


*Evolution of  
cooperation and  
network structure*

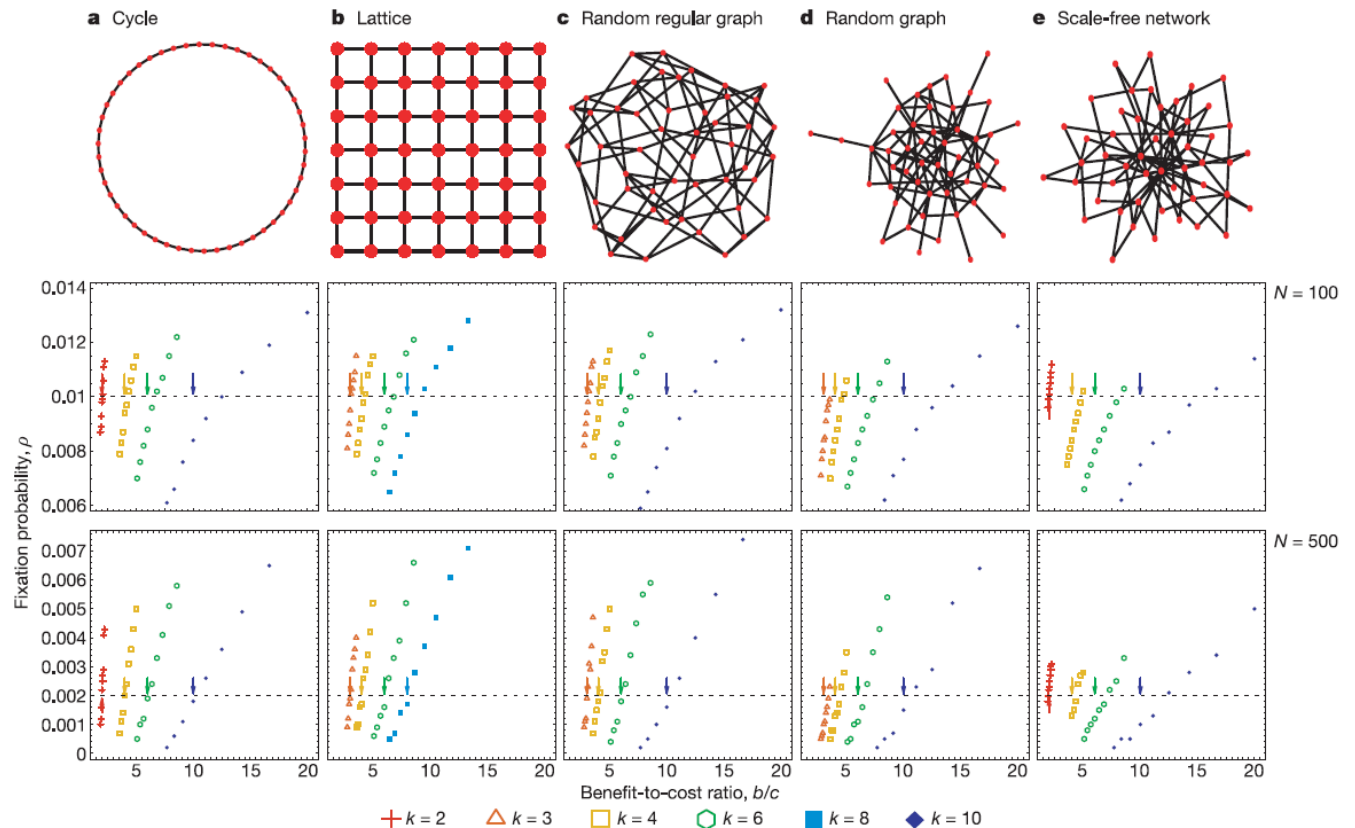
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# 1. Introduction

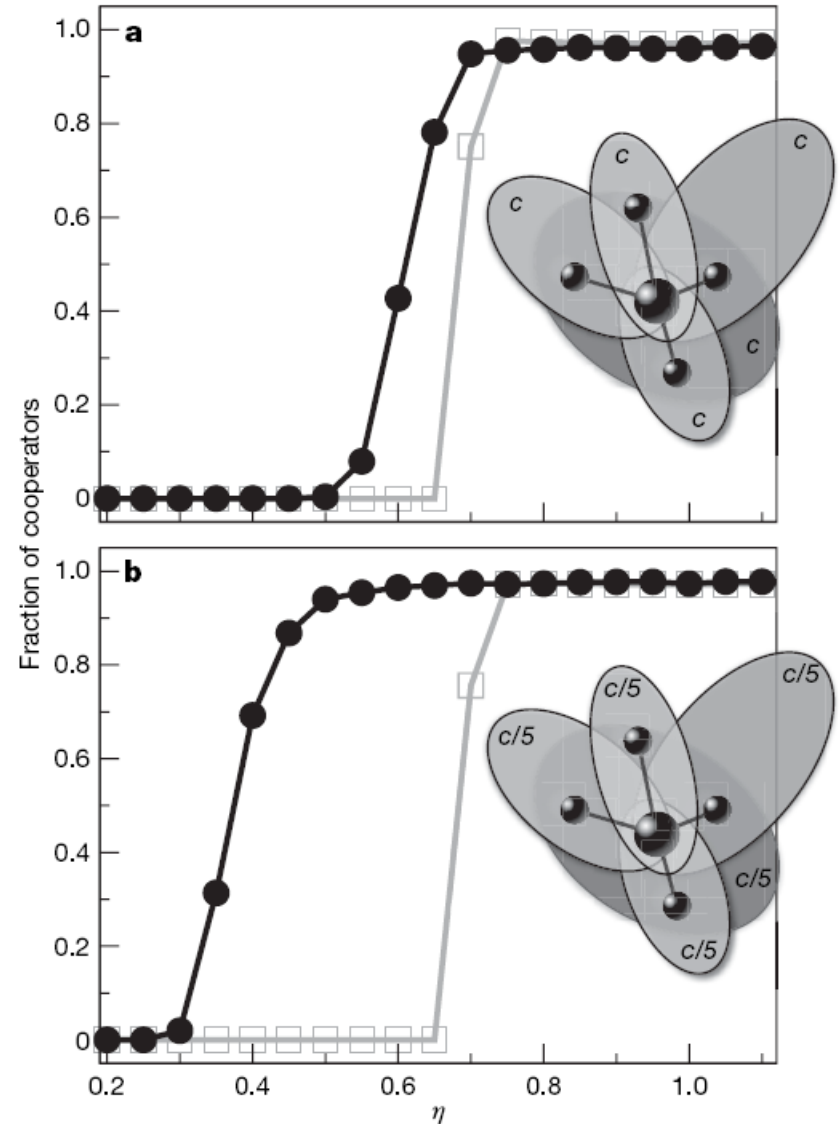
- A simple rule for the evolution of cooperation on graphs and social networks (Ohtsuki et al. 2006)

$$r > k$$



- Social diversity promotes the emergence of cooperation in public goods games (Santos et al. 2008)

Fixed Contribution





# Questions:

- How does the network structure work on the evolution of cooperation?
- Will different network structures work on the same way?
- Is there the best network structure for increasing cooperation?

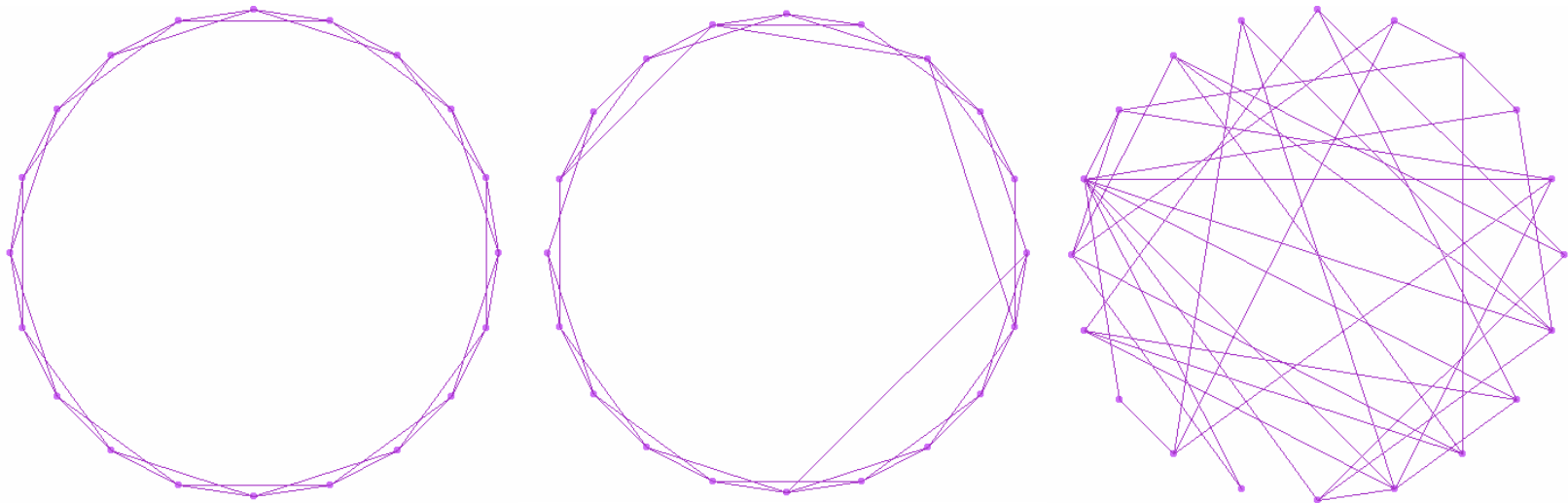
## 2. Results from regular to random

- Small-World network structure (Watts, 1998)

