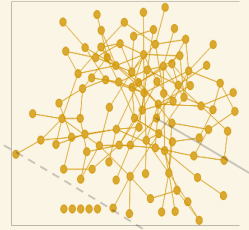


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# *Clustering Coefficient*

# Learning Outcomes

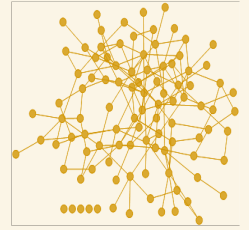
- Differentiate between:
  - Local clustering coefficient,
  - Global clustering coefficient, and
  - Average clustering coefficient
- Understand the computation of clustering coefficients
- Create extensions of clustering coefficient



$$C(G) = \frac{\# \text{ of } K_3}{\# \text{ of connected triples}}$$

Definition of  
Clustering  
Coefficient

# Clustering coefficients for real networks



- **The clustering coefficients** measure the average probability that two neighbors of a vertex are themselves neighbors (a measure of the density of triangles in a network).
- There are three versions:
  1. Clustering coefficient of the graph (overall network clustering):

$$C(G) = \frac{\# \text{ of } K_3}{\# \text{ of connected triples}}$$

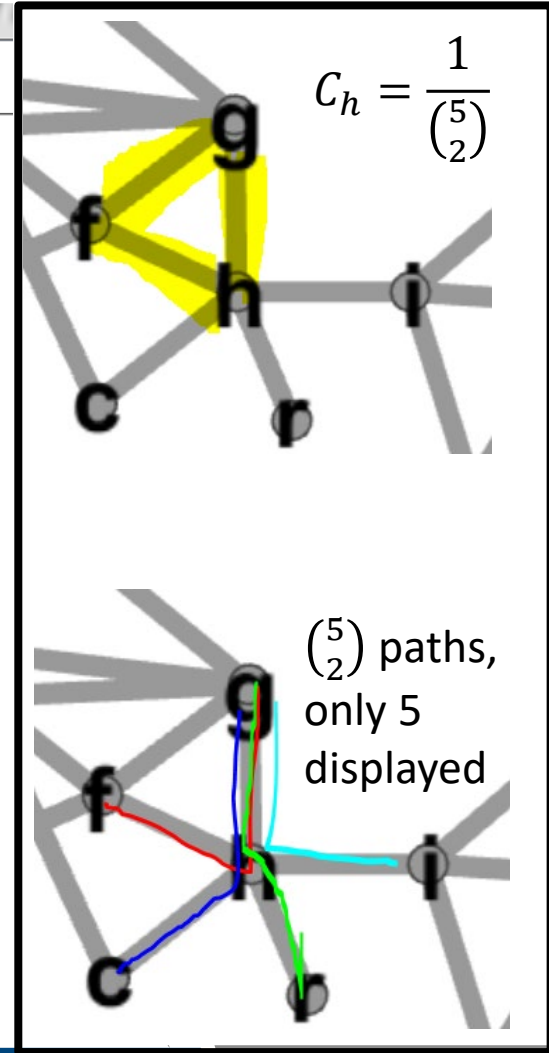
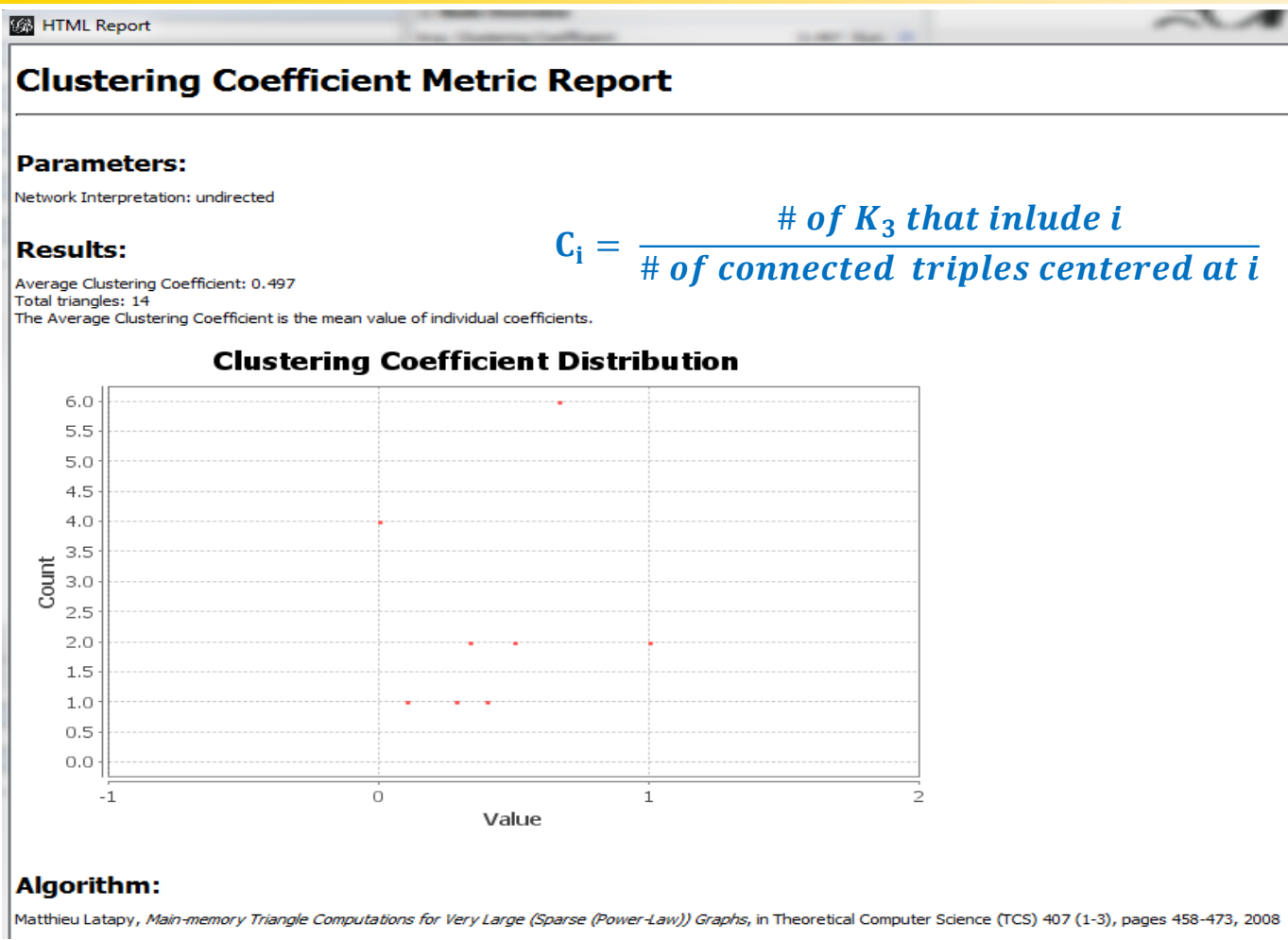
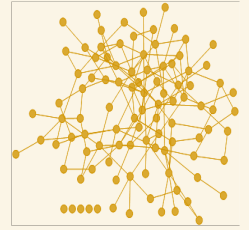
2. Local Clustering coefficient (locally dense communities):

