

Consensus Processes on Complex Networks

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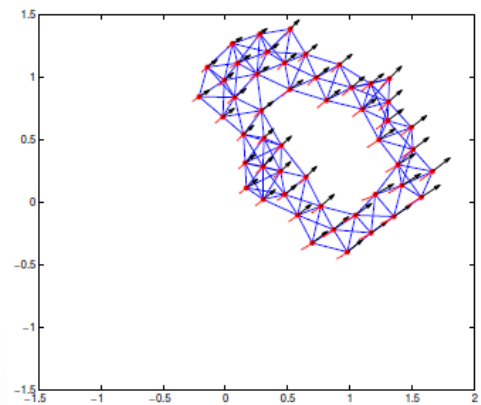
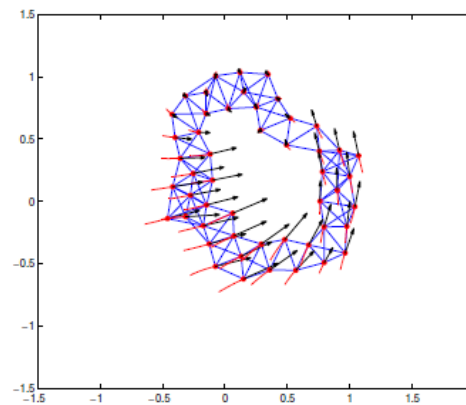
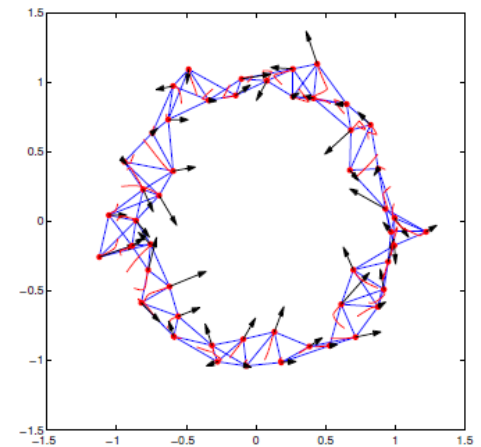
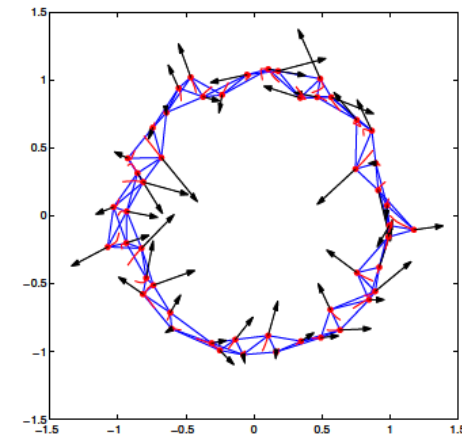
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1. Introduction



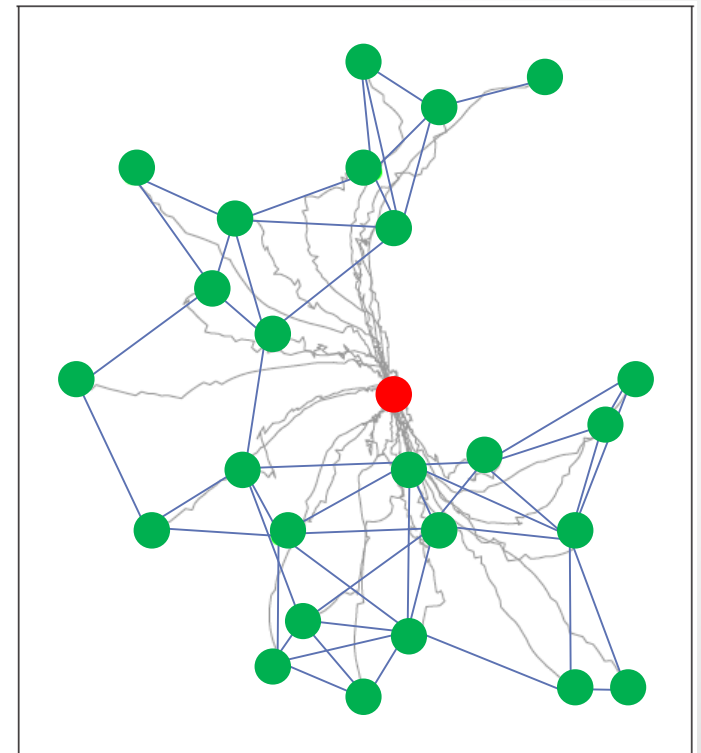
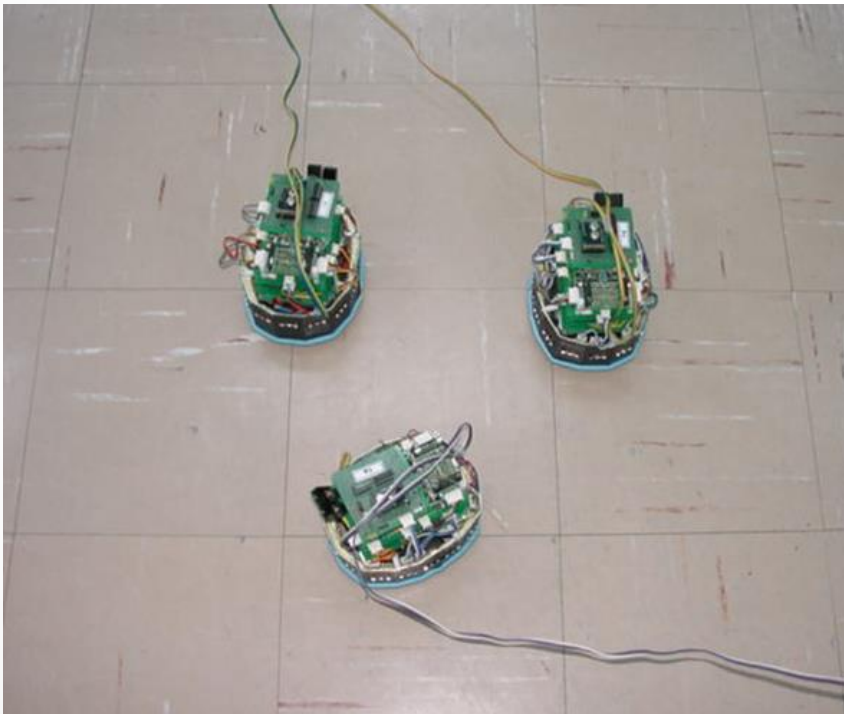
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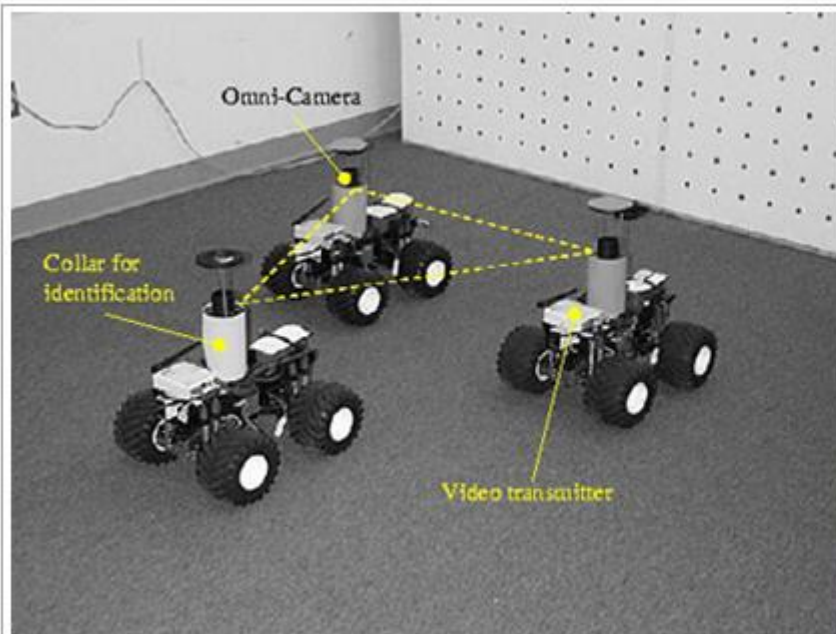
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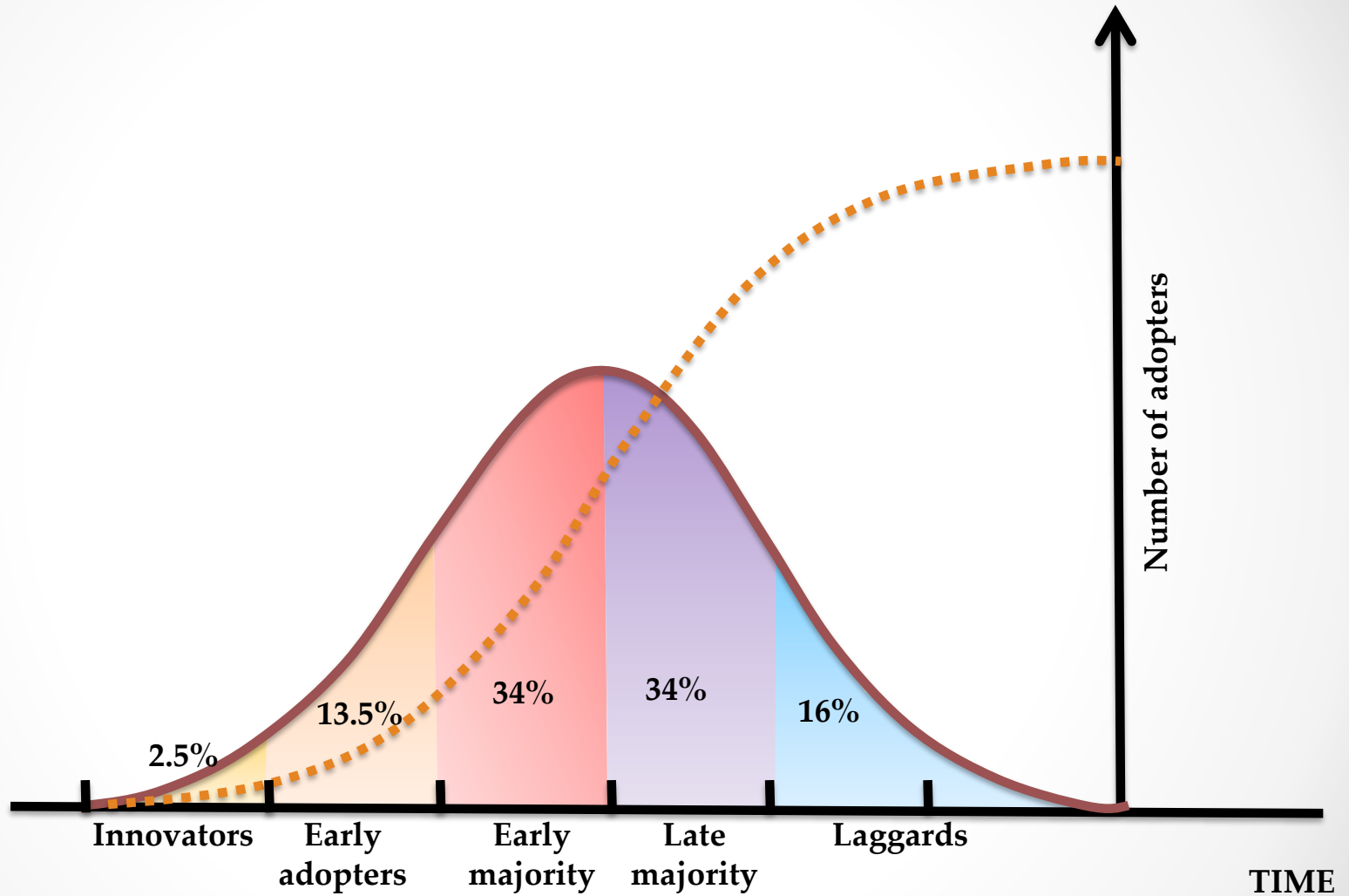


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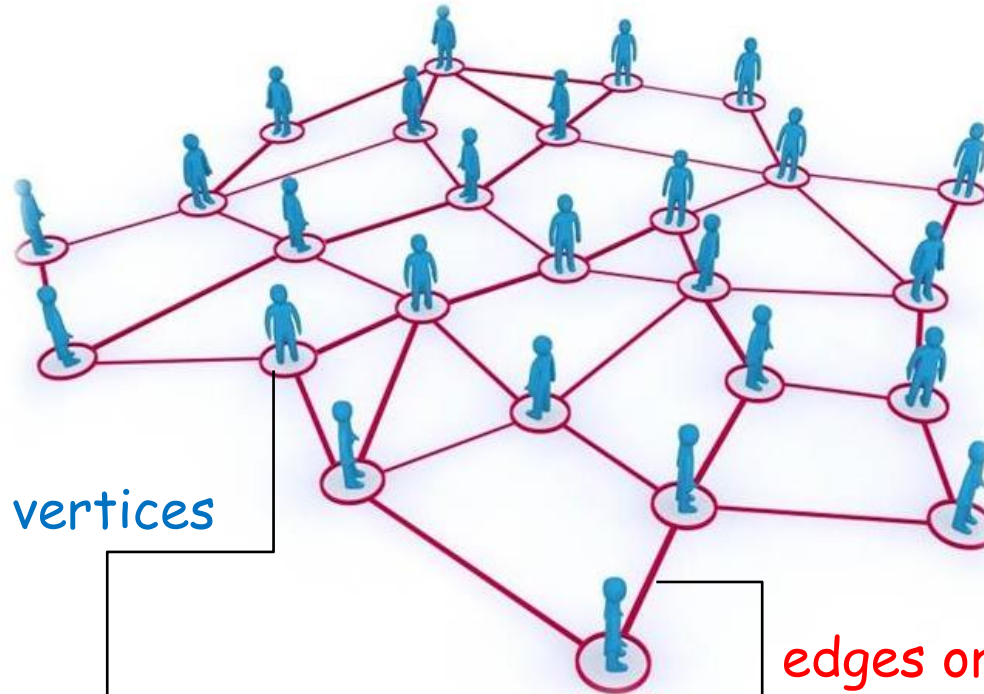


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2. Networks

$$G = (V, E)$$



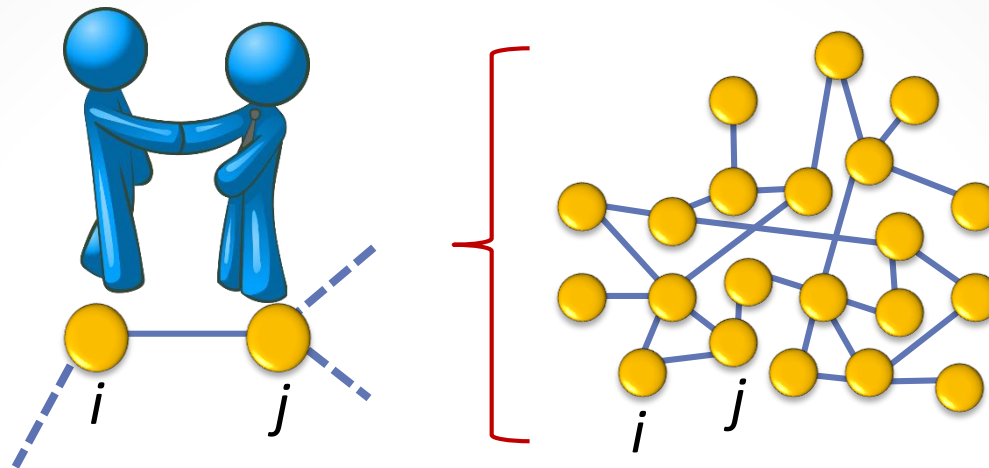
nodes or vertices

$$V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

edges or links

$$E \subseteq V \times V$$

3. The consensus model



opinion of j at time t

opinion of i at time t

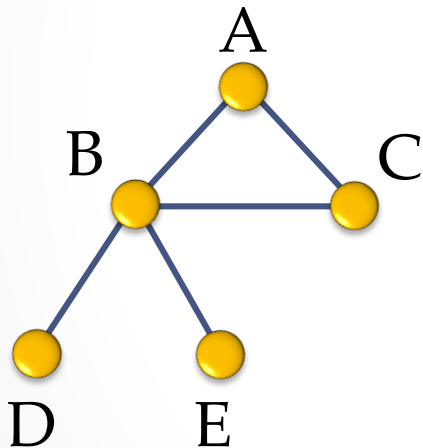
$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \dot{u}_i(t) = \sum_{j \sim i} [u_j(t) - u_i(t)], \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$u_i(0) = z_i, \quad z_i \in \mathfrak{R}$$

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$$\dot{u}_i(t) = \sum_{j \sim i} [u_j(t) - u_i(t)], \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Example:



- $\dot{u}_A(t) = (u_B(t) - u_A(t)) + (u_C(t) - u_A(t))$
- $\dot{u}_B(t) = (u_A(t) - u_B(t)) + (u_C(t) - u_B(t)) + (u_D(t) - u_B(t)) + (u_E(t) - u_B(t))$
- $\dot{u}_C(t) = (u_A(t) - u_C(t)) + (u_B(t) - u_C(t))$
- $\dot{u}_D(t) = (u_B(t) - u_D(t))$
- $\dot{u}_E(t) = (u_B(t) - u_E(t))$

