

# Mining Billion-Scale Graphs: Patterns and Algorithms

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Part 1: Patterns

Complementary to tutorial: *Mining Billion-Scale Graphs:  
Systems and Implementations*: Haixun Wang et al

# Part 1: Patterns and tools

## Our goal:

Open source system for mining huge graphs:

PEGASUS project (PEta GrAph mining System)

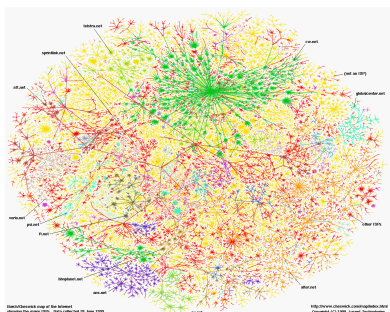
- [www.cs.cmu.edu/~pegasus](http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~pegasus)
- code and papers



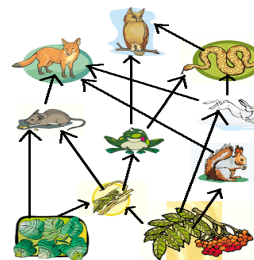
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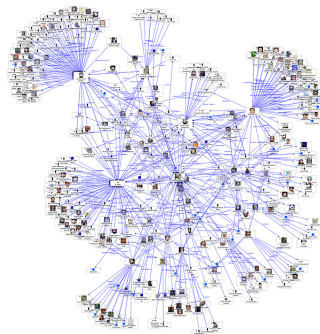


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[cheswick.com]

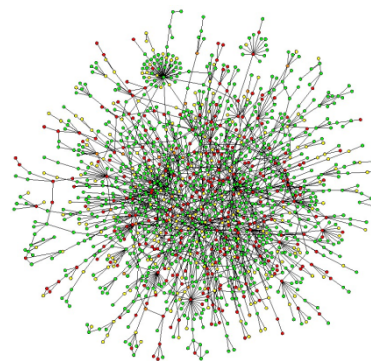


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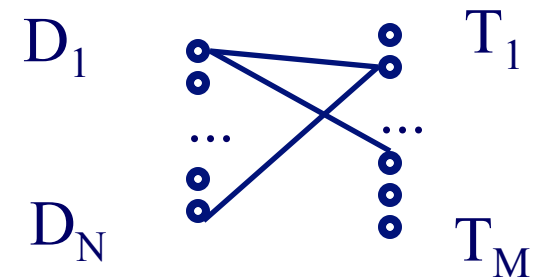


Protein Interactions  
[bordalierinstitute.com]

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# Graphs - why should we care?

- IR: bi-partite graphs (doc-terms)



- web: hyper-text graph

- ... and more:

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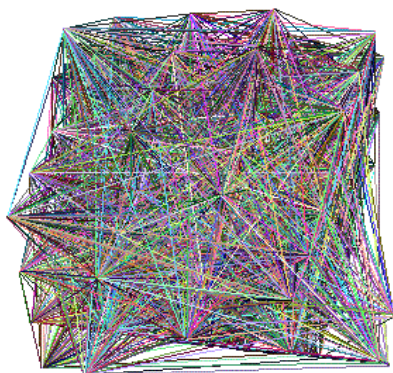
- network of companies & board-of-directors members
- ‘viral’ marketing
- web-log (‘blog’) news propagation
- computer network security: email/IP traffic and anomaly detection
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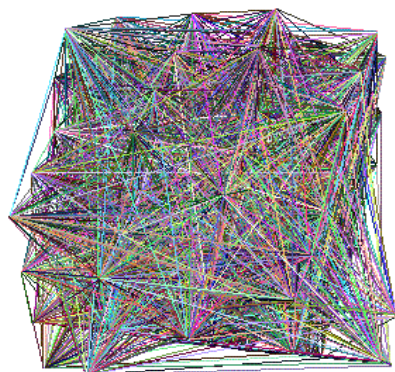


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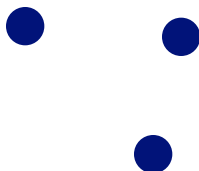


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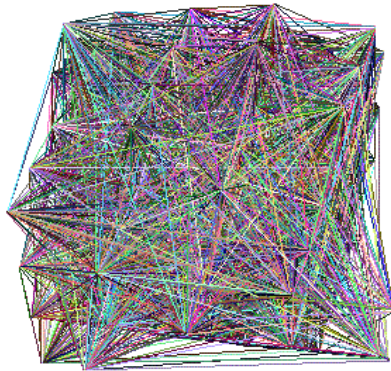
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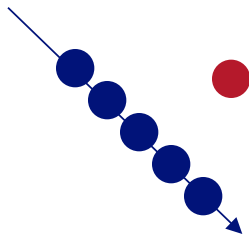
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  - **Large** datasets reveal patterns/anomalies that may be invisible otherwise...



# Graph mining

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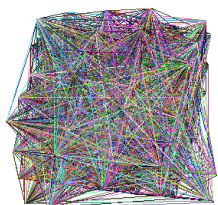
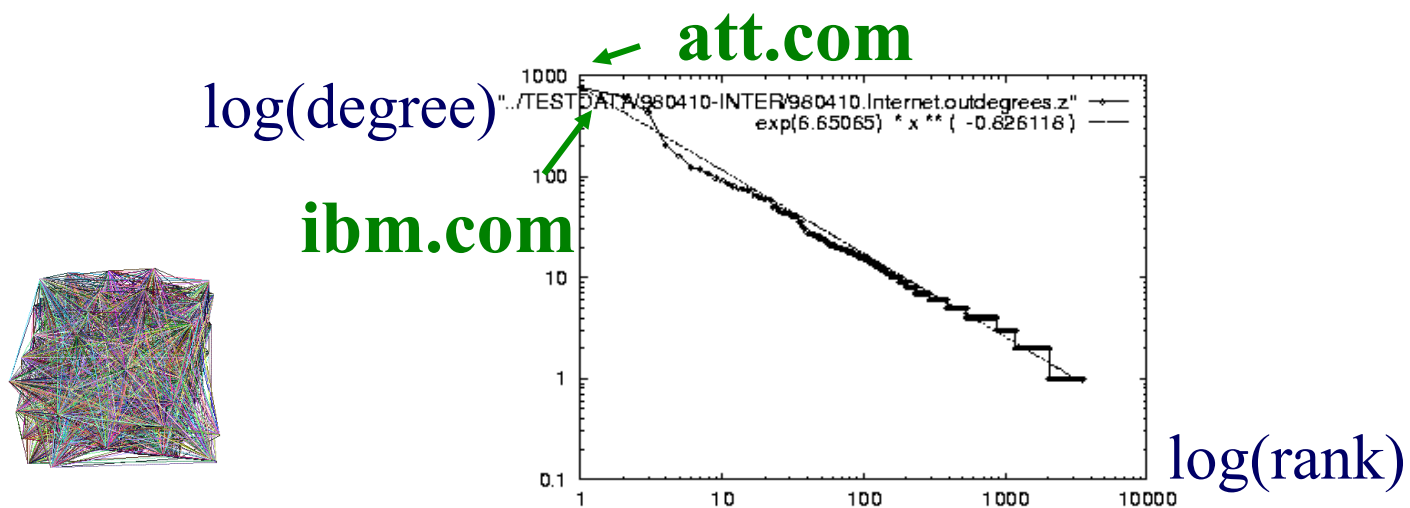
# Laws and patterns

- Are real graphs random?
- A: NO!!
  - Diameter
  - in- and out- degree distributions
  - other (surprising) patterns
- So, let's look at the data

# Solution# S.1

- Power law in the degree distribution [SIGCOMM99]

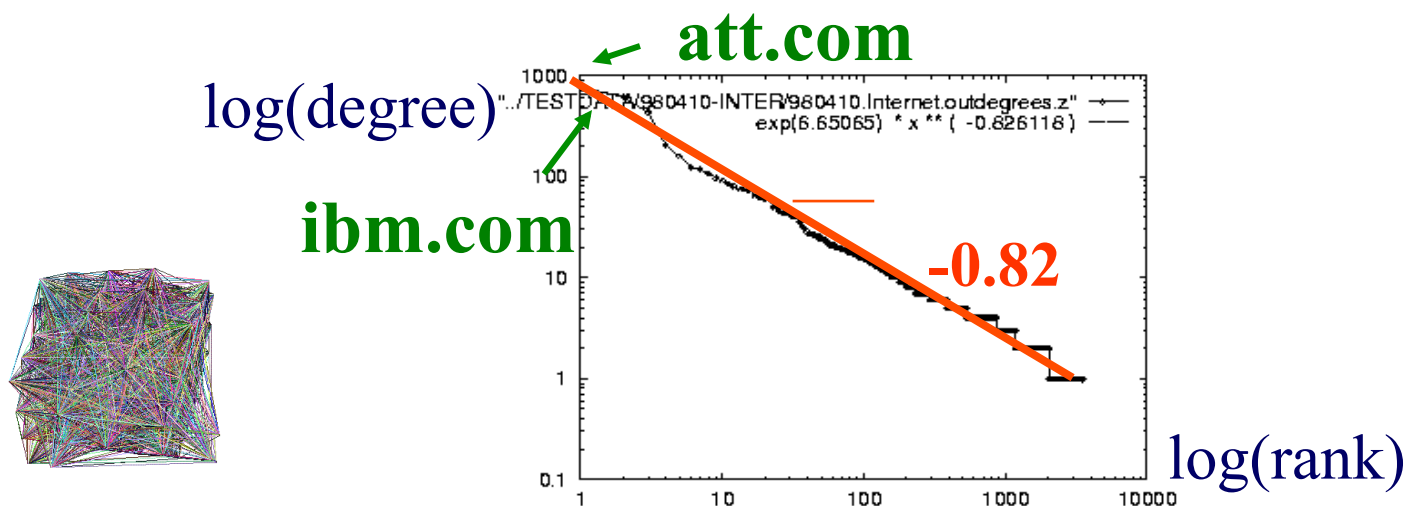
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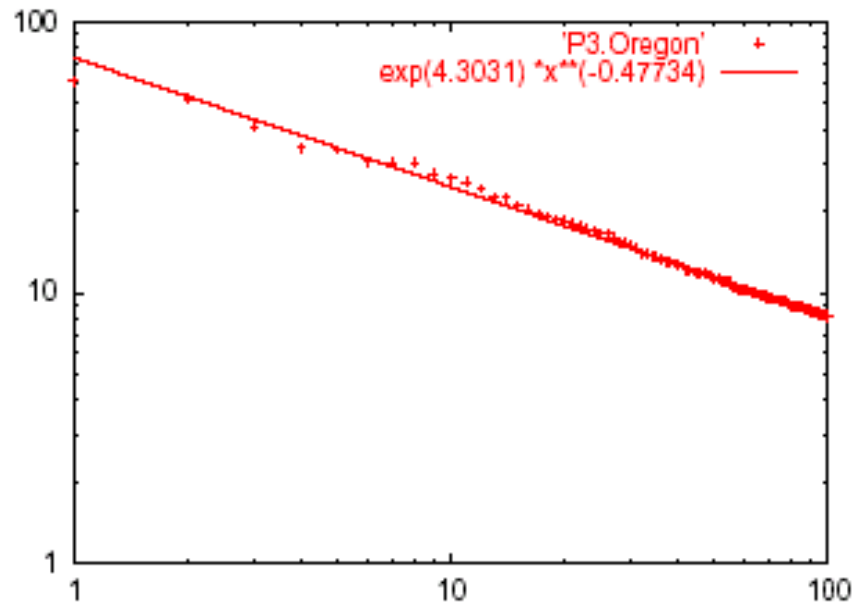
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May 2001

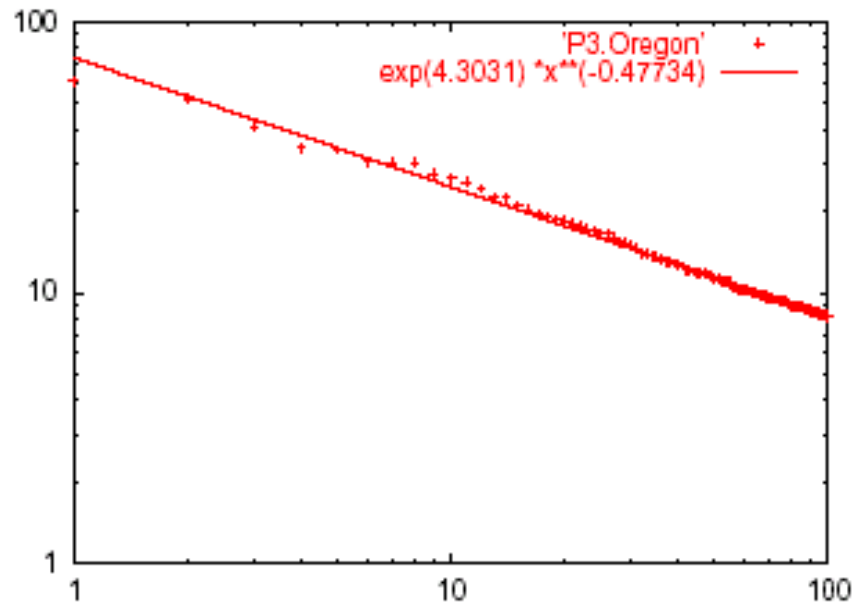
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- A2: power law in the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix



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- [Mihail, Papadimitriou '02]: slope is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of rank exponent

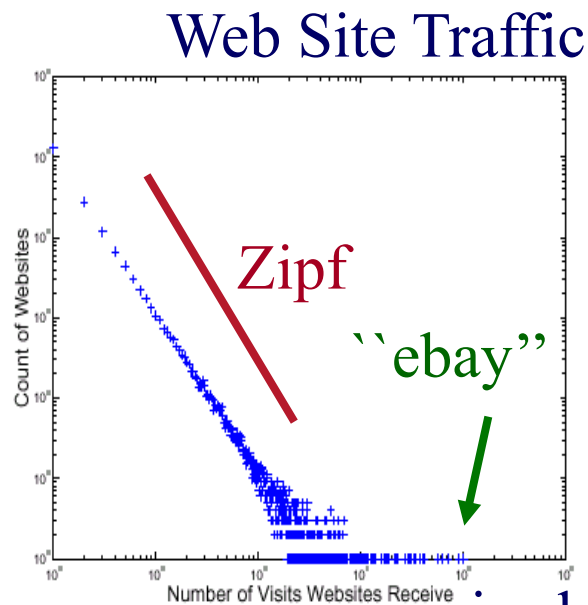
**But:**

How about graphs from other domains?

