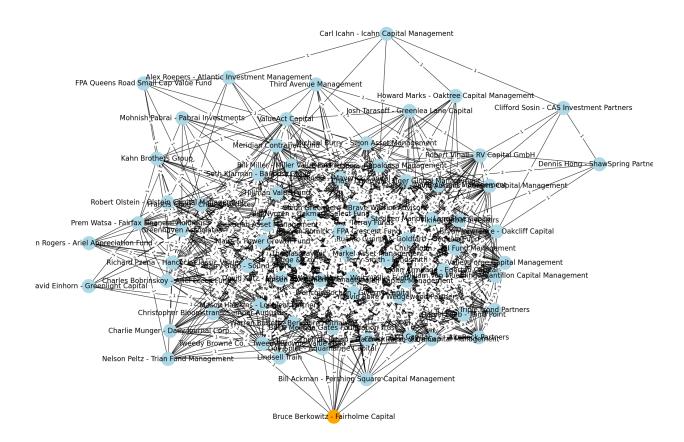
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Part 1: Network Creation

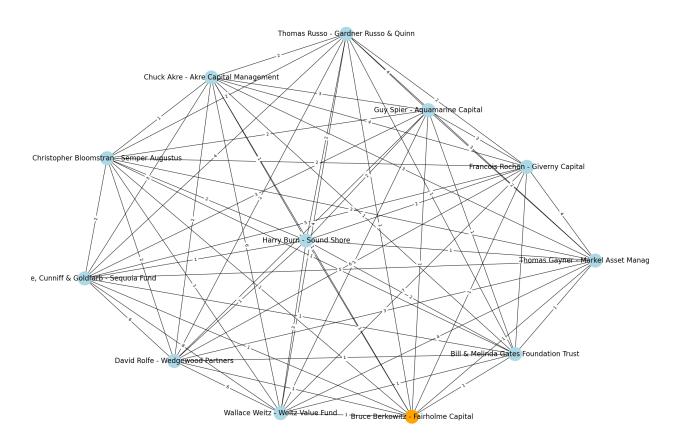
Task 1.1 : Giant Component Plot (Q1 2019)

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Task 1.2 : Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital Ego Network Plot (Q1 2019)

Ego_G_2019_Q1



Part 2 : Basic Network Analysis

Assumption

- Because we are analyzing weighted network, I add Numeric Assortativity for Strength to deepen the analysis
- 2. Because the network is created using **Assortative Approach** (Edges represent common interest between nodes), I **add Numeric Assortativity for Clustering** to deepen the analysis
- 3. I use Whole Network instead of Giant Component as the comparator for Ego Network because I want to do global vs local perspectives comparison. Global perspective is more represented by Whole Network rather than Giant Component in this scenario
- 4. Summary statistics is calculated by combining data from multiple quarters. There are **three time frames** that I use to do the calculation, which are **Whole Data** (Q1 2019 Q2 2023), **Pre-Covid** (Q1 2019 Q4 2019), and **During-Covid** (Q1 2020 Q2 2023). The reason is because **Covid** is a global issue and **potentially disrupts the temporal networks** after it hits. Therefore splitting the time frames will avoid extreme shifts in summary statistics. There will be 6 summaries
 - a. Whole Network All-Time
 - b. Whole Network Pre-Covid
 - c. Whole Network During-Covid
 - d. Ego Network All-Time
 - e. Ego Network Pre-Covid
 - f. Ego Network Post-Covid

Task 2.1 : Summary Statistics

Whole Network All-Time

Properties	max	min	mean	median	SD
# Nodes	77	71	76.0556	 77	1.8934
# Edges	1383	1064	1281.83	1333.5	110.555
Density	0.472659	0.393928	0.44832	0.458476	0.0238961
Avg. Clustering	0.7175	0.635414	0.68811	0.693237	0.0264672
Avg. Degrees	35.9221	28.7568	33.6688	34.6364	2.29175
Avg. Strength	73.6623	53.3514	65.8609	68.3247	6.25719
Degree Assort.	0.103463	0.020069	0.0507089	0.0424743	0.024128
Strength Assort.	0.106451	-0.00271063	0.0496003	0.0431034	0.0350988
Clustering Assort.	0.246102	0.0436035	0.139907	0.138213	0.0567477

Whole Network Pre-Covid

Properties	max	min	mean	median	SD
# Nodes	77	71	73.75	73.5	2.5
# Edges	1187	1064	1101.75	1078	57.5869
Density	0.430584	0.393928	0.410857	0.409458	0.0153653
Avg. Clustering	0.649873	0.635414	0.644768	0.646893	0.00644487
Avg. Degrees	30.8312	28.7568	29.8705	29.9471	0.866045
Avg. Strength	57.662	53.3514	55.9979	56.4891	1.85357
Degree Assort.	0.0582472	0.0231482	0.0361895	0.0316812	0.0156435
Strength Assort.	0.0393866	-0.00271063	0.0186696	0.0190012	0.0184385
Clustering Assort.	0.157228	0.0436035	0.0915358	0.0826556	0.0478093

