

Anomaly detection in large graphs

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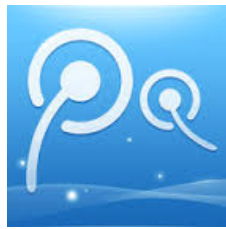
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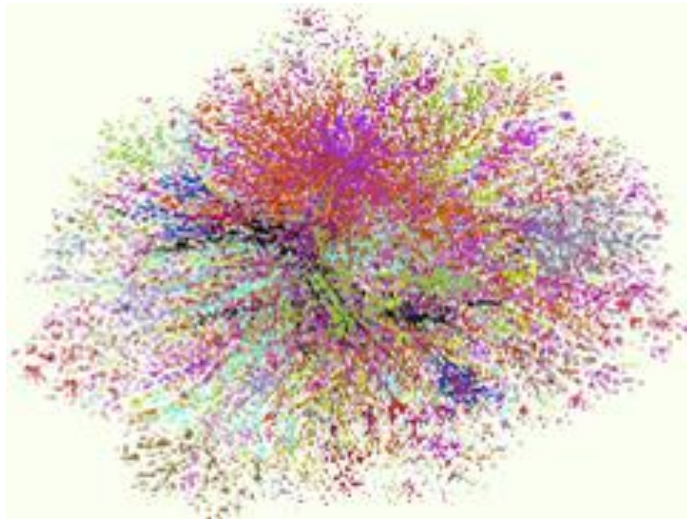
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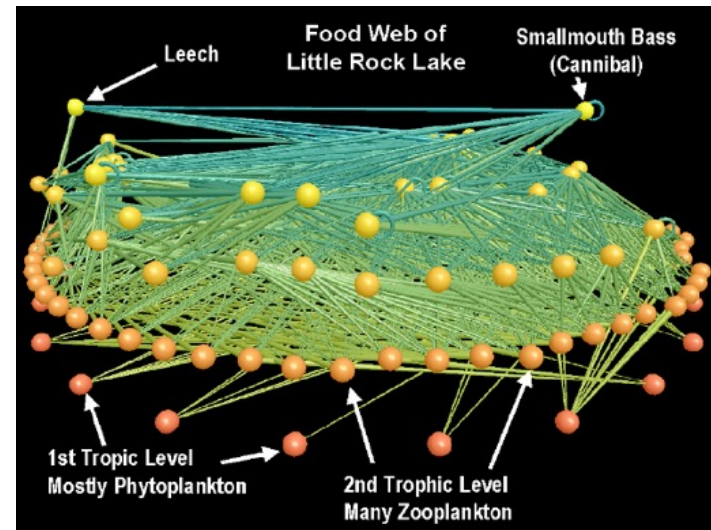
>\$10B; ~1B users



Graphs - why should we care?





Internet Map
[lumeta.com]



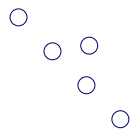
Food Web
[Martinez '91]

Graphs - why should we care?

- web-log ('blog') news propagation 
- computer network security: email/IP traffic and anomaly detection
- Recommendation systems 
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- Many-to-many db relationship -> graph

Motivating problems

- P1: patterns? Fraud detection?



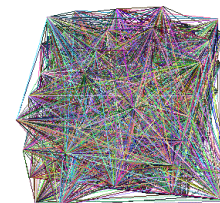
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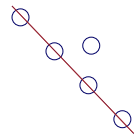
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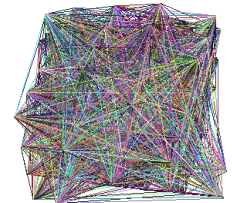
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Patterns



anomalies



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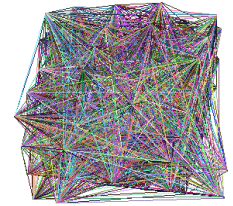
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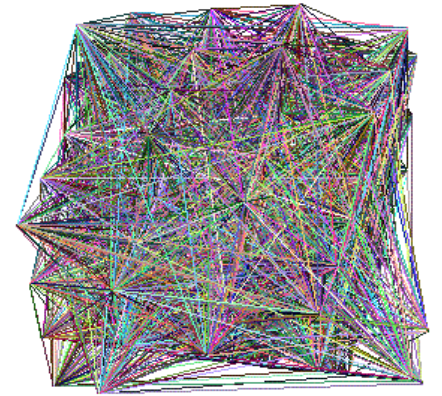




Part 1: Patterns, & fraud detection

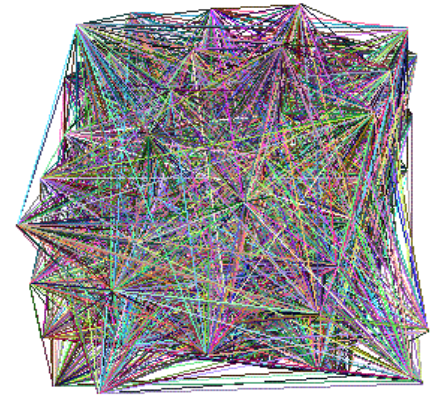
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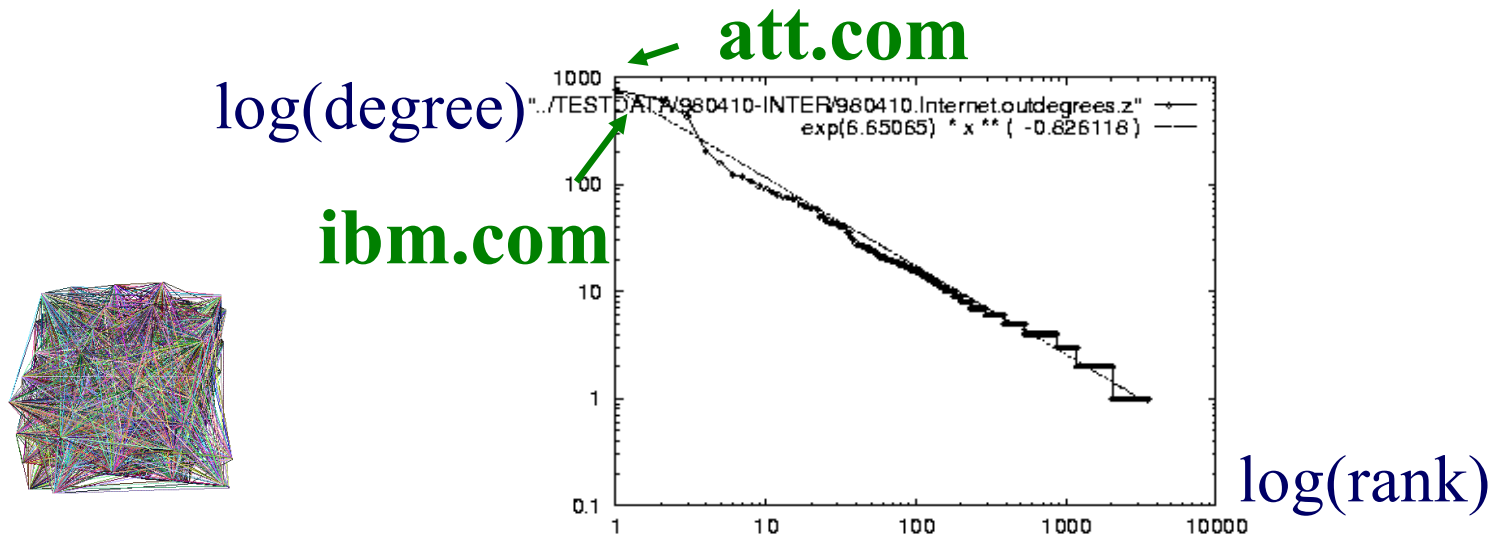
- Q1: Are real graphs random?
- A1: NO!!
 - Diameter ('6 degrees'; 'Kevin Bacon')
 - in- and out- degree distributions
 - other (surprising) patterns
- So, let's look at the data



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- Power law in the degree distribution [Faloutsos x 3 SIGCOMM99]

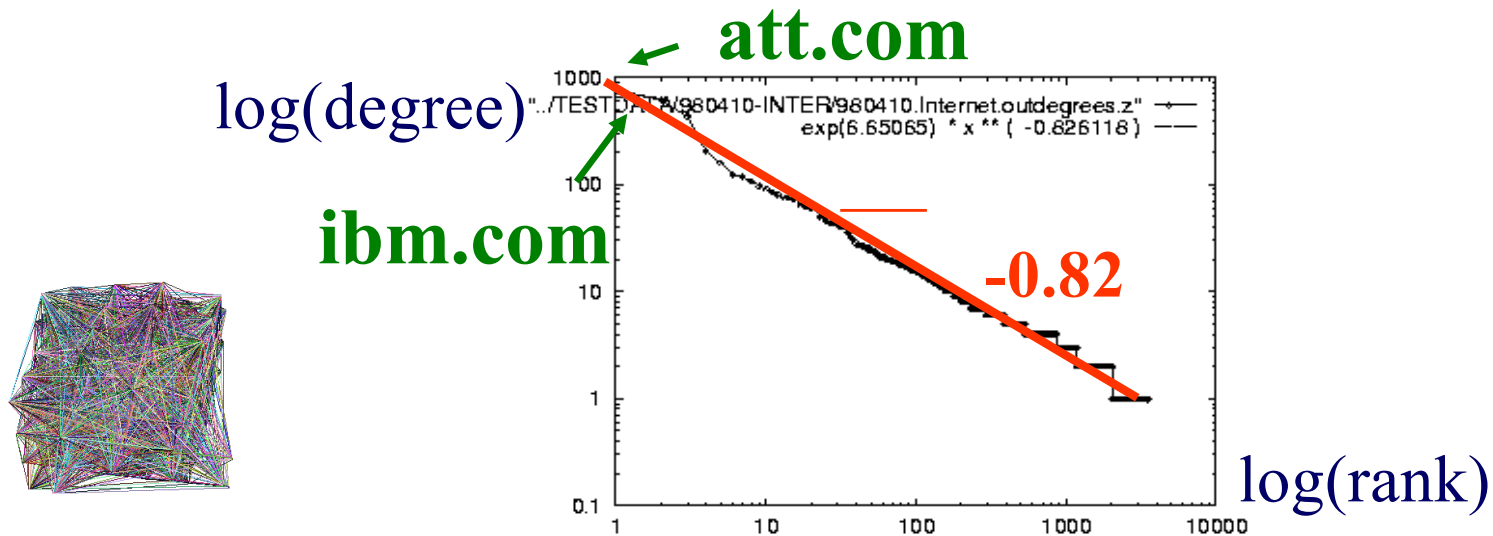
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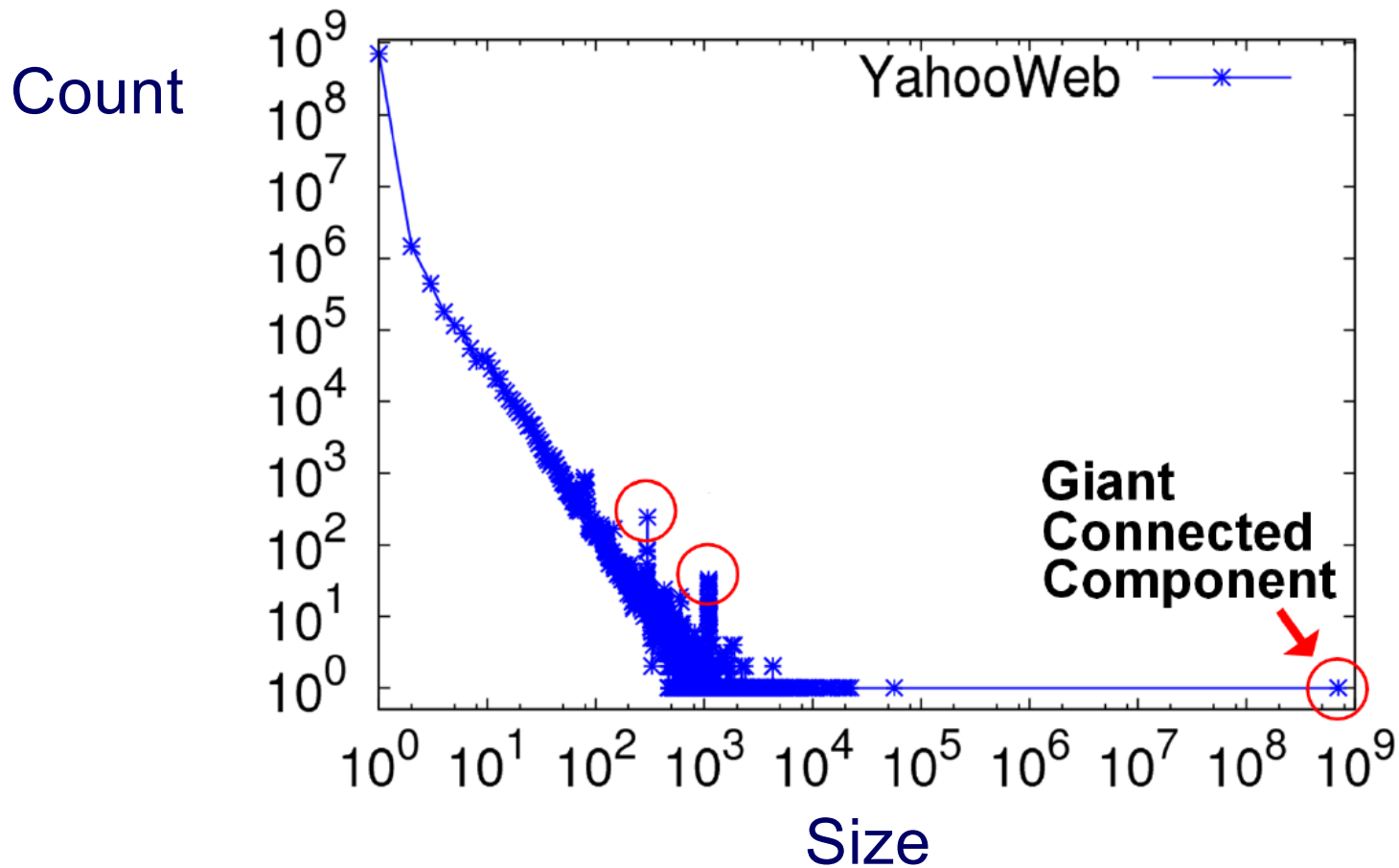
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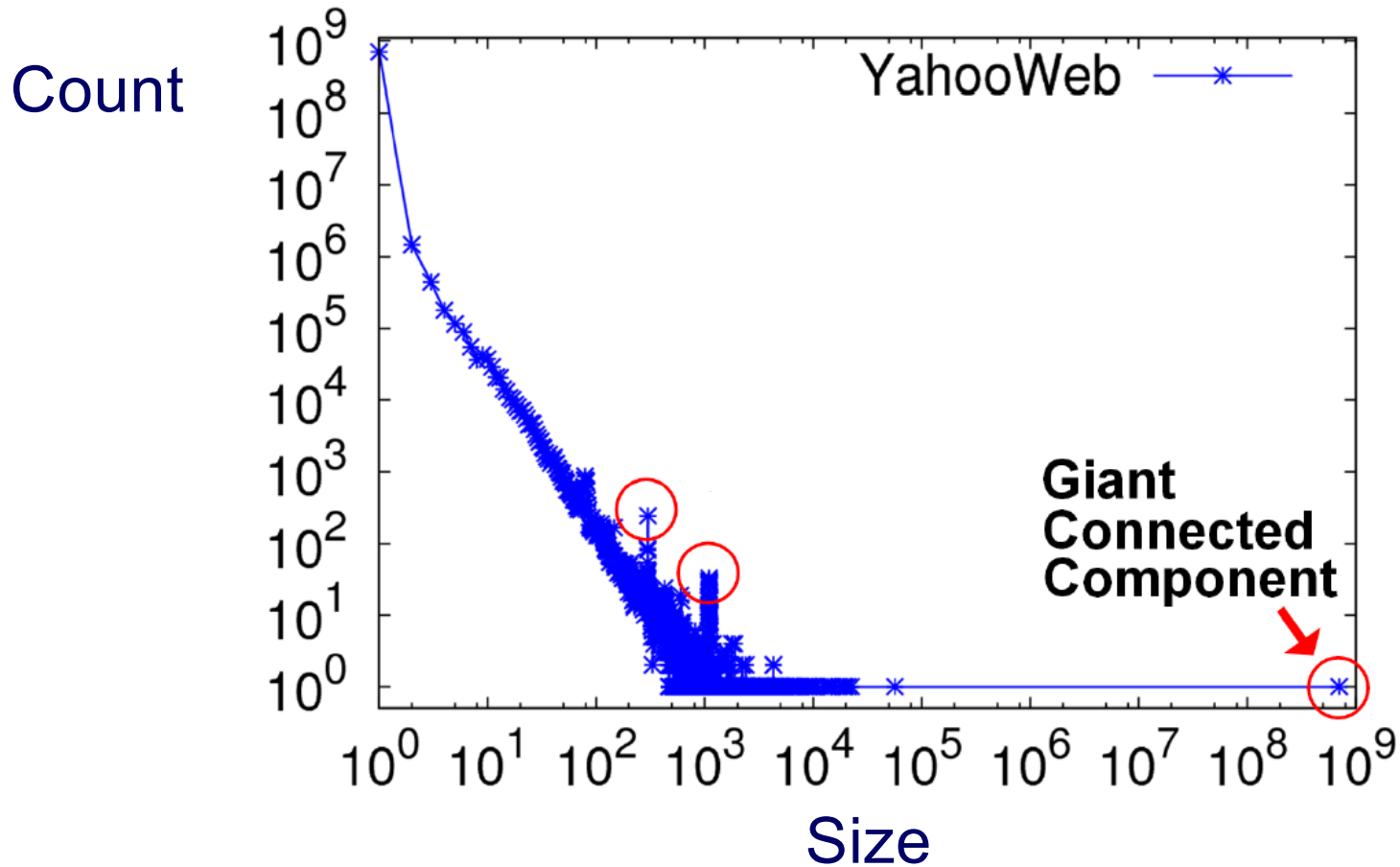


1.4B nodes
6B edges

S2: connected component sizes



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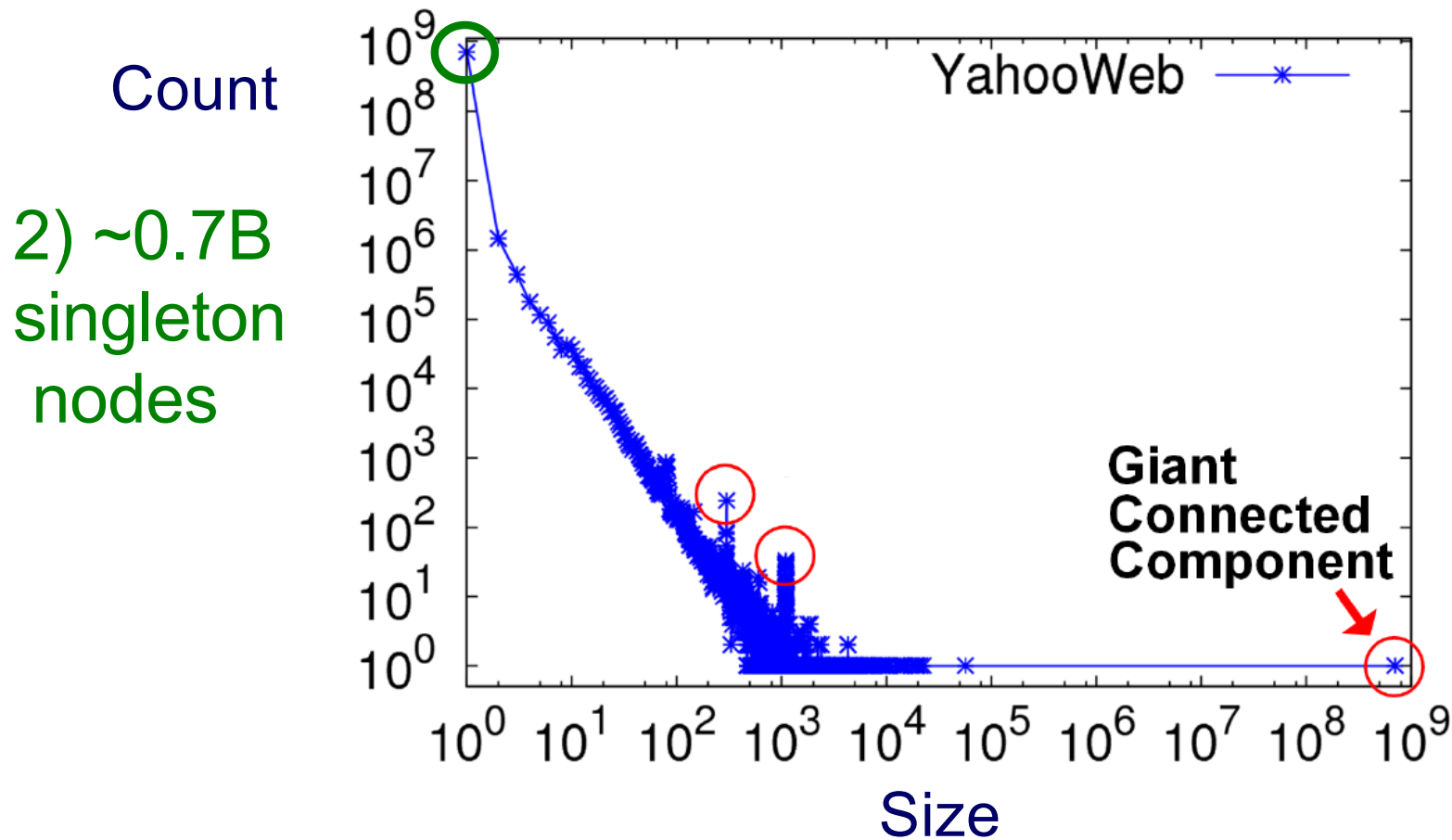


