

# Network Robustness to BDM-Directed Sequential and Simultaneous Attack

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One can direct attacks to the elements (nodes/edges) in a network according to a “centrality” metric that assigns a relative important to each. In a “sequential attack” that erases  $i$  elements, after an element is removed the centrality metric is re-evaluated to take into account the change in the network’s structure, whereas in a “simultaneous” attack the centrality metric of every element is evaluated once, prior to any deletion [Iyer13]. The Block Decomposition Method (BDM) can be used to assign centrality scores to vertices or edges according to their information contribution [Zenil14, Zenil16, Zenil18a, Zenil18b].

Robustness to directed attacks of vertices in a connected graph can be quantified according to the R-index

$$R = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma(i/N)$$

Being  $N$  the number of vertices in the network and  $\sigma(i/N)$  the relative size of the network after  $i$  vertices have been removed.

For any type of attack to remove vertices from any network,  $R$  attains its minimum value of  $1/N$  on the star graph and its maximum value of  $(1/2)(1 - 1/N)$  on the complete graph. Thus, for any network and method of vertex removal,  $R \in [0, 1/2]$  [ref] .

The Block Decomposition Method is implemented using the Coding Theorem Method data and code from "Kolmogorov Complexity of  $3 \times 3$  and  $4 \times 4$  Squares" [Soler13]

In[171]:=

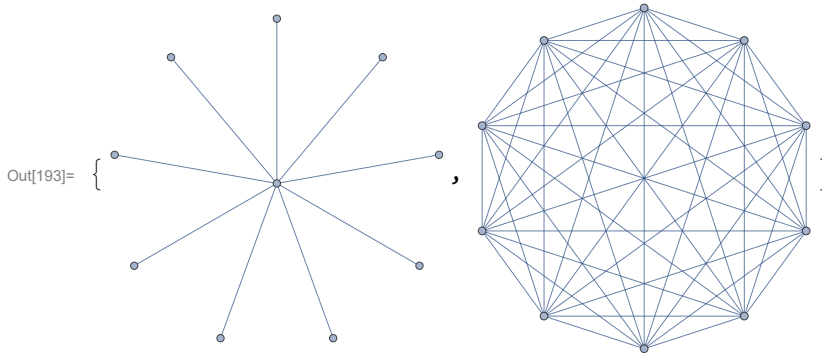
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Clear["Global`*"]
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## Exploration with Star and Complete Graphs

The star graph and the complete graph represent the lowest and highest extremes of robustness in connected graphs, respectively.

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In[193]:= {StarGraph[10], CompleteGraph[10]}
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Expected vs computed robustness in star and complete graph

