

Math 280: Graph Theory  
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GODY’s! (Graph Of The Day)

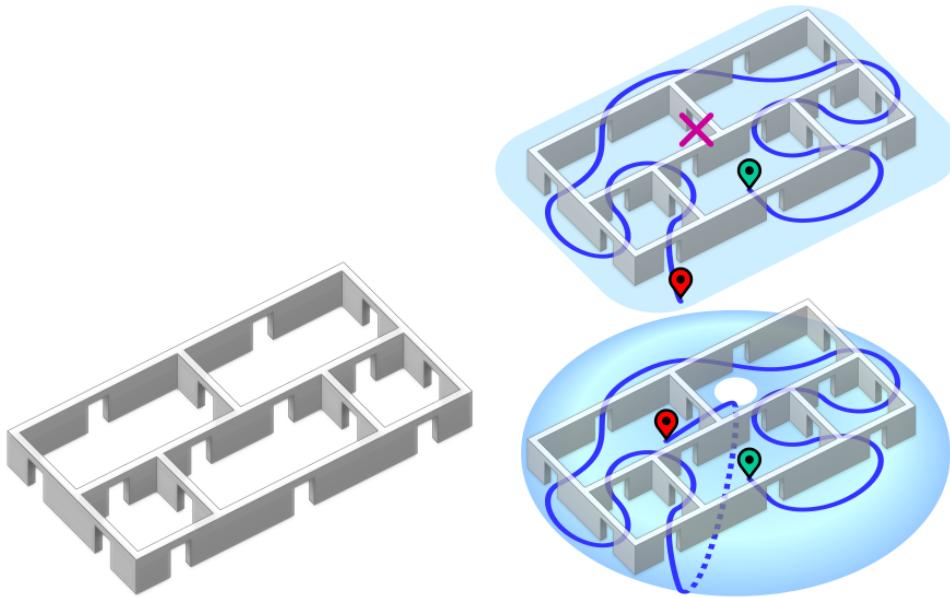
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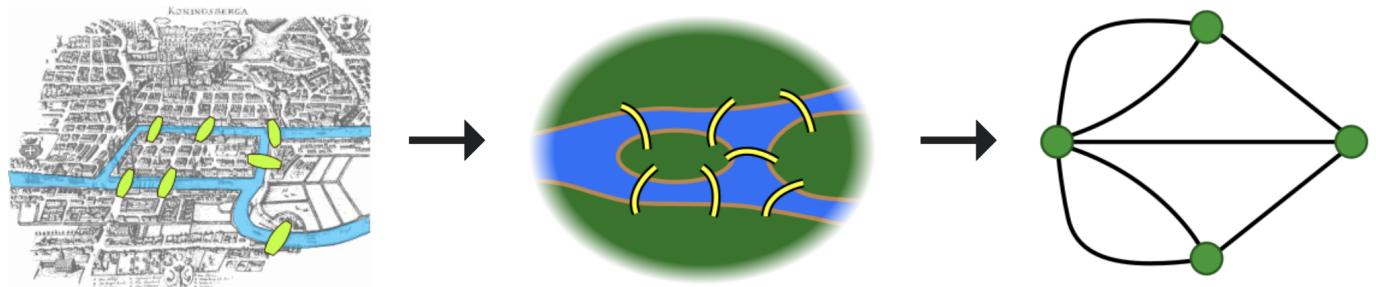
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# 1 Puzzle DZB couldn't solve in middle school