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We can rearrange the previous equations as follows:

State of the nearest neighbours of A Degree of A

$$\dot{u}_A(t) = \underbrace{u_B(t) + u_C(t)}_{\text{State of the nearest neighbours of A}} - \overset{\text{Degree of A}}{\uparrow} 2u_A(t)$$

$$\dot{u}_B(t) = u_A(t) + u_C(t) + u_D(t) + u_E(t) - 4u_B(t)$$

$$\dot{u}_C(t) = u_A(t) + u_B(t) - 2u_C(t)$$

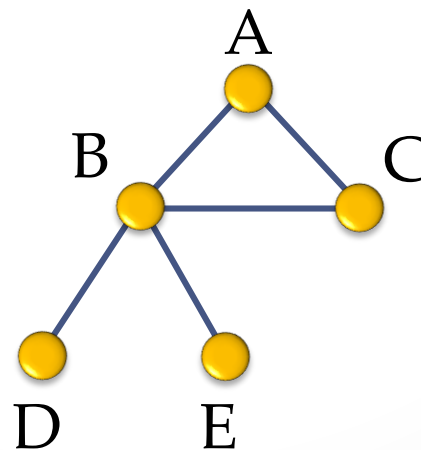
$$\dot{u}_D(t) = u_B(t) - u_D(t)$$

$$\dot{u}_E(t) = u_B(t) - u_E(t)$$

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In matrix form we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u}_A(t) \\ \dot{u}_B(t) \\ \dot{u}_C(t) \\ \dot{u}_D(t) \\ \dot{u}_E(t) \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_A(t) \\ u_B(t) \\ u_C(t) \\ u_D(t) \\ u_E(t) \end{bmatrix}$$



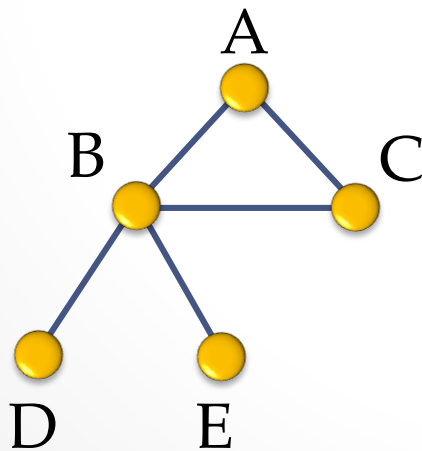
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The previous equation is now written in the following compact form:

$$\vec{\dot{\mathbf{u}}}(t) = -\mathbf{L}(G)\vec{\mathbf{u}}(t), \quad \vec{\mathbf{u}}(0) = \vec{\mathbf{u}}_0$$

$$L_{uv} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } (uv) \in E, \\ k_u & \text{if } u = v, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Example:



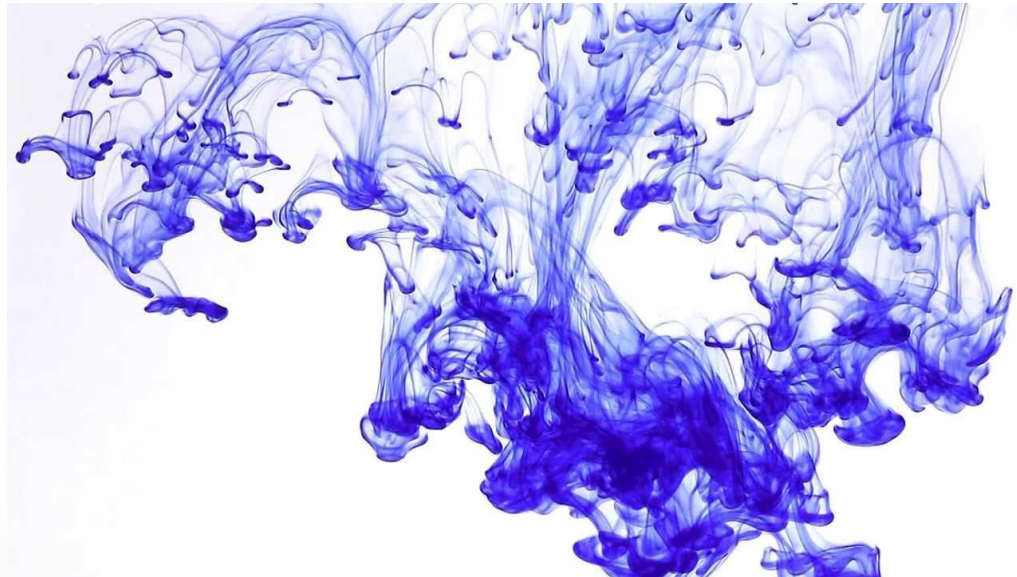
$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} & \text{A} & \text{B} & \text{C} & \text{D} & \text{E} \\ \text{A} & 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{B} & -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \text{C} & -1 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{D} & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \text{E} & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. The consensus model



$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}(t) = -\mathbf{L}(G)\mathbf{u}(t), \quad \mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}_0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}(t) = D \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}(t)}{\partial t^2}, \quad \mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}_0$$



3. The consensus model

Definition 1: The *consensus set* $A \subseteq \mathfrak{R}^n$ is the subspace $\text{span}\{1\}$, that is

$$A = \left\{ u \in \mathfrak{R}^n \mid u_i = u_j, \forall i, j \right\}$$

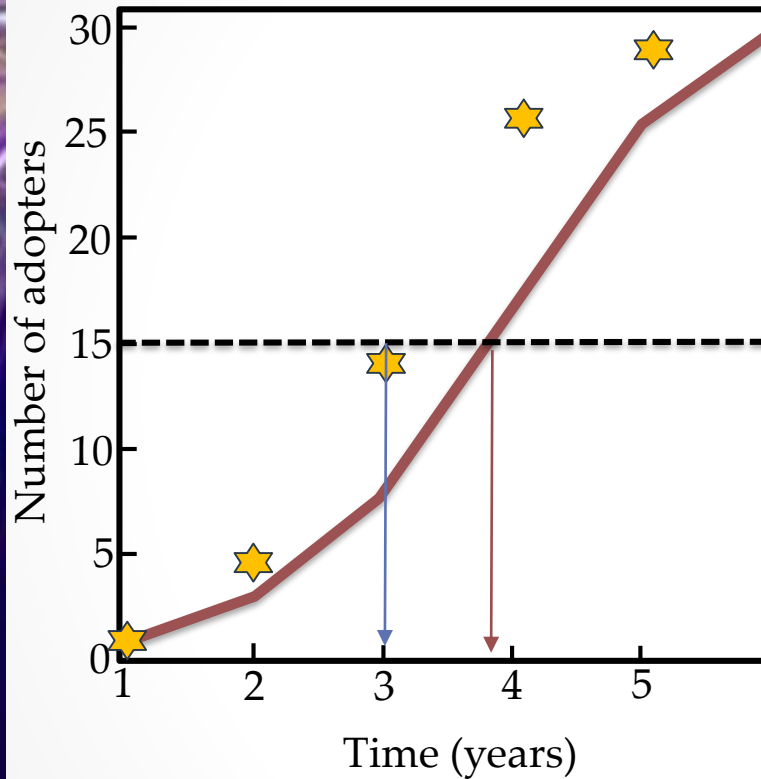
Discrete-time Consensus

$$\vec{u}[k + 1] = (\mathbf{I} - \varepsilon \mathbf{L}) \vec{u}[k]$$

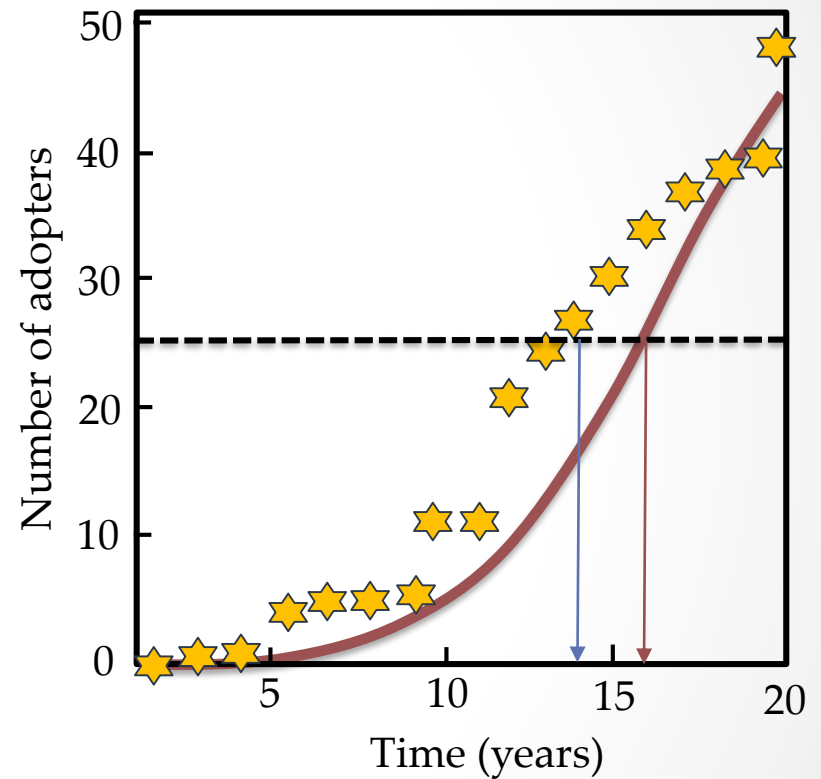
$$0 < \varepsilon < 1 / k_{\max}$$

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Diffusion of a mathematical method among high schools



Diffusion of a biotech product among Brazilian farmers



- ★ Observation
- Normal diffusion

4. The Laplacian matrix

Laplacian Matrix

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{K} - \mathbf{A}$$

Example:

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. The Laplacian matrix

The spectral decomposition of the Laplacian matrix is written as:

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^T$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1(1) & \varphi_2(1) & \cdots & \varphi_n(1) \\ \varphi_1(2) & \varphi_2(2) & \cdots & \varphi_n(2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \varphi_1(n) & \varphi_2(n) & \cdots & \varphi_n(n) \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mu_n \end{pmatrix}$$

4. The Laplacian matrix

Lemma 1: The Laplacian matrix is positive semidefinite:

$$0 = \mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \cdots \leq \mu_n$$

Lemma 2: Let G be a connected network. Then, the Laplacian matrix has only one zero eigenvalue:

$$0 = \mu_1 < \mu_2 \leq \cdots \leq \mu_n$$

5. Consensus in undirected networks

Solution of the consensus dynamic model

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = e^{-t\mathbf{L}}\mathbf{u}_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-t\mathbf{L}} &= e^{-t(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^T)} = \mathbf{U}e^{-t\mathbf{\Lambda}}\mathbf{U}^T \\ &= e^{-t\mu_1}\boldsymbol{\varphi}_1\boldsymbol{\varphi}_1^T + e^{-t\mu_2}\boldsymbol{\varphi}_2\boldsymbol{\varphi}_2^T + \cdots + e^{-t\mu_n}\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = e^{-t\mu_1}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_1^T\mathbf{u}_0)\boldsymbol{\varphi}_1 + e^{-t\mu_2}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_2^T\mathbf{u}_0)\boldsymbol{\varphi}_2 + \cdots + e^{-t\mu_n}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n^T\mathbf{u}_0)\boldsymbol{\varphi}_n$$

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Theorem 3: Let G be a connected network. The undirected consensus model converges to the consensus set with a rate of convergence that is dictated by μ_2 .

Proof: $\mu_1 = 0$ and $\mu_j > 0, \forall j \neq 1$. Thus

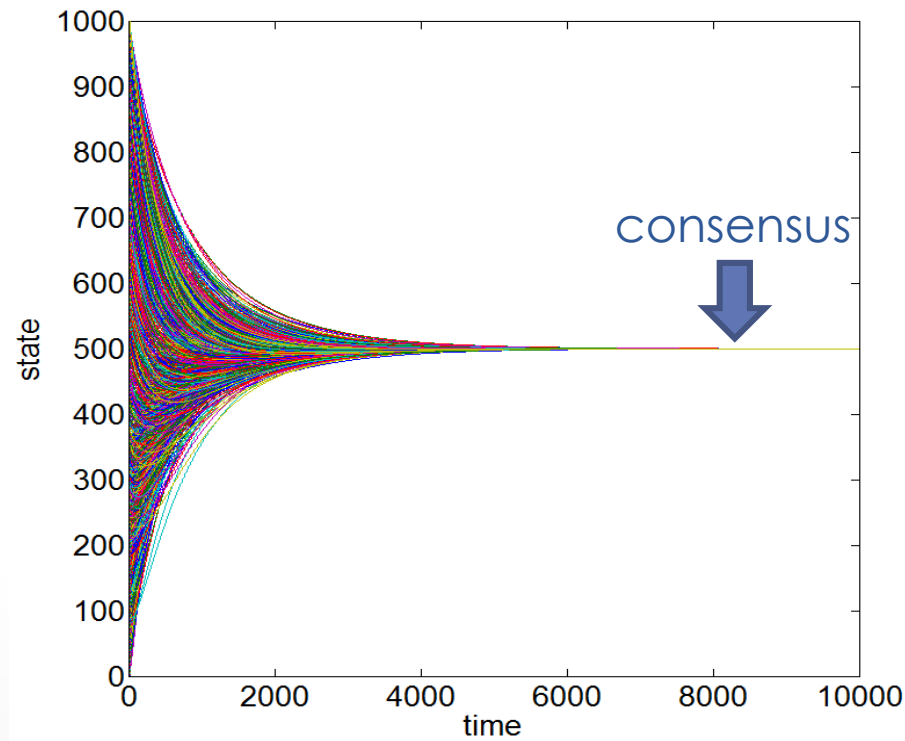
$$\mathbf{u}(t) \rightarrow \left(\varphi_1^T \mathbf{u}_0 \right) \varphi_1 = \frac{\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{u}_0}{n} \mathbf{1} \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

Hence $\mathbf{u}(t) \rightarrow A$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

As μ_2 is the smallest positive eigenvalue of the graph Laplacian, it dictates the slowest mode of convergence in the previous equation. \square

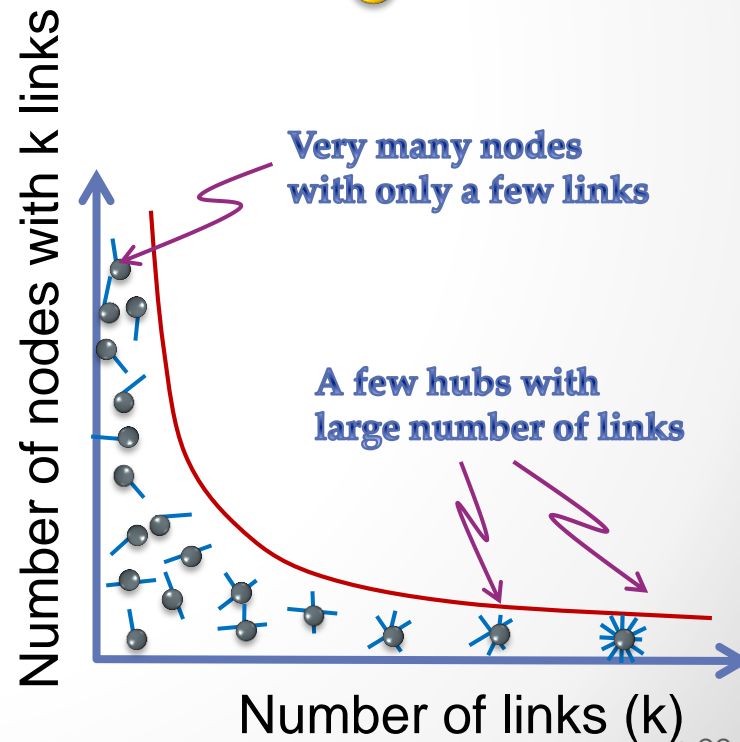
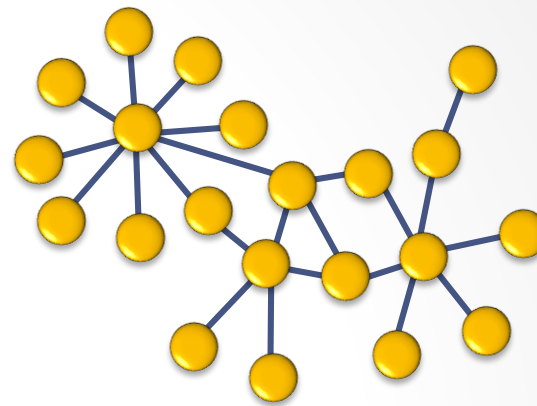
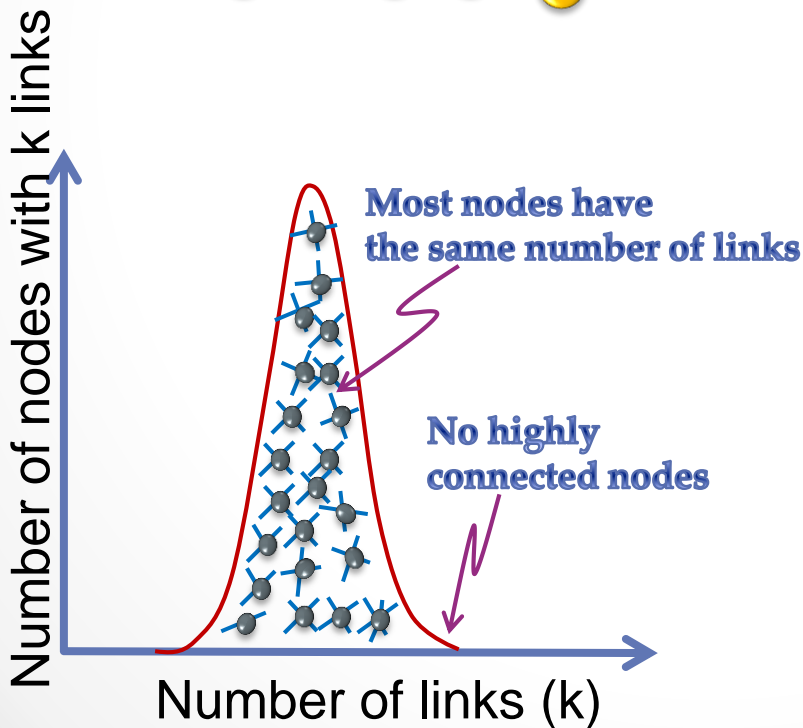
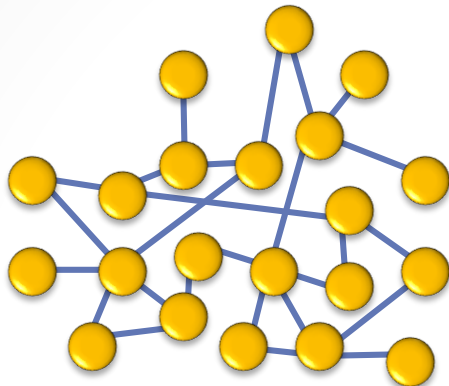
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Proposition 4: A necessary and sufficient condition for the consensus model to converge to the consensus subspace from an arbitrary initial condition is that the network is connected.



