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Differential Deep Learning on Graphs and its Applications

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This Tutorial

- ❑ **Molecular Graph Generation:** to generate novel molecules with optimized properties
 - Graph generation
 - Graph property prediction
 - Graph optimization
- ❑ **Learning Dynamics on Graphs:** to predict temporal change or final states of complex systems
 - Continuous-time network dynamics prediction
 - Structured sequence prediction
 - Node classification/regression
- ☑ **Mechanism Discovery:** to find dynamical laws of complex systems
 - Density Estimation vs. Mechanism Discovery
 - Data-driven discovery of differential equations



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Part 3: Dynamical Origins of Distribution Functions

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A Quote from Prof. Judea Pearl

Data Science¹ lacking a model of reality³ may be statistics² but hardly a science.

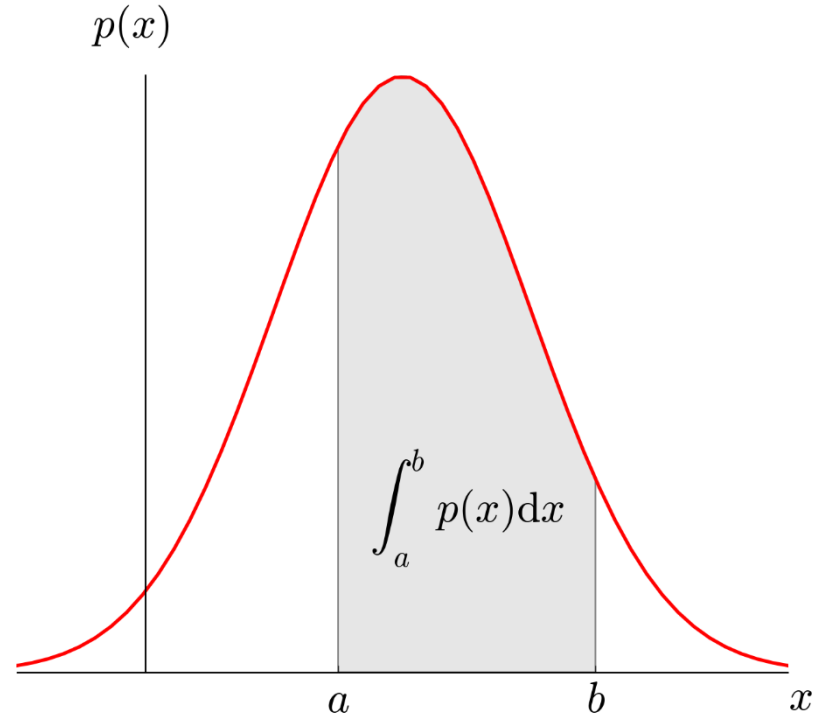
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Data Science, Statistics, and Reality Models

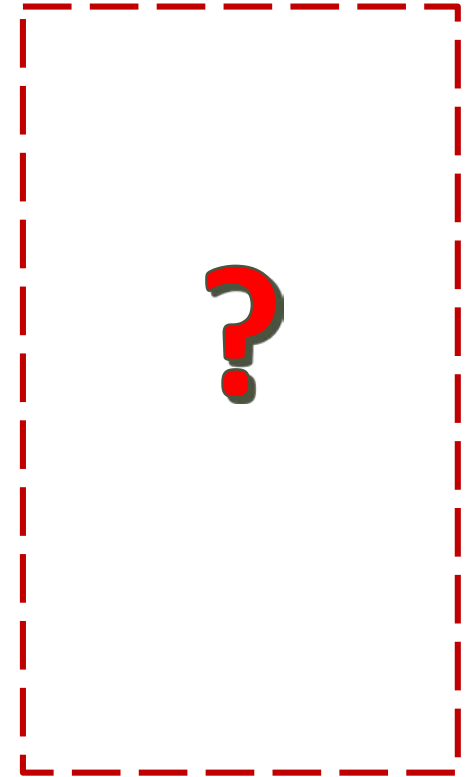
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Statistical Models: $f(x)$

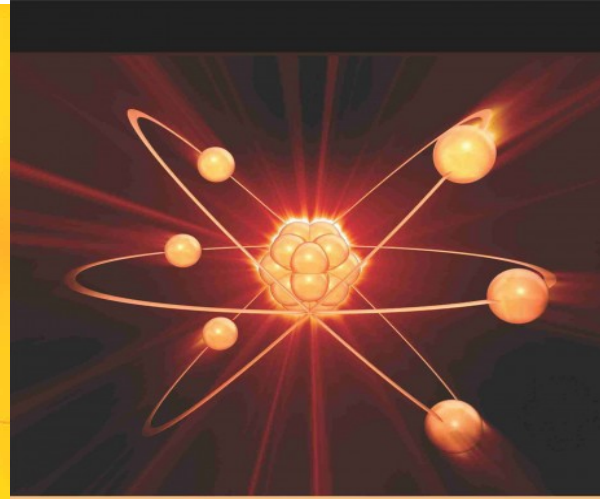
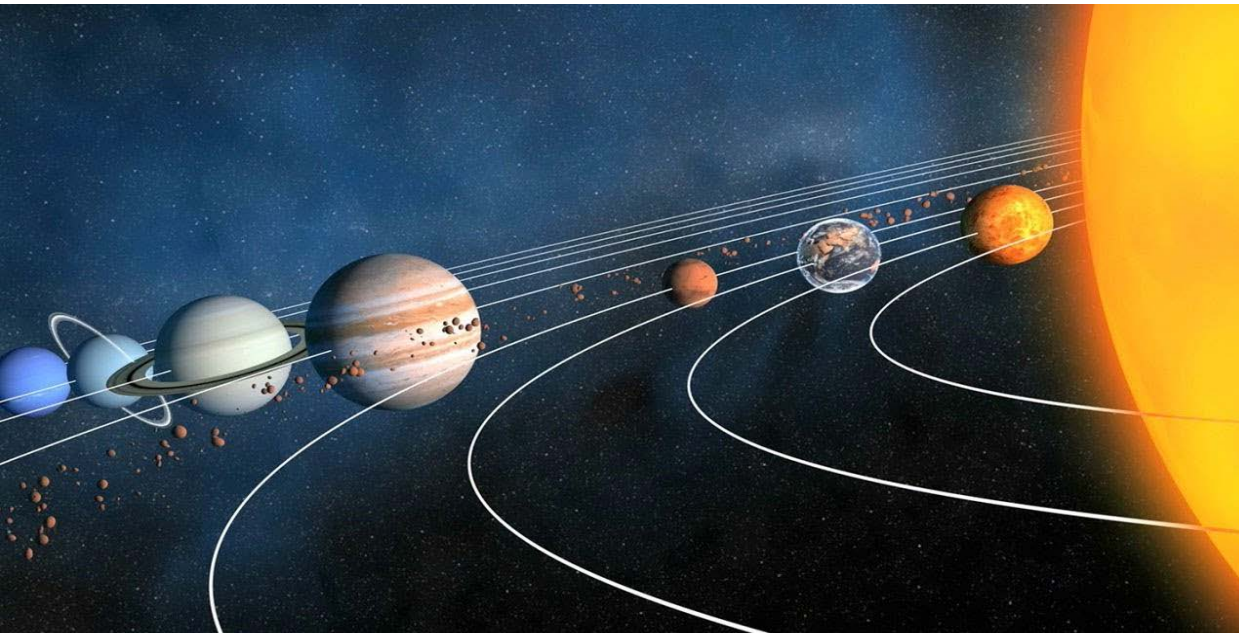


Reality Models?

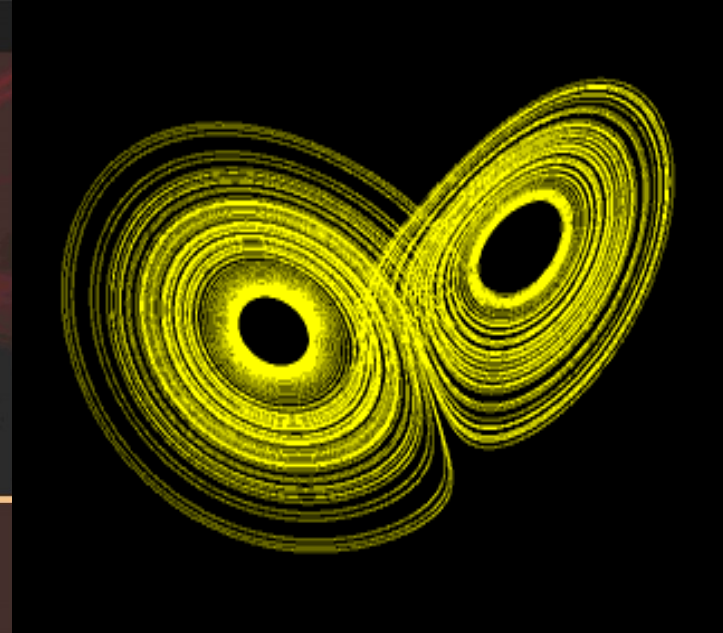


What are Reality Models?

