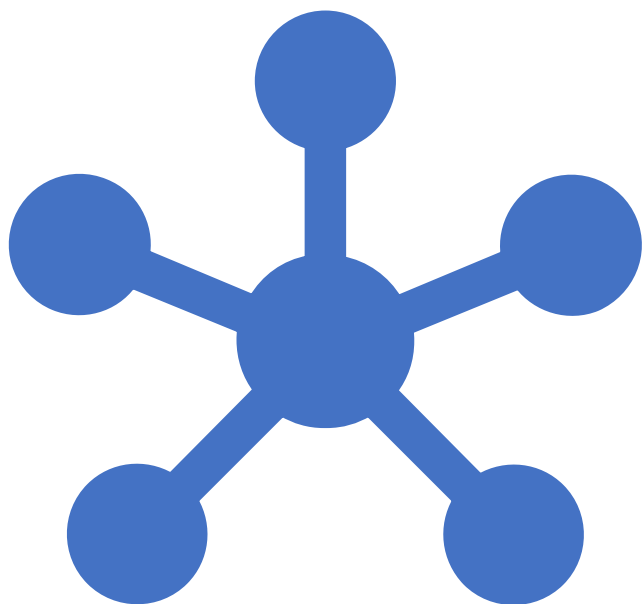


A complex network diagram with numerous white nodes connected by thin white lines, set against a dark blue background. The nodes are distributed across the frame, with some clusters and many long-range connections.

# Network Data Analysis

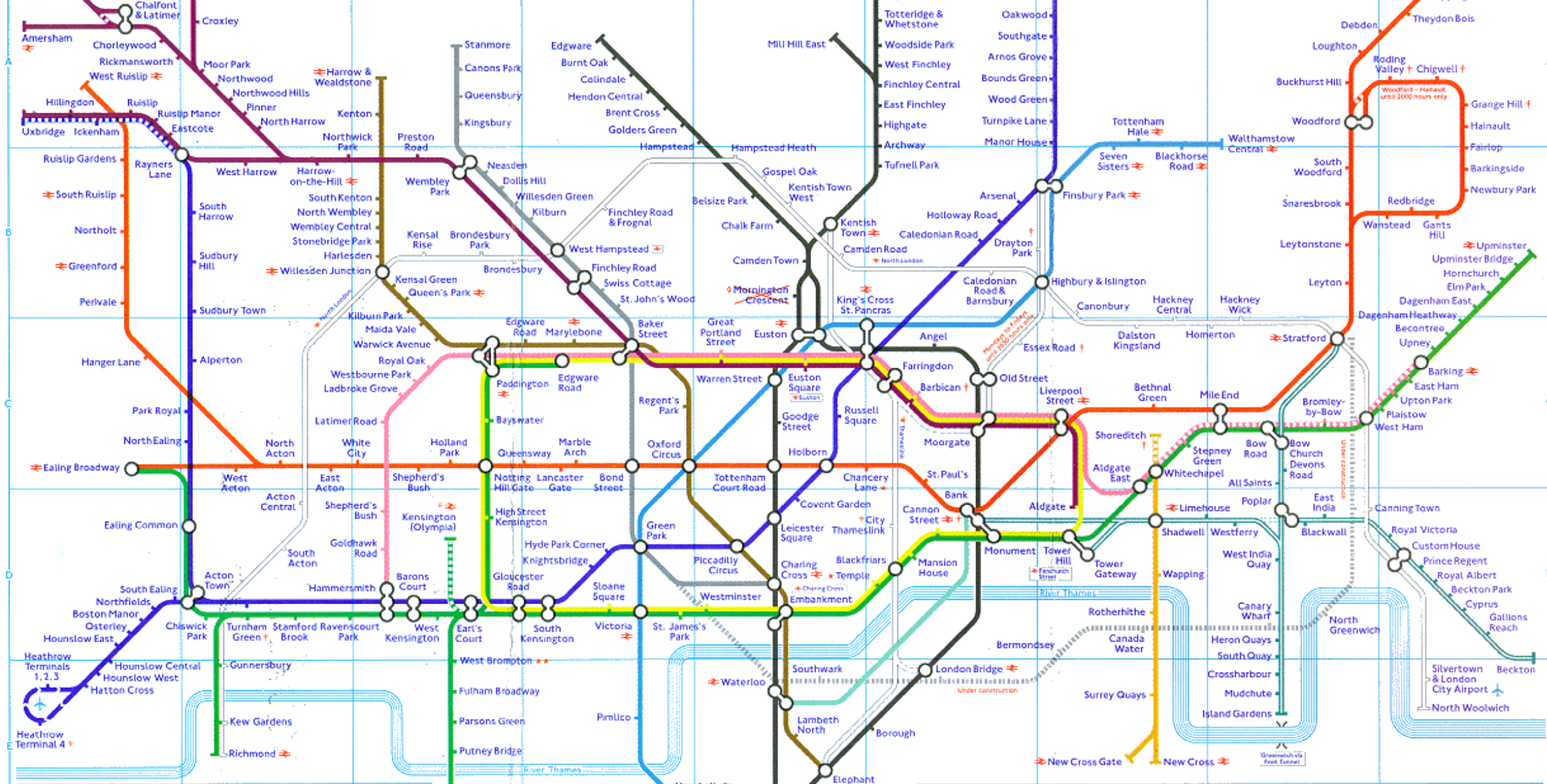
Topic 1: Networks in the real world



# What is a graph?

- A graph, or network, is a set of items (**nodes** or *vertices*) connected by their relations (**edges** or *links*).
- Networks are present in the everyday life of all people.
  - Social: Friends & family, society
  - Transport: Rail, road, public transport
  - Information: World economy
  - Biology: Brain cells
  - Communication: Internet
- Consciously or not, we use networks and their properties as a universal language for describing complex data.
  - Networks from science, nature, and technology are more similar than one would expect.
  - Shared vocabulary between fields, including computer science, social science, physics, economics, statistics, biology.