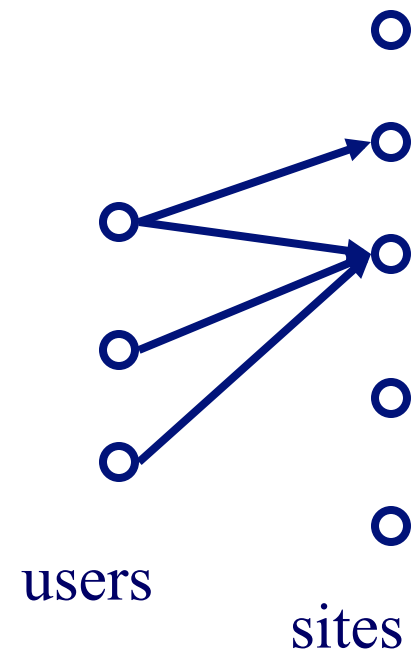
# More power laws:

- web hit counts [w/ A. Montgomery]

Count  
(log scale)

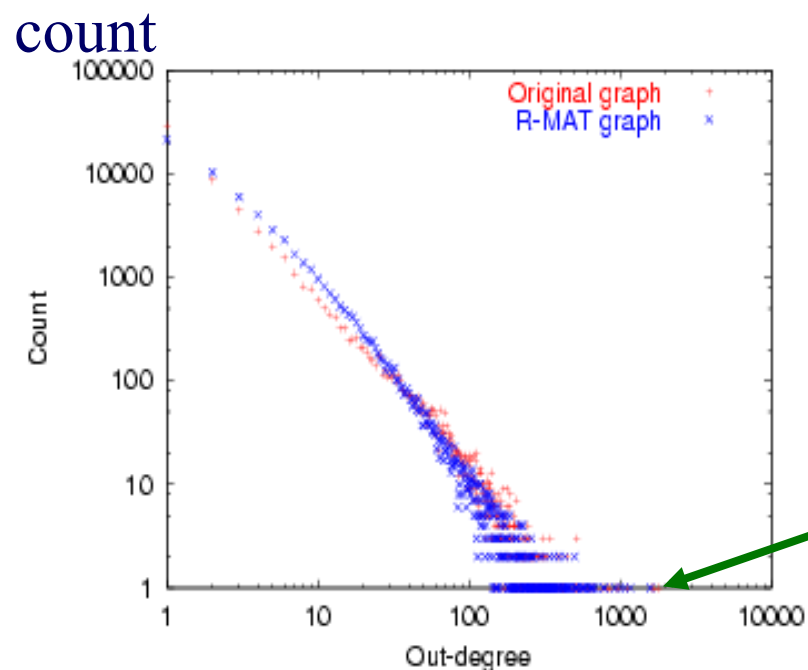


in-degree (log scale)



# epinions.com

- who-trusts-whom  
[Richardson + Domingos, KDD 2001]



trusts-2000-people user

(out) degree

## And numerous more

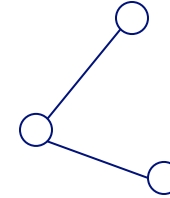
- # of sexual contacts
- Income [Pareto] – ‘80-20 distribution’
- Duration of downloads [Bestavros+]
- Duration of UNIX jobs (‘mice and elephants’)
- Size of files of a user
- ...
- ‘Black swans’

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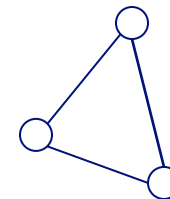


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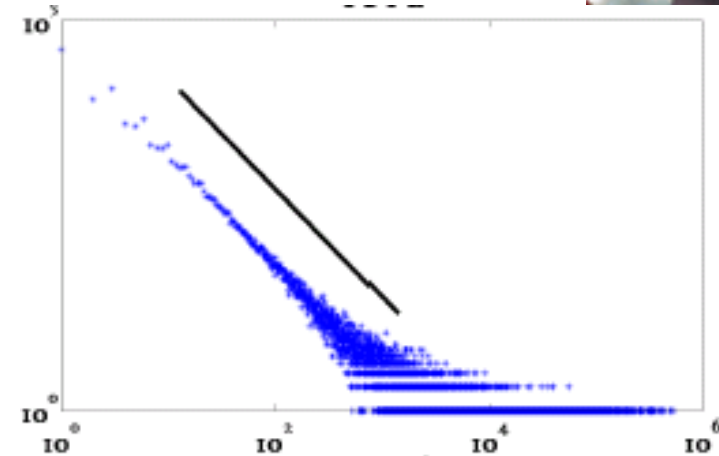
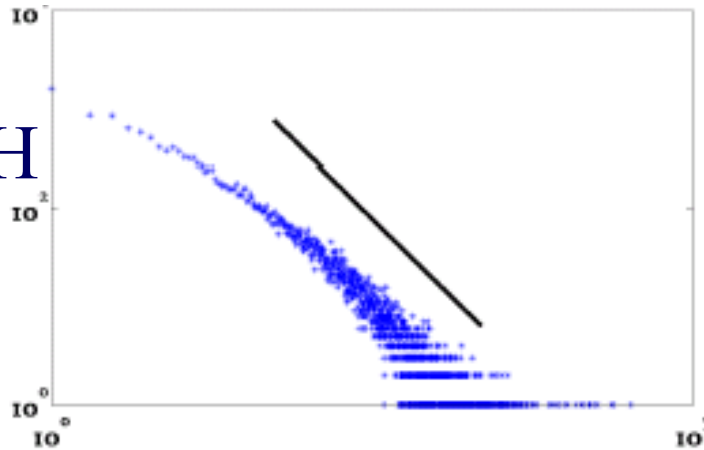
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  - Friends of friends are friends
- Any patterns?



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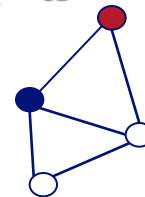
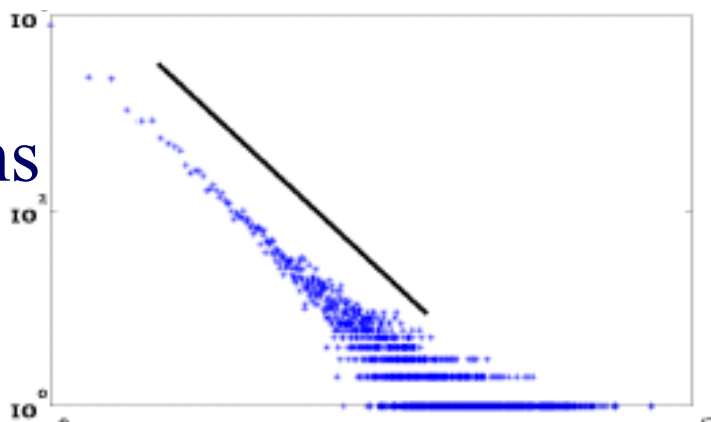


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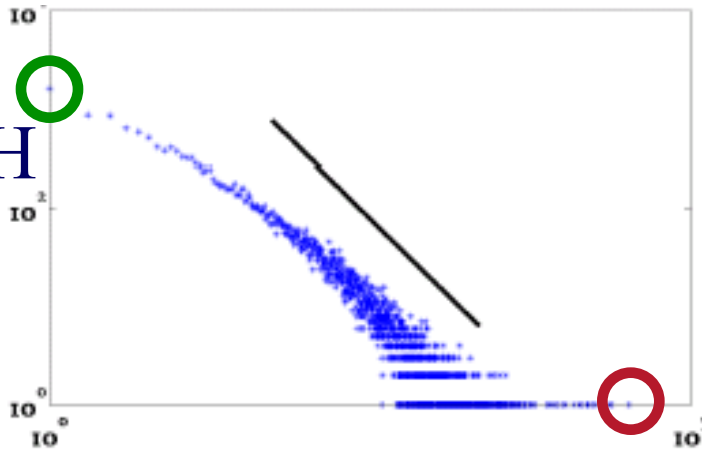
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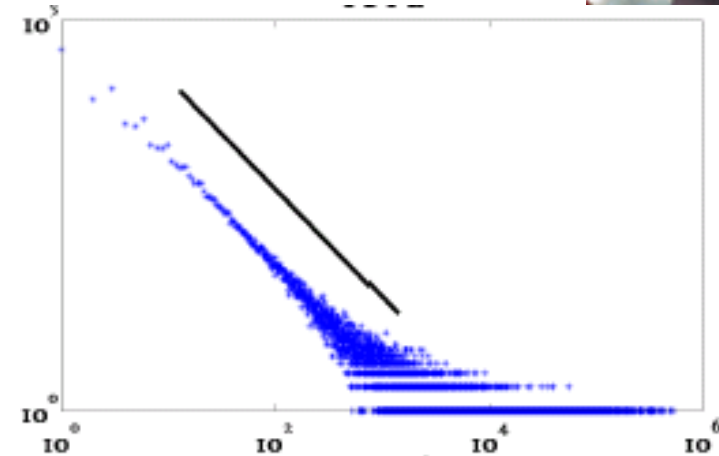
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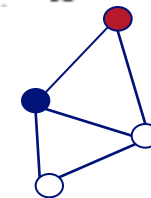
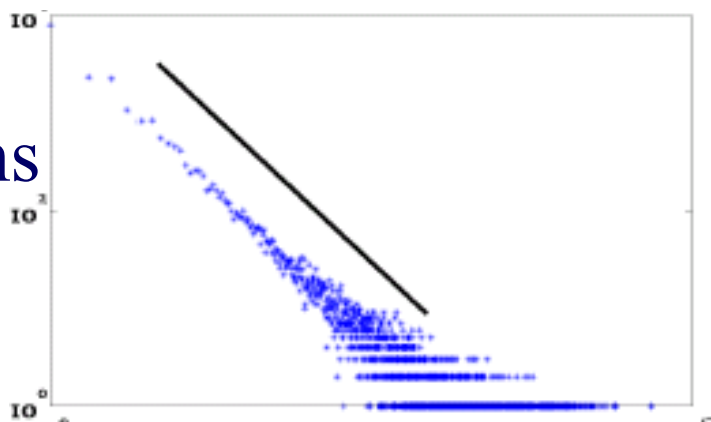
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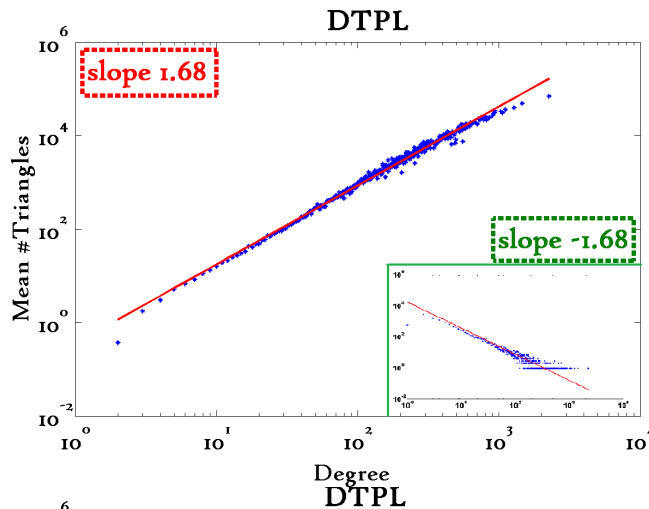
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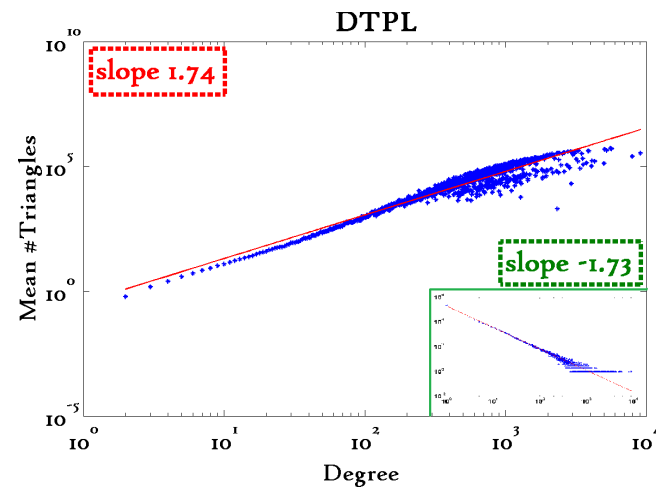
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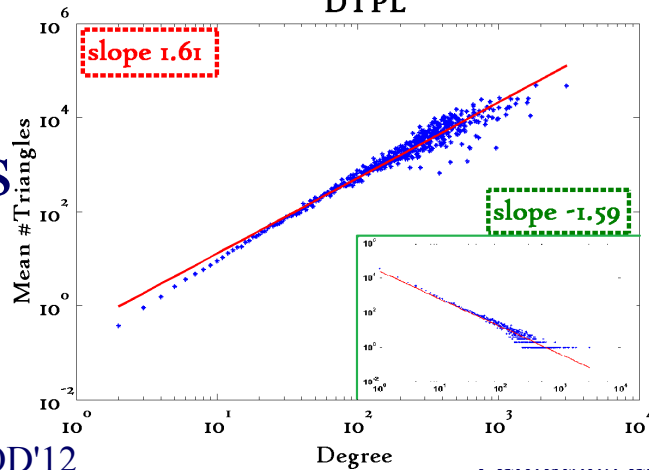
Reuters



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X-axis: degree  
 Y-axis: mean # triangles  
 $n$  friends  $\rightarrow \sim n^{1.6}$  triangles

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$$\# \text{triangles} = 1/6 \text{ Sum } ( \lambda_i^3 )$$

(and, because of skewness (S2) ,

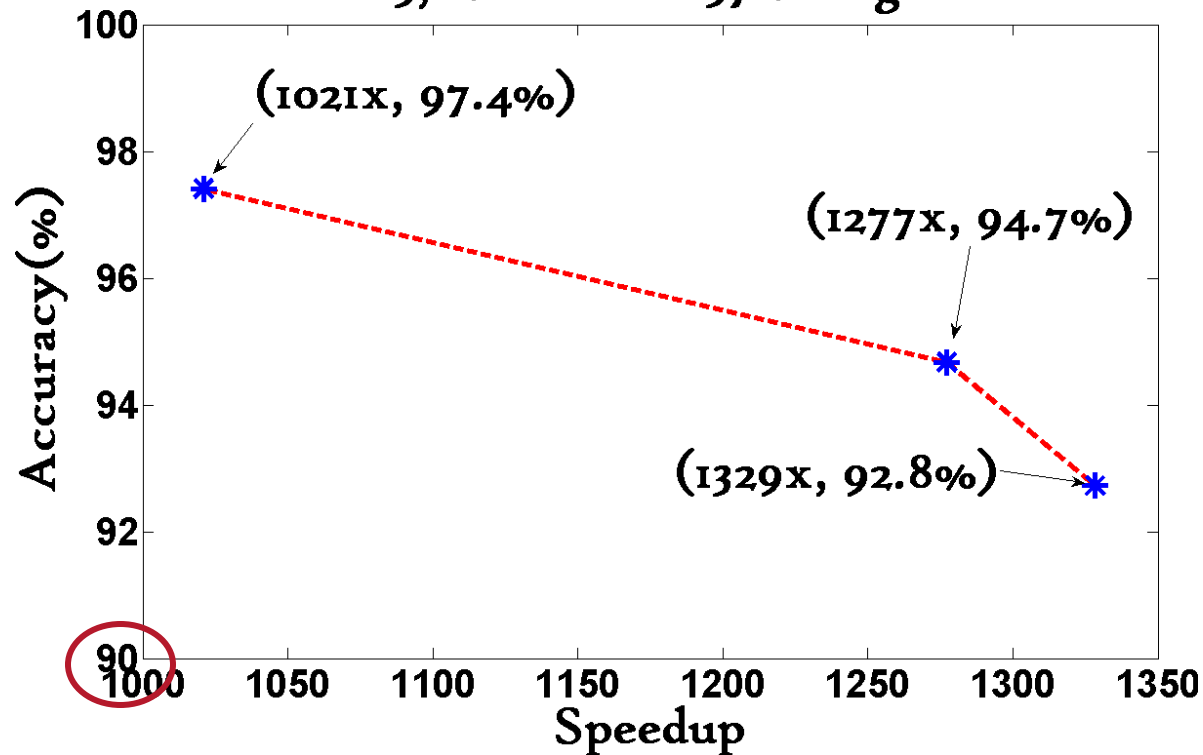
we only need the top few eigenvalues!)

