

# Graph Data

Everything Data

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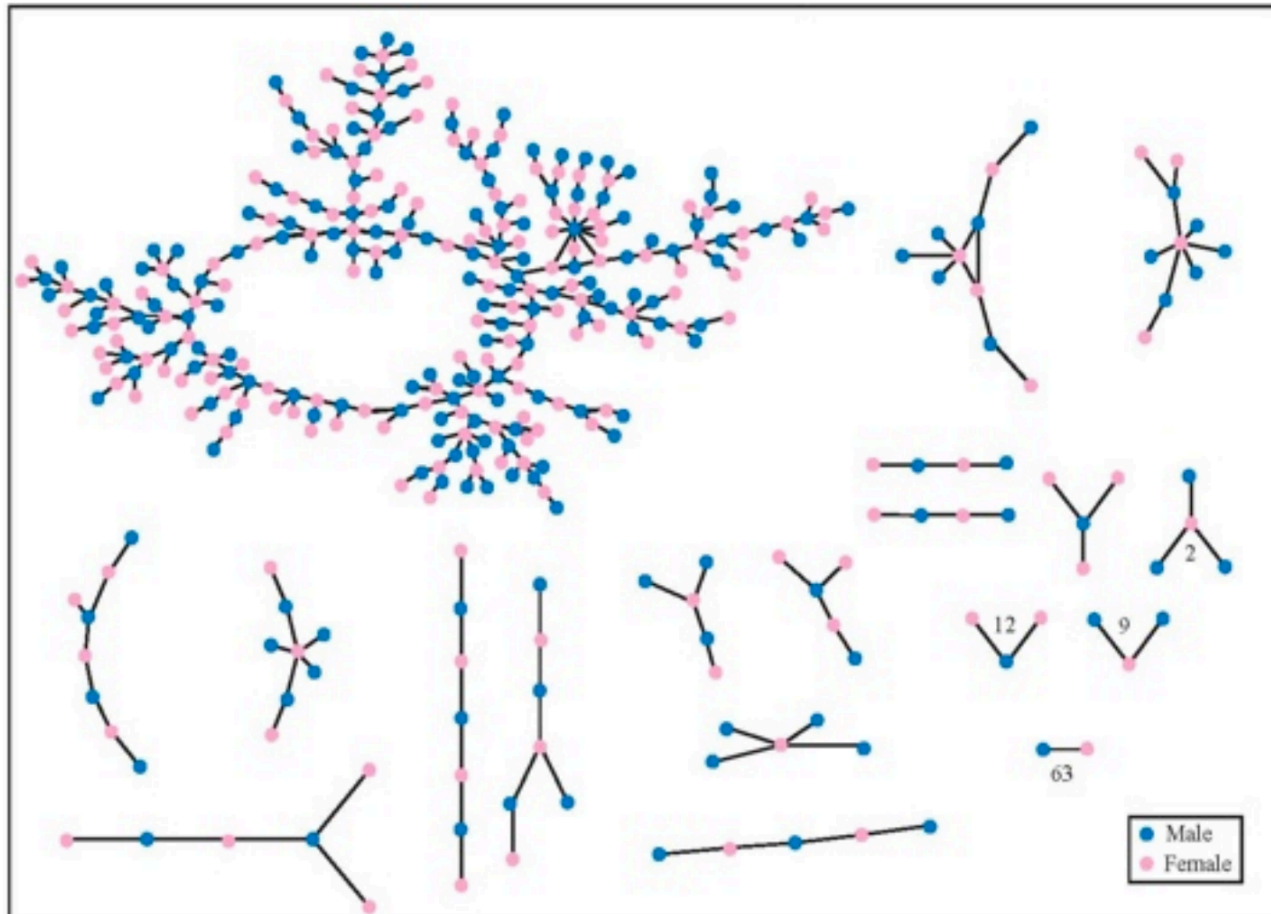


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# Announcements (Wed. Mar. 4)

- **Homework #8** will be posted by tomorrow
  - Due midnight Sunday 3/15
    - Right when the Spring Break ends
- **Proposal feedback** to be emailed during Spring Break
- **Next project milestone:** progress report due Monday 3/30

# An example



**Nodes:** students in a large American high school

**Edges** (undirected): romantic relationships during a 18-month period being studied

Bearman, Moody,  
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Journal of Sociology*,  
110(1), 2004

# Global Epidemic and Mobility



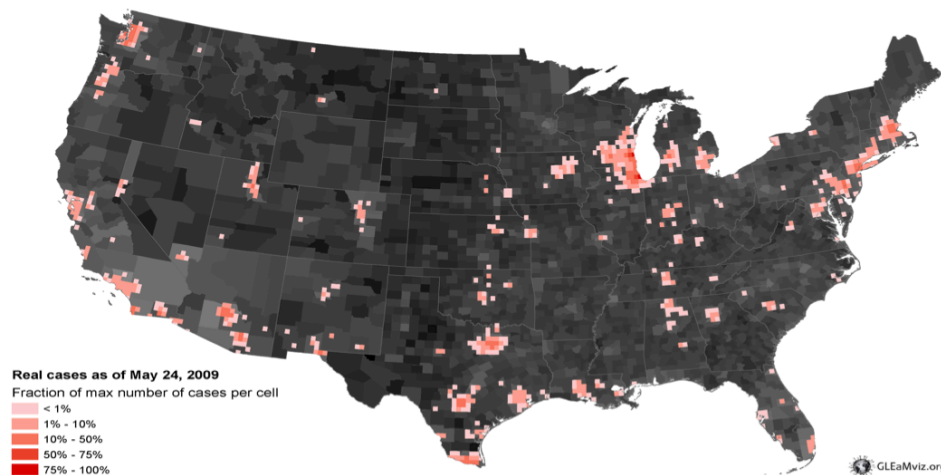
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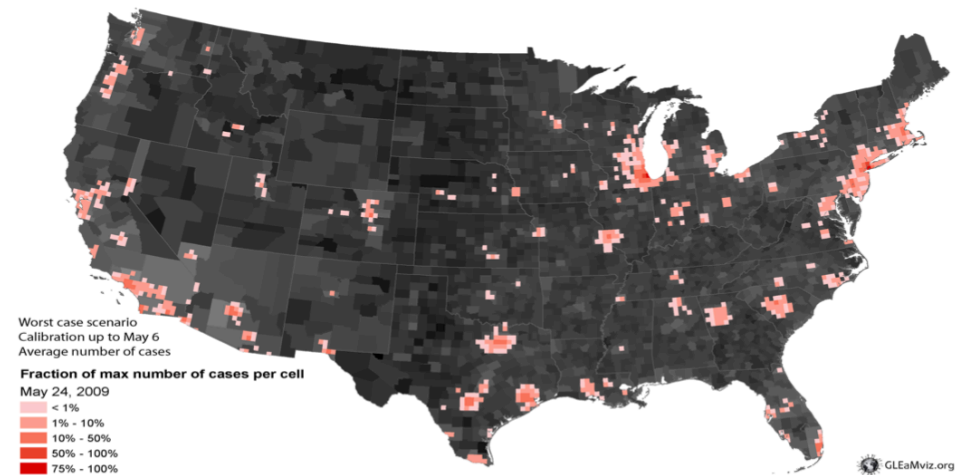