**Key to Lines**

	Bakerloo		Metropolitan
	Central		peak hours only
	peak hours only		Northern
	Circle		Piccadilly
	District		peak hours only
	restricted service		Victoria

**Key to symbols**

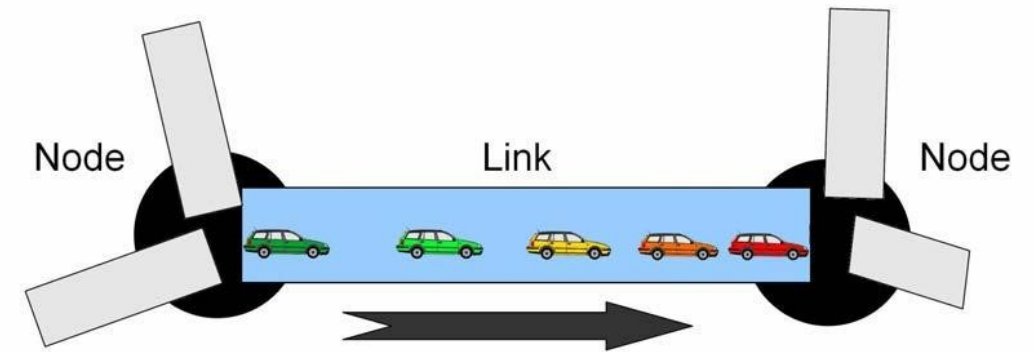
	Interchange stations
	Connections with British Rail
	Connections with British Rail within walking distance
	Airport Interchange
	Closed Sundays
	Closed Saturdays and Sundays

**Key to symbols**

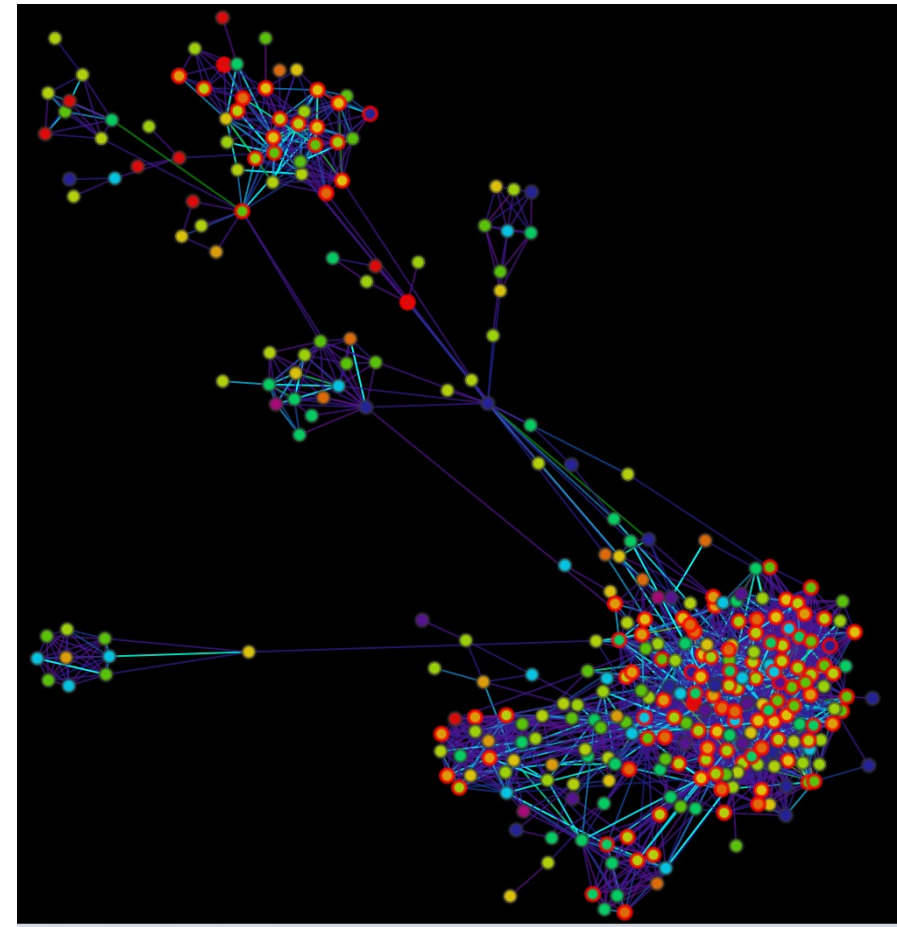
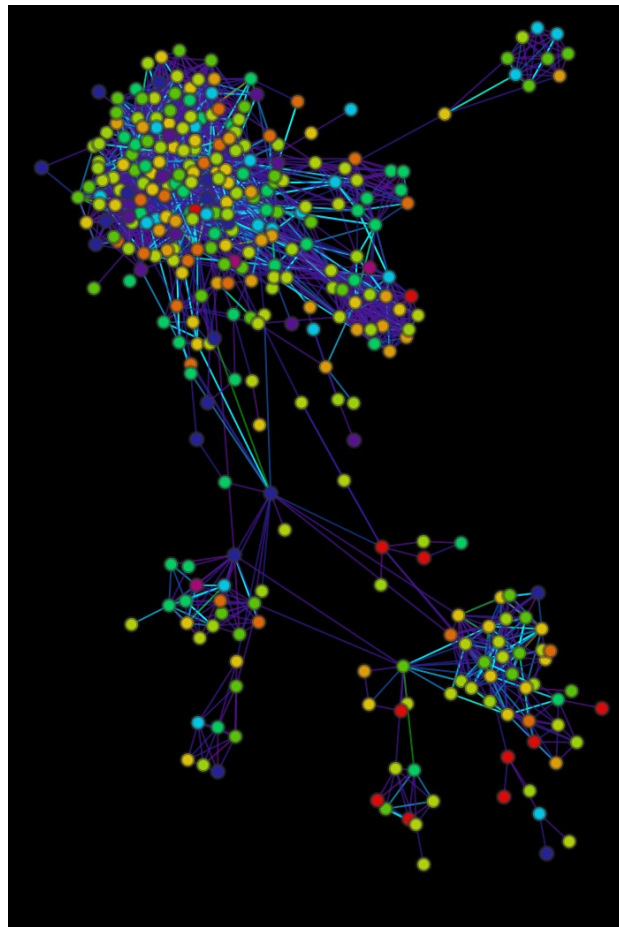
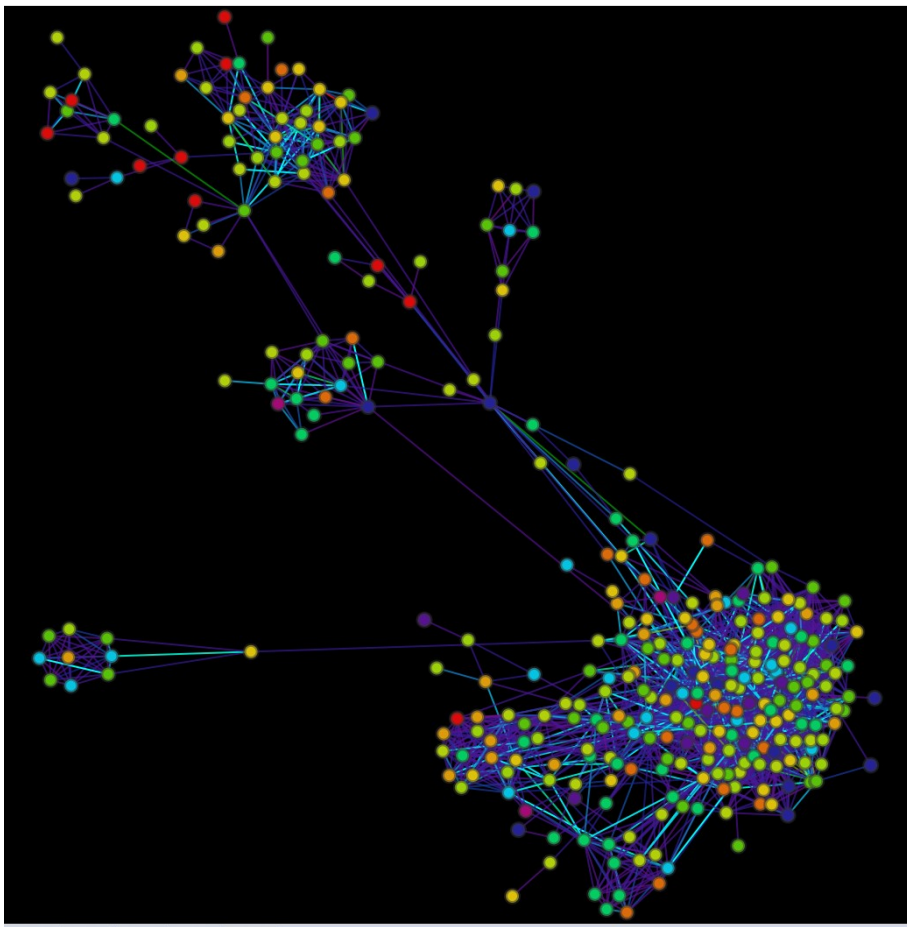
	These stations are open at the following times
Barbican	All day Mondays to Fridays
0715 to 2345 Saturdays, 0800 to 2345 Sundays	
Cannon Street	Until 2045 Mondays to Fridays
Closed Saturdays and Sundays	
Chigwell	Until 2000 daily
City Thameslink	0600 to 2045 Mondays to Fridays
Essex Road	Until 2032 Mondays to Fridays
Closed Saturdays and Sundays	
Grange Hill	Until 2000 daily
Heathrow Terminal 4	Until 2345 Mondays to Saturdays and 2315 Sundays
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Kensington (Olympia)	0700 to 2045 Mondays to Fridays
Saturdays and Sundays during exhibitions	

