Exercise 3 starter

Load data

Load the following data: + applications from app_data_sample.parquet + edges from edges_sample.csv

```
# change to your own path!
data_path = "C:/Users/csg20/OneDrive/Desktop/Git/MMA/2024 Winter/ORGB-672/Ex3/"
app_data_sample <- read_parquet(paste0(data_path, "app_data_sample.parquet"))
app_data_sample</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 2,018,477 x 16
##
      application_number filing_date examiner_name_last examiner_name_first
##
      <chr>
                         <date>
                                     <chr>>
                                                        <chr>
   1 08284457
                         2000-01-26 HOWARD
                                                        JACQUELINE
##
##
   2 08413193
                         2000-10-11 YILDIRIM
                                                        BEKIR
  3 08531853
                         2000-05-17 HAMILTON
                                                        CYNTHIA
                         2001-07-20 MOSHER
##
  4 08637752
                                                        MARY
   5 08682726
                         2000-04-10 BARR
                                                        MICHAEL
##
  6 08687412
                         2000-04-28 GRAY
                                                        LINDA
##
  7 08716371
                         2004-01-26 MCMILLIAN
                                                        KARA
##
  8 08765941
                         2000-06-23 FORD
                                                        VANESSA
## 9 08776818
                         2000-02-04 STRZELECKA
                                                        TERESA
## 10 08809677
                         2002-02-20 KIM
                                                        SUN
## # i 2,018,467 more rows
## # i 12 more variables: examiner name middle <chr>, examiner id <dbl>,
## #
       examiner_art_unit <dbl>, uspc_class <chr>, uspc_subclass <chr>,
       patent_number <chr>, patent_issue_date <date>, abandon_date <date>,
## #
## #
      disposal_type <chr>, appl_status_code <dbl>, appl_status_date <chr>,
      tc <dbl>
## #
```

Get gender for examiners

We'll get gender based on the first name of the examiner, which is recorded in the field examiner_name_first. We'll use library gender for that, relying on a modified version of their own example.

Note that there are over 2 million records in the applications table – that's because there are many records for each examiner, as many as the number of applications that examiner worked on during this time frame. Our first step therefore is to get all *unique* names in a separate list examiner_names. We will then guess gender for each one and will join this table back to the original dataset. So, let's get names without repetition:

```
library(gender)
```

Warning: package 'gender' was built under R version 4.2.3

```
#install_genderdata_package() # only run this line the first time you use the package, to get data for
# get a list of first names without repetitions
examiner_names <- app_data_sample %>%
    distinct(examiner_name_first)
examiner_names
```

```
## # A tibble: 2,595 x 1
##
      examiner_name_first
      <chr>
##
  1 JACQUELINE
##
   2 BEKIR
## 3 CYNTHIA
## 4 MARY
## 5 MICHAEL
## 6 LINDA
## 7 KARA
## 8 VANESSA
## 9 TERESA
## 10 SUN
## # i 2,585 more rows
```

Now let's use function gender() as shown in the example for the package to attach a gender and probability to each name and put the results into the table examiner_names_gender. Note that the first time you run this code, you need to say "Yes" in the console to download the gender data.

```
# get a table of names and gender
examiner_names_gender <- examiner_names %>%
    do(results = gender(.$examiner_name_first, method = "ssa")) %>%
    unnest(cols = c(results), keep_empty = TRUE) %>%
    select(
        examiner_name_first = name,
        gender,
        proportion_female
)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,822 x 3
##
      examiner_name_first gender proportion_female
##
      <chr>
                          <chr>
                                              <dbl>
                                             0.0082
##
   1 AARON
                          male
## 2 ABDEL
                          male
                                             0
## 3 ABDOU
                                             0
                          male
## 4 ABDUL
                          male
                                             0
## 5 ABDULHAKIM
                                             0
                          male
## 6 ABDULLAH
                          male
                                             0
## 7 ABDULLAHI
                          male
                                             0
## 8 ABIGAIL
                          female
                                             0.998
## 9 ABIMBOLA
                          female
                                             0.944
## 10 ABRAHAM
                          male
                                             0.0031
## # i 1,812 more rows
```