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Wikipedia graph 2006-Nov-04

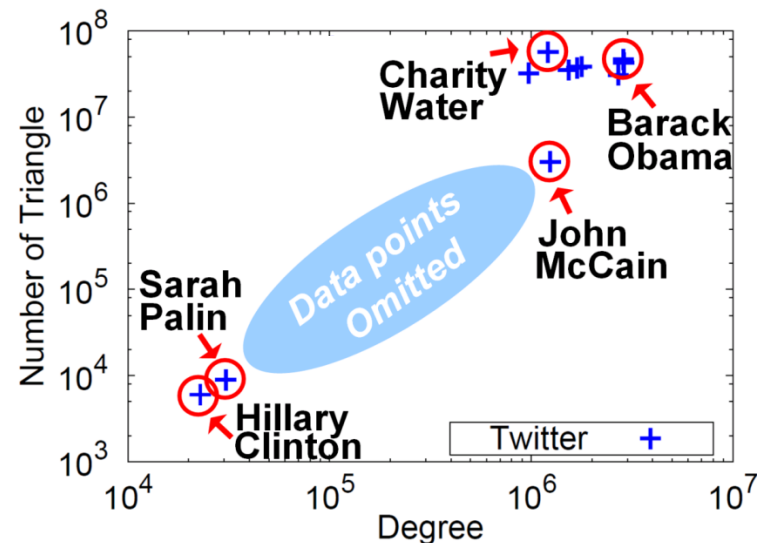
$\approx 3.1\text{M}$  nodes  $\approx 37\text{M}$  edges



1000x+ speed-up, >90% accuracy

# Triangle for Anomaly Detection

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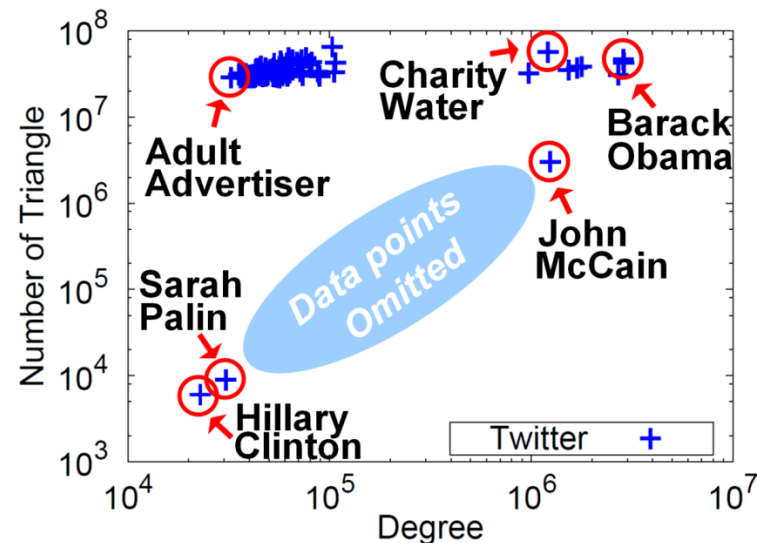


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# Observations on weighted graphs?

- A: yes - even more ‘laws’!



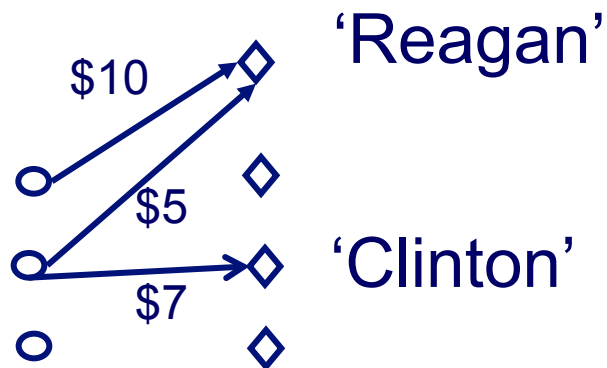
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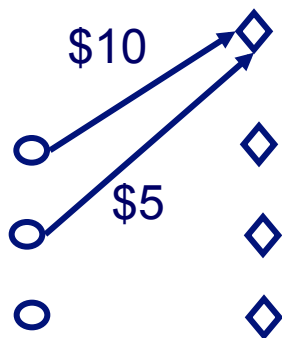
**More donors,  
more \$ ?**



# Observation W.1: fortification: Snapshot Power Law

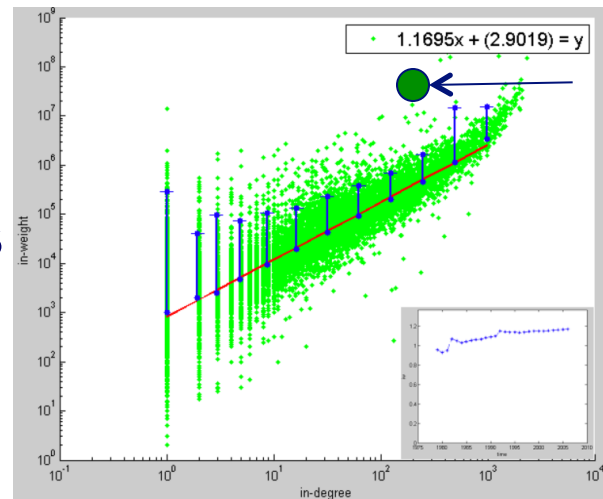
- Weight: super-linear on in-degree
- exponent 'iw':  $1.01 < iw < 1.26$

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In-weights  
(\$)



Edges (# donors)

e.g. John Kerry,  
\$10M received,  
from 1K donors

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# Problem: Time evolution

- with Jure Leskovec (CMU -> Stanford)
- and Jon Kleinberg (Cornell – sabb. @ CMU)

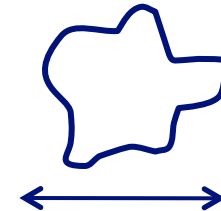
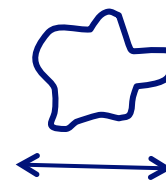


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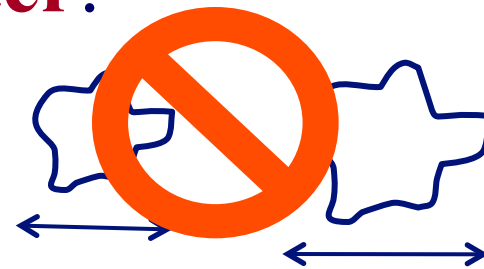


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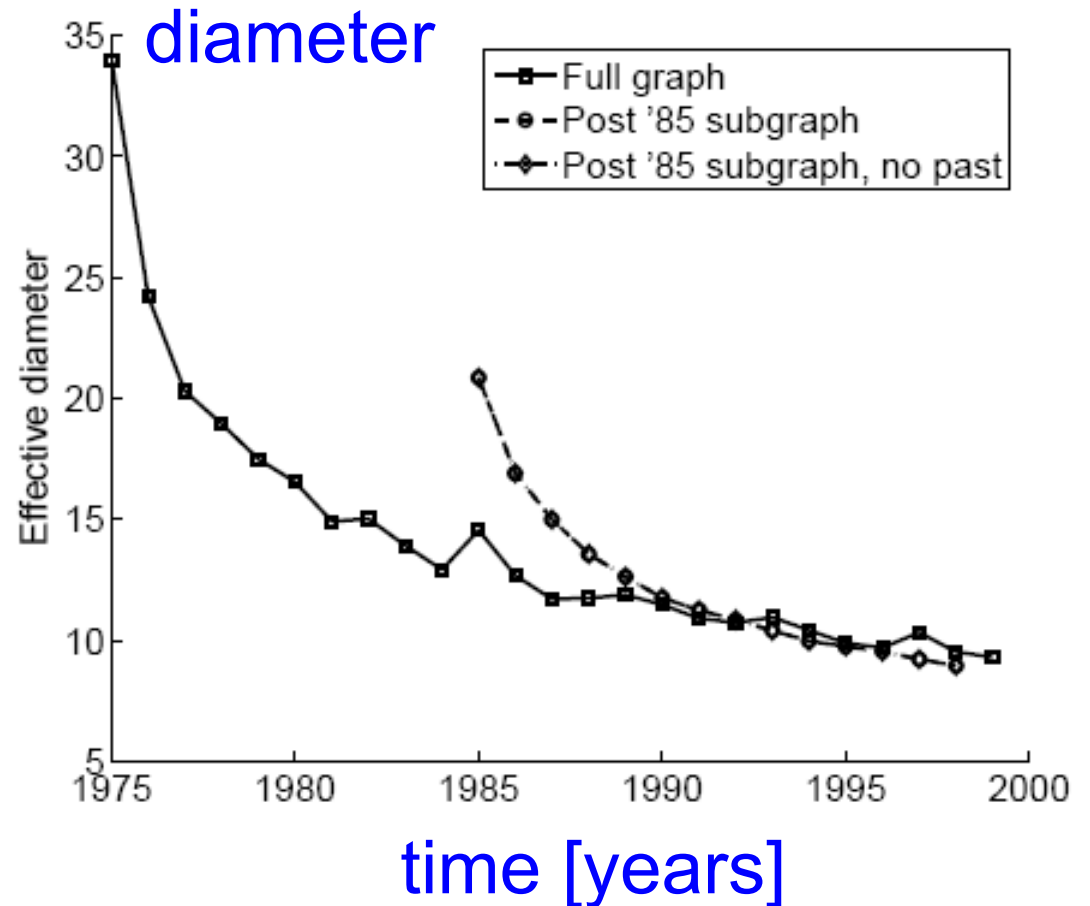
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- Diameter **shrinks** over time

# T.1 Diameter – “Patents”

- Patent citation network
- 25 years of data
- @1999
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## T.2 Temporal Evolution of the Graphs

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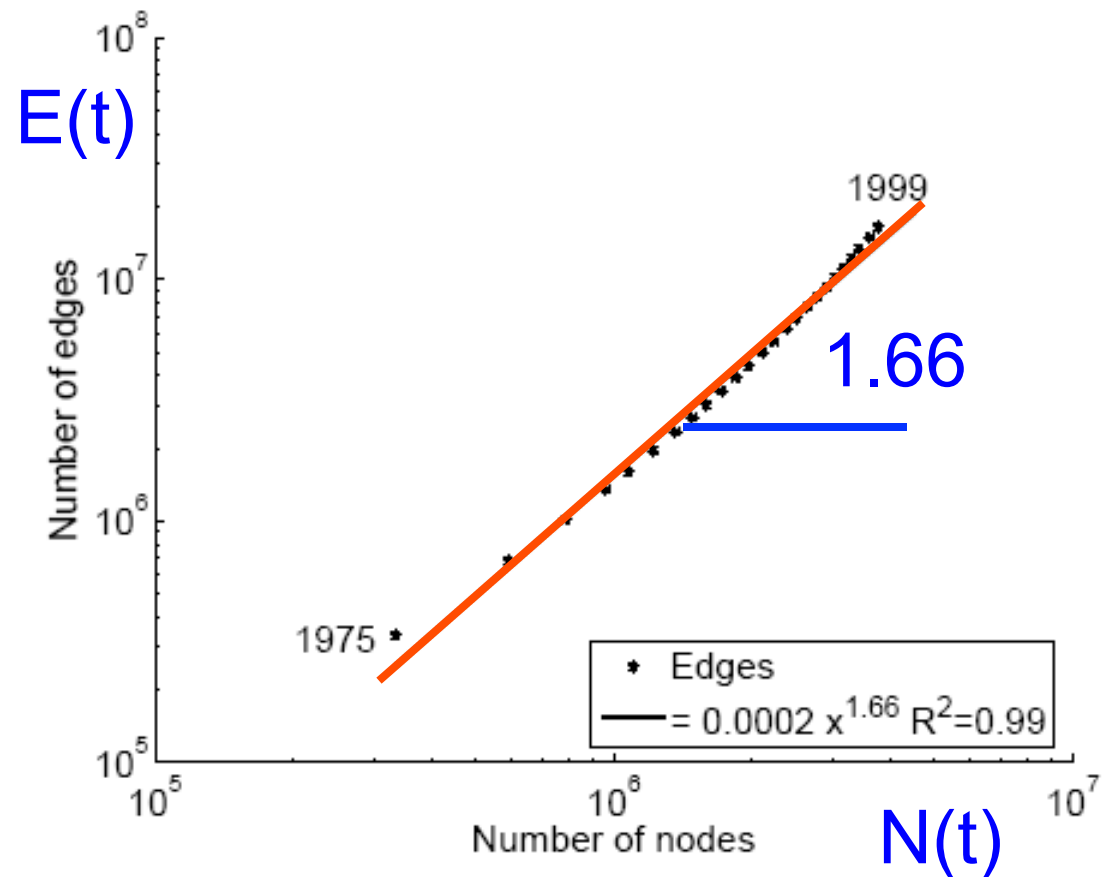
$$E(t+1) = \text{?} * E(t)$$

- A: over-doubled!

– But obeying the ‘‘Densification Power Law’’

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- Citations among patents granted
- @1999
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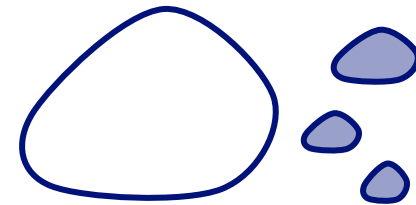
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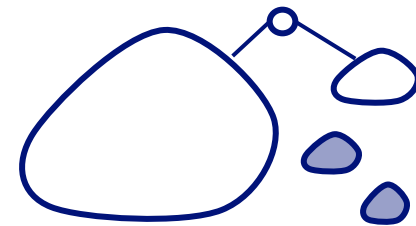


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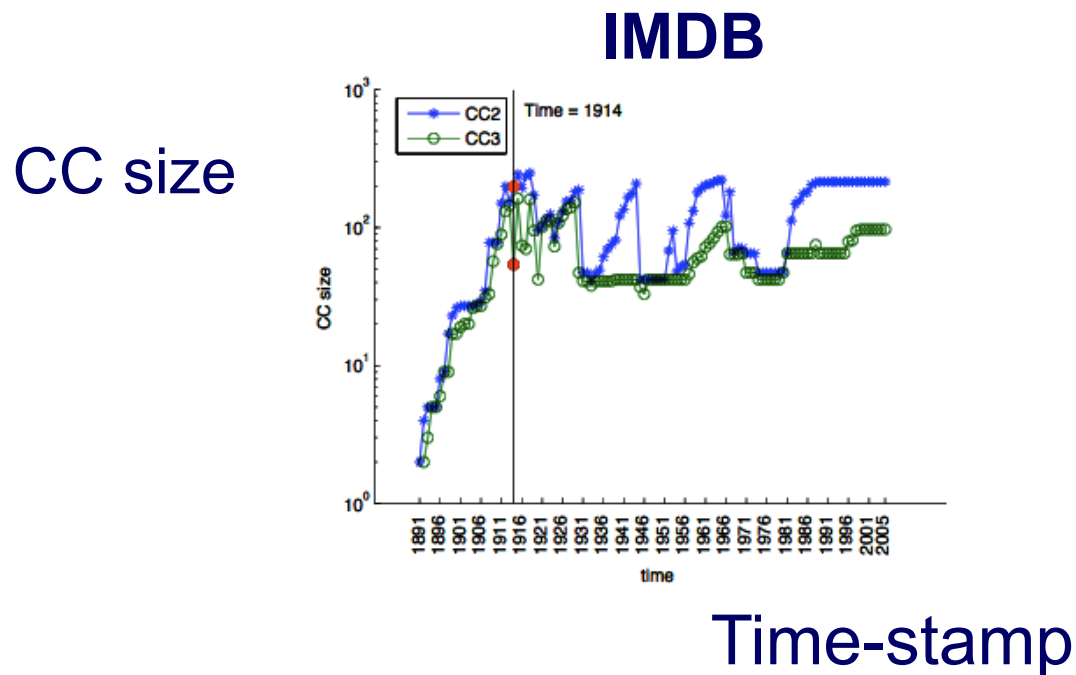
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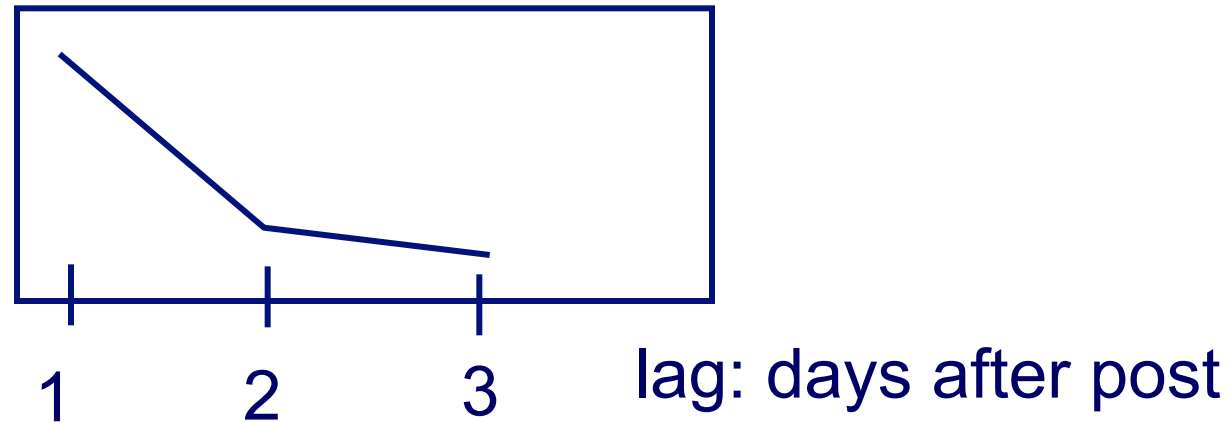
## Timing for Blogs

