# ELEMENTS OF COMPLEX NETWORKS

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## **Complex Systems**

- It is made up of several interconnected components
- Their interaction is capable of creating new emergent properties
- These emergent properties are unobservable when the system is seen from a disaggregated perspective
- The human brain

## **Techno-Social Systems**

- Infrastructures made up of different technological layers that interoperate within society to provide global public services of a technological nature
- They are complex systems consisting of large-scale (or cyber-) physical infraestructures
- The prediction of their behavior is based on the mathematical modeling of data collected in the real world

Complex networks: mathematical paradigm to model techno-social systems

# Graphical Representation of Complex Systems

- Graph with non-trivial topological properties
- Nodes: elements of the system
- Edges: relationships between pairs of nodes



# **Examples of Complex Networks**





Human connectome

Gene regulatory network





Co-citations of AI journals

Air transportation network

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# Complex Networks. Mathematical Foundations

## Graph Theory





- Euler and the seven bridge problem at Königsberg (1735)
- How can you across all seven bridges crossing only once for each one?
- The answer is that it is no possible

## **Probability Theory**



Kolmogorov axioms of probability (1933)

- $P(A) \ge 0$  for any event A
- $P(\Omega) = 1$ , for the sample space  $\Omega$
- P(A∪B) = P(A) + P(B) for two mutually exclusive events A and B

# Complex Networks. Seminal Papers

#### On random graphs I.

Dedicated to O. Varga, at the occasion of his 50th birthday.

By P. ERDÖS and A. RÉNYI (Budapest).

Publicationes Mathematicae (1959)

#### RANDOM GRAPHS

BY E. N. GILBERT

Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., Murray Hill, New Jersey

innals of Mathematical Statistics (1959

#### Collective dynamics of 'small-world' networks

#### Duncan J. Watts' & Steven H. Strogatz

Department of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Kimball Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853, USA

Nature (1998)

### Emergence of Scaling in Random Networks

Albert-László Barabási\* and Réka Albert

Science (1999)

#### The large-scale organization of metabolic networks

H. Jeong', B. Tombor†, R. Albert\*, Z. N. Oltval† & A.-L. Barabási\*

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Nature (2000)

# Complex Networks. Books



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# Complex Networks. Centrality measures

Betweenness centrality for each node is the quotient between the number of geodesics (shortest paths) between any two nodes that pass through the given node and the number of geodesics that join any two nodes



#### Betweenness of node 3:

Node A	Node B	Value
4	1	1
4 2		1
5	1	1
5	2	1
6 1		1
6 2		1
7	1	1
7	2	1

#### Betweenness centrality of node 3: 8

#### Betweenness of node 5:

Node A	Node 8	Value
6	1	1
6	2	1
6	3	1
6	4	1
7	1	1
7 2		1
7	3	1
7	4	1

Betweenness centrality of node 5: 8

#### Betweenness of node 4:

Node A	Node B	Value
5	1	1
5	2	1
5	3	1
6	1	1
6	2	1
6	3	1
7	1	1
7	2	1
7	3	1

Betweenness centrality of node 4: 9

Betweenness centrality of node 1:0

Betweenness centrality of node 2: 0

Betweenness centrality of node 6: 0

Betweenness centrality of node 7:0

Closeness centrality of a node i measures how short the shortest paths are from node i to all nodes



Community detection clustering algorithms are based on defining a distance between pairs of nodes to subsequently apply standard clustering methods



# Complex Networks. Models

Erdös-Rényi-Gilbert model: each edge has a fixed probability of being present or absent, independently of the other edges



The probability of generating a graph with *n* nodes and *m* edges is  $p^{m}(1-p)^{\binom{n}{2}-m}$ 

The average number of edges is  $\binom{n}{2}p$ 

The distribution of the degree of any particular node is binomial  $\binom{n-1}{k}p^k(1-p)^{n-1-k}$ 

# Complex Networks. Models

The two phases of the Watts-Strogatz generation model:

- **1** *n* ordered nodes connected each one of them with an even k number of nodes, the  $\frac{k}{2}$  immediate predecessors and the  $\frac{k}{2}$  following consecutive nodes
- 2 All edges are traversed, each one of them being 'rewired' towards another node chosen randomly, from the n-1 nodes, with  $\beta$  probability



# Complex Networks. Models

The Barabási-Albert model generates random scale-free networks.

