An introduction to graph analysis and modeling Descriptive Analysis of Network Data

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Graphs, Networks: some definitions

Definition (Network versus Graph)

- A Network is a collection of interacting entities
- A Graph is the mathematical representation of a network

Definition (Graph)

A graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ is a mathematical structure consisting of

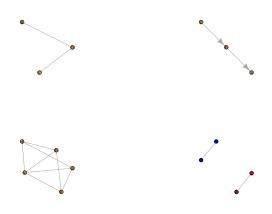
- a set $\mathcal{V} = \{1, \dots, n\}$ of vertices or nodes
- a set $\mathcal{E}=\{e_1,\ldots,e_p:e_k=(i_k,j_k)\in(\mathcal{V}\times\mathcal{V})\}$ of edges or links
- The number of vertices $N_v = |\mathcal{V}|$ is called the order
- The number of edges $N_e = |\mathcal{E}|$ is called the size

Definition (Vocabulary)

subgraph, induced subgraph, (un)directed graph, weighted graph, bipartite graph, tree, DAG,path, cycle, connected components, etc.

Examples

Undirected, directed (digraph), complete, bipartite



Neighborhood, Degree

Definition (Neighborhood)

The neighbors of a vertex are the nodes directly connected to this vertex:

$$\mathcal{N}(i) = \{ j \in \mathcal{V} : (i, j) \in \mathcal{E} \}.$$

Definition (Degree)

The degree d_i of a node i is given by its number of neighbors, i.e. $|\mathcal{N}(i)|$.

Remark

In digraphs, vertex degree is replaced by in-degree and out-degree.

Proposition

In a graph $\mathcal{G}=(\mathcal{V},\mathcal{E})$ the sum of the degree is given by $2|\mathcal{E}|$. Hence this is always an even quantity.

Adjacency matrix and list of edges

Definition (Adjacency matrix)

The connectivity of $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ is captured by the $|\mathcal{V}| \times |\mathcal{V}|$ matrix **A**:

$$(\mathbf{A})_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \sim j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proposition

The degree of G are then simply obtained as the row-wise and/or column-wise sums of A.

Remark

If the list of vertices is known, the only information which needs to be stored is the list of edges. In terms of storage, this is equivalent to a sparse matrix representation.

- Vizualization of large networks is a field of research in its own
- Be carefull with graphical interpretation of (large) networks

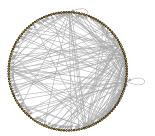
```
library(igraph)
library(sand)
GLattice <- graph.lattice(c(5,5,5))
GBlog <- aidsblog</pre>
```

Example with circle plot

```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(GLattice, layout=layout.circle); title("5x5x5 lattice")
plot(GBlog , layout=layout.circle); title("blog network")
```

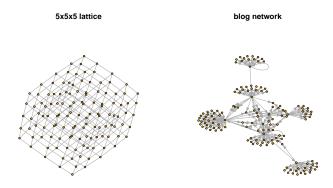


blog network



Example with Fruchterman and Reingold

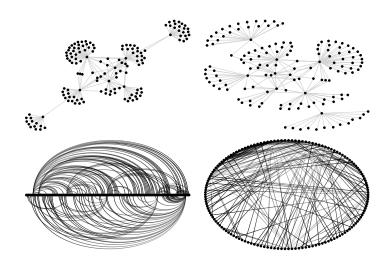
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par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(GLattice, layout=layout.fruchterman.reingold); title("5x5x5 lattice")
plot(GBlog , layout=layout.fruchterman.reingold); title("blog network")
```



Layout and Vizualization: ggraph way I

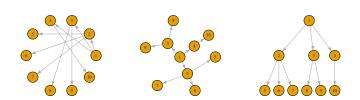
```
library(ggraph)
library(gridExtra)
g1 <- ggraph(GBlog, layout = "fr") +
  geom_edge_link(color = "lightgray") + geom_node_point() + theme_void()
g2 <- ggraph(GBlog , layout = "kk") +
  geom_edge_link(color = "lightgray") + geom_node_point() + theme_void()
g3 <- ggraph(GBlog, layout = "linear") +
  geom_edge_arc(aes(alpha=..index..), show.legend = FALSE) +
  geom_node_point() + theme_void()
g4 <- ggraph(GBlog , layout = "linear", circular = TRUE) +
  geom_edge_link(aes(alpha=..index..), show.legend = FALSE) +
  geom_node_point() + theme_void()
grid.arrange(g1, g2, g3, g4, nrow = 2, ncol = 2)
```

Layout and Vizualization: **ggraph** way II



Do not be fooled by the plot