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than next

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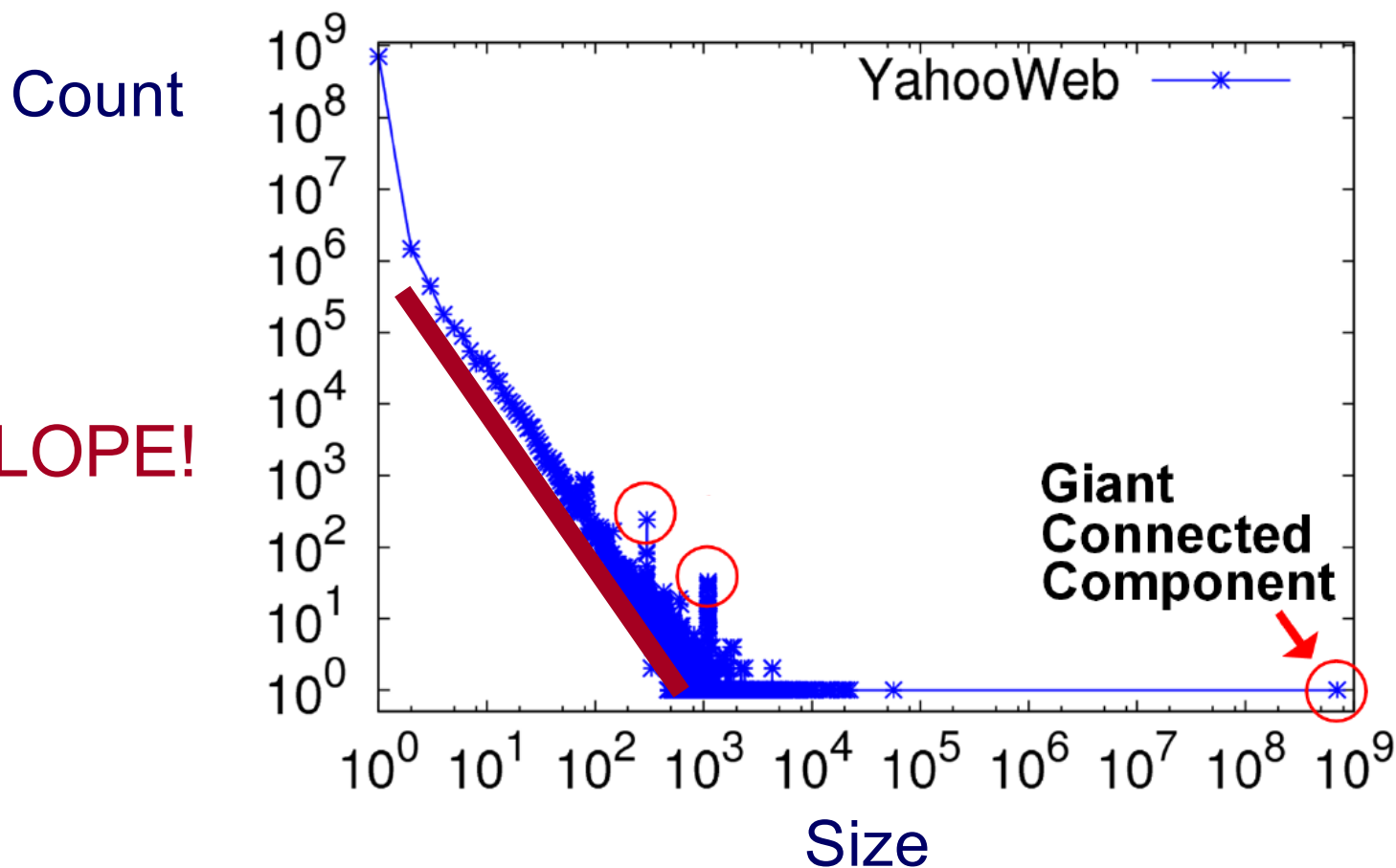


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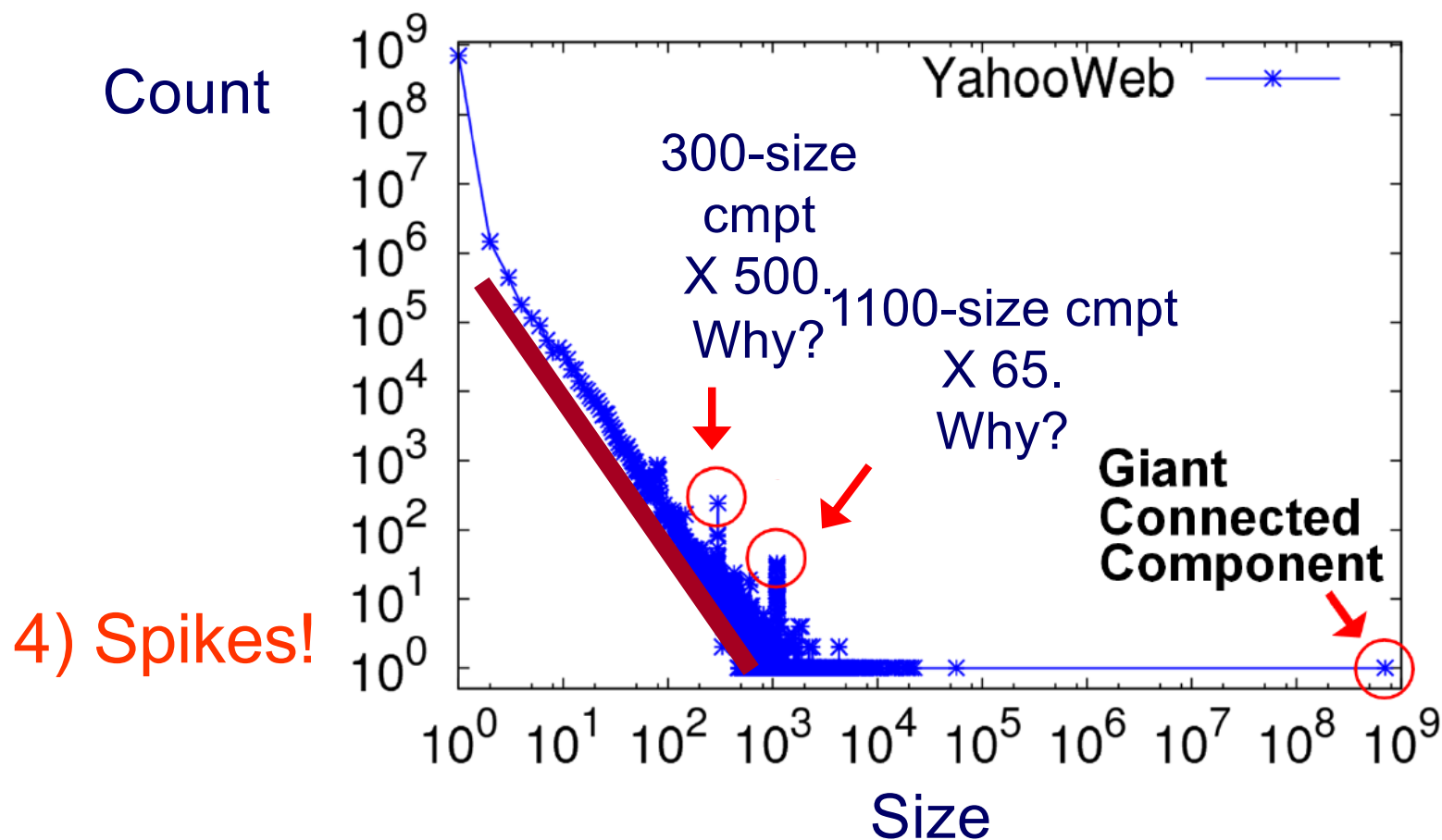
3) SLOPE!



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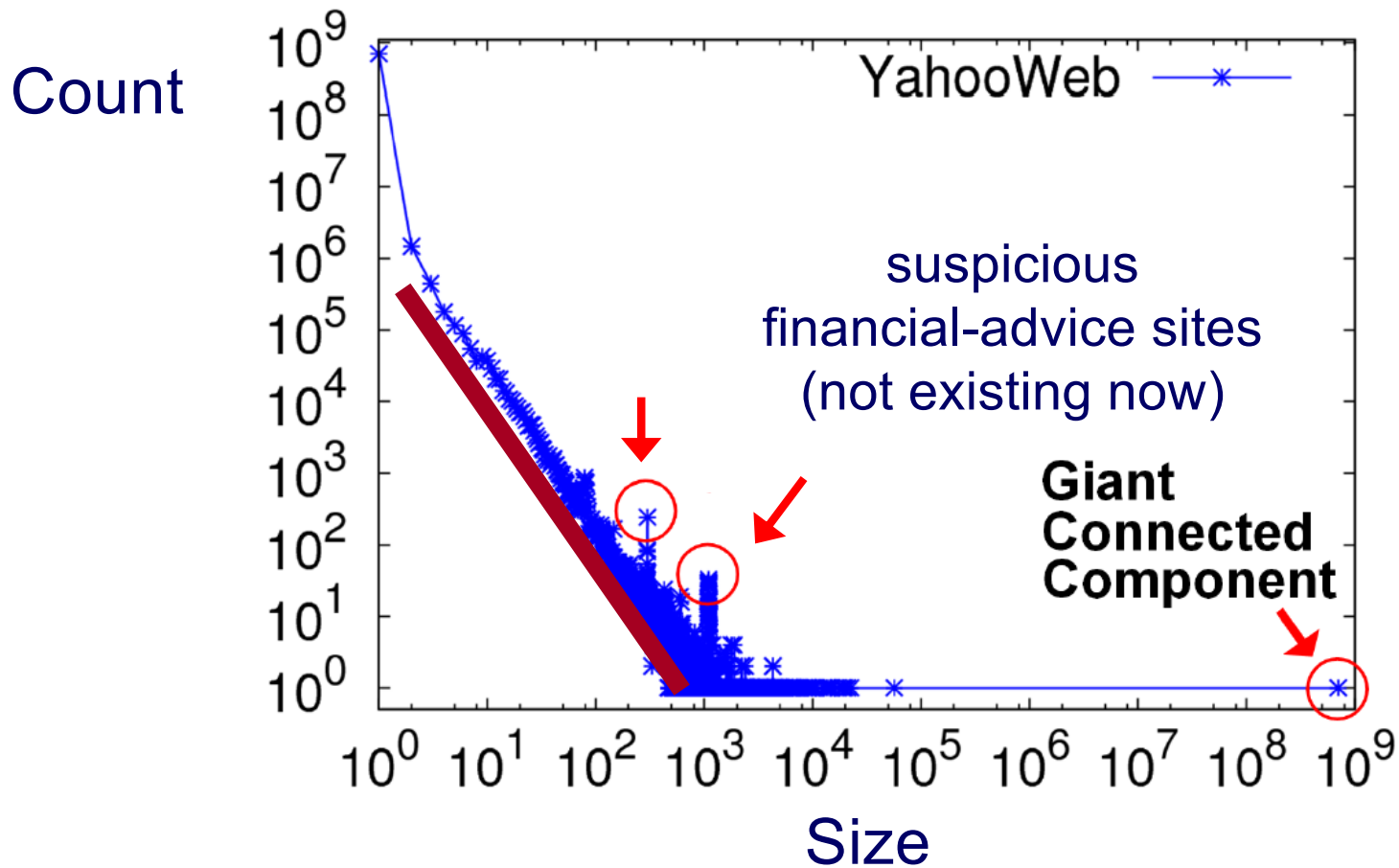
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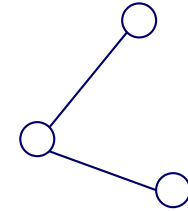


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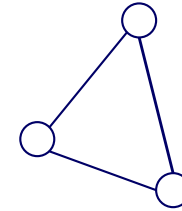
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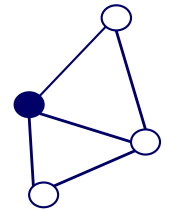


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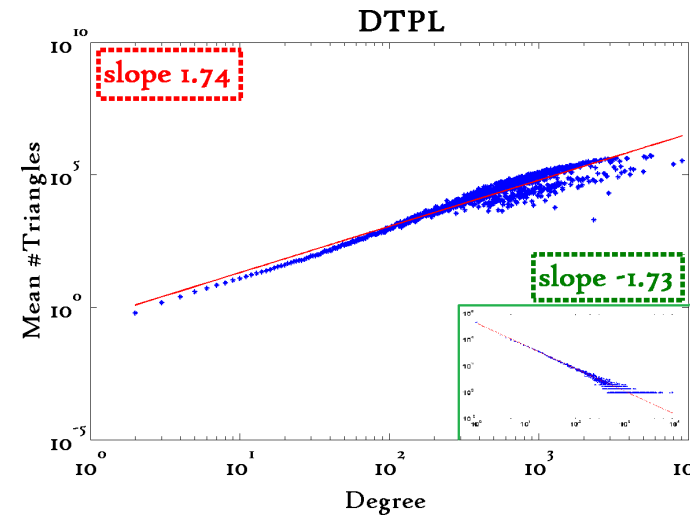
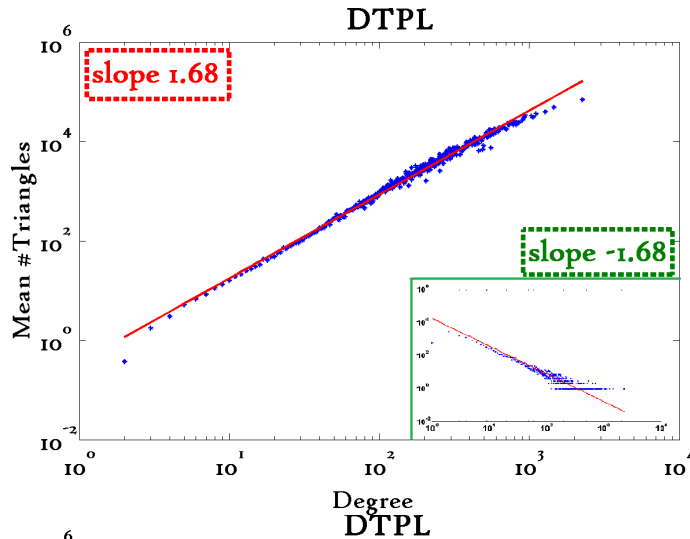
- Real social networks have a lot of triangles
 - Friends of friends are friends
- Any patterns?
 - 2x the friends, 2x the triangles ?



Triangle Law: #S.3

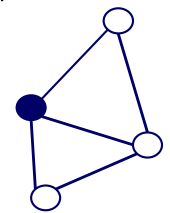
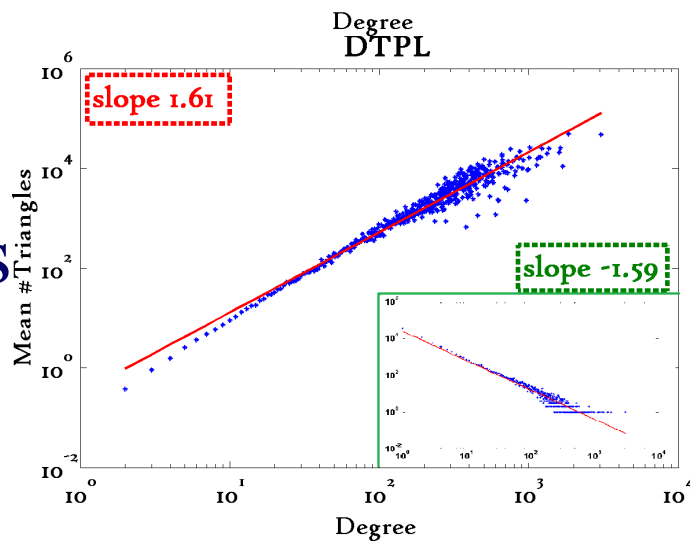
[Tsourakakis ICDM 2008]

Reuters



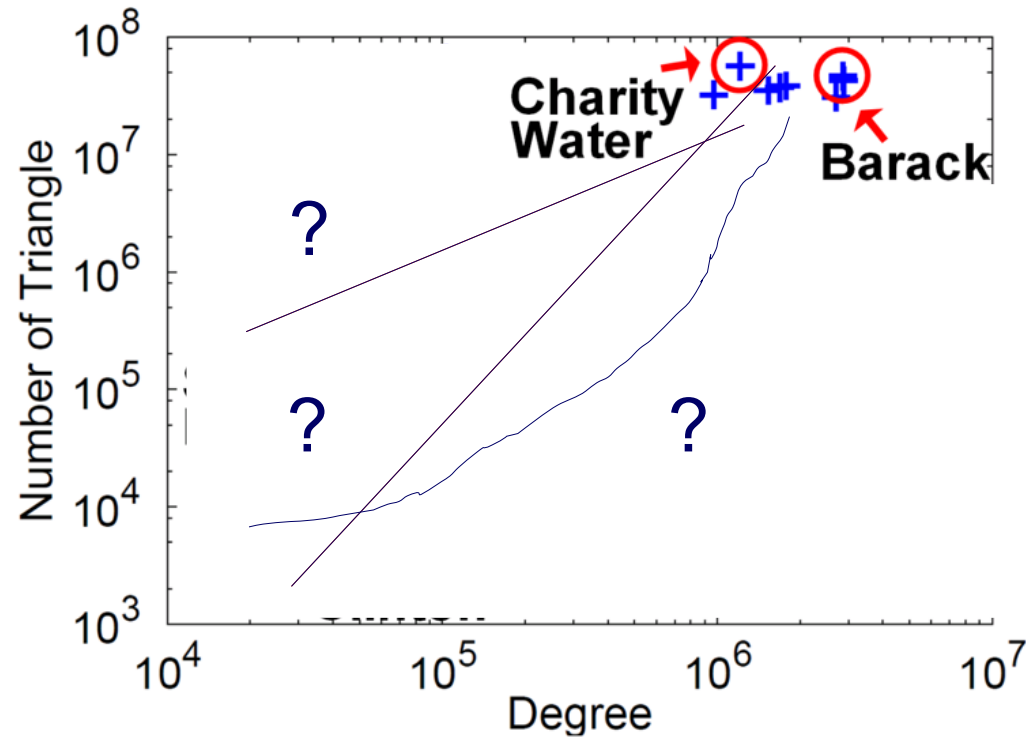
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Epinions



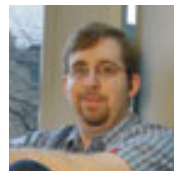
X-axis: degree
 Y-axis: mean # triangles
 n friends $\rightarrow \sim n^{1.6}$ triangles

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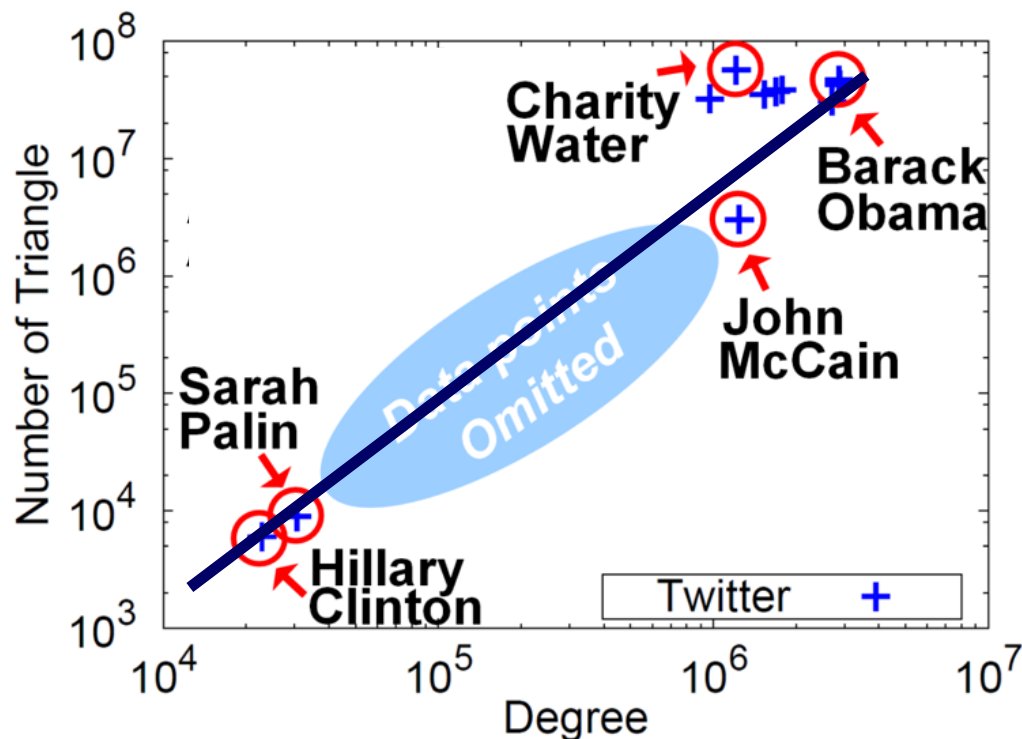


