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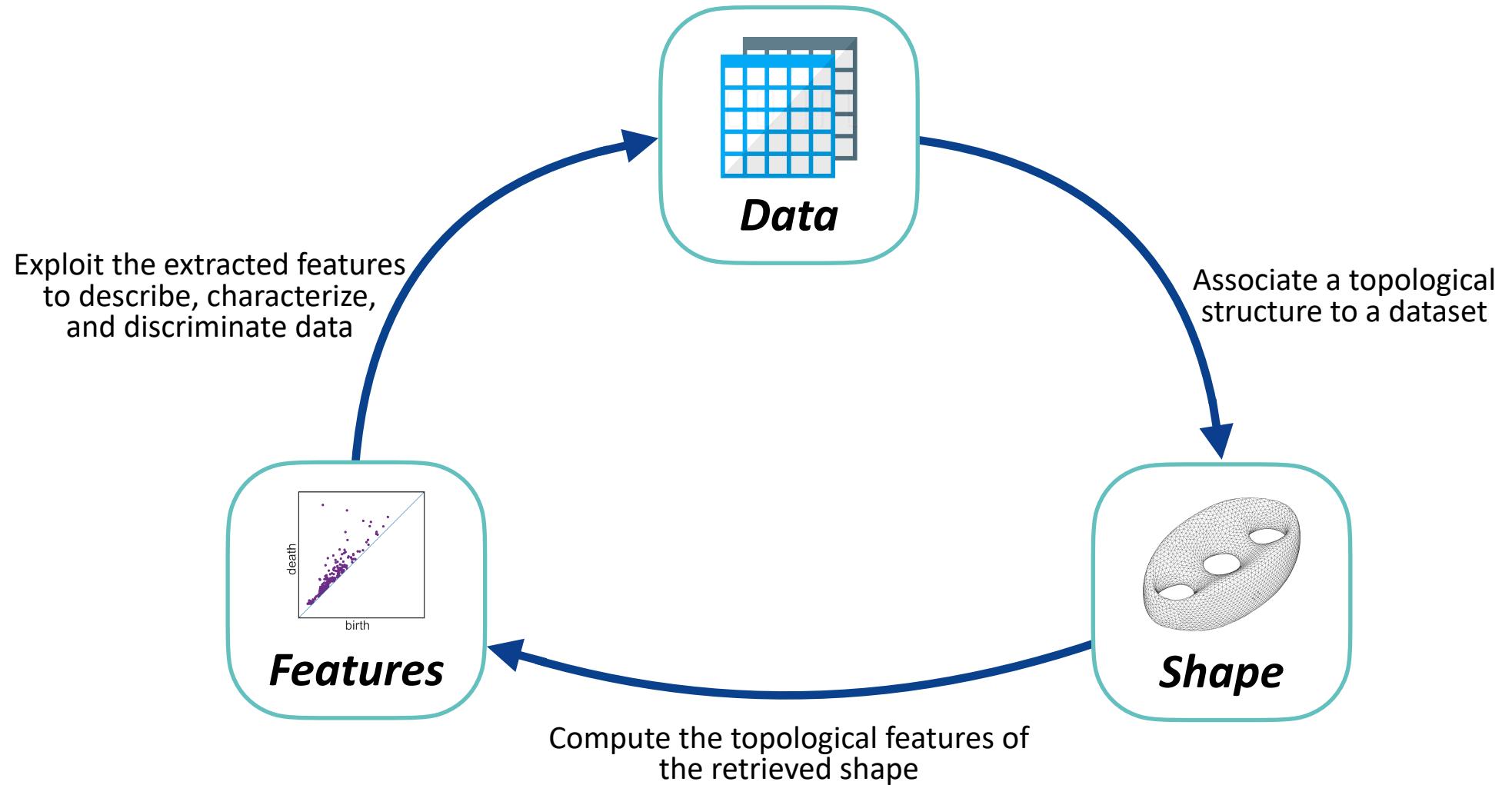
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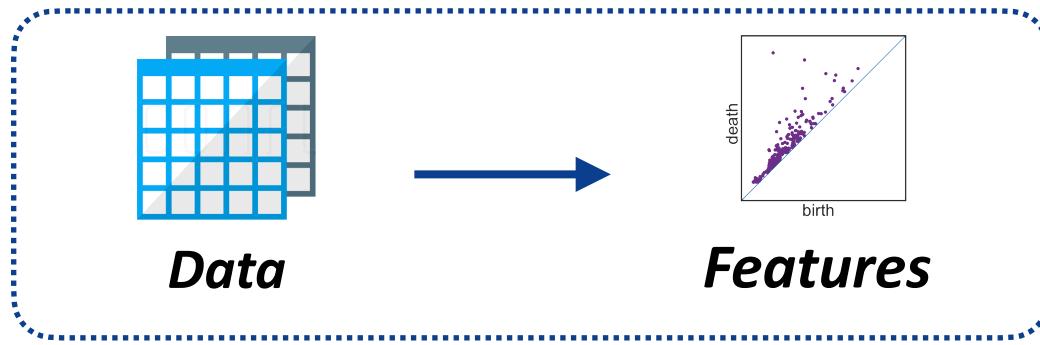


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*Topological Data Analysis* allows for assigning to (almost) **any dataset** a collection of features representing a **topological summary** of the input data



**Goal:**

Today, we address two main questions:

- ◆ **Is this information immediately suitable for statistics and machine learning?**
- ◆ **Do homology cycles provide a meaningful and descriptive information?**

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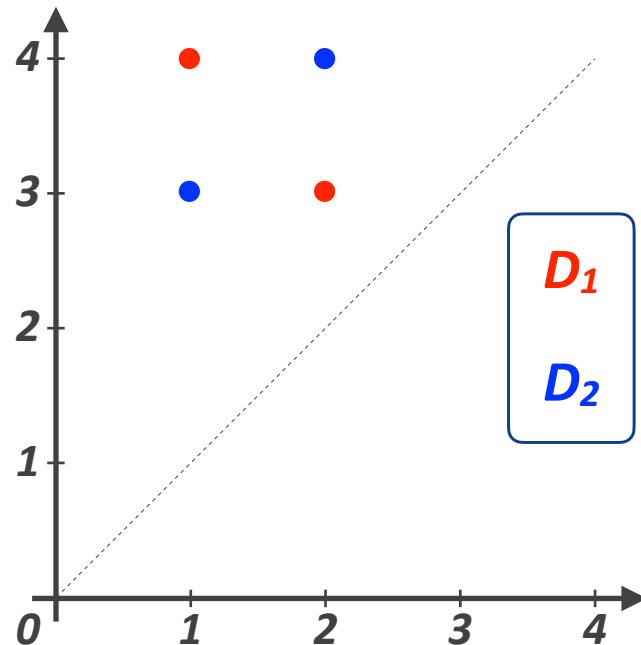
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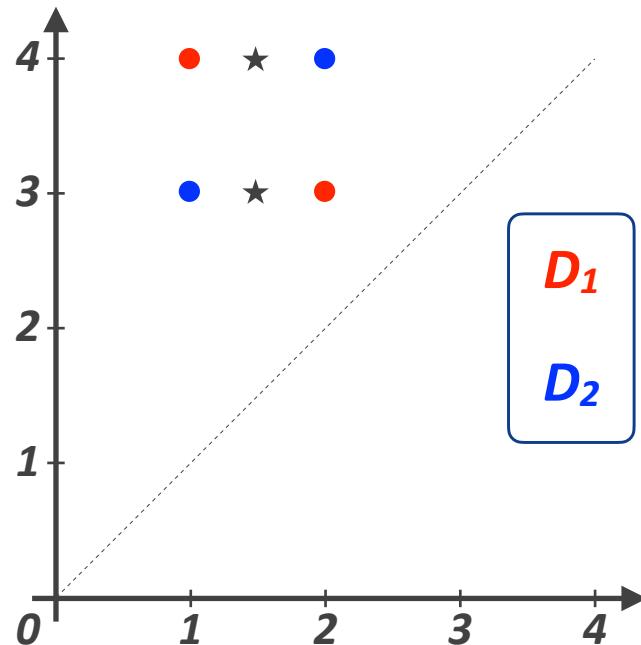
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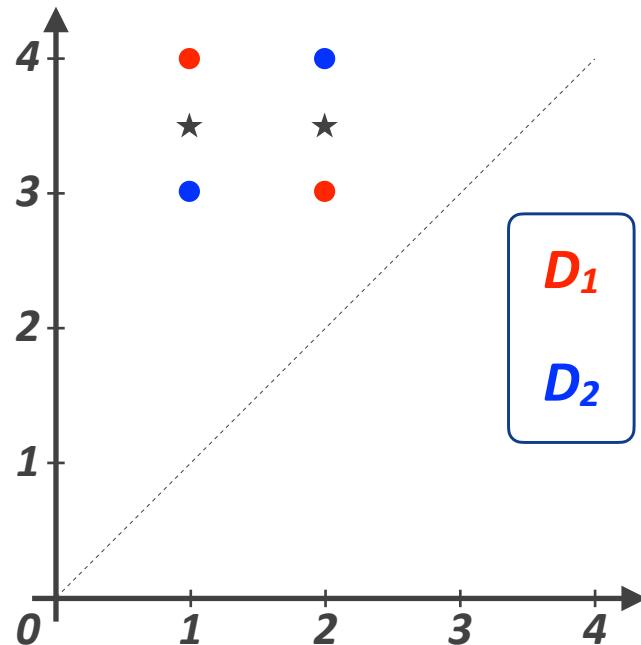
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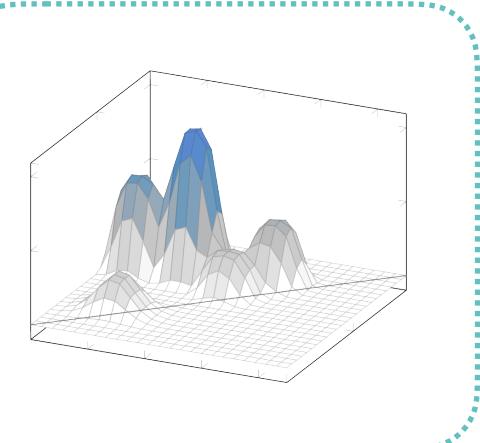
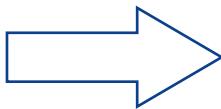
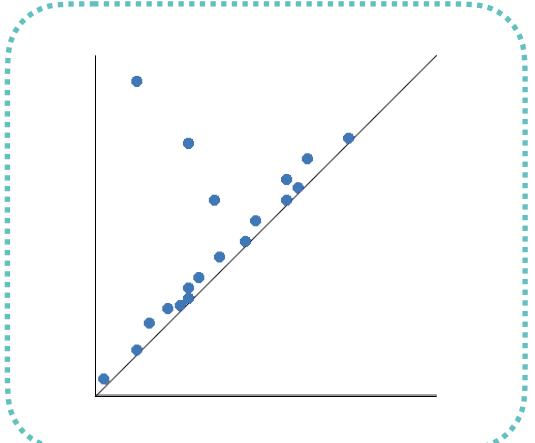
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# Kernels for Persistent Homology

**Adopted Strategy:**



*Represent persistence diagrams as elements of a **Hilbert space***

# Kernels for Persistent Homology

## Definitions:

A **Hilbert space  $H$**  is

a **real or complex vector space** endowed with an **inner product**

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that, with respect to the distance induced by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ ,  
 $H$  is a **complete metric space**

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Recall that, a metric space  $H$  is called **complete** if

**every Cauchy sequence in  $H$  converges in  $H$**

# Kernels for Persistent Homology

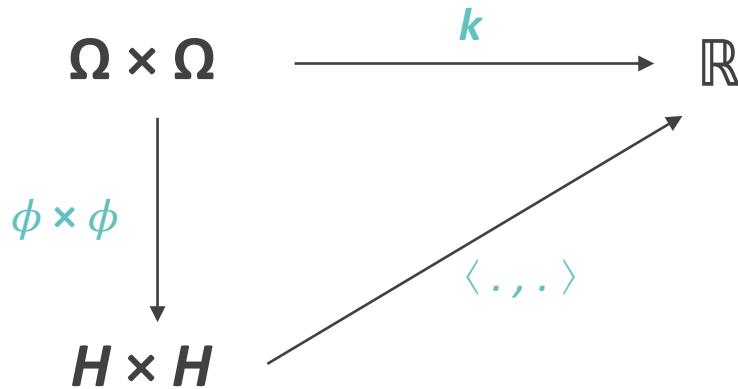
**Example:**

The space  $L^2$  of **square-integrable functions** on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a Hilbert space

- ◆  $\|f\|_{L^2} := \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |f|^2 d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < +\infty$
- ◆  $\langle f, g \rangle_{L^2} := \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f \cdot g \ d\mu$

# Kernels for Persistent Homology

**Kernel Trick:**



**Definition:**

A **kernel  $k$**  for an input space  $\Omega$  is a map  $k: \Omega \times \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that there exist a **Hilbert space  $H$**  and a **feature map  $\phi: \Omega \longrightarrow H$**  for which

$$k(X, Y) = \langle \phi(X), \phi(Y) \rangle$$

# Kernels for Persistent Homology

## Pseudo-Distance:

A kernel  $k: \Omega \times \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  implicitly induces on  $\Omega$  a *pseudo-distance*  $d_k: \Omega \times \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined, for each  $X, Y \in \Omega$ , as

$$d_k(X, Y) := \|\phi(X) - \phi(Y)\|_H = \left( k(X, X) + k(Y, Y) - 2k(X, Y) \right)^{1/2}$$

## Stability:

A kernel  $k: \Omega \times \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *stable* w.r.t a distance  $d$  in  $\Omega$  if there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that, for all  $X, Y \in \Omega$ ,

$$d_k(X, Y) \leq C \cdot d(X, Y)$$

# Kernels for Persistent Homology

## Our Goal:

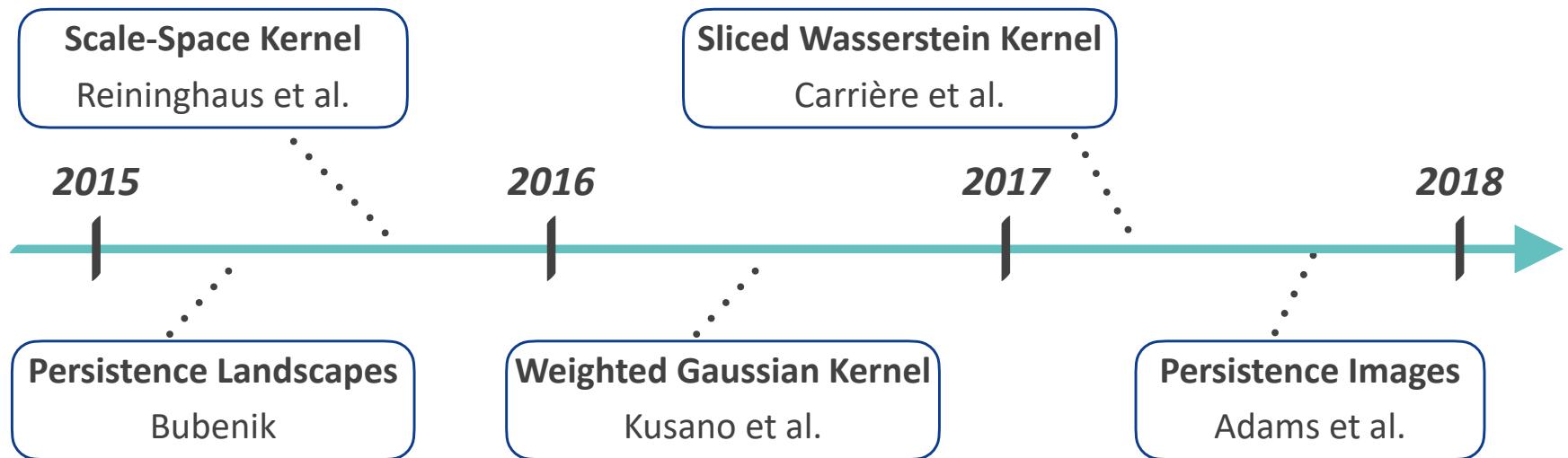
Defining a *kernel* for the set  $\Omega$  of finite *persistence diagrams*:

- ◆ *Stable*
- ◆ *Easy to be computed*
- ◆ Possible endowed with an *explicit feature map*  $\phi: \Omega \longrightarrow H$

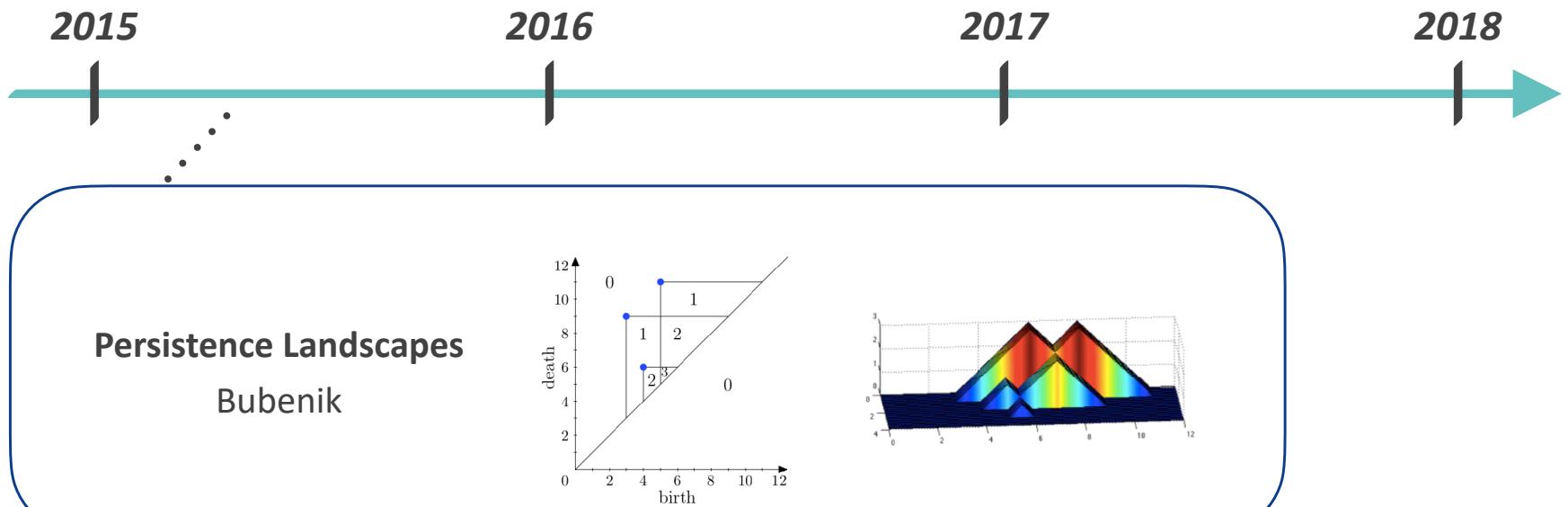
The idea of a kernel for persistence diagrams has

- ◆ Originally *born in the '90s* (see [Donatini et al. 1998; Ferri et al. 1998])
- ◆ *Spread in the literature and widely adopted in applications just recently*

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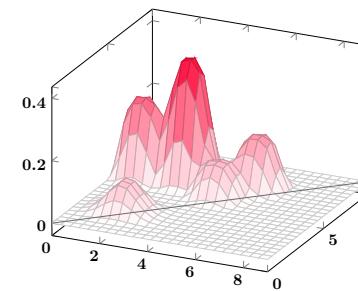
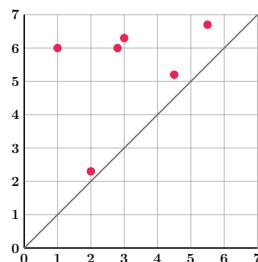
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Scale-Space Kernel

Reininghaus et al.