```
g.tree <- graph.formula(1-+2,1-+3,1-+4,2-+5,2-+6,2-+7, 3-+8,3-+9,4-+10)
par(mfrow=c(1, 3))
igraph.options(vertex.size=30, edge.arrow.size=0.5, vertex.label=NULL)
plot(g.tree, layout=layout.circle)
plot(g.tree, layout=layout.reingold.tilford(g.tree, circular=T))
plot(g.tree, layout=layout.reingold.tilford)</pre>
```



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Vertex degree

Definition (Degree distribution)

In a graph $\mathcal{G}=(\mathcal{V},\mathcal{E})$, recall that d_i counts the number of incident edges in \mathcal{E} to i. Define f_d to be the fraction of vertices $i\in\mathcal{V}$ with degree $d_i=d$. The collection $\{f_d,d\geq 0\}$ is called the degree distribution of \mathcal{G} .

Property

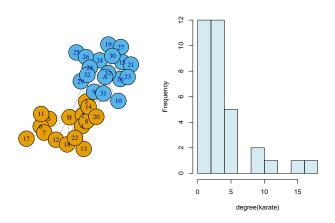
Many real world networks have a degree distribution fitting well power law distributions:

$$f_{d_i}(d) = \mathbb{P}(d_i = d) = \frac{c}{d^{\gamma}}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}, \gamma > 0.$$

Those heavy-tail distributions describe few vertices with very high degrees.

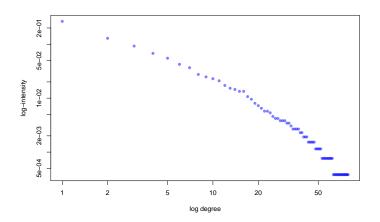
Vertex degree: example I

```
library(sand) data(karate)
par(mfrow=c(1,2)) plot(karate)
hist(degree(karate), col=adjustcolor("lightblue", alpha.f = 0.5), main="")
```



Vertex degree: example II

```
library(igraphdata) data(yeast)
degrees.yeast <- rev(sort(degree.distribution(yeast)))
plot(degrees.yeast[degrees.yeast!=0], log="xy", col=adjustcolor("blue", alpha.f =
0.5), pch=16, xlab="log degree", ylab="log-intensity")</pre>
```



Distance and diameter I

Definition (distance)

- The Length of a path e_1, \ldots, e_k is the number of edges enterin the path (here k).
- If two nodes i, j are connected in G, then the distance ℓ_{ij} is the length of the shortest path between i and j. If the two nodes are not connected then $\ell_{ij} = \infty$.

Definition (diameter)

The diameter of $\mathcal G$ is the greatest distance between two nodes:

$$\operatorname{diameter}(\mathcal{G}) = \max_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}} (\ell_{ij})$$

Distance, Diameter: example I

```
library(Matrix)
data(ppi.CC)
diameter(ppi.CC)

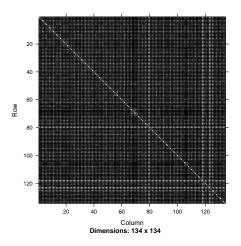
## [1] 12

average.path.length(ppi.CC)