Finally, let's join that table back to our original applications data and discard the temporary tables we have just created to reduce clutter in our environment.

```
# remove extra colums from the gender table
examiner_names_gender <- examiner_names_gender %>%
  select(examiner_name_first, gender)
# joining gender back to the dataset
applications <- app_data_sample %>%
 left_join(examiner_names_gender, by = "examiner_name_first")
# cleaning up
rm(examiner names)
rm(examiner_names_gender)
gc()
##
              used (Mb) gc trigger (Mb) max used (Mb)
## Ncells 4483540 239.5
                            8272951 441.9 4911024 262.3
## Vcells 77685407 592.7 114467751 873.4 79742608 608.4
```

Guess the examiner's race

##

<chr> ## 1 HOWARD ## 2 YILDIRIM

We'll now use package wru to estimate likely race of an examiner. Just like with gender, we'll get a list of unique names first, only now we are using surnames.

```
library(wru)
## Warning: package 'wru' was built under R version 4.2.3
##
## Please cite as:
##
## Khanna K, Bertelsen B, Olivella S, Rosenman E, Rossell Hayes A, Imai K
## (2024). _wru: Who are You? Bayesian Prediction of Racial Category Using
## Surname, First Name, Middle Name, and Geolocation_. R package version
## Note that wru 2.0.0 uses 2020 census data by default.
## Use the argument 'year = "2010"', to replicate analyses produced with earlier package versions.
examiner_surnames <- applications %>%
 select(surname = examiner_name_last) %>%
 distinct()
examiner_surnames
## # A tibble: 3,806 x 1
##
     surname
```

```
## 3 HAMILTON
## 4 MOSHER
## 5 BARR
## 6 GRAY
## 7 MCMILLIAN
## 8 FORD
## 9 STRZELECKA
## 10 KIM
## # i 3,796 more rows
```

We'll follow the instructions for the package outlined here https://github.com/kosukeimai/wru.

```
examiner_race <- predict_race(voter.file = examiner_surnames, surname.only = T) %>%
    as_tibble()

## Predicting race for 2020

## Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: 'state'.

## Proceeding with last name predictions...

## i All local files already up-to-date!

## 701 (18.4%) individuals' last names were not matched.
```

examiner_race

```
## # A tibble: 3,806 x 6
##
                  pred.whi pred.bla pred.his pred.asi pred.oth
      surname
##
      <chr>>
                     <dbl>
                               <dbl>
                                        <dbl>
                                                  <dbl>
                                                            <dbl>
##
    1 HOWARD
                    0.597
                            0.295
                                      0.0275
                                                0.00690
                                                           0.0741
##
    2 YILDIRIM
                    0.807
                            0.0273
                                      0.0694
                                                0.0165
                                                           0.0798
##
    3 HAMILTON
                    0.656
                            0.239
                                      0.0286
                                                0.00750
                                                           0.0692
    4 MOSHER
##
                    0.915
                            0.00425
                                      0.0291
                                                0.00917
                                                           0.0427
##
    5 BARR
                    0.784
                            0.120
                                      0.0268
                                                0.00830
                                                           0.0615
##
   6 GRAY
                    0.640
                            0.252
                                      0.0281
                                                0.00748
                                                           0.0724
   7 MCMILLIAN
##
                    0.322
                            0.554
                                      0.0212
                                                0.00340
                                                           0.0995
##
   8 FORD
                    0.576
                            0.320
                                      0.0275
                                                0.00621
                                                           0.0697
##
   9 STRZELECKA
                                      0.220
                                                           0.0543
                    0.472
                            0.171
                                                0.0825
## 10 KIM
                    0.0169
                            0.00282
                                      0.00546
                                               0.943
                                                           0.0319
## # i 3,796 more rows
```

As you can see, we get probabilities across five broad US Census categories: white, black, Hispanic, Asian and other. (Some of you may correctly point out that Hispanic is not a race category in the US Census, but these are the limitations of this package.)