□ Dynamical Systems by Differential Equations



**ATOMIC &
MOLECULAR PHYSICS**



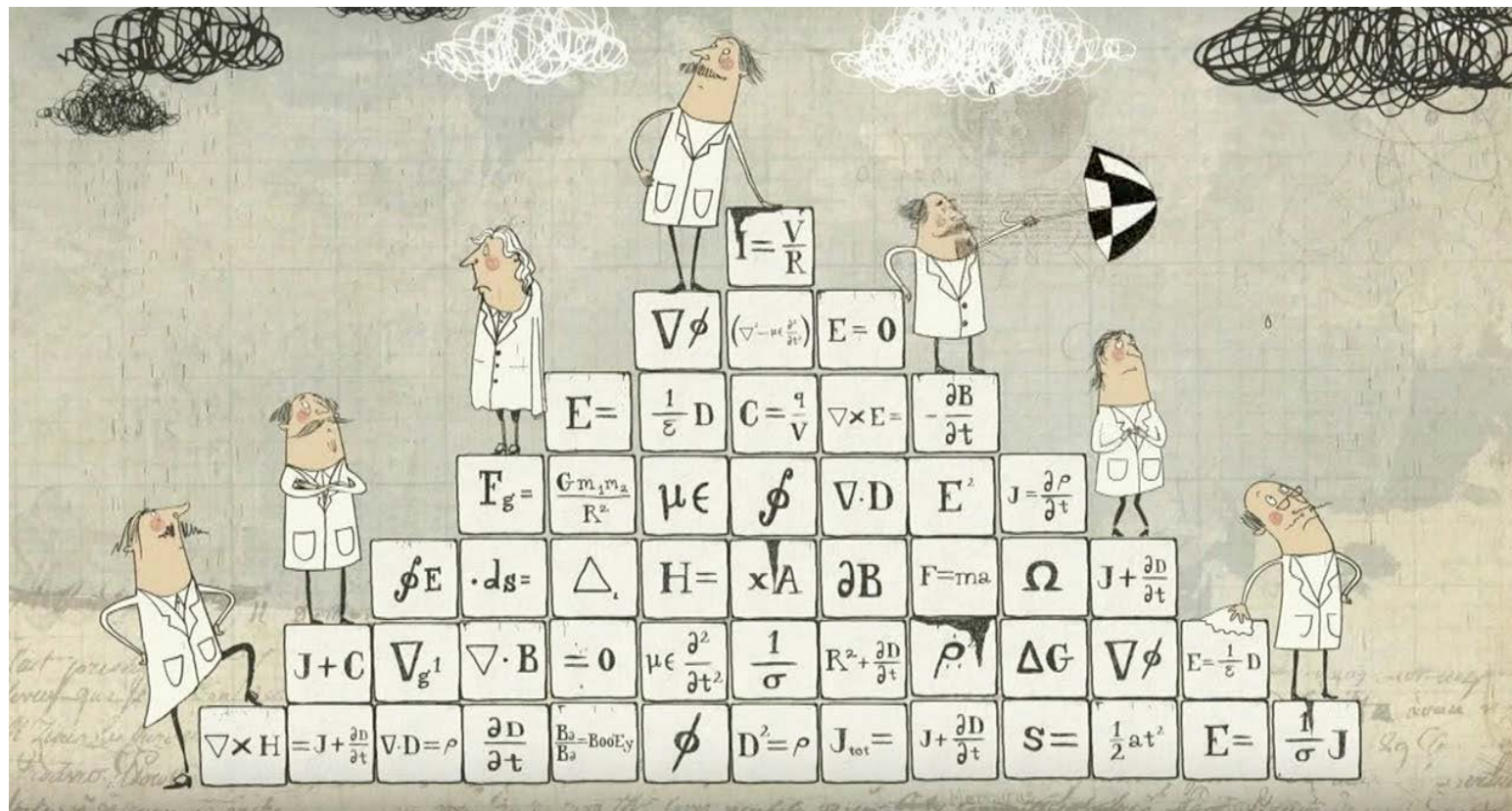
Macro: $F = \frac{d(mv)}{dt}$

Micro: $i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{r}, t) \right] \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$

Chaos: $\frac{dx}{dt} = \sigma(y - x),$
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = x(\rho - z) - y,$
 $\frac{dz}{dt} = xy - \beta z.$

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Force

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \frac{d(m\mathbf{v})}{dt}$$

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a} \quad (\text{Constant Mass})$$

Acceleration

$$\mathbf{a}_{\text{average}} = \frac{\Delta \mathbf{v}}{\Delta t}$$

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Variance

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

Impulse

$$\mathbf{J} = \Delta \mathbf{p} = \int \mathbf{F} dt$$

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Kinetic Energy

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

Gravity

$$F = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

Mass Energy

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Density

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Motion

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Torque

$$\sum \tau = \frac{dL}{dt}$$

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Drude Law

$$\alpha = \frac{k}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_0^2}$$

Charge

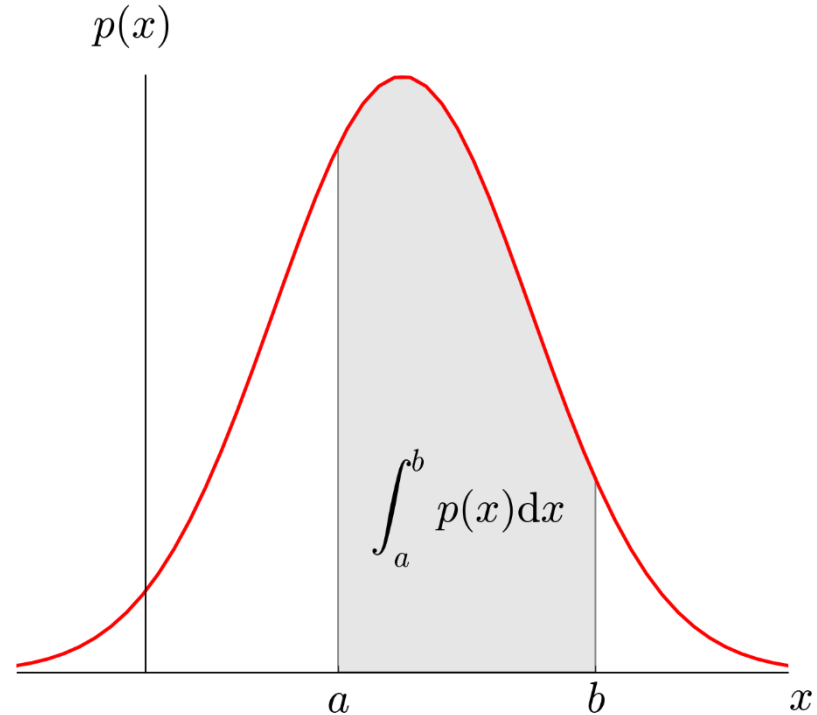
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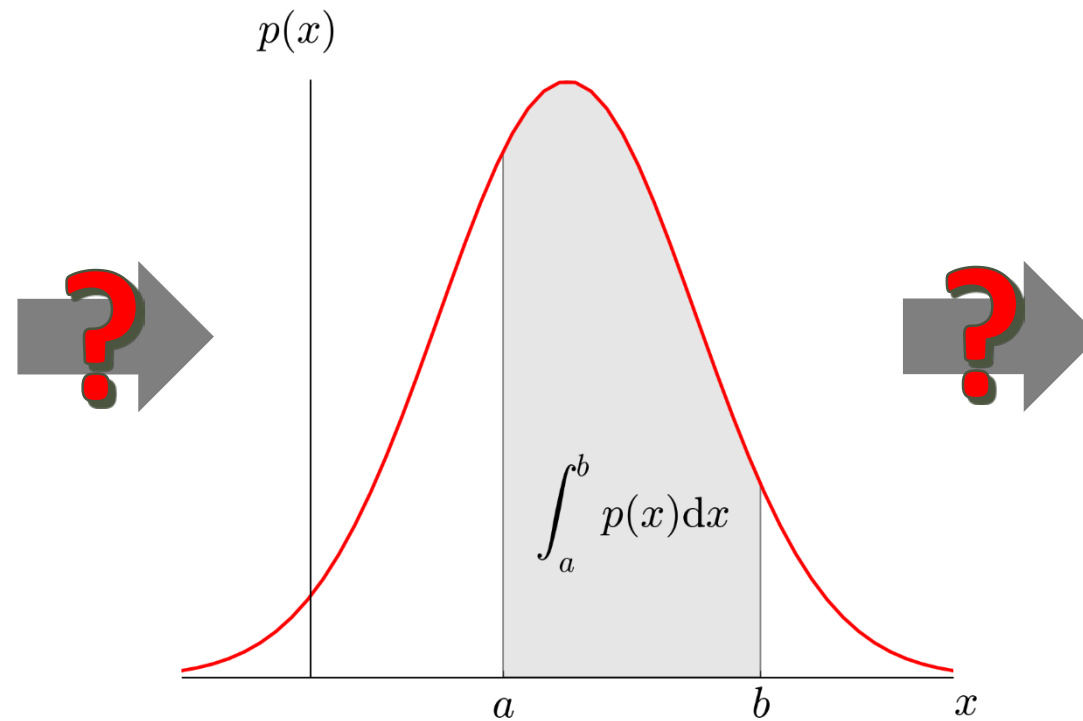


