

Scrambling & Chaos in Quantum Networks

Or Things To Think About ~~When You Can't Fall Asleep On Planes~~
During a Global Pandemic

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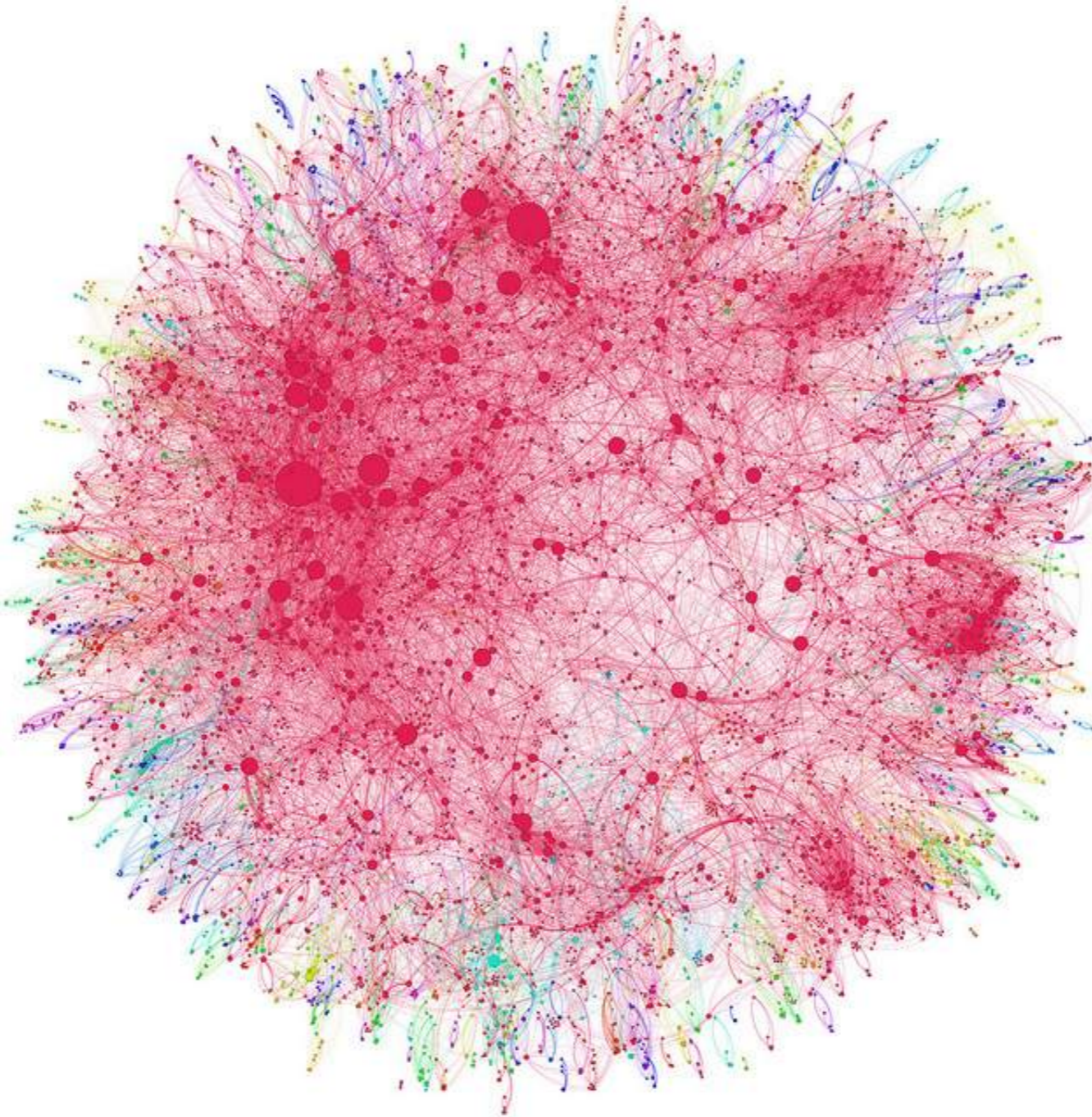
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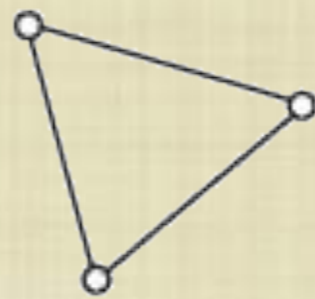
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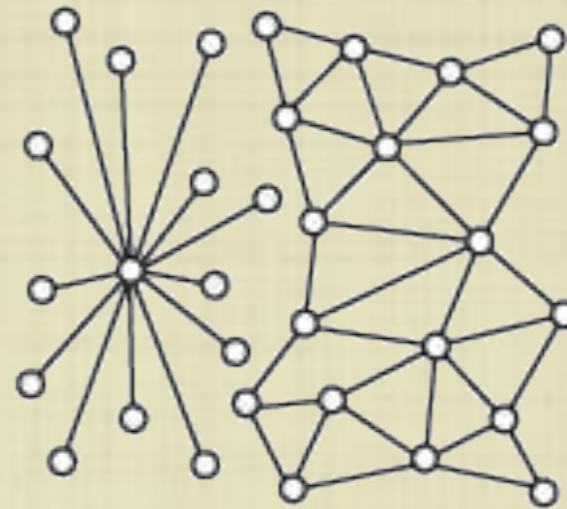
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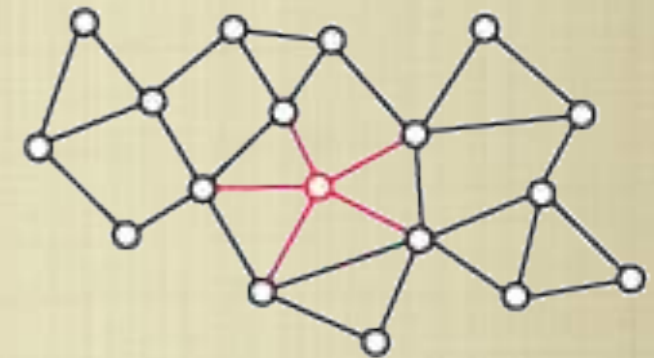
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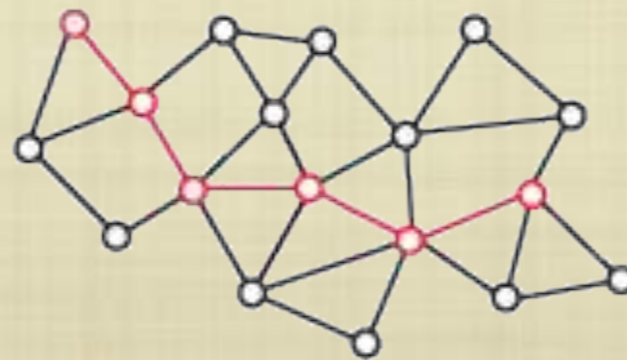
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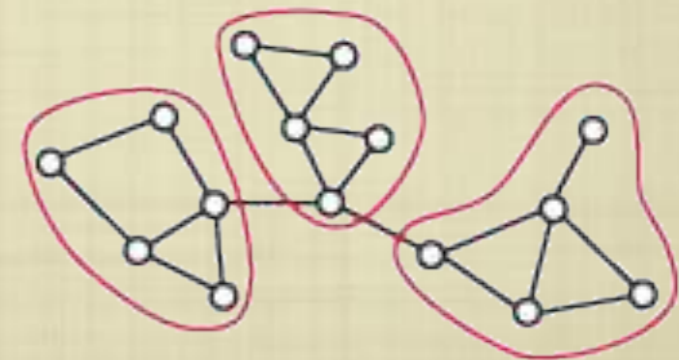
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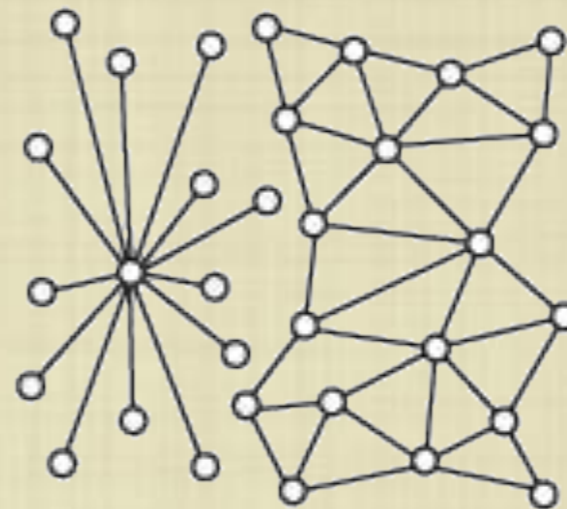
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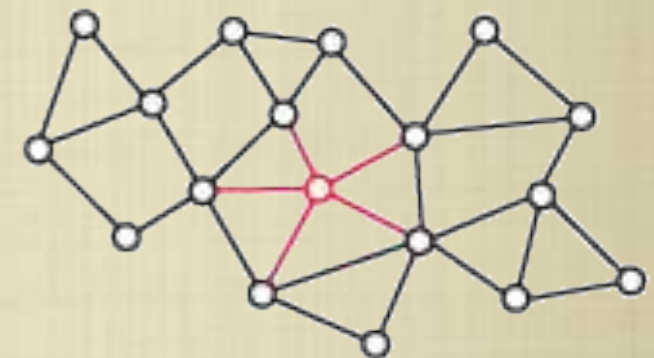
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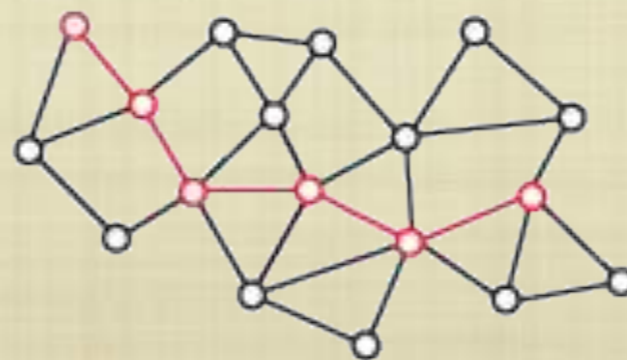
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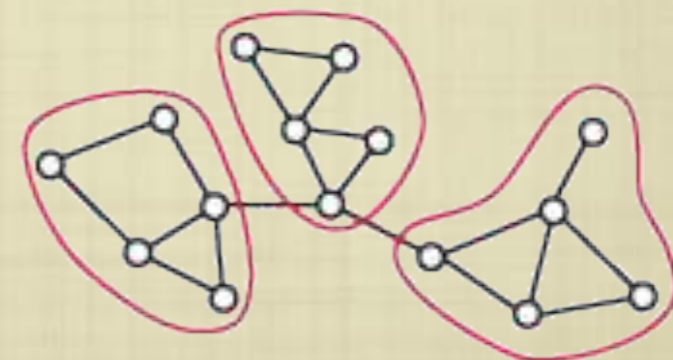
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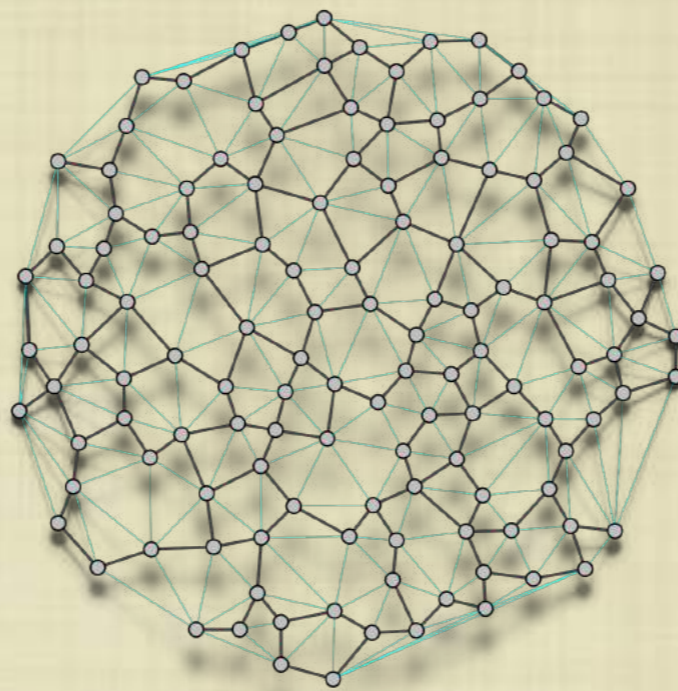
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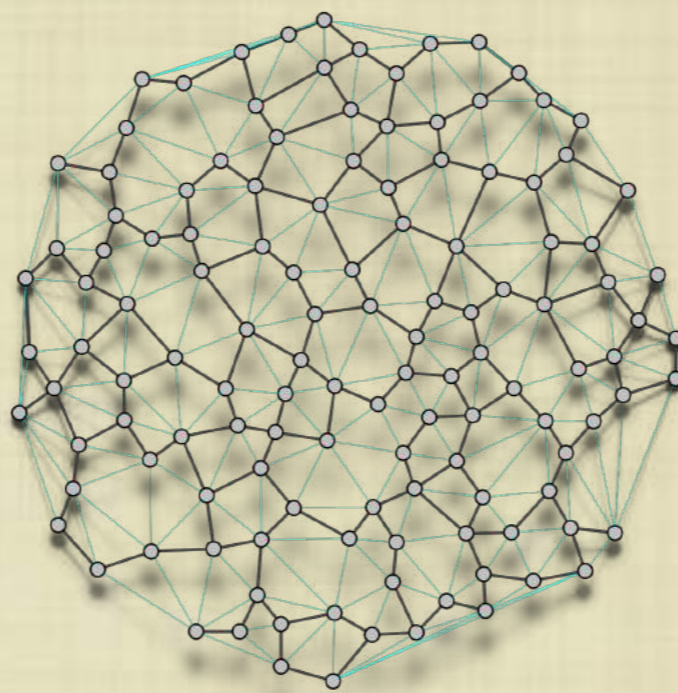
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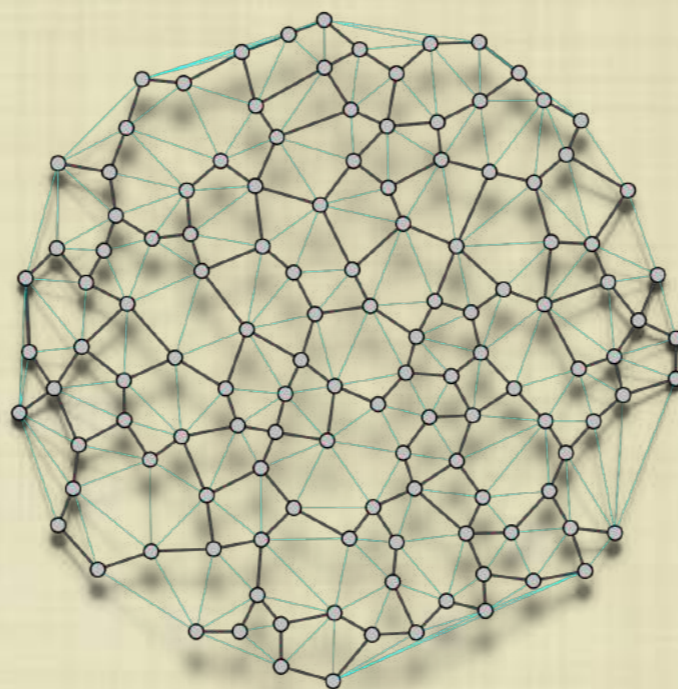
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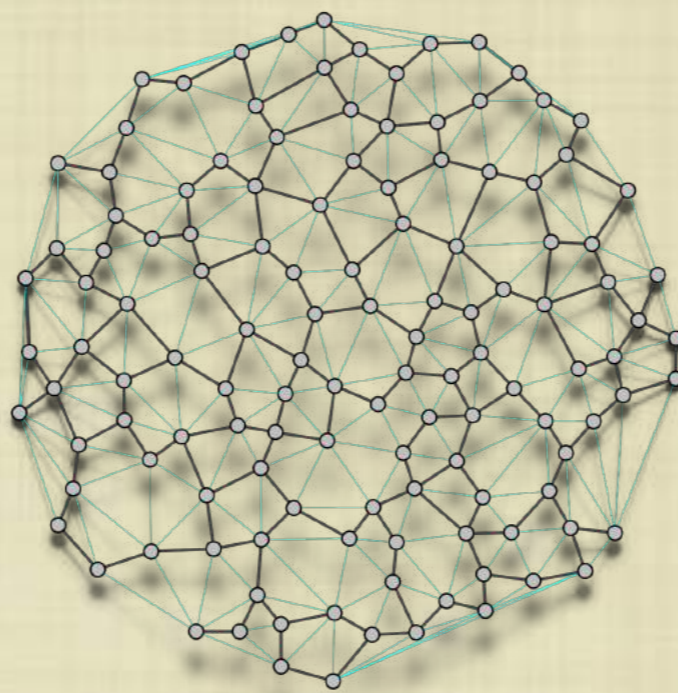
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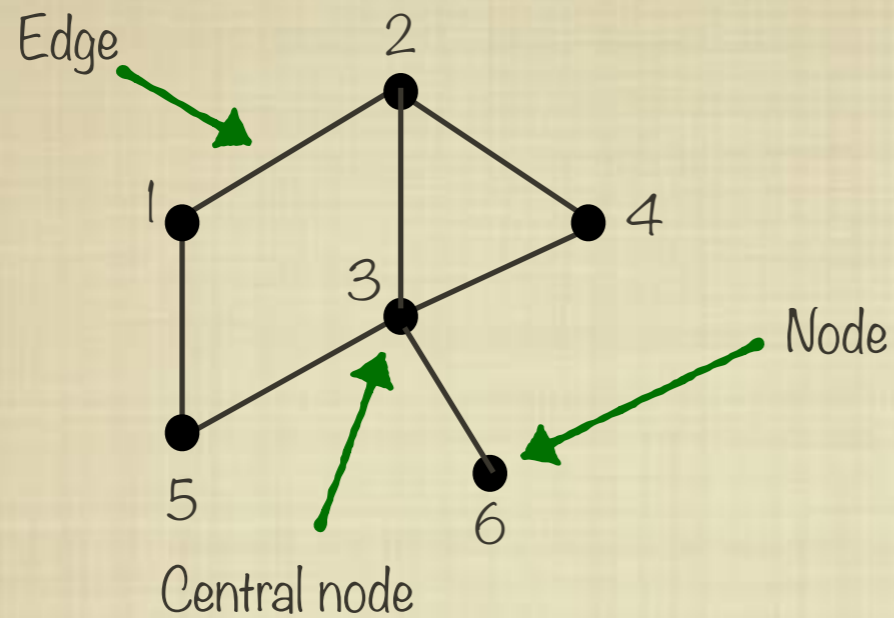
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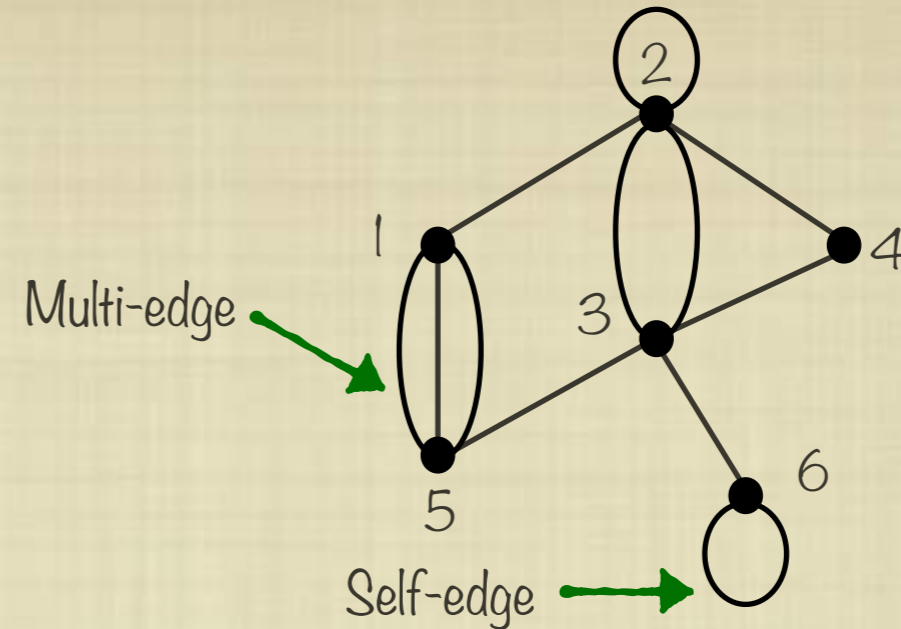
Some Examples