Whole Network During-Covid

Properties	max	min	mean	median	SD
# Nodes	77	73	76.7143	77	1.06904
# Edges	1383	1212	1333.29	1348	48.871
Density	0.472659	0.433014	0.459023	0.461284	0.0117056
Avg. Clustering	0.7175	0.673417	0.700493	0.700018	0.0127799
Avg. Degrees	35.9221	32.9091	34.754	35.013	0.993899
Avg. Strength	73.6623	62.6494	68.6789	69.5195	3.45285
Degree Assort.	0.103463	0.020069	0.0548573	0.0452162	0.0249282
Strength Assort.	0.106451	0.0128359	0.0584377	0.0606518	0.0339712
Clustering Assort.	0.246102	0.0785244	0.153728	0.157818	0.0525171

Ego Network All-Time

Properties	max	min	mean	median	SD
# Nodes	38	12	27.7778	31.5	9.18154
# Edges	439	66	287.389	333.5	137.192
Density	1	0.603129	0.764613	0.72822	0.13324
Avg. Clustering	1	0.755714	0.856062	0.826067	0.0856262
Avg. Degrees	23.7297	11	19.358	21.5037	4.3701
Avg. Strength	50.6897	26.3333	40.8468	42.2924	6.93368
Degree Assort.	-0.0371689	-0.176292	-0.102034	-0.0978296	0.0411359
Strength Assort.	0.00900161	-0.0909091	-0.0393981	-0.0435277	0.0333582
Clustering Assort.	0.145718	-0.154359	-0.0559421	-0.0752682	0.0801662

Ego Network Pre-Covid (*)

Properties	max	min	mean	median	SD
# Nodes	16	12	14.25	14.5	1.707825127659933
# Edges	108	66	92.5	98	19.157244060668017
Density	1	0.9	0.975	1	0.0499999999999999
Avg. Clustering	1	0.954029	0.988507	1	0.022985347985347904
Avg. Degrees	14	11	12.875	13.25	1.3149778198382918
Avg. Strength	34.1333	26.3333	30.5051	30.7768	3.243711337601662
Degree Assort.	-0.132979	-0.132979	-0.132979	-0.132979	N/A
Strength Assort.	-0.0714286	-0.0909091	-0.0807555	-0.0803422	0.0084421420908671
Clustering Assort.	-0.113363	-0.113363	-0.113363	-0.113363	N/A

Ego Network During-Covid

Properties	max	min	mean	median	SD
# Nodes	38	18	31.6429	33	6.09675
# Edges	439	129	343.071	381.5	97.4817
Density	0.843137	0.603129	0.704503	0.674647	0.0716086
Avg. Clustering	0.927166	0.755714	0.818221	0.811689	0.0502623
Avg. Degrees	23.7297	14.3333	21.2103	22.1579	2.81921
Avg. Strength	50.6897	35.1111	43.8015	43.3284	4.25795
Degree Assort.	-0.0371689	-0.176292	-0.0998236	-0.0949357	0.0417542
Strength Assort.	0.00900161	-0.0666686	-0.0275817	-0.041097	0.0276054
Clustering Assort.	0.145718	-0.154359	-0.0518406	-0.073522	0.0815428

Important Note

(*) N/A in SD means too little data to calculate Std. Deviation. It is because I am excluding the NaN value from the statistical calculation. Nan value happen if all nodes have same degree, strength, or clustering values resulting Pearson normalization divider to be θ

Task 2.2 : Discussions

Task 2.2.1 : Usefulness of Ego Network to explore the importance of singular node

When we are analyzing a network, generally we can start our analysis from a Whole Network or Giant Component. However, when we already have a target node to be analyzed, we need to take our target Point of View to understand its behaviors and characteristics better. We start by picking that particular target node and expand to its neighbors based on the radius that we set, creating a Subgraph. This Subgraph will then be called the Ego Network.

Taking Ego Network as starting point will give you some advantages, which are:

- 1. Node Specific Point of View. Building an Ego Network always starts from the target node, meaning we will see how that particular node forms connections with its neighbor and how they interact with and influence each other, which contain important information for the analysis later. In the Assumption section above, I describe this as Local Analysis
- 2. Computationally Cheap and Easy to Understand. As a Subgraph, it is logical for Ego Network to have lower computational cost compared to Whole Network and even Giant Component. This is beneficial to quickly obtain initial idea or hypothesis of the network before jumping into deeper and heavier Analysis (i.e Whole Network Analysis)

Task 2.2.2 : Investment Pattern of Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital (BBFC)

- 1. #Nodes, #Edges, Average Degrees, and Average Strength of Ego Network are significantly increased During-Covid compared to Pre-Covid (based on Average values). However, this is also followed by high Standard Deviation, indicating high volatility in BBFC investment strategy. The changes in the investment strategy most likely to adapt with Covid situation and we can hypothesize that they are going through trial-and-error and also diversifying their portfolio to find the best maneuvers from one quarter to another
- 2. Very high Density and Average Clustering of Ego Network compared to Whole Network in all time frames (based on Average values). This indicates BBFC's neighbors are knowing each other quite exhaustively, which means investment strategies for all companies within BBFC's Ego Network are similar. They are potentially forming a group / community, which can result in them becoming Market Makers as they have high buying power
- 3. Still related to point 1) and 2) above. The number of **Density and Average Clustering of Ego Network is decreasing** in During-Covid timeframe (based on Average values), which is the result of trial-and-error and portfolio diversification strategy from BBFC. This means, the group / community stated in point 2) is changing from one quarter to another
- 4. Negative Degree, Strength, and Clustering Assortativity (based on Average values) of Ego Network in all time frames (Whole, Pre-Covid, and During-Covid), indicating BBFC's investment strategy is not based on whether their neighbors' is referenced by many other companies or not (Assortativity). However, we can see this tendency to go the other way around in During-Covid timeframe in which all Assortativities start to move to a positive direction, especially Clustering Assortativity although it is also part of their experiment (due to high Standard Deviation). We can hypothesize that BBFC starts to do trial-and-error in Assortativity aspects to base their investment strategy during Covid

