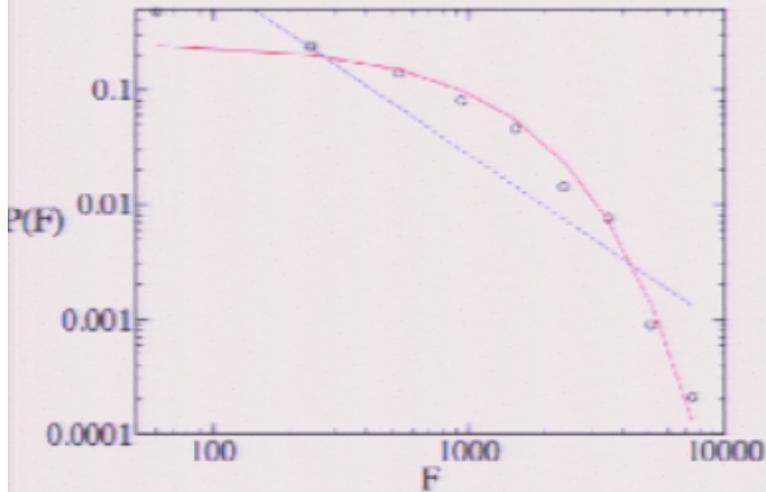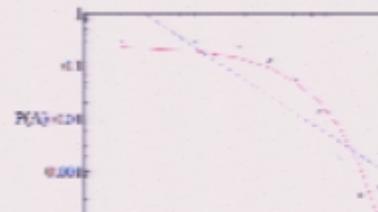$$P(A) \sim e^{-\nu A}, \quad \nu = c\eta.$$

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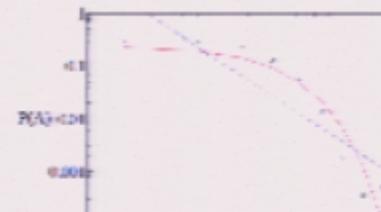$$F(A) \sim e^{\beta A}$$

