

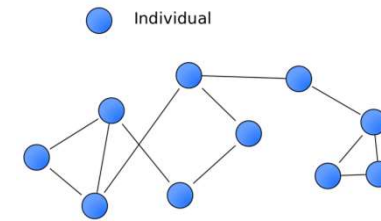


# Strong and Weak Ties



# We want to know

- How information flows through a social network



- How different nodes can play structurally distinct roles in this process
- How these structural considerations shape the evolution of the network itself over time





# Networks structure

- Structure : composed of **nodes** and **edges**
  - They form groups of friends
  - There are close friends and acquaintances
  - How to bridge the local and the global ?
- Aim : to offer explanations for how simple processes at the level of individual nodes and links can have complex effects that ripple through a population as a whole



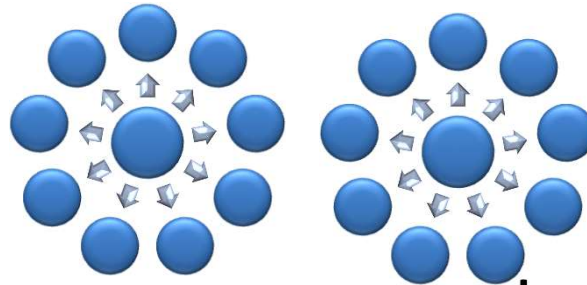
# Network Structure

- Network structure evolves over time
- We take snapshot of nodes and edges at a particular time and form static structures.
- E.g. you are invited to be a friend of the friends of your friends.



# Linking two perspectives on distant friendships

- Structural : the way these friendships **span** different portions of the full network



- The local consequences that following from a **friendship** between two people (strong vs weak ties)





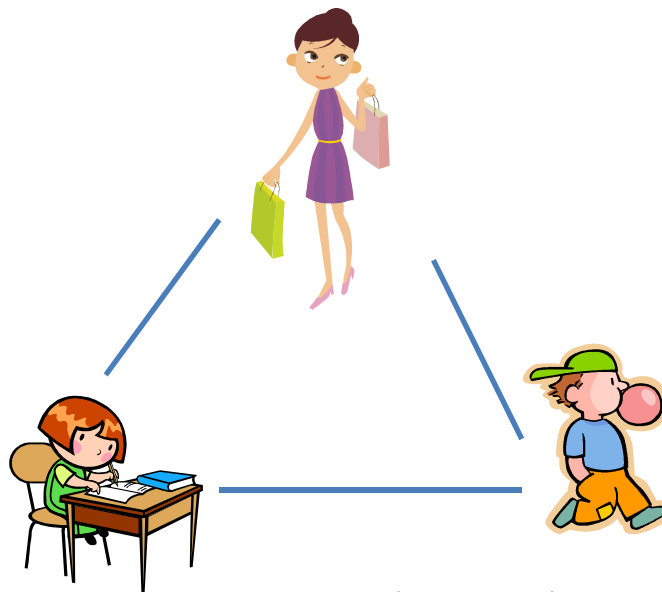
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# 1. Triadic closure

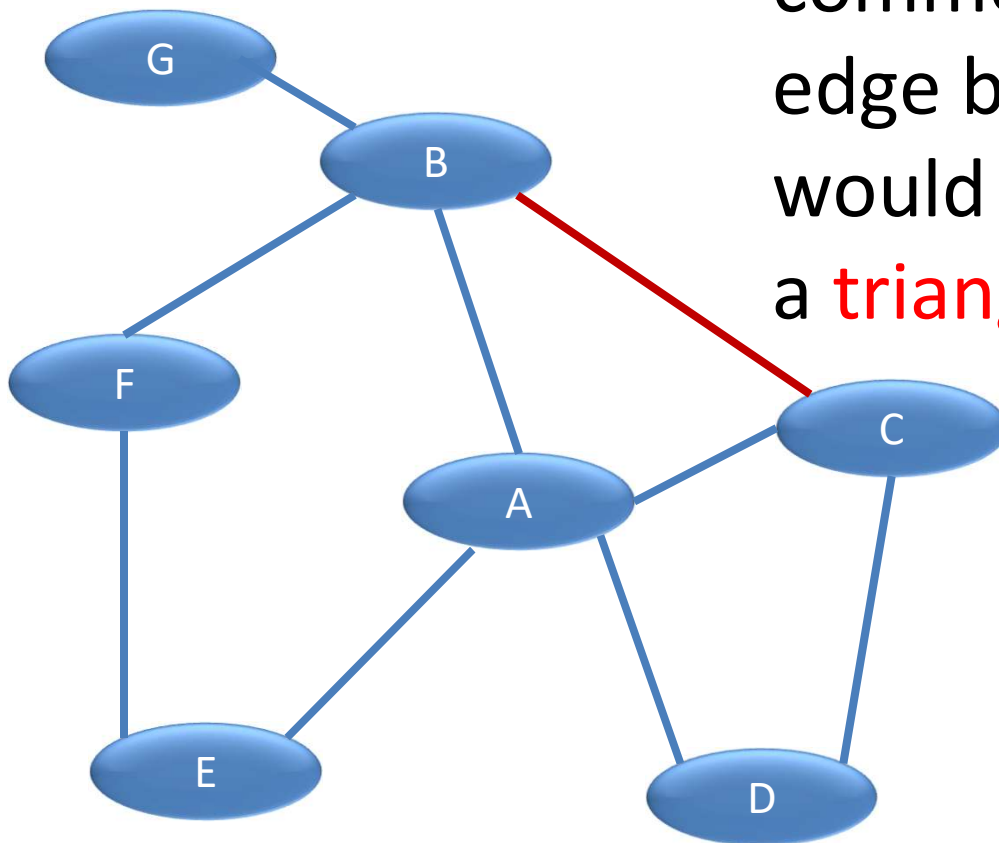
- If two people in a social network have a friend in common, then there is an increased likelihood that they will become friends themselves at some point in the future.





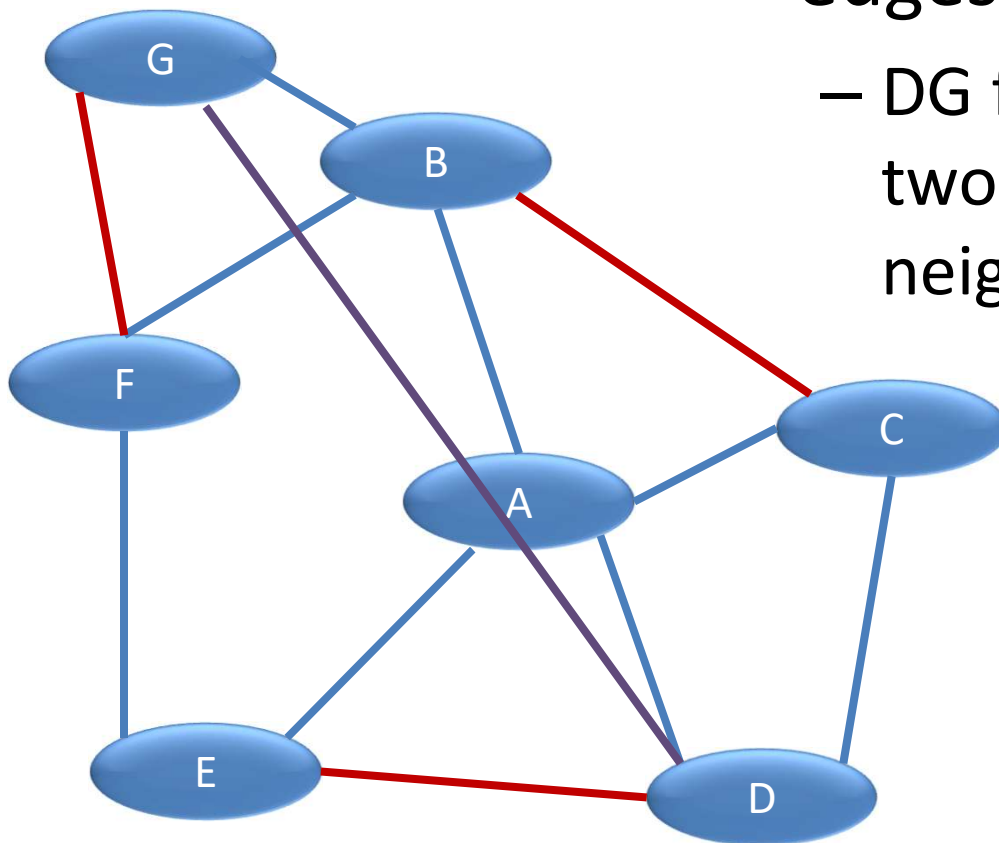


- B and C have a friend A in common, it is likely that an edge between B and C would be formed and form a **triangle**.





- Eventually, a number of new edges would be formed
  - DG forms even though the two endpoints have no neighbors in common





# Cluster Coefficient

- The **cluster coefficient** of a node A is defined as the probability that two randomly selected friends of A are friends with each other.
- Cluster Coefficient (A) =  $CC(A)$

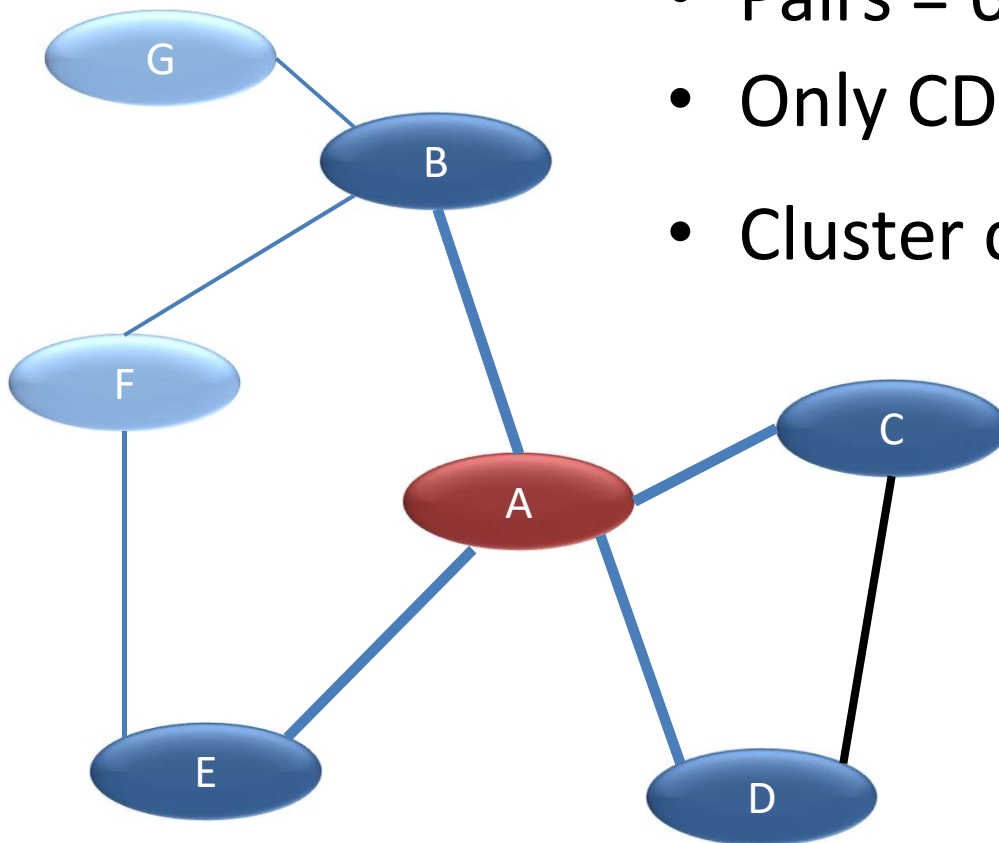
$$= \frac{\text{pair of A's friends that are connected}}{\text{total no. of pair of A's friends}}$$

Fractions of your friends (in pairs) are friends themselves



# Cluster Coefficient

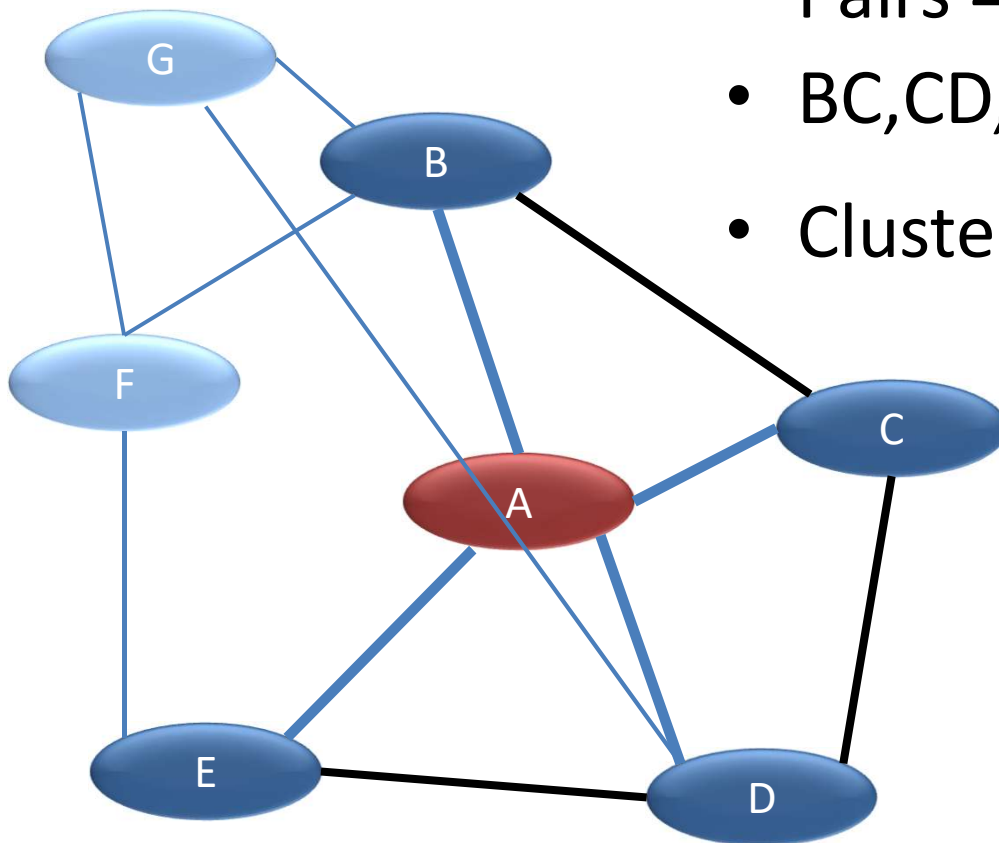
- No. of friends of A = 4 (B,C,D,E)
- Pairs = 6 (BC,BD,BE,CD,CE,DE)
- Only CD are connected
- Cluster coefficient (A) =  $\frac{1}{6}$





# Cluster Coefficient

- No. of friends of A = 4 (B,C,D,E)
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- BC,CD,DE are connected
- Cluster coefficient (A) =  $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$

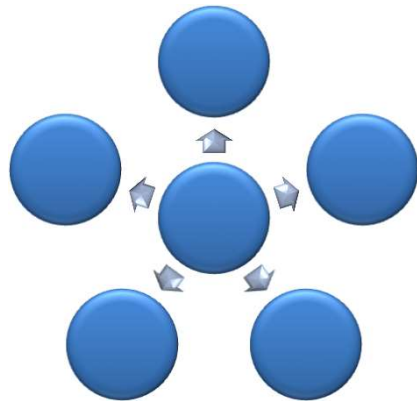




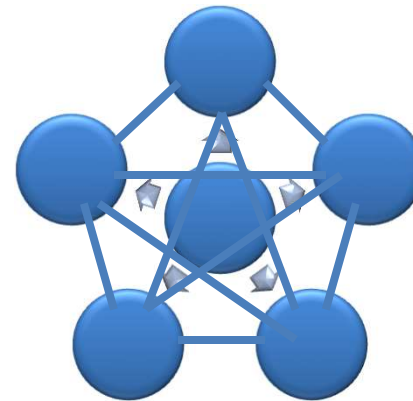
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$CC(A) = 0$



$CC(A) = 1$





# Reasons for Triadic closure

When  $B$  and  $C$  have a common friend  $A$



- More opportunity for  $B$  and  $C$  to meet
- A base for  $B$  and  $C$  to trust each other
- A source of latent stress for  $A$  if  $B$  and  $C$  are not friends
  - *Bearman and Moody* found that teenage girls with low clustering coefficient are more likely to contemplate suicide.





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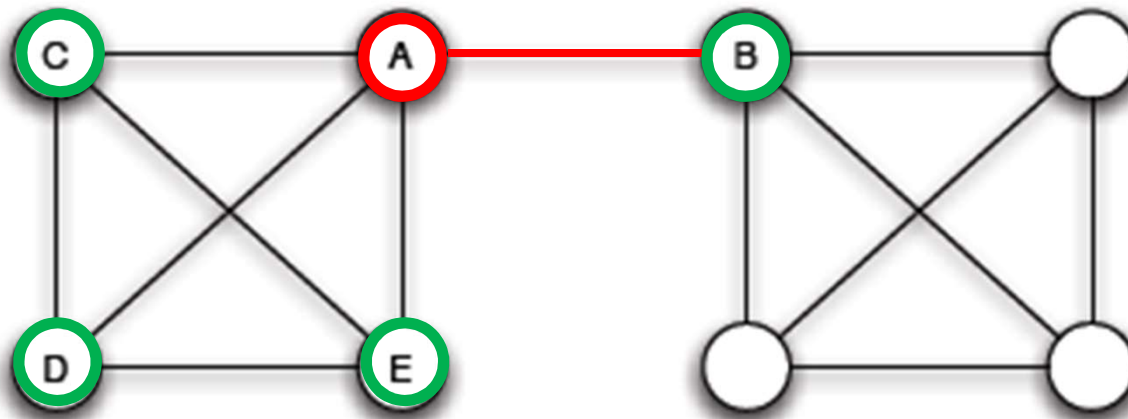
## 2. Strength of Weak Ties

- How does triadic closure influence the network ?
- Two more concepts
  - Links between two tightly-knit groups of friends :  
Bridges and Local bridges
  - Strength of the edges : strong ties and weak ties



# Bridge

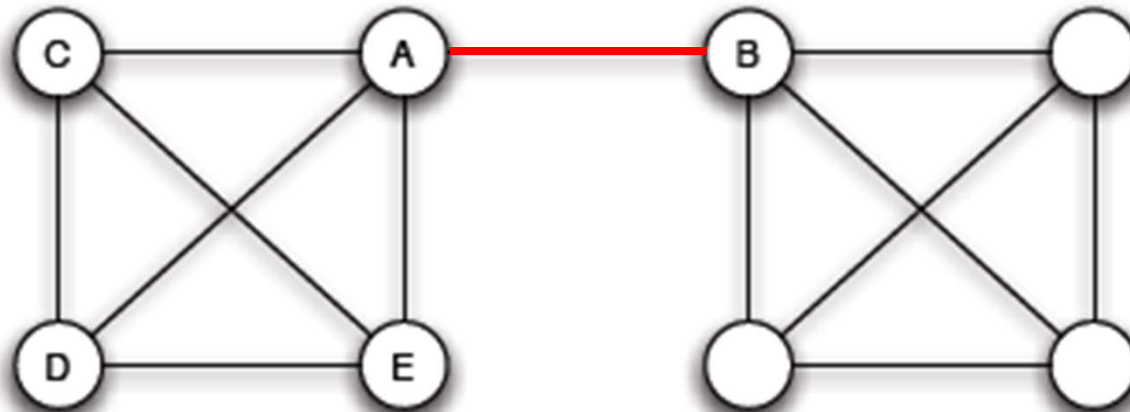
- A has four friends
  - C, D, E come from a tightly-knit group of friends
    - A, C, D, E share similar opinions and source of information
  - B comes from a different part of the network
    - B offers A access to new information





# Bridge

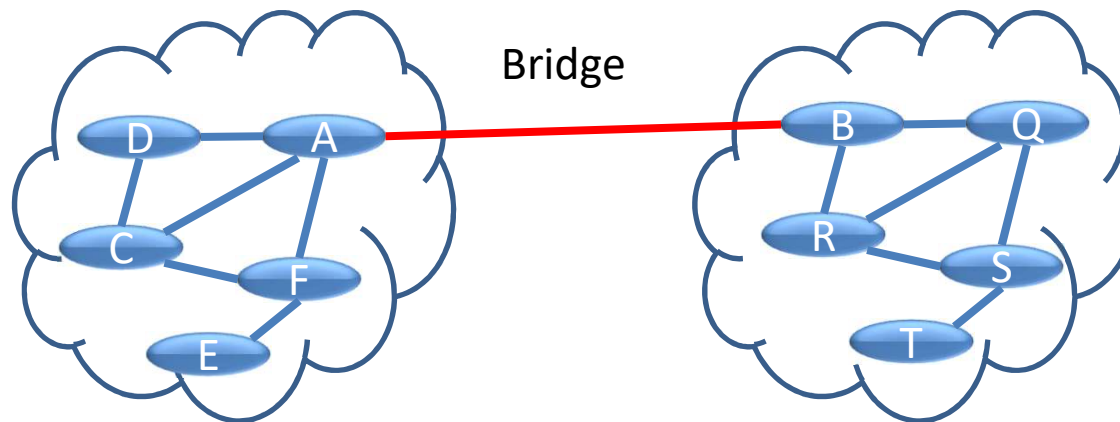
- **Bridge** : the edge joining two nodes if deleting that edge would cause the two nodes in two different components.
- E.g. the edge A-B





# Local Bridge

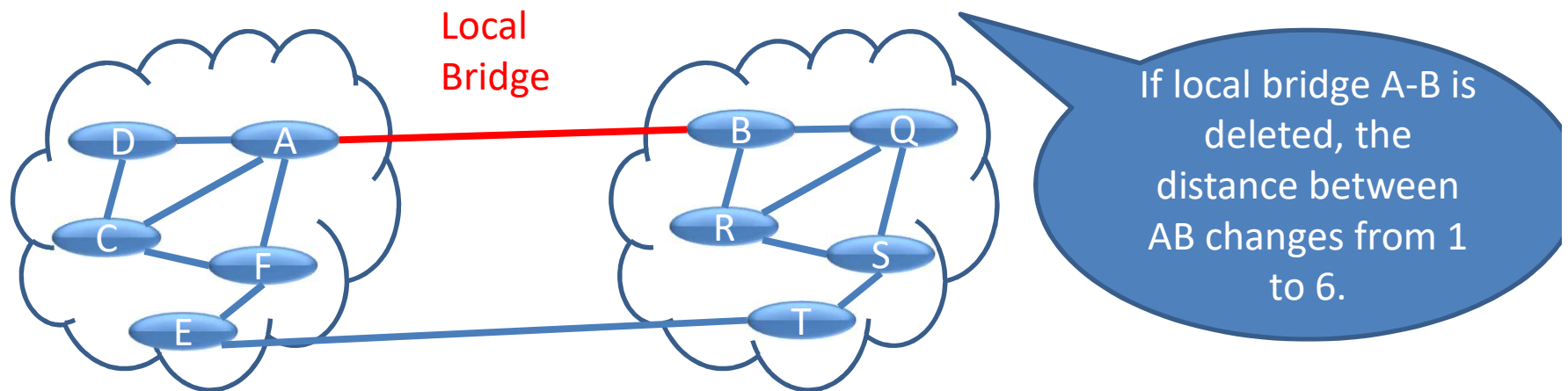
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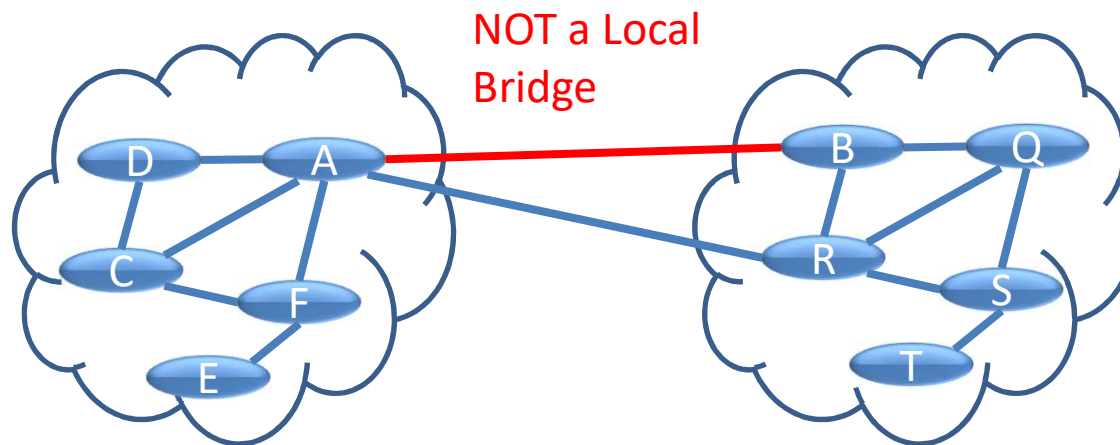
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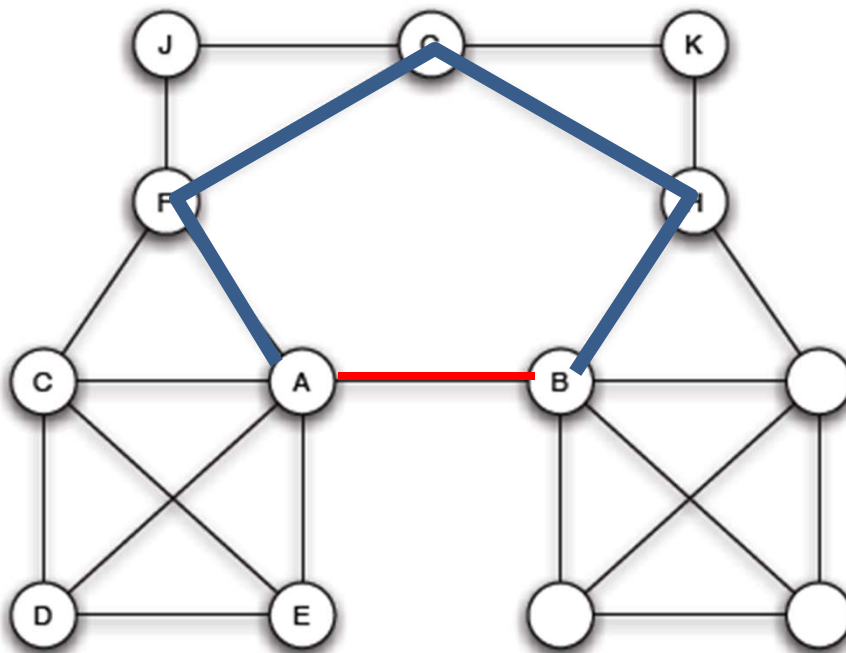
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- The **span** of a local bridge = the distance between the end points if that edge were deleted.
- The span of a local bridge must be more than 2.



Span(A-B edge) = 4



## Local Bridges and triadic closure

- A local bridge cannot be part of a triangle by definition.
- Local bridges (especially those with large span) provide their endpoints with sources of information that would be far apart.
- Job seeking example : information of new jobs come from acquaintances.

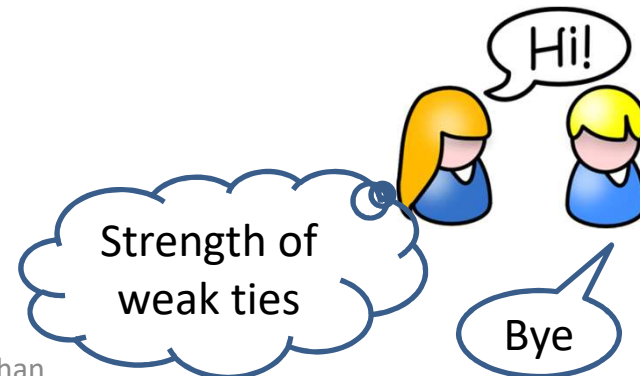




# Job hunting example by Mark Granovetter



- Mark Granovetter found in the late 60s that
  - many people learned information leading to their new jobs through personal contacts by interviewing people who had recently changed employers.
  - But these personal contacts were acquaintances rather than close friends.