Data Science Path: Data \rightarrow Statistical Models \rightarrow Reality Models

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Density Estimation: Data → Statistical Models

□ **Goal: To fit complex data distribution, and to generate them**

○ Probability density function: $f_X(x)$, Cumulative density function: $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(r) dr$

○ Hazard function: $\lambda_X(x) = \frac{f_X(x)}{S_X(x)}$, Survival function: $S_X(x) = 1 - F_X(x)$ (Survival analysis)

Density Estimation: Data \rightarrow Statistical Models

□ Non-parametric v.s. Parametric distribution model

- Kernel density estimation, Kaplan–Meier estimator (Survival analysis)
- PDF/Hazard function (+ Mixture Model) + Maximum Likelihood Estimation

□ Statistical frameworks + computational power from machine learning

- Autoregressive model: $f_{X,\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X,\theta}(x_i | \mathbf{x}_{<i})$ (chain-rule)
- Variational autoencoder (VAE): $f_{X,\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \int f_{X,\theta}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} = \int f_{X|Z,\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) f_{Z,\theta}(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}$ (marginal probability)
- Normalizing flow: $f_{X,\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = f_{Z,\theta}(Z(\mathbf{x})) \left| \det \frac{\partial Z_\theta}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|$ (change of variable in integration)
 - ❖ MoFlow in tutorial part I: Generating Molecular Graphs
- Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN): likelihood-free

□ We are familiar with this step.

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 - Unfamiliar in CS community



Why Is It Matter?

□ To understand, predict, and control real-world dynamic systems in engineering and science.

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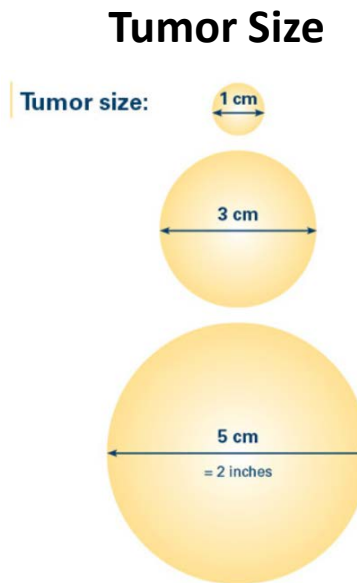
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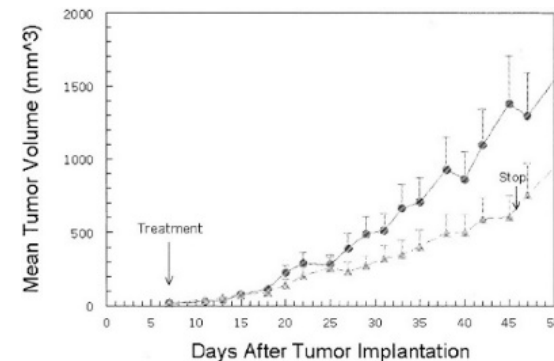
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Growth Dynamics



A Major Topic in Network Science

- **Mechanism Discovery Problem: What are the dynamic systems described by Differential Equations which generate the observed distribution?**
 - E.g. Narrow-tailed distribution vs. Heavy-tailed distribution
 - How to generate power law degree distribution in random graphs

$$\frac{dX}{dt} \quad ? \quad \longrightarrow$$

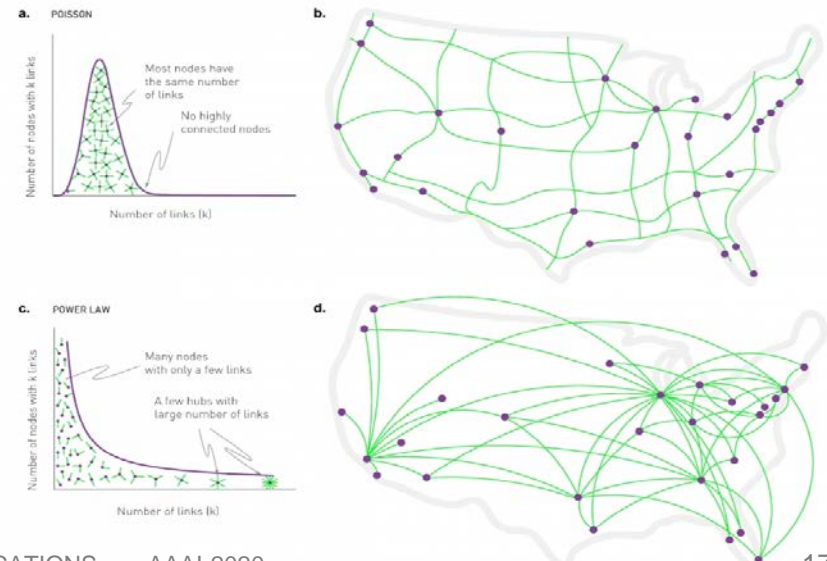


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Power-law Degree Distribution in Random Graphs

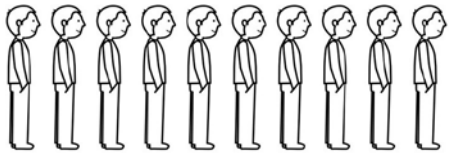
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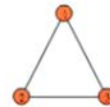
Systems as diverse as genetic networks or the World Wide Web are best described as networks with complex topology. A common property of many large networks is that the vertex connectivities follow a scale-free power-law distribution. This feature was found to be

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**Constant Rate
Arriving**



A Dynamic System

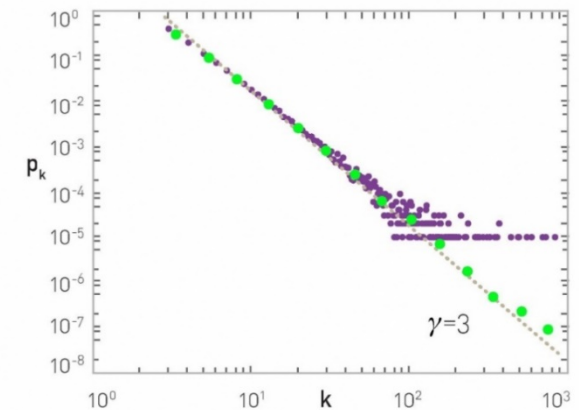


**Richer-get-richer
Preferential attachment
Matthew effect**

$$\frac{dk_i}{dt} = \frac{k_i}{2t-1}$$



**Power-Law Distribution
In Random Graph**



Power-law Degree Distribution in Human Dynamics

- ❑ Burst Human behavior
- ❑ Power-law Distributions of Inter-Event times
- ❑ Human Behavior Dynamics modeled by Differential Equations

identification number of every marked bee that arrived there, and the hive was never opened unless an observer was at the feeder. Once foraging flights between hive and feeder were well established, observers in the tent watched the waggle dances. Whenever a numbered bee was seen to follow a dance and then move directly towards the exit, an observer outside the tent was alerted to catch the bee as it attempted to leave. If its identification number indicated that it had never previously visited the feeder, the bee was confirmed as a recruit, and a transponder attached. The bee was then either released directly from the hive exit, or taken in an opaque tube to one of three release points 200–250 m from the hive, and allowed to fly from there. Bees fitted with transponders could be detected while in flight within a 190° arc of radius 900 m, centred on the radar; their positions were shown once every 3 s on the screen of a desktop personal computer, and their coordinates recorded¹⁷.

