Applied SNA with R

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Prerequisites

- 1. Install R from CRAN: https://www.r-project.org/
- 2. (optional) Install Rstudio: https://rstudio.org

While I find RStudio extreamly useful, it is not necesary to use it with R.

Introduction

This book will be build as part of a workshop on Applied Social Network Analysis with R. Its contents will be populated as the sessions take place, and for now there is particular program that we will follow, instead, we have the following workflow:

- 1. Participants will share their data and what they need to do with it.
- 2. Based on their data, I'll be preparing the sessions trying to show attendees how would I approach the problem, and at the same time, teach by example about the R language.
- 3. Materials will be published on this website and, hopefully, video recordings of the sessions.

At least in the first version, the book will be organized by session, this is, one chapter per session.

In general, we will besides of R itself, we will be using R studio and the following R packages: dplyr for data management, stringr for data cleaning, and of course igraph, netdiffuseR (a bit of a bias here), and statnet for our neat network analysis. 1

¹Some of you may be wondering ``what about ggplot2 and friends? What about tidyverse'', well, my short answer is I jumped into R before all of that was that popular. When I started plots were all about lattice, and after a couple of years on that, about base R graphics. What I'm saying is that so far I have not find a compelling reason to leave my ``old-practices'' and embrace all the tidyverse movement (religion?).

R Basics

3.1 What is R

3.2 How to install packages

Nowadays there are two ways of installing R packages (that I'm aware of), either using install.packages, which is a function shipped with R, or use the devtools R package to install a package from some remote repository other than CRAN, here is a couple of examples:

```
# This will install the igraph package from CRAN
> install.packages("netdiffuseR")

# This will install the bleeding-edge version from the project's github repo!
> devtools::install_github("USCCANA/netdiffuseR")
```

The first one, using install.packages, installs the CRAN version of netdiffuseR, whereas the second installs whatever version is plublished on https://github.com/USCCANA/netdiffuseR, which is usually called the development version.

In some cases users may want/need to install packages from command line as some packages need extra configuration to be installed. But we won't need to look at it now.

Week 1: SNS Study

4.1 The Social Network Study

The data can be downloaded from

The codebook for the data provided here is in the appendix.

4.2 Today's Goals

- 1. Read the data into R,
- 2. Create a network with it,
- 3. Compute descriptive statistics
- 4. Visualize the network

4.3 Data preprocessing

4.3.1 Reading the data into R

R has several ways of reading data in. You data can be Raw plain files like CSV, tab delimited or specified by column width, for which you can use the readr package; or it can be binary files like dta (Stata), Octave, SPSS, for which foreign can be used; or it could be excel files in which case you should be using readxl. In our case, the data for this session is in Stata format:

```
library(dplyr)
library(magrittr)
library(foreign)

# Reading the data
dat <- foreign::read.dta("03-sns.dta")

# Taking a look at the data's first 5 columns and 5 rows
dat[1:5, 1:10]</pre>
```

```
photoid school hispanic female1 female2 female3 female4 grades1 grades2
##
            1
                                                           0
                                                                     0
## 1
                  111
                               1
                                       NA
                                                 NA
                                                                             NA
                                                                                      NA
## 2
            2
                  111
                               1
                                        0
                                                 NA
                                                          NA
                                                                     0
                                                                            3.0
                                                                                      NA
            7
## 3
                               0
                                        1
                                                  1
                                                           1
                                                                     1
                                                                            5.0
                                                                                     4.5
                  111
## 4
           13
                  111
                               1
                                        1
                                                  1
                                                           1
                                                                     1
                                                                            2.5
                                                                                     2.5
## 5
           14
                                                  1
                               1
                                         1
                                                           1
                                                                    NA
                                                                            3.0
                                                                                     3.5
                  111
     grades3
##
## 1
          3.5
## 2
           NA
## 3
          4.0
## 4
          2.5
          3.5
## 5
```