- with Mary McGlohon (CMU->google)
- Jure Leskovec (CMU->Stanford)
- Natalie Glance (now at Google)
- Mat Hurst (now at MSR)

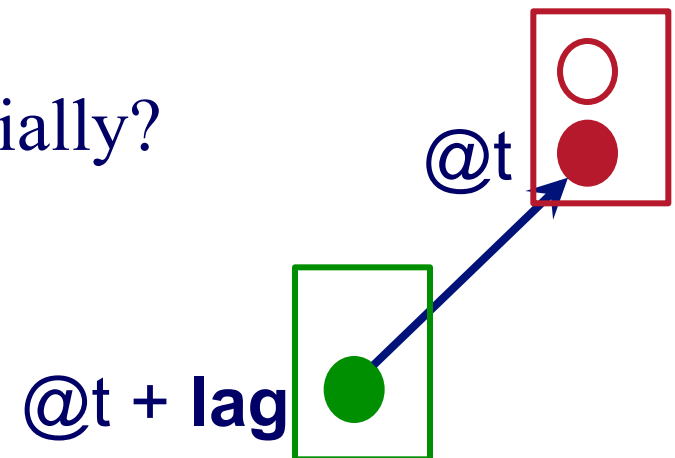
[SDM'07]

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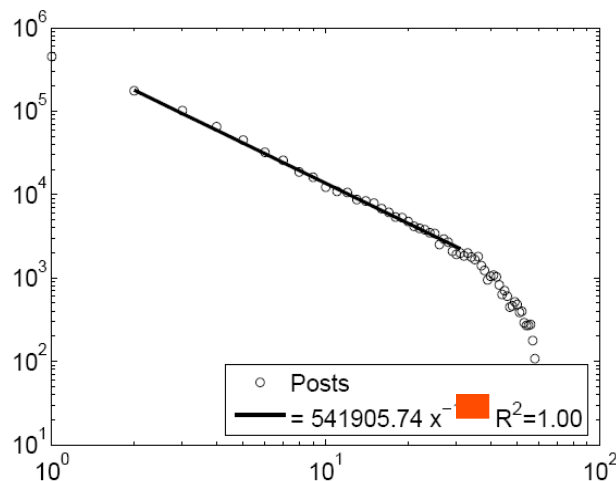


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(log)



days after post  
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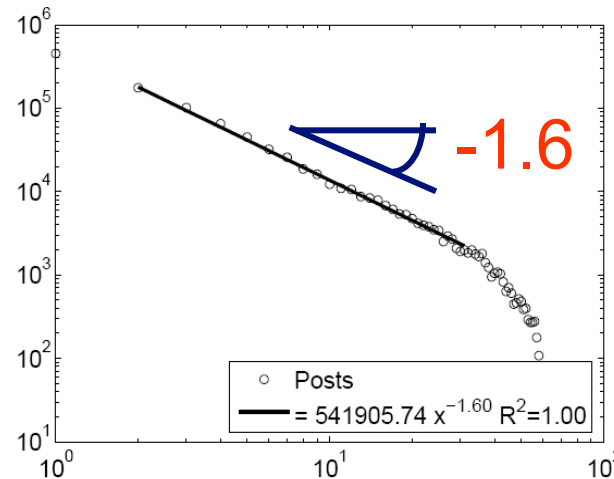
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Exponent?

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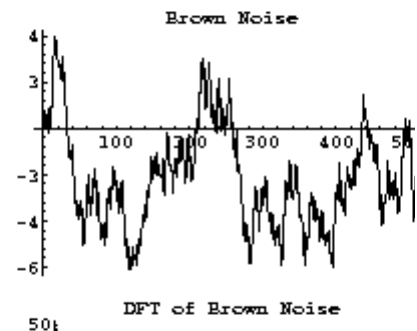
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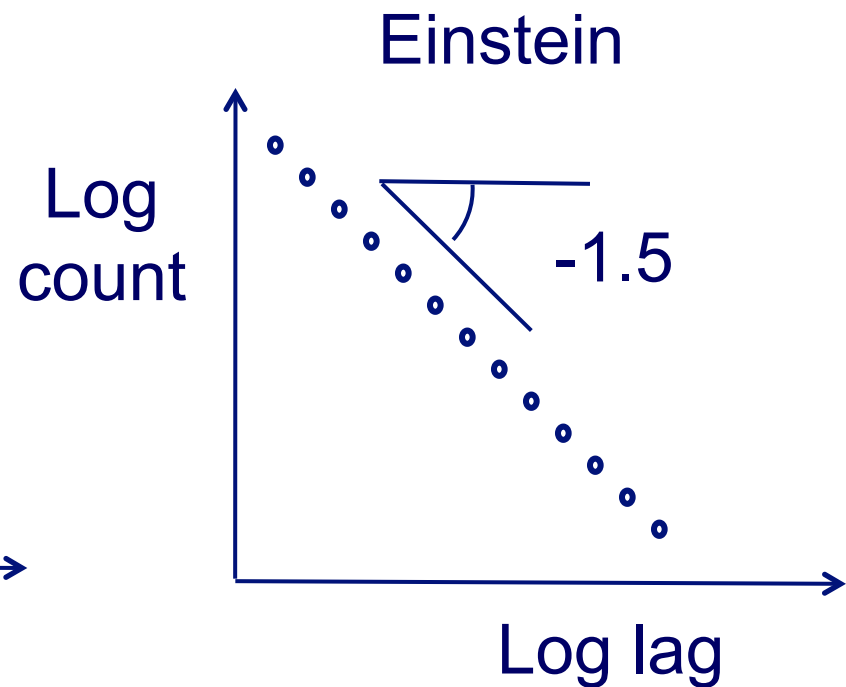
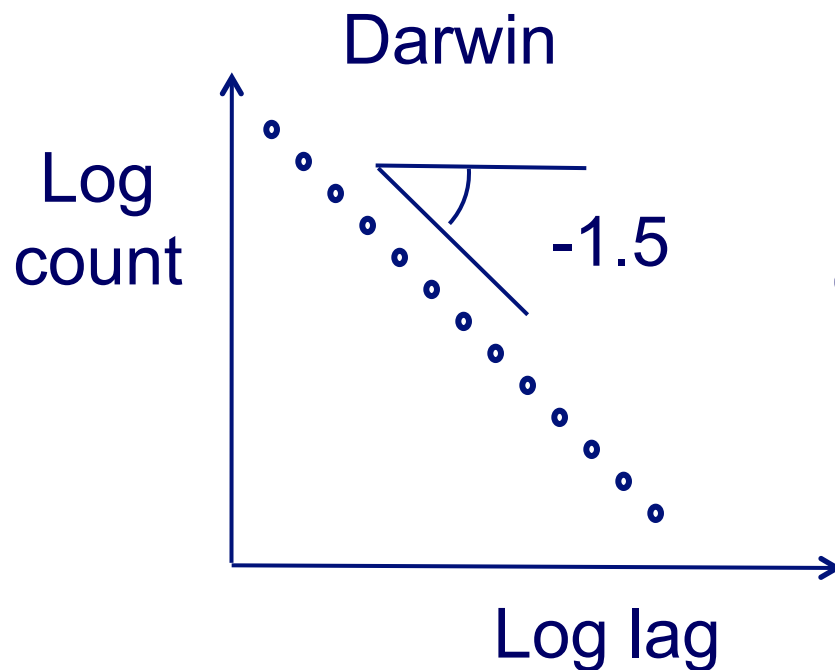
Exponent? -1.6

- close to -1.5: Barabasi's stack model
- and like the zero-crossings of a random walk



# -1.5 slope

J. G. Oliveira & A.-L. Barabási Human Dynamics: The Correspondence Patterns of Darwin and Einstein.  
*Nature* **437**, 1251 (2005) . [\[PDF\]](#)



## T.5: duration of phonecalls

*Surprising Patterns for the Call  
Duration Distribution of Mobile  
Phone Users*



Pedro O. S. Vaz de Melo, Leman

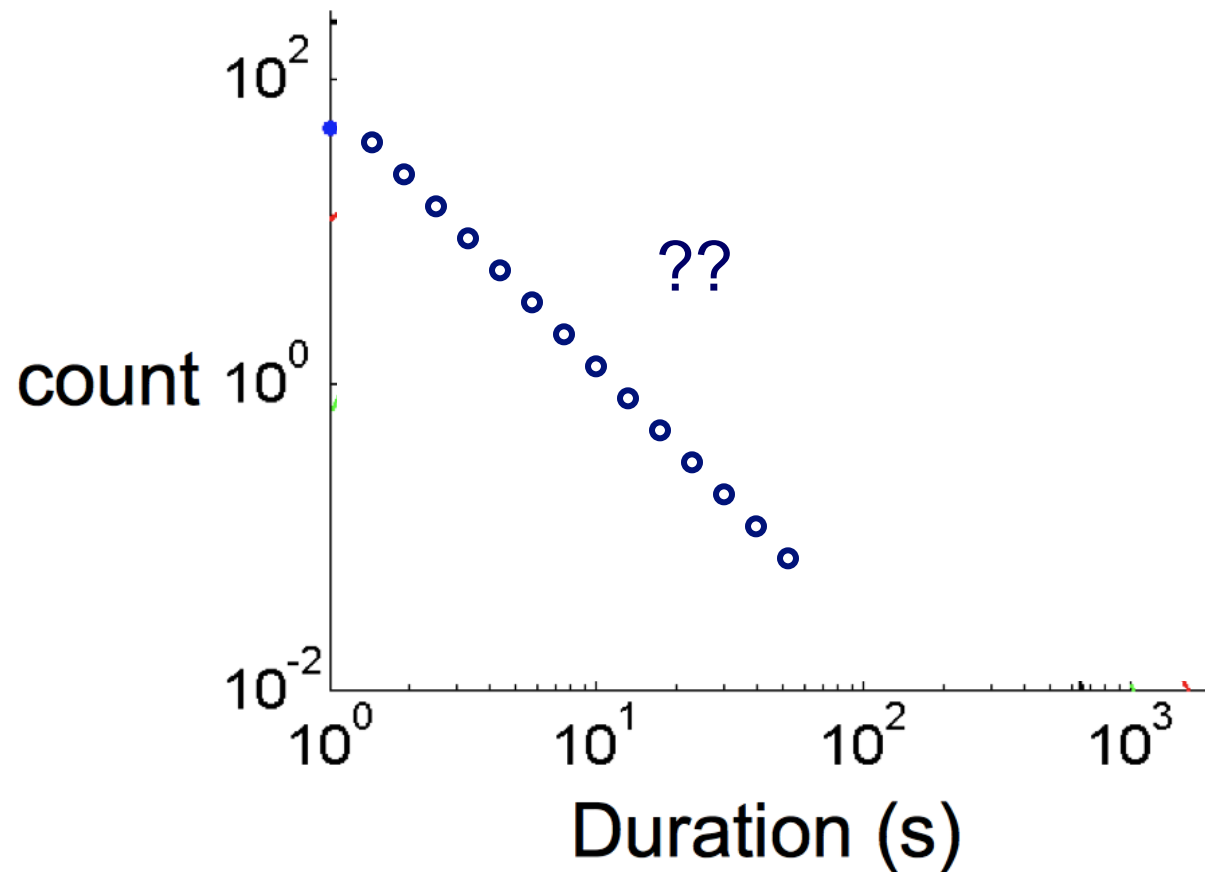
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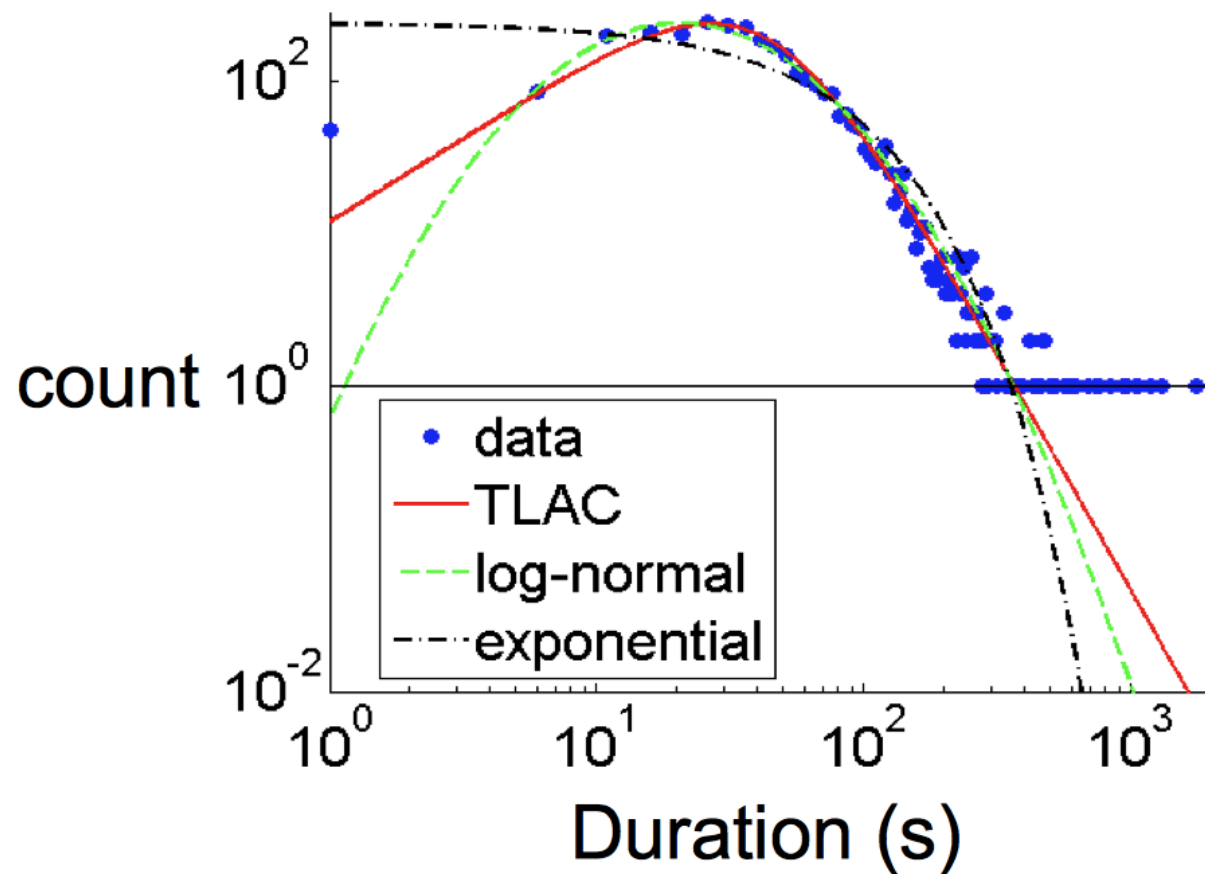
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# Probably, power law (?)

