# Random graphs (a droplet)

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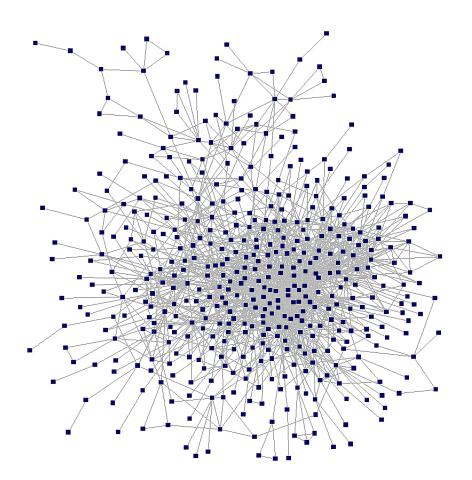
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By V. Krebs, from http://www.orgnet.com/Erdos.html

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- (ii) If  $n\epsilon^3 \to \infty$ , then G(n,p) a.a.s. contains exactly one component of order greater than  $k_0$ . This component a.a.s. has  $(2+o(1))\epsilon n$  vertices.

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