## [1] 4.448039

image(Matrix(distances(ppi.CC)))
```

Distance, Diameter: example II



Vertex centrality: closeness

Question

How important is the node/vertice in the network?

Definition (Farness, Closeness)

Farness is the sum of the length of the shortest paths between the node and all other nodes in the graph. Closeness is defined as its reciprocal:

$$C(x) = \frac{1}{\sum_{y} d(y, x)}.$$

→ The more central a node is, the closer it is to all other nodes.

Vertex centrality: betweenness

Question

How important is the node/vertice in the network?

Definition (Betweenness)

For every pairs of vertices, there exists at least one shortest path between the vertices such that the number of edges that the path passes through is minimized. The betweenness centrality for each vertex is the number of these shortest paths that pass through the vertex:

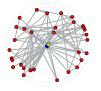
$$g(i) = \sum_{j \neq i \neq k} \frac{\sigma_{jk}(i)}{\sigma_{jk}}$$

where σ_{jk} is the total number of shortest paths from node j to node k and $\sigma_{jk}(i)$ the number of those paths that pass through i.

Example for karate club data set

administrator and instructor are in blue and yellow

Degree Closeness Betweeness







Jaccard Coefficient

Definition (Jaccard Coefficient or Jaccard Index)

The Jaccard coefficient measures similarity between finite sample sets, and is defined as the size of the intersection divided by the size of the union of the sample sets:

$$J(A,B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|} = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A| + |B| - |A \cap B|}.$$

Example

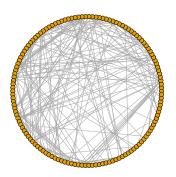
It can be used to compared two sets of egdes. For instance

- for two networks $\mathcal G$ and $\mathcal H$ defined on the same set of node, we can compare the sets $\mathcal E_{\mathcal G}$ and $\mathcal E_{\mathcal H}$.
- for a networks \mathcal{G} we can compute similarity between nodes with the Jaccard index and use it to define a weighted graph of similarity.

Jaccard Coefficient: example

Plot the yeast PPI interaction network

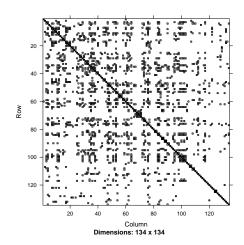
```
library(sand)
library(igraph)
plot(ppi.CC, vertex.size=6, vertex.label=NA, layout=layout_in_circle)
```



Jaccard Coefficient: example II

Compute Jaccard similarity between vertices and give a image of this

```
library(Matrix)
image(Matrix(igraph::similarity(ppi.CC, method = "jaccard")))
```



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Density

Question

Is the network locally dense in some sense?

Definition (Clique)

In an undirected graph, a clique is a subset of the vertices such that every two distinct vertices are adjacent.

Definition (Density)

The density of a (sub)-graph $\mathcal{G}=(\mathcal{V},\mathcal{E})$ is defined by

density(
$$\mathcal{G}$$
) = $\frac{2|\mathcal{E}|}{|\mathcal{V}|(|\mathcal{V}|-1)} = \frac{\bar{D}}{|V|-1}$,

where \bar{D} is the mean degree of the network: how much ${\cal G}$ is close to a clique?

Clustering

Question

Is the network locally dense in some sense?

Definition (Triangle)

Triplets of vertices in the graph that are connected through a triangle. They correspond to transitive relationships. We let

- $\tau_{\Delta}(i)$ be the number of triangles in $\mathcal G$ where i falls.
- $\tau_3(i)$ be the number of triplets in $\mathcal G$ where i falls.

Definition (Clustering coefficient)

clustering(
$$\mathcal{G}$$
) = $\frac{1}{\mathcal{V}_2} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}_2} \tau_{\Delta}(i) / \tau_3(i)$,

where V_2 is the set of vertices whose degree is greater or equal to 2.

Transitivity

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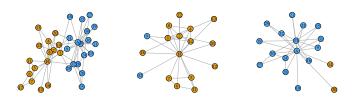
Definition (Transitivity)

transitivity(
$$\mathcal{G}$$
) = $\frac{\sum_{\mathcal{V}} \tau_{\Delta}(i)}{\sum_{\mathcal{V}} \tau_{3}(i)}$,

Local density: example

Create ego graphs around teacher and instructor

```
data(karate)
ego.instr <- igraph::induced_subgraph(karate, neighborhood(karate, 1, 1)[[1]])
ego.admin <- igraph::induced_subgraph(karate, neighborhood(karate, 1, 34)[[1]])</pre>
```



Local density: example (II)

Look for graph density and transitivity/clustering either globally or locally