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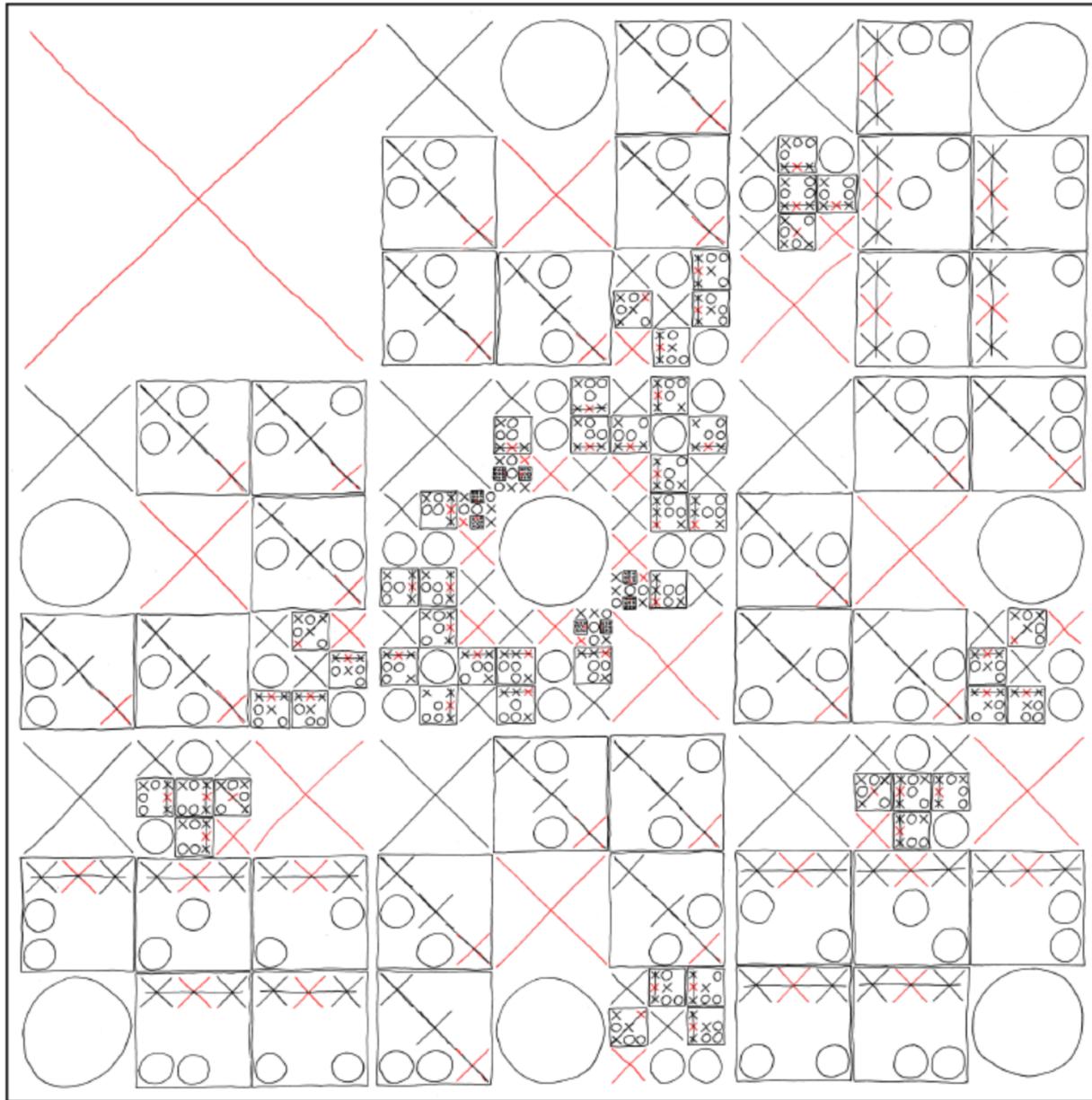


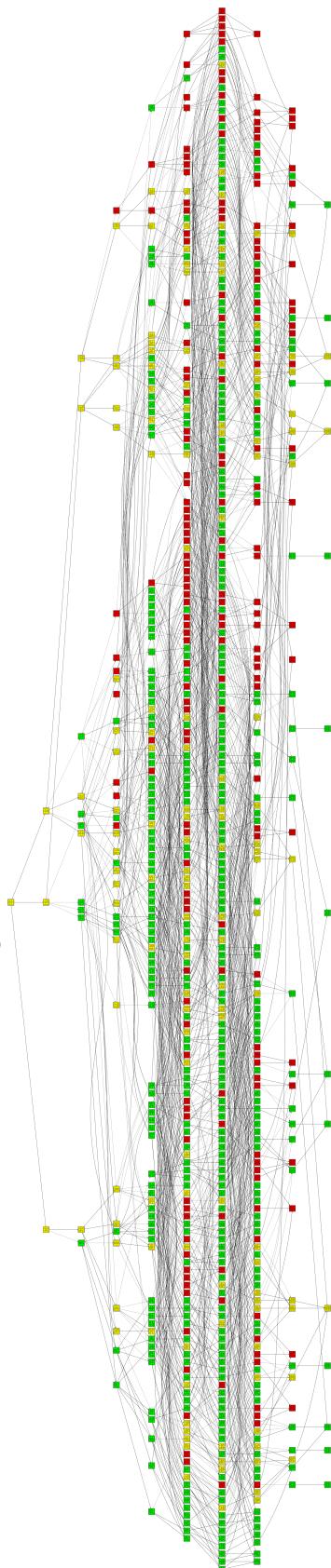
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## 2 Games