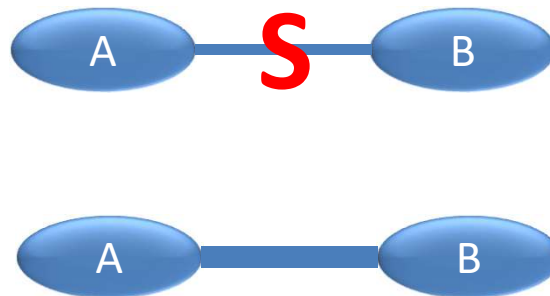
- What is the relationship between acquaintances and local bridges ?



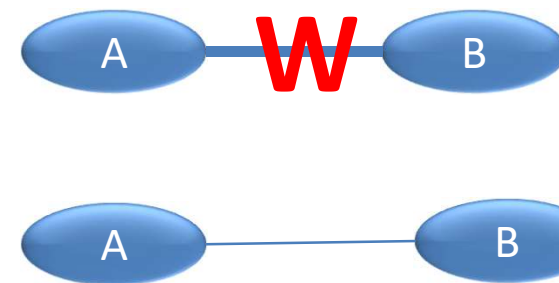
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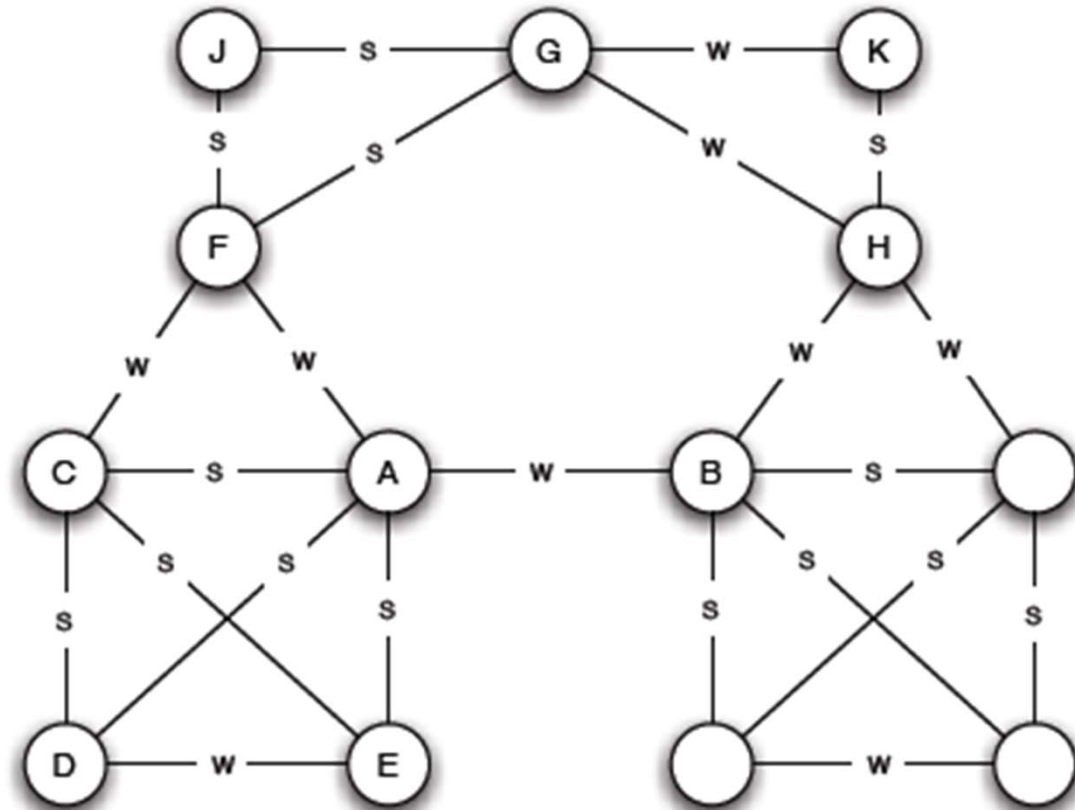
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Close friend  
Strong tie



Acquaintance  
Weak tie

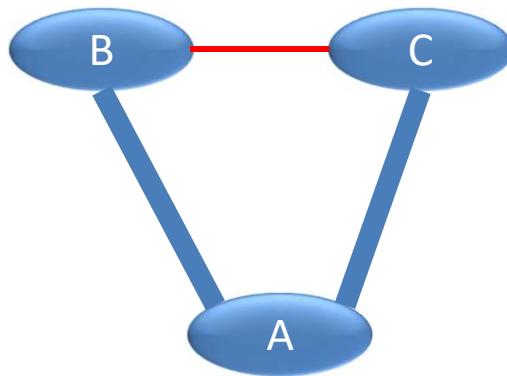






## Strong/Weak ties and triadic closure

- If a node A has edges to nodes B and C, then B-C edge is especially likely to form if A's edge to B and C are both **strong ties**.



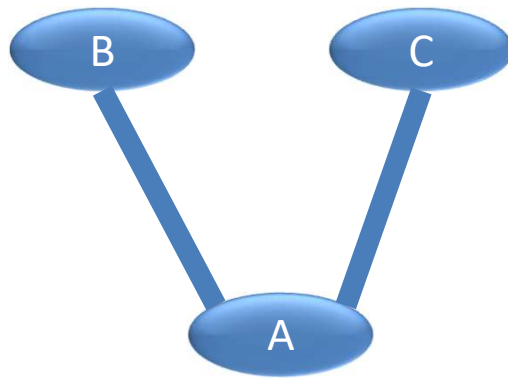


# Strong Triadic Closure Property

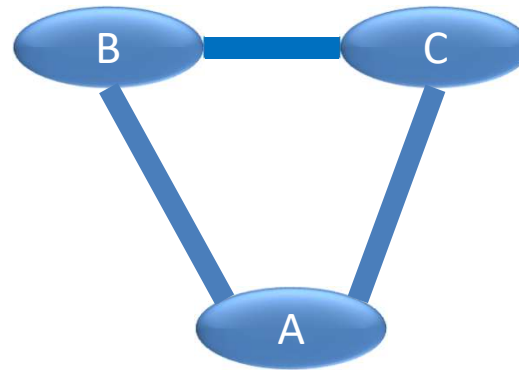
- We say that a node A *violates* the Strong Triadic Closure Property if it has strong ties to two other nodes B and C, and there is no edge at all (either a strong or weak tie) between B and C.
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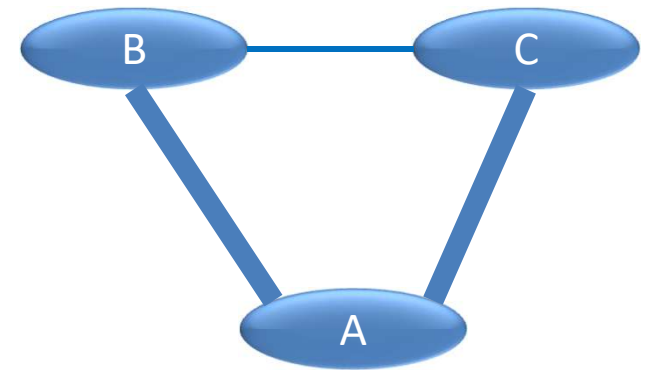
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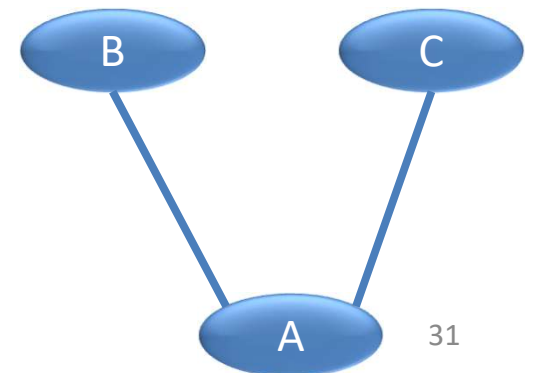
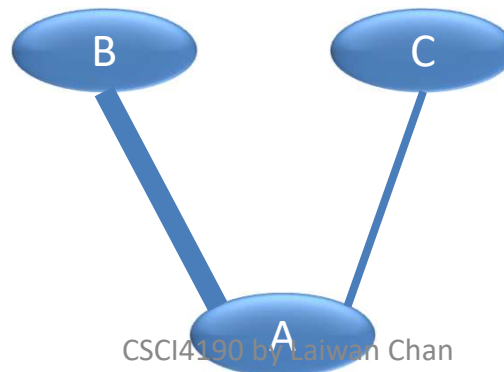
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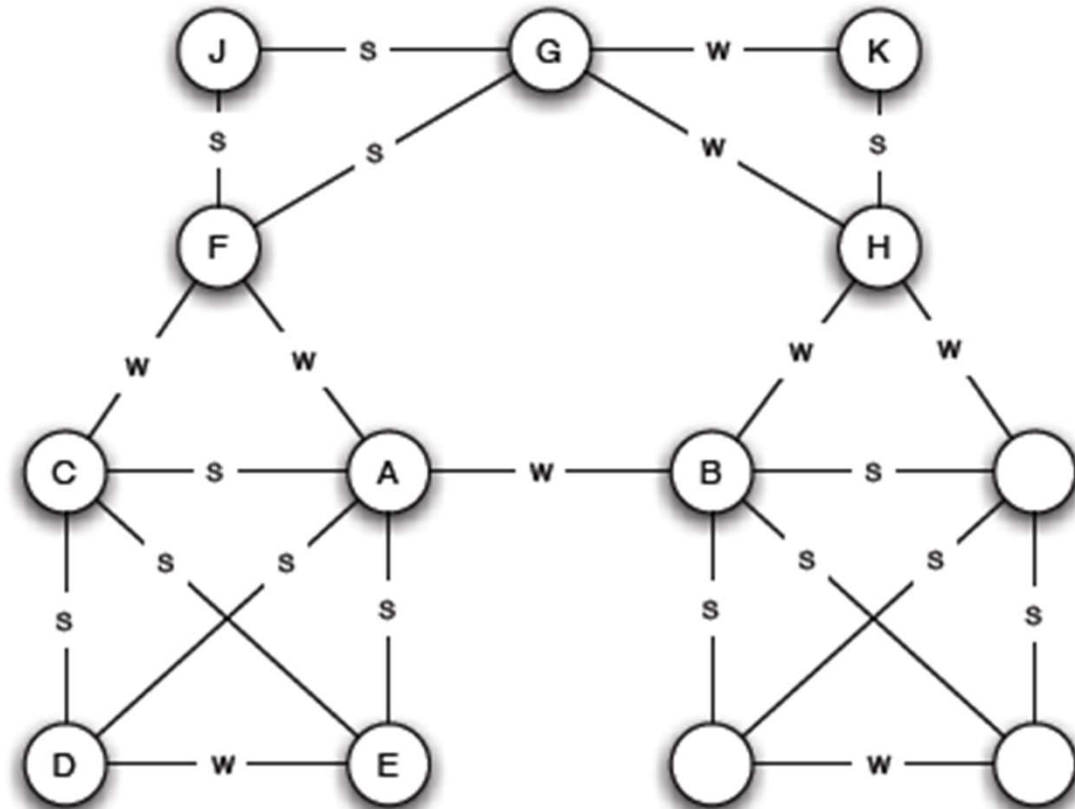


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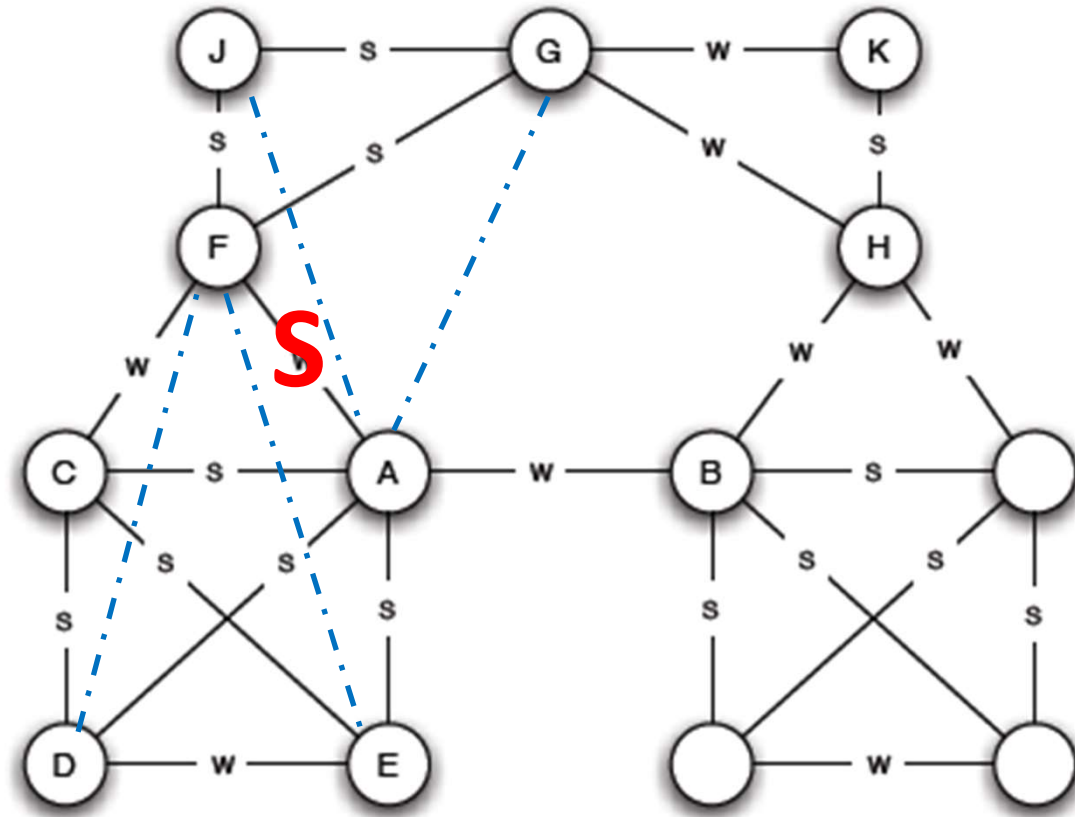
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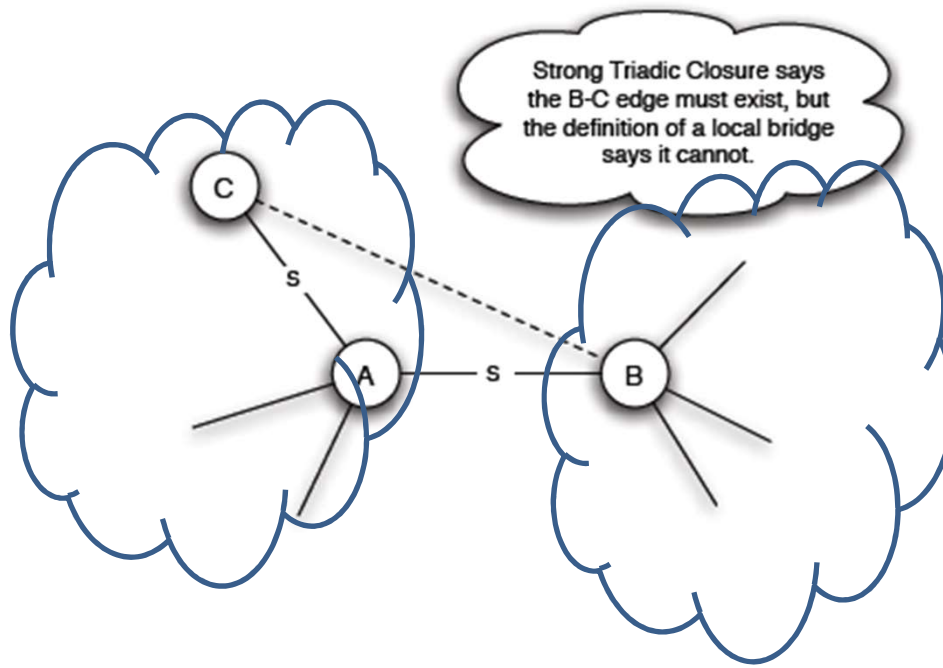
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# Local Bridges and Weak Ties

- If a node A in a network satisfies the Strong Triadic Closure Property and is involved in at least two strong ties, then any **local bridge** it is involved in must be a **weak tie**.



The assumption of Strong Triadic Closure Property is too strong !



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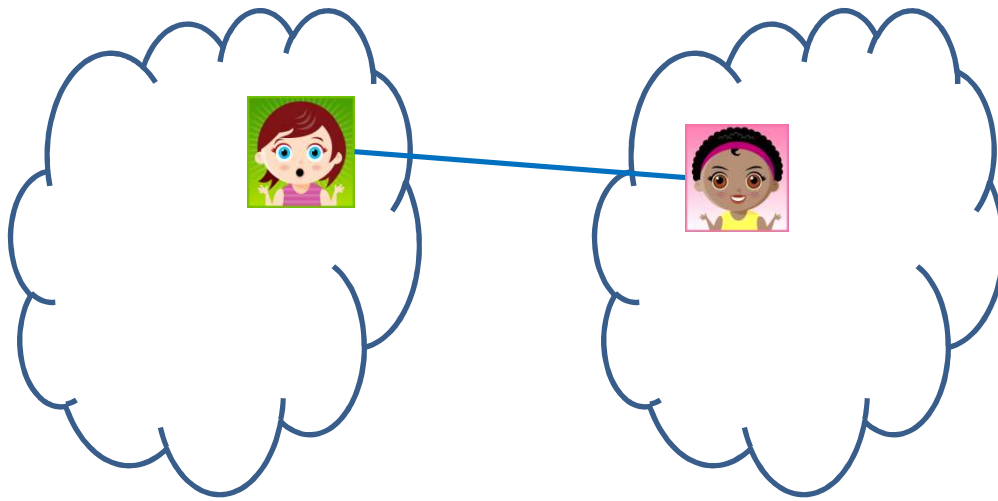
### 3. Tie strength and network structure in large scale data

- a) Job hunting example by Mark Granovetter
- b) Who-talks-to-whom example by Onnela
- c) Facebook data analysis by Cameron Marlow
- d) Twitter data analysis by Huberman, Romero,  
and Wu



## a. Job hunting example by Mark Granovetter

- New jobs are often rooted in contact with distant acquaintances.
- New sources of information
- Local bridge in the social network
- Weak ties

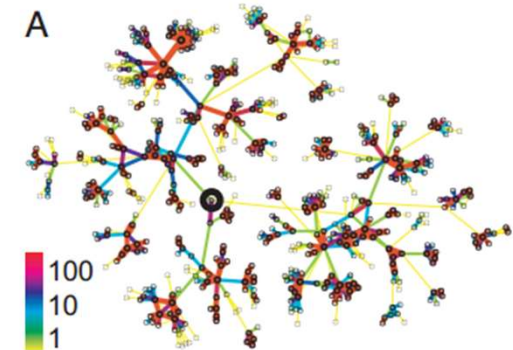




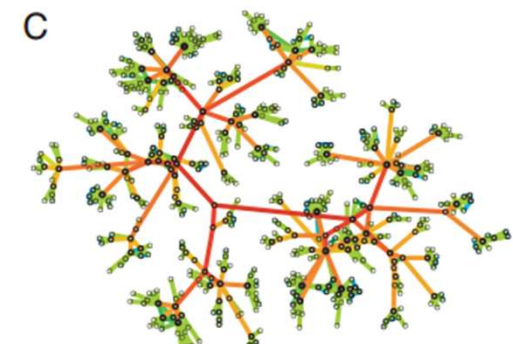
## b. Who-talks-to-whom

- Study the relationship between tie strength and network structure
- Who-talks-to-whom by Onnela et al. published in 2007
  - Call records from a cell-phone provider
  - 20 % of a national population
  - Personal communication rather than business purpose

call duration



Betweenness  
(high betweenness for links connecting communities and low values for links within the communities)





# Who-talks-to-whom

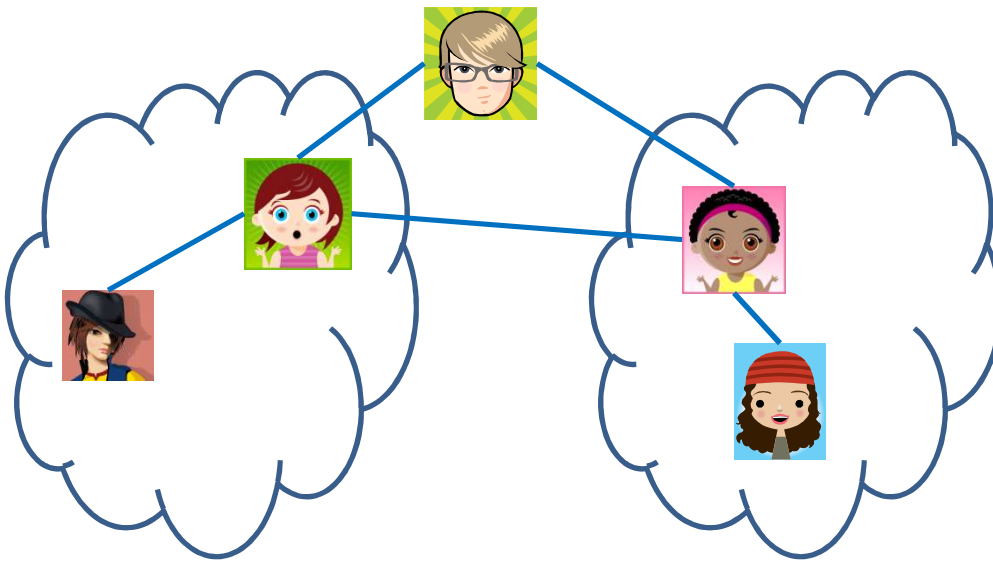


- *Nodes* : cell-phone users
- *Edge* : if two users call each other in both directions over an 18 week observation period.
- *Strength* of an edge : total number of minutes spent on phone calls between the two users
- Local bridges are rare and so use *neighborhood overlap* instead

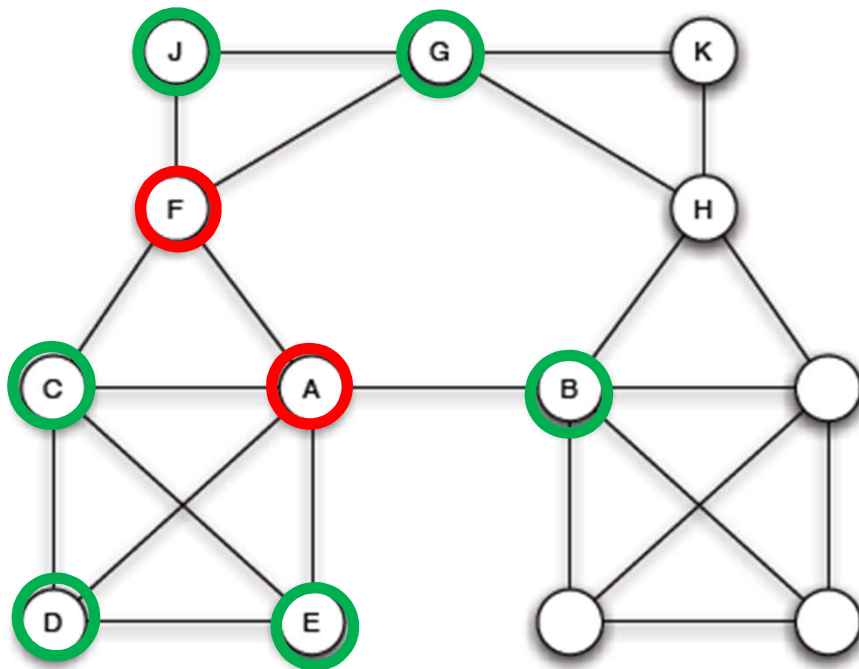


- **Neighborhood overlap** of an edge connecting A and B

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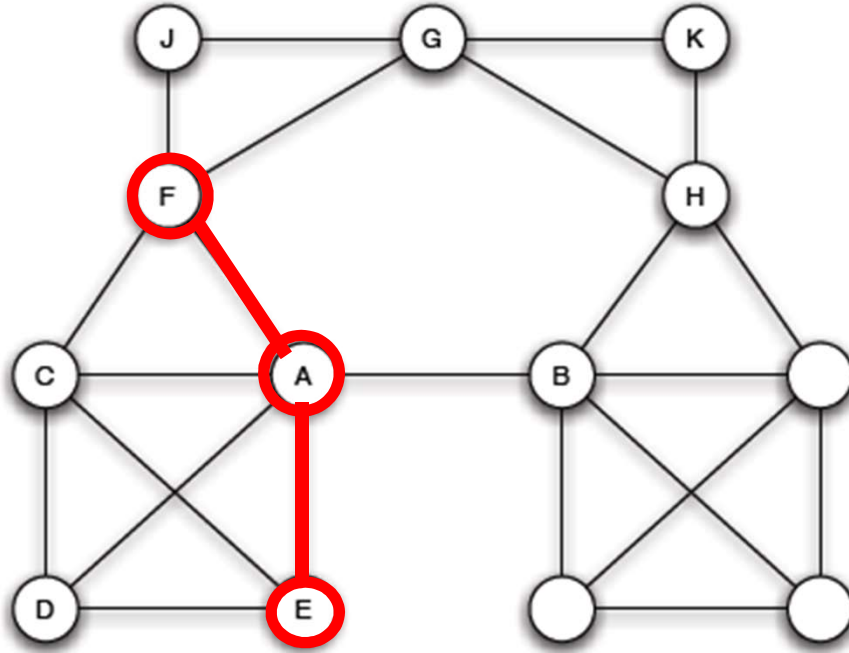
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Total no. of A and F's neighbors : 6  
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$O(\text{Local bridge}) = 0$

$O(\text{Almost Local bridge}) = \text{small}$

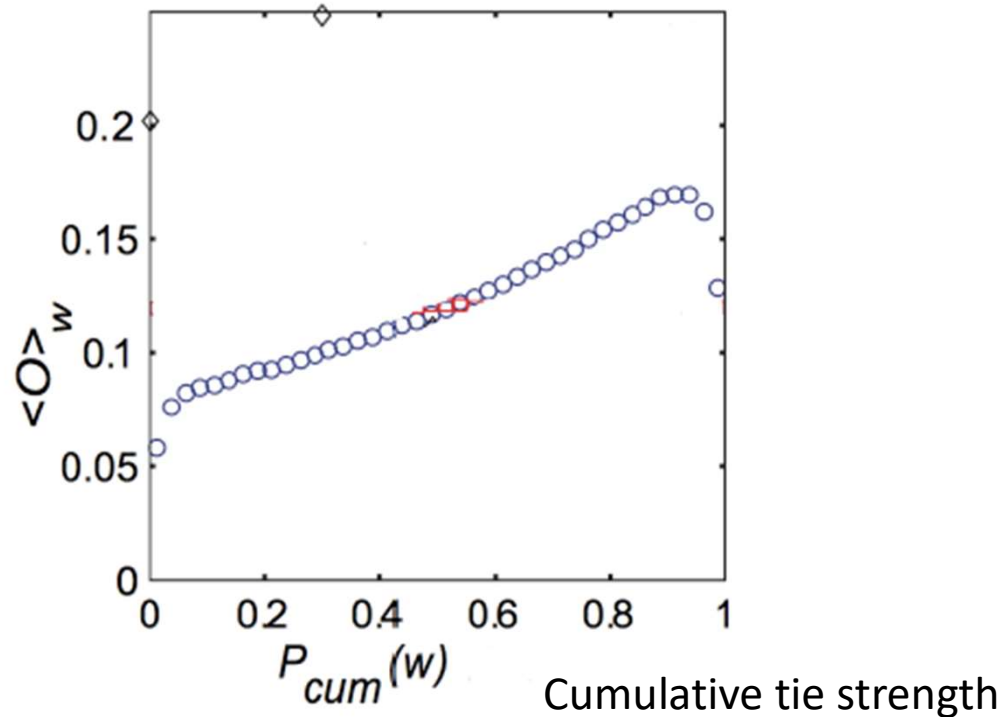
$O(A,F) = \frac{1}{6}$ ,  $O(A,E) = \frac{1}{2}$

Edge A-F is much closer to being a local bridge than edge A-E



# Tie strength and network structure

Neighborhood overlap



- Neighborhood overlap increases with the strength
- the stronger the tie between two users, the more their friends overlap
- a correlation that is valid for 95% of the links



## Tie strength and network structure

- **Local level** : tie strength increases with neighborhood
- **Global level** : weak ties serve to link together different tightly-knit communities ?