4.3.2 Creating a unique id for each participant

Now suppose that we want to create a unique id using the school and photo id. In this case, since both variables are numeric, a good way of doing it is to encode the id such that, for example, the last three x numbers are the photoid and the first ones are the school id. To do this we need to take into account the range of the variables. Here, photoid has the following range:

```
(photo_id_ran <- range(dat$photoid))</pre>
```

```
## [1] 1 2074
```

As the variable spans up to 2074, we need to set the last 4 units of the variable to store the photoid. Again, we use dplyr to create this variable, and we will call it... id (mind blowing, right?):

```
(dat %<>% mutate(id = school*10000 + photoid)) %>%
head %>%
select(school, photoid, id)
```

```
##
     school photoid
## 1
                    1 1110001
        111
## 2
        111
                   2 1110002
## 3
        111
                   7 1110007
## 4
        111
                   13 1110013
## 5
        111
                   14 1110014
## 6
                   15 1110015
```

Wow, what happend in the last three lines of code! What is that %>%? Well, that's the piping operator, and it is a very nice way of writing nested function calls. In this case, instead of having write something like

```
dat_filtered$id <- dat_filtered$school*10000 + dat_filtered$photoid
subset(head(dat_filtered), select = c(school, photoid, id))</pre>
```

4.4 Creating a network

- We want to build a social network. For that, we either use an adjacency matrix or an edgelist.
- Each individual of the SNS data nomitated 19 friends from school. We will use those nominations to create the social network.
- In this case, we will create the network by coercing the dataset into an edgelist.

4.4.1 From survey to edgelist

Let's start by loading a couple of handy R packages for this task.

```
library(tidyr)
library(stringr)
```

Optionally, we can use the tibble type of object which is an alternative to the actual data.frame. This object is claimed to provide more efficient methods for matrices and data frames.

```
dat <- as_tibble(dat)</pre>
```

What I like from tibbles is that when you print them on the console these actually look nice:

