## Chapter 7 Structural Information

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#### Shannon's information

1949:

Given a distribution  $p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$ , the Shannon's information is

$$H(p) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \cdot \log_2 p_i. \tag{1}$$

 $p_i$  is the probability that item i is chosen,  $-\log_2 p_i$  is the "self-information" of item i.

This metric and the associated notions of noises form the foundation of information theory.

### Shannon's question, 1953

Shannon's information fails to support communication network. Given a communication network *G*,

- (De-structuring) Let p be a distribution computed from G, degree distribution, or distance distribution, and so on. This discards the interesting properties of G.
- 2. Define H(p) to be the information of G. This number H(p) does not tell us anything about the interactions and communications occurred in G.

The question is hence:
What is the information embedded in a graph?



### Physical systems

Given a physical system *G*, the information embedded in *G* should determine and decode the *essential structure* of *G*. For example, for a car and a boat, the essential structures of the two objects should be different, and the essential structures of a car and a boat should be determined by the information embedded in the car and the boat respectively.

Question: What is the essential structure of a physical system?

## **Evolving network**

Given a network *G* that is evolved in nature by two mechanisms:

- 1. The rules, regulations and laws of the objects
- 2. Perturbations by noises and random variations

In this case, the information embedded in *G* should determine and decode the structure of *G* that is formed by the rules, regulations and laws in which the noises and random variations occurred in *G* are excluded.

## Noisy data

Given a structured noisy data G, the information embedded G should determine and decode the structure T of G that excludes the noises occurred in G.

## Dynamical complexity of a network

Given a network *G*, the dynamical complexity of *G* should be the measure of complexity of the interactions, operations and communications occurring in *G*. This is different from the static complexity such as the number of nodes, the number of edges etc.

What is the measure of dynamical complexity of a network?

#### Natural structure and natural rank

In Nature and Society, individuals form natural structures and follow some natural ranking.

This is different from the current-generation search engine based on PageRank.

What is the natural rank?



#### Hierarchical thesis

- The natural structure of a physical system is a hierarchical structure
- The natural structure of a network evolving in Nature and Society is a hierarchical structure
- The true structure of a structured noisy data is a hierarchical structure

## Decoding the truth

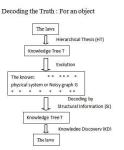


Figure: Decoding the truth by structural information.

### **Decoding ECC**

Decoding Error Correcting Code (ECC): Given a string x

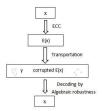


Figure: Decoding error correcting code.

### One-Dimensional structural information

#### Definition

(One-dimensional structural information) Given a connected graph G = (V, E) with n nodes and m edges, for each node  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , let  $d_i$  be the degree of i in G, and let  $p_i = \frac{d_i}{2m}$ . We define the one-dimensional structural information or positioning entropy of G by using the entropy function H as follows:

$$\mathcal{H}^{1}(G) = H(\mathbf{p}) = H\left(\frac{d_{1}}{2m}, \dots, \frac{d_{n}}{2m}\right) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{d_{i}}{2m} \cdot \log_{2} \frac{d_{i}}{2m}. \tag{2}$$

# Intuition of $\mathcal{H}^1(G)$

- The Shannon information for graphs
- It is the number of bits required to determine the code of the node that is accessible from random walk in G

## Structural information by partition

#### Definition

(Structural information of networks by a partition) Given a graph G = (V, E), suppose that  $\mathcal{P} = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_L\}$  is a partition of V. We define the *structural information of G by*  $\mathcal{P}$  as follows:

$$\mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{P}}(G) := \sum_{j=1}^{L} \frac{V_{j}}{2m} \cdot H\left(\frac{d_{1}^{(j)}}{V_{j}}, \dots, \frac{d_{n_{j}}^{(j)}}{V_{j}}\right) - \sum_{j=1}^{L} \frac{g_{j}}{2m} \log_{2} \frac{V_{j}}{2m}$$
$$= -\sum_{j=1}^{L} \frac{V_{j}}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{j}} \frac{d_{i}^{(j)}}{V_{j}} \log_{2} \frac{d_{i}^{(j)}}{V_{j}} - \sum_{j=1}^{L} \frac{g_{j}}{2m} \log_{2} \frac{V_{j}}{2m}, (3)$$