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Persistence Landscapes  
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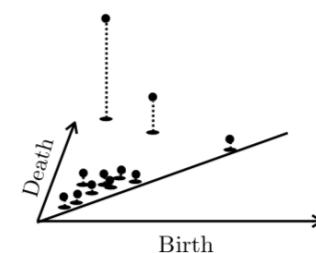
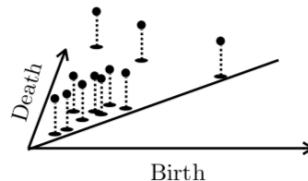
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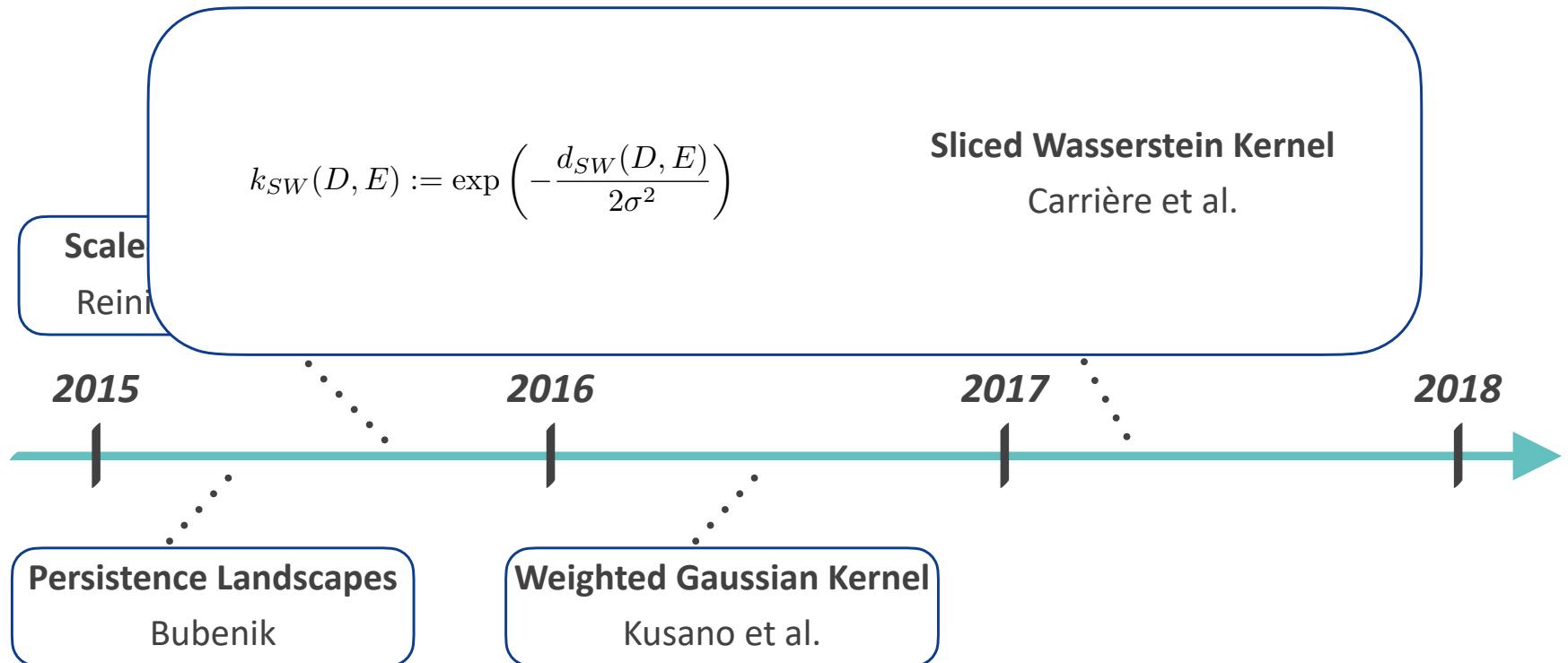
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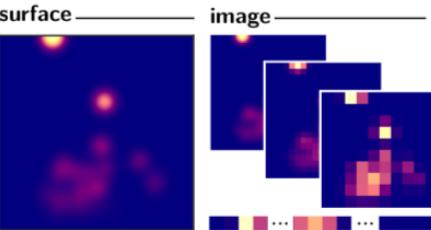
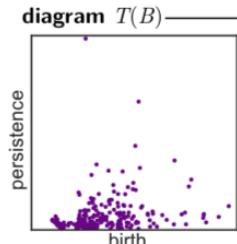
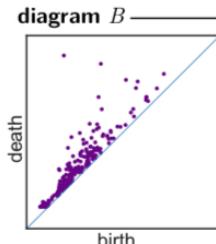
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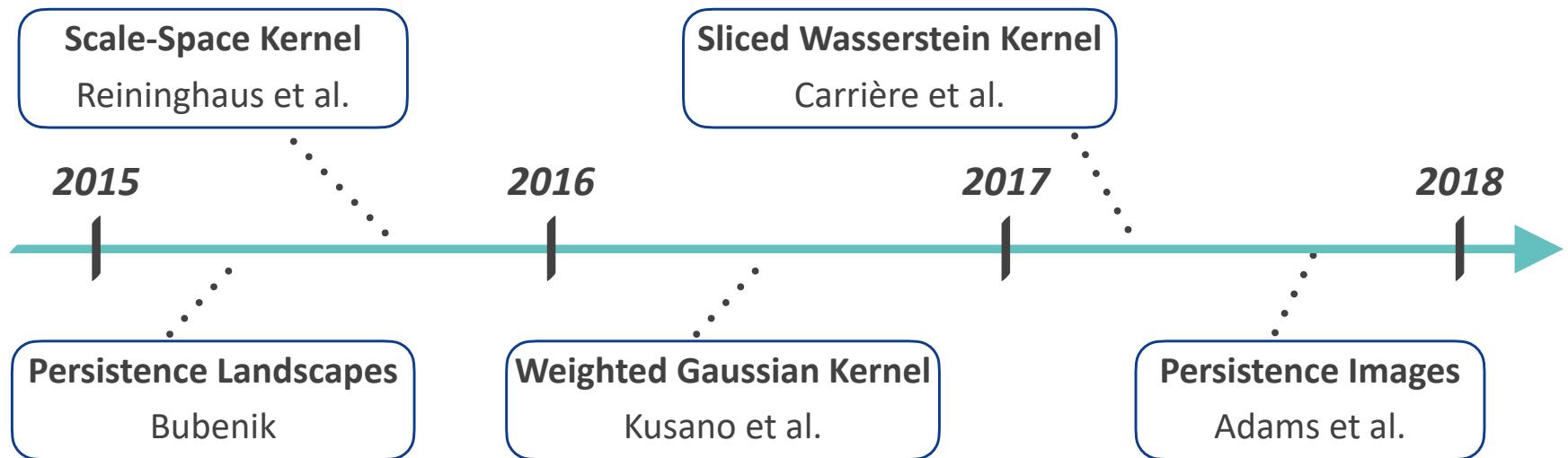
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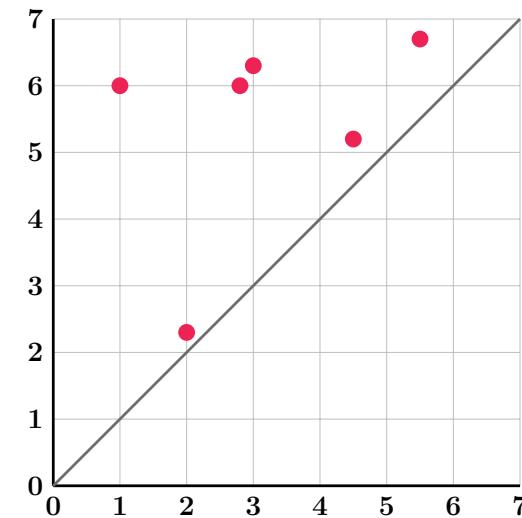
## Scale-Space Kernel:

Given a finite persistence diagram  $D$ , we consider the solution

$\phi : \Delta^+ \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of the following *heat diffusion problem*:

- ◆ having a Dirichlet **boundary condition** on the diagonal
- ◆ setting as an **initial condition** a sum of Dirac deltas

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \Delta_p \phi = \partial_\sigma \phi & \text{in } \Delta^+ \times \mathbb{R}_{>0} \\ \phi = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Delta^+ \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \\ \phi = \sum_{q \in D} \delta_q & \text{on } \Delta^+ \times \{0\} \end{array} \right.$$



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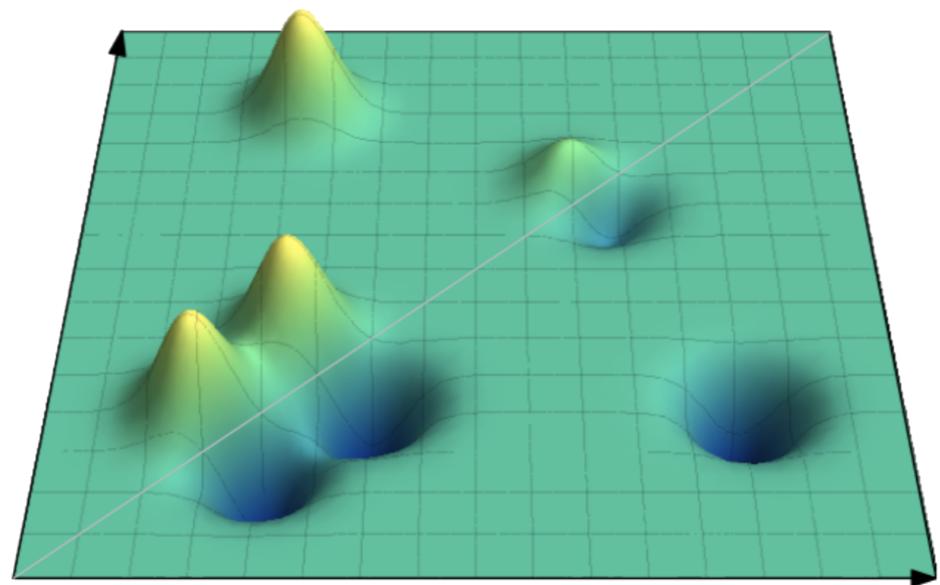
## Scale-Space Kernel:

A *solution* is found by:

- ◆ **extending**  $\Delta^+$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$
- ◆ **replacing** the initial condition with

$$\phi = \sum_{q \in D} \delta_q - \delta_{q'} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\}$$

where, if  $q=(a,b)$ , then  $q'=(b,a)$



## Solution:

$$\phi_\sigma(p) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma} \sum_{q \in D} \left( \exp\left(-\frac{\|p-q\|^2}{4\sigma}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{\|p-q'\|^2}{4\sigma}\right) \right)$$

# Kernels for Persistent Homology

**Scale-Space Kernel:**

**Stability Theorem:**

Given two finite persistence diagrams  $D, E$ , we have that

$$\|\phi_\sigma(D) - \phi_\sigma(E)\|_{L^2} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}\sigma} d_{W,1}(D, E)$$

where, for  $r \geq 1$ , the  **$r$ -Wasserstein distance** is defined as

$$d_{W,r}(D, E) := \left( \inf_{\gamma} \sum_{p \in D} \|p - \gamma(p)\|_\infty^r \right)^{1/r}$$

with  $\gamma$  running over all bijections from  $D$  to  $E$

# Kernels for Persistent Homology

## Definitions:

A kernel  $k$  for the set  $\Omega$  of finite persistence diagrams is called:

- ◆ **additive** if, for all  $D, E, F \in \Omega$ ,  $k(D \cup E, F) = k(D, F) + k(E, F)$
- ◆ **trivial** if, for all  $D, E \in \Omega$ ,  $k(D, E) = 0$

## Theorem:

Any **non-trivial additive** kernel  $k$  for the set  $\Omega$   
is **not stable** with respect to  $d_{w,r}$  for any  $1 < r \leq \infty$   
( Notice that  $d_{w,\infty} = d_B$  )

# Kernels for Persistent Homology

## **Sliced Wasserstein Kernel:**

A standard way to construct a kernel is to exponentiate the negative of an Euclidean distance

$$k_\sigma(X, Y) := \exp\left(-\frac{\|X - Y\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

## **Theorem:**

$$k_\sigma(X, Y) := \exp\left(-\frac{f(X, Y)}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

defines a **valid kernel** for all  $\sigma > 0$  if and only if  $f$  is **conditionally negative definite** function

i.e., for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , for any  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \Omega$ , and for any  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\sum_i a_i = 0$ ,

one has  $\sum_{i,j} a_i a_j f(X_i, X_j) \leq 0$

# Kernels for Persistent Homology

**Sliced Wasserstein Kernel:**

**Issue:**

*None* of the already introduced distances (and neither their squares) between persistence diagrams *is conditionally negative definite*

**Solution:**

The *Sliced Wasserstein distance*  $d_{sw}$  is specifically designed to be *conditionally negative definite*

Based on it, one can define the *Slice Wasserstein kernel*  $k_{sw}$  as

$$k_{SW}(D, E) := \exp\left(-\frac{d_{SW}(D, E)}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

# Kernels & Networks

- ◆ *Kernels for Persistent Homology*
- ◆ ***Persistence and Complex Networks***

# Persistence and Complex Networks

## Networks:

A **network** is a complex system consisting of **individuals or entities connected by specific ties** such as friendship, common interest, and shared knowledge

E.g.

- ◆ **Social** Networks
- ◆ **Sensor** Networks
- ◆ **Biological** Networks
- ◆ **Collaborative** Networks
- ◆ ...

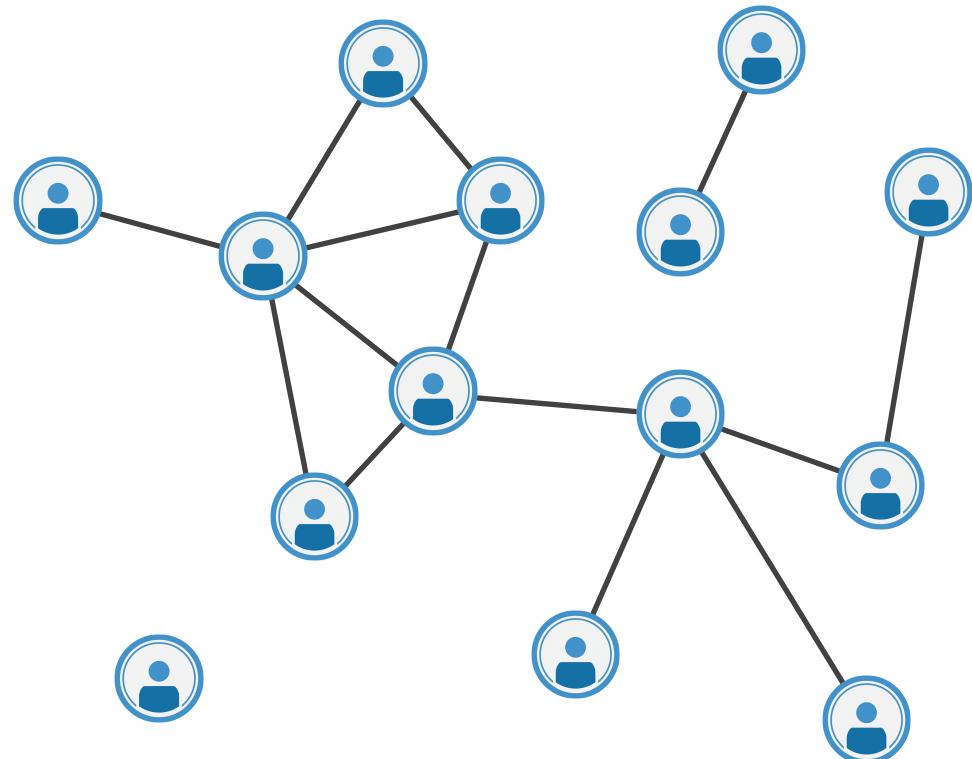


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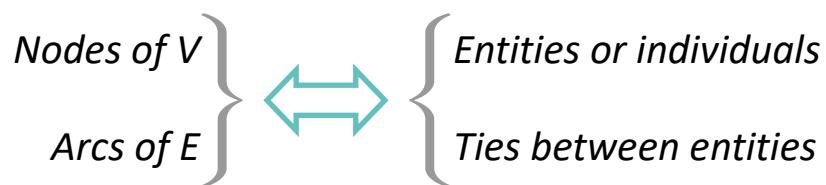
*Nodes of  $V$*       *Entities or individuals*  
*Arcs of  $E$*       *Ties between entities*