$$C_i = \frac{\# \text{ of } K_3 \text{ that include } i}{\# \text{ of connected triples centered at } i} = \frac{\text{number of edges between neighbors of } i}{\text{deg } i (\text{deg } i - 1)/2}$$

3. Avg. clustering coefficient of G:

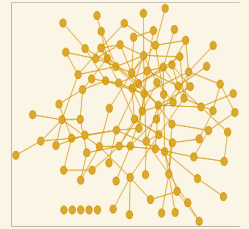
$$C_{ws}(G) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in V(G)} C_i$$

# Clustering coeff distribution example in Gephi



Observed: Networks are globally sparse, but locally dense

# Statistics for real networks



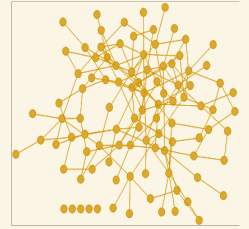
	Network	Type	$n$	$m$	$c$	$S$	$\ell$	$\alpha$	$C$	$C_{ws}$	
Social	Film actors	Undirected	449 913	25 516 482	113.43	0.980	3.48	2.3	0.20	0.78	0.
	Company directors	Undirected	7 673	55 392	14.44	0.876	4.60	-	0.59	0.88	0.
	Math coauthorship	Undirected	253 339	496 489	3.92	0.822	7.57	-	0.15	0.34	0.
	Physics coauthorship	Undirected	52 909	245 300	9.27	0.838	6.19	-	0.45	0.56	0.
	Biology coauthorship	Undirected	1 520 251	11 803 064	15.53	0.918	4.92	-	0.088	0.60	0.
	Telephone call graph	Undirected	47 000 000	80 000 000	3.16			2.1			
	Email messages	Directed	59 812	86 300	1.44	0.952	4.95	1.5/2.0		0.16	
	Email address books	Directed	16 881	57 029	3.38	0.590	5.22	-	0.17	0.13	0.
	Student dating	Undirected	573	477	1.66	0.503	16.01	-	0.005	0.001	-0.
Sexual contacts	Undirected	2 810					3.2				
Information	WWW nd . edu	Directed	269 504	1 497 135	5.55	1.000	11.27	2.1/2.4	0.11	0.29	-0.
	WWW AltaVista	Directed	203 549 046	1 466 000 000	7.20	0.914	16.18	2.1/2.7			
	Citation network	Directed	783 339	6 716 198	8.57			3.0/-			
	Roget's Thesaurus	Directed	1 022	5 103	4.99	0.977	4.87	-	0.13	0.15	0.
	Word co-occurrence	Undirected	460 902	16 100 000	66.96	1.000		2.7		0.44	
Technological	Internet	Undirected	10 697	31 992	5.98	1.000	3.31	2.5	0.035	0.39	-0.
	Power grid	Undirected	4 941	6 594	2.67	1.000	18.99	-	0.10	0.080	-0.
	Train routes	Undirected	587	19 603	66.79	1.000	2.16	-		0.69	-0.
	Software packages	Directed	1 439	1 723	1.20	0.998	2.42	1.6/1.4	0.070	0.082	-0.
	Software classes	Directed	1 376	2 213	1.61	1.000	5.40	-	0.033	0.012	-0.
	Electronic circuits	Undirected	24 097	53 248	4.34	1.000	11.05	3.0	0.010	0.030	-0.
	Peer-to-peer network	Undirected	880	1 296	1.47	0.805	4.28	2.1	0.012	0.011	-0.
	Metabolic network	Undirected	765	3 686	9.64	0.996	2.56	2.2	0.090	0.67	-0.
Biological	Protein interactions	Undirected	2 115	2 240	2.12	0.689	6.80	2.4	0.072	0.071	-0.
	Marine food web	Directed	134	598	4.46	1.000	2.05	-	0.16	0.23	-0.
	Freshwater food web	Directed	92	997	10.84	1.000	1.90	-	0.20	0.087	-0.
	Neural network	Directed	307	2 359	7.68	0.967	3.97	-	0.18	0.28	-0.