## Are weak ties linking different tightly-knit communities ?

1. Delete edges one at a time, starting with strongest ties
  - the giant component shrank steadily
2. Deleted edges one at a time, starting with weakest ties
  - the giant component shrank more rapidly

*Weak ties provide the more crucial connective structure*

- *for holding together disparate communities and*
- *for keeping the global structure of the giant components intact.*



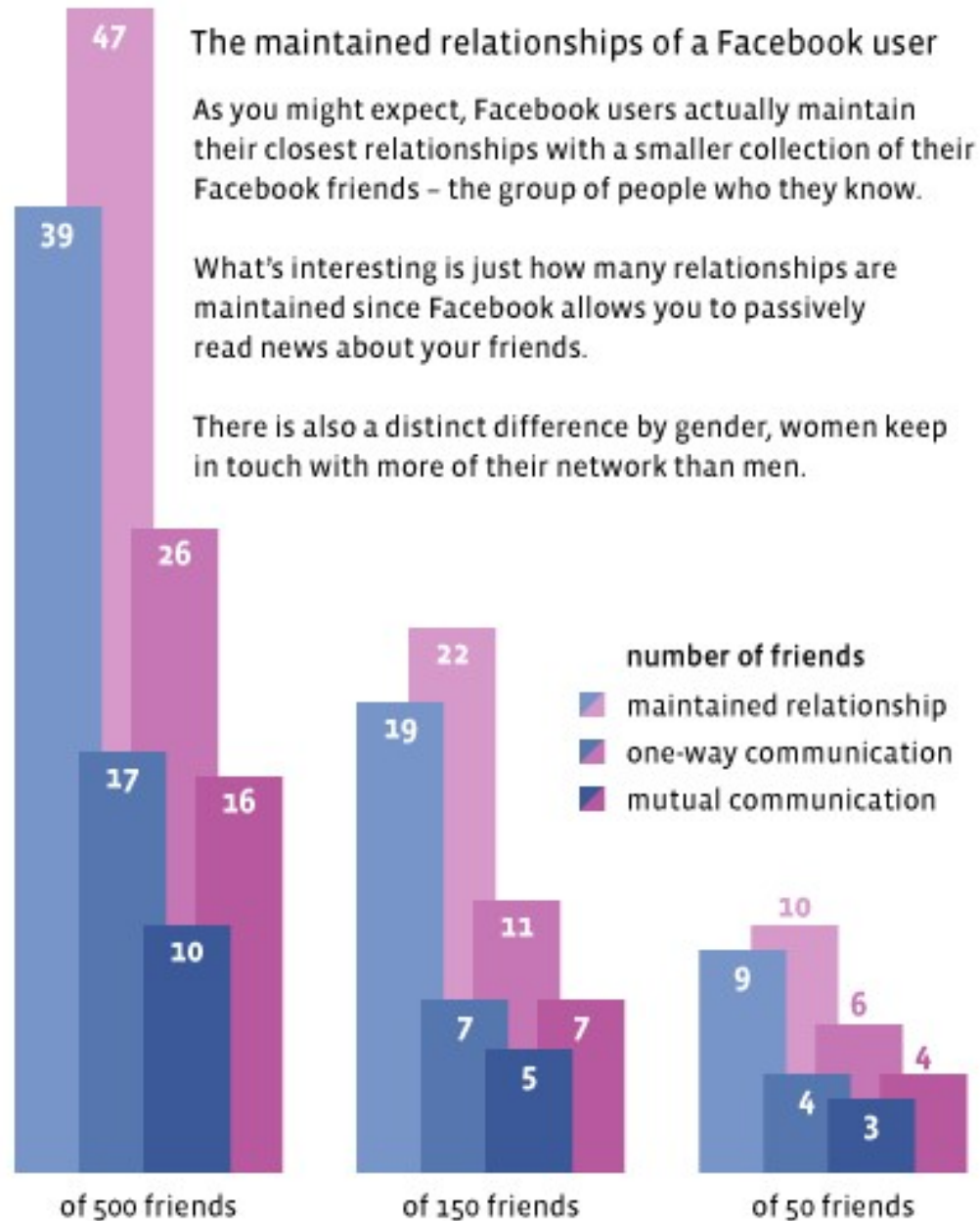
## c. Tie strength on Facebook



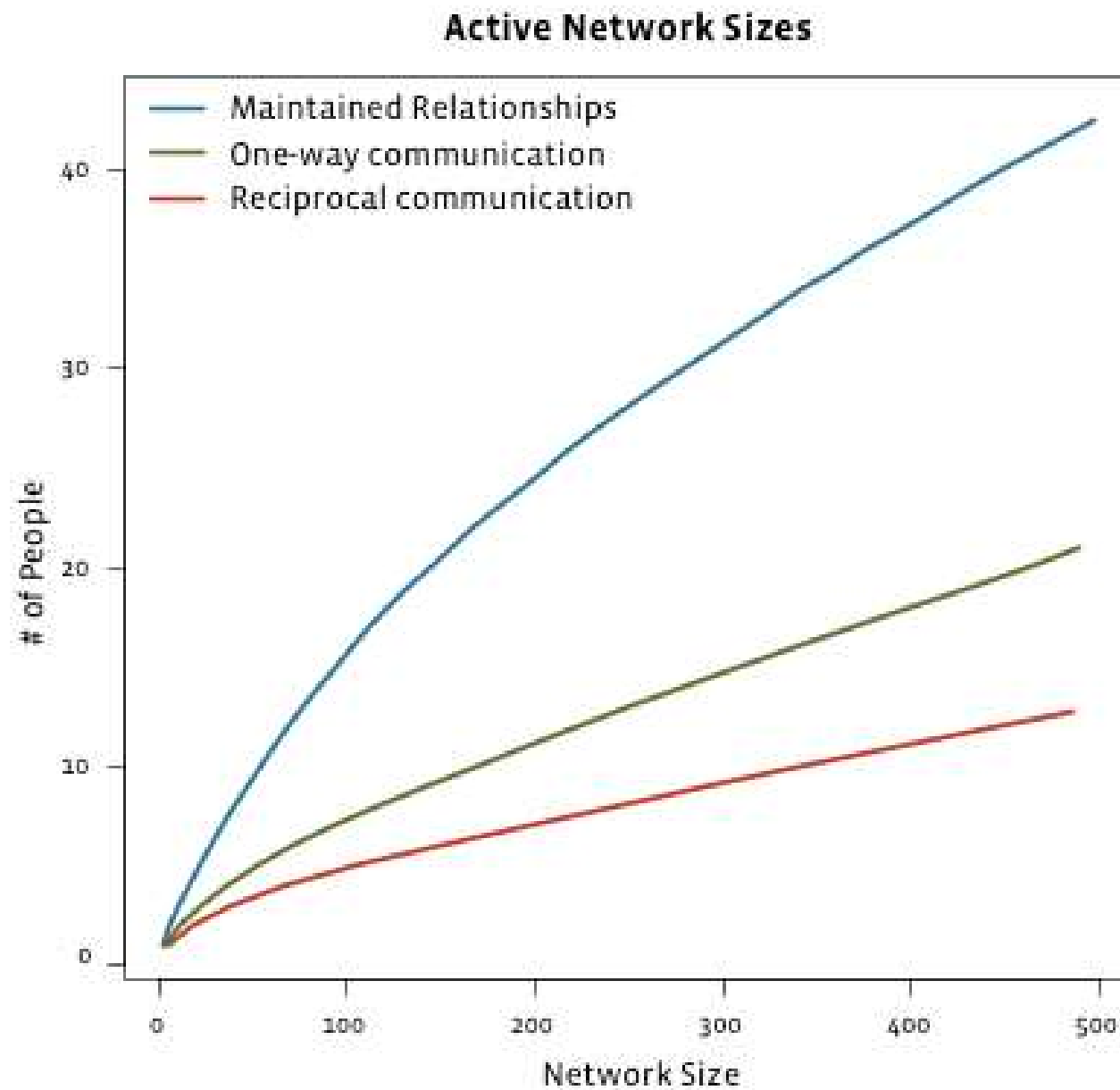
- Cameron Marlow in his 2009 article “maintained relationships on Facebook” studied the **types of relationships** people maintain and **the relative size** of these groups.
  - They analyzed the friendship links reported in each user’s profile, asking to what extent each link was actually used for social interaction.
  - Where are the strong ties among a user’s friends?



- Four categories of links
  - All friends
  - reciprocal (mutual) communication : if both users sent and received messages to each other during the observation period.
  - one-way communication : if the user sent one or more messages to the friend at the other end of the link (whether or not these messages were reciprocated).
  - a maintained relationship : if the user followed information about the friend at the other end of the link, whether or not actual communication took place;
    - “following information” here means either clicking on content via Facebook’s News Feed service or visiting the friend’s profile more than twice.



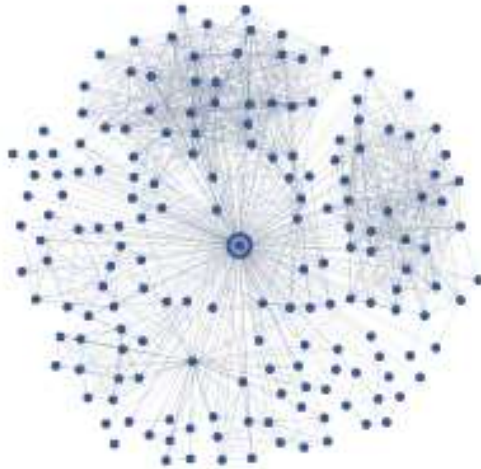






# One's personal network

All Friends



Maintained Relationships



One-way Communication



Mutual Communication



- Two clusters
  - One highly connected set of coworkers with frequent contacts
  - Another group without active contact.

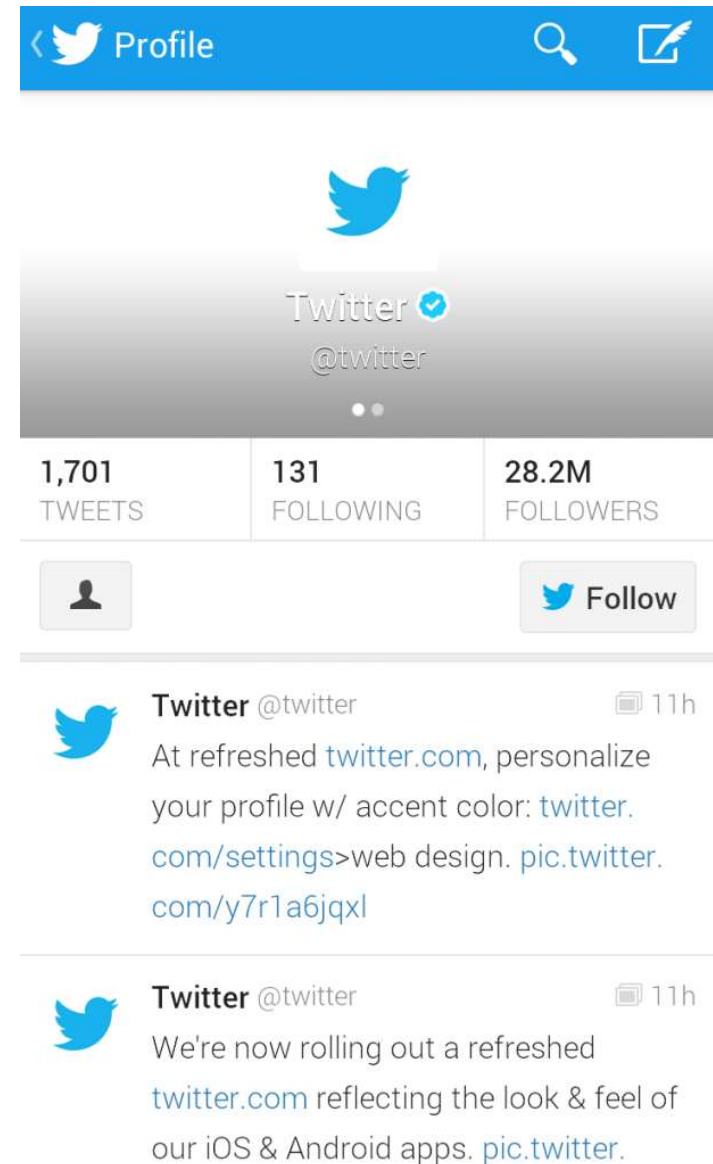


- A contrast between
  - Mutual communication
    - Strong ties
  - Passive engagement
    - Reading news via social media
    - News/events can propagate very quickly through this highly connected network




## d. Tie strength on Twitter



- Twitter users
  - **Followers** (people who follow the person)
  - **Followees** (people followed by the person)
  - **Friends** (people who have received at least two direct messages)
- Twitter posts:
  - **Direct public posts** are used when a user aims her update to a specific person using an “@” symbol. Around 25.4 % of all posts are directed.
  - **Indirect updates** are used when the update is meant for anyone that cares to read it.










**Donald J. Trump**  
40.2K Tweets







TWEETS TWEETS & REPLIES MEDIA LIKES






**Donald J. Trump**  @realDonaldTrump · 06 Jan 

"Former [@NYTimes](#) editor Jill Abramson rips paper's 'unmistakably anti-Trump' bias."





Ms. Abramson is 100% correct. Horrible and totally dishonest reporting on almost everything they write. Hence the term Fake News, Enemy of the People, and Opposition Party!

 21.6K  22.5K  89.7K 



**Donald J. Trump**  @realDonaldTrump · 06 Jan 

Great Tweet today by Tyler Q. Houlton [@SpoxDHS](#) on the [#FakeNews](#) being put out by [@CNN](#), a proud member of the Opposition Party. [@TSA](#) is doing a great job!

 9,538  12K  54.1K 



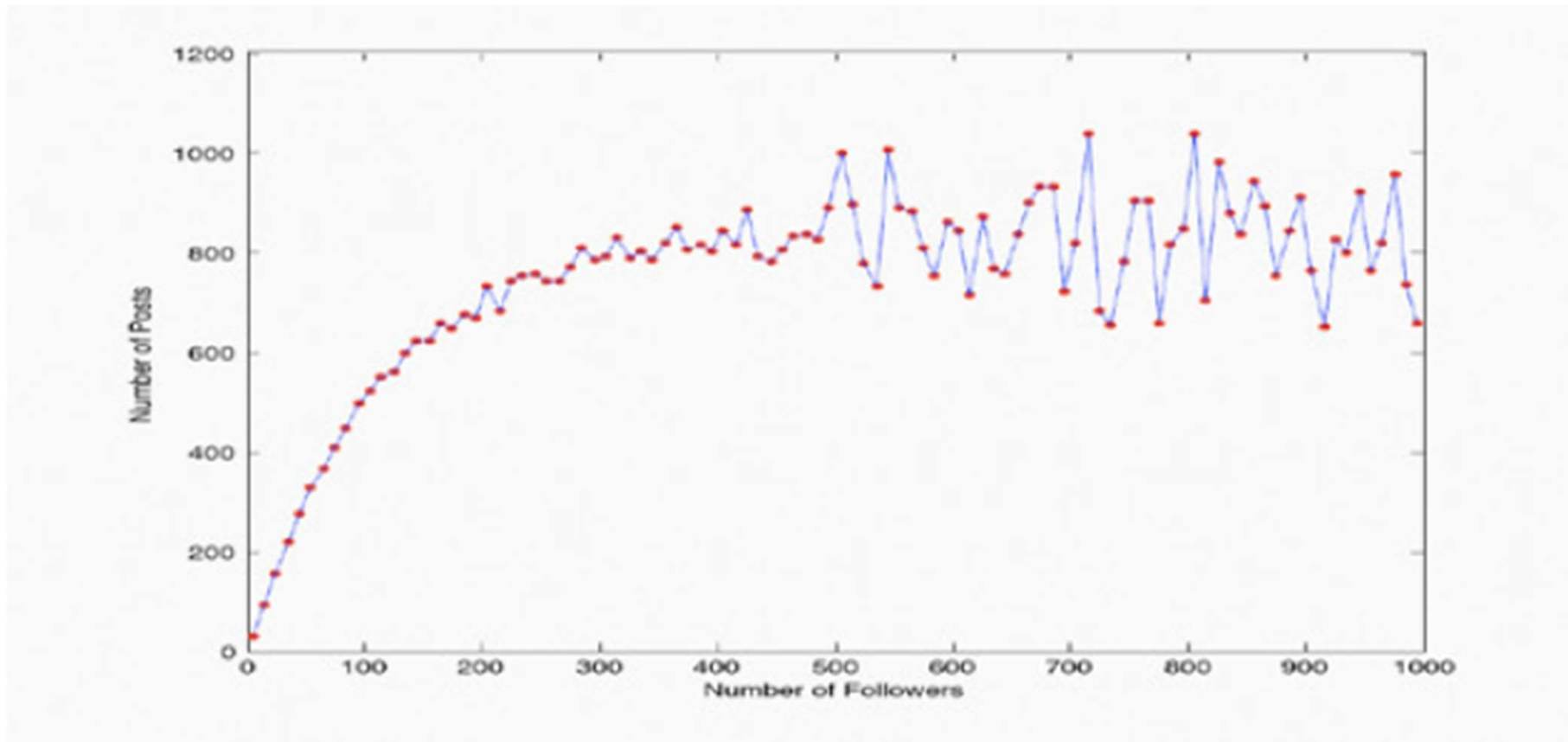
# Tie strength on Twitter

- Huberman, Romero, and Wu in their 2009 article “social networks that matters : twitter under the microscope”
- a total of 309,740 users, who on average
  - posted 255 posts
  - 85 followers
  - followed 80 other users
- Among the 309,740 users only 211,024 posted at least twice (active users).
  - The active time of an active user is the time that has elapsed between his first and last post. On average, active users were active for 206 days.
- Strong ties : users with direct multiple messages to others
- Weak ties : users following others without direct communication



# No. of posts verses no. of followers

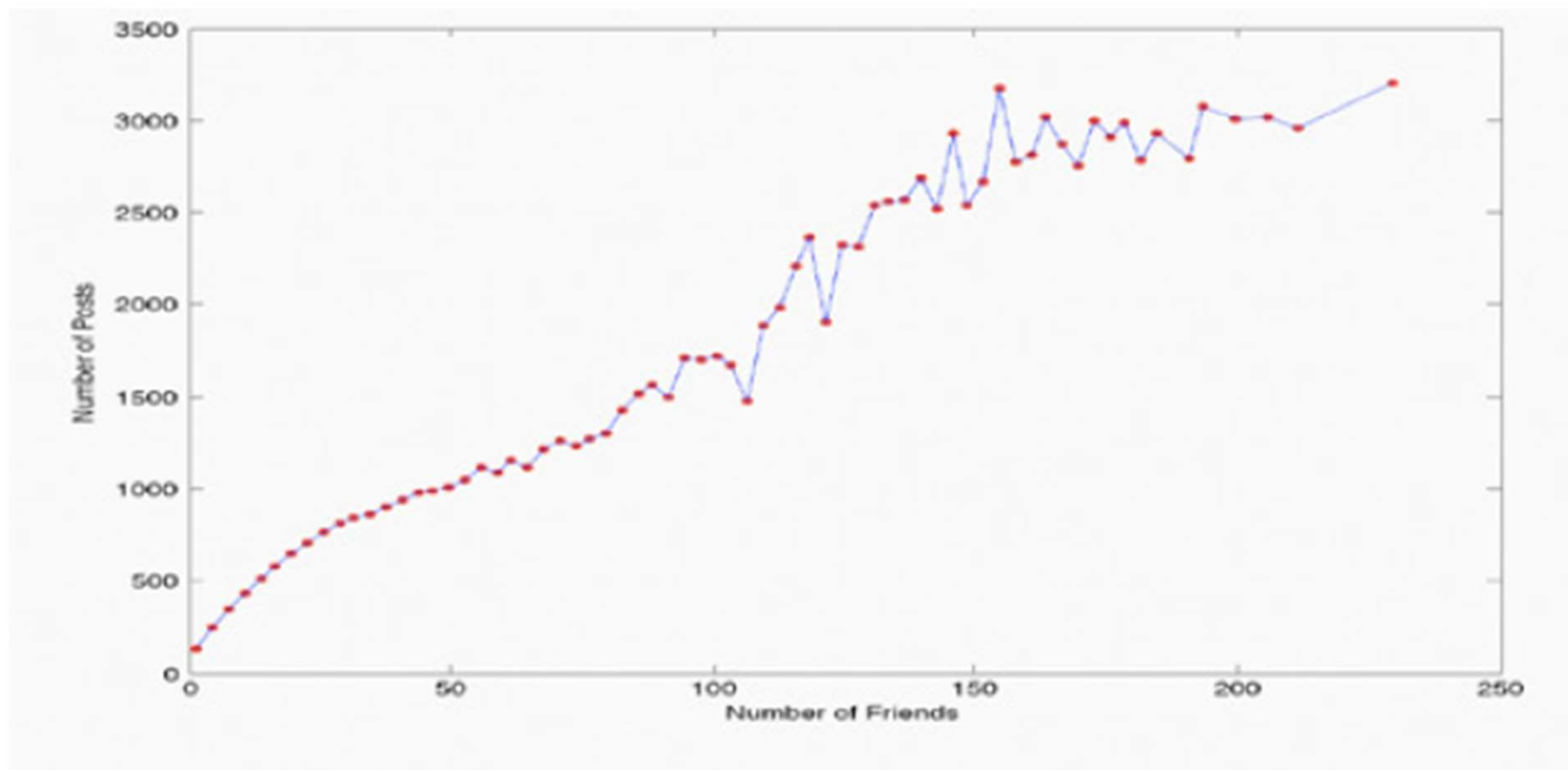
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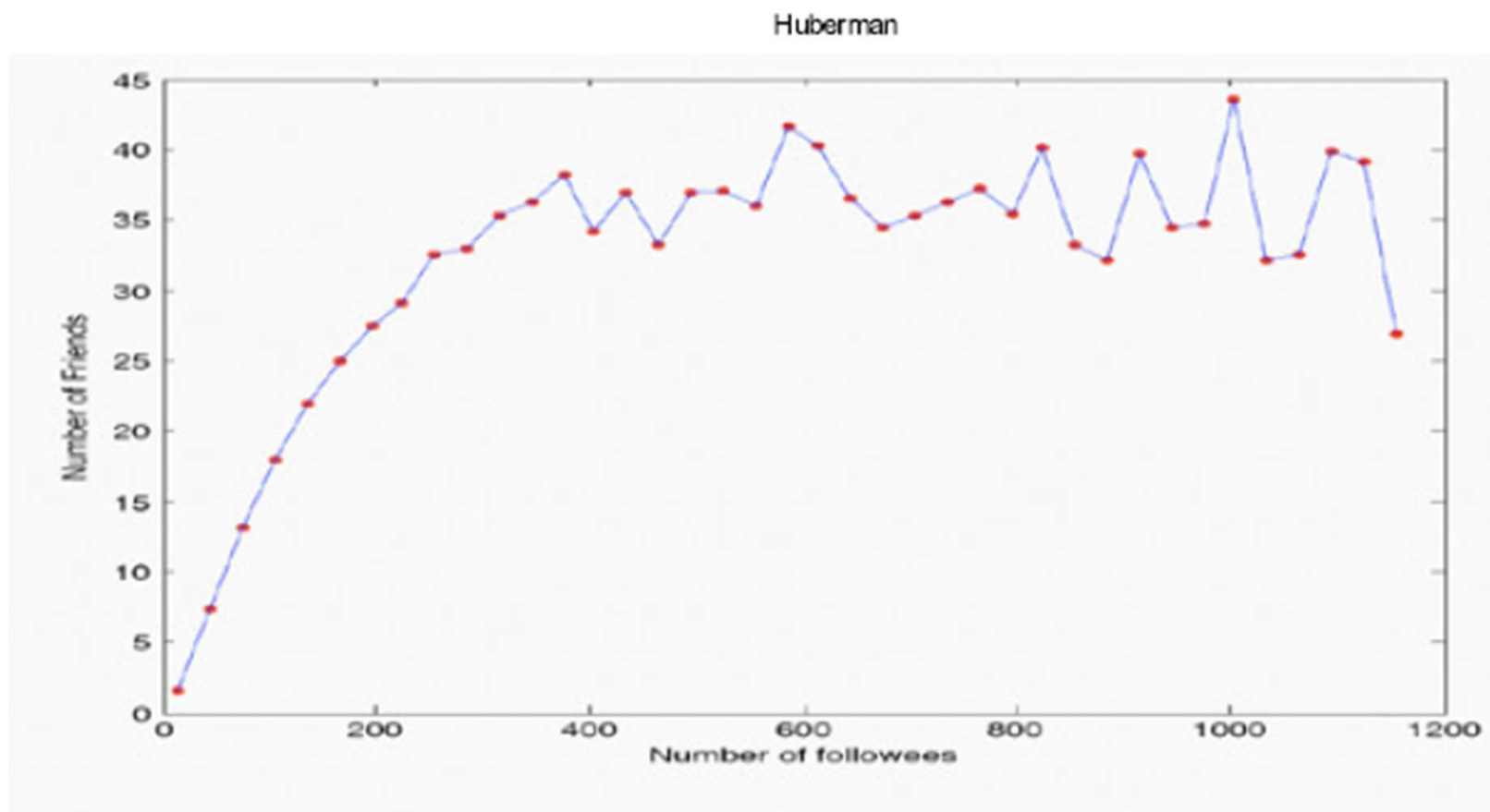
Friends = those whom the user has directed at least two posts to.