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The origin of bursts and heavy tails in human dynamics

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The dynamics of many social, technological and economic phenomena are driven by individual human actions, turning the quantitative understanding of human behaviour into a central question of modern science. Current models of human dynamics, used from risk assessment to communications, assume that human actions are randomly distributed in time and thus

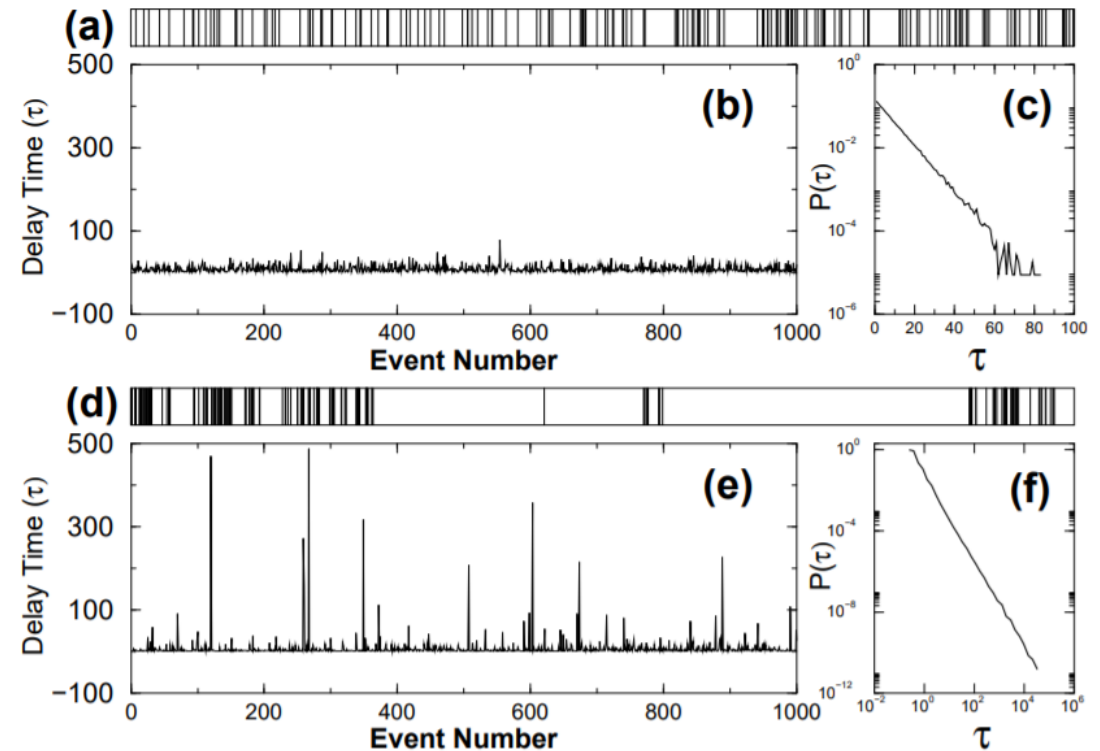
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well approximated by Poisson processes^{1–3}. In contrast, there is increasing evidence that the timing of many human activities, ranging from communication to entertainment and work patterns, follow non-Poisson statistics, characterized by bursts of rapidly occurring events separated by long periods of inactivity^{4–8}. Here I show that the bursty nature of human behaviour is a consequence of a decision-based queuing process^{9,10}: when individuals execute tasks based on some perceived priority, the timing of the tasks will be heavy tailed, with most tasks being rapidly executed, whereas a few experience very long waiting times. In contrast, random or priority blind execution is well approximated by uniform inter-event statistics. These findings have important implications, ranging from resource management to service allocation, in both communications and retail.

Humans participate on a daily basis in a large number of distinct

physical sciences, forecasting human and social patterns remains a difficult and often elusive goal.

Current models of human activity are based on Poisson processes, and assume that in a dt time interval an individual (agent) engages in a specific action with probability qdt , where q is the overall frequency of the monitored activity. This model predicts that the time interval between two consecutive actions by the same individual, called the waiting or inter-event time, follows an exponential distribution (Fig. 1a–c)¹. Poisson processes are widely used to quantify the consequences of human actions, such as modelling traffic flow patterns or accident frequencies², and are commercially used in call centre staffing³, inventory control³, or to estimate the number of congestion-caused blocked calls in calls in mobile communication⁴. Yet, an increasing number of recent measurements indicate that the timing of many human actions systematically deviates from the Poisson prediction: the waiting or



Limitations

□ Network Science:

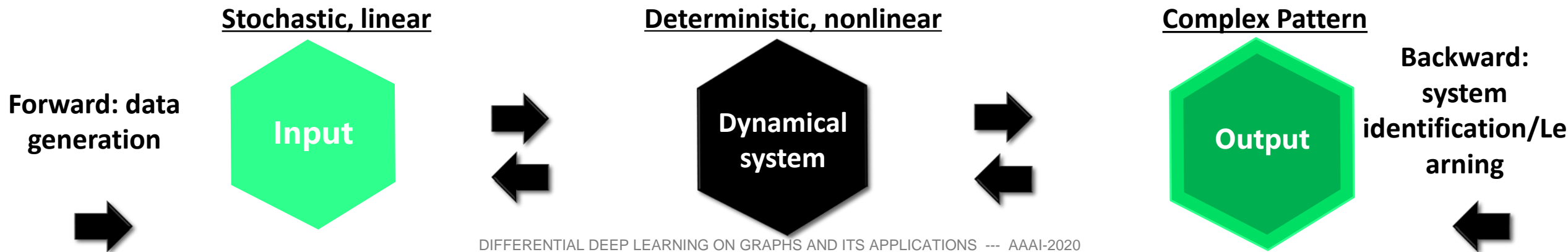
- Discovery: Power-law (heavy-tailed distributions) in both structure and dynamics of complex systems.
- Case by case study: a distribution \rightarrow a dynamical system with differential equations
- Lacking a general method to find differential equations from distributions
- Lacking a data-driven way

Our Contribution

- **A math theorem bridges any distribution and its generative dynamic system.**
 - A Dynamic System ($N > 1$ agents)
 - Simple and interpretable!

Dynamical Origins of Distribution Theorem

- Given a dynamic system $\mathcal{D}(t) = \{x_i(t) > \mathbf{0} \mid \frac{dx_i(t)}{dt}, x_i(t_i) = x_0, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$, consisting of agent i who arrives in the system at time t_i according to the **Poisson process** $\mathcal{P}(t|\lambda_P) = \{\mathbf{0} < t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_i \leq \dots \leq \mathbf{t}\}$, the state of the i^{th} agent changes according to **differential equation** $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt}$ with initial value x_0 ,
- and the **cross-sectional state** of $\mathcal{D}(t)$ at time point t , namely $\mathbf{x}(t) = \{x_1(t), \dots, x_i(t), \dots\}$ follows distributions $F(\mathbf{x}(t))$ if and only if $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} \Big|_{x_0} = \frac{dF^{-1}(1 - \frac{t_i}{t})}{dt}$.



Dynamical Origins of Distribution Corollary

□ A Survival Analysis Version: e.g. for biostatistics

- Survival function: $S(x) = \int_{x_0}^x f(s)ds = 1 - F(x)$
- Hazard function: $\lambda(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Pr(x \leq X < x + \Delta x | X \geq x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x)}{S(x)}$
- Cumulative hazard function: $\Lambda(x) = \int_{x_0}^x \lambda(s)ds$

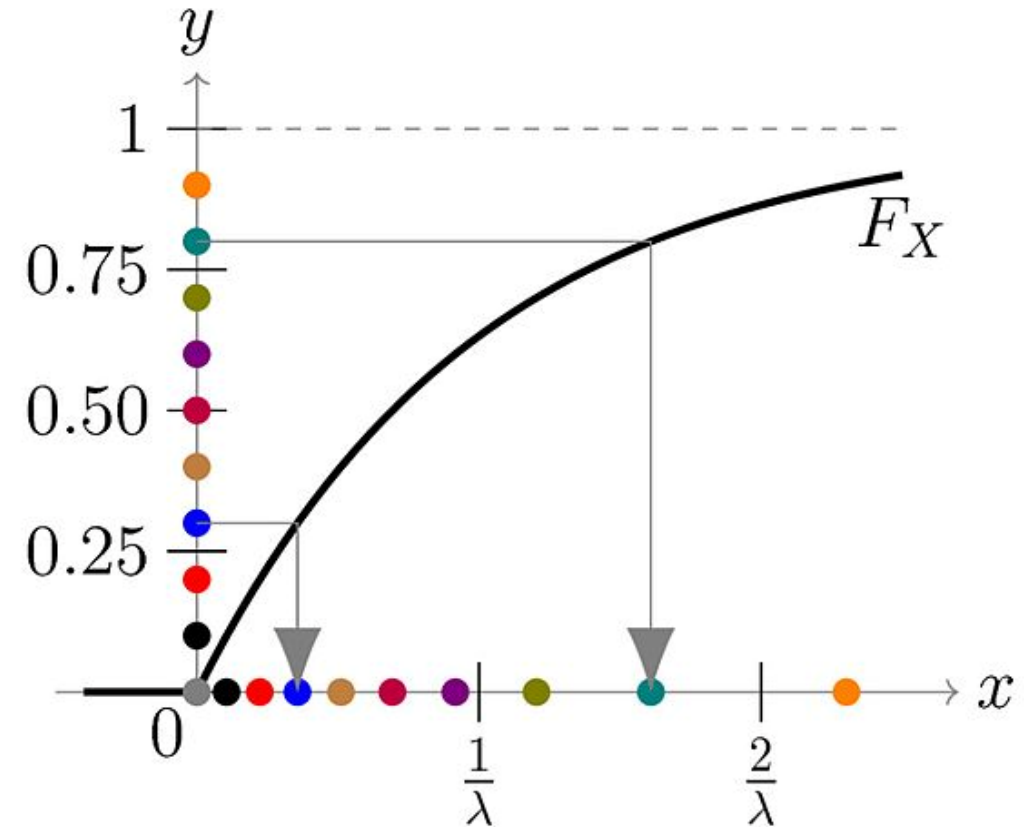
□ Under the same conditions, the cross-sectional state of $\mathcal{D}(t)$ at time point t , namely $\mathbf{x}(t) = \{x_1(t), \dots, x_i(t), \dots\}$ follows distribution $F(\mathbf{x}(t))$ if and only if $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{d\Lambda^{-1}(\ln \frac{t}{t_i})}{dt}$ with initial value x_0

