

Social Network Analysis

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Packages

- **spatsoc** - <https://docs.ropensci.org/spatsoc/index.html> facilitates spatial social network analysis using animal telemetry data
- **aniSNA** - <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2024.05.10.593659v1.full> - additional functions for calculating uncertainty in social networks, and permuting networks to compare against a random social network
- **igraph** - <https://igraph.org/r/> - General package for making network graphs and calculating network metrics

Tutorials and resources

spatsoc package documentation and tutorials - <https://docs.ropensci.org/spatsoc/index.html> - Robitaille, A. L., Webber, Q. M. R., & Vander Wal, E. (2019). **Conducting social network analysis with animal telemetry data: Applications and methods using spatsoc**. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 10(8), 1203–1211. <https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210x.13215>

aniSNA package paper

- <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2024.05.10.593659v1.full>

An introduction to social network analysis in R

- igraph package vignette - <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/igraph/vignettes/igraph.html>

Useful papers

(Farine and Whitehead 2015) - Farine, D. R., & Whitehead, H. (2015). **Constructing, conducting and interpreting animal social network analysis**. *The Journal of Animal Ecology*, 84(5), 1144–1163. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2656.12418>

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