# No. of friends verses no. of followees

saturation





- Even for users who maintain very large numbers of weak ties on-line, the number of strong ties remains relatively modest.
- Each **strong tie** requires investment of time and effort.
- The formation of **weak ties** is governed by much milder constraints
  - they need to be established at their outset but not necessarily maintained continuously



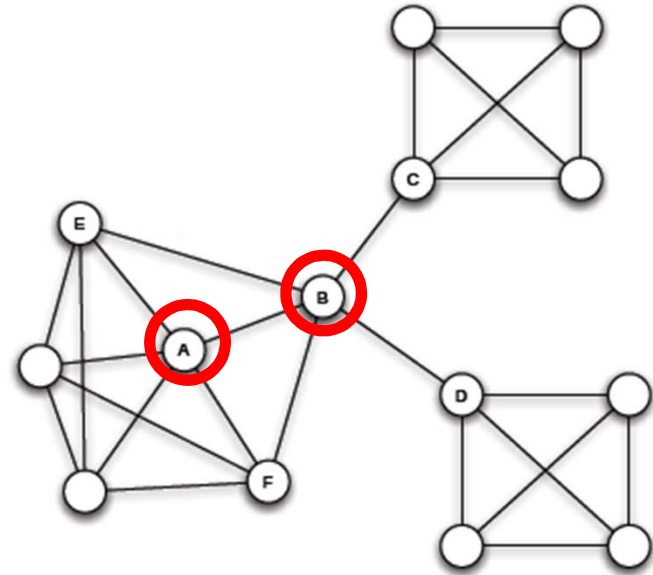
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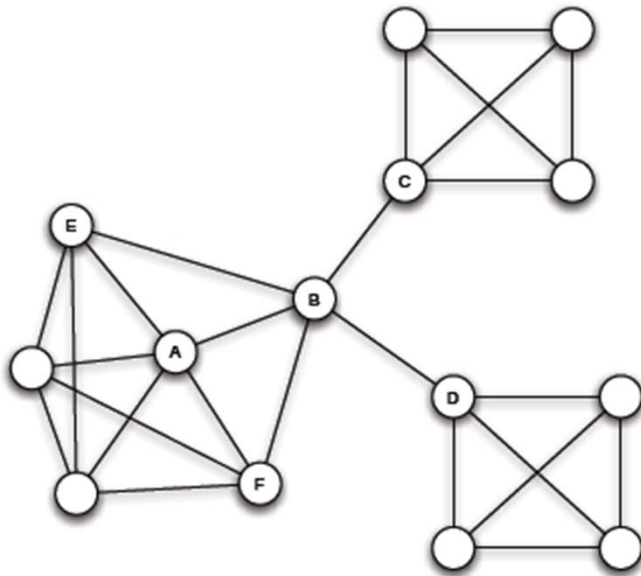
- Edges
  - bridges and local bridges
  - Strong ties and weak ties
- Nodes
  - What are the roles of different nodes ?
  - Some nodes are positioned at the interface between multiple groups (B)
  - Others are positioned in the middle of a single group (A)





# Embeddedness

- Embeddedness of an edge in a network is the number of common neighbors the two endpoints have.



Embeddedness(A-B)=2  
(common neighbors are E and F)

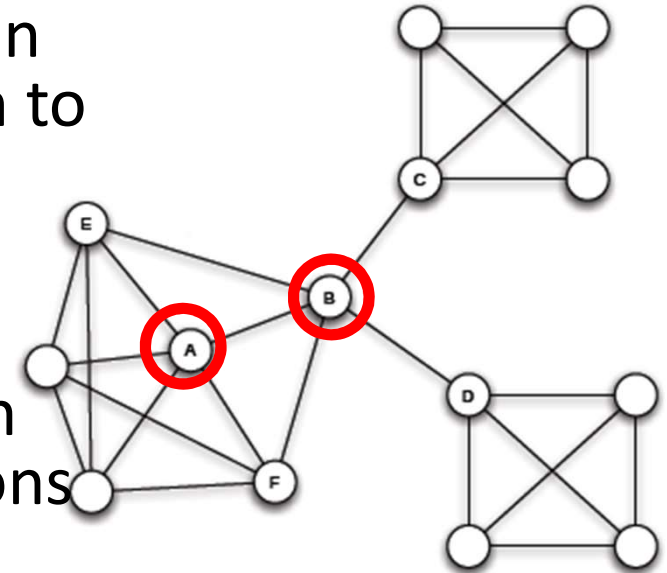
$$\text{Neighborhood overlap} = \frac{\text{no.of common neighbors}}{\text{total no.of neighbors}}$$

Embeddedness(Local bridge) =0



# Embeddedness

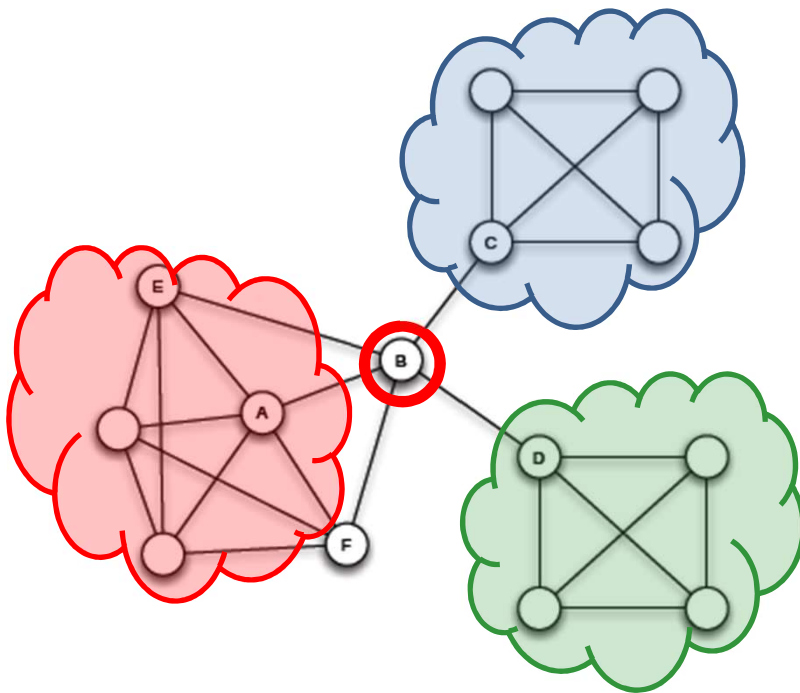
- If two individuals are connected by an embedded edge, it is easier for them to trust one another
  - lots of mutual friends
  - E.g. A and his friends
- If two are connected by an edge with zero embeddedness, their interactions are risky.
  - e.g. B and C, B and D
- If one is involved in different groups (e.g. B), one might have contradictory norms and expectations from the groups.





# Structure Hole

- **Structure Hole** : separation between non-redundant contacts



Three classes of structure holes in the network

- Holes between **contacts** and **contacts**
- Holes between **contacts** and **contacts**
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# Structure Hole

- Networks rich in structural holes are a form of social capital in that they offer information benefits.
- The main player (Node B) in a network that bridges structural holes enables him to
  - access information originating in multiple, non-interacting parts of the network.
  - have opportunities for innovations arose from the unexpected synthesis of multiple ideas, each of them on their own perhaps well-known, but well-known in distinct and unrelated bodies of expertise.
  - have an opportunity for a kind of social “gate-keeping”; a source of power in the organization.



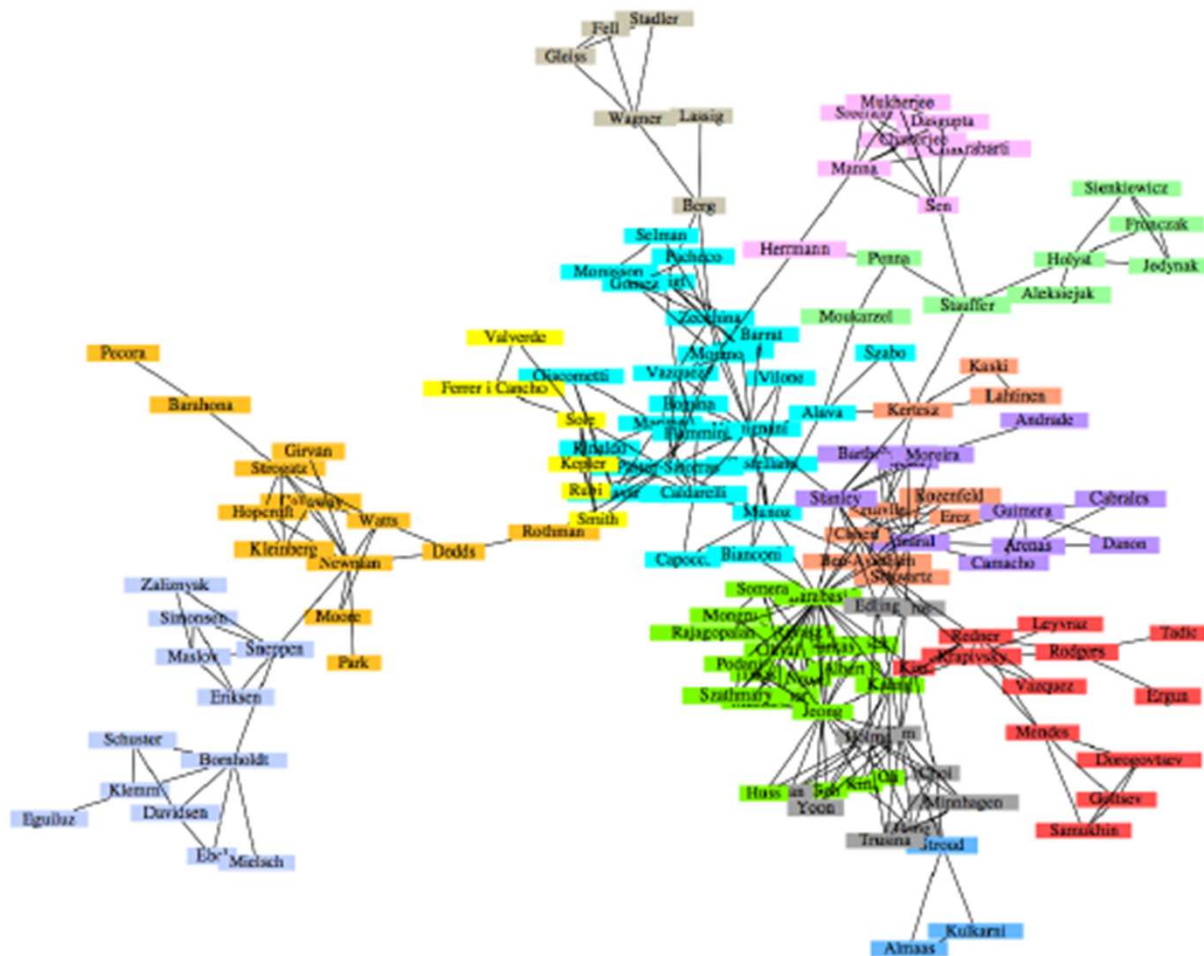


## 5. Betweenness measures and Graph Partitioning

- Theme :
  - Tightly-knit regions
  - Graph partitioning : algorithm that break a network down into a set of tightly-knit regions, with sparser interconnections between the regions.



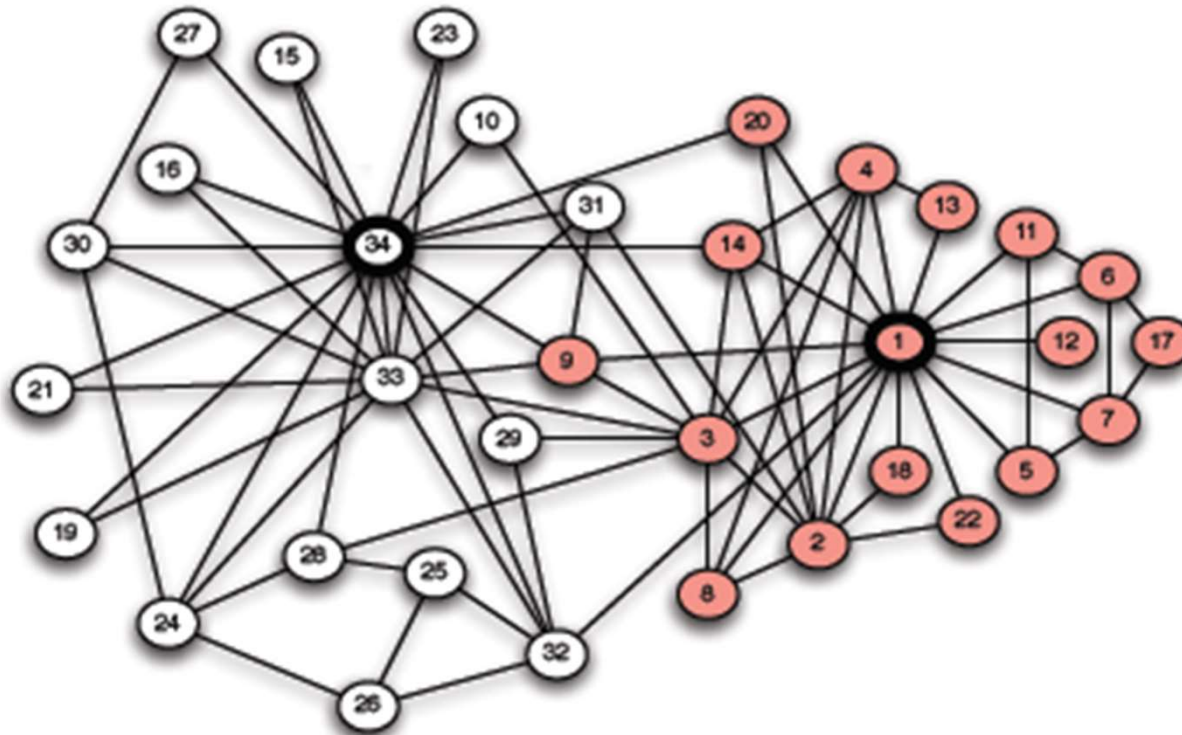
# Co-authorship network of physicists and applied mathematicians





# Karate Club

- A dispute between the club president (node 34) and the instructor (node 1)
- Two conflicting groups are still heavily inter-connected.

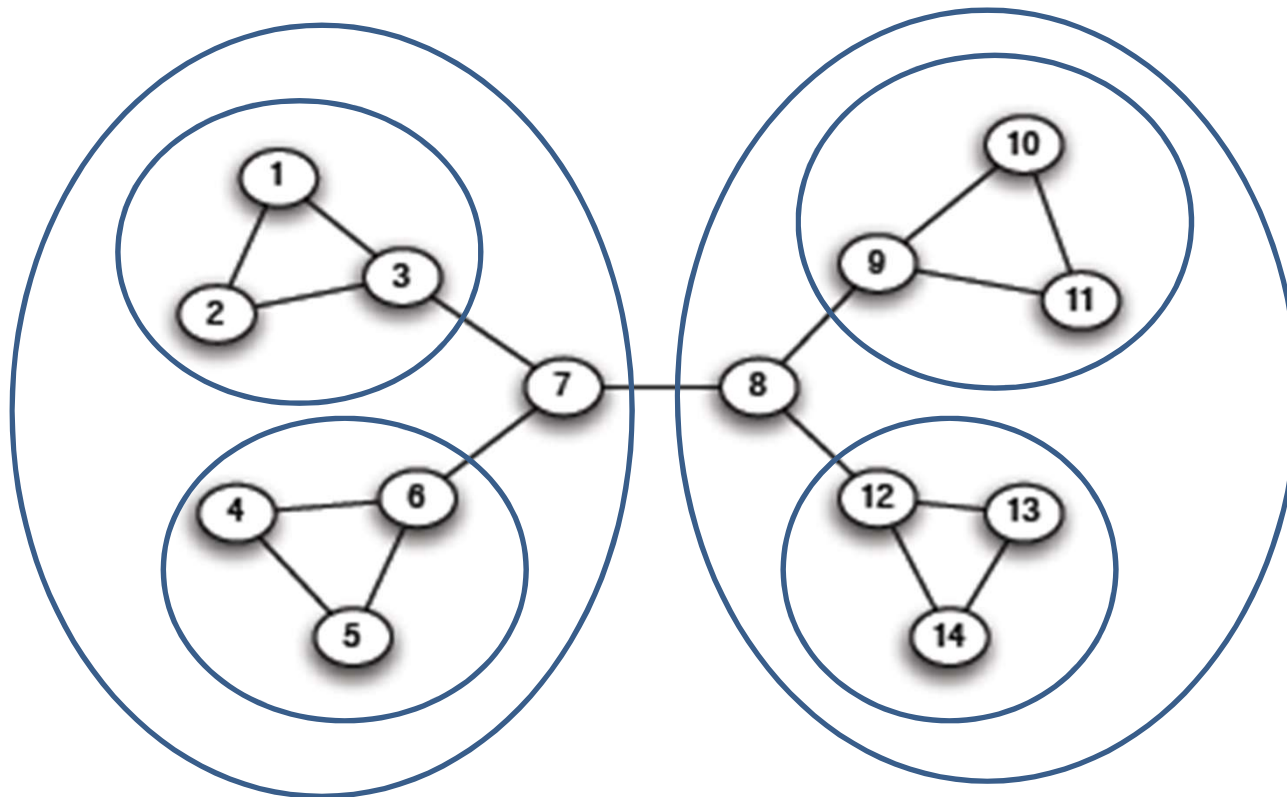




- **Graph partitioning** : Describing a method that can take a network and break it into a set of tightly-knit regions, with sparser interconnections between the regions.



# Nested structure of a network

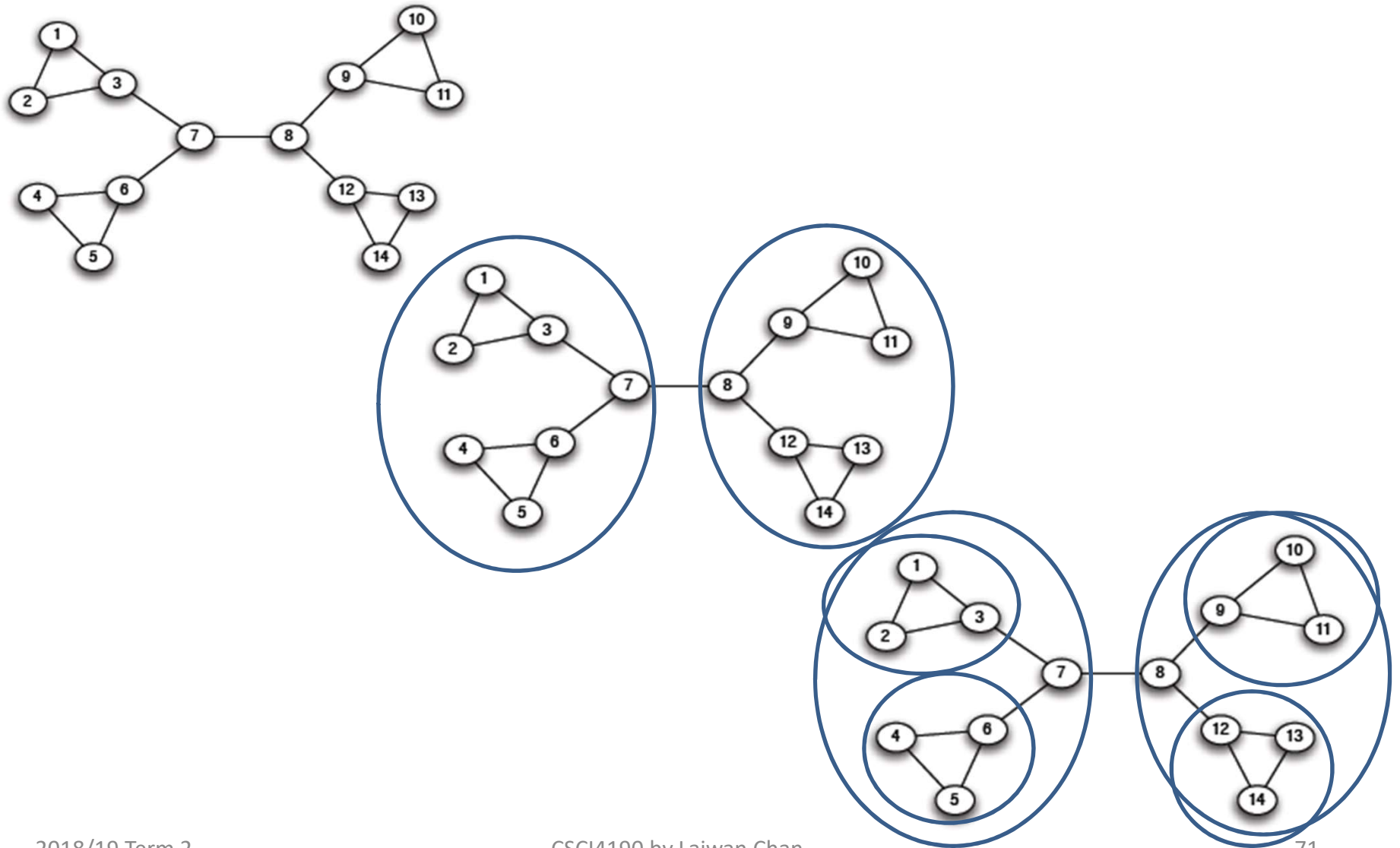




- General Approaches to Graph Partitioning
  - **divisive methods** : identifying and removing the “spanning links” between densely-connected regions. Once these links are removed, the network begins to fall apart into large pieces;
  - **agglomerative methods** : focusing on the most tightly-knit parts of the network. find nodes that are likely to belong to the same region and merge them together

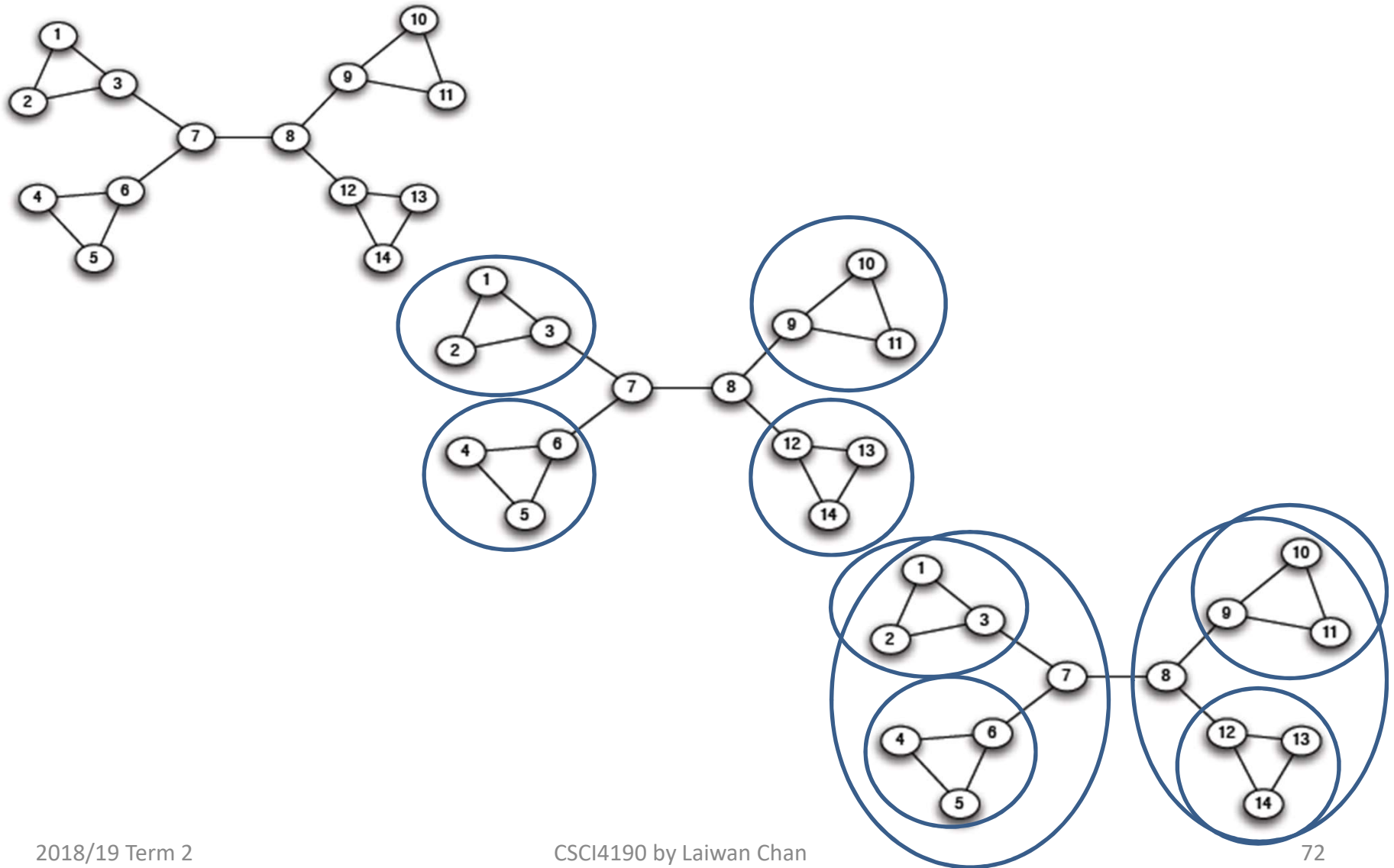


# Divisive methods





# Agglomerative methods

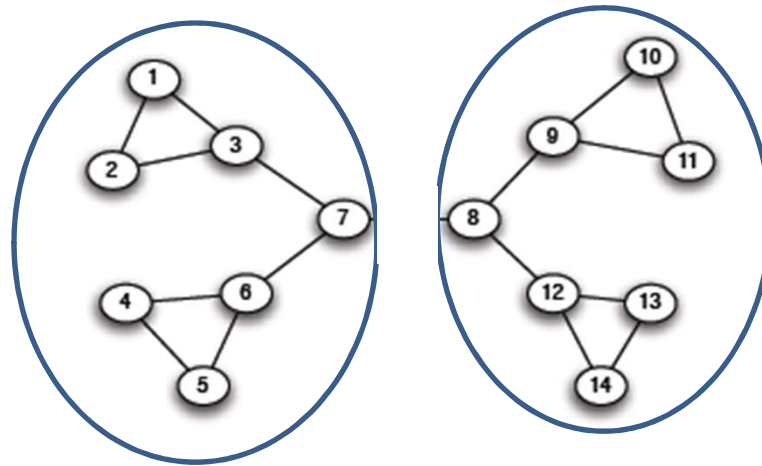






# Divisive methods

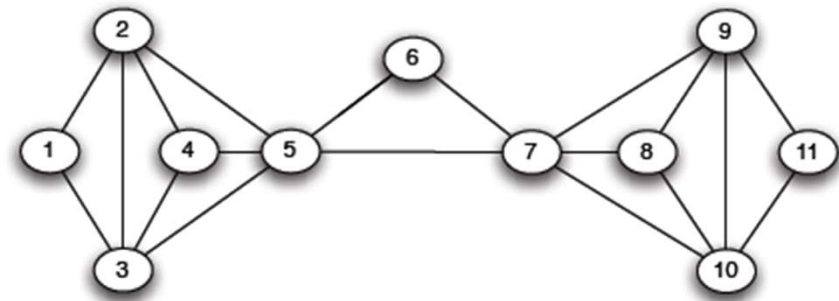
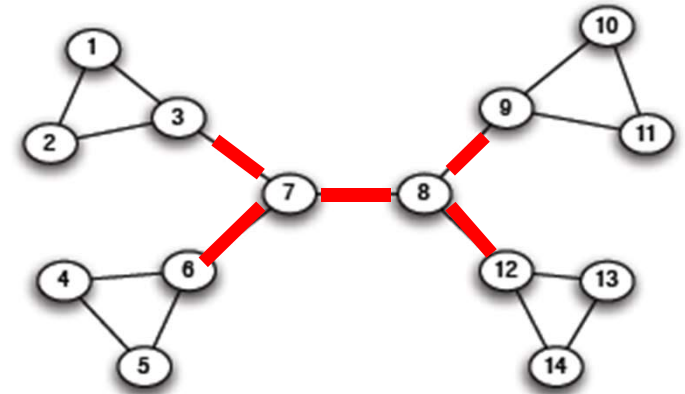
- For divisive methods, bridges are good candidates for removal.





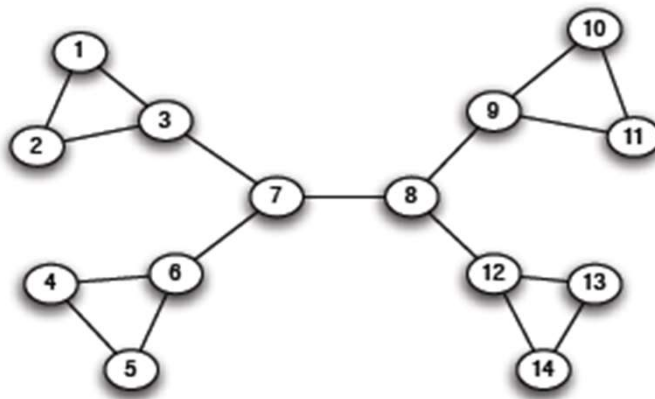
# Divisive methods

- Can we simply remove the bridges and local bridges ?
  - Which one first if we have a number of bridges ?
  - What if there is no bridges nor local bridges ?