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In[194]:= {N@ (1/100), robustnessSeqAttackBDM[StarGraph[100]]}
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Out[194]= {0.01, 0.00990}
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In[195]:= {.5 * (1 - 1/100), robustnessSeqAttackBDM[CompleteGraph[100]]}
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Out[195]= {0.495, 0.495}
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In[196]:= SquareBDM[AdjacencyMatrix[StarGraph[5]], 4, 1]
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Out[196]= 105.527
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In[197]:= getVertexAttackComplexityRank[StarGraph[5]]
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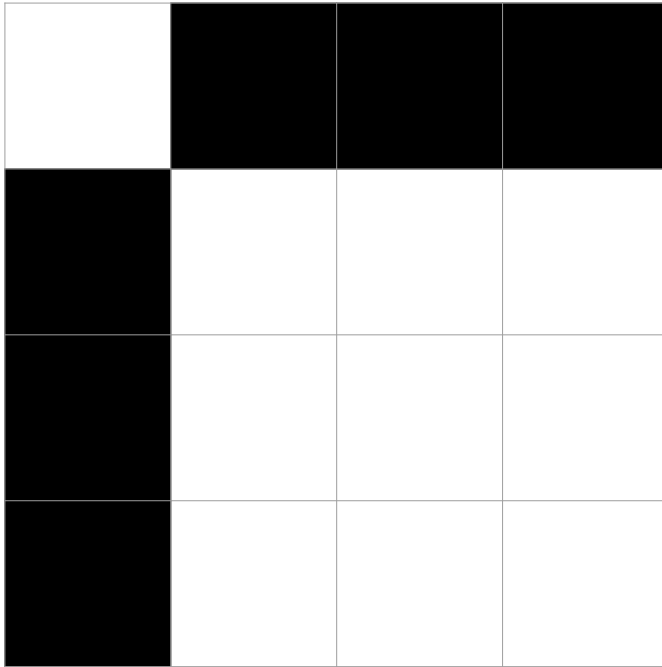
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Out[197]= {{1, 83.5206}, {5, 75.9639}, {4, 75.9639}, {3, 75.9639}, {2, 75.9639}}
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In[198]:= getEdgeAttackComplexityRank[StarGraph[5]]
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Out[198]= {{1 ↔ 2, 2.98977}, {1 ↔ 4, 2.71213}, {1 ↔ 3, 1.18206}, {1 ↔ 5, -0.571505}}
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In[204]:= AdjacencyMatrix[VertexDelete[StarGraph[5], 2]] // ArrayPlot[#, Mesh → True] &
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Out[204]=
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In[199]:= origBDM = SquareBDM[AdjacencyMatrix[StarGraph[5]], 4, 1]
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Out[199]= 105.527
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In[222]:= Table[SquareBDM[AdjacencyMatrix[VertexDelete[StarGraph[5], i]], 4, 1], {i, 1, 5, 1}]
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Out[222]= {22.0067, 29.5634, 29.5634, 29.5634, 29.5634}
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In[200]:= del1BDM = SquareBDM[AdjacencyMatrix[VertexDelete[StarGraph[5], 1]], 4, 1]
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Out[200]= 22.0067
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In[201]:= del4BDM = SquareBDM[AdjacencyMatrix[VertexDelete[StarGraph[5], 4]], 4, 1]
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Out[201]= 29.5634
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In[202]:= origBDM - del4BDM
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Out[202]= 75.9639
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In[203]:= origBDM = SquareBDM[AdjacencyMatrix[VertexDelete[StarGraph[5], 2]], 4, 1]
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Out[203]= 29.5634
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In[205]:= robustnessSeqAttack[StarGraph[5], DegreeCentrality]
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Out[205]= 0.16
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In[206]:= Reverse[SortBy[Transpose[{VertexList[#], EigenvectorCentrality[#]}], Last]] &@  
StarGraph[5]
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Out[206]= {{1, 0.333333}, {4, 0.166667}, {3, 0.166667}, {2, 0.166667}, {5, 0.166667}}
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In[207]:= getVertexAttackComplexityRank[StarGraph[5]]
Out[207]:= {{1, 83.5206}, {5, 75.9639}, {4, 75.9639}, {3, 75.9639}, {2, 75.9639}}

In[208]:= getVertexAttackComplexityRank[CompleteGraph[5]]
Out[208]:= {{5, 50.1874}, {4, 50.1874}, {3, 50.1874}, {2, 50.1874}, {1, 50.1874}}

In[209]:= robustnessSeqAttack[StarGraph[5], DegreeCentrality]
Out[209]:= 0.16

In[210]:= robustnessSeqAttackBDM[StarGraph[5]]
Out[210]:= 0.160

In[211]:= robustnessSeqAttackBDM[CompleteGraph[5]]
Out[211]:= 0.400

In[212]:= robustnessSeqAttack[CompleteGraph[5], #] & /@
          {BetweennessCentrality, DegreeCentrality, EigenvectorCentrality}
Out[212]:= {0.40, 0.40, 0.40}