dat

```
# A tibble: 2,164 x 100
##
##
      photoid school hispanic female1 female2 female3 female4 grades1 grades2
##
        <int>
               <int>
                         <dbl>
                                 <int>
                                          <int>
                                                  <int>
                                                           <int>
                                                                   <dbl>
                                                                            <dbl>
                          1.00
##
    1
            1
                  111
                                    NA
                                             NA
                                                      0
                                                               0
                                                                   NA
                                                                            NA
##
    2
            2
                  111
                          1.00
                                     0
                                             NA
                                                     NA
                                                               0
                                                                    3.00
                                                                            NA
    3
            7
                                                                    5.00
                                                                            4.50
##
                  111
                          0
                                     1
                                              1
                                                      1
                                                               1
##
    4
           13
                  111
                          1.00
                                     1
                                              1
                                                      1
                                                               1
                                                                    2.50
                                                                            2.50
    5
##
           14
                  111
                          1.00
                                     1
                                              1
                                                      1
                                                              NA
                                                                    3.00
                                                                            3.50
##
    6
           15
                  111
                          1.00
                                     0
                                              0
                                                               0
                                                                    2.50
                                                                            2.50
                                                      0
##
    7
           20
                  111
                          1.00
                                     1
                                              1
                                                      1
                                                               1
                                                                    2.50
                                                                            2.50
##
    8
           22
                  111
                          1.00
                                    NA
                                             NA
                                                      0
                                                               0
                                                                   NA
                                                                           NA
    9
##
           25
                  111
                          0
                                      1
                                              1
                                                     NA
                                                               1
                                                                    4.50
                                                                            3.50
                                                                    3.50
## 10
           27
                  111
                          1.00
                                     0
                                             NA
                                                      0
                                                               0
                                                                           NA
     ... with 2,154 more rows, and 91 more variables: grades3 <dbl>,
       grades4 <dbl>, eversmk1 <int>, eversmk2 <int>, eversmk3 <int>,
## #
## #
       eversmk4 <int>, everdrk1 <int>, everdrk2 <int>, everdrk3 <int>,
## #
       everdrk4 <int>, home1 <int>, home2 <int>, home3 <int>, home4 <int>,
       sch_friend11 <int>, sch_friend12 <int>, sch_friend13 <int>,
## #
## #
       sch_friend14 <int>, sch_friend15 <int>, sch_friend16 <int>,
       sch_friend17 <int>, sch_friend18 <int>, sch_friend19 <int>,
## #
## #
       sch_friend110 <int>, sch_friend111 <int>, sch_friend112 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend113 <int>, sch_friend114 <int>, sch_friend115 <int>,
       sch_friend116 <int>, sch_friend117 <int>, sch_friend118 <int>,
## #
## #
       sch_friend119 <int>, sch_friend21 <int>, sch_friend22 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend23 <int>, sch_friend24 <int>, sch_friend25 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend26 <int>, sch_friend27 <int>, sch_friend28 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend29 <int>, sch_friend210 <int>, sch_friend211 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend212 <int>, sch_friend213 <int>, sch_friend214 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend215 <int>, sch_friend216 <int>, sch_friend217 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend218 <int>, sch_friend219 <int>, sch_friend31 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend32 <int>, sch_friend33 <int>, sch_friend34 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend35 <int>, sch_friend36 <int>, sch_friend37 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend38 <int>, sch_friend39 <int>, sch_friend310 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend311 <int>, sch_friend312 <int>, sch_friend313 <int>,
       sch_friend314 <int>, sch_friend315 <int>, sch_friend316 <int>,
## #
## #
       sch_friend317 <int>, sch_friend318 <int>, sch_friend319 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend41 <int>, sch_friend42 <int>, sch_friend43 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend44 <int>, sch_friend45 <int>, sch_friend46 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend47 <int>, sch_friend48 <int>, sch_friend49 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend410 <int>, sch_friend411 <int>, sch_friend412 <int>,
```

```
## # sch_friend413 <int>, sch_friend414 <int>, sch_friend415 <int>,
## # sch_friend416 <int>, sch_friend417 <int>, sch_friend418 <int>,
## # sch_friend419 <int>, id <dbl>

# Maybe too much piping... but its cool!

net <- dat %>%

select(id, school, starts_with("sch_friend")) %>%
gather(key = "varname", value = "content", -id, -school) %>%
filter(!is.na(content)) %>%
mutate(
   friendid = school*10000 + content,
   year = str_extract(varname, "(?<=[a-z])[0-9]"),
   nnom = str_extract(varname, "(?<=[a-z][0-9])[0-9]+")
)</pre>
```

Let's take a look at this step by step:

1. First, we subset the data: We want to keep id, school, sch_friend*. For the later we use the function starts_with (from the tidyselect package). This allows us to select all variables that starts with the word ``sch_friend'', which means that sch_friend11, sch_friend12, ... will all be selected.

```
dat %>%
  select(id, school, starts_with("sch_friend"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2,164 x 78
           id school sch_friend11 sch_friend12 sch_friend13 sch_friend14
##
        <dbl>
               <int>
                             <int>
                                          <int>
                                                       <int>
                                                                     <int>
##
   1 1110001
                 111
                               NA
                                             NA
                                                          NA
                                                                        NA
   2 1110002
##
                 111
                               424
                                            423
                                                         426
                                                                       289
##
   3 1110007
                                            505
                 111
                              629
                                                          NA
                                                                        NA
##
   4 1110013
                 111
                              232
                                            569
                                                          NA
                                                                        NA
## 5 1110014
                              582
                                                           41
                                                                       592
                 111
                                            134
   6 1110015
                                            488
##
                 111
                               26
                                                          81
                                                                       138
## 7 1110020
                              528
                                                         492
                                                                       395
                 111
                                             NA
   8 1110022
                 111
                               NA
                                             NA
                                                          NA
                                                                        NA
## 9 1110025
                                            185
                                                                        84
                 111
                              135
                                                         553
## 10 1110027
                              346
                                            168
                                                         559
                                                                         5
## # ... with 2,154 more rows, and 72 more variables: sch_friend15 <int>,
       sch_friend16 <int>, sch_friend17 <int>, sch_friend18 <int>,
       sch_friend19 <int>, sch_friend110 <int>, sch_friend111 <int>,
## #
## #
       sch_friend112 <int>, sch_friend113 <int>, sch_friend114 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend115 <int>, sch_friend116 <int>, sch_friend117 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend118 <int>, sch_friend119 <int>, sch_friend21 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend22 <int>, sch_friend23 <int>, sch_friend24 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend25 <int>, sch_friend26 <int>, sch_friend27 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend28 <int>, sch_friend29 <int>, sch_friend210 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend211 <int>, sch_friend212 <int>, sch_friend213 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend214 <int>, sch_friend215 <int>, sch_friend216 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend217 <int>, sch_friend218 <int>, sch_friend219 <int>,
       sch_friend31 <int>, sch_friend32 <int>, sch_friend33 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend34 <int>, sch_friend35 <int>, sch_friend36 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend37 <int>, sch_friend38 <int>, sch_friend39 <int>,
## #
## #
       sch_friend310 <int>, sch_friend311 <int>, sch_friend312 <int>,
       sch friend313 <int>, sch friend314 <int>, sch friend315 <int>,
## #
       sch_friend316 <int>, sch_friend317 <int>, sch_friend318 <int>,
## #
```

```
## # sch_friend319 <int>, sch_friend41 <int>, sch_friend42 <int>,
## # sch_friend43 <int>, sch_friend44 <int>, sch_friend45 <int>,
## # sch_friend46 <int>, sch_friend47 <int>, sch_friend48 <int>,
## # sch_friend49 <int>, sch_friend410 <int>, sch_friend411 <int>,
## # sch_friend412 <int>, sch_friend413 <int>, sch_friend414 <int>,
## # sch_friend415 <int>, sch_friend416 <int>, sch_friend417 <int>,
## # sch_friend418 <int>, sch_friend419 <int>
```

2. Then, we reshape it to long format: By transposing all the sch_friend* to long. We do this by means of the function gather (from the tidyr package). This is an alternative to the reshape function, and I personally find it easier to use. Let's see how it works:

```
dat %>%
  select(id, school, starts_with("sch_friend")) %>%
  gather(key = "varname", value = "content", -id, -school)
```

```
## # A tibble: 164,464 x 4
##
           id school varname
                                   content
##
        <dbl> <int> <chr>
                                     <int>
##
   1 1110001
                 111 sch_friend11
                                        NA
##
   2 1110002
                 111 sch_friend11
                                       424
##
   3 1110007
                 111 sch_friend11
                                       629
   4 1110013
                 111 sch_friend11
                                       232
##
##
   5 1110014
                 111 sch friend11
                                       582
##
   6 1110015
                 111 sch_friend11
                                        26
##
   7 1110020
                 111 sch friend11
                                       528
## 8 1110022
                 111 sch_friend11
                                        NA
## 9 1110025
                 111 sch_friend11
                                       135
## 10 1110027
                 111 sch friend11
                                       346
## # ... with 164,454 more rows
```

In this case the key parameter sets the name of the variable that will contain the name of the variable that was reshaped, while value is the name of the variable that will hold the content of the data (that's why I named those like that). The -id, -school bit tells the function to ``drop'' those variables before reshaping, in other words, ``reshape everything but id and school''.

Also, notice that we passed from 2164 rows to 19 (nominations) * 2164 (subjects) * 4 (waves) = 164464 rows, as expected.

3. As the nomination data can be empty for some cells, we need to take care of those cases, the NAs, so we filter the data:

```
dat %%
select(id, school, starts_with("sch_friend")) %>%
gather(key = "varname", value = "content", -id, -school) %>%
filter(!is.na(content))
```

```
## # A tibble: 39,561 x 4
##
           id school varname
                                   content
##
        <dbl> <int> <chr>
                                     <int>
##
   1 1110002
                 111 sch_friend11
                                       424
   2 1110007
                 111 sch friend11
                                       629
   3 1110013
##
                 111 sch_friend11
                                       232
##
   4 1110014
                 111 sch_friend11
                                       582
##
  5 1110015
                 111 sch_friend11
                                        26
   6 1110020
                 111 sch friend11
                                       528
## 7 1110025
                 111 sch friend11
                                       135
```

```
## 8 1110027 111 sch_friend11 346

## 9 1110029 111 sch_friend11 369

## 10 1110030 111 sch_friend11 462

## # ... with 39,551 more rows
```