- Bridges and local bridges form part of the shortest path between pairs of nodes in different parts of the network.
- Define “**traffic**” on the network and look for the edges that carry most of the traffic.

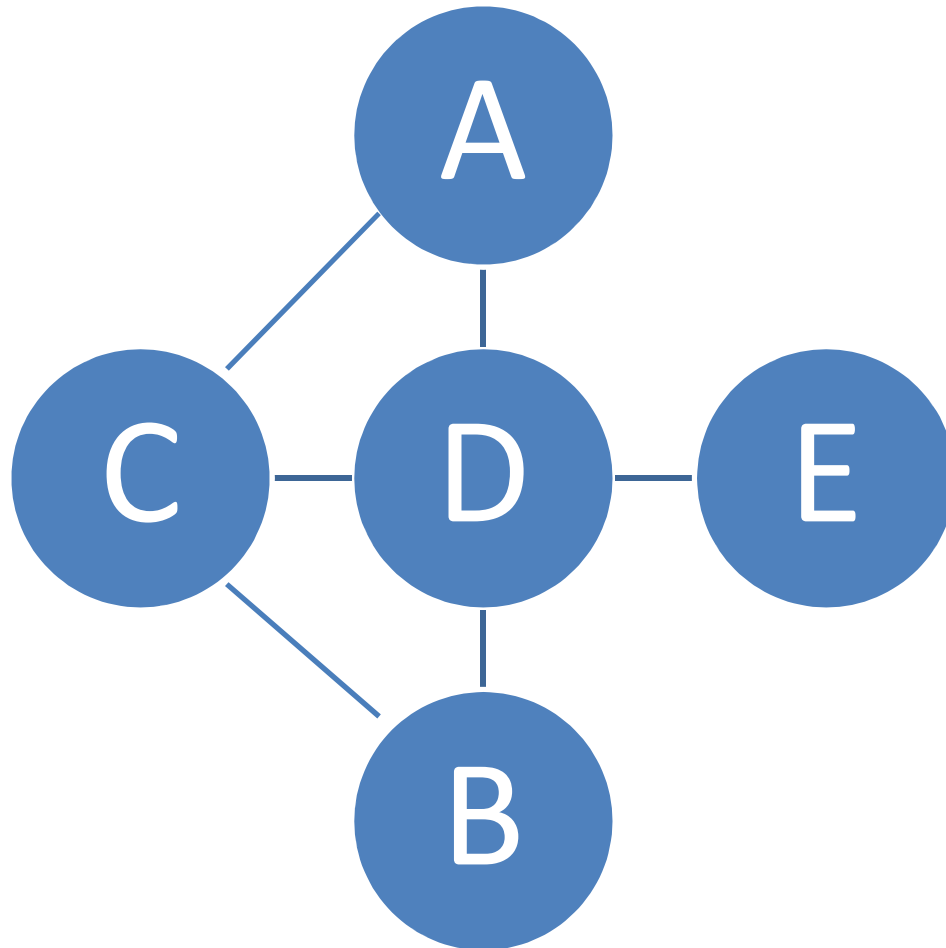




# Traffic in a Network

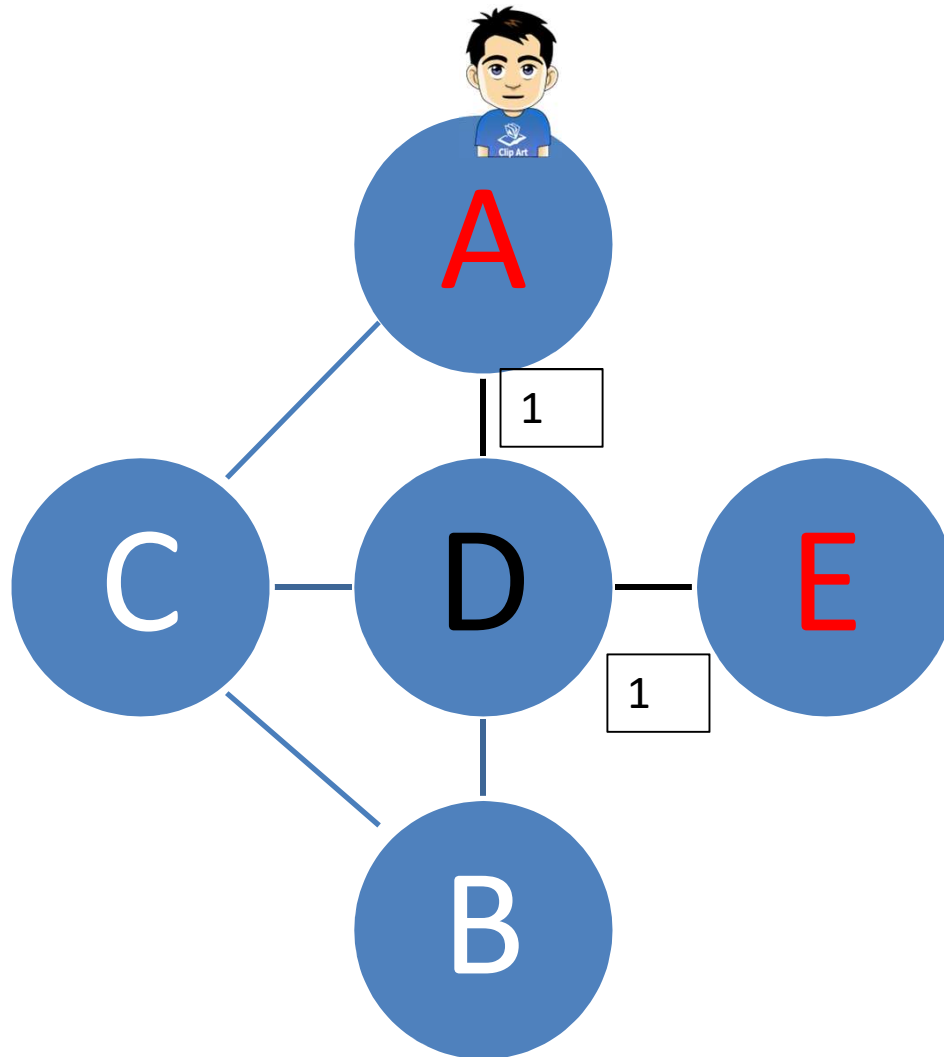
For each pair of nodes A and B

- 0 unit of traffic “flow” if A and B belong to different component
- Otherwise, 1 unit of traffic “flow” from A to B
  - the flow divides itself evenly along **all** the possible **shortest** paths from A to B
  - if there are k shortest paths between A and B, then  $1/k$  units of flow along each one.





# Traffic flow from A to E



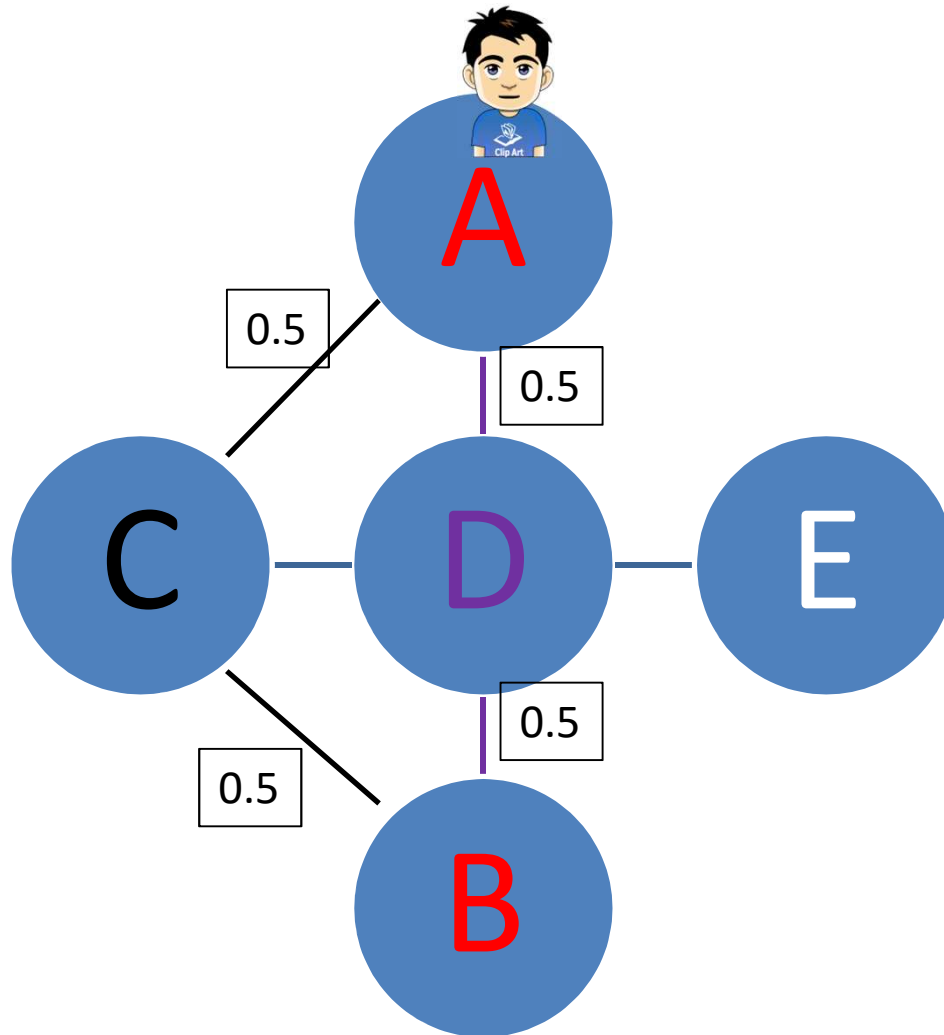
Shortest path between

A and E

- A – D – E (1 unit)



# Traffic flow from A to B



Shortest path between

A and B

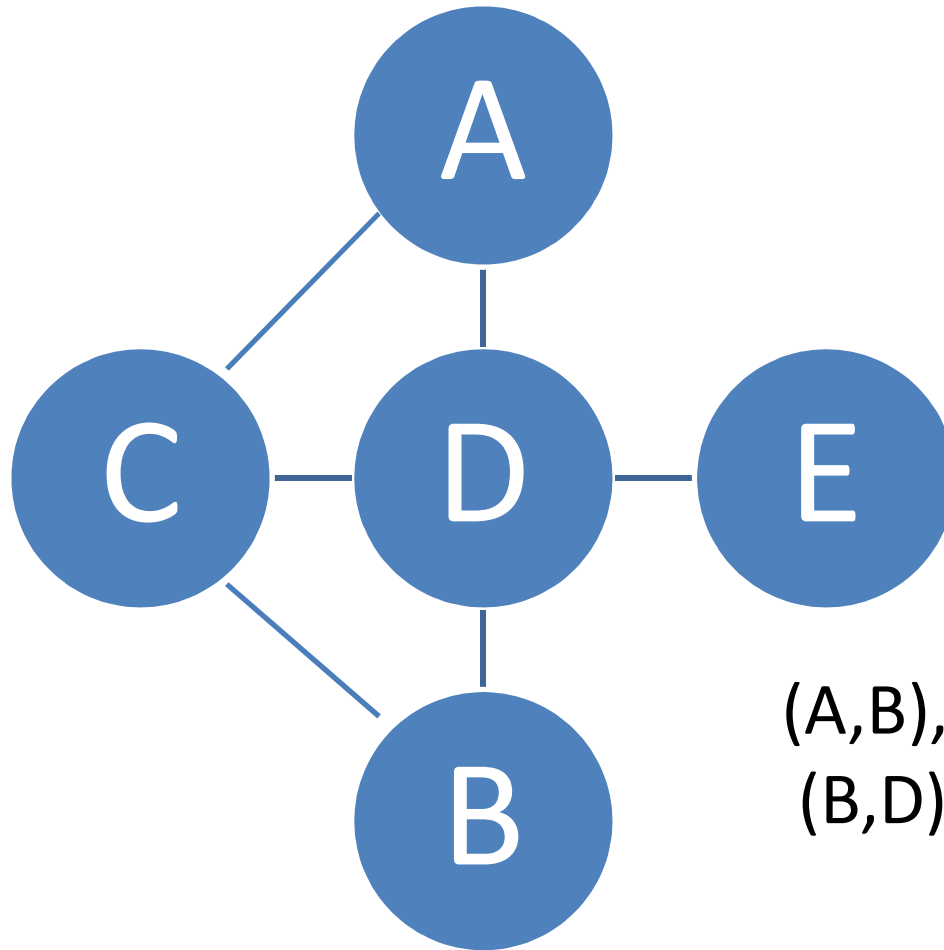
- A – C – B (1/2 units)
- A – D – B (1/2 units)



# Betweenness

- **Betweenness of an edge** : total amount of flow that the **edge** carries, counting flow between all pairs of nodes using this edge.
- **Betweenness of a node** : total amount of flow that the **node** carries, when a unit of flow between each pair of nodes is divided up evenly over shortest paths (same as for edges)
  - nodes of high betweenness occupy critical roles in the network, as it interfaces between tightly-knit groups.





5 nodes  
→  
 ${}_nC_2 = {}_5C_2 = 10$  pairs  
of nodes

(A,B),(A,C),(A,D),(A,E),(B,C),  
(B,D),(B,E),(C,D),(C,E),(D,E)



1 Shortest path between

A – C

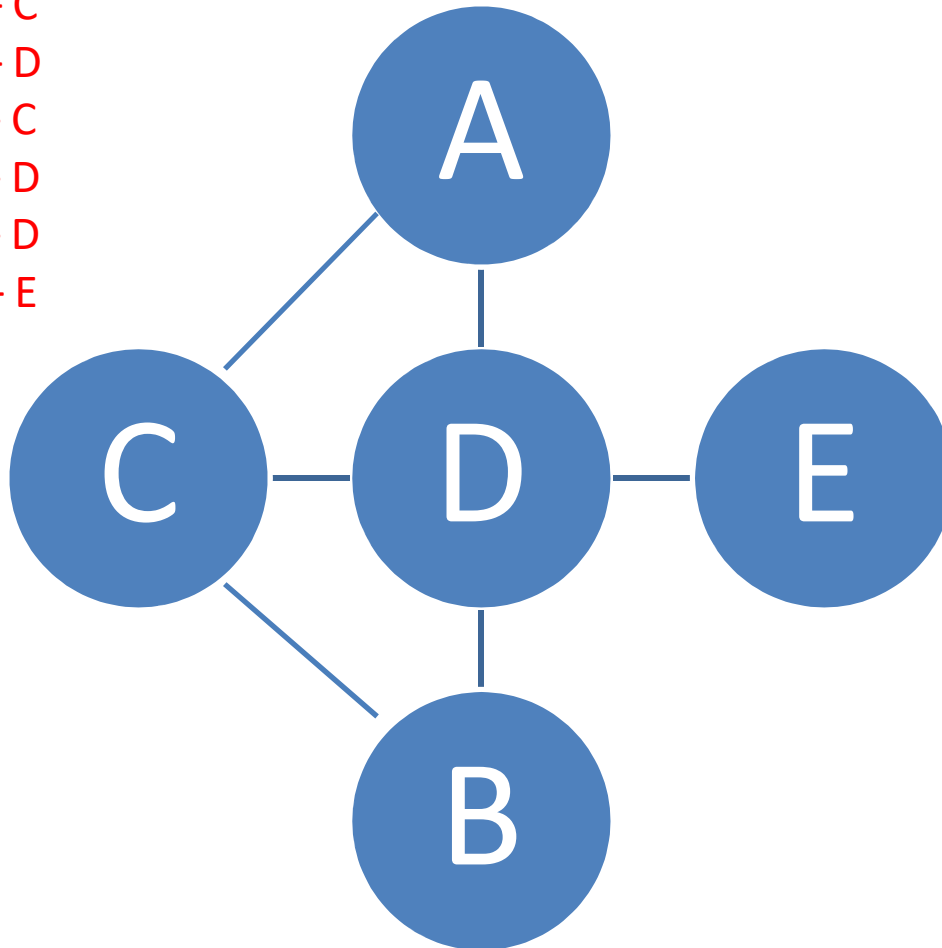
A – D

B – C

B – D

C – D

D – E



2 Shortest paths between  
A and B

- A – C – B (1/2 units)
- A – D – B (1/2 units)

1 Shortest path between  
A and E

- A – D – E (1 unit)

1 Shortest path between  
B and E

- B – D – E (1 unit)

1 Shortest path between  
C and E

- C – D – E (1 unit)



1 Shortest path between

A – C

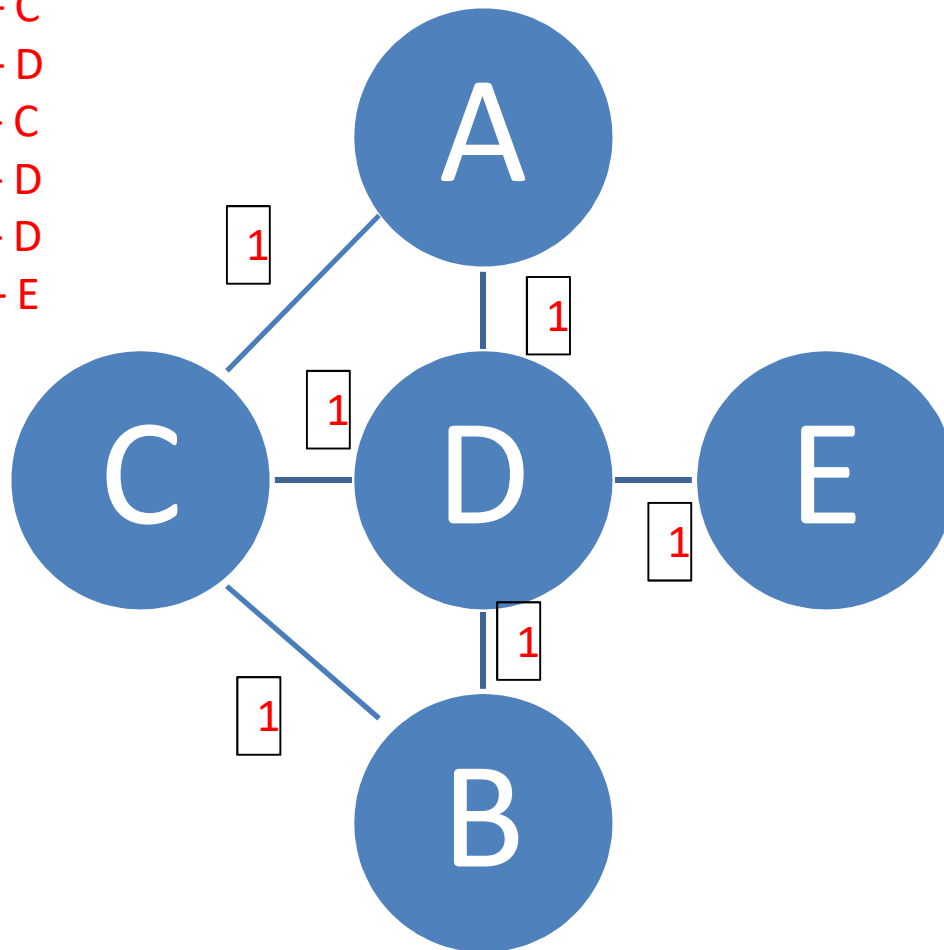
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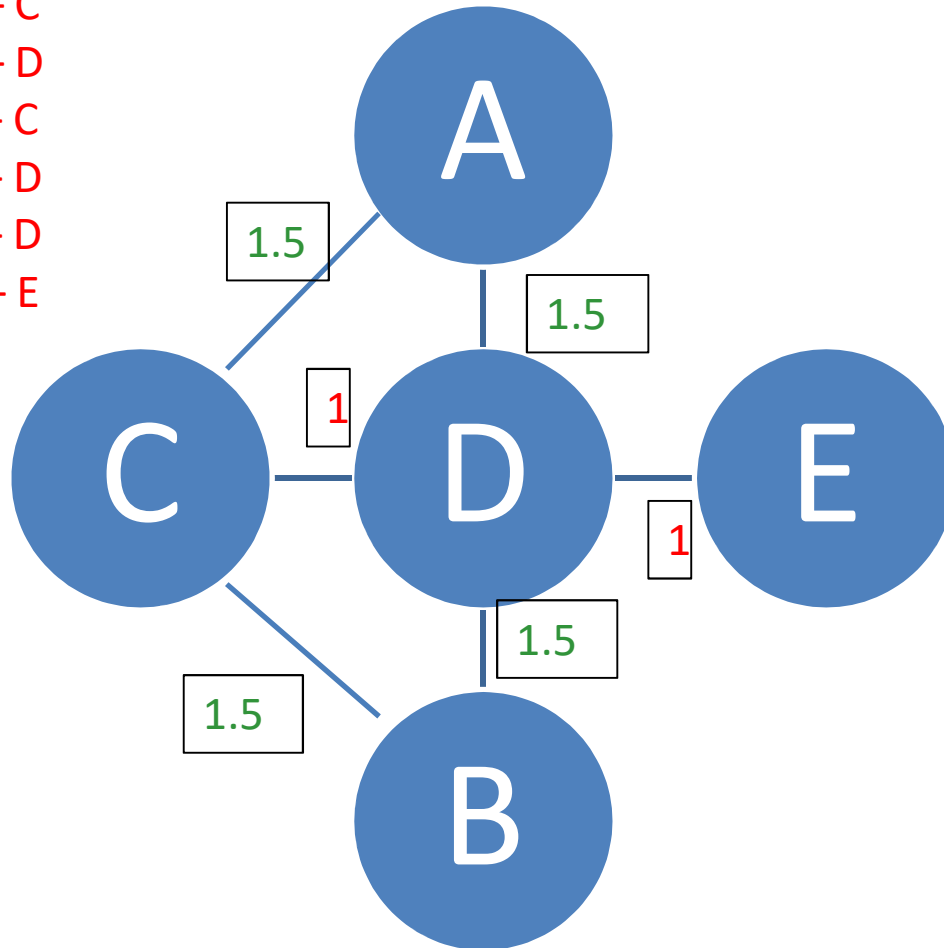
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2 Shortest paths between  
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- A – D – B (1/2 units)



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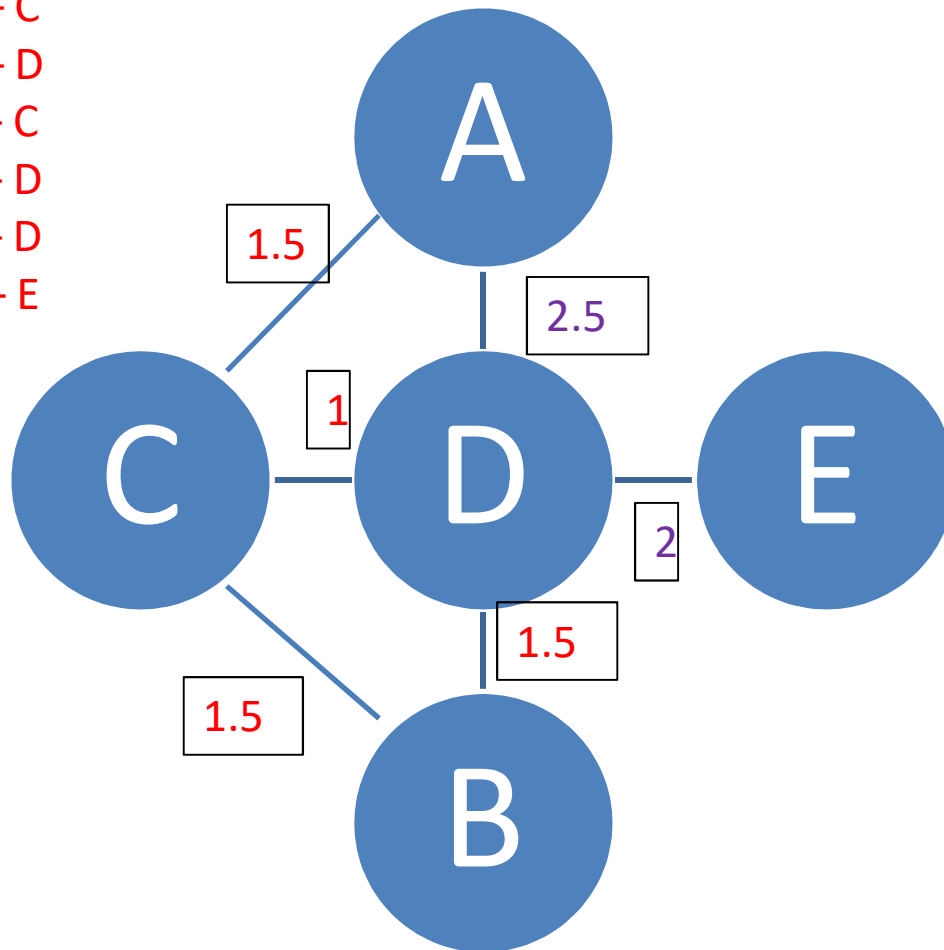
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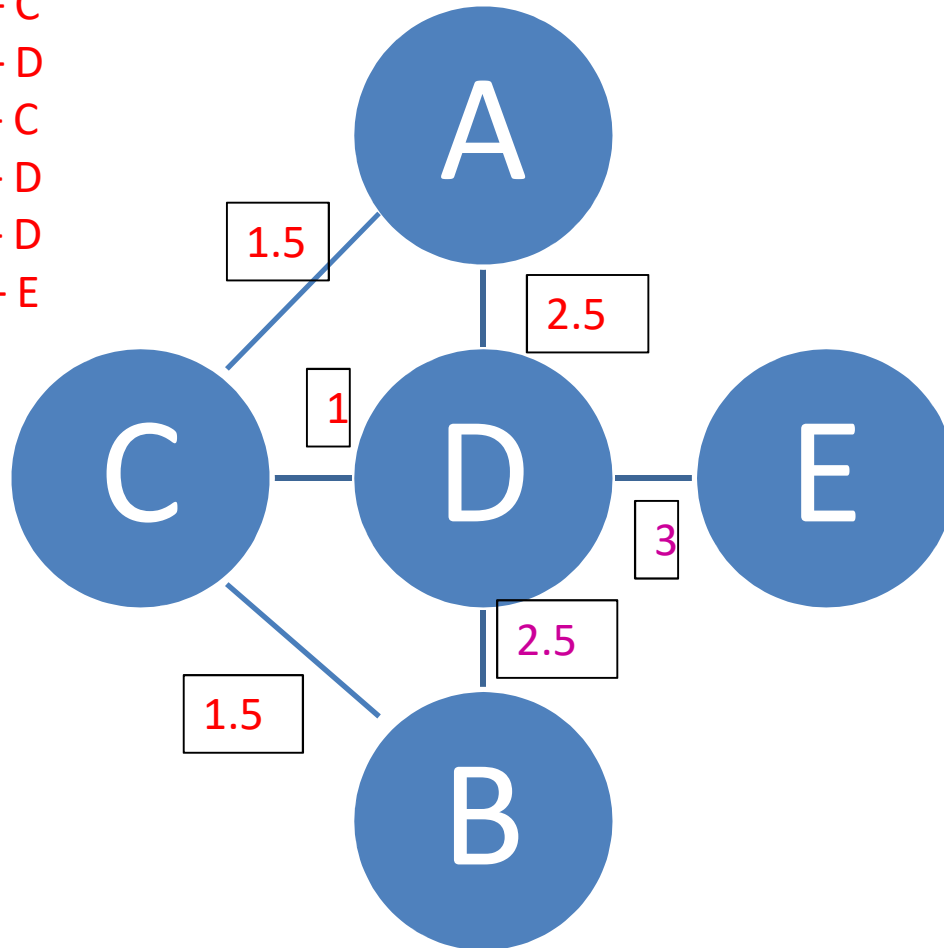
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D – E



