Complex Networks models of network formation

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contents of this chapter

- generative network models
 - models that offer explanations
 - why the network should have a power-law degree distribution?
- preferential attachment model
- vertex copying model



preferential attachment (1)

- many networks have degree distributions that approximately follow power laws
- Price's model of a citation network
 - a growing network of papers and their citations
 - vertices are continuously added but never destroyed
 - each paper cite on average c others
 - sited papers are chosen at random with probability
 proportional to their in-degree plus a constant a
- "rich-get-richer" effect

preferential attachment (2)

- it generate purely acyclic networks : every edge points backward in time
- q_i : in-degree of a vertex (instead of k_i^{in})
- $p_a(n)$: fraction of vertices that have in-degree q when the network contains n vertices
- citation to a particular vertex i is proportional to $q_i + a$ probability that a $q_i + a$ probabil
- new paper cites c others
 - expected number of new citations to all vertices with degree q is $np_q(n) \times c \times \frac{q+a}{n(c+a)} = \frac{c(q+a)}{c+a} p_q(n)$ es with degree q

of vertices with degree q

to vertices of degree of

a new paper cite c papers

preferential attachment (3)

- when we add a single new vertex to the network of n vertices
 - the number of vertices with in-degree q is

$$(n+1)p_q(n+1) = np_q(n) + \frac{c(q-1+a)}{c+a}p_{q-1}(n) - \frac{c(q+a)}{c+a}p_q(n)$$

the number of vertices previously of in-degree q

the number of vertices becoming in-degree q

the number of vertices becoming in-degree q+1

the appropriate equation for q=0 is

$$(n+1)p_0(n+1) = np_0(n) + 1 - \frac{ca}{c+a}p_0(n)$$
one vertex of in-degree zero

preferential attachment (4)

• taking the limit $n \to \infty$ and using $p_q = p_q(\infty)$

$$\begin{split} p_{q} &= \frac{c}{c+a} \Big[(q-1+a) \, p_{q-1} - (q+a) \, p_{q} \Big] \text{ for q>=1} \\ p_{0} &= 1 - \frac{ca}{c+a} \, p_{0} \\ p_{1} &= \frac{a}{a+2+a/c} \, p_{0} = \frac{a}{(a+2+a/c)} \frac{(1+a/c)}{(a+1+a/c)} \\ p_{2} &= \frac{a+1}{a+3+a/c} \, p_{1} = \frac{a}{(a+3+a/c)(a+2+a/c)} \frac{(1+a/c)}{(a+1+a/c)} \\ p_{3} &= \frac{a+2}{a+4+a/c} \, p_{2} = \frac{(a+2)(a+1)a}{(a+4+a/c)(a+3+a/c)(a+2+a/c)} \frac{(1+a/c)}{(a+1+a/c)} \\ p_{q} &= \frac{(q+a-1)(q+a-2)...a}{(q+a+1+a/c)} \frac{(1+a/c)}{(a+1+a/c)} \end{split}$$

preferential attachment (5)

• gamma function $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$ $\Gamma(x+1) = \int_0^\infty t^x e^{-t} dt = -\left[t^x e^{-t}\right]_0^\infty + x \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt = x \Gamma(x)$ $\frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{\Gamma(x)} = (x+n-1)(x+n-2)...x$

$$p_{q} = (1 + a/c) \frac{\Gamma(q+a)\Gamma(a+1+a/c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(q+a+2+a/c)}$$

 multiply both the numerator and the denominator by $\Gamma(2+a/c) = (1+a/c)\Gamma(1+a/c)$ the behavior of this function

degree distribution is determined by function

$$p_q = \frac{\Gamma(q+a)\Gamma(2+a/c)}{\Gamma(q+a+2+a/c)} \times \frac{\Gamma(a+1+a/c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(1+a/c)} = \frac{B(q+a,2+a/c)}{B(a,1+a/c)}$$

$$B(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)}$$
 Euler's beta function

preferential attachment (6)