4. And finally, we create three new variables from this dataset: friendid, year, and nom_num (nomination number). All this using regular expressions:

```
dat %>%
  select(id, school, starts_with("sch_friend")) %>%
  gather(key = "varname", value = "content", -id, -school) %>%
  filter(!is.na(content)) %>%
  mutate(
    friendid = school*10000 + content,
    year = str_extract(varname, "(?<=[a-z])[0-9]"),
    nnom = str_extract(varname, "(?<=[a-z][0-9])[0-9]+")
    )</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 39,561 x 7
##
          id school varname
                                 content friendid year nnom
##
        <dbl> <int> <chr>
                                            <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                                   <int>
##
   1 1110002
                111 sch friend11
                                     424 1110424 1
## 2 1110007
                111 sch_friend11
                                     629 1110629 1
                                                        1
## 3 1110013
                111 sch friend11
                                     232 1110232 1
## 4 1110014
                111 sch_friend11
                                     582 1110582 1
                                                        1
## 5 1110015
                111 sch_friend11
                                      26 1110026 1
## 6 1110020
                                     528 1110528 1
                111 sch_friend11
                                                        1
## 7 1110025
                111 sch_friend11
                                     135 1110135 1
## 8 1110027
                111 sch_friend11
                                     346 1110346 1
                                                        1
## 9 1110029
                111 sch_friend11
                                     369
                                          1110369 1
                                                        1
## 10 1110030
                111 sch_friend11
                                     462 1110462 1
                                                        1
## # ... with 39,551 more rows
```

The regular expression (?<=[a-z]) matches a string that is preceded by any letter from a to z, whereas the expression [0-9] matches a single number. Hence, from the string "sch_friend12", the regular expression will only match the 1, as it is the only number followed by a letter. On the other hand, the expression (?<=[a-z][0-9]) matches a string that is preceded by a letter from a to z and a number from 0 to 9; and the expression [0-9]+ matches a string of numbers--so it could be more than one. Hence, from the string "sch_friend12", we will get 2. We can actually se this

```
str_extract("sch_friend12", "(?<=[a-z])[0-9]")
## [1] "1"
str_extract("sch_friend12", "(?<=[a-z][0-9])[0-9]+")
## [1] "2"</pre>
```

Now that we have this edgelist, we can create an igraph object

4.4.2 igraph network

```
vertices <- dat %>%
select(id, school, hispanic, female1, starts_with("eversmk"))
```

Let's now use the function graph_from_data_frame to create an igraph object:

```
library(igraph)

ig_year1 <- net %>%
  filter(year == "1") %>%
  select(id, friendid) %>%
  graph_from_data_frame(
    vertices = vertices
  )
```

Error in graph_from_data_frame(., vertices = vertices): Some vertex names in edge list are not listed in v

Ups! It seems that individuals are making nominations to other students that were not included on the survery. How to solve that? Well, it all depends on what you need to do! In this case, we will go for the quietly-remove-em'-and-don't-tell strategy:

```
ig_year1 <- net %>%
  filter(year == "1") %>%

# Extra line, all nominations must be in ego too.
filter(friendid %in% id) %>%

select(id, friendid) %>%
graph_from_data_frame(
  vertices = vertices
  )

ig_year1
```

```
## IGRAPH a863f3e DN-- 2164 9514 --
## + attr: name (v/c), school (v/n), hispanic (v/n), female1 (v/n),
## | eversmk1 (v/n), eversmk2 (v/n), eversmk3 (v/n), eversmk4 (v/n)
## + edges from a863f3e (vertex names):
## [1] 1110007->1110629 1110013->1110232 1110014->1110582 1110015->1110026
## [5] 1110025->1110135 1110027->1110346 1110029->1110369 1110035->1110034
## [9] 1110040->1110390 1110041->1110557 1110044->1110027 1110046->1110030
## [13] 1110050->1110086 1110057->1110263 1110069->1110544 1110071->1110167
## [17] 1110072->1110289 1110073->1110014 1110075->1110352 1110084->1110305
## [21] 1110086->1110206 1110093->1110040 1110094->1110483 1110095->1110043
## [25] 1110096->1110065 1110109->1110330 1110114->1110172 1110115->1110039
## + ... omitted several edges
```