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1 Shortest path between

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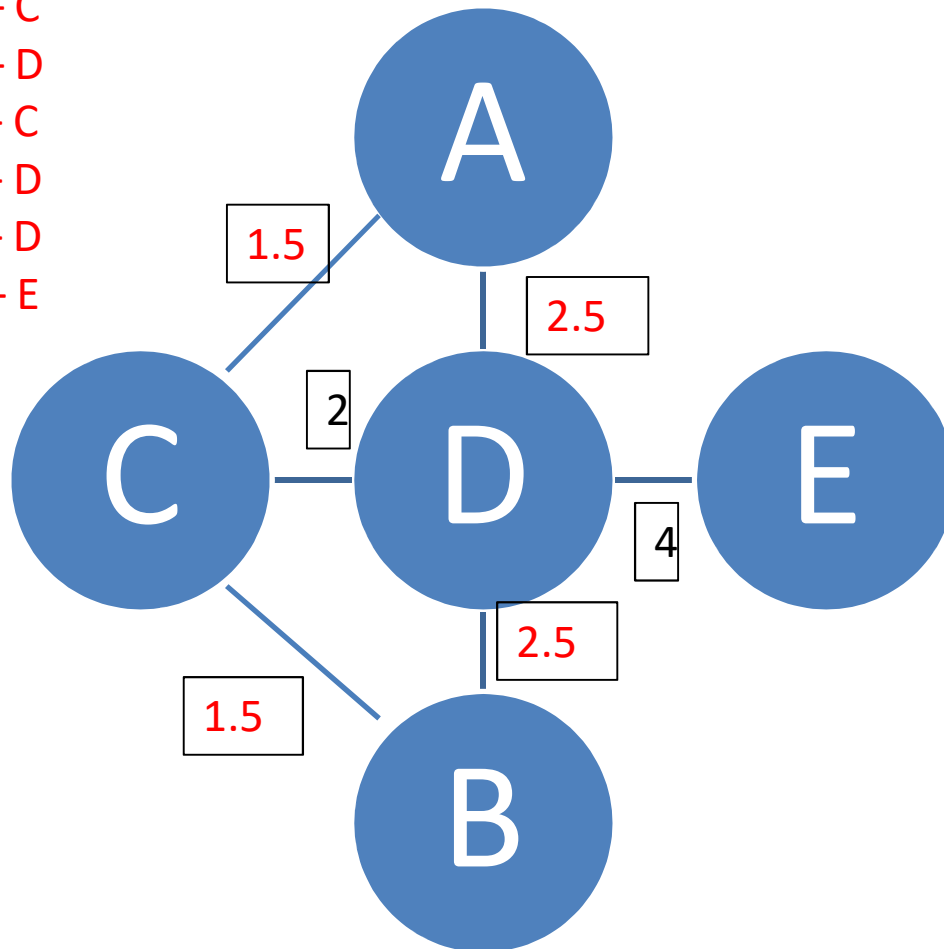
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D – E



2 Shortest paths between  
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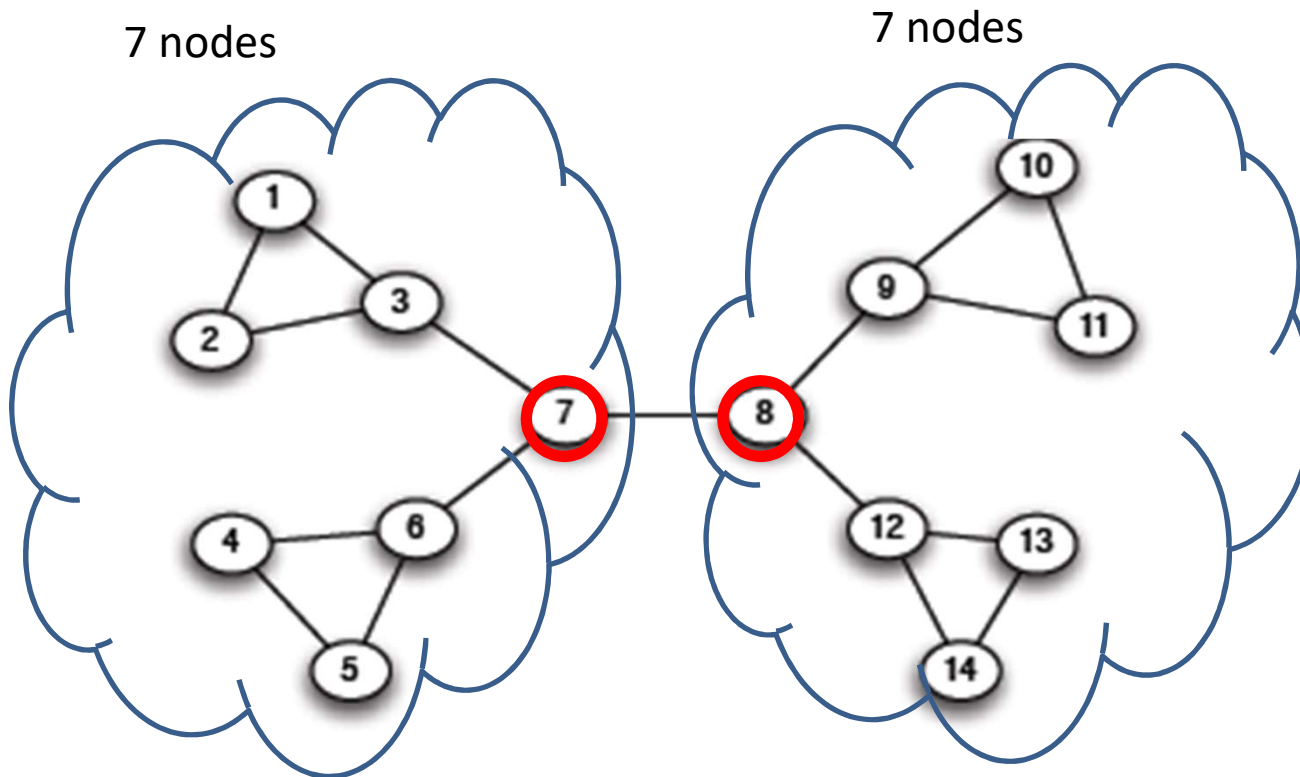
1 Shortest path between  
C and E

- C – D – E (1 unit)



# Edge Betweenness

- $\text{Betweenness}(\text{edge } 7-8) = 7 \times 7 = 49$

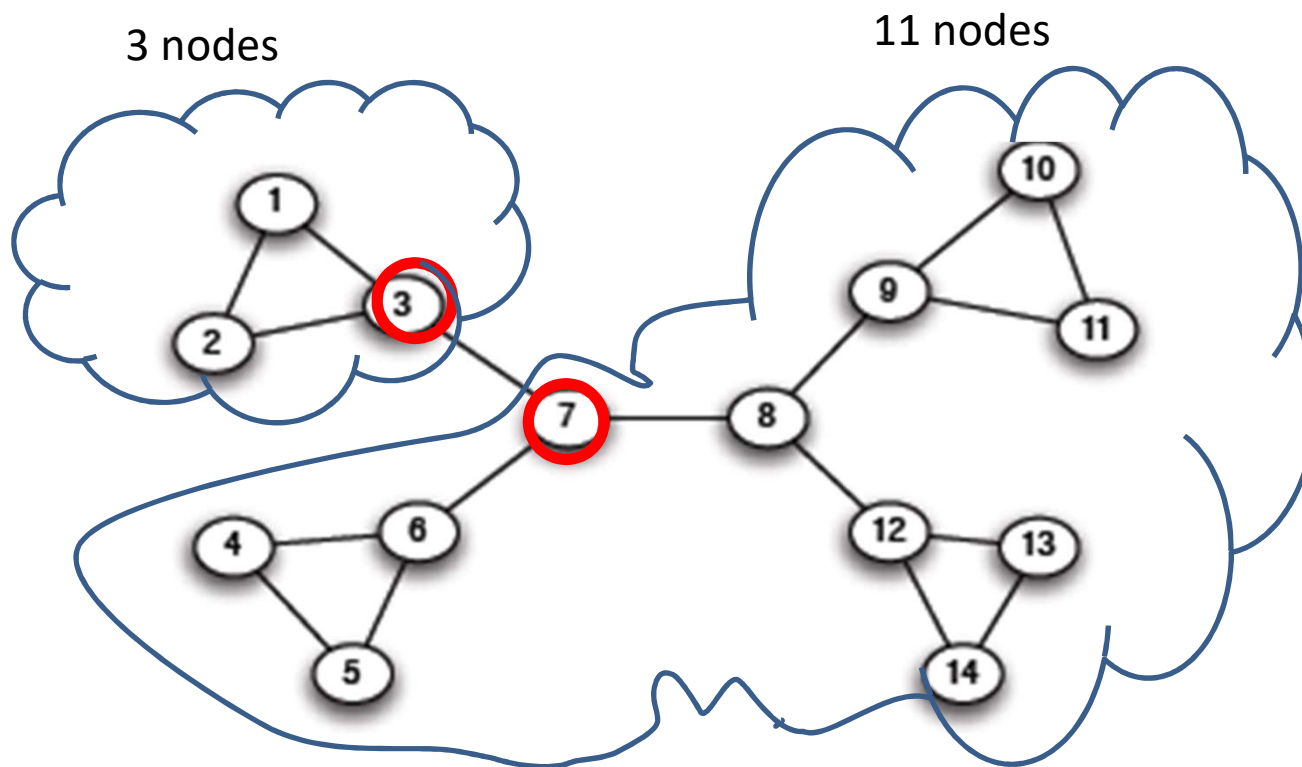






# Edge Betweenness

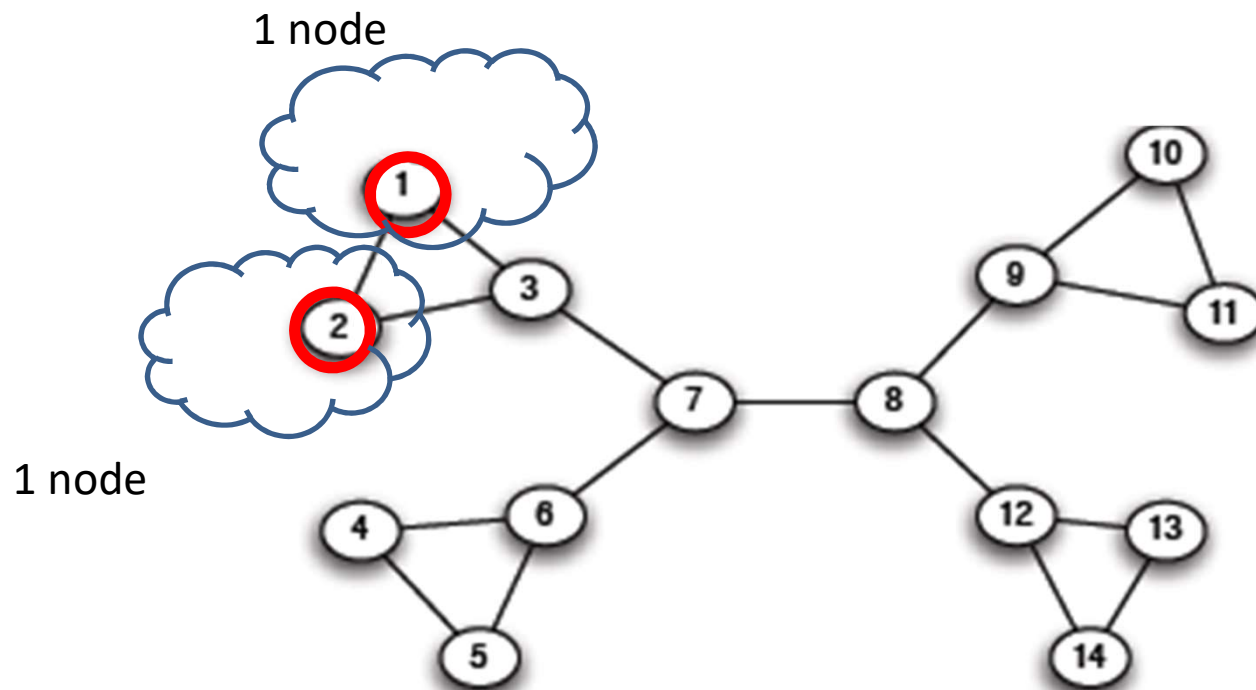
- $\text{Betweenness}(\text{edge } 3-7) = 3 \times 11 = 33$





# Edge Betweenness

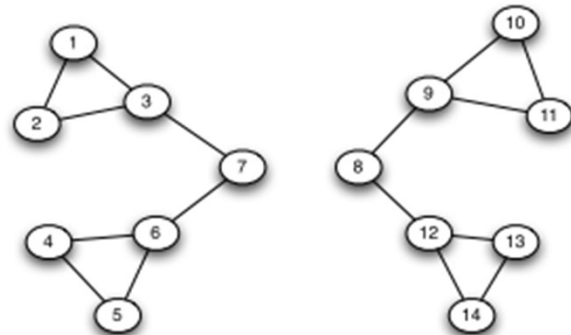
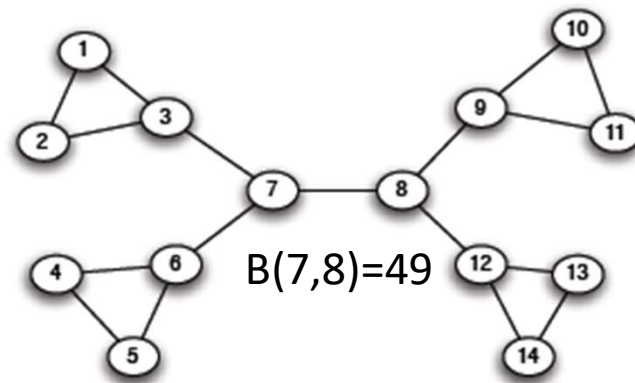
- $\text{Betweenness}(\text{edge } 1-2) = 1 \times 1 = 1$





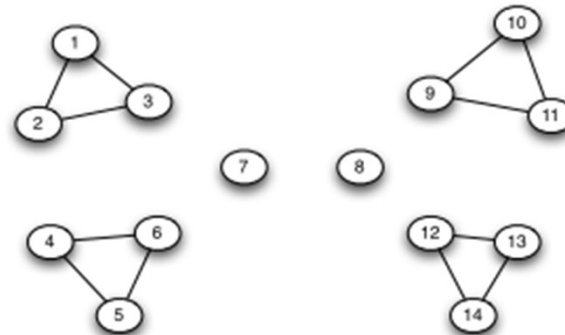
# Girvan-Newman Method

- Find the edge of highest betweenness (or multiple edges of highest betweenness, if there is a tie ) and remove these edges from the graph.
  - This may cause the graph to separate into multiple components.
- Recalculate all betweennesses, and again remove the edge or edges of highest betweenness.
  - This may break some of the existing components into smaller components; if so, these are regions nested within the larger regions.
- (...) Proceed in this way as long as edges remain in graph, in each step recalculating all betweennesses and removing the edge or edges of highest betweenness.

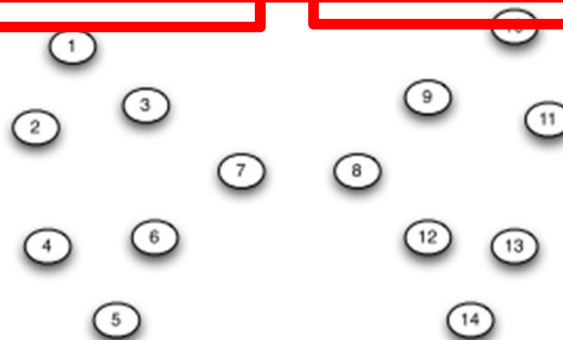


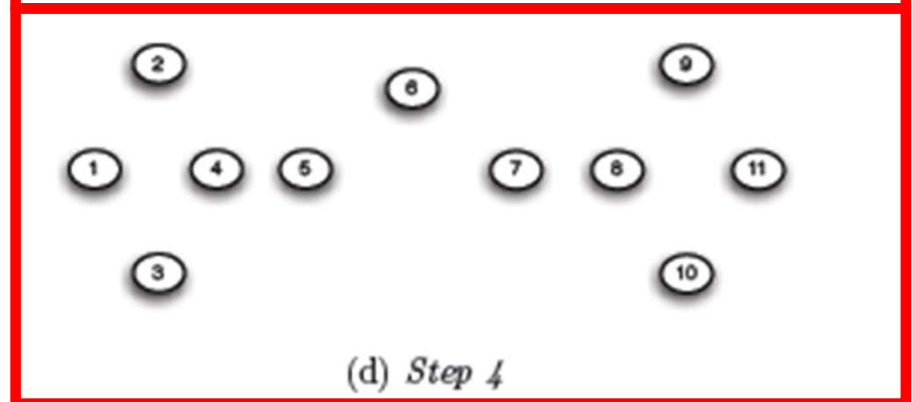
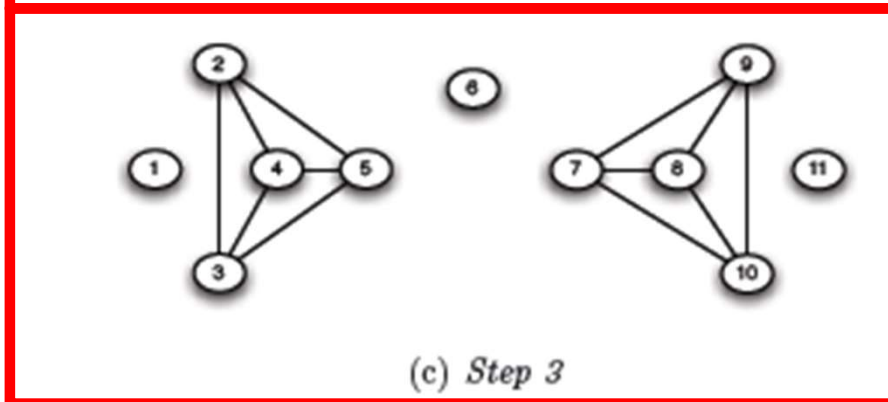
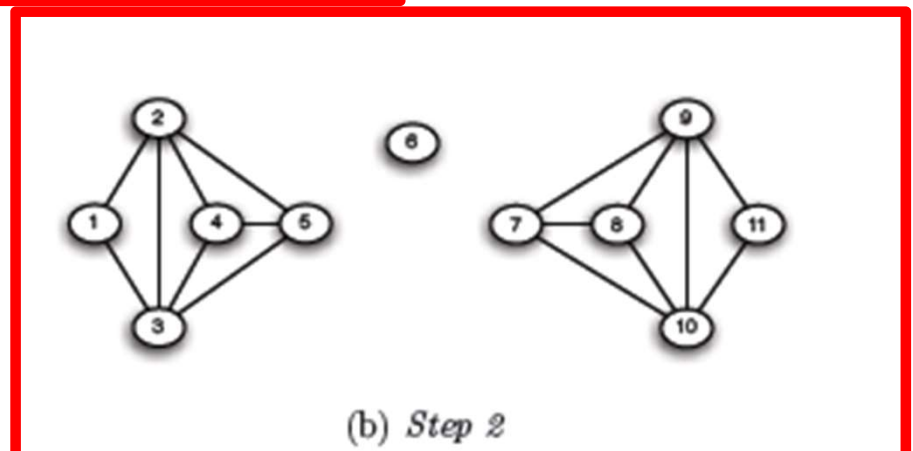
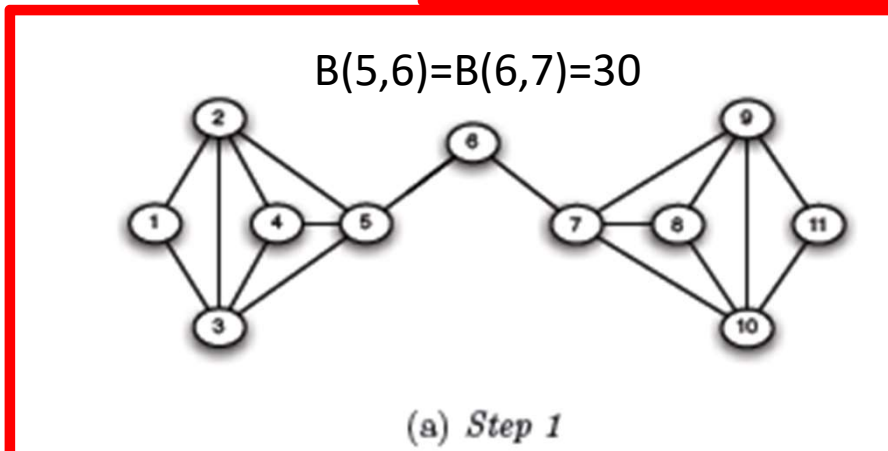
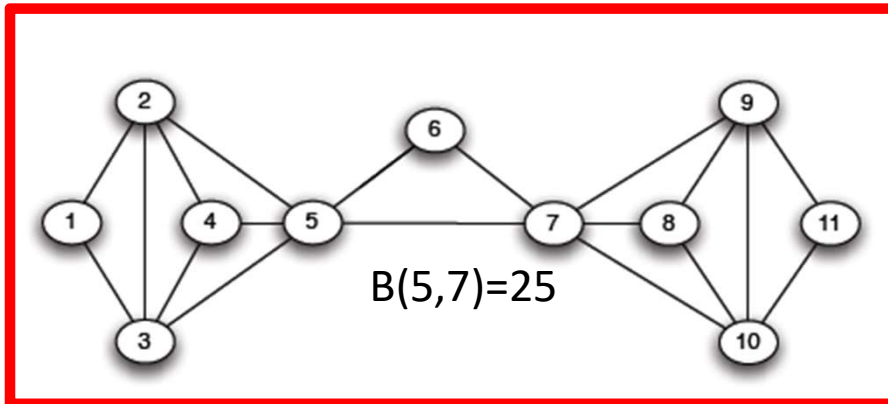
$$B(3,7)=B(6,7)=B(8,9) \\ =B(8,12)=12$$

(a) Step 1



(b) Step 2

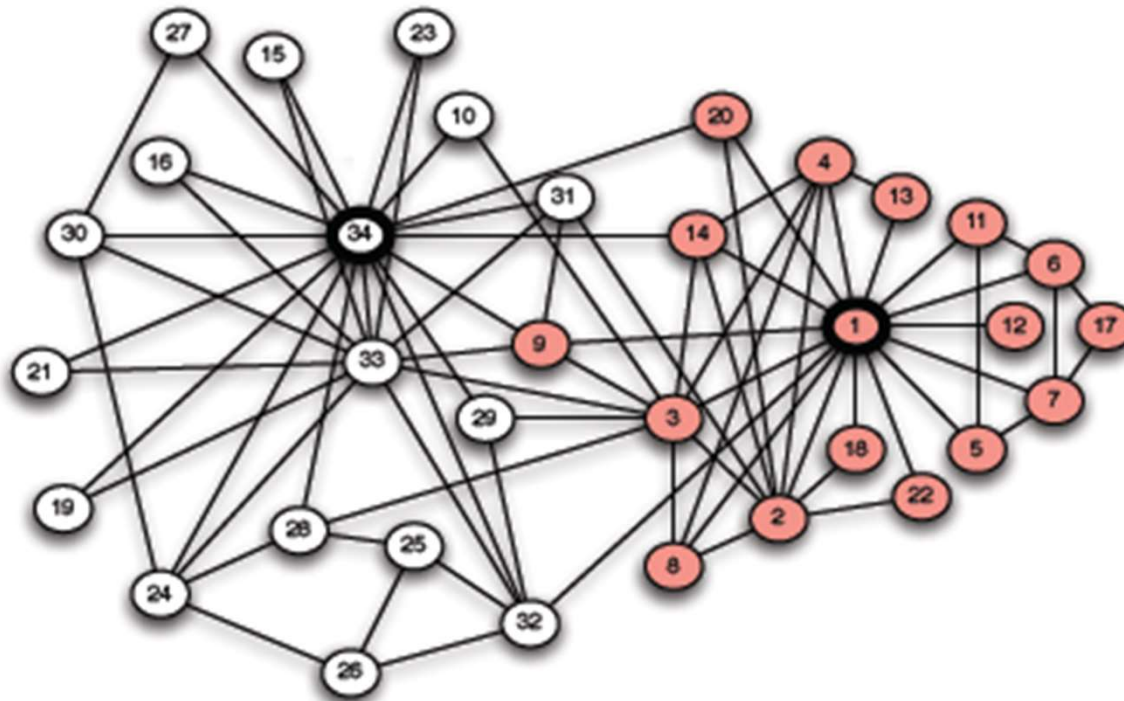






# Karate Club Example

- Dispute between the club president (node 34) and the instructor (node 1)
- Use Girvan-Newman Method to remove edges until the graph separates into two pieces.
- The result agrees with the actual split except node 9, who has to follow the instructor when he was only three weeks away from completing a four year quest to obtain a black belt



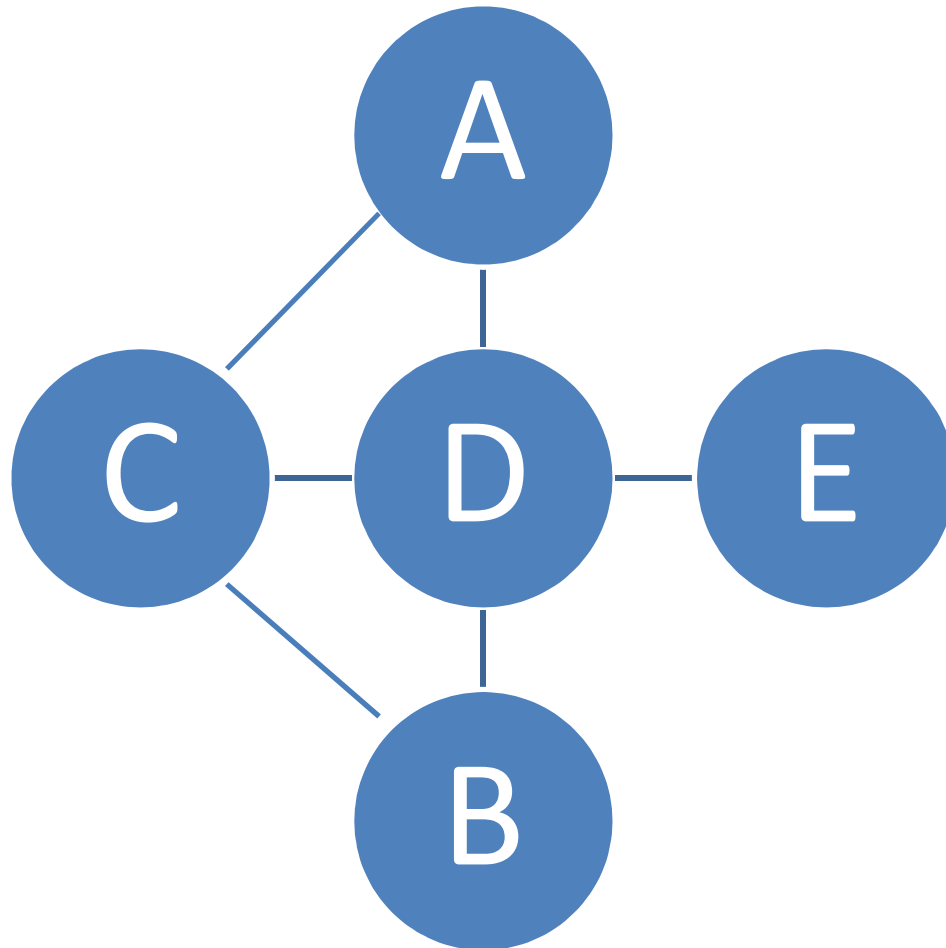


# How to Computing the Betweenness values for the Girvan-Newman method ?

- It involves the set of all shortest paths and there are too many shortest paths when the graph is large.
- We need a systematical approach to compute the numbers of shortest paths and the flow.
- Determine the flow from A to other nodes
  - Perform a breadth-first search of the graph, starting at A.
  - Determine the number of shortest paths from A to each other node.
  - Based on these numbers, determine the amount of flow from A to all other nodes that uses each edge.



