

“Persistent Homology” Summer School - Rabat

Persistent Homology in Complex Network Analysis

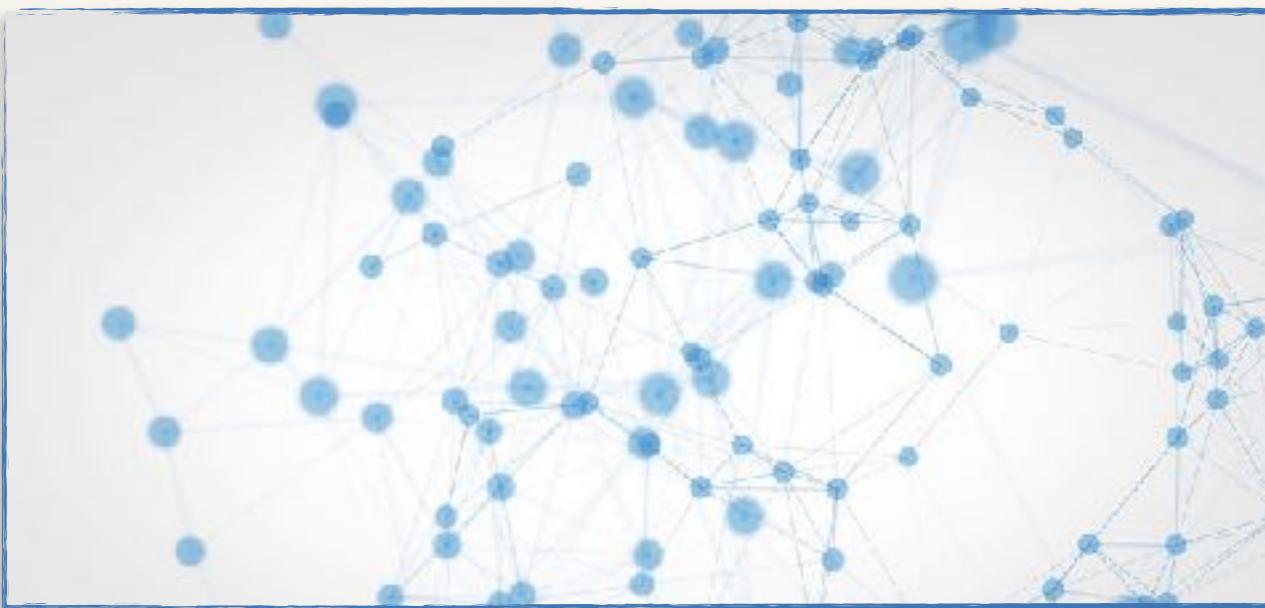
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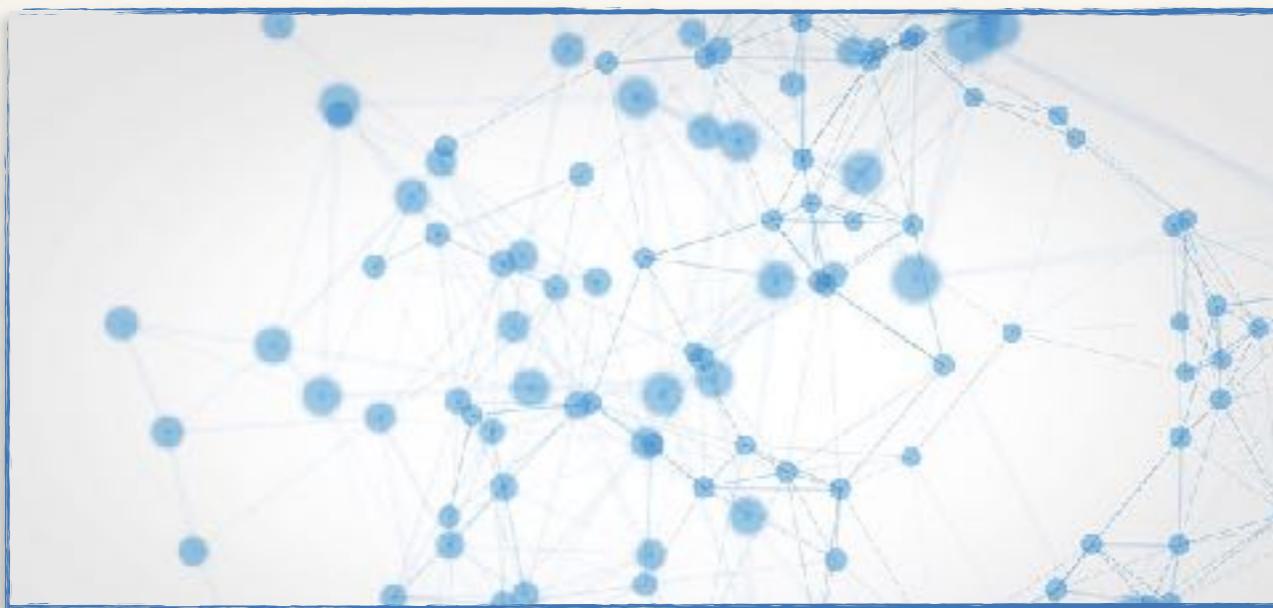
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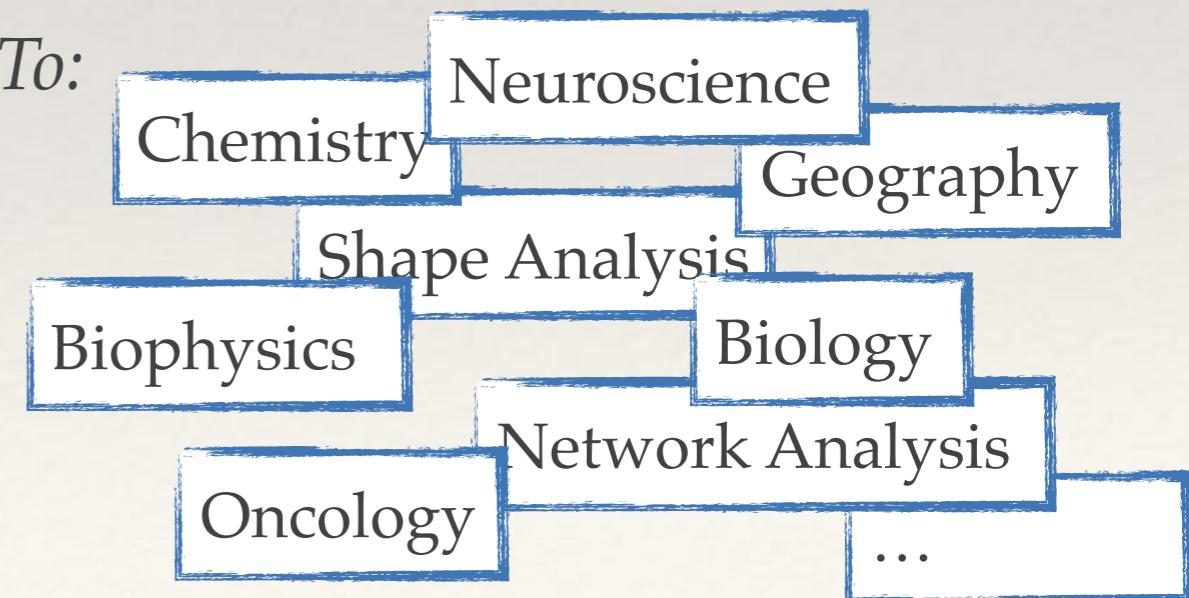
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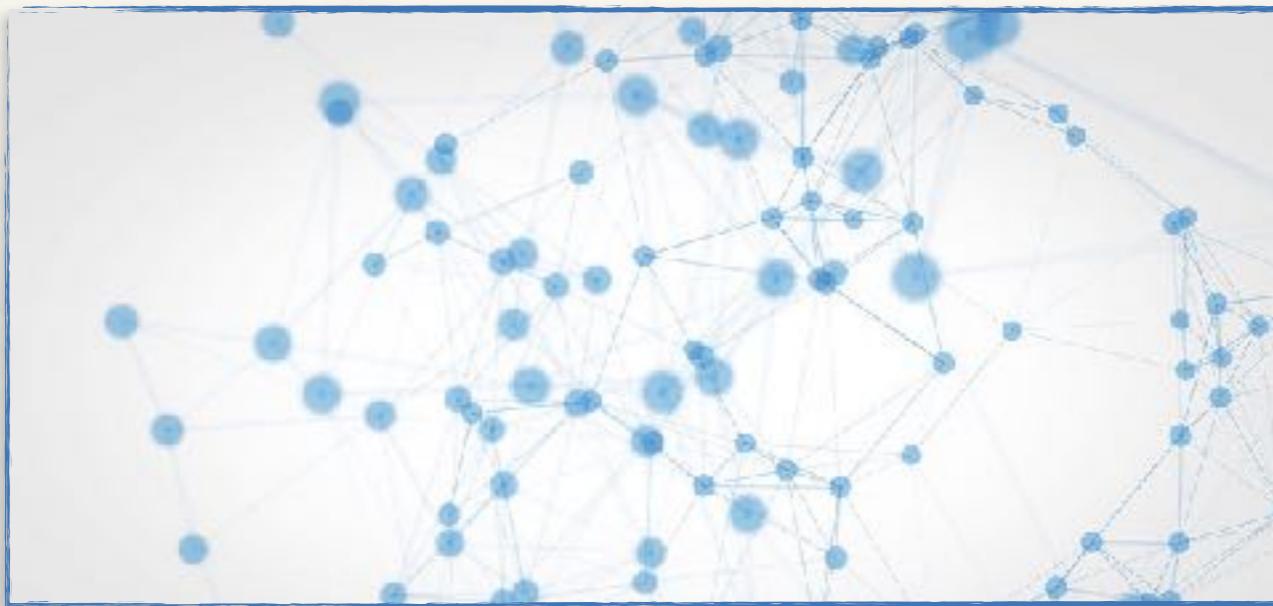
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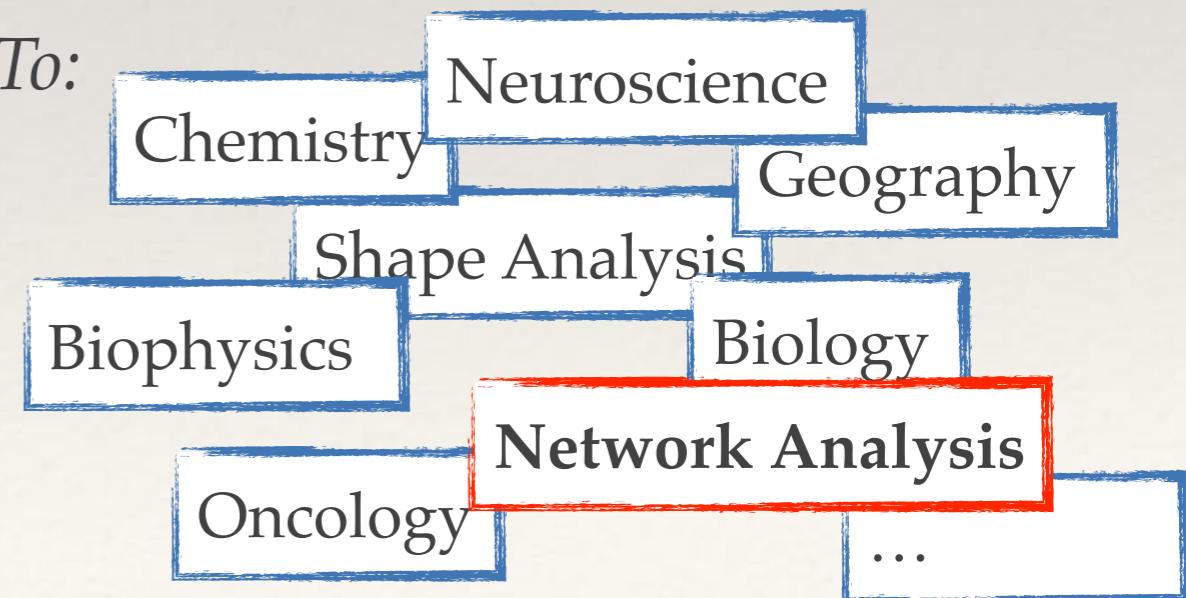
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Complex Networks

Definition:

A *network* is a **complex system** consisting of **individuals** or **entities** connected by specific **ties** such as

- ◆ *Personal Relationship*
- ◆ *Shared Knowledge*
- ◆ ...



References:

- M. Newman, *Networks: An Introduction*, 2010
J. Scott, *Social Network Analysis*, 2017