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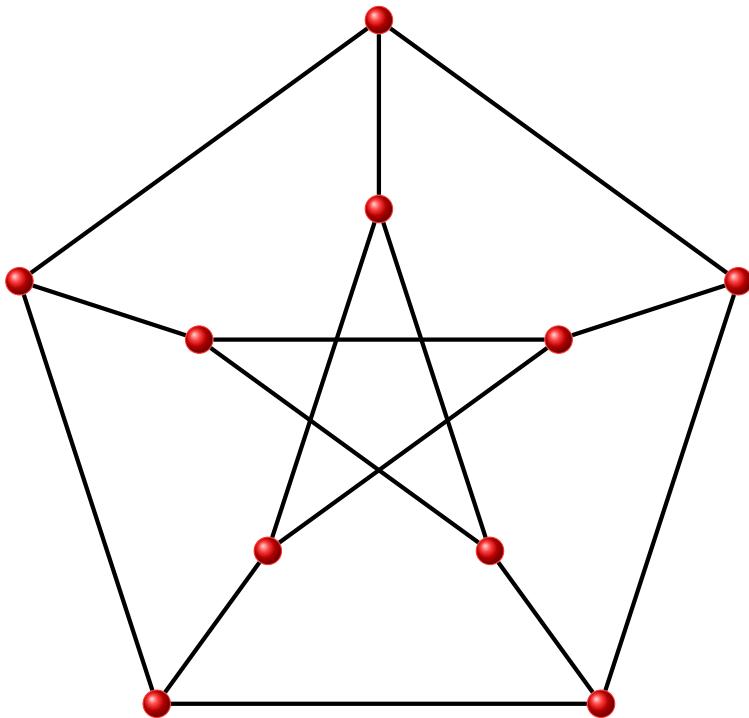




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### 3 Petersen graph

“The Petersen graph is undoubtably the most important graph in graph theory. It’s going to be my next tattoo, in fact.” - [Bill Kay](#), Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

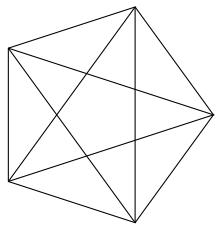


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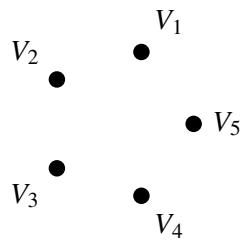


## 4 Common graphs.

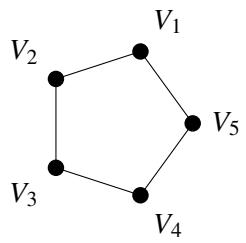
$K_n$  complete graph.



$E_n$  empty graph.



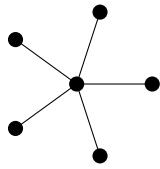
$C_n$  cycle graph.



$P_n$  path graph.



