

# Multilayer Network Science in Julia with MultilayerGraphs.jl

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**Abstract.** MultilayerGraphs.jl is a Julia package for the creation, manipulation and analysis of the structure, dynamics and functions of multilayer graphs.

A multilayer graph consists of multiple subgraphs called layers which can be interconnected through bipartite graphs called interlayers composed of the sets of vertices of two different layers and the edges between them.

In order to formally represent multilayer networks, multiple theoretical paradigms have been proposed and adopted to model a wide spectrum of high-dimensional, multi-scale, time-dependent complex systems including molecular, neuronal, social, ecological and economic networks.

The package features an implementation that maps a standard integer-labelled vertex representation to a more user-friendly framework exporting all the objects a practitioner would expect such as nodes, vertices, layers, interlayers, etc.

MultilayerGraphs.jl has been integrated within the JuliaGraphs<sup>3</sup> and the JuliaDynamics<sup>4</sup> ecosystems through:

- the extension of Graphs.jl<sup>5</sup> with several methods and metrics including the multilayer eigenvector centrality, the multilayer modularity and the Von Newman entropy;
- the compatibility with Agents.jl<sup>6</sup> allowing for agent-based modelling on general multilayer networks.

For a comprehensive exploration of the package features and functionalities the reader is invited to consult the README<sup>7</sup> and documentation<sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://github.com/JuliaGraphs>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://github.com/JuliaDynamics>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://github.com/JuliaGraphs/Graphs.jl>.

<sup>6</sup> <https://github.com/JuliaDynamics/Agents.jl>.

<sup>7</sup> <https://github.com/JuliaGraphs/MultilayerGraphs.jl/blob/main/README.md>.

<sup>8</sup> <https://juliagraphs.org/MultilayerGraphs.jl>.

## 1 First Section

### 1.1 A Subsection Sample

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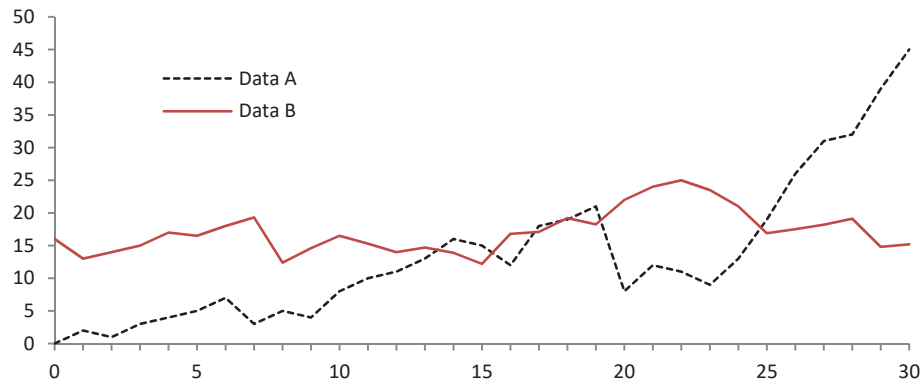
*Proof.* Proofs, examples, and remarks have the initial word in italics, while the following text appears in normal font.

For citations of references, we prefer the use of square brackets and consecutive numbers. Citations using labels or the author/year convention are also acceptable.

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**Fig. 1.** A figure caption is always placed below the illustration. Please note that short captions are centered, while long ones are justified by the macro package automatically.

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