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**North American Airports and Complex Networks**

Course: Complex Network

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**Abstract:** Transportation infrastructure of a continent is one of the most important indicators of its economic growth. Lots of facilities are prepared by the government based on the importance of each airport. The links between airports are the main factor to calculate the importance of that airport. Therefore the relationship between countries can affect this importance. In this project, we will see the current structure of commercial airports in North America and calculate some complex network factors for each airports and then we will see what will happen if the commercial airport network will be disconnected between US and Canada.

In this project, we discovered the graph model of US and Canada Airport Network by using the available dataset1, then built an individual version of Airport Network of US and Airport Network of Canada separately.

Notice: all of the datasets are allocated to commercial airports (general airport).

**Connected Version of North America Data Set:**

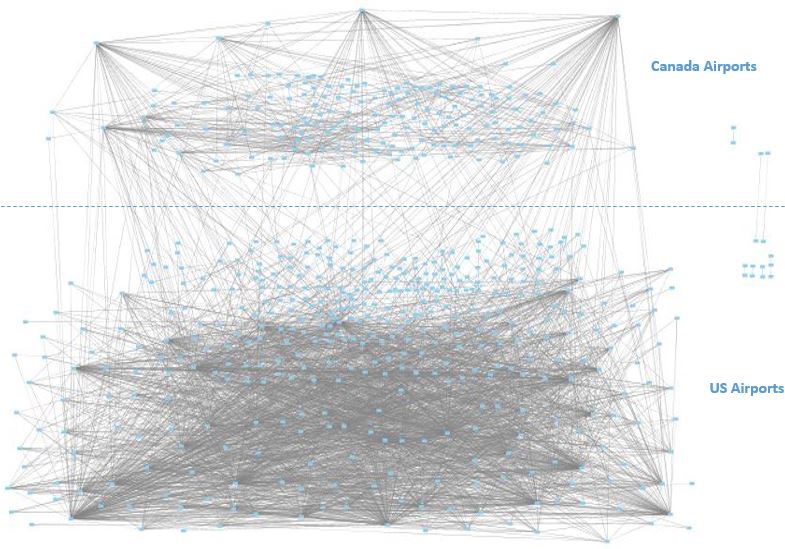
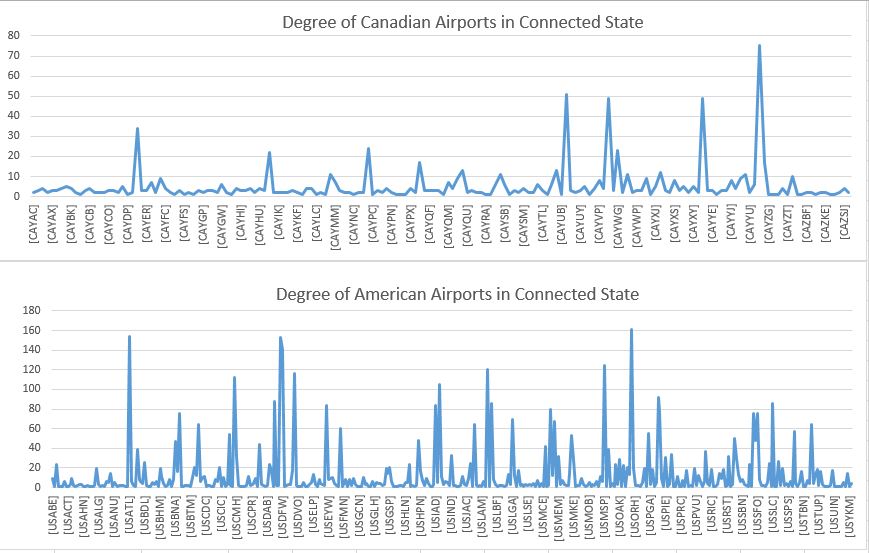