Complex Networks

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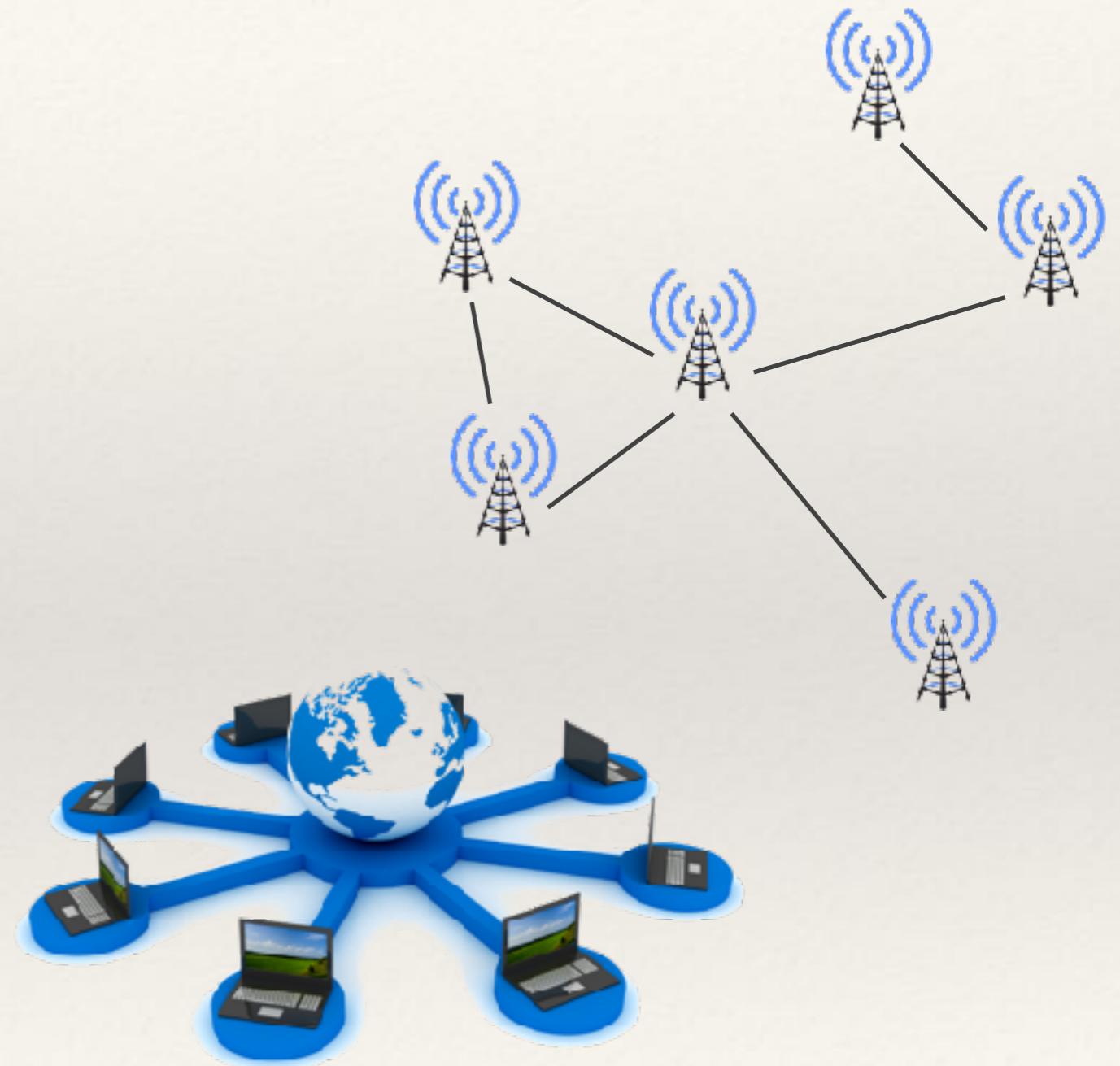
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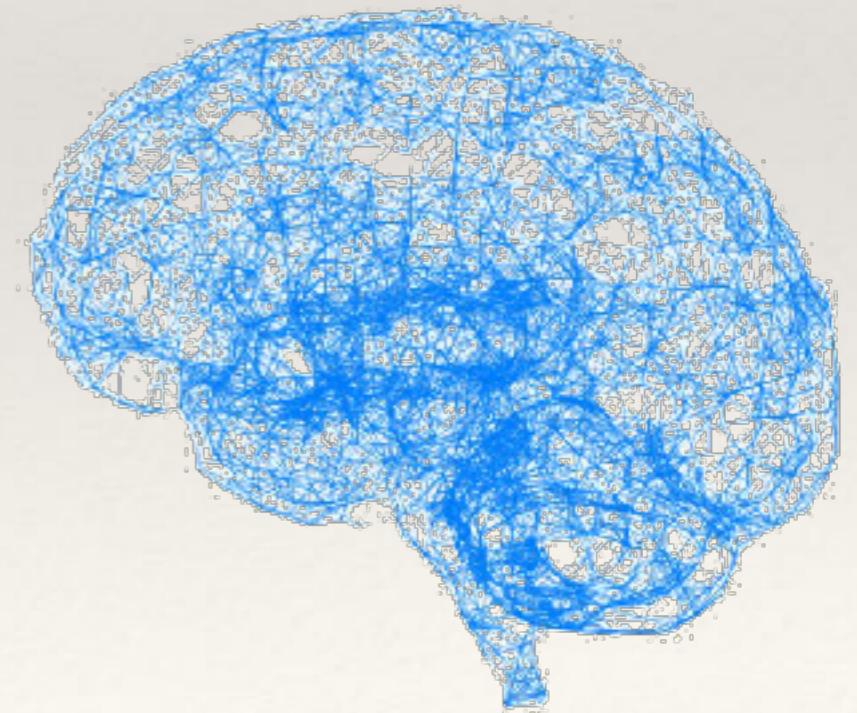
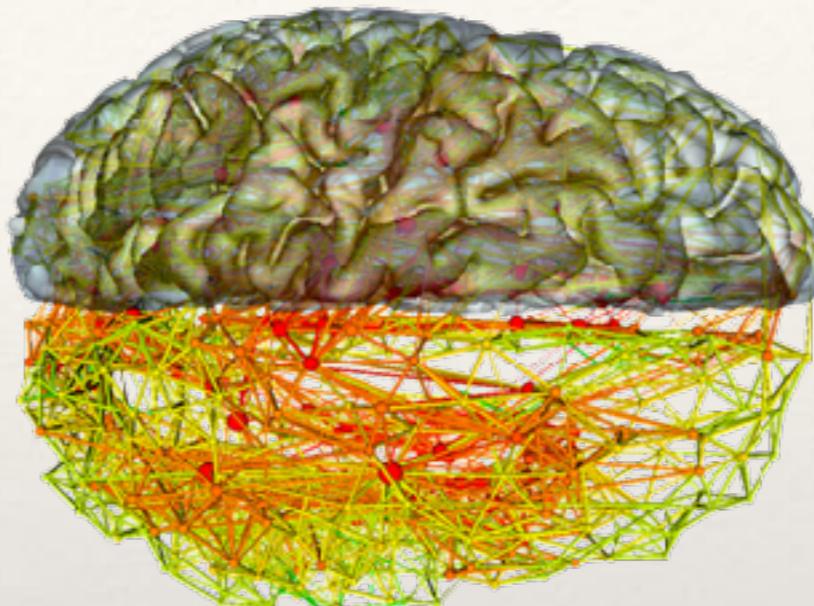
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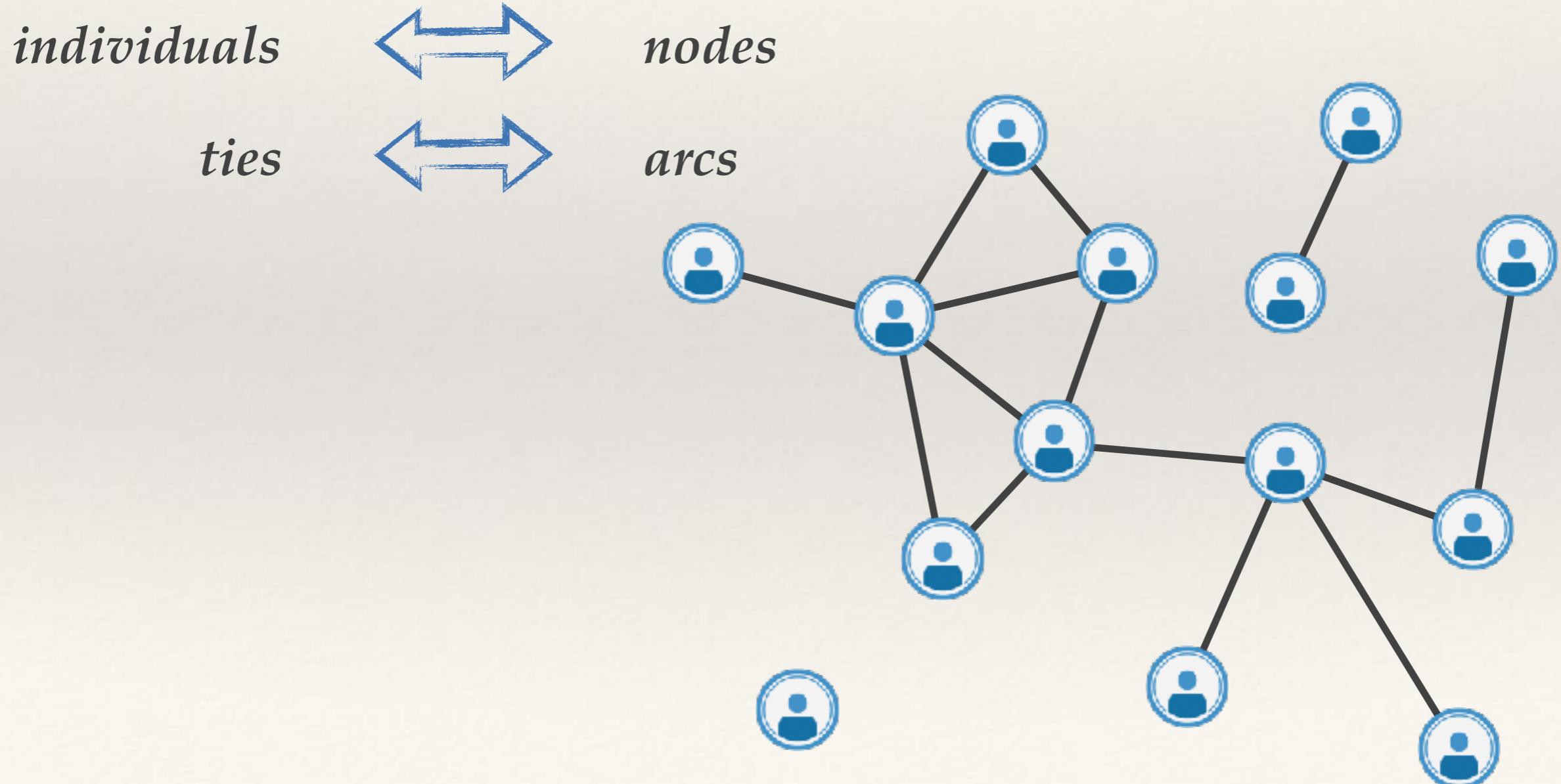
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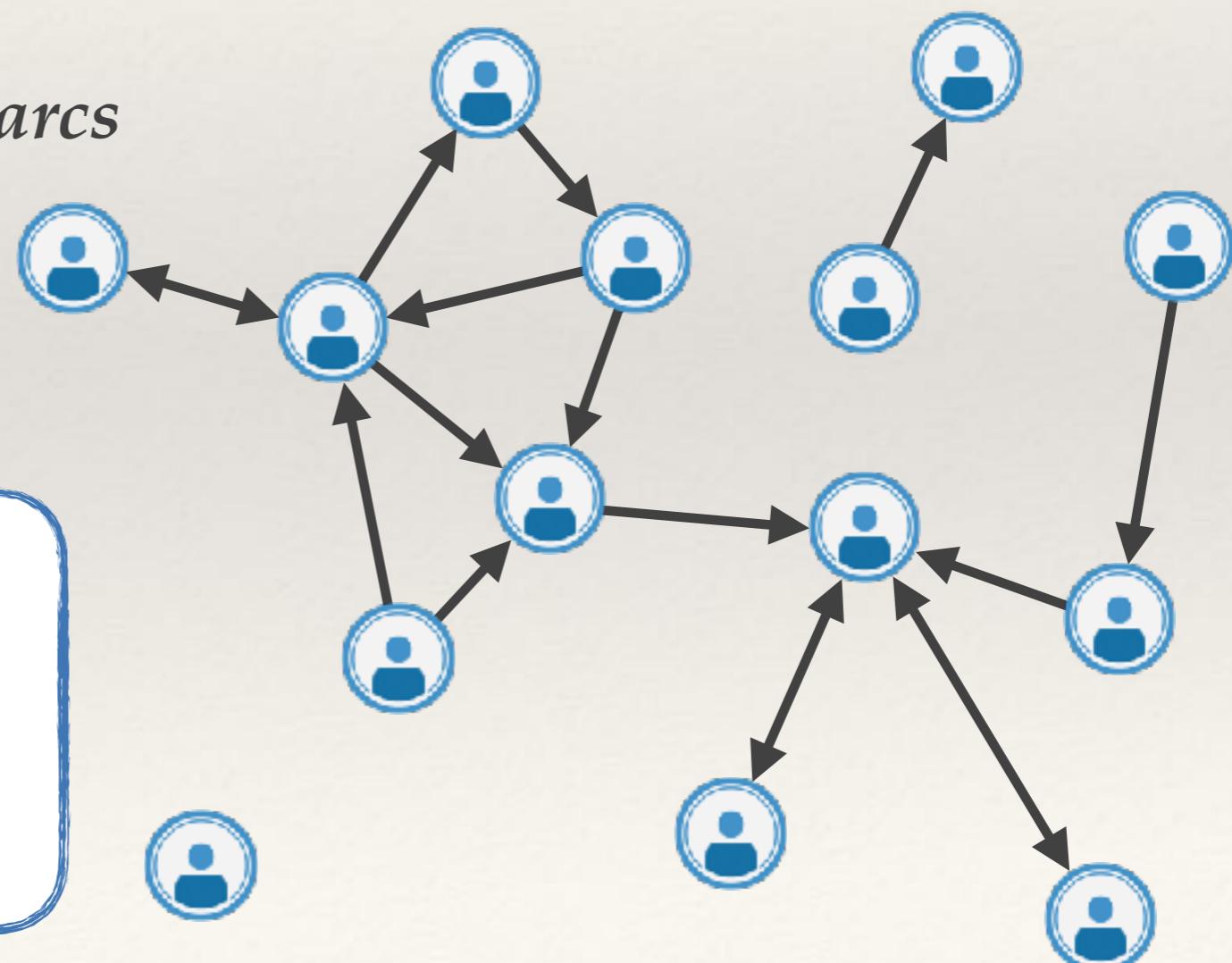


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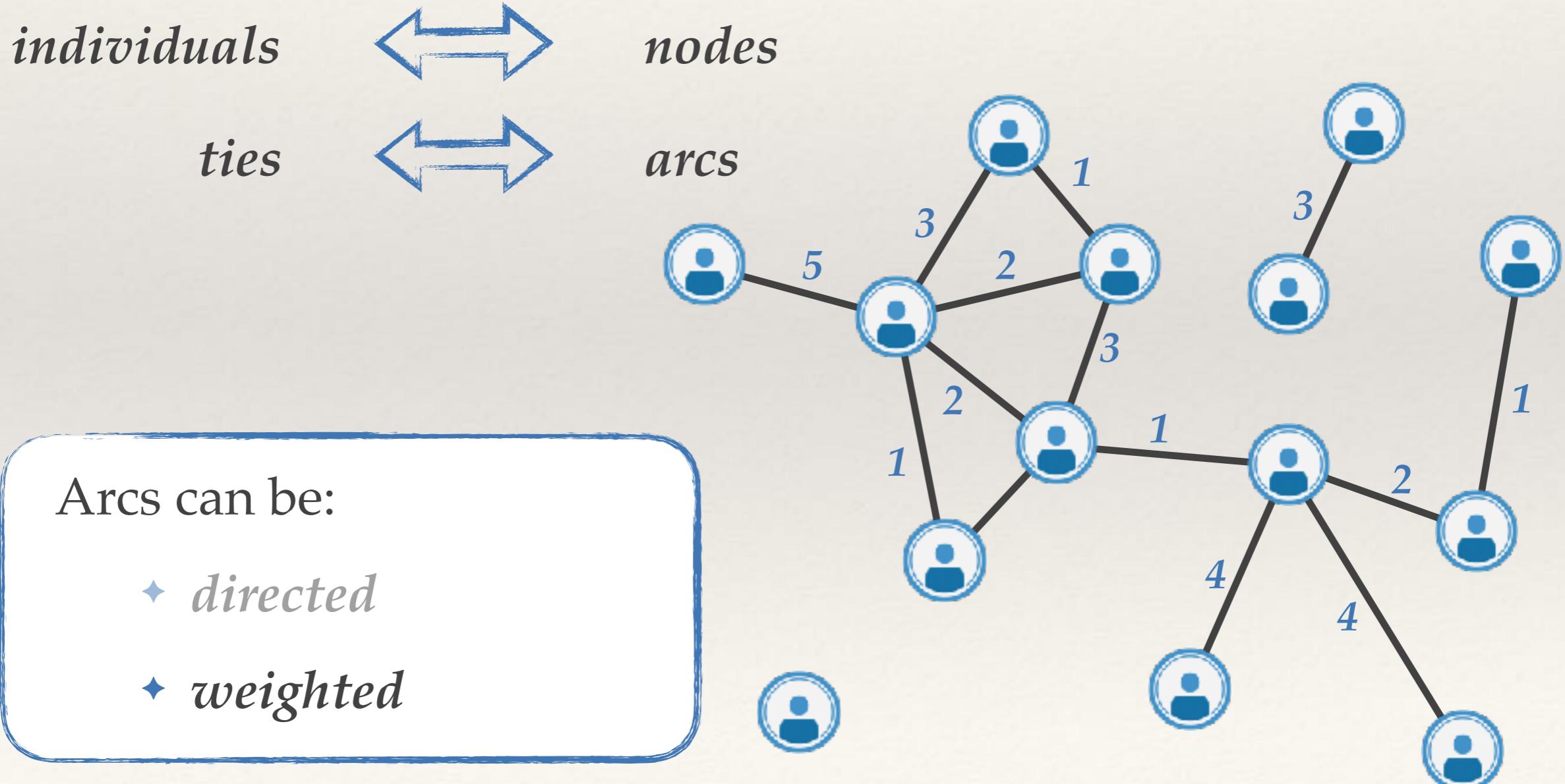
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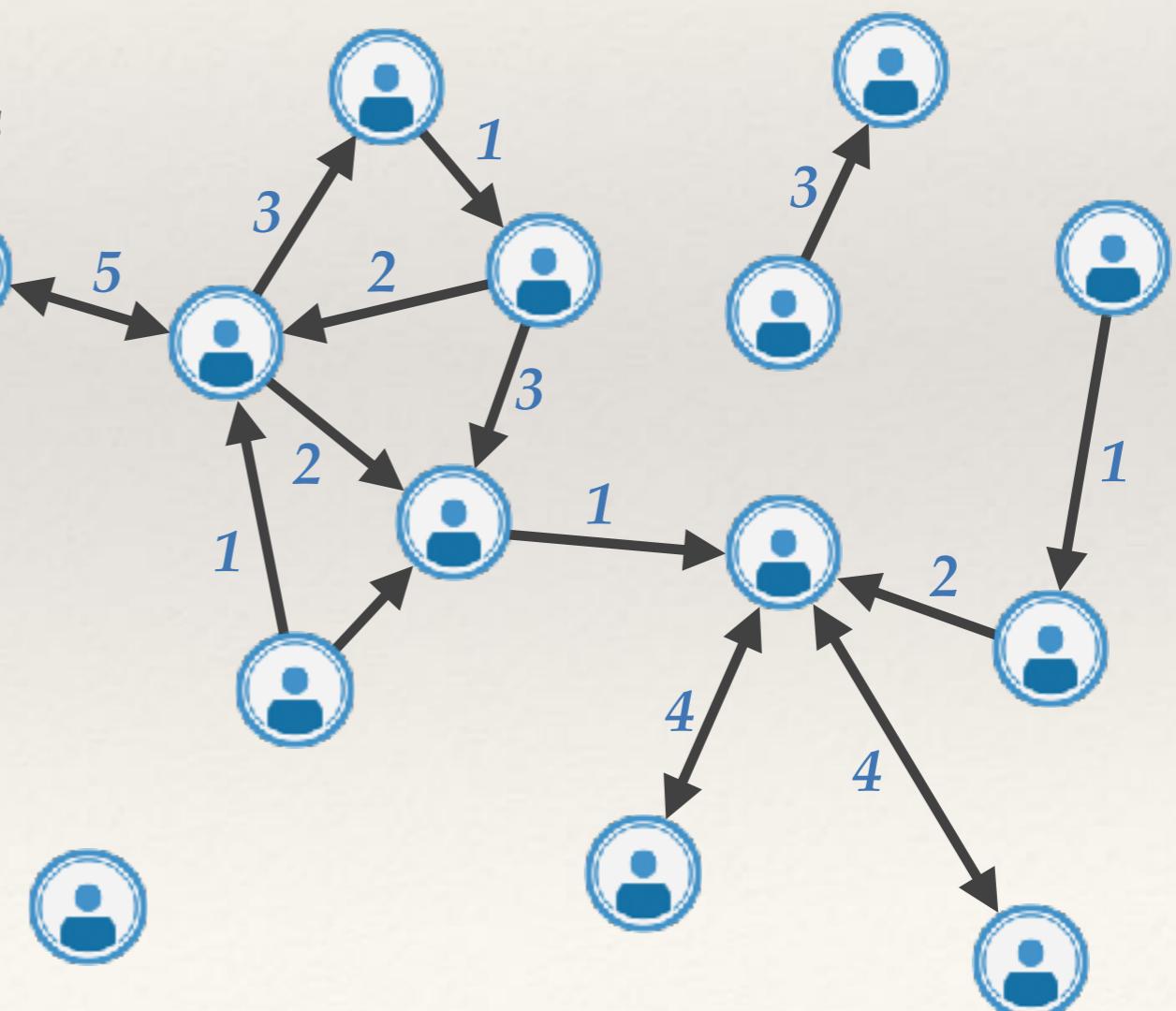