where *L* is the number of modules in  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $n_i$  is the number of nodes in  $X_i$ ,  $d_i^{(j)}$  is the degree of the *i*-th node of  $X_i$ ,  $V_i$  is the volume of  $X_i$  which is the sum of degrees of nodes in  $X_i$ , and  $g_i$ is the number of edges with exactly one endpoint in  $X_j$ .

# Understanding $\mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{P}}(G)$

- 1.  $\frac{V_j}{2m}$ : the probability that random walk in *G* arrives at  $X_j$
- 2.  $-\sum_{i=1}^{n_j} \frac{d_i^{(j)}}{V_j} \log_2 \frac{d_i^{(j)}}{V_j}$ : the positioning information in  $X_j$
- 3.  $\frac{g_j}{2m}$ : the probability that random walk going into  $X_j$  from nodes outside  $X_j$
- 4.  $-\log_2 \frac{V_j}{2m}$ : self-information of  $X_j$
- 5.  $\mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{P}}(G)$ : the number of bits required to determine the two-dimensional code of the node v that is accessible from random walk

## Telephone call

- Local number
- Area codes



#### Two-dimensional structural information

#### Definition

(Two-dimensional structural information of networks) Let G be a connected graph.

(1) Define the two-dimensional structural information of G as follows:

$$\mathcal{H}^{2}(\mathbf{G}) = \min_{\mathcal{P}} \{ \mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{G}) \}, \tag{4}$$

where P runs over all the partitions of G.

(2) We say that a partition  $\mathcal{P}$  of the vertices of G is a *natural* structure of G, if:

$$\mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{G}) = \mathcal{H}^2(\mathbf{G}). \tag{5}$$

## Partitioning tree

#### **Definition**

(Partitioning tree of graphs) Let G = (V, E) be an undirected and connected network. We define the partitioning tree  $\mathcal{T}$  of G as a tree  $\mathcal{T}$  with the following properties:

- (1) For the root node denoted  $\lambda$ , we define the set  $T_{\lambda} = V$ .
- (2) For every node α ∈ T, the immediate successors of α are α<sup>ˆ</sup>⟨j⟩ for j from 1 to a natural number N ordered from left to right as j increases.
  Therefore, α<sup>ˆ</sup>⟨i⟩ is to the left of α<sup>ˆ</sup>⟨i⟩ written as
  - Therefore,  $\alpha \hat{\langle} i \rangle$  is to the left of  $\alpha \hat{\langle} j \rangle$  written as  $\alpha \hat{\langle} i \rangle <_{\rm L} \alpha \hat{\langle} j \rangle$ , if and only if i < j.
- (3) For every  $\alpha \in \mathcal{T}$ , there is a subset  $\mathcal{T}_{\alpha} \subset V$  that is associated with  $\alpha$ .
  - For  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , we use  $\alpha \subset \beta$  to denote that  $\alpha$  is an initial segment of  $\beta$ . For every node  $\alpha \neq \lambda$ , we use  $\alpha^-$  to denote the longest initial segment of  $\alpha$ , or the longest  $\beta$  such that  $\beta \subset \alpha$ .



### Partitioning tree - II

- (4) For every i,  $\{T_{\alpha} \mid h(\alpha) = i\}$  is a partition of V, where  $h(\alpha)$  is the height of  $\alpha$  (note that the height of the root node  $\lambda$  is 0, and for every node  $\alpha \neq \lambda$ ,  $h(\alpha) = h(\alpha^{-}) + 1$ ).
- (5) For every  $\alpha$ ,  $T_{\alpha}$  is the union of  $T_{\beta}$  for all  $\beta$ 's such that  $\beta^- = \alpha$ ; thus,  $T_{\alpha} = \bigcup_{\beta^- = \alpha} T_{\beta}$ .
- (6) For every leaf node  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_{\alpha}$  is a singleton; thus,  $\mathcal{T}_{\alpha}$  contains a single node of V.

