Visualizing Graphs with NetworkX

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1 Visualizing Networks

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In [1]: %matplotlib notebook
        import networkx as nx
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        # read in the graph
        G = nx.read_gpickle('major_us_cities')
In [2]: # draw the graph using the default spring layout
        plt.figure(figsize=(10,9))
        nx.draw_networkx(G)
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In [3]: # See what layouts are available in networkX
        [x for x in nx.__dir__() if x.endswith('_layout')]
Out[3]: ['circular_layout',
         'random_layout',
         'shell_layout',
         'spring_layout',
         'spectral_layout',
         'fruchterman_reingold_layout']
In [4]: # Draw the graph using the random layout
        plt.figure(figsize=(10,9))
        pos = nx.random_layout(G)
        nx.draw_networkx(G, pos)
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In [5]: # Draw the graph using the circular layout
        plt.figure(figsize=(10,9))
       pos = nx.circular_layout(G)
        nx.draw_networkx(G, pos)
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In [9]: # Draw the graph using custom node positions
       plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
        pos = nx.get_node_attributes(G, 'location')
        nx.draw_networkx(G, pos)
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In [10]: # Draw the graph adding alpha, removing labels, and softening edge color
         plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
         nx.draw_networkx(G, pos, alpha=0.7, with_labels=False, edge_color='.4')
         plt.axis('off')
         plt.tight_layout();
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In [11]: # Draw graph with varying node color, node size, and edge width
         plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
         node_color = [G.degree(v) for v in G]
         node_size = [0.0005*nx.get_node_attributes(G, 'population')[v] for v in G]
         edge_width = [0.0015*G[u][v]['weight'] for u,v in G.edges()]
         nx.draw_networkx(G, pos, node_size=node_size,
                          node_color=node_color, alpha=0.7, with_labels=False,
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width=edge_width, edge_color='.4', cmap=plt.cm.Blues)
         plt.axis('off')
         plt.tight_layout();
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In [12]: # Draw\ specific\ edges\ and\ add\ labels\ to\ specific\ nodes
         plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
         node_color = [G.degree(v) for v in G]
         node_size = [0.0005*nx.get_node_attributes(G, 'population')[v] for v in G]
         edge_width = [0.0015*G[u][v]['weight'] for u,v in G.edges()]
         nx.draw_networkx(G, pos, node_size=node_size,
                          node_color=node_color, alpha=0.7, with_labels=False,
                          width=edge_width, edge_color='.4', cmap=plt.cm.Blues)
         greater_than_770 = [x for x in G.edges(data=True) if x[2]['weight']>770]
         nx.draw_networkx_edges(G, pos, edgelist=greater_than_770, edge_color='r', alpha=0.4, wi
         nx.draw_networkx_labels(G, pos, labels={'Los Angeles, CA': 'LA', 'New York, NY': 'NYC'}
         plt.axis('off')
         plt.tight_layout();
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