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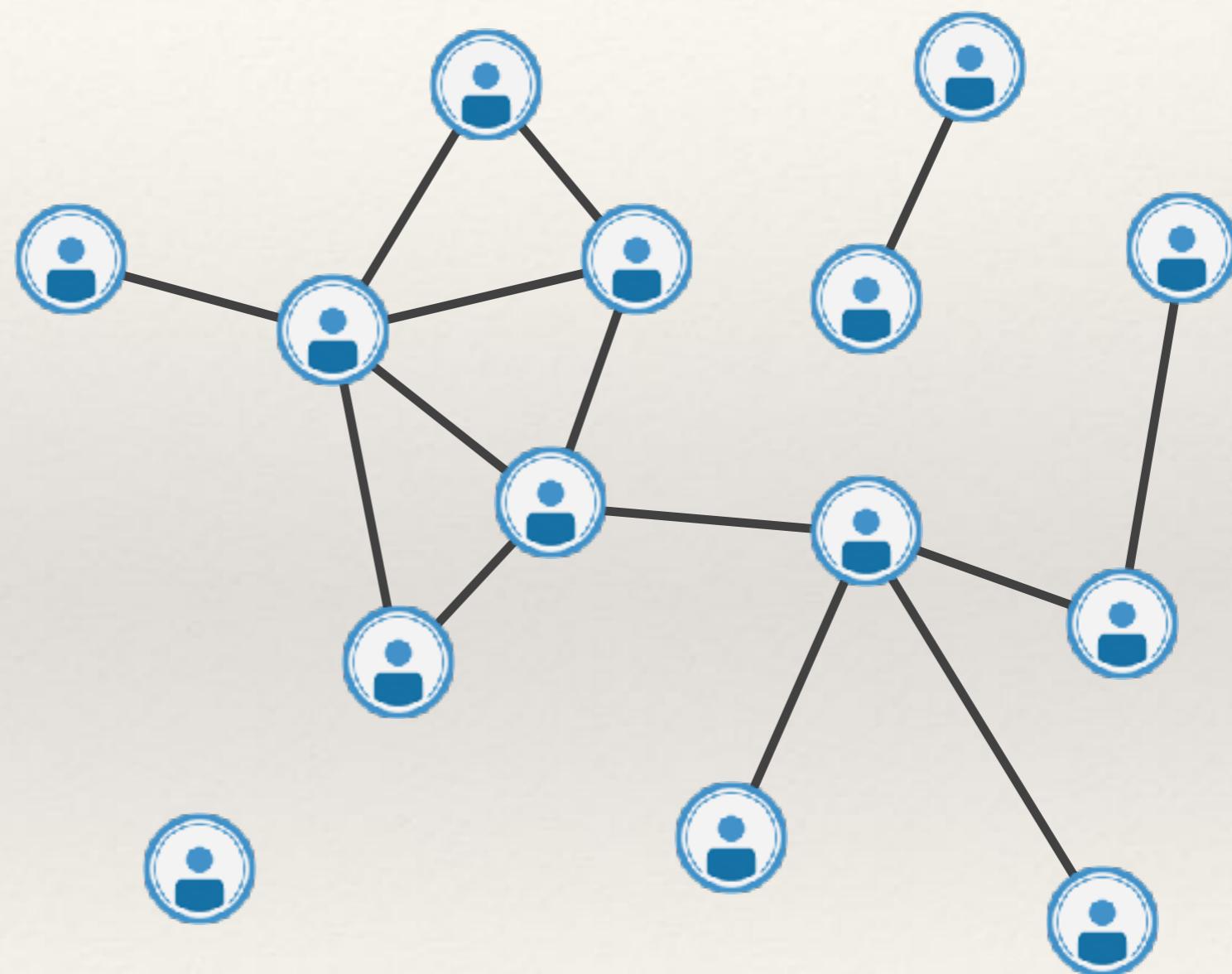
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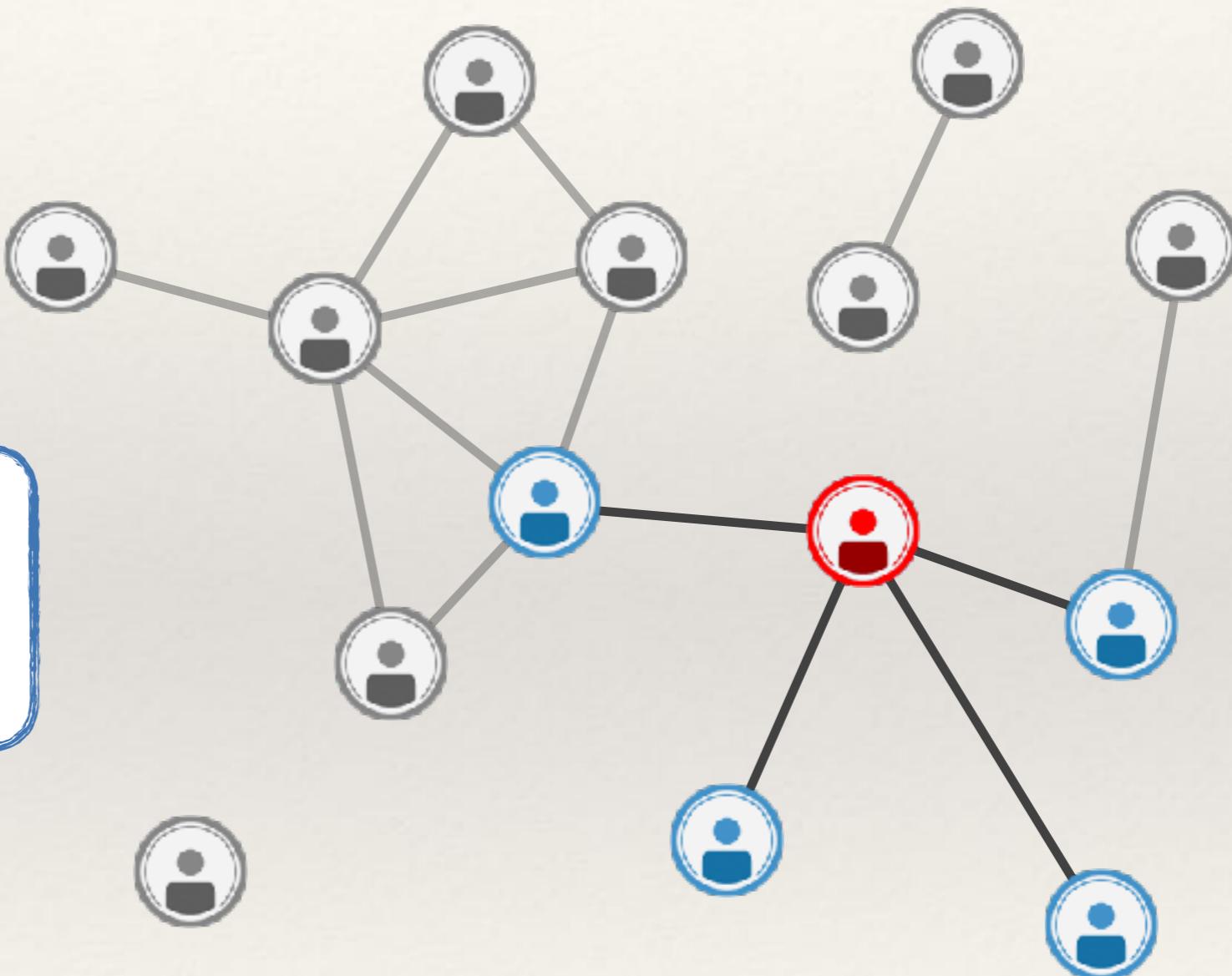
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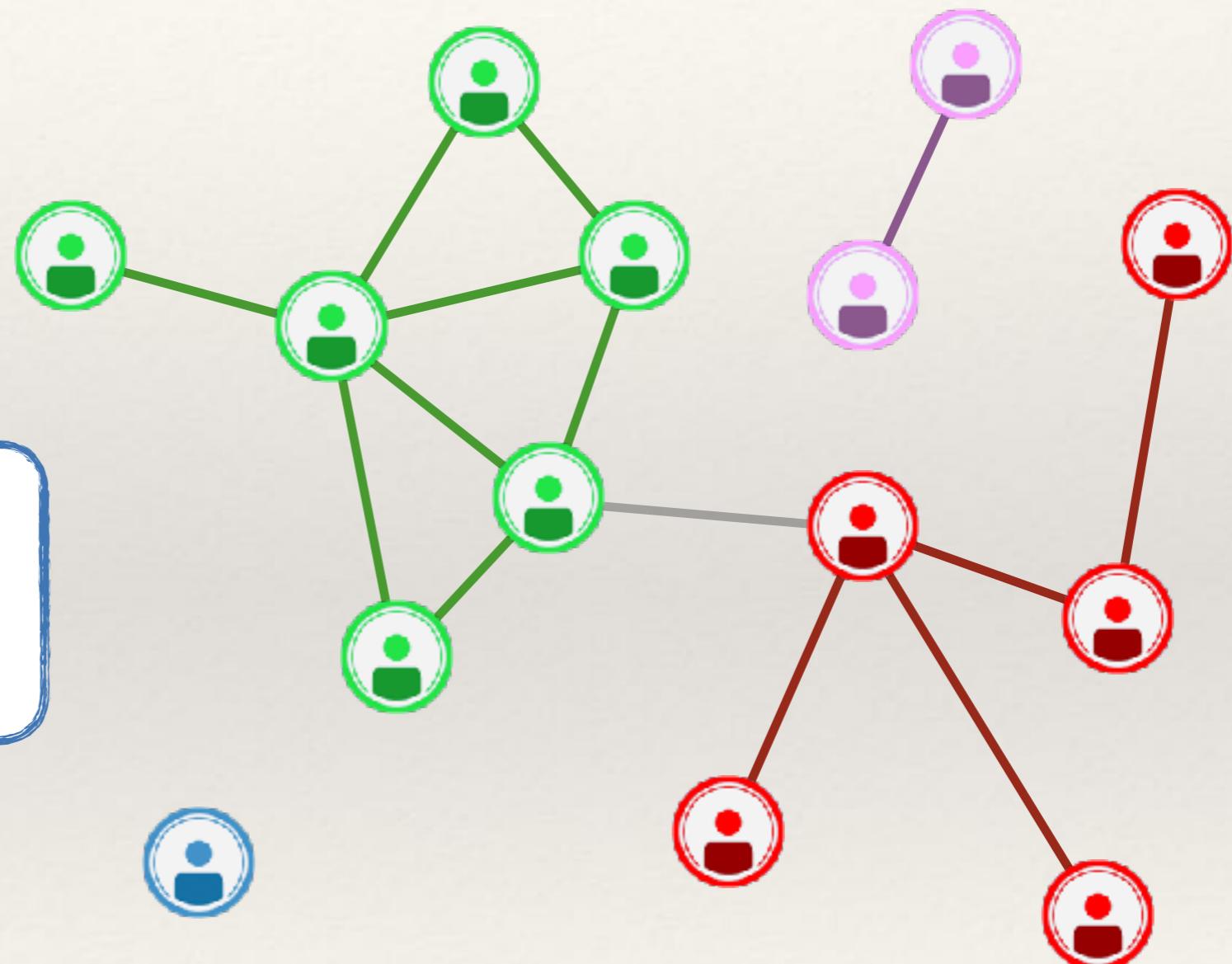
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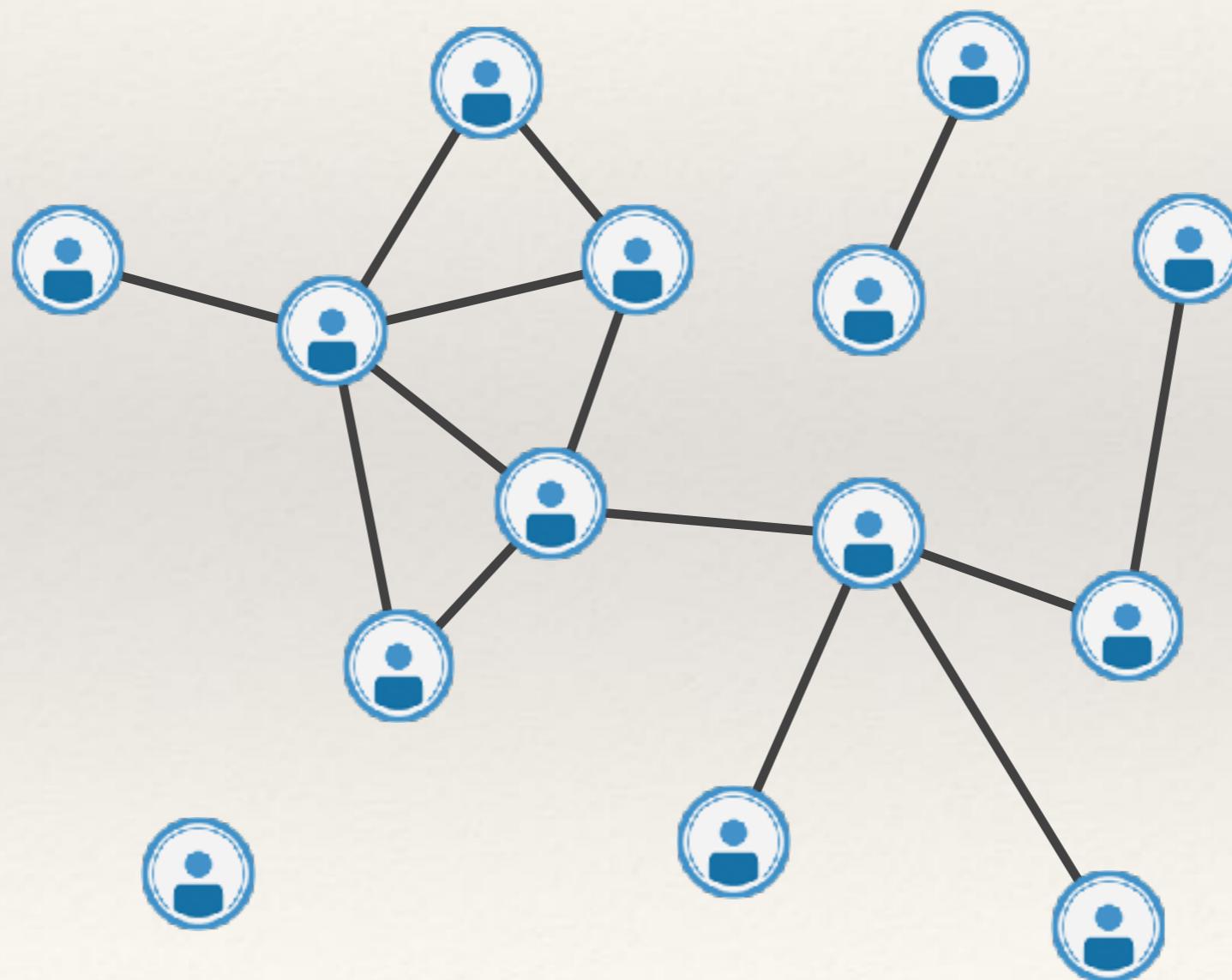
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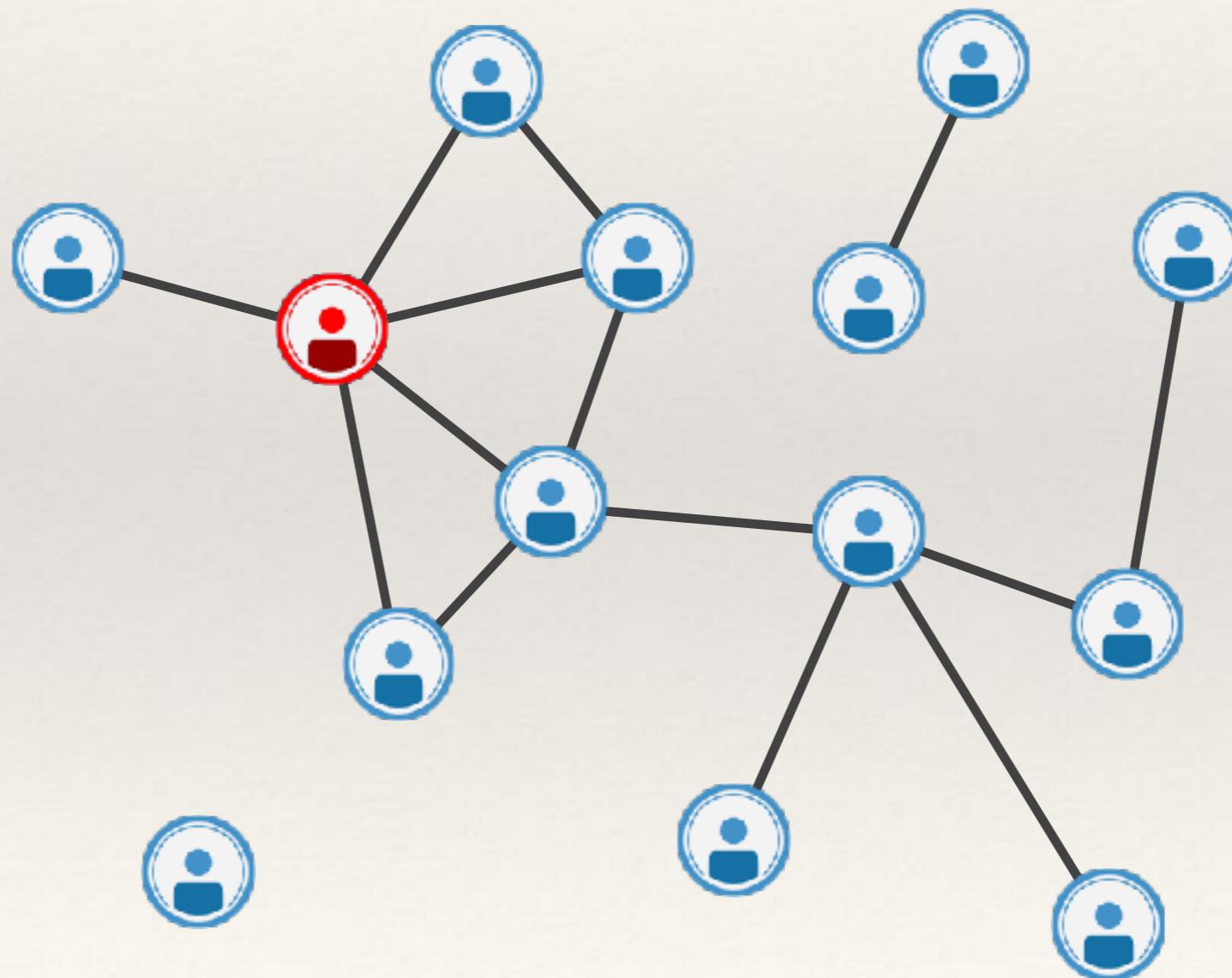
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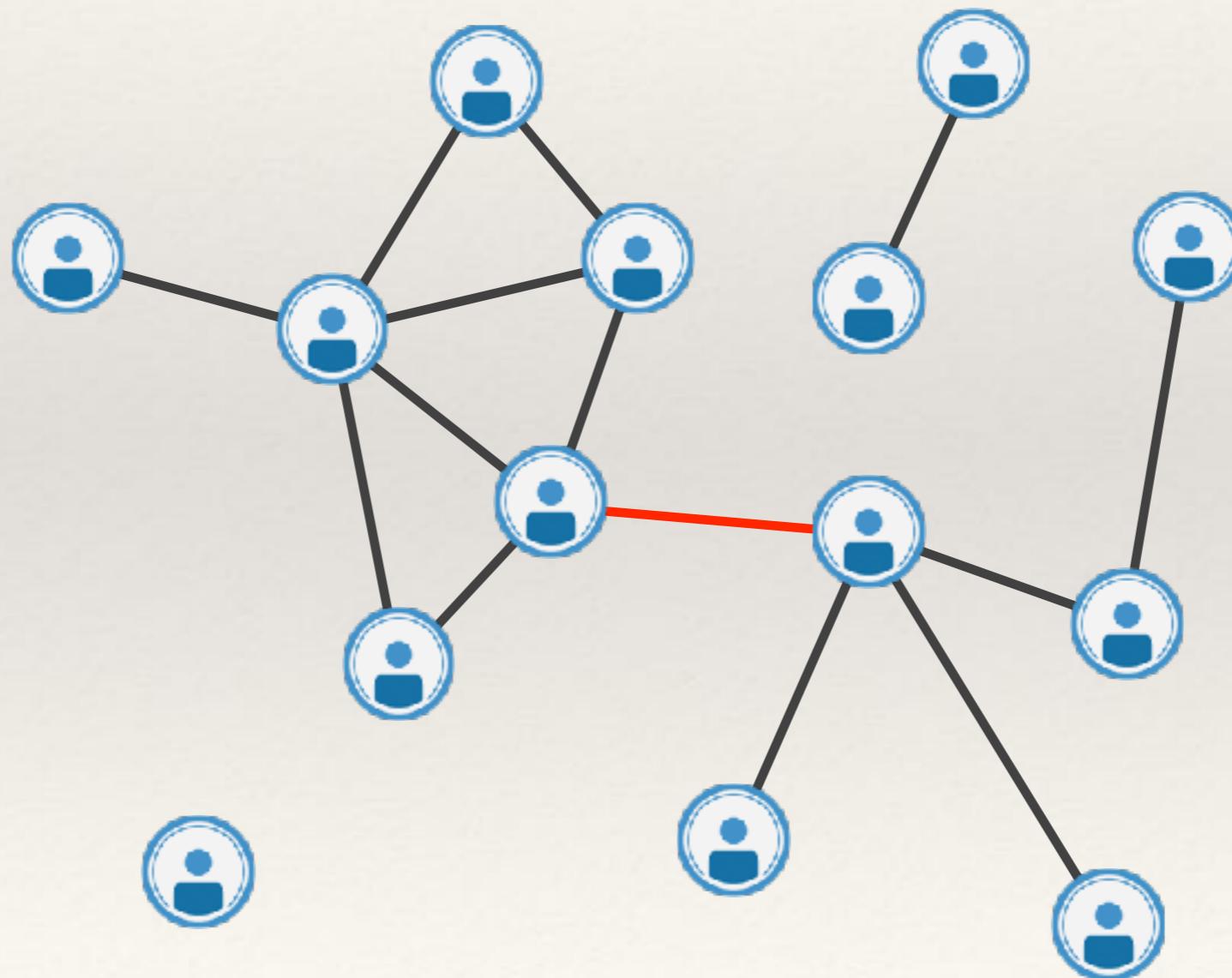
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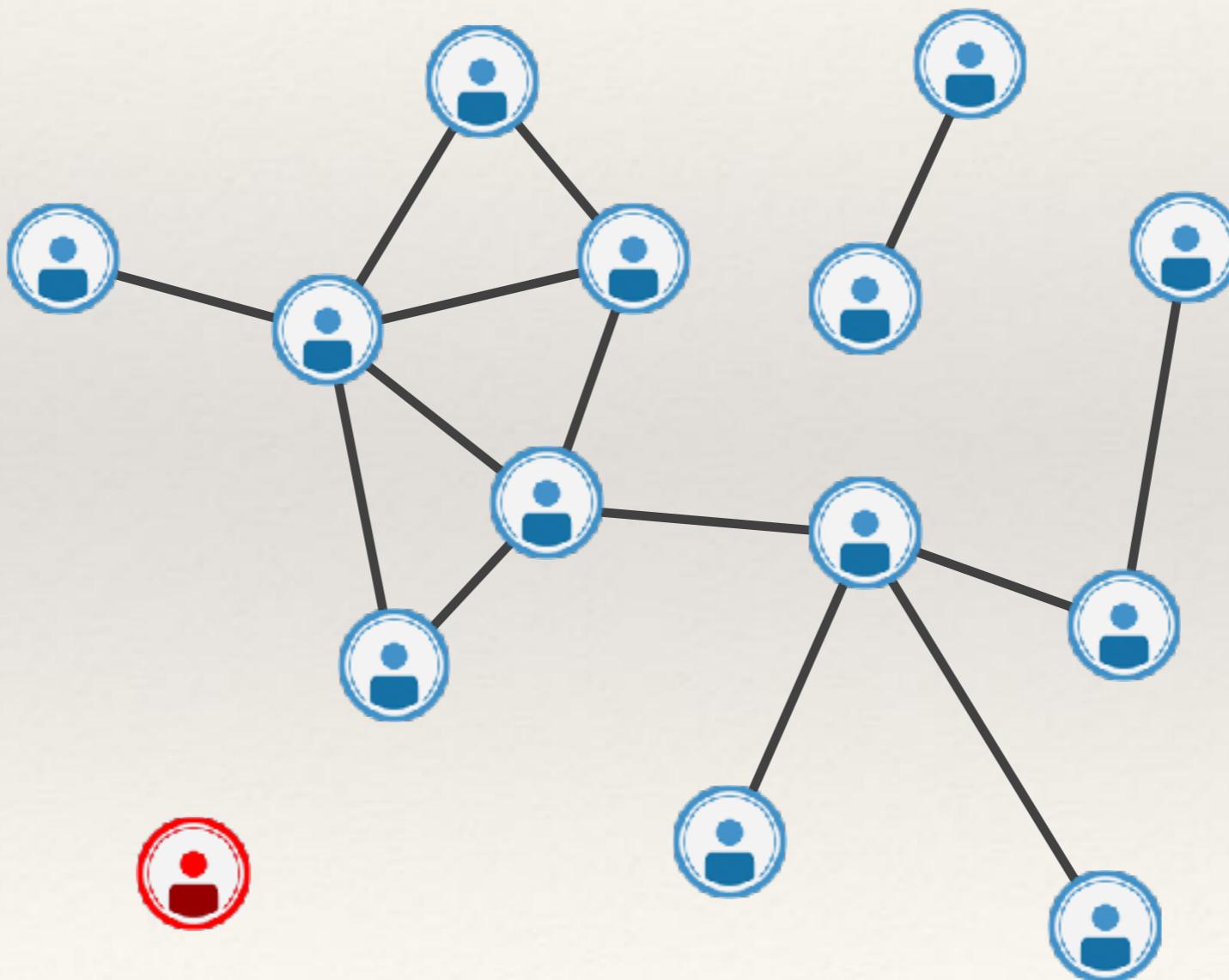
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Centrality Measures:

Different criteria to underline different roles:



A function $F : V \longrightarrow R$ assigning to each node a “centrality” value:

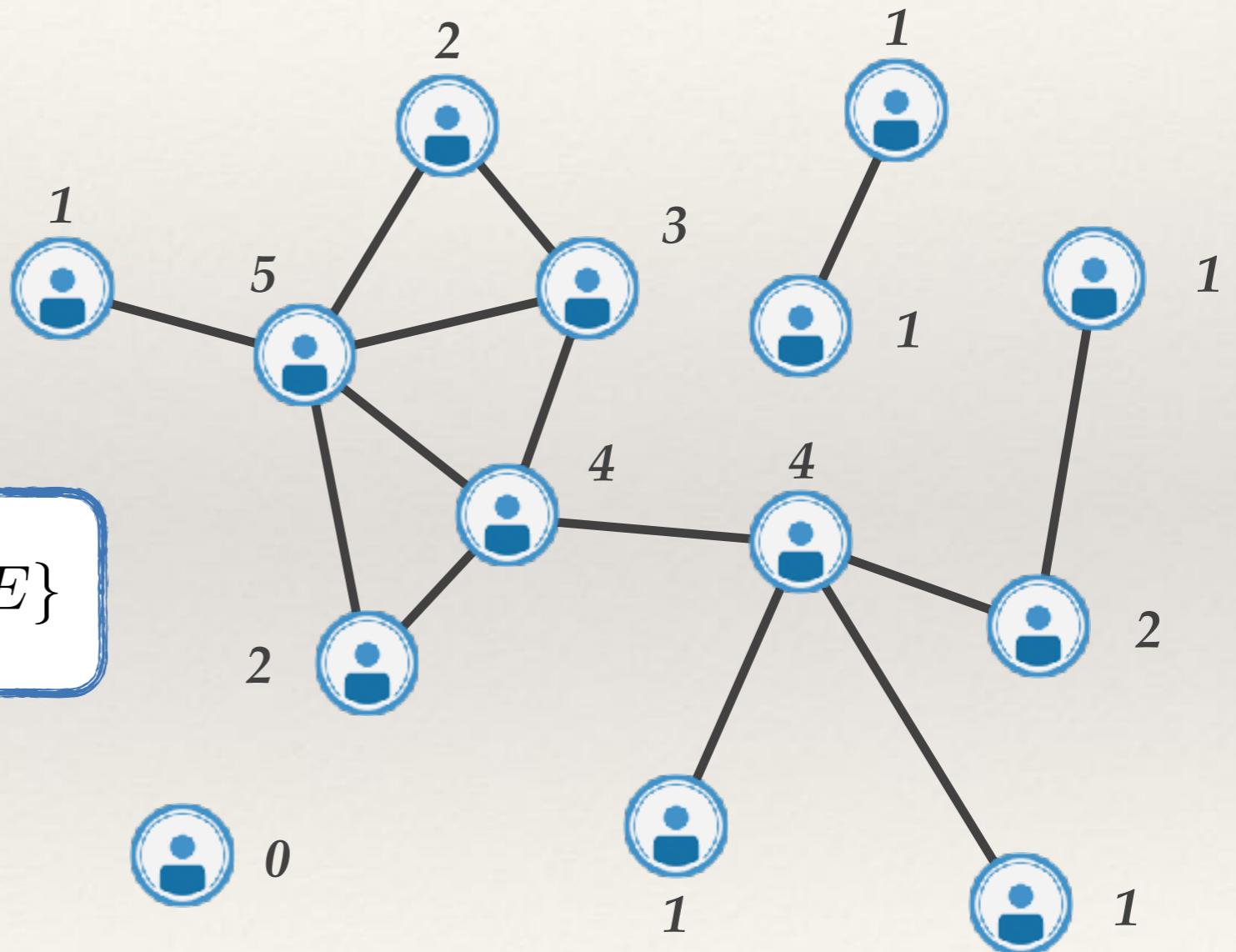
- ◆ *Degree centrality*
- ◆ *Betweenness centrality*
- ◆ *Closeness centrality*
- ◆ *Eigenvector centrality*
- ◆ *Erdös distance*

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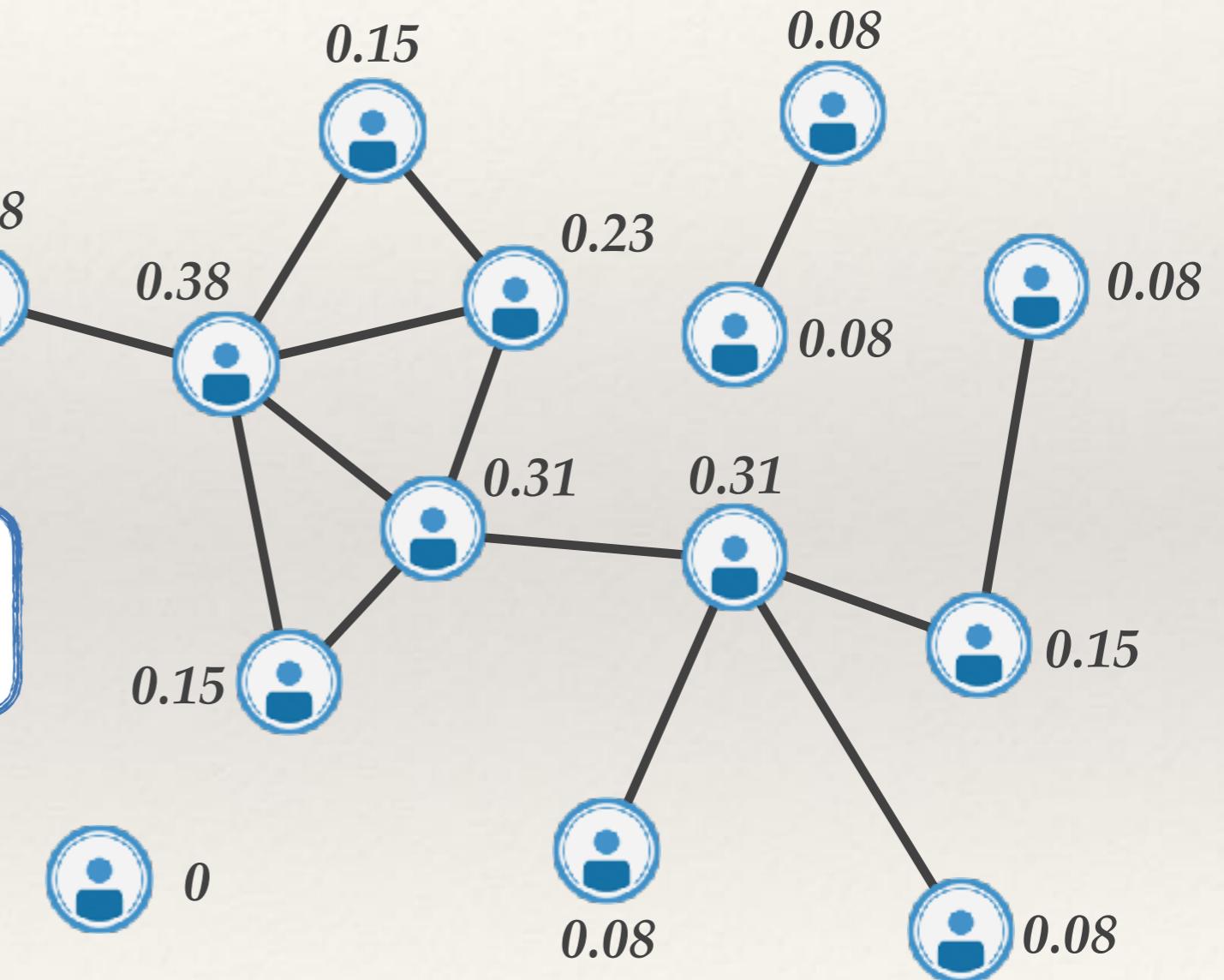