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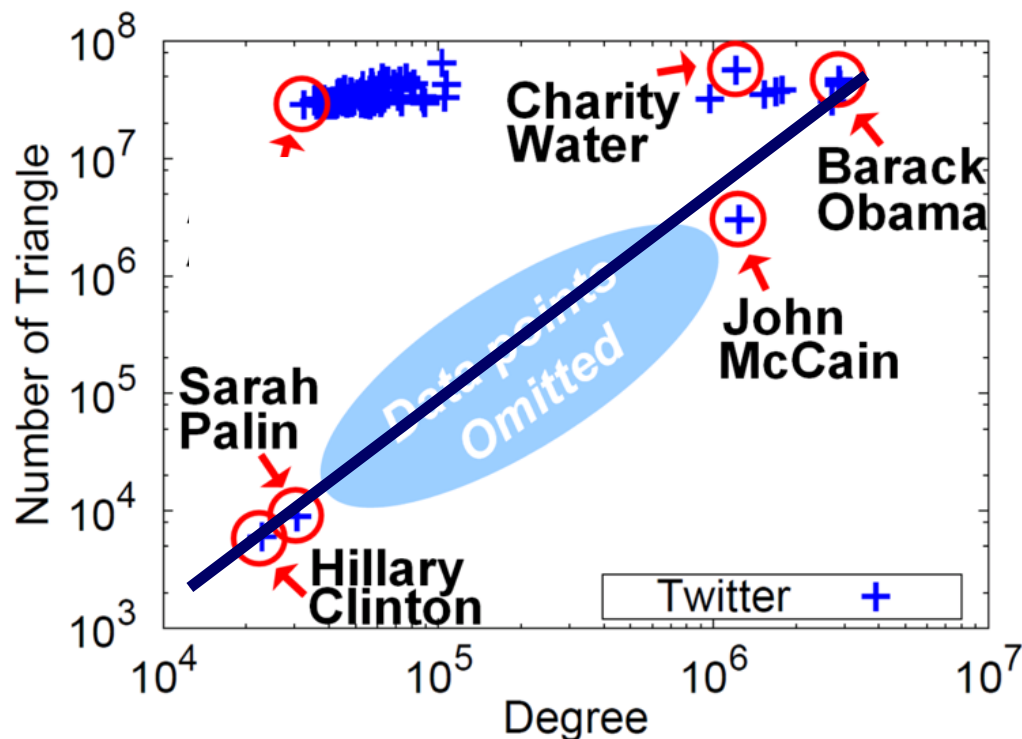
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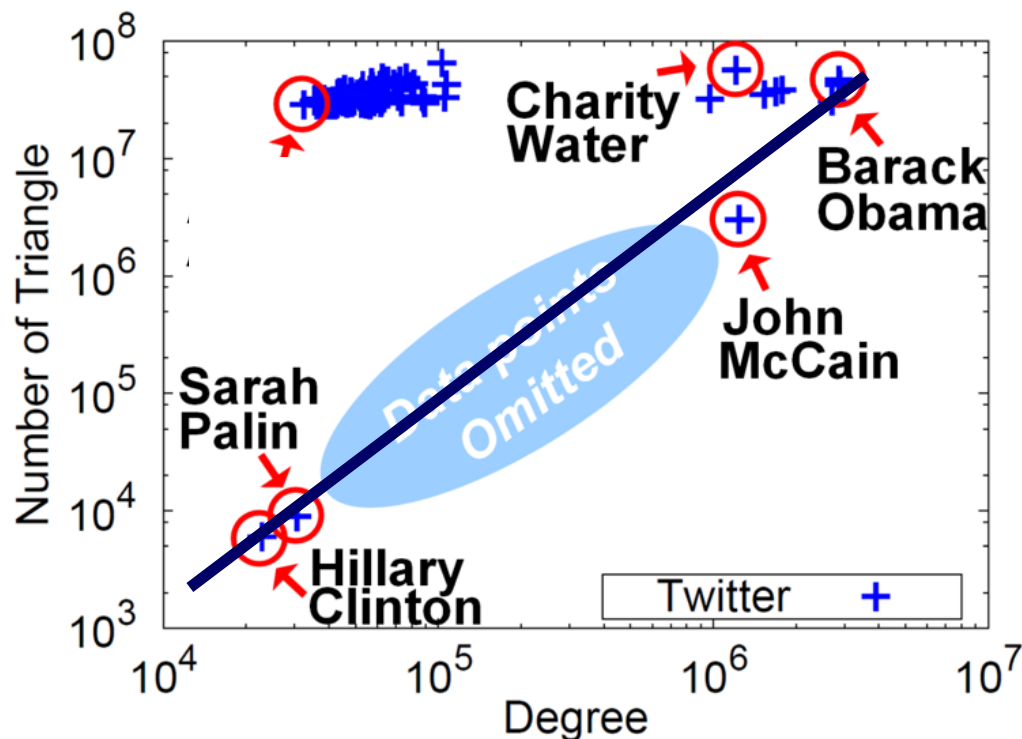
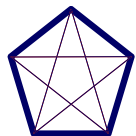
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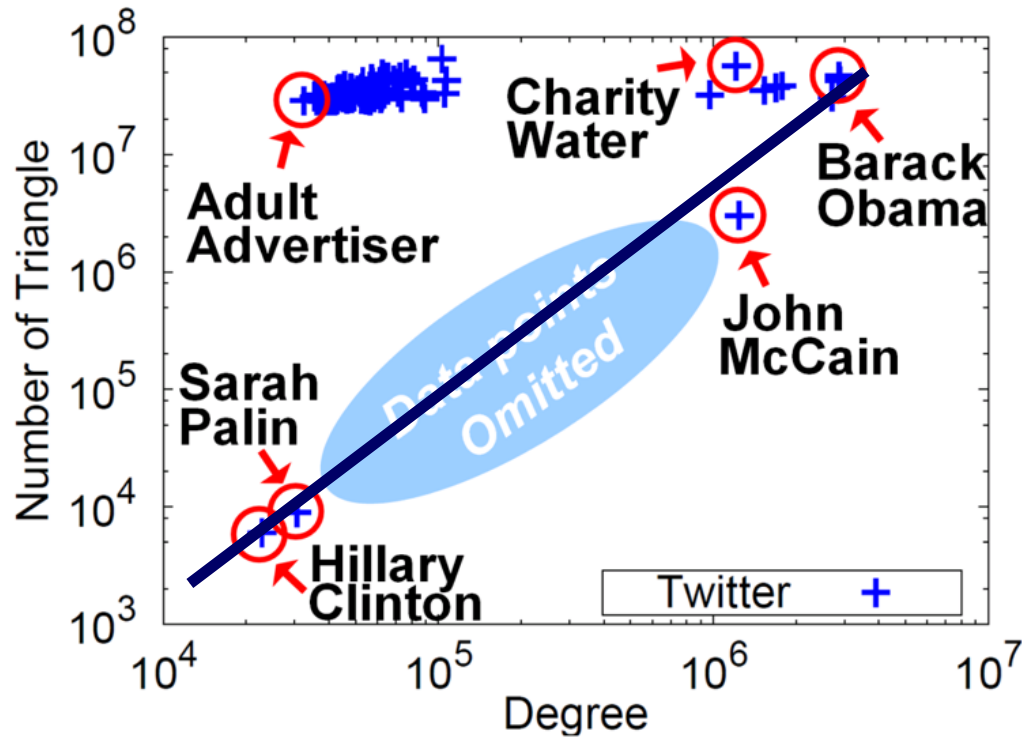
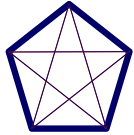
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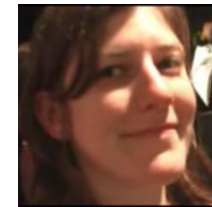
RTG: A Recursive Realistic Graph Generator using Random Typing Leman Akoglu and Christos Faloutsos. *PKDD'09*.

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 - With labels: Belief Propagation
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Patterns

anomalies

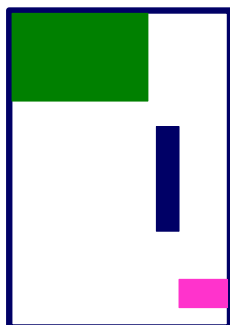
How to find ‘suspicious’ groups?

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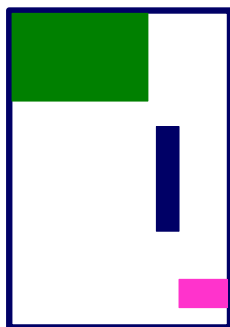
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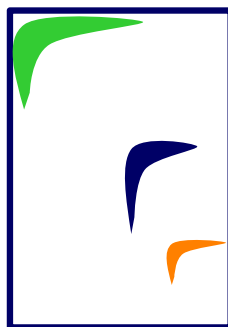


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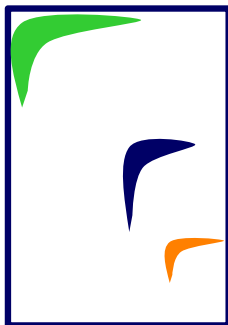
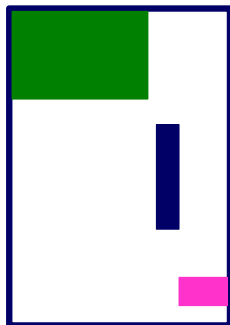
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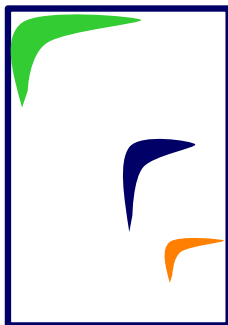
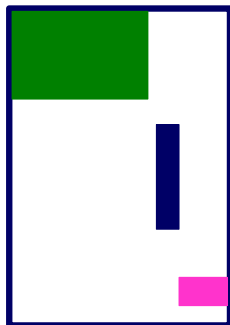
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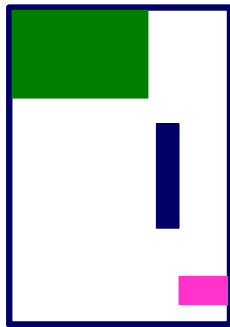
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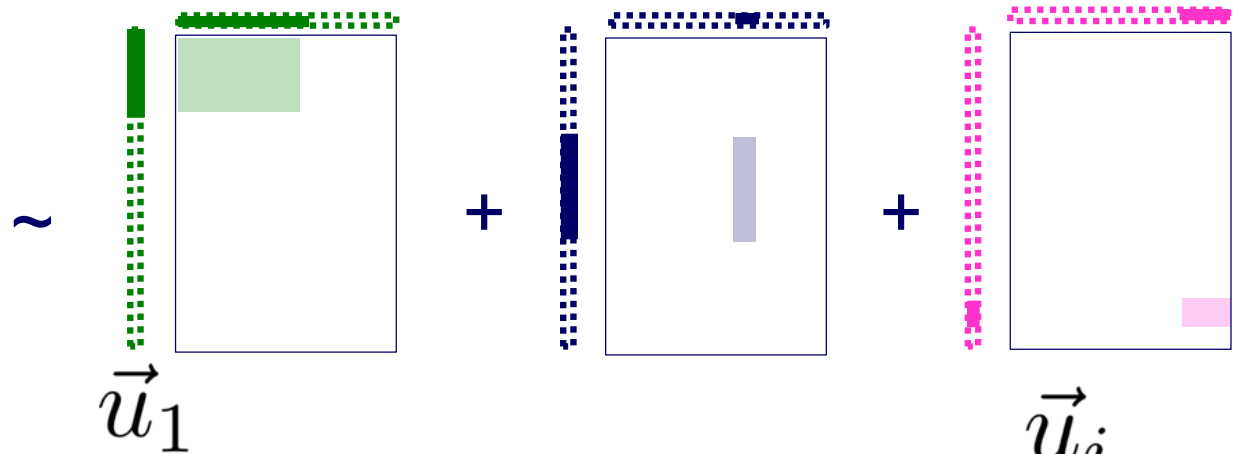


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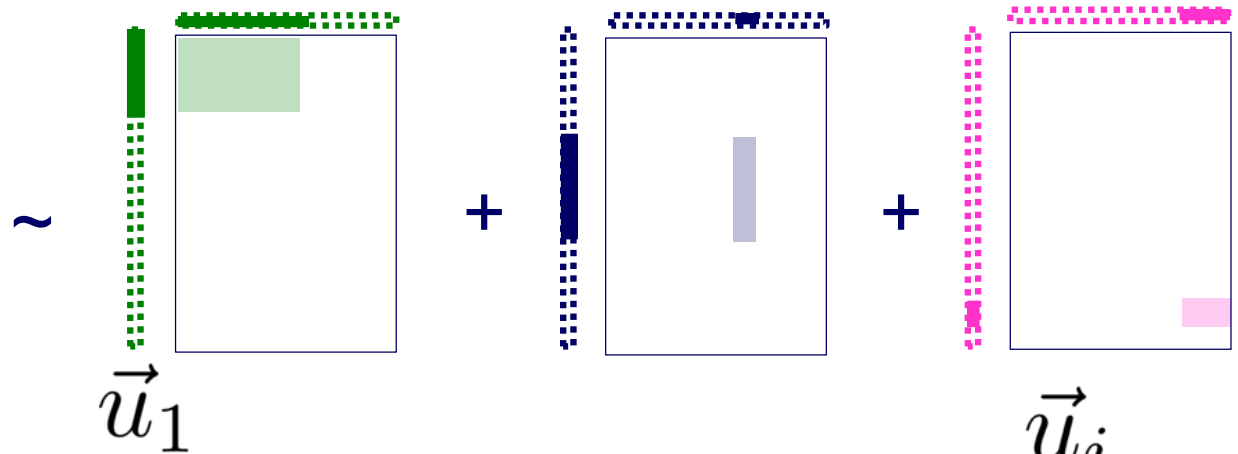
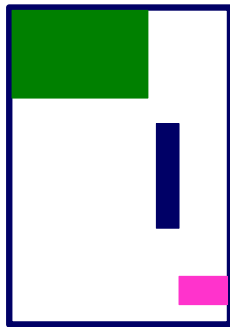
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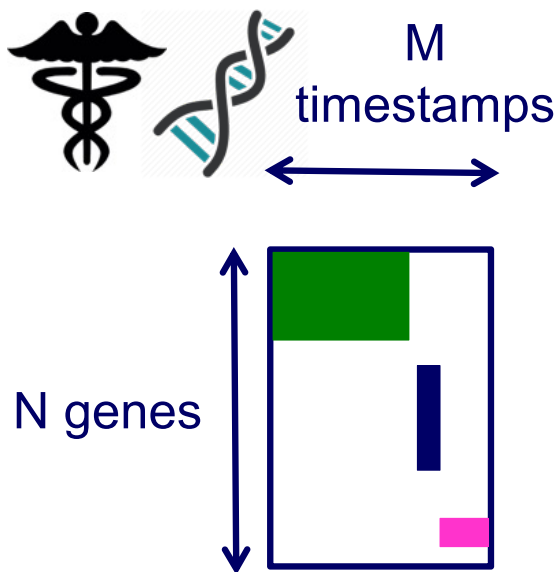
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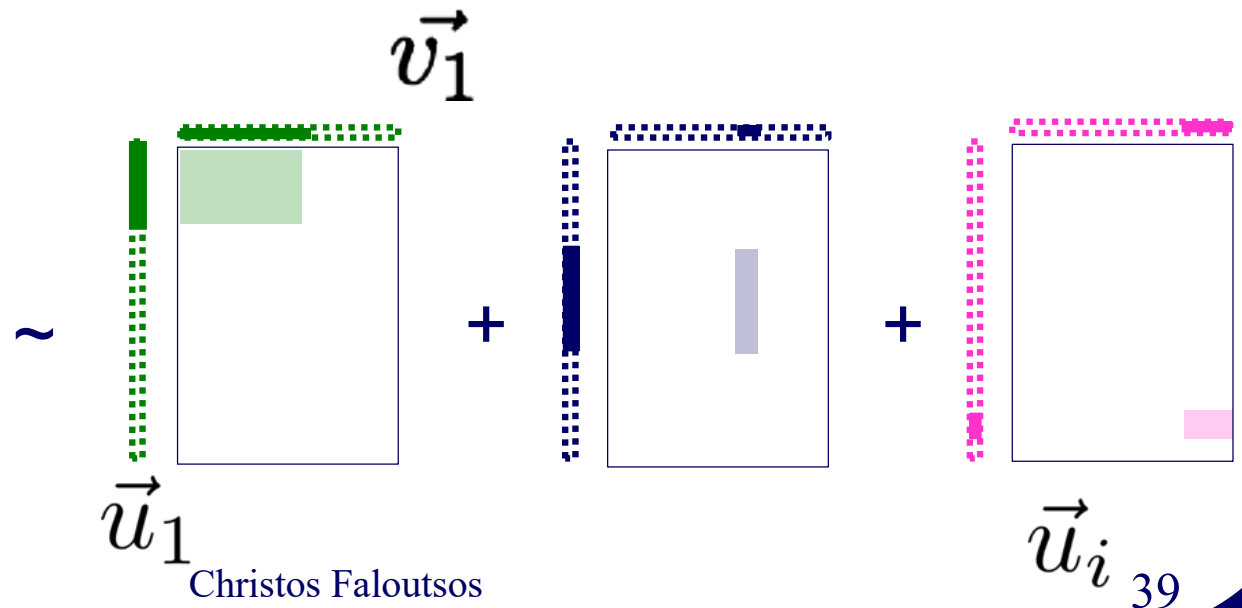
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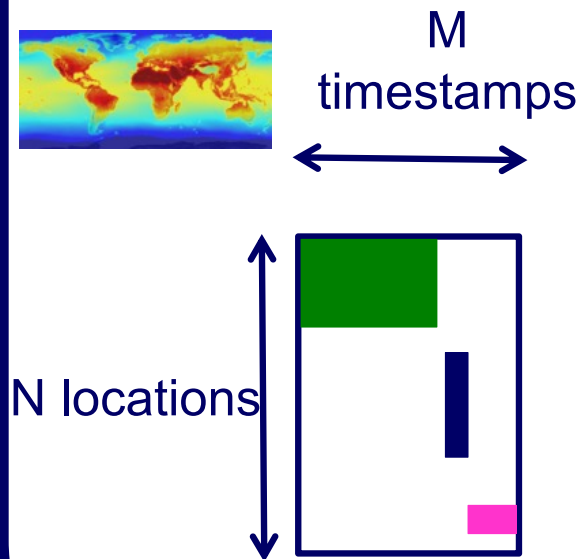
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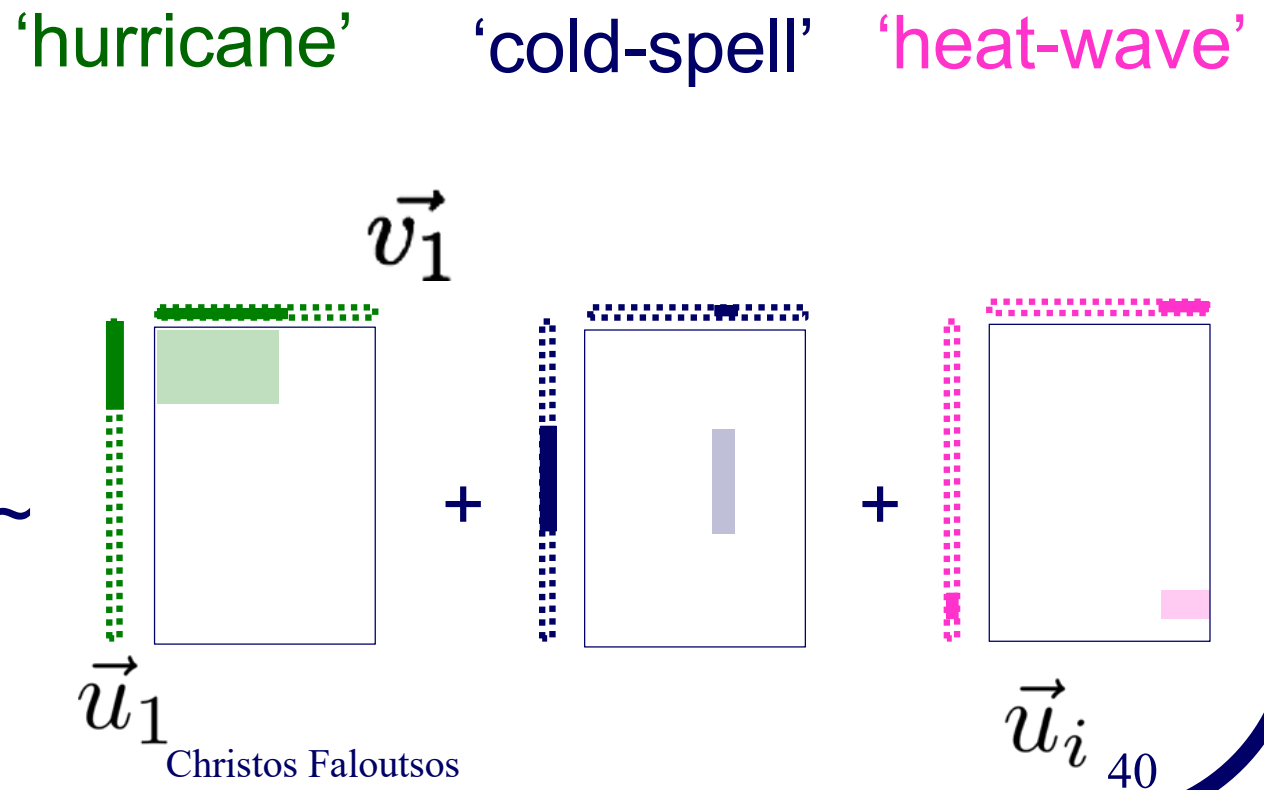