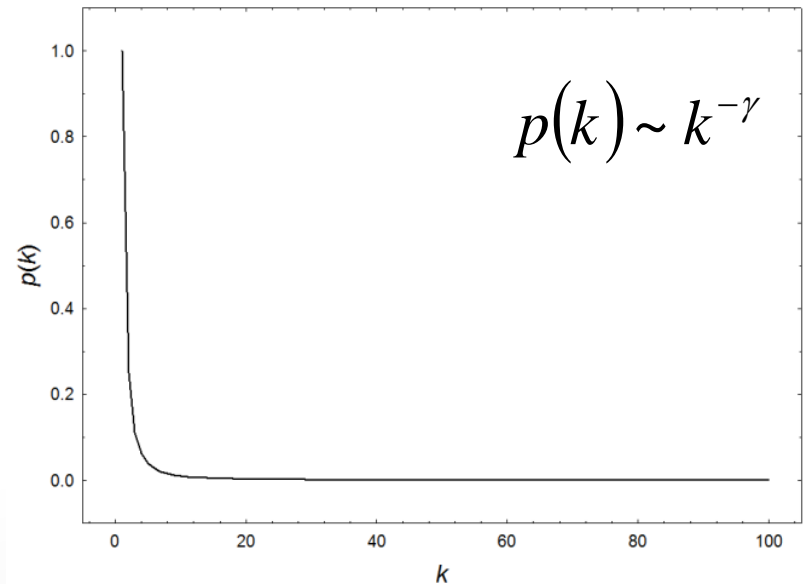
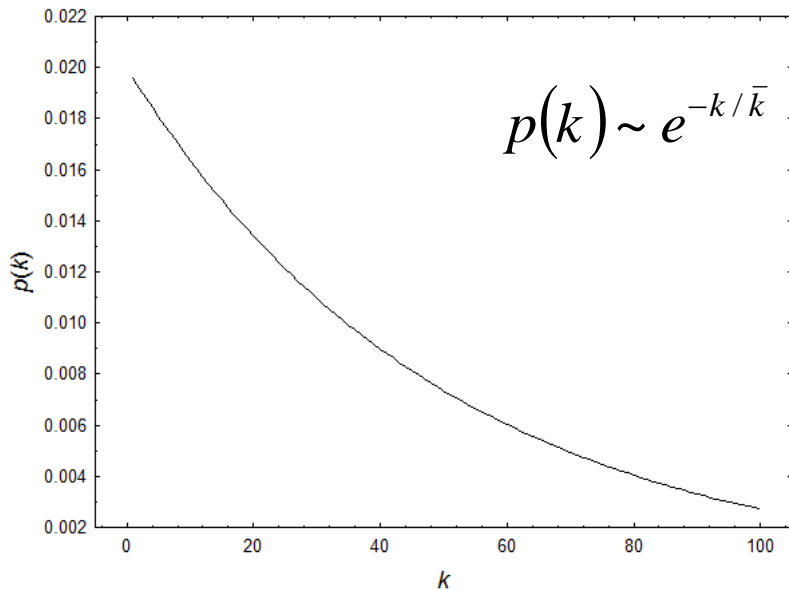
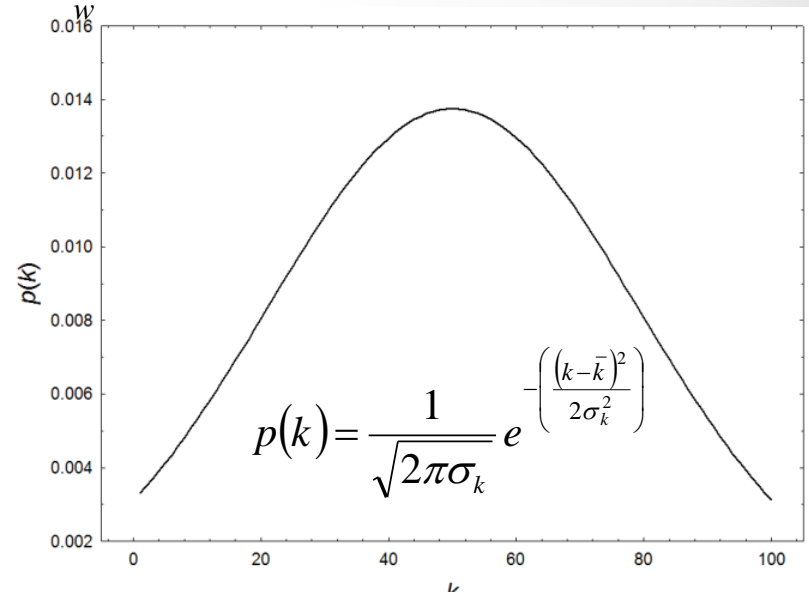
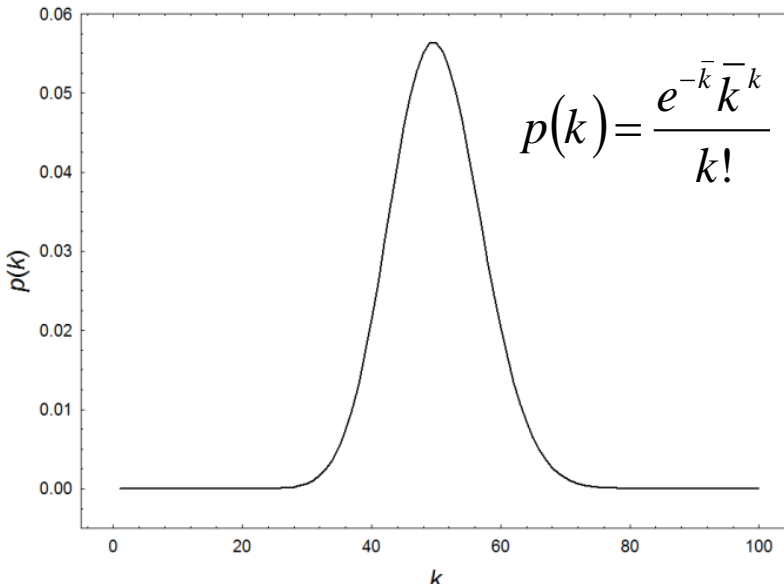
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Degree distribution



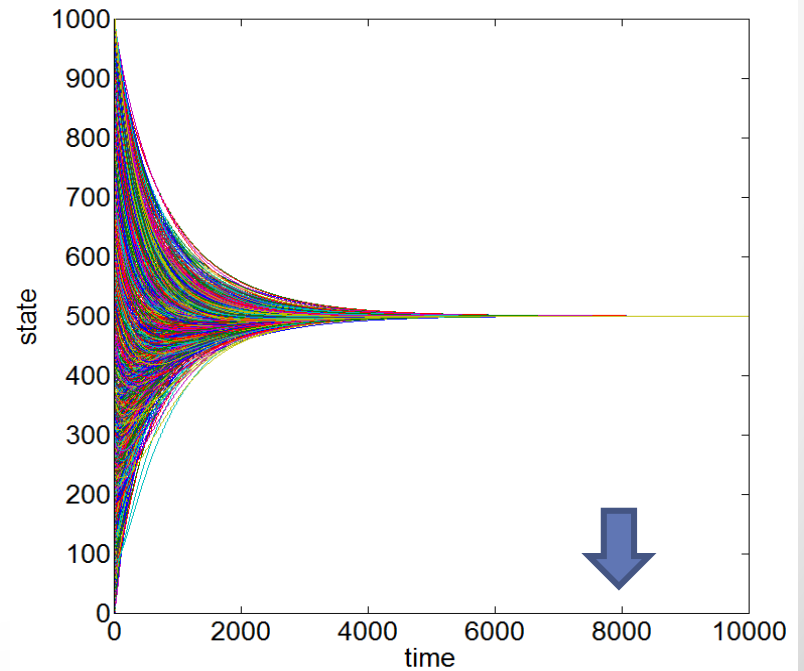
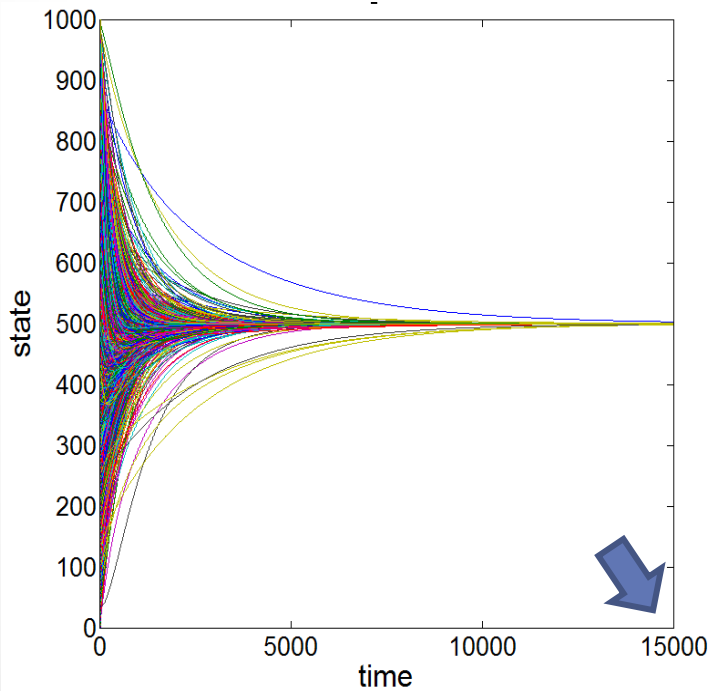
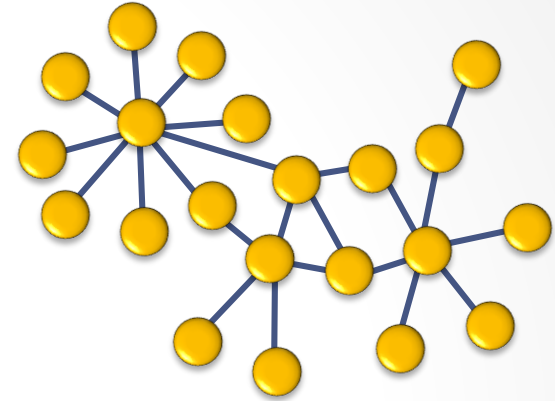
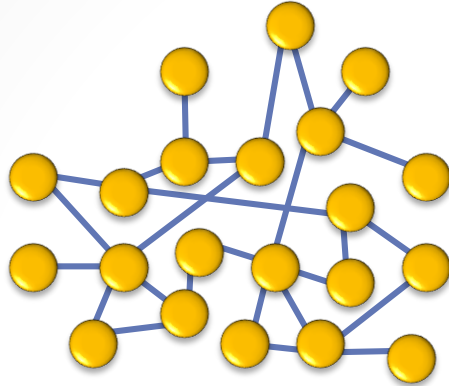
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$$p_u = k_v / \sum k_w$$