So there we have, our network with 2164 nodes and 9514 edges. The next steps: get some descriptive stats and visualize our network.

4.5 Network descriptive stats

"school"

[1] "name"

While we could do all networks at once, in this part we will focus on computing some network statistics for one of the schools only. We start by school 111. The first question that you should be asking your self now is, ``how can I get that information from the igraph object?.'' Well, vertex attributes and edges attributes can be accessed via the V and E functions respectively; moreover, we can list what vertex/edge attributes are available:

```
list.vertex.attributes(ig_year1)
```

"hispanic" "female1" "eversmk1" "eversmk2"

```
## [7] "eversmk3" "eversmk4"
list.edge.attributes(ig_year1) # we have no edge attributes here
```

character(0)

Just like we would do with data frames, accessing vertex attributes is done via the dollar sign operator \$ together with the V function, for example, accessing the first 10 elements of the variable hispanic can be done as follows:

```
V(ig_year1)$hispanic[1:10]
```

```
## [1] 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1
```

Now that you know how to access vertex attributes, we can get the network corresponding to school 111 by identifying which vertices are part of it and pass that information to the induced_subgraph function:

```
# Which ids are from school 111?
school111ids <- which(V(ig_year1)$school == 111)

# Creating a subgraph
ig_year1_111 <- induced_subgraph(
    graph = ig_year1,
    vids = school111ids
)</pre>
```

The which function in R returns a vector of indices indicating which elements are true. In our case it will return a vector of indices of the vertices which have the attribute school equal to 111. Now that we have our subgraph, we can compute different centrality measures¹ for each vertex and store them in the igraph object itself:

```
# Computing centrality measures for each vertex
V(ig_year1_111)$indegree <- degree(ig_year1_111, mode = "in")
V(ig_year1_111)$outdegree <- degree(ig_year1_111, mode = "out")
V(ig_year1_111)$closeness <- closeness(ig_year1_111, mode = "total")
V(ig_year1_111)$betweeness <- betweenness(ig_year1_111, normalized = TRUE)</pre>
```

From here, we can go back to our old habits and get the set of vertex attributes as a data frame so we can compute some summary statistics on the centrality measurements that we just got

```
# Extracting each vectex features as a data.frame
stats <- as_data_frame(ig_year1_111, what = "vertices")

# Computing quantiles for each variable
stats_degree <- with(stats, {
    cbind(
        indegree = quantile(indegree, c(.025, .5, .975)),
        outdegree = quantile(outdegree, c(.025, .5, .975)),
        closeness = quantile(closeness, c(.025, .5, .975)),
        betweeness = quantile(betweeness, c(.025, .5, .975))
}
stats_degree</pre>
```

```
## indegree outdegree closeness betweeness
## 2.5% 0 0 3.526640e-06 0.000000000
```

¹For more information about the different centrality measurements, please take a look at the ``Centrality'' article on Wikipedia.

```
## 50% 4 4 1.595431e-05 0.001879006
## 97.5% 16 16 1.601822e-05 0.016591048
```

The with function is somewhat similar to what dplyr allows us to do when we want to work with the dataset but without mentioning its name everytime that we ask for a variable. Without using the with function, the previous could have been done as follows:

```
stats_degree <-
cbind(
  indegree = quantile(stats$indegree, c(.025, .5, .975)),
  outdegree = quantile(stats$outdegree, c(.025, .5, .975)),
  closeness = quantile(stats$closeness, c(.025, .5, .975)),
  betweeness = quantile(stats$betweeness, c(.025, .5, .975))
)</pre>
```

