## Scale-free behavior of weight distributions of connectomes

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## Summary

To understand how critical learning mechanisms affect the structure, we studied the weighted edge weights and connection length distribution of various brain connectomes.

We found that the behavior differs depending on the scale being considered:

- The global edge weights follow a power-law behavior with exponents near 3, indicative of manifestation of criticality.
- At the node level, the strength of the connections follow log-normal and stretched exponential behaviors, which emerged from multiplicative processes underpinning the non-locality of learning at the local scale.
- The connection length distributions decay exponentially.

## Figures



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