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In [1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

In [2]: file_path = 'inc_5000.csv'
inc_5000 = pd.read_csv(file_path)

In [3]: print(inc_5000.head())

   rank  url state revenue growth % \
0      1  https://www.inc.com/profile/freestar  Freestar
1      2  https://www.inc.com/profile/freightwise FreightWise
2      3  https://www.inc.com/profile/ceces-veggie Cece's Veggie Co.
3      4  https://www.inc.com/profile/ladyboss LadyBoss
4      5  https://www.inc.com/profile/perpay Perpay

   url state revenue growth % \
0  http://freestar.com AZ 36.9 Million 36680.3882
1 http://freightwiselle.com TN 33.6 Million 30547.9317
2 http://cecesveggieco.com TX 24.9 Million 23880.4852
3 http://ladyboss.com NH 32.4 Million 21849.8925
4 http://perpay.com PA 22.5 Million 18166.4070

   industry workers previous_workers founded \
0 Advertising & Marketing 40.0 5 2015
1 Logistics & Transportation 39.0 8 2015
2 Food & Beverage 190.0 10 2015
3 Consumer Products & Services 57.0 2 2014
4 Retail 25.0 6 2014

   yrs_on_list metro city
0 1 phoenix
1 1 Nashville Brentwood
2 1 Austin
3 1 NaN Albuquerque
4 1 Philadelphia Philadelphia

In [5]: subset_companies = inc_5000['name'].sample(20, random_state=0).tolist()

In [6]: np.random.seed(0)
matrix = np.random.choice([0, 1], size=(20, 20), p=[0.7, 0.3])

In [7]: np.fill_diagonal(matrix, 0)

In [8]: financial_ties = pd.DataFrame(matrix, index=subset_companies, columns=subset_companies)

In [9]: financial_ties.to_excel('FinancialTies.xlsx')

In [10]: print("Financial ties matrix saved to 'FinancialTies.xlsx'")
Financial ties matrix saved to 'FinancialTies.xlsx'

In [11]: import pandas as pd

In [12]: file_path = 'FinancialTies.xlsx'
financial_ties = pd.read_excel(file_path, index_col=0)

In [13]: financial_ties.head()

Out[13]:
           Foster Crown  Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting  Tiempo Development  Averhealth  Legwork Software  Zero Gravity Marketing  MapleMark Bank  Techolution  Escapology  Bellwether Asset Management  FederalConference.com  Nugget  Jaguar Fueling Services  Carroll Organization  Ext
0  Foster Crown  0  1  0  0  0  0  0  0  1  1  0  1  0  0  1
1  Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting  1  0  0  1  0  0  0  1  0  0  0  0  1  0  0
2  Tiempo Development  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  1  0
3  Averhealth  0  0  0  0  0  0  1  0  1  0  0  1  0  1  0
4  Legwork Software  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  1  0  0  0  1

In [14]: import numpy as np

In [15]: num_companies = financial_ties.shape[0]

In [16]: num_ties = np.sum(financial_ties.values)

In [17]: density = num_ties / (num_companies * (num_companies - 1))
num_companies, num_ties, density

Out[17]:
(20, 105, 0.27631578947368424)

In [18]: from sklearn.metrics import jaccard_score

In [19]: similarities = pd.DataFrame(index=financial_ties.index, columns=financial_ties.columns)
for i in financial_ties.index:
    for j in financial_ties.columns:
        if i != j:
            similarities.at[i, j] = jaccard_score(financial_ties.loc[i], financial_ties[j])
        else:
            similarities.at[i, j] = np.nan
similarities.head()

Out[19]:
           Foster Crown  Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting  Tiempo Development  Averhealth  Legwork Software  Zero Gravity Marketing  MapleMark Bank  Techolution  Escapology  Bellwether Asset Management  FederalConference.com  Nugget  Jaguar Fueling Services  Carroll Organization
0  Foster Crown  NaN  0.083333  0.2  0.4  0.5  0.444444  0.2  0.111111  0.153846  0.272727  0.090909  0.272727  0.090909  0.083333
1  Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting  0.1  NaN  0.0  0.222222  0.2  0.25  0.285714  0.166667  0.714286  0.222222  0.285714  0.1  0.285714  0.111111
2  Tiempo Development  0.166667  0.0  NaN  0.0  0.142857  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.166667  0.0  0.2
3  Averhealth  0.222222  0.111111  0.285714  NaN  0.2  0.111111  0.125  0.0  0.0  0.1  0.0  0.1  0.125  0.111111
4  Legwork Software  0.0  0.142857  0.0  0.125  NaN  0.142857  0.166667  0.0  0.25  0.0  0.166667  0.125  0.166667  0.142857

