CS 4884: Connectivity Matrices and Node Degrees

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In/out degree distributions of the C. elegans neuronal network

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Degree distribution of a 383-region macaque connectome collated from published tract-tracing studies.

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Degree distribution of a 78-region human cortical connectome from diffusion MRI (+: data, solid: exponentially truncated power law, dashed: exponential, dotted: power law).