# Predicting the H1N1 pandemic

## Real



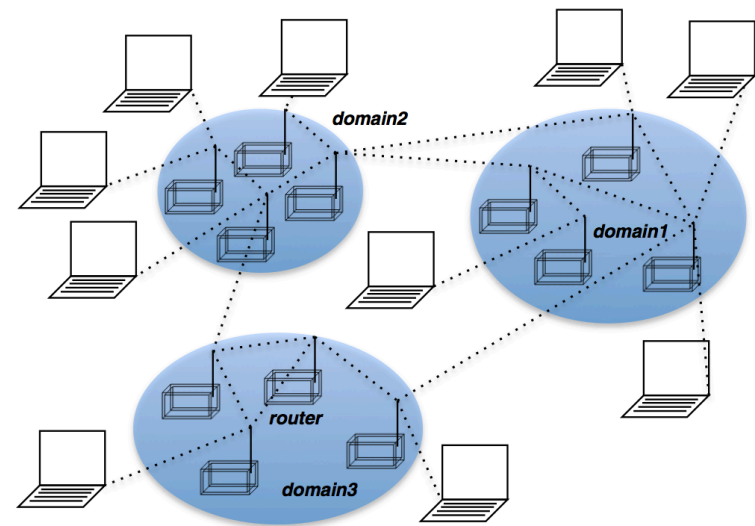
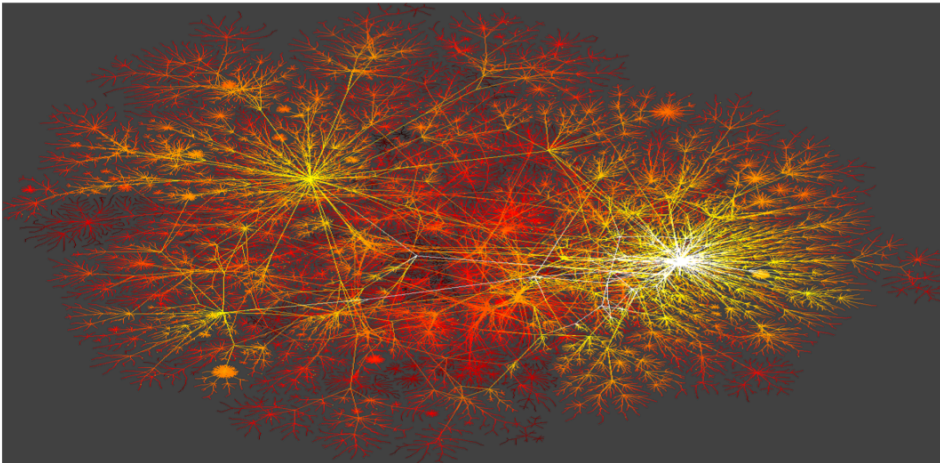
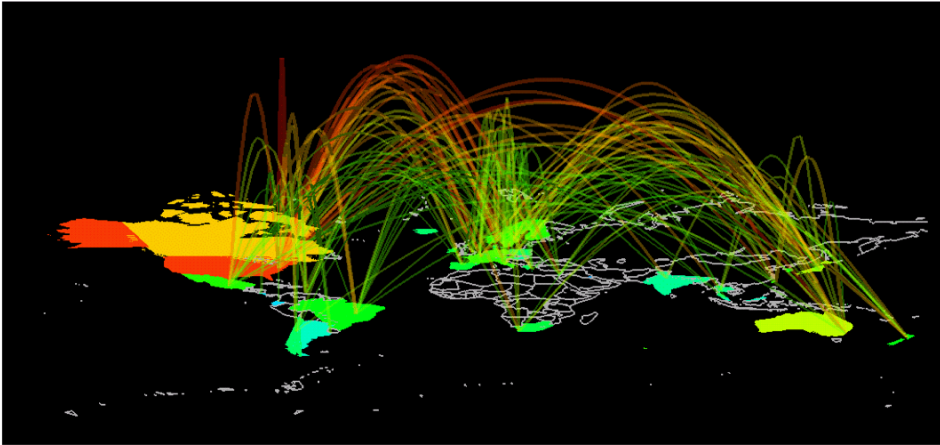
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# The Internet



# Social Graph behind Facebook



Keith Shepherd's "Sunday Best." <http://baseballart.com/2010/07/shades-of-greatness-a-story-that-needed-to-be-told/>  
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# Nodes, edges, and degrees

- A graph is specified by  $(V, E)$ 
  - $V$  is a set of *nodes* (or *vertices*)
  - $E$  is a set of *edges*, each connecting two nodes
    - Can be *undirected* (e.g., friendships) or *directed* (e.g., links between Web pages)
- *Degree* of a node  $v$ : # edges incident to  $v$ 
  - For directed graphs, a node has an *in-degree* (# incoming edges) and an *out-degree* (# outgoing edges)

