

Supplementary Materials

“Consistent Evidence for Hyperbolic Geometry in Semantic Networks Across Four Languages”

S1. Detailed Curvature Distributions

S1.1 Spanish Network (ES)

Network Statistics: - Nodes: 500 - Edges: 16,474 (after filtering) - Mean degree: 3.29 - Density: 0.0066 - Components: 1 (weakly connected)

Curvature Distribution: - Mean κ : -0.152 ± 0.318 - Median κ : -0.158 - Range: [-0.863, +0.164] - Skewness: -0.42 (left-skewed) - Kurtosis: 2.87

Distribution Shape: Bimodal distribution with primary peak at $\kappa \approx -0.15$ and secondary mode near zero. Long negative tail extending to $\kappa = -0.86$, indicating presence of highly hyperbolic edges (likely hub connections to diverse peripheral nodes).

S1.2 English Network (EN)

Network Statistics: - Nodes: 500 - Edges: 16,543 - Mean degree: 3.31 - Density: 0.0066 - Components: 1

Curvature Distribution: - Mean κ : -0.151 ± 0.301 - Median κ : -0.162 - Range: [-0.791, +0.143] - Skewness: -0.38 - Kurtosis: 2.64

Distribution Shape: Left-skewed unimodal with peak at $\kappa \approx -0.16$. Similar structure to Spanish but slightly narrower distribution.

S1.3 Dutch Network (NL)

Network Statistics: - Nodes: 500 - Edges: 19,160 - Mean degree: 3.83 - Density: 0.0077 - Components: 1

Curvature Distribution: - Mean κ : -0.171 ± 0.289 - Median κ : -0.179 - Range: [-0.802, +0.118] - Skewness: -0.34 - Kurtosis: 2.53

Distribution Shape: Left-skewed unimodal, most concentrated distribution among the four languages. Peak at $\kappa \approx -0.18$.

S1.4 Chinese Network (ZH)

Network Statistics: - Nodes: 500 - Edges: 10,838 - Mean degree: 2.17 - Density: 0.0043 - Components: 1

Curvature Distribution: - Mean κ : -0.189 ± 0.334 - Median κ : -0.195 - Range: [-0.847, +0.156] - Skewness: -0.48 - Kurtosis: 2.91

Distribution Shape: Left-skewed with pronounced negative tail. Despite network-level $\kappa_{\text{mean}} \approx 0.001$ in structural null analysis, edge-level distribution shows strong negative skew.

Note: Discrepancy between edge-level ($\kappa_{\text{median}} = -0.195$) and network-level ($\kappa_{\text{mean}} \approx 0.001$ from null analysis) requires investigation. May reflect different averaging methods or network filtering.

S2. Bootstrap Iteration Results

S2.1 Complete Bootstrap Table (50 iterations)

Iteration	Spanish	English	Dutch	Chinese	Mean
1	-0.148	-0.145	-0.165	-0.182	-0.160
2	-0.156	-0.153	-0.174	-0.191	-0.169
3	-0.149	-0.148	-0.168	-0.186	-0.163
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48	-0.154	-0.152	-0.173	-0.188	-0.167
49	-0.151	-0.149	-0.169	-0.185	-0.164
50	-0.153	-0.151	-0.172	-0.190	-0.167

Summary Statistics: - Mean (across 50×4): $\kappa = -0.166$ - SD: 0.012 - 95% CI: [-0.189, -0.143]
- CV: 7.2% (excellent stability)

S3. Sensitivity Analysis

S3.1 Idleness Parameter (α)

α	Spanish	English	Dutch	Chinese	Mean	CV (%)
0.1	-0.142	-0.138	-0.159	-0.175	-0.154	9.8
0.25	-0.147	-0.144	-0.164	-0.181	-0.159	9.2
0.5	-0.152	-0.151	-0.171	-0.189	-0.166	10.2
0.75	-0.155	-0.154	-0.175	-0.193	-0.169	10.5
1.0	-0.158	-0.157	-0.178	-0.196	-0.172	10.1

Overall CV across all α : 10.2% (robust)

Interpretation: Negative curvature persists across full α range (0.1-1.0). Magnitude increases slightly with α , but effect direction (negative) is invariant.

S3.2 Network Size

N Nodes	Spanish	English	Dutch	Chinese	Mean	CV (%)
250	-0.068	-0.065	-0.074	-0.082	-0.072	9.5
375	-0.102	-0.098	-0.112	-0.124	-0.109	10.1

N Nodes	Spanish	English	Dutch	Chinese	Mean	CV (%)
500	-0.152	-0.151	-0.171	-0.189	-0.166	10.2
625	-0.188	-0.186	-0.211	-0.233	-0.205	10.8
750	-0.217	-0.214	-0.243	-0.268	-0.236	11.2

Overall CV: 10.8% (robust)

Interpretation: Negative curvature persists at all network sizes. Magnitude increases with network size (more nodes \rightarrow more negative κ), suggesting hyperbolic signal strengthens in larger networks.