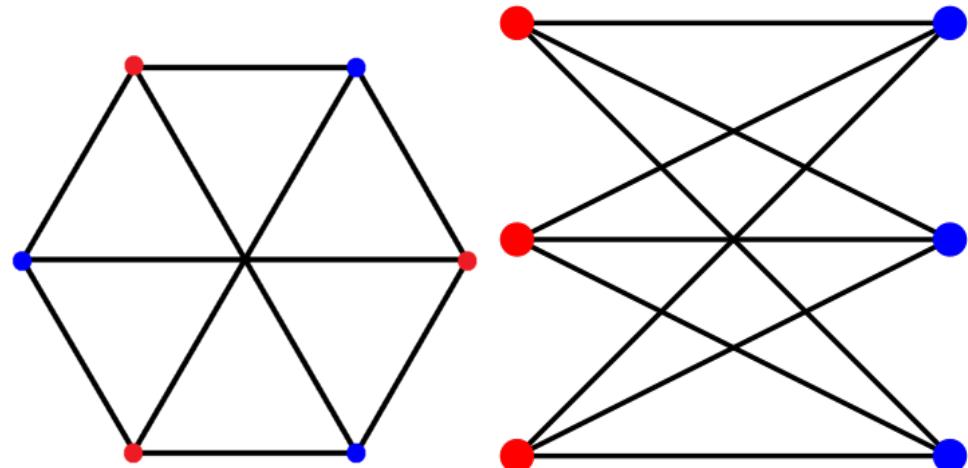
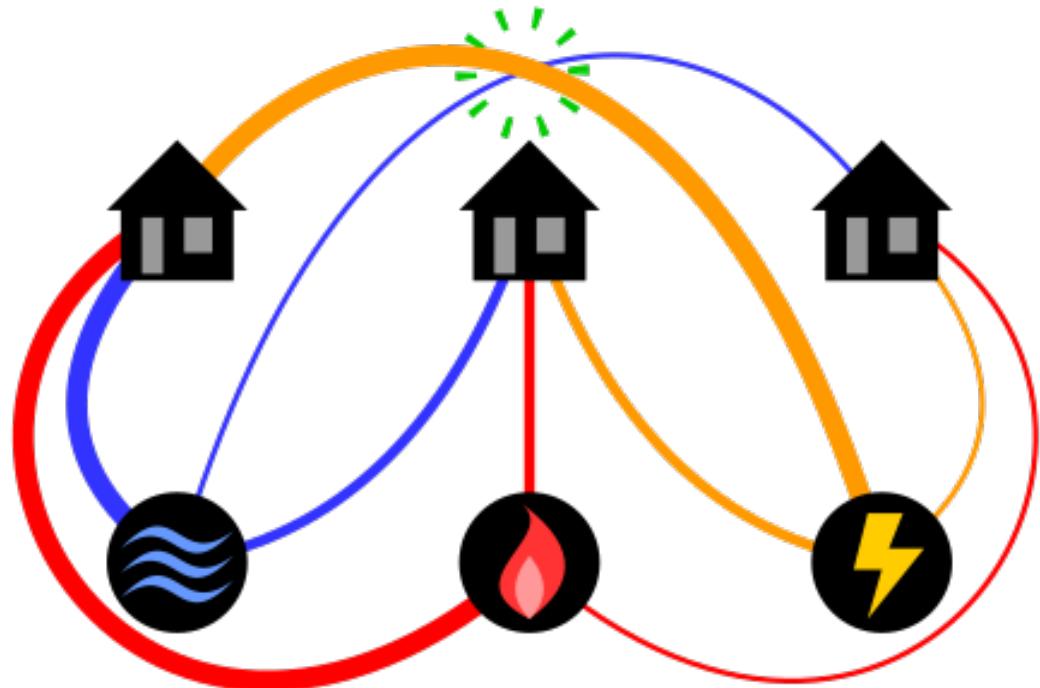
$S_n$  star graph.