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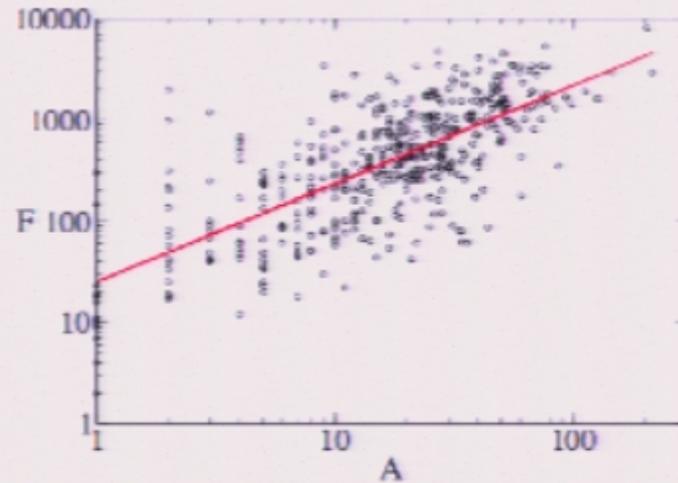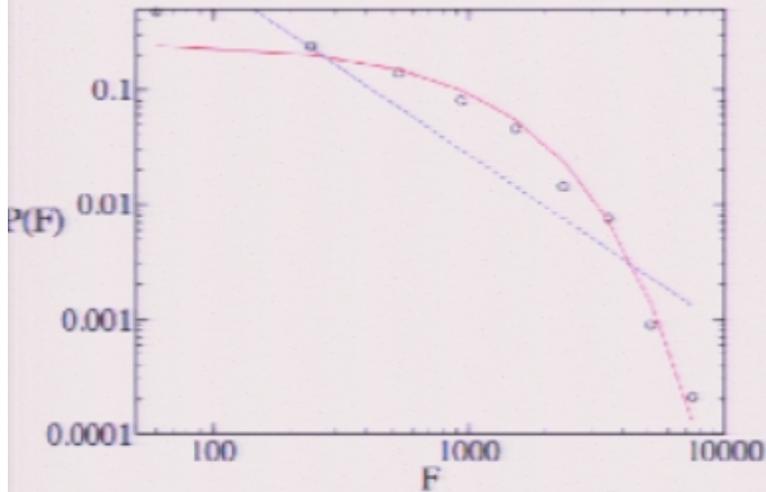
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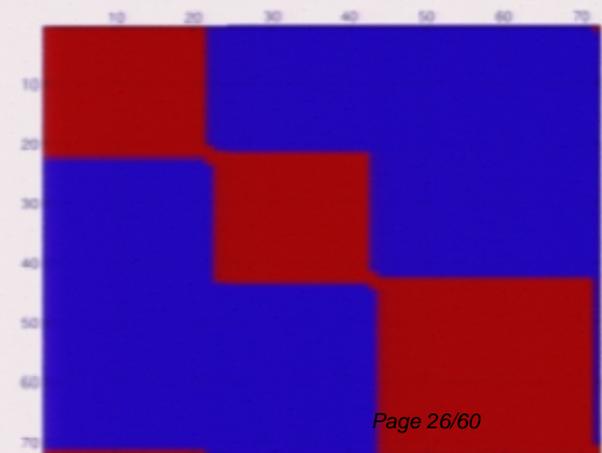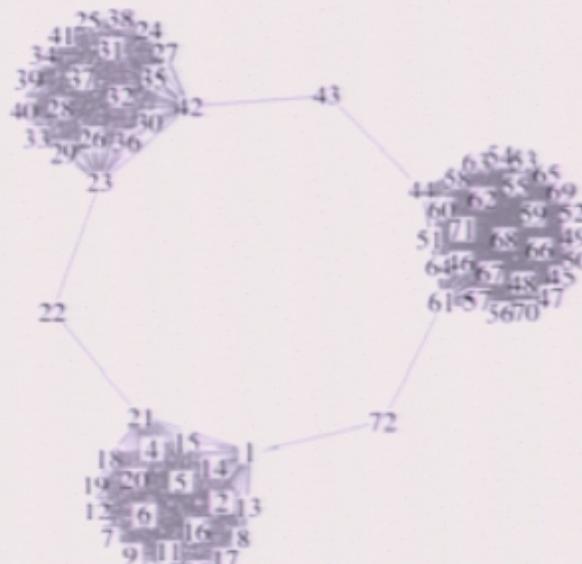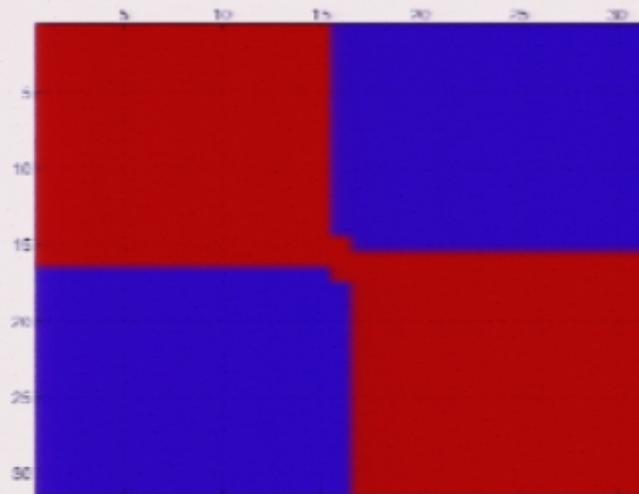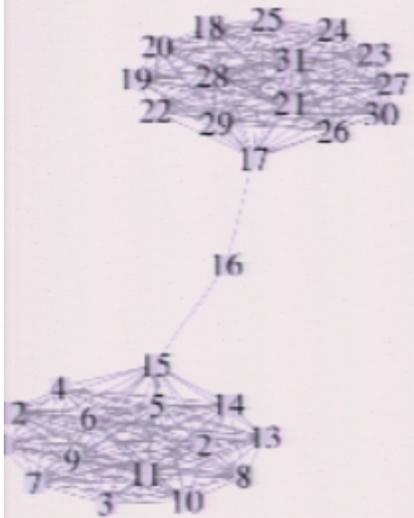
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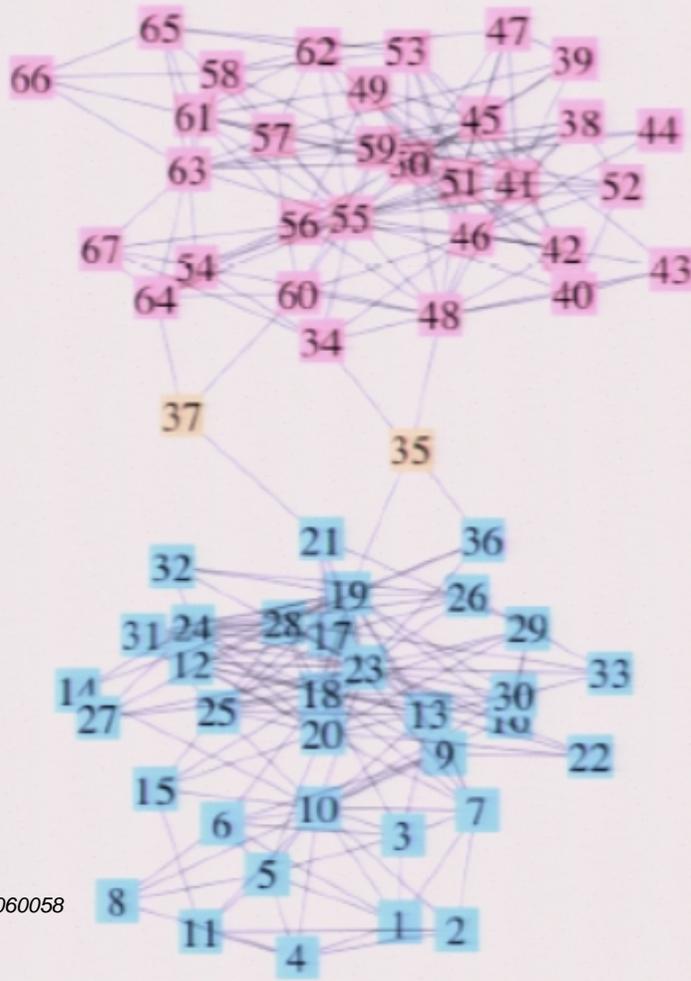
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Why Find Communities?

- Social networks

- Parallel computing optimization

- Drug dependency in protein-protein interaction networks

- etc

Detection Methods

- Most are either agglomerative or divisive

  - rewiring the network from scratch while optimizing some parameter

  - selectively removing edges, splitting the network apart

- The method shown here is unlike these

  - allows for detection with only local information

Our local method

- Choose a starting vertex

- Spread outward until some criteria has been met, then stop

- Does not require knowledge of graph beyond spread

Notation

$$K_j^l \equiv$$ Total Emerging Degree of an l-shell starting from vertex j
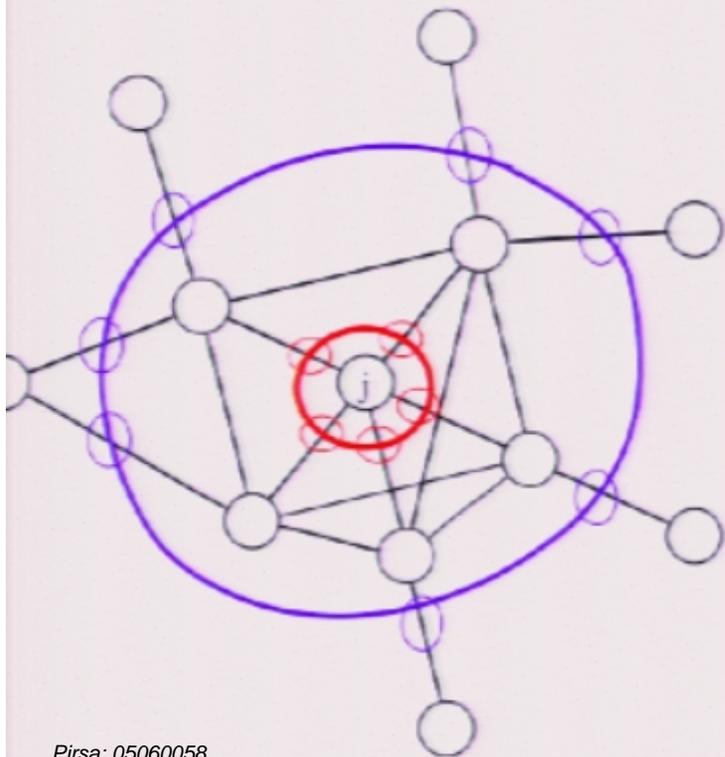
$$\Delta K_j^l = \frac{K_j^l}{K_j^{l-1}}$$