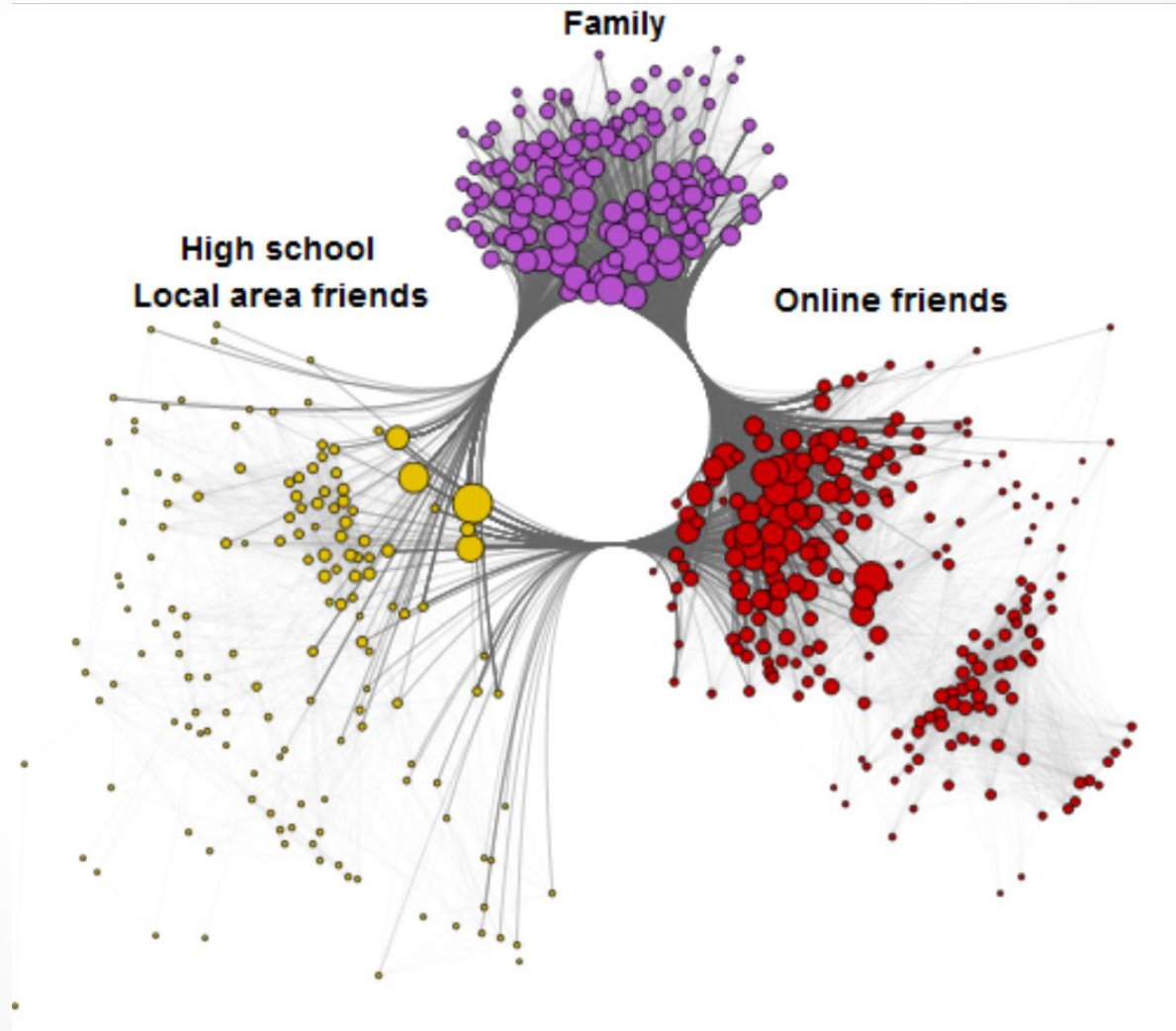
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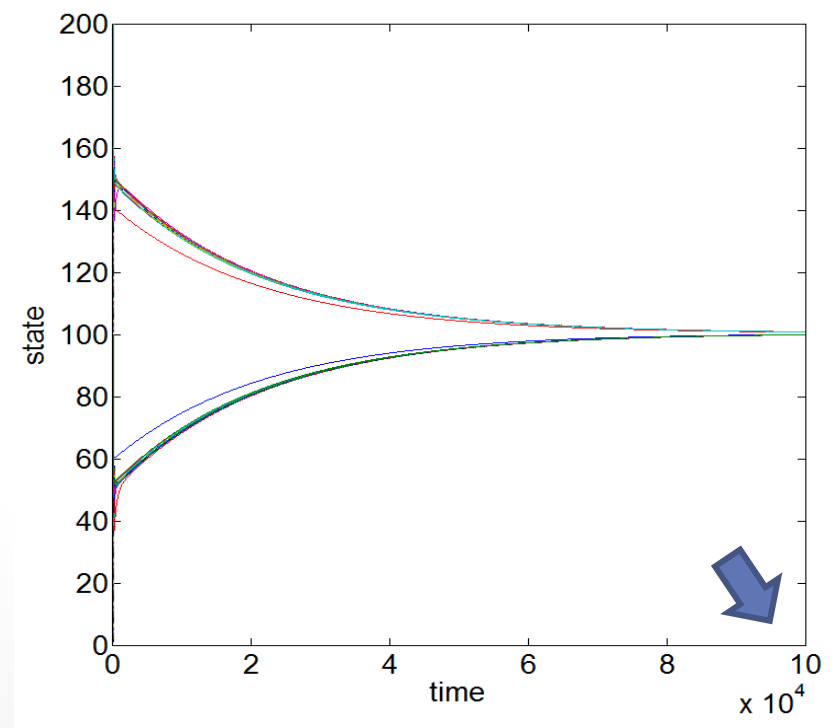
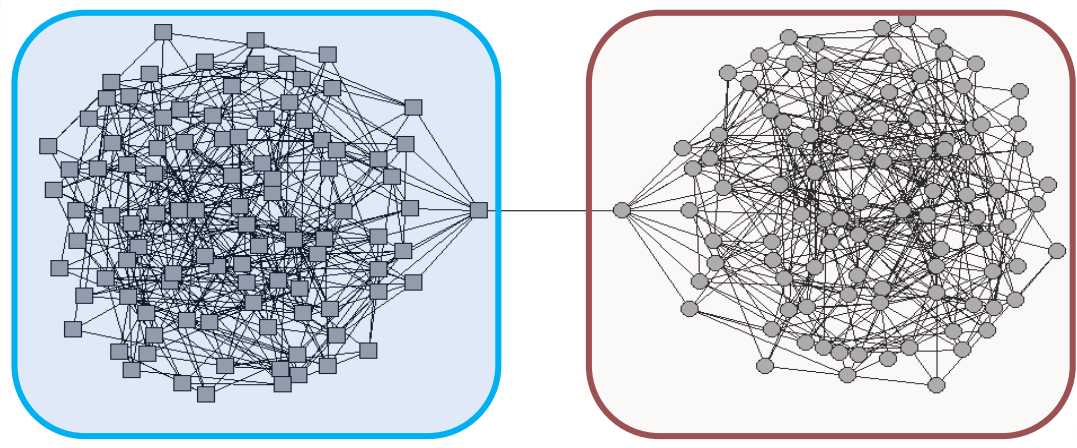
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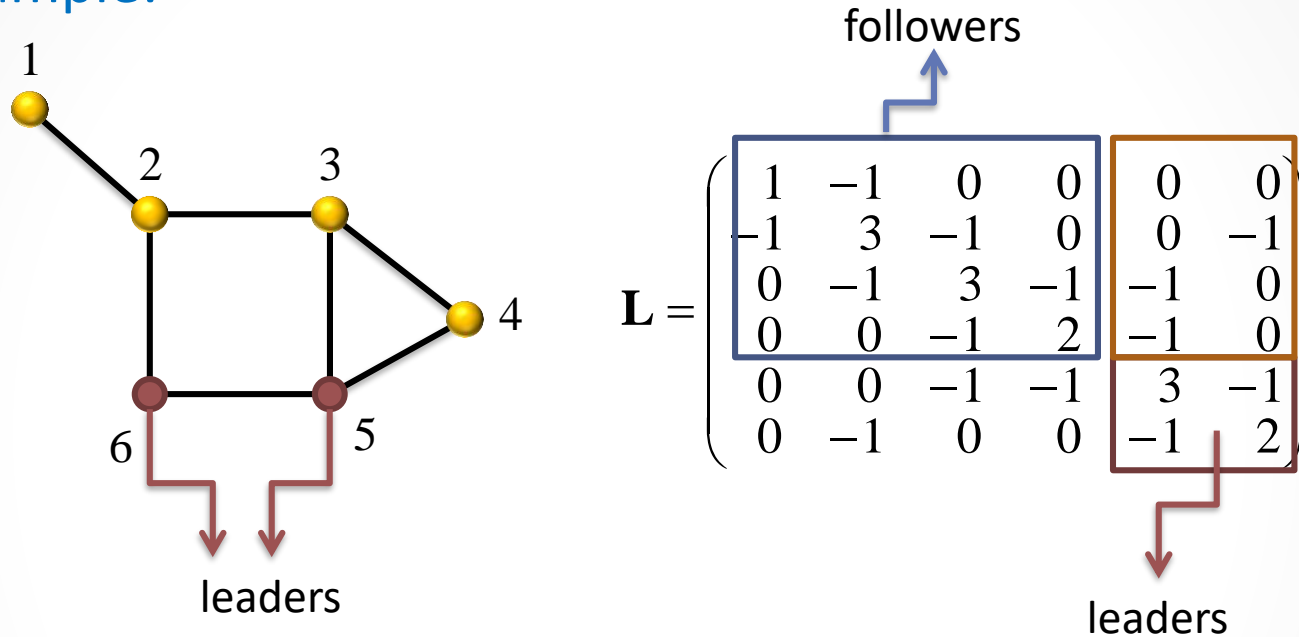
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Consider the partition of the network into n_l leaders and $n - n_l$ followers.

Example:



$$\mathbf{L}_l = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_{fl} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Leader-followers consensus

The consensus dynamics of a leader-follower system is described by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{u}}_f \\ \dot{\mathbf{u}}_l \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}_f & \mathbf{L}_{fl} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_f \\ \mathbf{u}_l \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}_f = -\mathbf{L}_f \mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{L}_{fl} \mathbf{u}_l$$

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Theorem 5: If the network G is connected then \mathbf{L}_f is positive definite.

Proof: \mathbf{L} is positive semidefinite. If G is connected
 $N(\mathbf{L}) = \text{span}\{\mathbf{1}\}$

Since,

$$\mathbf{u}_f^T \mathbf{L}_f \mathbf{u}_f = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_f^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}_f \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_f \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_f^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin N(\mathbf{L})$$

Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_f^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}_f \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_f \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} > 0, \forall \mathbf{u}_f \in \mathfrak{R}^{n_f} \quad \blacksquare$$

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Theorem 6: Given fixed leader opinions \mathbf{u}_l , the equilibrium point under the leader-follower dynamics is

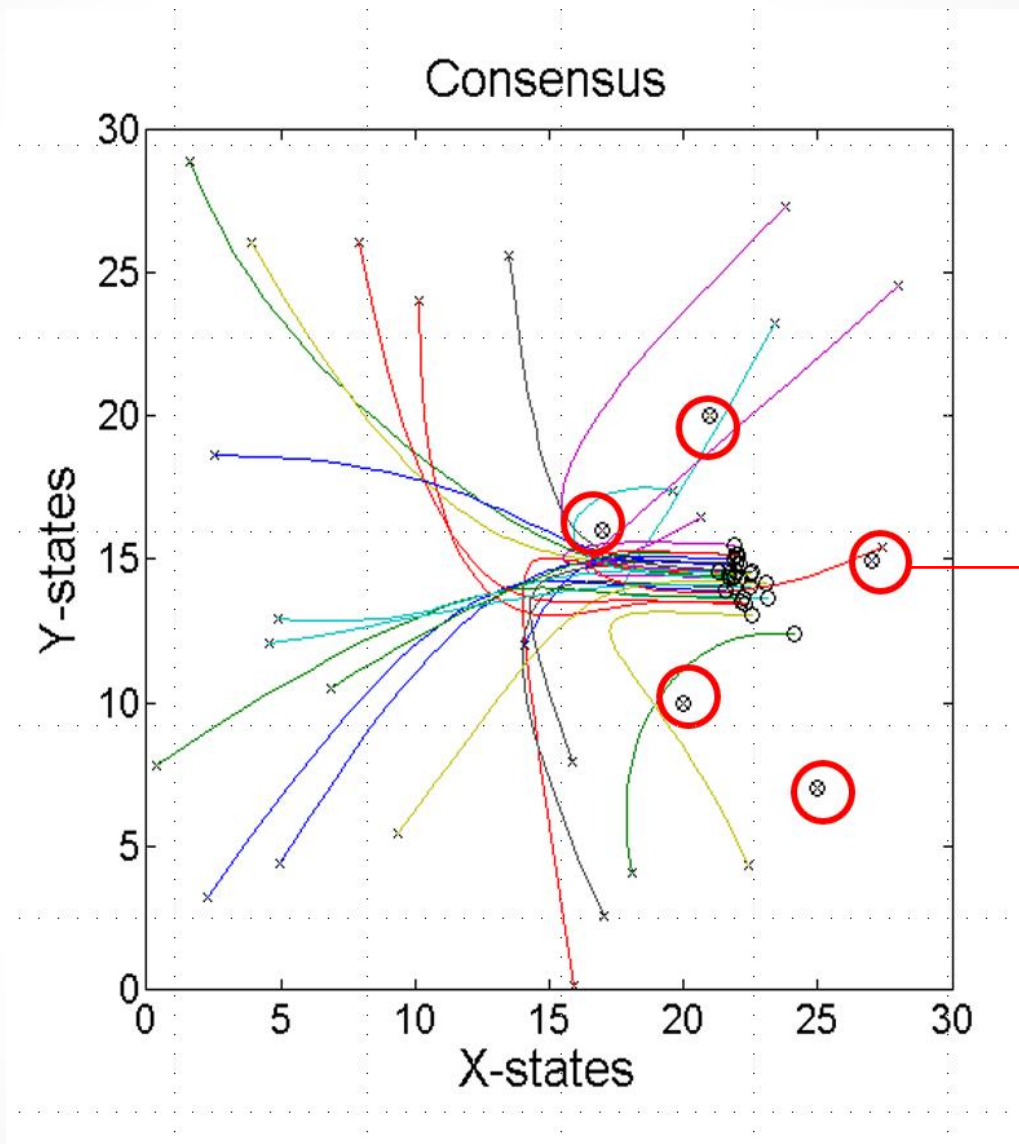
$$\mathbf{u}_f = -\mathbf{L}_f^{-1} \mathbf{L}_{fl} \mathbf{u}_l$$

which is globally asymptotically stable.

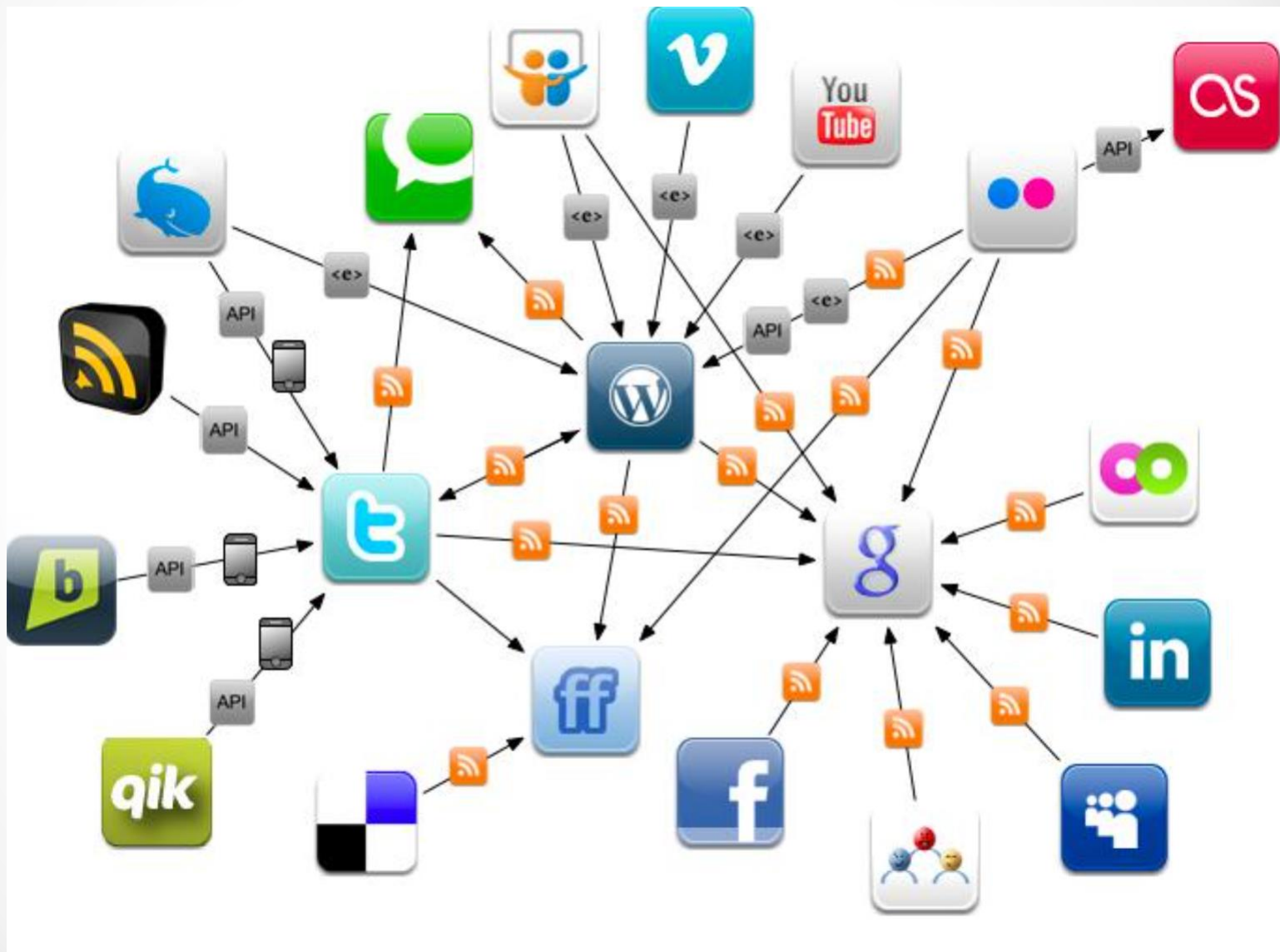
Proof: $\mathbf{L}_f \succ 0$. Thus \mathbf{L}_f^{-1} exists and $\mathbf{u}_f = -\mathbf{L}_f^{-1} \mathbf{L}_{fl} \mathbf{u}_l$ is well defined.

Hence, the equilibrium point is unique. Moreover, because $\mathbf{L}_f \succ 0$, this equilibrium point is globally asymptotically stable.

