

# Match Structures Changes as the FIRST Robotics Competition Program Evolved

## Network Analysis of FRC Matches

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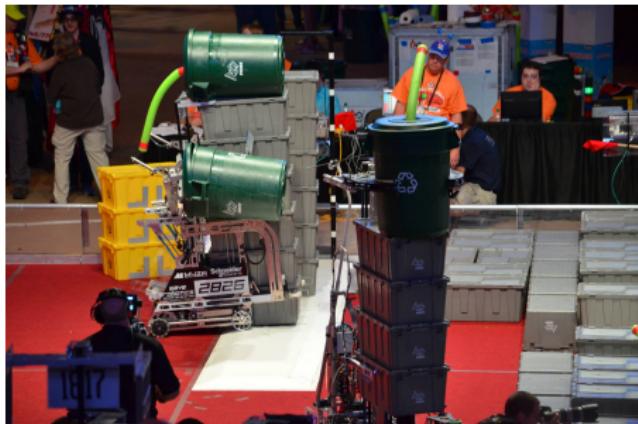
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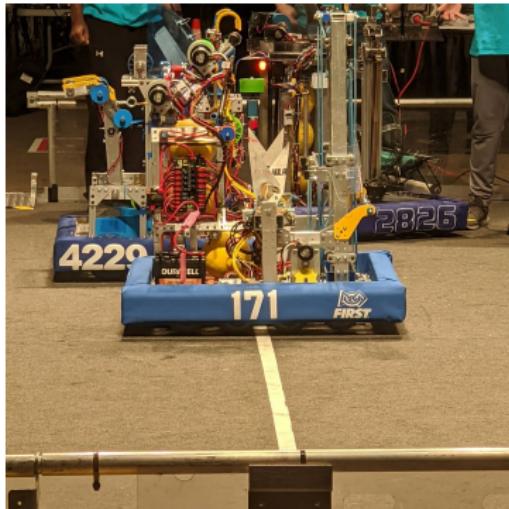
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# FIRST Robotics Competition



FRC 2826 - Wave Robotics - Oshkosh, WI  
World Championship Finalists 2015



FRC 171 - The Cheese Curd Herd - Platteville, WI  
Northern Lights Regional 2020 (Duluth, MI)



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# The Blue Alliance

[www.thebluealliance.com](http://www.thebluealliance.com) [1]

The Blue Alliance is a very useful online database of past (and current) match data.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Blue Alliance website. It includes links for "The Blue Alliance", "Events", "Teams", "Gameday", "Insights", "More", and a search bar labeled "Search teams and events".

Hopper Division 2015

Qualification Results					
	Match	Red Alliance	Blue Alliance	Scores	
Qualifications					
①	Quads 1	3255	5218	5454	4391 146 2830 143 114
②	Quads 2	4731	4050	3264	4329 2164 811 54 90
③	Quads 3	3939	4130	125	5118 2783 4799 113 70
④	Quads 4	5015	2228	187	3950 2300 103 119 88
⑤	Quads 5	2512	1533	5393	5428 2330 3581 94 35
⑥	Quads 6	2499	4918	2864	223 4900 260 74 94
⑦	Quads 7	3942	2590	1796	1676 1391 78 100 66
⑧	Quads 8	2516	5403	5448	4486 3688 4362 256 137
⑨	Quads 9	1817	1218	11	173 1746 3883 102 176
⑩	Quads 10	3998	5413	2182	2344 5771 669 122 160
⑪	Quads 11	5562	38	1124	1723 781 3735 176 160
⑫	Quads 12	2169	2581	2826	4265 4999 343 120 79
⑬	Quads 13	3620	4405	1876	5576 5024 263 80 162

Playoff Results					
	Match	Red Alliance	Blue Alliance	Scores	
Quarterfinals					
⑭	Quarters 1	3683	4962	3999	2814 1219 125 90 283
⑮	Quarters 2	2590	489	1817	3255 1723 2642 112 179



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# Accessing The Blue Alliance Database

```
...nas\OneDrive - The University of Texas at Dallas\2021_Spring\SYMS0302\Project\TBA_database_access.py
test.py TBA_database_access.py TBA_Network_Analysis.py dist_and_centrality_calc.py graph_visualize.py

1 # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
2 """
3 TBA_database_access is a module with functions for requesting from TBA.
4
5 Created on Wed Feb 24 18:43:49 2021
6
7 @author: Jonas
8 """
9
10 import requests
11
12 # Interaction with TBA database
13 def getTBA(url, baseURL = 'http://www.thebluealliance.com/api/v3/',
14           header = {'X-TBA-Auth-Key': '7uiNdsPDlNsKapBtr3JLZfb4WfGkvpPD9IpYc
15
16     Get the JSON from The Blue Alliance database for requested url extension.
17
18     Parameters
19     -----
20         url : string
21             url request extension.
22         baseURL : string, optional. Default is TBA API v3
23         header: set of strings, optional. Default is just TBA auth key.
24
25     Returns
26     -----
27         json
28             Requested data from The Blue Alliance.
29
30     """
31     return requests.get(baseURL + url, headers = header).json()
32
33 # Event Specific Queries
34 def getEventKeys(year):
35     """
36     Get all the keys of events over the course of a year
37
38     Parameters
39     -----
40         year : str (or int)
41
42     Returns
43     -----
44         list of str (match_keys)
45
46     """
47     return getTBA('events/' + str(year) + '/keys')
```

```
# Match Specific Queries
def getMatchData(key, simple = True):
    """
    Get the match data for a particular match

    Parameters
    -----
    key : str (match_key)
    simple : bool, optional
        simple match data or not. The default is True.

    Returns
    -----
    matchData : dict
        dict containing all the match data

    """
    if simple == True:
        matchData = getTBA('match/' + key + '/simple')
    else:
        matchData = getTBA('match/' + key)
    return matchData
```