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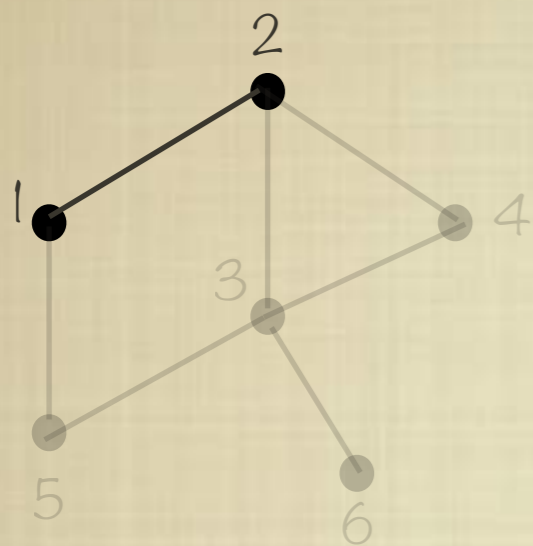
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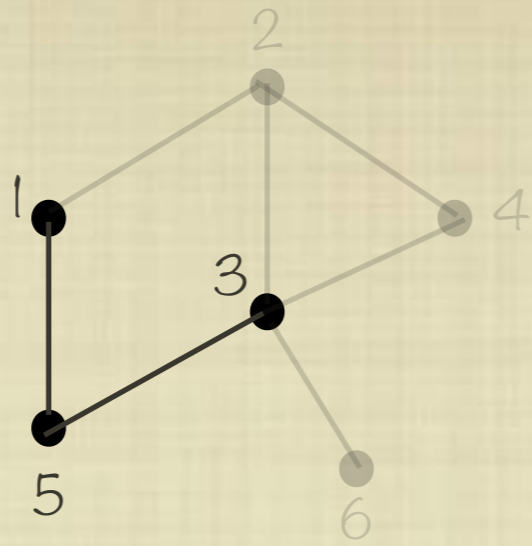


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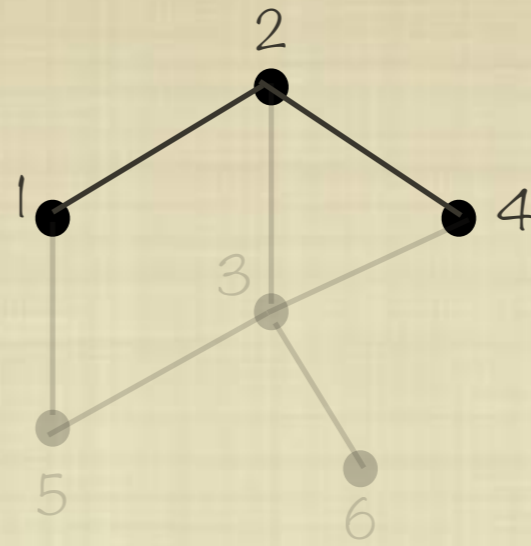
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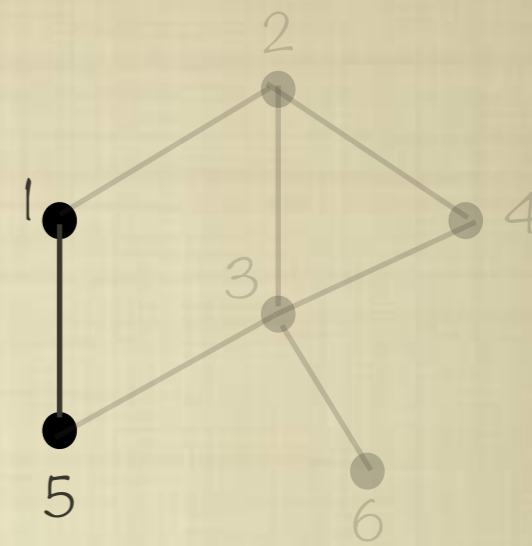
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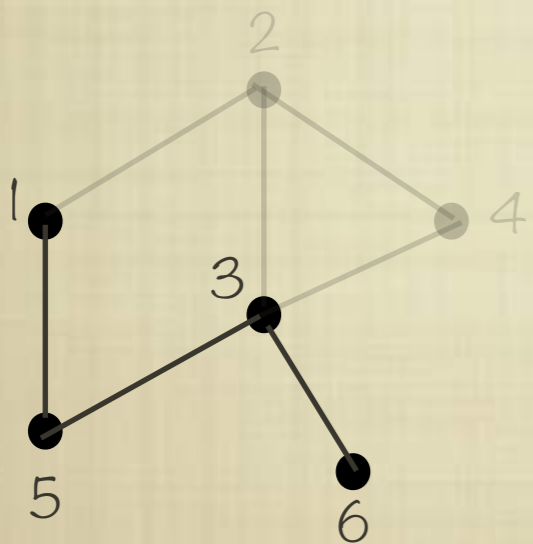
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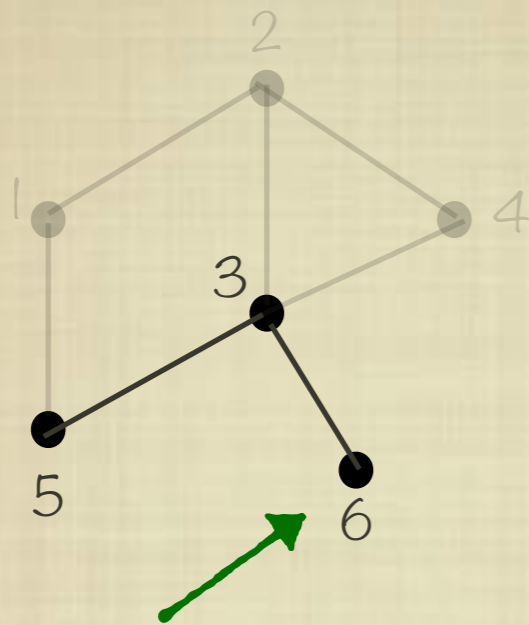
- ◆ Mean distance between node 1 and all other nodes:

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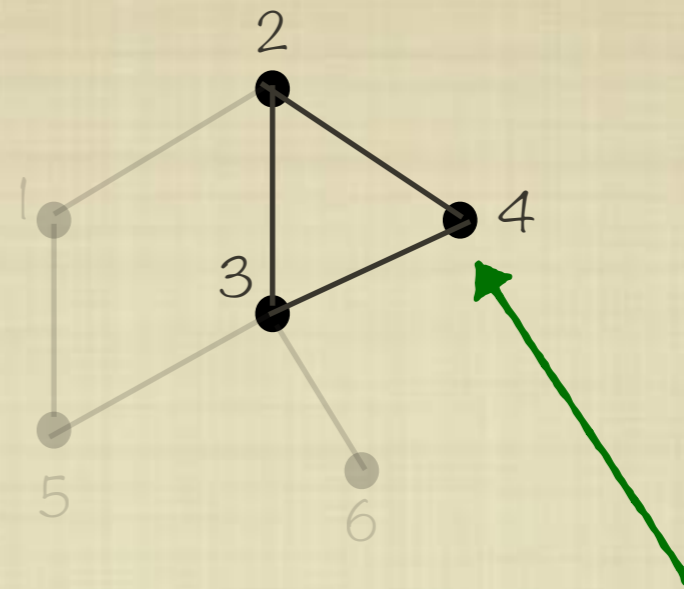
- ◆ Mean distance between nodes for the whole network:

$$\langle l \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n l_i = \frac{4}{3}$$

Transitivity & Clustering



The friend of my friend is not necessarily my friend



The friend of my friend is likely to be my friend

- ◆ Paths of length 2 and are closed form a loop. Networks with many loops are highly clustered.
- ◆ We quantify the clustering of a network by the **clustering coefficient**

$$C = \frac{\# \text{ of closed paths of length } 2}{\# \text{ of paths of length } 2} = \frac{6 \times (\# \text{ of triangles})}{\# \text{ of paths of length } 2} = \frac{3 \times (\# \text{ of triangles})}{\# \text{ of connected triples}}$$

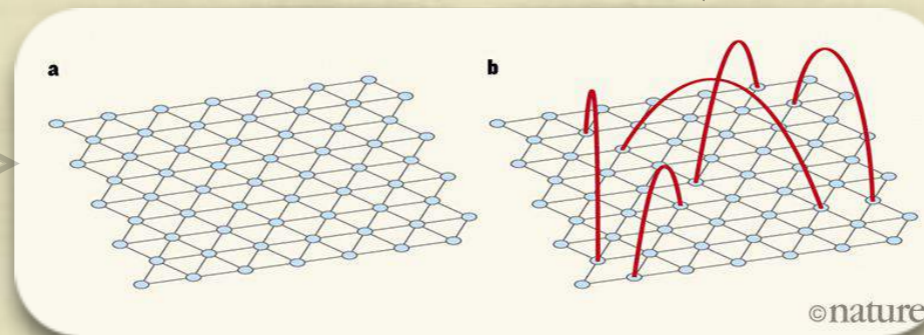
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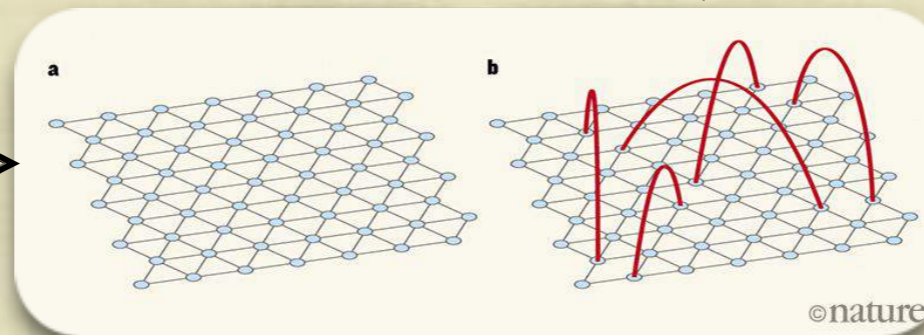
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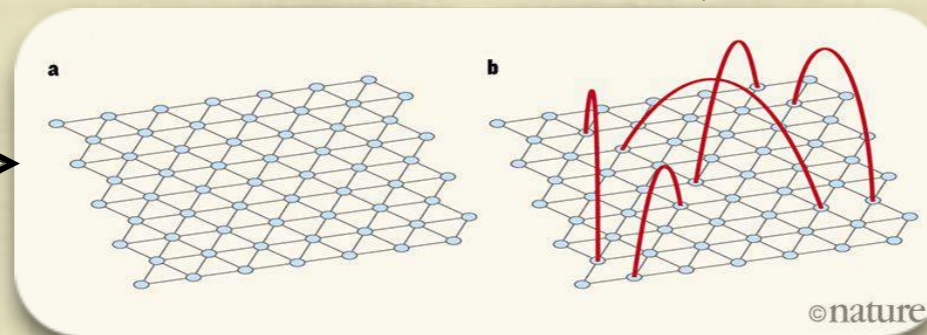
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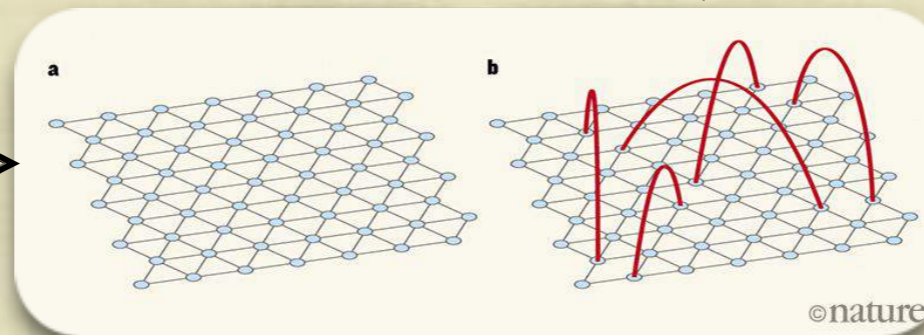
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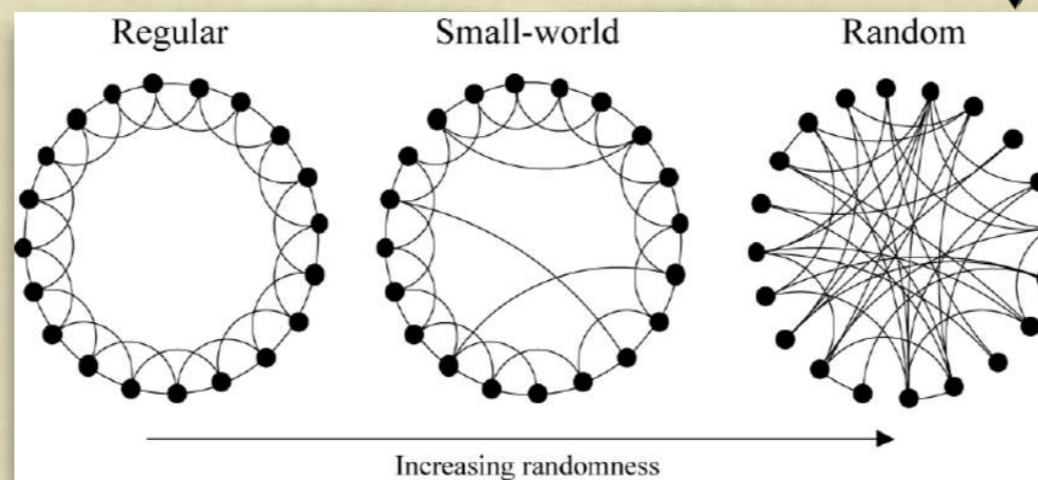
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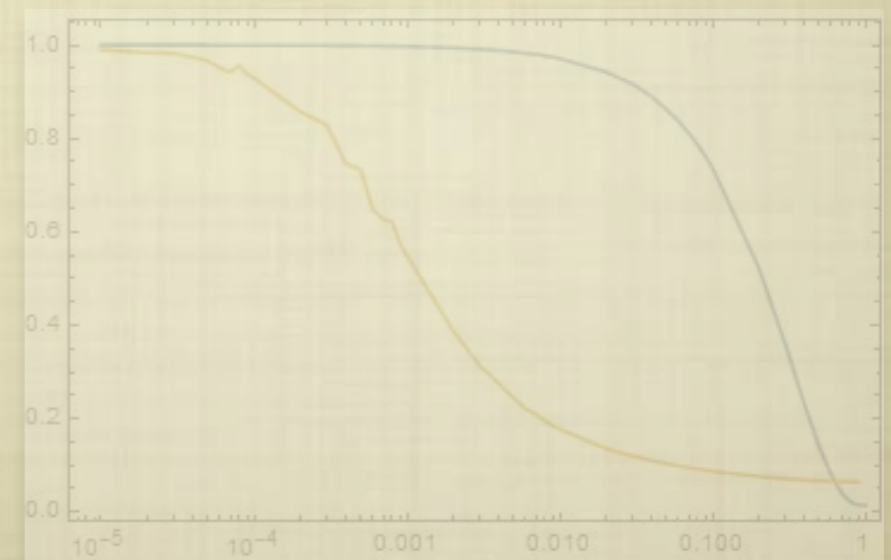
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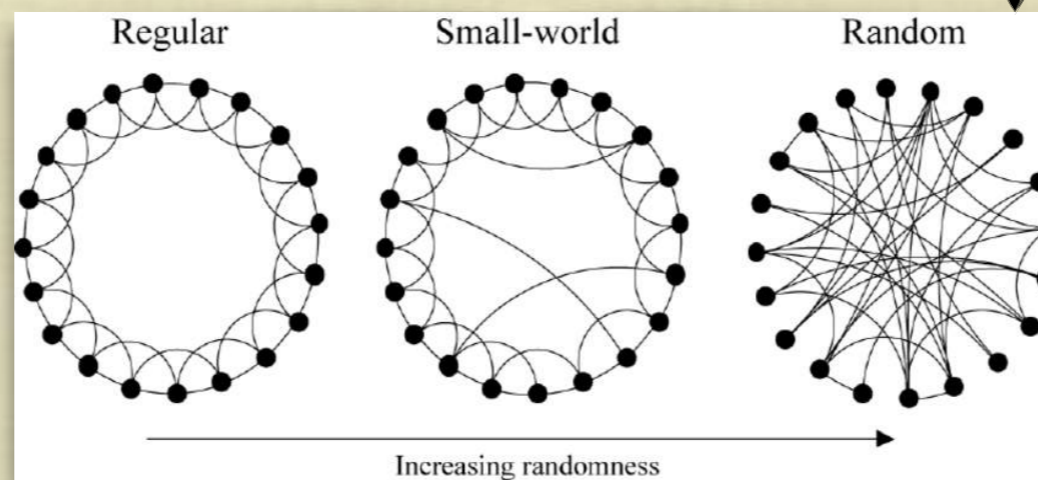