$C$  =  
clustering  
coefficient

$C_{ws}$  = ave  
clustering  
coefficient

Newman, "The Structure and Function of Complex Networks"  
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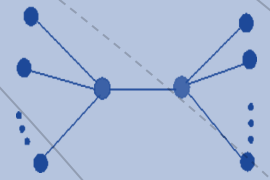
# Observed vs. random



Network	$n$	$z$	$C_{ws}$ measured	$C_{ws}$ for random graph
Internet [153]	6,374	3.8	0.24	0.00060
World Wide Web (sites) [2]	153,127	35.2	0.11	0.00023
power grid [192]	4,941	2.7	0.080	0.00054
biology collaborations [140]	1,520,251	15.5	0.081	0.000010
mathematics collaborations [141]	253,339	3.9	0.15	0.000015
film actor collaborations [149]	449,913	113.4	0.20	0.00025
company directors [149]	7,673	14.4	0.59	0.0019
word co-occurrence [90]	460,902	70.1	0.44	0.00015
neural network [192]	282	14.0	0.28	0.049
metabolic network [69]	315	28.3	0.59	0.090
food web [138]	134	8.7	0.22	0.065

Source: N. Przulj. Graph theory analysis of protein-protein interactions. 2005.

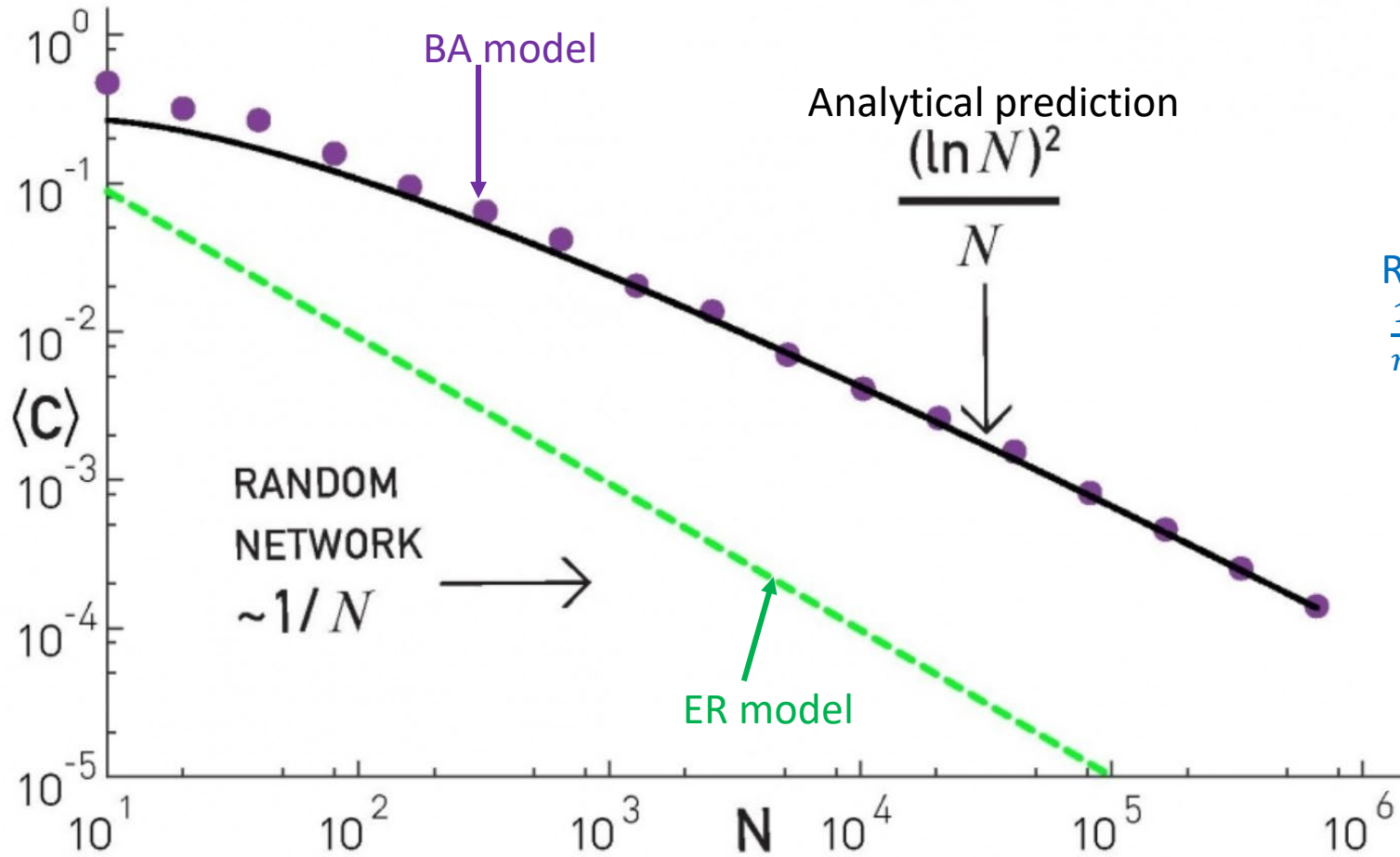
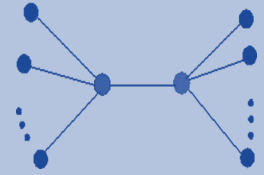
Why are they different?