- $K_j^0 = 5$
- $K_j^1 = 7$
- $K_j^2 = 0$

$$\Delta K_j^1 = \frac{7}{5}$$

$$\Delta K_j^2 = \frac{0}{7}$$

The Algorithm

- Choose a starting vertex j

- Center an l-shell around j (l=0) and spread outward

  - compute the total emerging degree at each depth of the l-shell

- Continue until the current Change in Total Emerging Degree crosses some threshold

- All vertices covered by the last l-shell created are then members of vertex j's community

Stopping Criteria

Stop when:

$$\Delta K_j^l < \alpha$$

where α is some arbitrary threshold, > 0
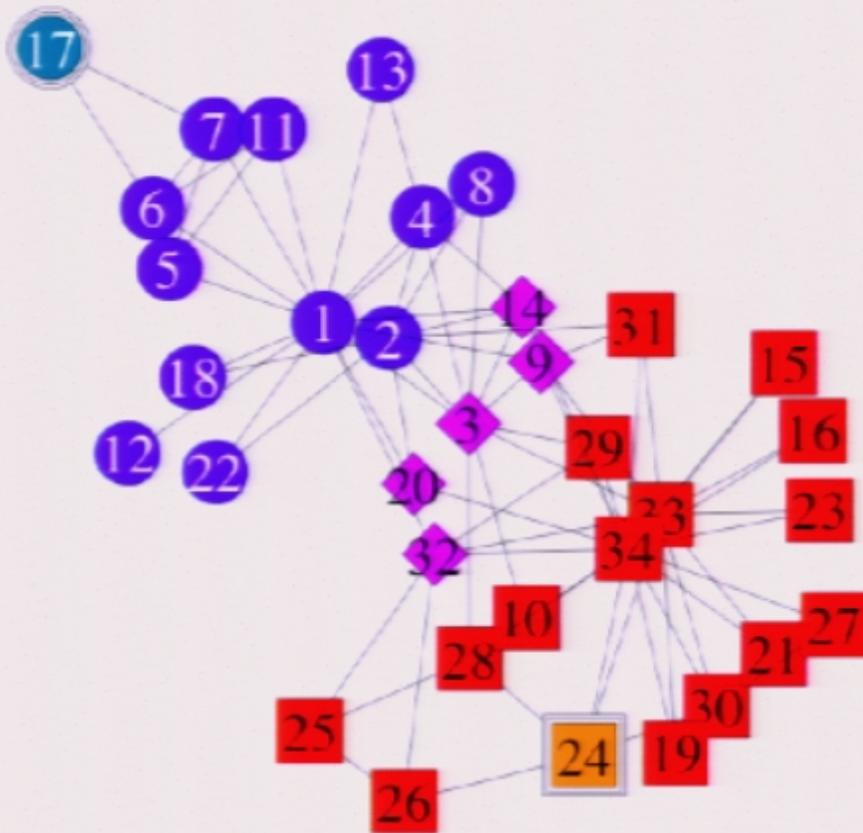
All vertices covered by shells of size l or less are then members of j's community

