

# Probabilistic Graphical Lasso

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## 1 Exercise 1: The elements of Statistical Learning

### 1.1 Choice of section to be read

For this part, we have chosen to read the section 17.3.2 entitled **Estimation of the Graph Structure**.

Given some realizations of  $X$ , we would like to estimate the parameters of an undirected graph that approximates their joint distribution. Suppose first that the graph is complete (fully connected). We assume that we have  $N$  multivariate normal realizations  $x_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$  with population mean  $\mu$  and covariance  $\Sigma$ .

Let

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})(x_i - \bar{x})^T$$

be the empirical covariance matrix, with  $\bar{x}$  the sample mean vector.

### 1.2 Summary of chosen section: Estimation of the Graph Structure

The **L1 (lasso) regularization** is a way to find out from the data which **edges** should be omitted from the graph. Meinshausen et al (2006) take a lasso regression approach using each variable as a response and the others as predictors to estimate which components of  $\theta_{ij}$  are non-zero. The  $\theta_{ij}$  component is then estimated as non-zero if the estimated coefficient of variable  $i$  on  $j$  is non-zero, or inversely. This procedure makes it possible to consistently estimate all non-zero components of  $\Theta$ .

It is possible to adopt a more systematic approach with the lasso penalty by maximizing the log-likelihood penalized

$$\log \det \Theta - \text{trace}(\mathbf{S}\Theta) - \lambda \|\Theta\|_1,$$

where  $\|\Theta\|_1$  is the L1 norm - the sum of the absolute values of the elements of  $\Theta$ , and where constants are ignored. The negative of this penalized likelihood is a convex function of  $\Theta$ .

The latter system is exactly equivalent to the estimating equations of a lasso regression. Indeed, let us consider the usual regression configuration with the result variables  $y$  and the predictive matrix  $Z$ . Here, the lasso minimizes

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Z}\beta)^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Z}\beta) + \lambda \cdot \|\beta\|_1$$

The gradient of this expression is

$$\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z} \beta - \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{y} + \lambda \cdot \text{Sign}(\beta) = 0$$

#### Algorithm Graphical Lasso

1. Initialize  $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{S} + \lambda \mathbf{I}$ . The diagonal of  $\mathbf{W}$  remains unchanged in what follows.
2. Repeat for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p, 1, 2, \dots, p, \dots$  until convergence:
  - (a) Partition the matrix  $\mathbf{W}$  into part 1 : all but the  $j$  th row and column, and part 2 : the  $j$  th row and column.
  - (b) Solve the estimating equations  $\mathbf{W}_{11}\beta - s_{12} + \lambda \cdot \text{sign}(\beta) = 0$  using the cyclical coordinate-descent algorithm for the modified lasso.
  - (c) Update  $w_{12} = \mathbf{W}_{11}\hat{\beta}$
3. In the final cycle (for each  $j$ ) solve for  $\hat{\theta}_{12} = -\hat{\beta} \cdot \hat{\theta}_{22}$ , with  $1/\hat{\theta}_{22} = w_{22} - w_{12}^T \hat{\beta}$

Thus, up to a factor of  $\frac{1}{N}$ ,  $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{y}$  is the analogue of  $s_{12}$  and we replace  $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z}$  by  $\mathbf{W}_{11}$ .

Assuming that  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{W}_{11}$ , the update has the form

$$\hat{\beta}_j \leftarrow S \left( s_{12j} - \sum_{k \neq j} V_{kj} \hat{\beta}_k, \lambda \right) / V_{jj}$$

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, 1, 2, \dots, p-1, \dots$ , where  $S$  is the soft-threshold operator:

$$S(x, t) = \text{sign}(x)(|x| - t) +$$

The procedure runs through the predictors until convergence.