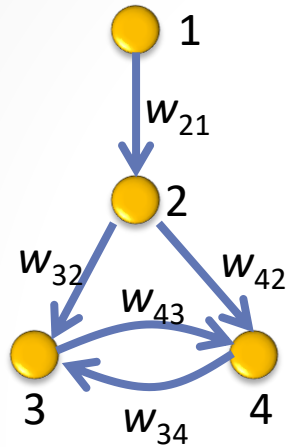
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$$\dot{x}_1(t) = 0,$$

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = w_{21}(x_1(t) - x_2(t)),$$

$$\dot{x}_3(t) = w_{32}(x_2(t) - x_3(t)) + w_{34}(x_4(t) - x_3(t)),$$

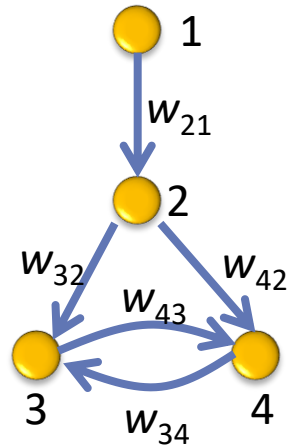
$$\dot{x}_4(t) = w_{42}(x_2(t) - x_4(t)) + w_{43}(x_3(t) - x_4(t)).$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -w_{21} & w_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -w_{32} & w_{32} + w_{34} & -w_{34} \\ 0 & -w_{42} & -w_{43} & w_{42} + w_{43} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t)$$

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$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}(t) = -\mathbf{L}(D)\mathbf{u}(t), \quad \mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}_0$$

Example:



$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & w_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w_{32} & w_{42} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & w_{43} \\ 0 & 0 & w_{34} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

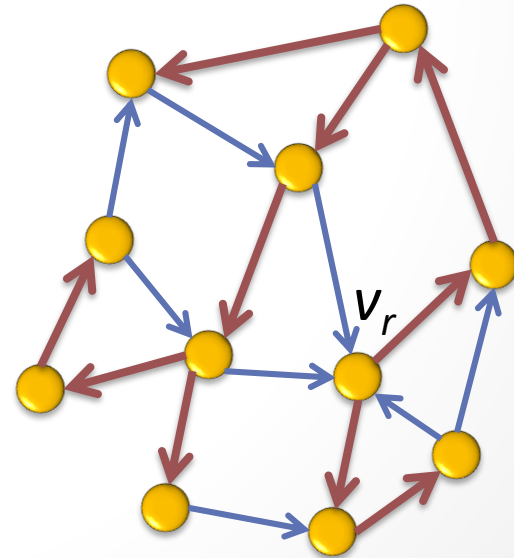
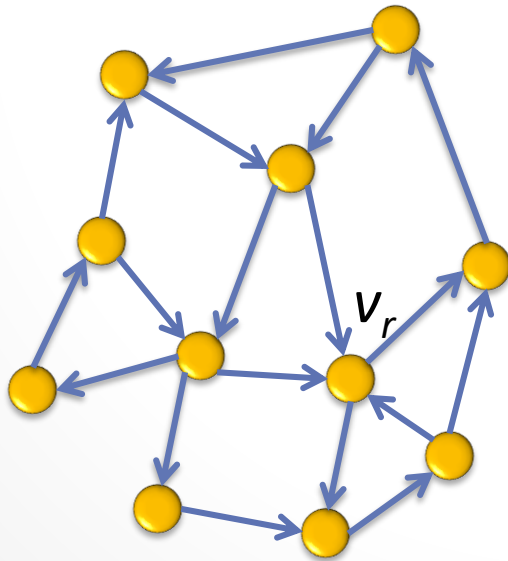
$$\mathbf{L}(D) = \mathbf{Diag}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{1}) - \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -w_{21} & w_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -w_{32} & w_{32} + w_{34} & -w_{34} \\ 0 & -w_{42} & -w_{43} & w_{42} + w_{43} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Definition 2: A directed graph is a rooted out-branching if:

1. It does not contain a directed cycle and
2. It has a vertex v_r (root) such that for every other vertex v there is a directed path from v_r to v .

Example:



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Proposition 13: A directed network contains a rooted out-branching subgraph if and only if $\text{rank}(\mathbf{L}(D)) = n - 1$. In that case, $N(\mathbf{L}(D))$ is spanned by the all-ones vector.

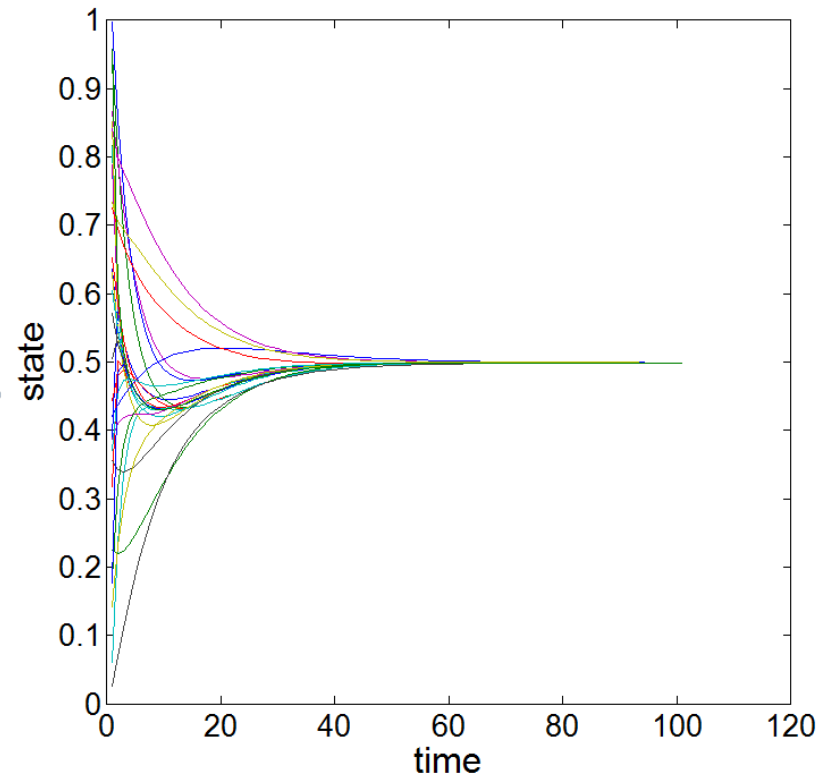
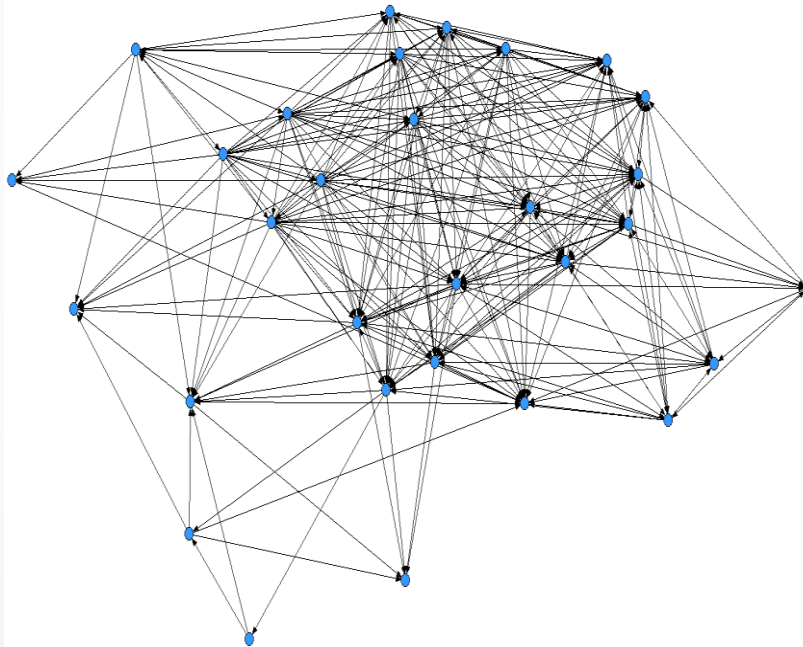
Theorem 14: For a directed network D containing a rooted out-branching, the state trajectory generated by the consensus dynamic model, initialized from \mathbf{u}_0 , satisfies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{u}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{q}_1^T) \mathbf{u}_0$$

where \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{q}_1^T , are, respectively, the right and left eigenvectors associated with the zero eigenvalue of $L(D)$, normalized such that $\mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{q}_1^T = 1$. As a result, one has $\mathbf{u}(t) \rightarrow A$ for all initial conditions if and only if D contains a rooted out-branching.

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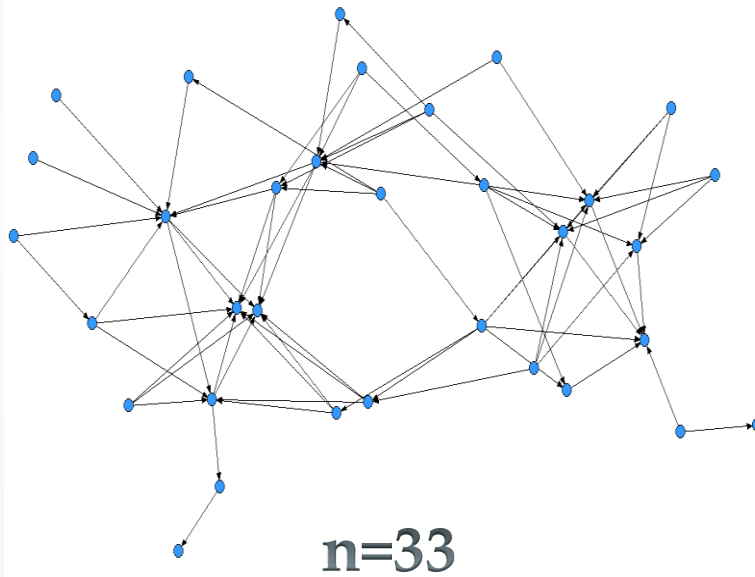
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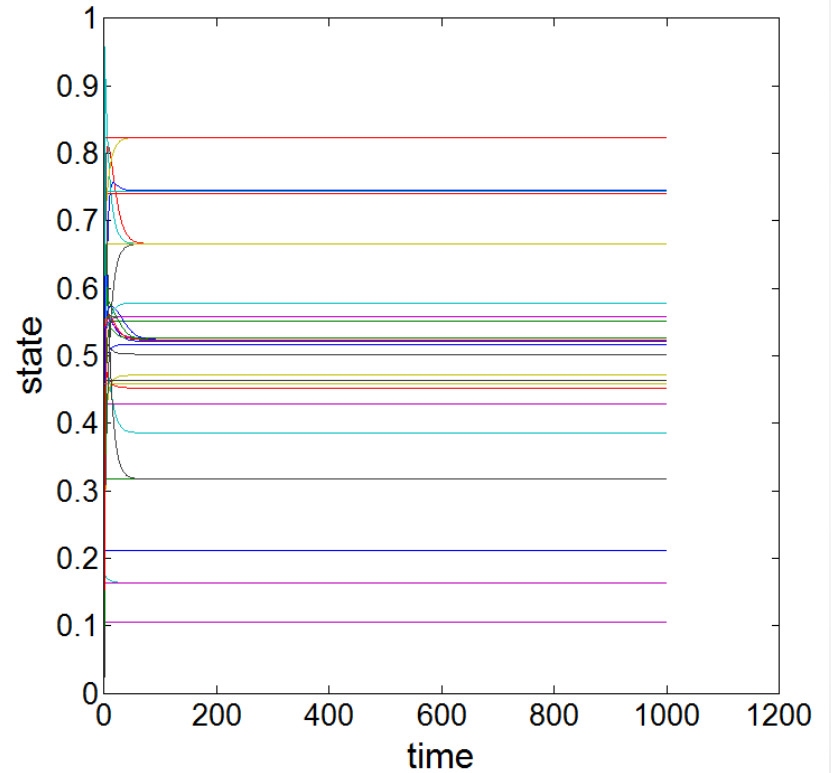
$n=30$
 $\text{Rank}(L)=29$

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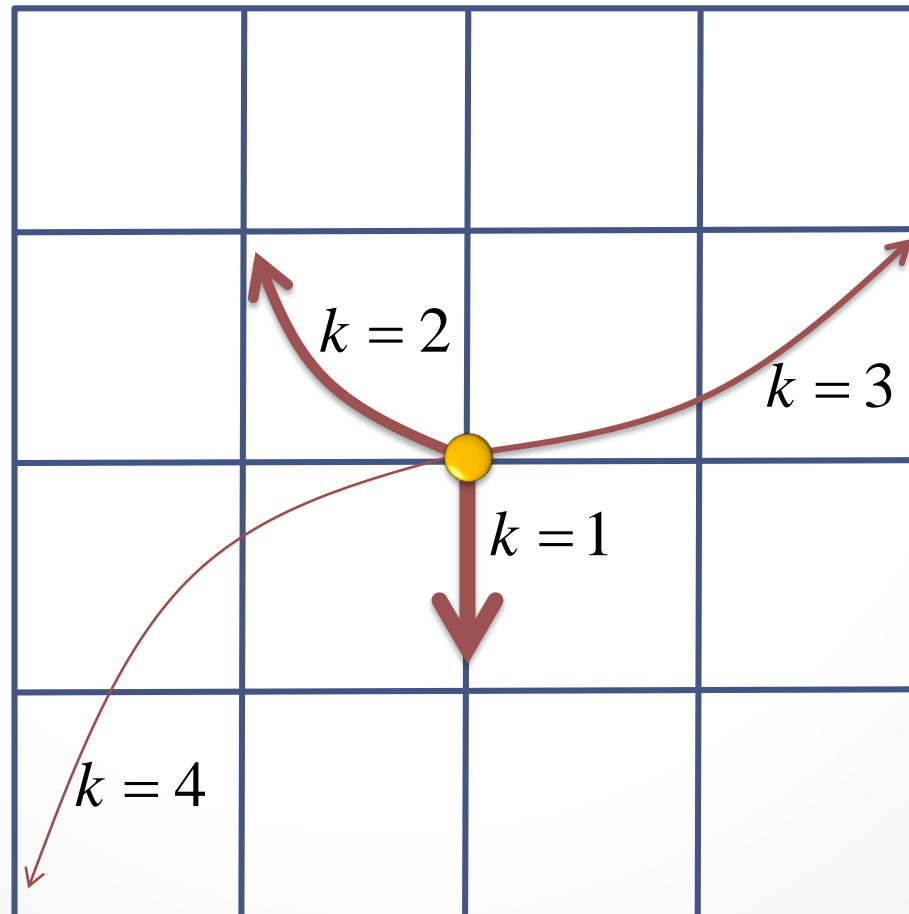


$n=33$
 $\text{Rank}(L)=21$



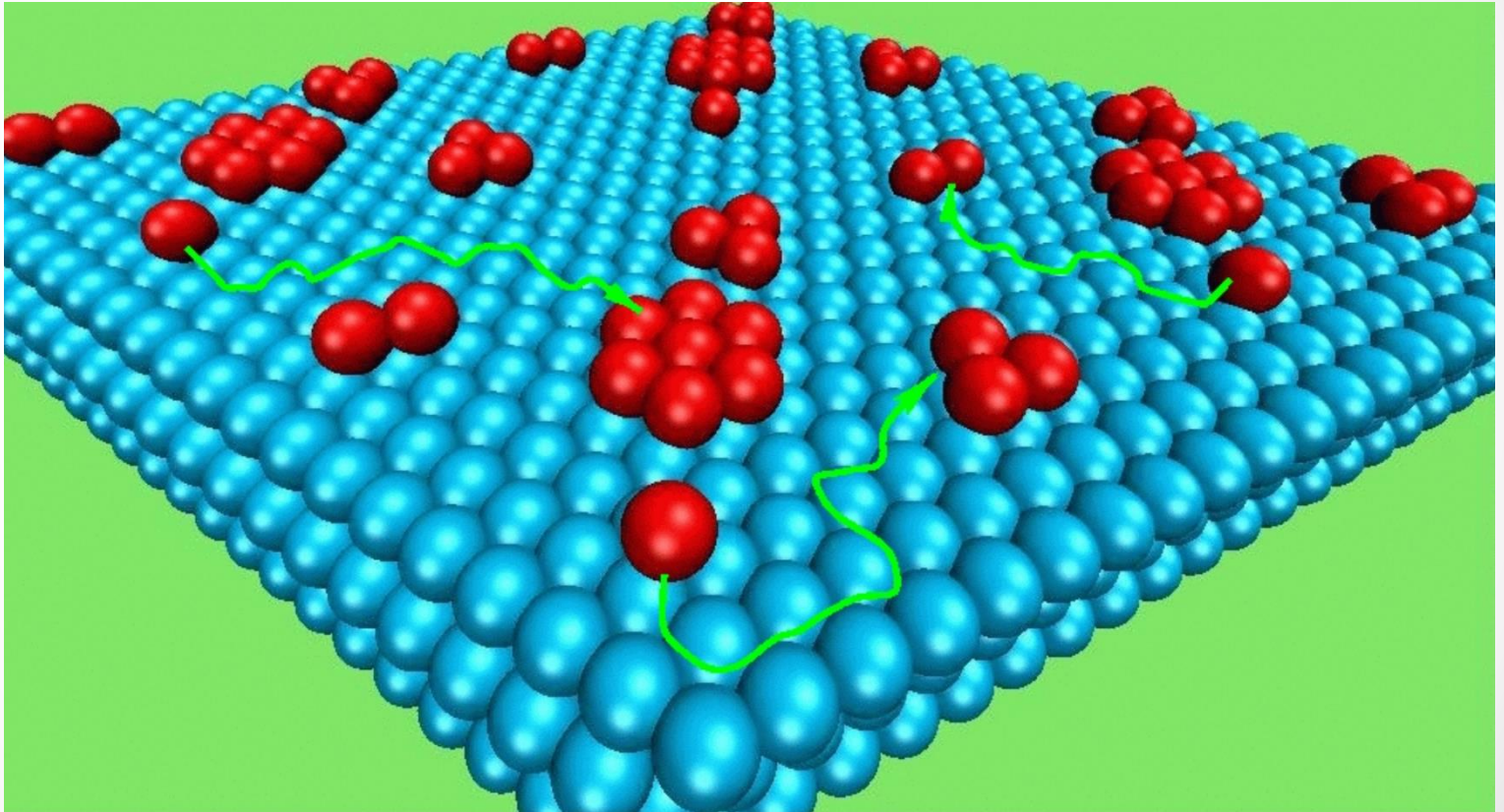
9. Long-range interactions

Let us consider that a particle at a given node can hop not only to its nearest neighbours but to any other node of the network with a probability that decays with the shortest path distance from its current position.



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This situation is frequently observed in the diffusion of atoms and molecules adsorbed on the surface of metals.