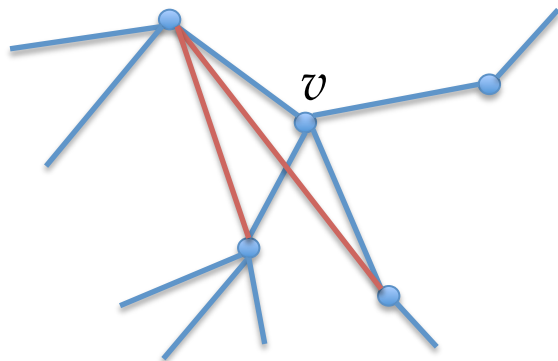


# Paths and connectivity

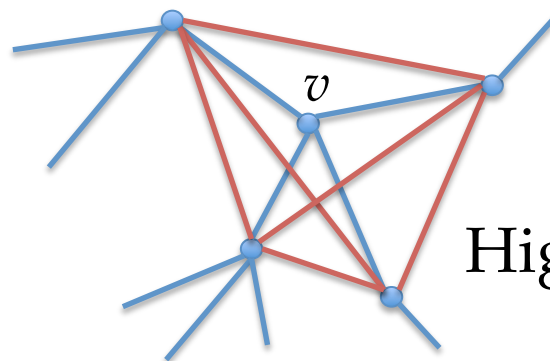
- A *path* is a walk (along edges) from one node to another in a graph
  - For directed graphs, edge directions matter
- *Distance* from node  $v_1$  to node  $v_2$ : length of shortest path from  $v_1$  to  $v_2$  (in # edges)
- A (strongly) *connected component* is a subset of nodes such that
  - Every node in the subset has a path to every other
  - This subset is *maximal*; i.e., it is not part of some larger set with the above property

# Some important statistics

- Degree distribution
- Distance distribution
  - *Diameter*: maximum distance
- *Clustering coefficient* of node  $v$  is the probability that two nodes directly linked to  $v$  are also directly linked to each other



$$C(v) = 2 / (4 \times 3 / 2) = 1/3$$



$$C(v) = 6 / (4 \times 3 / 2) = 1$$

Between 0 and 1  
Higher = more “clustered”

# A simple model: random graph

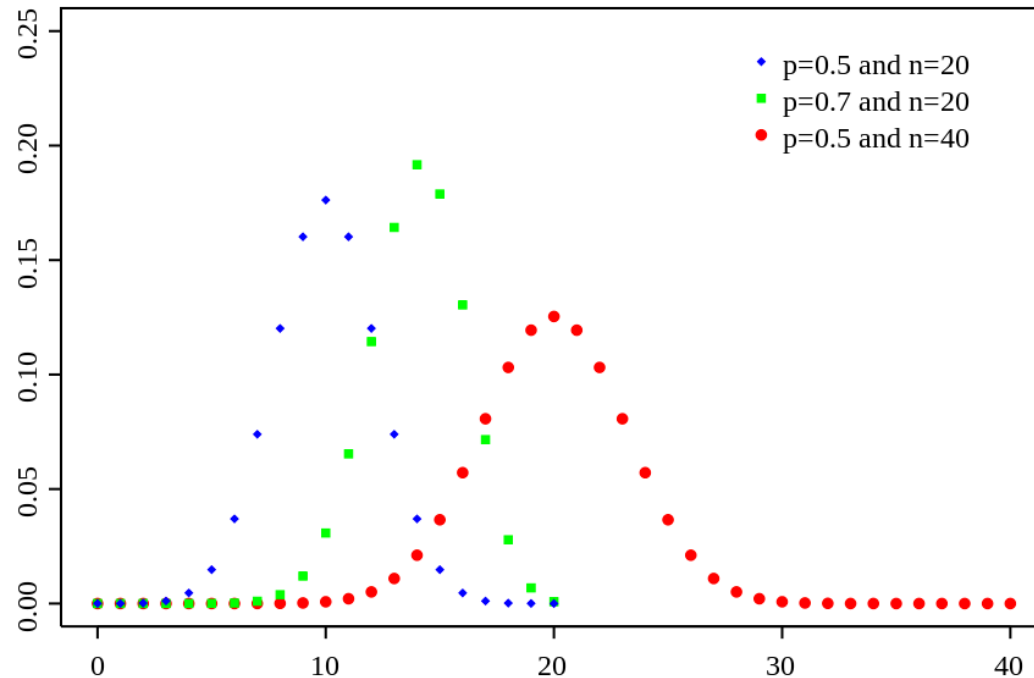
$N$  nodes; draw an edge between each pair  
by a preset probability  $p$

$p = 0$





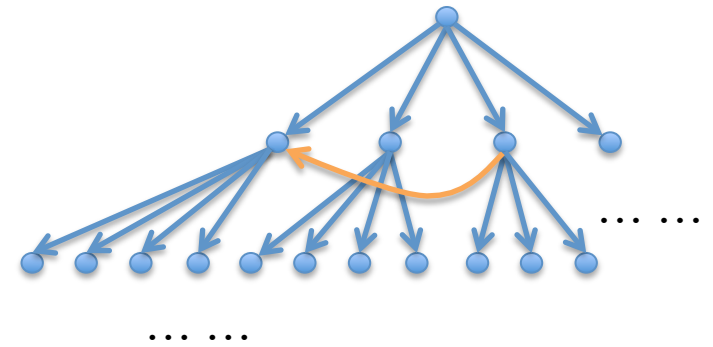
# Degrees in $G_{\text{random}}$



- *Binomial* with mean  $\langle k \rangle = Np$ 
  - Approximated by bell curve

# Distances in $G_{\text{random}}$

- Diameter =  $O(\ln N / \ln \langle k \rangle)$ 
  - Imagine a *breadth-first search*
  - Each hop expands the neighborhood by about  $\langle k \rangle$ 
    - We might get a previously visited node, but the chance is small unless a significant portion of the graph has already been covered
  - The probability of missing a node after enough hops is very small



# Clustering coefficients in $G_{\text{random}}$

- Give node  $v$ , for each pair of  $v$ 's neighbors, the probability is  $p$ 
  - By definition of random graph
- So  $v$ 's clustering coefficient is  $p = \langle k \rangle / N$

# Case study: social network



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# 6 degrees of Kevin Bacon

*Everyone is six or fewer steps away from  
any other person in the world,  
via a chain of “a friend of a friend”*

2,094,965 people +1'd or follow [Barack Obama](#)  
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## Barack Obama's Bacon number is 2