Regular

Small-world

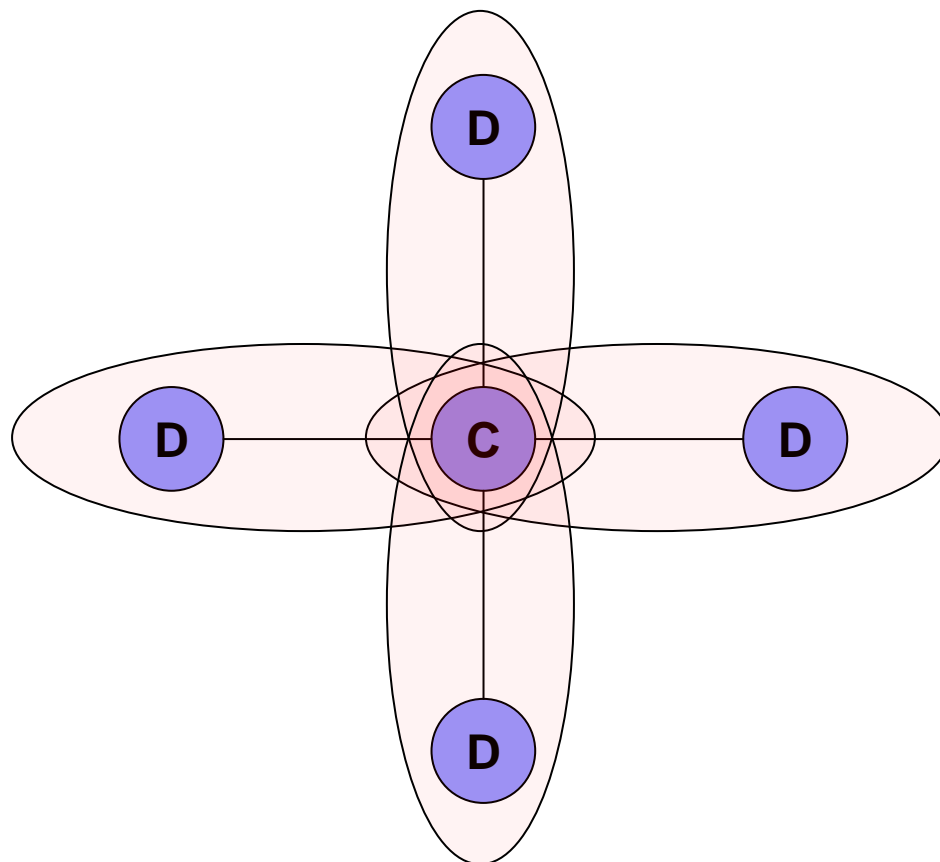
Random



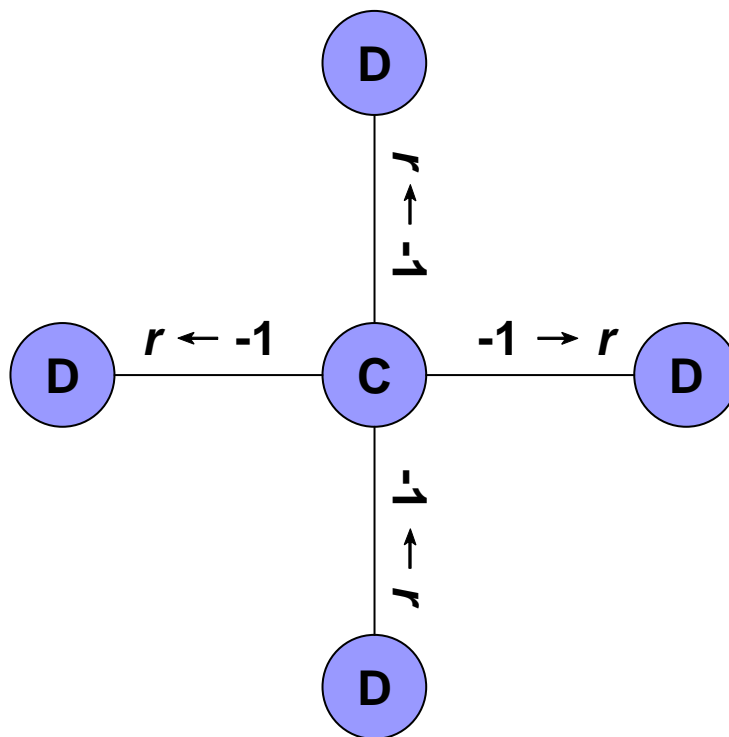
P=0

P=1

- Games: Prisoner's Dilemma
- Payoff: Two strategy: C, D. All defectors (D) do nothing. C in PD,  $-1 \rightarrow r$ , to each neighbor

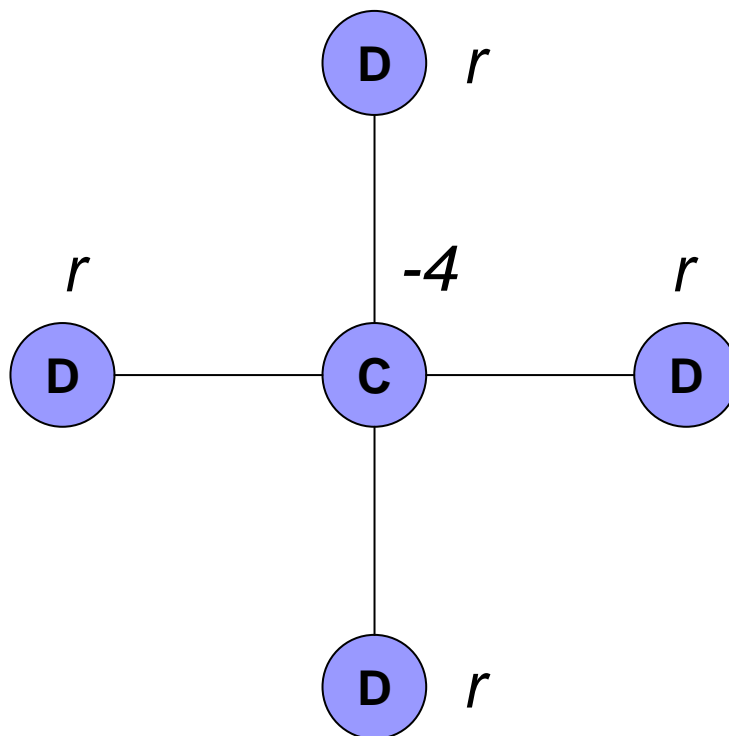


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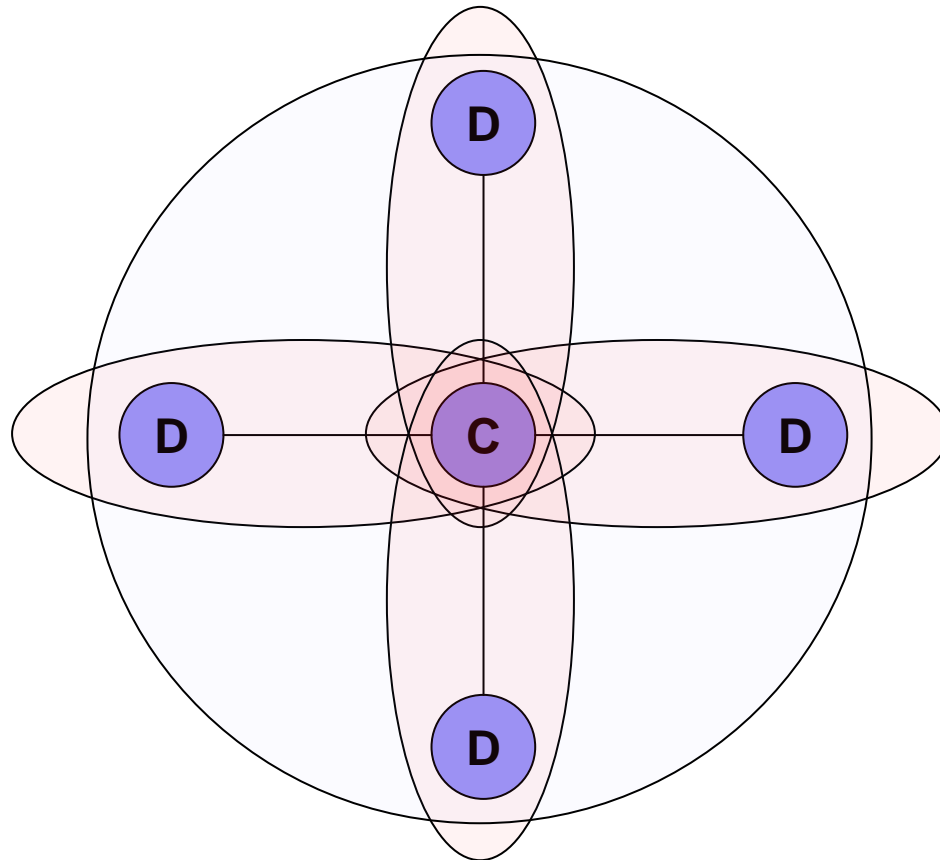




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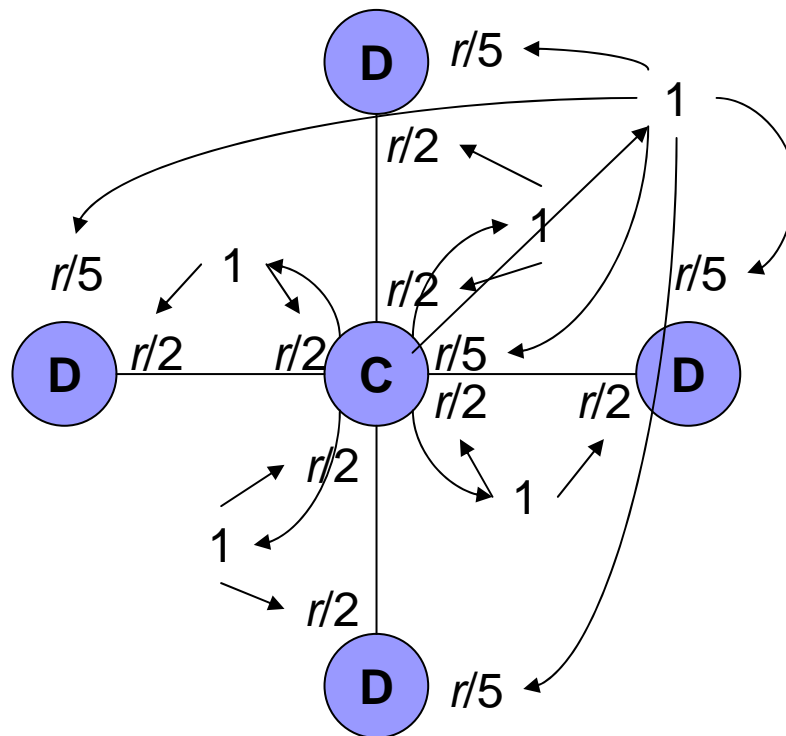