## 2 Exercise 2: Gaussian Graphical Model

### 2.1 Simulation of data using a Gaussian graphical model

```
library(simone)
```

```
## Warning: package 'simone' was built under R version 3.6.3
```

```
## Loading required package: blockmodels
```

```
## Warning: package 'blockmodels' was built under R version 3.6.3
```

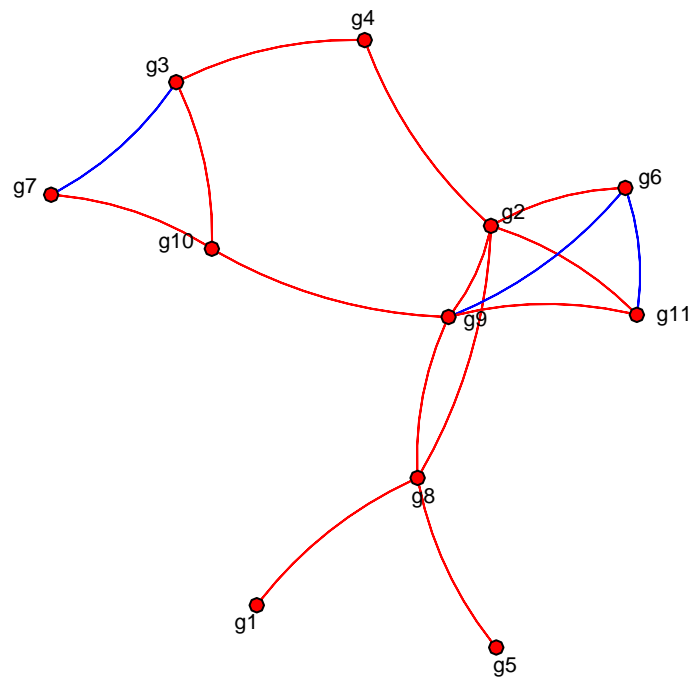
```
## Loading required package: Rcpp
```

```
## Loading required package: parallel
```

```
## Loading required package: digest
##
## -----
##
##      'simone' package version 1.0-3
##      SIMoNe page (http://julien.cremeriefamily.info/simone.html)
##
## -----
## Note that versions >= 1.0-0 are not compatible with versions < 1.0.0.
## -----

set.seed(2)
edges <- 11
graphe <- rNetwork(edges, pi=0.2, name="Theoretical graph")
plot(graphe)
```

### Theoretical graph



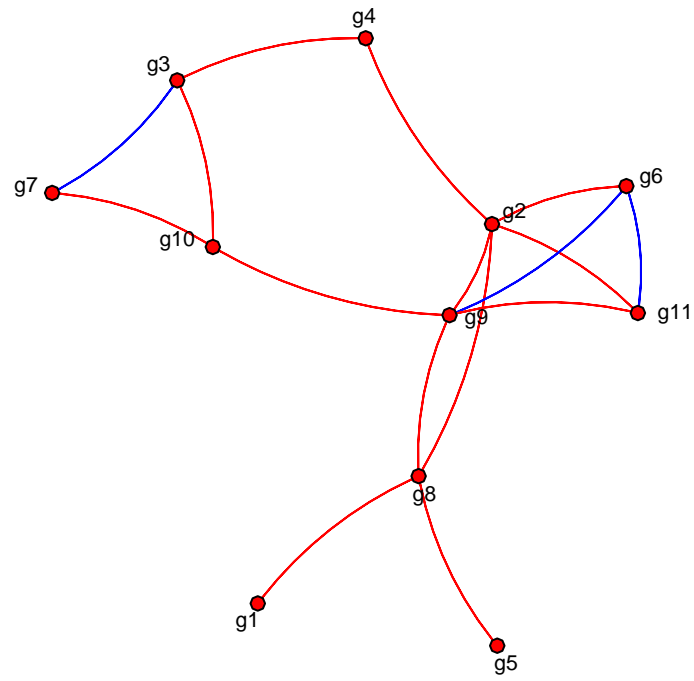
```
data <- rTranscriptData(n=1500, graphe, sigma=0)
# Display the Sample
head(data$X)
##          g1          g2          g3          g4          g5          g6
```

```
## 1 -1.6166909 -1.5839797 2.02983317 0.2202606 -1.199402085 -0.7698566
## 2 2.1888756 1.2887958 2.37650366 0.5684360 -0.005703941 -1.0537361
## 3 1.3156013 1.4330767 0.26238022 -0.3697946 1.580161776 0.2277201
## 4 0.6827336 -1.8793593 -2.12553963 -0.3667555 0.271718177 0.7647731
## 5 2.2551746 -1.4116024 -0.77945921 -0.1480044 -0.706231447 -0.0639244
## 6 -1.0659654 0.9937526 -0.09718451 0.9283668 -0.936451539 1.5101216
##      g7      g8      g9      g10      g11
## 1 0.6252290 -0.9573505 -0.5114361 -0.1660802 -1.0974591
## 2 -0.7654529 1.5681021 2.4010002 1.4274294 1.4725906
## 3 1.7625641 0.8570342 -0.5297434 1.0038496 -0.5421239
## 4 -1.6575949 1.0285248 0.5938429 0.1433947 0.3328120
## 5 0.9458830 -0.4791508 0.3052772 0.6904118 -1.0165759
## 6 -1.4022189 0.2558606 0.2457645 -0.1109221 0.5430077
```