- The network starts with a set of  $m_0 \ge m$  randomly connected nodes. This *m* is the only parameter
- New nodes are added to the network one by one. Each node is connected to *m* network nodes. For each of these nodes the probability  $p_i$  to be connected with node *i* is  $p_i = \frac{k_i}{\sum_i k_i}$ , where  $k_i$  is the degree of node *i*



The probability of a node in the network having k connections to other nodes follows a power law distribution:  $P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma}$  with  $2 < \gamma < 3$ 

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# **Bayesian Networks**

## $\mathsf{DAG} + \mathsf{CPTs}$

Directed acyclic graph

• Conditional independence: W and T are conditionally independent given  $Z \Leftrightarrow p(W|T, Z) = p(W|Z)$ 

• 
$$p(X_1,\ldots,X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i \mid \mathbf{Pa}(X_i))$$



p(A, N, S, D, P) = p(A)p(N|A)p(S|A)p(D|N, S)p(P|S)

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#### $A \mid p(A)$ a0.75N p(N|A)A Age $\neg a = 0.25$ n0.15a 0.85a $\neg n$ $S \mid p(S|A)$ 0.03 A n $\neg a$ 0.97 $\neg a$ $\neg n$ as 0.10Neurona Stroke a $\neg s$ 0.90 Atrophy 0.02 N SDp(D|N,S) $\neg a$ s $\neg a$ $\neg s = 0.98$ 0.96 nSd n $\neg d$ 0.04SParalysis 0.40Dementia $n \neg s$ dSPp(P|S)n $\neg d$ 0.60 0.75s pd 0.450.258 $\neg p$ $\neg d$ 0.55 $\neg n$ 8 0.05 $\neg s$ p0.10 d $\neg n$ $\neg s$ 0.90 $\neg s$ $\neg p$ 0.95 $\neg n \neg s \neg d$

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## Inference

- Exact: variable elimination, message passing...
- Approximate: sequential simulation, MCMC...



 $p(X_i | \text{Stroke=yes})$ 

# **Conditional Independence**



 $p(X_i)$ 

 $p(X_i | \text{Stroke=yes})$ 



p(X<sub>i</sub>|Stroke=yes, Neuronal Atrophy=yes)

 $p(X_i | \text{Stroke=yes}, \text{Neuronal Atrophy=yes}, \text{Age=young})$ 

## Structure learning: the DAG

- Detecting conditional independencies among triples of variables by means of statistical hypothesis testing
- Methods based on score + search

Parametric learning: 
$$p(X_i = x_i | \mathbf{Pa}(X_i) = \mathbf{pa}_i^J)$$

- Maximum likelihood estimation
- Bayesian estimation









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# Bayesian Networks in Neuroscience



Nature Reviews Neuroscience (2014)



Nature Neuroscience (2020) Symptoms of Parkinson's Disease



**PLOS ONE (2014)** 

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#### Scientific Reports (2021)

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# Bayesian Networks in Industry



Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence (2020)



IABMAS (2024)



Journal of Combinatorial Optimization (2022)



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## **Complex Networks**

• Complex networks as mathematical paradigms to model techno-social systems

## Complex networks with undirected graphs

- Centrality measures: node degree, betweenness centrality, closeness centrality
- Community detection by means of clustering algorithms
- Complex network models: Erdös-Rényi-Gilbert model, Watts-Strogatz model, Barabási-Albert model
- Complex networks with directed acyclic graphs: Bayesian networks
  - Inference: exact and approximate
  - Learning Bayesian networks from data: by testing conditional independencies or by score + search
  - Interpretability: model, reasoning, evidence, decision

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