## Structural information by partitioning tree

#### Definition

(Structural information of a graph by a partitioning tree) For an undirected and connected network G=(V,E), suppose that  $\mathcal T$  is a partitioning tree of G. We define the structural information of G by  $\mathcal T$  as follows:

(1) For every  $\alpha \in \mathcal{T}$ , if  $\alpha \neq \lambda$ , then define

$$H^{\mathcal{T}}(G;\alpha) = -\frac{g_{\alpha}}{2m}\log_2\frac{V_{\alpha}}{V_{\alpha^-}},$$
 (6)

where  $g_{\alpha}$  is the number of edges from nodes in  $T_{\alpha}$  to nodes outside  $T_{\alpha}$ ,  $V_{\beta}$  is the volume of set  $T_{\beta}$ , namely, the sum of the degrees of all the nodes in  $T_{\beta}$ .

#### **Definition**

(2) We define the structural information of G by the partitioning tree  $\mathcal{T}$  as follows:

$$\mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{G}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{T}, \alpha \neq \lambda} H^{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{G}; \alpha). \tag{7}$$

#### K-dimensional structural information

#### Definition

(K-dimensional structural information) Let G = (V, E) be a connected network.

(1) We define the *K*-dimensional structural information of *G* as follows:

$$\mathcal{H}^{K}(G) = \min_{\mathcal{T}} \{ \mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{T}}(G) \}, \tag{8}$$

where  $\mathcal{T}$  ranges over all of the partitioning trees of G of height K.

(2) Given a K-level partitioning tree  $\mathcal{T}$  of G, we say that  $\mathcal{T}$  is the K-dimensional knowledge tree of G, if:

$$\mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{G}) = \mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{K}}(\mathbf{G}). \tag{9}$$

## Cell sample network

Suppose that  $v_1, v_2, \cdots, v_n$  are n samples of cells and that  $g_1, g_2, \cdots, g_N$  are N genes. For every pair (i, j), let a(i, j) be the expression profile of gene  $g_i$  in sample  $v_j$ . Then, for every j from 1 to n, a vector  $(a(1, j), a(2, j), \cdots, a(N, j))$  occurs and represents the gene expression profiles of the sample  $v_j$ , denoted  $P_j$ . For every pair (j, j'), let  $W_{j, j'}$  be the Pearson correlation coefficient between  $P_j$  and  $P_{j'}$ , the gene expression profiles of samples  $v_j$  and  $v_{j'}$ , respectively.

A cell sample network G = (V, E) is constructed on the basis of the gene expression profiles by the following algorithm, denoted G.

Algorithm G works with a fixed natural number k, and proceeds as follows:

(1) The vertices of G are the cell samples  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ , that is, let  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ ; and



(2) For every j, suppose that  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k$  are the cell samples such that  $W(v_j, u_1), W(v_j, u_2), \dots, W(v_j, u_k)$  are the highest k weights among the weights  $W(v_j, u)$  for all of the samples u, where  $W(v_j, u)$  is the Pearson correlation coefficient between the gene expression profiles of samples  $v_j$  and u. For every i from 1 to k, create an edge  $(v_i, u_i)$  with weight  $W(v_i, u_i)$ .

This constructs the weighted graph G = (V, E).