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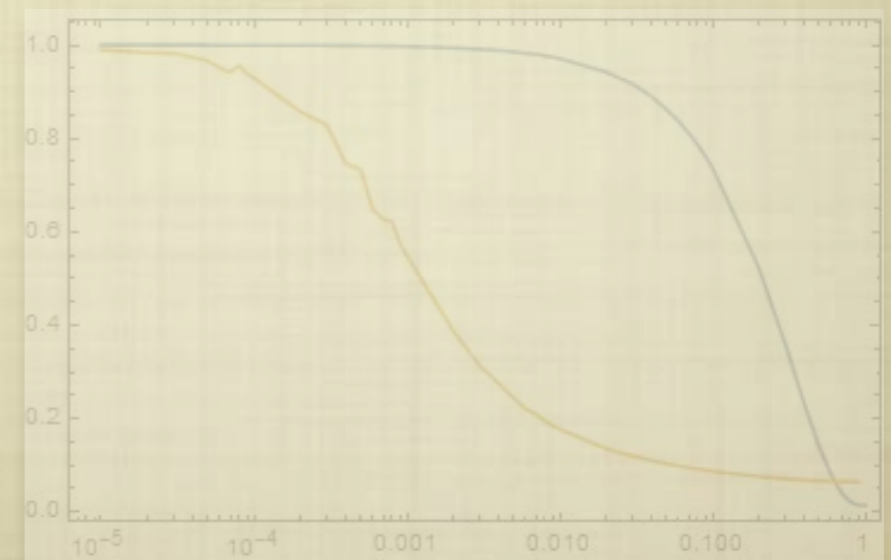
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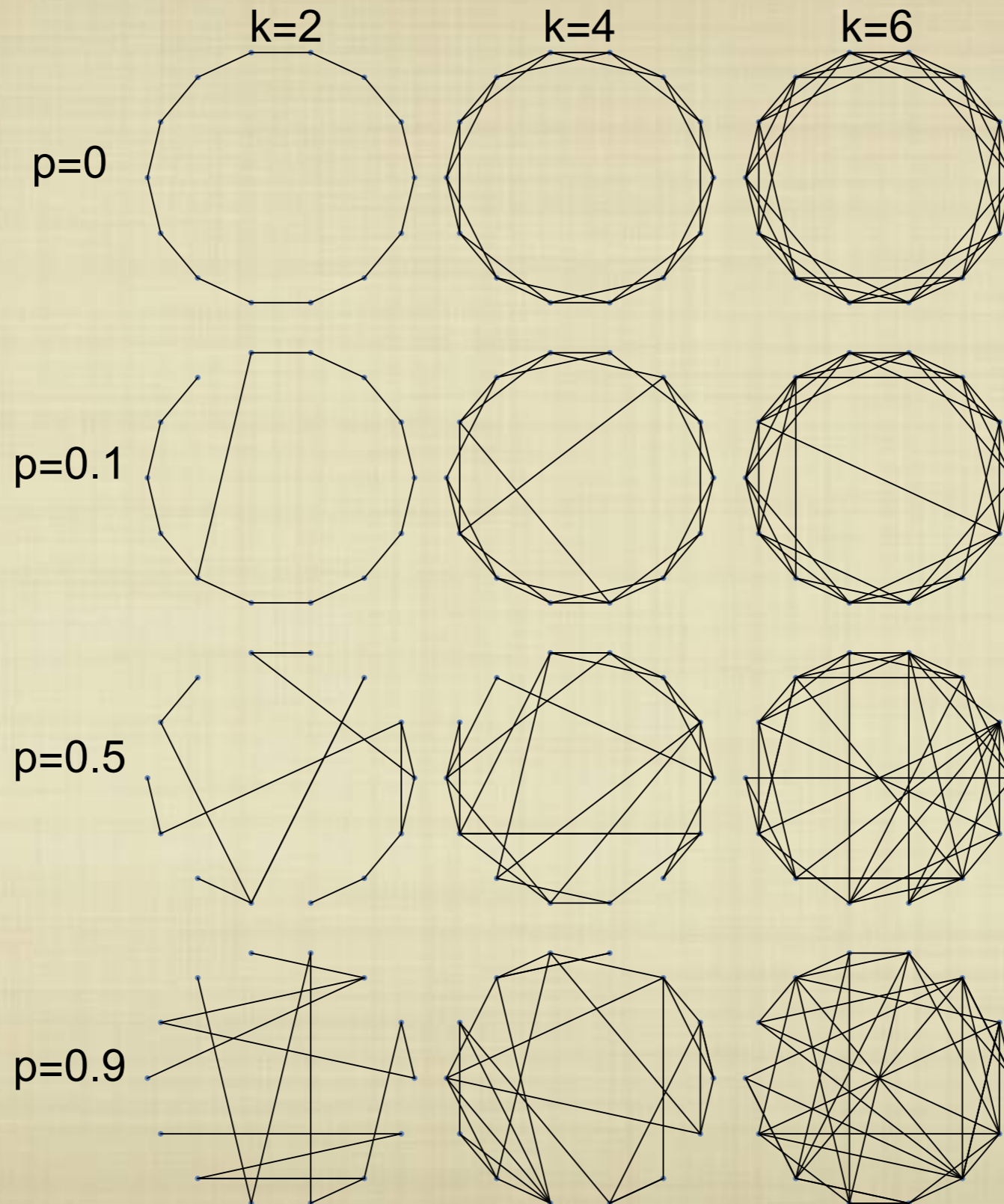


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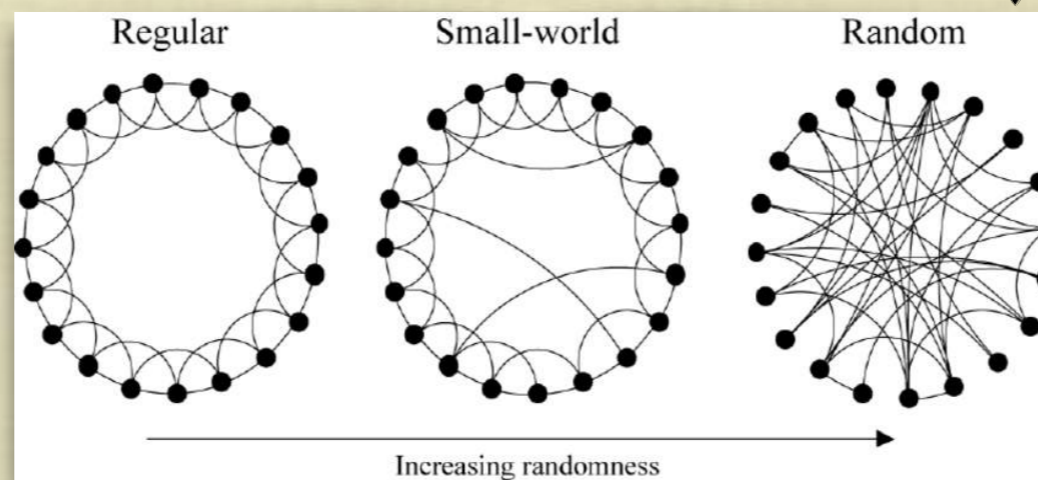


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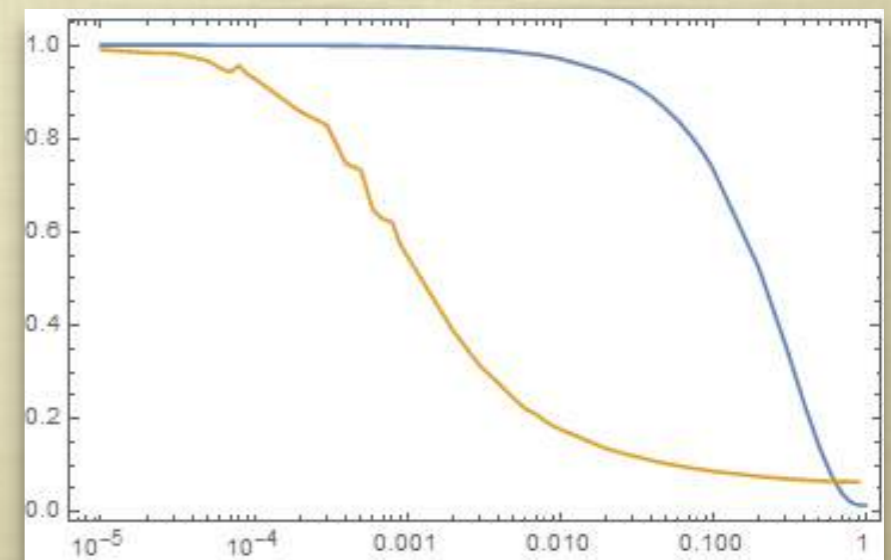
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Epidemic Spreading in a Small World

[Moore-Newman '00]