## 5 Three utilities problem

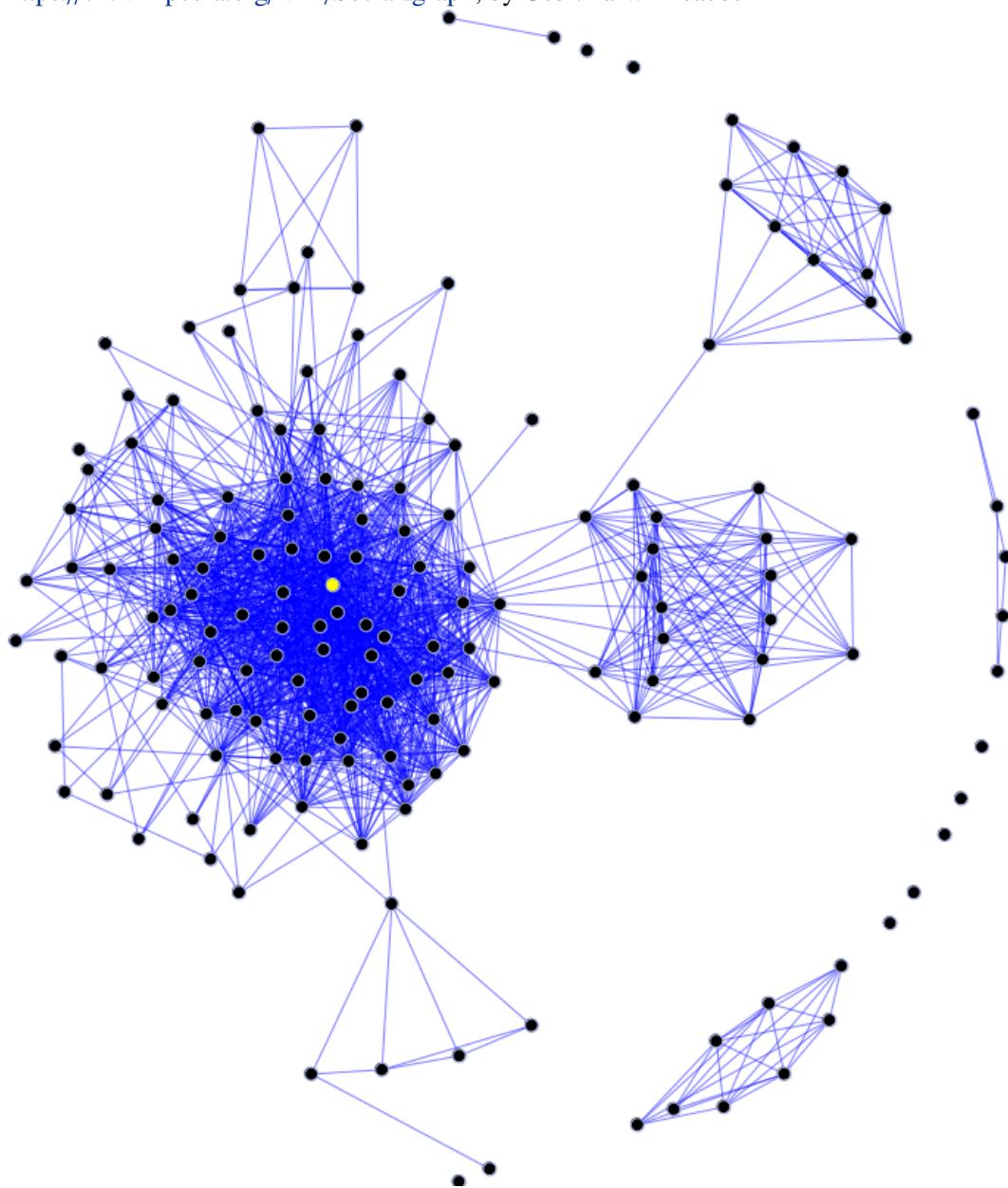
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## 6 Social network graphs

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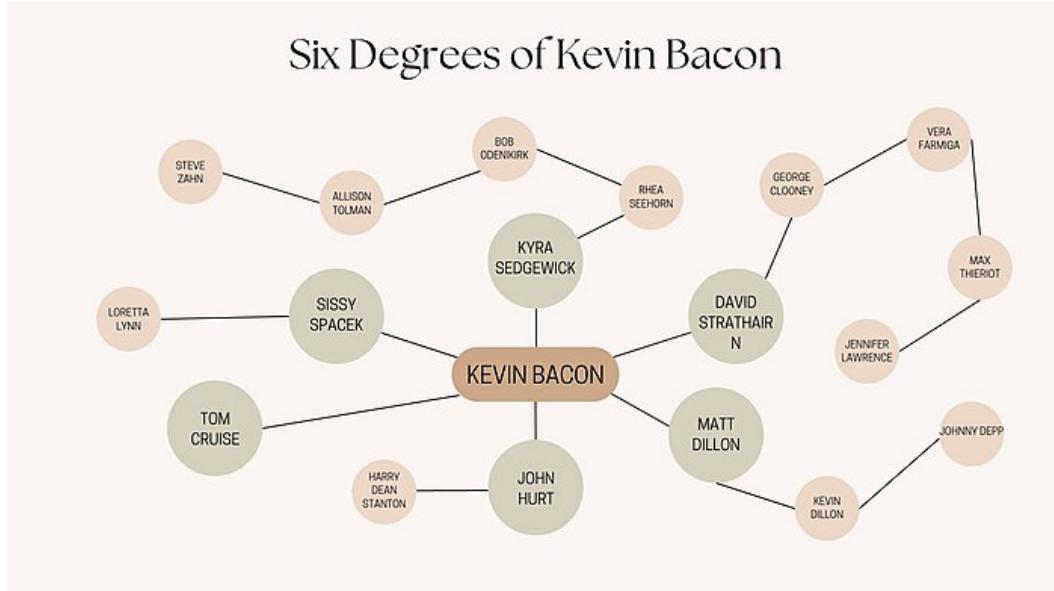