Clustering  
dependency  
on degrees or  
size of network



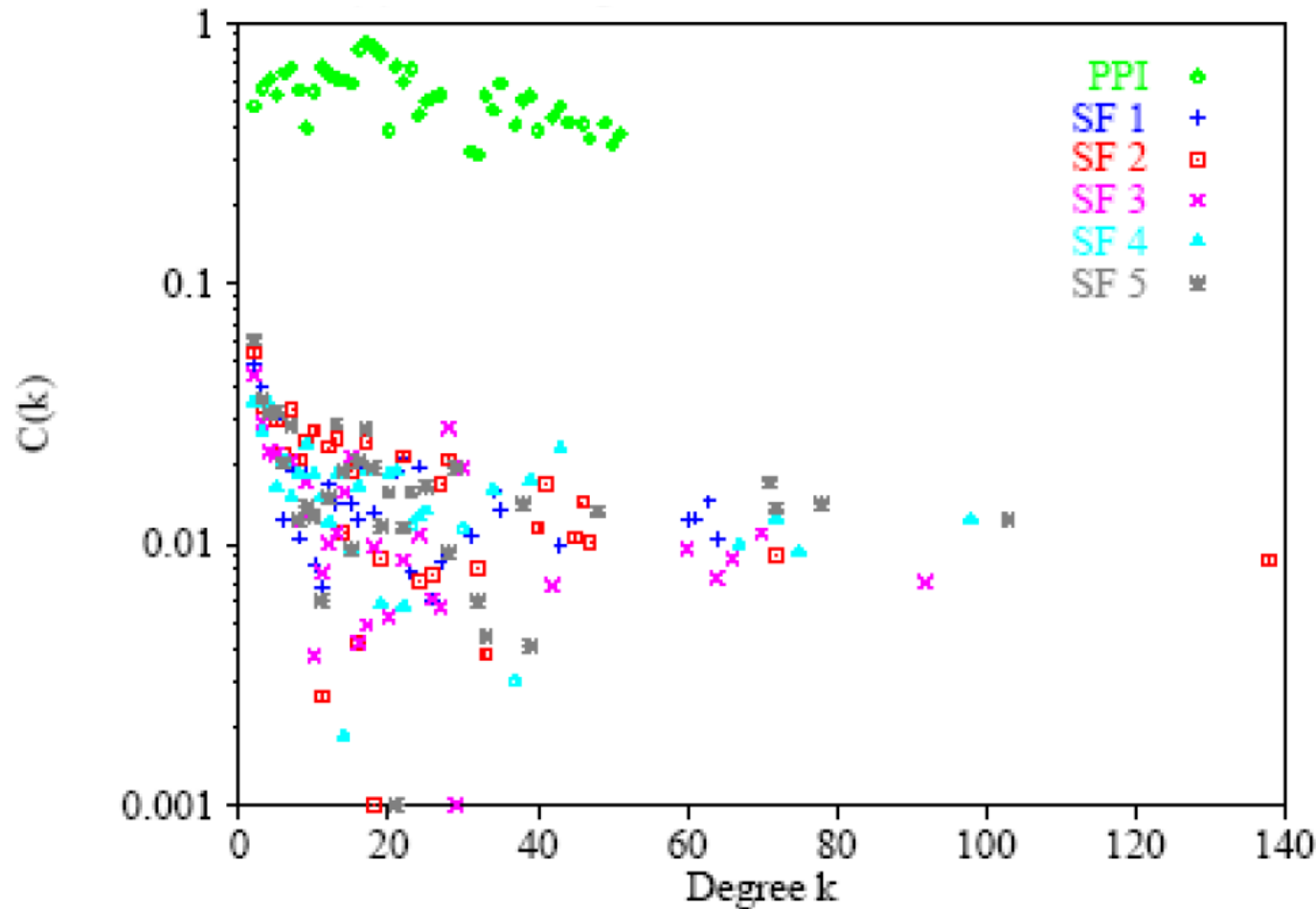
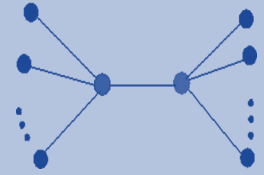
# ER & BA model: $C_{ws}$ as a function of the network size (N)