## 2.2 Inference of a conditional independence graph

```
simone(data$X, control = setOptions(penalties=0.1)) -> inferred_net
##
## Network Inference: neighborhood.selection with AND symmetrization rule applied
##
## | penalty | edges | criteria
##
##      0.1      16      -8048
inferred_net_graph <- getNetwork(inferred_net)
##
## Found a network with 16 edges.
inferred_net_graph$name <- "Inferred graph"
plot(inferred_net_graph)
```

## Inferred graph



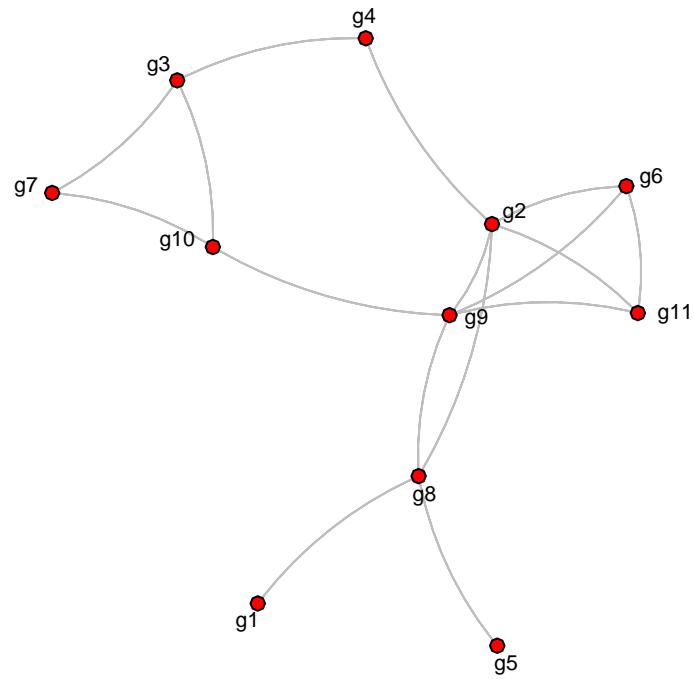
```
## Let us compare the two networks  
plot(graphe,inferred_net_graph)
```

The graph consists of 11 vertices labeled  $g_1$  through  $g_{11}$ . The vertices are connected by blue edges. The graph has a complex structure with several cycles and a central hub-like vertex  $g_9$ .

A scatter plot showing the spatial distribution of 10 sampling points, labeled g1 through g11. The points are distributed in a 2D space with a horizontal x-axis and a vertical y-axis. The points are approximately located at the following coordinates (x, y): g1 (10, 10), g2 (70, 40), g3 (20, 80), g4 (30, 95), g5 (50, 5), g6 (80, 40), g7 (5, 50), g8 (50, 30), g9 (60, 40), g10 (20, 45), and g11 (80, 45). The points are scattered across the plot area, with g4 being the highest and g5 being the lowest.