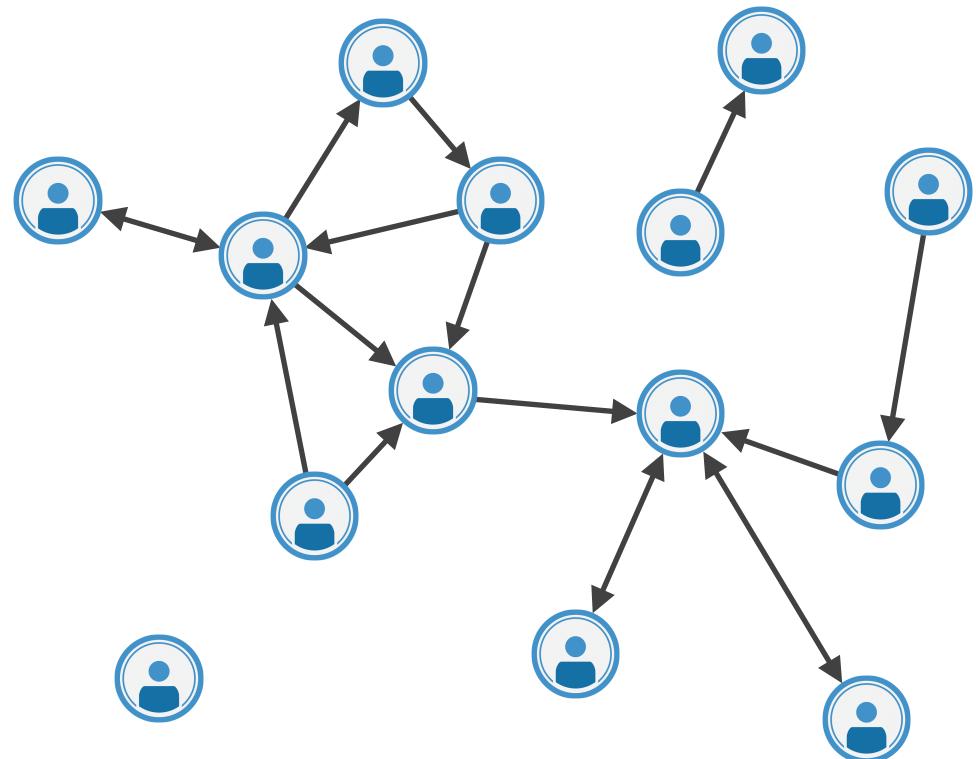
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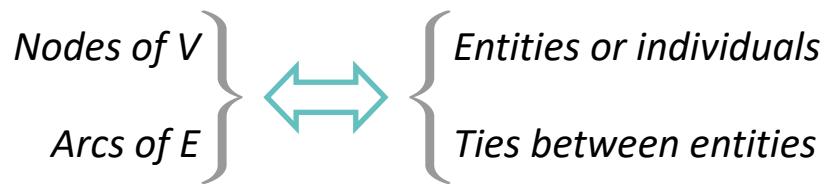
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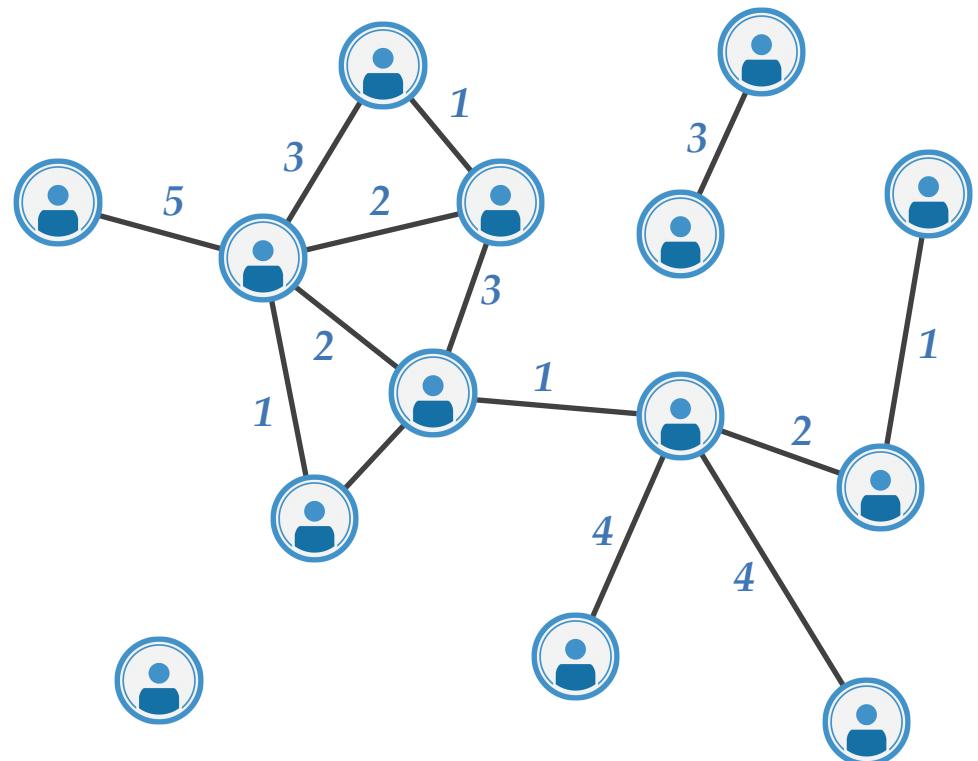
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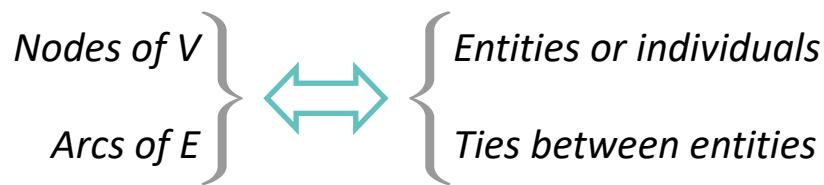
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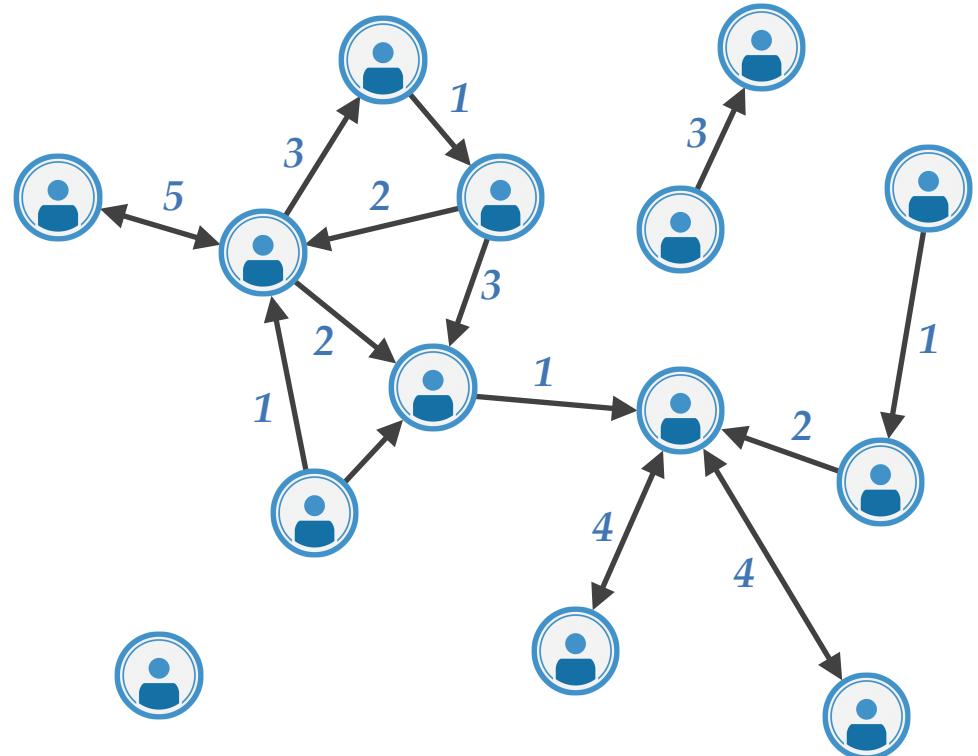
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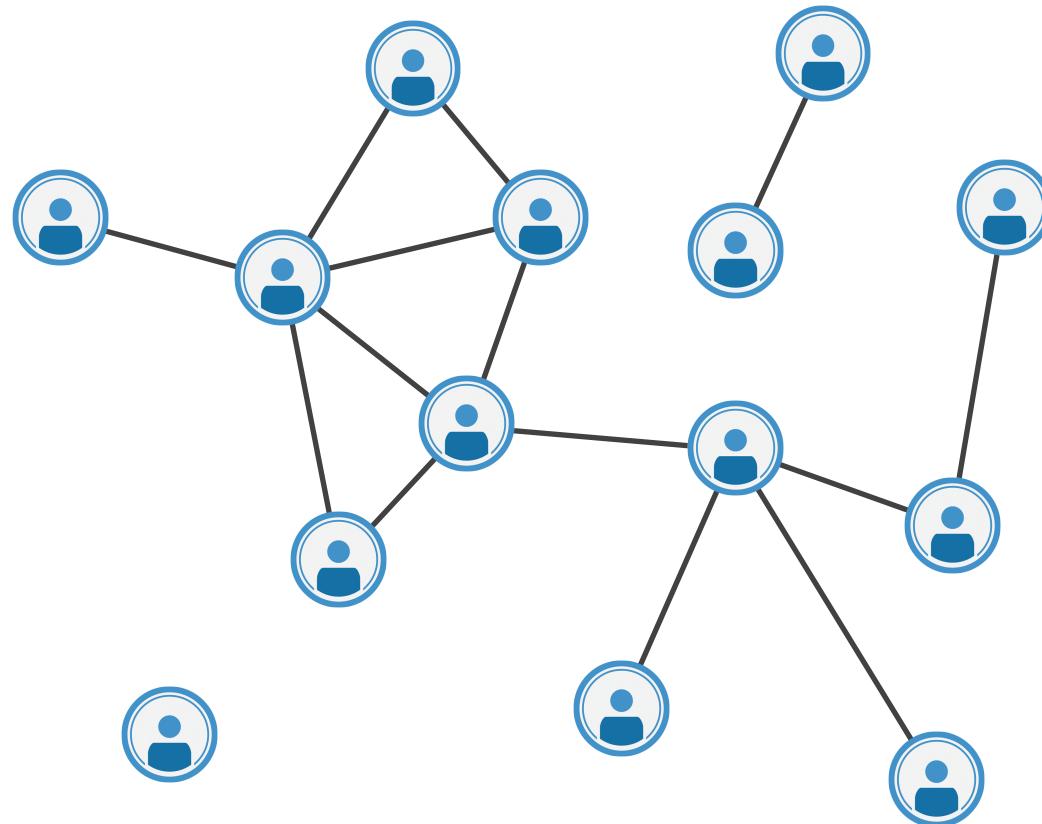


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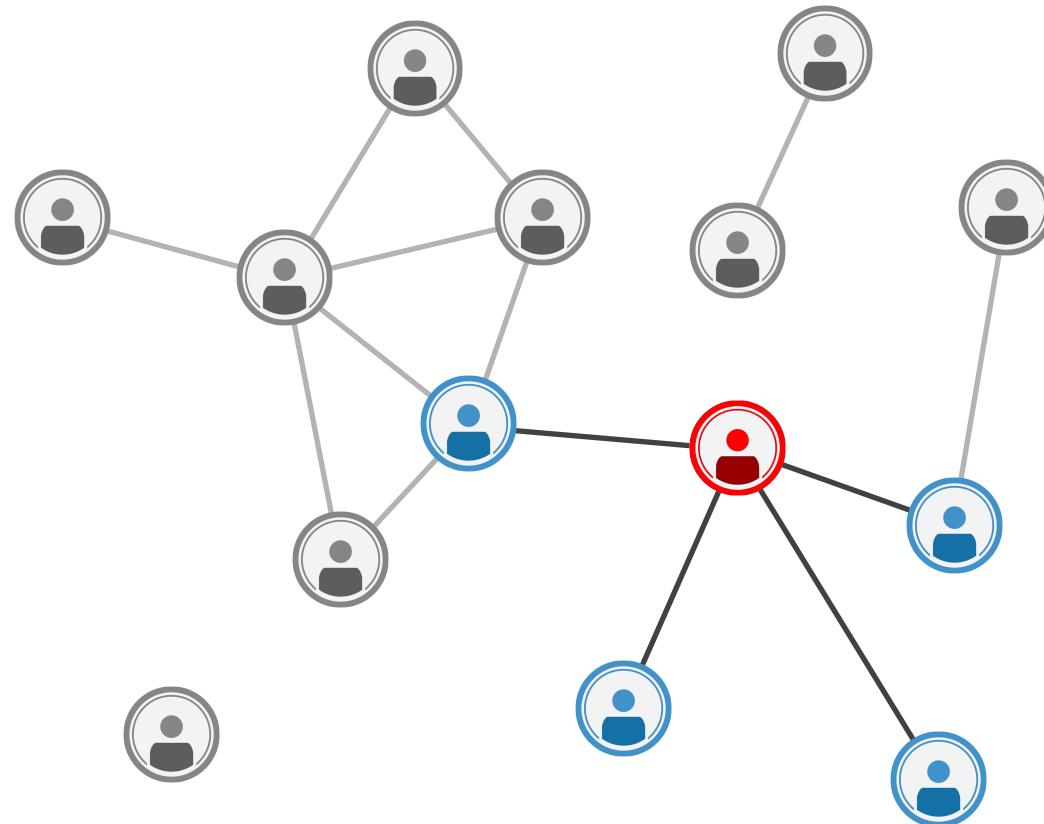
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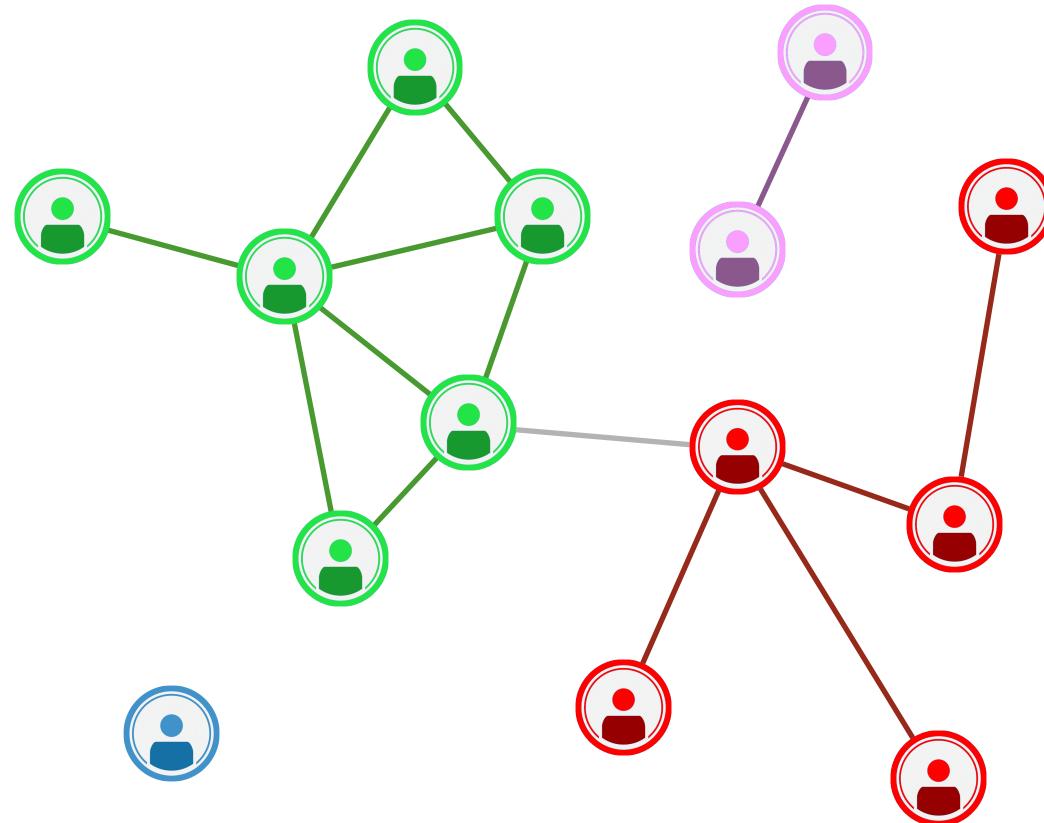
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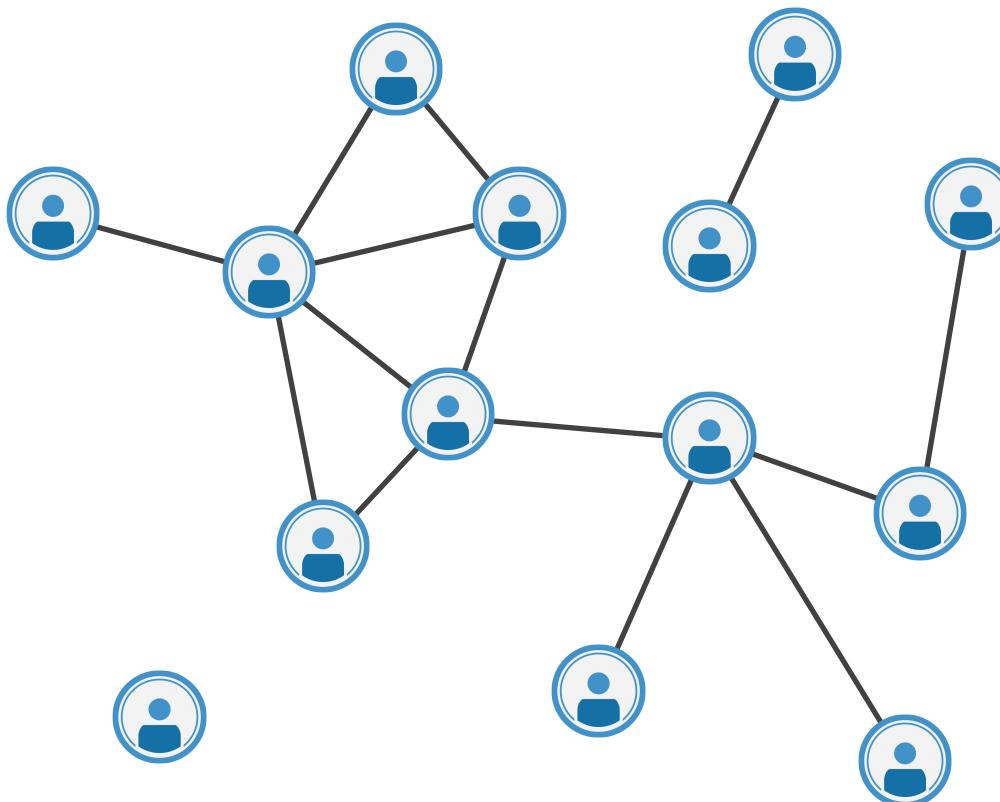
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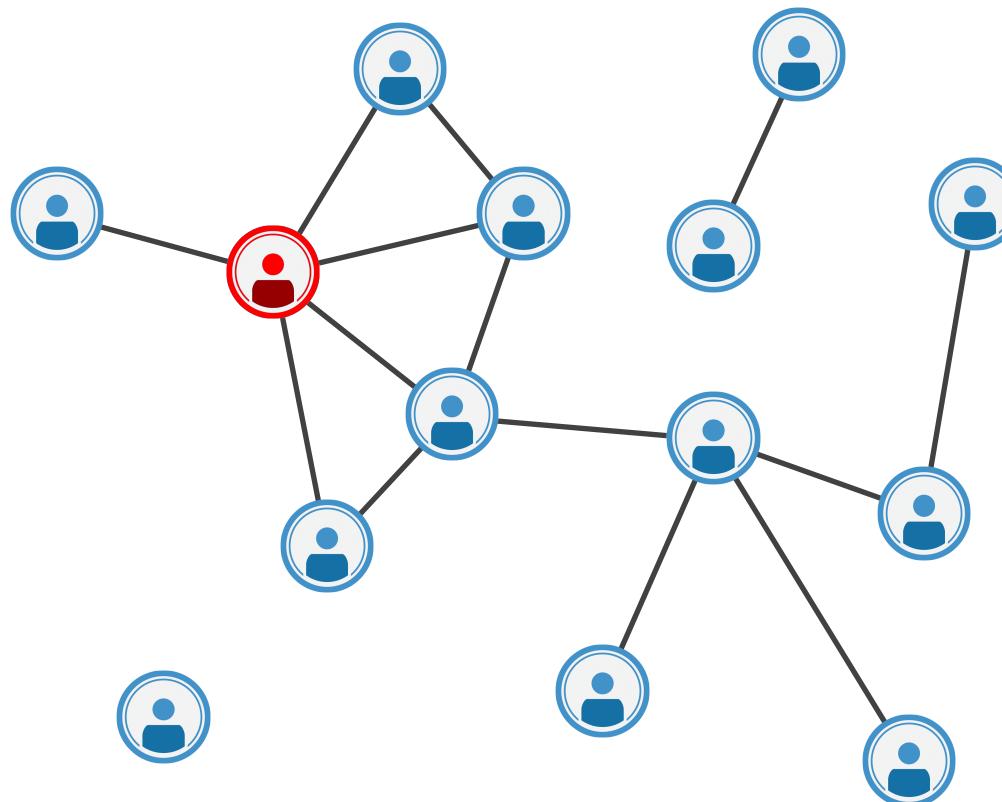
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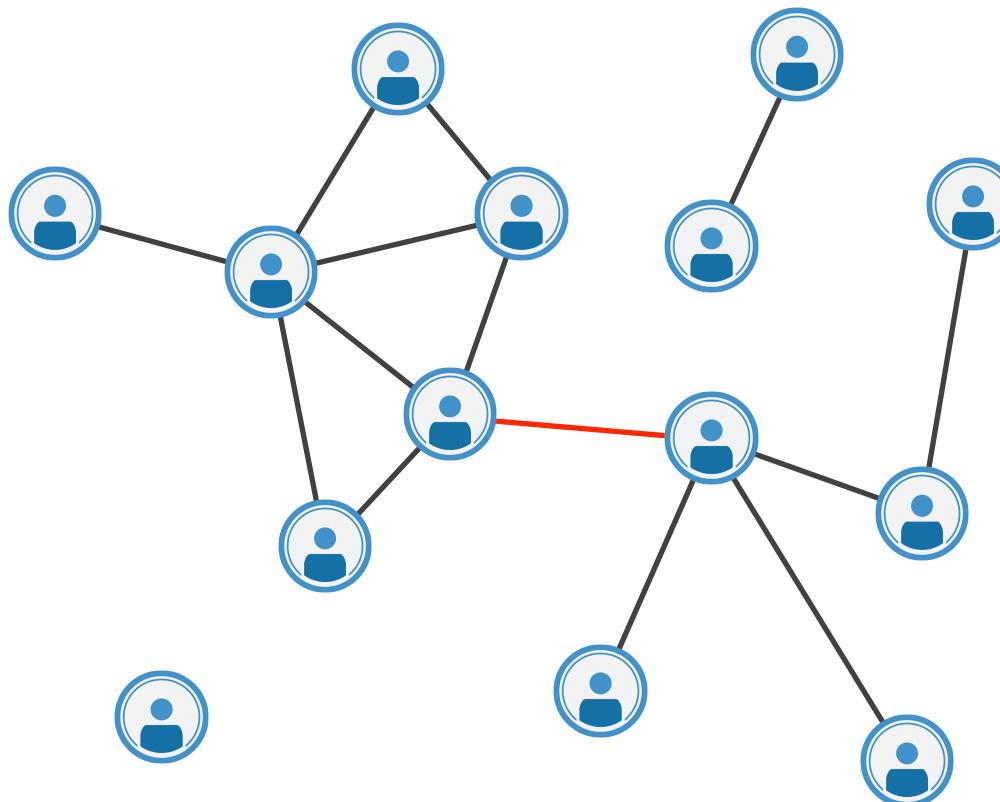
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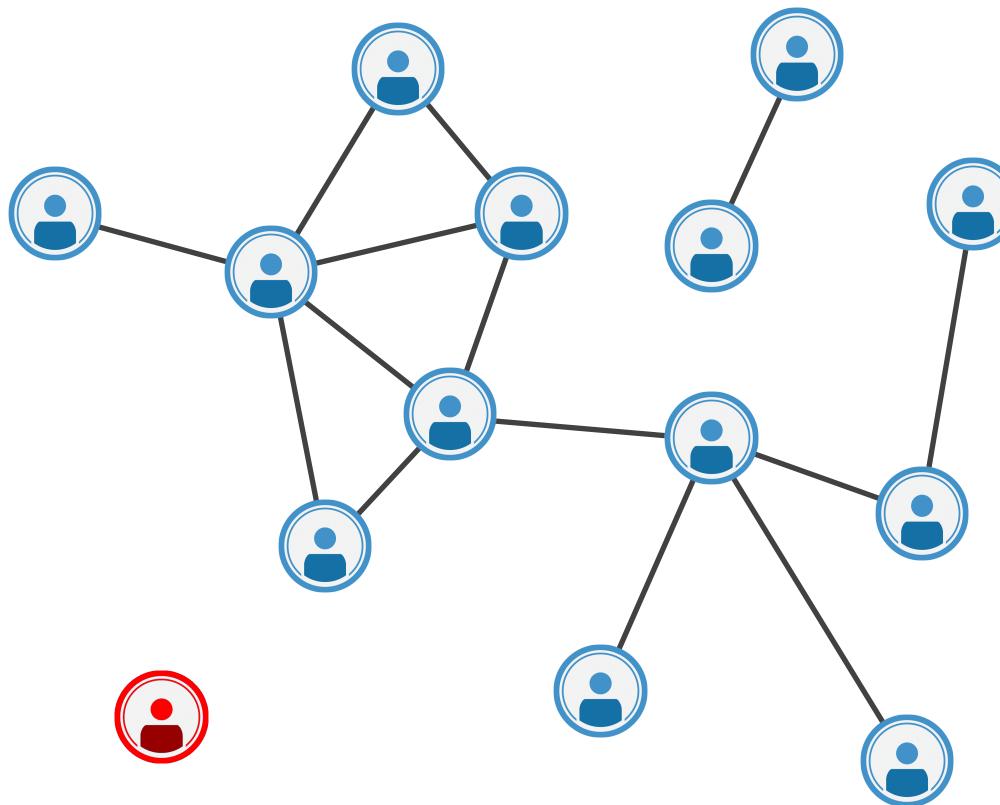
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# Persistence and Complex Networks