for large q and fixed a and c

$$\Gamma(x) \cong \sqrt{2\pi}e^{-x}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$B(x,y) = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)} \cong \frac{e^{-x}x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{-(x+y)}(x+y)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \Gamma(y)$$

$$(x+y)^{\frac{1}{x+y-\frac{1}{2}}} = x^{\frac{1}{x+y-\frac{1}{2}}} \left[1 + \frac{y}{x}\right]^{\frac{1}{x+y-\frac{1}{2}}} \cong x^{\frac{1}{x+y-\frac{1}{2}}} e^{y}$$

$$B(x,y) \cong \frac{e^{-x}x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{-(x+y)}x^{\frac{1}{x+y-\frac{1}{2}}}} \Gamma(y) = x^{-y}\Gamma(y)$$

$$p_q = \frac{B(q+a,2+a/c)}{B(a,1+a/c)} \approx (q+a)^{-\alpha} \approx q^{-\alpha}$$

$$\alpha = 2 + \frac{a}{c}$$

computer simulation of Price's model

- by performing computer simulations, we can calculate
 - network quantities, such as path lengths, correlations, clustering coefficients
 - solution of dynamical models, percolation
 processes, opinion formation models, and others

Method proposed by Krapivsky and Redner (1)

probability that an edge attaches to vertex i

$$\theta_i = \frac{q_i + a}{n(c+a)}$$

- the edge is attached to a vertex
 - with probability φ: the vertex is chosen in proportion to its in-degree $\frac{q_i}{\sum_i q_i} = \frac{q_i}{nc}$
 - with probability 1-φ: the vertex is chosen uniformly at random $\frac{1}{n}$
- total probability of attaching to vertex i

$$\theta_i' = \phi \frac{q_i}{nc} + (1 - \phi) \frac{1}{n} \qquad \phi = \frac{c}{c + a} \qquad \theta_i' = \frac{c}{c + a} \frac{q_i}{nc} + \left(1 - \frac{c}{c + a}\right) \frac{1}{n} = \frac{q_i + a}{n(c + a)}$$

Vertex label list used in the simulation of Price's model

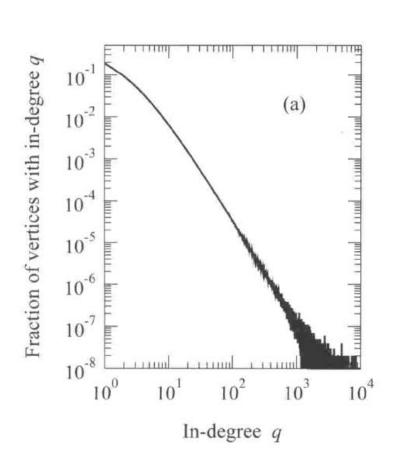
- With probability c/(c+a) choose a vertex in strict proportion to in-degree. Otherwise, choose a vertex uniformly at random from the set of all vertices.
- Choosing in proportion to in-degree is equivalent to picking an edge in the network uniformly at random and choosing the vertex which that edge points to.
- the list contains one entry for the target of each edge in the network

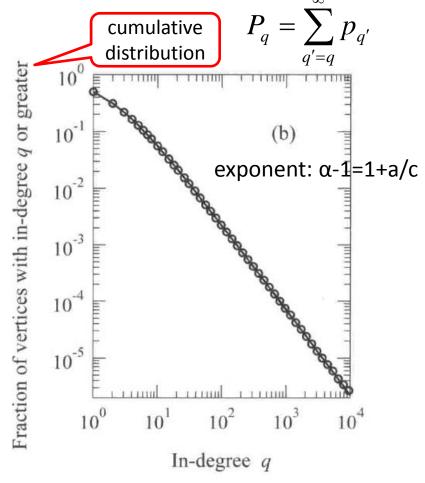
Algorithm for creating a new edge

- 1. Generate a random number r in the range 0<=r<1
- 2. If r < c/(c+a), choose an element uniformly at random from the list of targets
- 3. Otherwise, choose a vertex uniformly at random from the set of all vertices
- 4. Create an edge linking to the vertex thus selected, and add that vertex to the end of the list of targets
- Each step can be accomplished in constant time, so the growth of a network of n vertices can be accomplished in time O(n)