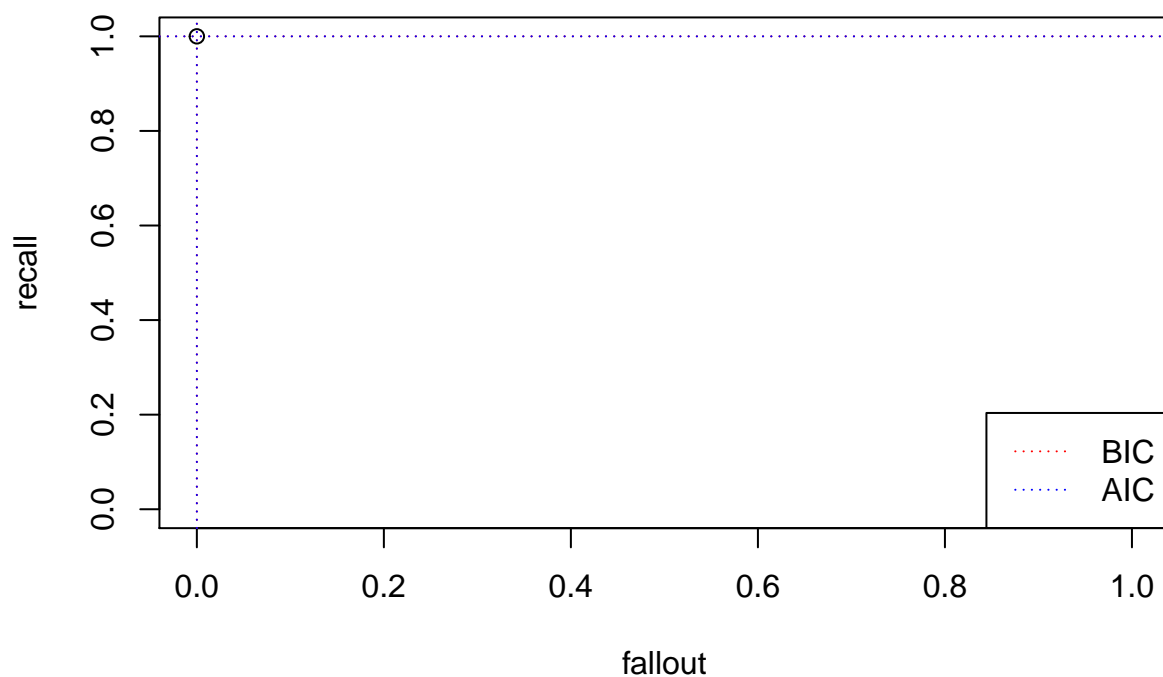
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## Overlapping between Theoretical graph and Inferred graph



```
plot(infered_net, output=c("ROC"), ref.graph=graphe$A)
```

## ROC Curve



```
##
## Press return for next plot...
```

### Comments:

In terms of common edges, the inferred graph and the theoretical graph have no difference.