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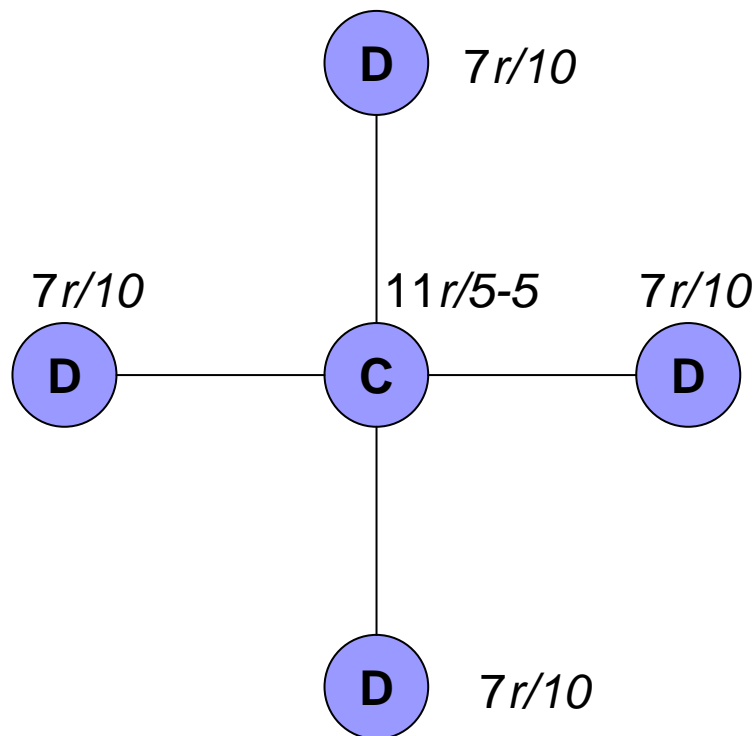


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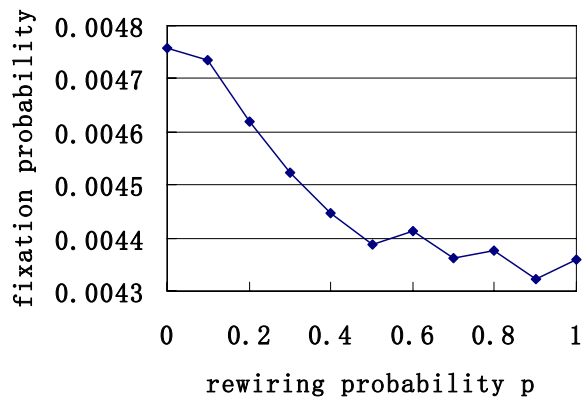


- $\text{Fitness} = (1-w) + w \times \text{Payoff}$
- Evolution model: Death-Birth process
- Fixation Probability of a C invade an all D's network.
- $N=100$ ,  $\text{times}=10^6$ , 10 different graphs for each parameter  $(p, k, r)$

# Results under the weak selection

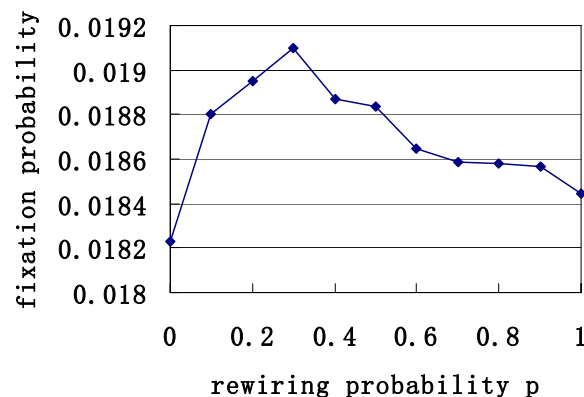
PD game  $r < k$

$r=5, k=6, w=0.01$



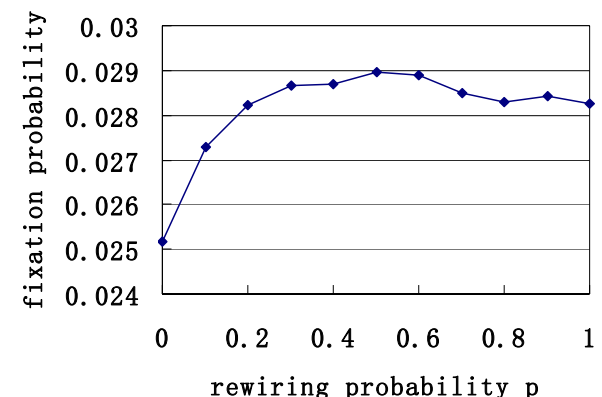
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$r=9, k=6, w=0.01$



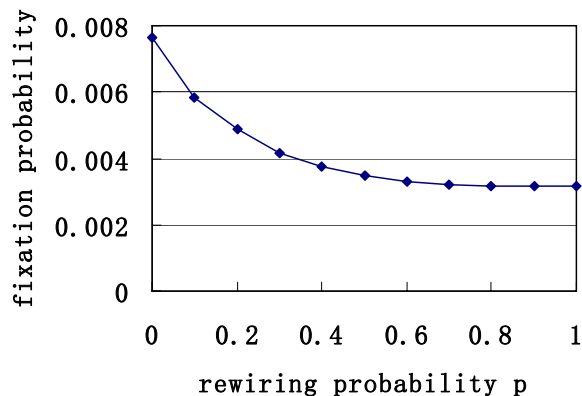
PD game  $r \gg k$

$r=11, k=6, w=0.01$



PG game

$r=4, k=6, w=0.01$

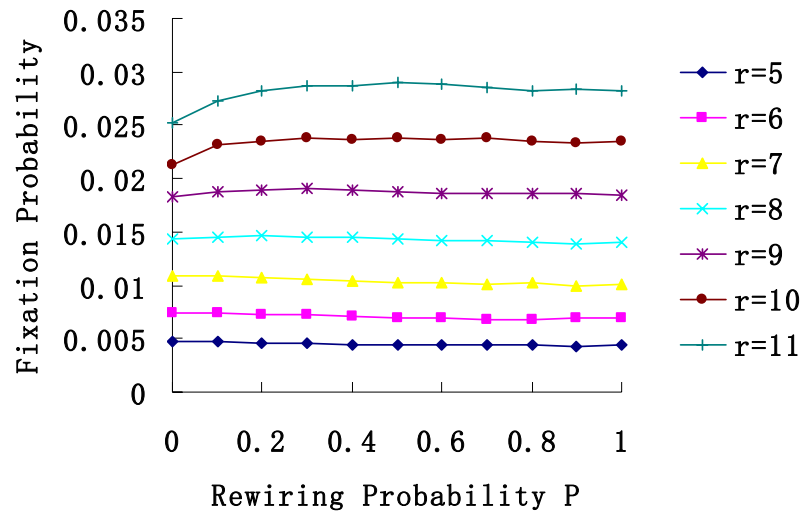


- PD game :
1. decrease by  $p$
  2. increase first, then decrease
  3. increase to a level, then stable

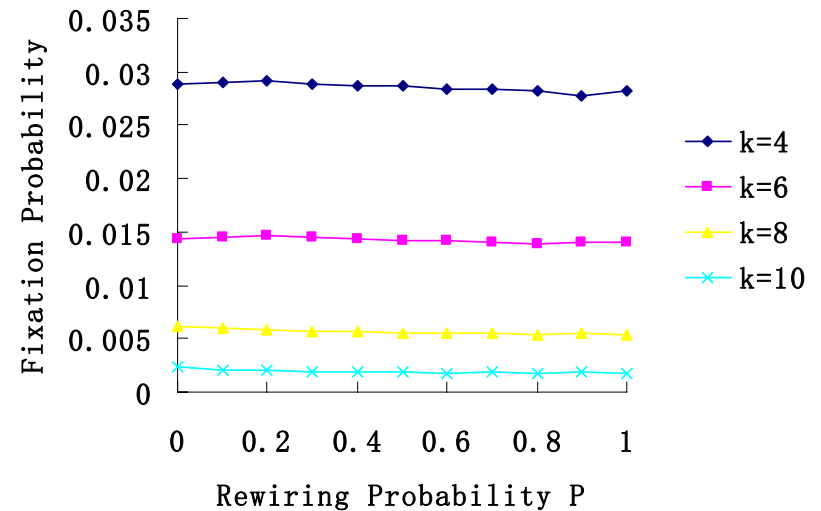
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# PD games for different $r$ and $k$

$k=6, w=0.01$



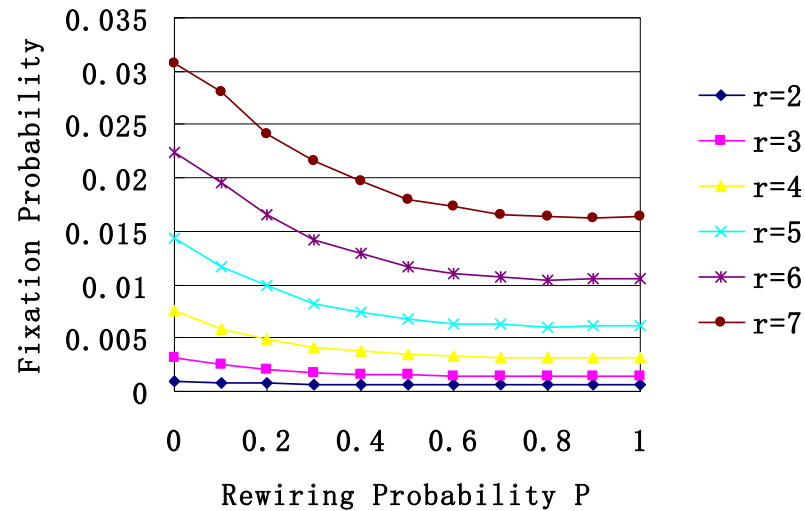
$r=8, w=0.01$



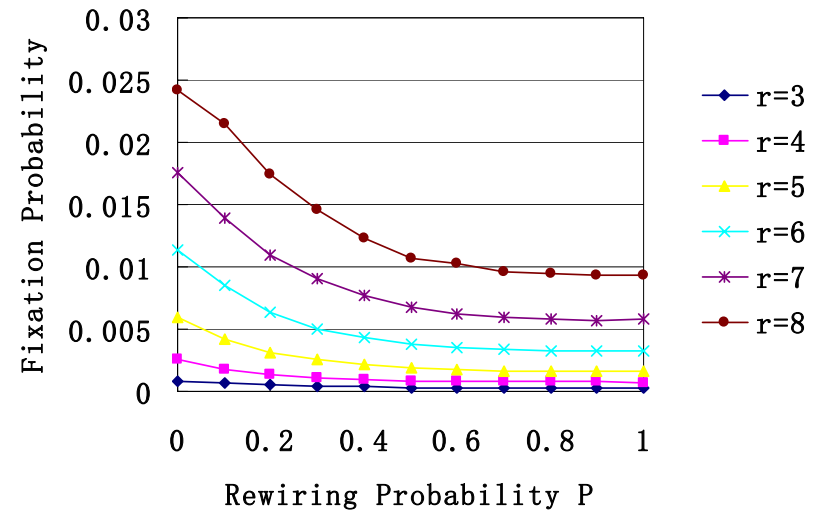
1. The change of fixation probability with the increase of  $p$  is small for given  $r$  and  $k$ .
2. This implies that for PD game, the effect of network structure on cooperation should be small under the weak selection.