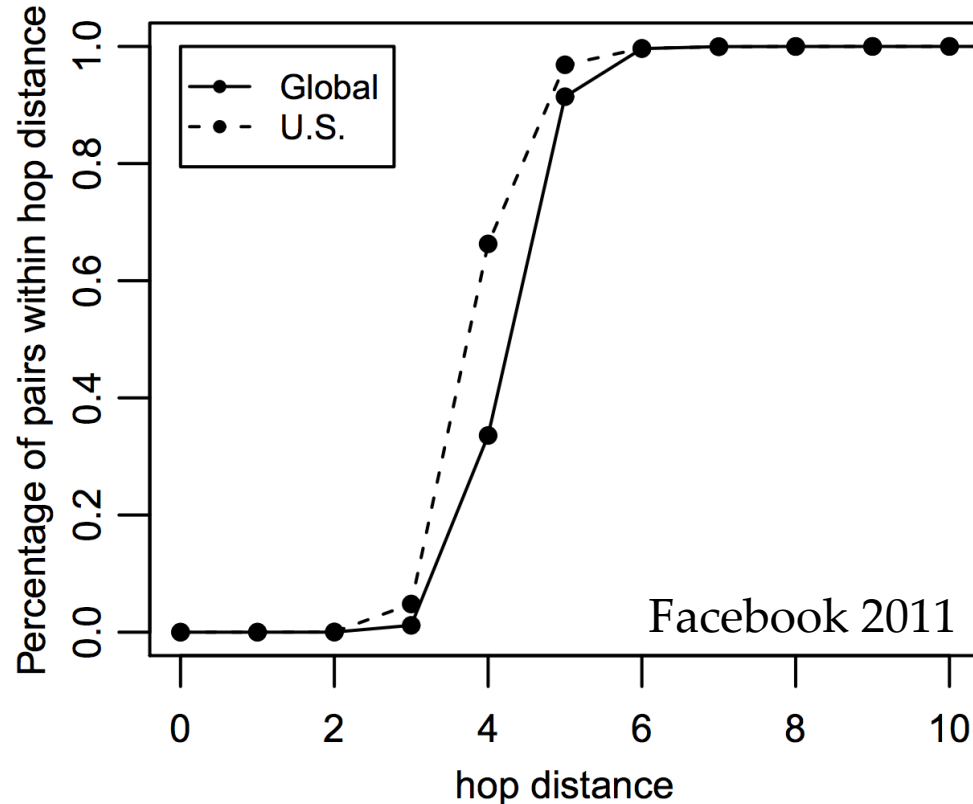
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# Distance distribution, Facebook



*Small-world* property:  
most nodes are not  
directly connected, yet  
they can be reached  
from every other by a  
small number of hops

*In this regard, social networks are  
very similar to random graphs*

*But wait a second...*



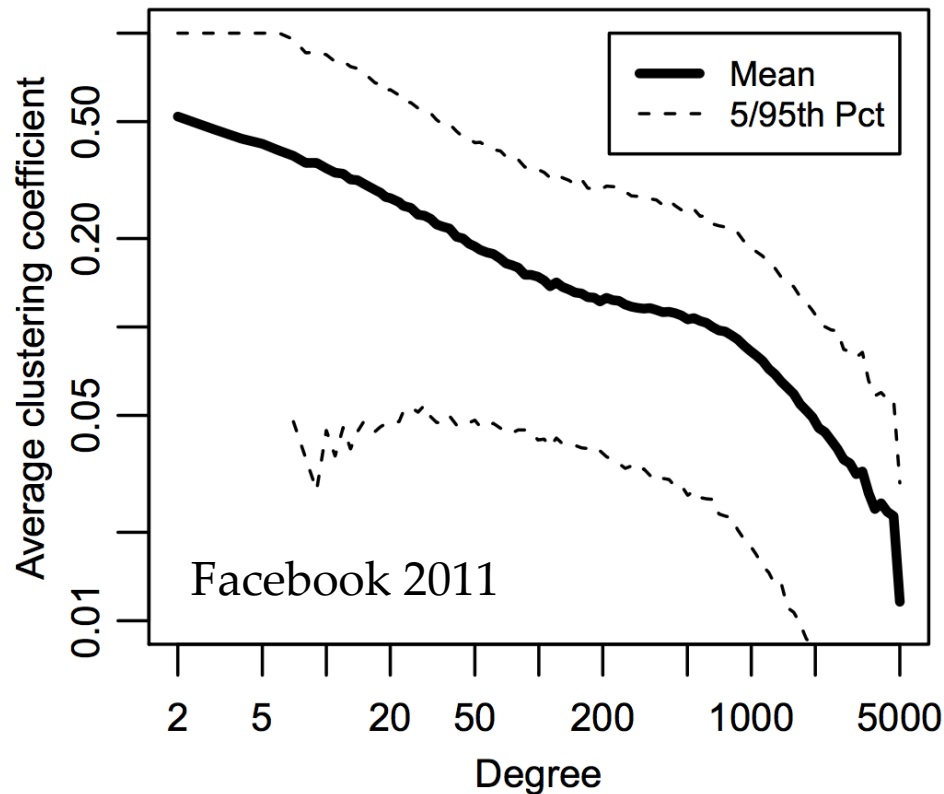
# Prevalence of *triadic closure*



If two people have a common friend, then there is a higher chance that they will become friends

- High “clusteredness” as measured by clustering coefficient

# Clustering coefficient, Facebook



Really high compared with a random graph!

- $C_{\text{random}} \approx \langle k \rangle / N$
- Average # friends < 200
  - Median: 99
- # nodes: 721 million

*In this regard, social networks are very “clustered” and very different from random graph!*