## 2.3 Precision-recall curve for 100 different penalties

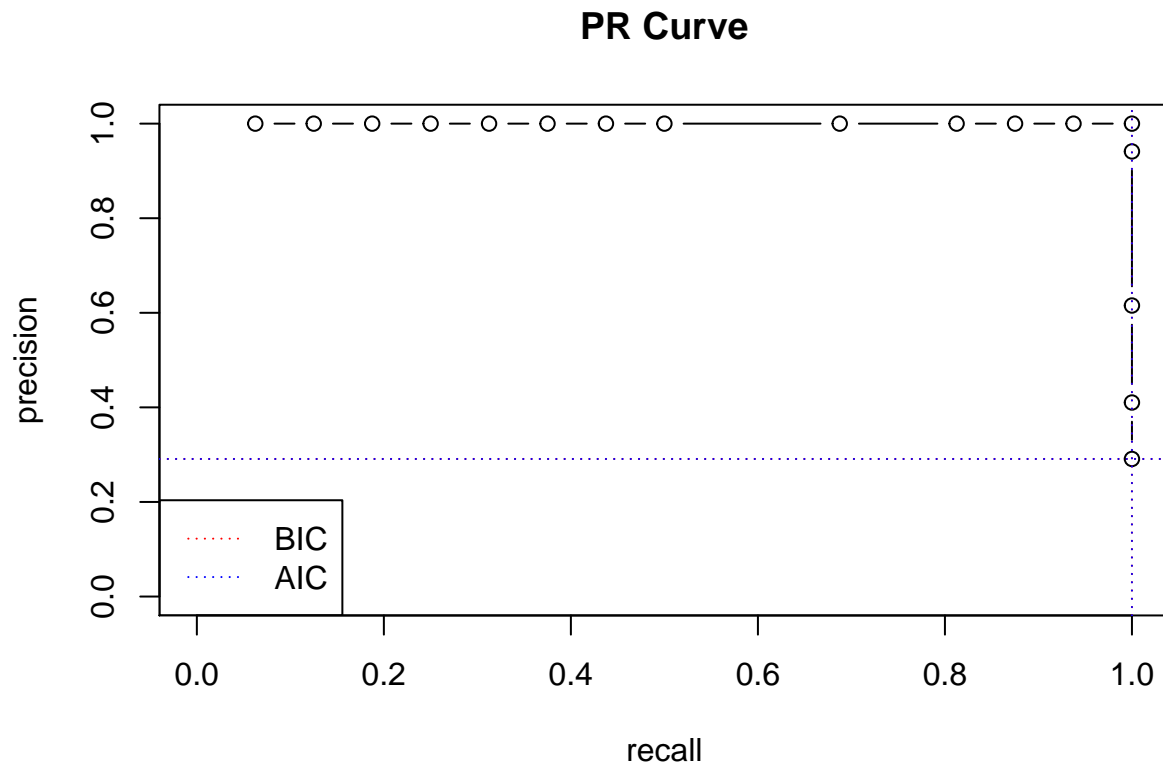
```
simone(data$X,control=setOptions(n.penalties = 100)) -> inferred_net_100
```

```
##
## Network Inference: neighborhood.selection with AND symmetrization rule applied
##
## | penalty | edges | criteria
##
##      1      0    -23698
## 0.3737      1    -18528
## 0.3434      2    -18030
## 0.3333      3    -17824
## 0.3232      4    -17545
## 0.303       5    -16931
## 0.2727      6    -15899
## 0.2525      7    -15173
## 0.2424      8    -14731
## 0.2323     11    -14259
## 0.2121     13    -13248
## 0.202     14    -12737
```



```
##      0.1818      15      -11735
##      0.1111      16      -8551
##      0.04041     17      -5551
##      0.02021     26      -4721
##      0.01011     39      -4294
##      1e-05       55      -3752
```

```
plot(infered_net_100, output=c("PR"), ref.graph=graphe$A)
```



```
##
## Press return for next plot...
```

