

# Lecture Notes week 1

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# **1 Lecture 1**

There were no notes made during lecture one, because I had no idea that it was a lecture.

## 2 Lecture 2 Strenght of weak ties

### Chapter 3 and 4

#### 2.1 Triadic closure

**Definition 1.**  $\#wedges(A) = \binom{d(A)}{2} = \frac{d(A)*(d(A)-1)}{2}$

**Definition 2.** *Clustering coefficients*  $c(A) = \frac{\# \Delta \text{ with } A}{\# \text{ wedges through } A}$

Examples from the slides:

The triangles with A are: *CAO, OAF, CAB, CAD, DAB, BAF, FAG and BAG* (8 in total) and the triangle with H is: *LHM* (1 in total).

$$d(A) = 6 \Rightarrow c(A) = \frac{8}{6 \cdot 5 / 2} = \frac{8}{15}$$

$$d(H) = 4 \Rightarrow c(H) = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 3 / 2} = \frac{1}{6}$$

#### 2.2 Bridges

**Definition 3.** *Bridge:* An edge between  $u$  and  $v$  is a bridge if deleting this edge results in  $u$  and  $v$  lying in different components.

**Definition 4.** *Local bridge:* Edge  $uv$  is a local bridge if deleting this edge results in a path  $\neq 2$  between  $u$  and  $v$ .

Question: Let  $uv$  be a local bridge. How many friends do  $u$  and  $v$  have in common?

[Click here to show answer](#)

Answer: None. If  $u$  and  $v$  have a friend in common, the path from  $u$  and  $v$  would be 2 ( $u \rightarrow \text{friend} \rightarrow v$ ). Thus it is not be a bridge anymore.

#### 2.3 Strong and weak ties

**Definition 5.**  $A$  violates the strong triadic closure property (STC), if it has strong ties to 2 other nodes  $b$  and  $c$  and there exists no (strong or weak) tie between  $b$  and  $c$ .

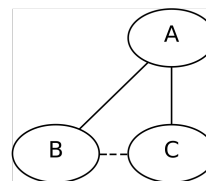
See slides for and exercise on strong and weak ties.

**Theorem 1.** If  $A$  satisfies the STC and has  $\geq 2$  strong ties, then any local bridge involving  $A$  is a weak tie.

Example in the slides: Question:  $FI$  is a local bridge. Proof that  $FI$  is weak.

Informal answer: If  $FI$  was strong, the edge  $GI$  would exist. If the edge  $GI$  existed,  $FI$  would not be a local bridge anymore. Thus a contradiction  $\perp$ .

Formal answer:  $\exists c$  such that the edge  $AC$  is a strong tie ( $A$  has at least one more string tie). The STC implies that  $CB$  must now be a tie. This means  $AB$  is not a local bridge, because the path  $(A \rightarrow C \rightarrow B)$  is of length two.



## 2.4 Embeddedness of an edge

**Definition 6.** *Embeddedness of an edge  $AB = \#$  common neighbours of  $A$  and  $B$*

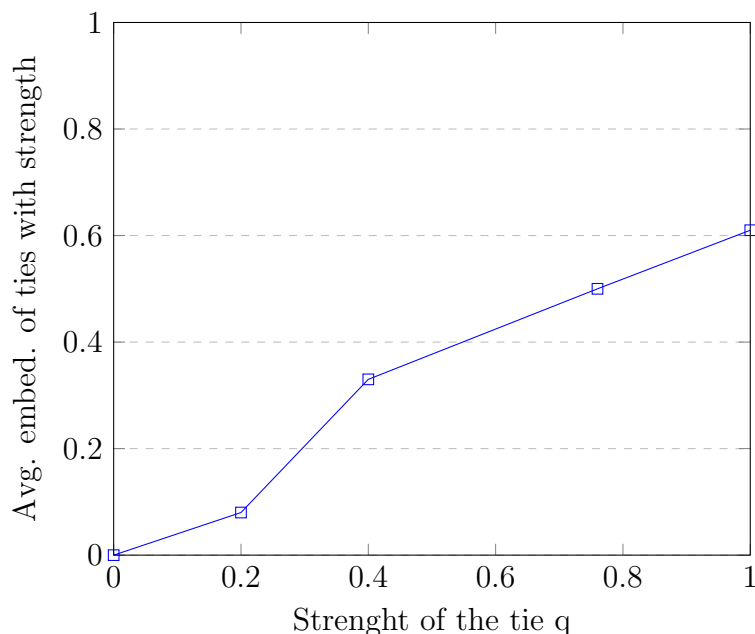
**Definition 7.** *Neighbourhood overlap of  $AB = \frac{\text{Embeddedness of } AB}{\# \text{ nodes that are neighbours of } A \text{ or } B}$*

Examples on the slides:

Neighbourhood overlap  $AB = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$

Neighbourhood overlap  $FI = \frac{0}{6} = 0$  ( $FI$  is a local bridge)

Neighbourhood overlap  $FG = \frac{2}{5}$



$q = \text{fraction of edges with strength} \leq w$

## 2.5 Linked prediction using number of common friends

Base line: each common friend given probability  $p$  to meet, independent of other common friends.

$P(\text{meet on given day} | k \text{ common friends}) = 1 - (1 - p)^k$   
 Since  $p$  is small:  $1 - (1 - p)^k = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} \cdot (-1)^i \cdot p^i = 1 - kp + O(p^2) = 1 - kp$

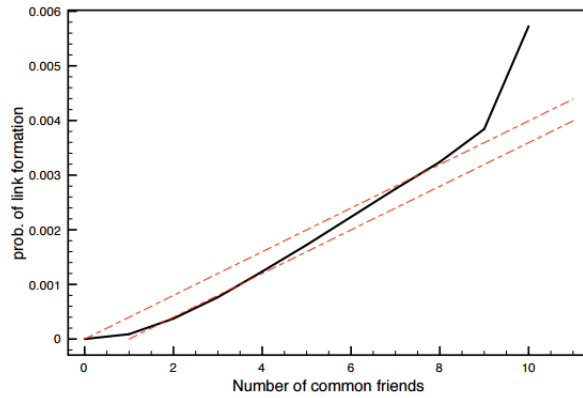


Figure 4.9: Quantifying the effects of triadic closure in an e-mail dataset [259]. The curve determined from the data is shown in the solid black line; the dotted curves show a comparison to probabilities computed according to two simple baseline models in which common friends provide independent probabilities of link formation.

## 2.6 Homophily

Due to incomprehensible notes, this section is ommited. Voor zover ik het herinner was dit stuk ook niet verplicht. Ze had haat aan dit stukje van het boek en dat wou ze uiten.