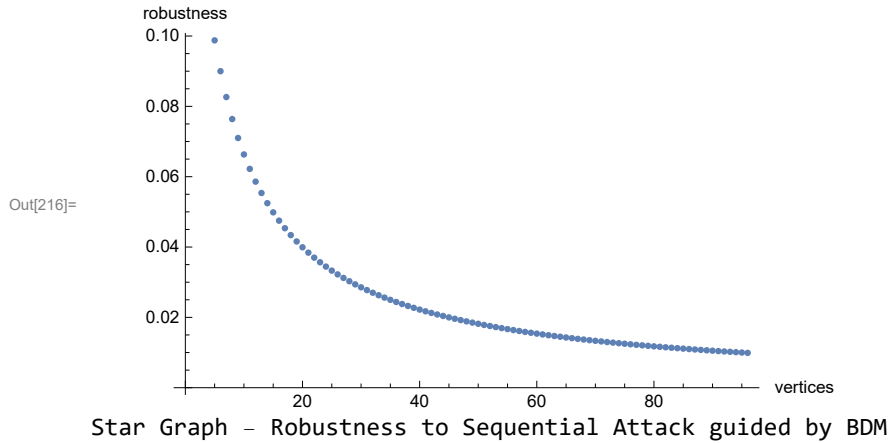
In[213]:= getEdgeAttackComplexityRank[StarGraph[5]]
Out[213]:= {{1 ↔ 2, 2.98977}, {1 ↔ 4, 2.71213}, {1 ↔ 3, 1.18206}, {1 ↔ 5, -0.571505}}

In[214]:= robustnessSimAttack[StarGraph[5], DegreeCentrality]
Out[214]:= 0.160

In[215]:= starGraphBDMRobustness = Table[robustnessSeqAttackBDM[StarGraph[i]], {i, 5, 100, 1}]
Out[215]:= {0.160, 0.139, 0.122, 0.109, 0.0988, 0.0900, 0.0826, 0.0764, 0.0710, 0.0663, 0.0622, 0.0586,
            0.0554, 0.0525, 0.0499, 0.0475, 0.0454, 0.0434, 0.0416, 0.0399, 0.0384, 0.0370, 0.0357,
            0.0344, 0.0333, 0.0322, 0.0312, 0.0303, 0.0294, 0.0285, 0.0278, 0.0270, 0.0263, 0.0256,
            0.0250, 0.0244, 0.0238, 0.0232, 0.0227, 0.0222, 0.0217, 0.0213, 0.0208, 0.0204, 0.0200,
            0.0196, 0.0192, 0.0189, 0.0185, 0.0182, 0.0179, 0.0175, 0.0172, 0.0169, 0.0167, 0.0164,
            0.0161, 0.0159, 0.0156, 0.0154, 0.0151, 0.0149, 0.0147, 0.0145, 0.0143, 0.0141,
            0.0139, 0.0137, 0.0135, 0.0133, 0.0132, 0.0130, 0.0128, 0.0127, 0.0125, 0.0123,
            0.0122, 0.0120, 0.0119, 0.0118, 0.0116, 0.0115, 0.0114, 0.0112, 0.0111, 0.0110,
            0.0109, 0.0108, 0.0106, 0.0105, 0.0104, 0.0103, 0.0102, 0.0101, 0.0100, 0.00990}