Recall:  $C_{ws}(G) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in V(G)} C_i$

Barabási-Albert network is locally more clustered than a random network.

# *PPI and SF*: clustering as a function of degree $k$

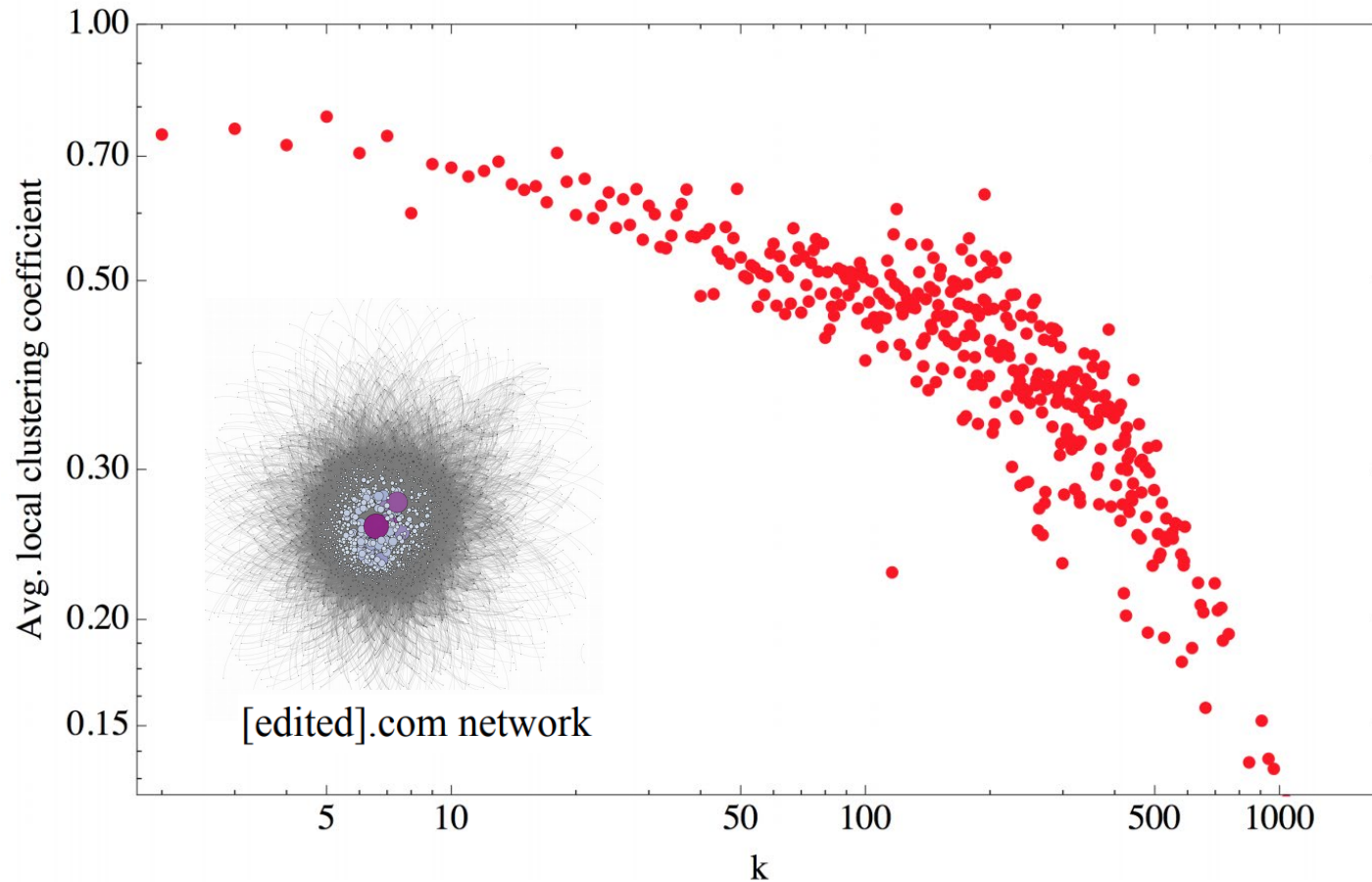
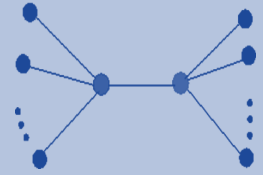


PPI: protein-protein interaction netw.