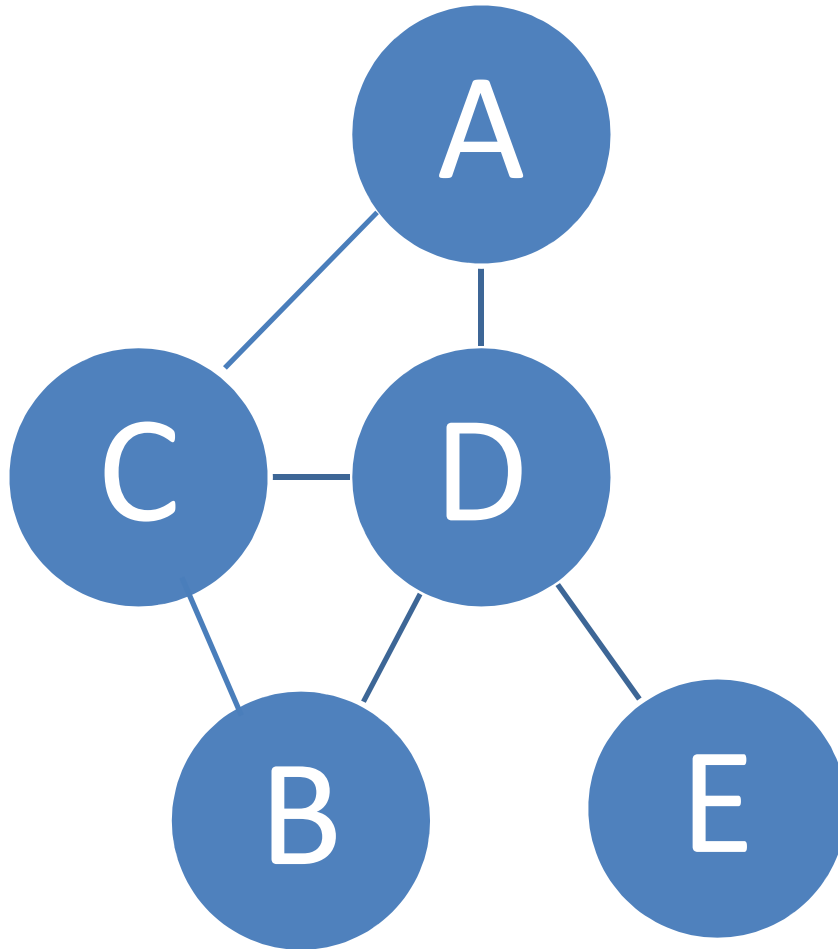
# Example





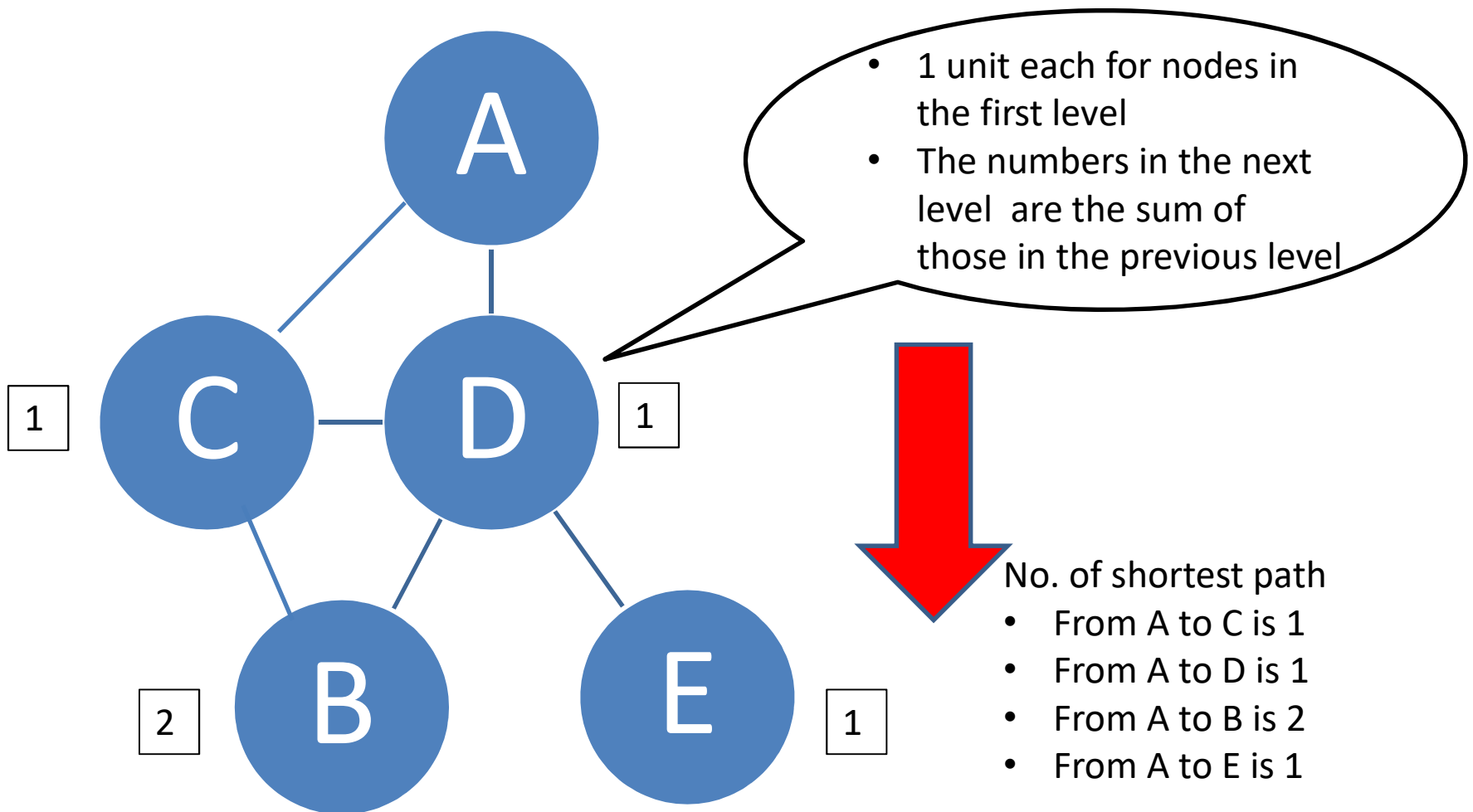


## Step 1 : BFS from A



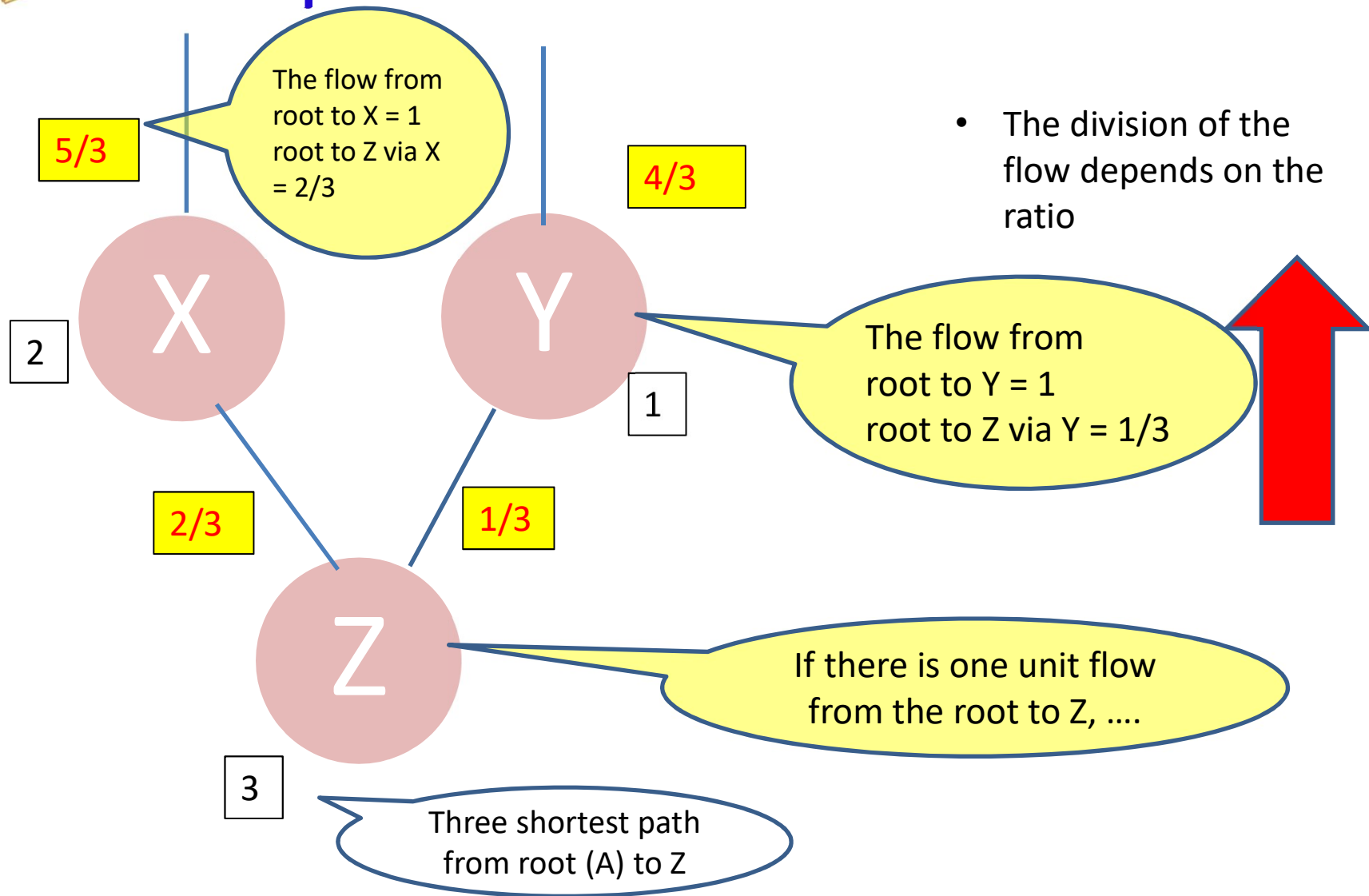


## Step 2 : determine the number of shortest paths from A to other nodes



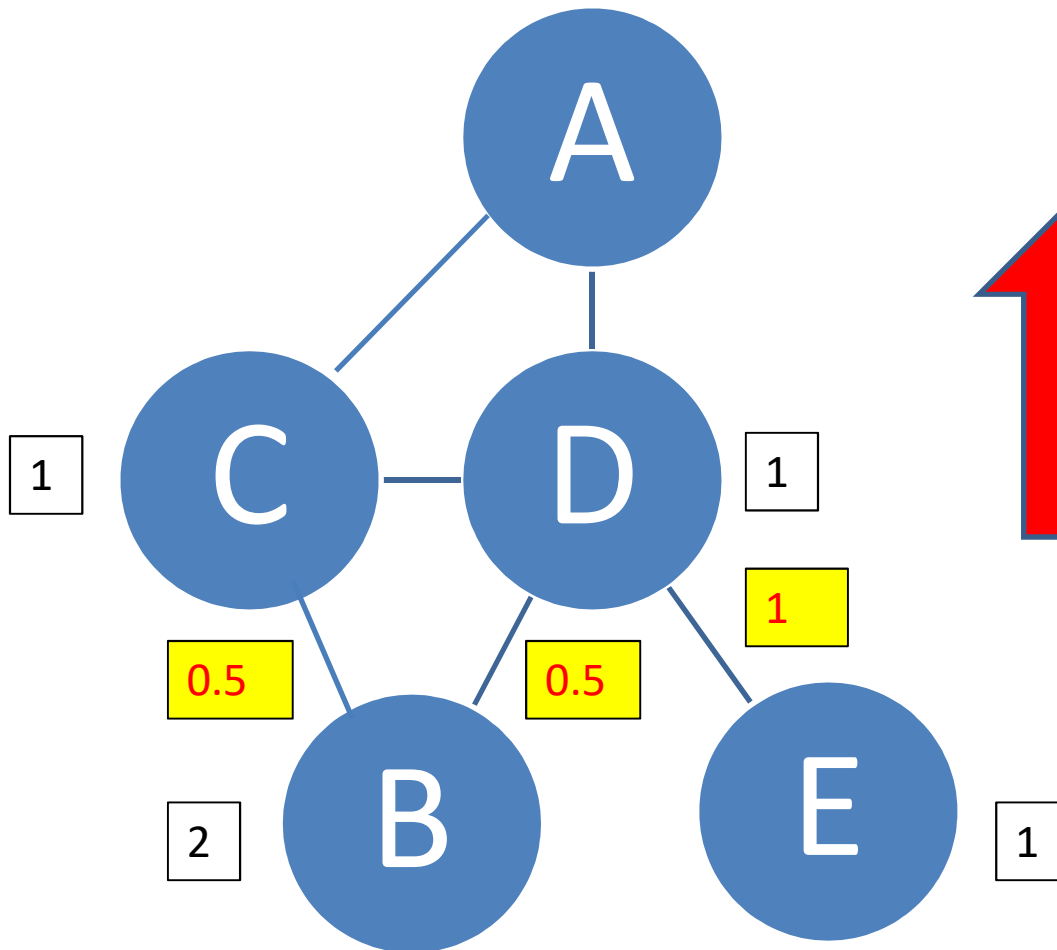


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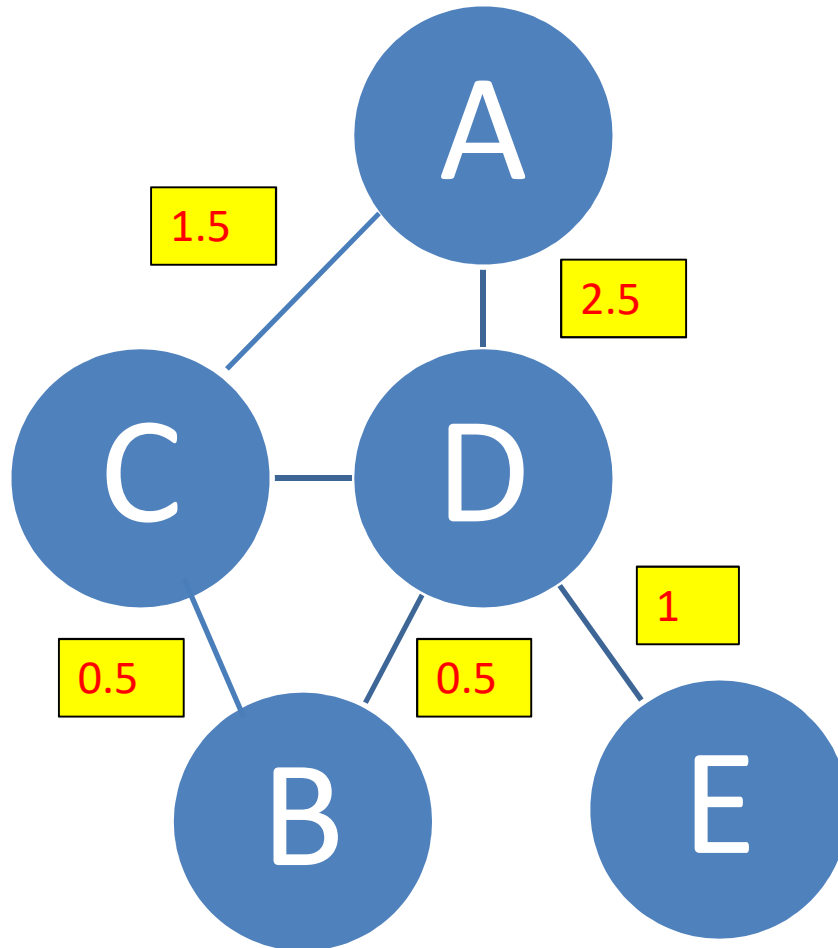


Start from the lowest layer

- 1 unit of flow from B (to A)
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  goes via C and  $\frac{1}{2}$  goes via D
- 1 unit of flow from E (to A)
  - 1 goes via D

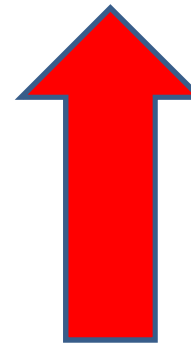


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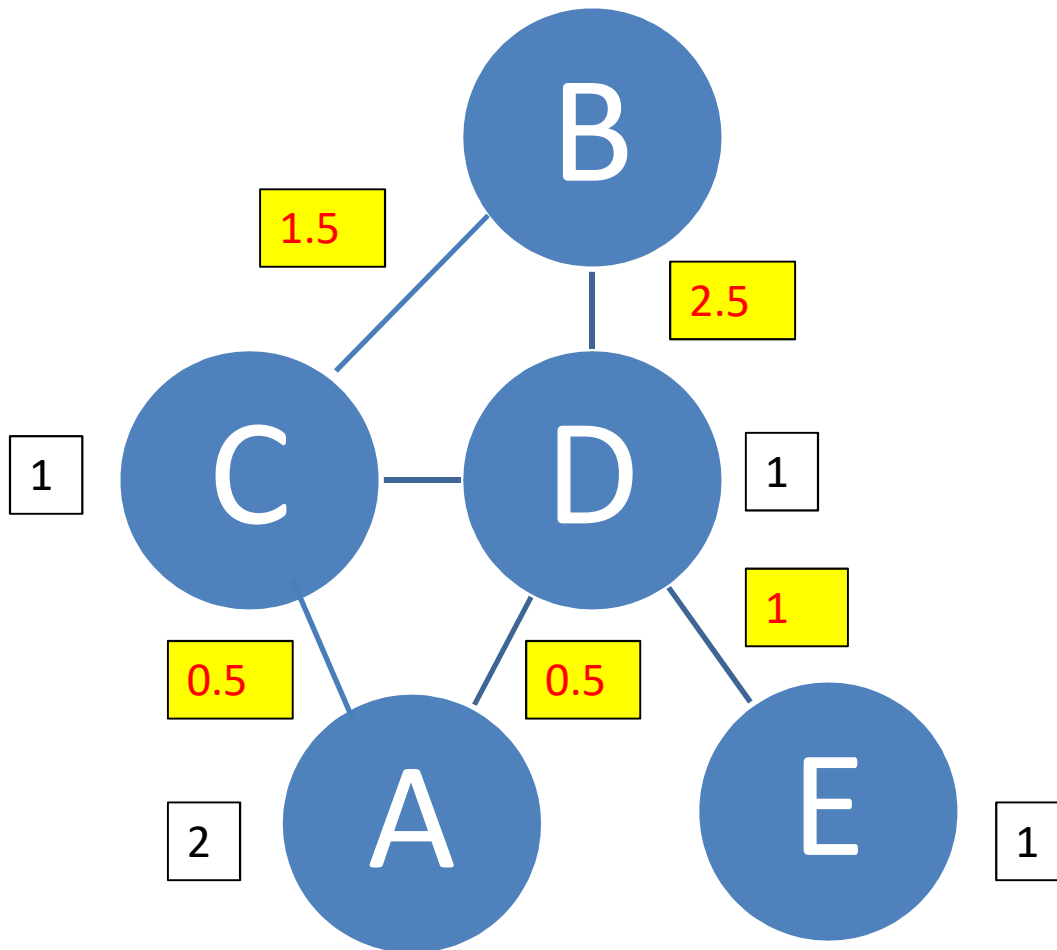


The next layer

- 1 unit of flow from C
  - Add to  $\frac{1}{2}$  units from lower layers
- 1 unit of flow from D
  - Add to  $\frac{1}{2}$  units from B and 1 unit from E