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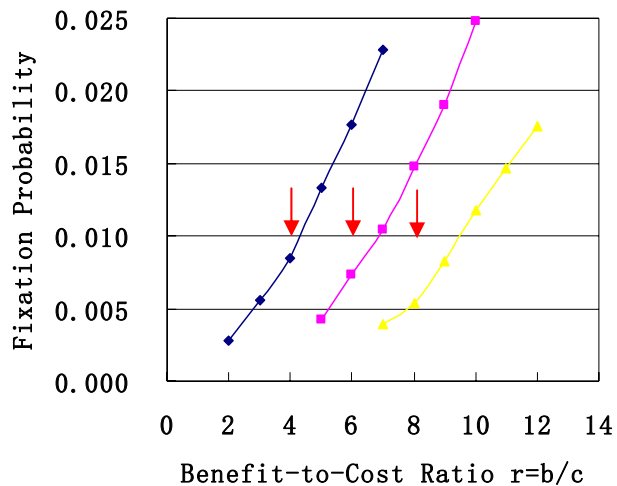
1. The fixation probability decreases with the increase of  $p$ .
2. Why?



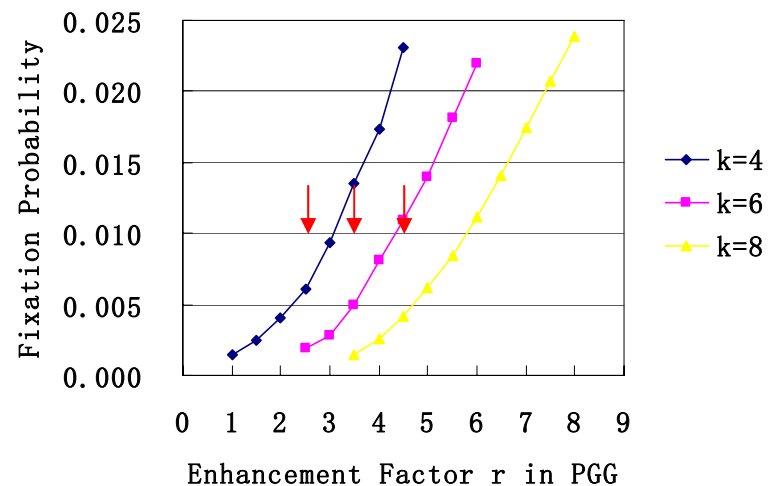
# 3. Effect of selection intensity

## ■ Fixation probability under the weak selection:

$w=0.01$ , regular, PD game



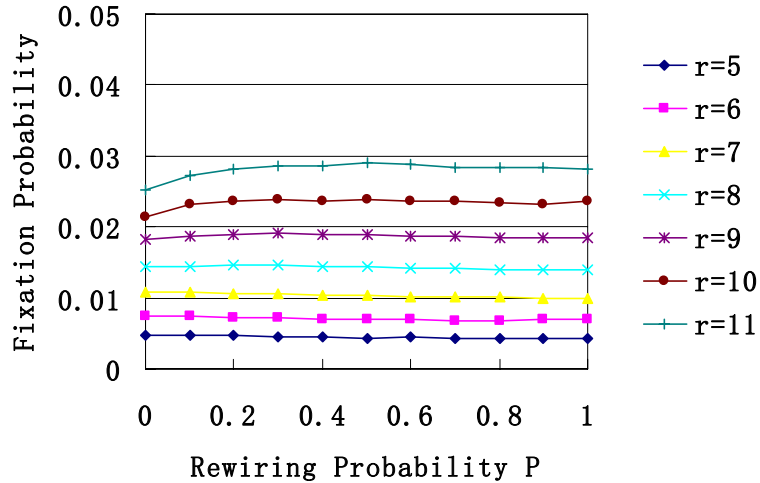
$w=0.01$ , regular, PGG game



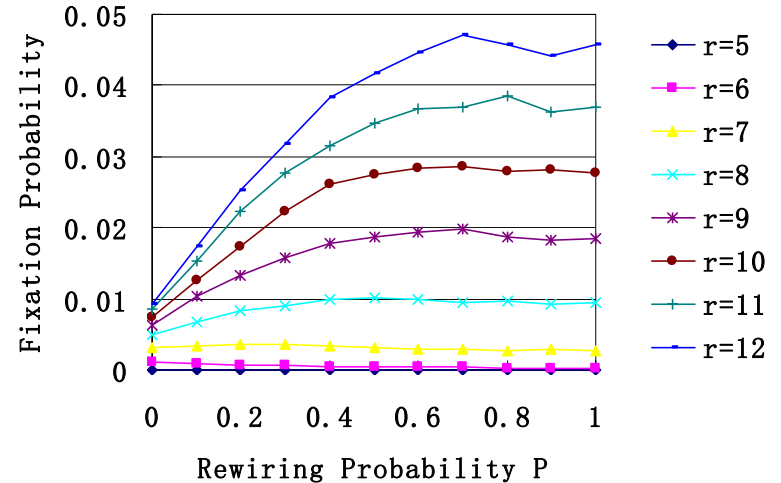
\*The Benefit-to-Cost Ratio  $r > k$  rule in PGG means  $r > (k+1)/2$

# PD games for different $w$ values

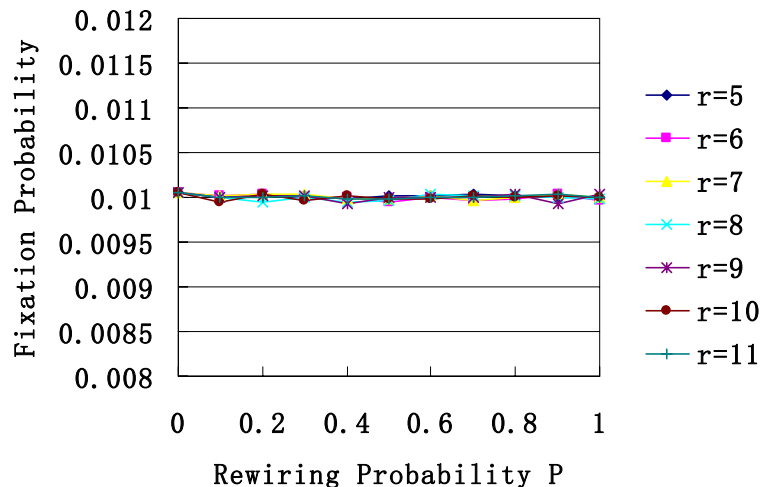
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$k=6, w=0.1$



$k=6, w=0$

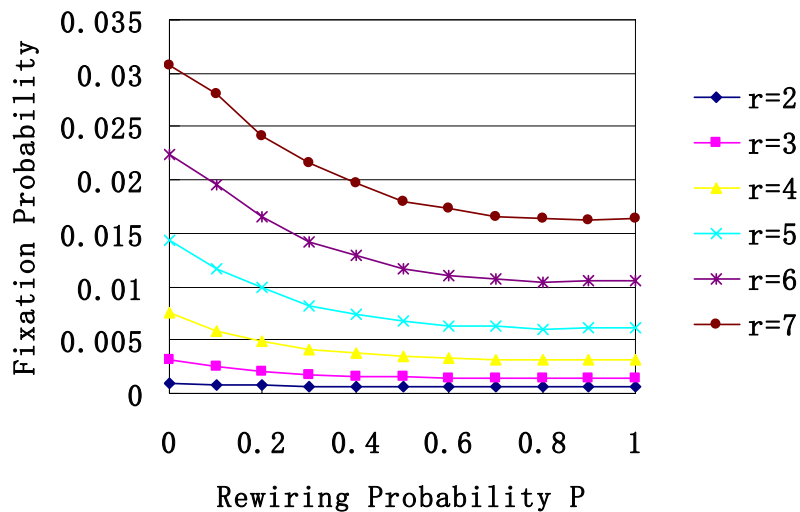


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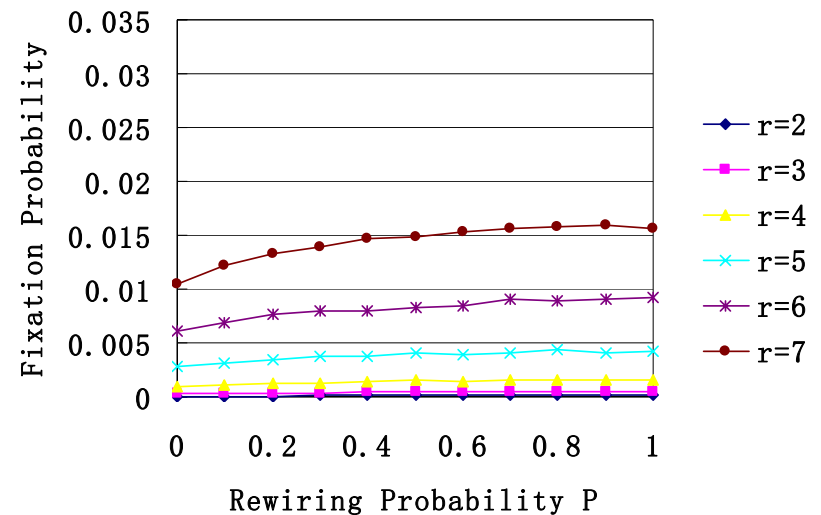
← No selection

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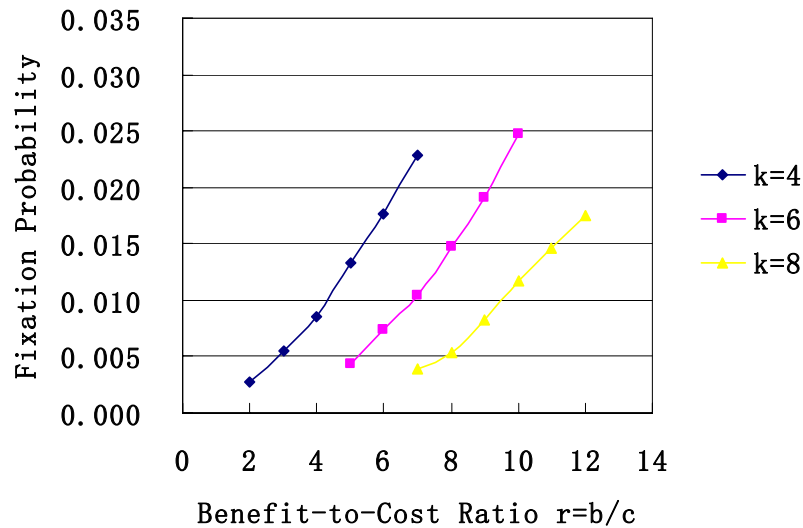
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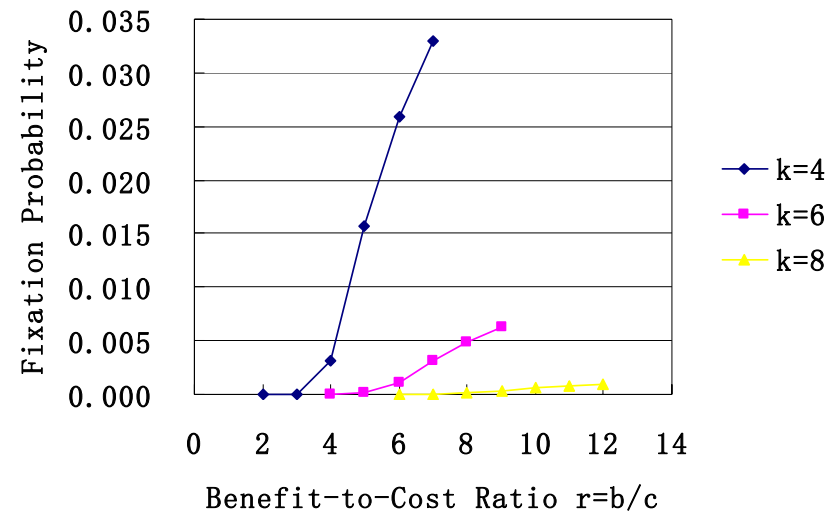
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# Effect of $w$ and $r > k$ rule