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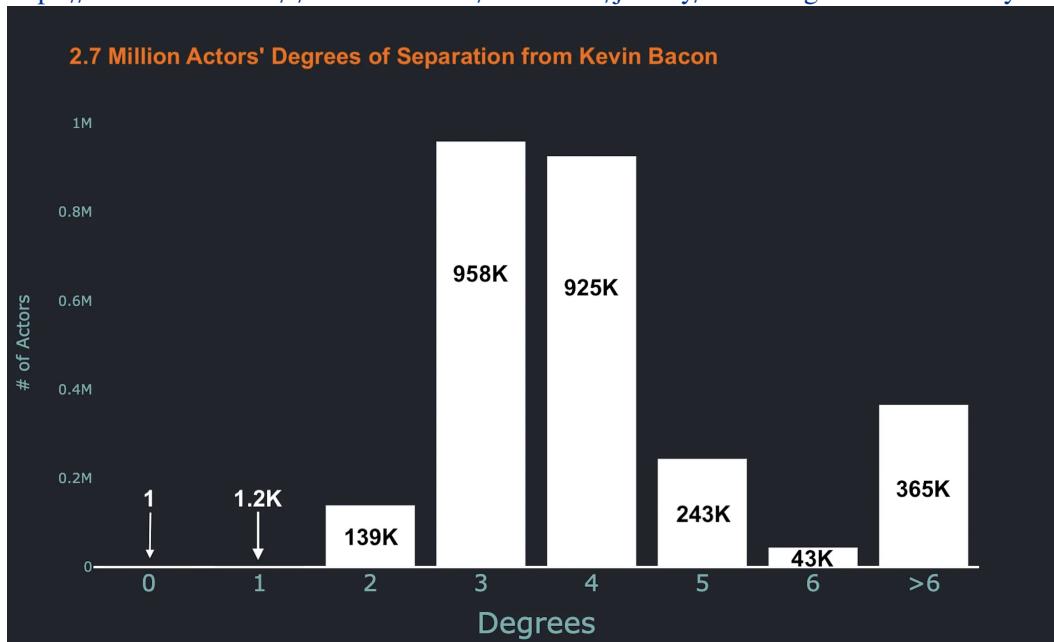
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