# Agent-based modelling of traffic

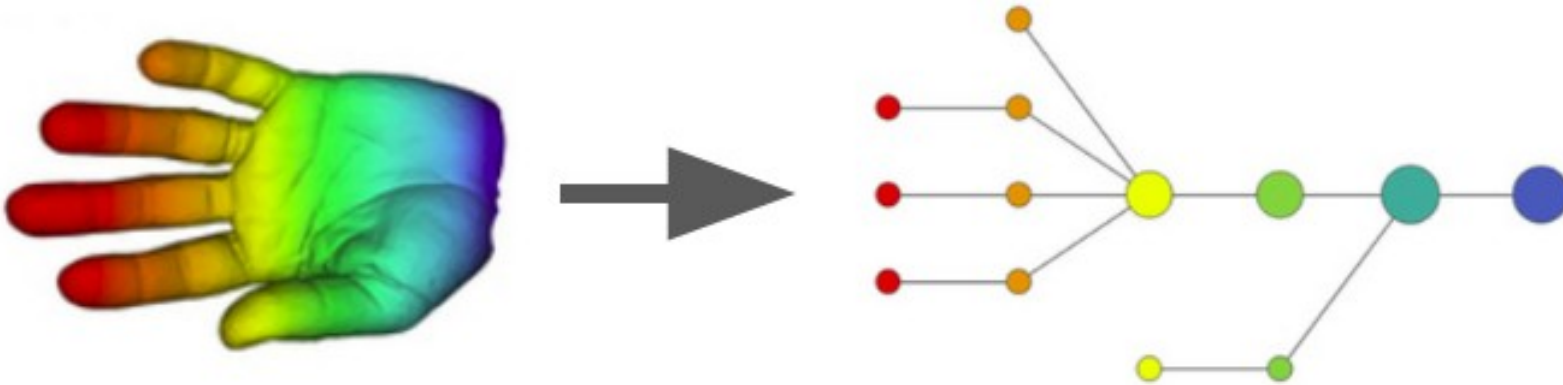
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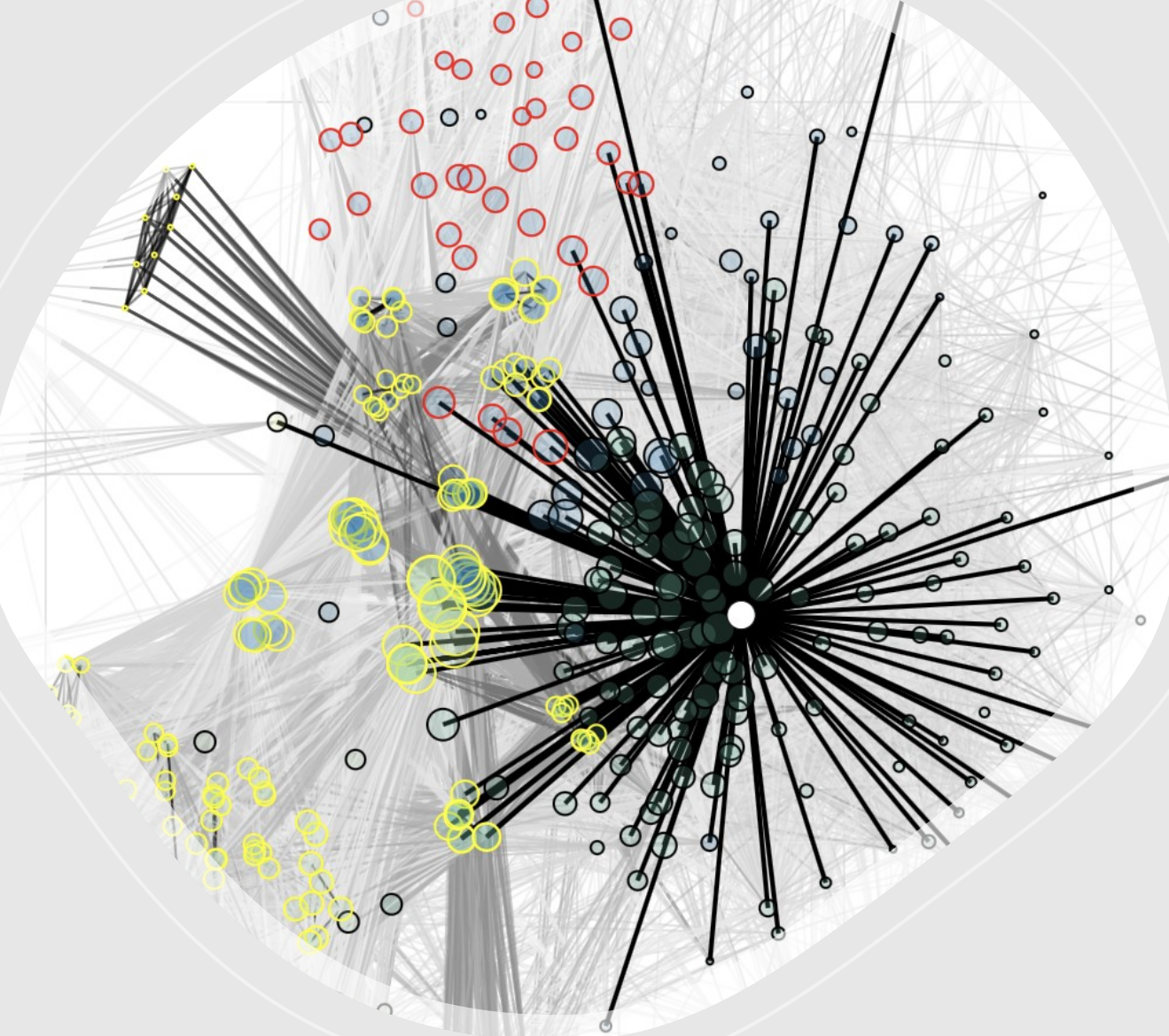