# Puzzle

*How can a social network be so “clustered” yet offer such short distances?*

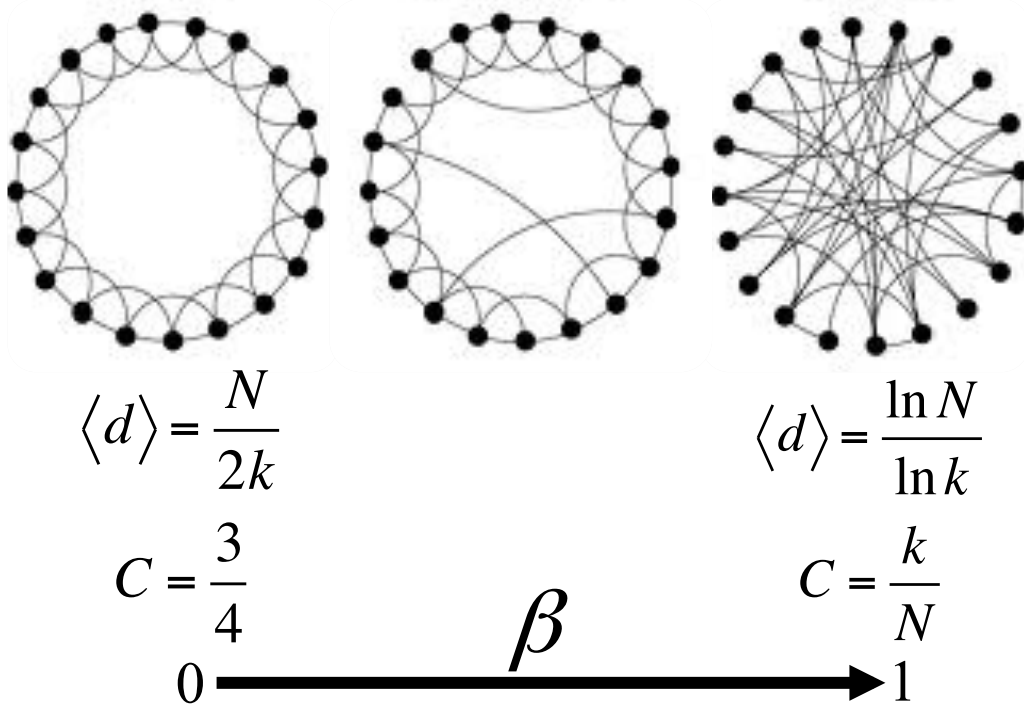
E.g., road networks have “local links”

- Relatively high clustering coefficients
- But not a small world!



# Explanation by *Watts-Strogatz*

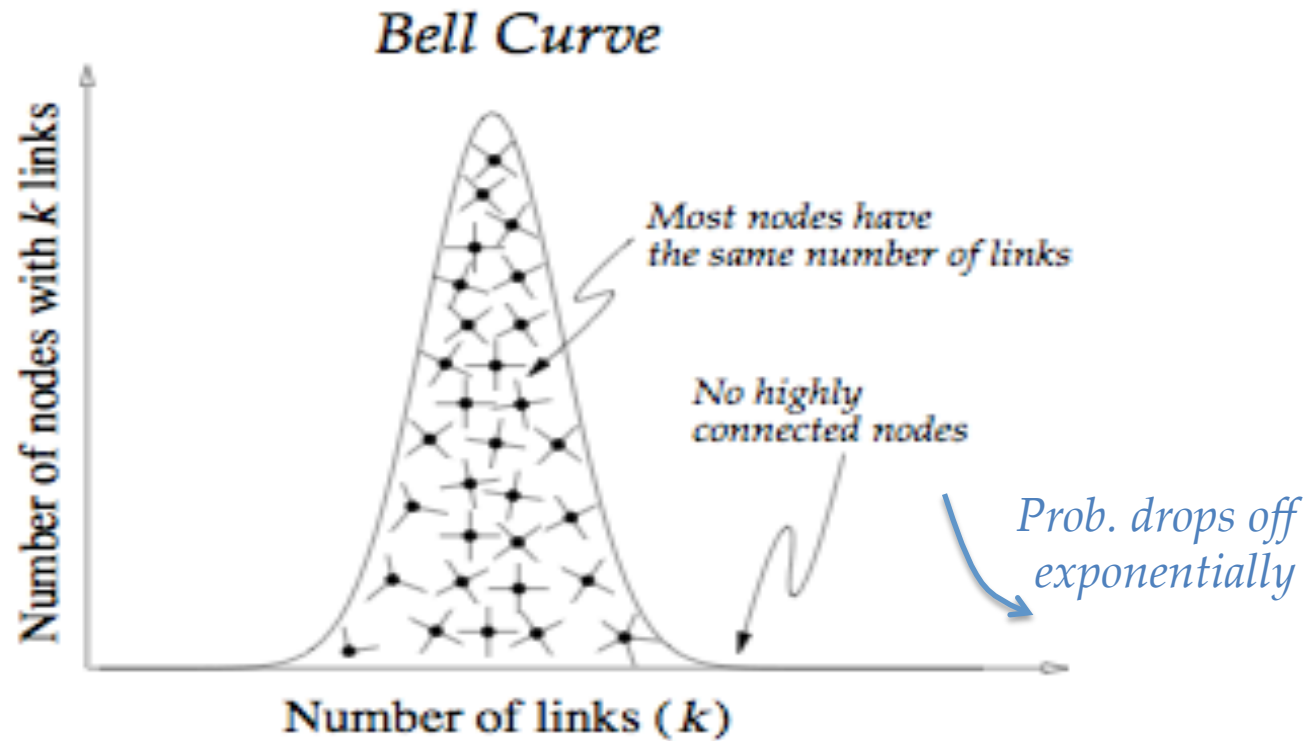
- Start with a lattice network
- “Rewire” every edge randomly with probability  $\beta$



*It takes a lot of randomness to ruin “clusteredness,” but a very small amount to overcome “locality”*