SF = scale free synthetic network.

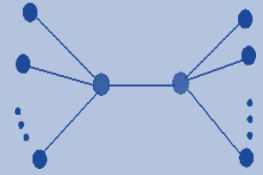
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# Online Social Networks: Avg Local Clustering as a function of degree



A node chosen at random has higher clustering than the one of a hub

# Internet: Local Clustering Coefficient as a Function of Degree $k$



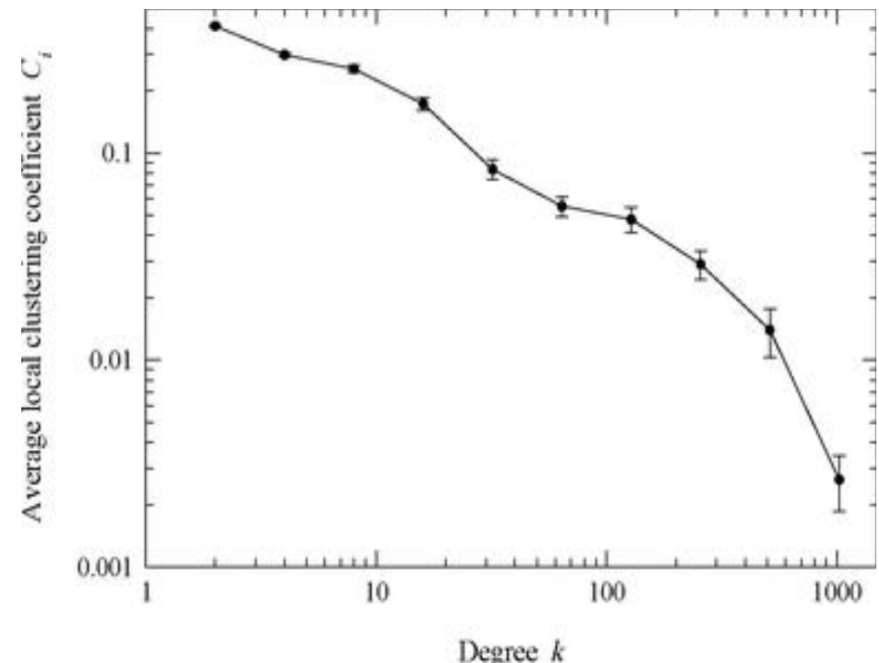
Notice: higher degree nodes exhibit lower local clustering coefficient  
(with larger variance as well)

Thoughts on why?

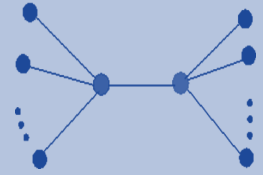
Example: Internet network at the Autonomous System level, averaged over all of the vertices of degree  $k$ . For nodes of degree  $k$ , the best fit is:

$$C_i(k) = k^{-\alpha},$$

where  $.75 \leq \alpha \leq 1$



# Local clustering coefficient



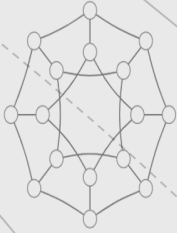
Possible explanations for the decrease in  $C_i$  as degree increases:

Vertices tend to group in communities, sharing mostly neighbors within the same community

Some vertices have small/large degree based on the size of the community

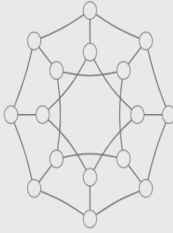
Smaller communities are denser  $\rightarrow$  larger  $C_i$

Communities may be connected by large degree nodes and being a connector will decrease its value of  $C_i$  of these large degree nodes.



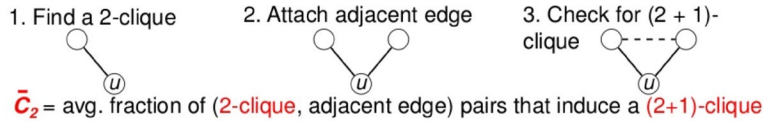
# Extension of Clustering Coefficient

# Extensions

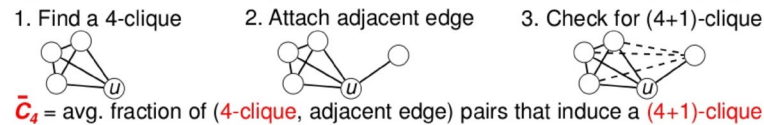
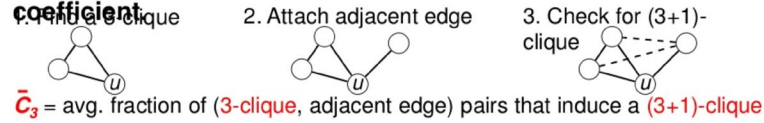


## Frequency of cliques in clique+edge occurrences:

Our higher-order view through clique expansion.