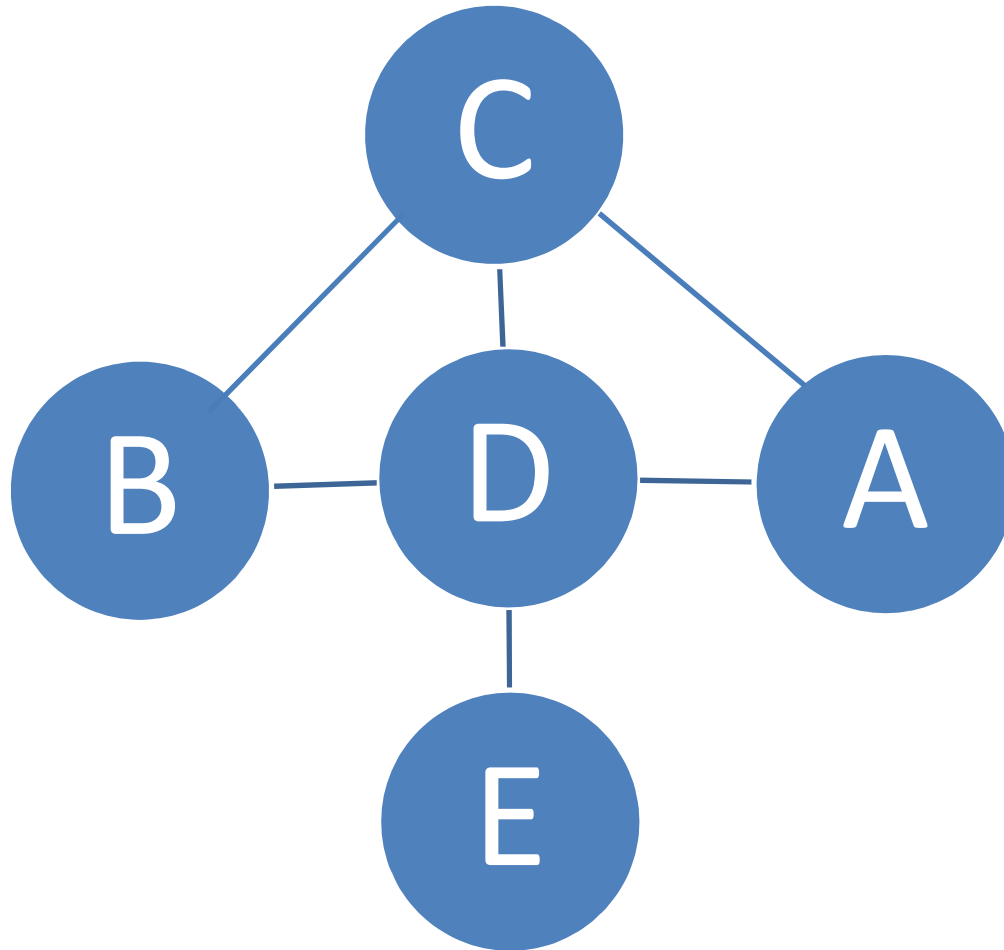


Repeat the steps starting from B



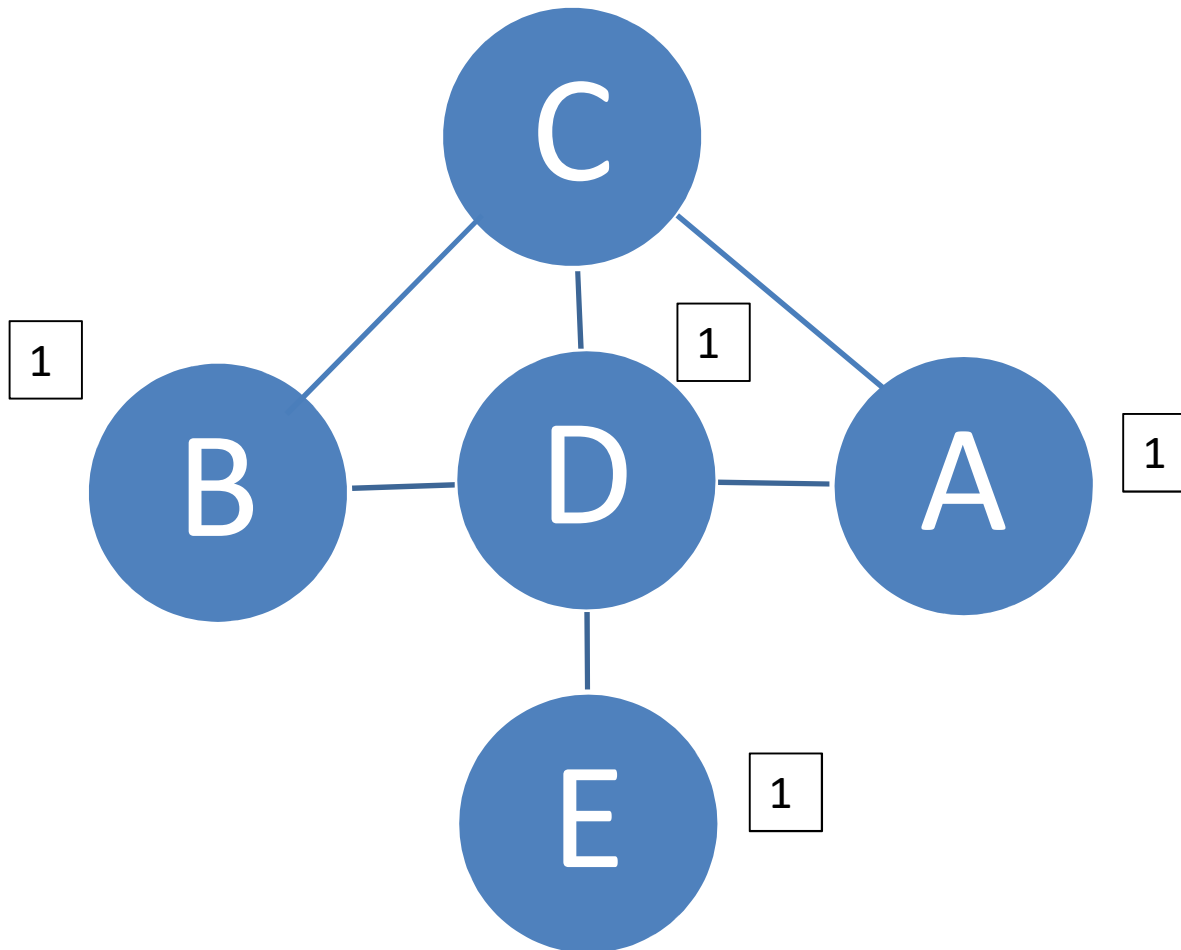


## Starting from C





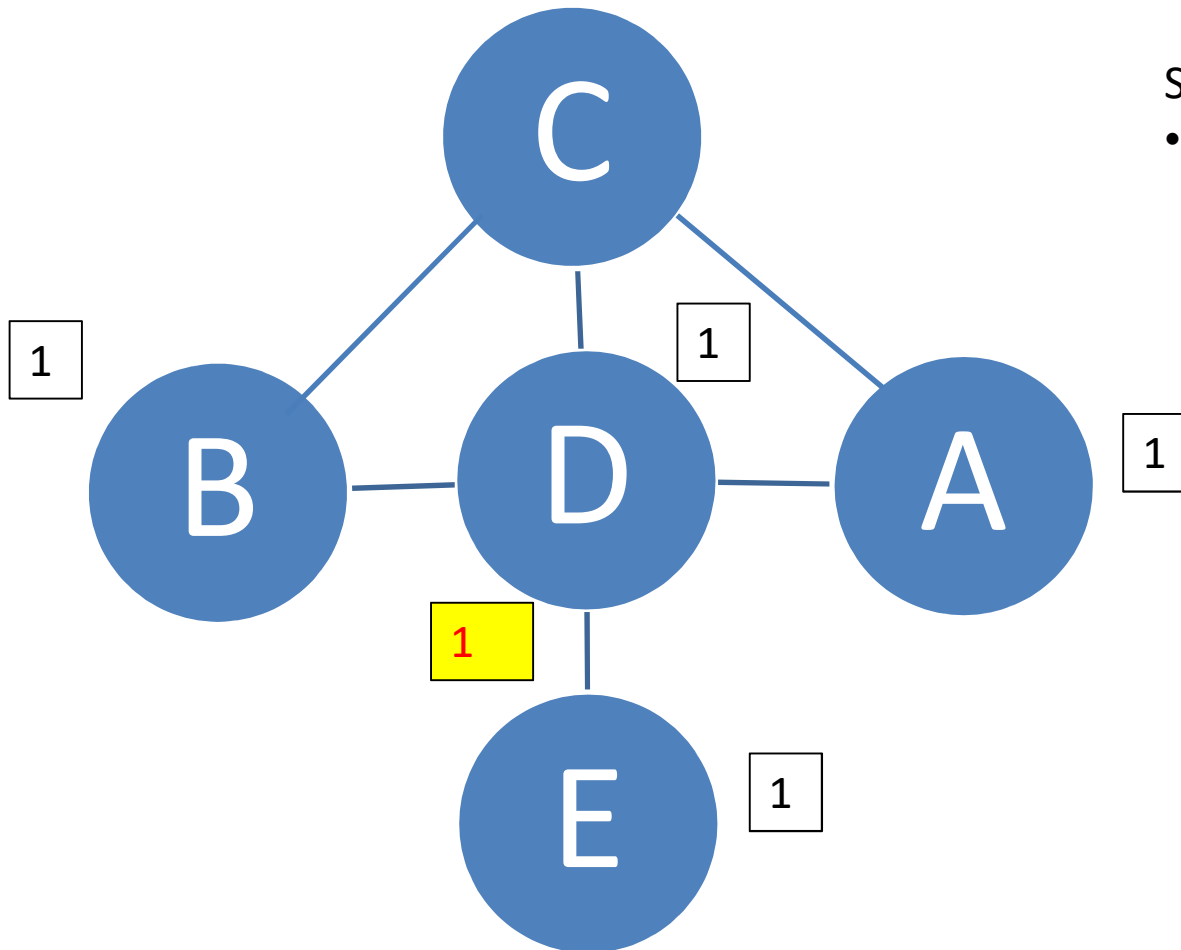
## Starting from C







# Starting from C

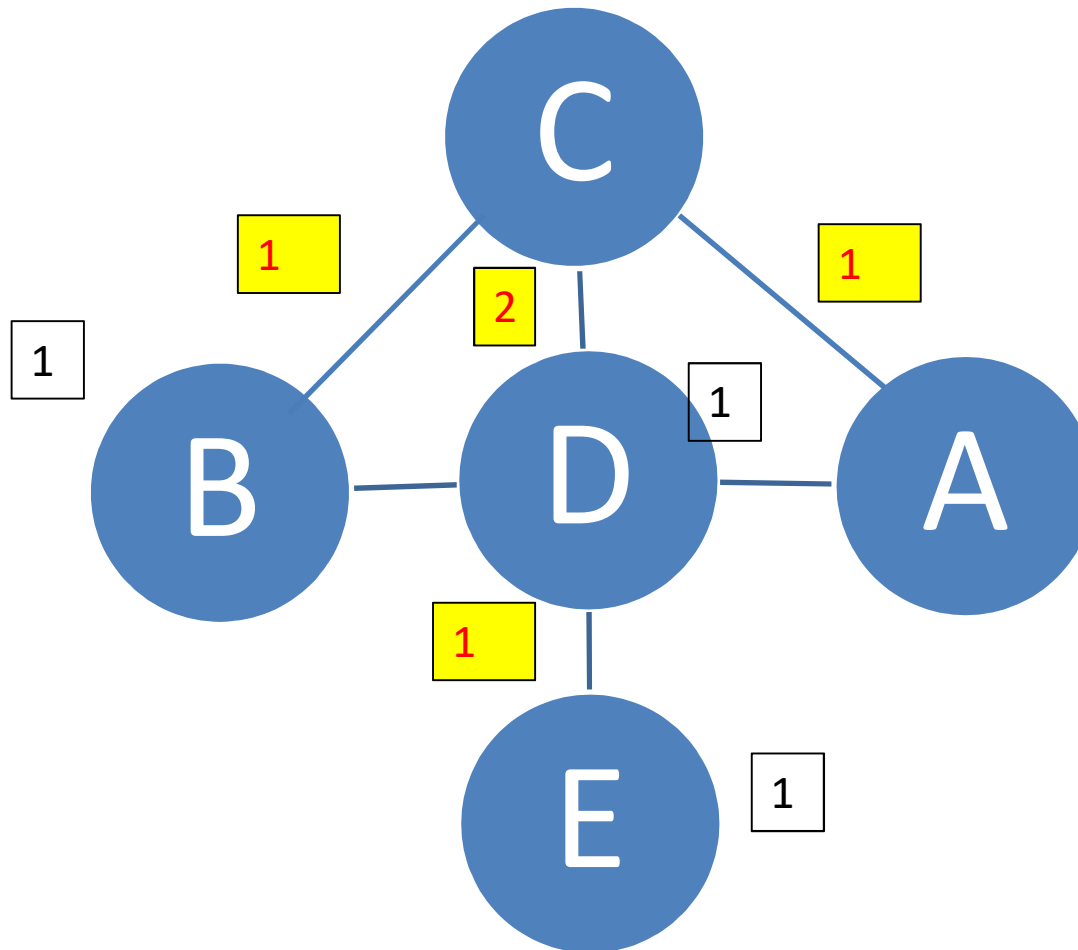


Start from the lowest layer

- 1 unit of flow from E
  - 1 goes to D



# Starting from C



Start from the lowest layer

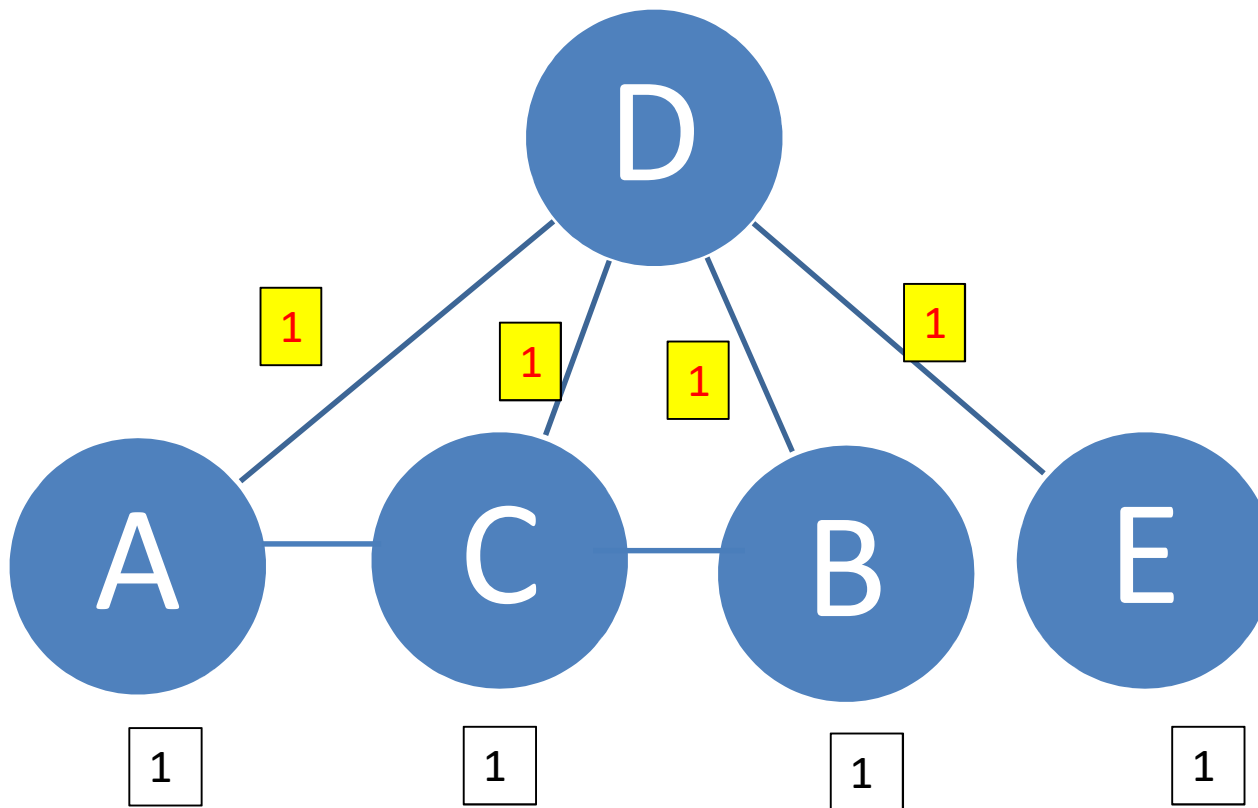
- 1 unit of flow from E
  - 1 goes to D

the next layer

- 1 unit of flow from B
  - 1 goes to C
- 1 unit of flow from A
  - 1 goes to C
- 1 unit of flow from D
  - Add 1 unit from E and 2 units go to C

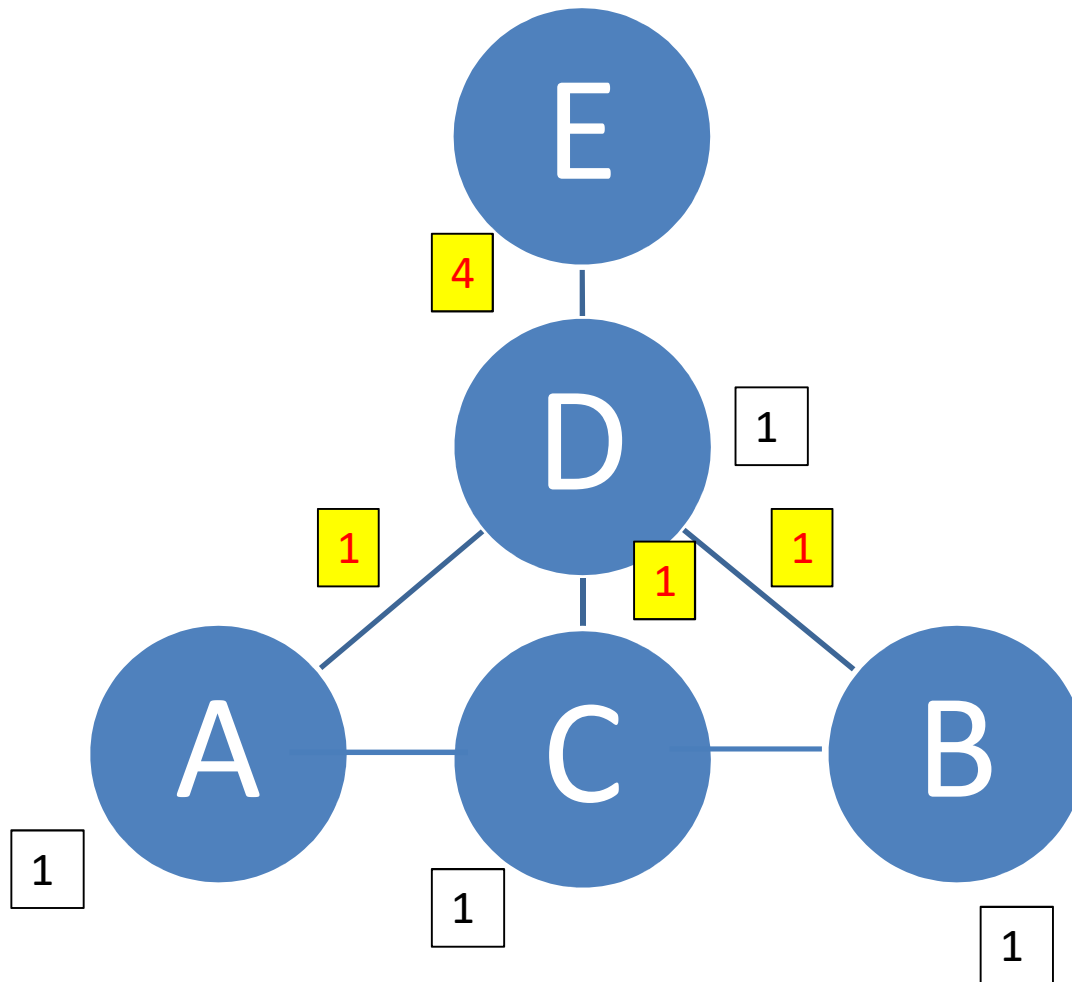


# Start from D



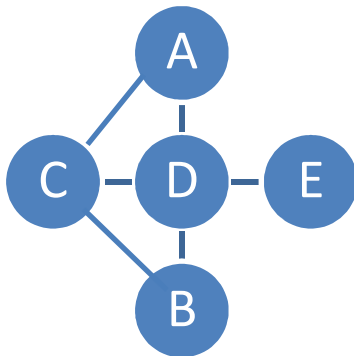


# Start from E





	Edge AC	Edge AD	Edge CD	Edge CB	Edge BD	Edge DE
BFS from A	1.5	2.5	0	0.5	0.5	1
BFS from B	0.5	0.5	0	1.5	2.5	1
BFS from C	1	0	2	1	0	1
BFS from D	0	1	1	0	1	1
BFS from E	0	1	1	0	1	4
Total	3	5	4	3	5	8
Total/2	1.5	2.5	2	1.5	2.5	4



We have to divide the results by 2 as we have counted the flow twice using from X to Y and from Y to X



# The edge betweenness

1 Shortest path between

A – C

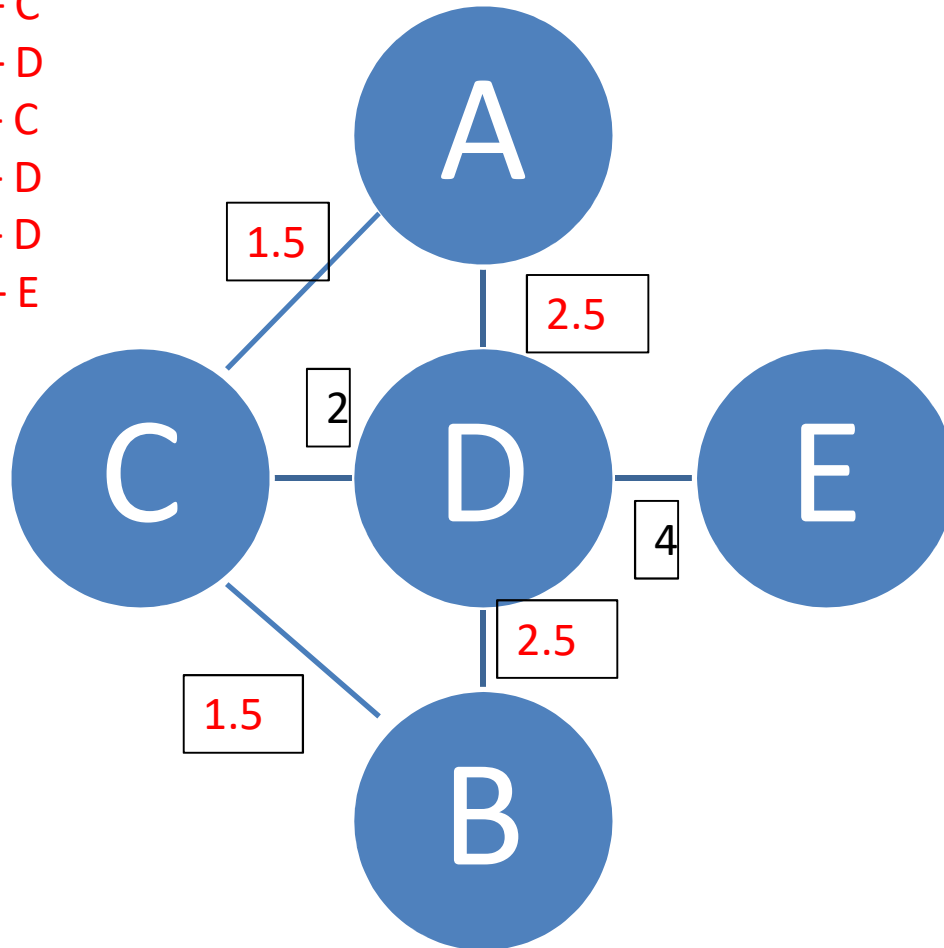
A – D

B – C

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C – D

D – E



2 Shortest paths between

A and B

- A – C – B (1/2 units)
- A – D – B (1/2 units)

1 Shortest path between  
A and E

- A – D – E (1 unit)

1 Shortest path between  
B and E

- B – D – E (1 unit)

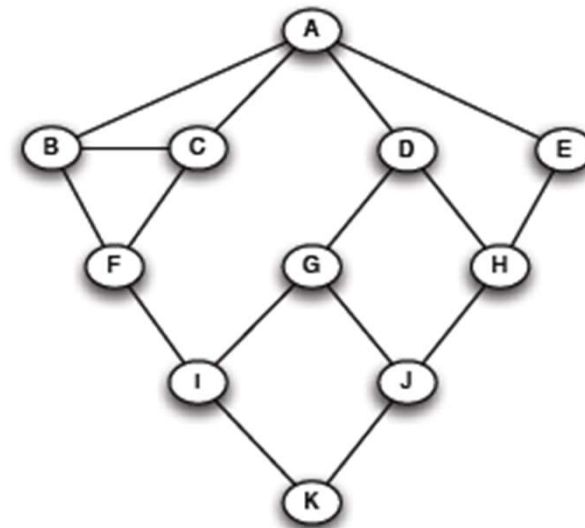
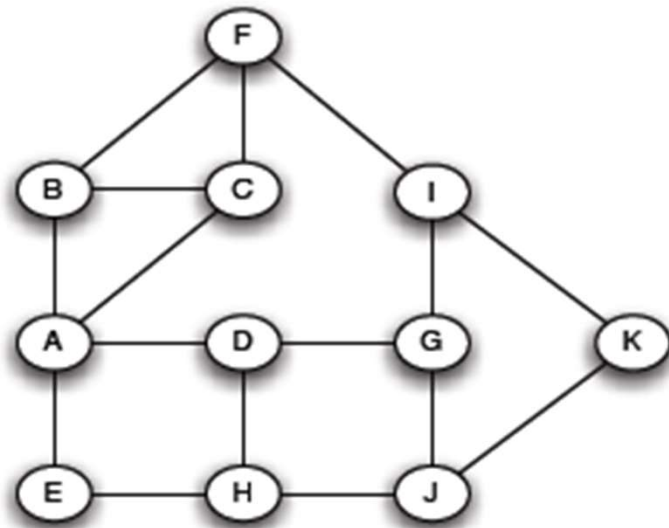
1 Shortest path between  
C and E

- C – D – E (1 unit)



# Another example

## Step 1 : BFS



Level 0

Level 1

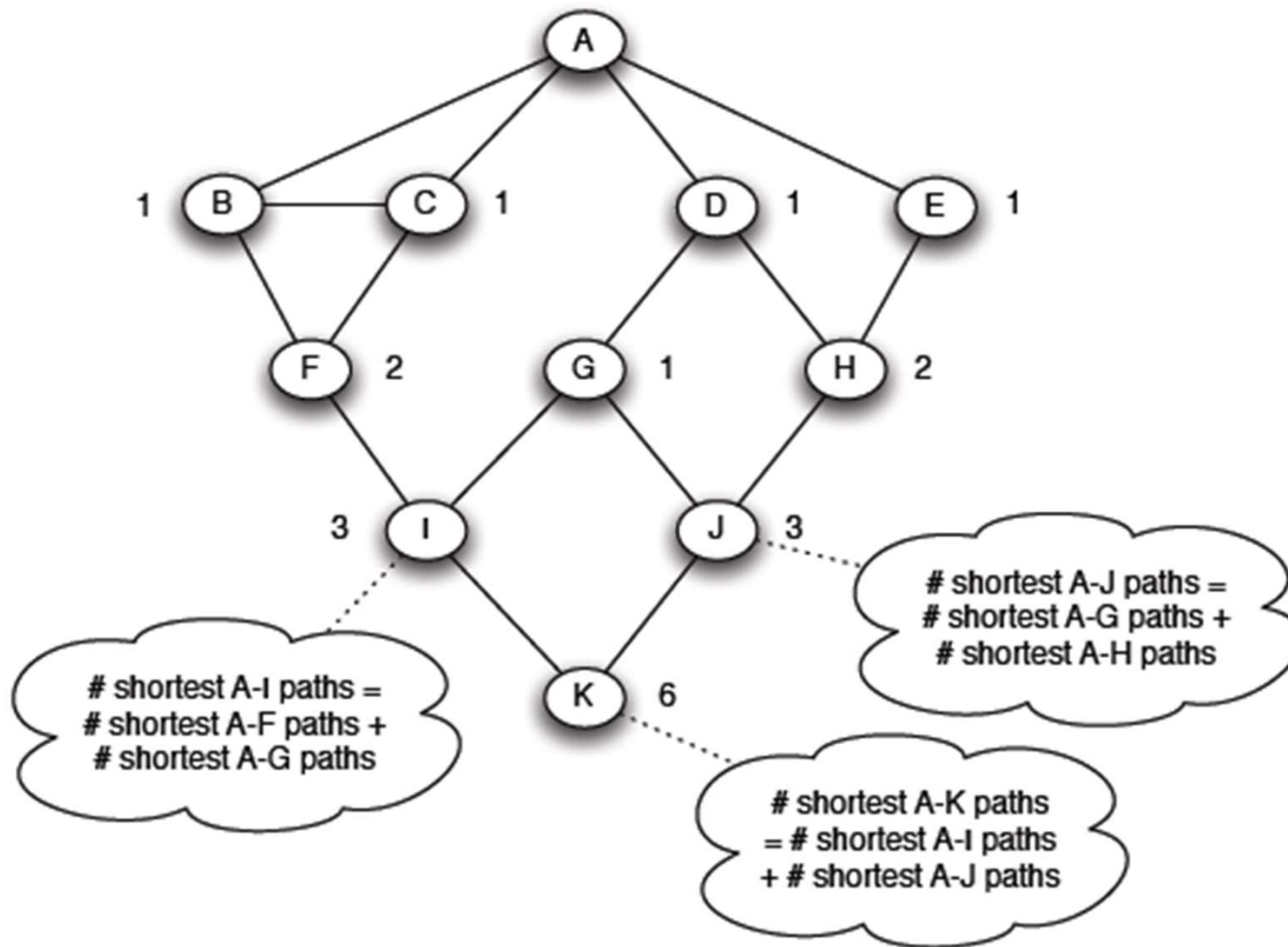
Level 2

Level 3

Level 4



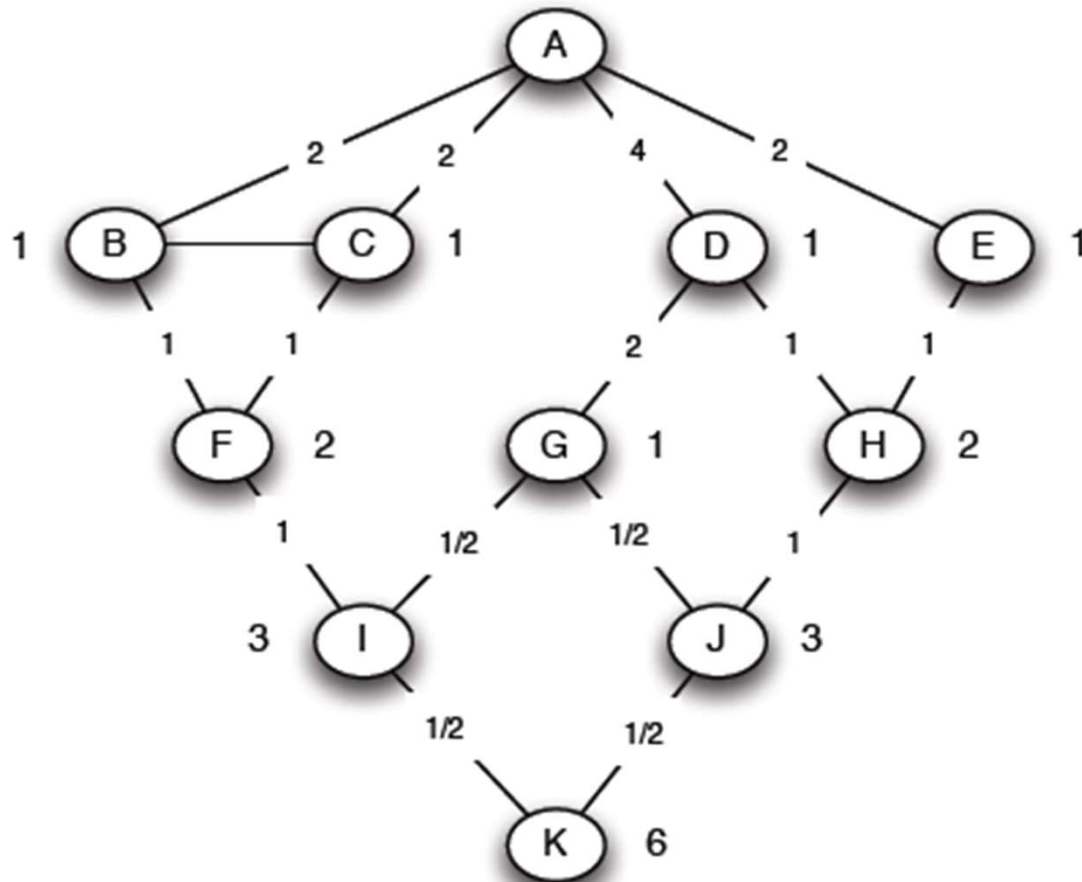
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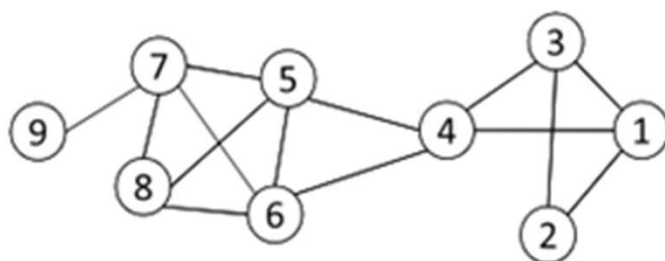


## Step 3 : Determine Flow Values





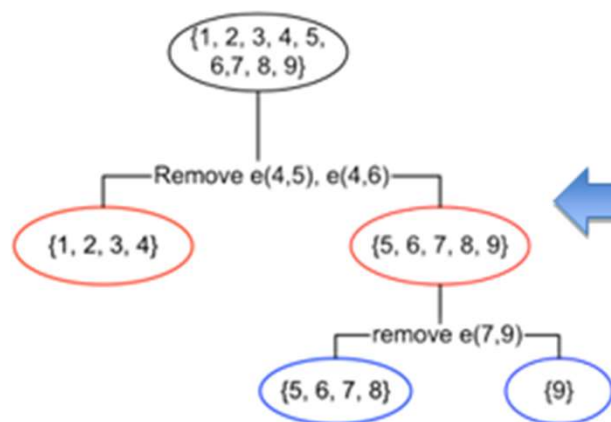
## Divisive clustering based on edge betweenness



Initial betweenness value

Table 3.3: Edge Betweenness

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	0	4	1	9	0	0	0	0	0
2	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	4	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
4	9	0	9	0	10	10	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	10	0	1	6	3	0
6	0	0	0	10	1	0	6	3	0
7	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	2	8
8	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0



After remove  $e(4,5)$ , the betweenness of  $e(4,6)$  becomes 20, which is the highest;

After remove  $e(4,6)$ , the edge  $e(7,9)$  has the highest betweenness value 4, and should be removed.

Idea: progressively removing edges with the highest betweenness

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