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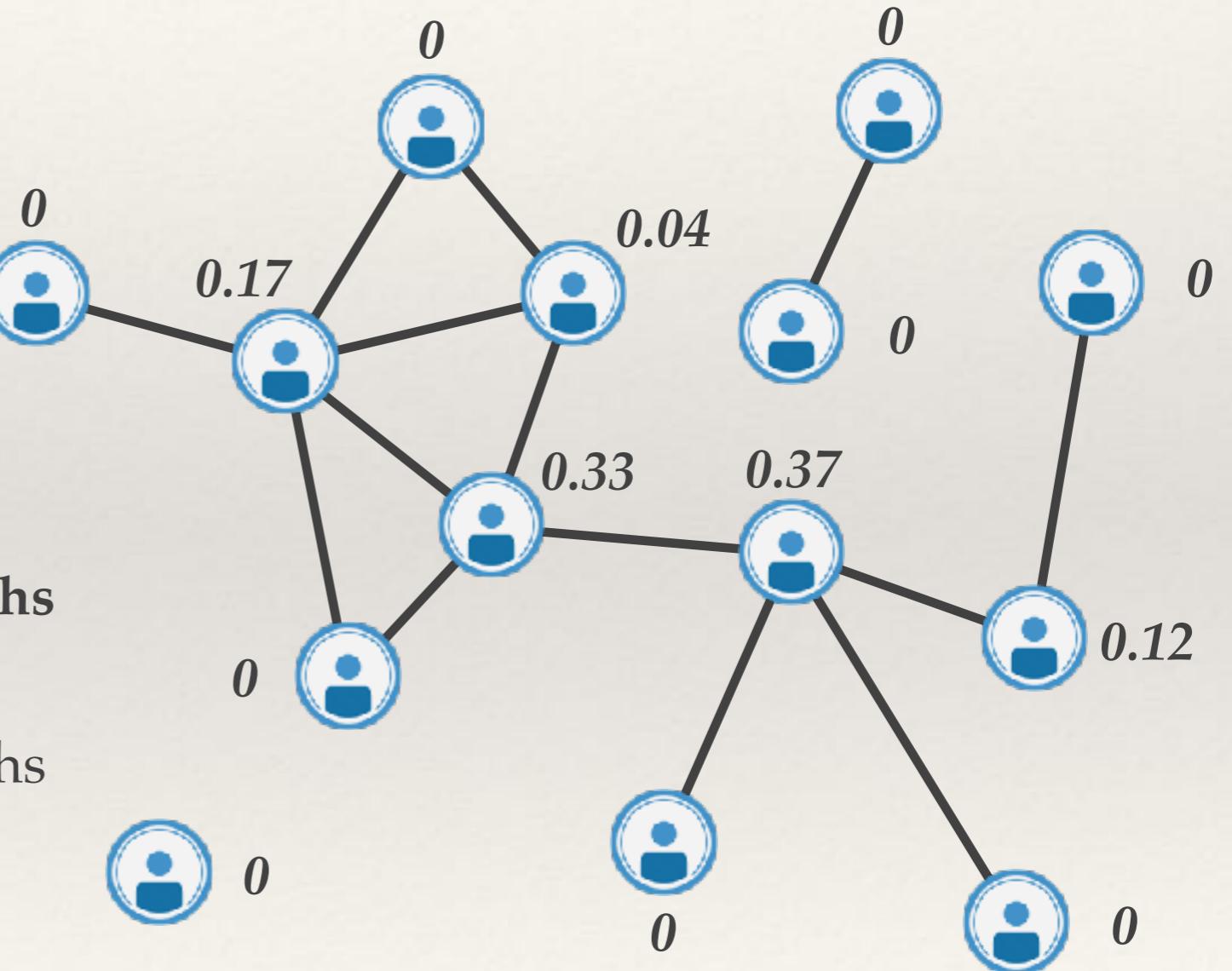
Betweenness Centrality:

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

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

where:

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

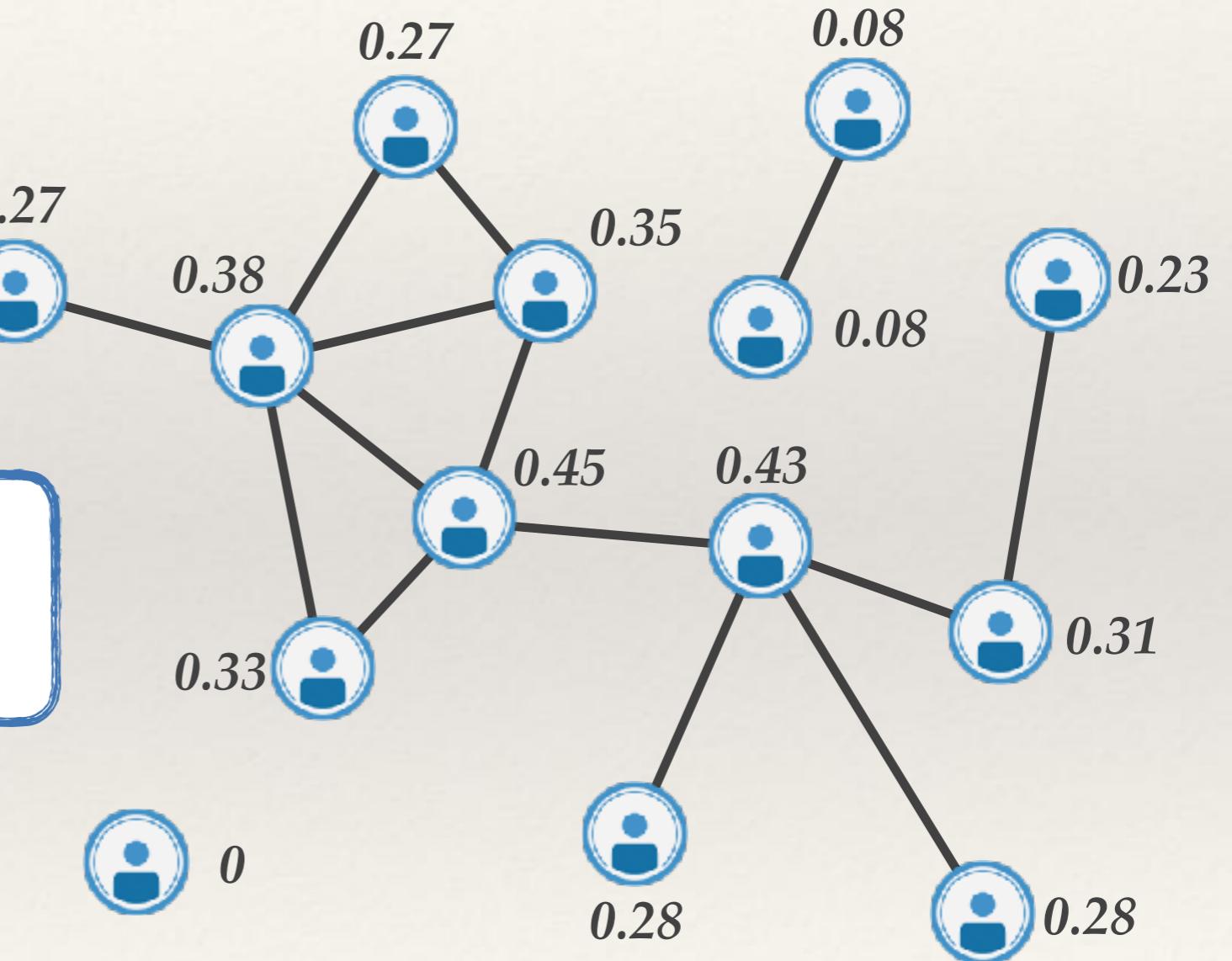


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Closeness Centrality:

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

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



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Eigenvector Centrality:

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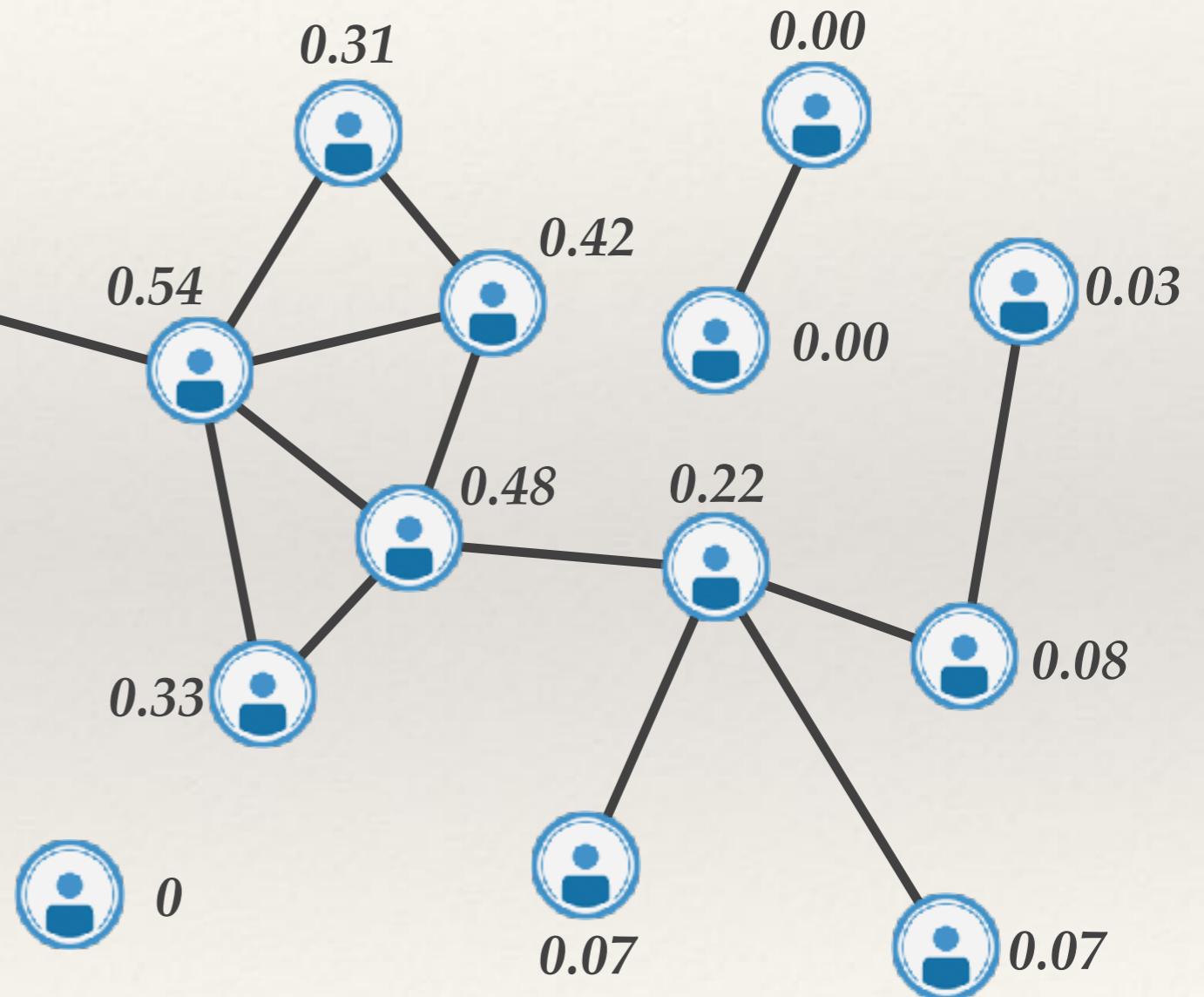
$$x_v := \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{u \in V} A_{uv} x_u$$

where λ is constant and

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

i.e., the v^{th} entry of the eigenvector of

$$Ax = \lambda x$$



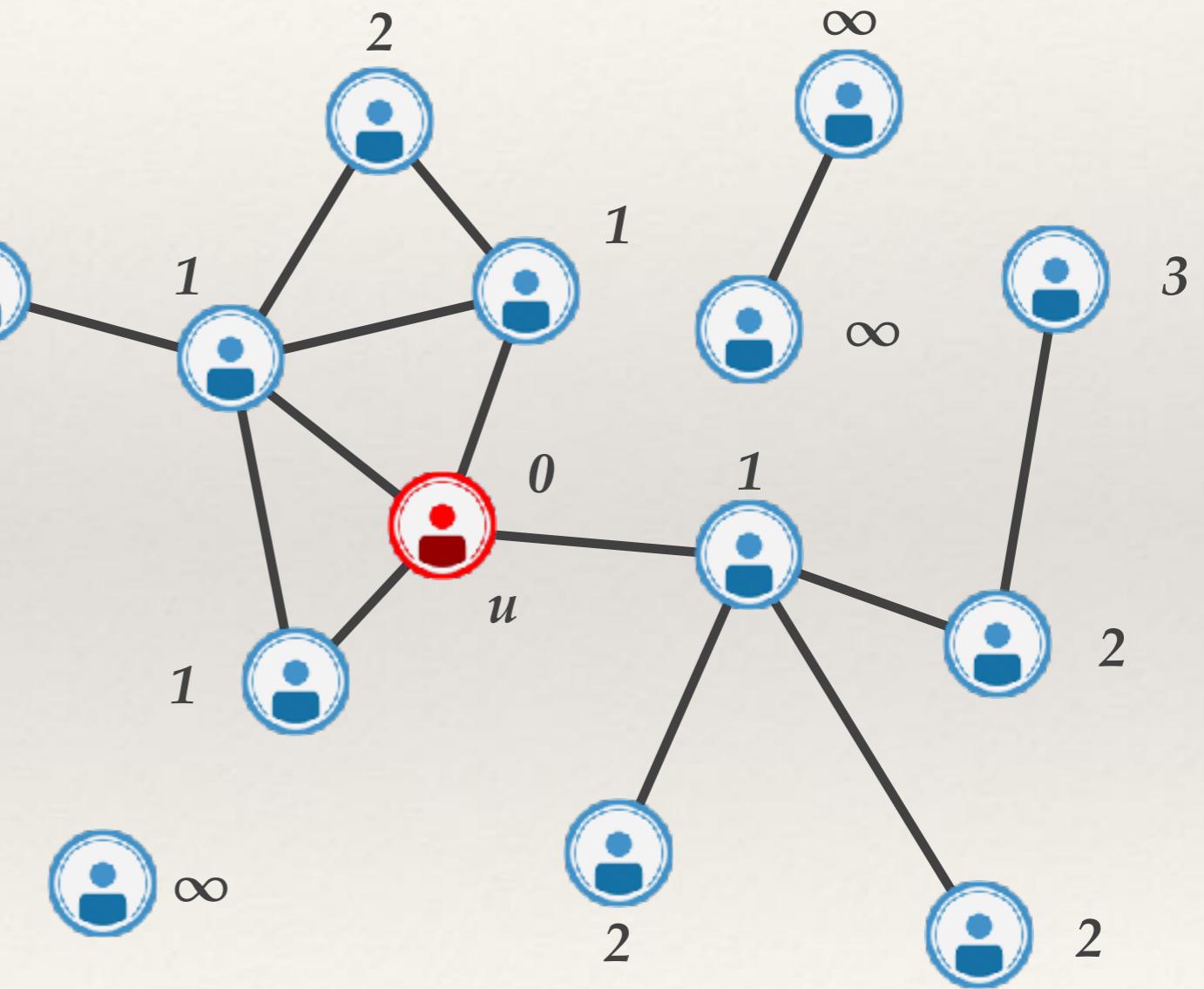
$x > 0$ implies λ must be the largest eigenvalue of A and x the corresponding eigenvector

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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

Identifying Key Players

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?*

Structural Analysis

Sociocentric Networks:

- ◆ Structural Metrics:
 - *Average of a Centrality Measure*
 - *Diameter*
 - *Density*
 - *Transitivity*
 - ...
- ◆ Community Decomposition:
 - *Atomic Communities*
 - *Clustering Techniques*

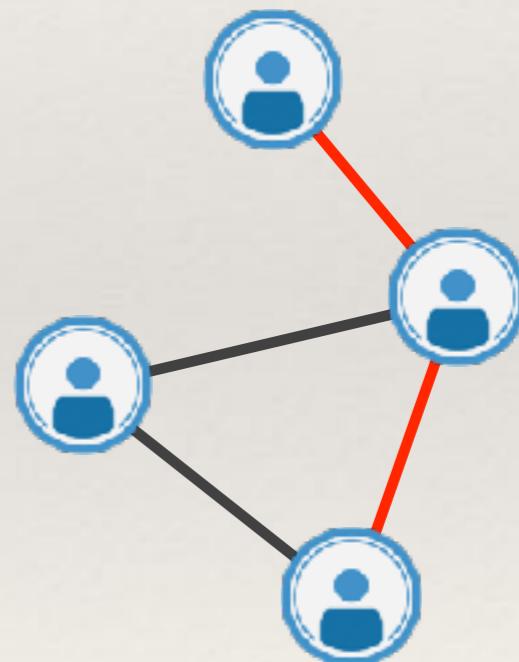
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- ♦ *How far are two individuals at most?*

Diameter:

*The longest shortest path
between any two nodes*



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

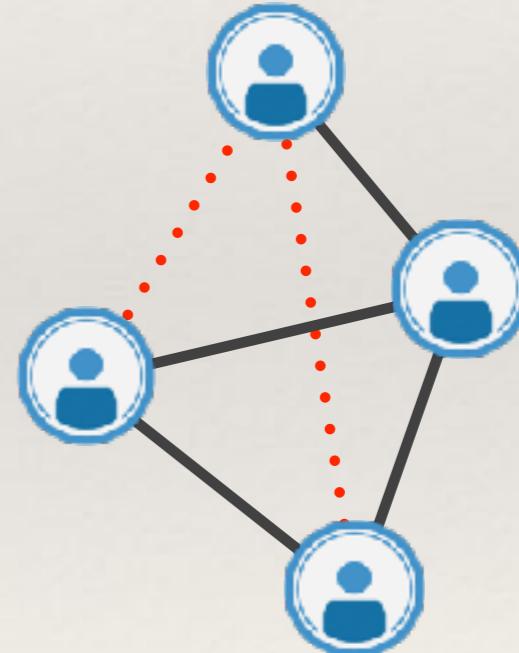
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Structural Metrics:

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

Density:

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



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

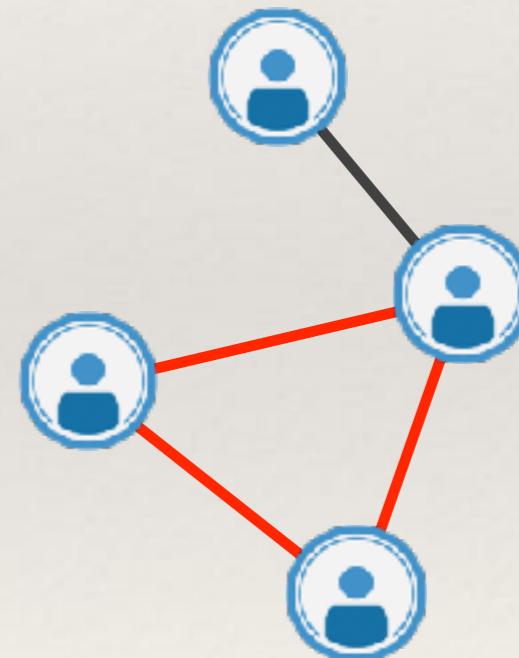
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Structural Metrics:

- ♦ *How likely are two individuals connected to an individual v to be 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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Community Decomposition:

- ♦ *Atomic Communities:*
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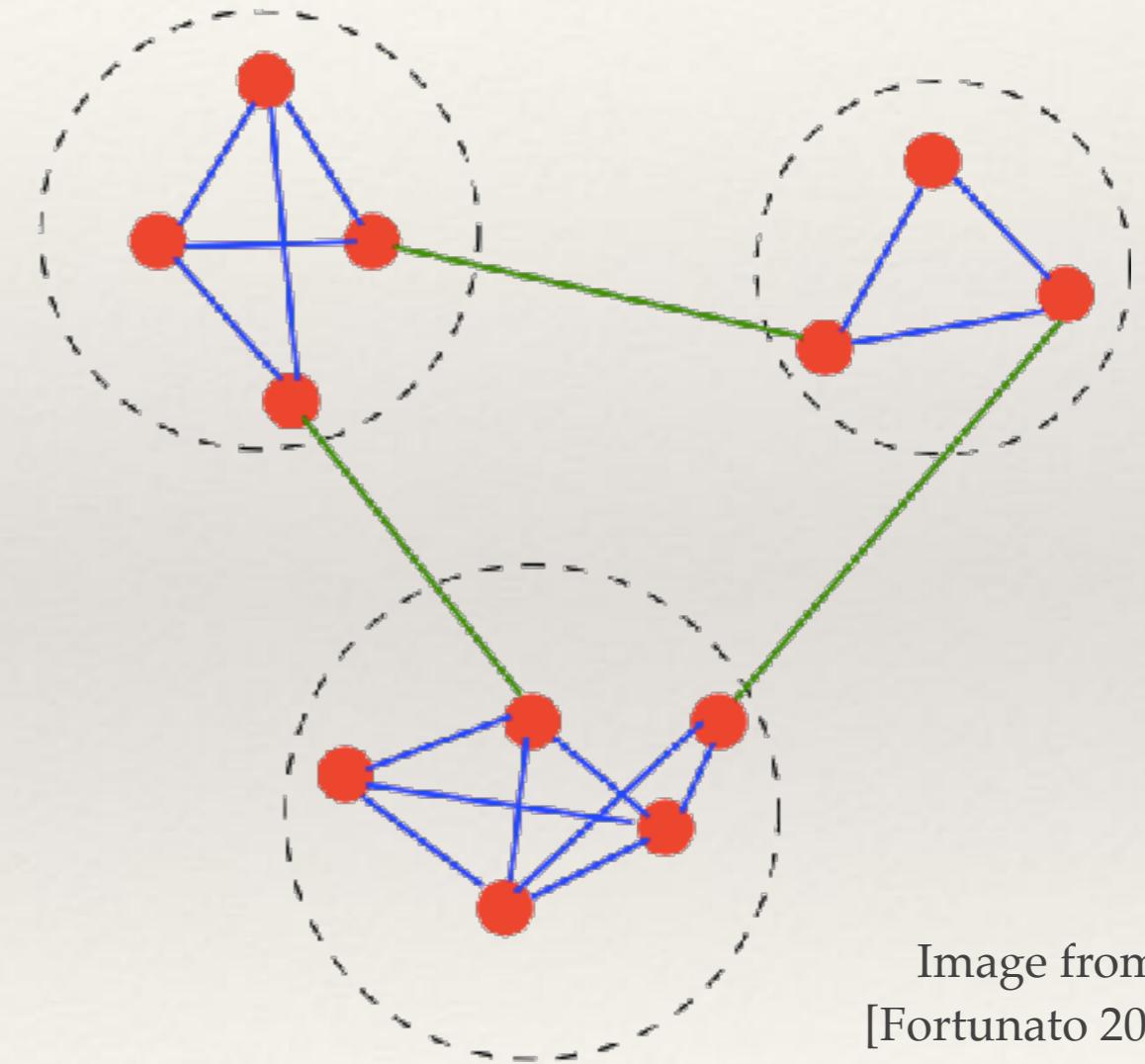


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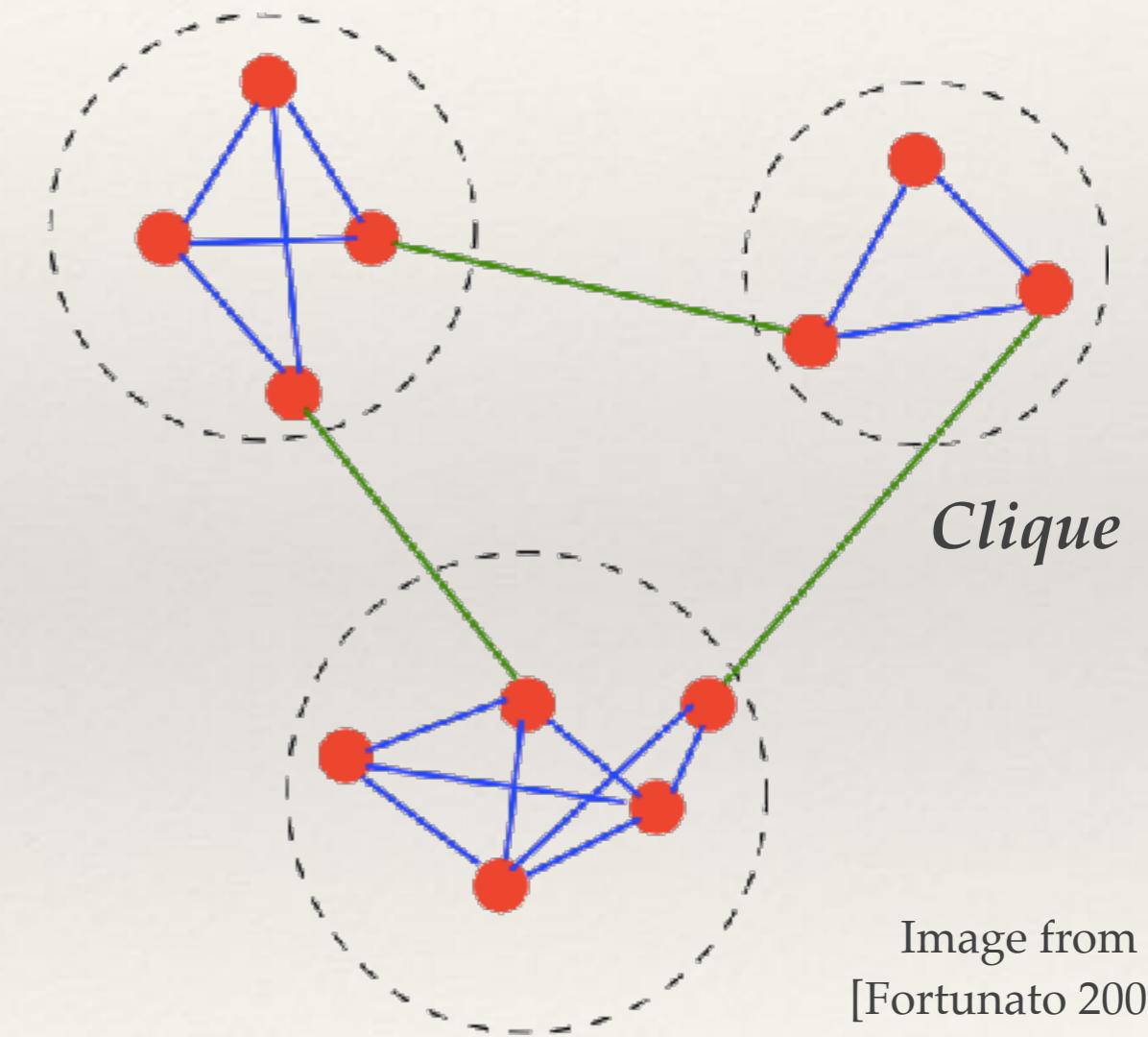


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maximal subgraph whose nodes are all adjacent to each other

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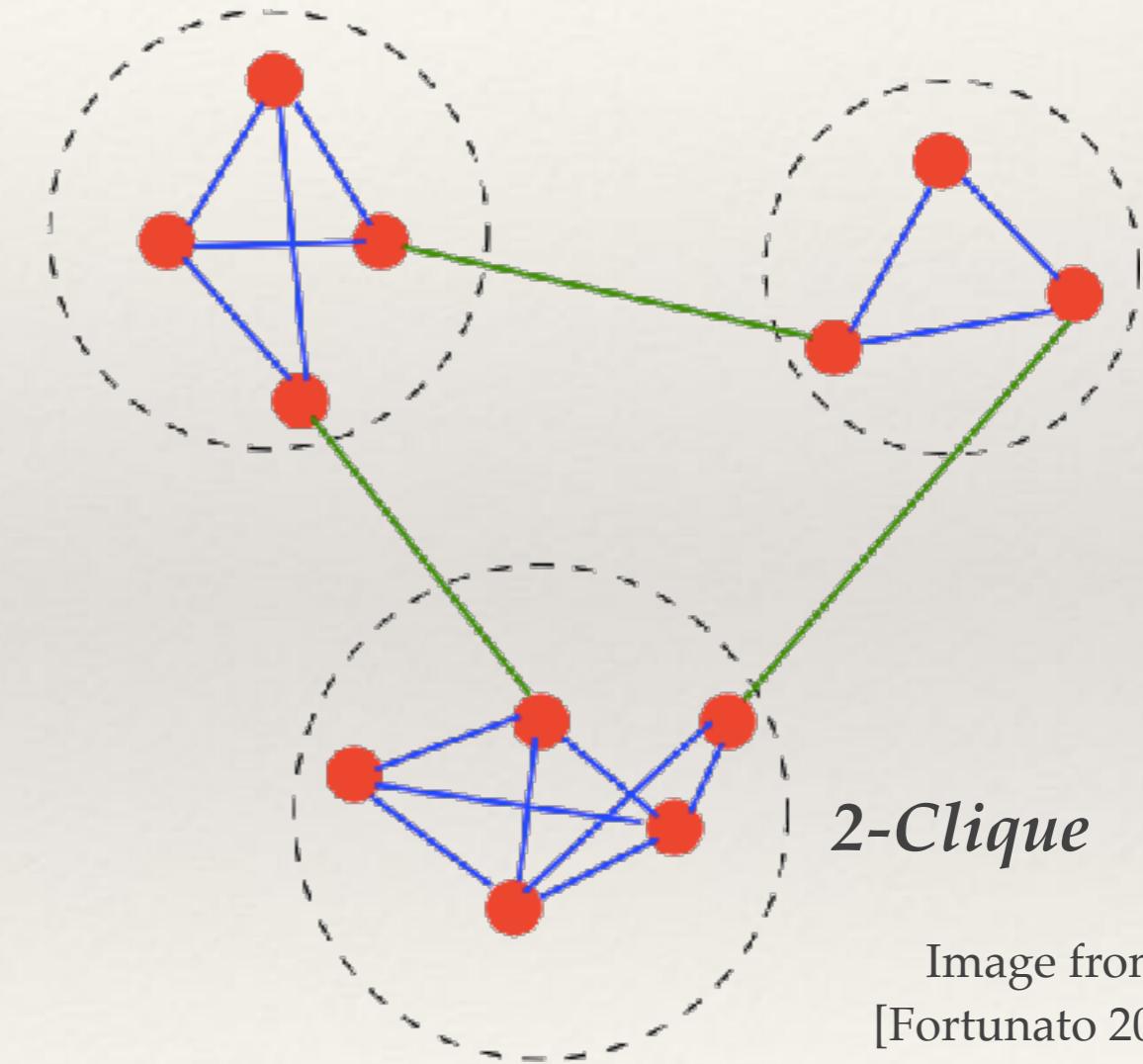


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maximal subgraph such that the distance of each pair of its nodes is not greater than n

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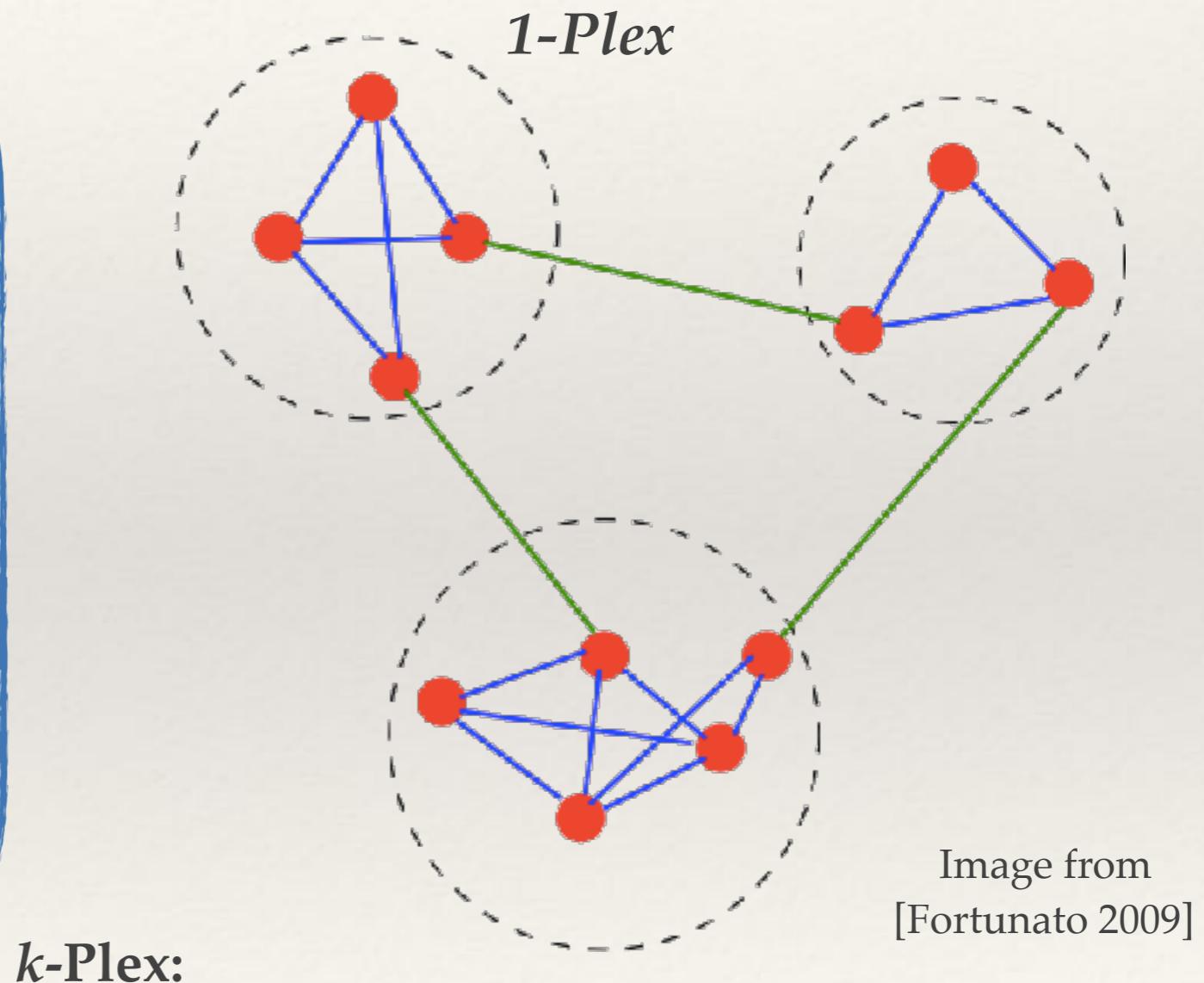


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k-Plex:

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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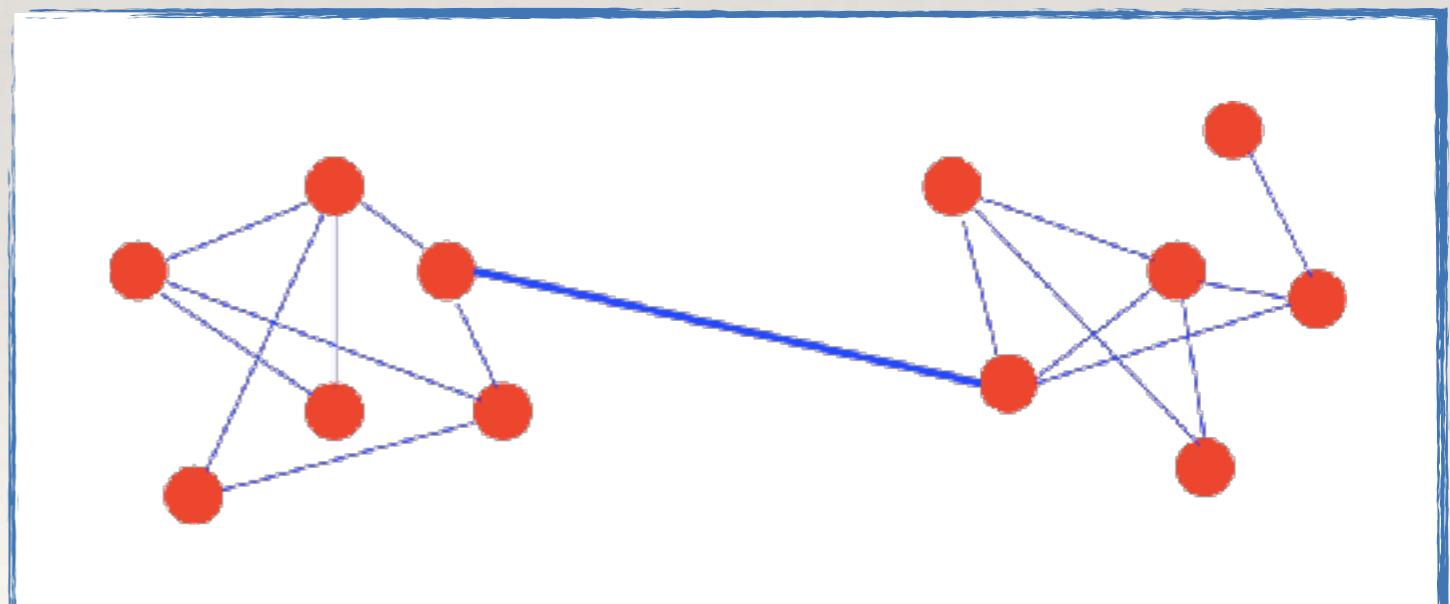
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Girvan-Newman Algorithm:

