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& \text { Poisson degree } \\
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solution: $n_{k}=2^{-k}$

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| :---: |
| $R(2001)$ |



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$O(I)$ rule $\rightarrow$ (shifted) linear preferential attachment!!

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