9. Long-range interactions

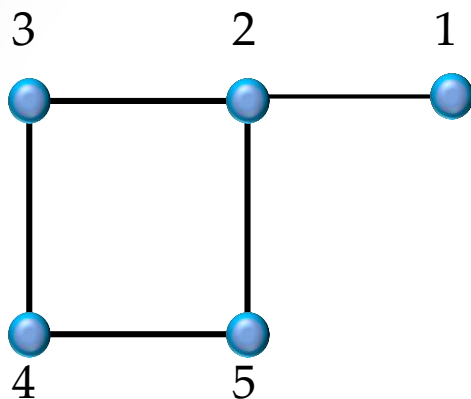
Let us extend the definition of the Laplacian matrix to account for such long-range hops.

Definition 3: The k -path Laplacian matrix of a connected, undirected graph is a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix whose entries are given by:

$$\mathbf{L}_k(i, j) = \begin{cases} -1 & d_{i,j} = k, \\ \delta_k(i) & i = j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Example:



$$\mathbf{L}_1(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_2(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_3(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Proposition 15: The k -path Laplacian matrix is positive semidefinite:

$$0 = \mu_1(\mathbf{L}_k) \leq \mu_2(\mathbf{L}_k) \leq \cdots \leq \mu_n(\mathbf{L}_k)$$

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We can now generalise the consensus dynamics equation to account for such long-range hops:

$$\vec{\mathbf{u}}(t) = -\tilde{\mathbf{L}}\vec{\mathbf{u}}(t)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{L}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\Delta} c_k \mathbf{L}_k$$

Mellin transform

$$c_k = k^{-s},$$

$$s \in \mathfrak{R}^+$$

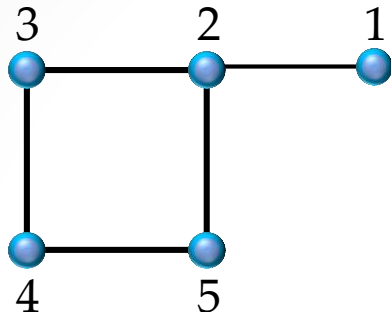
Laplace transform

$$c_k = \exp(-l \cdot k),$$

$$l \in \mathfrak{R}^+$$

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Example:



$$\tilde{\mathbf{L}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\Delta} c_k \mathbf{L}_k$$

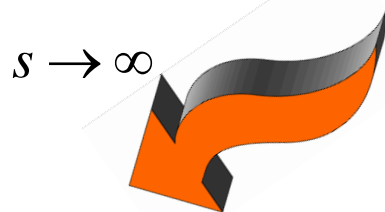
Mellin transformed Laplacian

$$\tilde{\mathbf{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 2 \cdot 2^{-s} + 3^{-s} & -1 & -2^{-s} & -3^{-s} & -2^{-s} \\ -1 & 3 + 2^{-s} & -1 & -2^{-s} & -1 \\ -2^{-s} & -1 & 2 + 2 \cdot 2^{-s} & -1 & -2^{-s} \\ -3^{-s} & -2^{-s} & -1 & 2 + 2^{-s} + 3^{-s} & -1 \\ -2^{-s} & -1 & -2^{-s} & -1 & 2 + 2 \cdot 2^{-s} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Example:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 2 \cdot 2^{-s} + 3^{-s} & -1 & 2^{-s} & 3^{-s} & 2^{-s} \\ -1 & 3 + 2^{-s} & -1 & 2^{-s} & -1 \\ 2^{-s} & -1 & 2 + 2 \cdot 2^{-s} & -1 & 2^{-s} \\ 3^{-s} & 2^{-s} & -1 & 2 + 2^{-s} + 3^{-s} & -1 \\ 2^{-s} & -1 & 2^{-s} & -1 & 2 + 2 \cdot 2^{-s} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\mathbf{L}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L}(K_n) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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In the discrete-time version of the equation we have:

$$\vec{\mathbf{u}}(t + 1) = \tilde{\mathbf{P}}\vec{\mathbf{u}}(t)$$

where:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{I} - \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{\Delta} c_k \mathbf{L}_k,$$

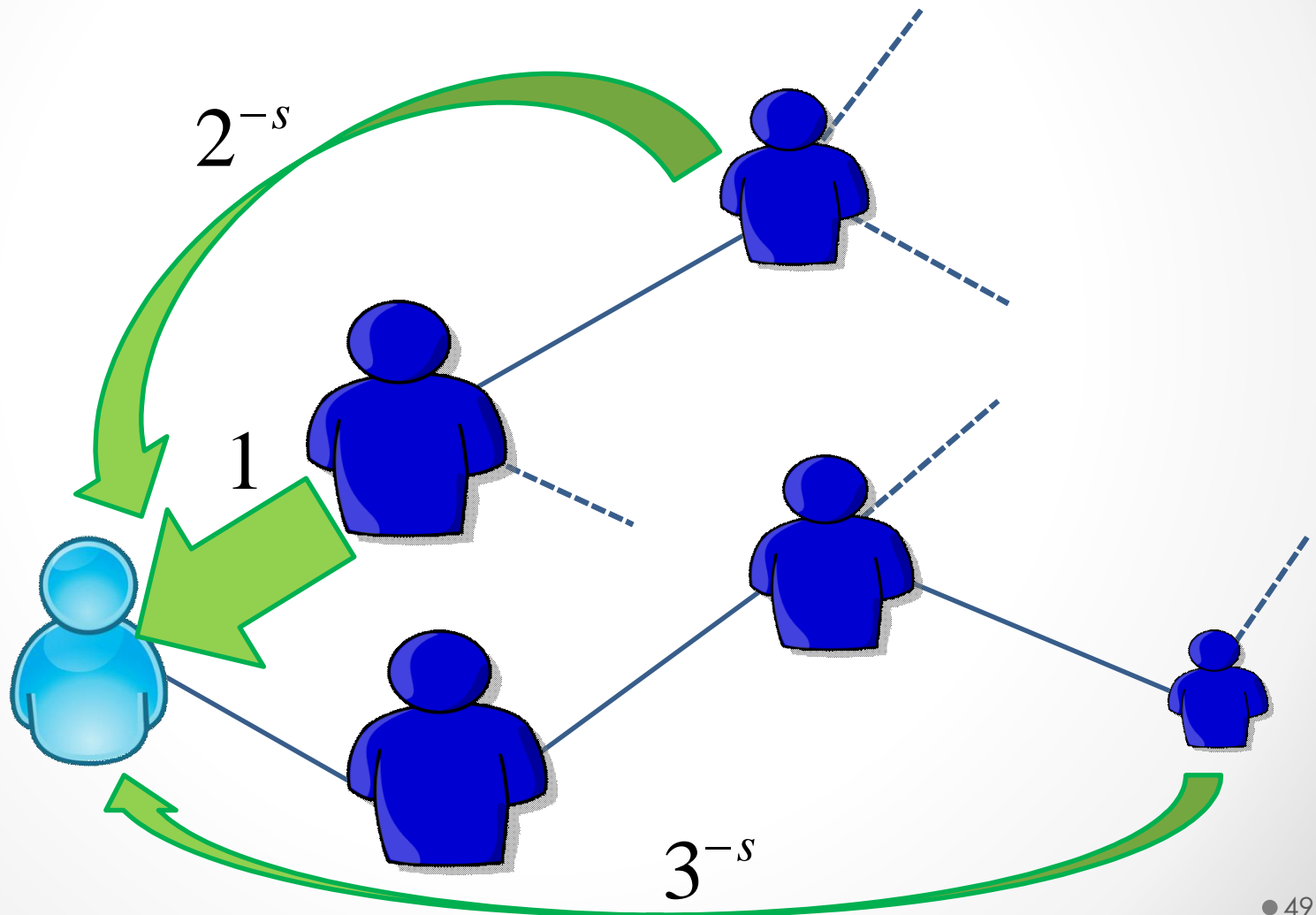
and Δ is the diameter of the network.

The time step ε is bounded as follows

$$0 < \varepsilon < \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\Delta} \delta_{\max}(k) \right]^{-1}$$

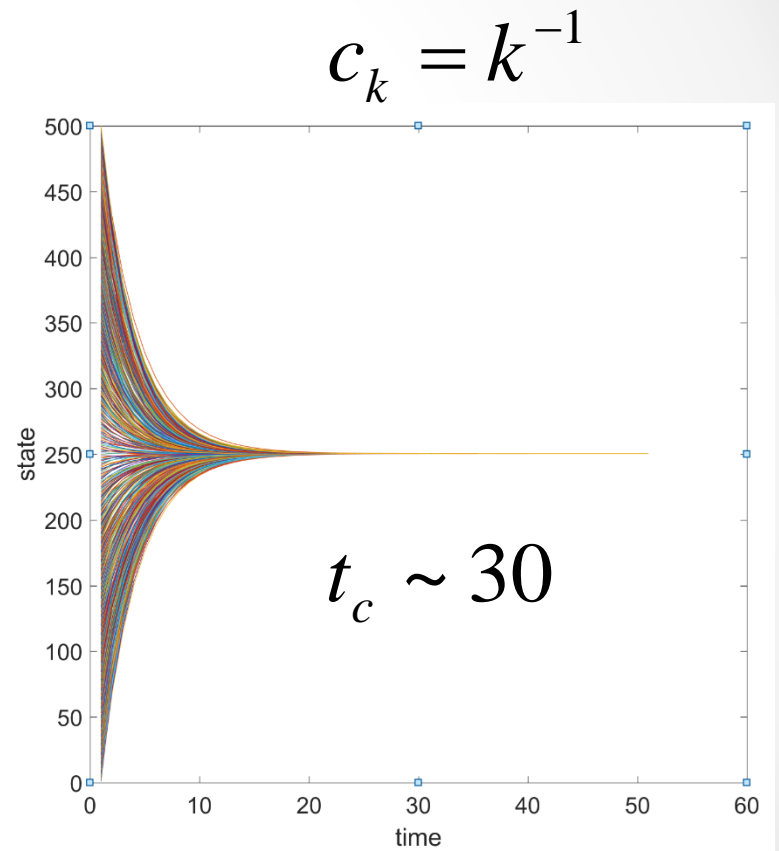
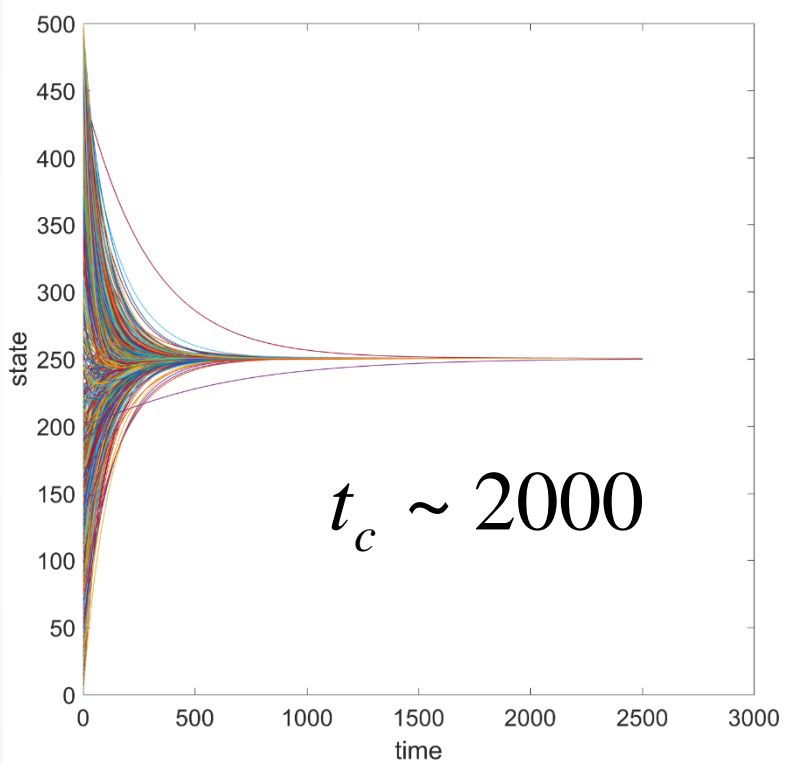
9. Long-range interactions

The long-range interaction may account for the indirect peers pressure in a social network.



9. Long-range interactions

Erdős-Rényi Random Graph

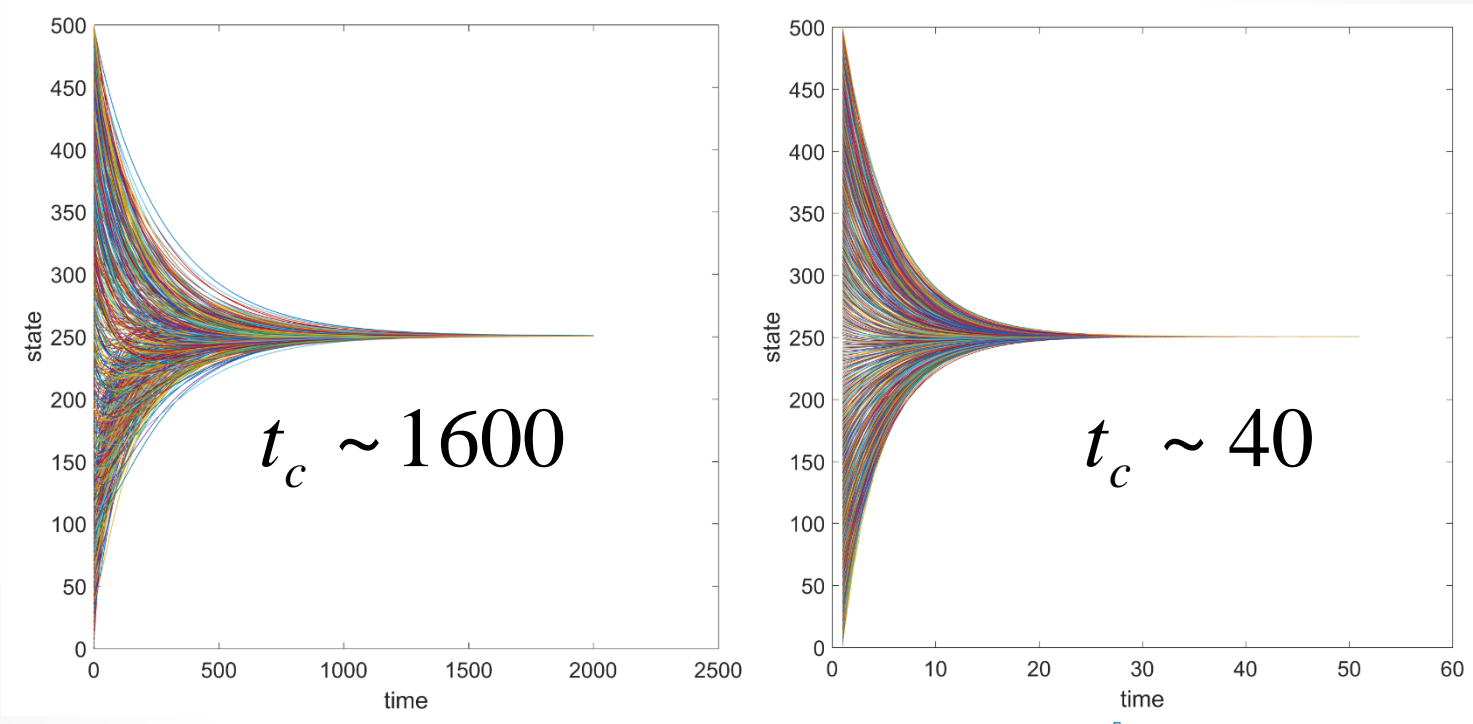


$G(500, 4000)$

9. Long-range interactions

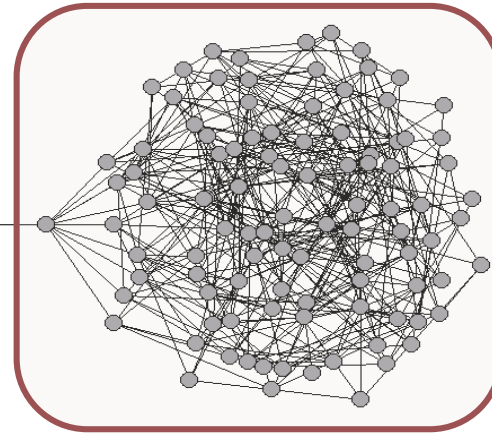
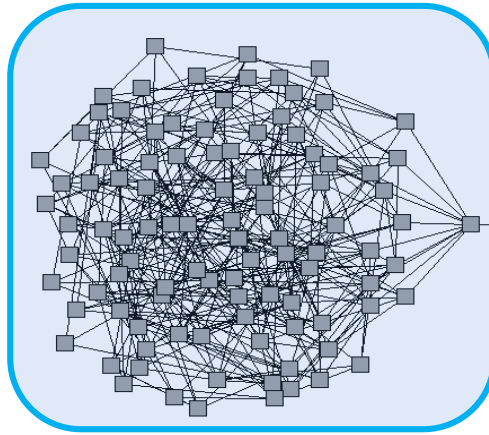
Barabási-Albert Random Graph