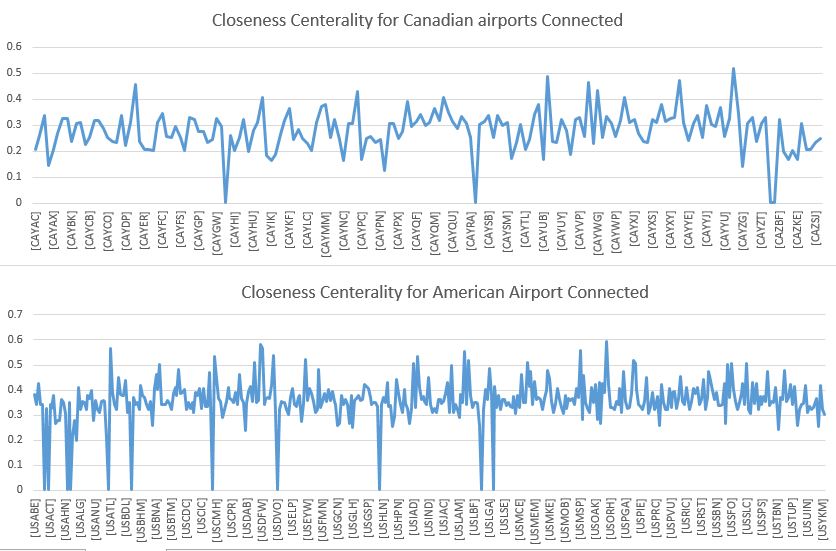
Figure1: North America Airport Graph

After we extracted the dataset. This graph contains 592 vertices and 3052 edges and 8 components which is shown in figure 1.The Density of this graph is 0.017446380390542828 and the average clustering coefficient is: 0.48204334679682737 and the average degree is 10.31081. There is one giant component and 7 small components which are so interesting because 2 of them. Their availability is strongly dependent on the connection between US and Canada [USDVO, CAZAM] [USLHW, CAYZY]. Moreover there are 5 components which are independent from other country. One independent component is available in Canada and 4 independent components in US. Graph 1 illustrates the degree distribution of each airport in US and Canada in connected state.



Graph 1: Degree Distribution of American and Canadian Airports in connected state

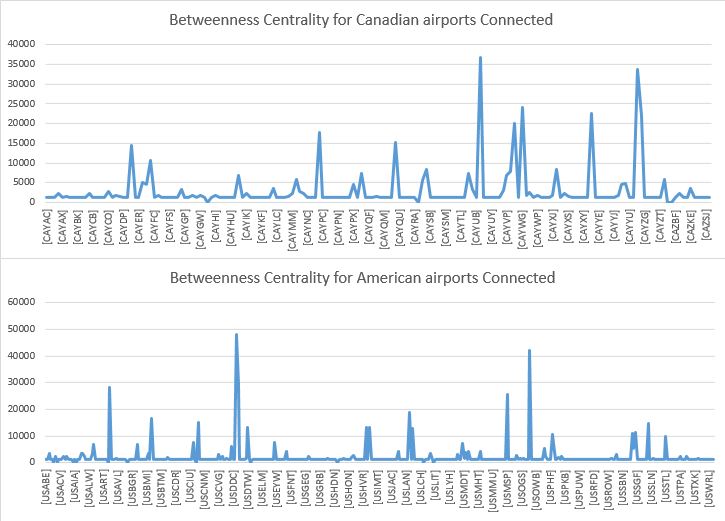
In the above graph USORD has highest degree with 161 edges in US. After that, there are 16 US airports with higher degree than the first highest Canadian airport CAYYZ with 75 edges. Meanwhile there are three airports in US with equal degree size of CAYYZ. After calculation the components and degree of every node. We find each node’s closeness centrality which is depicted on the next graph.