```
graph.density(karate)
## [1] 0.1390374
graph.density(ego.instr)
## [1] 0.25
graph.density(ego.admin)
## [1] 0.2091503
transitivity(karate)
## [1] 0.2556818
transitivity(karate, "local", vids = c(1,34))
## [1] 0.1500000 0.1102941
```

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Principle of graph partionning

Definition (Partition)

A decomposition $\mathcal{C} = \{C_1, \dots, C_K\}$ of the vertices \mathcal{V} such that

- $C_k \cap C_{k'} = \emptyset$ for any $k \neq k'$
- $\bigcup_k C_k = \mathcal{V}$

Goal of graph paritionning

Form a partition of the vertices with unsupervized approach where the $\mathcal C$ is composed by "cohesive" sets of vertices, for instance,

- vertices well connected among themselves
- 2 well separated from the remaining vertices

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Principle

Input: n individuals with p attributes)

- 1. Compute the dissimilarity between groups
- 2. Regroup the two most similar elements Iterate until all element are in a single group

Output: n nested partitions from $\{\{1\},\ldots,\{n\}\}$ to $\{\{1,\ldots,n\}\}$ **Algorithm 1:** Agglomerative hierarchical clustering

Ingredients

- 1 a dissimilarity measure between singleton
- 2 a distance measure between sets

Dissimilarity measures

Standards

Use standard distances on adjacency matrix:

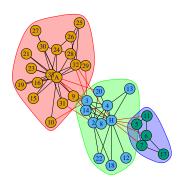
- Euclidean distance: $x_{ij} = \sqrt{\sum_{ij} (A_{ik} A_{jk})^2}$
- ullet Manhattan distance: $x_{ij} = \sum_{ij} |A_{ik} A_{jk})|$
- etc...

Graph-specific

For instance, modularity, betweeness, etc.

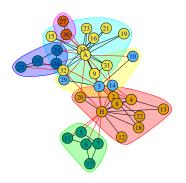
Examples of graph clustering I

```
hc <- cluster_fast_greedy(karate)
plot(hc,karate)</pre>
```



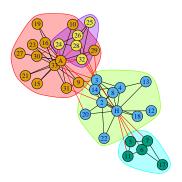
Examples of graph clustering II

```
hc <- cluster_edge_betweenness(karate)
plot(hc,karate)</pre>
```



Examples of graph clustering III

```
hc <- cluster_walktrap(karate)
plot(hc,karate)</pre>
```



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Graph Laplacian

Definition ((Un-normalized) Laplacian)

The Laplacian matrix ${\bf L}$, resulting from the modified incidence matrix $\tilde{{\bf B}}$ $\tilde{B}_{ij}=1/-1$ if i is incident to j as tail/head, is defined by

$$\mathbf{L} = \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\tilde{\mathbf{B}}^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A},$$

where $\mathbf{D} = \mathsf{diag}(d_i, i \in \mathcal{V})$ is the diagonal matrix of degrees.

Remark

- L is called Laplacian by analogy to the second order derivative (see below).
- \bullet Spectrum of L has much to say about the structure of the graph $\mathcal{G}.$

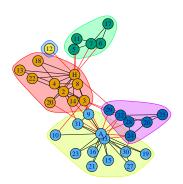
Spectral Clustering

Principle

- $oldsymbol{0}$ Use the spectral property of $oldsymbol{L}$ to perform clustering in the eigen space
- 2 If the network have K connected components, the first K eigenvectors are ${\bf 1}$ span the eigenspace associated with eigenvalue 0
- $oldsymbol{3}$ Applying a simple clustering algorithm to the rows of the K first eigenvectors separate the components
- → This principle generalizes to a graph with a single component: spectral clustering tends to separates groups of nodes which are highly connected together

Clustering based on the first non null eigenvalue

```
hc <- cluster_leading_eigen(karate)
plot(hc,karate)</pre>
```



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A mathematical model: Erdös-Rényi graph

Definition

Let $\mathcal{V}=1,\dots,n$ be a set of fixed vertices. The (simple) Erdös-Rény model $\mathcal{G}(n,\pi)$ assumes random edges between pairs of nodes with probability π . In orther word, the (random) adjacency matrix \mathbf{X} is such that

$$X_{ij} \sim \mathcal{B}(\pi)$$

Proposition (degree distribution)

The (random) degree D_i of vertex i follows a binomial distribution:

$$D_i \sim b(n-1,\pi).$$

Erdös-Rényi - example

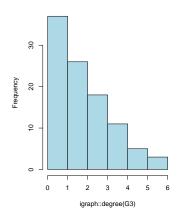
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G1 <- igraph::sample_gnp(10, 0.1)
G2 <- igraph::sample_gnp(10, 0.9)
G3 <- igraph::sample_gnp(100, .02)
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
plot(G1, vertex.label=NA); plot(G2, vertex.label=NA)
plot(G3, vertex.label=NA, layout=layout.circle)
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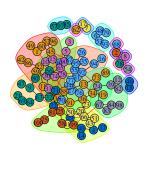


Erdös-Rény - limitations: very homegeneous