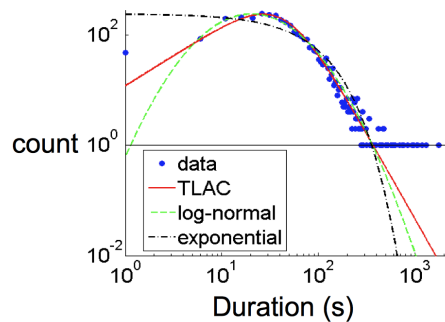


# No Power Law!



# ‘TLaC: Lazy Contractor’

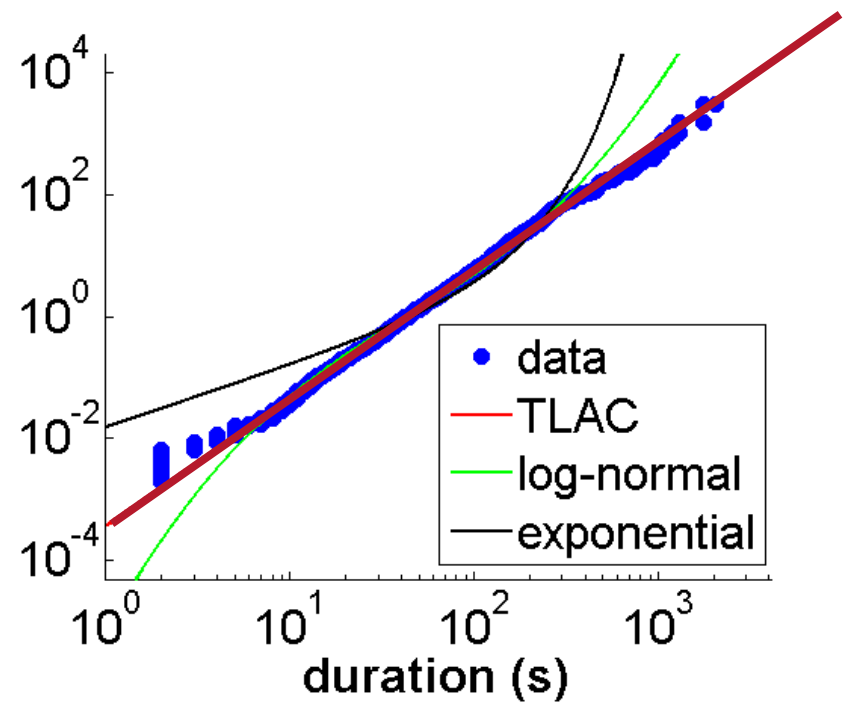
- The longer a task (phonecall) has taken,
- The even longer it will take



Odds ratio=

*Casualties*( $<x$ ):  
*Survivors*( $\geq x$ )

== power law



# Data Description

- Data from a private mobile operator of a large city
  - 4 months of data
  - 3.1 million users
  - more than 1 billion phone records

# Outline

- Introduction – Motivation
- Problem#1: Patterns in graphs
- ➔ • Problem#2: Tools
  - Oddball
  - SVD
- Problem#3: Algorithms and Scalability
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# OddBall: Spotting Anomalies in Weighted Graphs



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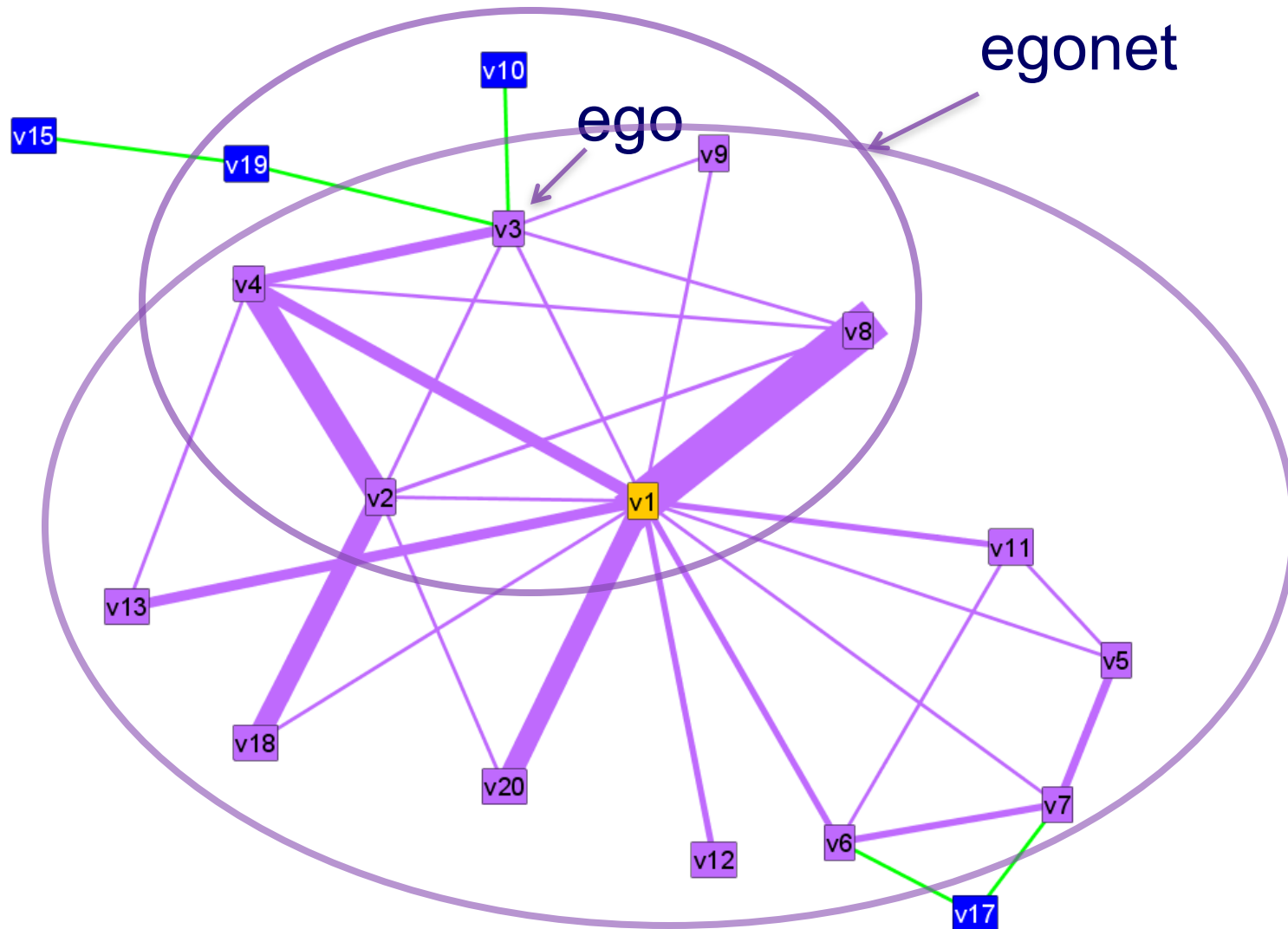
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## Main idea

For each node,

- extract ‘ego-net’ (=1-step-away neighbors)
- Extract features (#edges, total weight, etc etc)
- Compare with the rest of the population

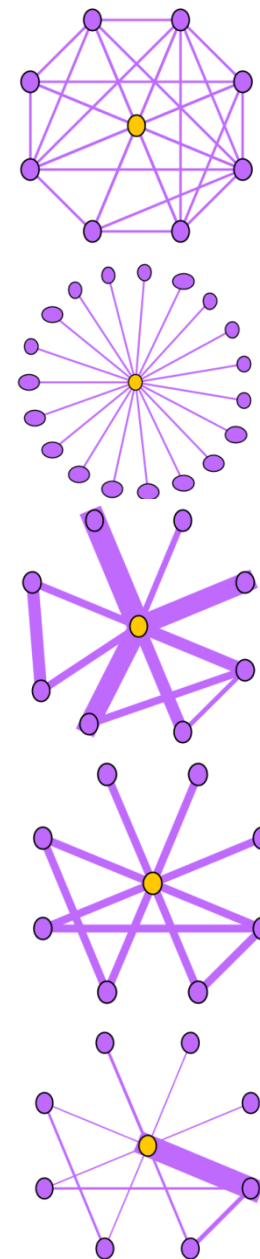
# What is an egonet?



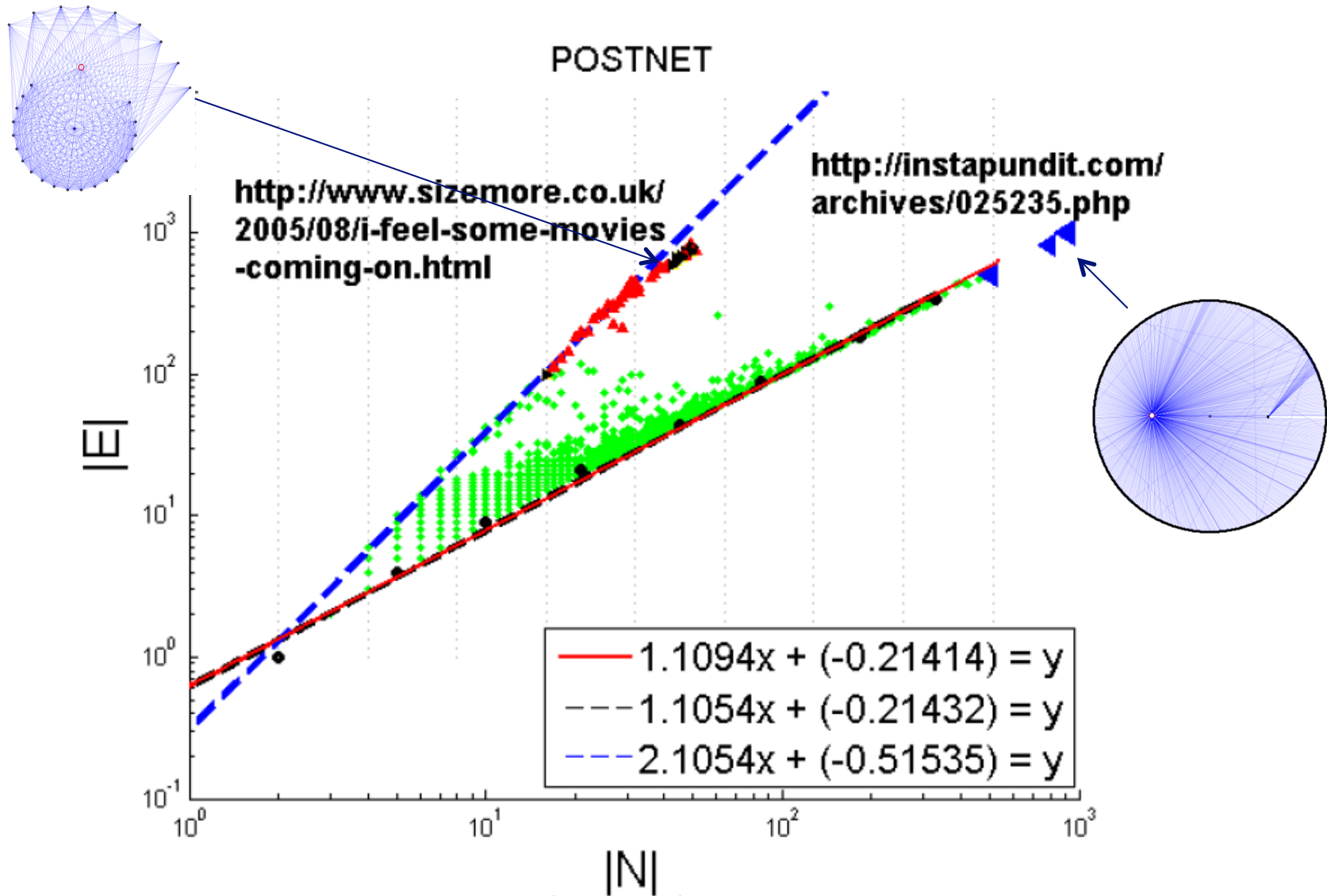


# Selected Features

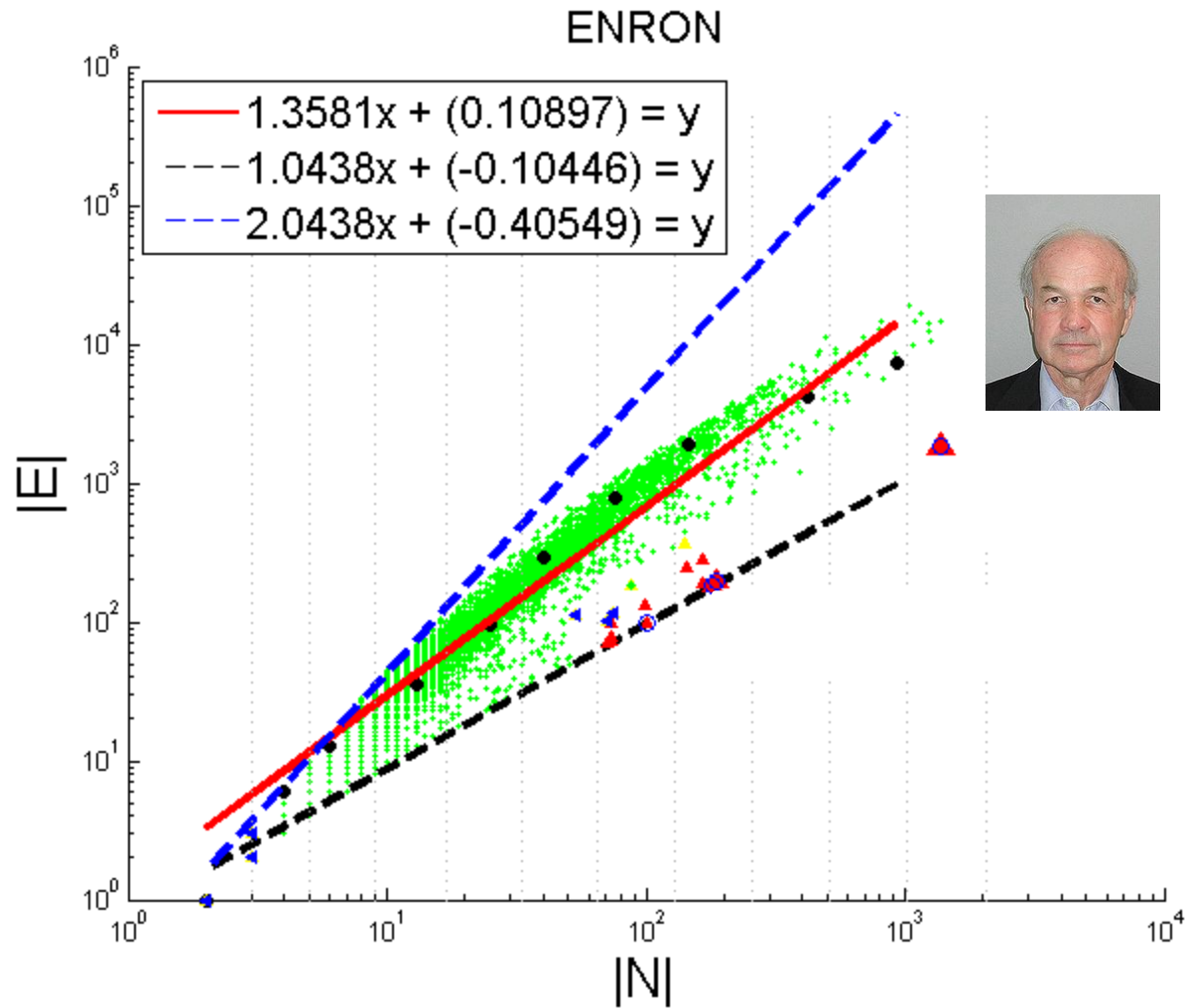
- $N_i$ : number of neighbors (degree) of ego  $i$
- $E_i$ : number of edges in egonet  $i$
- $W_i$ : total weight of egonet  $i$
- $\lambda_{w,i}$ : principal eigenvalue of the **weighted** adjacency matrix of egonet  $I$



