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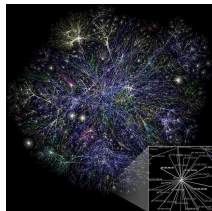
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- 1 Internet: Complex
- 2 Measurement: Sampling
- 3 Problem: Partial and Biased



## Definition

Degree distribution  $\triangleq$  the fraction  $P_k$  of nodes with  $k$  links.

Type of distribution: Poisson, Power-law, Regular...

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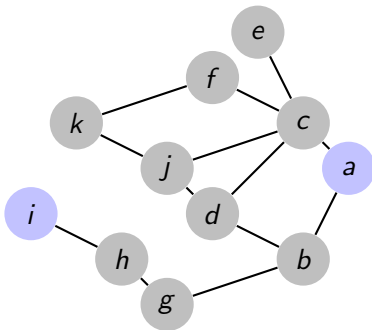
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Traceroute  $\rightarrow$  route from a monitor to a destination.



route  $\sim$  shortest path

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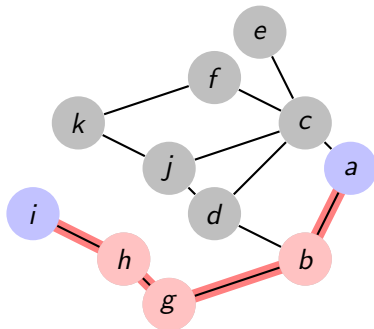
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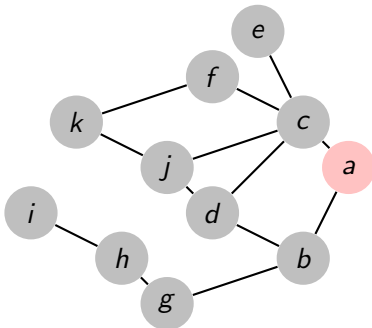
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## BFS Tree

1 monitor, many destinations

→ BFS: Breadth First Search Tree



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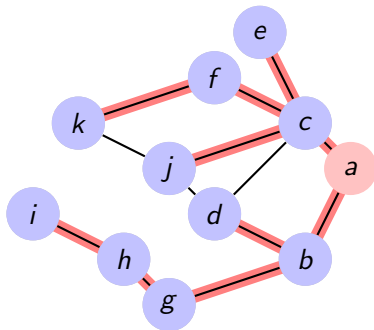
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# BFS Tree: Power-law degree distribution

[Achliotas, Clauset, Kempe, Moore, JACM, 2005]

$$a_{m+1}^{obs} = \sum_i a_i \left[ \int_0^1 it^{i-1} \binom{i-1}{m} p_{vis}(t)^m (1 - p_{vis}(t))^{i-1-m} dt \right] \quad (1)$$

$$p_{vis}(t) = \frac{1}{\sum_j ja_j t^j} \sum_k ka_k t^k \left( \frac{\sum_j ja_j t^j}{\delta t^2} \right)^k \quad (2)$$

$$g^{obs}(z) = z \int_0^1 g' \left[ t - \frac{(1-z)}{g'(1)} g' \left( \frac{g'(t)}{g'(1)} \right) \right] dt \quad (3)$$

# BFS Tree: Power-law degree distribution

Degree distribution of the BFS is always Power-law.

- 1 Poisson:  $a_m = \frac{\lambda^m e^{-\lambda}}{m!} \rightarrow a_{m+1}^{obs} \sim m^{-1}$
- 2 Regular:  $a_r = 1 \rightarrow a_{m+1}^{obs} \sim \frac{1}{rm}$
- 3 Power-law:  $a_m \sim m^{-\alpha} \rightarrow$  underestimate  $\alpha$

Problem: How to get information on the type of the graph from a BFS tree (always Power-law)?

- 1 **Current approach:** collect samples as large as possible  $\rightarrow$  still biased?
- 2 **Our approach:** infer the properties of the graph from a BFS.

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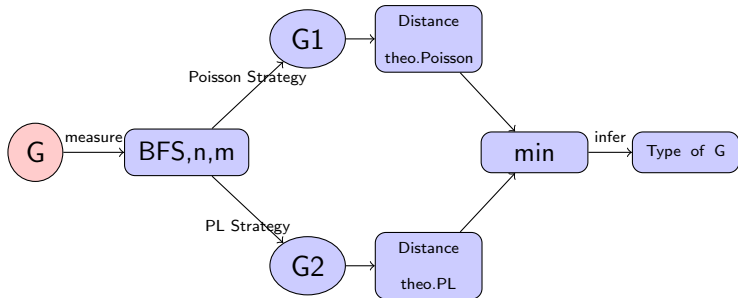
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# Methodology

Distance:

- 1 Distribution 1: from the reconstructed graph ( $G1$  or  $G2$ ).
- 2 Distribution 2: calculated with  $(n,m,type)$ .