Result: Karate Club

- Two Runs

  - Starting from vertices 17 and 24

- $\alpha = 1.9$

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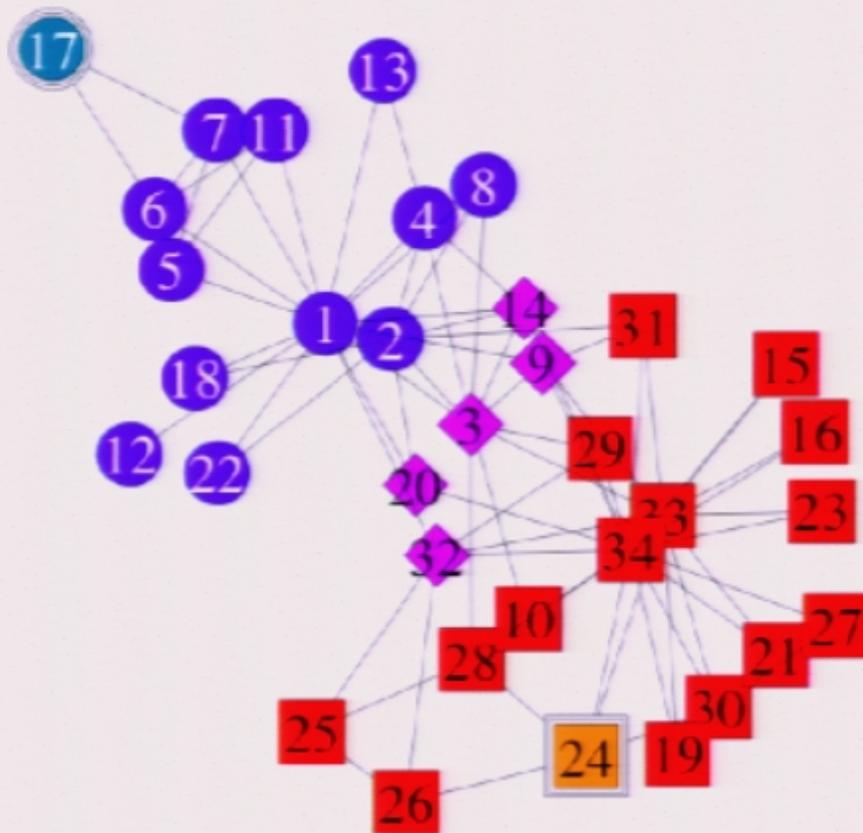
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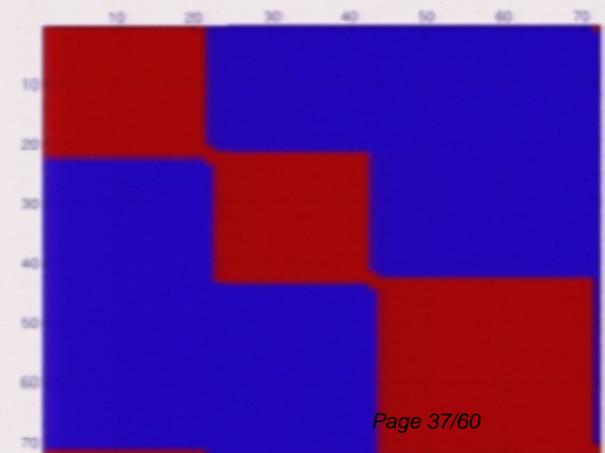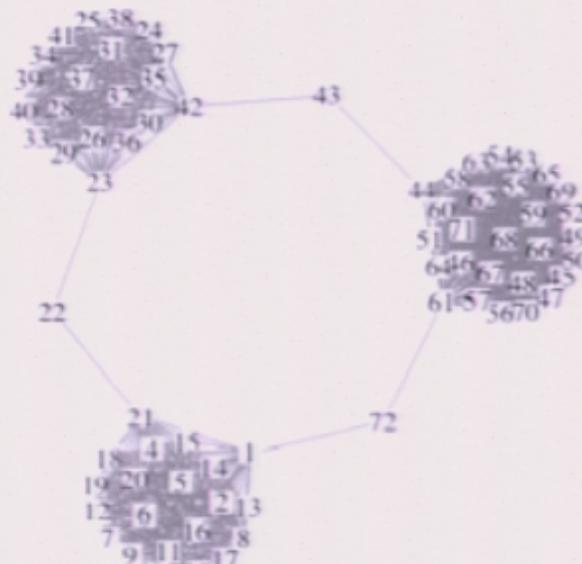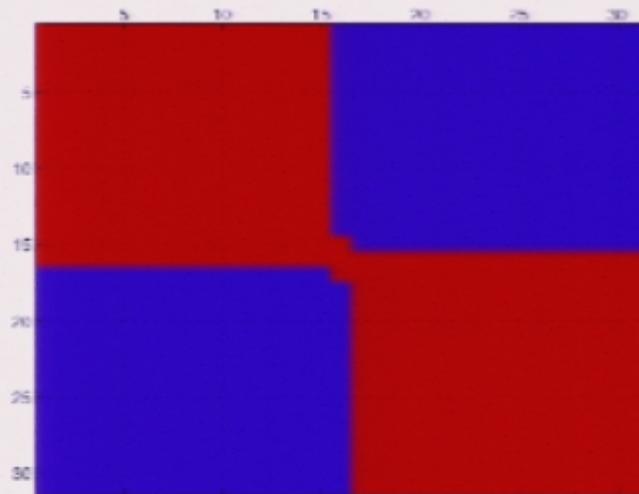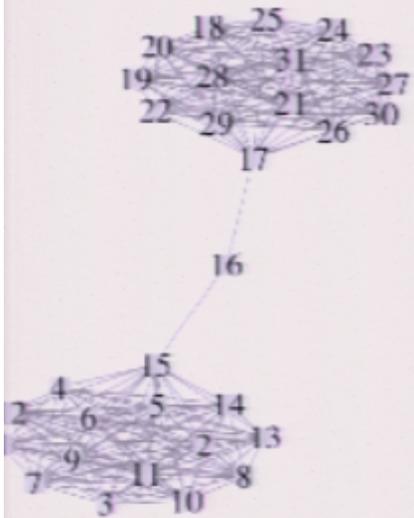
Problem with M

These last results are trivial

- the vertices are already numbered consecutively by community

The Karate Club is not:
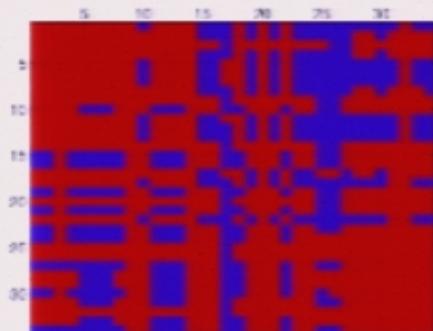
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Sorting Example
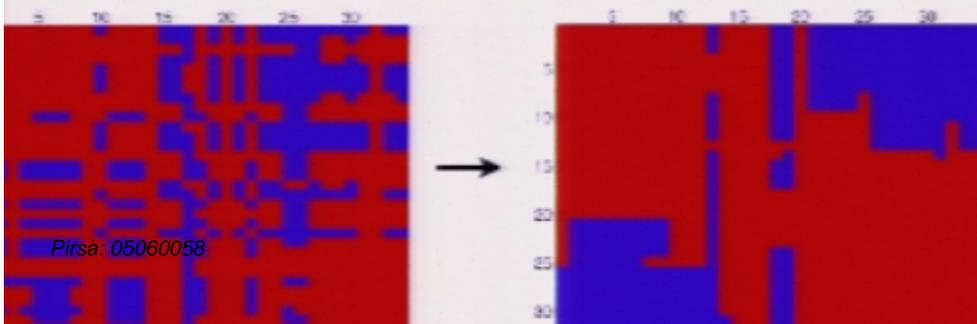
Solution: Sort M

Define the distance between rows:

$$Distance(i, j) = n - \sum_{k=1}^{n} \delta(M_{ik}, M_{jk})$$

- To sort row i

  - Find Distance(i,j) for all j>i

  - Choose "closest" row, call it k, and interchange rows (and columns) i+1 and k

- Repeat for i+1, etc.