# Information spread in social networks



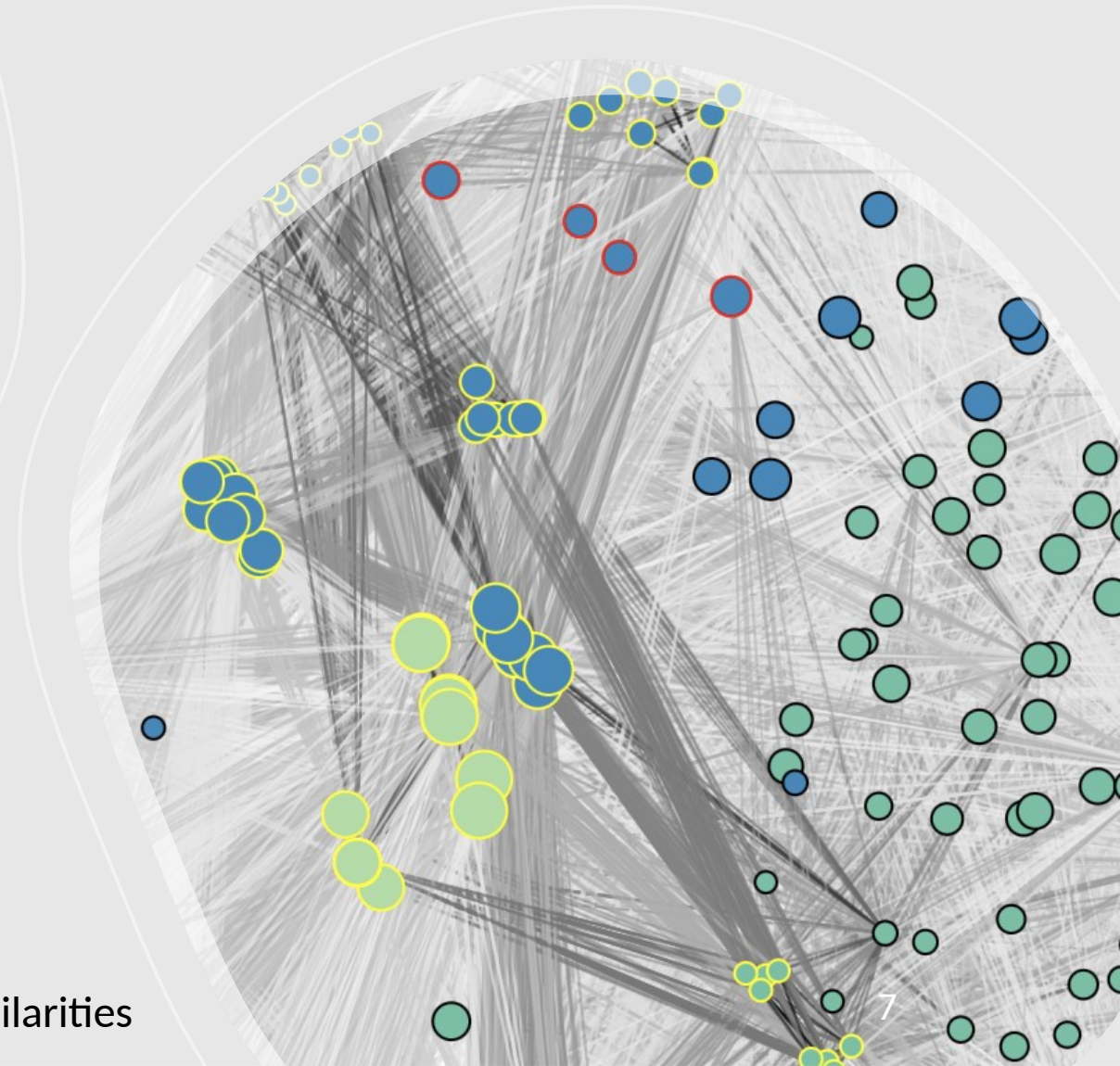
**Topological Data Analysis:** looking at “the shape of data”





## The Harmonic Network

Nodes are tracks, Edges express harmonic similarities



# Networks in the world



## Social and economic networks: People or groups with contacts or interactions between them

- Friendship networks, business relations between companies, intermarriages between families, labour markets
- **Example:** To understand disease spread, you need to know social networks.
- **Questions:** Degree of connectedness, small-world effects

## Information networks: Connections of information objects

- Academic paper citations, network of webpages with links to others
- **Example:** To understand news dissemination, you need to know information networks.
- **Questions:** Ranking, navigation

## Spatial networks: Networks where nodes and edges have location

- Road networks, migration destinations, river systems
- **Example:** To understand whether crime is distributed according to space, you need to know street networks
- **Questions:** Network-based clustering or correlations



# Study of networks



**Empirical:** Study network data to find organisational principles

How do we measure and quantify networks?