## Centrality Measures:

*Different criteria* to underline *different roles*:



Key players  
Brokers  
Bridges  
Isolated  
...

## Definition:

A *centrality measure* is a function  $F : V \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  assigning to each node a “*centrality*” value:

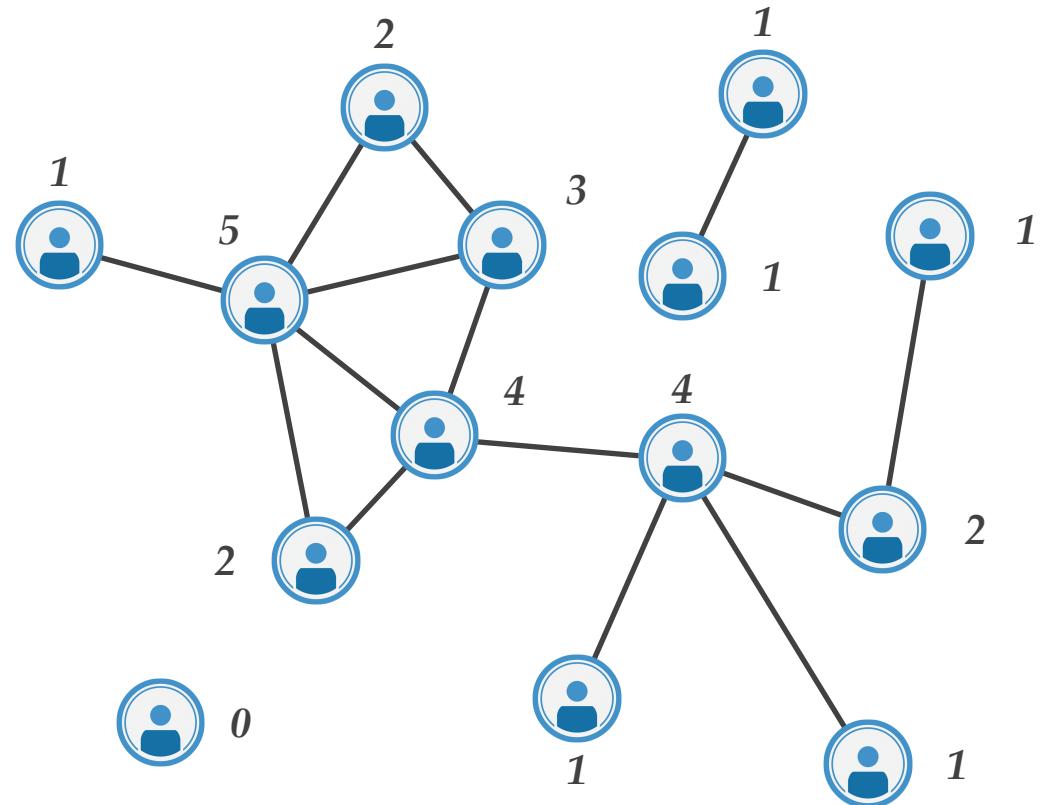
- ◆ *Degree centrality*
- ◆ *Betweenness centrality*
- ◆ *Closeness centrality*
- ◆ *Eigenvector centrality*
- ◆ *Erdős distance*

# Persistence and Complex Networks

## Degree Centrality:

Given a node  $v$  of  $G = (V, E)$ ,

$$D(v) := \#\{u \in V \mid (u, v) \in E\}$$

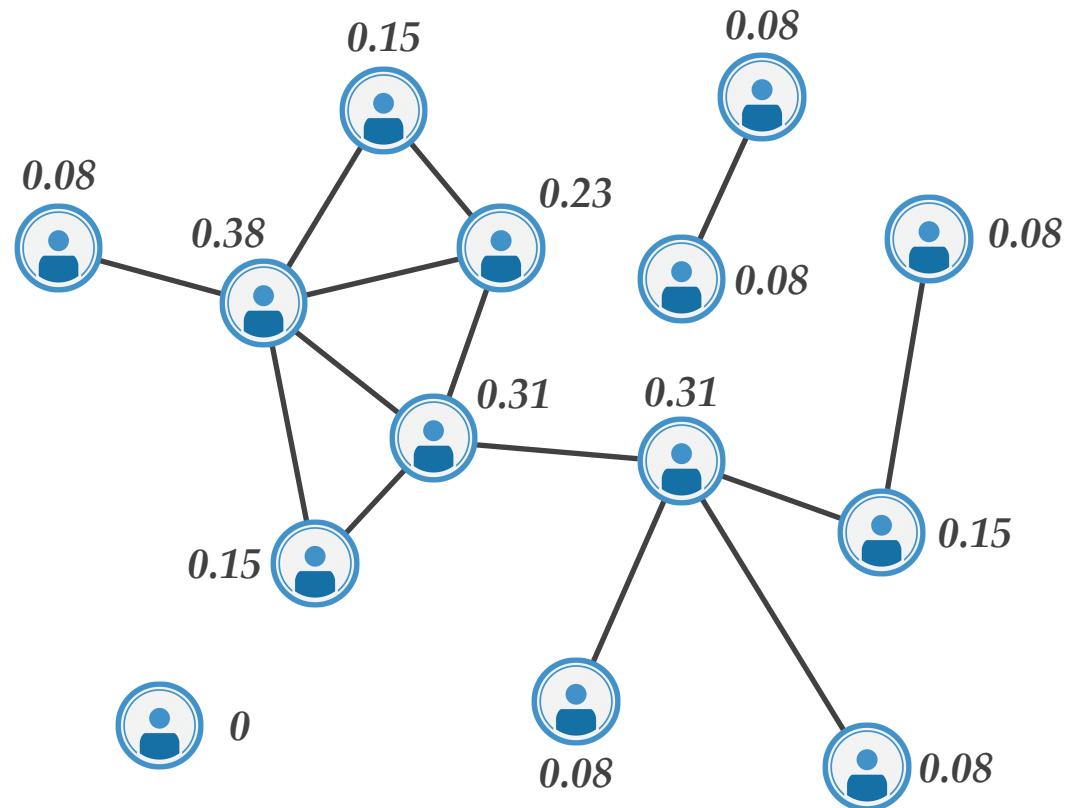


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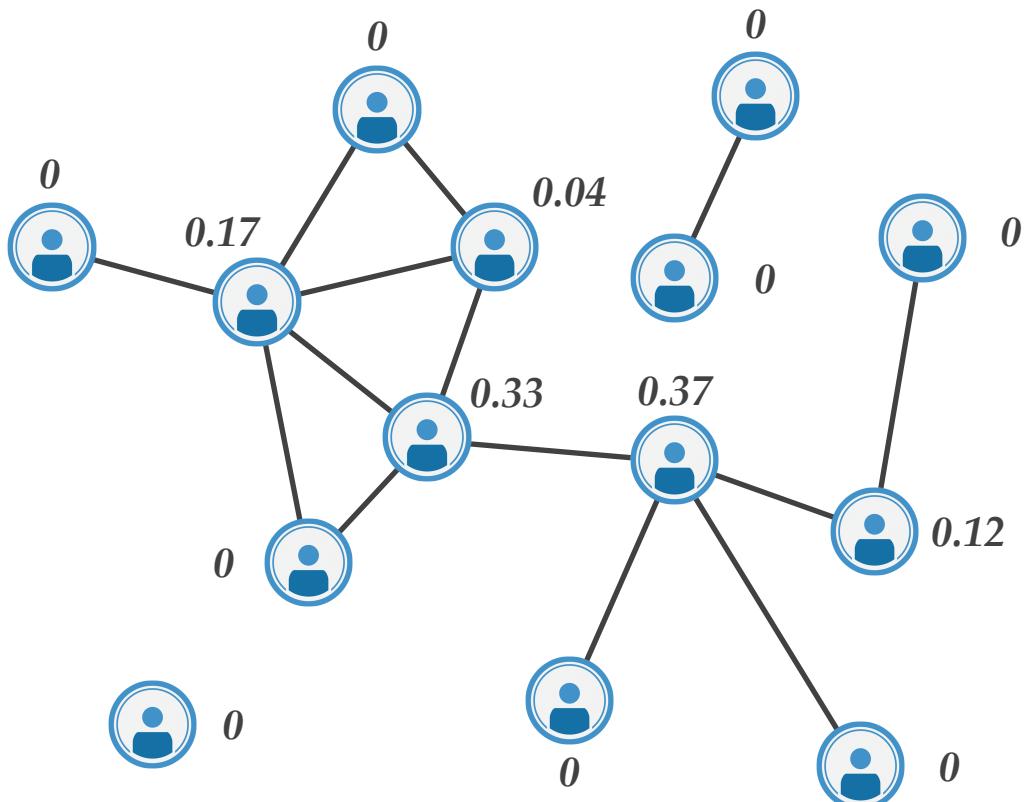
## Betweenness Centrality:

Given a node  $v$  of  $G = (V, E)$ ,

$$B(v) := \sum_{s \neq v \neq t} \frac{\sigma_{st}(v)}{\sigma_{st}}$$

where:

- ◆  $\sigma_{st}$  is the number of *shortest paths from s to t*
- ◆  $\sigma_{st}(v)$  is the number of those paths *passing through v*

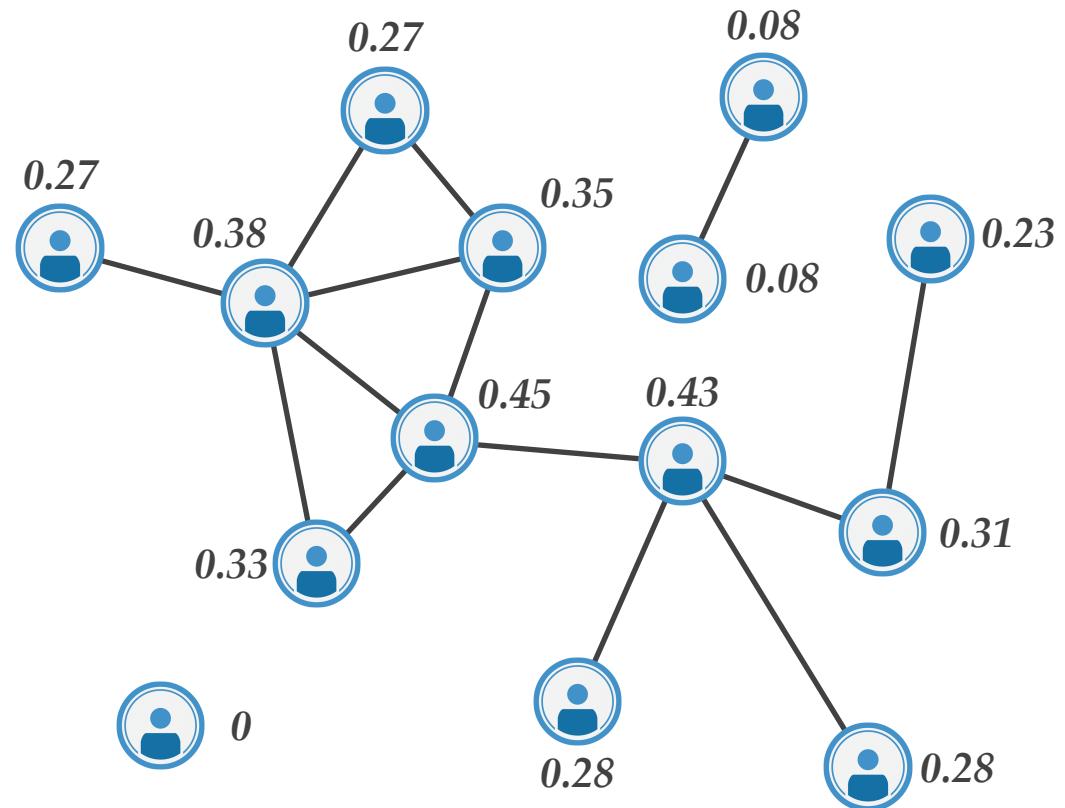


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## Closeness Centrality:

Given a node  $v$  of  $G = (V, E)$ ,

$$C(v) := \frac{\#V - 1}{\sum_{u \in V} d(u, v)}$$



# Persistence and Complex Networks

## Eigenvector Centrality:

Given a node  $v$  of  $G = (V, E)$ ,

$$x_v := \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{u \in V} A_{uv} x_u$$

