Mapping and Modeling Scientific Network Ecologies

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/ Visualization of 2,220 conference abstracts with simultaneous overlay of three levels of a hierarchical clustering tree of SOM neurons: 10-cluster solution (red); 25-cluster solution (green); and 100-cluster solution (black). Cluster labels are scaled according to rank within the respective cluster.









Process Models

Aim to simulate, statistically describe, or formally reproduce the statistical and dynamic characteristics of interest. Of particular interest are models that "conform to the measured data not only on the level where the discovery was originally made but also at the level where the more elementary mechanisms are observable and verifiable" (Willinger, Govindan, Jamin, Paxson, & Shenker, 2002, p.2575).

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The TARL Model: Validation

The properties of the networks generated by this model are validated against a 20-year data set (1982-2001) of documents of type article published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (PNAS) – about 106,000 unique authors, 472,000 co-author links, 45,120 papers cited within the set, and 114,000 citation references within the set.



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Table 2.	PNAS St	atistics				
Year	#p	#a	#r	#c	a#ca	
1982	1669	5201	46665	156690	3.92	
1983	1611	5142	46685	161437	3.98	
1984	1695	5583	49834	174161	4.22	
1985	1846	6325	55662	191750	4.38	
1986	2042	7209	64379	218229	4.76	
1987	1924	7061	59110	207729	4.88	
1988	2035	7471	63116	215227	4.8	
1989	2088	7959	65883	215437	5.01	
1990	2066	8031	66019	207138	5.15	
1991	2382	9559	77740	223102	5.25	
1992	2500	9812	80949	211238	5.29	
1993	2413	9770	79848	193867	5.55	
1994	2600	10656	86176	187353	5.56	
1995	2476	10429	82021	151249	5.66	
1996	2765	11803	99061	148622	5.96	
1997	2618	11255	96788	122908	6.12	
1998	2711	12328	100973	107764	6,48	
1999	2603	12182	97018	76080	6.69	———— Young papers did not garner
2000	2501	12201	94181	44131	7.6	
2001	2575	13038	97450	16357	8.4	many citations yet.
Total	45120		1509558	3230469		





Network	n	<k></k>	1	С	Y	Reference					
Co-authorship	networks	100		877-) 1							
LANL	52,909	9.7	5.9	0.43		Newman,					
MEDLINE	1,520,251	18.1	4.6	0.066		(2001a;					
SPIRES	56,627	1.73	4.0	0.726	1.2	20016; 2001c)					
NCSTRL	11,994	3.59	9.7	0.496	220						
Math.	70,975	3.9	9.5	0.59	2.5	Barabasi					
Neurosci.	209,293	11.5	6	0.76	2.1	et al., (2002)					
PNAS	105,915	8.97	5.89	0.399	2.54						
Paper-citation n	Paper-citation networks										
ISI	783,339	8.57			3	Redner,					
PhysRev	24,296	14.5			3	(1998)					
PNAS	45,120	3.53	-	0.081	2.29						
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Power Law with Exponential Cutoff provides a better fit

Networks in which aging occurs, e.g., actor networks or friendship networks, show a connectivity distribution that has a power law regime followed by an exponential or Gaussian decay or have an exponential or Gaussian connectivity distribution (Amaral et al., 2000). Newman showed that connectivity distributions of co-author networks can be fitted by a power-law form with an exponential cutoff (Newman, 2001c).

Following this lead, we fit a power law with exponential cutoff of the form

$$f(x) = Ax^{-B}e^{\frac{x}{C}}$$

This function provided an excellent fit to the PNAS paper citation network with values of A=13,652, B= .49, and C=4.21 (R^2 =1.00).

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