$w=0.01$ , regular, PD game



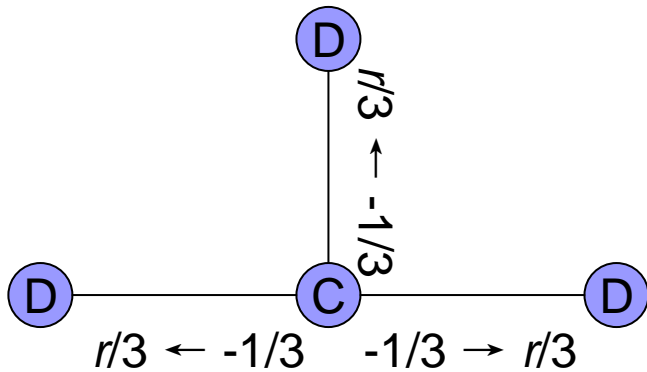
$w=0.1$ , regular, PD game



Strong selection will result in the rapid increase of the fixation probability with the increase of  $r$  if  $r \gg k$ , and the increase of the fixation probability with the increase of  $r$  will be slow if  $r$  is only little larger than  $k$ .

# 4. Fixed Contribution

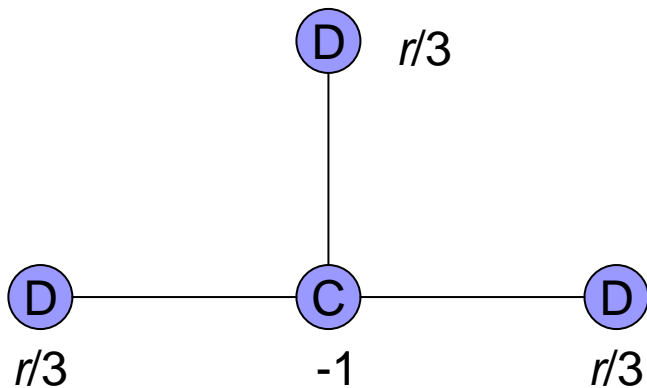
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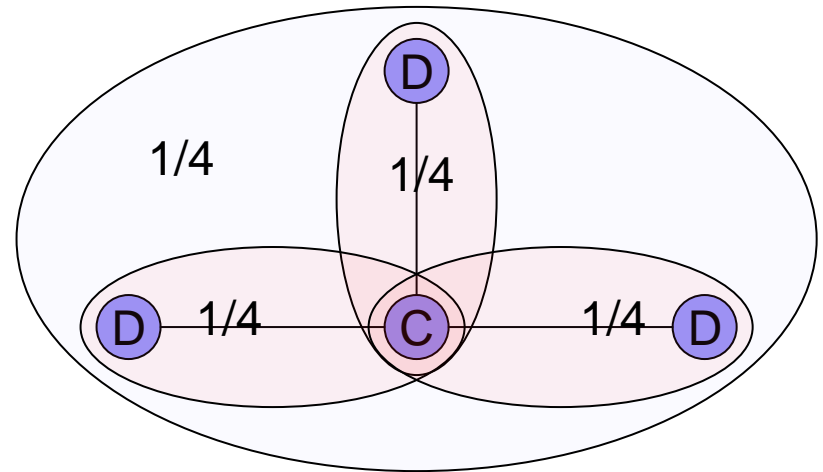
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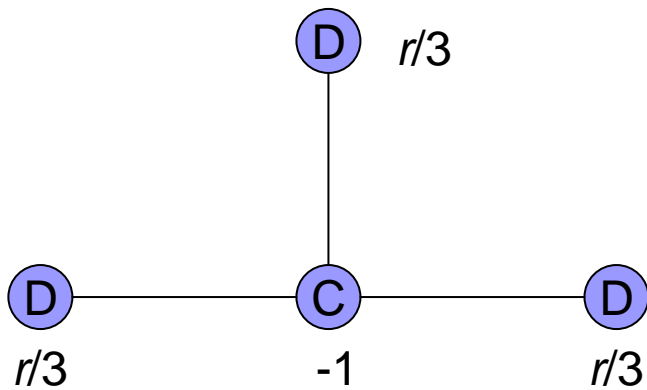
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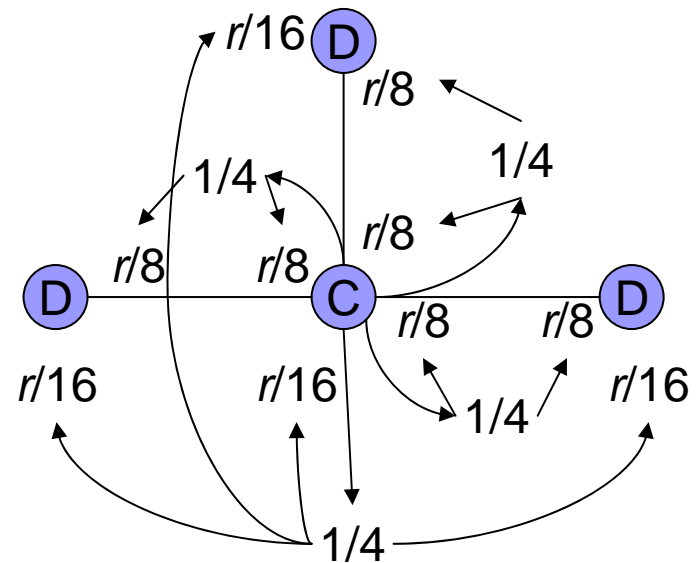
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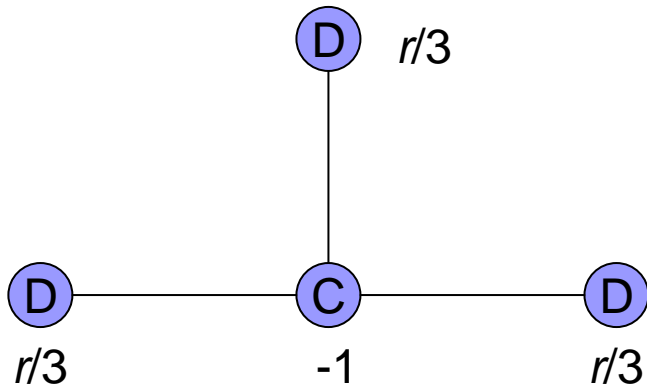
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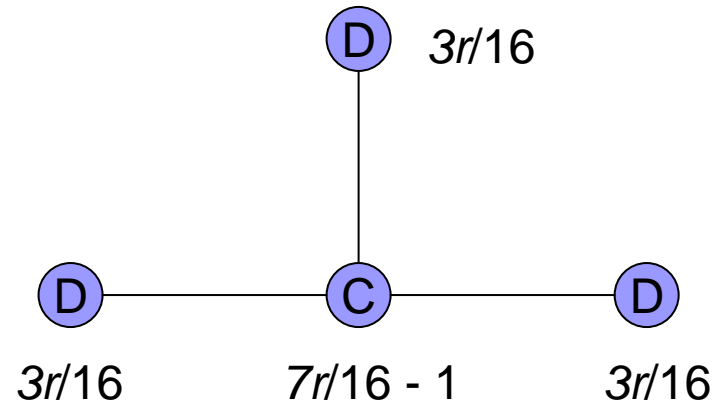
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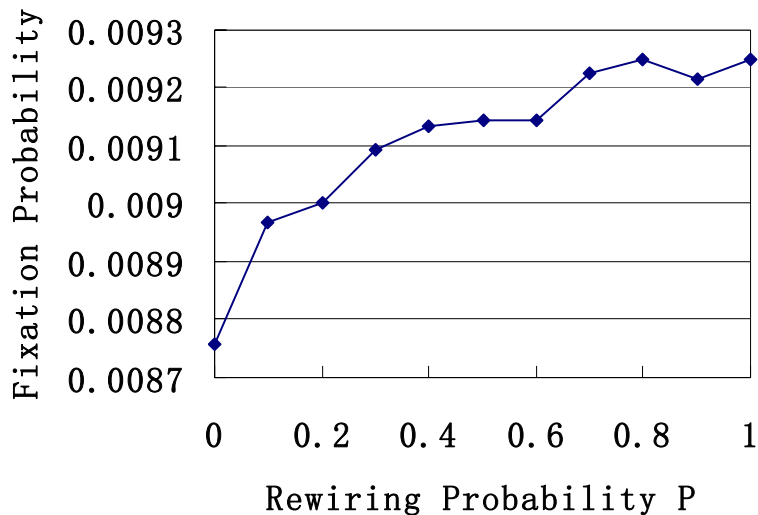
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# result

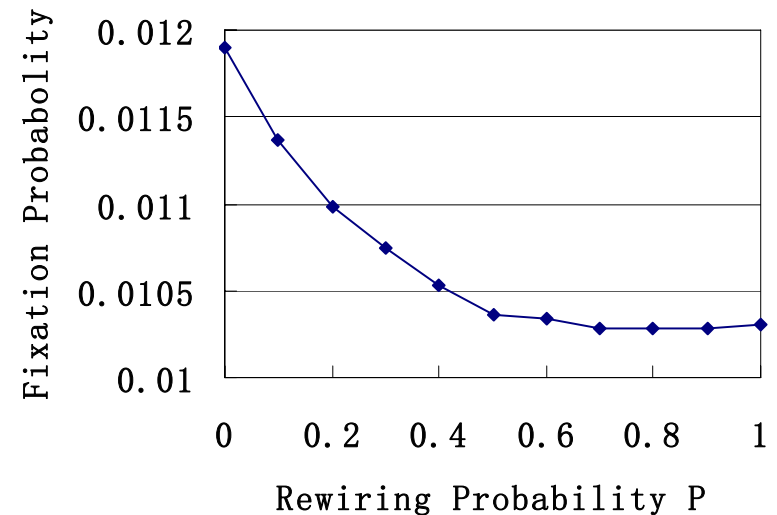
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PD game  $k=6, r=5, w=0.01$