## 2.4 Inference and display of conditional independence networks

```
PATH <- getwd()
setwd(dir = PATH)

# Load data
dataset <- read.table(file.choose(), header = FALSE, sep= "", encoding="UTF-8")

# Display the Sample
head(dataset)

##      V1      V2      V3      V4      V5      V6
## 1 -97.67193 -132.18100 -46.03364 -132.8207  31.765040 -20.021190
## 2 -88.17193 -128.88100 -42.55364 -134.3207 -18.904960 -8.031193
## 3 -64.67193 -101.28100 -40.25364 -140.9207 -14.034960 -11.731190
## 4 -51.07193 -62.58096 -31.75364 -137.6207 -25.744960 -20.801190
```

```

## 5 -90.37193 -125.58100 -49.66364 -141.3907 -2.234962 -5.531193
## 6 -105.27190 -141.63100 -37.25364 -129.0207 -16.134960 -14.731190
##      V7      V8      V9      V10      V11
## 1 -64.16721 -211.75860 -13.34166 -90.1145 -33.267500
## 2 -48.66721 -273.75860 -26.97166 -118.5145 -11.767500
## 3 -48.66721 -222.75860 -18.94166 -103.1145 -53.767500
## 4 -69.36721 -97.75859 -16.64166 -106.4145 -50.167500
## 5 -35.06721 -320.75860 -25.68166 -109.3145  8.032497
## 6 -55.46721 -15.75859 -16.64166 -85.9145 -15.467500

simone(dataset,control=setOptions(penalties=0.2)) -> inferred_net_0.2

##
## Network Inference: neighborhood.selection with AND symmetrization rule applied
##
## | penalty | edges | criteria
##
##      0.2      7      -30732

simone(dataset,control=setOptions(penalties=0.1)) -> inferred_net_0.1

##
## Network Inference: neighborhood.selection with AND symmetrization rule applied
##
## | penalty | edges | criteria
##
##      0.1      9      -17115

inferred_net_0.2 <- getNetwork(inferred_net_0.2)

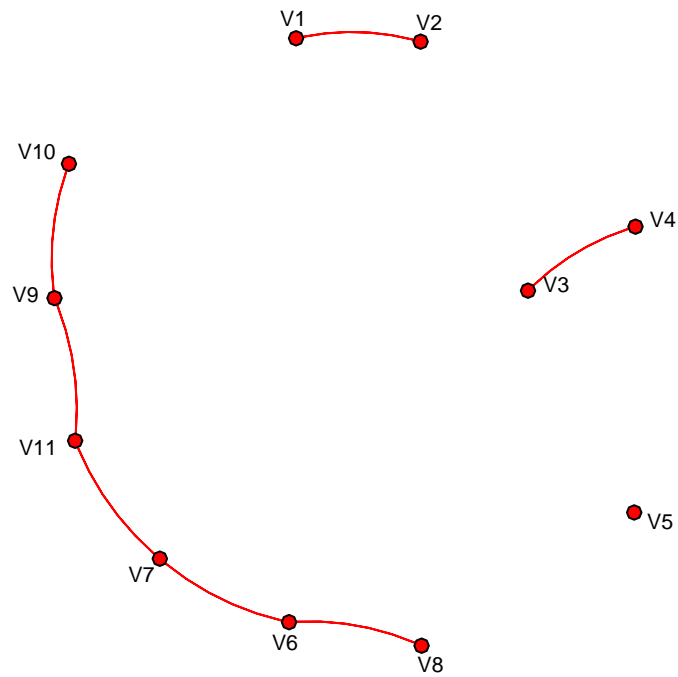
##
## Found a network with 7 edges.

inferred_net_0.2$name <- "Inferred graph with penalties=0.2"

plot(inferred_net_0.2)

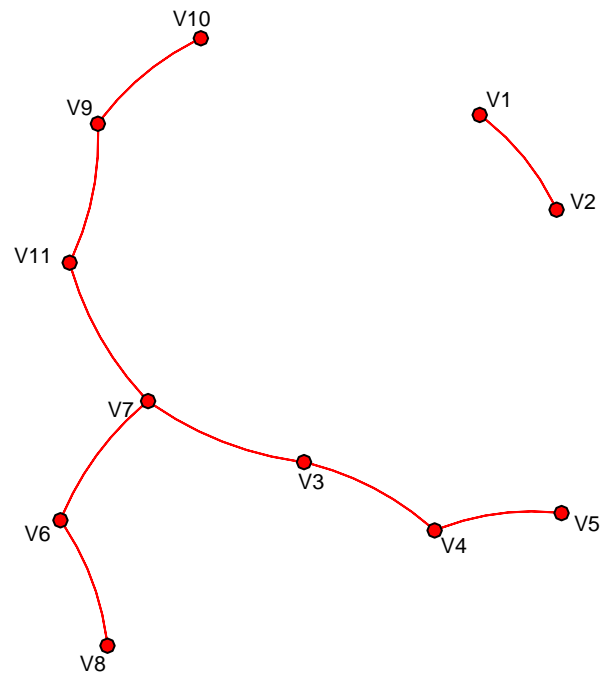
```