**Mathematical** models: Graph theory, statistical models

Models allow us to understand behaviors and distinguish surprising from expected phenomena



**Algorithms** for analysing graphs

Hard computational challenges!

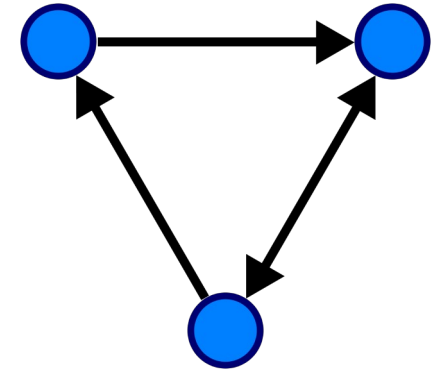


Historical study of networks with mathematical graph theory

# Graphs and their properties

# Graphs

- A **graph** is a mathematical representation of a network, and the basic data structure for analysing network data
- A graph consists of a set of **nodes** and a set of **edges**



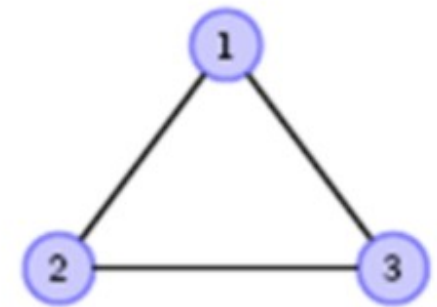
$$G = (V, E)$$



# Graph representations

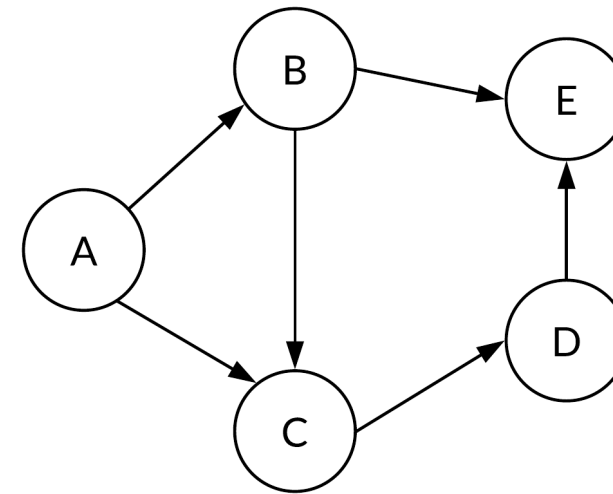
- **Adjacency matrix:** the graph is represented by a tuple  $(N, g)$ , where  $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a set of  $n$  nodes, and  $g$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix (the adjacency matrix). Each element of the matrix  $g_{ij}$  has value **1** if there is an edge between nodes  $i$  and  $j$ , and **0** if there is not.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$



# Graph representations

- **Adjacency list:** represented by a tuple  $(N, E)$ , where  $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a set of  $n$  nodes as before and  $E$  is a set of edges, where each edge is a tuple of the two nodes connected by the edge, e.g.  $E = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)\}$ .



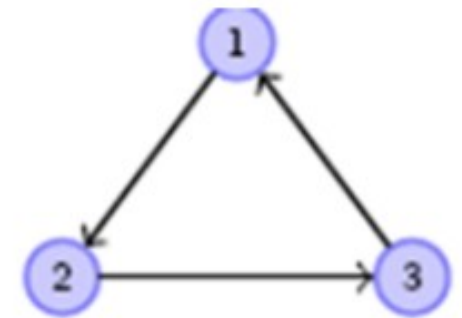
Adjacency list:

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graph = {  
  'A': ['B', 'C'],  
  'B': ['C', 'E'],  
  'C': ['D'],  
  'D': ['E'],  
}
```

# Directed and undirected graphs

- Directed graph: each edge has a direction, going from the **source** node to the **target** (or sink) node. For example, in the directed graph with edges  $E = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)\}$ , there is an edge from node 1 (the source) to node 2 (the target) but no edge from node 2 to node 1
- Undirected graph: edges have no direction, e.g. in an undirected graph with edges  $E = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)\}$ , there is a connection between nodes 1 and 2 but no notion of whether that goes 'from' or 'to' each node
- **Underlying undirected graph** of a directed graph is the undirected graph with the same nodes and edges but ignoring any direction

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$



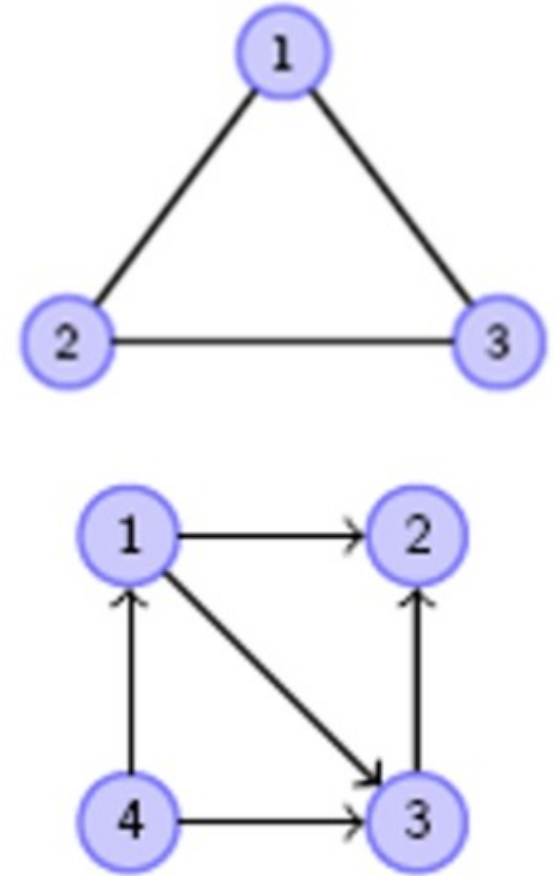


# Graph walks

- **Graph walk:** a series of connected edges representing a journey through the graph from one node via other nodes to a final node following the edges. If the graph is directed, then the walk must follow the direction of the edges
- **Graph path:** a graph walk where no node is repeated except possibly the start node if it is the same as the end node

# Neighbourhood and degree

- The **neighbourhood** of a node is the set of nodes it is connected to
- The **degree** of a node is the number of edges of that node
  - For undirected graphs, the **degree** of a node is the number of edges that involve that node, i.e. the size of its neighbourhood
  - For directed graphs, the **in-degree** of a node is the number of edges for which the node is the target, while the **out-degree** of a node is the number of edges for which the node is the source



# Properties of graphs

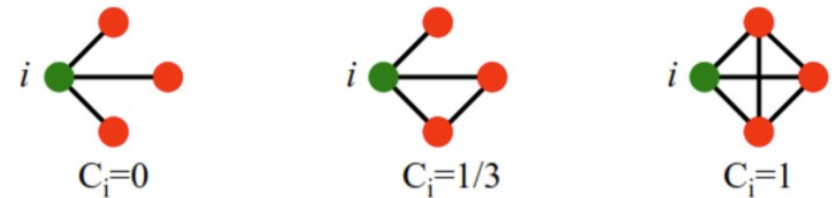
- **Degree distribution:**  $P(k) = N(k)/n$  probability of a random node having degree  $k$ , for a graph of  $n$  nodes and  $N(k)$  is the number of nodes in the graph with degree  $k$