Degree distribution of a 100-millionnode network

power-law in the tail of the distribution





analysis of cumulative distribution

function
$$\alpha = 2 + \frac{a}{c}$$
• exponent of P_q is less than that of the degree

distribution

Alstribution
$$B(x,y) = \int_0^1 u^{x-1} (1-u)^{y-1} du$$

$$P_q = \sum_{q'=q}^{\infty} p_{q'} = \sum_{q'=q}^{\infty} \frac{B(q'+a,2+a/c)}{B(a,1+a/c)} = \frac{1}{B(a,1+a/c)} \sum_{q'=q}^{\infty} \int_0^1 u^{q'+a-1} (1-u)^{1+a/c} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{B(a,1+a/c)} \int_0^1 u^{a-1} \sum_{q'=q}^{\infty} u^{q'} (1-u)^{1+a/c} du$$

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$$= \frac{B(q+a,1+a/c)}{B(a,1+a/c)} \begin{cases} e^{-cf.} & B(q+a,2+a/c) \\ p_q = \frac{B(q+a,2+a/c)}{B(a,1+a/c)} \approx (q+a)^{-\alpha} \approx q^{-\alpha} \\ & \alpha = 2 + \frac{a}{c} \end{cases}$$

the model of Barabasi and Albert (1)

- a model of an undirected network
- the number of connections made by each vertex is exactly c (must be an integer)
- vertices and edges are never taken away
- k_i: the degree of vertex i
- the smallest degree in the network is always c
- the model is equivalent to a special case of Price's model

$$p_q = \frac{B(q+a,2+a/c)}{B(a,1+a/c)}$$
 $a = c$ $p_q = \frac{B(q+c,3)}{B(c,2)}$

the model of Barabasi and Albert (2)

- the total degree in-degree out-degree

 Price's model: $k_i = q_i + c$
- BA model: $p_q = \frac{B(q+c,3)}{B(c,2)}$ replace q+c by k

$$p_{k} = \begin{cases} \frac{B(k,3)}{B(c,2)} & for \ k \ge c \\ 0 & for \ k < c \end{cases}$$

• this can be simplified further $B(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)}$

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$$B(k,3) = \frac{\Gamma(k)\Gamma(3)}{\Gamma(k+3)} = \frac{\Gamma(3)}{k(k+1)(k+2)} \qquad \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{\Gamma(x)} = (x+n-1)(x+n-2)...x$$

$$B(c,2) = \frac{\Gamma(2)}{k(k+1)(k+2)} \qquad \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{\Gamma(x)} = (x+n-1)(x+n-2)...x$$

$$for _k \ge c$$

$$\Gamma(2) = \frac{c(c+1)}{c(c+1)}$$

$$B(c,2) = \frac{\Gamma(2)}{c(c+1)}$$

$$for _k \ge c$$

$$p_k = \frac{\Gamma(3)}{\Gamma(2)} \frac{c(c+1)}{k(k+1)(k+2)} = \frac{2c(c+1)}{k(k+1)(k+2)} \approx k^{-3}$$
 In the limit where k becomes large $\alpha = 3$

degree distribution with R+igraph

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synthetic network based on Barabasi-Albert
      model (n = 10000, c=3, undirected)
> library(igraph)
> ba <- barabasi.game(10000,m=3,directed =
FALSE)
> summary(ba)
                     summary of the network
Vertices: 10000
Edges: 29997
Directed: FALSE
No graph attributes.
No vertex attributes.
No edge attributes.
> no.clusters(ba)
                     the number of clusters
[1] 1
> average.path.length(ba)
[1] 3.170916
                        average path length
> transitivity(ba)
                     clustering coefficient
[1] 0.001810504
> mean(degree(ba))
                        average degree
[1] 5.9994
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