Task 2.2.3 : Differences and Similarities in Summary Statistics for both Ego Network and Whole Network

Differences

1. #Nodes, #Edges, Average Degrees, and Average Strength of the Whole Network are significantly higher than Ego Network (based on Average values) in all time frames. This makes sense as Ego Network is a subgraph of Whole Network

- 2. Standard Deviation of #Nodes, #Edges, Average Degrees, and Average Strength of the Whole Network are lower than Ego Network in During-Covid timeframe. This makes sense since BBFC is doing trial-and-error and portfolio diversification for their investment strategy to survive Covid hit, but the fact that their Standard Deviation is higher than Whole Network means they are doing the trial-and-error and portfolio diversification aggressively
- 3. Assortative values for Whole Network are all positive compared to Ego Network where they are all negative in all time frames (based on Average values). This is aligned to the fact in task 2.2.2 that BBFC is not basing their investment strategy on Assortativity which turns out that they have different strategy than other investing companies in the network
- 4. Density and Average Clustering of Ego Network is decreasing in during-Covid timeframe (based on Average values), but Whole Network is going the other way around. This makes sense as the result of aggressive trial-and-error and portfolio diversification that BBFC is doing, which creates a volatile pattern thus making their network less dense and clustered than before. On the other hand, investment companies in general is starting to work in a group / community, potentially to survive Covid

Similarities

- 1. The increase in all Assortativities in During-Covid timeframe compared to Pre-Covid (based on Average values). This is aligned to our hypothesis in task 2.2.2, in which BBFC start to base their investment strategy on Assortativity as part of their investment strategy trial-and-error
- 2. The highest value among 3 types of calculated Assortativities are Clustering (based on Max values). This is aligned to the hypothesis in task 2.2.2, in which BBFC is starting exploring about Assortativity to define their investment strategy. It is logical for BBFC to start from Assortativity that already become the characteristic of the Whole Network, which is Clustering Assortativity

Part 3 : Comparing Degree Distribution

Assumption

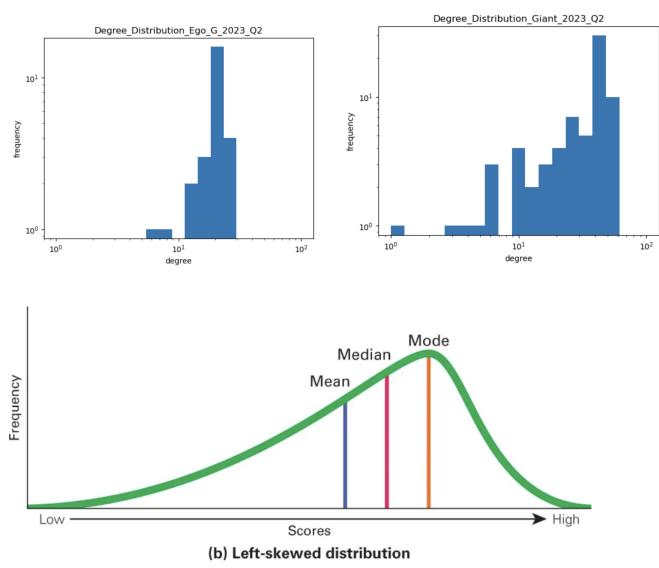
- 1. I am taking Giant Components in this analytics. Giant Components can filter 0 degree and 0 strength nodes that can skew the data unnecessarily. Also, it reduce the computational cost a little bit
- 2. The plotter is using a logarithmic scale, where there are 10 bins for every 1 power in the logarithmic scale. This will give proper view on degree distribution without summarizing information too much

Reasoning

- 1. I am picking **Q2 2023 (latest temporal data)** to be able to get the **latest state** of both Whole Network and Ego Network, so DBBA Capital can have the **most relevant information available and can strategize** to enter the market as soon as possible. This temporal data also consist of the latest update or result of investment strategy that BBFC did during Covid
- 2. As my previous analysis in task 2.2, investment companies are starting to work together to get pass through Covid. By analyzing the degree distribution of the latest form of the Whole Network, we can see what model can be used to base that on. This can enrich DBBA Capital strategy to enter the market