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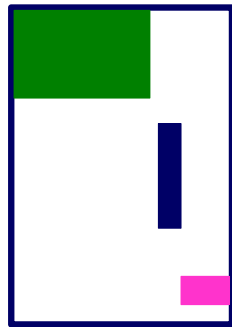
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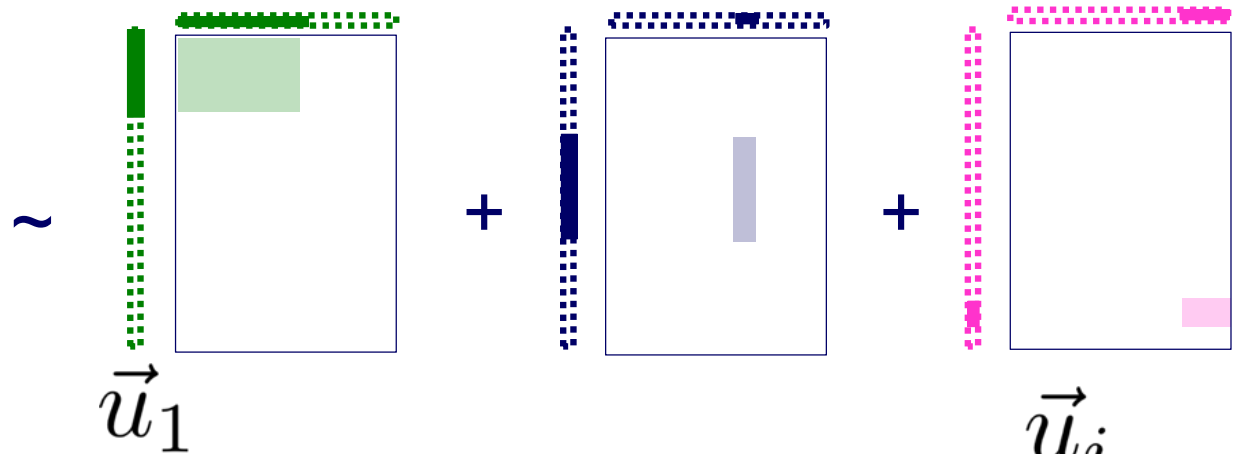


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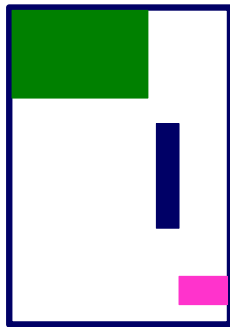
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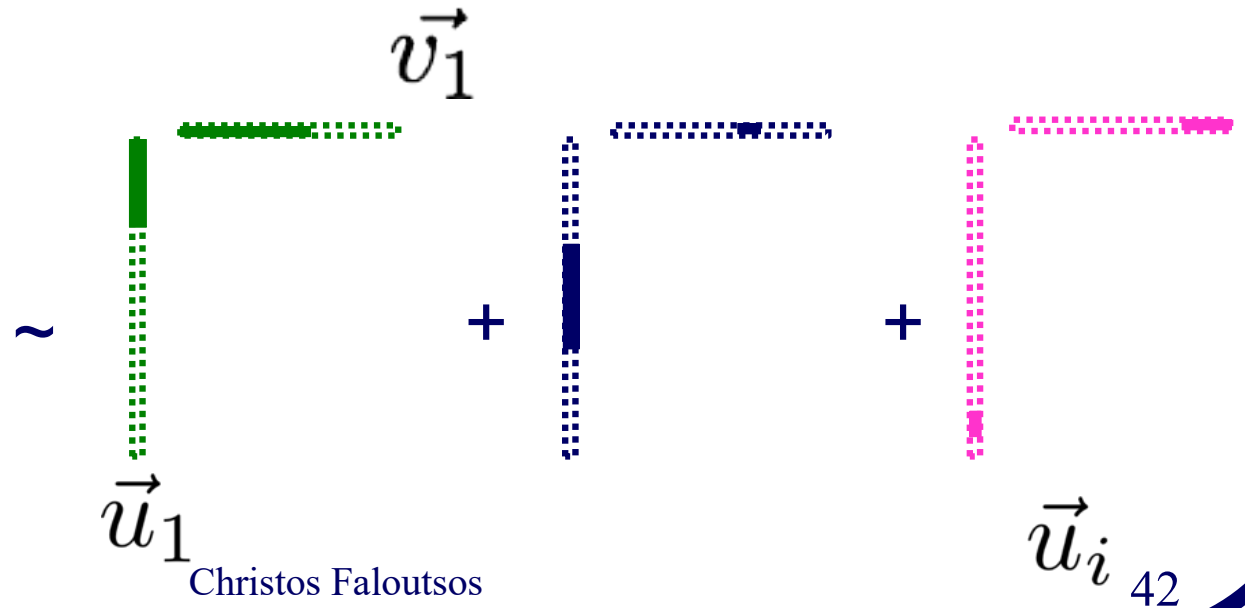
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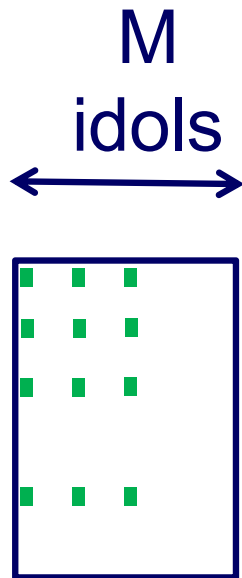


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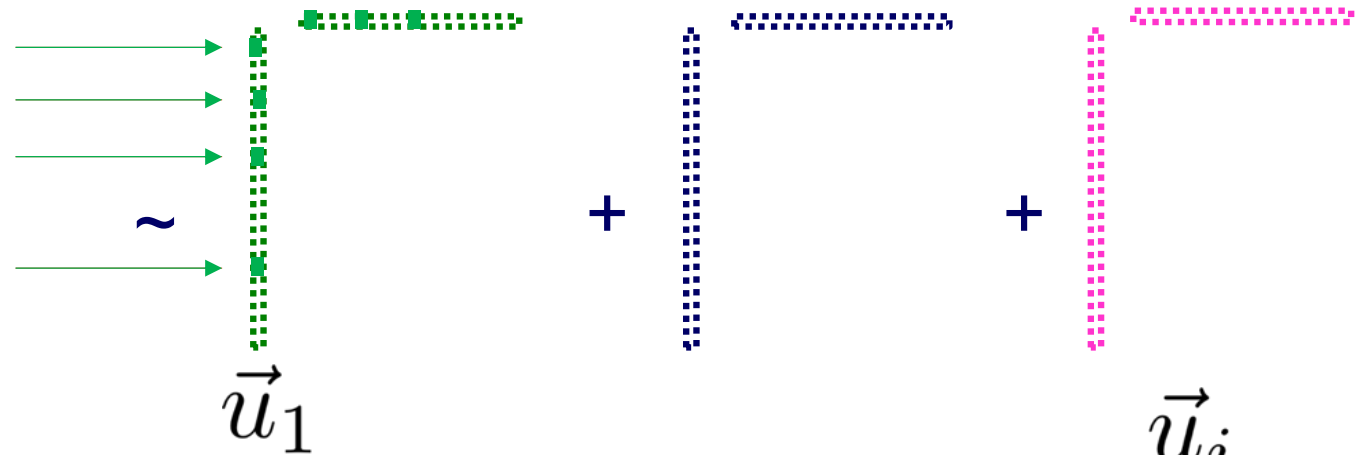


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Inferring Strange Behavior from Connectivity Pattern in Social Networks

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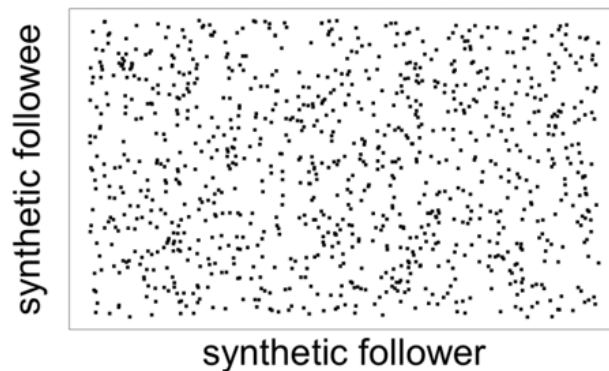
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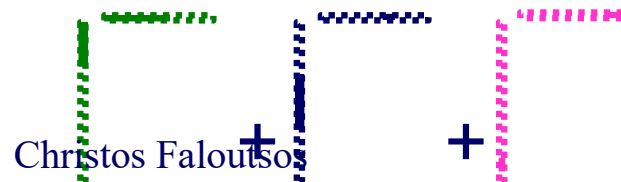
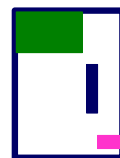
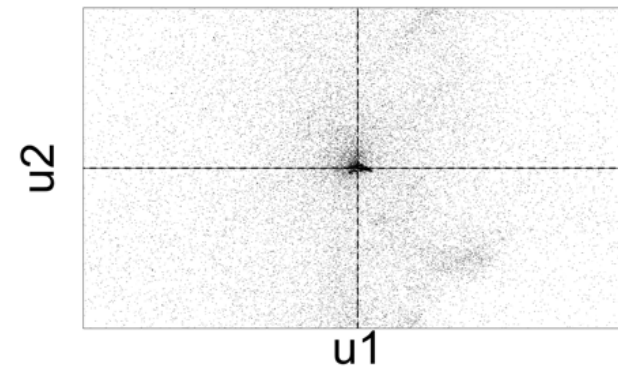
Lockstep and Spectral Subspace Plot

- Case #0: No lockstep behavior in random power law graph of 1M nodes, 3M edges
- Random \longrightarrow “Scatter”

Adjacency Matrix



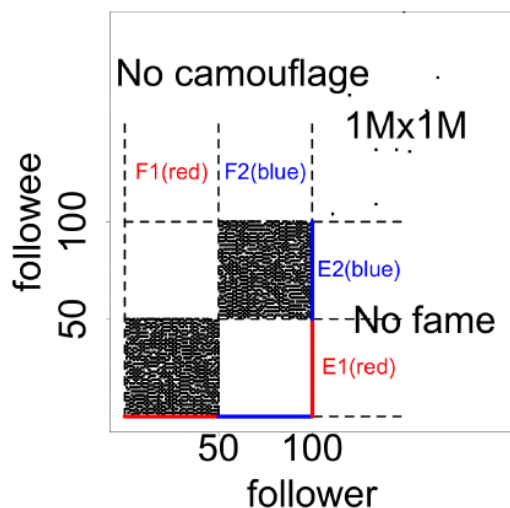
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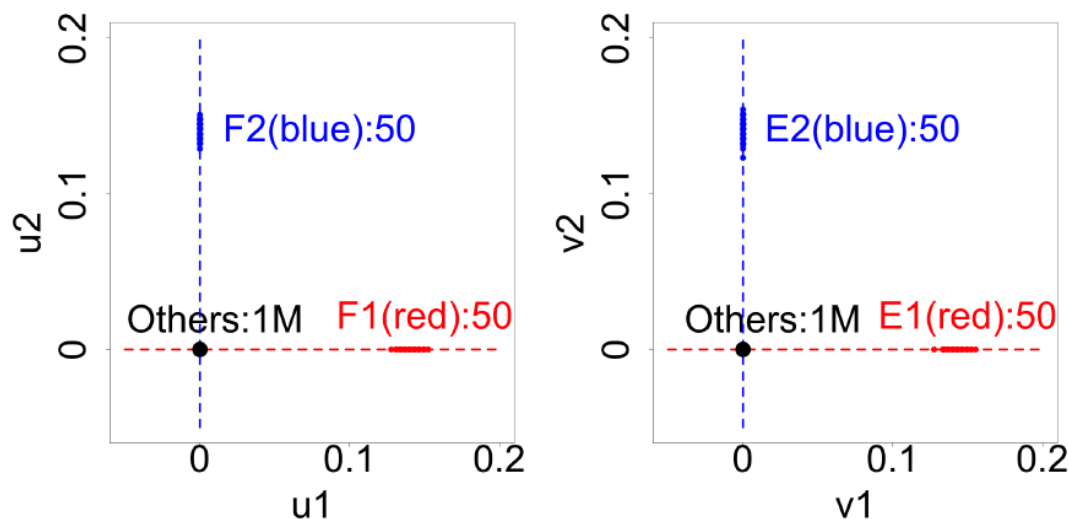
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- Case #1: non-overlapping lockstep
- “Blocks” \longleftrightarrow “Rays”

Adjacency Matrix



Spectral Subspace Plot

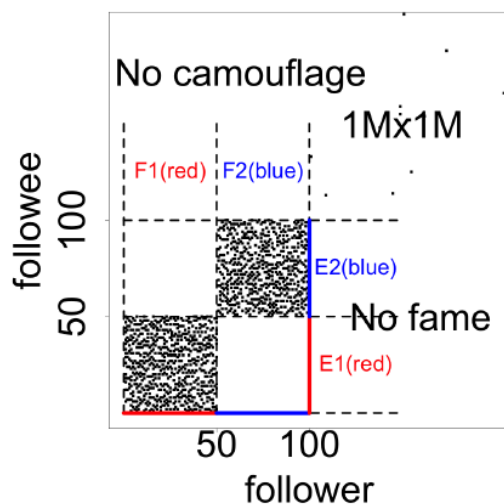


Rule 1 (short “rays”): two blocks, high density (90%), no “camouflage”, no “fame”
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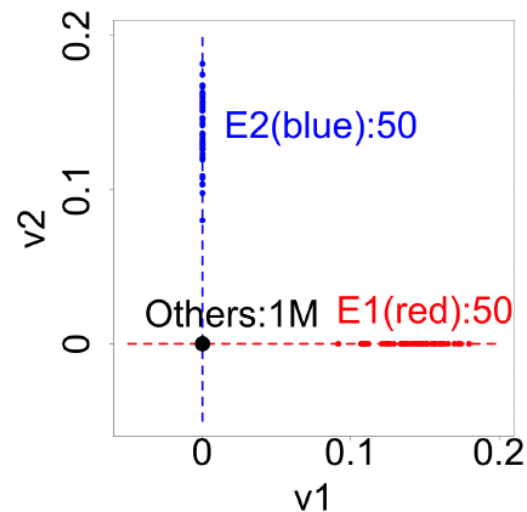
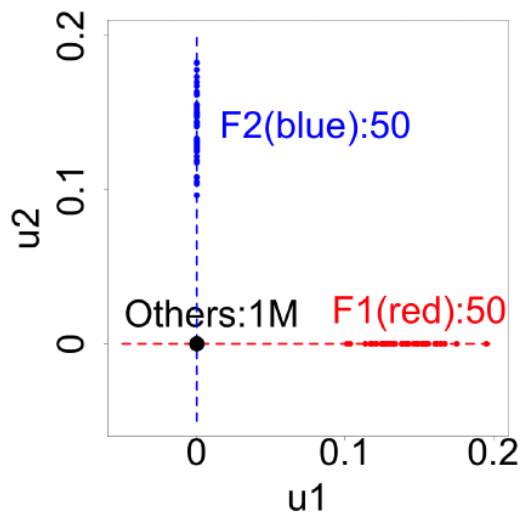
Lockstep and Spectral Subspace Plot

- Case #2: non-overlapping lockstep
- “Blocks; low density” \longleftrightarrow Elongation

Adjacency Matrix



Spectral Subspace Plot



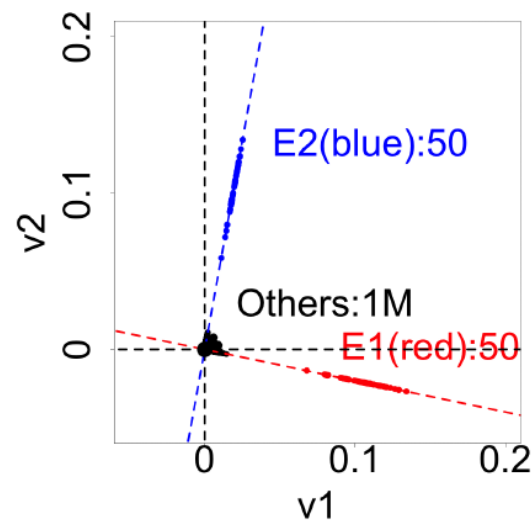
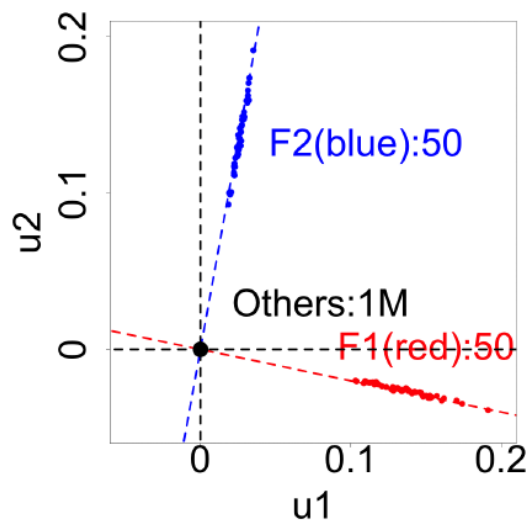
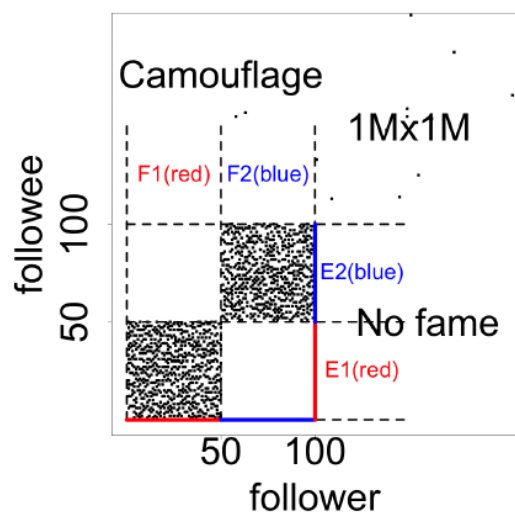
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Lockstep and Spectral Subspace Plot

- Case #3: non-overlapping lockstep
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“Rays”

Adjacency Matrix

Spectral Subspace Plot

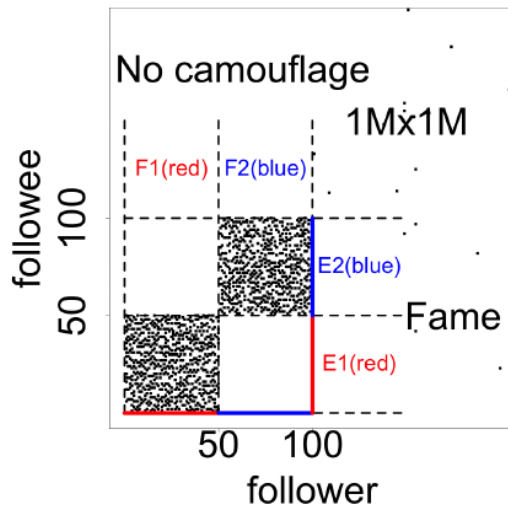


Rule 3 (tilting “rays”): two blocks, with “camouflage”, no “fame”

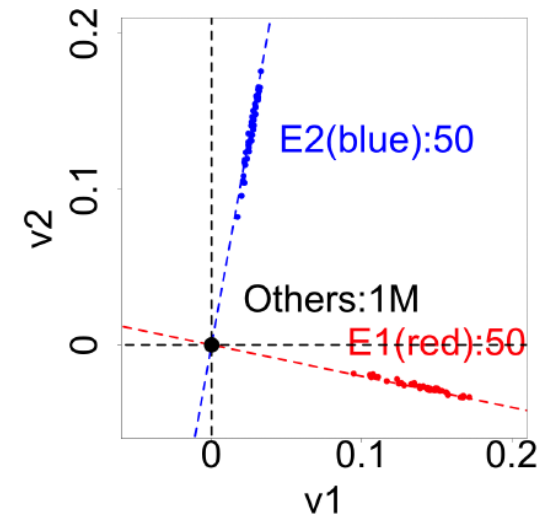
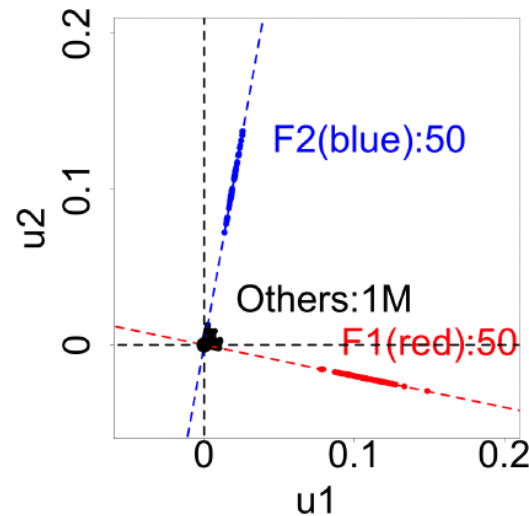
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Adjacency Matrix