## Structuring of gene expression profiles

Algorithm C proceeds as follows:

(1) (Noise amplifying) Fix a noise amplifier  $\sigma$ . Let W be the average wight among all the pairs of cell samples. Let  $M = \sigma \cdot W$  be the modifier. Let H be the weighted graph of the cell samples such that for every pair (i, j) of cell samples, there is a weight W'(i,j) = W(i,j) + M. This step amplifies the noise for all the weights. The roles of this step are two-fold: if the weight W(i, j) between cell samples i and j is nontrivially high, then the modified weight W'(i,j) = W(i,j) + M is approximately the original weight W(i, j) since the modifier M is small, and if the weight W(i, j) is trivial or noisy, then the modified weight W'(i,j) = W(i,j) + M is significantly amplified, which allows our algorithm to better filter the noise or trivial weights from the highly nontrivial weights.



- (2) For every k, let  $H_k$  be the weighted graph obtained from H as follows:
  - The modifier *M* is kept for every edge.
  - For every cell sample i, keep the weighted edges of the top k weights, and delete all the other weights.
- (3) For each k, let H(k) be the one-dimensional structure entropy of the weighted graph  $H_k$ . We say that k is a *stable point*, if both H(k-1) > H(k) and H(k+1) > H(k) hold.
- (4) (Minimisation of non-determinism or uncertainty) Define k to be the k' that achieves the least one-dimensional structure entropy among all the stable points. That is, k is a stable point, and H(k) is the least among the H(k') for all the stable points k'.
  - This step ensures that the chosen *k* generates a network structure with minimum uncertainty or non-determinism.

## Lymphomas Real

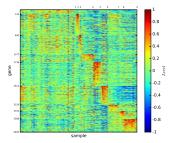


Figure: Gene map of true types of the lymphomas.

### Lymphomas: Two-dimensional structural information

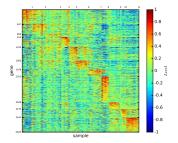


Figure: Gene map of types of the lymphomas found by  $\mathcal{E}^2$ .

### Lymphomas: Three-dimensional structural information

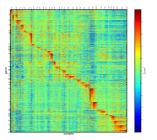


Figure: Gene map of types of the lymphomas found by  $\mathcal{E}^3$ .

## Clinical data analysis

- (1) The DLBCL samples in each of the submodules 2.2, 3.1, 3.3, 4.1, 4.3, 5.1, 6.1, 6.2 and 8.1 are similar to one another in survival times, survival indicators and IPI scores.
- (2) However, the DLBCL samples in submodules 3.2, 7.1, 7.2, 8.2 and 8.3 are divergent in survival times, survival indicators and IPI scores.
- (3) The overall survival times, survival ratios and IPI scores in most of the submodules are distinguishable.

Therefore, many of the submodules of the DLBCL samples identified by  $\mathcal{E}^3$  are interpretable by the similarity of survival times, survival indicators and IPI scores for the cell samples within the same submodule, and distinguishable by overall survival times, survival ratios and IPI scores for different submodules.



#### Resistance

#### Definition

Given a connected network G = (V, E), let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a partition of G. We define the *resistance of G given by*  $\mathcal{P}$  as follows:

$$\mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{P}}(G) = -\sum_{j=1}^{L} \frac{V_j - g_j}{2m} \log_2 \frac{V_j}{2m},\tag{10}$$

where  $V_j$  is the volume of the j-th module  $X_j$  of  $\mathcal{P}$ , and  $g_j$  is the number of edges from  $X_j$  to nodes outside  $X_j$ .

In Equation (10), for the j-th term  $-\frac{V_j-g_j}{2m}\log_2\frac{V_j}{2m}$ ,  $\frac{V_j-g_j}{2m}=\frac{V_j-g_j}{V_j}\cdot\frac{V_j}{2m}$  is the probability that a random walk goes to the j-th module  $X_j$  and fails to escape from the j-th module  $X_j$ , and  $-\log_2\frac{V_j}{2m}$  is the number of bits to determine the code of the j-th module.