- ◆ The SIR model can be solved as a quadrature

$$t = \frac{1}{\gamma} \int_0^r \frac{du}{1 - u - s_0 e^{-\beta u / \gamma}}$$

- ◆ At late times

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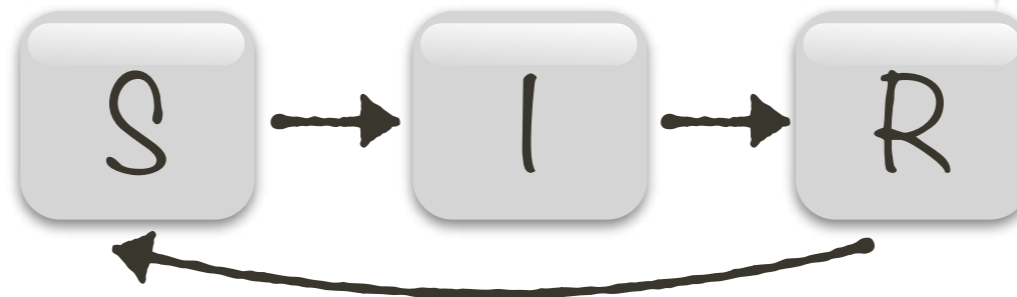
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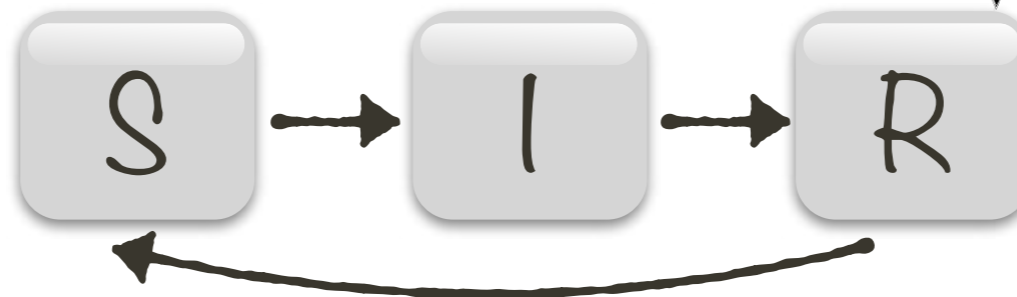
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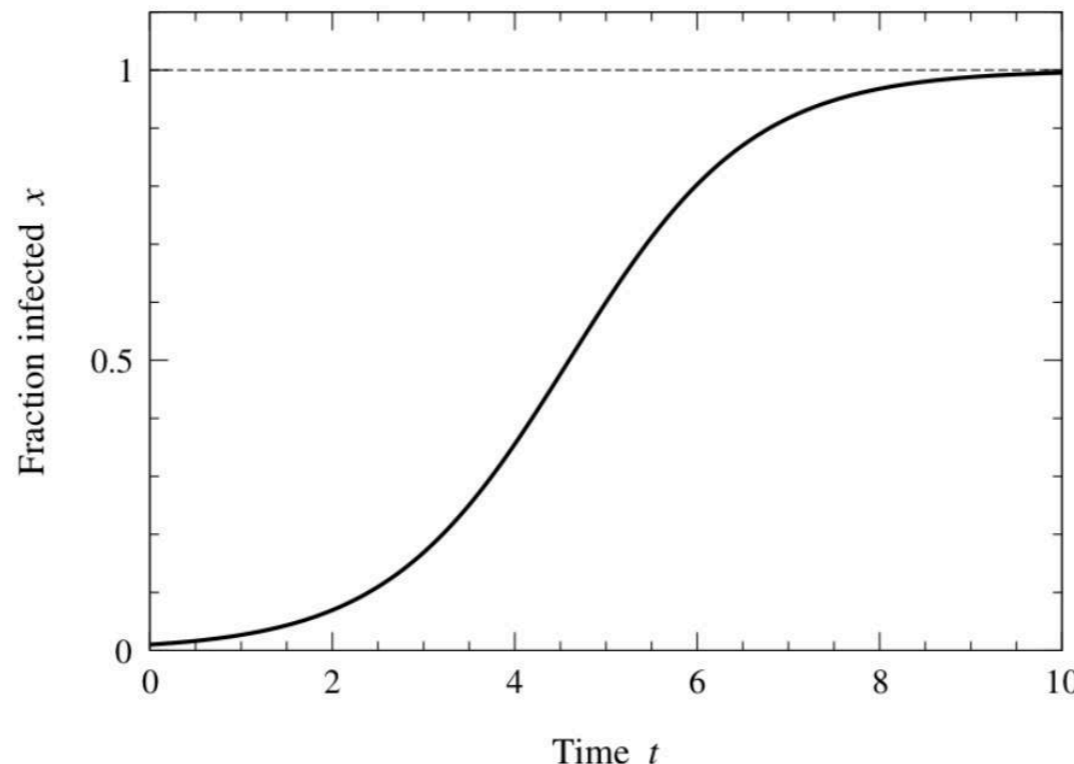
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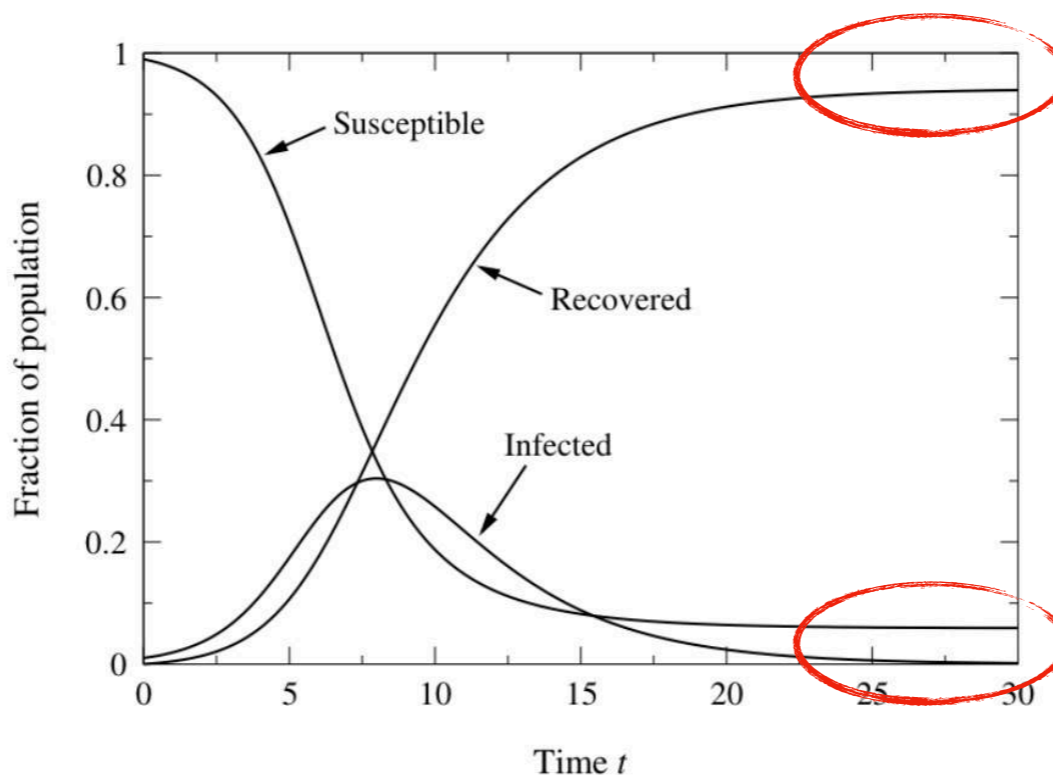
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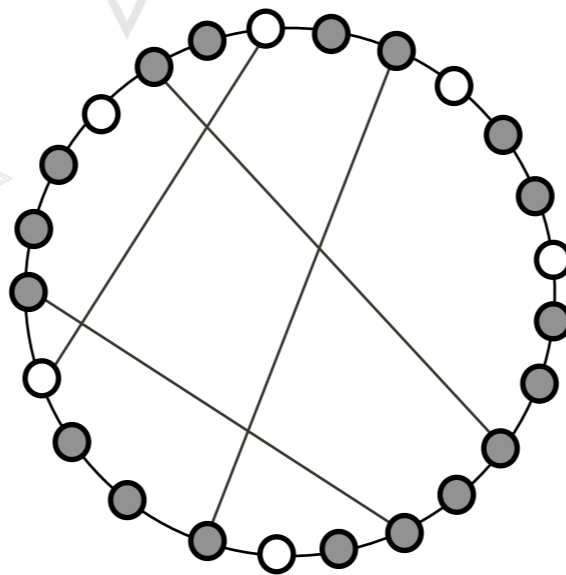
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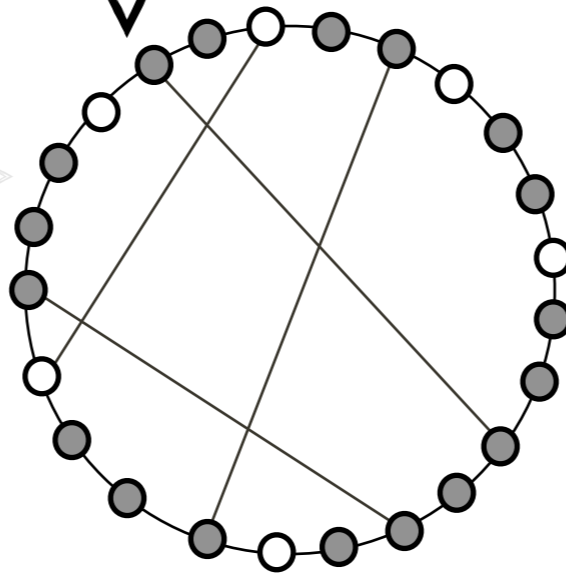
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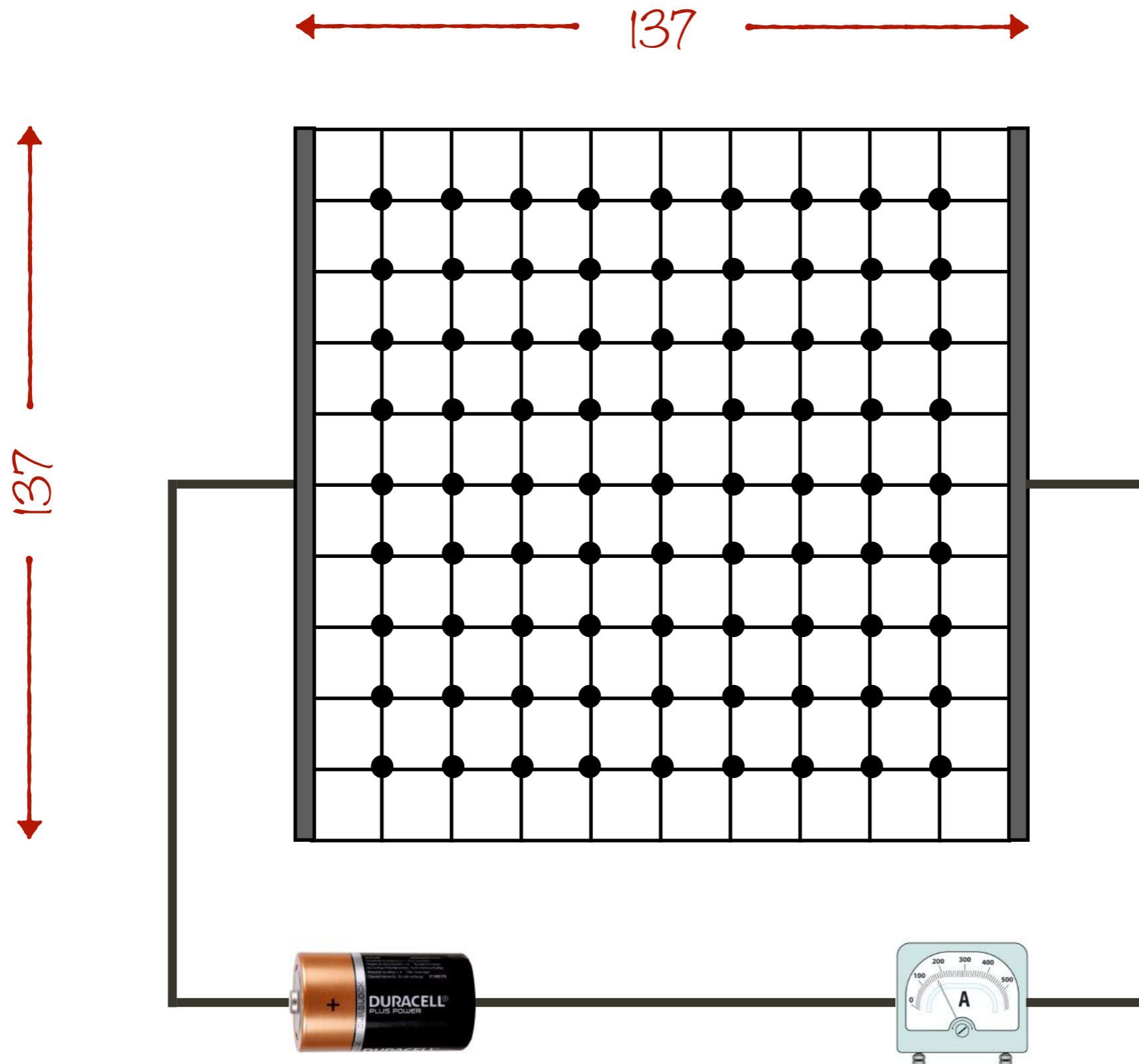
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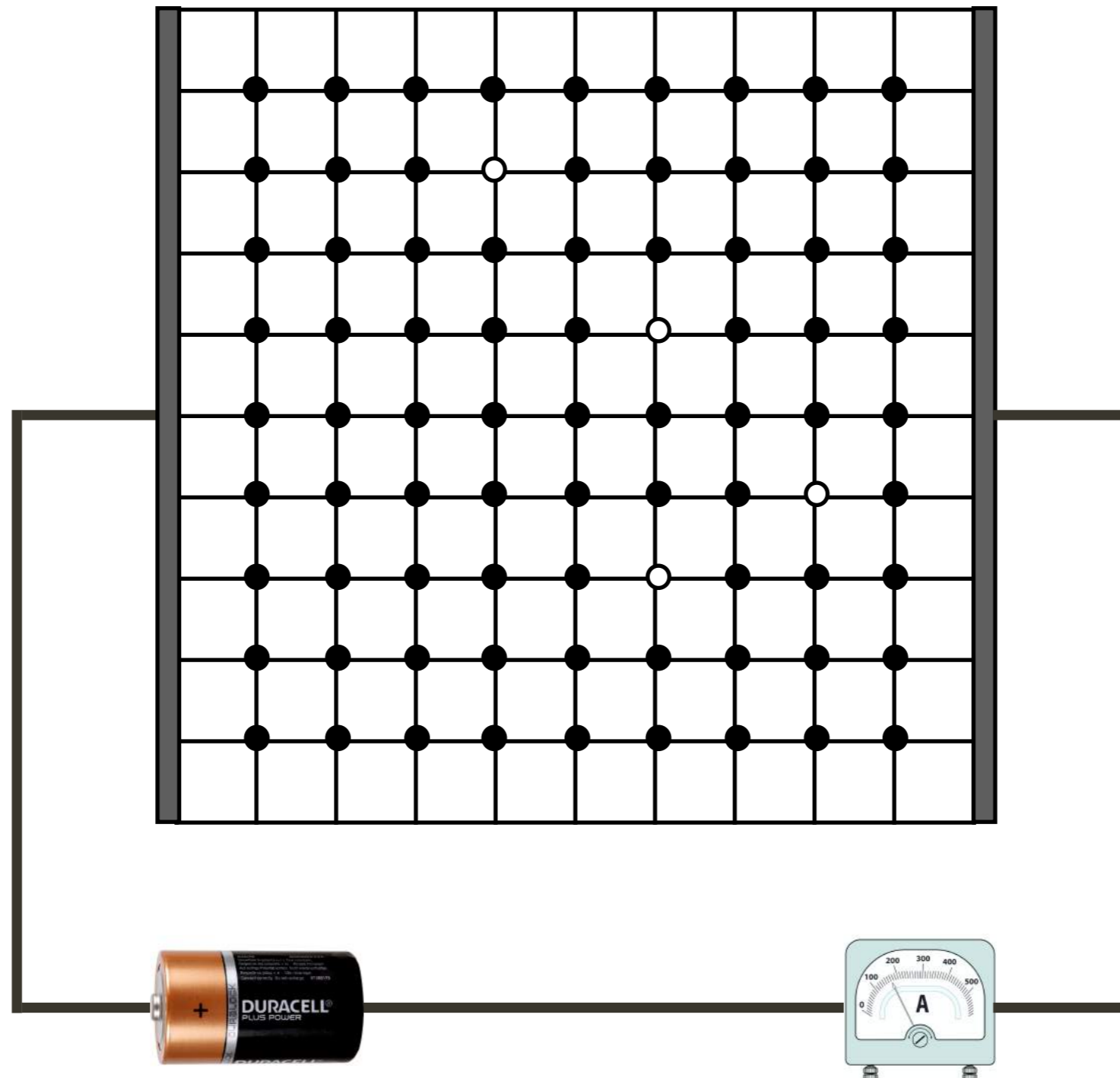