In [20]: potential_allies = similarities.unstack().sort_values(ascending=False).dropna()
potential_allies.head()

Out[20]:
Escapology  Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting  0.714286
Carroll Organization  Harts Services  0.6
Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting  Lady M Confections Co.  0.6
Jaguar Fueling Services  Escapology  0.571429
Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting  Jaguar Fueling Services  0.571429
dtype: object

In [21]: import networkx as nx

In [22]: company_a, company_b = potential_allies.index[0]

In [23]: G = nx.from_pandas_adjacency(financial_ties)

In [24]: ego_a = nx.ego_graph(G, company_a)

In [25]: ego_b = nx.ego_graph(G, company_b)

In [26]: density_a = nx.density(ego_a)
density_b = nx.density(ego_b)

In [27]: centrality_a = nx.degree_centrality(ego_a)[company_a]
centrality_b = nx.degree_centrality(ego_b)[company_b]

In [28]: betweenness_a = nx.betweenness_centrality(ego_a)[company_a]
betweenness_b = nx.betweenness_centrality(ego_b)[company_b]

In [30]: closeness_a = nx.closeness_centrality(ego_a)[company_a]
closeness_b = nx.closeness_centrality(ego_b)[company_b]

In [31]: prestige_a = nx.eigenvector_centrality(ego_a)[company_a]
prestige_b = nx.eigenvector_centrality(ego_b)[company_b]

density_a, density_b, centrality_a, centrality_b, betweenness_a, betweenness_b, closeness_a, closeness_b, prestige_a, prestige_b

Out[31]:
(0.5128205128205128,
 0.6071428571428571,
 1.0,
 1.0,
 0.2578282828282828,
 0.2777777777777778,
 1.0,
 1.0,
 0.4441304288861203,
 0.5031549193721591)

In [32]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

In [33]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
nx.draw(G, with_labels=True, node_color='skyblue', edge_color='gray')
plt.title("Financial Ties Network")
plt.show()

Financial Ties Network

Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting
Lady M Confections Co.
Langford Allergy
FederalConference.com
Techolution
Foster Crown
Remarkable Liquids
Carroll Organization
Harts Services
Nugget
Averhealth
Design Extensions
Escapology
Bellwether Asset Management
Automated Systems Design
Zero Gravity Marketing
Jaguar Fueling Services
Legwork Software
MapleMark Bank
Tiempo Development

In [34]: plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
nx.draw(ego_a, with_labels=True, node_color='lightgreen', edge_color='gray')
plt.title(f"Ecocentric Graph for {company_a}")
plt.show()

Ecocentric Graph for Escapology

Legwork Software
Harts Services
Design Extensions
Bellwether Asset Management
Remarkable Liquids
Techolution
Averhealth
Escapology
Zero Gravity Marketing
Nugget
Langford Allergy
Tiempo Development

In [35]: plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
nx.draw(ego_b, with_labels=True, node_color='lightcoral', edge_color='gray')
plt.title(f"Ecocentric Graph for {company_b}")
plt.show()

Ecocentric Graph for Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting

Averhealth
Nugget
Design Extensions
Techolution
Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting
Remarkable Liquids
Foster Crown
Langford Allergy

In [36]: interlocking_boards = financial_ties & financial_ties.T
interlocking_boards = interlocking_boards[interlocking_boards > 0]
interlocking_boards.dropna(how='all', inplace=True)
interlocking_boards

Out[36]:
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0  Foster Crown  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN
1  Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  1.0  NaN
2  Averhealth  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN
3  Legwork Software  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN
4  Zero Gravity Marketing  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  1.0  NaN
5  Techolution  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN
6  Escapology  NaN  NaN  NaN  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN
7  Bellwether Asset Management  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN
8  FederalConference.com  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN
9  Nugget  NaN  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN
10 Jaguar Fueling Services  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN
11 Carroll Organization  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN
12 Design Extensions  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  1.0
13 Langford Allergy  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  1.0  NaN
14 Remarkable Liquids  NaN  1.0  NaN  NaN  1.0  NaN  NaN  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  1.0
15 Automated Systems Design  1.0  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN

In [37]: no_ties = financial_ties.sum(axis=1) == 0
no_ties_companies = financial_ties[no_ties].index.tolist()

In [38]: many_ties = financial_ties.sum(axis=1) > (financial_ties.shape[0] / 2)
influencers = financial_ties[many_ties].index.tolist()
no_ties_companies, influencers

Out[38]:
([], [])

In [39]: strong_ties = interlocking_boards.index.tolist()

In [40]: weak_ties = financial_ties.sum(axis=1).sort_values().index[:2].tolist()

strong_ties, weak_ties

Out[40]:
(['Foster Crown',
  'Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting',
  'Averhealth',
  'Legwork Software',
  'Zero Gravity Marketing',
  'Techolution',
  'Escapology',
  'Bellwether Asset Management',
  'FederalConference.com',
  'Nugget',
  'Jaguar Fueling Services',
  'Carroll Organization',
  'Design Extensions',
  'Langford Allergy',
  'Remarkable Liquids',
  'Automated Systems Design'],
 ['Tiempo Development', 'MapleMark Bank'])

In [41]: structural_holes = nx.algorithms.structural_holes.effective_size(G)
structural_holes = {(k: v for k, v in sorted(structural_holes.items(), key=lambda item: item[1], reverse=True))}
structural_holes

Out[41]:
{'Carroll Organization': 7.5,
 'Escapology': 7.333333333333333,
 'Design Extensions': 7.181818181818182,
 'Foster Crown': 7.0,
 'Remarkable Liquids': 7.0,
 'Automated Systems Design': 6.6,
 'Averhealth': 6.4,
 'Zero Gravity Marketing': 6.2727272727272725,
 'Techolution': 5.8,
 'Jaguar Fueling Services': 5.75,
 'Langford Allergy': 5.222222222222222,
 'Bellwether Asset Management': 5.0,
 'Nugget': 4.777777777777778,
 'Legwork Software': 4.75,
 'Denny Cherry & Associates Consulting': 4.142857142857142,
 'MapleMark Bank': 4.0,
 'Lady M Confections Co.': 3.857142857142857,
 'Tiempo Development': 3.8,
 'Harts Services': 3.75,
 'FederalConference.com': 3.3333333333333335}

In [42]: unreachable = list(nx.isolates(G))

In [43]: clustering = nx.clustering(G)
overcrowded = {(k: v for k, v in clustering.items() if v > 0.5)}
unreachable, overcrowded

Out[43]:
([], {'FederalConference.com': 0.5333333333333333,
 'Nugget': 0.5277777777777778,
 'Lady M Confections Co.': 0.5238095238095238,
 'Harts Services': 0.6071428571428571})

In [ ]: Positive Impacts

Enhanced Decision-Making: Informal networks enable quicker and more efficient decision-making by facilitating the free flow of information and bypassing bureaucratic hurdles.
Improved Resource Allocation: Individuals with strong informal ties can access necessary resources more efficiently, leading to better project outcomes.
Career Advancement: Employees who actively engage in informal networks can advance their careers more rapidly through mentorship and early access to opportunities.
Faster Information Dissemination: Informal networks ensure that critical information, especially tacit knowledge, is shared promptly among employees.
Increased Innovation: Collaboration across informal networks fosters creativity and innovation, leading to the development of new ideas and solutions.
Effective Conflict Resolution: Informal networks provide an avenue for resolving conflicts quickly and amicably, improving workplace harmony.

Negative Impacts

Undermining Formal Authority: Strong informal networks can challenge formal authority and decision-making processes, leading to potential conflicts.
Perceptions of Favoritism: Unequal access to resources through informal networks can create perceptions of favoritism and inequity.
Exclusivity and Resentment: Employees outside influential informal networks may feel excluded and resentful, affecting organizational cohesion.
Risk of Misinformation: Informal channels may sometimes spread inaccurate or incomplete information, leading to misunderstandings.
Fragmented Efforts: Innovation driven by informal networks may not always align with formal organizational goals, leading to fragmented efforts.

Conclusion

Informal networks are a double-edged sword in organizational contexts. While they enhance efficiency, innovation, and employee satisfaction, they also pose risks to formal authority and inclusivity. Organizations that recognize and strategically manage informal networks can harness their benefits while mitigating potential downsides, leading to a more dynamic and resilient power structure. Properly leveraging informal networks can result in a more agile, innovative, and harmonious organization, while failing to do so can create challenges in maintaining formal authority and equity.

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