Our final step here is to pick the race category that has the highest probability for each last name and then join the table back to the main applications table. See this example for comparing values across columns: https://www.tidyverse.org/blog/2020/04/dplyr-1-0-0-rowwise/. And this one for case_when() function: https://dplyr.tidyverse.org/reference/case_when.html.

```
examiner_race <- examiner_race %>%
  mutate(max_race_p = pmax(pred.asi, pred.bla, pred.his, pred.oth, pred.whi)) %>%
  mutate(race = case_when(
    max_race_p == pred.asi ~ "Asian",
    max_race_p == pred.bla ~ "black",
    max_race_p == pred.his ~ "Hispanic",
    max_race_p == pred.oth ~ "other",
    max_race_p == pred.whi ~ "white",
    TRUE ~ NA_character_
    )))
examiner_race
```

```
## # A tibble: 3,806 x 8
##
                 pred.whi pred.bla pred.his pred.asi pred.oth max_race_p race
      surname
##
      <chr>
                     <dbl>
                              <dbl>
                                        <dbl>
                                                 <dbl>
                                                          <dbl>
                                                                      <dbl> <chr>
   1 HOWARD
                    0.597
                            0.295
                                     0.0275
                                               0.00690
                                                         0.0741
##
                                                                      0.597 white
   2 YILDIRIM
                    0.807
                            0.0273
                                     0.0694
                                               0.0165
                                                         0.0798
                                                                      0.807 white
## 3 HAMILTON
                    0.656
                            0.239
                                     0.0286
                                               0.00750
                                                         0.0692
                                                                      0.656 white
   4 MOSHER
##
                    0.915
                            0.00425
                                     0.0291
                                               0.00917
                                                         0.0427
                                                                      0.915 white
##
  5 BARR
                    0.784
                            0.120
                                     0.0268
                                               0.00830
                                                         0.0615
                                                                      0.784 white
##
   6 GRAY
                    0.640
                            0.252
                                     0.0281
                                               0.00748
                                                         0.0724
                                                                      0.640 white
   7 MCMILLIAN
##
                    0.322
                            0.554
                                     0.0212
                                               0.00340
                                                         0.0995
                                                                      0.554 black
##
   8 FORD
                    0.576
                            0.320
                                     0.0275
                                               0.00621
                                                         0.0697
                                                                      0.576 white
## 9 STRZELECKA
                    0.472
                            0.171
                                     0.220
                                               0.0825
                                                         0.0543
                                                                      0.472 white
## 10 KIM
                    0.0169
                            0.00282
                                     0.00546
                                              0.943
                                                         0.0319
                                                                      0.943 Asian
## # i 3,796 more rows
```

Let's join the data back to the applications table.

```
# removing extra columns
examiner_race <- examiner_race %>%
    select(surname, race)

applications <- applications %>%
    left_join(examiner_race, by = c("examiner_name_last" = "surname"))

rm(examiner_race)
rm(examiner_surnames)
gc()
```

```
## used (Mb) gc trigger (Mb) max used (Mb)
## Ncells 4683572 250.2 8272951 441.9 7481910 399.6
## Vcells 80025868 610.6 139316640 1063.0 116402639 888.1
```