$$c_k = k^{-1}$$

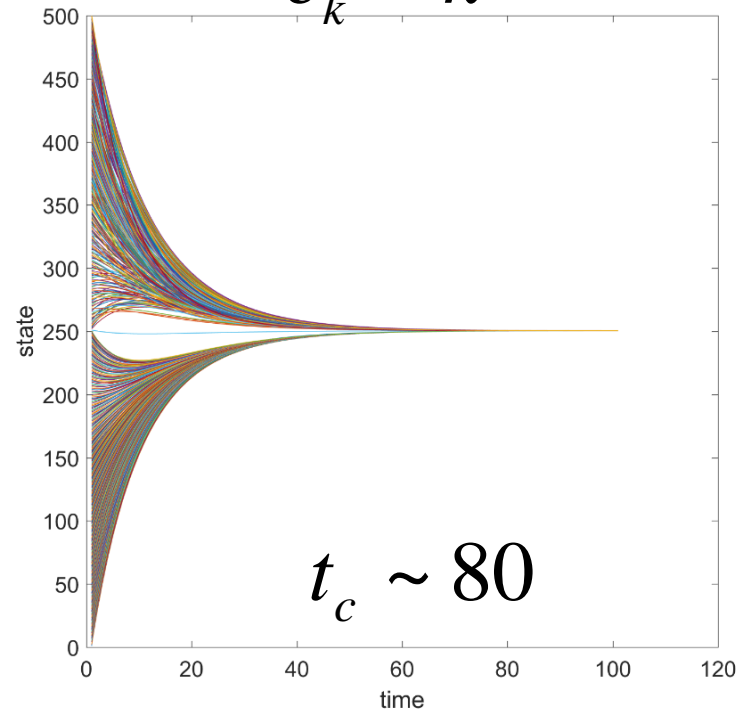
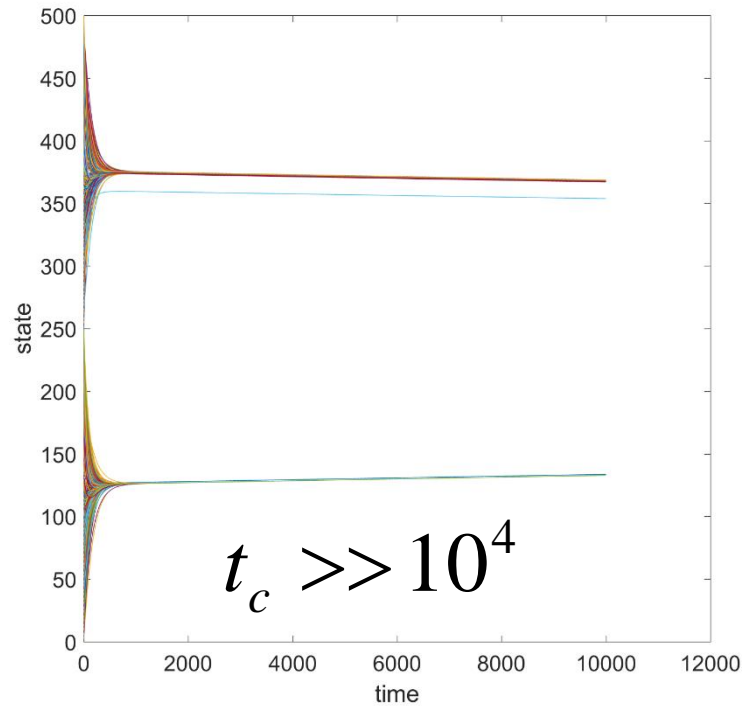


$$G(500,6)$$

9. Long-range interactions



$$c_k = k^{-1}$$



10. Leader selection


What are the 'best' leaders in a network to reduce the time for consensus of the followers?



10. Leader selection

Theorem 16: The time of consensus averaged over all the nodes in the network is bounded as follow:

Fiedler vector



$$\langle t_c \rangle \geq \frac{1}{n\mu_2} \sum_{p=1}^n \ln \left| \frac{\vec{\psi}_2(p) \left(\vec{\psi}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_0 \right)}{\delta} \right|.$$

5. Consensus in undirected networks

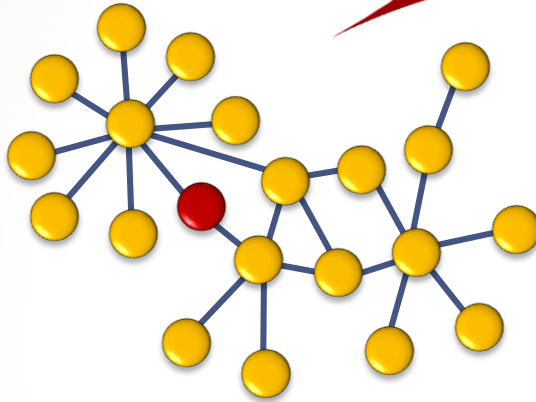


Miroslav Fiedler
1926-2015

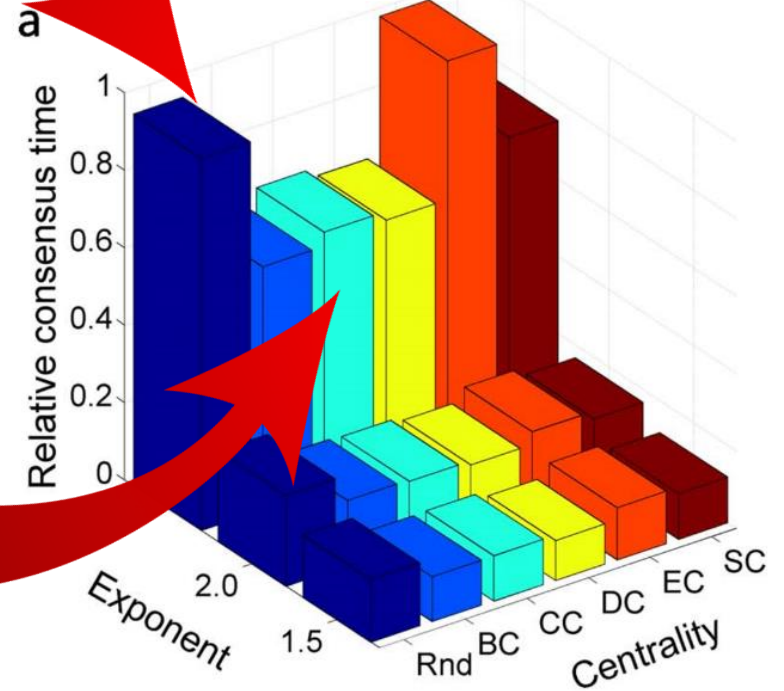
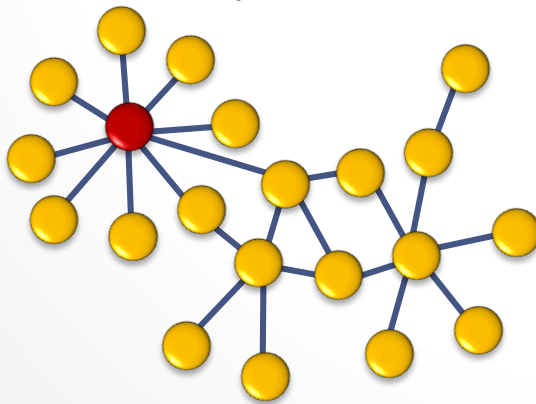
10. Leader selection

No long-range interactions

Random selection



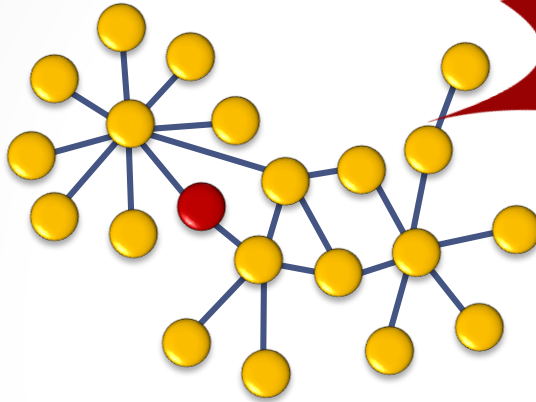
Centrality-based



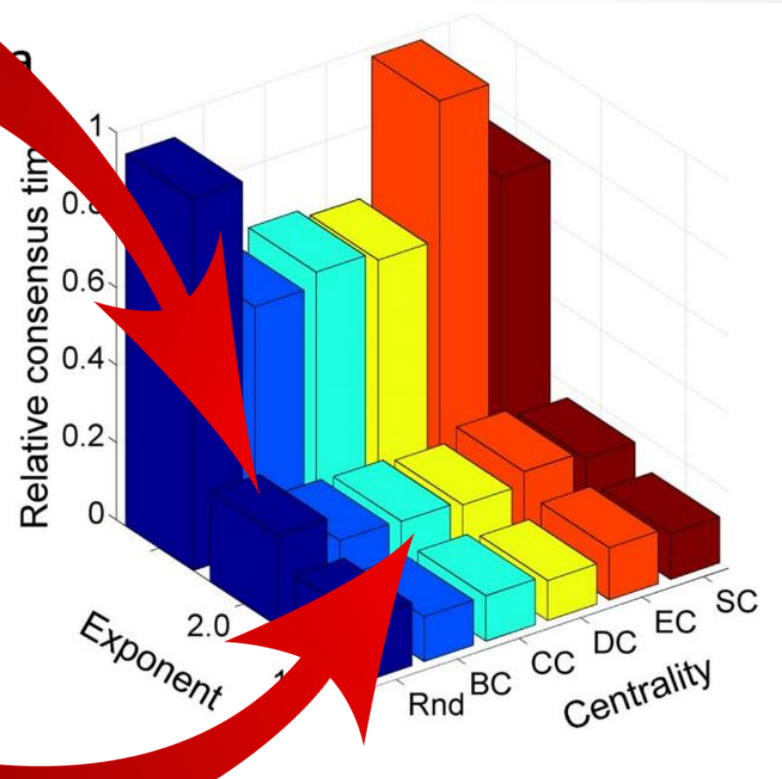
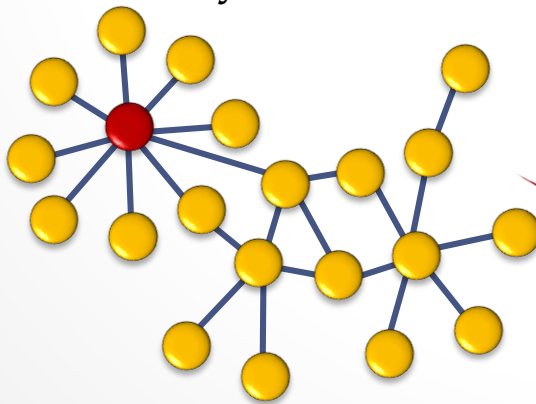
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Long-range interactions

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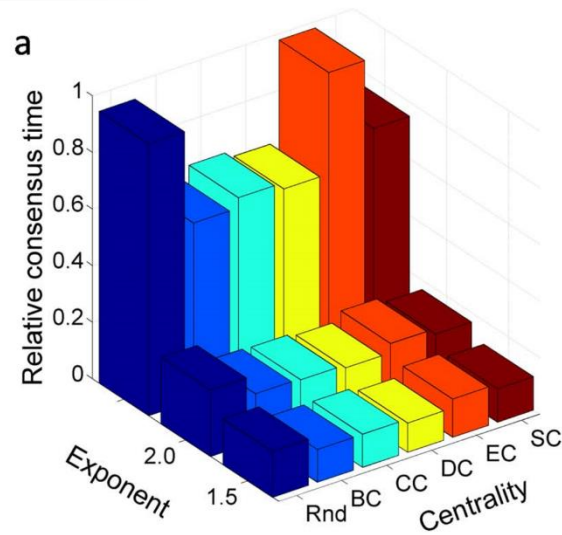


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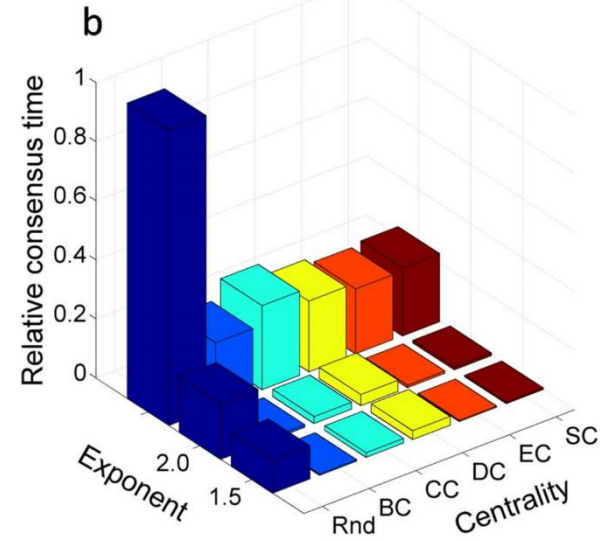


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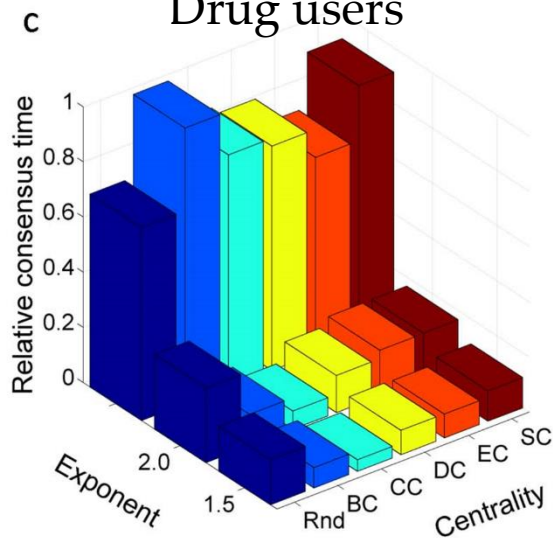
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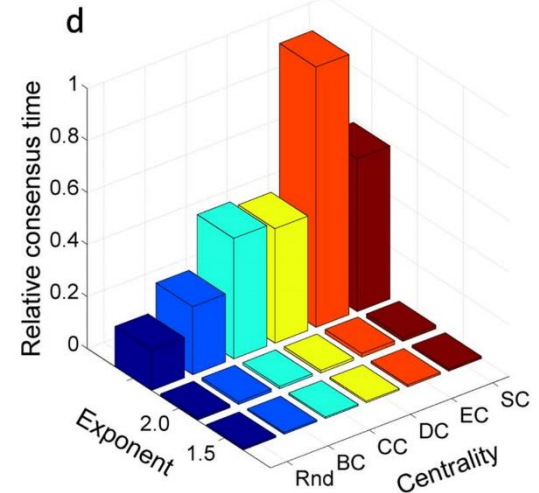
Corporate directors



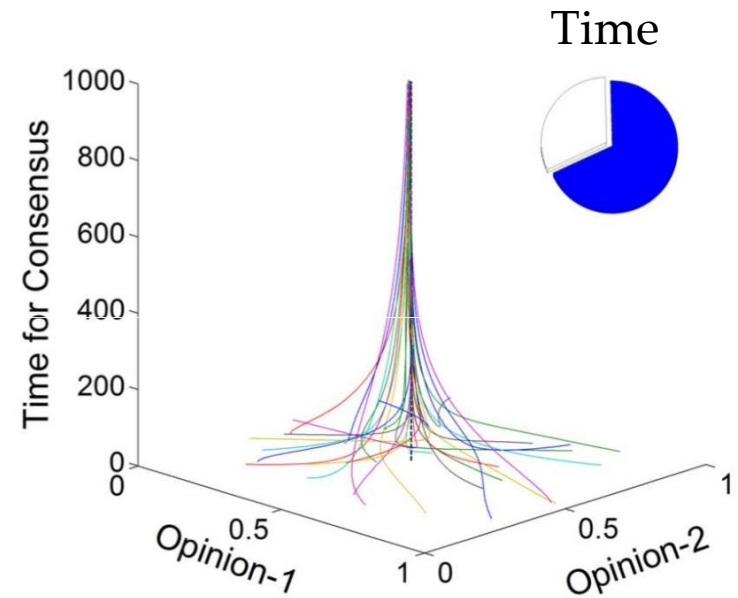
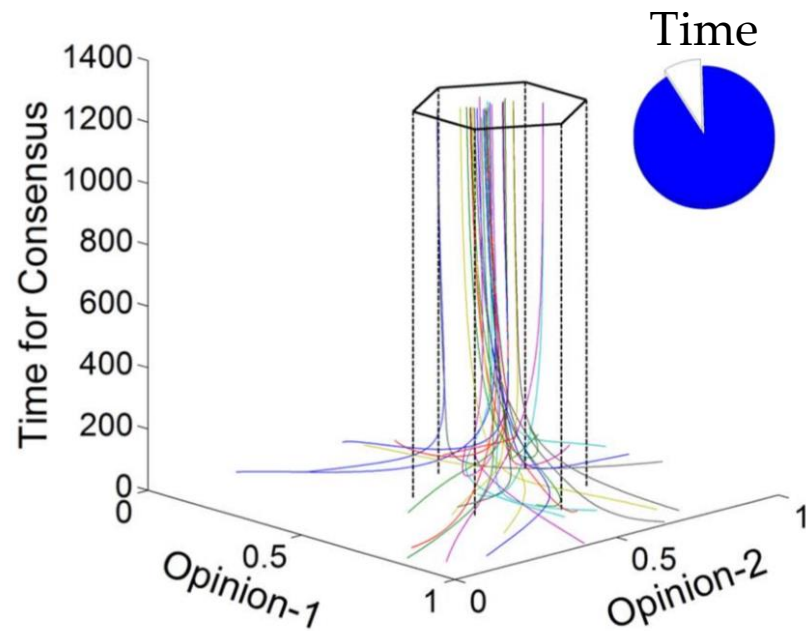
Drug users