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In[216]:= Labeled[ListPlot[starGraphBDMRobustness, AxesLabel → {"vertices", "robustness"}],
  "Star Graph - Robustness to Sequential Attack guided by BDM"]
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In[217]:= {robustnessSeqAttackBDM[StarGraph[50]],
  robustnessSeqAttack[StarGraph[50], DegreeCentrality]}
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Out[217]= {0.0196, 0.020}
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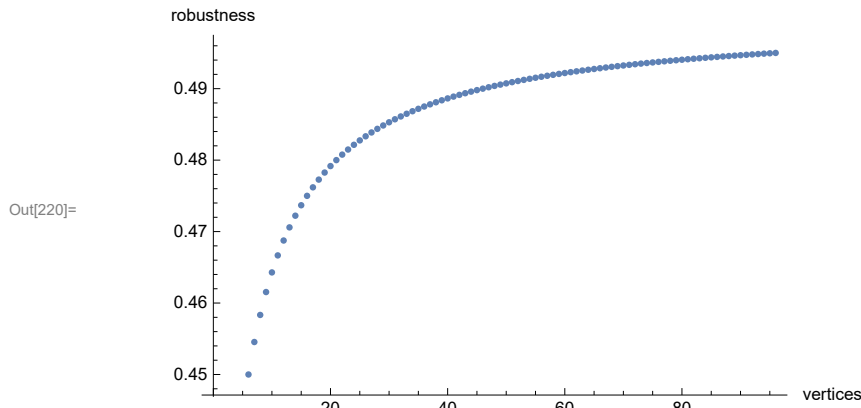
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In[218]:= {robustnessSeqAttackBDM[CompleteGraph[50]],
  robustnessSeqAttack[CompleteGraph[50], DegreeCentrality]}
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Out[218]= {0.490, 0.49}
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In[219]:= completeGraphBDMRobustness =
  Table[robustnessSeqAttackBDM[CompleteGraph[i]], {i, 5, 100, 1}]
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Out[219]= {0.400, 0.417, 0.429, 0.438, 0.444, 0.450, 0.455, 0.458, 0.462, 0.464, 0.467, 0.469,
  0.471, 0.472, 0.474, 0.475, 0.476, 0.477, 0.478, 0.479, 0.480, 0.481, 0.481, 0.482,
  0.483, 0.483, 0.484, 0.484, 0.485, 0.485, 0.486, 0.486, 0.486, 0.487, 0.487, 0.488,
  0.488, 0.488, 0.488, 0.489, 0.489, 0.489, 0.489, 0.490, 0.490, 0.490, 0.490, 0.490,
  0.491, 0.491, 0.491, 0.491, 0.491, 0.491, 0.492, 0.492, 0.492, 0.492, 0.492, 0.492,
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  0.494, 0.494, 0.494, 0.494, 0.494, 0.494, 0.494, 0.494, 0.494, 0.494, 0.494,
  0.494, 0.494, 0.495, 0.495, 0.495, 0.495, 0.495, 0.495, 0.495, 0.495, 0.495, 0.495}
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In[220]:= Labeled[ListPlot[completeGraphBDMRobustness, AxesLabel → {"vertices", "robustness"}],  
"Complete Graph – Robustness to Sequential Attack guided by BDM"]
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Complete Graph – Robustness to Sequential Attack guided by BDM

The robustness to attacks directed using the Block Decomposition Method agrees with those directed using the degree of each vertex.

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In[223]:= starGraphDegreeRobustness =  
Table[robustnessSeqAttack[StarGraph[i], DegreeCentrality], {i, 5, 100, 1}]
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Out[223]= {0.16, 0.14, 0.12, 0.11, 0.099, 0.090, 0.083, 0.076, 0.071, 0.066, 0.062, 0.059,  
0.055, 0.052, 0.050, 0.048, 0.045, 0.043, 0.042, 0.040, 0.038, 0.037, 0.036, 0.034,  
0.033, 0.032, 0.031, 0.030, 0.029, 0.029, 0.028, 0.027, 0.026, 0.026, 0.025, 0.024,  
0.024, 0.023, 0.023, 0.022, 0.022, 0.021, 0.021, 0.020, 0.020, 0.020, 0.019, 0.019,  
0.019, 0.018, 0.018, 0.018, 0.017, 0.017, 0.017, 0.016, 0.016, 0.016, 0.016, 0.015,  
0.015, 0.015, 0.015, 0.014, 0.014, 0.014, 0.014, 0.014, 0.014, 0.013, 0.013, 0.013,  
0.013, 0.013, 0.012, 0.012, 0.012, 0.012, 0.012, 0.012, 0.012, 0.011, 0.011, 0.011,  
0.011, 0.011, 0.011, 0.011, 0.011, 0.011, 0.010, 0.010, 0.010, 0.010, 0.010, 0.0099}

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In[225]:= starGraphBDMRobustness === starGraphDegreeRobustness
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Out[225]= True

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In[226]:= completeGraphDegreeRobustness =  
Table[robustnessSeqAttack[CompleteGraph[i], DegreeCentrality], {i, 5, 100, 1}]
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Out[226]= {0.40, 0.42, 0.43, 0.44, 0.44, 0.45, 0.45, 0.46, 0.46, 0.46, 0.47, 0.47, 0.47,  
0.47, 0.47, 0.48, 0.48, 0.48, 0.48, 0.48, 0.48, 0.48, 0.48, 0.48, 0.48, 0.48,  
0.48, 0.48, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49,  
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0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.49, 0.50}

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In[227]:= completeGraphBDMRobustness === completeGraphDegreeRobustness
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Out[227]= True

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