Results

$$\alpha = 0.87$$

$$\alpha = 3$$

$$\alpha = 1.2$$

$$\alpha = 6.9$$
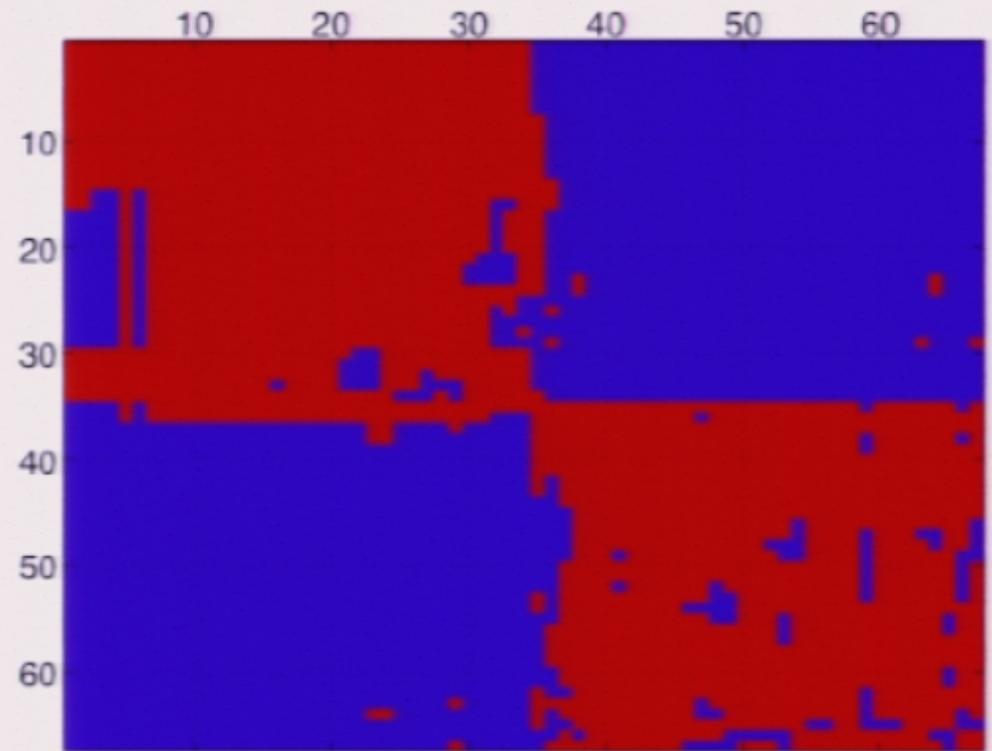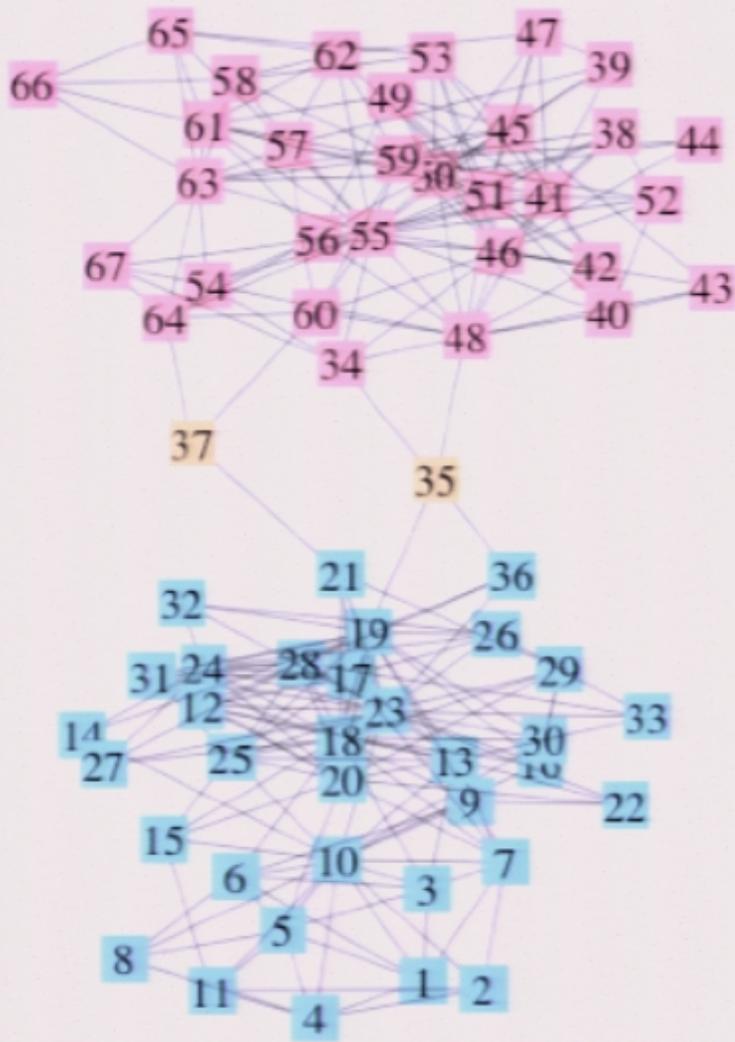
- Choose shortest difference between adjacent points