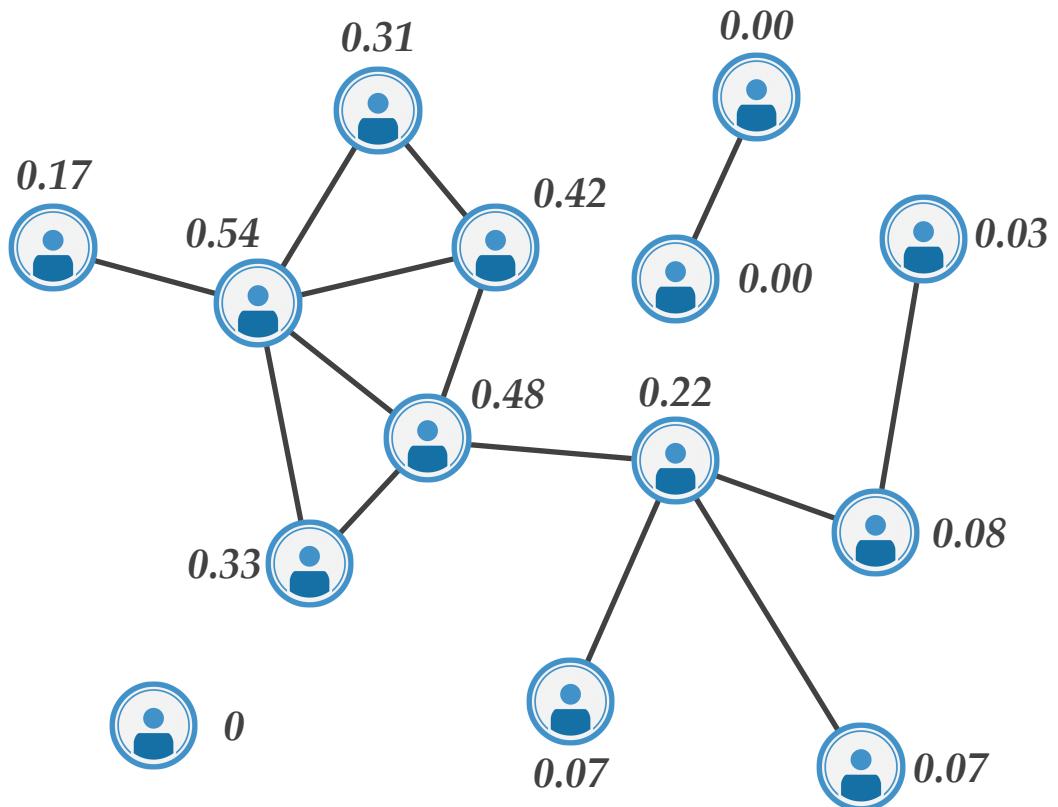
where  $\lambda$  is constant and

$$A_{uv} := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (u, v) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

i.e. the  $v^{\text{th}}$  entry of the eigenvector of

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

$x > 0$  implies  $\lambda$  must be the largest eigenvalue of  $A$  and  $x$  the corresponding eigenvector

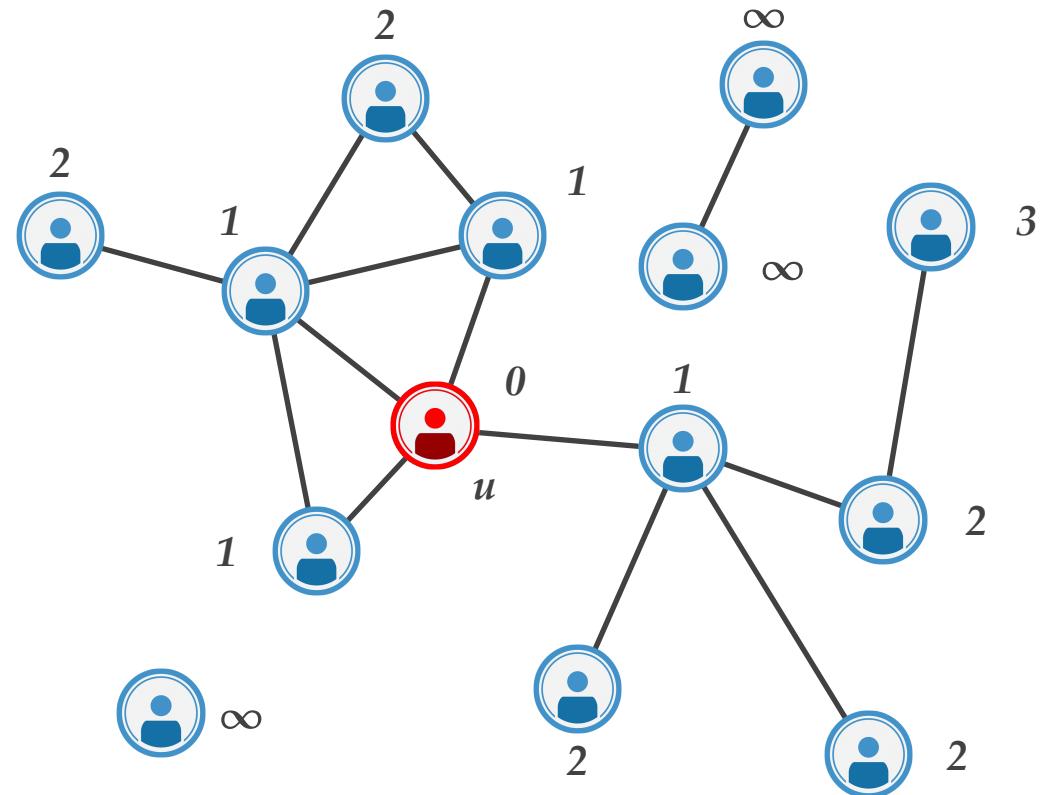


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## Erdős Distance:

Given two nodes  $u, v$  of  $G = (V, E)$ ,

$$E_u(v) := d(u, v)$$



Named after **Paul Erdős**,

- ◆ one of the most prolific mathematicians of the 20th century

# Persistence and Complex Networks

## Centrality Measures:

*A centrality measure for any query!*

Degree

*How many individuals can  $v$  reach directly?*

Betweenness

*How likely is  $v$  to be the most direct route between two individuals?*

Closeness

*How fast can  $v$  reach everyone in the network?*

Eigenvector

*How well is  $v$  connected to other well-connected individuals?*

Erdös

*How far is  $v$  from a specific individual?*

# Persistence and Complex Networks

## *Sociocentric Networks:*

- ◆ *Structural Metrics:*

- ❖ *Average of a Centrality Measure*
- ❖ *Diameter*
- ❖ *Density*
- ❖ *Transitivity*
- ❖ ...

- ◆ *Community Decompositions:*

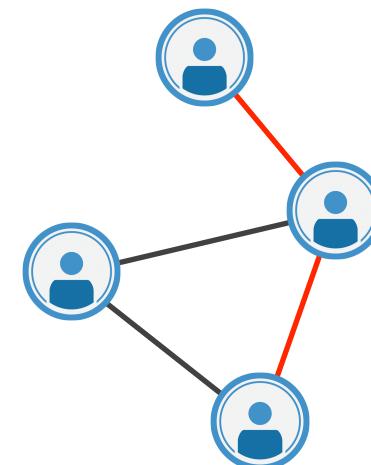
- ❖ *Atomic Communities*
- ❖ *Clustering Techniques*

# Persistence and Complex Networks

## Structural Metrics:

*How far are two individuals at most?*

**Diameter:**  
*The longest shortest path between any two nodes*



$$\text{Diameter}(G) = 2$$

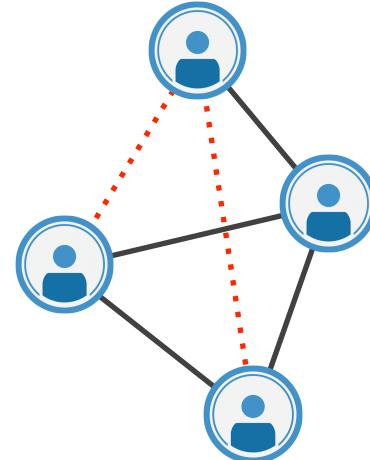
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## Structural Metrics:

How close is  $G$  to being an “everyone knows everyone” network?

### Density:

$$\frac{\text{Number of edges of } G}{\text{Number of all possible edges}}$$



$$\text{Density}(G) = 4/6 = 0.67$$

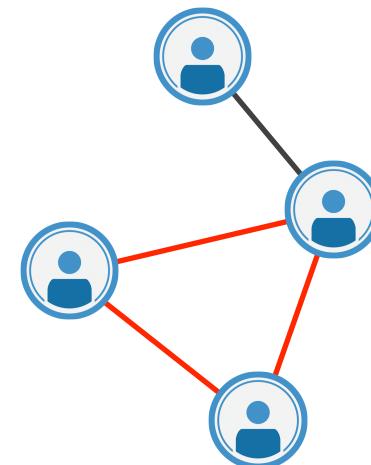
# Persistence and Complex Networks

## Structural Metrics:

How likely are two individuals connected to an individual  $v$  connected to each other?

### Transitivity:

$$\frac{\text{Number of closed triplets of nodes}}{\text{Number of connected triplets}}$$



$$\text{Transitivity}(G) = 1/3 = 0.33$$

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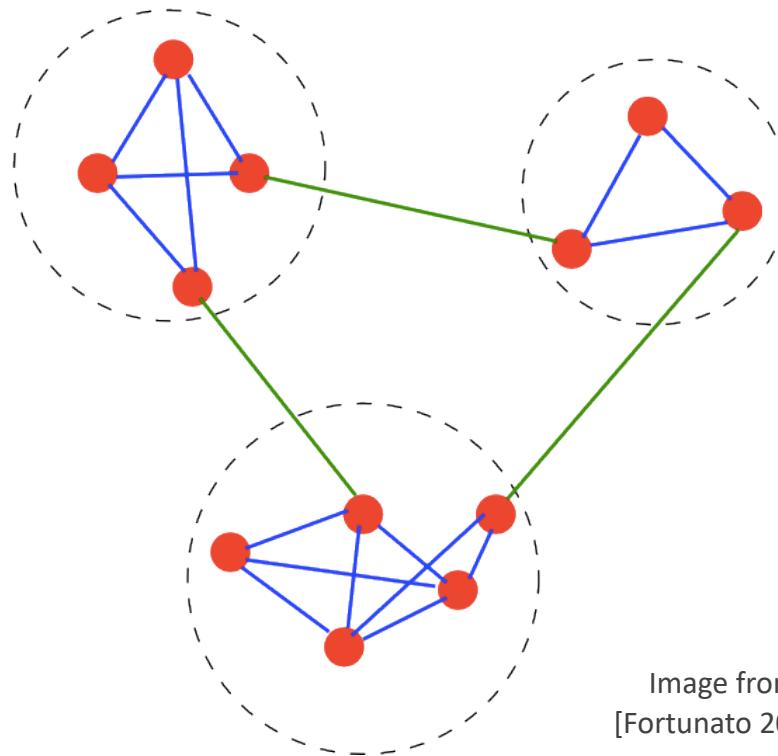


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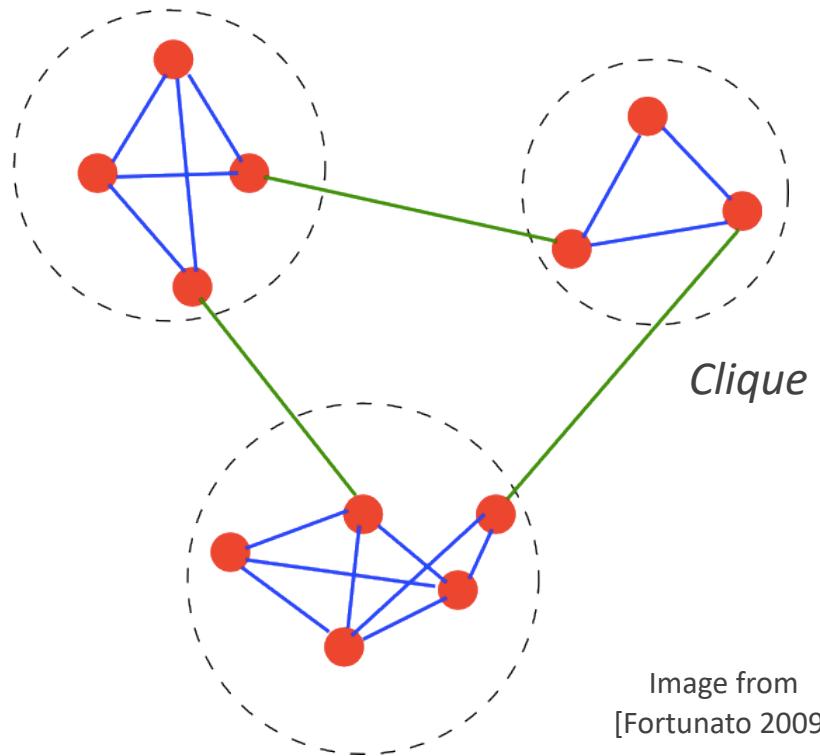


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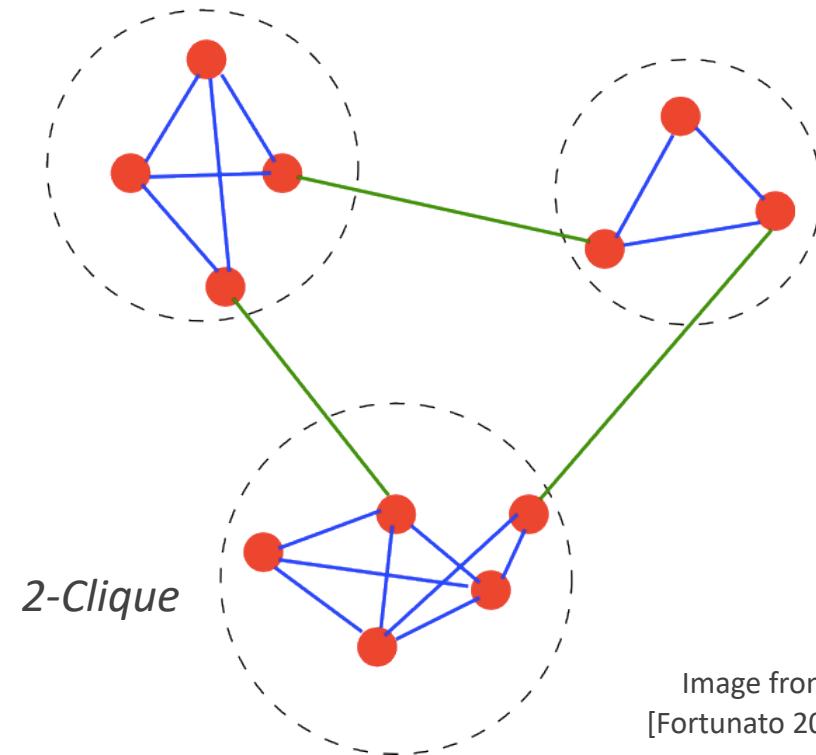


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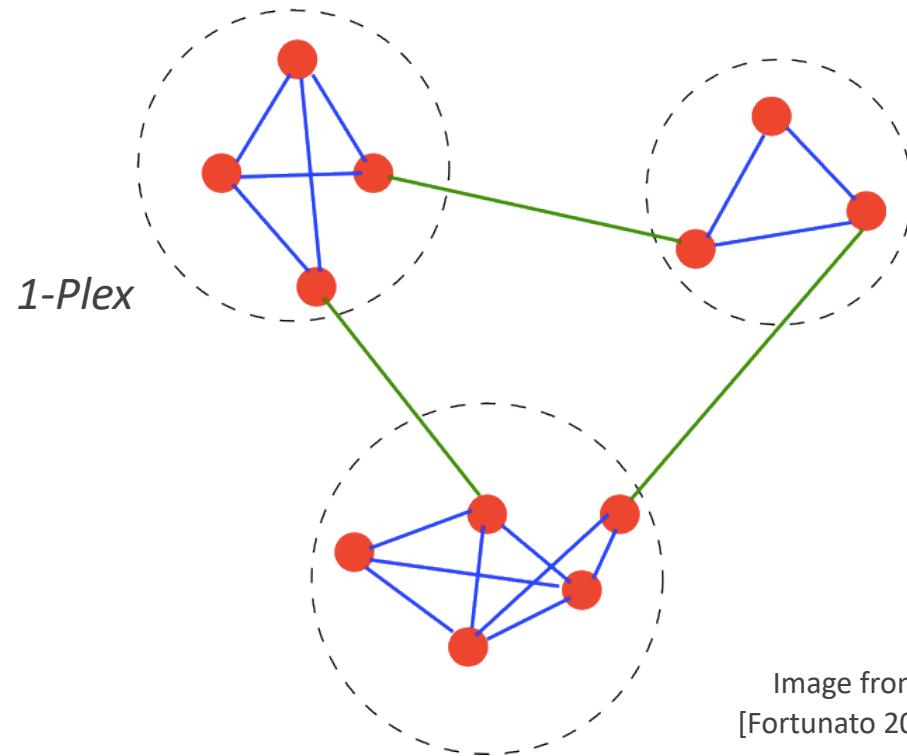


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## *k*-Plex:

A maximal subgraph in which each node is adjacent to all other nodes of the subgraph except at most  $k$  of them

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Divisive (top-down)

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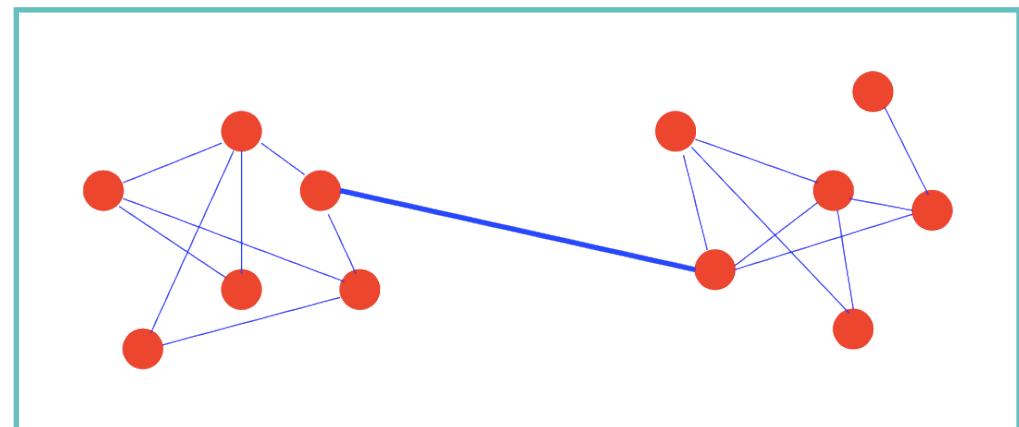


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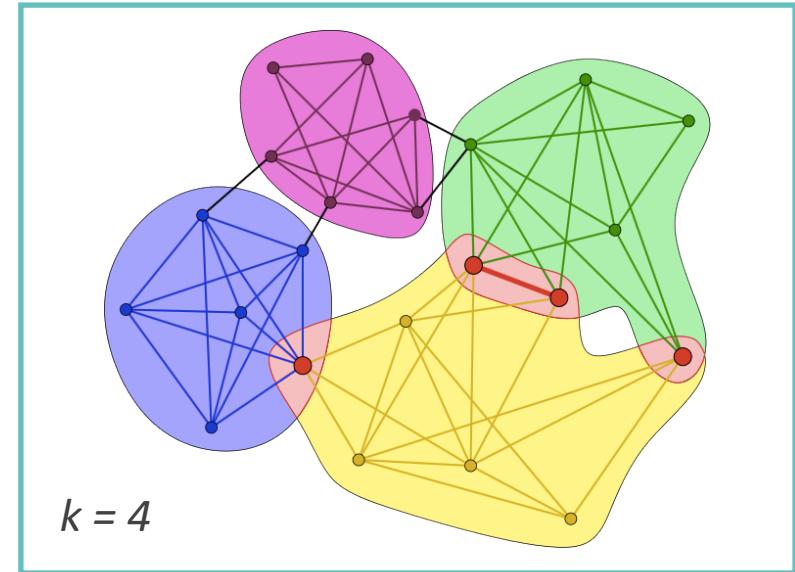