```
average.path.length(G3); diameter(G3)
## [1] 4.642086
## [1] 10
```

Histogram of igraph::degree(G3)





Limitations

Erdös-Rényi

The ER model does not fit well real world network

- As can been seen from its degree distribution
- ER is generally too homogeneous

The Stochastic Block Model

The SBM¹ generalizes ER in a mixture framework. It provides

- a statistical framework to adjust and interpret the parameters
- a flexible yet simple specification that fits many existing network data

¹Other models exist (e.g. exponential model for random graphs) but less popular.

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Stochastic Block Model: definition

Mixture model point of view: mixture of Erdös-Rényi

Latent structure

Let $\mathcal{V}=\{1,..,n\}$ be a fixed set of vertices. We give each $i\in\mathcal{V}$ a latent label among a set $\mathcal{Q}=\{1,\ldots,Q\}$ such that

- $\alpha_q = \mathbb{P}(i \in q), \quad \sum_q \alpha_q = 1;$
- $Z_{iq} = \mathbf{1}_{\{i \in q\}}$ are independent hidden variables.

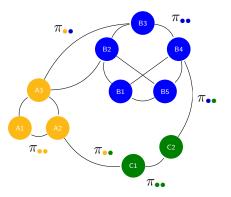
The conditional distribution of the edges

Connexion probabilities depend on the node class belonging:

$$X_{ij} | \{i \in q, j \in \ell\} \sim \mathcal{B}(\pi_{q\ell}) \qquad \left(\Leftrightarrow X_{ij} | \{Z_{iq}Z_{j\ell} = 1\} \sim \mathcal{B}(\pi_{q\ell}). \right)$$

The $Q \times Q$ matrix π gives for all couple of labels $\pi_{q\ell} = \mathbb{P}(X_{ij} = 1 | i \in q, j \in \ell).$

Stochastic Block Model: the big picture



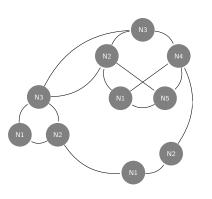
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Let n nodes divided into

- $Q = \{ \bullet, \bullet, \bullet \}$ classes
- $\alpha_{\bullet} = \mathbb{P}(i \in \bullet), \bullet \in \mathcal{Q}, i = 1, \dots, n$
- $\pi_{\bullet \bullet} = \mathbb{P}(i \leftrightarrow j | i \in \bullet, j \in \bullet)$

$$Z_i = \mathbf{1}_{\{i \in \bullet\}} \sim^{\mathsf{iid}} \mathcal{M}(1, \alpha), \quad \forall \bullet \in \mathcal{Q},$$
$$X_{ij} \mid \{i \in \bullet, j \in \bullet\} \sim^{\mathsf{ind}} \mathcal{B}(\pi_{\bullet \bullet})$$

Stochastic Block Model: unknown parameters



Stochastic Block Model

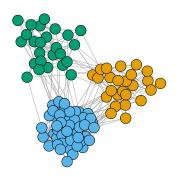
Let n nodes divided into

- $Q = \{ \bullet, \bullet, \bullet \}$, card(Q) known
- $\alpha_{\bullet} = ?$,
- $\pi_{\bullet \bullet} = ?$

$$\begin{split} Z_i &= \mathbf{1}_{\{i \in \bullet\}} \ \sim^{\mathsf{iid}} \mathcal{M}(1,\alpha), \quad \forall \bullet \in \mathcal{Q}, \\ X_{ij} \mid \{i \in \bullet, j \in \bullet\} \sim^{\mathsf{ind}} \mathcal{B}(\pi_{\bullet \bullet}) \end{split}$$

Stochastic block models – examples of topology

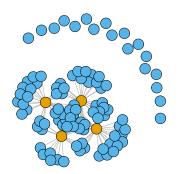
Community network



Stochastic block models – examples of topology

Star network