*So are social networks Watts-Strogatz?*

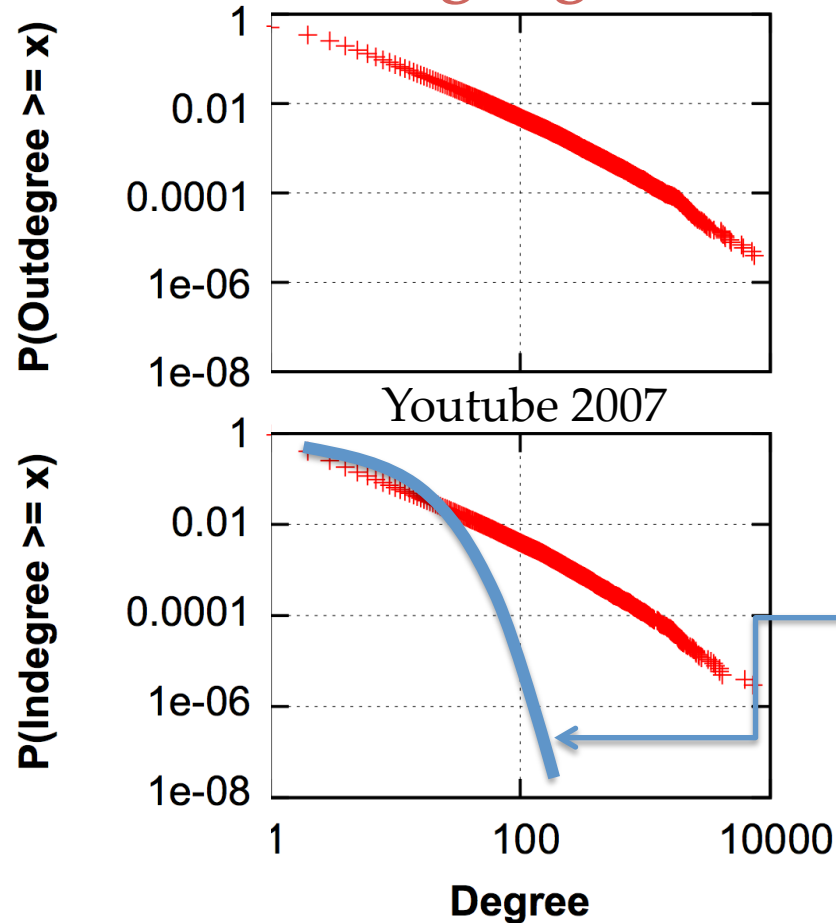
# Degree distribution, random



- *Watts-Strogatz* also gives you a bell curve
  - If social networks really behave this way, there will be no individuals who are either immensely popular or extremely reclusive

# Degree distribution, Youtube\*

*Cumulative, log-log*



Distribution has a “*heavy tail*”; i.e., some individuals (albeit a small number) have a huge number of friends

An exponential tail (e.g., bell curve) would look like this

\*We will come back to Facebook later



# Explanation: rich-get-richer

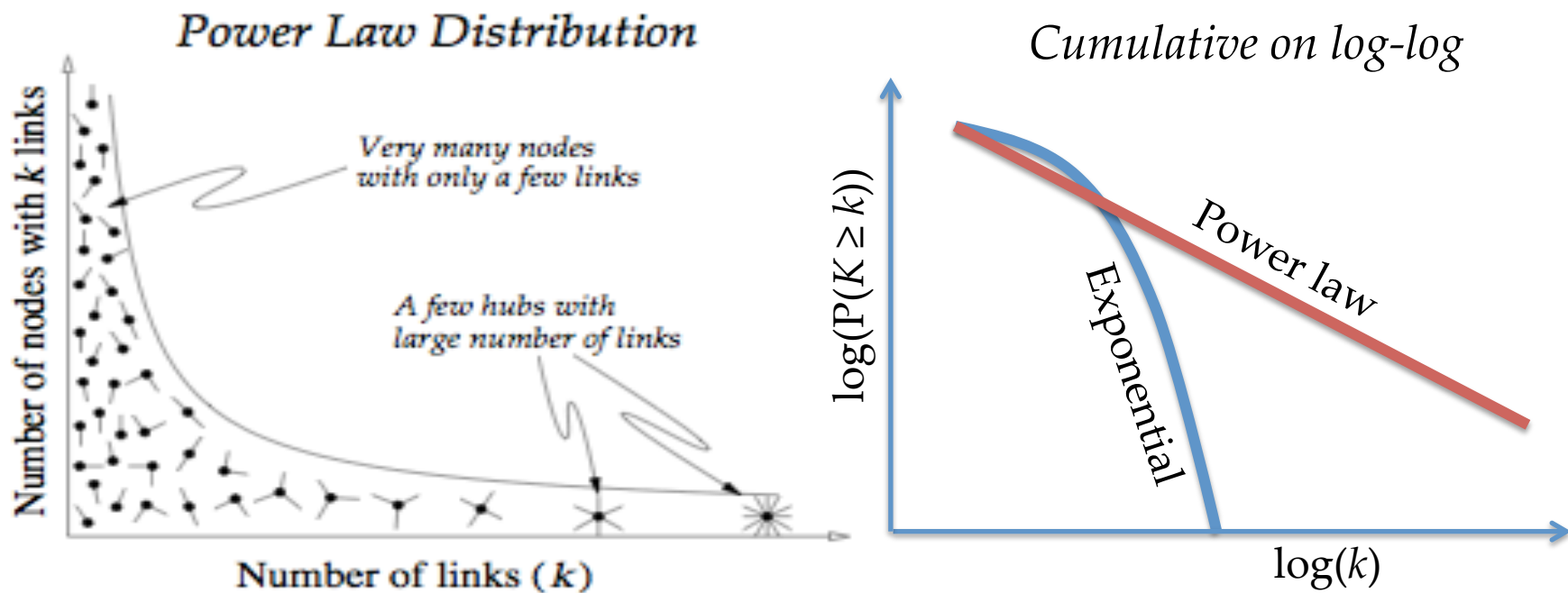
## *Barabasi-Albert*

- Start with a (connected) graph of size  $m_0$
- Add new nodes one at a time
  - Each connects to  $m \leq m_0$  existing nodes with probability proportional to # existing edges they already have

