

COM 530500 Network Science Homework #2

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No late homework will be accepted.

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Problem 1.(40%) Consider a k -regular undirected network (i.e., a network in which every vertex has degree k) with number of nodes n .

- (a) (10%) Show that the n -vector $\mathbf{1}_n = [1, 1, \dots, 1]$ is an eigenvector of the adjacency matrix with corresponding eigenvalue k .
- (b) (10%) By making use of the fact that eigenvectors are orthogonal (or otherwise), show that there is no other eigenvector that has all elements positive. [*Note: The Perron-Frobenius theorem says that the eigenvector with all elements positive has the largest eigenvalue, and hence the eigenvector $\mathbf{1}_n$ gives, by definition, the eigenvector centrality of our k -regular network and the centralities are the same for every vertex.*]
- (c) (10%) Find the **Katz centralities** of all vertices in a k -regular network.
- (d) (10%) Find a centrality measure that can give different centralities for different vertices in a regular network. Please provide a specific example.

Solution: Type your answer here.

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Problem 2.(60%) Please find a real dataset from the Internet. (**Note: You need to cite the dataset in the reference.**) Note that this dataset should be an undirected network, and the total number of nodes should be greater than 500. **Please do not use the same dataset in Homework #1.**

- (a) (10%) Briefly introduce this dataset, and list some basic statistical information, such as the number of nodes, number of edges, average clustering coefficient, diameter, average degree, maximum degree, etc.
- (b) (10%) Please visualize the dataset by plotting it.
- (c) (20%) Please implement the Katz centrality measure (textbook chapter 7.3 [1]) **without** using the `katz_centrality` function and the `katz_centrality_numpy` function provided by NetworkX, and find the top 10 nodes ranked by the Katz centrality measure you've written.
- (d) (10%) Please find the top 10 nodes by two other different centrality measures (you can use any packages and functions).
- (e) (5%) Are the top 10 nodes ranked by different centrality measures in (c) and (d) the same? Explain why?
- (f) (5%) Is there a best centrality measure for ranking this dataset? Explain why?

Solution: Type your answer here.

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References

- [1] Newman, Mark. *Networks: An Introduction*. Oxford University Press, 2010.