# PREFERENTIAL ATTACHMENT GRAPHS ARE SOMEWHERE-DENSE

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#### MOTIVATION



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Random graphs with the goal of modeling real-world data:

○ Mathematically analyzable

○ Generation of infinite instances

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3.  $p = 1/2 \rightarrow$  Neither!

"the rich get richer", "preferential attachment", "Barabási–Albert graphs"

Start with some small fixed graph.

Add vertices. Connect them to *m* vertices with a probability proportional to their degrees.

Interesting properties:

○ power law degree distribution

 $\bigcirc$  scale free



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 $\mathrm{E}[d_m^n(v_i)] \sim m \sqrt{n/i}$ 

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- But we need high degree vertices!

#### No vertex is sharply concentrated!
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We can not hope for general *exponential* bounds.

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Distribution of  $d_1^{10000}(v_1)$  conditioned under  $d_1^{100}(v_1) = 18$ .

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#### Theorem

Let  $0 < \varepsilon \le 1/40, t, m, n \in \mathbb{N}, t > \frac{1}{\varepsilon^6}$  and  $S \subseteq \{v_1, \dots, v_t\}$ . Then

$$P\Big[(1-\varepsilon)\sqrt{\frac{n}{t}}d_m^t(S) < d_m^n(S) < (1+\varepsilon)\sqrt{\frac{n}{t}}d_m^t(S) \text{ for all } n \ge t \mid d_m^t(S)\Big]$$
$$\ge 1 - \ln(15t)e^{\varepsilon^{-O(1)}d_m^t(S)}.$$

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 $\bigcirc$  If we have information for *t* we can better predict *n* > *t* 

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### Corollary

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 $\rightarrow$  Ensure with tail bounds it also has high degree in the future.



















## **Building cliques**







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### Step *i*:

- $\bigcirc \sqrt{i}$  red
- $\bigcirc \sqrt{i}$  blue
- remainder black

Two balls drawn, success if red and blue

## Connecting principals: Why we need $\sqrt{i}$








$$1 - \prod_{i=10}^{\infty} \left( 1 - 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{i}}{i}\right)^2 \right) = 1$$



$$1 - \prod_{i=10}^{\infty} \left( 1 - 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{i}/\log(i)}{i}\right)^2 \right) \neq 1$$



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