Step 1: decide on the type of a graph from  $(n,m,BFS)$

Step 2: decide on the type of a graph from  $(n,BFS)$

# Rebuilding: Methodology

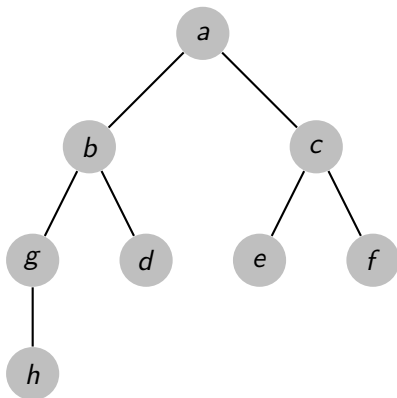
Unknown connected  $G \rightarrow$  BFS tree  $T$ ,  $n, m \rightarrow G'$

Method: add  $m - n + 1$  links to  $T$

How to rebuild:

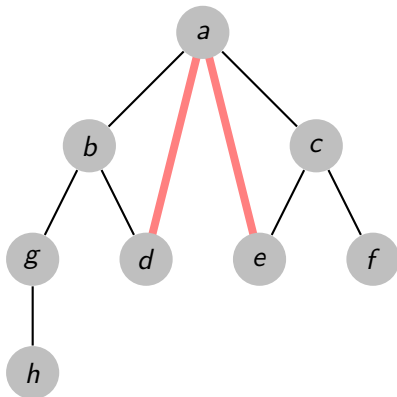
- 1 Forbidden positions
- 2 RR, PP and RP strategies

## Rebuilding: Forbidden positions



Any link of  $G$  is necessarily between two nodes in consecutive levels of  $T$ , or in the same level of  $T$ .

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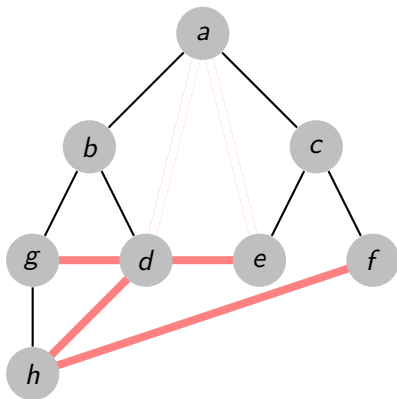
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## Rebuilding: Forbidden positions



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## Rebuilding strategies: RR and PP

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Among all **allowed positions**:

- 1 RR: Inspired from **Erdős-Rényi Model**, the two extremities are chosen with uniform probability.

$$E(d_{G'}(v) = l) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j>0} \sum_{k=1}^l n_{jk} P(k \rightarrow l, j) \quad (4)$$

- 2 PP: Inspired from **Barabási-Albert Model**, the two extremities are chosen with probability proportional to their degree.

$$E(d_{G'}(v) = l) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j>0} \sum_{k=1}^l n_{jk} P(k \rightarrow l, j, m') \quad (5)$$

- 3 Other strategies

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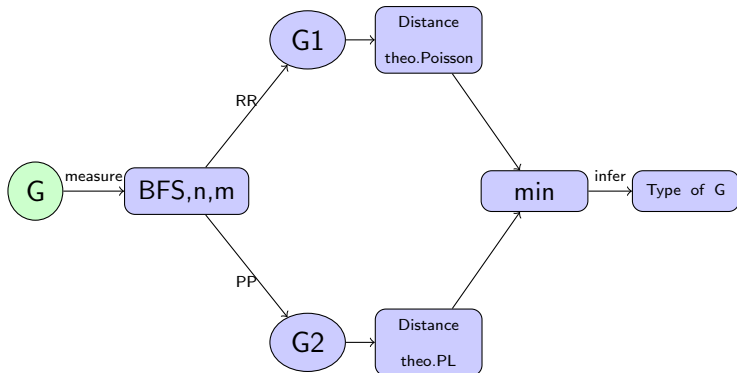
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## Validation: process



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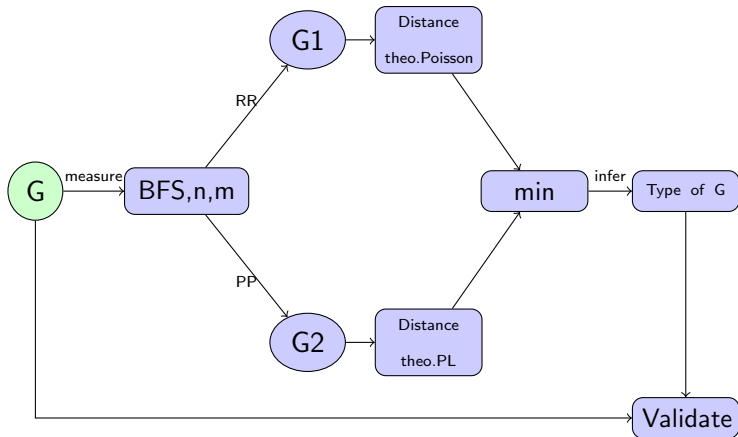
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## Validation: process