FP increases in PD

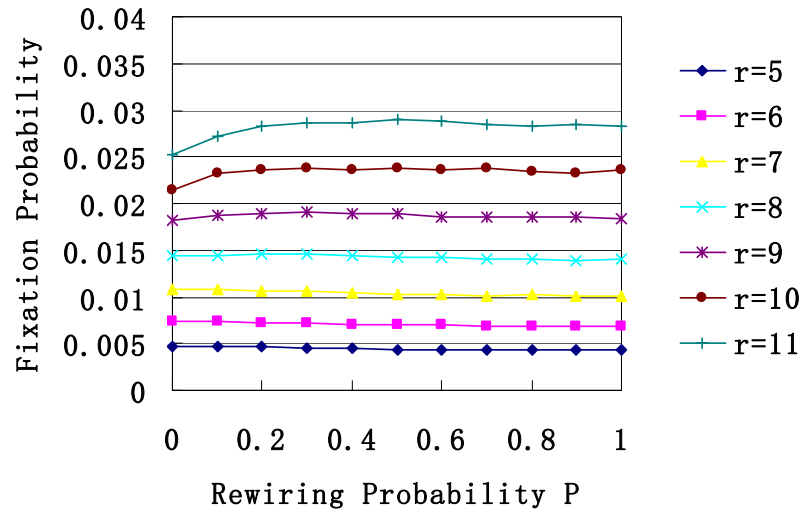
PG game  $k=6, r=6, w=0.01$



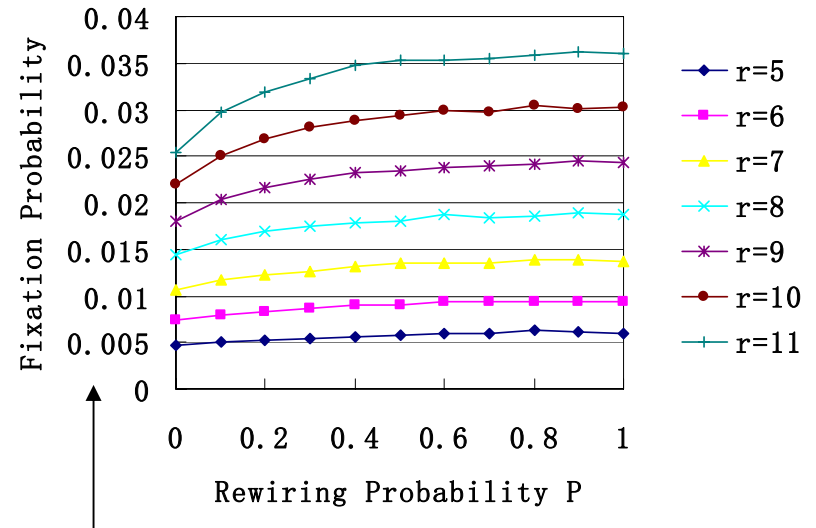
FP decreases in PG

# PD Game

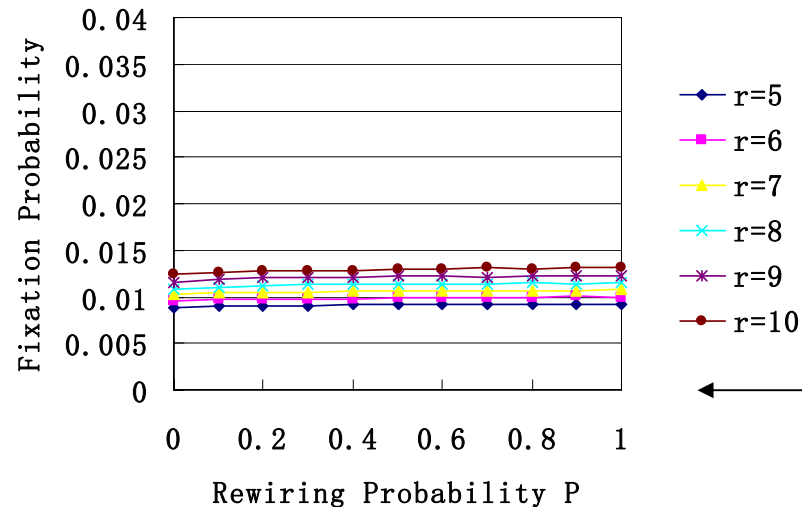
k=6, w=0.01, Control



k=6, w=0.06, Fixed Contribution



k=6, w=0.01, Fixed Contribution

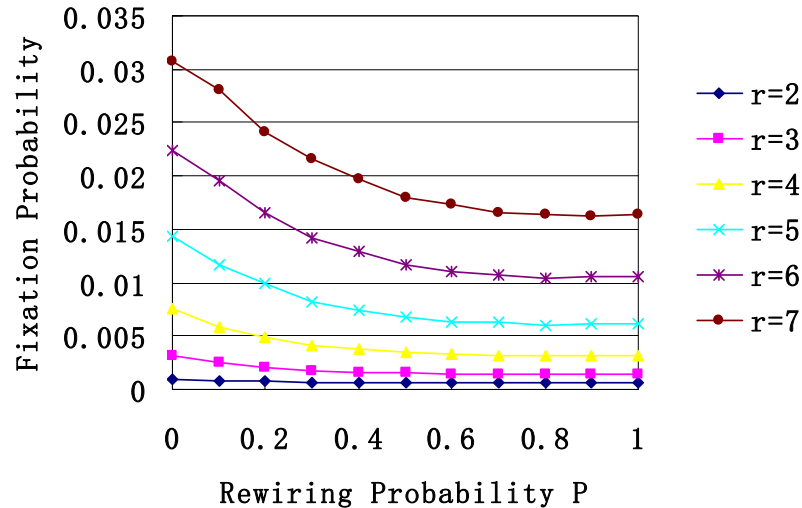


The fixed contribution promotes the cooperation in Small-World and random network for PD game.

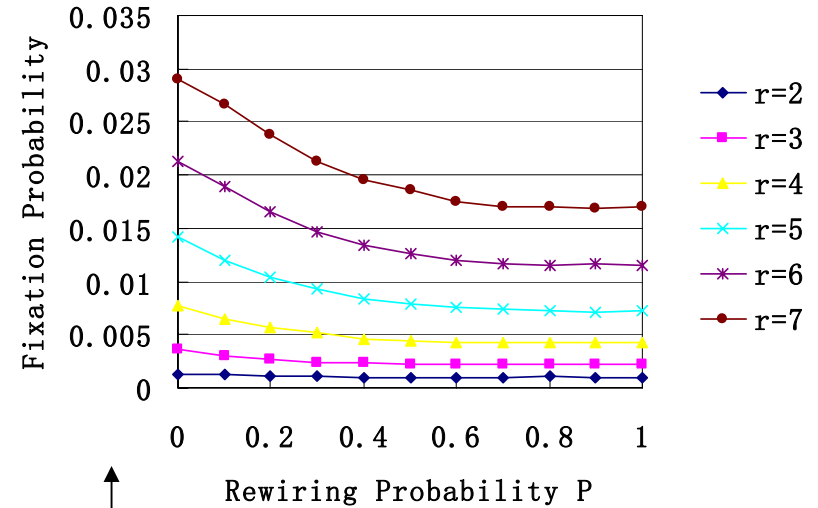
The effect of fixed contribution is similar to that of  $w$ , i.e., the  $k$  times of  $w$  is equivalent to the  $k$  times of the fixed contribution (originally,  $FC=1$ ).

# PG game

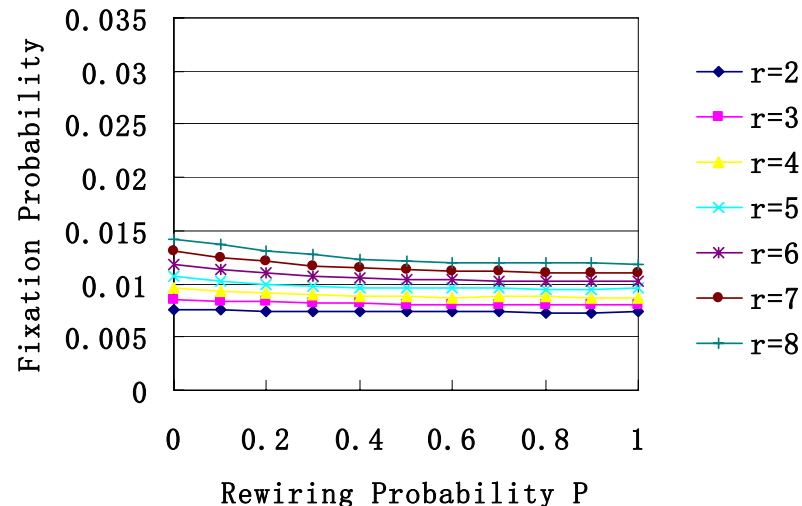
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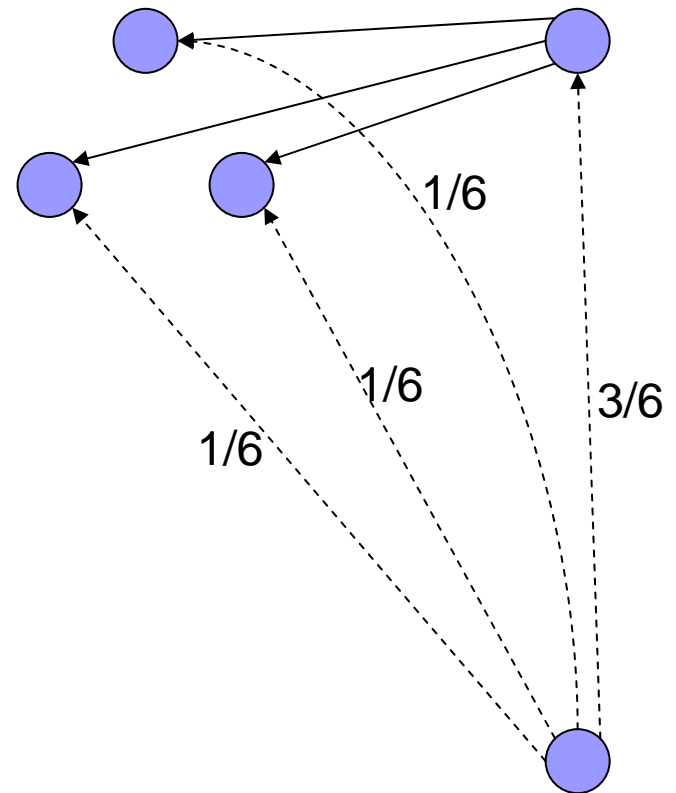
Under the weak selection, fixed contribution can't promote cooperation in PG game. This is different from the result of strong selection (Santos, 2008)

## Conclusion of Small-World

- 1. Under weak selection network structure will not make any difference to promote cooperation in PD game, but regular does best in PG game.
- 2. Under strong selection the promotion of cooperation is sensitive to network structure.
- 3. Fixed contribution works in Small-world and random in PD, but doesn't work in PG under weak selection.