Proof Sketch

□ Inverse transform sampling in statistics:

1. Generate a random number u from the standard uniform distributions $Unif[0,1]$.
2. Find the inverse of the desired CDF, e.g. $F_X^{-1}(x)$.
3. Compute $u = F_X^{-1}(x)$. The computed random variable X has distribution $F_X(x)$

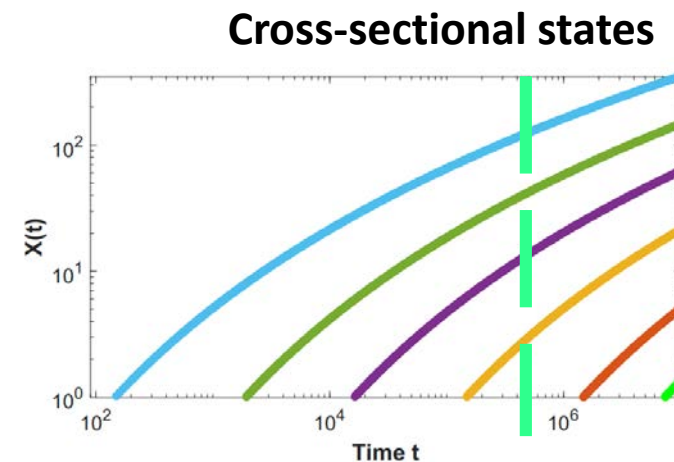
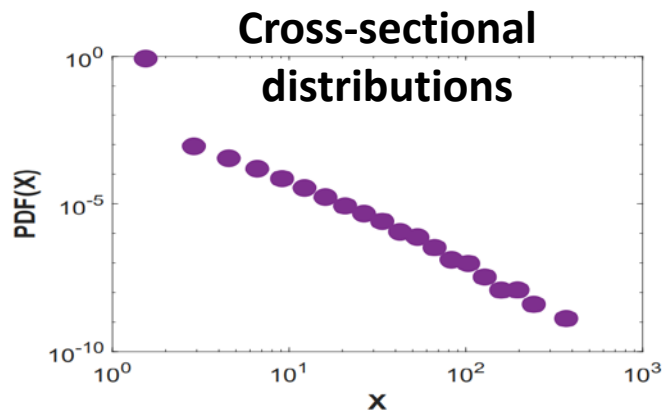
Intuition: CDF transforms complex data into uniform probability from 0 to 1. Reversing the process from distribution to data samples.



Examples

- **Power law:** $f(x) = \alpha x_0^\alpha x^{-(\alpha+1)}$, $\lambda(x) = \frac{\alpha}{x}$
- **Exponential:** $f(x) = \alpha e^{-\alpha x}$, $\lambda(x) = \alpha$
- **Sigmoid:** $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2}$, $\lambda(x) = \frac{e^x}{1+e^x}$ ($x > 0$)
- **Weibull:** $f(x) = \alpha \lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-(\lambda x)^\alpha}$, $\lambda(x) = \alpha \lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1}$

- $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{x_i(t)}{\alpha t}$
- $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{\alpha t}$
- $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{t-t_0}$
- $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{x_i^{1-\alpha}(t)}{\lambda^\alpha \alpha t}$



Deterministic dynamics

App1: Discovering Distributions' Governing ODEs

Interpretable Mechanisms: Preferential Attachment, Growth Competition, Env. Limits, Non-liarity etc.

	DATA DISTRIBUTION		SURVIVAL ANALYSIS		DYNAMIC SYSTEM	
	$f(x)$	$F(x)$	$\lambda(x)$	$\Lambda(x)$	$x_i(t)$	DYNAMICS $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt}$ INTERPRETATION
EXPONENTIAL	$\alpha e^{-\alpha x}$	$1 - e^{-\alpha x}$	α	αx	$\frac{\ln(\frac{t}{t_i})}{\alpha}$	$\frac{1}{\alpha t}$ GC
POWER LAW	$\alpha x_0^\alpha x^{-(\alpha+1)}$	$1 - (\frac{x_0}{x})^\alpha$	$\frac{\alpha}{x}$	$\alpha \ln \frac{x}{x_0}$	$x_0 (\frac{t}{t_i})^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$	$\frac{x_i(t)}{\alpha t}$ PA + GC
STRETCHED EXPONENTIAL	$\frac{\alpha}{x^\theta} e^{-\frac{\alpha(x^{1-\theta} - x_0^{1-\theta})}{1-\theta}}$	$1 - e^{-\frac{\alpha(x^{1-\theta} - x_0^{1-\theta})}{1-\theta}}$	$\frac{\alpha}{x^\theta}$	$\frac{\alpha}{1-\theta} (x^{1-\theta} - x_0^{1-\theta})$	$[\ln(\frac{t}{t_i})^{\frac{1-\theta}{\alpha}} + x_0^{1-\theta}]^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}}$	$\frac{x_i^\theta(t)}{\alpha t}$ NON-LINEAR PA + GC
WEIBULL	$\alpha \lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-(\lambda x)^\alpha}$	$1 - e^{-(\lambda x)^\alpha}$	$\alpha \lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1}$	$(\lambda x)^\alpha$	$\frac{(\ln \frac{t}{t_i})^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{\lambda}$	$\frac{x_i^{1-\alpha}(t)}{\lambda^\alpha \alpha t}$ NON-LINEAR PA + GC
LOG-LOGISTIC	$\frac{\lambda \alpha (\lambda x)^{\alpha-1}}{[1+(\lambda x)^\alpha]^2}$	$1 - \frac{1}{1+(\lambda x)^\alpha}$	$\frac{\lambda \alpha (\lambda x)^{\alpha-1}}{1+(\lambda x)^\alpha}$	$\ln[1 + (\lambda x)^\alpha]$	$\frac{(\frac{t}{t_i} - 1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{\lambda}$	$\frac{x_i(t)}{\alpha(t-t_i)}$ PA + SINCE THEN GC
SIGMOID	$\frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2}$	$1 - \frac{1}{1+e^x}$	$\frac{e^x}{1+e^x}$	$\ln(1 + e^x)$	$\ln(\frac{t}{t_i} - 1)$	$\frac{1}{t-t_i}$ SINCE THEN GC
LOG-NORMAL *	$\frac{1}{x\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(\ln x)^2}{2}}$	$\Phi(\ln x)$	$\frac{f(x)}{1-\Phi(\ln x)}$	$-\ln[1 - \Phi(\ln x)]$	$e^{\Phi^{-1}(1-\frac{t_i}{t})}$	$x_i \frac{d\Phi^{-1}(z)}{dz} \frac{t_i}{t^2}$ PA + SQUARE GC
NORMAL *	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$	$\Phi(x)$	$\frac{f(x)}{1-\Phi(x)}$	$-\ln[1 - \Phi(x)]$	$\Phi^{-1}(1 - \frac{t_i}{t})$	$\frac{d\Phi^{-1}(z)}{dz} \frac{t_i}{t^2}$ SQUARE GC
UNIFORM	$\frac{1}{b-a}$	$\frac{x-a}{b-a}$	$\frac{1}{b-x}$	$\ln \frac{b-a}{b-x}$	$b - (b-a) \frac{t_i}{t}$	$\frac{b-x_i(t)}{t}$ EL + GC