  - cluster all nodes closer than that distance

  - choose next shortest difference
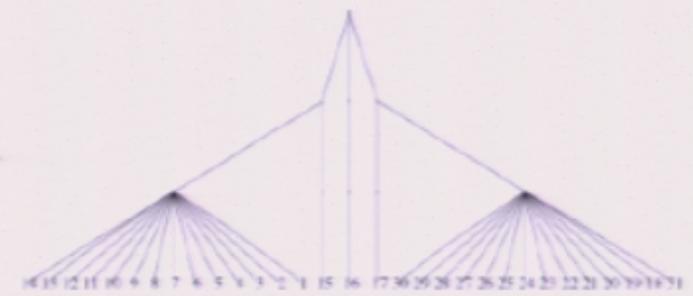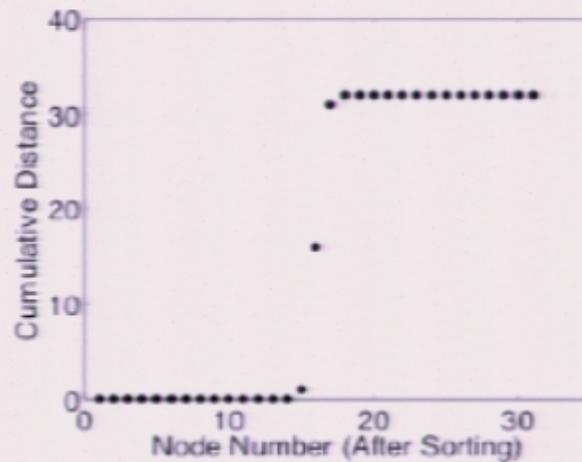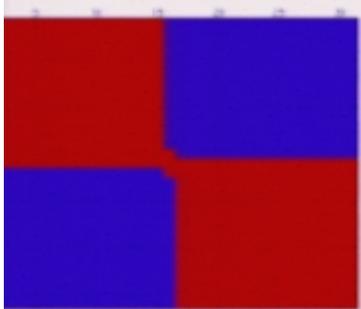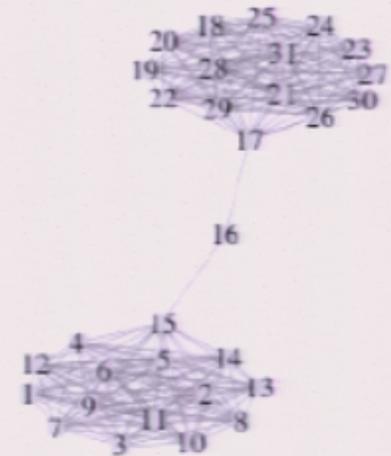
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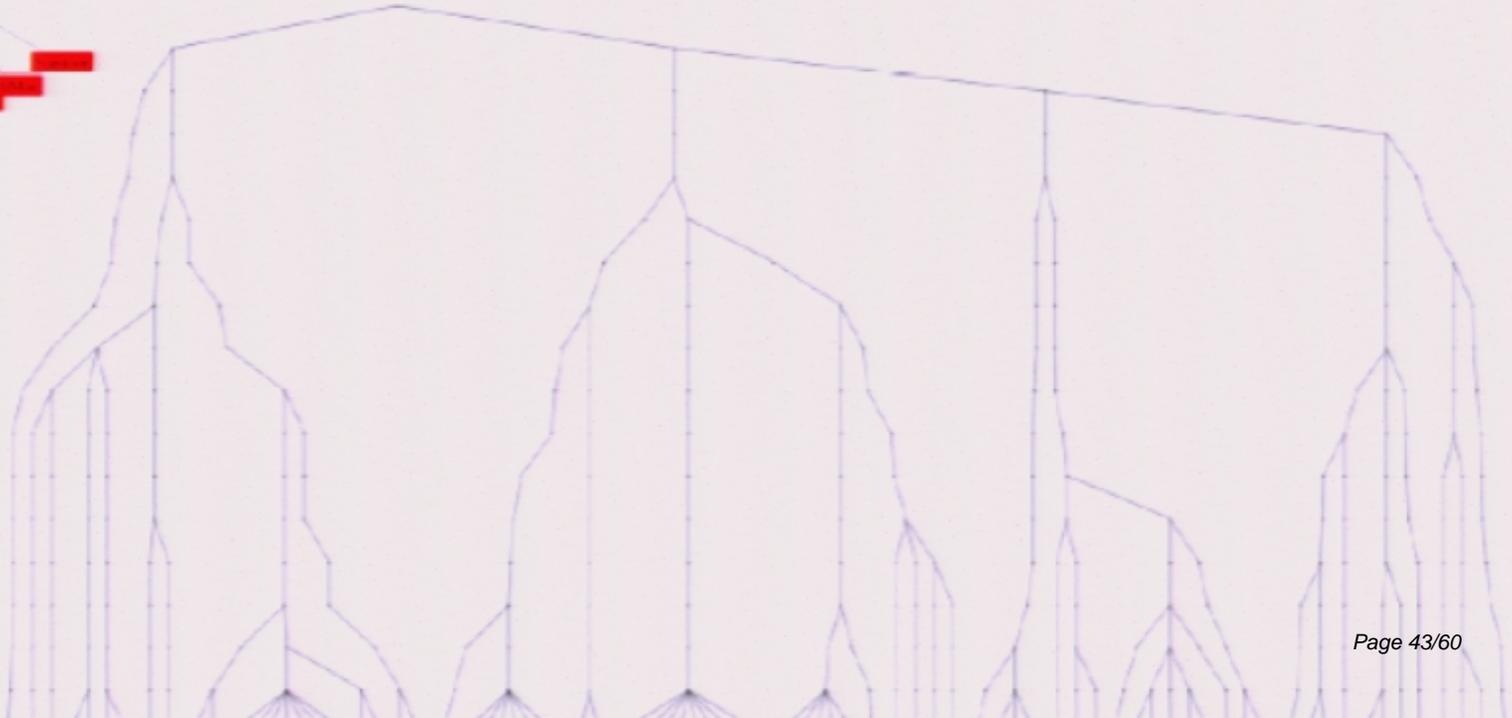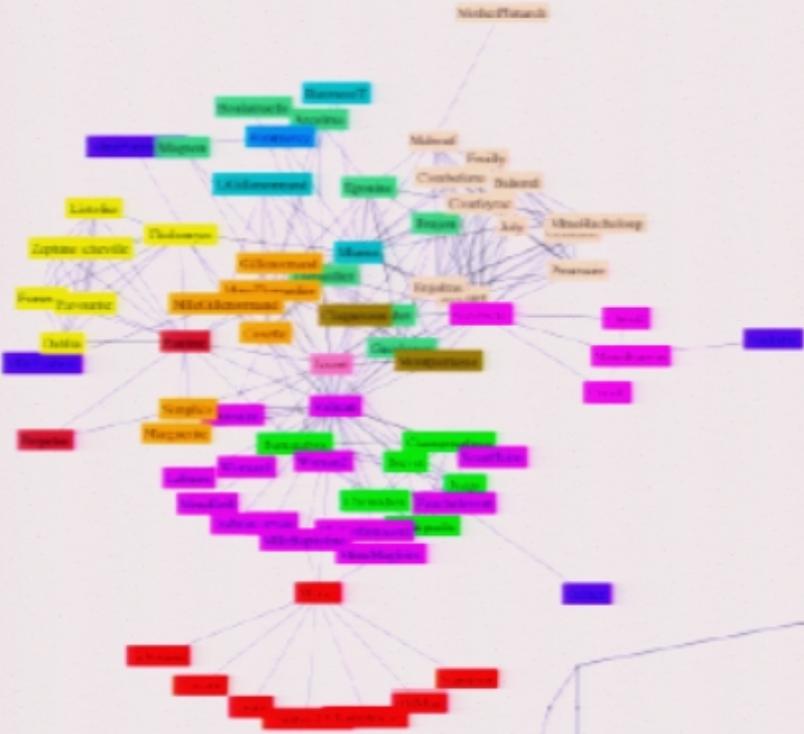
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Statistics of Cycles: How Loopy is your Network?