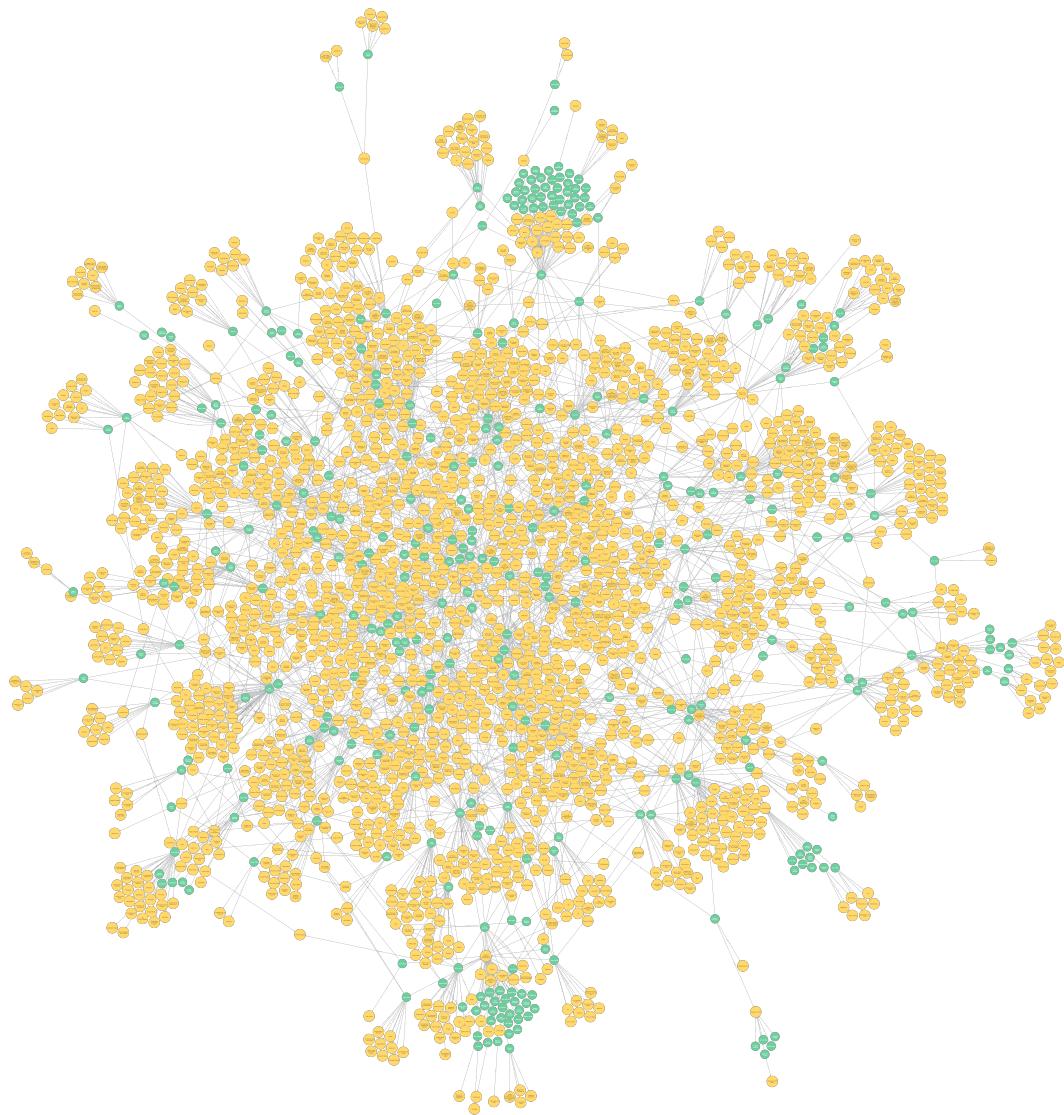
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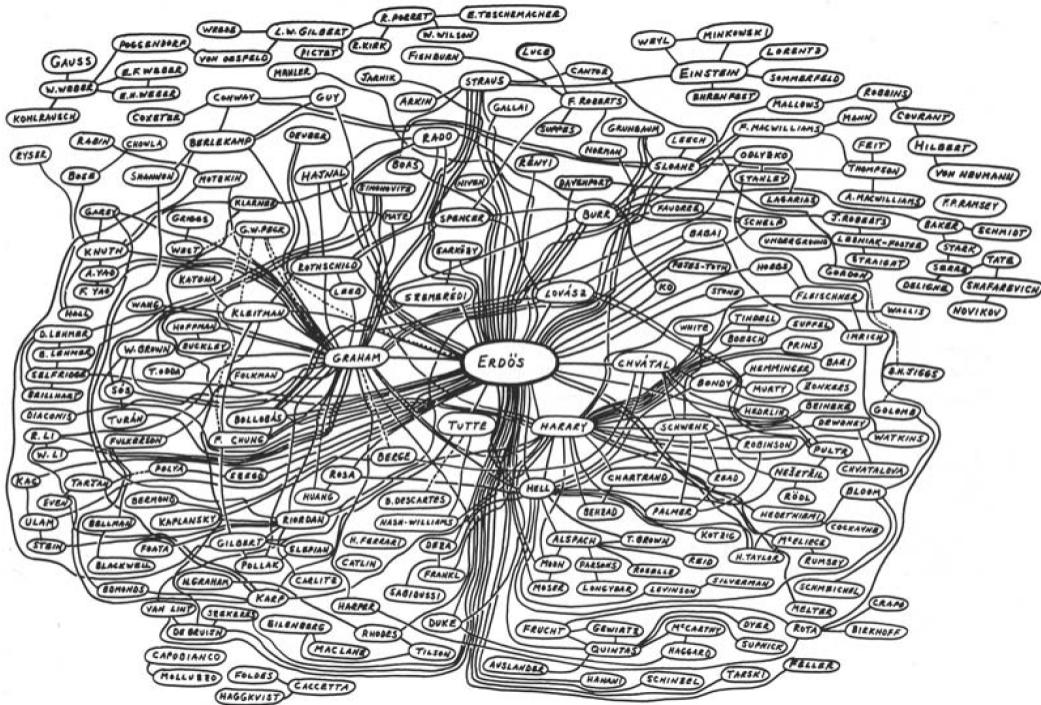