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# Network Generation

```
..as/DropDrive - The University of Texas at Dallas/2021_Spring/SYSM6302/Project/TBA_Network_Analysis.py
  test.py x TBA_database_access.py x TBA_Network_Analysis.py*  dist_and_centrality_calcs.py x graph_visualize.py x

10 # Necessary Packages
11 import networkx as nx
12 import itertools
13 import TBA_database_access as tba
14 import numpy as np
15 from os import path
16 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
17 import time
18
19 ## TBA Network class
20 class TBA_Network:
21     ...
22
23     TBA_NETWORK is a class for creating and analyzing networks made up from
24     FIRST Robotics Competition match data from The Blue Alliance.
25
26     Attributes
27     -----
28         year : str
29             year of frc season.
30         event : list of str
31             list of event_keys for all events in network.
32         nodeType : str
33             node type (only programmed for teams as nodes).
34         edgeType : str
35             edge type (only programmed for matches as edges).
36         nodeMeta : list of str
37             list of meta elements to be stored as node attributes.
38         edgeMeta : list of str
39             list of meta elements to be stored as edge attributes.
40         nodeKeys : list of str
41             list of keys for all the nodes in the network.
42         edgeKeys : list of str
43             list of keys for all the (meta-)edges in the network.
44             (These edges are actually more like clusters... each is a match)
45         nodeData : dict of dicts
46             dictionary of all node attributes keyed by the nodeKeys.
47         edgeData : dict of dicts
48             dictionary of all edge attributes keyed by the nodeKeys.
49             (These edges are actually more like clusters... each is a match)
50         edgeTypes : list of tuples
51             list containing tuples related to every node within a the network.
52             (used to generate all the edges within the nx.MultiGraph)
53
54 G : nx.MultiGraph
55     nx.Multigraph constructed with all the nodes and edges with the metadata
56     stored as attributes.
57
58 G_default : nx.Graph
59     nx.Graph that is the default weighted undirected projection representing
60     the total number of edges that connects them.
61
62 G----- : nx.Graphs
63     many additional projections will be saved to the network class itself
64
65 Methods
66 -----
```

```
Methods
-----
GetProjection(self, projection = 'none')
    Locates or generates a specific projection
GraphProjections(self, alliancePartners = 0, weightCalc = 'default')
    Generates undirected weighted projections of the network with weighting
    calculated according to specific parameters.
WeightCalc(self, team1, team2, weightCalc)
    Function for determining the weighting between two nodes.
TeamKeys(self)
    Method that returns a list of team keys
MatchKeys(self)
    Method that returns a list of match keys

Centrality(self, node=-1, projection='none', mode='degree', print_top_nodes=-1)
    Calculates the a particular centralitic metric fo a specified projection
Diameter(self, projection='none')
    Calculates the diameter of a particular projection
DegreeSequence(self, projection = 'none')
    Returns a sorted list with team keys and degrees
DegreeDist(self, projection='none')
    Returns a list of the degree distribution
PlotDDist(self, projection='none', axes=1)
    Plots a Degree Distribution for a particular projection
DrawGraph(self, projection='none', -----)
    Draw a simple projection of the graph using built in commands
    ...

def __init__(self, year = -1, event = -1,
            nodeType = 'team', edgeType = 'match',
            nodeMeta = ['nickname', 'name', 'state_prov', 'country'],
            edgeMeta = ['match_key', 'event_key', 'scores', 'teams',
                       'winning_alliance', 'alliancePartners',
                       'comp_level', 'match_number'],
            filename_base = 'Data/TBA_Network_',
            ):
    ...
TBA_NETWORK constructor function. Creates a TBA_Network object
constructed with TBA data according to specific inputs

Parameters
-----
year : int or str, optional
    year specifier. The default is -1.
```

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# Full Season Network

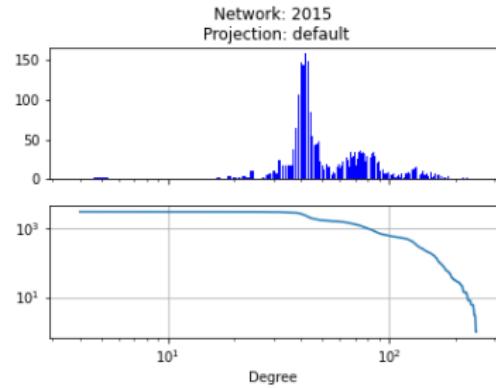
2015 (my favorite season)