Examiner's tenure

To figure out the timespan for which we observe each examiner in the applications data, let's find the first and the last observed date for each examiner. We'll first get examiner IDs and application dates in a separate table, for ease of manipulation. We'll keep examiner ID (the field examiner_id), and earliest and latest dates for each application (filing_date and appl_status_date respectively). We'll use functions in package lubridate to work with date and time values.

```
library(lubridate) # to work with dates

examiner_dates <- applications %>%
    select(examiner_id, filing_date, appl_status_date)

examiner_dates
```

```
## # A tibble: 2,018,477 x 3
##
      examiner_id filing_date appl_status_date
##
           <dbl> <date>
                             <chr>>
           96082 2000-01-26
                             30jan2003 00:00:00
##
   1
## 2
           87678 2000-10-11 27sep2010 00:00:00
## 3
           63213 2000-05-17
                             30mar2009 00:00:00
## 4
           73788 2001-07-20 07sep2009 00:00:00
## 5
           77294 2000-04-10
                             19apr2001 00:00:00
## 6
           68606 2000-04-28 16jul2001 00:00:00
  7
##
           89557 2004-01-26 15may2017 00:00:00
           97543 2000-06-23
                             03apr2002 00:00:00
##
  8
## 9
           98714 2000-02-04
                             27nov2002 00:00:00
                             23mar2009 00:00:00
## 10
           65530 2002-02-20
## # i 2,018,467 more rows
```

The dates look inconsistent in terms of formatting. Let's make them consistent. We'll create new variables start_date and end_date.

```
examiner_dates <- examiner_dates %>%
mutate(start_date = ymd(filing_date), end_date = as_date(dmy_hms(appl_status_date)))
```

Let's now identify the earliest and the latest date for each examiner and calculate the difference in days, which is their tenure in the organization.

```
examiner_dates <- examiner_dates %>%
  group_by(examiner_id) %>%
  summarise(
    earliest_date = min(start_date, na.rm = TRUE),
    latest_date = max(end_date, na.rm = TRUE),
    tenure_days = interval(earliest_date, latest_date) %/% days(1)
    ) %>%
  filter(year(latest_date)<2018)</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 5,625 x 4
##
      examiner_id earliest_date latest_date tenure_days
##
            <dbl> <date>
                                <date>
                                                   <dbl>
##
            59012 2004-07-28
                                2015-07-24
                                                   4013
  1
## 2
            59025 2009-10-26
                                2017-05-18
                                                   2761
## 3
            59030 2005-12-12
                                2017-05-22
                                                   4179
## 4
            59040 2007-09-11
                                2017-05-23
                                                   3542
## 5
            59052 2001-08-21
                                2007-02-28
                                                   2017
  6
           59054 2000-11-10
                                2016-12-23
                                                   5887
           59055 2004-11-02
##
   7
                                2007-12-26
                                                   1149
```

```
## 8 59056 2000-03-24 2017-05-22 6268
## 9 59074 2000-01-31 2017-03-17 6255
## 10 59081 2011-04-21 2017-05-19 2220
## # i 5,615 more rows
```

Joining back to the applications data.

Pick two workgroups you want to focus on (remember that a workgroup is represented by the first 3 digits of 'examiner_art_unit' value)

By research online, I found **Technology Center 2100** provides examination for patent applications including Computer Architecture Software and Information Security.

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So, I want to discover the connection between 212 and 215.

First clean up applications and filter out unit 212 and 215

```
# convert applications to distinct examiner level
examiner = applications %>%
    select(examiner_art_unit, examiner_id, gender, race, tenure_days) %>%
    distinct()

# convert examiner_art_unit to str
examiner <- examiner %>%
    mutate(examiner_art_unit_str = as.character(examiner_art_unit))

# filter out unit 212 & 215
unit_212 <- examiner %>%
    filter(str_detect(examiner_art_unit_str, "^212"))
unit_215 <- examiner %>%
    filter(str_detect(examiner_art_unit_str, "^215"))
```

calculate summary stats

```
# Add unit column and sort by gender count for unit 212
gender_summary_212 <- unit_212 %>%
  group_by(gender) %>%
  summarise(count = n(), .groups = 'drop') %>%
  mutate(unit = '212') %>%
  arrange(desc(count))
# Add unit column and sort by gender count for unit 215
gender_summary_215 <- unit_215 %>%
  group_by(gender) %>%
  summarise(count = n(), .groups = 'drop') %>%
  mutate(unit = '215') %>%
  arrange(desc(count))
# Combine the gender summaries into one data frame
combined_gender_summary <- rbind(gender_summary_212, gender_summary_215)</pre>
# Display combined and sorted gender summary
print("Combined and Sorted Gender Summary")
```