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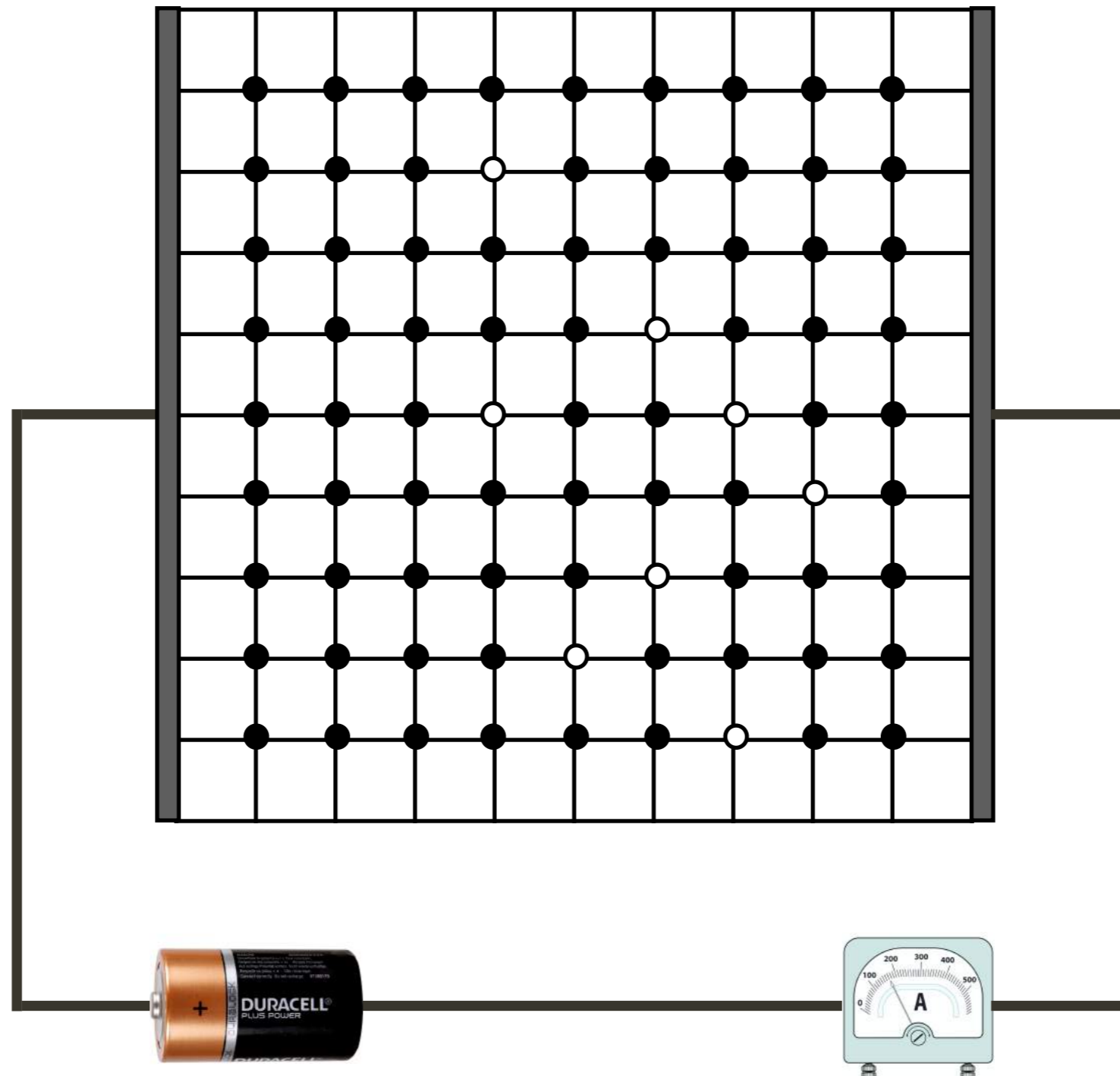
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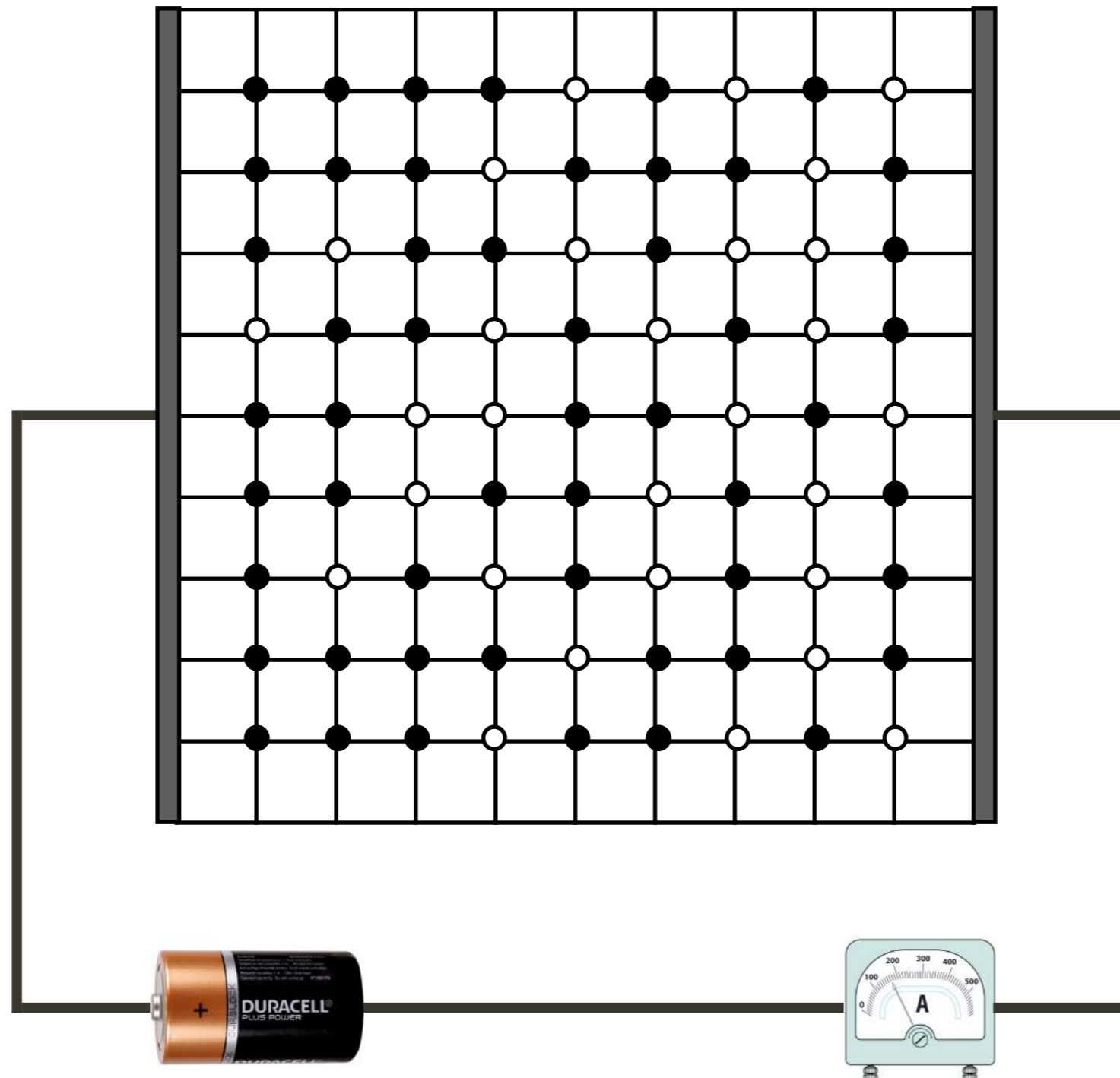