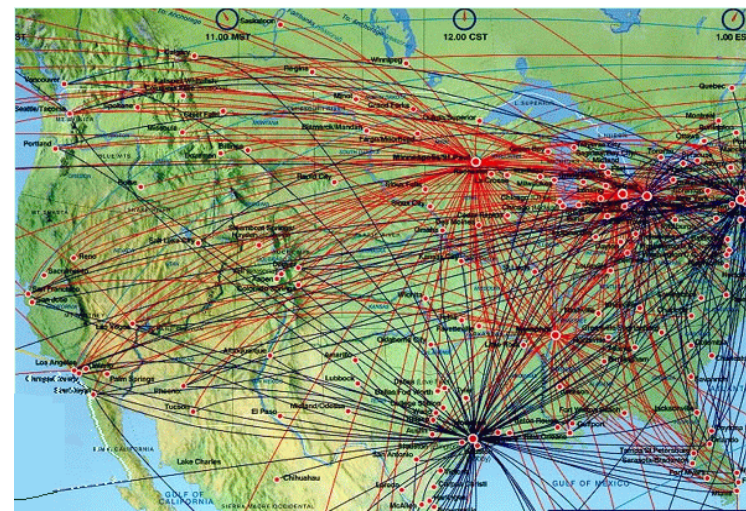
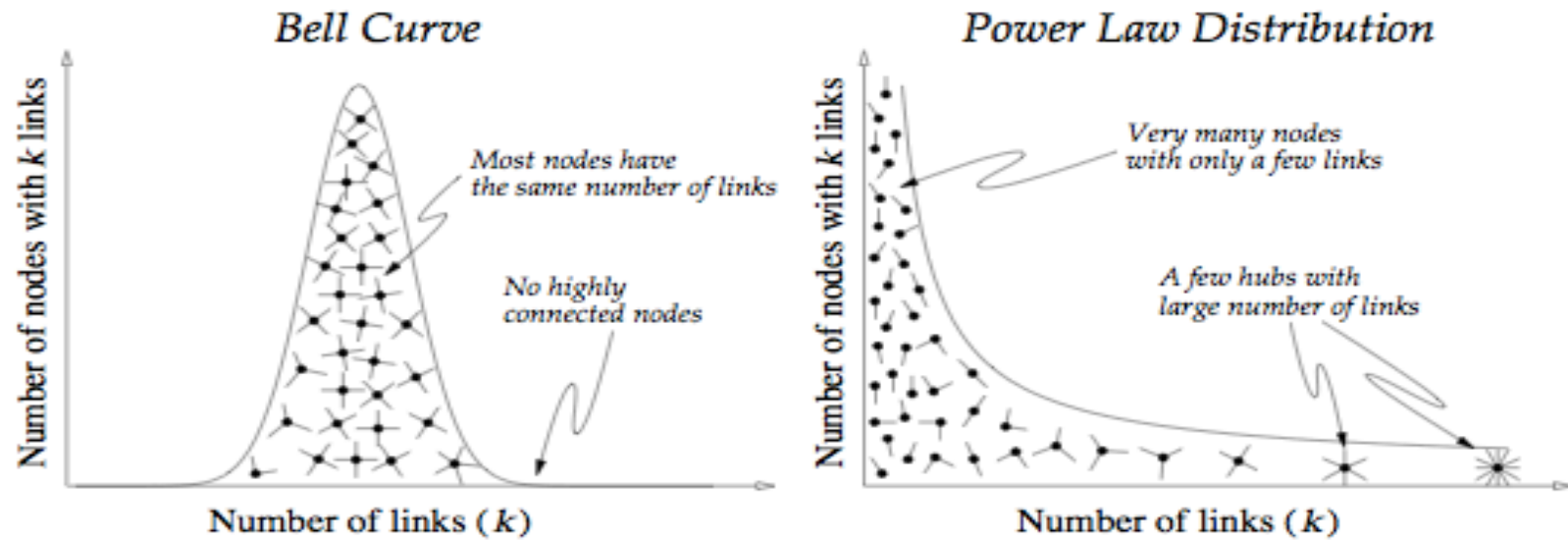
See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preferential\\_attachment](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preferential_attachment)  
for a more general formulation

# Implication of *Barabasi-Albert*

- Degree distribution: *power law*  
 $P(k) \propto k^{-\gamma}$ , or equivalently  $P(K \geq k) \propto k^{-\gamma+1}$ 
  - Sometimes such graphs are called *scale-free*



# Exponential vs. power law



# Other implications of $B-A$

- Average distance  $\propto \ln N / (\ln \ln N)$ 
  - Small world, again
- Empirically, clustering coefficient =  $O(N^{-0.75})$ 
  - Better than random, but still not as clustered as real social networks
- A few highly connected hubs hold network together
  - *Robust* against random node failures, yet
  - *Fragile* against targeted attacks

Note:

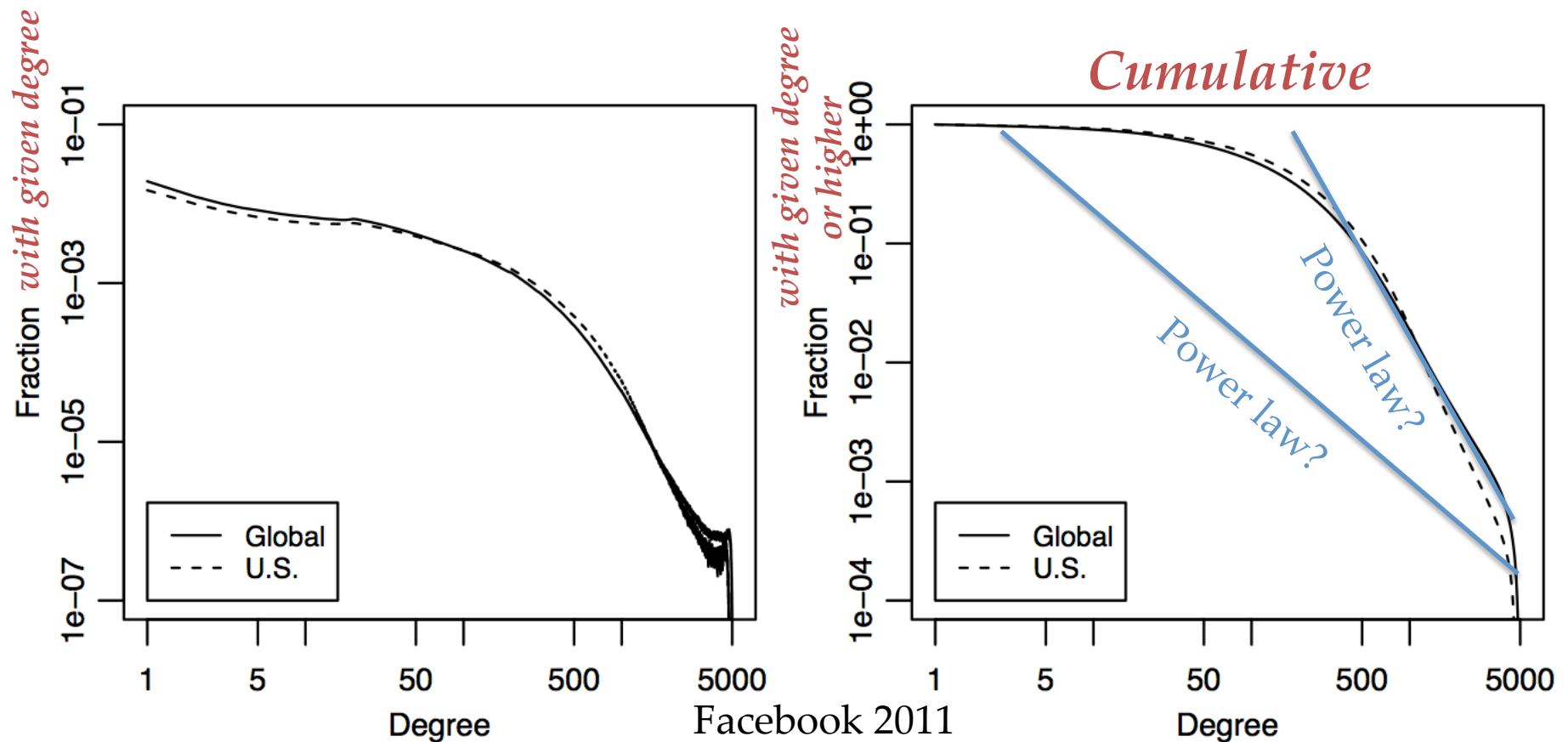
- *Barabasi-Albert* is just one way to get power law graphs
- Implications above don't necessarily follow from having a power law degree distribution
- A good read: Li et al. "Towards a Theory of Scale-Free Graphs: Definition, Properties, and Implications." *Internet Mathematics*, 2005

