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Social Network Analysis using R (for example: Community Detection Algorithm)
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Aim: Social Network Analysis using R (for example: Community Detection Algorithm)

Theory:

Online social platforms have enabled people around the world to interact with each other and build relationships with others they share common interests with. This can be observed in real life — naturally, we tend to develop and maintain relationships with others that are similar to us. People with similar interests tend to gravitate towards each other and become associated in communities — clusters or groups of people that share similar traits with each other. Since people tend to cluster with others similar to them, we can use community detection to identify users with a high number of degrees (connections) and see how far their reach can travel in the network.

- User Data Extraction — Since we are only interested in user data, we will only extract the following variables:
- User_id — Yelp user ID; this is needed to make nodes and edges
- Name — user's first name
- Review count — the number of reviews user has written
- Yelping since — date user joined Yelp
- Friends — a list containing all of the user's friends by user_id
- Fans — number of fans user has
- Elite — number of years the user has Elite status
- Average stars — user's average rating of all reviews written

CODE:

```
library(igraph)
gizvan <- function(G) { c=
decompose. graph (G) l =
length(c)
v <= vector() while(l==1){
x <-E(G)
```



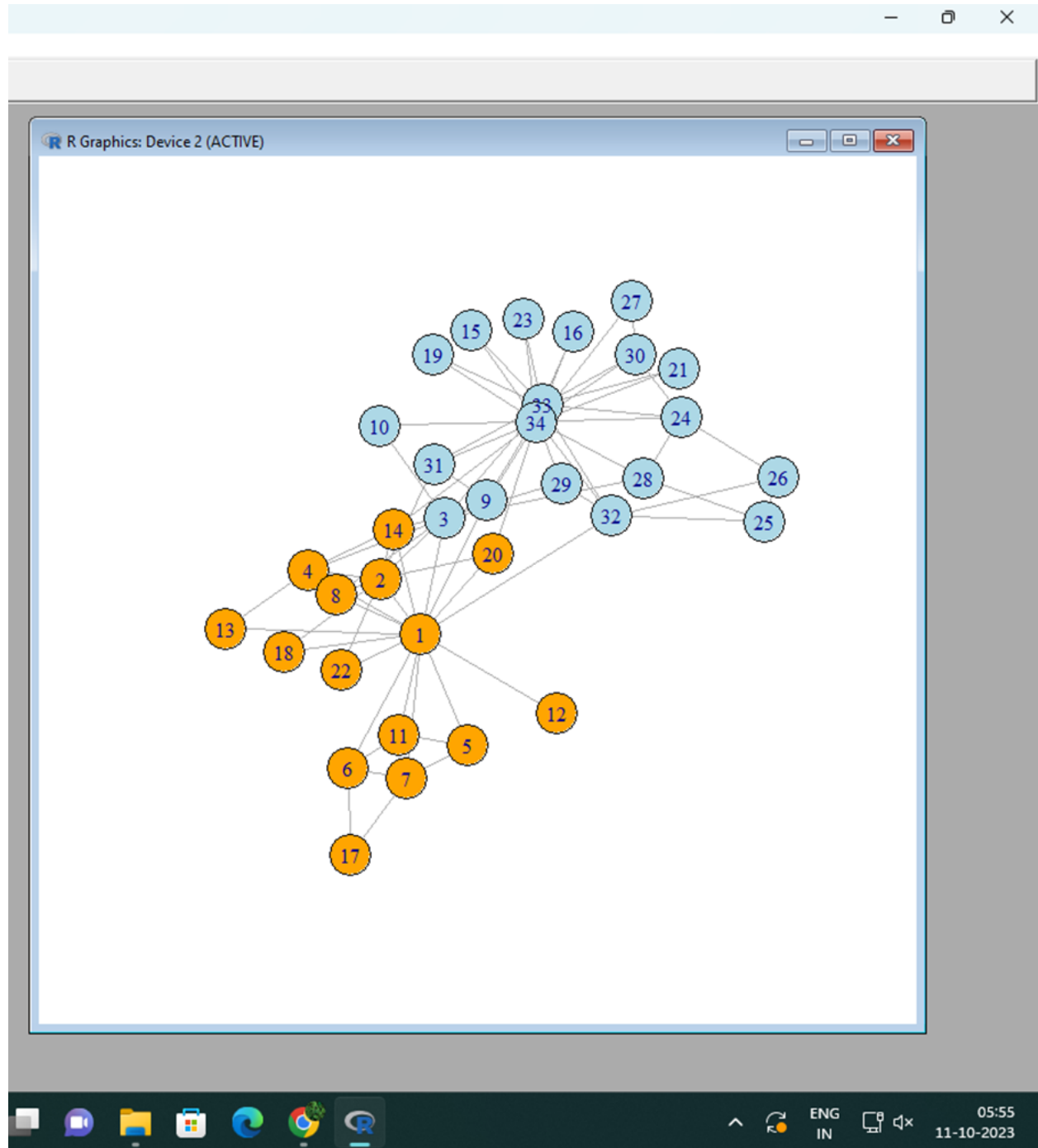
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y <- edge_betweenness (G) z
<- which.max(y)
edge <- x[z]
a <- ends (G,z[1]) [1]
b <- ends(G,z[1]) [2] v
<- c(v,a,b)
G <- delete_edges (G, edge) c =
decompose.graph (G)
l= length(c)
}
if(l==2)(
paths <- shortest.paths (G) for(i
in 1:length(V(G)))(
if (paths[a, i] !=Inf) {
V(G) [i]$color = "lightblue"
}
else{
V(G) [i]$color = "orange"
}
}
G <- G + edge(v)
plot(G)
}
return(c)
}
g <- read.graph("C:/Users/admin/Desktop/CommunityDetection/karate.gml",format = "gml")
plot(g)
c <- girvan(g)
```



Output:





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Conclusion:

This experiment focused on utilizing R for social network analysis, more especially, on applying a community detection technique to a social network graph. Utilizing R's igraph library, the program finds communities on the internet by obtaining user information and relationships from social media sites such as Yelp. By eliminating the edges with the greatest reciprocity, the Girvan-Newman method was used to search for communities iteratively. The outcome is a web visualization that shows how people clump together based on their interactions and similarities. The communities are color-coded.