## Model graphs

- 1 Simple, connected  
[*F.Viger, M.Latapy, 11thICCC, 2005*]
- 2 Poisson: 3 to 10  
Power-law: 2.1 to 2.5
- 3 Size: 1000 to 100000 nodes
- 4 Sample: 10 each

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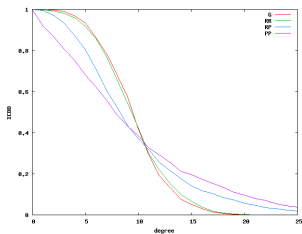
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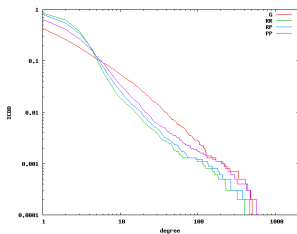
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# Graphic Validation on model graphs

Poisson 10



Power-law 2.2



Poisson 10: RR is best.

Power-law 2.2: PP is best.

G ——— red  
RR ——— green  
RP ——— blue  
PP ——— purple

Our strategies work on model graphs

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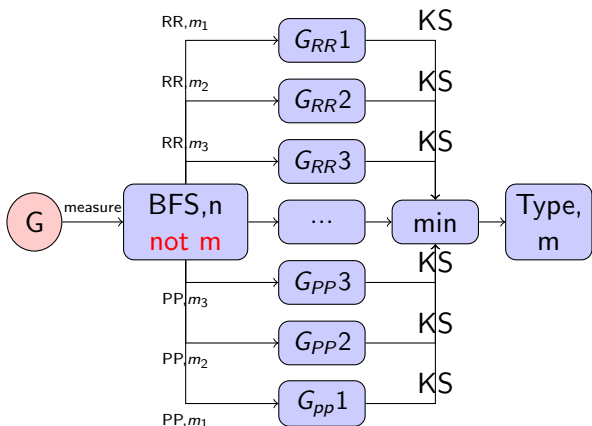
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## Deciding without $m$

Hypothesis :  $n$ , a complete BFS, not  $m$

Try wide range of  $m$ , RR:  $m \in (2, 50]$ ; PP:  $m \in (2, 10]$

Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance:  $KS = \max_k \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^k (p_i - q_i)$ .





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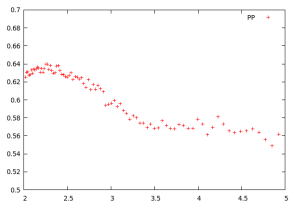
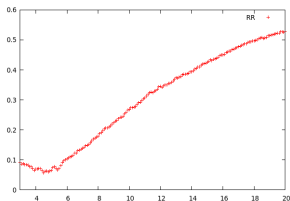
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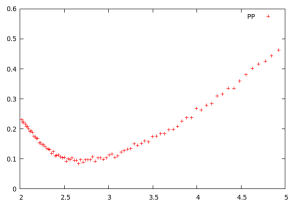
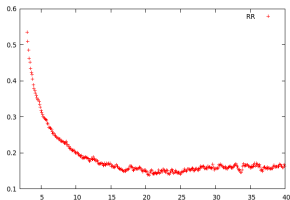
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# Deciding the type without $m$ : one BFS tree

Poisson 3 ( $m=3$ )



Power-law 2.2 ( $m=3.14$ )



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## Deciding the type without $m$ : multi-BFS trees

Nodes: 10000

Table: Result of multi-BFS: Poisson 3

BFS number	min KS
1 BFS	RR at 4.5 = 0.0207
2 BFSs	RR at 4 = 0.0342
5 BFSs	RR at 3 = 0.0402
10 BFSs	RR at 3 = 0.0177
20 BFSs	RR at 3 = 0.0169

## Deciding the type without $m$ : multi-BFS trees

Skitter-AS graph is more likely to a power-law graph,  
with 5776 nodes and 12822 links.

Table: Result of multi-BFS: Skitter-AS

BFS number	RR $\lambda$	$m$	PP $\alpha$	$m$
1 BFS	21	60648	2.28	7683
2 BFSs	20	57760	2.15	10228
5 BFSs	16.5	47652	2.08	12388

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# Conclusion and perspectives

**Conclusion:** A new approach succeeds in distinguishing between Poisson and power-law, but needs a complete BFS.

## Future work:

- 1 Use the profile of BFS.  
~ a diminishing urn model  $M=(-1,-1;0,-2)$ .
- 2 Partial BFS or BFS limited by number of hop.
- 3 Several BFSs.
  - 1 How many BFSs?
  - 2 How to choose?

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