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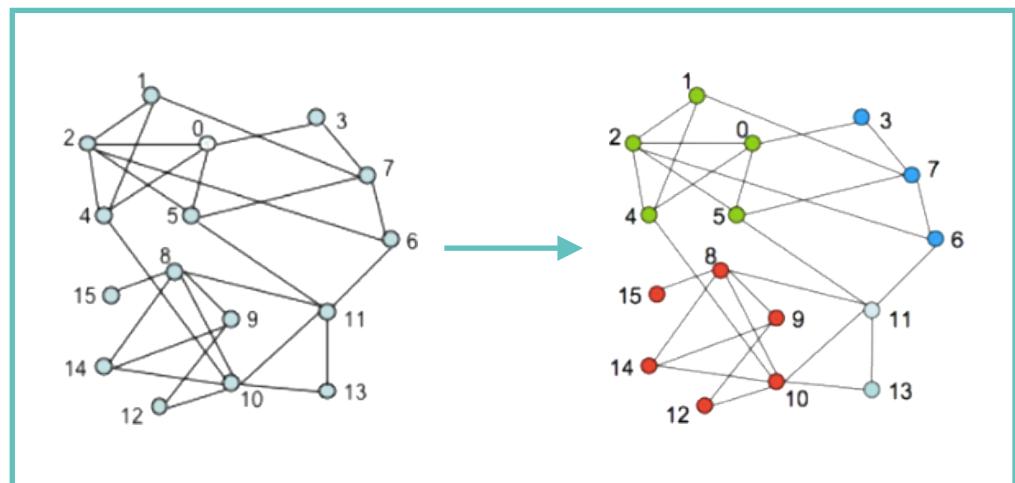
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**Modularity:** measure for clustering quality

**Iterated aggregation** of communities of nodes whose merging **increases modularity**



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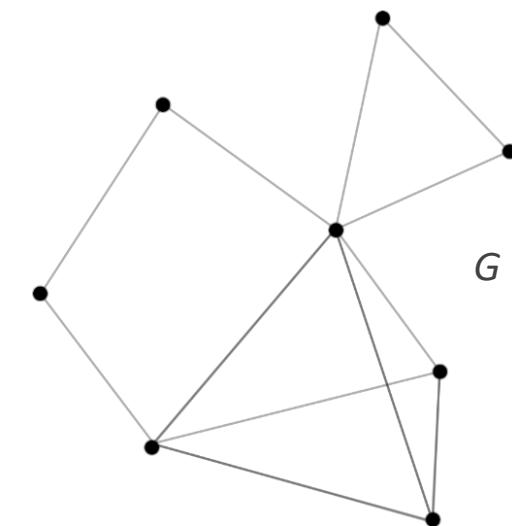
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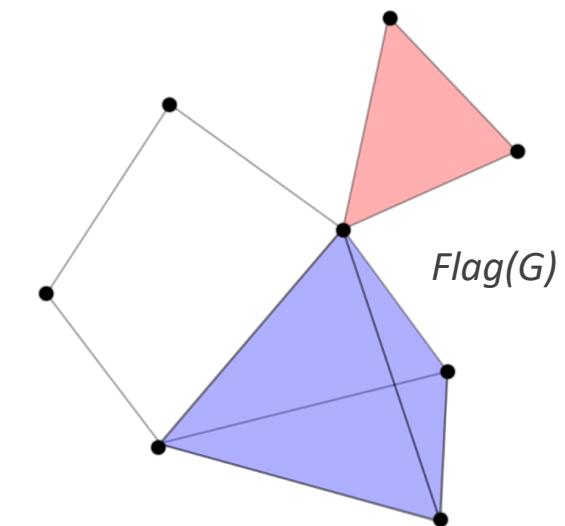
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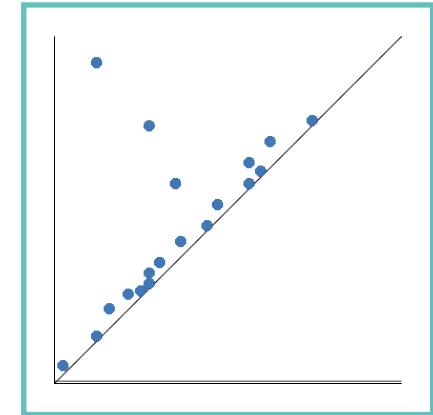
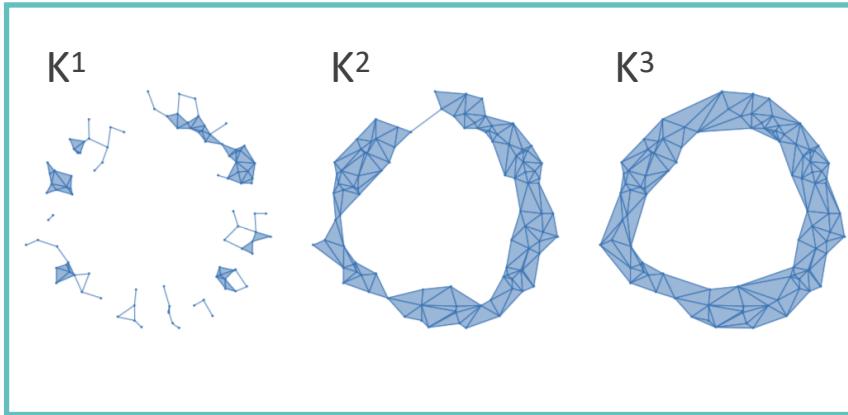
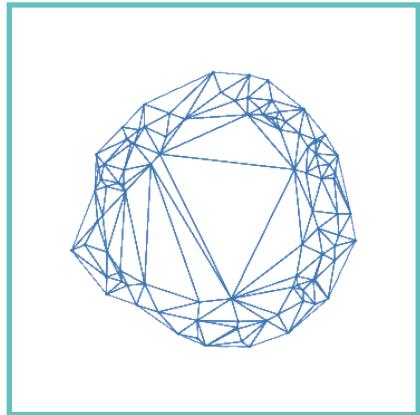
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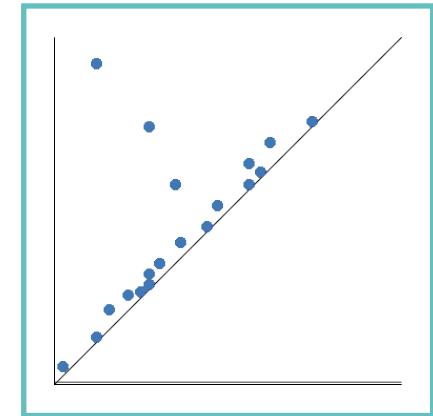
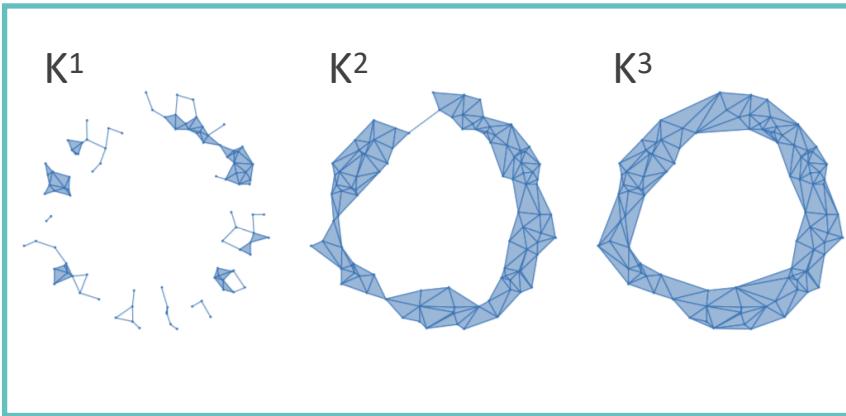
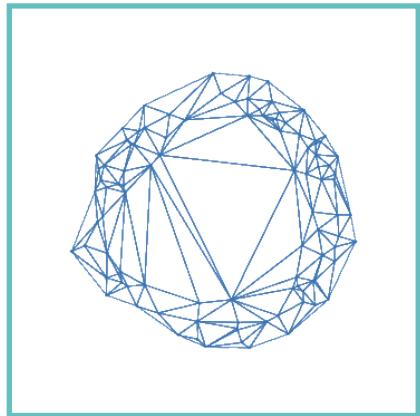
Filtration

Persistence Diagram

Topological summaries have proven to be particularly effective to ***distinguish shapes***  
***but***

It is hard to obtain a ***meaningful interpretation*** for homological cycles

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*What if ...*

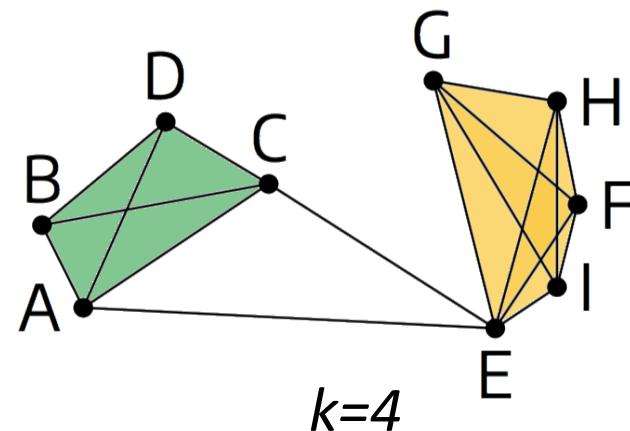
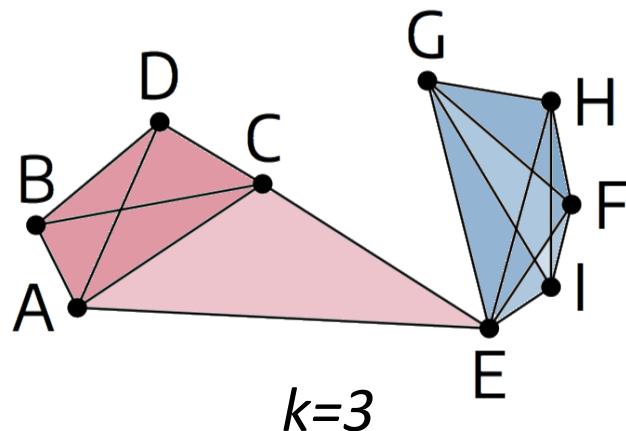
we study the persistence of something more meaningful than homological cycles?

# Persistence and Complex Networks

***k-Clique Community:***

A *maximal union* of  $k$ -cliques

*pairwise connected* by a *sequence of  $k$ -adjacent cliques*

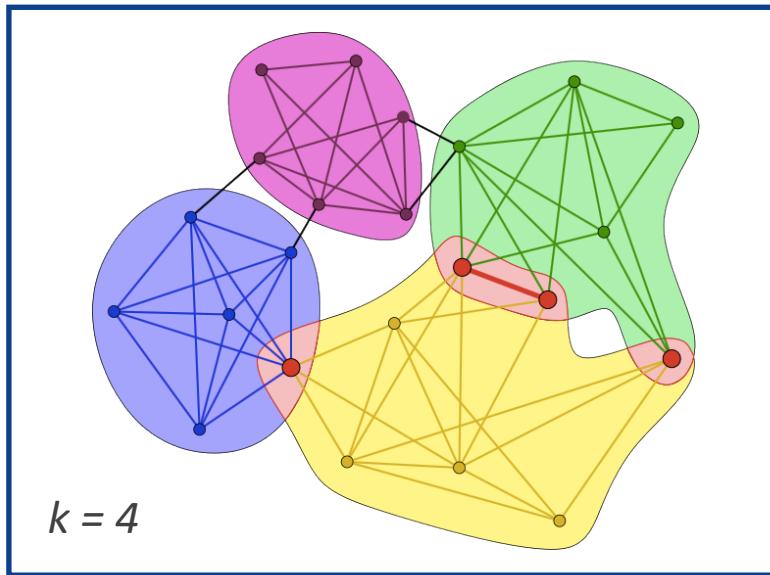


***k-Adjacency:***

Two  $k$ -cliques are  *$k$ -adjacent* if they *share  $k-1$  nodes*

# Persistence and Complex Networks

## *k-Clique Community Decomposition:*

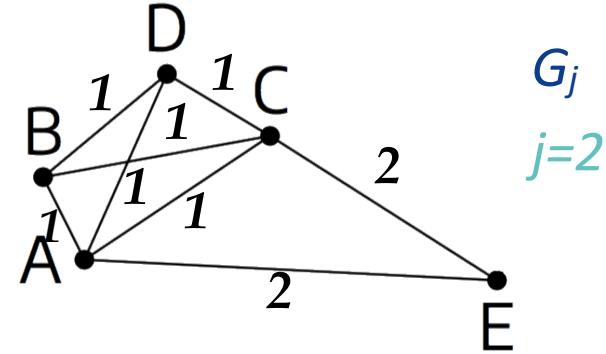
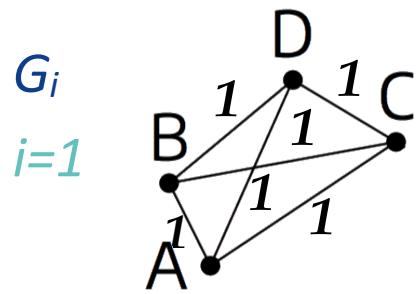


- ◆ Reveal ***highly connected*** communities
- ◆ Allow ***overlaps***
- ◆ Have a ***hierarchical structure***

# Persistence and Complex Networks

## Clique Communities and Weighted Networks:

Given a weighted network  $G$  and two threshold values  $i < j$ ,

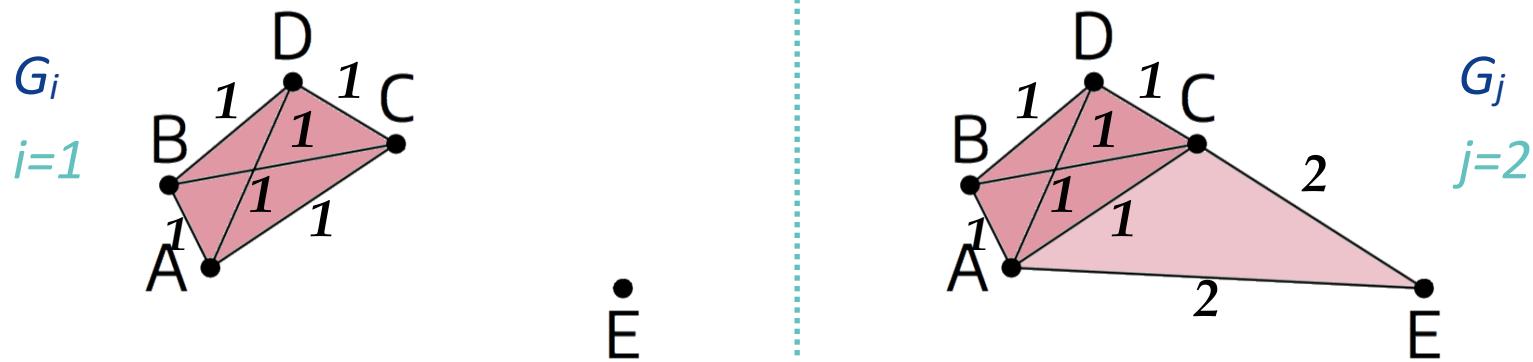


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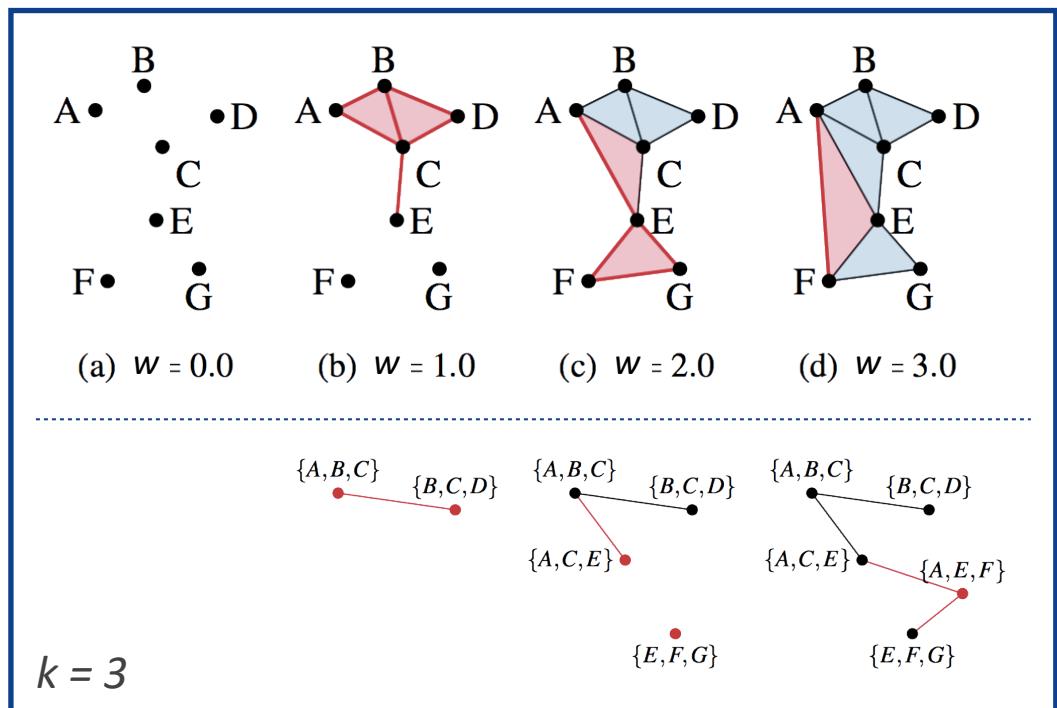
Each  $k$ -clique community of  $G_i$  is *contained* in *exactly one*  $k$ -clique community of  $G_j$

# Persistence and Complex Networks

## Clique Community Persistence:

Fixing a value for  $k$  and varying the edge-weight threshold, the **persistence** of  **$k$ -clique communities** of  $G$  can be tracked by:

- ◆ Building a sequence of  $k$ -dual graphs:
  - *vertices  $\leftrightarrow k$ -cliques*
  - *edges  $\leftrightarrow$  adjacent  $k$ -cliques*
- ◆ Tracking the  **$k$ -connected components** of the sequence of  $k$ -dual graphs



# Persistence and Complex Networks

## *Clique Community Persistence:*

The presented approach allows for designing tools for:

- ◆ **Network Comparison**
  - *Comparison Measures*
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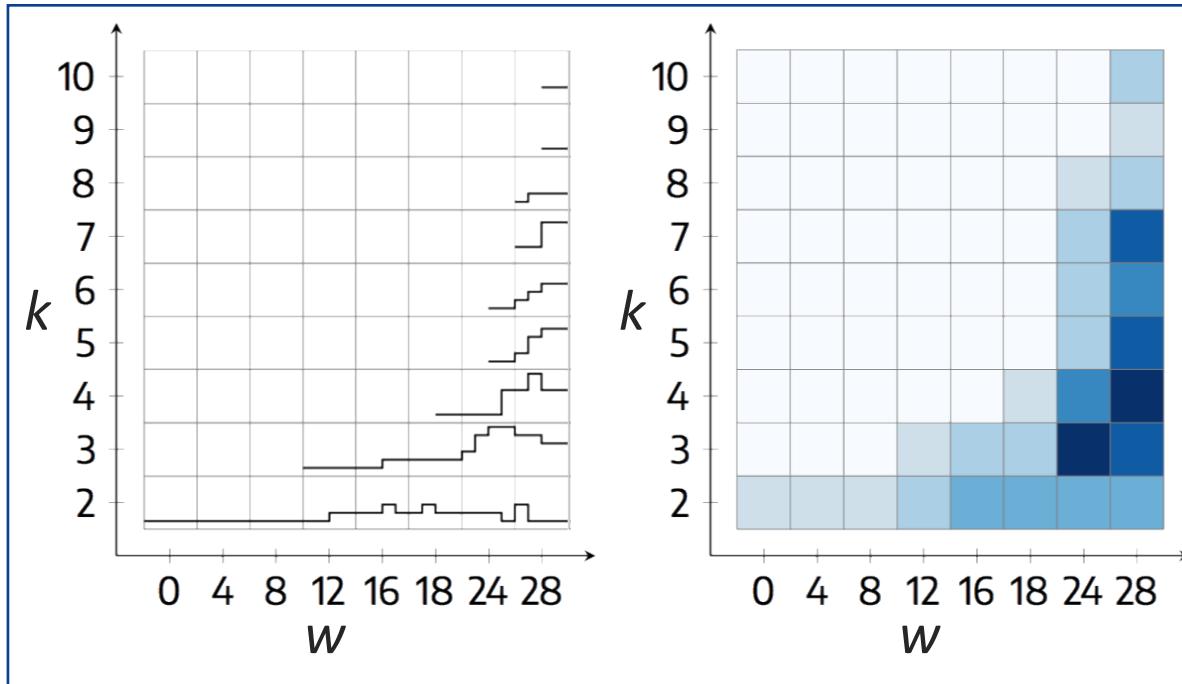
# *Persistence and Complex Networks*

### **Persistence Indicator Function:**

Defined as the function  $f_k : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}$

assigning:

**w**  $\longmapsto$  *# k-cliques communities “alive” at threshold w*



# Persistence and Complex Networks

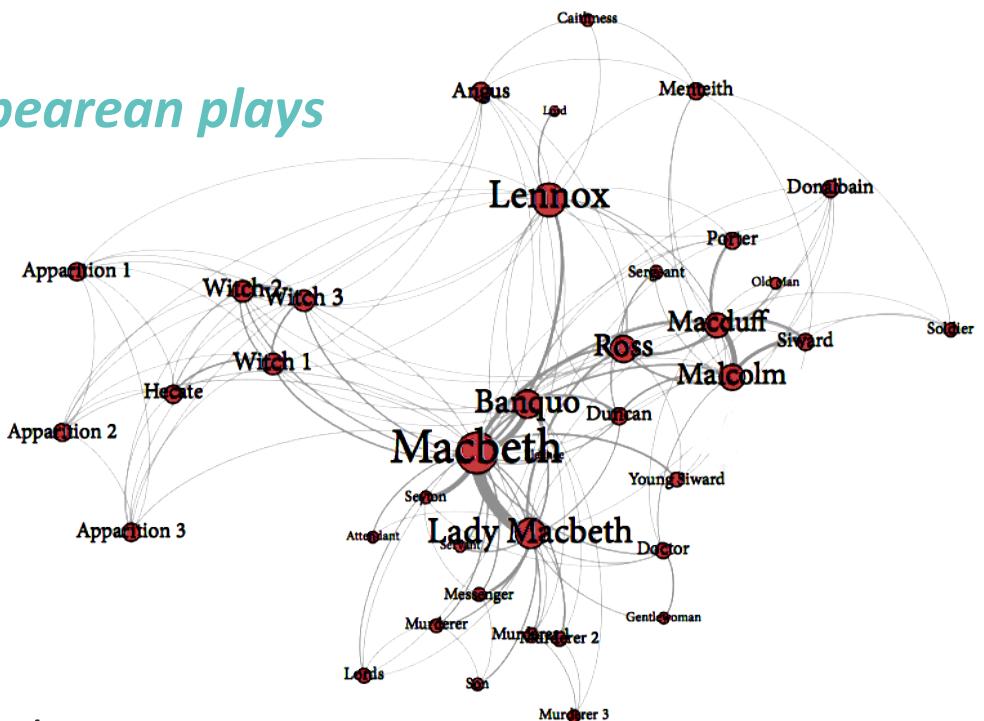
## Persistence Indicator Function:

- ◆ **Co-occurrence networks** of *Shakespearean plays*

- 37 plays considered

- ◆ In each network:

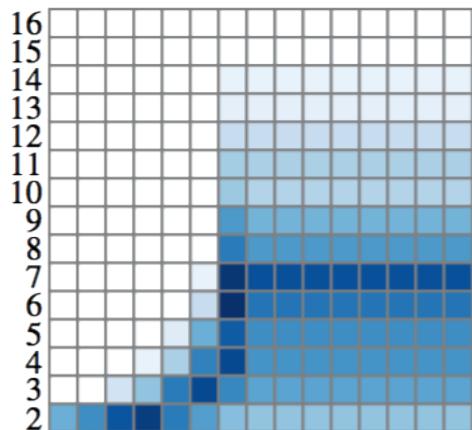
- **nodes**  $\leftrightarrow$  **characters** of the play
  - **edges**  $\leftrightarrow$  characters appearing in the **same scene**
  - **edge weight**  $\leftrightarrow$  inverse of the **number of interactions**



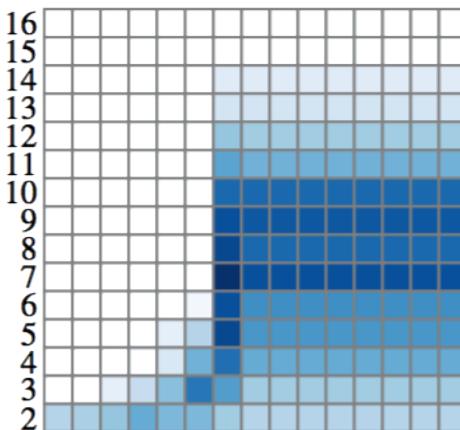
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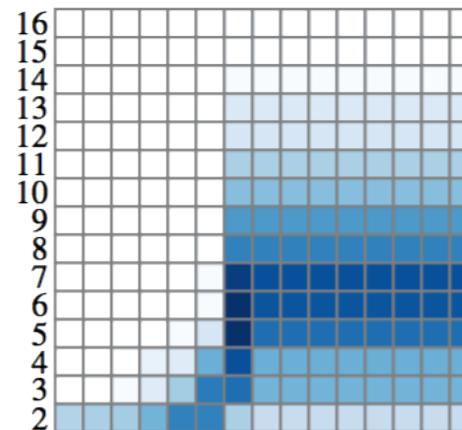
*PIF enables a comparison of structural differences between groups of plays*



Comedies



Tragedies



Histories

# Persistence and Complex Networks

## PIF-Based Distance:

Given two persistence indicator functions  $f$  and  $g$ ,

*PIF-based distance* is defined to be the  $L^p$  distance between  $f$  and  $g$ :

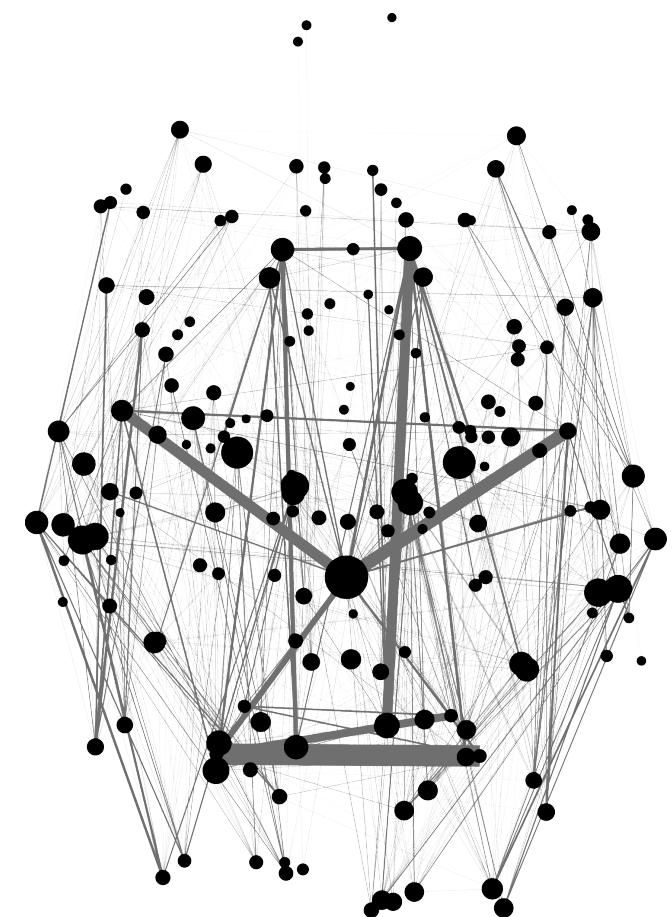
$$\text{dist}(f, g) = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x) - g(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

- ◆ Quantifies dissimilarities between PIFs
- ◆ Easier to be computed than Wasserstein and bottleneck distances
- ◆ Highly correlated to Wasserstein distance

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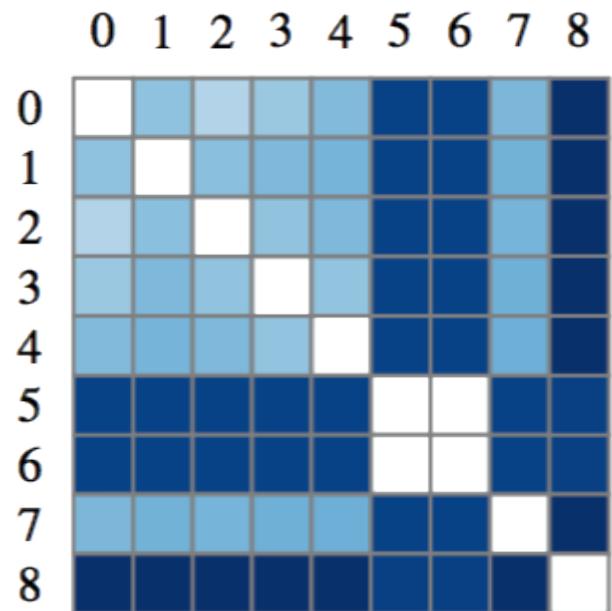
- ◆ **Biological networks** representing variants of **human brain connectivity**
  - **9 instances considered**
- ◆ In each network:
  - **nodes**  $\leftrightarrow$  **brain areas**
  - **edges**  $\leftrightarrow$  **fibers connecting different areas**



# Persistence and Complex Networks

## PIF-Based Distance:

Variant	Density	Diam. (weighted)	Avg. degree (weighted)
0	0.125	4 (60.0)	21.21 (2300.3)
1	0.124	4 (60.0)	21.06 (2296.0)
2	0.124	4 (60.0)	21.13 (2295.2)
3	0.124	4 (60.0)	21.16 (2282.0)
4	0.124	4 (60.0)	21.15 (2279.3)
5	0.125	4 (60.0)	21.19 (2264.0)
6	0.125	4 (60.0)	21.19 (2264.0)
7	0.124	4 (60.0)	21.16 (2279.6)
8	0.125	4 (60.0)	21.20 (2257.5)



*PIF-based distance reveals differences between networks that common graph measures are incapable of detecting*

# Persistence and Complex Networks

## *Clique Community Centrality:*

*Clique community centrality* of a node  $v$  is defined as

$$\text{centrality}(v) = \sum_{C \ni v} \text{pers}(C)$$

where:

- ◆  $C$  is any clique community containing  $v$
- ◆  $\text{pers}(C)$  is the “lifespan” of  $C$

*Nodes belonging to high-persistence communities are identified as relevant*

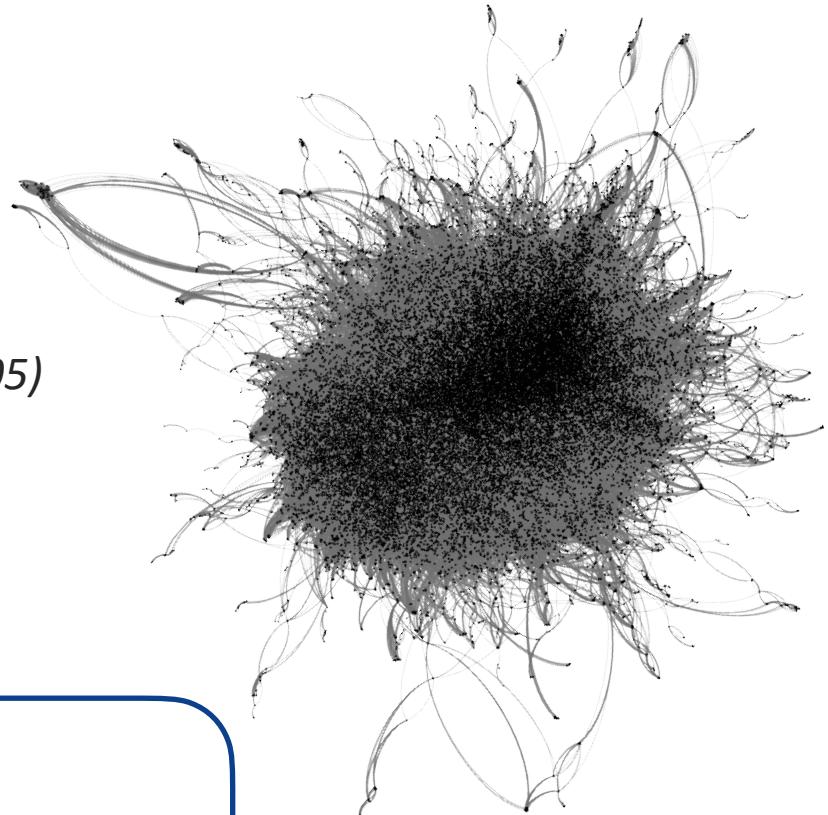
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## Clique Community Centrality:

- ◆ Collaborative networks describing *scientist co-authorship of the “Condensed Matter” arXiv category*
  - 3 snapshots in time considered (1999, 2003, 2005)
- ◆ Network sizes:
  - 16K - 40K nodes
  - 47K - 175K edges

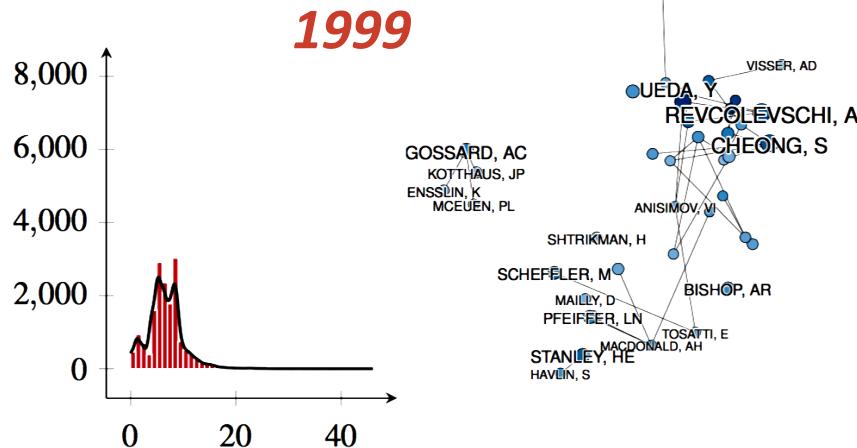
Clique community centrality allows for

- ◆ evaluating the *evolution of network connectivity*
- ◆ filtering away the *less relevant nodes*