App1: Dynamics for Heavy-tailed Distributions

Shared Mechanisms: Preferential Attachment for all heavy-tailed distributions

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WEIBULL	$\alpha \lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-(\lambda x)^\alpha}$	$1 - e^{-(\lambda x)^\alpha}$	$\alpha \lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1}$	$(\lambda x)^\alpha$	$\frac{(\ln \frac{t}{t_i})^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{\lambda}$	$\frac{x_i^{1-\alpha}(t)}{\lambda^\alpha \alpha t}$	NON-LINEAR PA + GC
LOG-LOGISTIC	$\frac{\lambda \alpha (\lambda x)^{\alpha-1}}{[1+(\lambda x)^\alpha]^2}$	$1 - \frac{1}{1+(\lambda x)^\alpha}$	$\frac{\lambda \alpha (\lambda x)^{\alpha-1}}{1+(\lambda x)^\alpha}$	$\ln[1 + (\lambda x)^\alpha]$	$\frac{(\frac{t}{t_i} - 1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{\lambda}$	$\frac{x_i(t)}{\alpha(t-t_i)}$	PA + SINCE THEN GC
SIGMOID	$\frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2}$	$1 - \frac{1}{1+e^x}$	$\frac{e^x}{1+e^x}$	$\ln(1 + e^x)$	$\ln(\frac{t}{t_i} - 1)$	$\frac{1}{t-t_i}$	SINCE THEN GC
LOG-NORMAL *	$\frac{1}{x\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(\ln x)^2}{2}}$	$\Phi(\ln x)$	$\frac{f(x)}{1-\Phi(\ln x)}$	$-\ln[1 - \Phi(\ln x)]$	$e^{\Phi^{-1}(1-\frac{t_i}{t})}$	$x_i \frac{d\Phi^{-1}(z)}{dz} \frac{t_i}{t^2}$	PA + SQUARE GC
NORMAL *	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$	$\Phi(x)$	$\frac{f(x)}{1-\Phi(x)}$	$-\ln[1 - \Phi(x)]$	$\Phi^{-1}(1 - \frac{t_i}{t})$	$\frac{d\Phi^{-1}(z)}{dz} \frac{t_i}{t^2}$	SQUARE GC
UNIFORM	$\frac{1}{b-a}$	$\frac{x-a}{b-a}$	$\frac{1}{b-x}$	$\ln \frac{b-a}{b-x}$	$b - (b-a) \frac{t_i}{t}$	$\frac{b-x_i(t)}{t}$	EL + GC

App2: Discovering New Distributions from DEs

New distributions

Interpretable ODE

GENERATED BY
EXPONENTIAL
DYNAMICS

$$\frac{\frac{\alpha}{t_i}}{x(\frac{\alpha}{t_i} \ln \frac{x}{x_0} + 1)^2}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\alpha}{t_i} \ln \frac{x}{x_0}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\alpha}{t_i}}{x(\frac{\alpha}{t_i} \ln \frac{x}{x_0} + 1)}$$

$$\ln[\frac{\alpha}{t_i} \ln \frac{x}{x_0} + 1]$$

$$x_0 e^{\frac{t-t_i}{\alpha}}$$

$$\frac{x_i(t)}{\alpha}$$

PA

GENERATED BY
STRETCHED
EXPONENTIAL
DYNAMICS

$$\frac{\frac{\alpha}{t_i^{1-\theta}}}{x[\frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{t_i^{1-\theta}} \ln \frac{x}{x_0} + 1]^{\frac{2-\theta}{1-\theta}}}$$

$$1 - [1 + \frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{t_i^{1-\theta}} \ln \frac{x}{x_0}]^{\frac{-1}{1-\theta}}$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha(1-\theta)x \ln \frac{x}{x_0} + t_i^{1-\theta}}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-\theta} \ln[\frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{t_i^{1-\theta}} \ln \frac{x}{x_0} + 1]$$

$$x_0 e^{\frac{t^{1-\theta} - t_i^{1-\theta}}{\alpha(1-\theta)}}$$

$$\frac{x_i(t)}{\alpha t^\theta}$$

PA+
NON-LINEAR GC

GENERATED BY
SIGMOID
DYNAMICS*

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\frac{\frac{\alpha}{N t_i} \ln A}{1 + \frac{\alpha}{N t_i} \ln A})$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\alpha}{N t_i} \ln A}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln[\frac{\alpha}{N t_i} \ln A + 1])$$

$$\ln[\frac{\alpha}{N t_i} \ln A + 1]$$

$$N \frac{B e^{\frac{N(t-t_i)}{\alpha}}}{1 + B e^{\frac{N(t-t_i)}{\alpha}}}$$

$$\frac{x_i(t)[N-x_i(t)]}{\alpha}$$

PA +
EL

GENERATED BY
LOG LOGISTIC
DYNAMICS*

$$\frac{\alpha(\frac{N-x_0}{x_0})^{\frac{-\alpha}{N}} x^{-\frac{\alpha}{N}-1}}{N(N-x)^{\frac{-\alpha}{N}} + 1}$$

$$1 - A^{-\frac{\alpha}{N}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\alpha}{N}}{x(N-x)}$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{N} \ln A$$

$$N \frac{B(\frac{t}{t_i})^{\frac{N}{\alpha}}}{1 + B(\frac{t}{t_i})^{\frac{N}{\alpha}}}$$

$$\frac{x_i(t)[N-x_i(t)]}{\alpha t}$$

PA + EL +
GC

GENERATED BY
STRETCHED
LOGISTIC
DYNAMICS*

$$-\frac{d}{dx} [1 + \frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{N t_i^{1-\theta}} \ln A]^{\frac{-1}{1-\theta}}$$

$$1 - [1 + \frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{N t_i^{1-\theta}} \ln A]^{\frac{-1}{1-\theta}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{\ln[1 + \frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{N t_i^{1-\theta}} \ln A]}{1-\theta}$$

$$\frac{\ln[1 + \frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{N t_i^{1-\theta}} \ln A]}{1-\theta}$$

$$\frac{N B e^{\frac{N}{\alpha} \frac{t^{1-\theta} - t_i^{1-\theta}}{1-\theta}}}{1 + B e^{\frac{N}{\alpha} \frac{t^{1-\theta} - t_i^{1-\theta}}{1-\theta}}}$$

$$\frac{x_i(t)[N-x_i(t)]}{\alpha t^\theta}$$

PA + EL +
NON-LINEAR GC

GENERATED BY
CONFINED
EXPONENTIAL
DYNAMICS

$$\frac{\frac{\alpha}{t_i} \frac{1}{N-x}}{(1 - \frac{\alpha}{t_i} \ln \frac{N-x}{N-x_0})^2}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\alpha}{t_i} \ln \frac{N-x}{N-x_0}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\alpha}{t_i} \frac{1}{N-x}}{1 - \frac{\alpha}{t_i} \ln \frac{N-x}{N-x_0}}$$

$$\ln[1 - \frac{\alpha}{t_i} \ln \frac{N-x}{N-x_0}]$$

$$N - \frac{N-x_0}{e^{\frac{(t-t_i)}{\alpha}}}$$

$$\frac{N-x_i(t)}{\alpha}$$

EL

GENERATED BY
CONFINED
POWER LAW
DYNAMICS

$$\frac{\alpha(N-x_0)^{-\alpha}}{(N-x)^{1-\alpha}}$$

$$1 - (\frac{N-x}{N-x_0})^\alpha$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{N-x}$$

$$-\alpha \ln \frac{N-x}{N-x_0}$$

$$N - (N-x_0)(\frac{t}{t_i})^{\frac{-1}{\alpha}}$$

$$\frac{N-x_i(t)}{\alpha t}$$

GC +
EL

GENERATED BY
CONFINED
STRETCHED
EXPONENTIAL
DYNAMICS

$$\frac{\frac{\alpha}{t_i^{1-\theta}} (N-x)}{[1 - \frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{t_i^{1-\theta}} \ln \frac{N-x}{N-x_0}]^{\frac{2-\theta}{1-\theta}}}$$

$$1 - [1 - \frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{t_i^{1-\theta}} \ln \frac{N-x}{N-x_0}]^{\frac{-1}{1-\theta}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\alpha}{t_i^{1-\theta}} (N-x)}{1 - \frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{t_i^{1-\theta}} \ln \frac{N-x}{N-x_0}}$$

$$\frac{\ln[1 - \frac{\alpha(1-\theta)}{t_i^{1-\theta}} \ln \frac{N-x}{N-x_0}]}{1-\theta}$$

$$N - \frac{(N-x_0)}{e^{\frac{t^{1-\theta} - t_i^{1-\theta}}{\alpha(1-\theta)}}}$$

$$\frac{N-x_i(t)}{\alpha t^\theta}$$

NON-LINEAR GC
+ EL

GENERATED BY
LINEAR
DYNAMICS

$$\frac{\frac{\alpha}{t_i}}{[\frac{\alpha}{t_i} (x-x_0) + 1]^2}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{\frac{\alpha}{t_i} (x-x_0) + 1}$$

$$\frac{1}{(x-x_0) + \frac{\alpha}{t_i}}$$

$$\ln[\frac{\alpha}{t_i} (x-x_0) + 1]$$

$$x_0 + \frac{t-t_i}{\alpha}$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha}$$

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RATE

App3: New Statistical Models: One DE, Many Distributions

□ A showcased example: A new statistical tool to generate/fit many complex multiscale distributions:

ODE

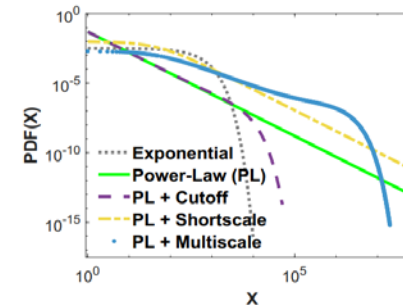
$$\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{(x_i(t) + \Delta)^\theta}{\beta(x_i(t) + \Delta)^\theta t + \alpha t}$$

Hazard func.