Now we will compute some statistics at the graph level:

```
cbind(
    size = vcount(ig_year1_111),
    nedges = ecount(ig_year1_111),
    density = edge_density(ig_year1_111),
    recip = reciprocity(ig_year1_111),
    centr = centr_betw(ig_year1_111)$centralization,
    pathLen = mean_distance(ig_year1_111)
)
```

```
## size nedges density recip centr pathLen
## [1,] 533 2638 0.009303277 0.3731513 0.02179154 4.23678
```

Triadic census

), digits = 2)

```
triadic <- triad_census(ig_year1_111)
triadic</pre>
```

```
[1] 24059676
                    724389
                             290849
                                        3619
                                                  3383
                                                           4401
                                                                    3219
                                                   235
## [8]
            2997
                       407
                                 33
                                         836
                                                            163
                                                                     137
## [15]
             277
                        85
knitr::kable(cbind(
  Pcent = triadic/sum(triadic)*100,
  read.csv("triadic census.csv")
```

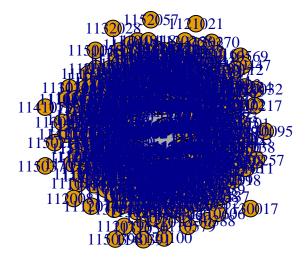


Figure 4.1: A not very nice network plot. This is what we get with the default parameters in igraph.

Pcent	code	description
95.88	003	A,B,C, the empty graph.
2.89	012	A->B, C, the graph with a single directed edge.
1.16	102	A<->B, C, the graph with a mutual connection between two vertices.
0.01	021D	A<-B->C, the out-star.
0.01	021U	A->B<-C, the in-star.
0.02	021C	A->B->C, directed line.
0.01	111D	A<->B<-C.
0.01	111U	A<->B->C.
0.00	030T	A->B<-C, A->C.
0.00	030C	A<-B<-C, A->C.
0.00	201	A<->B<->C.
0.00	120D	A<-B->C, A<->C.
0.00	120U	A->B<-C, A<->C.
0.00	120C	A->B->C, A<->C.
0.00	210	A->B<->C, A<->C.
0.00	300	A<->B<->C, A<->C, the complete graph.

4.6 Plotting the network in igraph

4.6.1 Single plot

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Let's take a look at how does our network looks like when we use the default parameters in the plot method of the igraph object:

plot(ig_year1)

Not very nice, right? A couple of things with this plot:

- 1. We are looking at all schools simultaneously, which does not make sense.
- 2. All the vertices have the same size, and more over, are overalaping.
- 3. Given the number of vertices in these networks, the labels are not useful here.

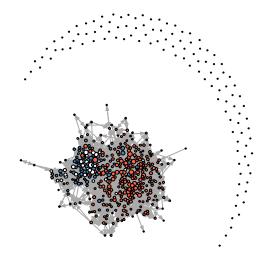


Figure 4.2: Friends network in time 1 for school 111. The graph excludes isolates.

```
col_hispanic <- V(ig_year1_111)$hispanic + 1</pre>
col_hispanic <- coalesce(col_hispanic, 3)</pre>
col_hispanic <- c("steelblue", "tomato", "white")[col_hispanic]</pre>
# Fancy graph
set.seed(1)
plot(
  ig_year1_111,
  vertex.size
                 = degree(ig_year1_111)/10 +1,
  vertex.label = NA,
  edge.arrow.size = .25,
  layout = layout_with_fr,
  vertex.color = col_hispanic
col_eversmk1 <- V(ig_year1_111)$eversmk1 + 1</pre>
col_eversmk1 <- coalesce(col_eversmk1, 3)</pre>
col_eversmk1 <- c("steelblue", "tomato", "white")[col_eversmk1]</pre>
# Fancy graph
set.seed(1)
plot(
  ig_year1_111,
                 = degree(ig_year1_111)/10 +1,
  vertex.size
 vertex.label = NA,
  edge.arrow.size = .25,
  layout = layout_with_fr,
  vertex.color = col_eversmk1
```

We can actually write this as a function so that, instead of us copying and pasting the code n times (supposing that we want to crate a plot similar to this n times), we just need t

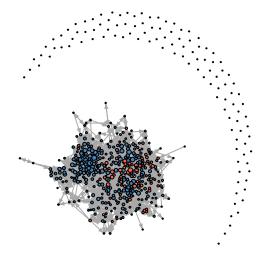


Figure 4.3: Friends network in time 1 for school 111. The graph excludes isolates.