[1] "Combined and Sorted Gender Summary"

```
print(combined_gender_summary)
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##
    gender count unit
    <chr> <int> <chr>
             259 212
## 1 male
## 2 <NA>
             72 212
## 3 female 61 212
## 4 male
           233 215
## 5 female 81 215
## 6 <NA>
             68 215
race_summary_212 <- unit_212 %>%
  group_by(race) %>%
  summarise(count = n(), .groups = 'drop') %>%
 mutate(unit = '212') %>%
  arrange(desc(count))
# Add unit column and sort by race count for unit 215
race_summary_215 <- unit_215 %>%
  group_by(race) %>%
  summarise(count = n(), .groups = 'drop') %>%
 mutate(unit = '215') %>%
  arrange(desc(count))
# Combine the race summaries into one data frame
combined_race_summary <- rbind(race_summary_212, race_summary_215)</pre>
# Display combined and sorted race summary
print("Combined and Sorted Race Summary")
## [1] "Combined and Sorted Race Summary"
print(combined_race_summary)
## # A tibble: 9 x 3
##
   race
           count unit
##
   <chr> <int> <chr>
## 1 white
              222 212
              116 212
## 2 Asian
## 3 Hispanic 28 212
## 4 black
              24 212
## 5 other
               2 212
             194 215
## 6 white
              152 215
## 7 Asian
## 8 black
               24 215
## 9 Hispanic 12 215
prepare data for the plot
```

```
summary_212 <- unit_212 %>%
  group_by(gender, race) %>%
  summarise(count = n(), .groups = 'drop')

summary_215 <- unit_215 %>%
  group_by(gender, race) %>%
  summarise(count = n(), .groups = 'drop')

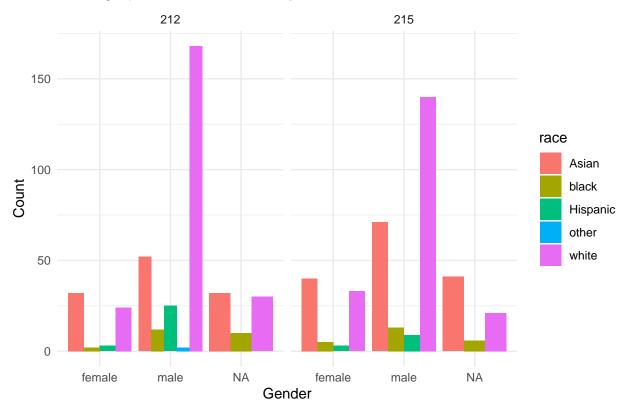
#combine data

summary_212$unit <- '212'
summary_215$unit <- '215'

combined_summary <- rbind(summary_212, summary_215)</pre>
```

plot demographic

Demographics of Examiners by Unit



Gender:

- Unit 212: Has a higher number of male examiners (259) compared to female (61), with 72 examiners whose gender is not available (NA).
- Unit 215: Also has more male examiners (233) than female (81), with a slightly lower number of NA gender data (68).

Race:

- Unit 212: Predominantly white (222), followed by Asian (116), Hispanic (28), black (24), and other (2).
- Unit 215: Again, predominantly white (194), but with a higher count of Asians (152) than unit 212, followed by black (24), and Hispanic (12).

Overall:

- Gender: Both units show a higher proportion of male examiners, but unit 215 is relatively more balanced in gender distribution than unit 212.
- Race: Both units are predominantly white, but unit 215 has a larger proportion of Asian examiners, while unit 212 has more Hispanic examiners. Both units have the same number of black examiners.