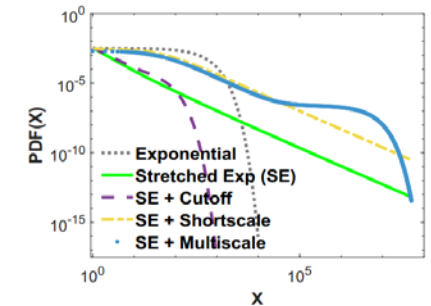
$$\lambda(x) = \beta + \alpha(x + \Delta)^{-\theta}$$

Distribution Family

Complex multiscale distributions



(a) $\theta = 1$



(b) $\theta \neq 1$

Capability	Exponential	Power law	Power law + cutoff *	Power law + Shortscale	Power law + Multiscale
PDF ($\theta = 1$)	$\beta e^{-\beta x}$	$\alpha \Delta^\alpha x^{-(\alpha+1)}$	$\alpha \Delta^\alpha x^{-(\alpha+1)} e^{-\beta x}$	$\alpha \Delta^\alpha (x + \Delta)^{-(\alpha+1)}$	$(\beta + \frac{\alpha}{x+\Delta})(\frac{x}{\Delta} + 1)^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta x}$
Hazard rate	β	$\frac{\alpha}{x}$	$\beta + \frac{\alpha}{x}$	$\frac{\alpha}{x+\Delta}$	$\beta + \frac{\alpha}{x+\Delta}$
Our model	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Capability	Exponential	Stretched exponential **	Stretched exponential + Cutoff *	Stretched exponential + Shortscale	Stretched exponential + Multiscale
PDF ($\theta \neq 1$)	$\alpha e^{-\alpha x}$	$\alpha x^{-\theta} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{1-\theta} x^{1-\theta}}$	$\alpha x^{-\theta} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{1-\theta} x^{1-\theta} - \beta x}$	$\alpha (x + \Delta)^{-\theta} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{1-\theta} [(x+\Delta)^{1-\theta} - \Delta^{1-\theta}]}$	$[\beta + \alpha(x + \Delta)^{-\theta}] e^{-\beta x - \frac{\alpha}{1-\theta} [(x+\Delta)^{1-\theta} - \Delta^{1-\theta}]}$
Hazard rate	α	$\frac{\alpha}{x^\theta}$	$\beta + \frac{\alpha}{x^\theta}$	$\frac{\alpha}{(x+\Delta)^\theta}$	$\beta + \frac{\alpha}{(x+\Delta)^\theta}$
Our model	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

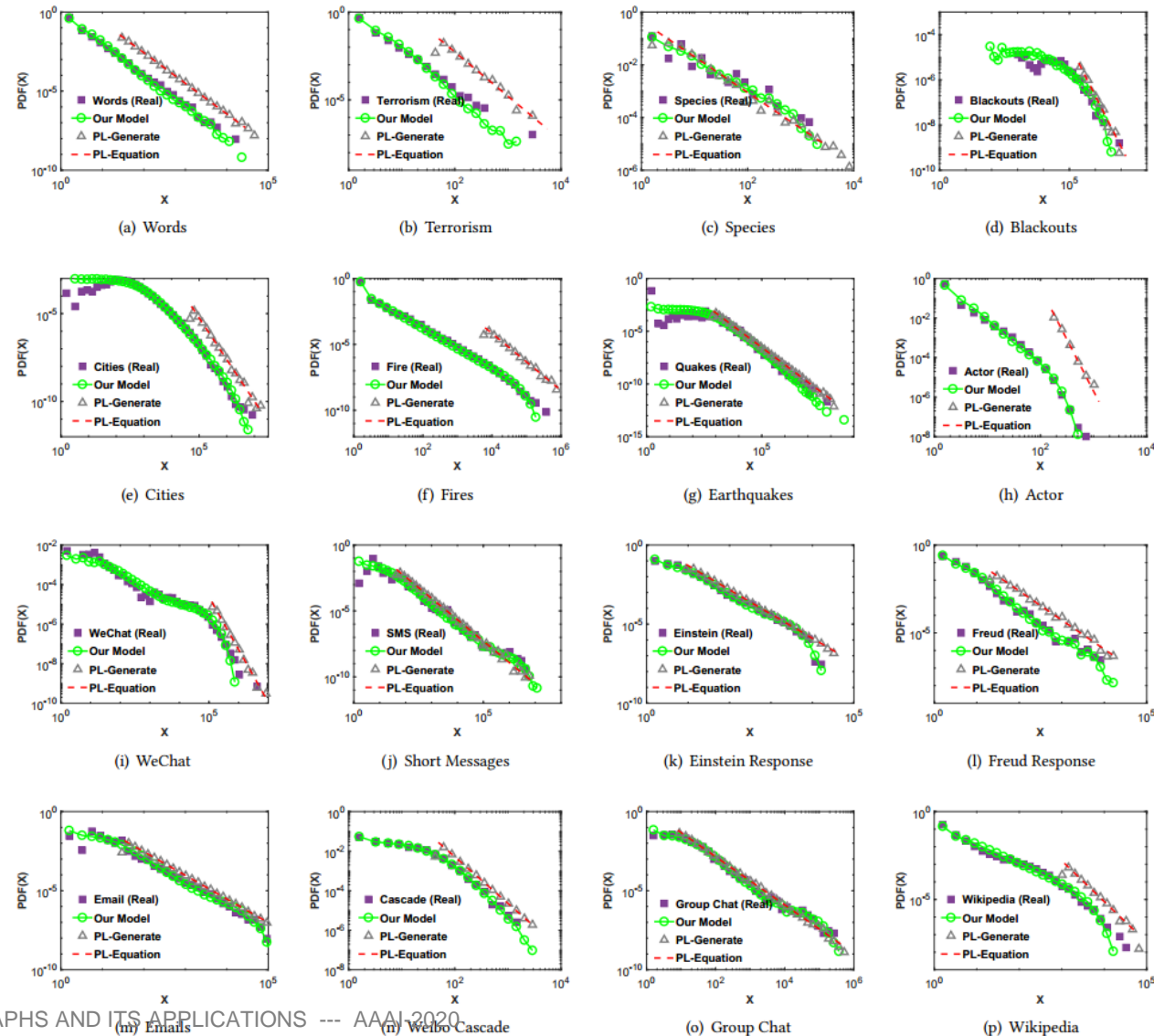
* For the Power law distribution with cutoff case and Stretched exponential distribution with cutoff case, the probability density functions of which are derived approximately by the hazard rates. Refer to the Model Section.

App3: New Statistical Models: One ODE, Many Distributions

□ One Equation, Many Distributions

□ More robust statistical tools to fit empirical data, existing methods show large bias

○ Baseline: statistical tool to fit heavy-tailed distribution in



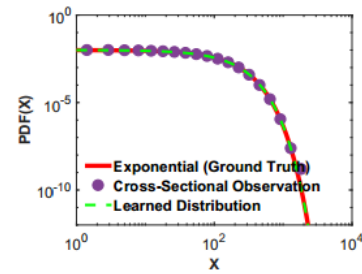
Clauset et al. 2009. [Power-Law Distributions in Empirical Data](#). *SIAM Rev.*

App3: Data-Driven learning ODEs

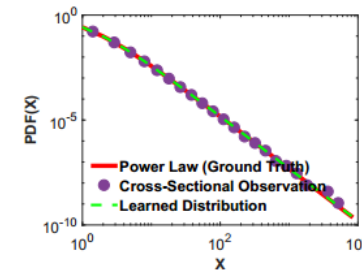
Fit Distribution from Samples, and Learn Dynamics

Synthetic Data

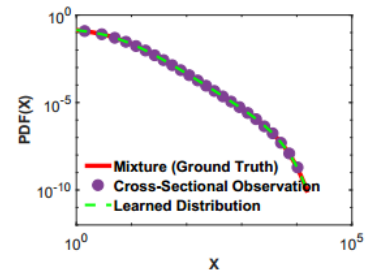
	Dynamics $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} _{x_0}$	PDF $f(x)$	Parameters
Exponential	$\frac{1}{\beta t}$	$\beta e^{-\beta x}$	$\beta = 0.01$
Power Law	$\frac{x_i(t)+\Delta}{\alpha t}$	$\alpha \Delta^\alpha x^{-(\alpha+1)}$	$\alpha = 1.5$ $\Delta = 1$
Mix model	$\frac{x_i(t)+\Delta}{\beta(x_i(t)+\Delta)t+\alpha t}$	$\beta e^{-\beta x} \left(\frac{x}{\Delta} + 1\right)^{-\alpha}$ $+ \frac{\alpha}{\Delta} \left(\frac{x}{\Delta} + 1\right)^{-(\alpha+1)} e^{-\beta x}$	$\beta = 5e-4$ $\alpha = 1$ $\Delta = 5$