### Resistance law

For the resistance of graph G by  $\mathcal{P}$ , we have the following resistance principle:

Let G = (V, E) be a connected graph. Suppose that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a partition of V with the notations the same as that in the definitions of  $\mathcal{H}^1(G)$  and  $\mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{P}}(G)$ . Then the positioning entropy of G,  $\mathcal{H}^1(G)$ , and the structure entropy of G by given  $\mathcal{P}$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{P}}(G)$ , satisfy the following properties:

(1) (Additivity of  $\mathcal{H}^1(G)$ ) The positioning entropy of G satisfies:

$$\mathcal{H}^{1}(G) = -\sum_{j=1}^{L} \frac{V_{j}}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{j}} \frac{d_{i}^{(j)}}{V_{j}} \log_{2} \frac{d_{i}^{(j)}}{V_{j}} - \sum_{j=1}^{L} \frac{V_{j}}{2m} \log_{2} \frac{V_{j}}{2m}. \tag{11}$$

#### Resistance law - II

(2) (Local resistance law of networks)

$$\mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{P}}(G) = -\sum_{j=1}^{L} \frac{V_j - g_j}{2m} \log_2 \frac{V_j}{2m} = \mathcal{H}^1(G) - \mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{P}}(G)$$
 (12)

(3) Assume that for each j,  $V_j \le m$ , for m = |E|. Then

$$\mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{P}}(G) = -\sum_{i=1}^{L} (1 - \Phi(X_i)) \frac{V_i}{2m} \log_2 \frac{V_i}{2m} = \mathcal{H}^1(G) - \mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{P}}(G)$$
(13)

where  $\Phi(X_i)$  is the conductance of  $X_i$  in G.

#### Resistance law - III

Now, we are ready to define the *resistance of a graph G* as follows:

$$\mathcal{R}(G) = \max_{\mathcal{P}} \{ \mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{P}}(G) \}, \tag{14}$$

where  $\mathcal{P}$  runs over all the partitions of G.

By the definition of the resistance of G, the local resistance law in (2) above and the definition of the two-dimensional structure entropy, we have the following:

Global resistance law of networks: For a network G, we have

$$\mathcal{R}(G) = \mathcal{H}^{1}(G) - \mathcal{H}^{2}(G). \tag{15}$$

#### One-dimensional structural information - I

#### **Theorem**

(Lower bound of positioning entropy of simple graphs) Let G = (V, E) be an undirected, connected, and simple graph with m edges, i.e., |E| = m. Then:

$$\mathcal{H}^1(G) \geq \frac{1}{2} (\log_2 m - 1).$$

## One-dimensional structural information - II

#### **Theorem**

(Lower bound of positioning entropy of graphs of balanced weights) Let G=(V,E) be a connected graph with weight function w. Let m=|E| be the number of edges. If the ratio of maximum weight and minimum weight is at most  $m^{\epsilon}$ , that is  $\max_{e\in G}\{w(e)\} \leq m^{\epsilon}$ , for some constant  $\epsilon < 1$ , then:

$$\mathcal{H}^1(G) \geq \frac{1}{2} \left[ (1 - \epsilon) \log_2 m - 1 \right].$$

# Locality

#### **Theorem**

(Locality theorem) Given a connected graph G, let  $\mathcal P$  be the partition of nodes of G such that each module X of  $\mathcal P$  contains a single node of V, and let  $\mathcal Q$  be the partition of G containing only one module of the whole set V. Then, we have

$$\mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{G}) = \mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{Q}}(\mathbf{G}). \tag{16}$$

# Separation

#### Theorem

(Separation theorem) Let G = (V, E) be a connected graph. Suppose that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a partition of V, and X and Y are two modules of  $\mathcal{P}$ . Let  $Z = X \cup Y$ . Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the partition consisting Z and all the modules of  $\mathcal{P}$  other than X and Y. If there is no edge between the nodes in X and the nodes in Y, then, we have:

$$\mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{P}}(G) \le \mathcal{H}^{\mathcal{Q}}(G). \tag{17}$$

# Basic principle

#### **Theorem**

(Structural information principle) For any graph G, the structural information of G follows:

$$\mathcal{H}^2(G) \ge \Phi(G) \cdot \mathcal{H}^1(G),$$
 (18)

where  $\Phi(G)$  is the conductance of G, and  $\mathcal{H}^1(G)$  is the positioning entropy of G.