Task 3.1: Degree and Strength Distribution in a Temporal Slice

Task 3.1.1 : Degree Plot



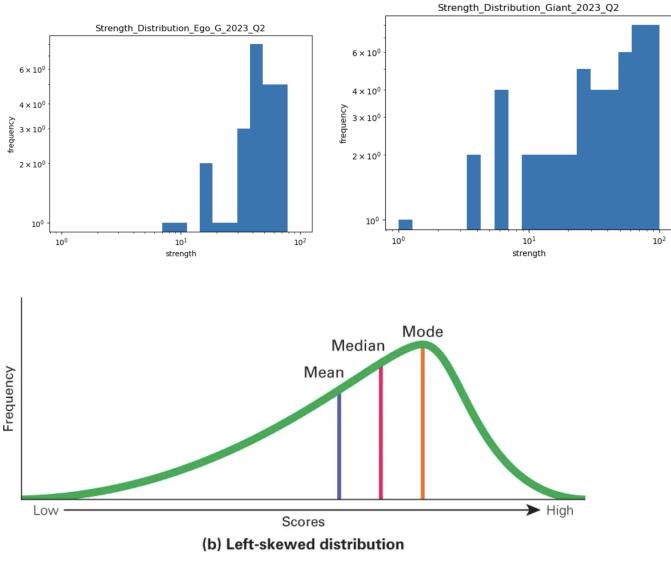
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Task 3.1.2 : Degree Distribution Analysis, Similarities, and Difference

1. Both Ego and Giant Component Degree Distribution have similar patterns, which is a Concave Curve. This curve is actually representing an Assortative pattern, where nodes tend to connect to nodes with similar interest. This makes sense since we are building the network using the Assortativity approach, where two investment companies are connected if

- they invest in the same company. Or in another word, a $\operatorname{\textbf{Homophilous}}$ $\operatorname{\textbf{Network}}$
- 2. The slight dip of frequency at the high degree node of both Ego and Giant Component Degree Distribution is an indication that the distribution has Left-skewed Distribution. This means there are many high degree nodes or hubs within the network
- 3. The fact that in task 2.2 we notice a high value of Clustering pattern, this might be related to the reason why degree distribution is left-skewed. Using this information, we can hypothesize that hubs explained in point 2 above are exhaustively connected among each other, creating a Multi-node Hub. This can explain the phenomenon observed in which more nodes exist in the higher degree
- 4. Ego Networks Degree Distribution has a smoother curve compared to Giant Component's Degree Distribution. This is expected since Ego Network have less nodes and edges compared to Giant Component in general, which resulting a smoother curve without significant defiance

Task 3.1.3 : Strength Plot



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Task 3.1.4 : Strength Distribution Analysis, Similarities, and Difference

1. Both Ego Network and Giant Component Strength Distribution have a similar pattern as Degree Distribution, which is Concave Curve. This makes sense as more degrees result in more strength in general for a particular node. The strength distribution is also having Left-Skewed Distribution, which explainable by task 3.1.2

2. However, there is a huge dip in the middle of the Strength Distribution for both Ego and Giant Components. This makes sense since in Strength Distribution we are taking the weight factors into account. As we take a look into the Degree Distribution graphs once more, we can see that there is also a little dip in the middle of the graph. The extremeness is the result of weight factor. Not only that that nodes residing in that area has less degree, but also the weight of their edges are low value

Task 3.2 : Type of Network

As stated in the previous section, the selected Whole Network and Ego Network is Homophilous Network, which has the same characteristics as Real-World Social Network (Szymon Talagaa & Andrzej Nowakb 2020). Although in the Real-World Social Network usually the degree distribution is right-skewed rather than left-skewed, they both possess the same homophily tendency in which similar nodes tend to form communities since the edge represents common and shared interest. The left-skewed characteristic appears due to the existence of Community Hub and characteristic of edge that representing similarities instead of actual distance.

Network Name	Avg. L	Theoretical Avg. L
Giant Component	1.56455	1.85733
Ego Network	1.23932	1.43136

When we tried to calculate **average of shortest path**, we found out both Giant Component and Ego Network is following **Log(nodes)** value.

Network Name	Avg. Clustering	Max Clustering
Giant Component	0.701804	1
Ego Network	0.863614	1

Also when we try to calculate the average **of clustering**, we found out both Giant Component and Ego Network have high value as well, confirming Clustering Assortativity behavior.

With these characteristics

- Homophilous Network, which has same characteristic as Real-World Social Network
- 2. High Clustering value due to dominant Clustering Assortativity
- 3. Presence of Multi-node Hub / Community Hub with high Density and Degree
- 4. Left-Skewed Distribution (non Power Law)
- 5. Average Shortest path follows Log value of number of Nodes

We can conclude **both Giant Component and Ego Network are Small World Networks.** Therefore, it can be recreated using the WS Network **Model.**

Part 4: Changes of the network statistics during the pandemic

Task 4.1 : Statistical Evolution

Task 4.1.1 : Number of Nodes

#Nodes Evolution



Discussion

The evolution of the number of nodes in Ego Network can give us an initial **idea** about BBFC trial-and-error and portfolio diversification which expose their investment strategy during a period of time.

From Q1 2019 until Q4 2019 (Pre-Covid), we can see that there is a steady increase in the number of Nodes for Ego Network that also align with the increase of the number of nodes in the Whole Network. This makes sense as new investment companies are joining and they might influence or get influenced by BBFC.

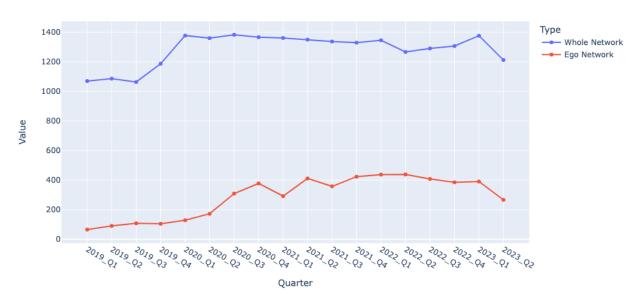
However, there are significant increases in the number of nodes for Ego Network from Q1 2020 until Q4 2021 (During Covid), even though there are no changes at all in the number of nodes of Whole Network. It means BBFC direct neighbors are increasing. This indicates the BBFC aggressive trial-and-error and portfolio diversification strategy during Covid mentioned in task 2.2, so this graph confirms our hypothesis.

