

Visualizing Graphs with NetworkX

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1 Visualizing Networks

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In [ ]: %matplotlib notebook
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import networkx as nx
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# read in the graph
G = nx.read_gpickle('major_us_cities')
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In [ ]: # draw the graph using the default spring layout
plt.figure(figsize=(10,9))
nx.draw_networkx(G)
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In [ ]: # See what layouts are available in networkX
[x for x in nx.__dir__() if x.endswith('_layout')]
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In [ ]: # Draw the graph using the random layout
plt.figure(figsize=(10,9))
pos = nx.random_layout(G)
nx.draw_networkx(G, pos)
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In [ ]: # Draw the graph using the circular layout
plt.figure(figsize=(10,9))
pos = nx.circular_layout(G)
nx.draw_networkx(G, pos)
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In [ ]: # Draw the graph using custom node positions
plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
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pos = nx.get_node_attributes(G, 'location')
nx.draw_networkx(G, pos)
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In [ ]: # Draw the graph adding alpha, removing labels, and softening edge color
plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
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nx.draw_networkx(G, pos, alpha=0.7, with_labels=False, edge_color='.4')
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plt.axis('off')
plt.tight_layout();
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In [ ]: # Draw graph with varying node color, node size, and edge width
plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))

node_color = [G.degree(v) for v in G]
node_size = [0.0005*nx.get_node_attributes(G, 'population')[v] for v in G]
edge_width = [0.0015*G[u][v]['weight'] for u,v in G.edges()]

nx.draw_networkx(G, pos, node_size=node_size,
                  node_color=node_color, alpha=0.7, with_labels=False,
                  width=edge_width, edge_color='.4', cmap=plt.cm.Blues)

plt.axis('off')
plt.tight_layout();

In [ ]: # Draw specific edges and add labels to specific nodes
plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))

node_color = [G.degree(v) for v in G]
node_size = [0.0005*nx.get_node_attributes(G, 'population')[v] for v in G]
edge_width = [0.0015*G[u][v]['weight'] for u,v in G.edges()]

nx.draw_networkx(G, pos, node_size=node_size,
                  node_color=node_color, alpha=0.7, with_labels=False,
                  width=edge_width, edge_color='.4', cmap=plt.cm.Blues)

greater_than_770 = [x for x in G.edges(data=True) if x[2]['weight']>770]
nx.draw_networkx_edges(G, pos, edgelist=greater_than_770, edge_color='r', alpha=0.4, width=4)

nx.draw_networkx_labels(G, pos, labels={'Los Angeles, CA': 'LA', 'New York, NY': 'NYC'},
                        fontweight='bold')

plt.axis('off')
plt.tight_layout();

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