# Near-Clique/Star



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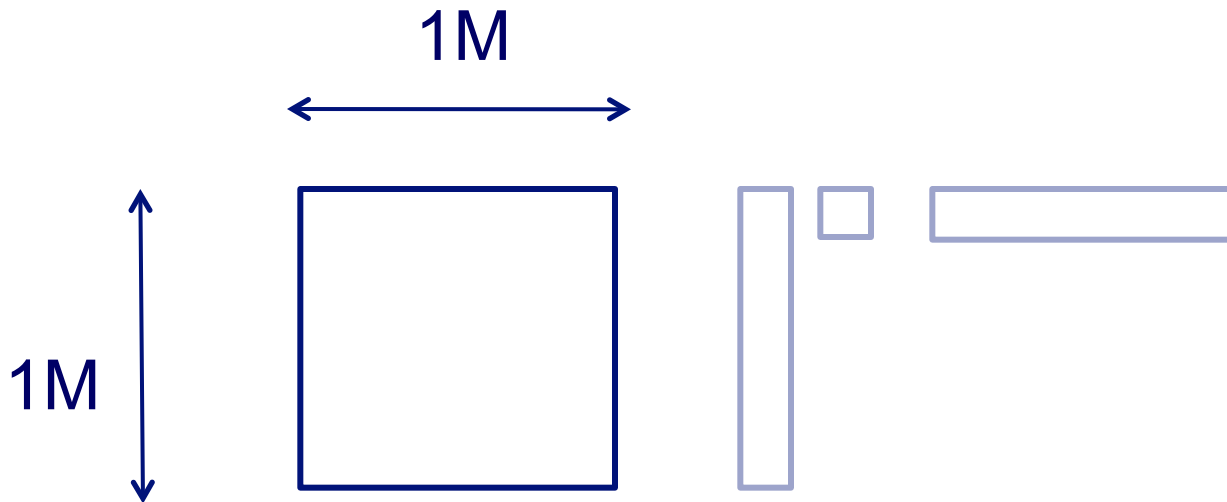
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# Singular Value Decomposition

- Powerful tool, identical or closely related to
  - Latent Semantic Indexing (LSI)
  - Karhunen-Loeve Transform (KLT)
  - Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
  - ...

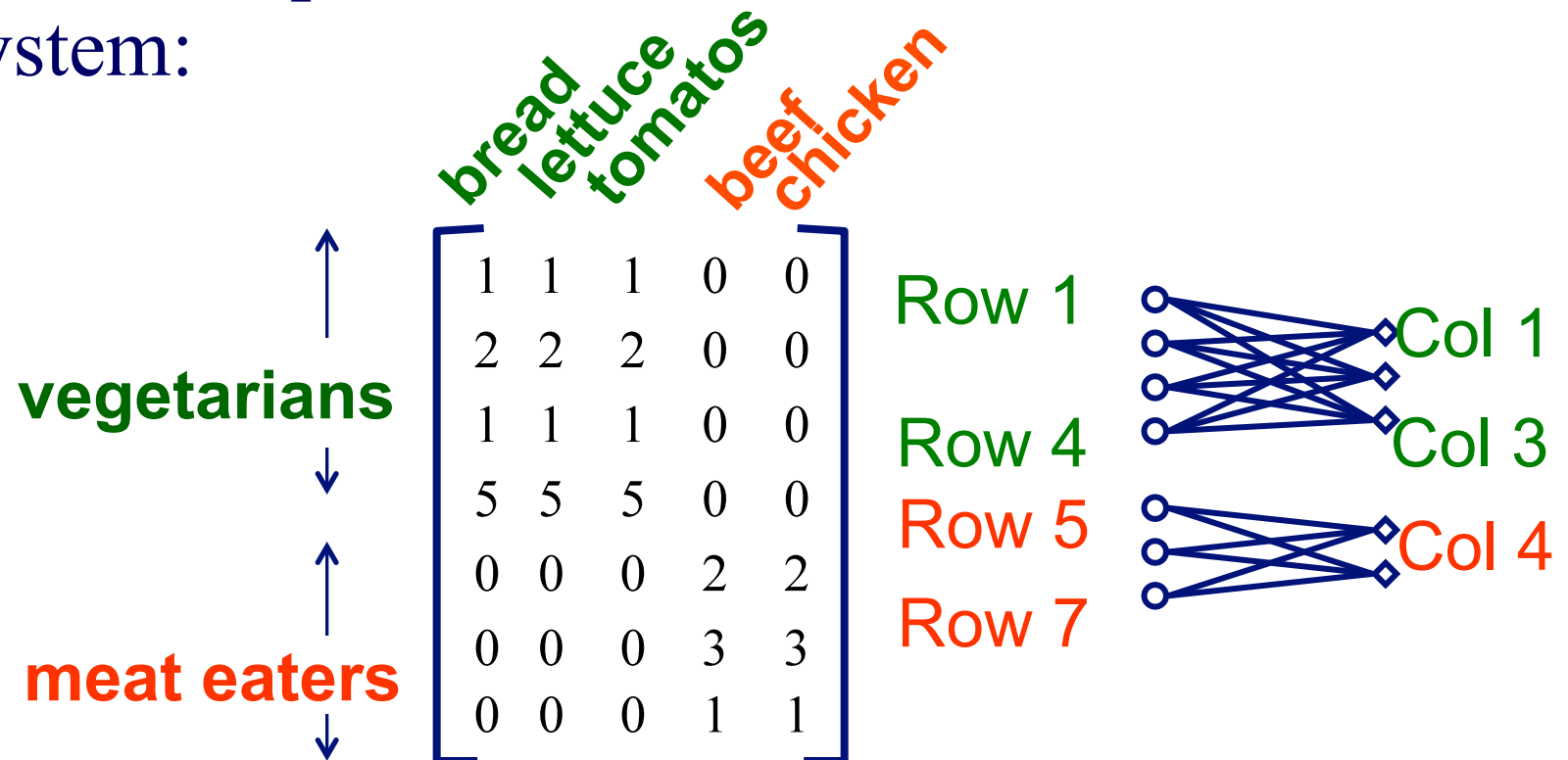
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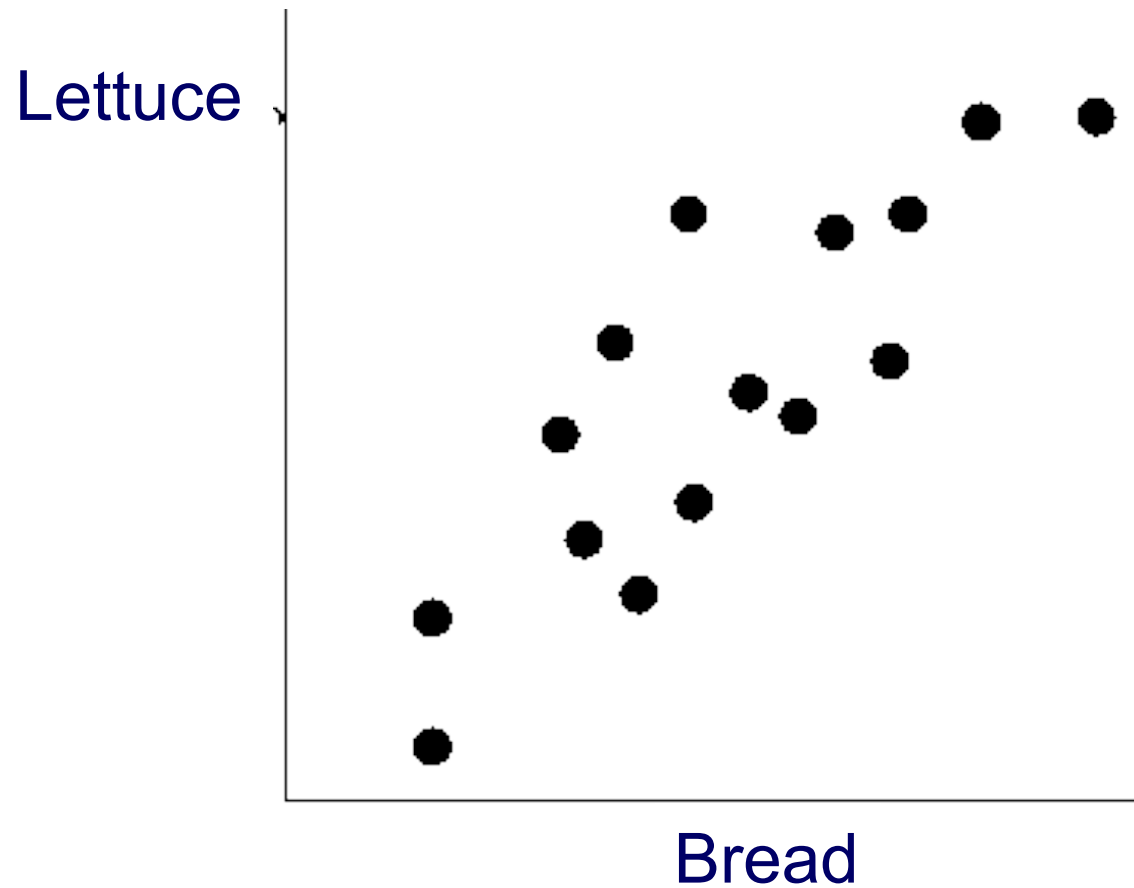


# SVD - Motivation

- Customer-product, for recommendation system:

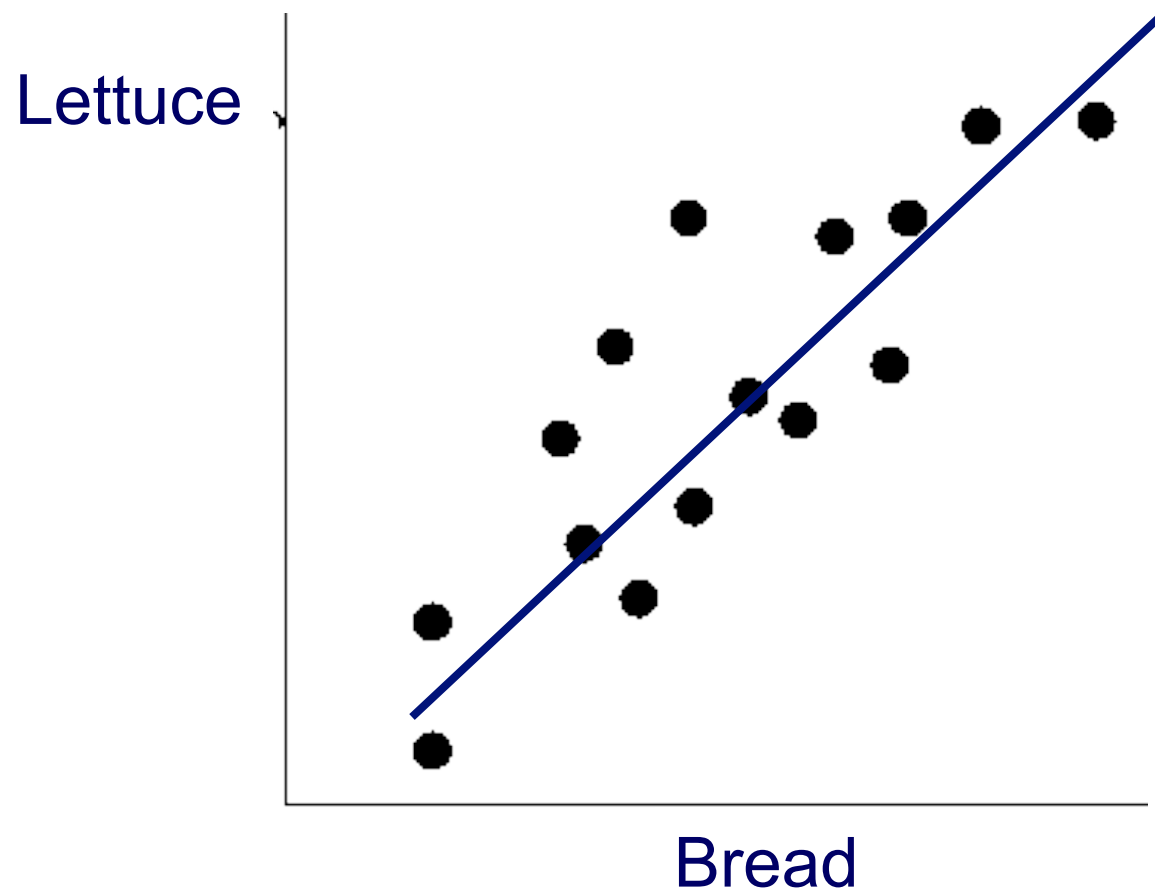


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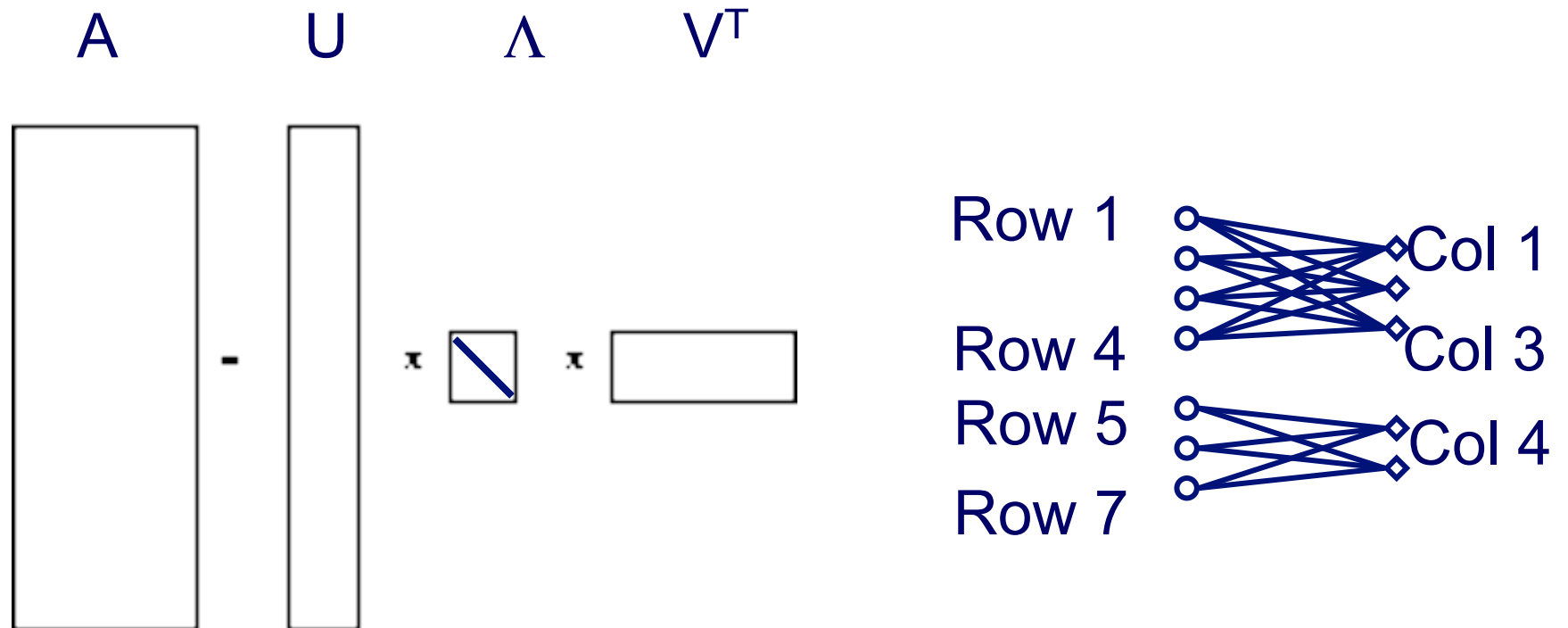
## SVD - Definition

$$\mathbf{A}_{[n \times m]} = \mathbf{U}_{[n \times r]} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{[r \times r]} (\mathbf{V}_{[m \times r]})^T$$

- $\mathbf{A}$ :  $n \times m$  matrix (eg.,  $n$  customers,  $m$  products)
- $\mathbf{U}$ :  $n \times r$  matrix ( $n$  customers,  $r$  concepts)
- $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ :  $r \times r$  diagonal matrix (strength of each ‘concept’) ( $r$  : rank of the matrix)
- $\mathbf{V}$ :  $m \times r$  matrix ( $m$  products,  $r$  concepts)

# SVD - Definition

- $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}^T$  - example:



# SVD - Properties

**THEOREM** [Press+92]: always possible to decompose matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  into  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}^T$ , where

- $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}$ : unique (\*)
- $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}$ : column orthonormal (ie., columns are unit vectors, orthogonal to each other)
  - $\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$ ;  $\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}$  ( $\mathbf{I}$ : identity matrix)
- $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ : singular are positive, and sorted in decreasing order

# SVD - Example

- $A = U \Lambda V^T$  - example:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{bread} \\
 \text{lett.} \\
 \text{tom.} \\
 \text{beef} \\
 \text{chick.}
 \end{array}
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↑ Veg. ↓ Carn.