# 5. Games in Scale-Free Network

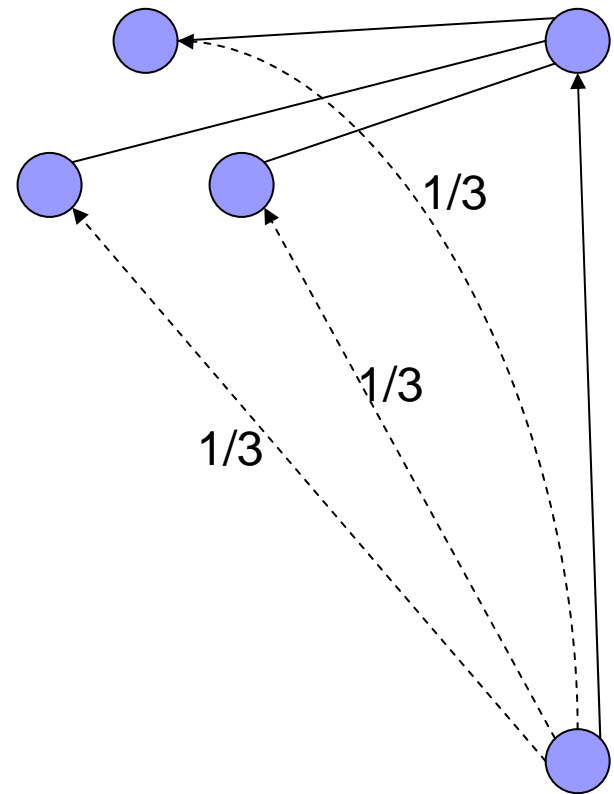
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Scale-Free  $k=6$

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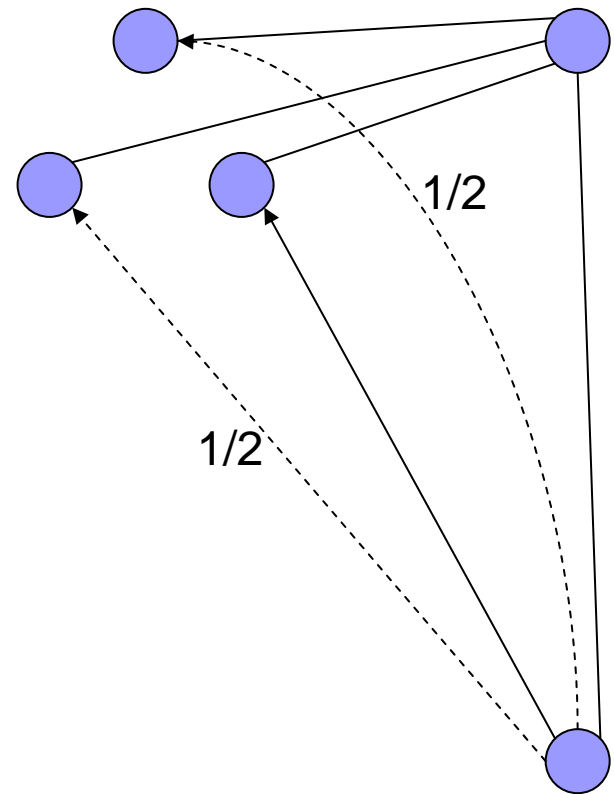
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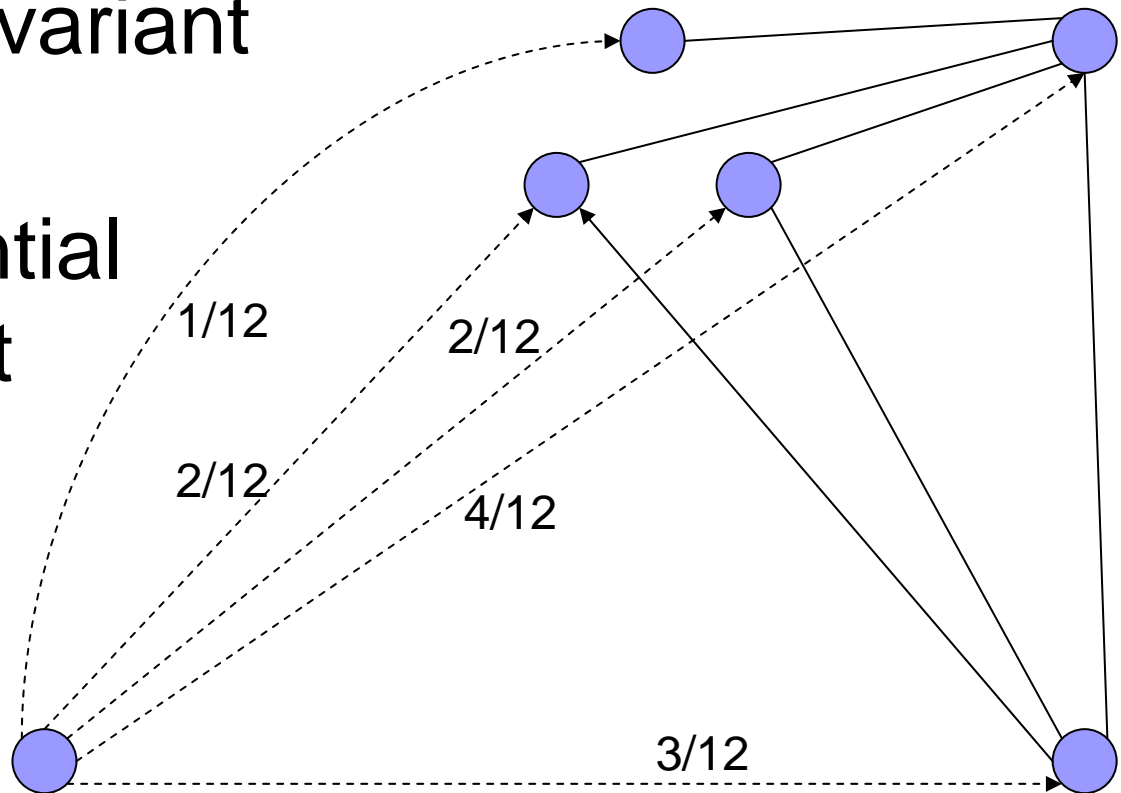
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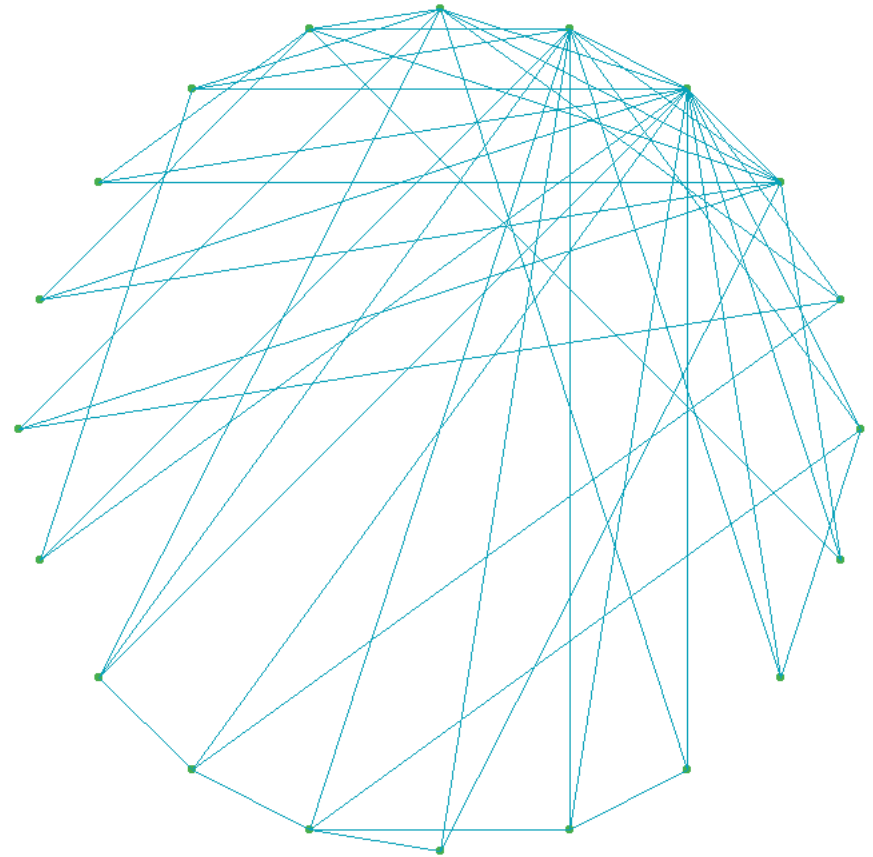


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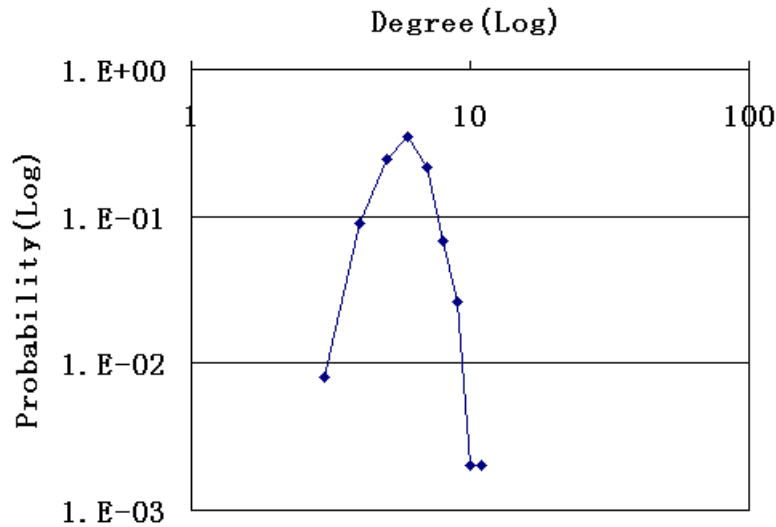
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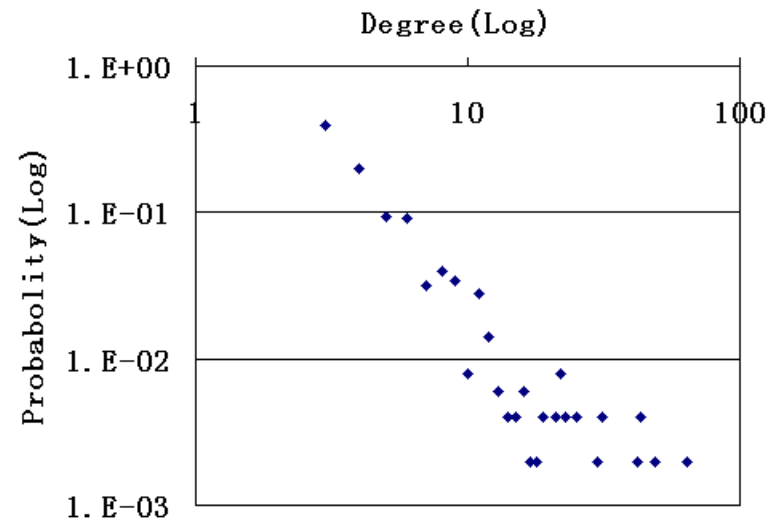