From Q1 2022 to Q2 2023, there is an exponential decline of the number of nodes for Ego Network. In 2022, although Covid variants like Delta and Omicron were still ravaging, almost everyone in the world already took their first dose of vaccine and half of them already took their second dose. Although the number of deaths was still high, the exponential increase was finally stopped and started to show signs of slowing down. Align with this, the global economy is also showing a positive trend, showing stability after 2 years since Covid hit. This is also reflected in BBFS investment maneuver where they start slowing down on their aggressive trial-and-error and also portfolio diversification.

Verdict: Important Quantities

Task 4.1.2 : Number of Edges





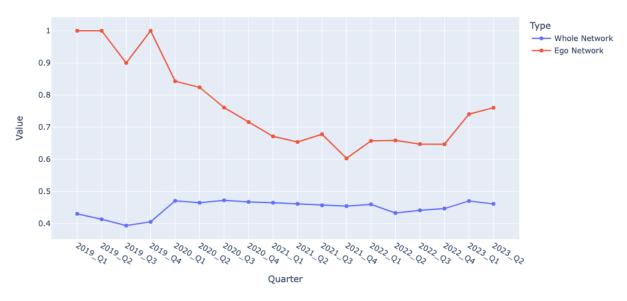
Discussion

The evolution of the number of edges in the Ego Network has a duplicate meaning with the evolution of the number of nodes, as the number of nodes in the network increases so do the edges. In this case, that is also confirmed by the patterns that are exactly the same between those two quantities (steady increase in Pre-Covid, significant increase between beginning of 2020 to end of 2021, and exponential decline from 2022 to 2023). The pattern confirms the BBFC aggressive trial-and-error and portfolio diversification strategy during Covid, although from 2022 onward they start to slow down

Verdict : Important Quantities, but choose either this quantity or number of nodes

Task 4.1.3 : Density

Density Evolution



Discussion

While the evolution of number of nodes and edges can give us preliminary ideas about BBFC trial-and-error and portfolio diversification, the evolution of density in Ego Network can give us a more **in-depth insight about how BBFC constructs their strategy and maneuvers**.

From Q1 2019 until Q4 2019 (Pre-Covid), we can see that the **Ego Network Density is very high** with 3 out 4 quarters they are reaching maximum density. This is contrast if we take a look into Whole Network Density. In fact **Whole Network is quite dense but not as dense as BBFC Ego Network**. This means before Covid, BBFC was having an **exclusive group** of investment companies that influenced or got influenced by them. Additionally, high density means almost all nodes within the Ego Network are connected to each other. This actually confirms our claim in Task 3.1.2 about the **potential existence of Multi-node Hub and it exists in the Ego Network**, which means **BBFC is heavily influencing or getting influenced by the Multi-node Hub**. Although in Task 3.1.2 we are only taking Q2 2023 data, the overall density of BBFC Ego Network from 2019 to 2023 is high so our claim is still valid. This will later be confirmed further in Average Clustering as well.

There is a significant dip from Q1 2020 until Q4 2021, where massive increase of nodes and edges is also happening in this time frame. This means BBFC Multi-node Hub starts becoming more inclusive toward other companies as part of BBFC trial-and-error and portfolio diversification strategy. There is also an exponential increase from Q1 2022 to Q2 2023, **BBFC** slowing down trial-and-error and indicating their portfolio diversification (as indicated in evolution of number of nodes and edges), and the hub starts becoming more exclusive. Both claims are confirmed by the pattern that we see in evolution of nodes and edges above.

Verdict : Important Quantities

Task 4.1.4 : Average Clustering





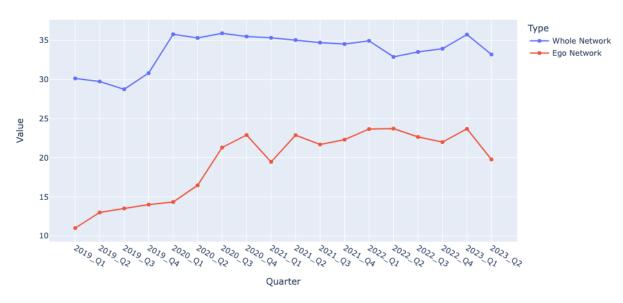
Discussion

The evolution of average clustering in Ego Network has duplicate meaning with evolution of density, as high clustering in a network will result in high density. In this case, that is also confirmed by the patterns that are exactly the same between those two quantities (Maximum value in Pre-Covid, significant decrease between beginning of 2020 to end of 2021, exponential increase from 2022 to 2023, and less clustered Whole Network compared to Ego Network). The pattern confirms the potential existence of a Multi-node Hub.