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Customer-to-Concept matrix

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Veg. (rows 1-3)  
Carn. (rows 4-7)

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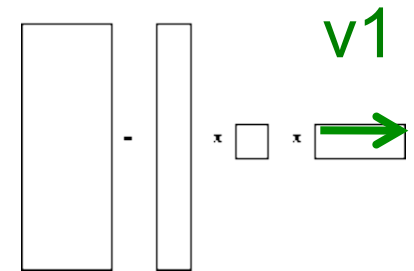
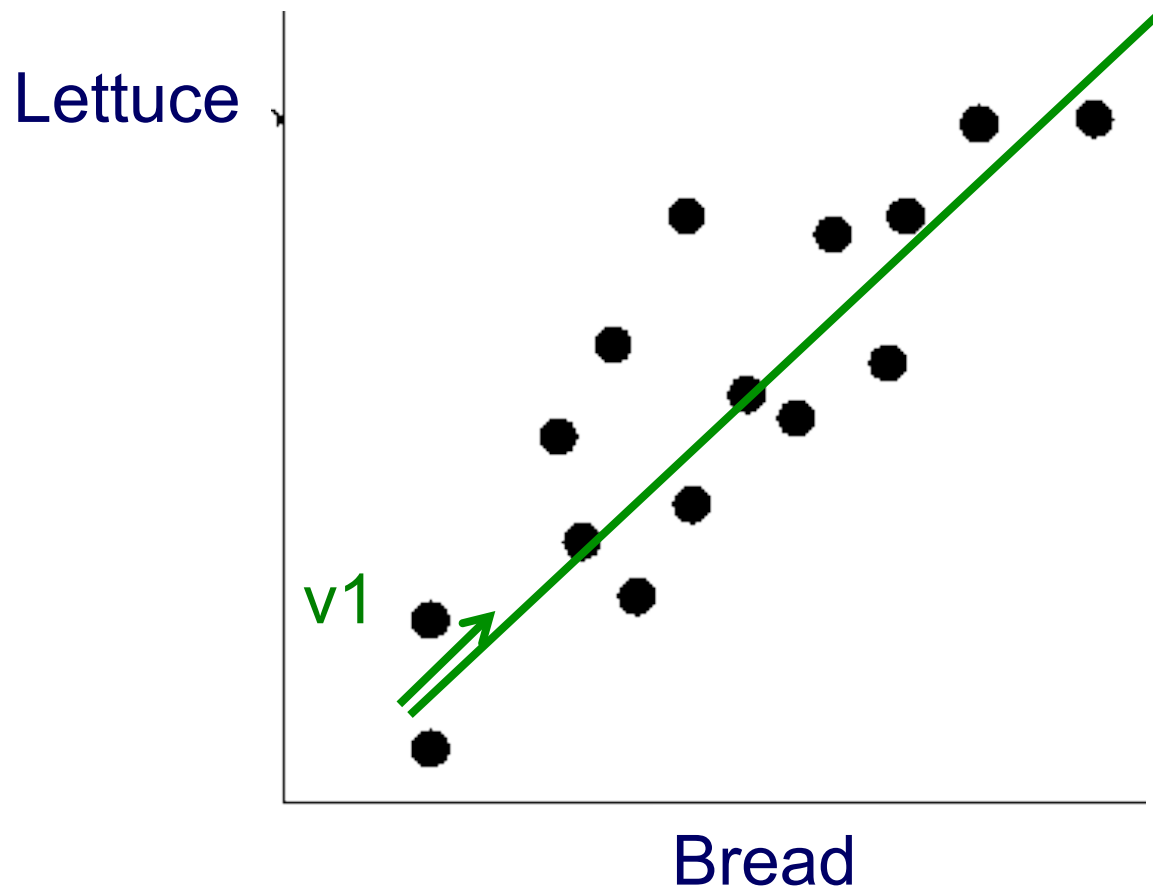
prod.-to-concept  
similarity matrix

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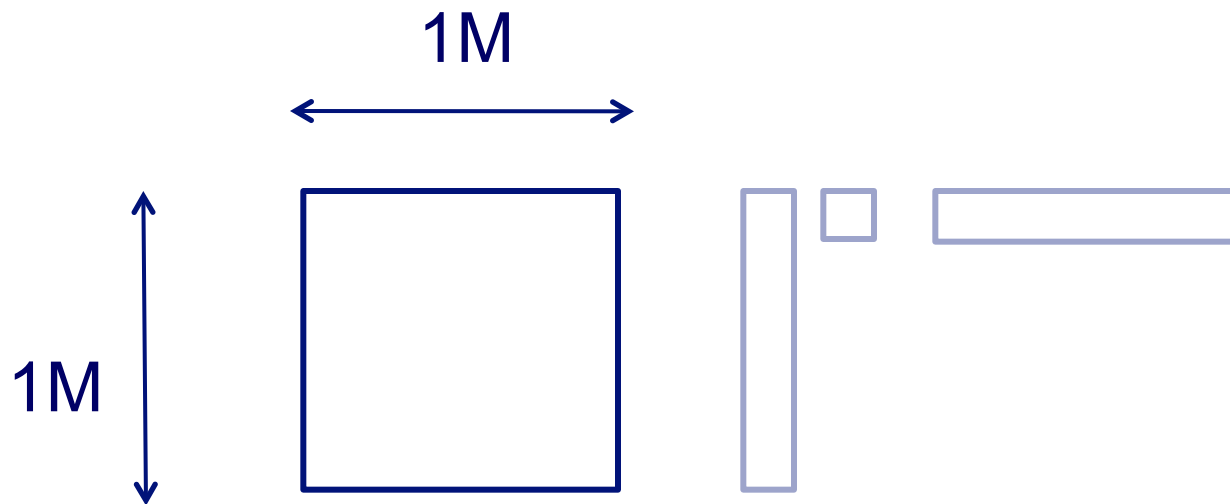
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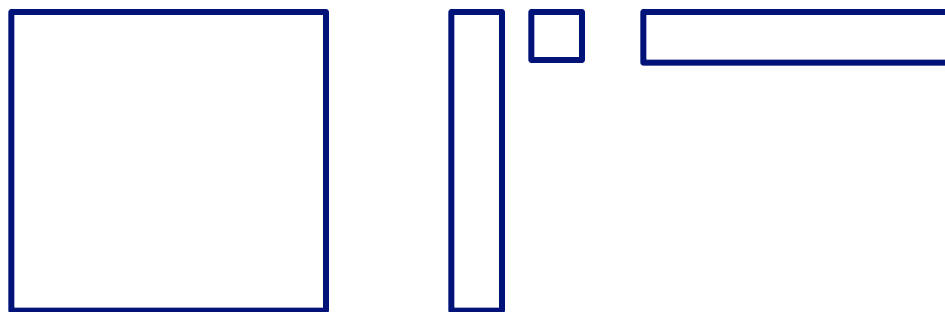
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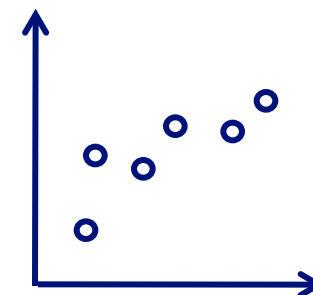
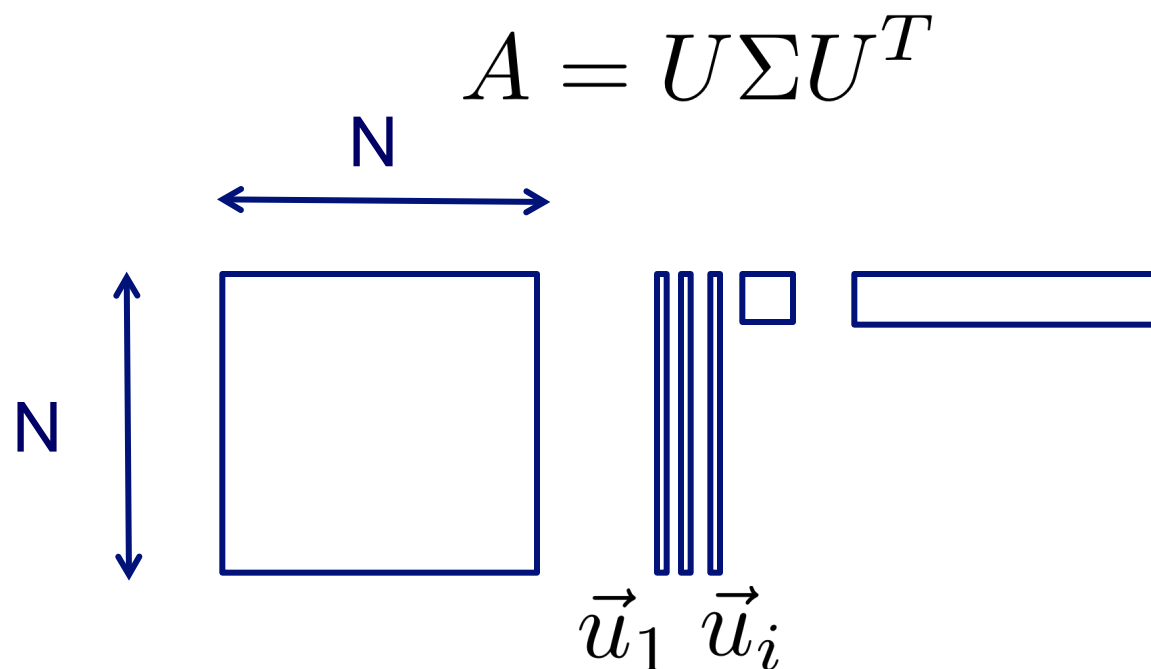
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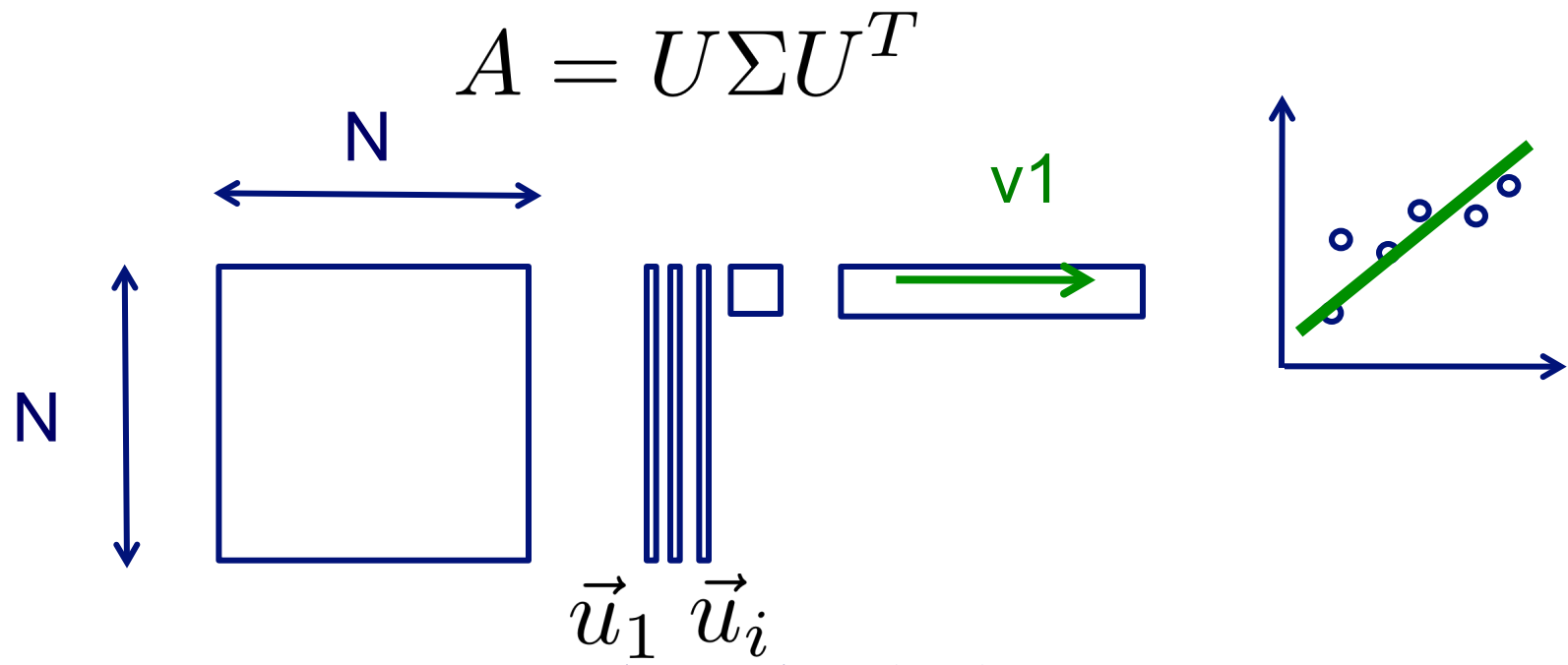
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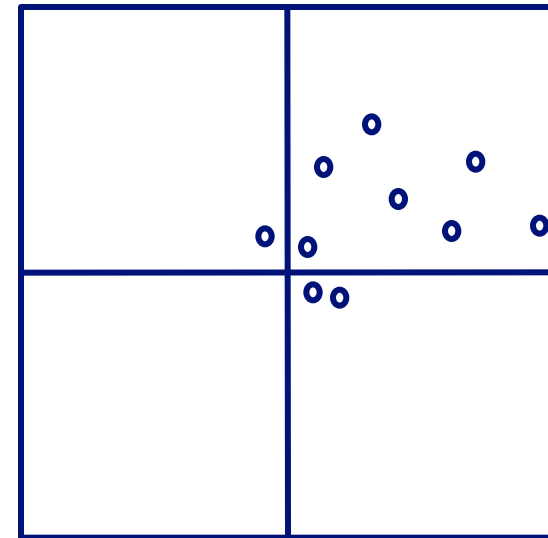
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- EE plot:
- Scatter plot of scores of  $u_1$  vs  $u_2$
- One would expect
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2<sup>nd</sup> Principal component  
 $u_2$