Create advice networks from 'edges_sample' and calculate centrality scores for examiners in your selected workgroups

```
#read data
edge = read.csv('edges_sample.csv')
library(igraph)
## Warning: package 'igraph' was built under R version 4.2.3
##
## Attaching package: 'igraph'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:lubridate':
##
##
       %--%, union
## The following objects are masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       as_data_frame, groups, union
## The following objects are masked from 'package:purrr':
##
##
       compose, simplify
## The following object is masked from 'package:tidyr':
##
##
       crossing
## The following object is masked from 'package:tibble':
##
##
       as_data_frame
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       decompose, spectrum
## The following object is masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       union
create networks
g <- graph_from_data_frame(d = edge[, c("ego_examiner_id", "alter_examiner_id")], directed = TRUE)
## Warning in graph_from_data_frame(d = edge[, c("ego_examiner_id",
## "alter_examiner_id")], : In 'd' 'NA' elements were replaced with string "NA"
```

Calculate centralities

```
degree_centrality <- degree(g, mode = "all")
betweenness_centrality <- betweenness(g, directed = TRUE)
closeness_centrality <- closeness(g)</pre>
```

merge score back to original unit212&215 dataset

```
centrality_scores <- data.frame(
    examiner_id = V(g)$name,
    degree = degree_centrality,
    betweenness = betweenness_centrality,
    closeness = closeness_centrality
)

unit_212$examiner_id <- as.character(unit_212$examiner_id)
unit_215$examiner_id <- as.character(unit_215$examiner_id)
centrality_scores$examiner_id <- as.character(centrality_scores$examiner_id)

unit_212_with_scores <- unit_212 %>%
    left_join(centrality_scores, by = "examiner_id")

unit_215_with_scores <- unit_215 %>%
    left_join(centrality_scores, by = "examiner_id")
```

visualize the centrality score distribution based on gender

```
unit_212_ids <- unique(unit_212$examiner_id)
unit_215_ids <- unique(unit_215$examiner_id)

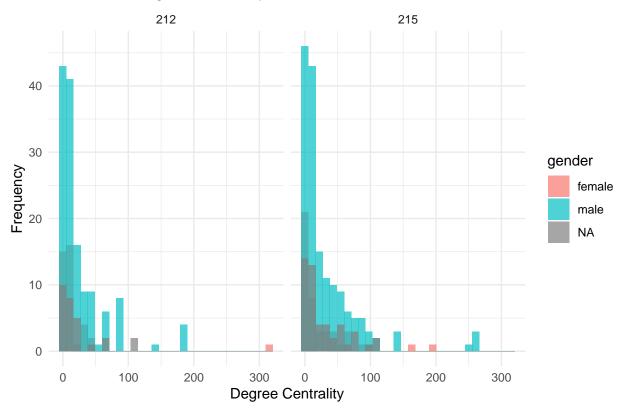
# Combine the centrality scores from both units
combined_centrality_scores <- rbind(unit_212_with_scores, unit_215_with_scores) %>%
    mutate(unit = ifelse(examiner_id %in% unit_212_ids, '212', '215'))

# Now create combined histograms based on gender

# Histograms for degree centrality distribution
ggplot(combined_centrality_scores, aes(x = degree, fill = gender)) +
    geom_histogram(bins = 30, alpha = 0.7, position = 'identity') +
    labs(title = 'Combined Degree Centrality Distribution', x = 'Degree Centrality', y = 'Frequency') +
    facet_grid(. ~ unit) +
    theme_minimal()
```

Warning: Removed 313 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range
('stat_bin()').