Verdict: Important Quantities, but choose either this quantity or Density

Task 4.1.5 : Average Degrees

Avg. Degrees Evolution



Discussion

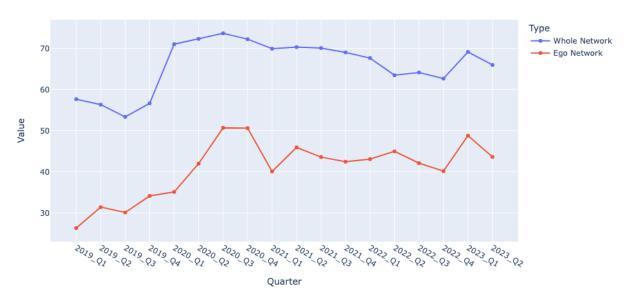
Degree value of a node is actually affected by two factors, number of nodes available in the network and the network density. The higher the number of nodes in a network will potentially increase the average degree of that particular network. However, the one that affirms the increase is actually the density. If the number of nodes is increasing, but the density is decreasing, then potentially the average degree will either be stagnant or even decreasing. However, if the number of nodes is increasing, but the density is either stagnant or even increasing, then we can confirm that the average degree of that network is also increasing. This theory can give us confirmations on BBFC strategy and maneuvers hypothesis.

From Q1 2019 until Q2 2023, we can see that the average degree of Ego Network slowly but surely takes up a higher portion of the average degree of Whole Network. In Q1 2019, the average degree of Whole Network is 30 while Ego Network is 11. This means Ego Network average degrees contribute 36.7% to the Whole Network average degrees. However in Q2 2023, average degree of Whole Network is 33 while Ego Network is 20. This means Ego Network average degrees contributes 60.6% to the Whole Network average degrees, settling an increase of 23.9% over the span of 4.5 years. This confirms our previous hypothesis about BBFC Multi-node Hubs becoming more inclusive, especially during Covid.

Verdict : Supporting Quantities

Task 4.1.6 : Average Strength

Avg. Strength Evolution



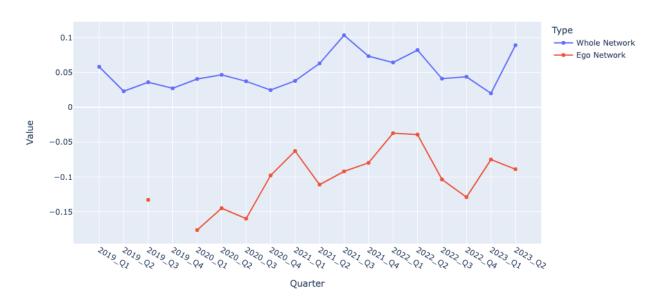
Discussion

The evolution of average strength in Ego Network has duplicate meaning with evolution of average degree, as higher degree of a node will result in higher edge and strength. In this case, that is also confirmed by the patterns that are exactly the same between those two quantities (average strength of Ego Network takes up a higher portion of the average strength of Whole Network). The pattern confirms the inclusivity tendency of the BBFC Multi-node Hub.

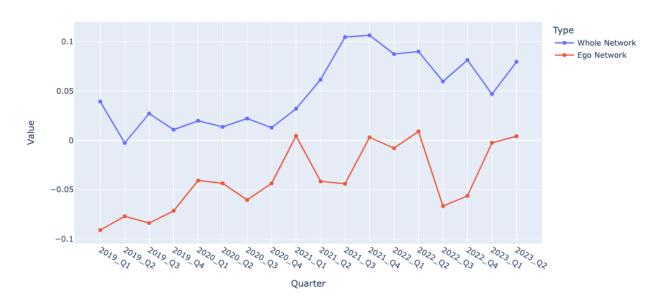
Verdict : Supporting Quantities

Task 4.1.7 : Assortativity

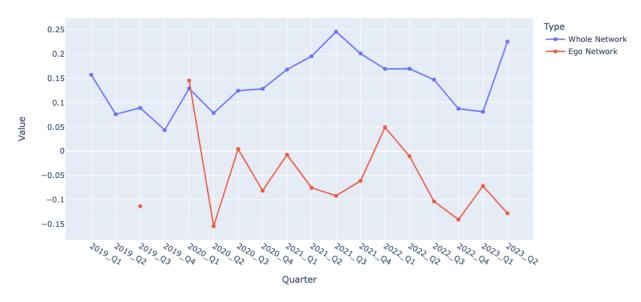
Degree Assortativity Evolution



Strength Assortativity Evolution



Clustering Assortativity Evolution



Discussion

While the evolution of **density and average Clustering** in Ego Network can give us a more in-depth insight about **how** BBFC construct their strategy and maneuvers, the evolution of **Assortativity** in Ego Network should be able to give us a more in-depth insight about **what** BBFC uses to construct their strategy and maneuvers. Assortativity will measure several factors that enable BBFC to influence or get influenced by other investment companies.

However, from the graphs above, we can see almost all types of Assortativity measured (Degree, Strength, and Clustering) for Ego Network has negative values across all time. In contrast, we can see Whole Network's Assortative values are all positive and dominated by Clustering Assortativity. There are some exceptions like in Q1 2020 in which Ego Network has a tremendous amount of Clustering Assortativity. This marks the period when Covid hits and BBFC starts their trial-and-error effort to survive the blow. Therefore, it confirms our hypothesis in Task 2.2.2 point 4, where BBFC starts experimenting with Clustering Assortativity because it is the dominant Assortativity factor of Whole Network.