- **Path length:** number of edges that the path contains. The **shortest path** between two nodes is the path with the shortest length
- **Distance** between two nodes: length of the shortest path between them
- **Diameter:** longest distance between nodes in a connected graph.



# Properties of graphs

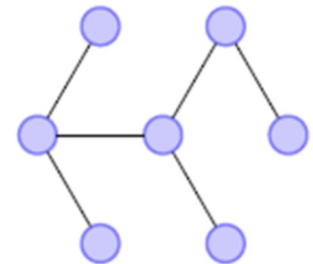
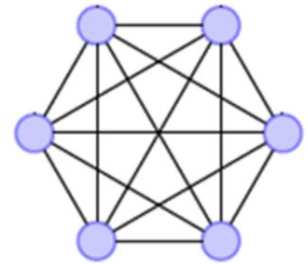
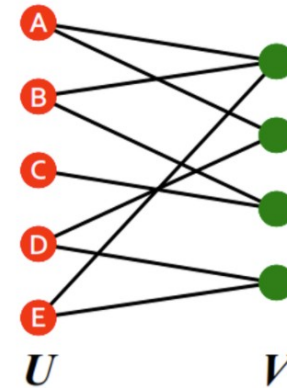
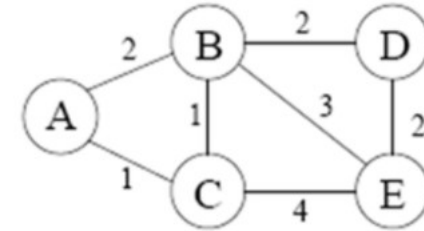
- **Average path length:** mean average distance between any two nodes in the network
- **Clustering coefficient** of a node is the proportion of its neighbours that are connected to each other.  $C_i = e / m$  is the clustering coefficient of node  $i$  ( $m$  = total possible edges between neighbours;  $e$  = actual number of edges between neighbours)
- **Average clustering:** mean average of the clustering coefficients of its nodes

$$l_G = \frac{1}{n \cdot (n - 1)} \cdot \sum_{i \neq j} d(v_i, v_j)$$



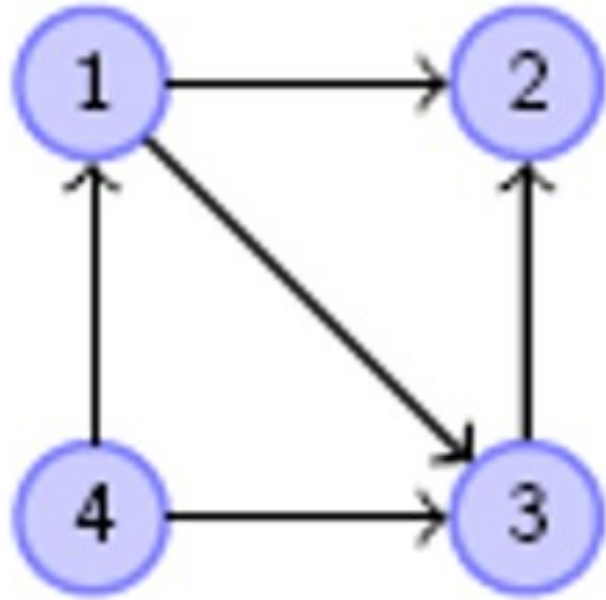
# Types of graphs

- **Weighted graph:** labelled graph where edges have numeric labels, e.g. weights
- **Complete graph:** graph where every node is connected to every other node (maximum number of edges, i.e.  $n(n - 1) / 2$ )
- **Bipartite graph:** nodes can be divided into two disjoint sets  $U$  and  $V$ , where every edge connects a node in  $U$  to a node in  $V$
- **Tree:** connected undirected graph (with  $n - 1$  edges)



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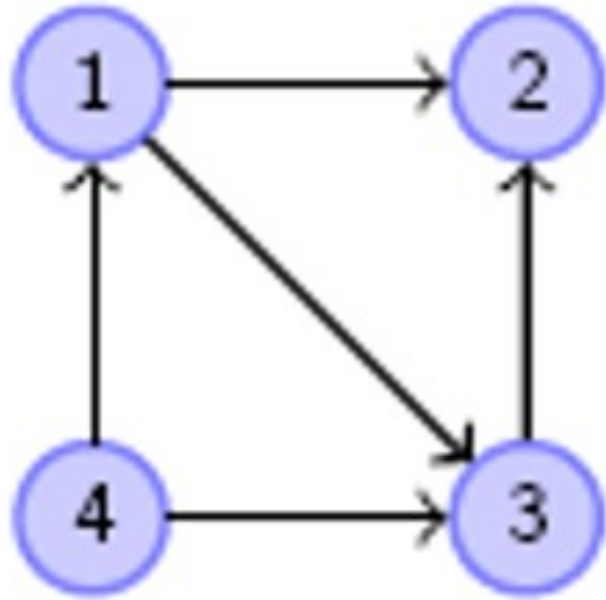


In the out-degree distribution  $P(k)$ , what is the value of  $P(2)$ ?



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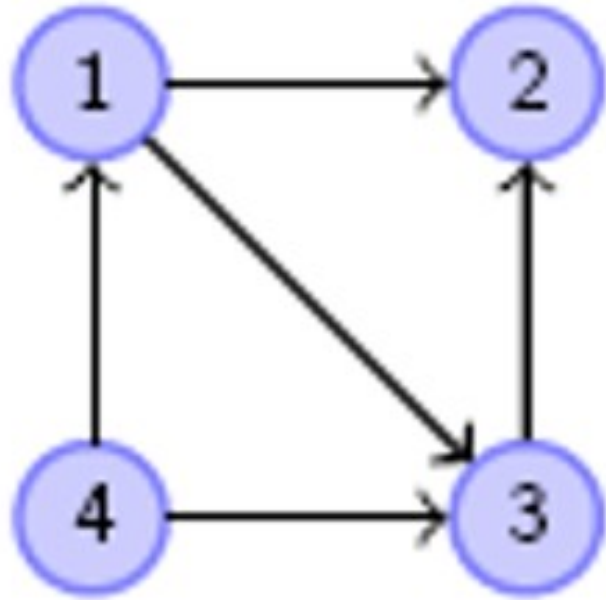
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What is the diameter of the underlying undirected graph?

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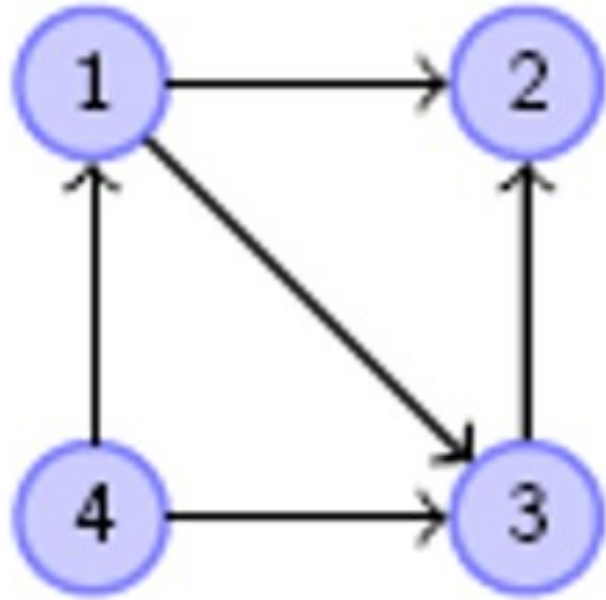
## TUTORIAL EXERCISE 3



What is the average path length of the underlying undirected graph?

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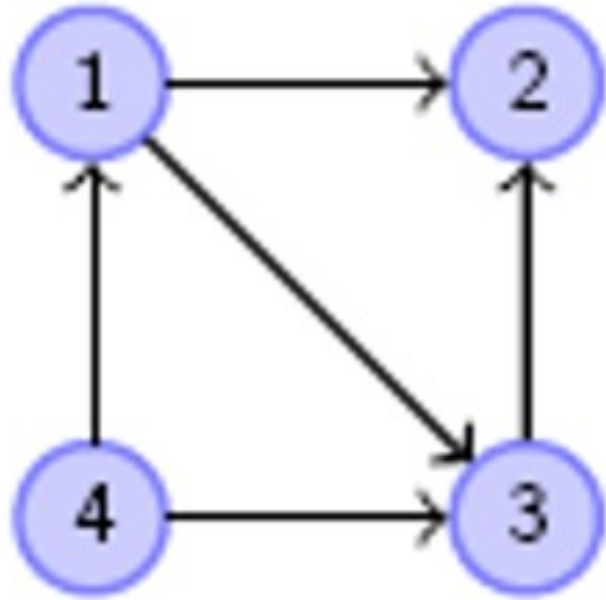