## Inferred graph with penalties=0.2



```
inferred_net_0.1 <- getNetwork(inferred_net_0.1)
##
## Found a network with 9 edges.
inferred_net_0.1$name <- "Inferred graph with penalties=0.1"
plot(inferred_net_0.1)
```

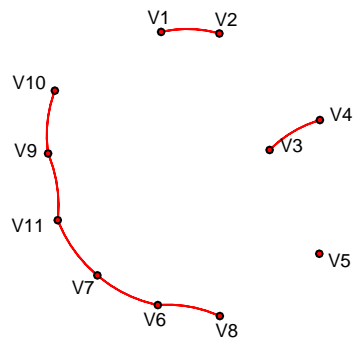
## Inferred graph with penalties=0.1



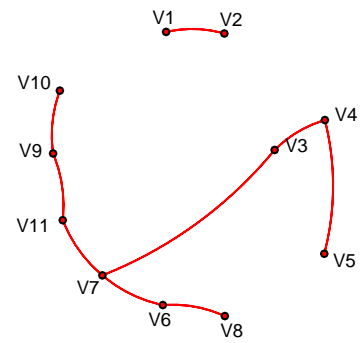
### 2.5 Discussion of results

```
## Let us compare the two networks  
plot(infered_net_0.2,infered_net_0.1)
```

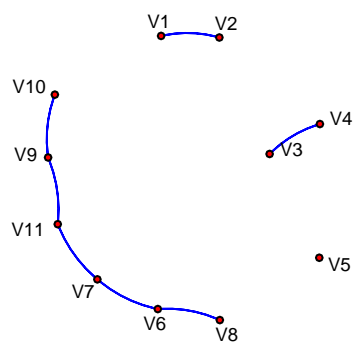
**Inferred graph with penalties=0.2**



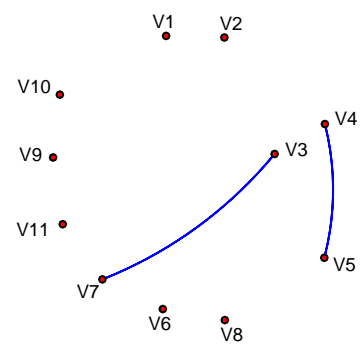
**Inferred graph with penalties=0.1**



**Intersection**

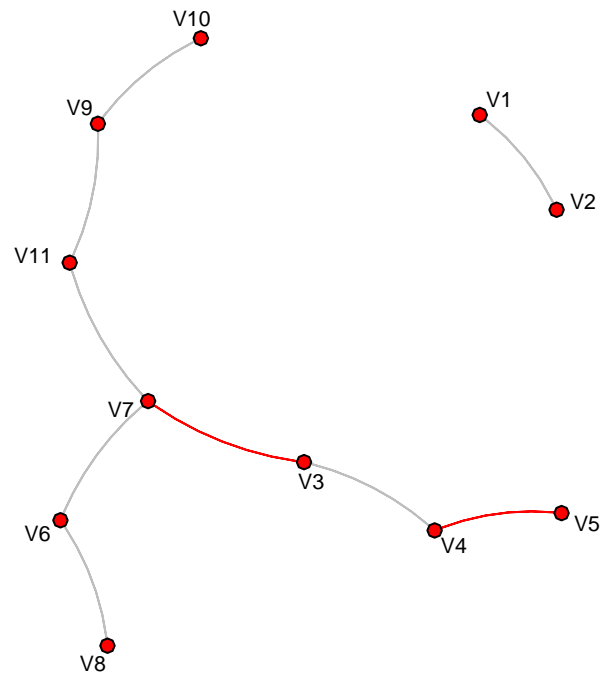


**Difference**



```
plot(inferred_net_0.2,inferred_net_0.1, type="overlap")
```

**g between Inferred graph with penalties=0.2 and Inferred graph with pe**



The inferred network with a penalty of 0.2 has seven edges while the inferred network with a penalty of 0.1 has nine edges.