4.6.2 Multiple plots

```
myplot <- function(</pre>
 net,
  schoolid,
  mindgr = 1,
  vcol = "tomato",
  ...) {
  # Creating a subgraph
  subnet <- induced_subgraph(</pre>
    which(degree(net, mode = "all") >= mindgr & V(net)$school == schoolid)
  # Computing colors
  # Fancy graph
  set.seed(1)
  plot(
    subnet,
    vertex.size = degree(subnet)/10,
    vertex.label = NA,
    edge.arrow.size = .25,
    vertex.color = vcol,
                    = layout_with_fr,
    layout
# Plotting all together
oldpar <- par(no.readonly = TRUE)</pre>
```

```
par(mfrow = c(2, 3), mai = rep(0, 4), oma = c(1, 0, 0, 0))
myplot(ig_year1, 111, vcol = "tomato")
```

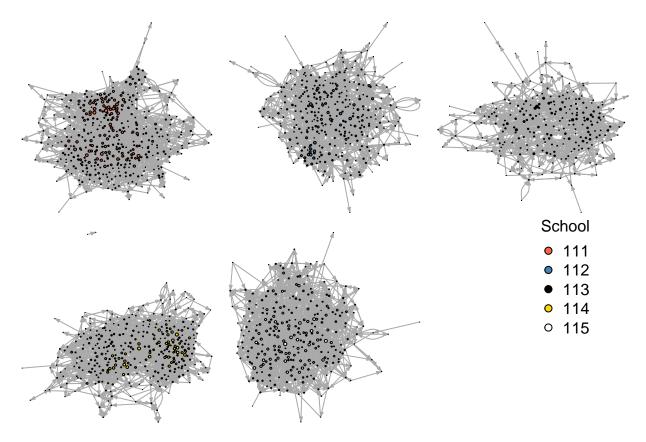


Figure 4.4: All 5 schools in time 1. Again, the graphs exclude isolates.

```
myplot(ig_year1, 112, vcol = "steelblue")
myplot(ig_year1, 113, vcol = "black")
myplot(ig_year1, 114, vcol = "gold")
myplot(ig_year1, 115, vcol = "white")
par(oldpar)
# A fancy legend
legend(
  "bottomright",
 legend = c(111, 112, 113, 114, 115),
  pt.bg = c("tomato", "steelblue", "black", "gold", "white"),
 pch
         = 21,
  cex
  bty
         = "n",
  title = "School"
```

- oldpar <- par(no.readonly = TRUE) This line stores the current parameters for plotting. Since we are going to be changing them, we better make sure we are able to go back!.
- par(mfrow = c(2, 3), mai = rep(0, 4), oma=rep(0, 4)) Here we are setting various things at the same time. mfrow specifies how many figures will be drawn and in what order, in particular, we are asking the plotting device to allow for 2*3 = 6 plots organized in 2 rows and 3 columns, and these will be drawn by row.

mai specifies the size of the margins in inches. Setting all margins equal to zero (which is what we are

doing now) gives more space to the network itself. The same is true for oma. See ?par for more info.

- myplot(ig_year1, ...) This is simply calling our plotting function. The neat part of this is that, since we set mfrow = c(2, 3), R takes care of distributing the plots in the device.
- par(oldpar) Finally, this line allows us to restore the plotting parameters.

Applications

Some significant applications are demonstrated in this chapter.

- 5.1 Example one
- 5.2 Example two

Final Words

We have finished a nice book.

Bibliography