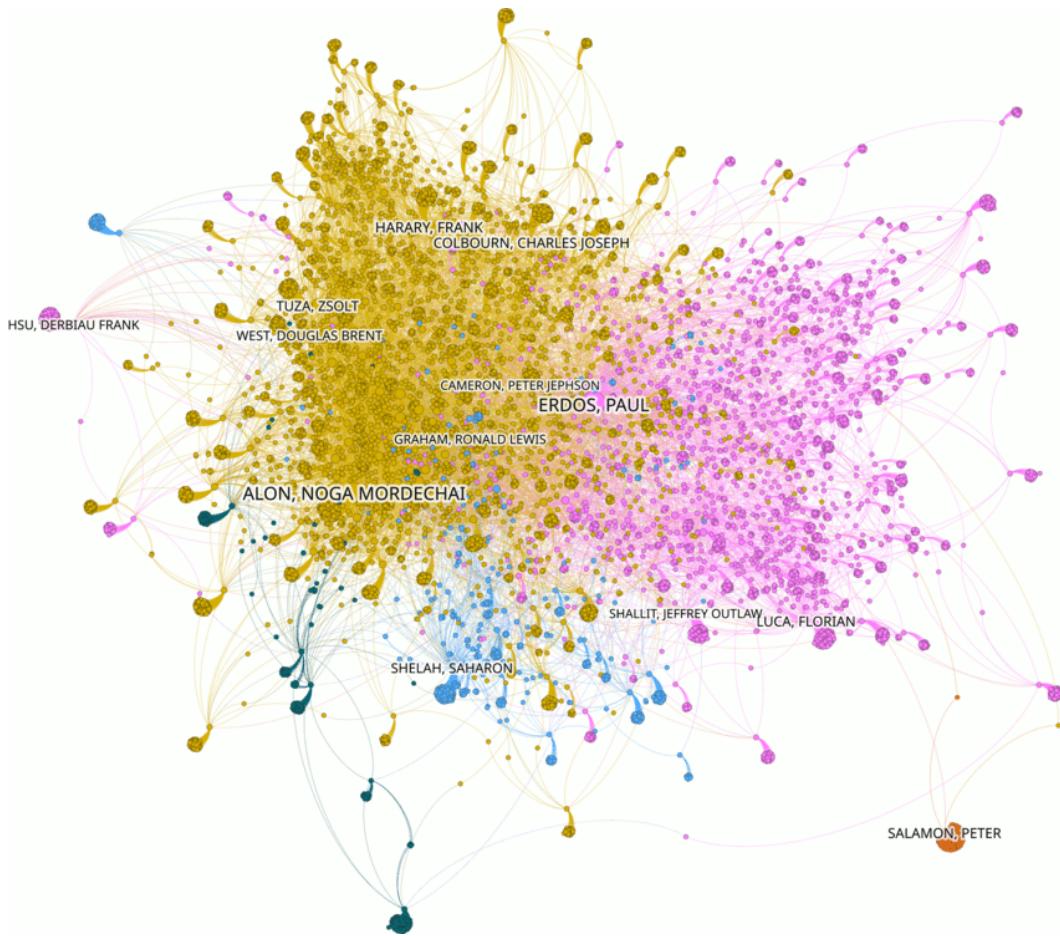


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## 7 Goodwill Hunting

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