Graph2: Closeness Centrality of American and Canadian Airports in connected state

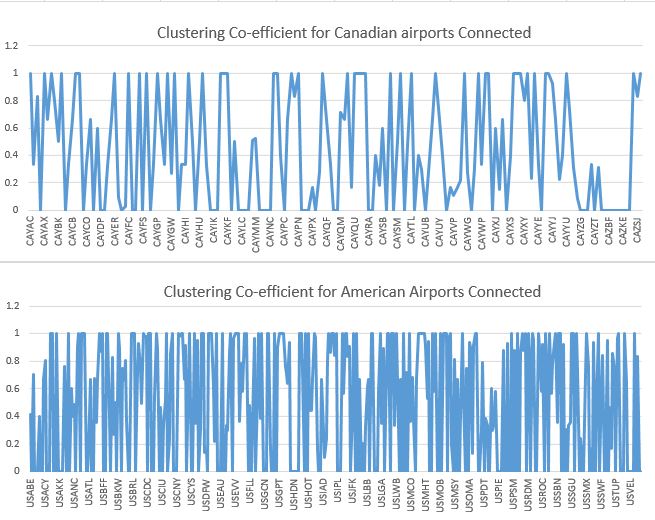
As far as our output depicted the USORD has the most closeness centrality with about 0.6 which is pretty high at all. Also, the most closeness airport is CAYYT with about 8 percent less than USORD in the 13th place in ranking.

On the next part, we calculated the betweenness centrality in this section for connected graph. It was amazing result based on previous two sections which is shown the USORD has the first rank but in this part USDEN passed USORD with over 48177. On the other hand, CAYUL has the highest betweenness among all of Canadian airports with 36660 and it stands on 3rd place. Graph 3 illustrates the Betweenness Centrality in connected graph.



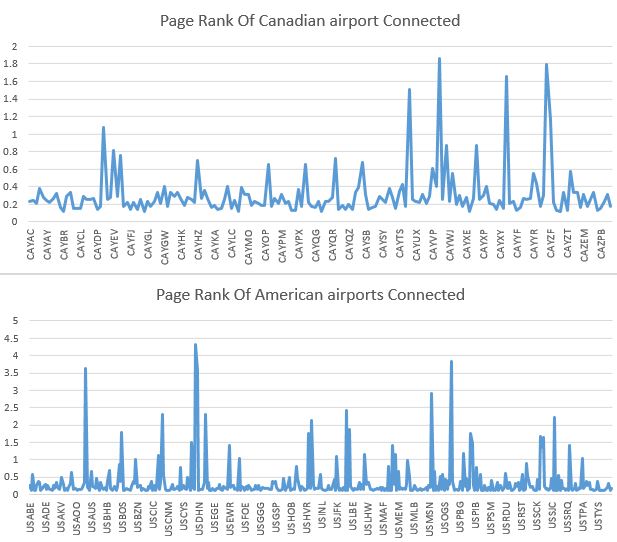
Graph3: Betweenness Centrality of American and Canadian Airports in connected state

Clustering Coefficient is the next factor for our project in this part. As it can see on the results there are about 200 nodes with 0 Clustering Coefficient and 150 nodes with 1 Clustering Coefficient. Which are depicted on Graph 4.



Graph 5: Clustering Coefficient of American and Canadian Airports in connected state

The last characteristics of the graph which we calculated in this section is the page rank of the graph which is shown in the Graph 6. In this part USDEN with 4.331499207 has the highest value and stands in the first place and the closest Canadian airport is CAYVR which is in the row of 12 with 1.866574987. In this level, it shows the highest American airport has the page rank more than two times of the CAYVR.



Graph 6: Page Rank Of Canadian airports Connected

**Unconnected Version of North America Data Set:**

Now we assume that the whole of aviation economical communication between Canada and US disconnected so we delete some parts of figure 1, which is depicted on figure 2.

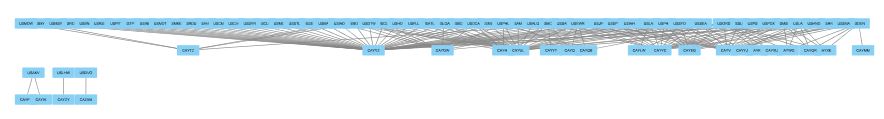


Figure 2: Edges which assumed deleted

In fact in this project, we will see how much this part of graph can effect on the airports characteristics. After we remove this part again we calculated the same network factors.

Refference:

1. https://openflights.org/data.html