### Lower bounds - I

Foe simple graphs, we have

#### **Theorem**

(Lower bounds of two-dimensional structural information of simple graphs) Let G = (V, E) be an undirected, connected and simple graph with number of edges |E| = m. Then the two-dimensional structural information of G satisfies

$$\mathcal{H}^2(G) = \Omega(\log_2 \log_2 m). \tag{19}$$

### Lower bounds - II

For the graphs with balanced weights, we have

#### **Theorem**

(Lower bound of two-dimensional structural information of graphs with balanced weights) Let G=(V,E) be a connected graph with weight function w. Let m=|E| be the number of edges. If the ratio of maximum weight and minimum weight is at most  $\log_2^\epsilon m$ , that is  $\frac{\max_{e\in G}\{w(e)\}}{\min_{e\in G}\{w(e)\}} \leq \log_2^\epsilon m$ , for some constant  $\epsilon < 1$ , then the structural information of G satisfies

$$\mathcal{H}^2(G) = \Omega(\log_2 \log_2 m). \tag{20}$$

### **Trees**

#### **Theorem**

(Upper bounds of structural information of trees) Let T be a complete binary tree of depth H and thus of size  $n = 2^H - 1$ . Then the structural information of T satisfies

$$\mathcal{H}^2(T) \le \log_2 \log_2 n + 4 + o(1).$$
 (21)

## **Grids**

#### **Theorem**

(Upper bound of two-dimensional structural information of grid graphs) Let G = (V, E) be an  $n \times n$  grid graph. Then the two-dimensional structural information of G satisfies

$$\mathcal{H}^2(G) \le 2\log_2\log_2 n + O(1).$$
 (22)

# Expanders

For expander graphs, we have

#### **Theorem**

(Expanders) Let  $\{G_n\}$  be a family of expanders, each of which is either a simple graph or a graph with balanced weights on edges. Then for each  $G = G_n$ , we have that

$$\mathcal{H}^2(G) = \Omega(\log n). \tag{23}$$

**New direction**: We could define expander by  $\mathcal{H}^2(G) = \Omega(\log_2 n)$ , giving a new class and an information theoretical characterisation of expanders.

## Phase transition in a small world

#### **Theorem**

(Phase transition theorem of two-dimensional structural information of networks of the small world model) Let G be a network generated from the small world model with parameter  $r \ge 0$ . Then the two-dimensional structural information has a sharp phase transition at the point r = 2. That is,

- (1) if  $r \ge 2$ , then with probability 1 o(1),  $\mathcal{H}^2(G) = O(\log \log n)$ ;
- (2) if r < 2, then with probability 1 o(1),  $\mathcal{H}^2(G) = \Omega(\log n)$ .

New directions More phase transition results are possible.

### Black hole - I

### **Theorem**

(Black hole theorem - necessity) Let G = (V, E) be a connected weighted graph of size n = |V| and weight function  $w : E \to \mathbb{R}^+$ .

- (1) If there is a subset S ⊆ V of size s and volume vol(S) = ρ · vol(G) for some 0 < ρ ≤ 1, then both positioning entropy H¹(G) and structural information H²(G) of G are at most H(1 − ρ, ρ) + (1 − ρ) log₂(n − s) + ρ log₂ s.</p>
- (2) If  $s = \log^{o(1)} n$  and  $\rho \ge 1 \frac{1}{\log n}$ , then  $\mathcal{H}^2(G) \le \mathcal{H}^1(G) = o(\log \log n)$ .