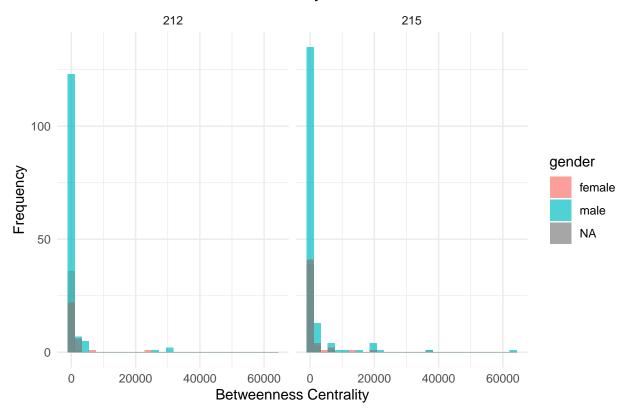
Combined Degree Centrality Distribution



```
ggplot(combined_centrality_scores, aes(x = betweenness, fill = gender)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 30, alpha = 0.7, position = 'identity') +
  labs(title = 'Combined Betweenness Centrality Distribution', x = 'Betweenness Centrality', y = 'Frequ
  facet_grid(. ~ unit) +
  theme_minimal()
```

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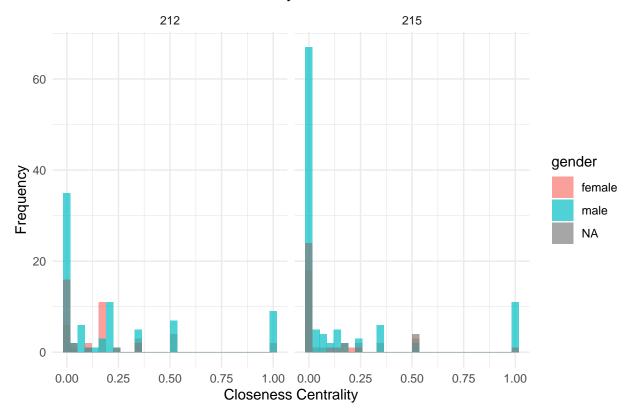
Combined Betweenness Centrality Distribution



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ggplot(combined_centrality_scores, aes(x = closeness, fill = gender)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 30, alpha = 0.7, position = 'identity') +
  labs(title = 'Combined Closeness Centrality Distribution', x = 'Closeness Centrality', y = 'Frequency
  facet_grid(. ~ unit) +
  theme_minimal()
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Combined Closeness Centrality Distribution



Choice of Centrality Measures

- **Degree Centrality** my primary measure because it reflects immediate engagement in the advice process. It's straightforward and indicates how involved individuals are in the network.
- Betweenness Centrality the secondary measure, valuable for identifying those who have control over the information flow between other members of the network. High betweenness centrality individuals are key to maintaining network cohesion and can be crucial for targeted interventions.

Characterize and discuss the relationship between centrality and other examiners' characteristics

Degree Centrality: The "Combined Degree Centrality Distribution" histogram shows that in both units, male examiners tend to have a higher degree centrality than females and those whose gender is not available (NA). This suggests that male examiners might be more actively involved in giving and receiving advice within these units.

Betweenness Centrality: From the "Combined Betweenness Centrality Distribution" histogram, it appears that male examiners also tend to have higher betweenness centrality scores, indicating they often act as bridges in the communication paths of the network. If few individuals are critical for the flow of information, it might indicate that targeting these key players could effectively spread important messages or changes throughout the network.

Demographics: The "Demographics of Examiners by Unit" graph indicates that there are more male examiners in both units. This majority may contribute to the skew in centrality measures towards males.

Gender Centrality Relationship: Considering the histograms and the demographic data together, it seems there is a relationship between gender and centrality measures in your data, with male examiners generally showing higher centrality. This could reflect a variety of factors, such as:

- **Network Position**: Male examiners may occupy more central roles within the network due to a larger number of connections or being at strategic points in the network structure.
- Activity Levels: The higher centrality scores for males could be due to higher activity levels—more interactions or involvement in the advice-giving process.
- Influence and Hierarchical Positions: If centrality correlates with seniority or influence, it might indicate that male examiners hold positions that naturally result in higher centrality due to their roles within the organization.