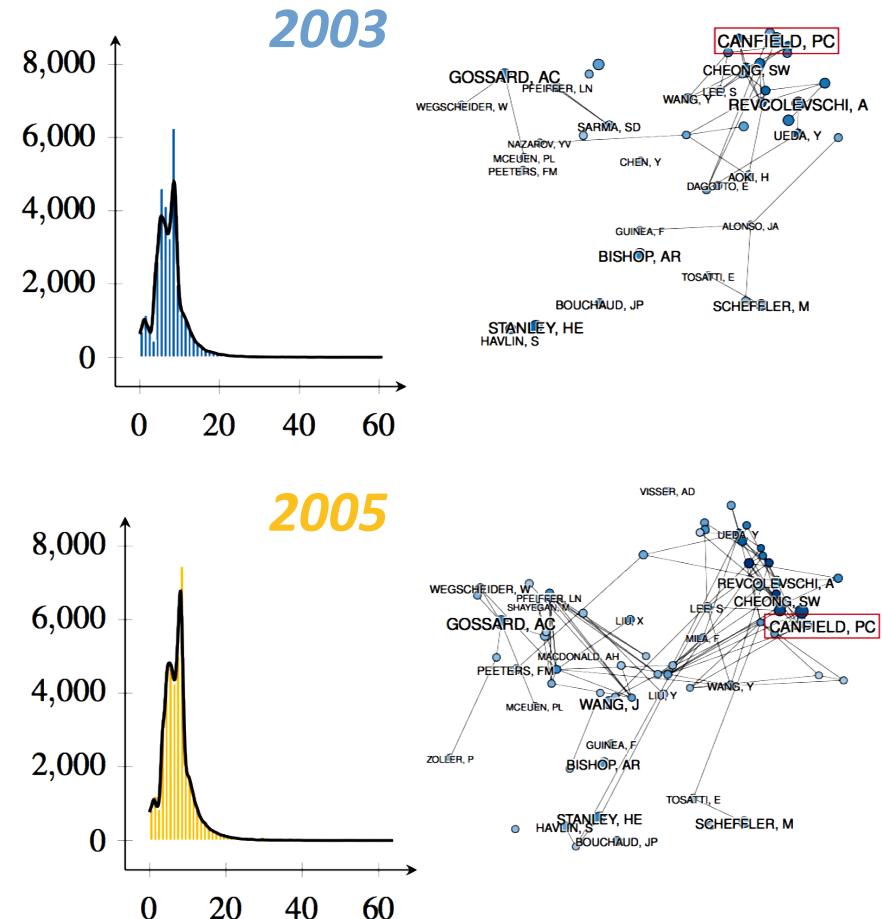


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*Density estimates of the clique  
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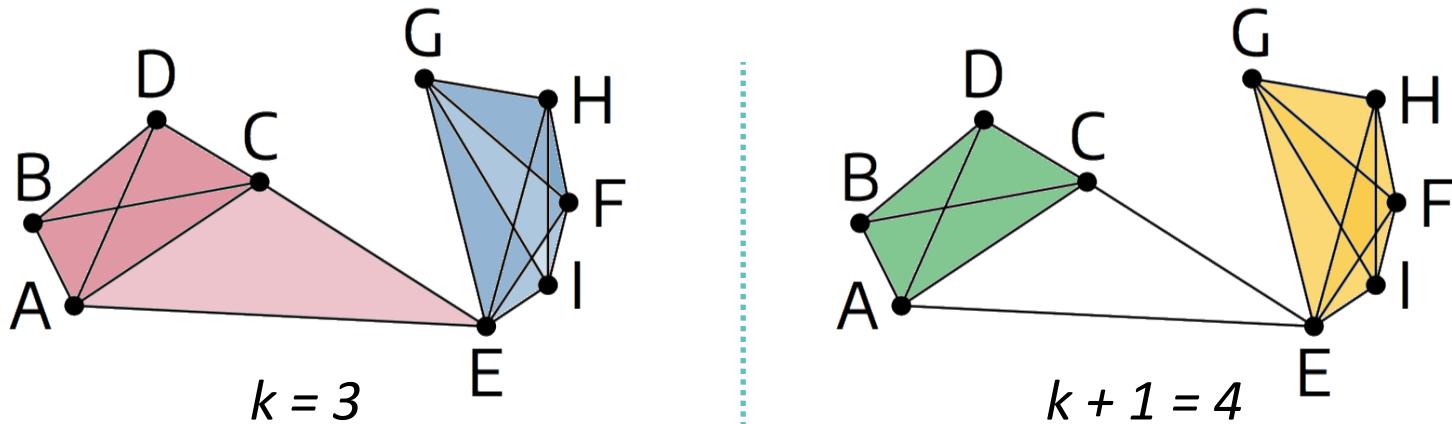
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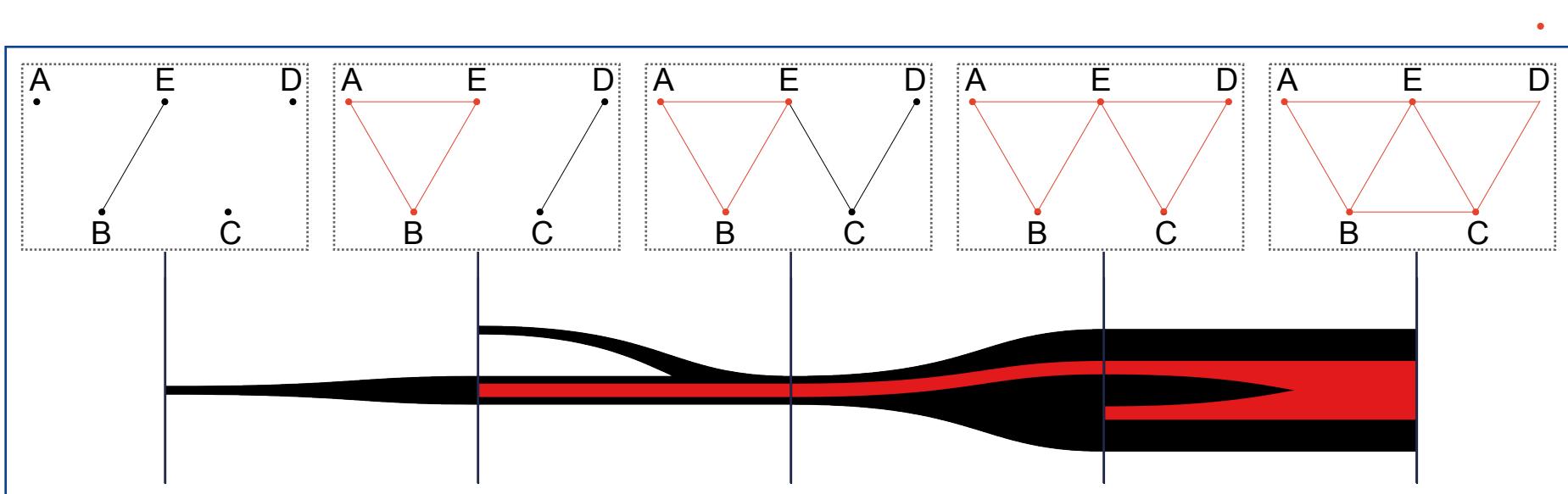


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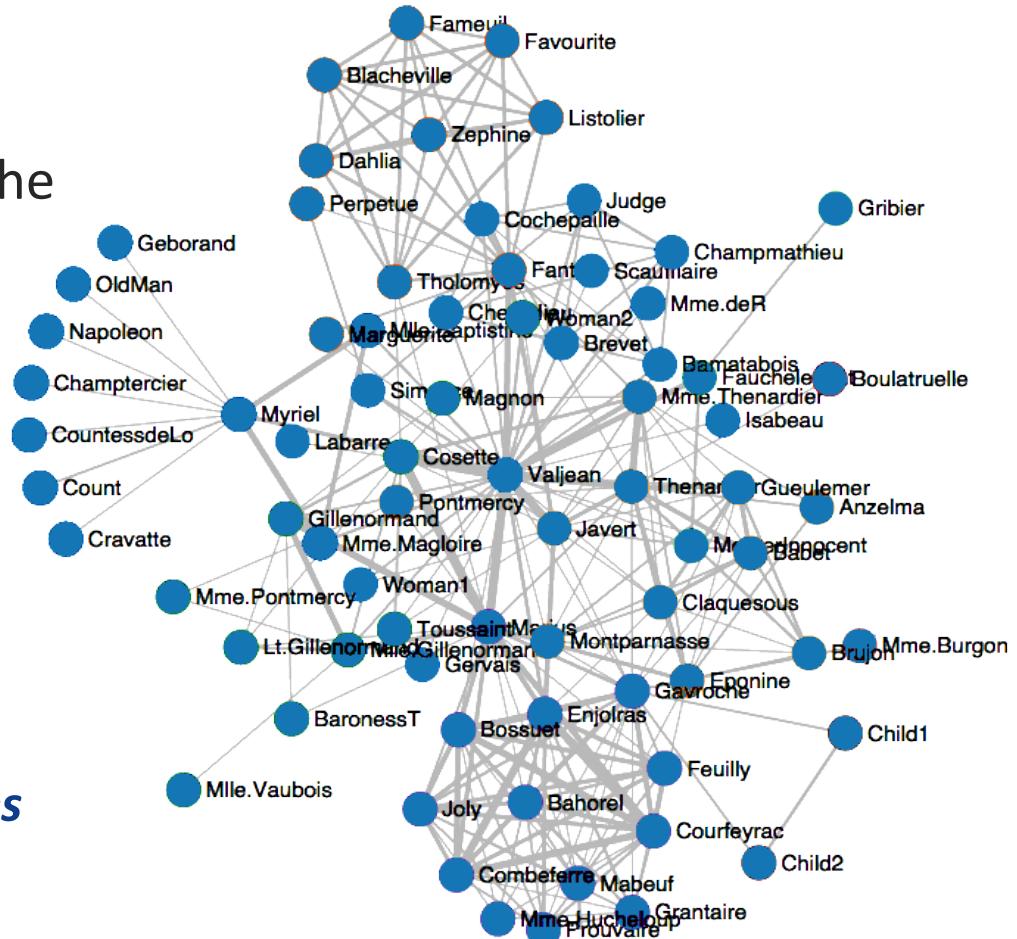
- ◆ Originally defined for connected components in scalar fields [Lukasczyk et al. 2017]
- ◆ Illustrates *evolutions across two parameters*



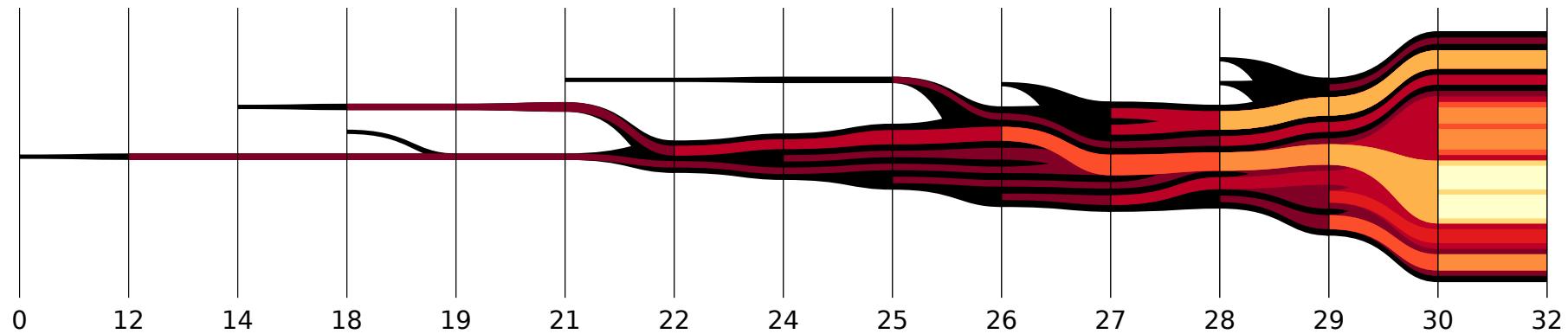
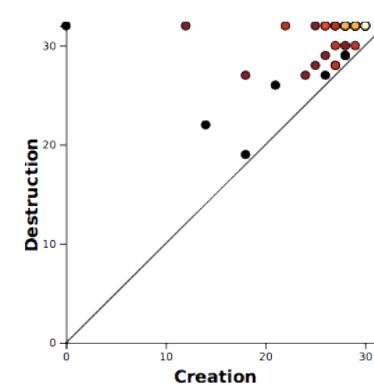
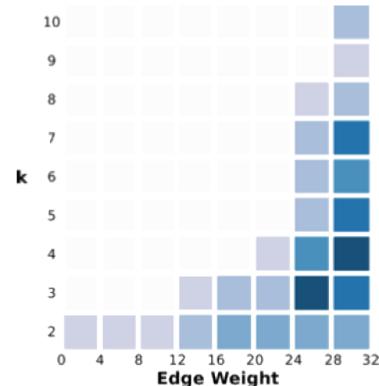
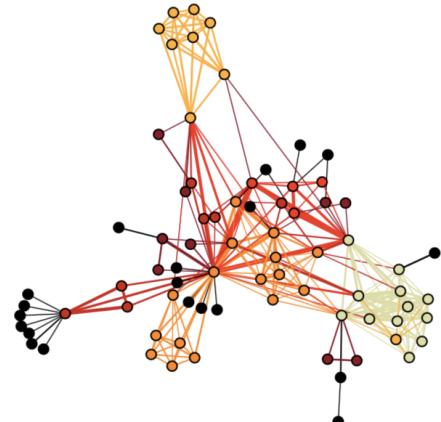
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## Nested Graph:

- ◆ **Co-occurrence network** between the characters in **Victor Hugo's novel "Les Misérables"**
  - 77 nodes
  - 254 edges
- ◆ **edge weight**  $\leftrightarrow 1 / \# \text{ co-occurrences}$

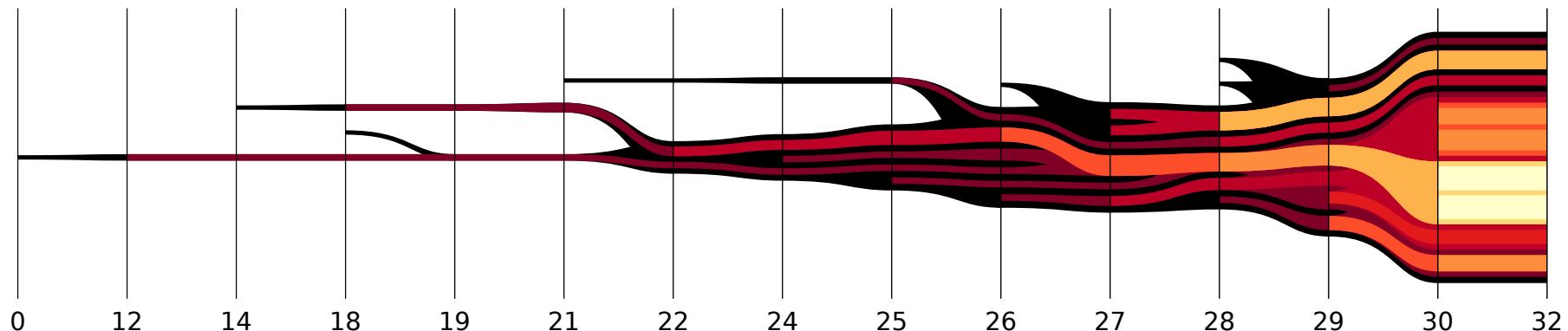
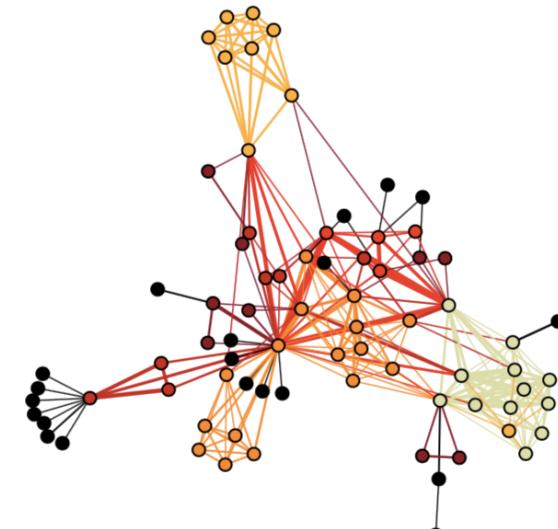


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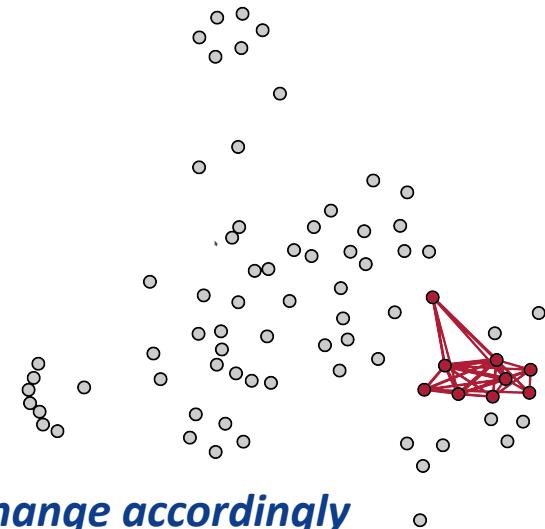
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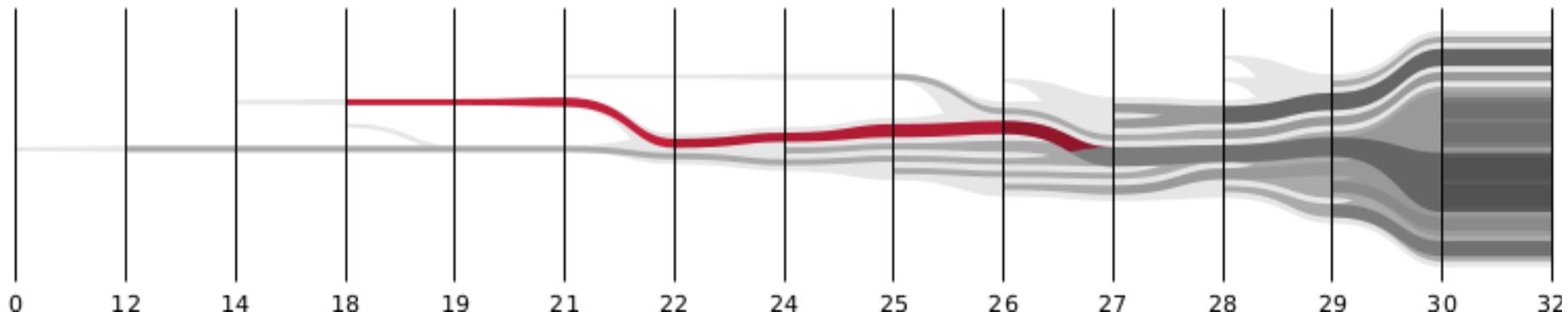
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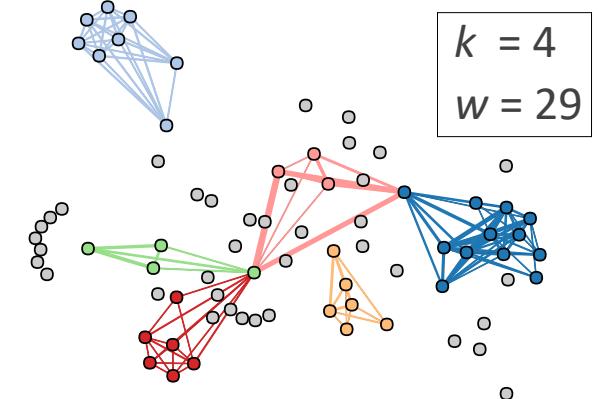
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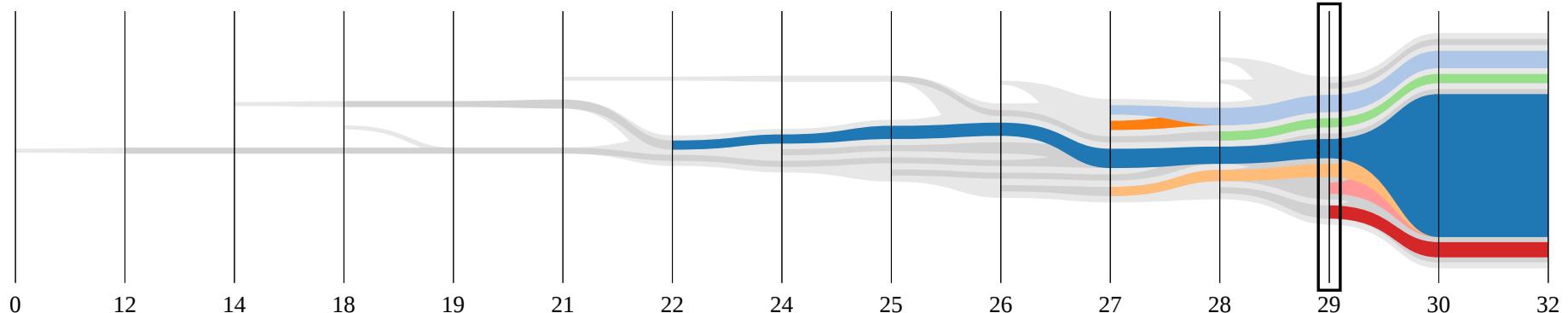
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*Intuitively:*

*edge-weight variation*       $\leftrightarrow$       *reveal the core part of a community*

*clique-degree variation*       $\leftrightarrow$       *analyze community according to different granularities*

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