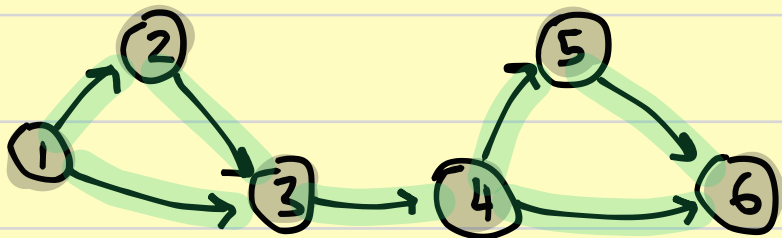


NETWORKS

A network is defined by a group of nodes and edges called GRAPH.

Network = GRAPH = $G(N \cup E)$ [N: Nodes / E: Edges]

Example:



$E \{(1 \rightarrow 2), (2 \rightarrow 3), (1, 3), (3 \rightarrow 4), (4 \rightarrow 5), (5, 6), (4 \rightarrow 6)\}$
 $N \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

How to quantify & compare networks?

1. APL: Average distance between nodes.

• Average Path Length
 • Clustering Coefficient
 • Degree Distribution
 • LAPLACIAN MATRIX of GRAPH

$$APL = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N d_{ij} \quad N: n^o \text{ Nodes}$$

$$APL = \frac{1}{6(6-1)} \cdot \left[\begin{aligned} &1 \left(\begin{matrix} d_{12} & d_{13} & d_{14} & d_{15} & d_{16} \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 \end{matrix} \right) + \\ &2 \left(\begin{matrix} d_{21} & d_{23} & d_{24} & d_{25} & d_{26} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 \end{matrix} \right) + \\ &3 \left(\begin{matrix} d_{31} & d_{32} & d_{34} & d_{35} & d_{36} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \end{matrix} \right) + \\ &4 \left(\begin{matrix} d_{41} & d_{42} & d_{43} & d_{45} & d_{46} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \right) + \\ &5 \left(\begin{matrix} d_{51} & d_{52} & d_{53} & d_{54} & d_{56} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \right) + \\ &6 \left(\begin{matrix} 0 \end{matrix} \right) \end{aligned} \right] = \dots$$

. The best APL is the shortest.

. When you compare 2 or more networks, the one with shortest APL would be usually faster/more effective.

2. CC. Describes how good groups are created in the network.

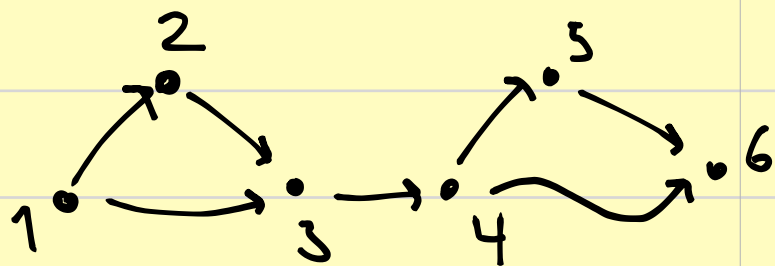
$$CC = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2L_i}{k_i(k_i-1)}$$

L_i : Number of relationships between the neighbours of node $..i$

(how friends of $..i$ are friends to each other)

k_i : Number of nodes

$$CC = \frac{1}{6} \left[\begin{matrix} 1 \\ \left[\frac{2 \cdot 1}{2(2-1)} \right] + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} + \end{matrix} \right. \\ \left. + \begin{matrix} 4 \\ \left[\frac{2 \cdot 1}{2(2-1)} \right] + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \right] =$$
$$= \frac{1}{3}$$



The higher the clustering coefficient, the better the communication between the elements of the network.

3. Laplacian matrix. It contains all relevant info. of the network.

Is defined as

$$L = D - A$$

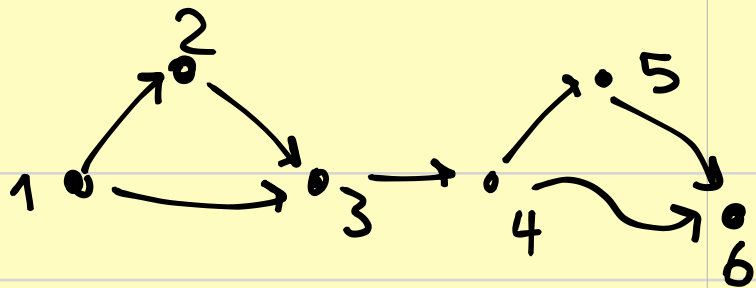
$L \equiv$ Laplacian Matrix

$D \equiv$ Degree "

$A \equiv$ Adjacency "

$$D = \begin{cases} K_i & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$A = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if connection btw } i \rightarrow j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



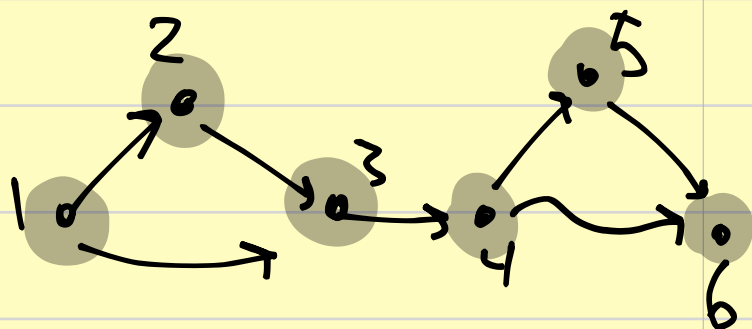
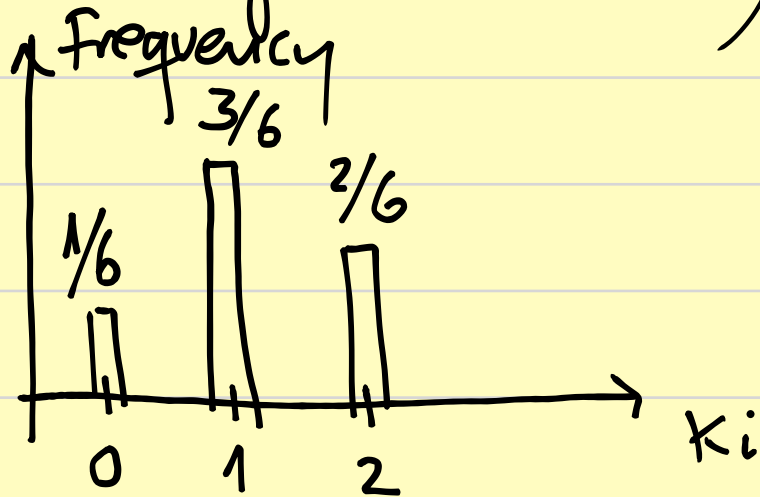
$$L = D - A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



4. DD (Degree distribution)



Network topology.

• The probability that a node with k neighbours attaches a new node in a random network is given by a Poisson distribution with parameter λ :

$$P_{\text{Random}}(X=k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

• The prob. that a node is connected to another with k neighbours in a real network is given by:

$$P_{\text{Real}}(X=k) = k^{-\gamma} \quad \gamma \equiv \text{Exponent degree}$$

Network Science (Barabasi, 2016)