Iterated removal of the edge with largest betweenness centrality



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Decomposition in k -clique communities

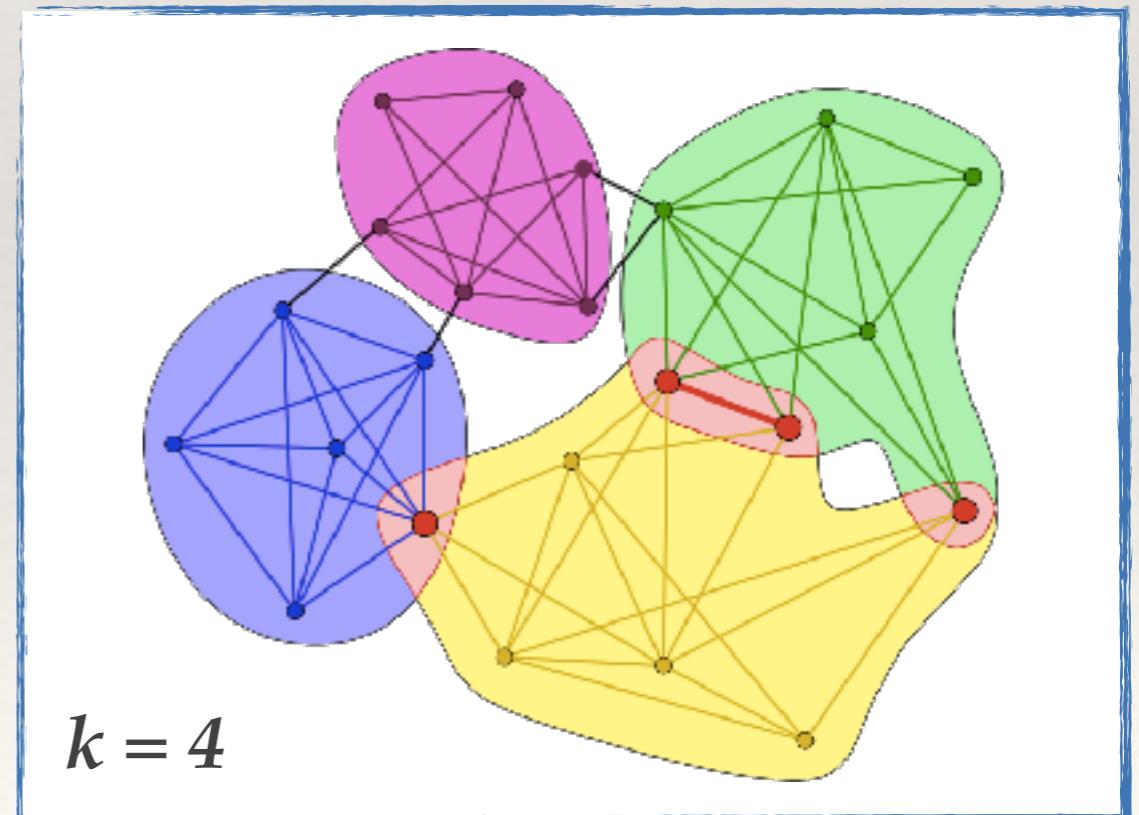


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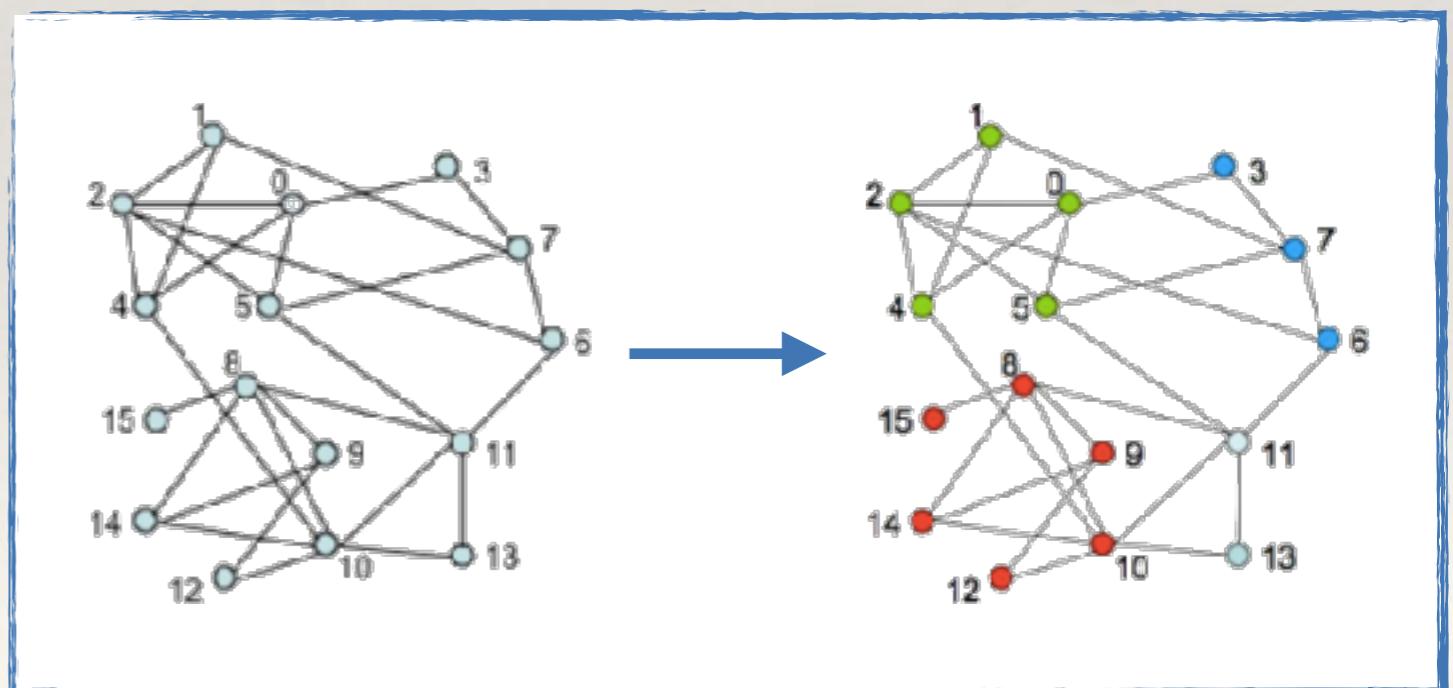
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Modularity-based Algorithm:

Modularity: measure for clustering quality

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



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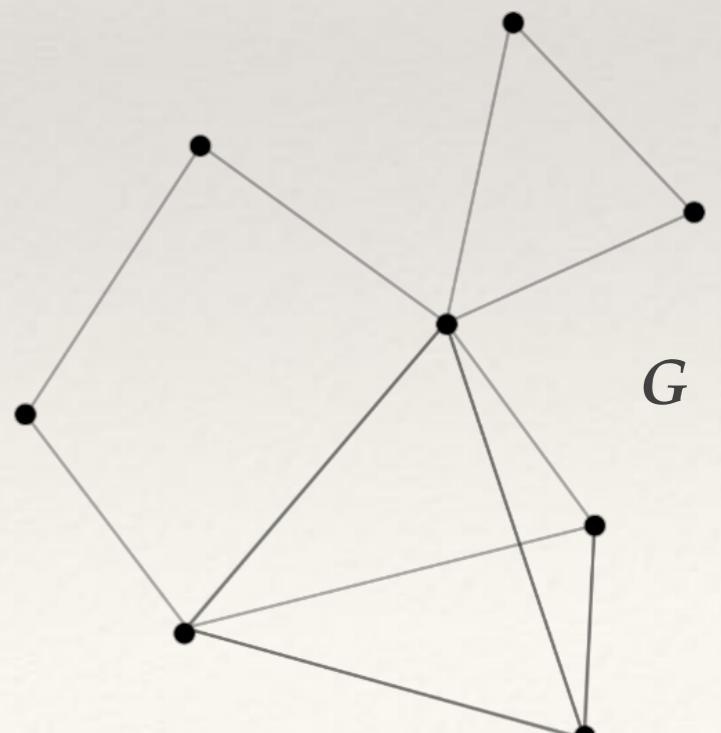
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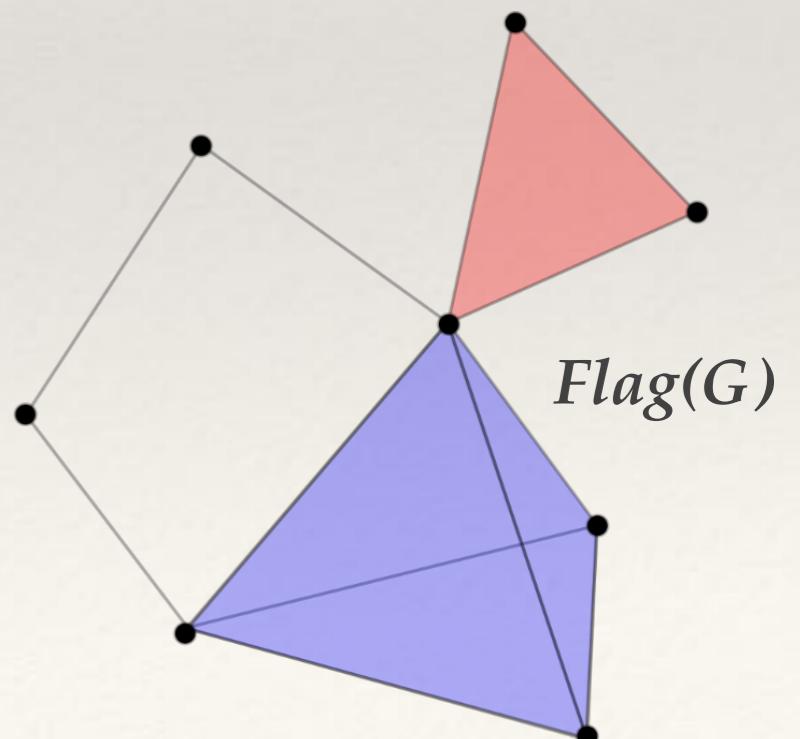
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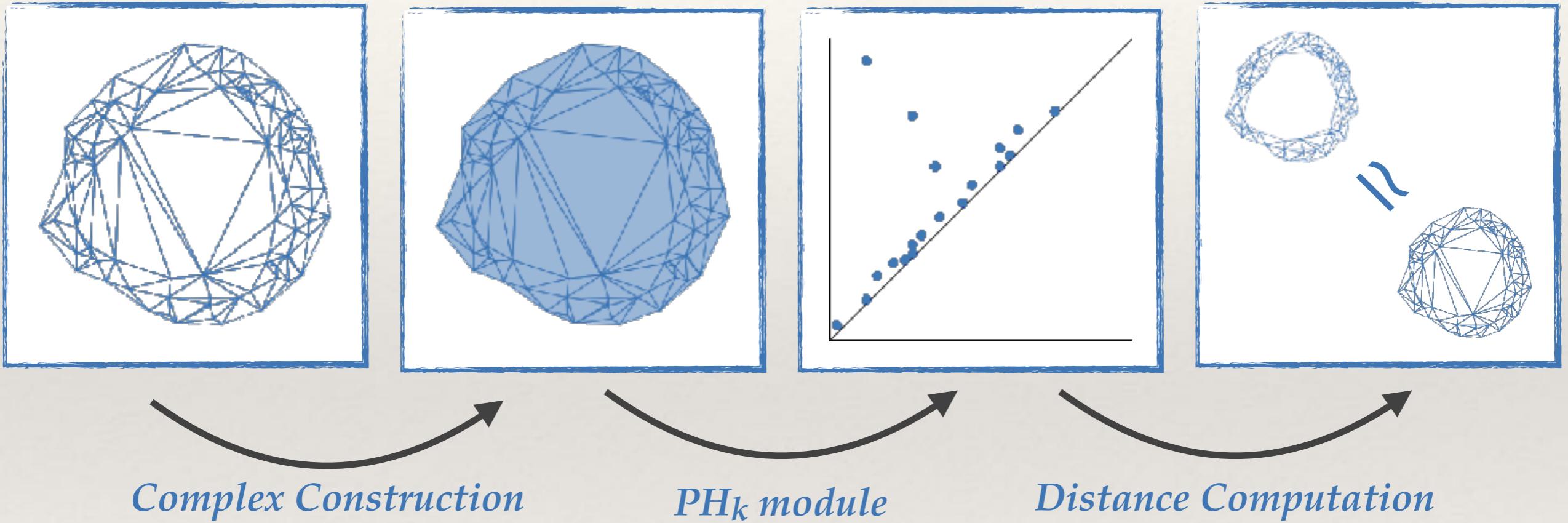
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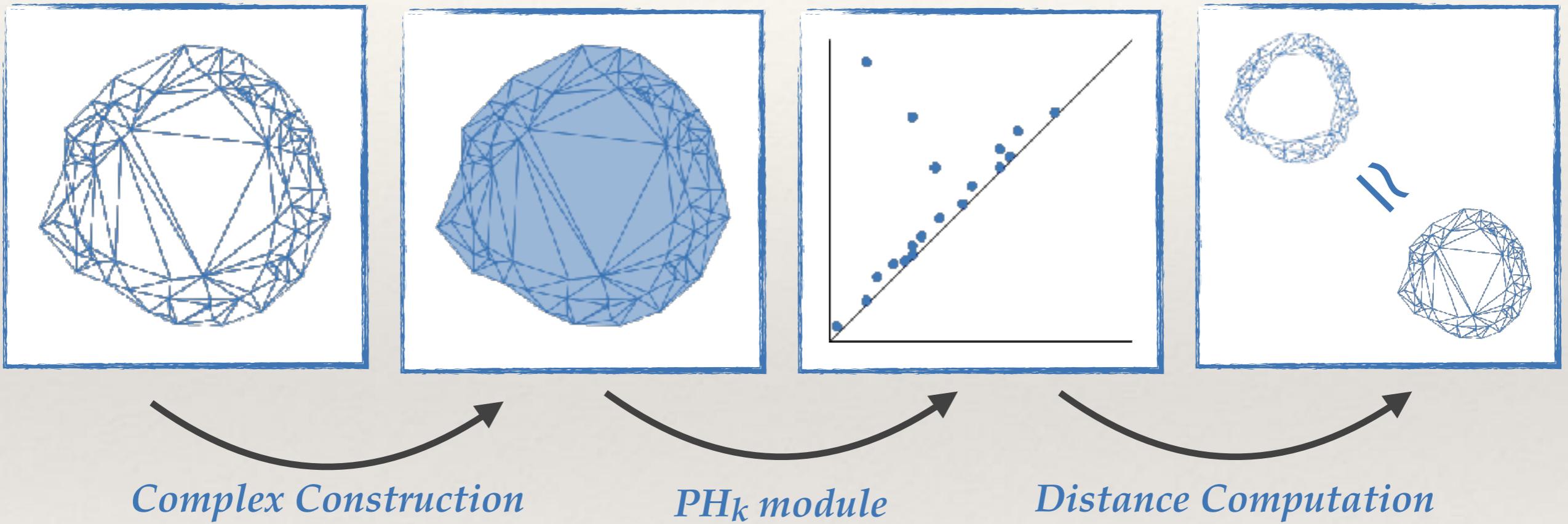


Topological Summaries have proven to be particularly effective to **distinguish shapes**
but

It's still hard to give a **meaningful interpretation** of what homological cycles represent

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A Common Pipeline in TDA:



What if...

we replace the PH_k module with something having a more natural interpretation?