Verdict : **Trivial Quantities**, due to the lack of evidence on the usage of Assortativity in BBFC strategy

Task 4.1.8 : Conclusion

We are classifying the statistic quantities above into 3 categories

- 1. Important Quantities : Essential to gain knowledge from the network
 - a. Number of Nodes and Edges
 - b. Density and Average Clustering
- 2. **Supporting Quantities**: Essential to prove our hypothesis or cement our initial idea about the network
 - a. Average Degree and Average Strength
- 3. Trivial Quantities: Not useful due to lack of data or proving points
 - a. Degree Assortativity
 - b. Strength Assortativity
 - c. Clustering Assortativity

Based on the observed patterns in the evolution of statistical quantities above, we can draw several conclusions.

- 1. To deal with Covid disruption in the investment market, BBFC decided to aggressively do trial-and-error and portfolio diversification from Q1 2020 until Q4 2021. The pattern changed from 2022 onward as they start to slow down on doing the trial-and-error and portfolio diversification
- 2. Existence of Multi-node Hub in the network and it is located inside of BBFC Ego Network. This hub is potentially affecting the way BBFC strategizes their maneuvers
- 3. BBFC's investment pattern is exclusive before Covid, in which they only get influenced by "top" companies. At this point, the definition of top companies is still in hypothesis. It start to become more inclusive during Covid, but it tends to change back to exclusive especially if we see pattern from the last 2 quarters

Task 4.2 : Centrality Measure

Reasoning

- 1. I am picking **Degree Centrality** to calculate the importance of nodes in the network because in Task 4.1 we confirm the existence of a Multi-node **Hub.** To be able to find this Hub, Degree is the most logical option to take. Also finding Hub in this type of network hold **significant meaning**, since it is the nodes that influence or got influenced by most nodes which can help us strategize ourselves whenever we want to enter the market
- 2. I am picking Whole Network to cover potential highest degree nodes that live in non Giant Components. Also since I am taking Degree Centrality, there is no need to take care of unconnected part since there is no path involved in the calculation of the Centrality

Task 4.2.1 : Summary of Centrality

	1st	2nd	3rd	BBFC Degree	BBFC Rank
Q1_2019	(Wallace Weitz - Weitz Value Fund, 50)	(Francois Rochon - Giverny Capital, 49)	(Glenn Greenberg - Brave Warrior Advisors, 49)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 11)	60/71
Q2_2019	(Wallace Weitz - Weitz Value Fund, 54)	(Glenn Greenberg - Brave Warrior Advisors, 53)	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 52)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 13)	59/73
Q3_2019	(Wallace Weitz - Weitz Value Fund, 51)	(Francois Rochon - Giverny Capital, 50)	(Thomas Gayner - Markel Asset Management, 50)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 15)	59/74
Q4_2019	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 56)	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 54)	(Thomas Gayner - Markel Asset Management, 54)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 14)	61/77
Q1_2020	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 61)	(Francois Rochon - Giverny Capital, 60)	(Glenn Greenberg - Brave Warrior Advisors, 57)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 17)	60/77
Q2_2020	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 59)	(Glenn Greenberg - Brave Warrior Advisors, 59)	(David Rolfe - Wedgewood Partners, 57)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 20)	58/77
Q3_2020	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 58)	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 58)	(David Rolfe - Wedgewood Partners, 58)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 28)	53/77
Q4_2020	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 60)	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 57)	(David Tepper - Appaloosa Management, 57)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 32)	48/77
Q1_2021	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 60)	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 56)	(Viking Global Investors, 56)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 29)	49/77
Q2_2021	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 59)	(Steven Romick - FPA Crescent Fund, 58)	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 57)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 35)	43/77
Q3_2021	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 58)	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 58)	(David Katz - Matrix Asset Advisors, 55)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 32)	45/77
Q4_2021	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 59)	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 55)	(Glenn Greenberg - Brave Warrior Advisors, 55)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 37)	42/77
Q1_2022	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 60)	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 58)	(Steven Romick - FPA Crescent Fund, 57)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 36)	44/77
Q2_2022	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 58)	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 56)	(Steven Romick - FPA Crescent Fund, 54)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 36)	41/77
Q3_2022	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 60)	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 59)	(Steven Romick - FPA Crescent Fund, 57)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 35)	43/77
Q4_2022	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 58)	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 58)	(Thomas Gayner - Markel Asset Management, 56)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 34)	45/77
Q1_2023	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 60)	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 60)	(Thomas Gayner - Markel Asset Management, 57)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 32)	48/77
Q2_2023	(Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund, 56)	(Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors, 55)	(Hillman Value Fund, 54)	(Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital, 26)	46/73

Task 4.2.2 : Conclusion

From the Task 4.2.1, we can see the **shift of hubs** from **Wallace Weltz - Weltz Value Fund (WWWV) and Francois Rochon - Giverny Capital (FRGC)** to **Bill Nygren - Oakmark Select Fund (BNOS) and Christopher Davis - Davis Advisors (CDDA)**. This happened in the span of 4.5 years, from **Q1 2019 until Q2 2023**. However, from the BBFC Rank, we can see that **BBFC is actually not included in the Multi-node hub** as its rank and degree value are so far apart from the top three. Combining this with the second point in Task 4.1.8, we can conclude that the shift of these companies will affect BBFC strategy. Additionally, to **understand near-future BBFC maneuvers better**, we can also **take deeper look into BNOS and CDDA** as they are the latest hubs in the network

Also we can see the increase of BBFC degree value especially during Covid, which happens from **Q1 2020 until Q4 2021**. This is also making **BBFC become more**

central than before, as proven by the BBFC rank column in the same timespan. However the value and the rank start dropping from Q1 2022 onward. It actually confirms the first point in Task 4.1.8, in which it reflects BBFC strategy to do aggressive trial-and-error and portfolio diversification during Covid. It also confirms the third point in Task 4.1.8, in which it reflects BBFC strategy to be more inclusive during Covid.