Spectral Subspace Plot



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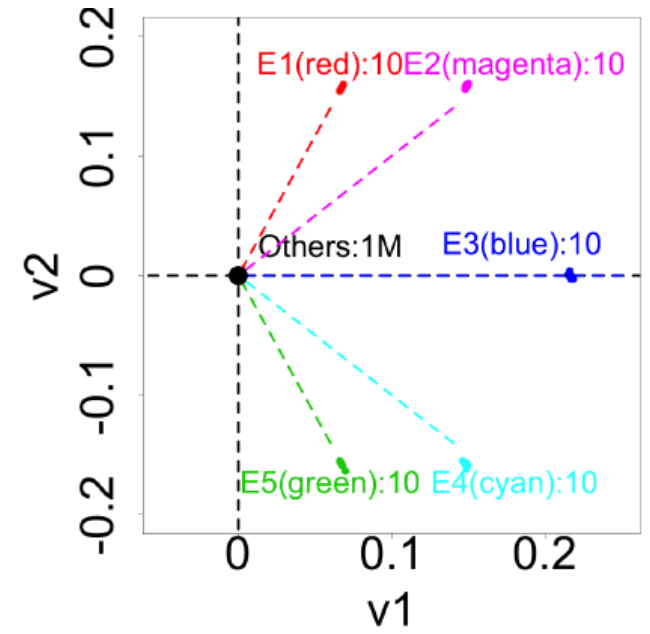
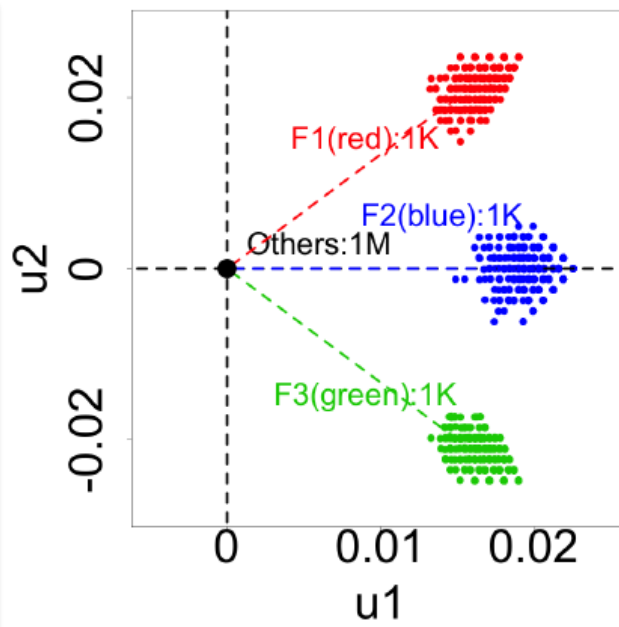
Lockstep and Spectral Subspace Plot

- Case #4: ? lockstep
- “?” “Pearls”



Adjacency Matrix

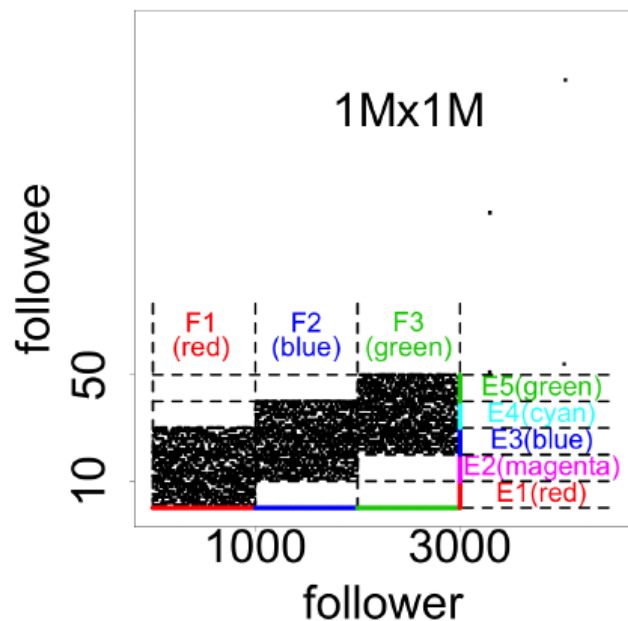
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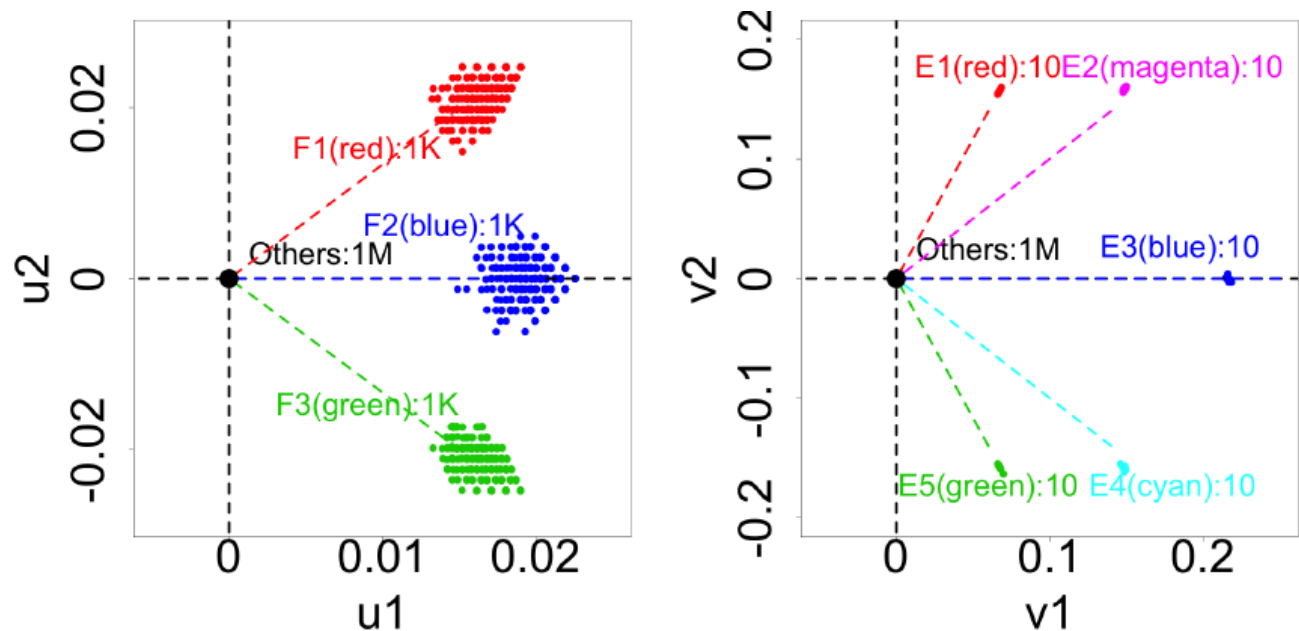
Lockstep and Spectral Subspace Plot

- Case #4: **overlapping lockstep**
- “**Staircase**” ↔ “**Pearls**”

Adjacency Matrix




Spectral Subspace Plot



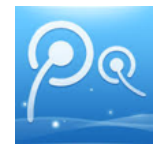
Rule 4 (“pearls”): a “staircase” of three partially overlapping blocks.

Dataset

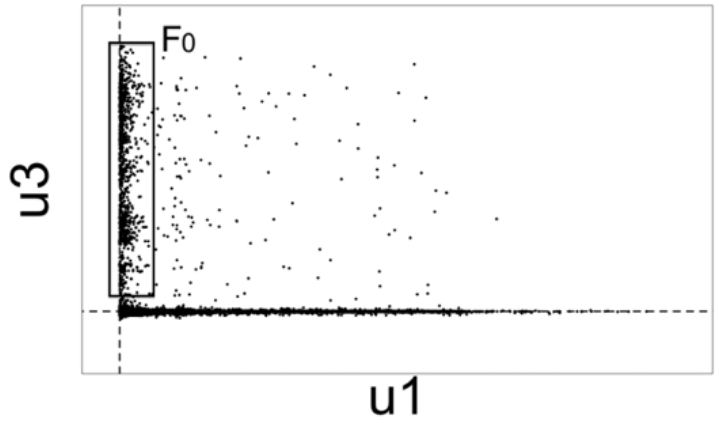
- Tencent Weibo 
- 117 million nodes (with profile and UGC data)
- 3.33 billion directed edges



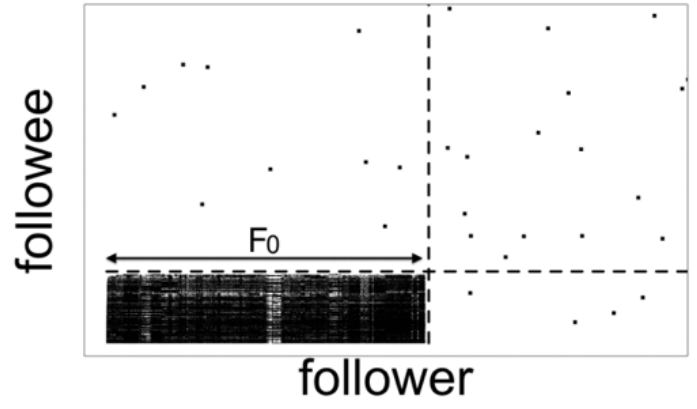
Real Data



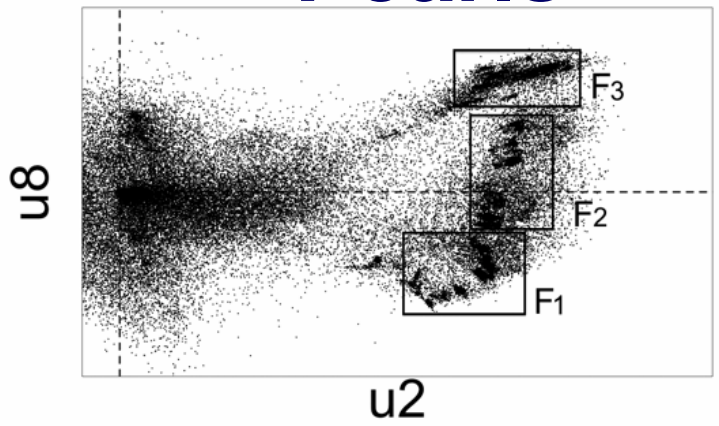
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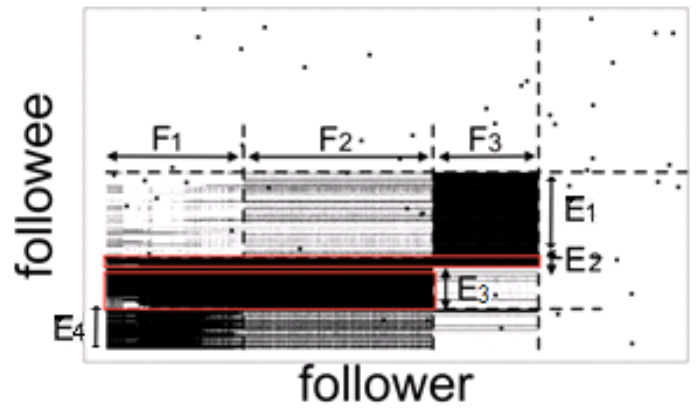
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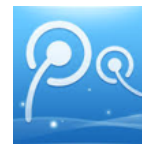
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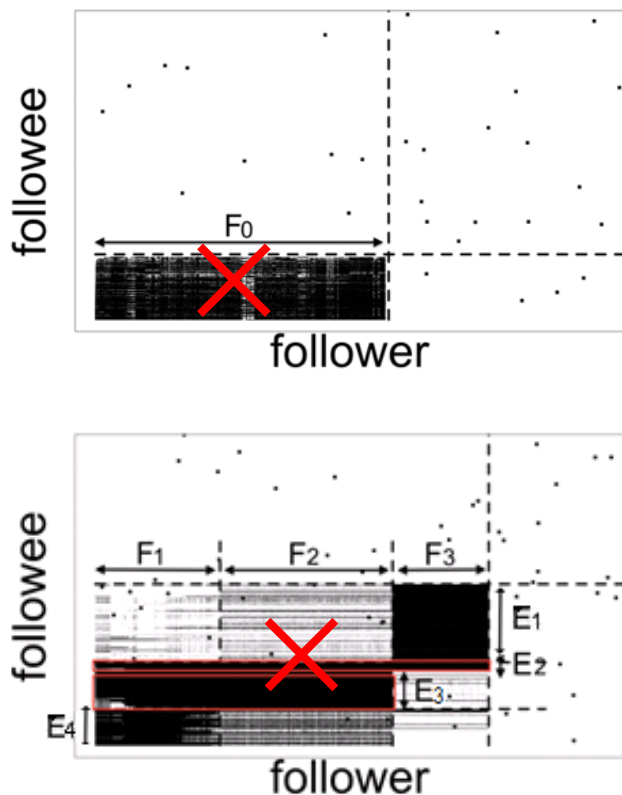
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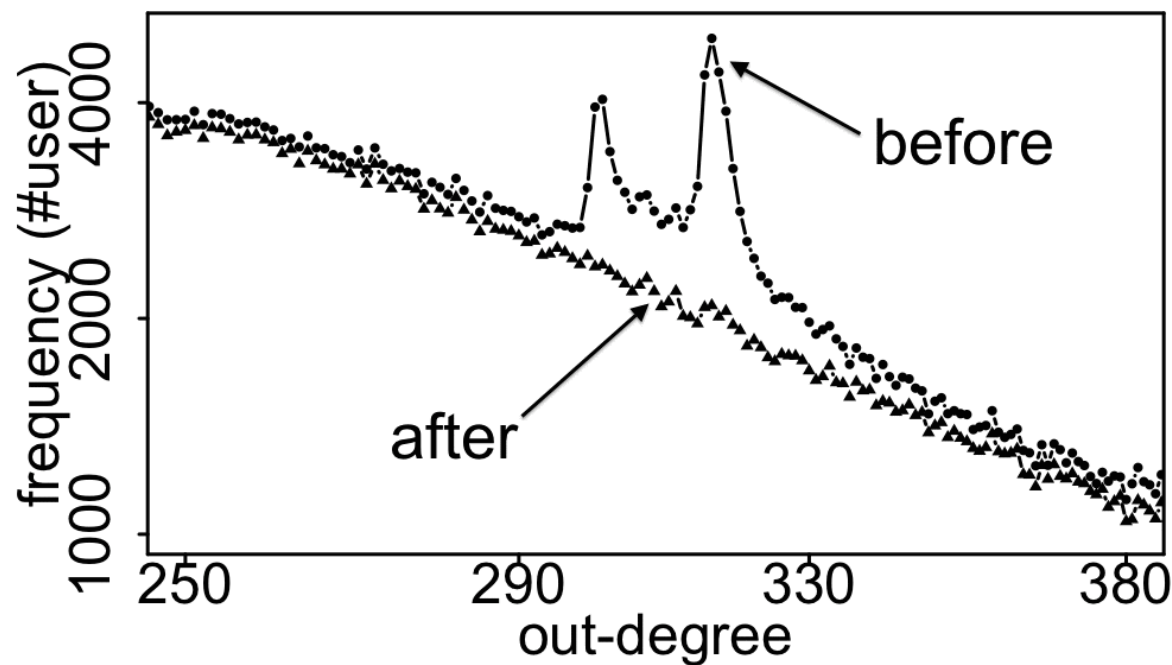
Real Data



- Spikes on the out-degree distribution



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Roadmap

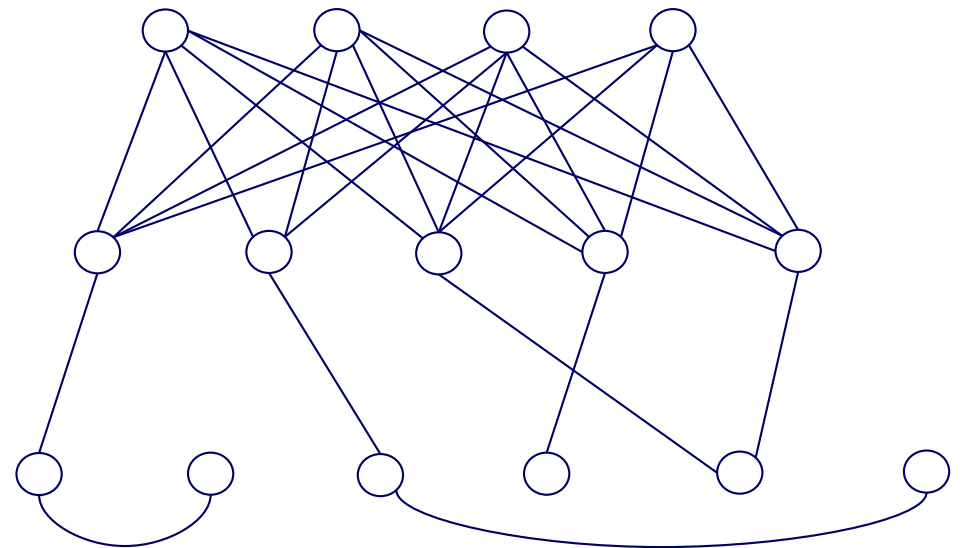
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- Part#1: Patterns in graphs
 - P1.1: Patterns
 - P1.2: Anomaly / fraud detection
 - No labels – spectral methods
 - With labels: Belief Propagation
- ➔ • Part#2: time-evolving graphs; tensors
- Conclusions



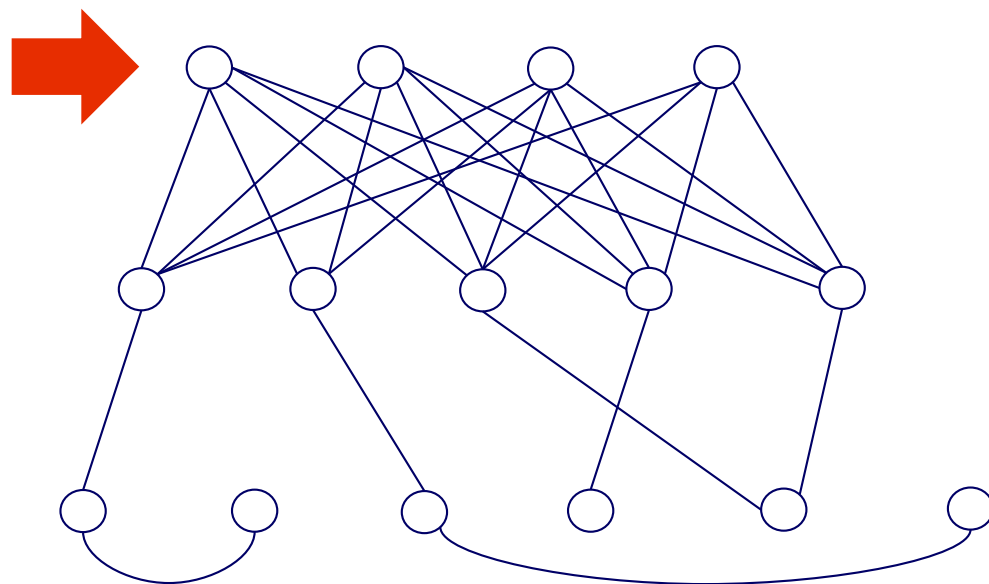
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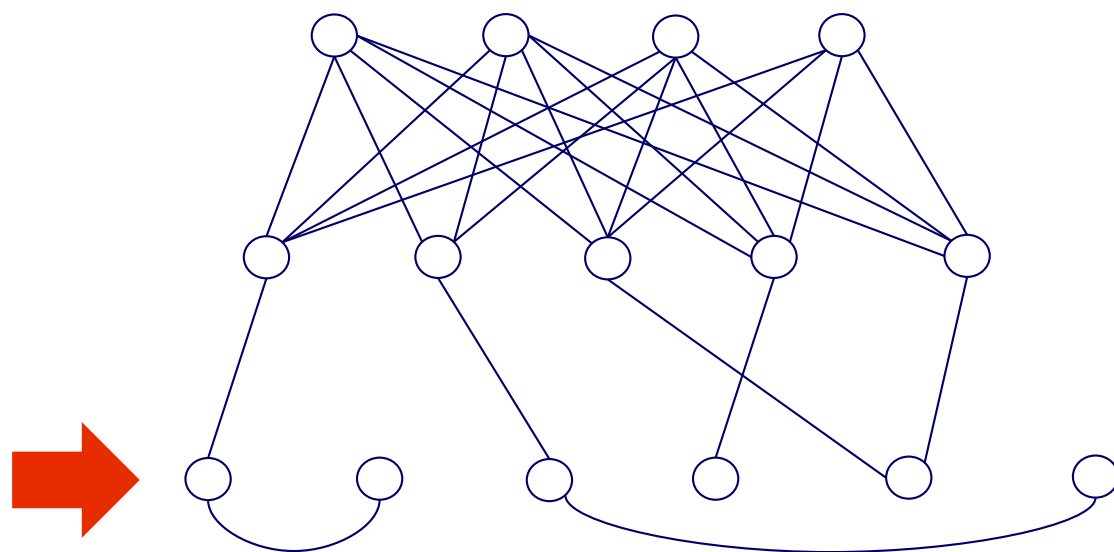
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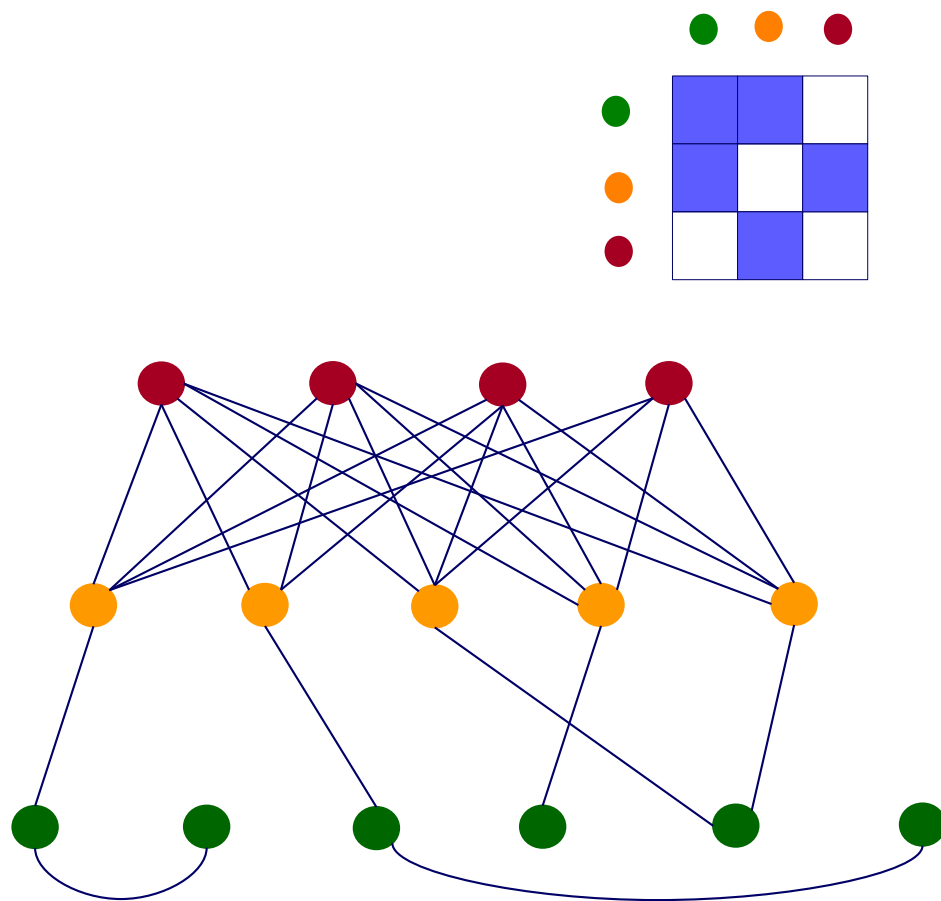
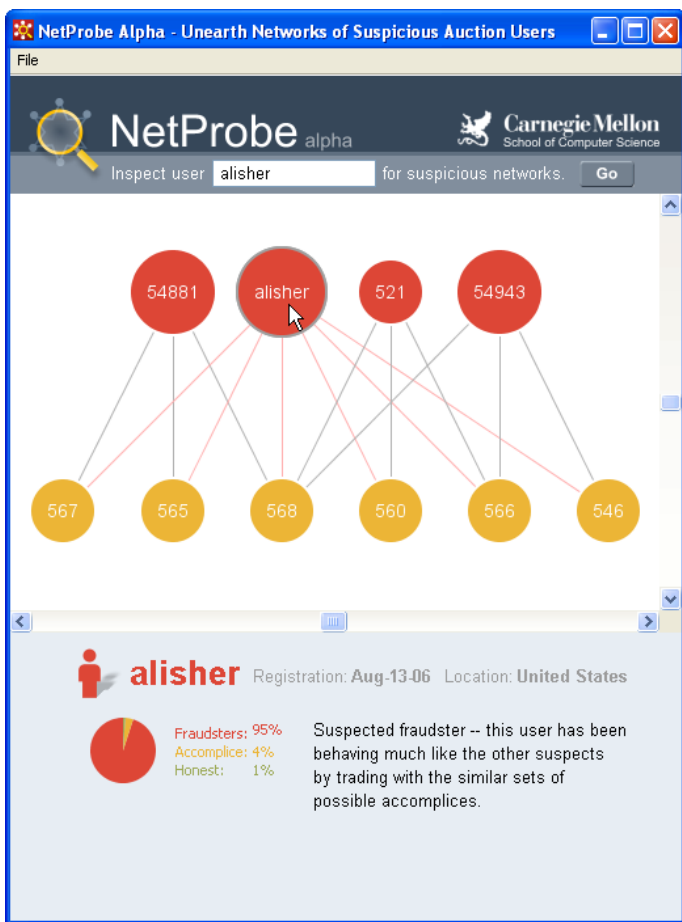
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E-bay Fraud detection - NetProbe