## Black hole - II

### **Theorem**

(Black hole theorem - sufficiency) Let G = (V, E) be a connected graph of size n = |V| and volume  $\operatorname{vol}(G)$ . If  $\mathcal{H}^2(G) = o(\log\log n)$ , then we have the following conclusions.

- (1) If  $\mathcal{H}^1(G) = o(\log n)$ , then there is a subset  $S \subseteq V$  in G whose size is  $n^{o(1)}$  and whose volume is  $(1 o(1)) \cdot vol(G)$ .
- (2) Otherwise, there is a subset  $S \subseteq V$  in G whose volume is  $vol(S) \ge \rho \cdot vol(G)$  for some constant  $0 < \rho < 1$ , and each node in S belongs to a subset of size  $\log^{o(1)} n$  and conductance  $O(1/\log^{1-o(1)} n)$  (understood as a black hole, that is, S is composed by black holes). For the complement  $\overline{S}$  of S, either its volume is o(vol(G)), in which case, the complement of S consists of only "tiny dusts" and it is trivial, or there is a subset  $U \subseteq \overline{S}$  with size  $|U| = n^{o(1)}$ , volume  $vol(U) = (1 o(1)) \cdot vol(\overline{S})$  and conductance  $oldsymbol{\Phi}(U) = o(1)$ , in which case,  $Oldsymbol{U}$  corresponds to a black hole.



# Small community phenomenon - I

### **Theorem**

(Small community phenomenon – necessity) Let G = (V, E) be a connected and balanced graph of size n = |V|. Then both (1) and (2) below hold:

- (1) If there is a set of modules A satisfying
  - (i)  $vol(A) = (1 o(1)) \cdot vol(G)$ , where vol(A) is the sum of the weighted degrees of all the nodes in the modules in A;
  - (ii) For each module  $X \in A$ , its size  $|X| = n^{o(1)}$ ;
  - (iii) For each module  $X \in A$ , its conductance  $\Phi(X) = o(1)$ , then the two-dimensional structural information of G is  $\mathcal{H}^2(G) = o(\log n)$ .
- (2) If there is a set of modules A satisfying
  - (i)  $vol(A) = \left(1 O\left(\frac{\log \log n}{\log n}\right)\right) \cdot vol(G);$
  - (ii) For each module  $X \in A$ ,  $|X| = \log^{O(1)} n$ ;
  - (iii) For each module  $X \in A$ ,  $\Phi(X) = O\left(\frac{\log \log n}{\log n}\right)$ ,

then  $\mathcal{H}^2(G) = O(\log \log n)$ .



# Small community phenomenon - II

### **Theorem**

(Small community phenomenon – sufficiency) Let G=(V,E) be a graph of number of edges m=|E| and volume  $\operatorname{vol}(G)$  without isolated nodes. Let  $w:E\to\mathbb{R}^+$  be the weight function satisfying  $\frac{\max_{e\in G}\{w(e)\}}{\min_{e\in G}\{w(e)\}} \leq W$ , for some constant  $W\geq 1$ . If  $\mathcal{H}^2(G)\leq c\log_2\log_2 m$  for some constant  $0< c\leq 1$  and sufficiently large m, then for any  $\varepsilon>0$ , and sufficiently large m, there is a set of modules of nodes, denoted by A, satisfying

- (1)  $\operatorname{vol}(A) \geq (1-2\varepsilon) \cdot \operatorname{vol}(G)$ ;
- (2) For each module  $X \in A$ ,  $|X| \leq \log^{3c/\varepsilon} m$ ;
- (3) For each module  $X \in A$ ,  $\Phi(X) \leq 2\varepsilon/(1-\varepsilon)$ .

## **New directions**

- 1. Algorithmic theory of structural information
- 2. Foundations for communication networks
- 3. Foundations for knowledge discovering
- 4. Theory of data processing
- 5. Structures and algorithms for big data
- 6. Natural ranking and smart searching

### Great thesis

Structural information minimisation is the mathematical measure of natural selection.



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