**Increase clique size by 1 to get a higher-order clustering coefficient**



Local, average, and global higher-order clustering coefficients.

Third-order **local** clustering coefficient at node  $u$ .

$$C_3(u) = \frac{\# \text{ (3-clique, adjacent edge) pairs at } u}{\# \text{ (2-clique, adjacent edge) pairs at } u}$$

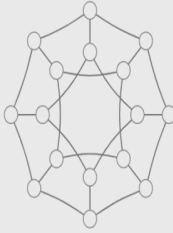
Third-order **average** clustering coefficient.

$$\bar{C}_3 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_u \frac{\# \text{ (3-clique, adjacent edge) pairs at } u}{\# \text{ (2-clique, adjacent edge) pairs at } u} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_u C_3(u)$$

Third-order **global** clustering coefficient.

$$C_3 = \frac{\sum_u \# \text{ (3-clique, adjacent edge) pairs at } u}{\sum_u \# \text{ (2-clique, adjacent edge) pairs at } u}$$

# Additional Extensions



Clustering coefficient  
measures the density of  $K_3$  in  
networks

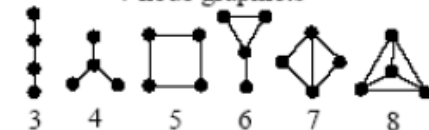
- Count the density of other  
motifs

Enumeration of all graphs of fixed  $n$ :

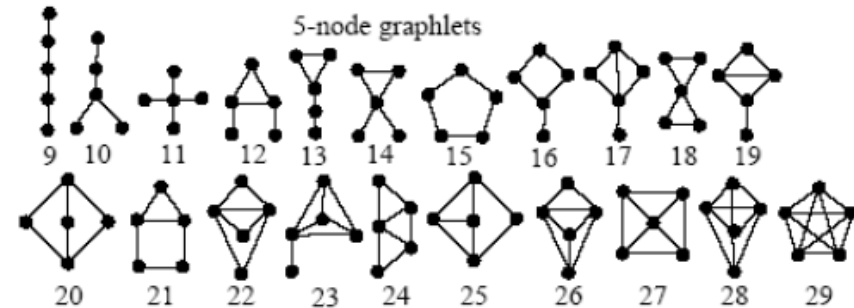
3-node graphlets



4-node graphlets

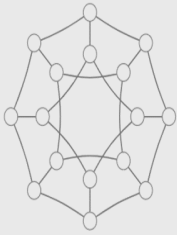


5-node graphlets

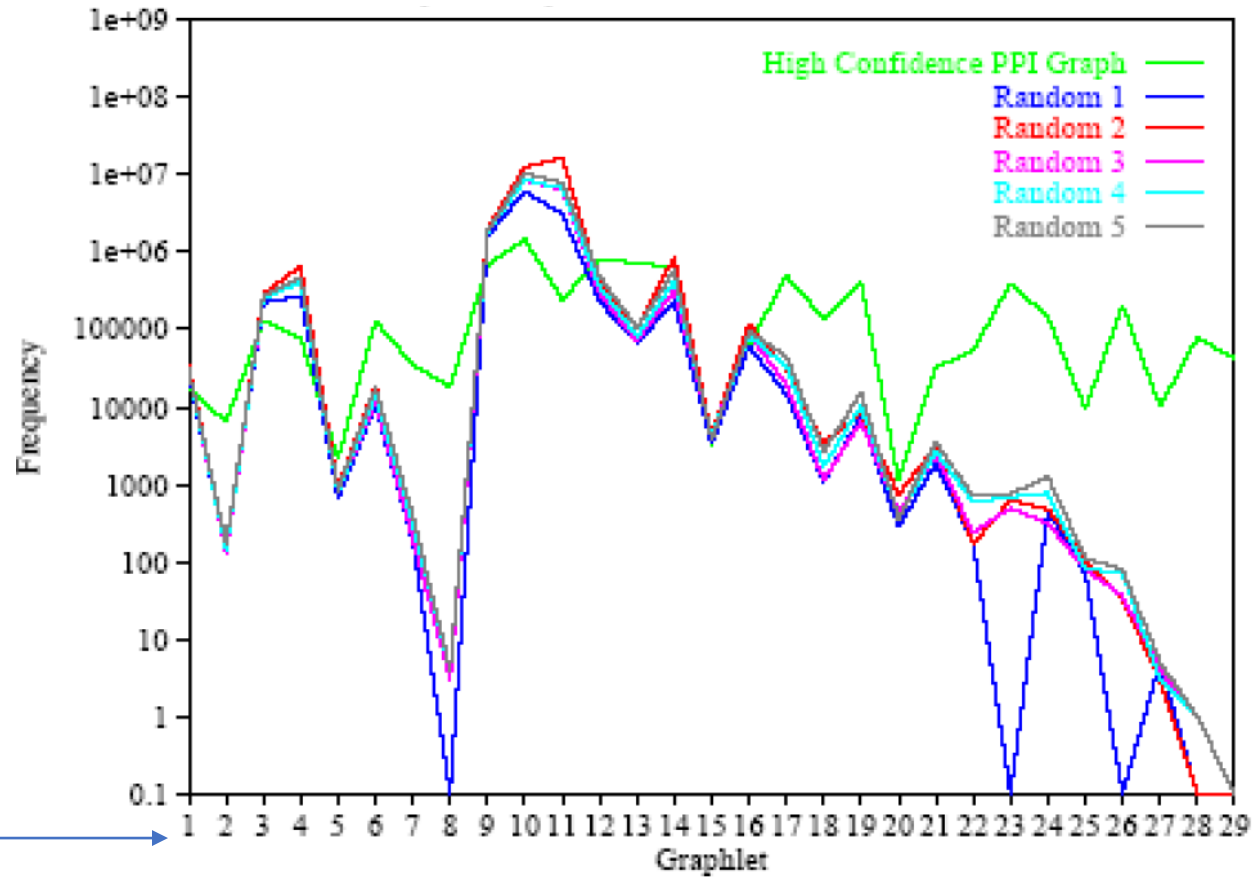
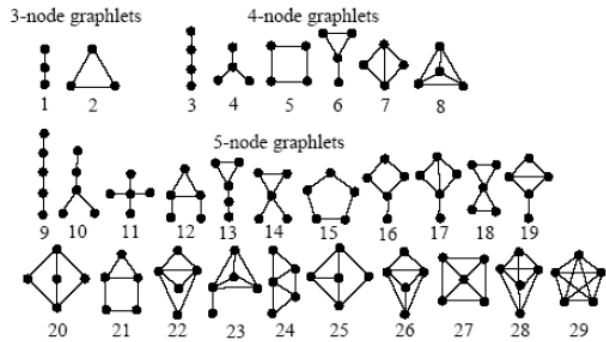