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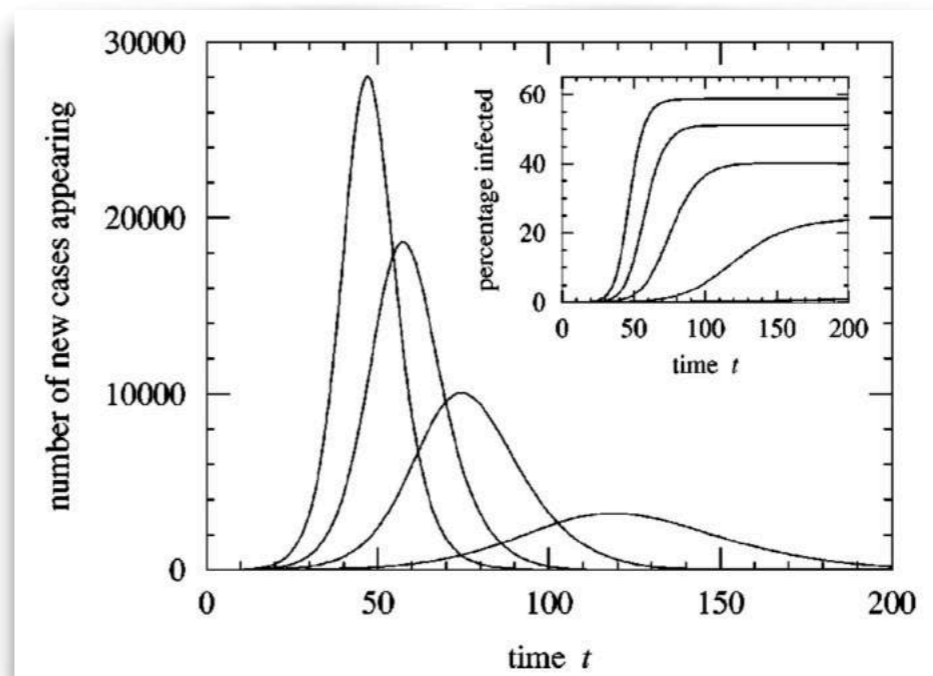
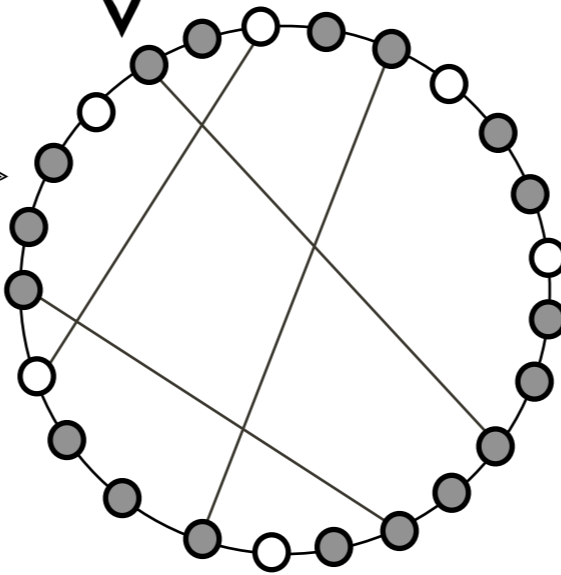
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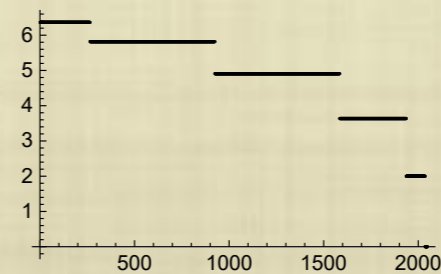
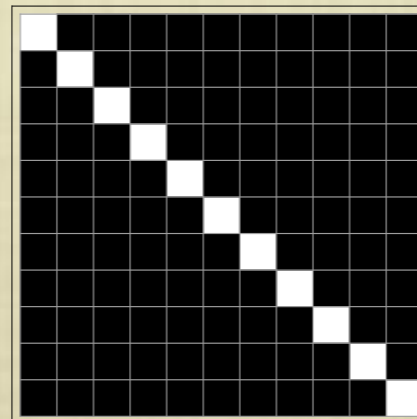
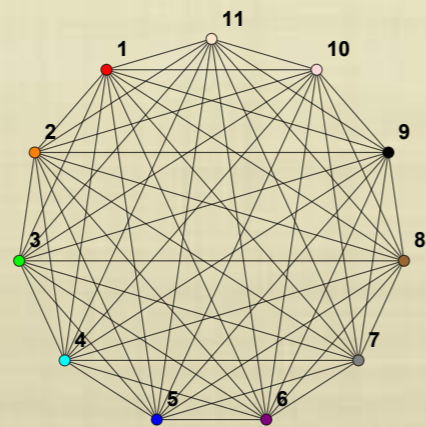
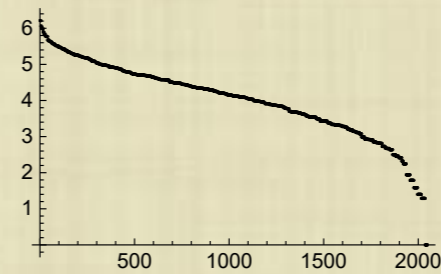
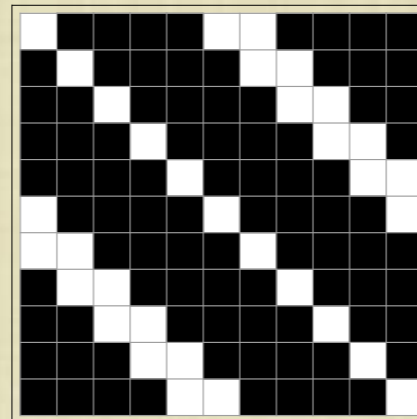
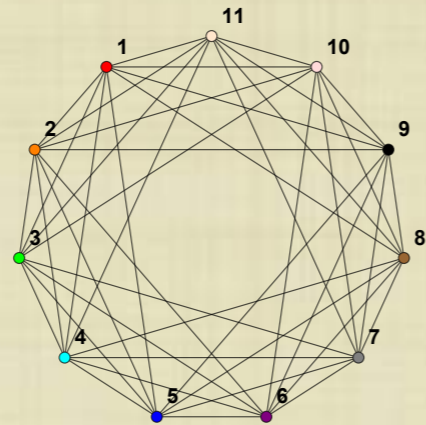
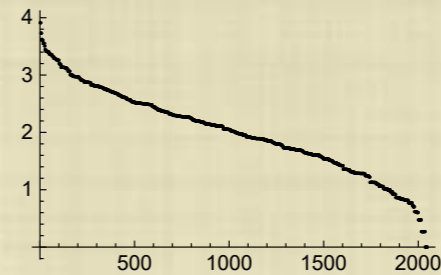
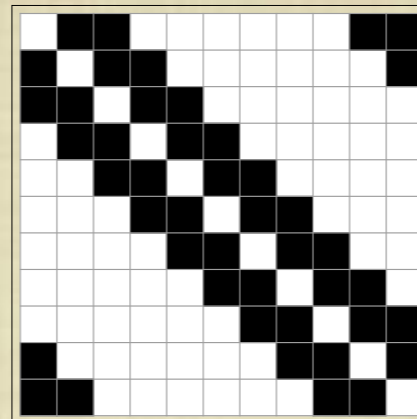
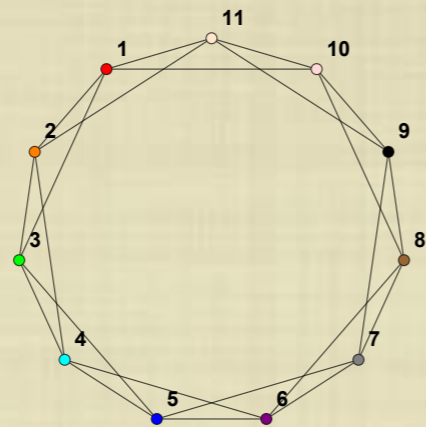
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k-local regular
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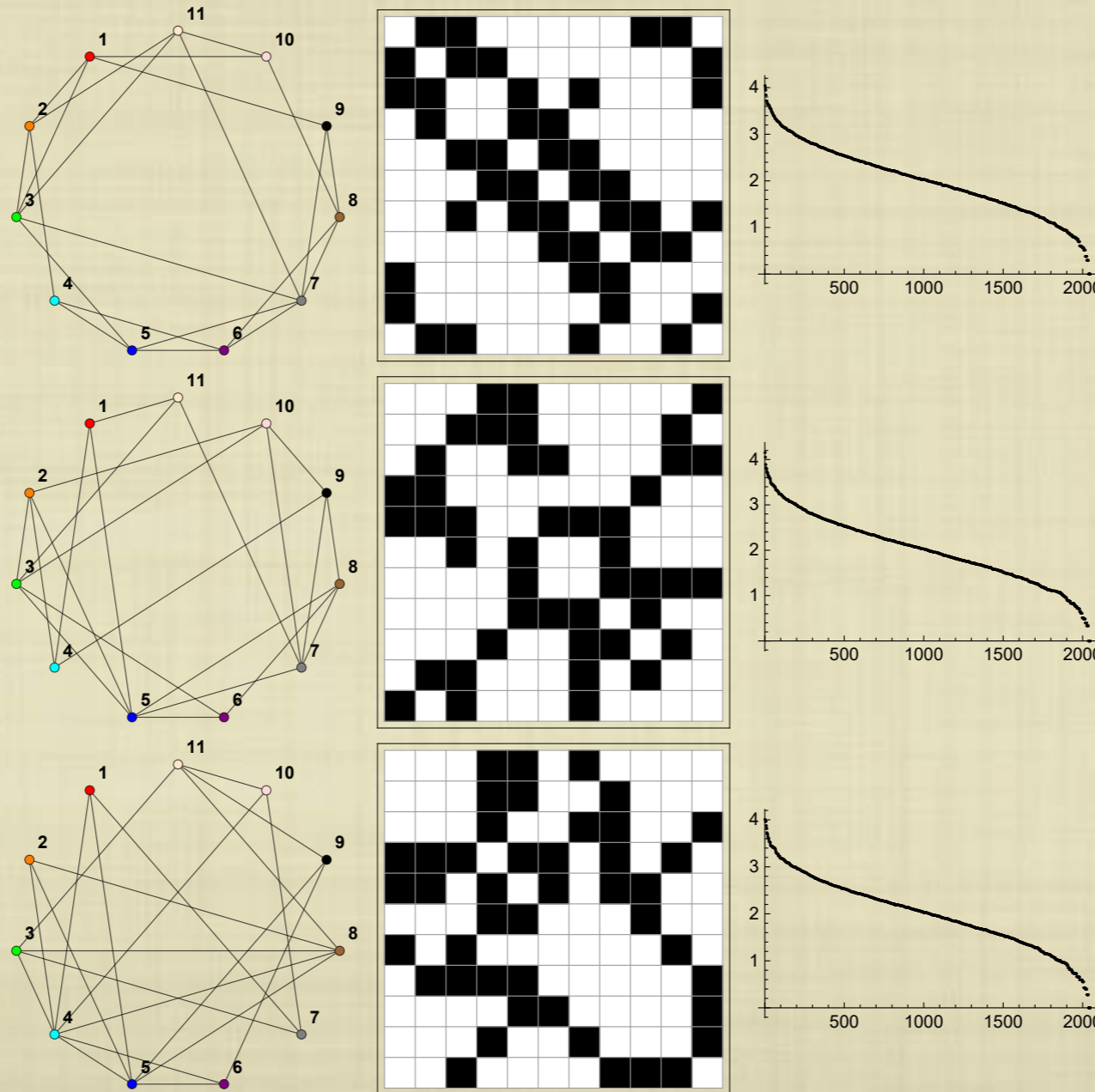
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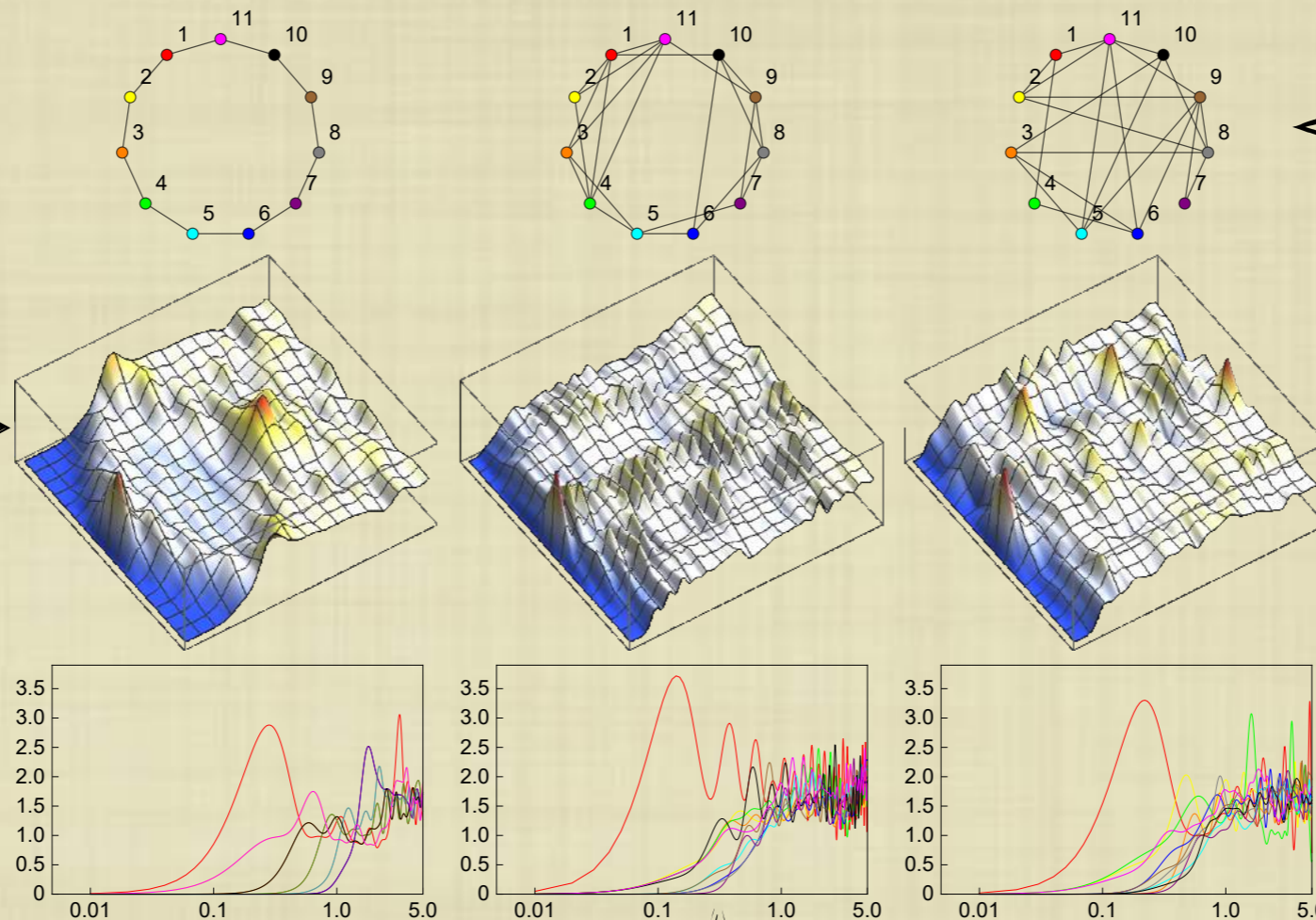
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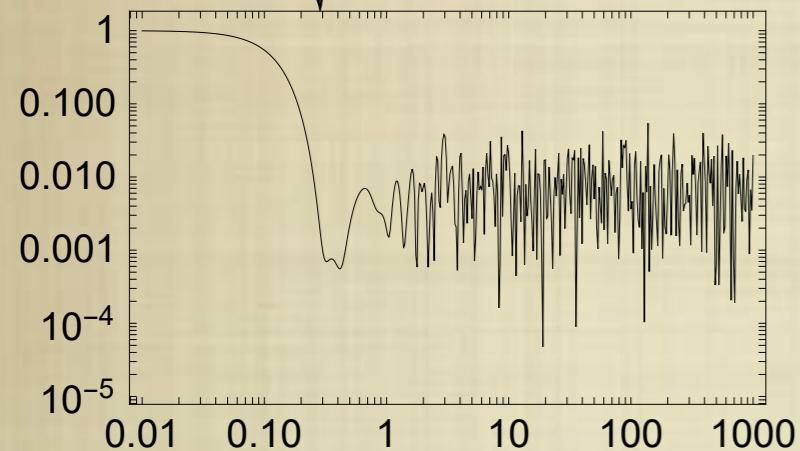
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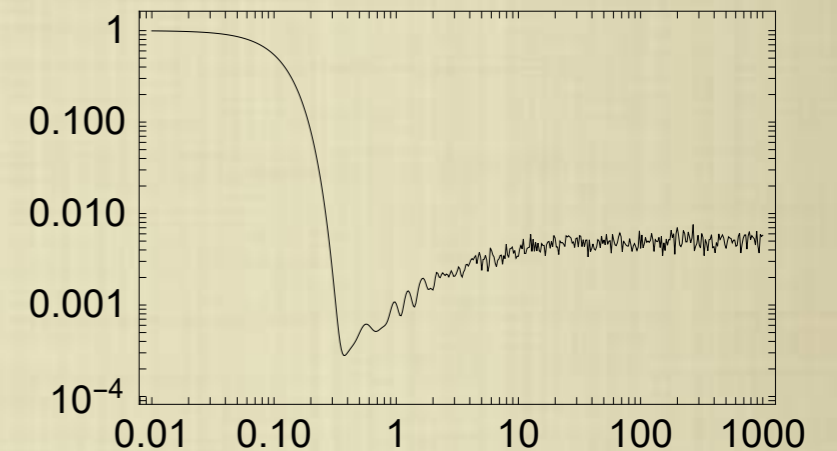
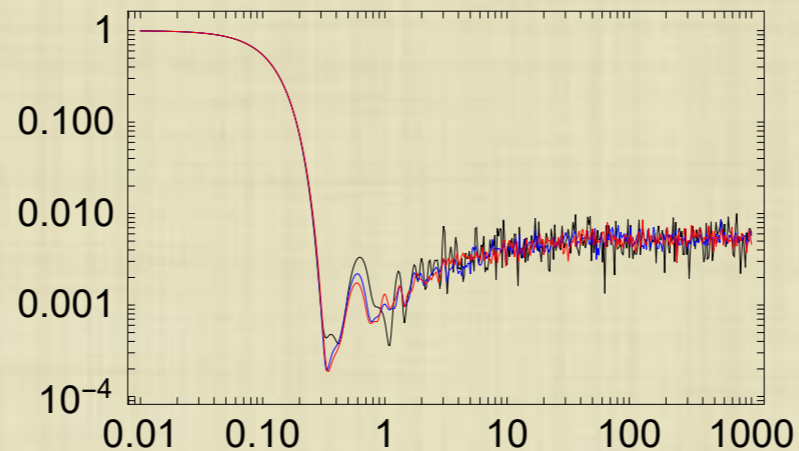
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SFF computed for 20 re-wirings ($p \sim 1$). There is a clear Dip-Ramp-Plateau behaviour with the plateau setting in at around $t=10$, for $N=7,8,9,\dots$



SFF for 1 (black), 2 (blue) and 3 (red) re-wirings of the system. The **Dip-Ramp-Plateau** behaviour starts to manifest.