## TUTORIAL EXERCISE 4



What is the clustering coefficient of node 1 in the underlying undirected graph?

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## TUTORIAL EXERCISE 5



How many of the following sequences could be returned by a depth-first search from node 4?

[4, 1, 2, 3]

[4, 1, 3, 2]

[4, 2, 1, 3]

[4, 2, 3, 1]

[4, 3, 1, 2]

[4, 3, 2, 1]

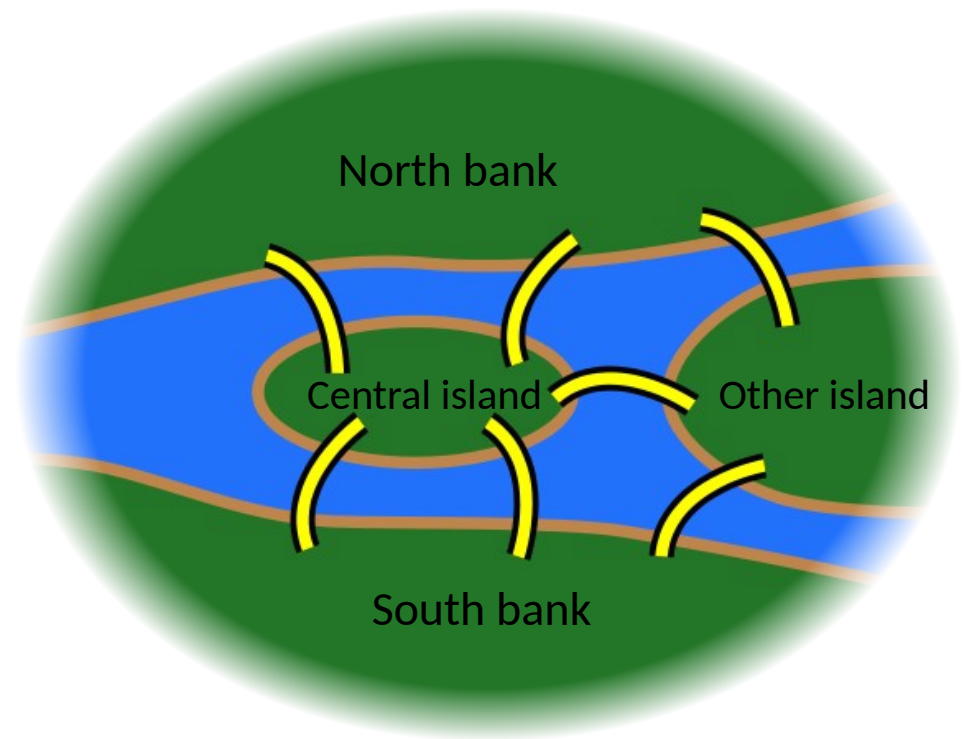
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# Origins of graph theory

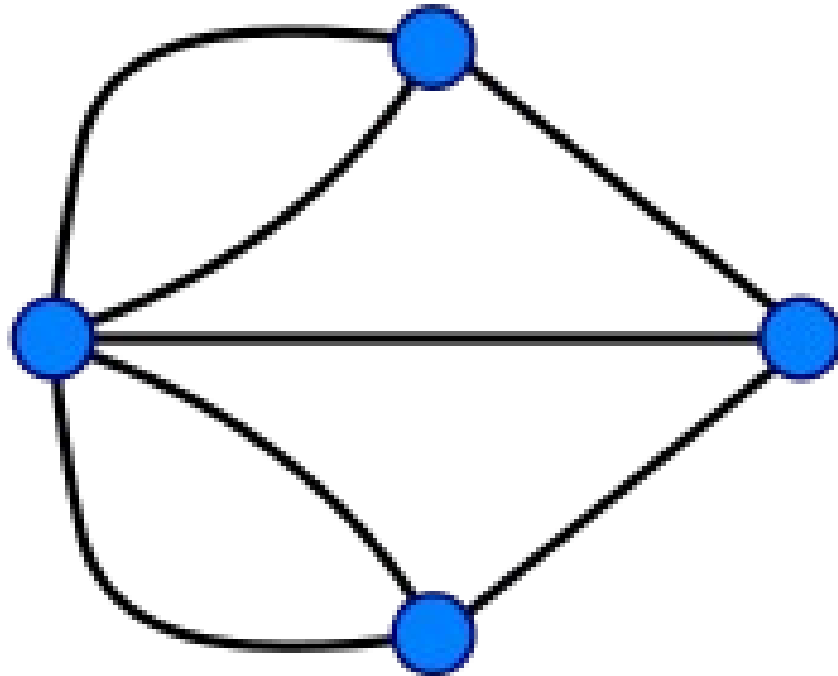


# Königsberg bridge problem

- The city of *Königsberg* in *Prussia* (now *Kaliningrad, Russia*) was set on both sides of the *Pregel* River
  - two large islands which were connected to each other and the mainland by seven bridges.
- The problem was to find a walk through the city that would cross each bridge once and only once.
  - The islands could not be reached other than by the bridges, and every bridge must have been crossed completely every time.
- Euler proved that the problem has **no** solution



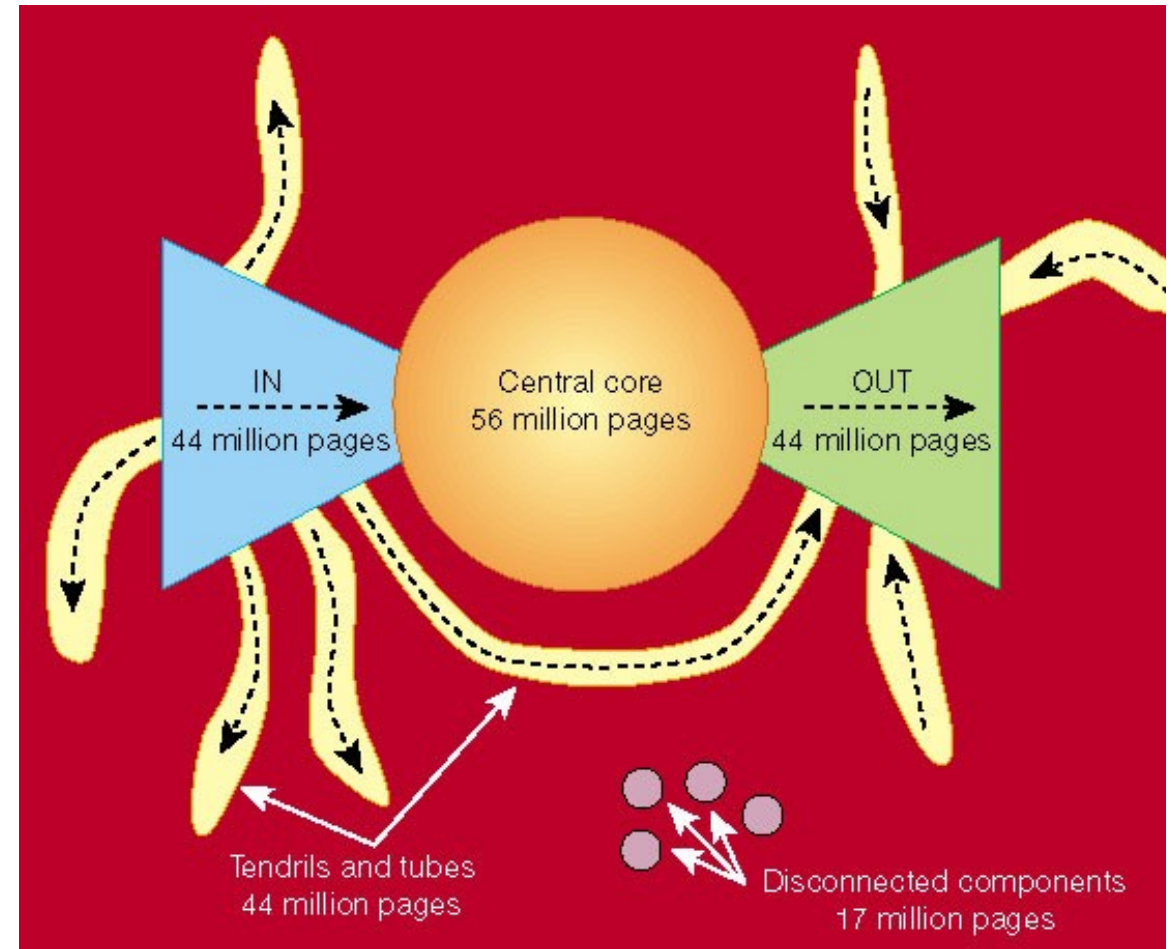
# Königsberg bridge problem



# Web as a Graph

- Web as a directed graph:
  - Nodes = web pages & Edges = hyperlinks
- Directed version of the Web graph:
  - Largest SCC: 28% of the nodes (56 M)
  - Taking a random node  $v$ 
    - $\text{Out}(v) \approx 50\%$
    - $\text{In}(v) \approx 50\%$

*“The web is a bowtie”, Nature, vol. 405, May 2000*



# Weekly discussion topic

**All students: post your thoughts on the module's discussion forum in KEATS**

Imagine we are going to analyse how the housing market in a city functions.

- What networks could be relevant to consider in analysing this topic?
- What kinds of graph, as studied in this lesson, represent these networks?
- What might the properties studied in this lesson, such as diameter or cluster coefficient, applied to these networks tell you about the city?
- What public data sets can you find that provide you with data on the networks you've identified?
- Who might hold private network data sets that would also be valuable in this analysis?