```
pi <- matrix(c(0.05,0.3,0.3,0),2,2)
star <- igraph::sample_sbm(100, pi, c(4, 96))
plot(star, vertex.label=NA, vertex.color = rep(1:2,c(4,96)))</pre>
```



Likelihoods for Expectation Maximization

Complete-data loglikelihood

$$\log L(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) = \sum_{i,q} Z_{iq} \log \alpha_q + \sum_{i < j,q,\ell} Z_{iq} Z_{j\ell} \log \pi_{q\ell}^{X_{ij}} (1 - \pi_{q\ell})^{1 - X_{ij}}.$$

Conditional expectation of the complete-data loglikelihood

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}}\left[\log L(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})\right] = \sum_{i, q} \tau_{iq} \log \alpha_q + \sum_{i < j, q, \ell} \eta_{ijq\ell} \log \pi_{q\ell}^{X_{ij}} (1 - \pi_{q\ell})^{1 - X_{ij}}$$

where τ_{iq} , $\eta_{ijq\ell}$ are the posterior probabilities:

- $\tau_{iq} = \mathbb{P}(Z_{iq} = 1|\mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E}[Z_{iq}|\mathbf{X}].$
- $\eta_{ijq\ell} = \mathbb{P}(Z_{iq}Z_{j\ell} = 1|\mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E}[Z_{iq}Z_{j\ell}|\mathbf{X}].$

Inference in the SBM

The EM strategy does not apply

Ouch: another intractability problem

- the Z_{iq} are not independent in the SBM framework...
- we cannot compute $\eta_{ijq\ell}=\mathbb{P}(Z_{iq}Z_{j\ell}=1|\mathbf{X})=\mathbb{E}\left[Z_{iq}Z_{j\ell}|\mathbf{X}\right]$,
- the conditional expectation $Q(\theta)$, i.e. the main EM ingredient, is intractable.

Solution: mean field approximation (variational inference)

Approximate $\eta_{ijq\ell}$ by $\tau_{iq}\tau_{j\ell}$, i.e., assume independence between Z_{iq} \leadsto This can be formalized in the variational framework

Model selection: the number of blocks/clusters

We use our lower bound of the loglikelihood to compute an approximation of the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{ICL}}$

$$vICL(Q) = \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbb{Q}}}[\log L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}); \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}] - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{Q(Q+1)}{2} \log \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + (Q-1) \log(n) \right),$$

where

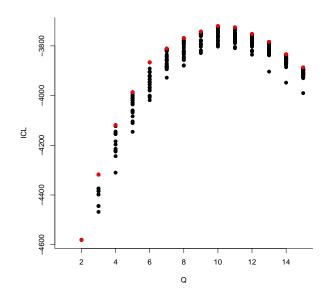
$$\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbb{Q}}}[\log L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}; \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})] = J(\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) - \mathcal{H}(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}).$$

The variational BIC is just

vBIC(Q) =
$$J(\hat{\tau}, \hat{\theta}) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{Q(Q+1)}{2} \log \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + (Q-1) \log(n) \right).$$

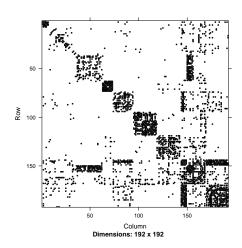
Example on the French blogsphere (I)

Example on the French blogsphere (II)



Example on the French blogsphere (III)

```
clusters <-
   apply(mySBM_collection$memberships[[10]]$Z, 1, which.max)
image(Matrix(adj_blog[order(clusters), order(clusters)]))</pre>
```



Example on the French blogsphere (IV) I

```
library(RColorBrewer); pal <- brewer.pal(10, "Set3")

g <- graph_from_adjacency_matrix(adj_blog, mode = "undirected", weighted = TRUE, d:
V(g)$class <- clusters
V(g)$size <- 5
V(g)$frame.color <- "white"
V(g)$color <- pal[V(g)$class]
V(g)$label <- ""
E(g)$arrow.mode <- 0

par(mar =c(0,0,0,0))
plot(g, edge.width=E(g)$weight)</pre>
```

Example on the French blogsphere (IV) II