Part 5 : Clustering and Modularity

Reasoning

- 1. I am picking **Modularity Maximization (MM)**, specifically Louvain-Leiden Algorithm to find Communities. At least there are 4 reasons why
 - a. The **network is undirected**, in which Modularity Maximization designed to tackle the condition
 - b. Since MM is based on determining community based on density and clustering among nodes, it aligns with the characteristic of this particular network in which density and clustering is high especially for the Multi-node Hub
 - c. Ability to deal with **overlapping communities**, as the analyzed network does not have clear structure
 - d. The algorithm is **proven to deal with Real-World Social Network**, which is the characteristic of the analyzed network
- 2. It is possible for the community to change everytime we run the algorithm. This is expected as it is **optimization algorithm** in which we are finding good-enough-solution rather than best solution, in which can take tremendous long time to compute and prone to local maxima

Task 5.1 : Top 3 Most Central Investors vs BBFC

	1st	2nd	3rd	Occurence of True
Q1_2019	True	True	False	2
Q2_2019	True	False	False	1
Q3_2019	True	True	True	3
Q4_2019	True	False	True	2
Q1_2020	False	False	False	0
Q2_2020	True	True	False	2
Q3_2020	True	True	False	2
Q4_2020	True	True	False	2
Q1_2021	True	False	False	1
Q2_2021	True	False	False	1
Q3_2021	False	True	False	1
Q4_2021	True	True	True	3
Q1_2022	True	False	False	1
Q2_2022	True	True	True	3
Q3_2022	True	True	True	3
Q4_2022	False	True	True	2
Q1_2023	True	True	False	2
Q2_2023	True	True	False	2

In the figure above, we are comparing the communities of the top 3 most central nodes in each quarter with BBFC. For each node in the top 3 most central nodes, we are looking whether BBFC belongs to the same community as them or not. If yes, then we put True value, and if no then we put False value. In the last column, we are counting how many True values within a quarter.

Task 5.2 : Conclusion

There are two things that we can see from the pattern above

- 1. The higher the number in "Occurrence of True", the more influential top 3 most central nodes in that particular quarter toward BBFC. We call this Central Nodes Influent Level or Influence Level in short
- If there is more than one True within a quarter, it means more than 1
 Central Nodes belong in one group in which BBFC also belong in there

From pattern 1, we can see a high **Influence Level** in Q1 2019 until Q4 2019. With this information, we can conclude our hypothesis in Task 4.1.8 point 3. We can define **top companies** that influence BBFC the most as **Top 3 Most Central**

Nodes. This is also proof that before Covid, BBFC strategy was more **exclusive** as they are relying heavily from **top companies' influence** without taking any other companies into account.

Also we can see the number is decreasing in trend until Q4 2021, which also aligns with our hypothesis in the same point, in which BBFC strategy is to be more inclusive during Covid in their effort to do trial-and-error and portfolio diversification. From 2022 onward, we can see the trend of Influence Level start to rise again, confirming BBFC strategy to go back to their previous more exclusive strategy after Covid.

From pattern 2, by taking the BBFC point of view, we can see the **tendency of top companies to group together** within a community. This confirms our conclusion in Task 4.1.8 about the existence of **Multi-node Hub**, in which in this analysis we can conclude that the hub consists of **top companies that act as trend setters**.

Part 6: Findings Report

Greetings Mr. Valerio and Mr. Ogy from DBBA company

Throughout this report we can find multiple interesting patterns that are shown by our competitor, **Bruce Berkowitz - Fairholme Capital (BBFC)**, especially in the past 4.5 years and throughout the Covid era. Here are the summary:

- 1. To deal with Covid disruption in the investment market, BBFC decided to do aggressive trial-and-error and portfolio diversification during Covid Time (Q1 2020 until Q4 2021). However, they start to slow down on doing trial-and-error and portfolio diversification starting from 2022 onward.
- 2. The strategy that they are using for trial-and-error and portfolio diversification is by applying a more inclusive strategy as they are less influenced by top companies during Covid time compared to before Covid (Q1 2019 until Q4 2019). However, they are becoming more exclusive again on Q1 2021 onward
- 3. The top companies are actually having the tendency to group up together. While they are alone already have a high influential level toward other investment companies, but since they are working as a group, they can have the potential to be Market Maker or Trend Setter. There are two companies that we need to watch closely, which are Bill Nygren Oakmark Select Fund (BNOS) and Christopher Davis Davis Advisors (CDDA)

From the findings above, we can **learn from BBFC maneuvers during Covid** time to be able to survive and navigate through **possible massive market disruptors in the future**, which is to **diversify our portfolio and become more inclusive** when strategizing our investment. Also, we can start to **take a closer look into BNOS and CDDA maneuvers** as they are the current **Market Maker**. Hope this information will be useful for you to determine our next strategy.

Regards, S2594631