Popular press



The Washington Post

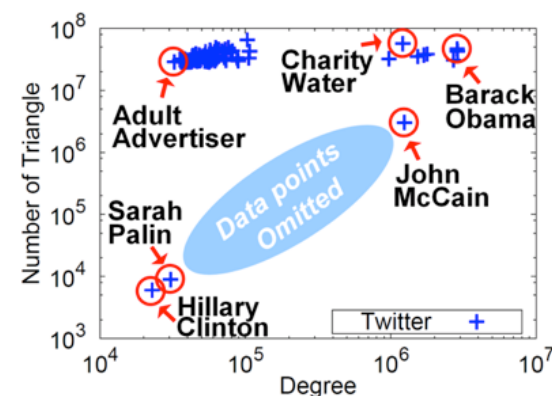
Los Angeles Times

And less desirable attention:

- E-mail from ‘Belgium police’ (‘copy of your code?’)

Summary of Part#1

- **many** patterns in real graphs
 - Power-laws everywhere
 - Long (and growing) list of tools for anomaly/fraud detection



Patterns



anomalies

Roadmap

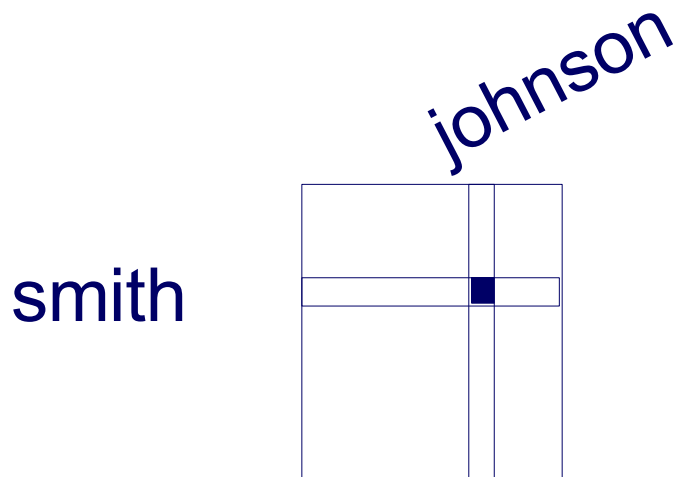
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Part 2: Time evolving graphs; tensors

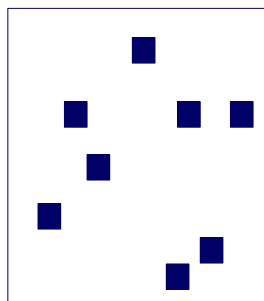
Graphs over time -> tensors!

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 - Find patterns / anomalies



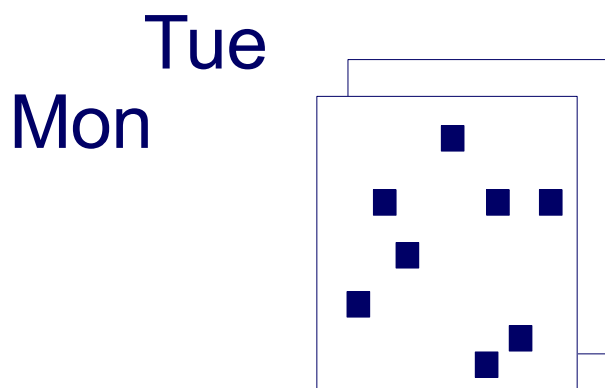
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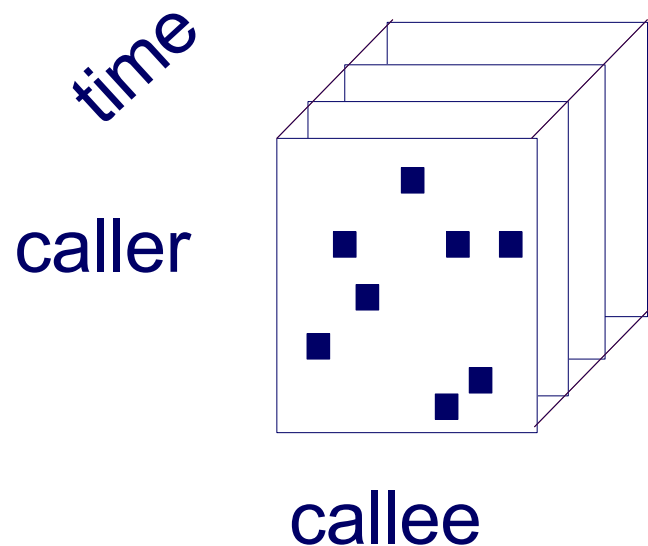
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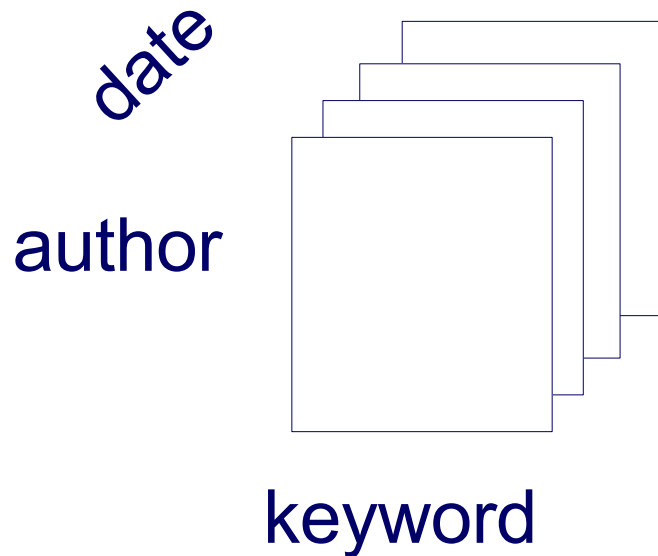
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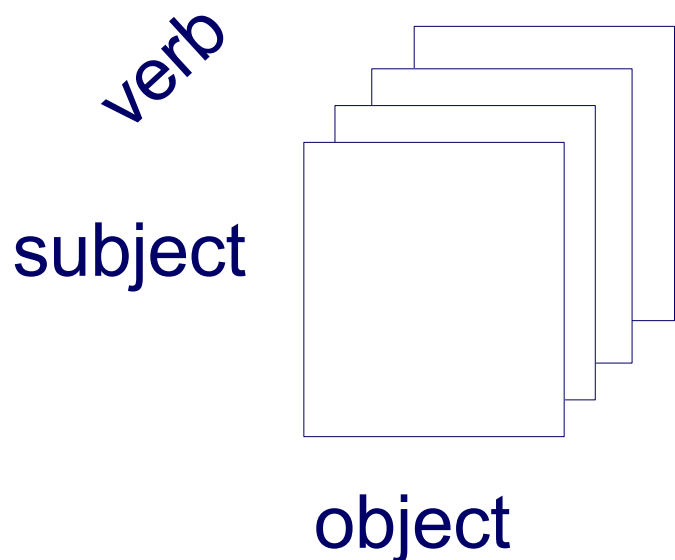
- Problem #2.1':
 - Given author-keyword-date
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MANY more settings,
with >2 'modes'

Graphs over time -> tensors!

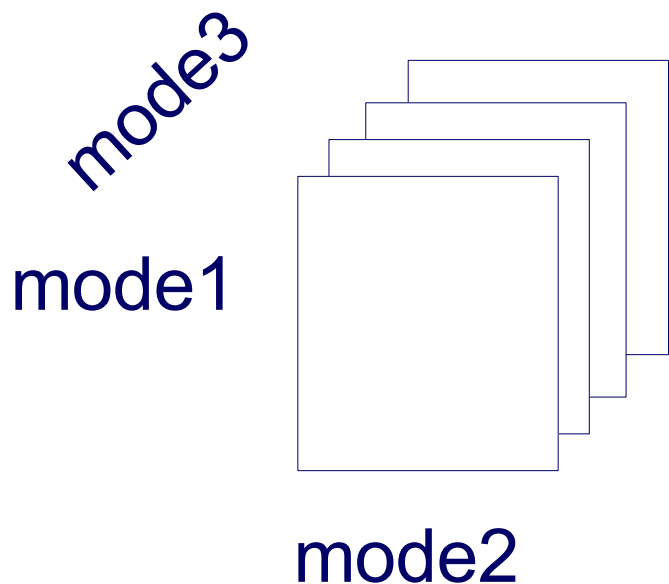
- Problem #2.1’’:
 - Given subject – verb – object facts
 - Find patterns / anomalies



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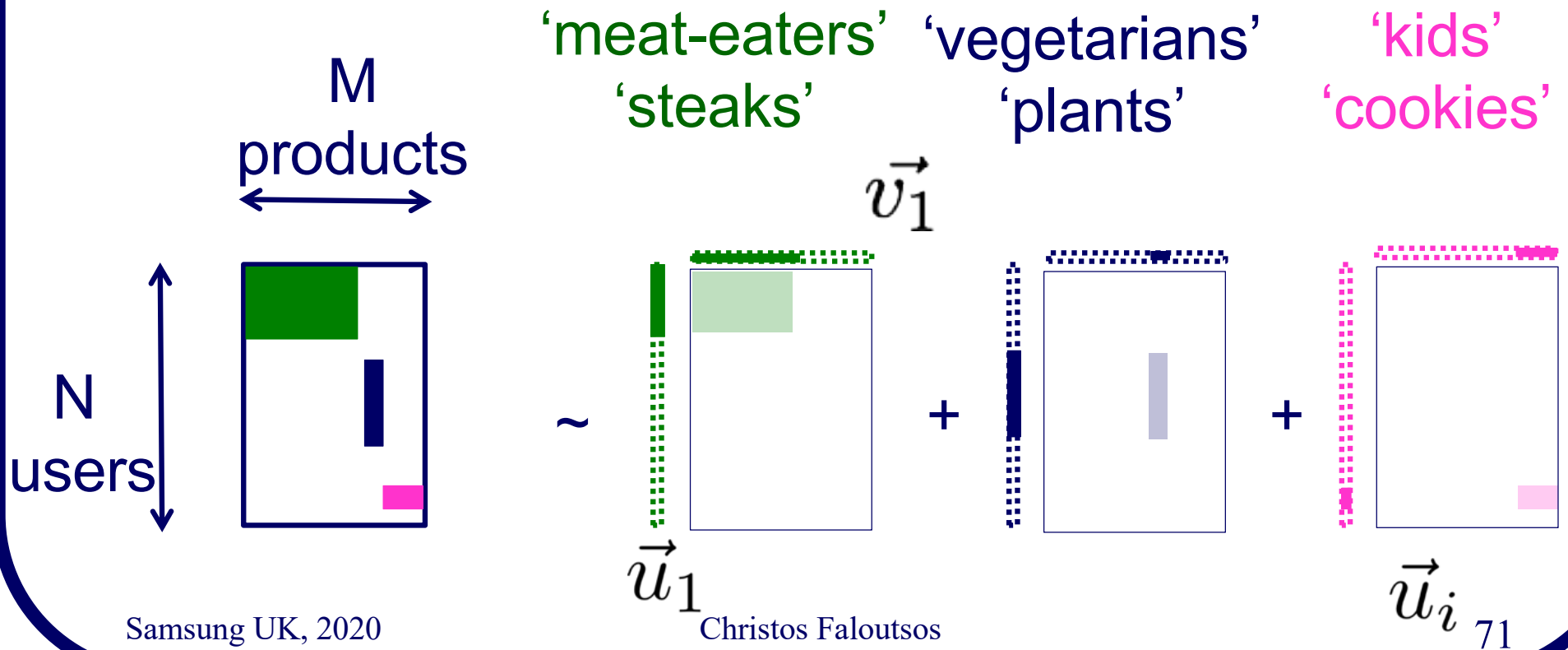
- Problem #2.1''':
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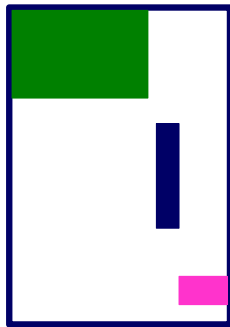
Crush intro to SVD

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idols

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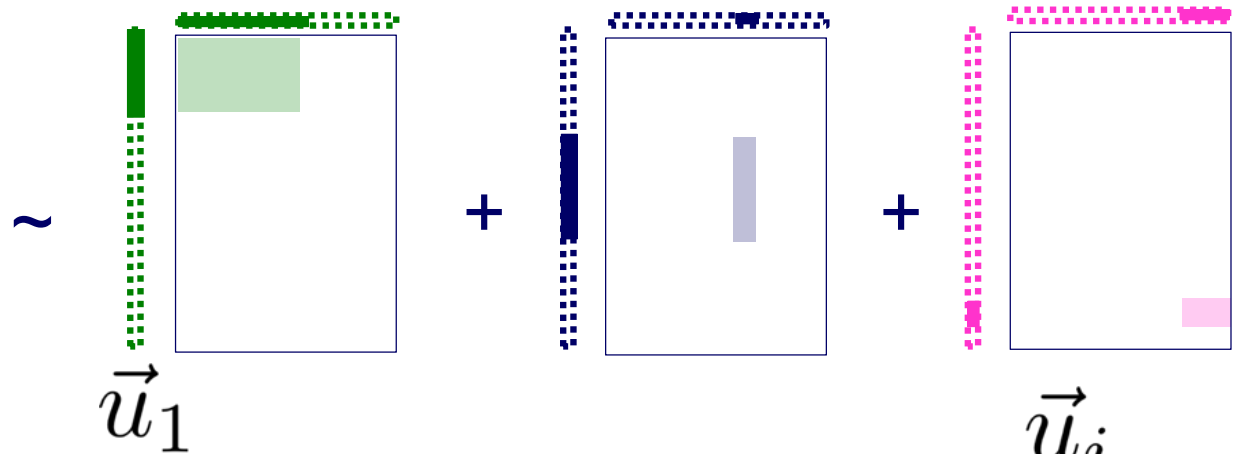


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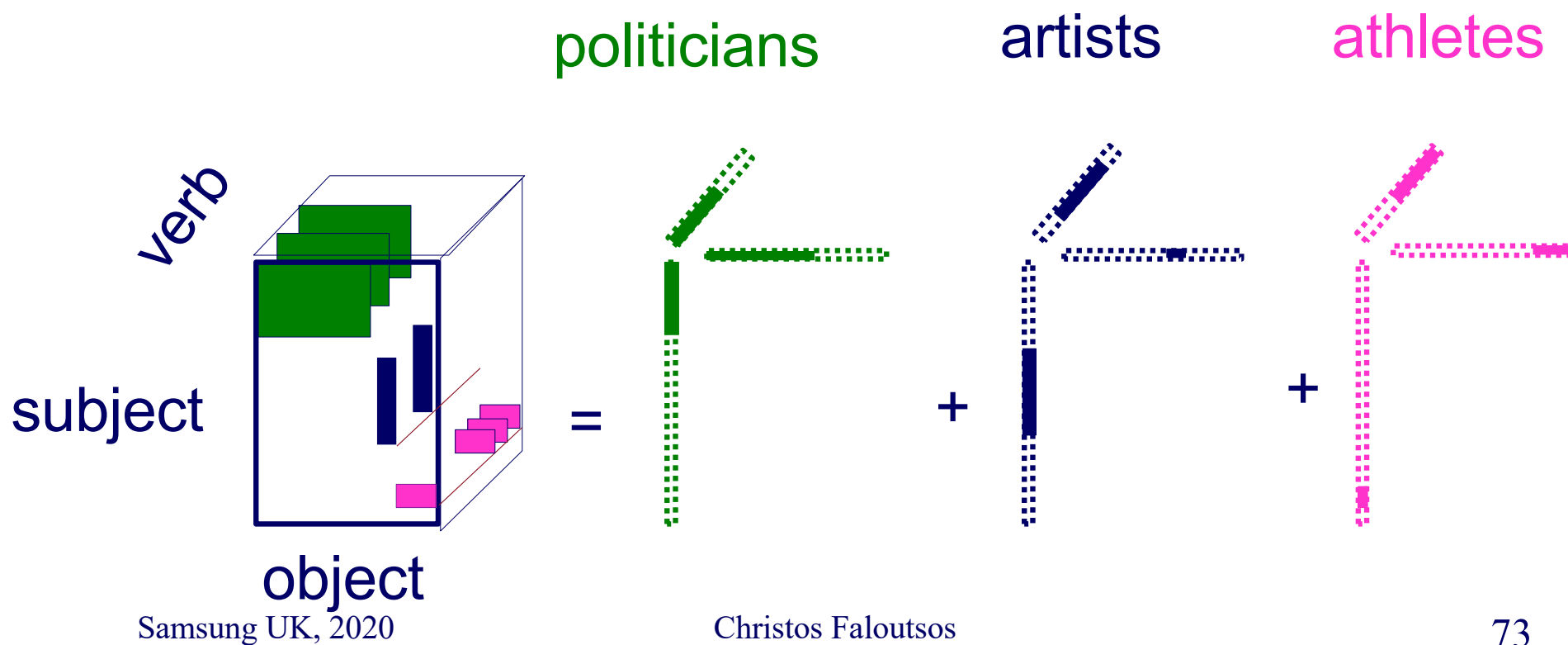
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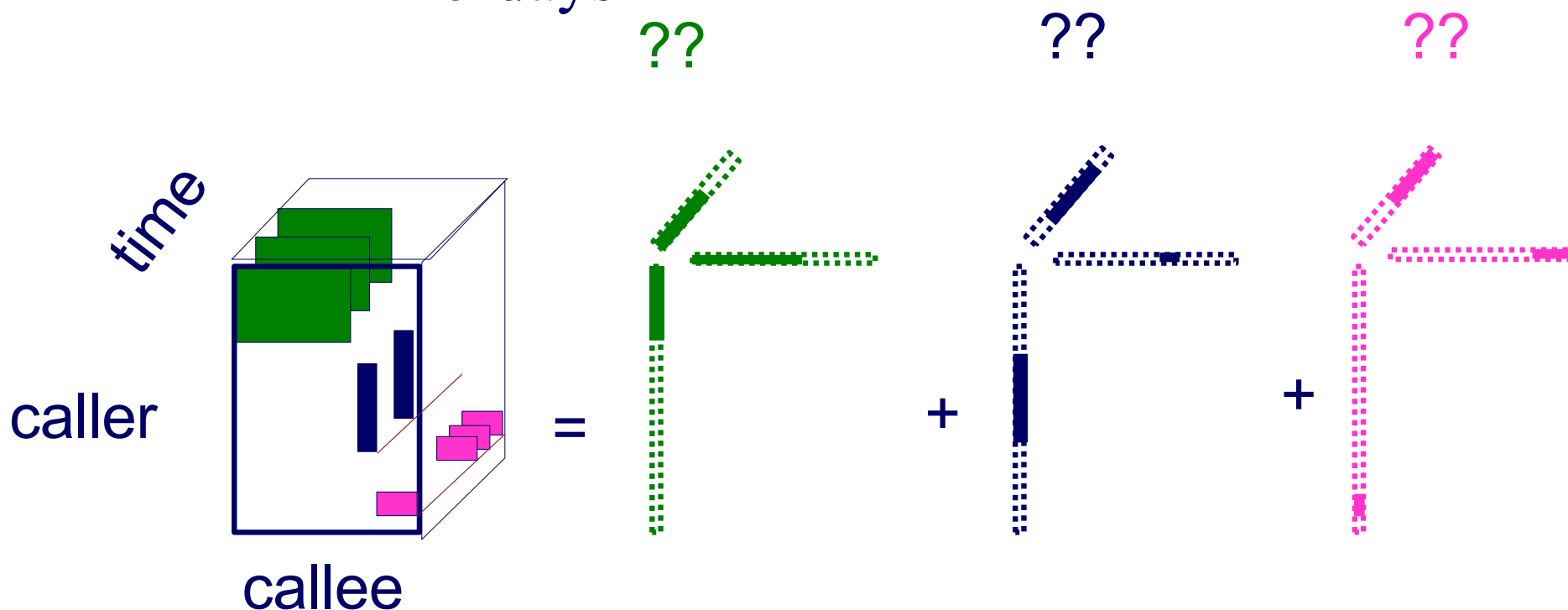
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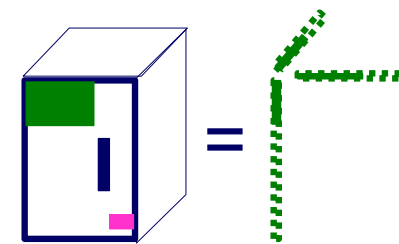