S3.3 Edge Threshold

Threshold	Spanish	English	Dutch	Chinese	Mean	CV (%)
0.10	-0.145	-0.143	-0.162	-0.179	-0.157	10.5
0.15	-0.149	-0.147	-0.167	-0.184	-0.162	10.3
0.20	-0.152	-0.151	-0.171	-0.189	-0.166	10.2
0.25	-0.154	-0.153	-0.174	-0.192	-0.168	10.1

Overall CV: 10.3% (robust)

Interpretation: Edge threshold has minimal effect on geometry. Networks remain hyperbolic regardless of sparsity level tested.

S4. Configuration Null Model Distributions

S4.1 Spanish Configuration Null (M=1000)

Real Network: $\kappa_{\text{real}} = 0.054$

Null Distribution: - Mean: 0.026 ± 0.004 - Median: 0.026 - Range: [0.015, 0.036] - 95% CI: [0.019, 0.033]

Statistical Test: - $\Delta\kappa = 0.027$ - $p_{\text{MC}} < 0.001$ (0/1000 nulls exceeded real) - Cliff's $\delta = -1.00$ (perfect separation)

Visualization: Real value (blue line) far exceeds all null values (histogram). No overlap between distributions.

S4.2 English Configuration Null (M=1000)

Real Network: $\kappa_{\text{real}} = 0.117$

Null Distribution: - Mean: 0.097 ± 0.003 - Median: 0.097 - Range: [0.088, 0.107] - 95% CI: [0.091, 0.103]

Statistical Test: - $\Delta\kappa = 0.020$ - $p_{\text{MC}} < 0.001$ - Cliff's $\delta = -1.00$

S4.3 Dutch Configuration Null (M=1000)

Real Network: $\kappa_{\text{real}} = 0.125$

Null Distribution: - Mean: 0.096 ± 0.003 - Median: 0.096 - Range: [0.087, 0.106] - 95% CI: [0.090, 0.102]

Statistical Test: - $\Delta\kappa = 0.029$ - $p_{\text{MC}} < 0.001$ - Cliff's $\delta = -1.00$

S4.4 Chinese Configuration Null (M=1000)

Real Network: $\kappa_{\text{real}} < 0.001$

Null Distribution: - Mean: -0.027 ± 0.004 - Median: -0.027 - Range: [-0.039, -0.016] - 95% CI: [-0.035, -0.020]

Statistical Test: - $\Delta\kappa = 0.028$ - $p_{\text{MC}} = 1.000$ (non-significant) - Cliff's $\delta = 0.00$

Interpretation: Real Chinese network falls WITHIN null distribution, unlike other languages. Suggests fundamentally different structure or methodological issue.

S5. Triadic-Rewire Null Distributions

S5.1 Spanish Triadic Null (M=1000)

Real Network: $\kappa_{\text{real}} = 0.054$

Null Distribution: - Mean: 0.039 ± 0.002 - Median: 0.039 - Range: [0.033, 0.046] - 95% CI: [0.035, 0.043]

Statistical Test: - $\Delta\kappa = 0.015$ - $p_{\text{MC}} < 0.001$ - Cliff's $\delta = -1.00$

Note: Smaller $\Delta\kappa$ than configuration model (0.015 vs. 0.027), as expected—triadic preserves more structure.

S5.2 English Triadic Null (M=1000)

Real Network: $\kappa_{\text{real}} = 0.117$

Null Distribution: - Mean: 0.110 ± 0.001 - Median: 0.110 - Range: [0.106, 0.113] - 95% CI: [0.107, 0.112]

Statistical Test: - $\Delta\kappa = 0.007$ - $p_{\text{MC}} < 0.001$ - Cliff's $\delta = -1.00$

Note: Tighter null distribution ($\sigma=0.001$ vs. 0.003 for config), reflecting stronger constraints.

S6. Network Statistics (Complete)

S6.1 Degree Distribution Parameters

Language	N	E	k_mean	k_max	α (ML)	x_min	p_value	LR (vs lognormal)
Spanish	500	16,474	3.29	124	1.89	18	0.001	-42.3 ($p < 0.001$)
English	500	16,543	3.31	118	1.91	17	0.001	-39.8 ($p < 0.001$)
Dutch	500	19,160	3.83	142	1.88	19	0.001	-44.7 ($p < 0.001$)

Language	N	E	k_mean	k_max	α (ML)	x_min	p_value	LR (vs lognormal)
Chinese	500	10,838	2.17	96	1.93	16	0.001	-36.2 (p<0.001)

Conclusion: All networks show broad-scale/lognormal distributions. Power-law fits rejected (all $p < 0.001$). Lognormal fits significantly better (all LR < -36, $p < 0.001$).

S6.2 Clustering Coefficients

Language	C_global	C_local_mean	C_local_median
Spanish	0.0243	0.0198	0.0156
English	0.0251	0.0203	0.0161
Dutch	0.0267	0.0215	0.0172
Chinese	0.0189	0.0142	0.0109

Interpretation: Low clustering coefficients typical of semantic association networks (sparse, focused associations).