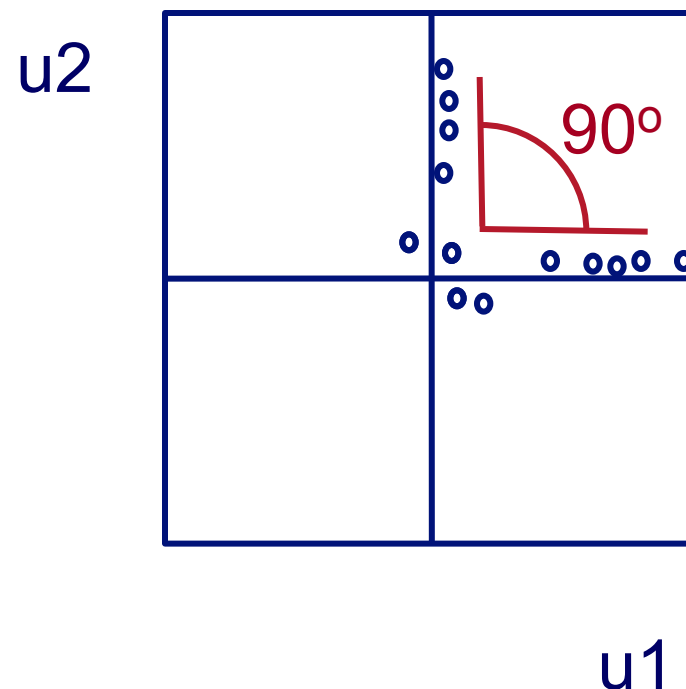


$u_1$

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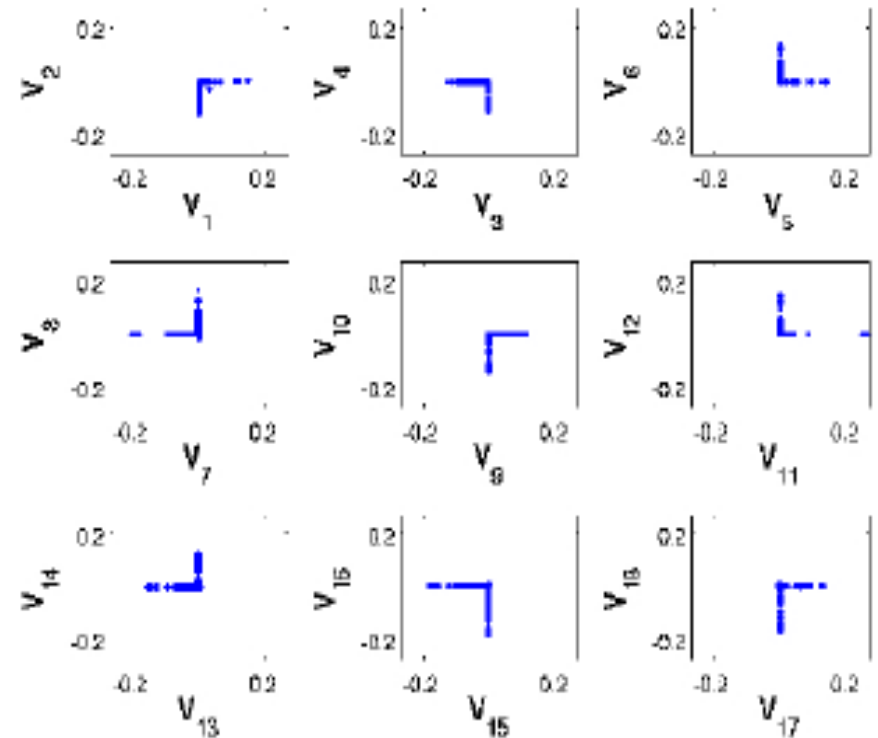
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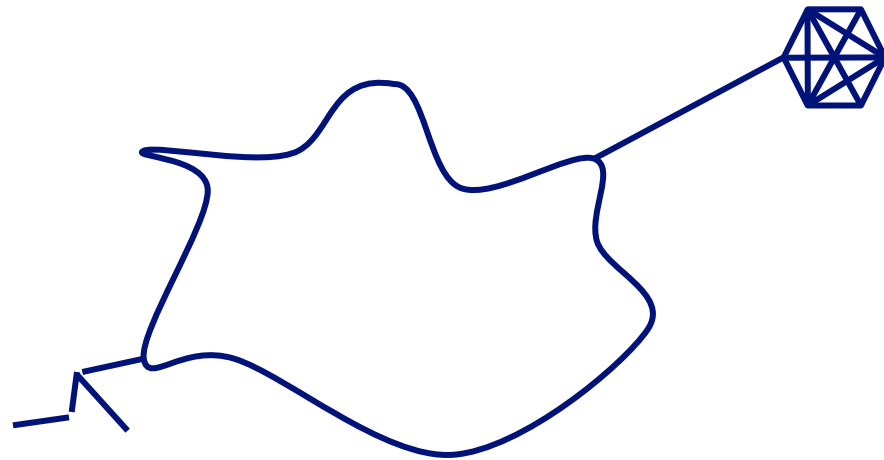
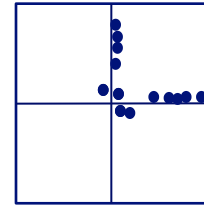
- Present in mobile social graph
  - across time and space

- Patent citation graph



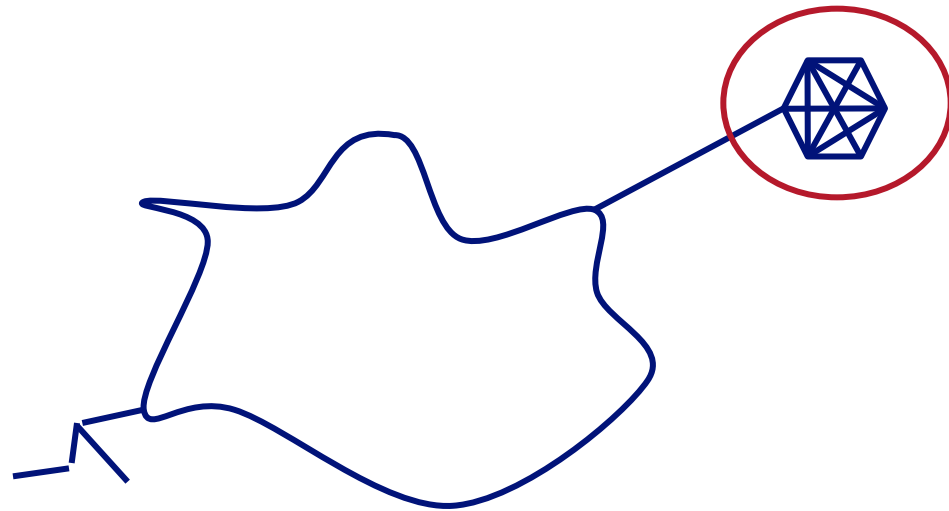
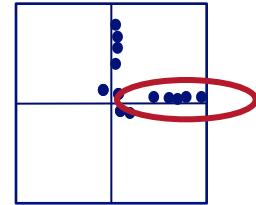
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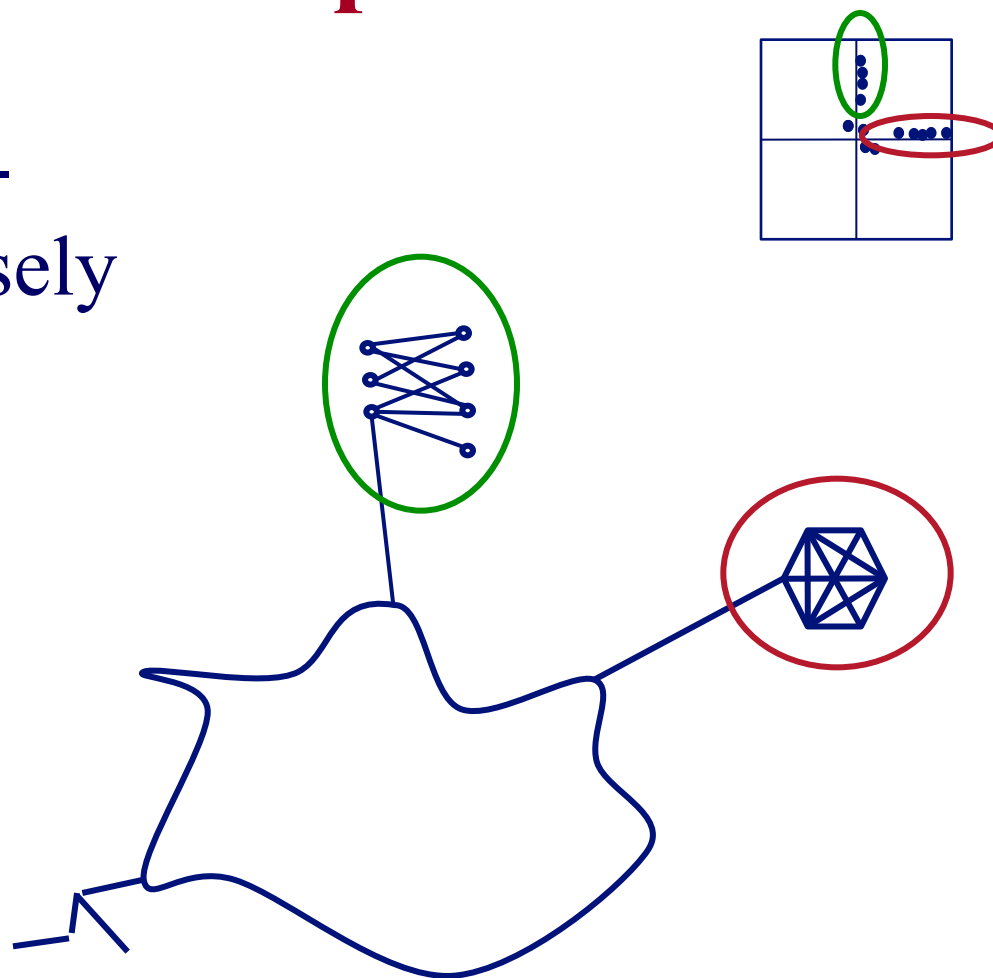
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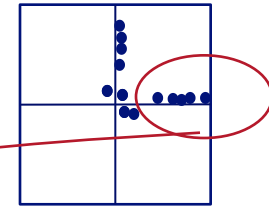
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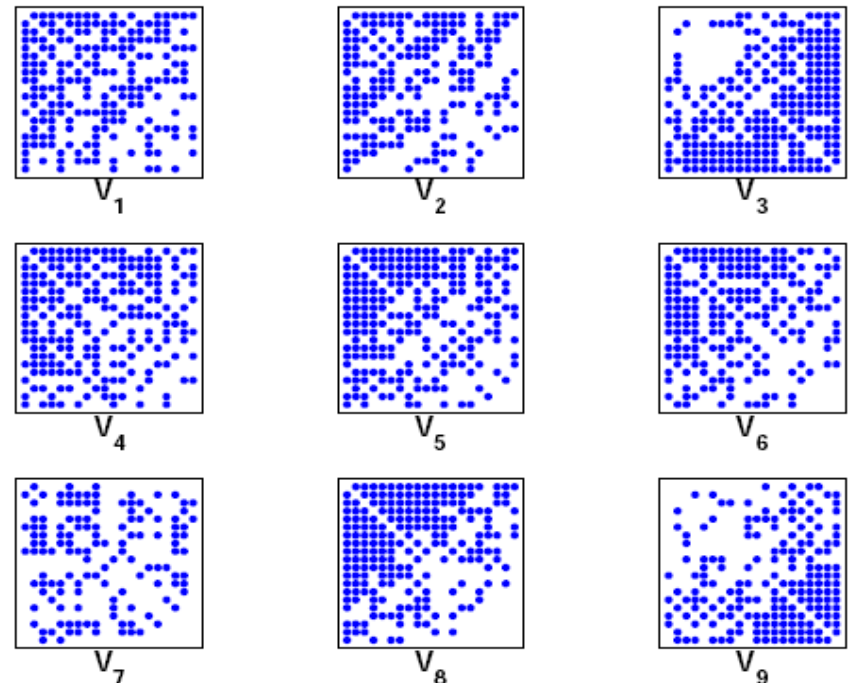


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spy plot of top 20 nodes



So what?

- Extract nodes with high *scores*
- high connectivity
- Good “communities”

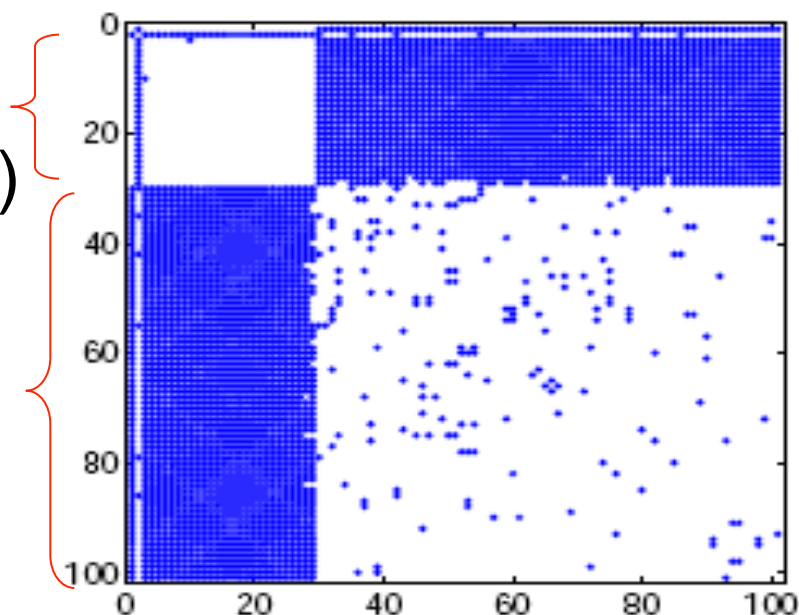
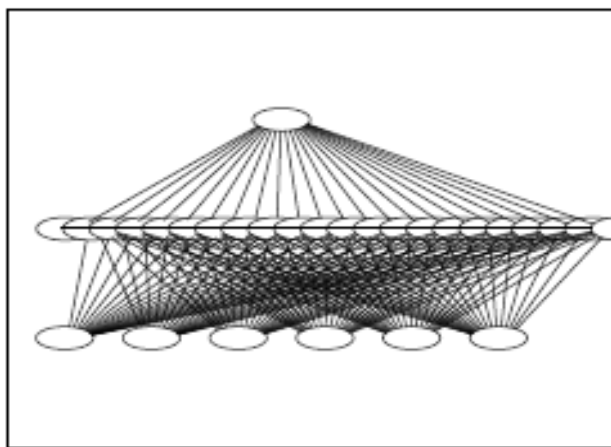


# Bipartite Communities!

patents from  
same inventor(s)

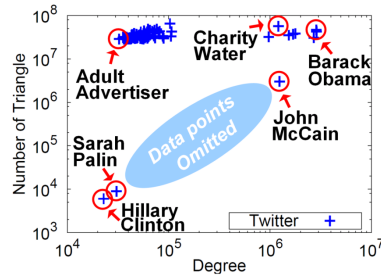
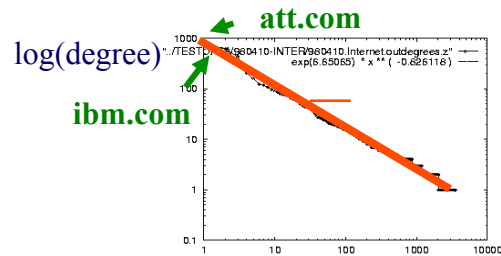
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magnified bipartite community



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