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- Results for who-calls-whom-when
 - 4M x 15 days

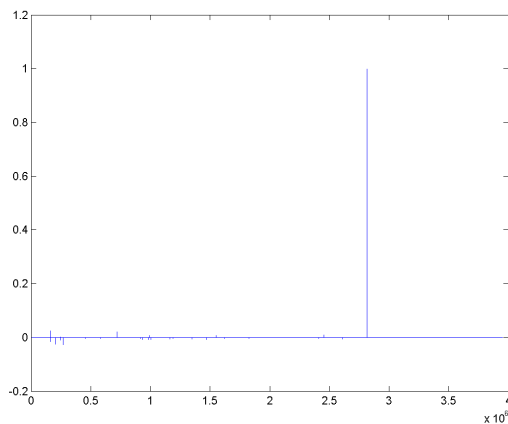


Anomaly detection in time-evolving graphs

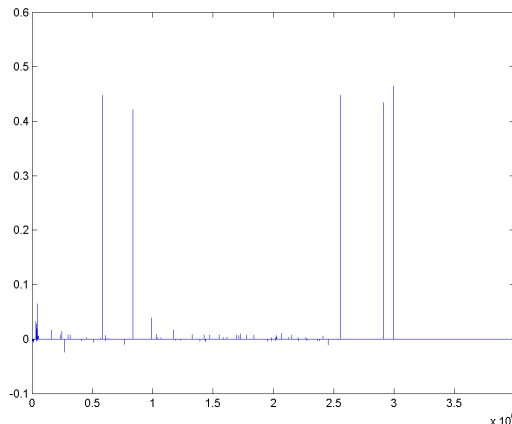


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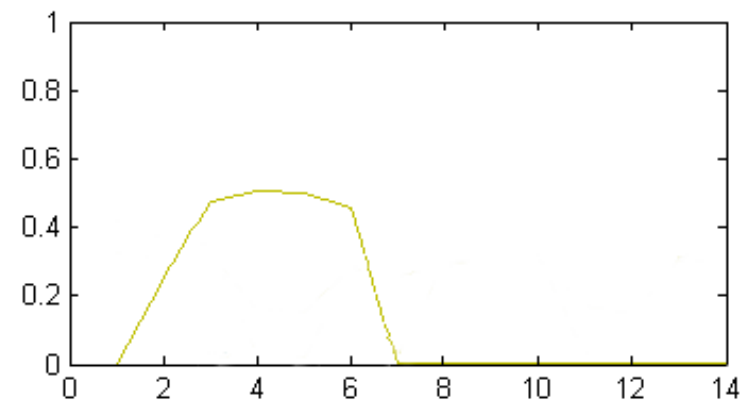
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5 receivers

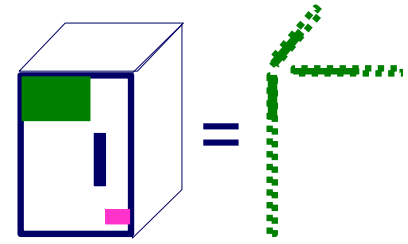


4 days of activity



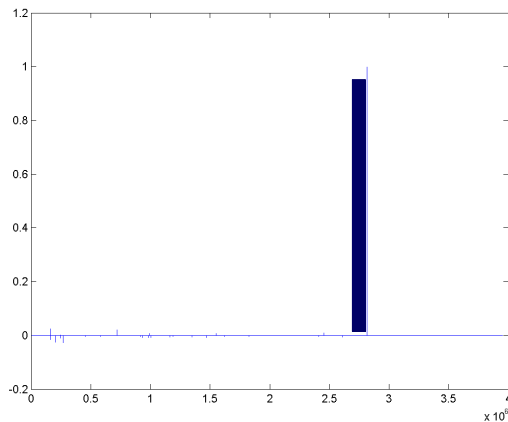
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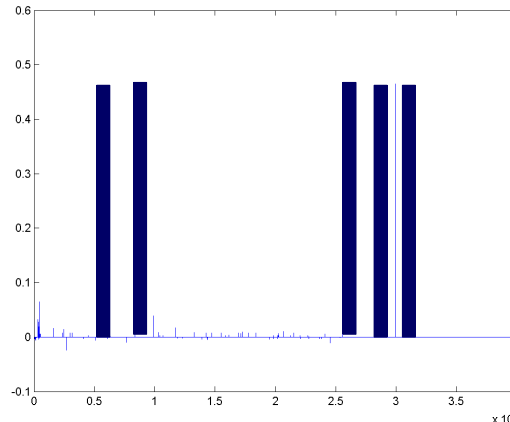


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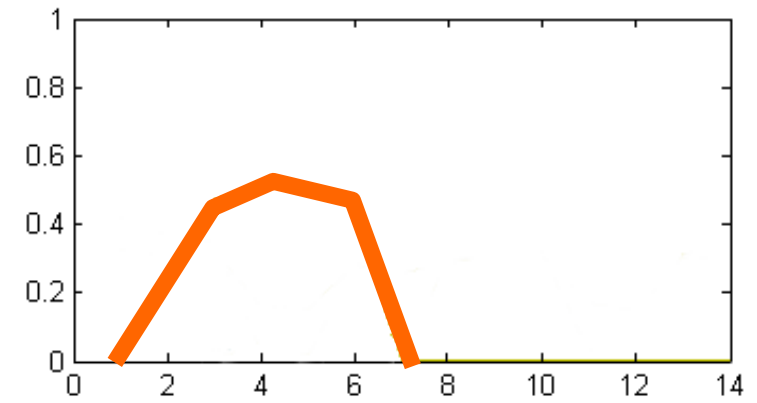
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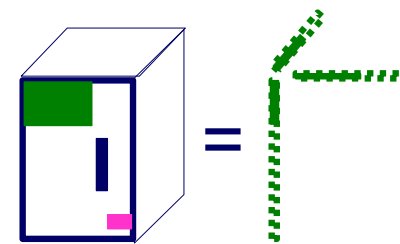


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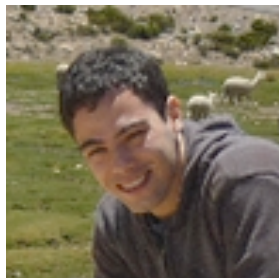
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RSC: Mining and Modeling Temporal Activity in Social Media



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Pattern Mining: Datasets

Reddit Dataset

Time-stamp from comments
21,198 users
20 Million time-stamps

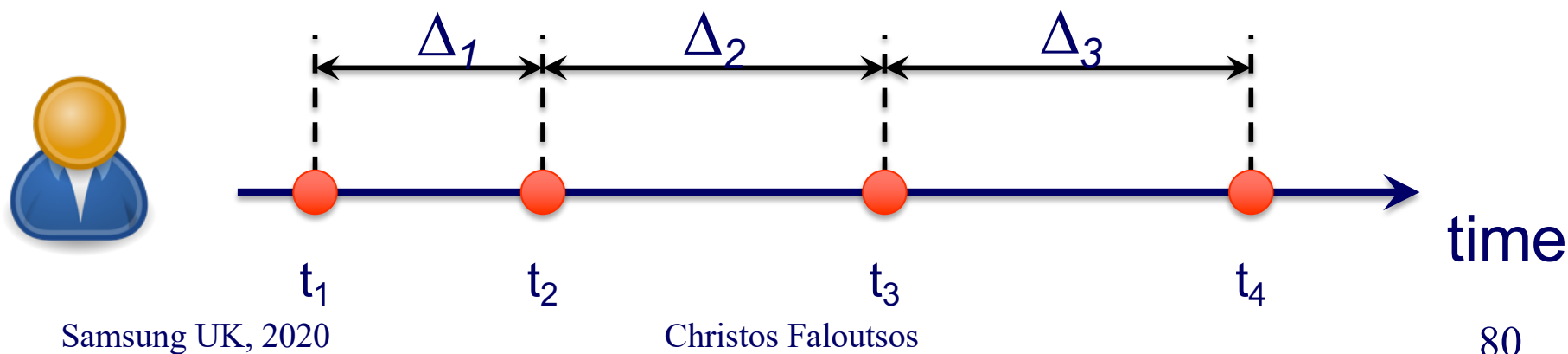
Twitter Dataset

Time-stamp from tweets
6,790 users
16 Million time-stamps

For each user we have:

Sequence of postings time-stamps: $T = (t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots)$

Inter-arrival times (IAT) of postings: $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3, \dots)$

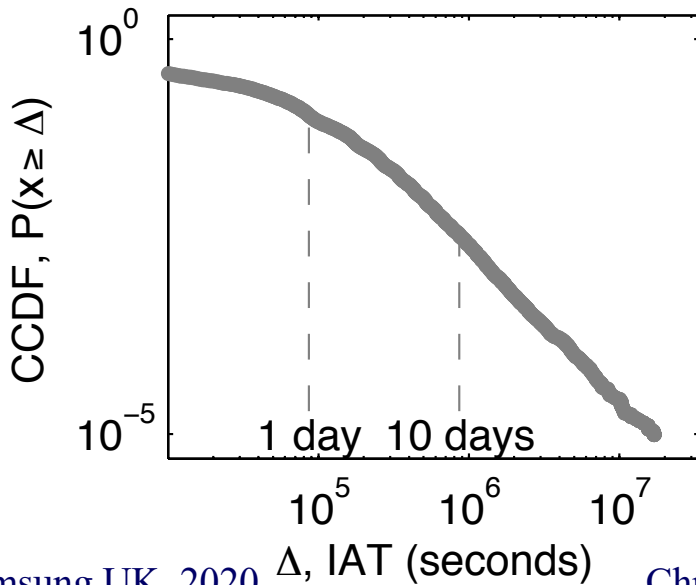


Pattern Mining

Pattern 1: Distribution of IAT is heavy-tailed

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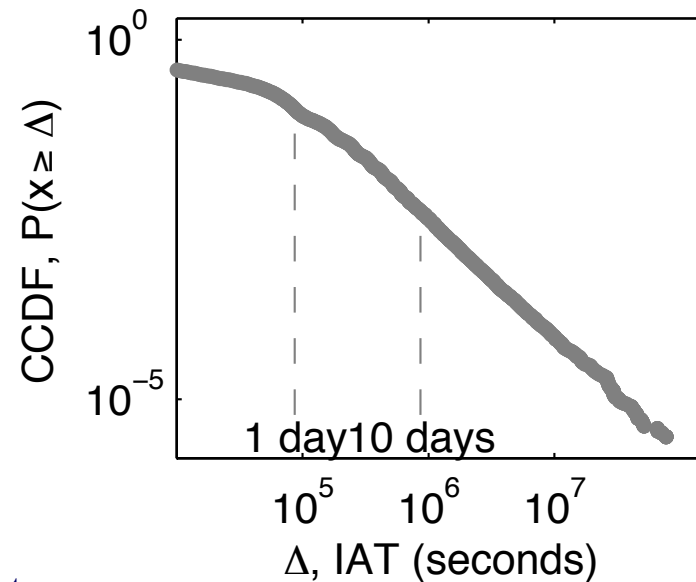
IAT Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF)
(log-log axis)



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Twitter Users

Pattern Mining

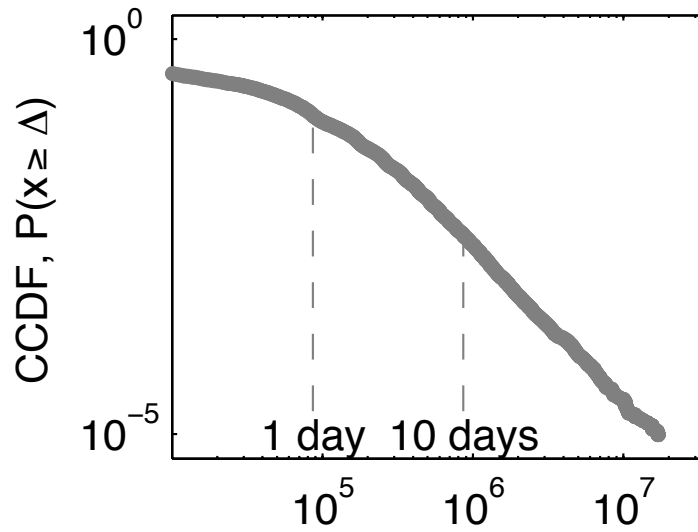
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**No surprises –
Should we give up?**

IAT Com

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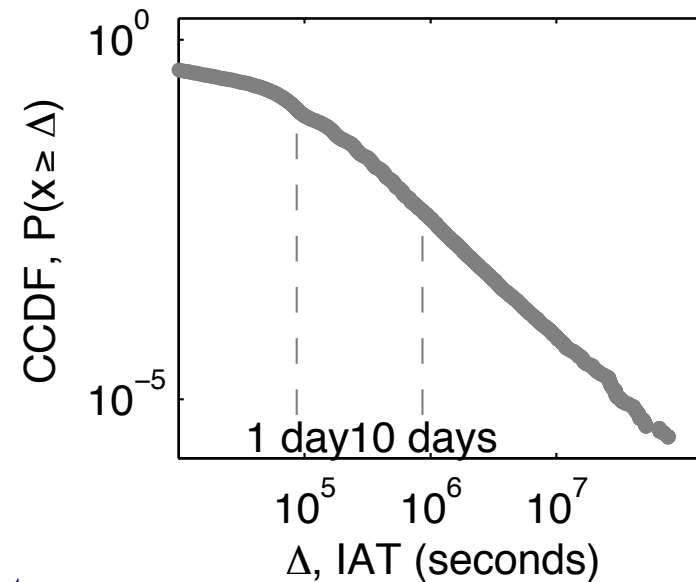


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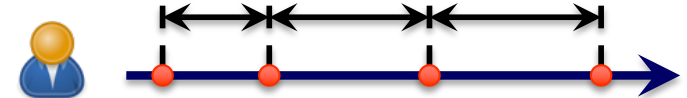
Δ , IAT (seconds)

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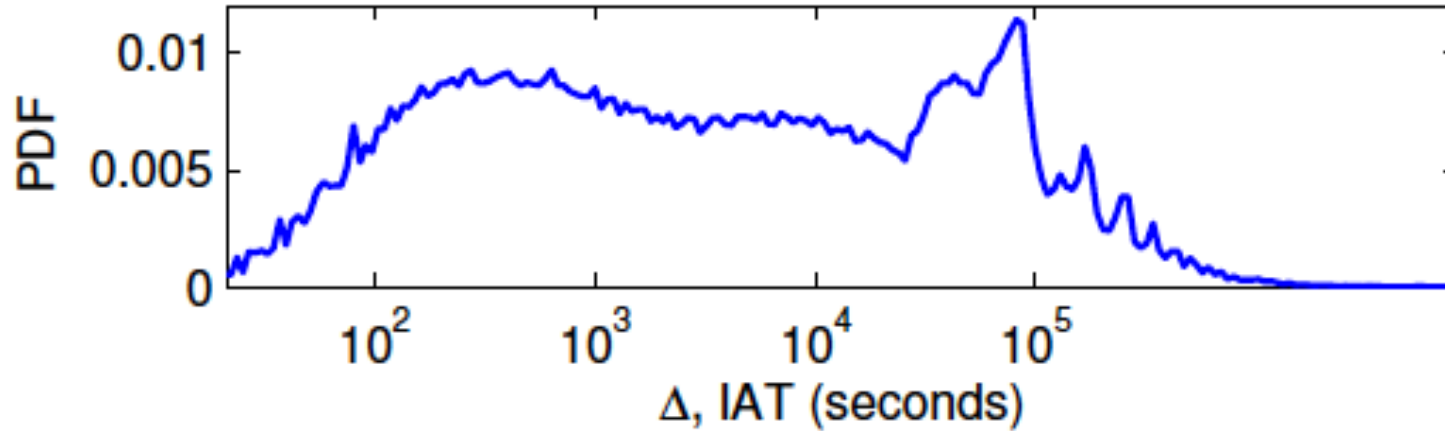


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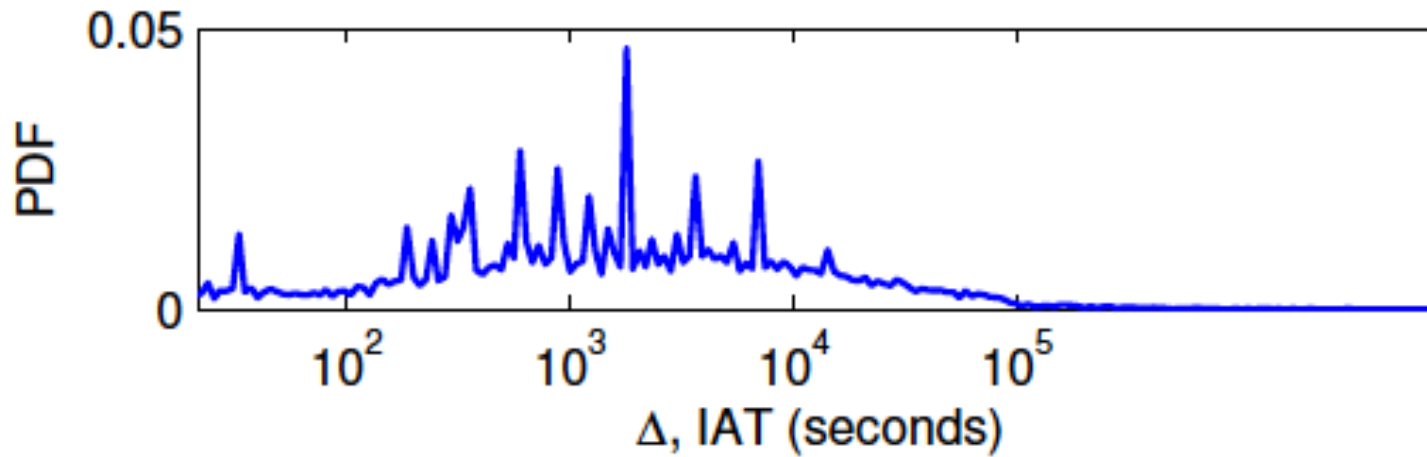


Human? Robots?