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Motivation

In order to characterize Networks we need to study their properties. Finding global characteristics and properties of Networks.

- Degree Distribution: Probability to find a node with degree k.

  Delta Distribution: $P(k)=\delta_{k,k'}$ (lattices or Regular Graph).
  Power-law Distribution: $P(k)\sim k^{-\lambda}$ (Barabasi – Albert).

- Average Clustering Coefficient.

- Diameter.

- *Complete Distribution of Cycles:*

  - Important for propagation along the network.
  - Understanding the structure and topology of the network.
  - Characterization of networks.

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Networks and Cycles

h-cycle: closed path through h connected links that is self-avoiding.

N_h: total number of distinct h-cycles in the network.

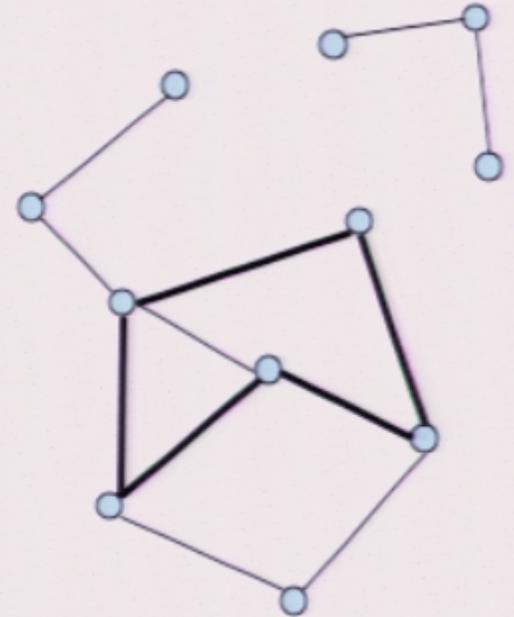h_*: size of typical cycle in the network.

Finding cycles in Networks

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Depth-First-Search Algorithm

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Full distribution of
cycles of all sizes

$\downarrow$

Extremely expensive:
N_h grows exponentially with the cycle size!

Networks and Cycles

This is the first time the complete distribution of cycles and the typical cycle size h_* are studied. As will be shown this quantity describes the distribution of cycles in the thermodynamic limit.

This topic is a very active field of research.
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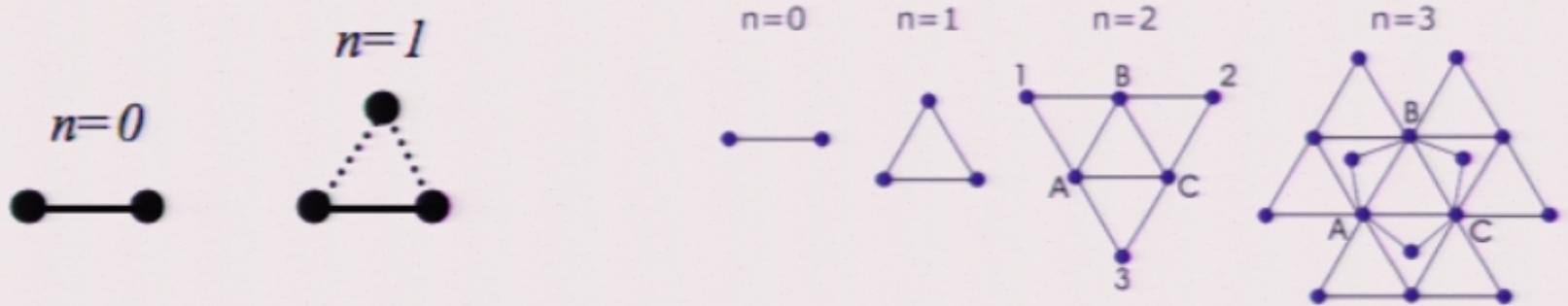
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$$P(k) \sim k^{-\lambda}, \qquad \lambda = 1 + \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$$

Cycles on a Deterministic Scale-Free Network

Generation n+1

- $N_h(n)$: number of cycles of size h in generation n.

- $L_h(n)$: number of paths of size h between two hubs in generation n.

$$N_h(n+1) = 3N_h(n) + \sum_{\substack{h_1,h_2,h_3 \\ h_1+h_2+h_3=h}} L_{h_1}(n)L_{h_2}(n)L_{h_3}(n)$$