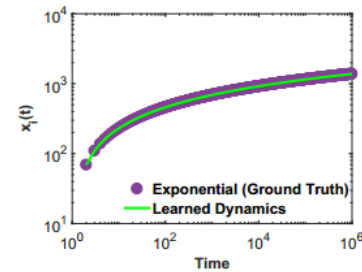
(a) Exp. Distribution



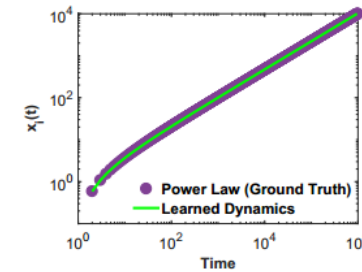
(b) PL. Distribution



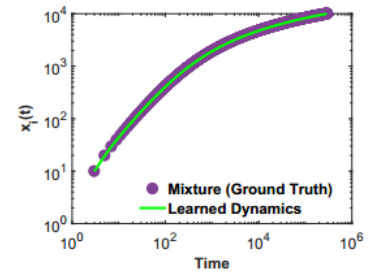
(c) Mix. Distribution



(d) Exp. Generative Dynamics



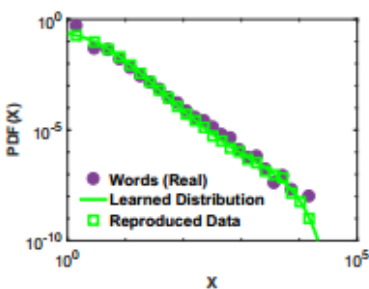
(e) PL. Generative Dynamics



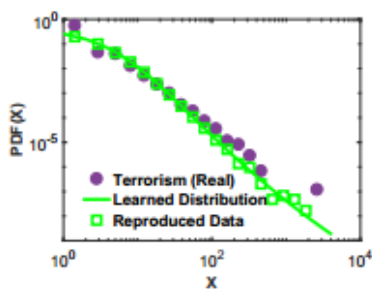
(f) Mix. Generative Dynamics

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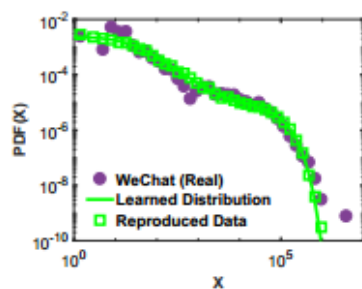
Empirical Data \rightarrow Empirical distributions \rightarrow Empirical ODEs



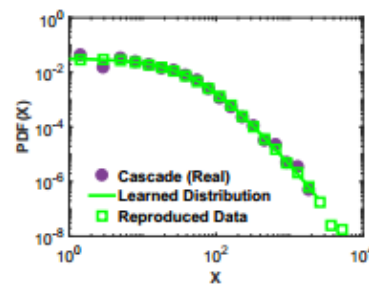
(a) Words $f(x)$



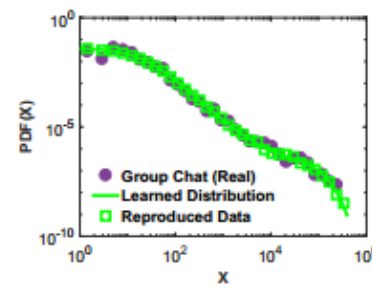
(b) Terrorism $f(x)$



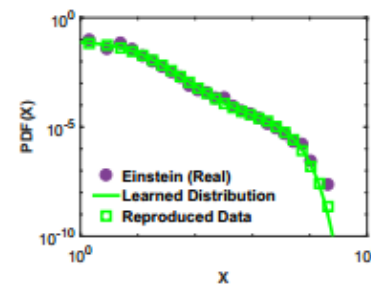
(c) WeChat $f(x)$



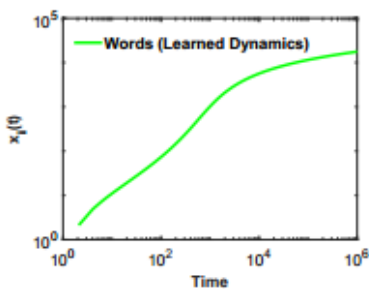
(d) Cascade $f(x)$



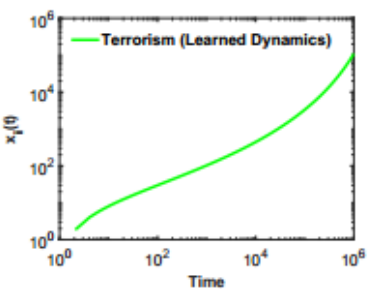
(e) Group Chat $f(x)$



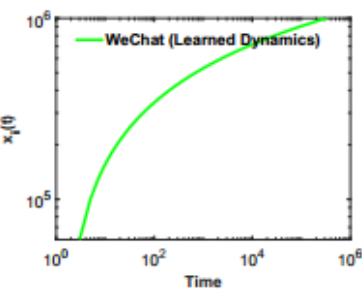
(f) Einstein $f(x)$



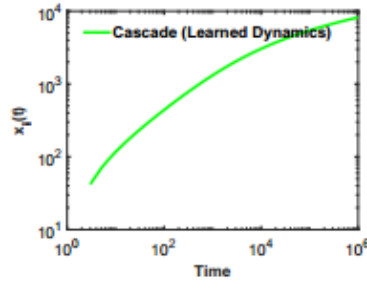
(g) Words $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt}$



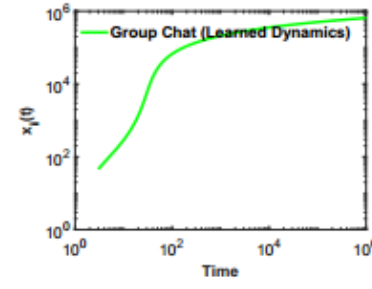
(h) Terrorism $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt}$



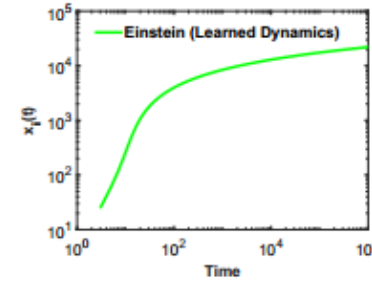
(i) WeChat $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt}$



(j) Cascade $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt}$



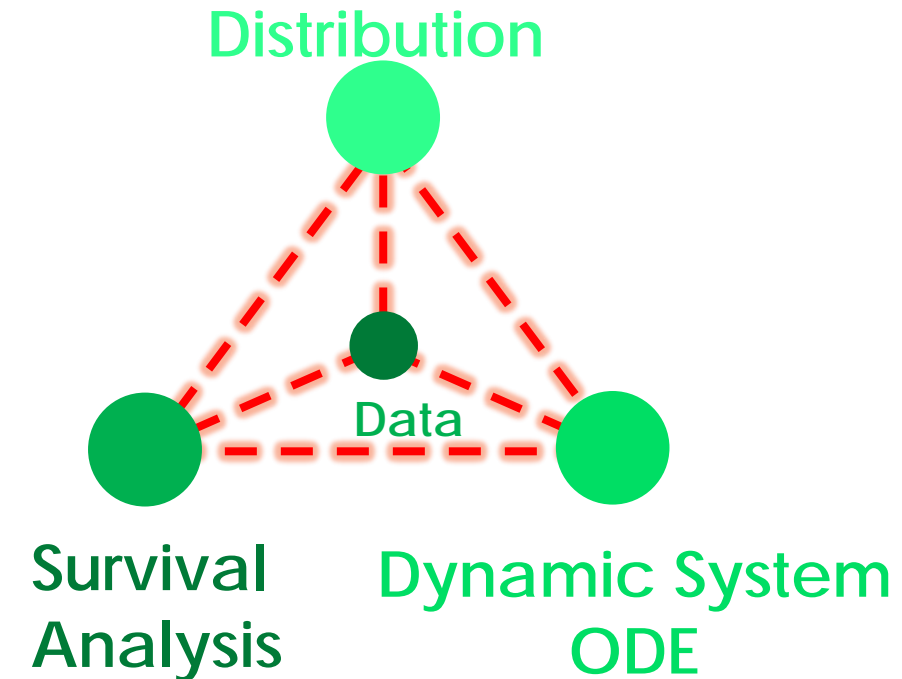
(k) Group Chat $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt}$



(l) Einstein $\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt}$

Summary

- ❑ A theorem constructing dynamic systems described by Differential Equations which generate the observed distribution
- ❑ Discovery many new DEs and distributions
- ❑ Learning many multiscale distributions by one differential equation
- ❑ A framework to connect these dots



This Tutorial

- Molecular Graph Generation:** to generate novel molecules with optimized properties
 - Graph generation
 - Graph property prediction
 - Graph optimization
- Learning Dynamics on Graphs:** to predict temporal change or final states of complex systems
 - Continuous-time network dynamics prediction
 - Structured sequence prediction
 - Node classification/regression
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