linear



log

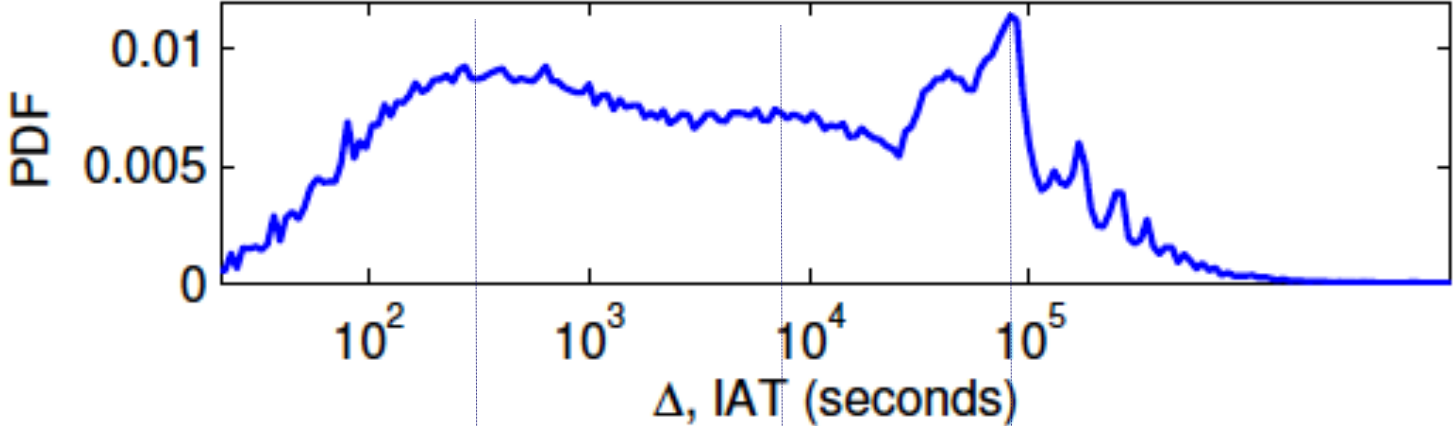




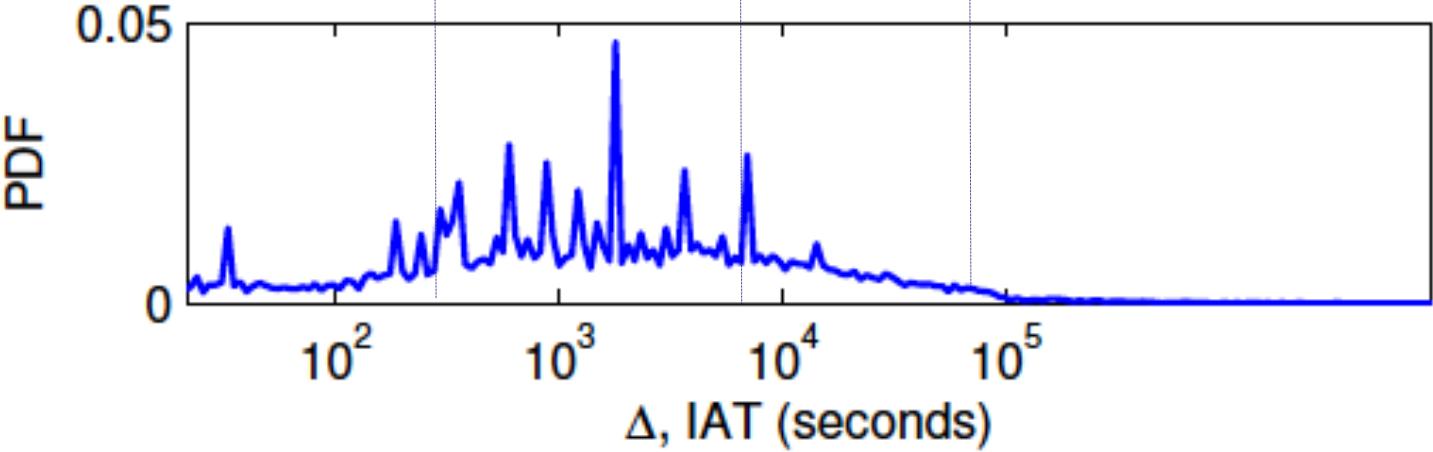
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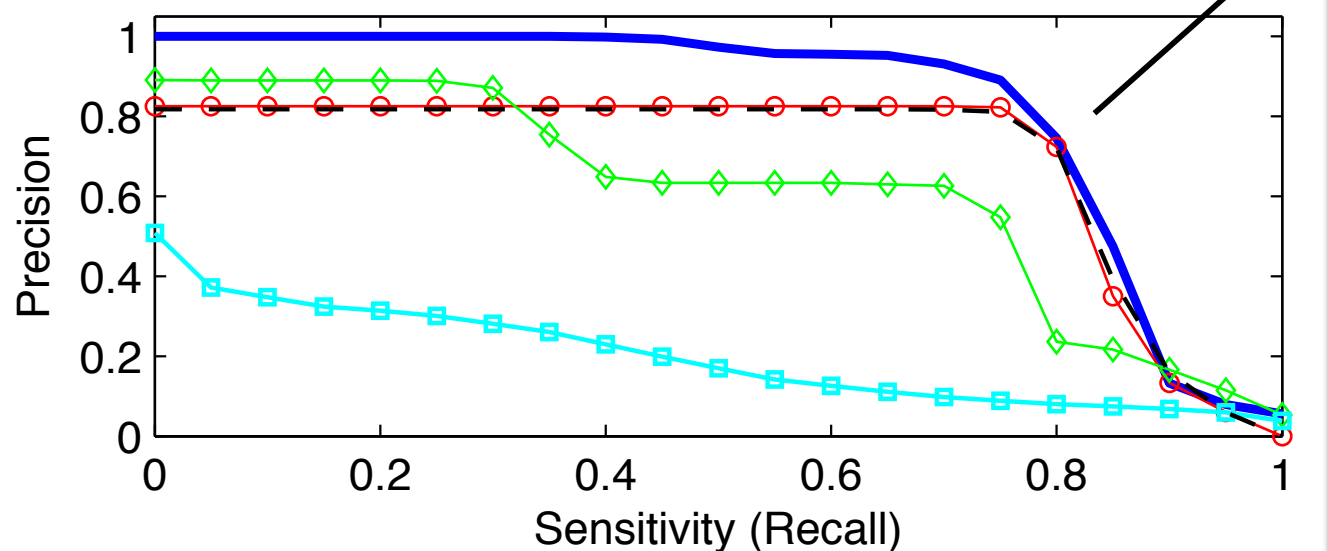


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Precision vs. Sensitivity Curves

Good performance: curve close to the top

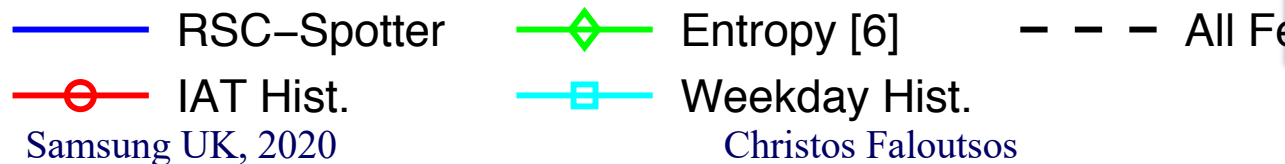
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Precision > 94%
Sensitivity > 70%

With strongly imbalanced datasets

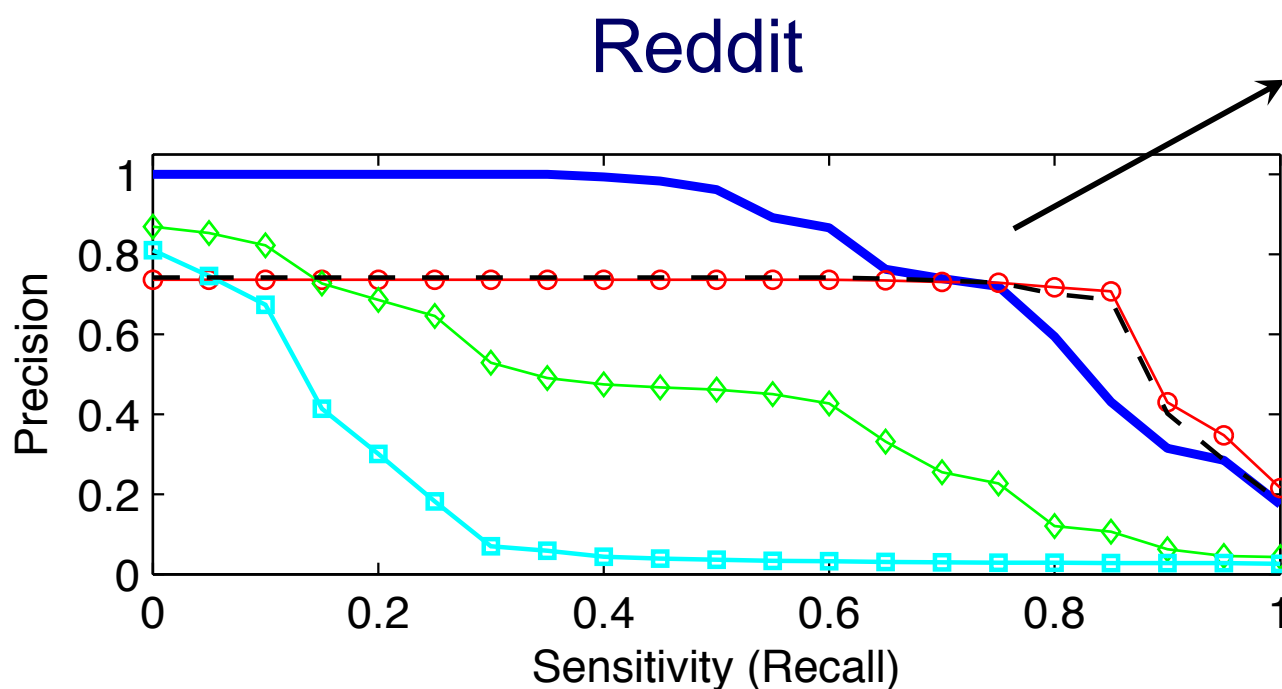
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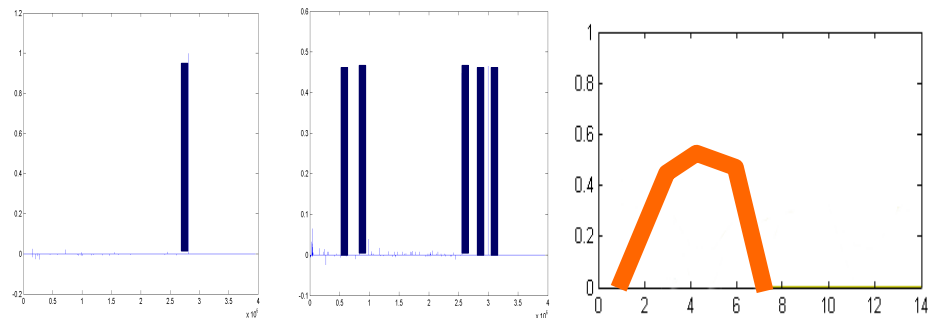
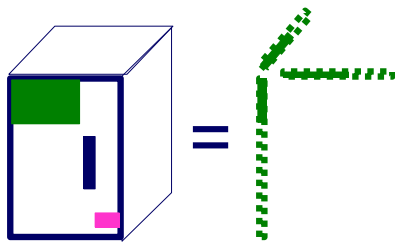


Precision > 96%
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With strongly imbalanced datasets
humans >> # bots



Part 2: Conclusions

- Time-evolving / heterogeneous graphs \rightarrow tensors
- PARAFAC finds patterns
- Surprising temporal patterns (P.L. growth)



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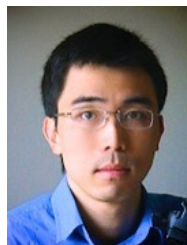
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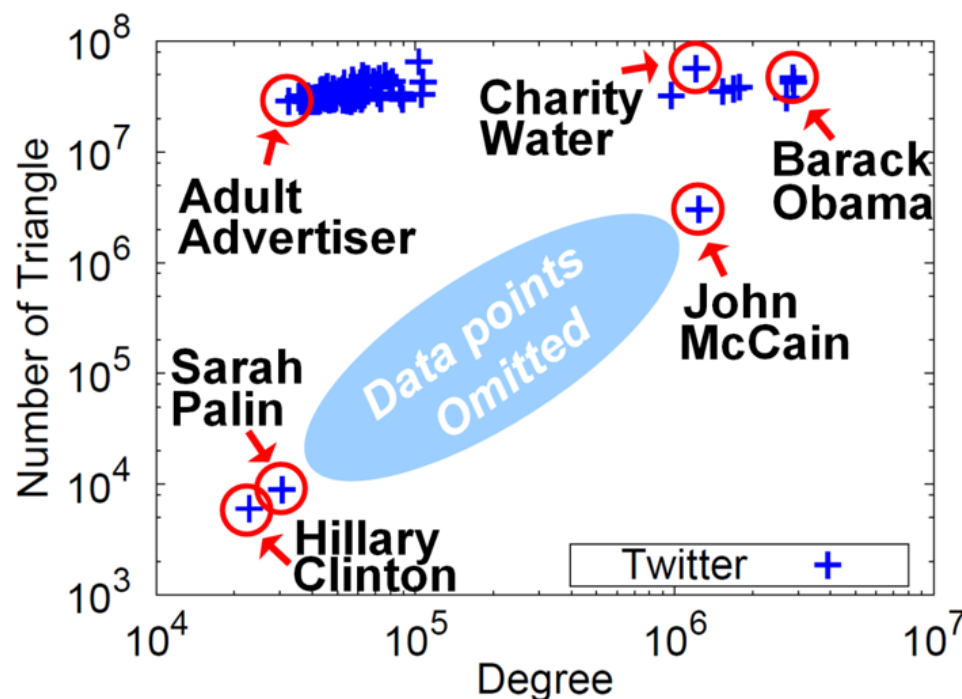
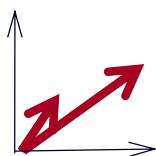
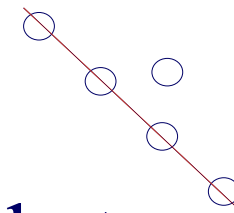
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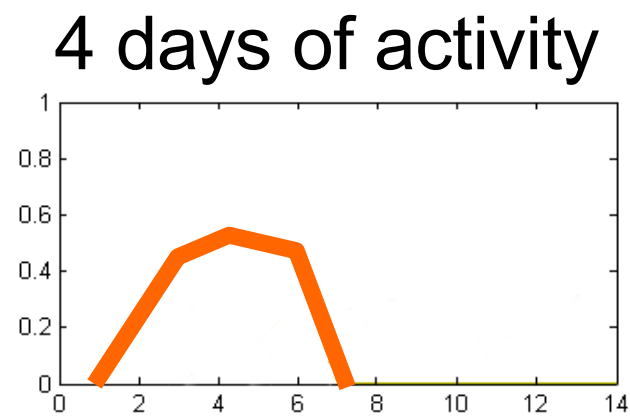
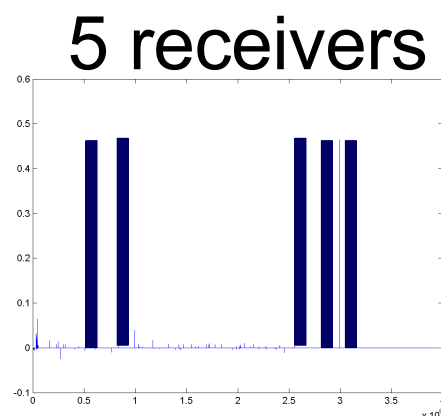
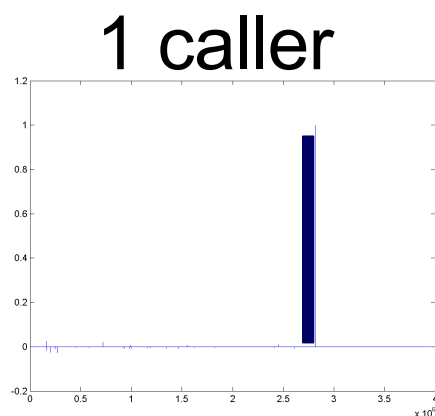
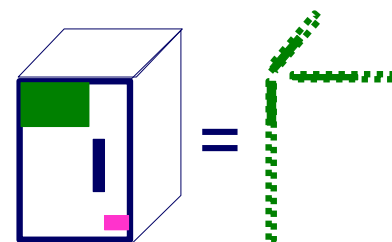
CONCLUSION#1 – Big data

- **Patterns**  **Anomalies**
- **Large datasets reveal patterns/outliers that are invisible otherwise**



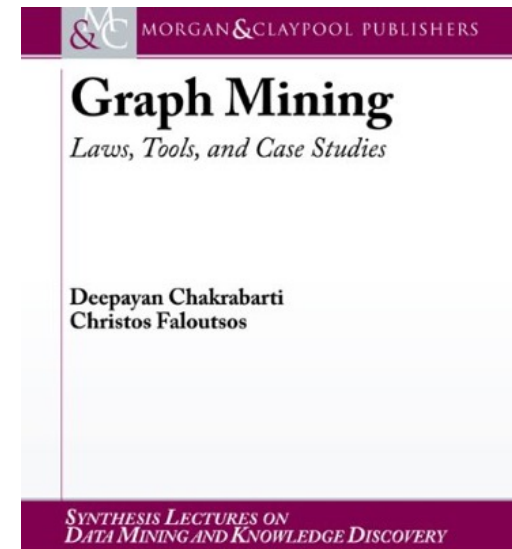
CONCLUSION#2 – tensors

- powerful tool



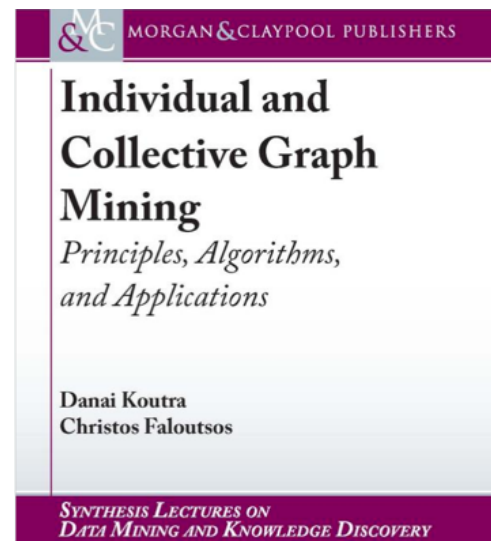
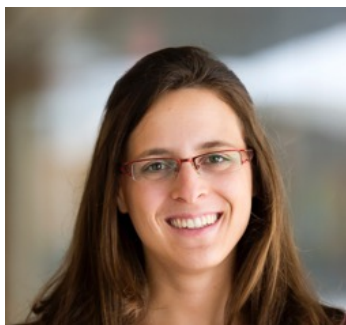
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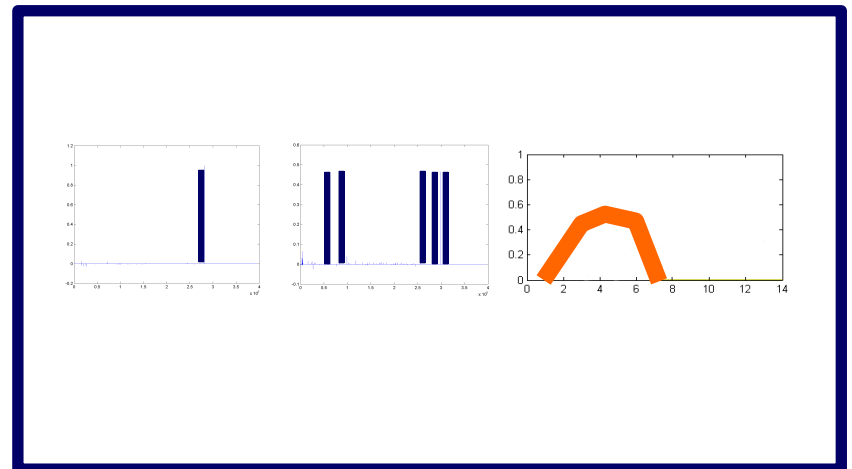
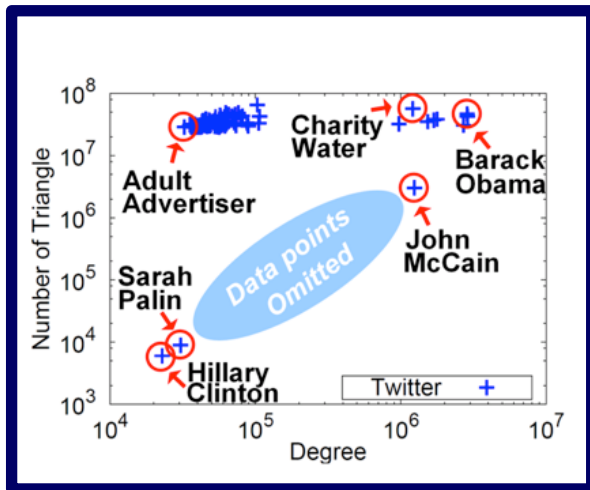
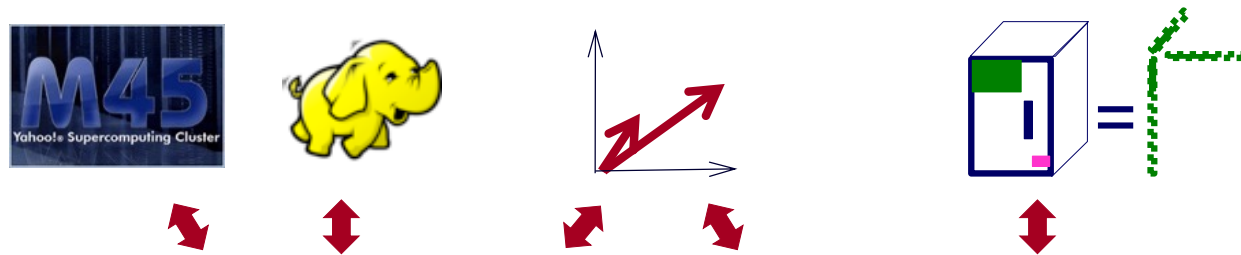
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