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- $f(x)$ is well approximated by a parabola about $x = 1$ or $h = h_*$.
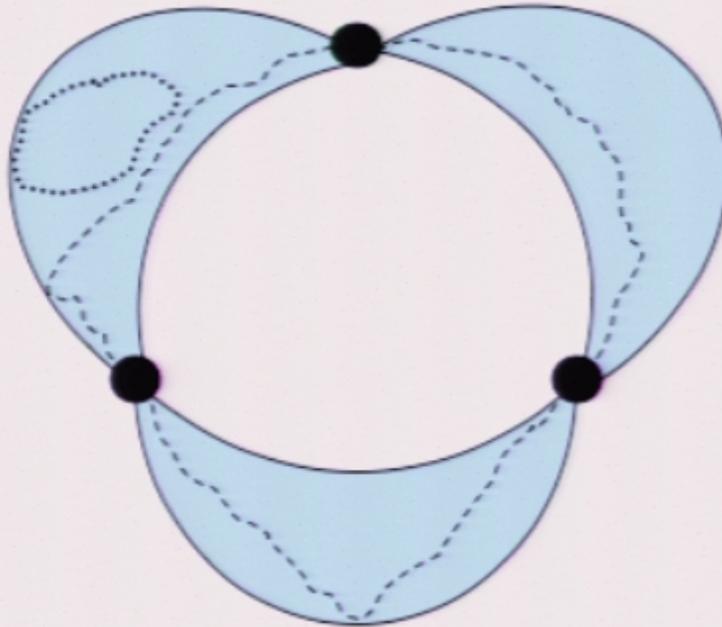
- The distribution of cycles is nearly a Gaussian of width $1/\sqrt{h_*}$

- In the thermodynamic limit $h_* \rightarrow \infty$ or $N \rightarrow \infty$ it converges to a delta function.

$$\ln N_h = h_* f\left(\frac{h}{h_*}\right), \qquad h_* \sim 2^n$$

$$N(n) = \frac{3^n + 3}{2}$$

$$h_* \sim N^\alpha \quad, \alpha = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$$

Cycles on a Lattice, Fractal, Complete Graph.

•It was found by Jensen and Guttman that the typical cycle length in a lattice (regular graph) with $N \times N$ sites follows $h_* \sim N$ or $\alpha=1$.

•For the Sierpinsky Gasket, a fractal lattice, all nodes have the same degree $k=4$ (except for three nodes). Again $h_* \sim N$ or $\alpha=1$.

•For the Complete Graph K_N the distribution of cycles can N_h be obtained analytically

$$N_h = \frac{N!}{2h(N-h)!}$$

so $h_* \sim N$ or $\alpha=1$.

Cycles on Random Scale-Free Networks
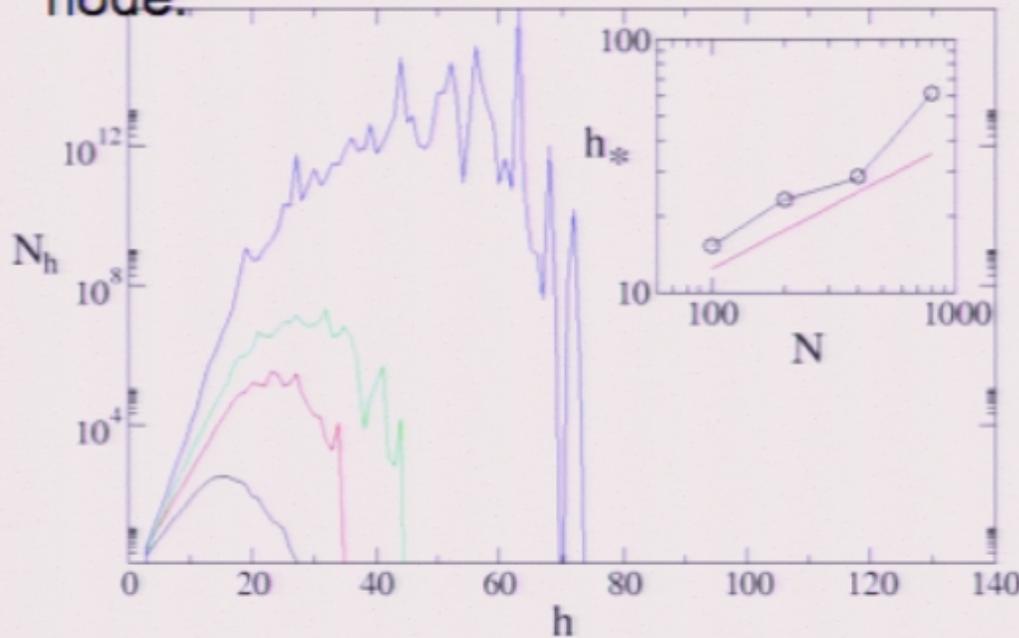
Exact counting is not possible in random Networks.

Sampling Algorithm: self-avoiding walk. The walk is terminated   when it comes back to the initial node.

$$P(k) \sim k^{-\lambda}$$

$$N = 100, 200, 400, 800.$$
$$\lambda = 3.$$

$$h_* \sim N^{\alpha} \qquad , \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$$

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Cycles on Random Scale-Free Networks

We applied the sampling algorithm to Scale-Free Networks with degree exponent $\lambda = 3$.

For Small Scale Free Networks $h_* \sim N^{\alpha}$, $\alpha = \dfrac{1}{\lambda - 1}$.
For large Networks h_* increases.

Why?

For $N \approx 100$ most cycles are formed between the hub and nodes in the first shell. The likely cycle length is then proportional to the degree of the hub.

$$h_* \sim K \sim N^{\frac{1}{\lambda-1}} \Rightarrow \alpha = \dfrac{1}{\lambda - 1}$$

As N grows larger, nodes in higher shells form part of interconnected cycles and alpha increases.

Conclusions and open questions

•Cycles of small length have been studied before.
•Our study indicates that the full distribution of cycles, of all possible lengths, displays additional useful properties:

➤For large nets, the distribution resembles a delta function that peaks about a typical cycle size, $h \sim N^{\alpha}$.
➤The exponent α serves as a single figure of merit that characterizes the "loopiness" of the net in question.
➤For regular lattices and fractals, and for complete graphs and ER above criticality $\alpha=1$.
➤For small random scale-free nets $\alpha = 1/(\lambda-1)$, but increases as the nets become larger.
➤It remains an open question whether the loopy exponent saturates at $\alpha = 1$ as $N \to \infty$.
➤Is there a more efficient sampling algorithm?
➤Ergodicity: the distribution of cycles that pass through a node is similar for most nodes of the net.

Cycles are important: Cycles are the backbone:

Cycles find communities.

PART 4: …Networks that change dynamically

Identical oscillators properly communicating can synchronize