Scale-Free  $N=20$   $k=6$

- SF is different from SW in the probability distribution of degree



Small-World,  $k=6$ ,  $N=500$ ,  $p=0.3$

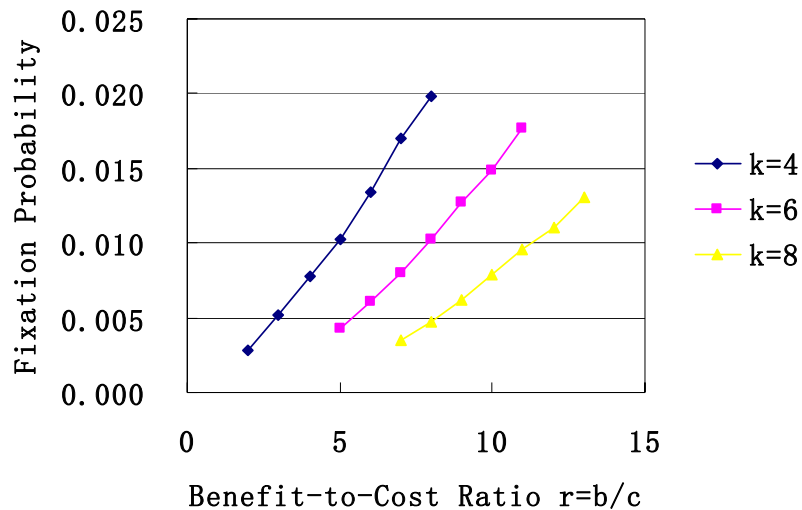


Scale-Free,  $k=6$ ,  $N=500$

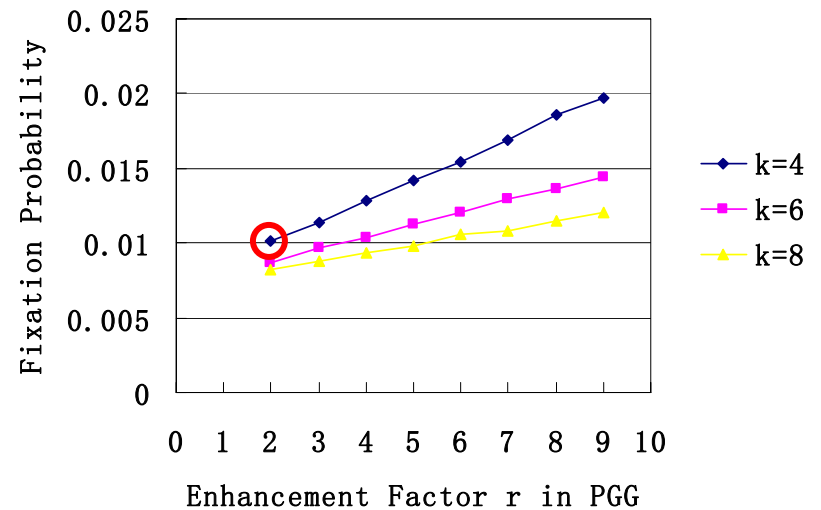
1. More vertices with degree= $k/2$  in Scale-Free not  $k$  in Small-World
2. Vertices with great numbers of degree (VIP)

# Classical model (Ohtsuki et al., 2006)

PD game, Scale-Free,  $w=0.01$



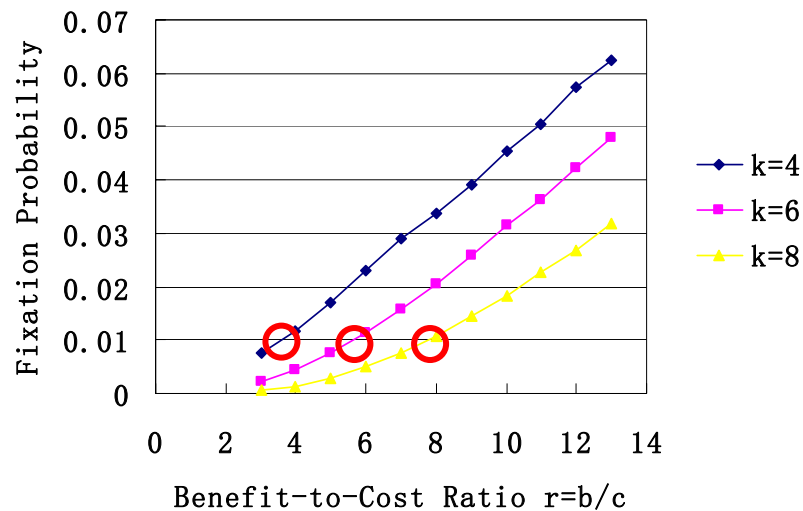
PG game, Scale-Free,  $w=0.01$



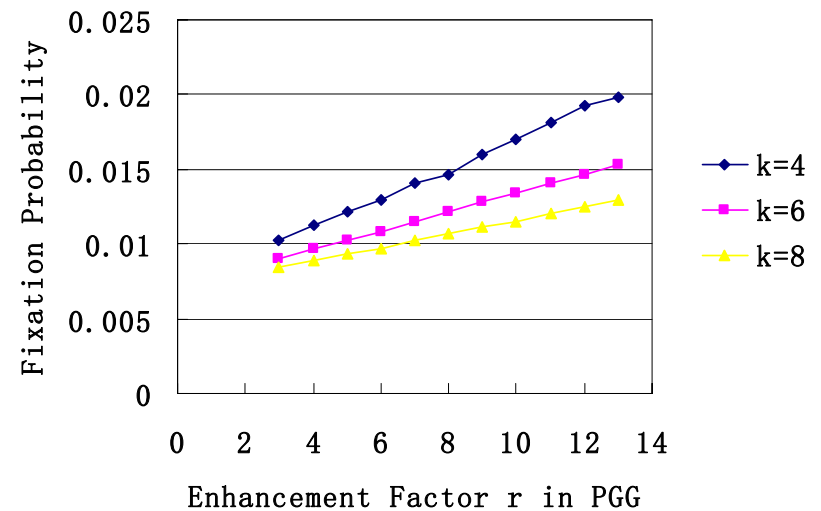
In public goods game, when  $k=4$ , the fixation probability does not obey the  $r > k$  rule, and the scale-free network promote cooperation more efficiently than regular, small-world and random networks.

# Fixed contribution

PD game, Scale-Free,  $w=0.01$



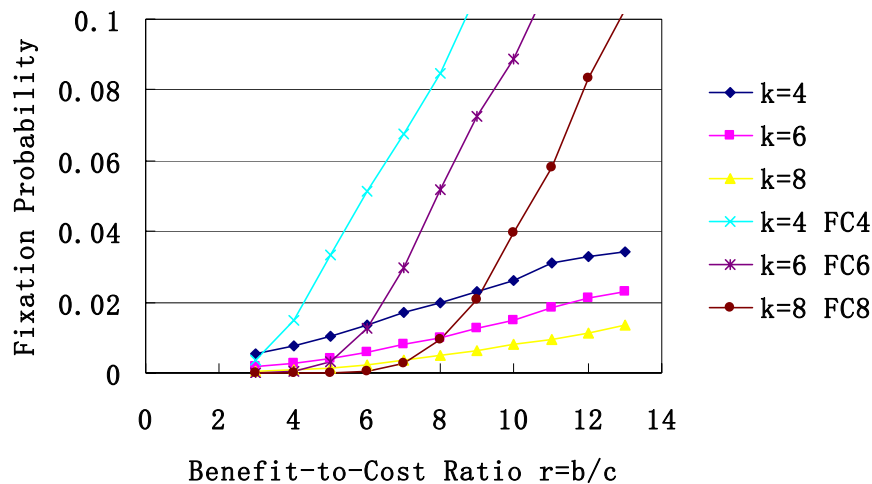
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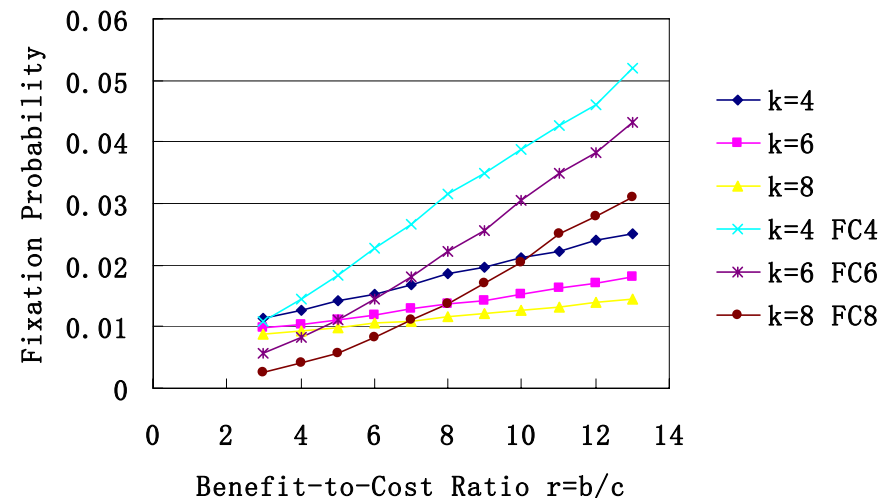
In PD game, for  $k=4$  and  $k=6$ , the  $r > k$  rule also does not work.

# Classical model vs. Fixed Contribution

PD game, Scale-Free



PG game, Scale-Free



I. Classical model with  $w=0.01$ , FC with  $w=0.01 \times k$ .

II. For both PD and PG games, fixed contribution can promote cooperation efficiently.



# Works in the future

- 1. Some theoretical result in detail.
- 2. More realistic network.
- 3. The effect of group size  $N$ , an anti-intuitional result on fixation contribution.



Thank you!