# Graphlet frequency in Scale Free network

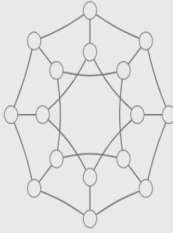


## Ordering of Graphlets



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# Higher order clustering in WS networks



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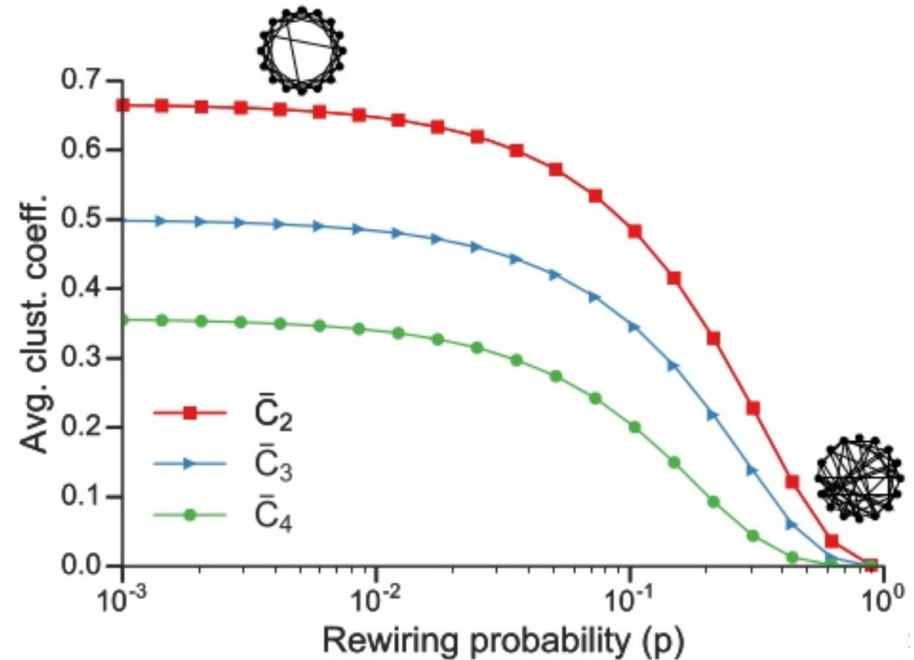
$$C_3(u) = \frac{\# \text{ (triangles at } u \text{)}}{\# \text{ (paths of length 2 at } u \text{)}}$$

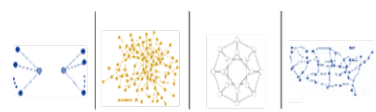
Third-order **average** clustering coefficient.

$$\bar{C}_3 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_u \frac{\# \text{ (triangles at } u \text{)}}{\# \text{ (paths of length 2 at } u \text{)}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_u C_3(u)$$

Third-order **global** clustering coefficient.

$$C_3 = \frac{\sum_u \# \text{ (triangles at } u \text{)}}{\sum_u \# \text{ (paths of length 2 at } u \text{)}}$$





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