# Power law observed in real life

- Internet backbone, Web graph, many social networks (including co-authoring and co-acting graphs), protein-protein interaction network, etc.
  - At least for some range of  $k$
- But oftentimes researchers rush to conclusion
- *... validation of power-law claims remains a very active field of research...*

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Power\\_law#Validating\\_power\\_laws](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Power_law#Validating_power_laws)

# Degree distribution, Facebook



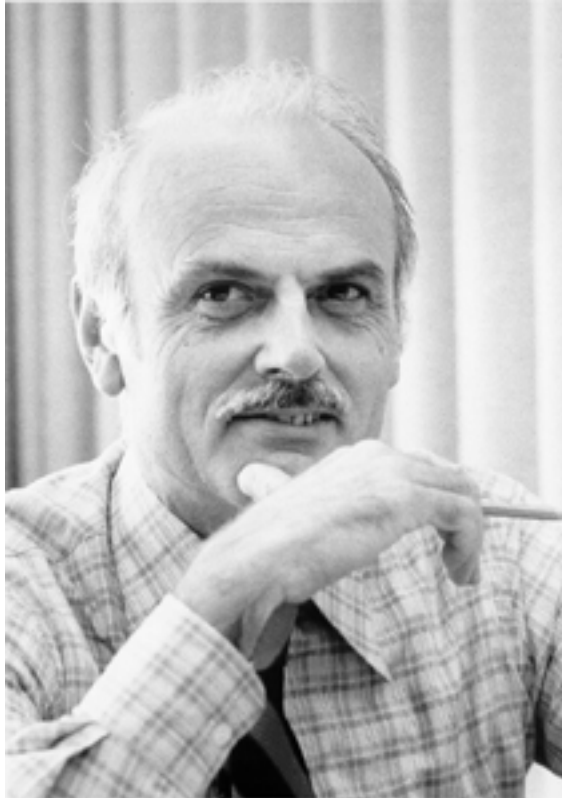
*Visual identification is often useful but can sometimes mislead  
(If you have to, always use the cumulative distribution)*



# Recap

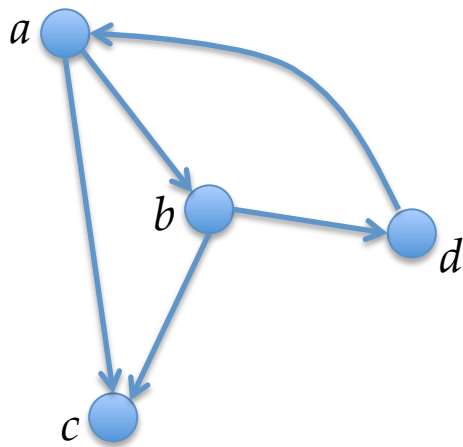
- Simple stats to keep in mind when looking at a big graph
  - Degree distribution, distance distribution, clustering coefficient
- Interesting characteristics of some graphs
  - Power law, small world, triadic closure
- “All models are wrong, but some are useful.” – George E. P. Box

# Representing graphs



*A database person or mathematician?*

# Relational representation



Store edges in a table `edge(src, tgt, ...)`

| src      | tgt      |
|----------|----------|
| <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> |
| <i>a</i> | <i>c</i> |
| <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> |
| <i>b</i> | <i>d</i> |
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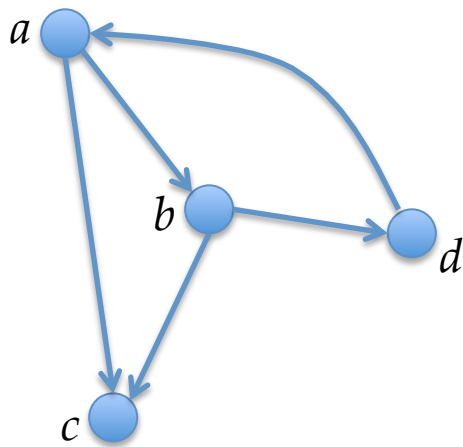
Can also include edge properties, e.g., weight, type, etc. as additional columns in “...”

Optionally, store nodes in a table `node(id, ...)`

| id       |
|----------|
| <i>a</i> |
| <i>b</i> |
| <i>c</i> |
| <i>d</i> |

Can include node properties, e.g., name, annotation, etc., as additional columns in “...”

# Matrix representation



$$\begin{array}{c} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = E$$

- $e_{i,j} = 1$  if  $i \rightarrow j$ , or 0 otherwise
  - Or use the value to code edge weight
- Remember the mapping between node ids and row/column indexes

# 2-hop neighbors

Relational:

```
SELECT e1.src, e2.tgt  
FROM edge e1, edge e2  
WHERE e1.tgt = e2.src;
```

- What's the count of  $(a, b)$  in the result?

Matrix:

$E \times E$ , or simply  $E^2$

- What's the value of result entry  $(i, j)$ ?

How about 3-hop, 4-hop, ...,  $n$ -hop?

# Next time, after MapReduce...

- Measures of “centrality” (how important nodes/edges are)
- Scalable graph data processing