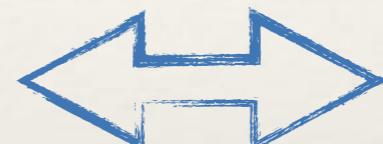
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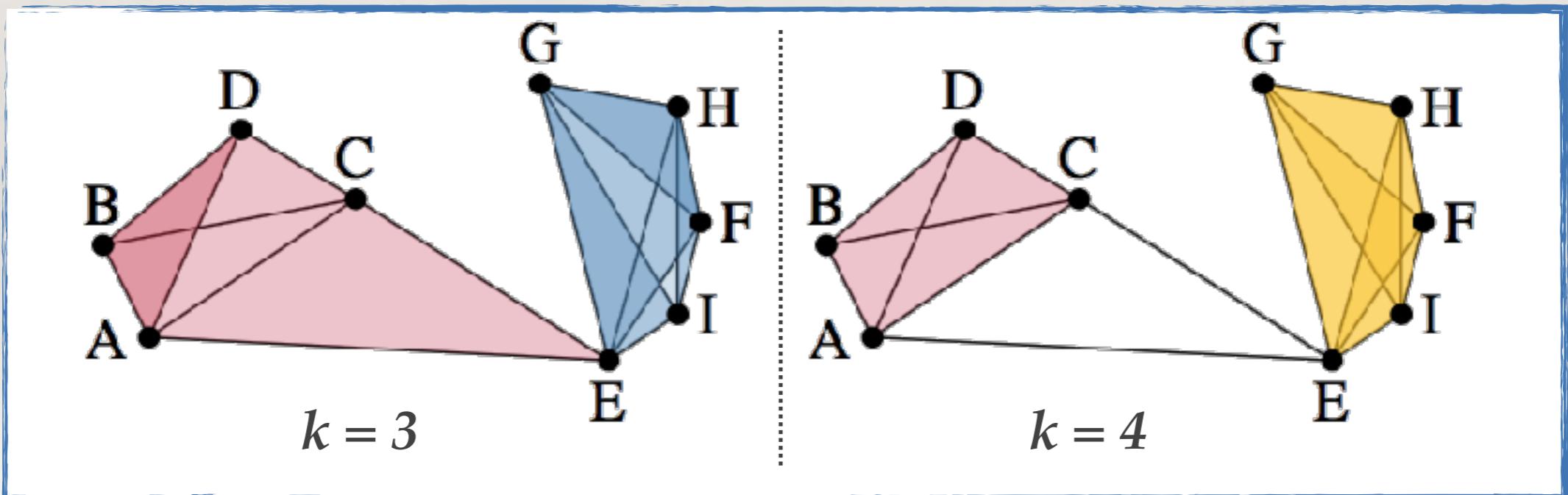
Given a network $G=(V, E)$,

Clique of size k :

*a complete
subgraph of k
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*a $(k-1)$ -simplex
of $\text{Flag}(G)$*



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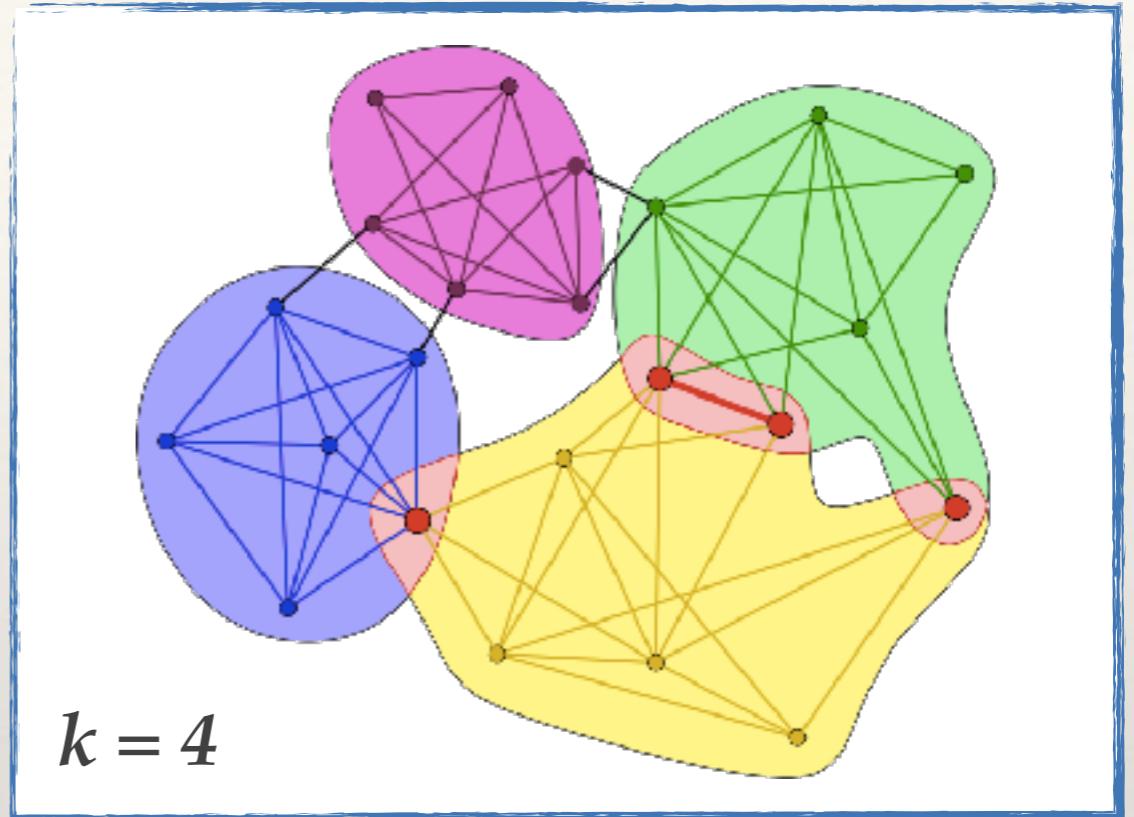
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k-Clique Community Decomposition:



- ◆ *Reveal Highly Connected Communities*
- ◆ *Allow Overlaps*
- ◆ *Have a Hierarchical Structure*

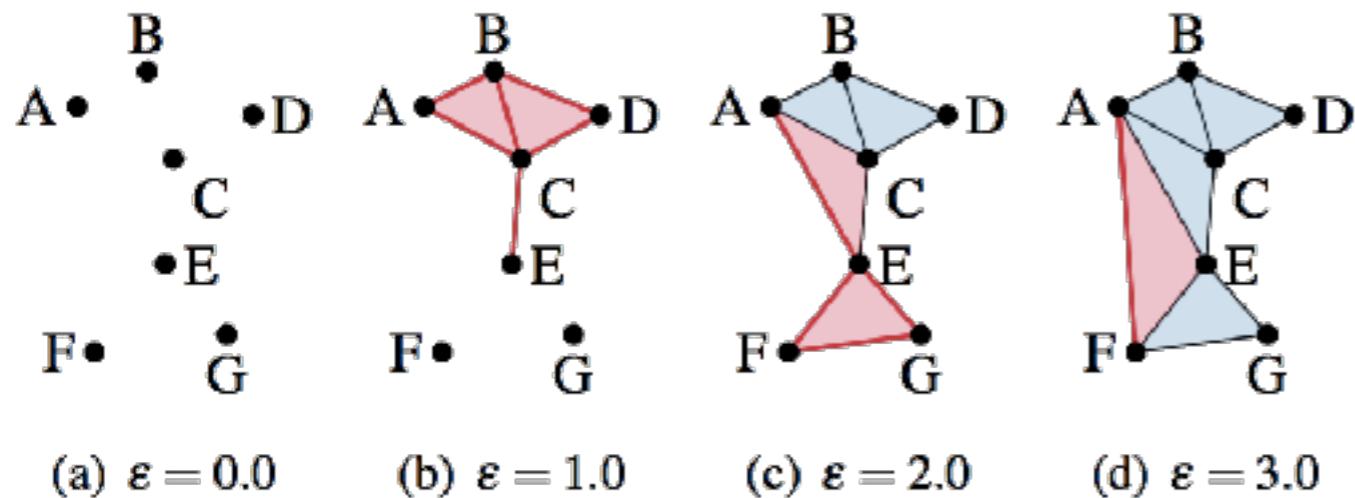


- ◆ *Difficult to be Computed*
- ◆ *What is the right k ?*
- ◆ *How to Manage Weighted Networks?*

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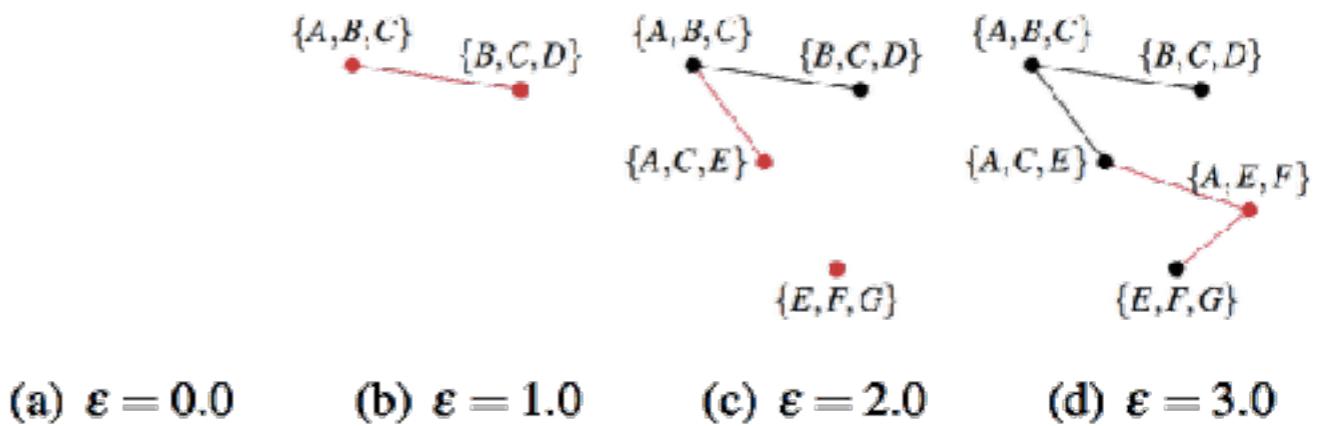
Clique Community Persistence:

Use **Persistent Homology** to keep track of the evolution of these communities



k-clique communities of G

0-homology of G_k
(its connected components)



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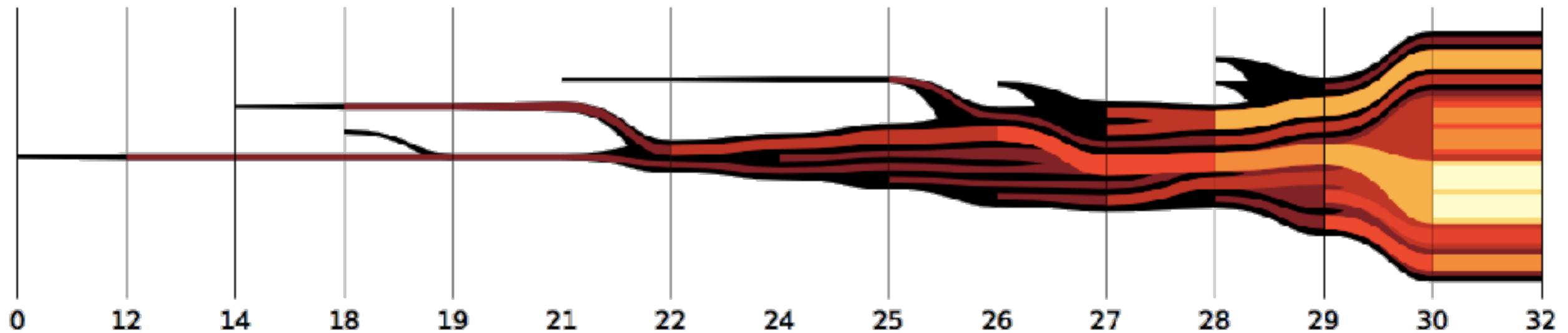
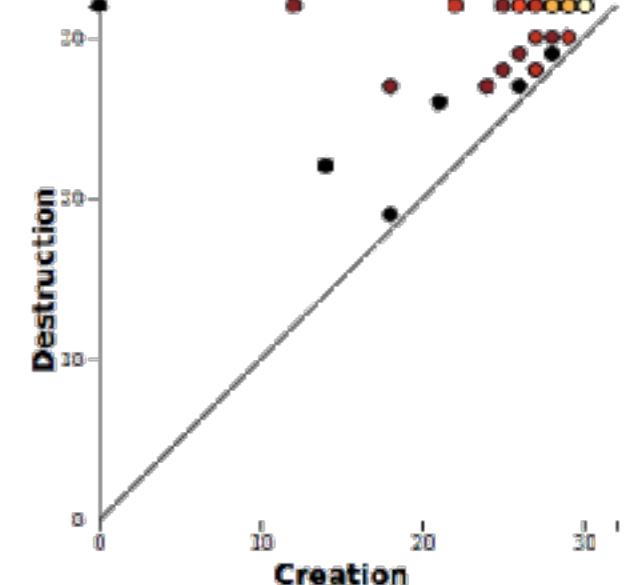
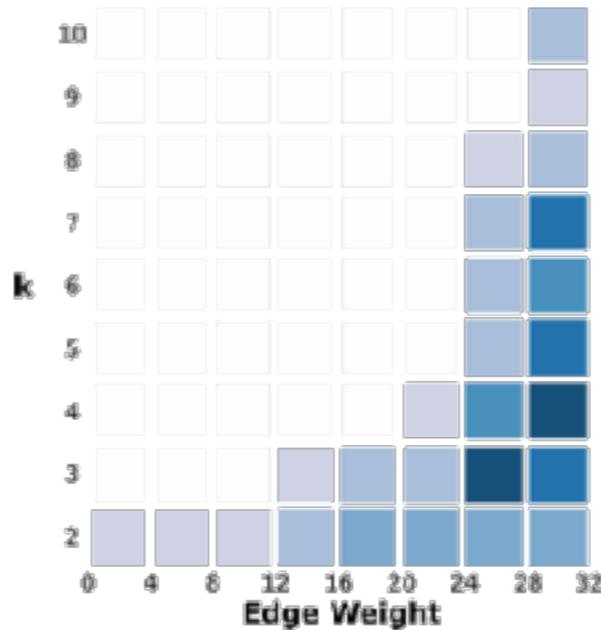
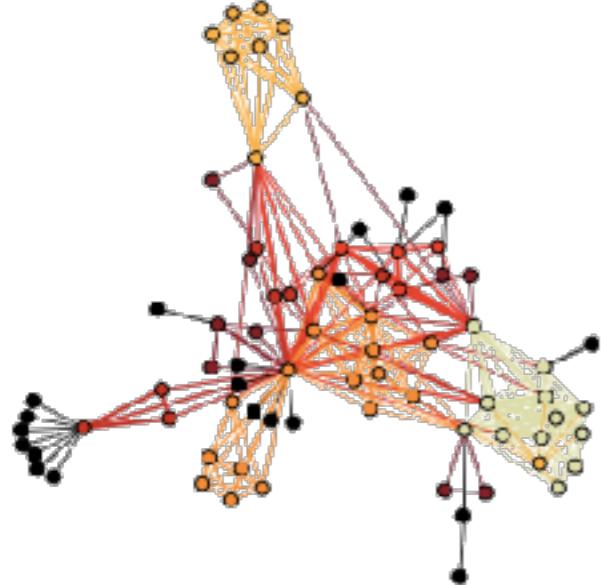
Clique Community Persistence:

The presented approach allows for designing:

- ♦ Nested Graph Visualization
- ♦ Definition of a new **Centrality Measure**
- ♦ Introduction of a **Persistence Indicator Function**
- ♦ ...

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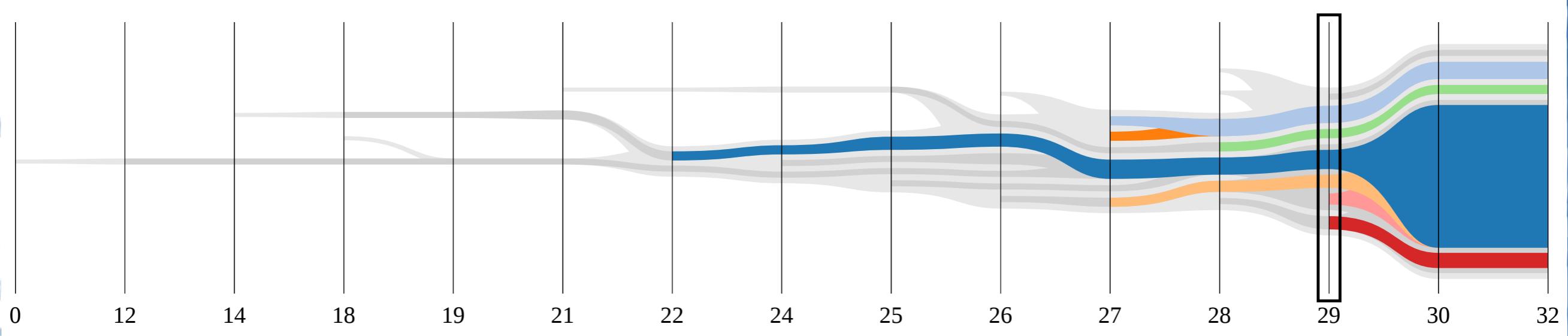
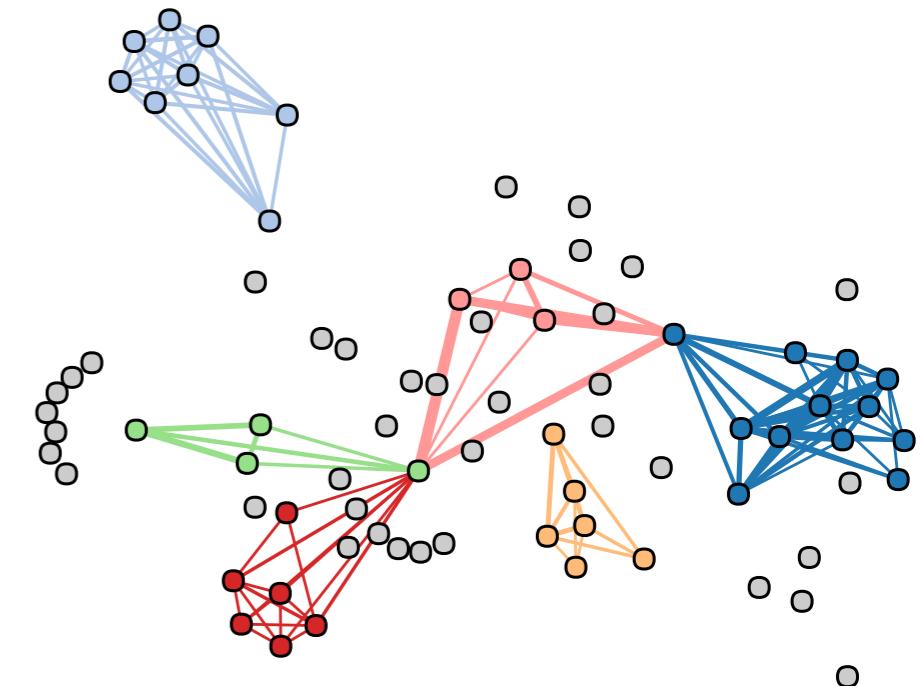
Nested Graph Visualization:



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$k = 4$
Edge-weight = 29



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