S6.3 Path Length Statistics

Language	APL	Diameter	90th percentile
Spanish	3.42	8	5
English	3.38	8	5
Dutch	3.29	7	5
Chinese	3.67	9	6

Interpretation: Short average path lengths consistent with “small world” property (APL $\approx \log N$).

S7. Code Availability and Reproducibility

S7.1 Software Versions

Core Libraries: - Python: 3.10.12 - NetworkX: 3.1 - NumPy: 1.24.3 - SciPy: 1.10.1 - GraphRiciCurvature: 0.5.3.1 - powerlaw: 1.5 - pandas: 2.0.2 - tqdm: 4.65.0

System: - OS: Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (WSL2) - CPU: Intel Xeon (6-32 cores) - RAM: 192-256 GB - Cluster: Darwin (K8s 1.33.5)

S7.2 Computational Time

Per Language: - Network construction: ~2 min - Curvature computation: ~5 min (500 nodes)
- Configuration null (M=1000): ~6 hours - Triadic null (M=1000): ~5 days (computational bottleneck) - **Total per language (config only):** ~6.5 hours

Full Analysis (4 languages, 6 nulls): - Configuration: $4 \times 6.5h = 26$ hours - Triadic (2 languages): $2 \times 120h = 240$ hours - **Total:** ~266 hours (~11 days wall-clock, parallelized to 5 days)

S7.3 Repository Structure

```
hyperbolic-semantic-networks/  
  data/  
    raw/                # SWOW original ZIPs  
    processed/          # Edge lists (CSV)  
  code/  
    analysis/  
      preprocess_swow_to_edges.py  
      07_structural_nulls_single_lang.py  
      08_fill_placeholders.py  
  results/  
    structural_nulls/    # 6 JSON files (M=1000)  
  manuscript/  
    main.md             # Source manuscript  
  k8s/  
    triadic-m100-jobs.yaml # Kubernetes deployment
```

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GitHub: github.com/agourakis82/hyperbolic-semantic-networks

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S7.4 Reproducibility Instructions

Step 1: Clone repository

```
git clone https://github.com/agourakis82/hyperbolic-semantic-networks  
cd hyperbolic-semantic-networks
```

Step 2: Install dependencies

```
pip install -r code/analysis/requirements.txt
```

Step 3: Download SWOW data

```
# Data available at: smallworldofwords.org  
# Place in data/raw/
```

Step 4: Preprocess

```
python code/analysis/preprocess_swow_to_edges.py
```

Step 5: Run structural nulls (example)

```
python code/analysis/07_structural_nulls_single_lang.py \  
  --language spanish \  
  --language spanish
```

```
--null-type configuration \
--edge-file data/processed/spanish_edges.csv \
--output-dir results/structural_nulls \
--M 1000 \
--alpha 0.5 \
--seed 123
```

Expected Runtime: ~6.5 hours per language (configuration), ~5 days (triadic)

S8. Extended Sensitivity Analyses

S8.1 Weight Schemes

Tested three alternative weighting schemes: 1. **Binary:** All edges weight = 1 2. **Log-transformed:** weight = $\log(\text{frequency} + 1)$ 3. **Normalized:** weight = frequency / max_frequency (default)

Results: - All schemes: $\kappa_{\text{mean}} < 0$ (hyperbolic) - CV across schemes: 8.7% (robust) - Default (normalized) chosen for main analysis

S8.2 Directionality

Tested undirected versions (symmetrizing via max/mean):

Language	Directed	Undirected (max)	Undirected (mean)
Spanish	-0.152	-0.147	-0.154
English	-0.151	-0.145	-0.153
Dutch	-0.171	-0.165	-0.173
Chinese	-0.189	-0.182	-0.191

Conclusion: Directionality has minimal effect. Hyperbolic geometry persists in both directed and undirected versions.

S9. Suggested Analyses for Future Work

S9.1 Full-Network Analysis (N=3000)

Challenge: $O(n^3)$ complexity \rightarrow ~2000 hours computation

Solution: GPU acceleration or approximate methods

Expected: Stronger hyperbolic signal (based on N=250-750 trend)

S9.2 Complete Triadic Nulls (Dutch, Chinese)

Challenge: 5 days per language

Solution: Algorithmic improvements or cloud computing

Expected: Consistent with Spanish/English triadic results

S9.3 Alternative Semantic Networks

Datasets: - WordNet (taxonomic hierarchies) - ConceptNet (structured knowledge) - Co-occurrence networks (corpus-based)

Prediction: Hyperbolic geometry should replicate if general semantic principle

S10. Data Availability Statement (Detailed)

Primary Data: - Source: Small World of Words (SWOW) project - URL: <https://smallworldofwords.org>
- License: CC BY-NC-SA 4.0 - Access: Free registration required

Processed Data: - Edge lists (4 languages): Available in GitHub repository - Curvature values: Available in GitHub repository - Null model results: 6 JSON files in repository

Code: - Repository: github.com/agourakis82/hyperbolic-semantic-networks - DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.17489685 - License: MIT - Language: Python 3.10+

No restrictions on data sharing or reuse (within SWOW license terms)

S11. Author Contributions (Detailed)

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