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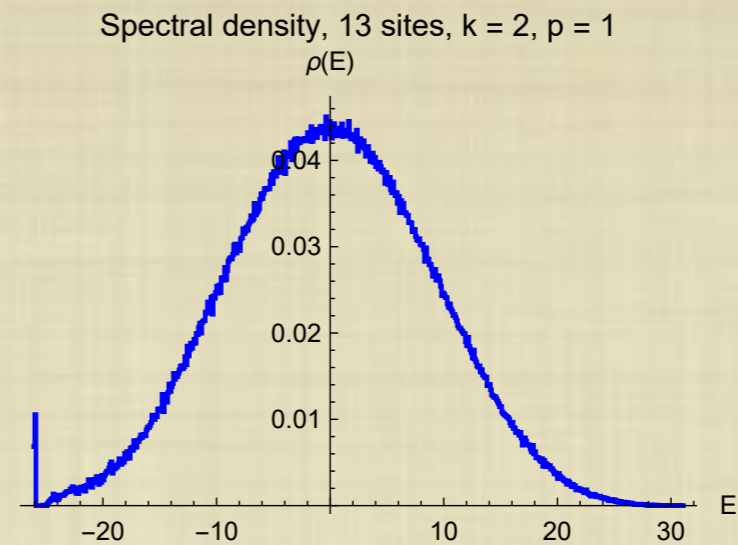
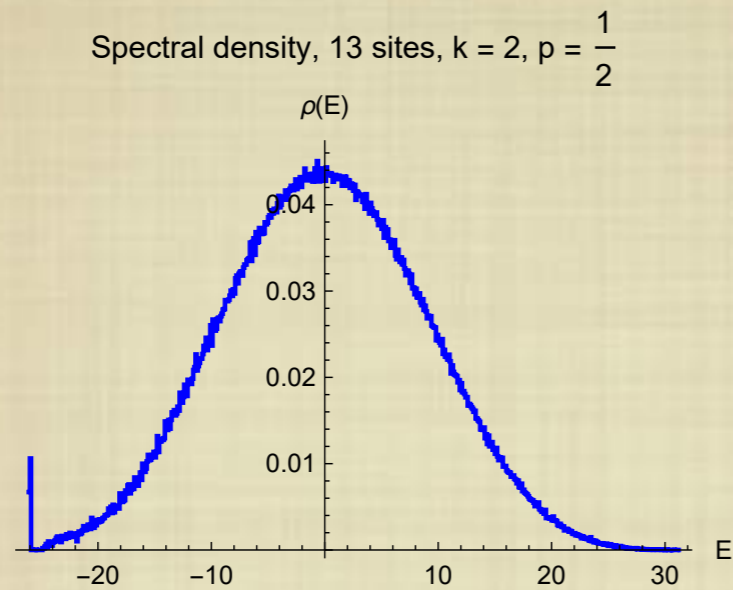
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 2. Only tell us if the spectrum is **globally RMT** or not.

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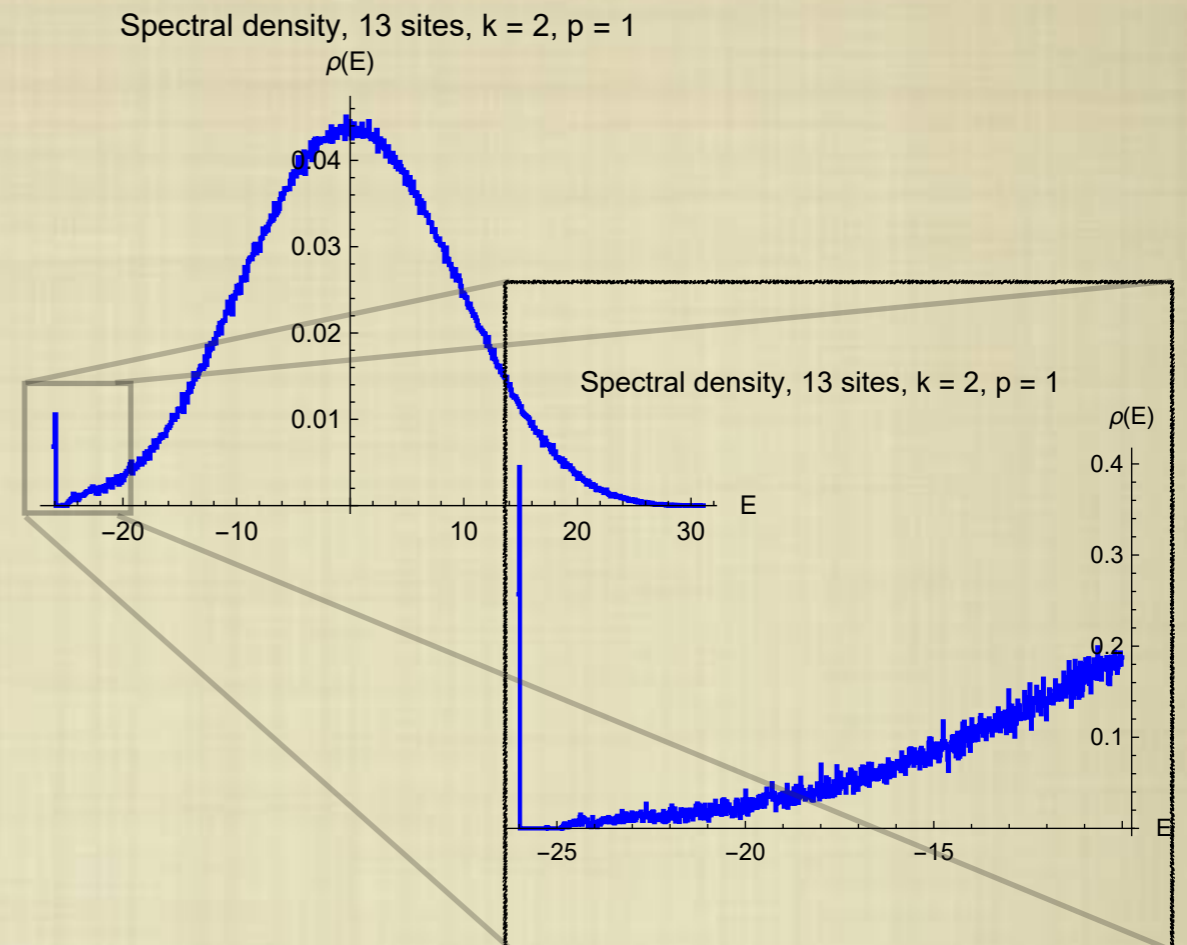
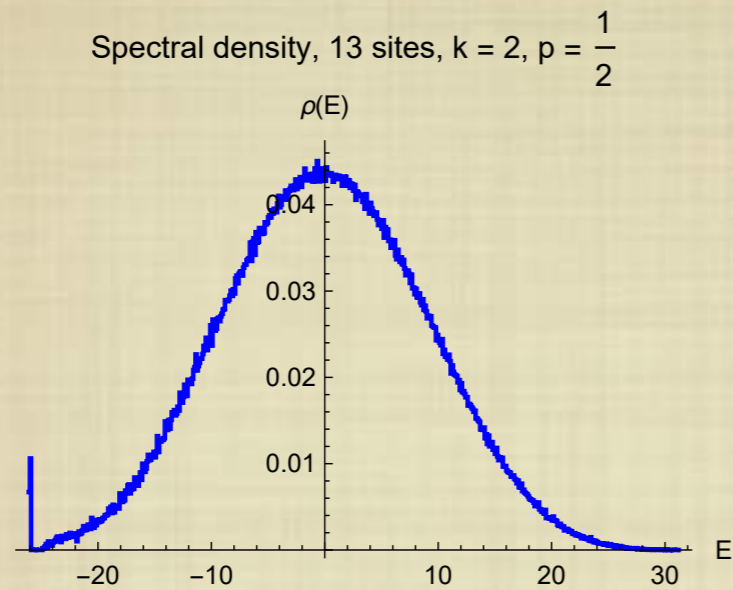
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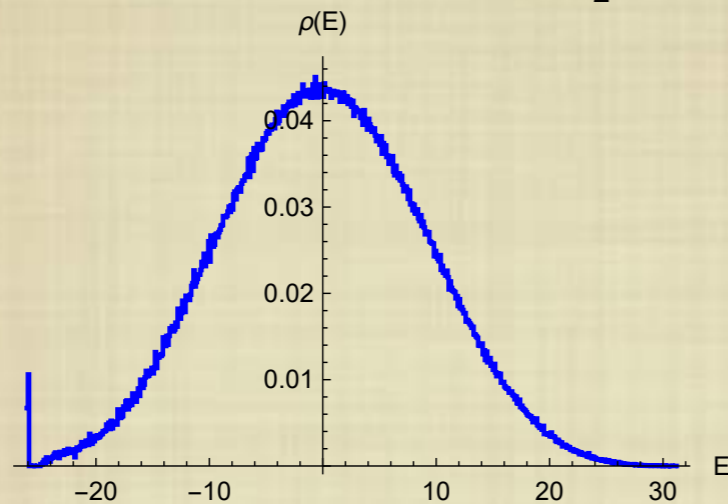
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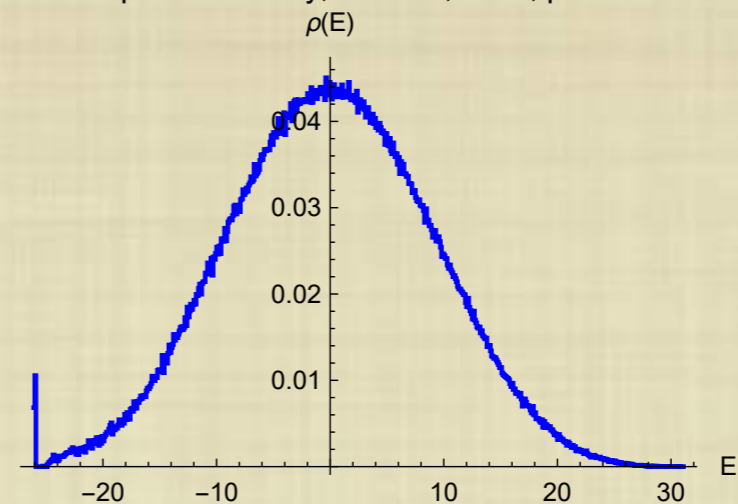
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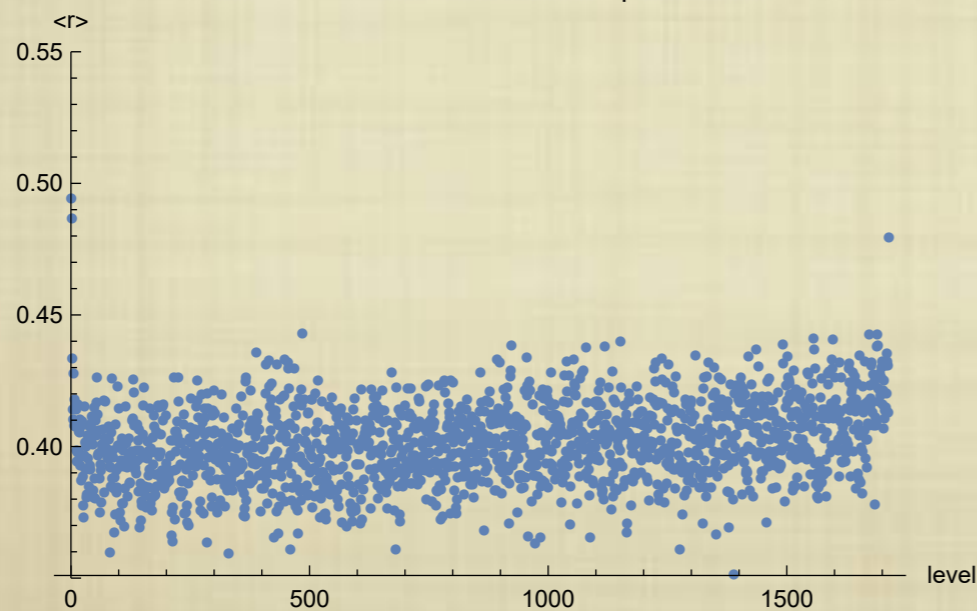
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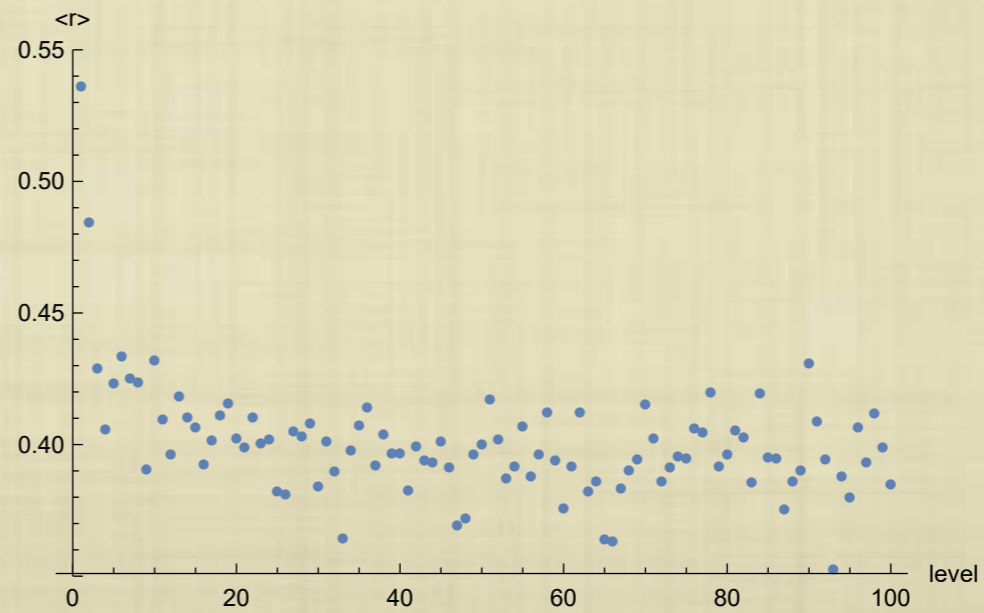
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