Random with communities

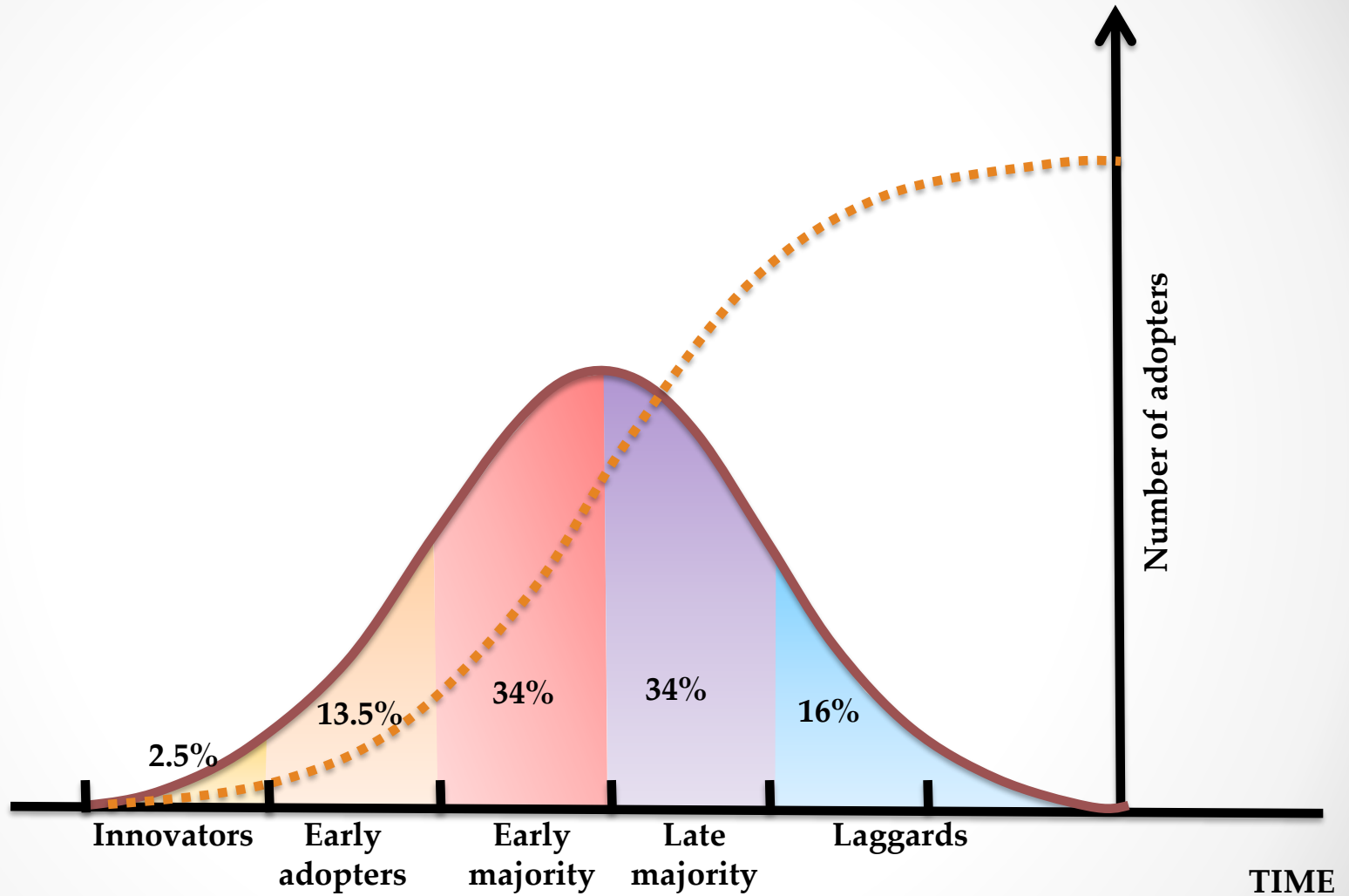


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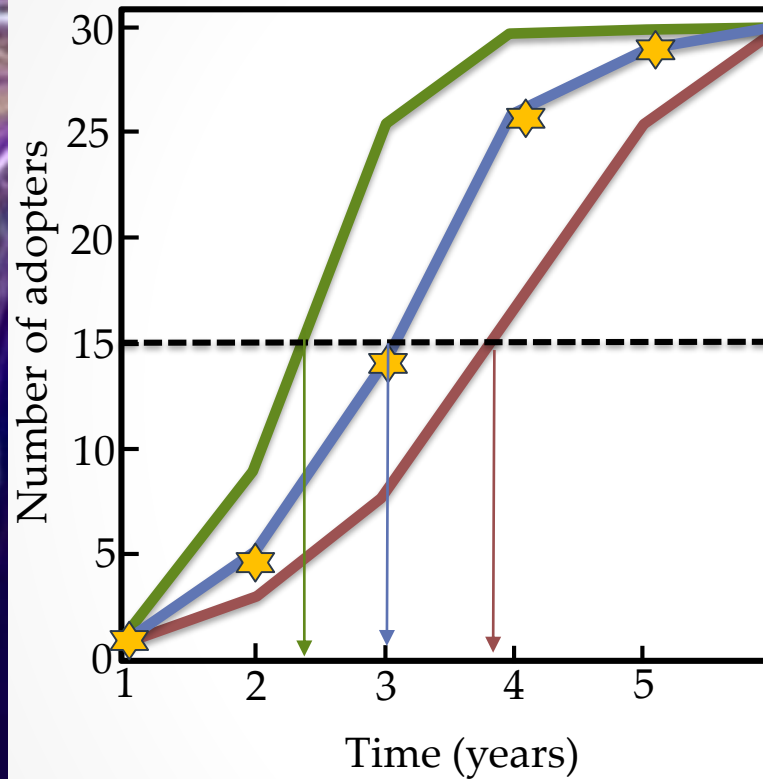
LEADERS' COHESIVENESS

11. Diffusion on networks



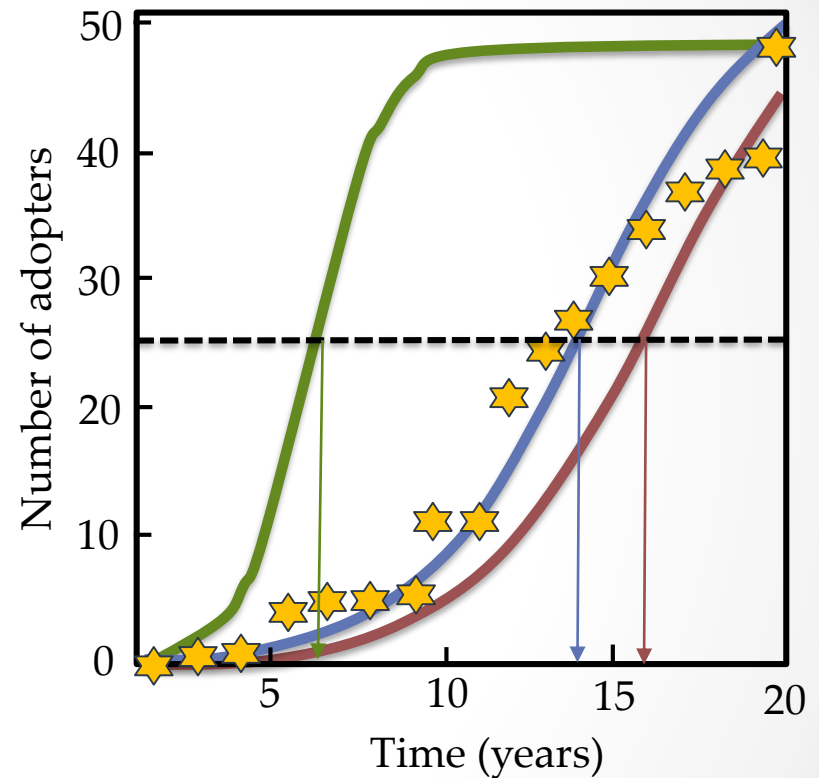
11. Diffusion on networks

Diffusion of a mathematical method among high schools



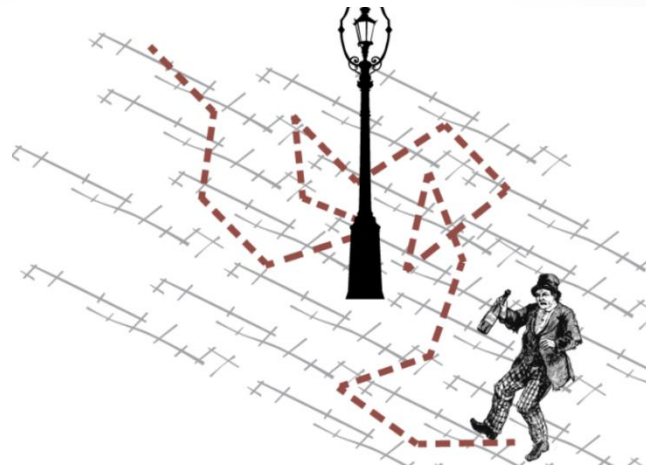
★ Observation
 — No indirect peers pressure

Diffusion of a biotech product among Brazilian farmers



— Moderate indirect peers pressure
 — High indirect peers pressure

12. Random walks on networks



Definition 4: A random walk on a network G is a sequence of nodes v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k where each v_{t+1} is chosen to be a random neighbour of v_t , $\{v_t, v_{t+1}\} \in E$ and the probability of the transition is given by

$$P_{ij} = \Pr(x_{t+1} = v_j | x_t = v_i)$$

where

$$\sum_i P_{ij} = 1$$

12. Random walks on networks

- Transition matrix \mathbf{P} has entries

$$P_{ij} = \begin{cases} (k_i)^{-1} & \text{if } (i, j) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- In terms of the degree and adjacency matrices

$$P_{ij} = \frac{A_{ij}}{k_i^{out}} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{A}_{ij}$$

- The probability at time $t + 1$

$$p_j(t + 1) = \sum_i P_{ij} p_i(t) = \sum_i \frac{p_i(t)}{k_i^{out}} A_{ij}$$

- In matrix form

$$\vec{p}(t + 1) = \vec{p}(t) \mathbf{P} = \vec{p}(t) (\mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{A})$$

12. Random walks on networks

- The distribution at time t , $\vec{\mathbf{p}}(t)$ can be obtained from the initial distribution $\vec{\mathbf{p}}(0)$

$$\vec{\mathbf{p}}(t) = \vec{\mathbf{p}}(0)\mathbf{P}^t$$

- On nonbipartite networks the random walk converges to the limiting distribution

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{\mathbf{p}}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{\mathbf{p}}(0)\mathbf{P}^t = \vec{\boldsymbol{\pi}}$$

- The left eigenvalue of the matrix \mathbf{P} is $\lambda = 1$

$$\vec{\boldsymbol{\pi}} = \vec{\boldsymbol{\pi}}\mathbf{P}$$

12. Random walks on networks

- Consider the Laplacian matrix

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{K} - \mathbf{A}$$

and multiply both members by \mathbf{K}^{-1}

$$\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{A}$$

Then, because

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{A}$$

we get

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{L}$$

12. Random walks on networks

- Consider the transition matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{A}$$

The graph Laplacian can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{K} - \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})$$

Thus, the diffusion equation can be expressed in terms of the transition matrix of the random walk on the network

$$\vec{\dot{\mathbf{u}}}(t) = -\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})\vec{\mathbf{u}}(t), \quad \vec{\mathbf{u}}(0) = \vec{\mathbf{u}}_0$$

13. Multi-hopper walks on networks

- Replace the Laplacian by the transformed k-path Laplacian

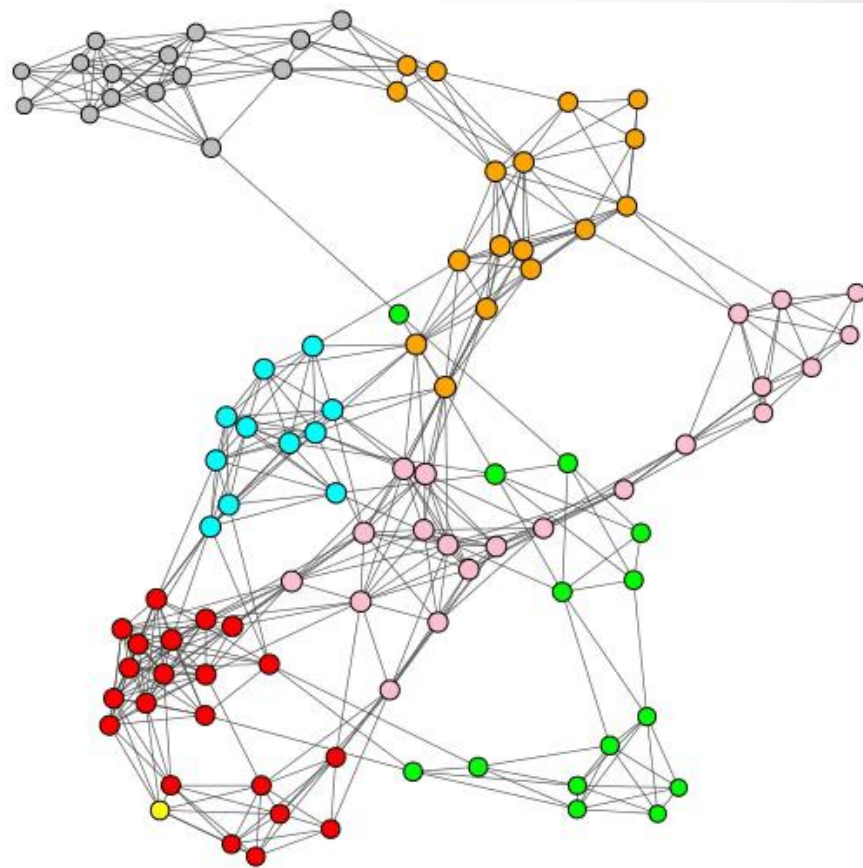
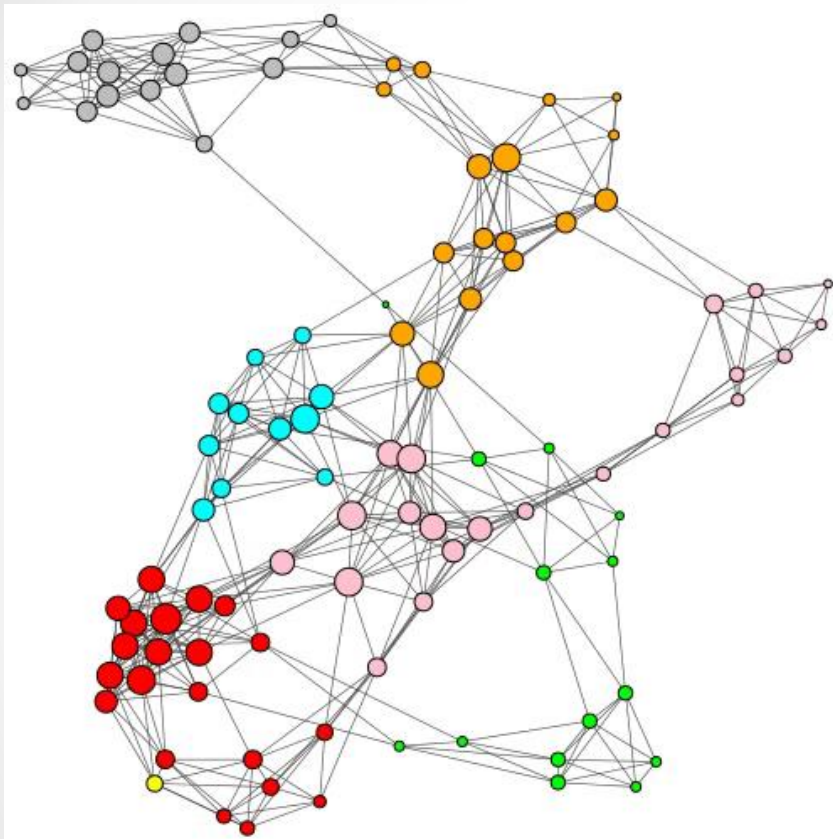
$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{I} - \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{L}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{L}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\Delta} c_k \mathbf{L}_k \quad \tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \text{diag}(\text{diag}(\mathbf{L}_k))$$

- A multi-hopper random walk evolves as

$$\vec{\mathbf{p}}(t+1) = \vec{\mathbf{p}}(t) \tilde{\mathbf{P}}$$

12. Random walks on networks



13. Codes

Matlab®
Codes





Thank you!