Network: Entire 2015 Season

TBA.Network\_2015.gml (45 MB)

(<https://www.thebluealliance.com/events/2015>)

- Nodes: 2,935 Teams
- Mult-edges: 195,152 Matches
- Edges: 106,889 Unique Matches
- Components: 1
- Diameter: 4
- Clustering Coefficient: 0.635
- Degree Assortativity: 0.296 (0.358)
- Average Degree: 73.49 (132.98)
- Density: 0.02527 (0.04532)



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# 2015 Wisconsin Regional Analysis

## Milwaukee, WI

```
Getting Projection: default
Diameter = 2
```

```
Getting Projection: default
degree centrality
```

1. frc706 (0.7797)
2. frc269 (0.7627)
3. frc3102 (0.7627)
4. frc1732 (0.7458)
5. frc2077 (0.7458)
6. frc2506 (0.7458)
7. frc2883 (0.7458)
8. frc4818 (0.7458)
9. frc967 (0.7458)
10. frc167 (0.7458)

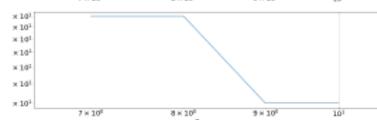
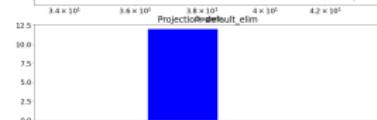
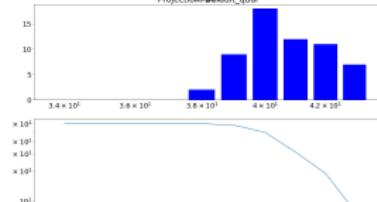
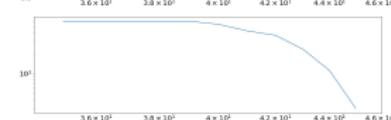
```
Getting Projection: default
eigenvector centrality
```

1. frc706 (0.1419)
2. frc3102 (0.1389)
3. frc269 (0.1389)
4. frc2506 (0.1361)
5. frc2077 (0.1358)
6. frc1732 (0.1356)
7. frc2883 (0.1355)
8. frc967 (0.1355)
9. frc167 (0.1354)
10. frc4818 (0.1352)

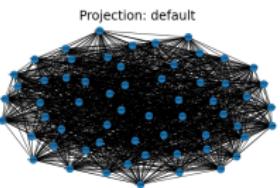
```
Getting Projection: default
katz centrality
```

1. frc706 (0.1864)
2. frc3102 (0.1806)
3. frc269 (0.1755)
4. frc2506 (0.1650)
5. frc2826 (0.1641)
6. frc2077 (0.1629)
7. frc1732 (0.1627)
8. frc2883 (0.1602)
9. frc1675 (0.1595)
10. frc93 (0.1571)

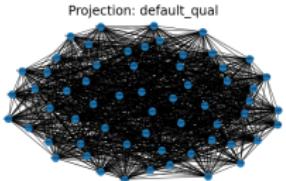
Network: 2015wimi



Network: 2015wimi



Projection: default\_qual



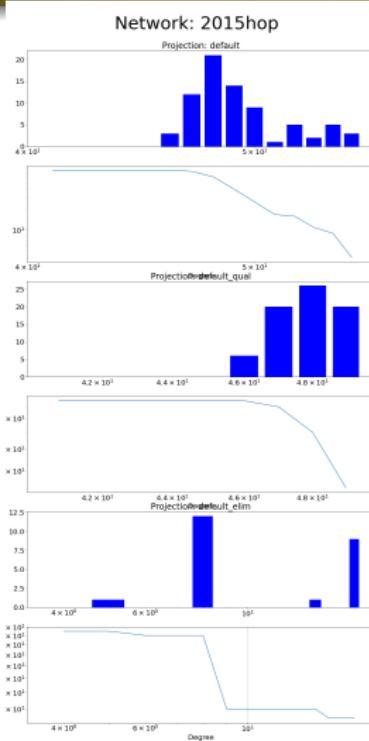
Projection: default\_elim



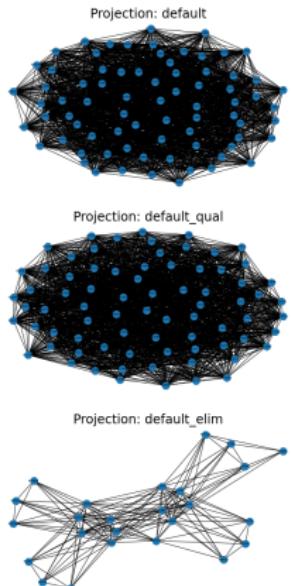
# 2015 Hopper Sub-Division Analysis

FIRST Championships 2015: St. Louis, MO

```
Getting Projection: default
Diameter = 2
-----
Getting Projection: default
degree centrality
-----
1. frc3042 (0.7467)
2. frc1676 (0.7333)
3. frc1723 (0.7333)
4. frc125 (0.7333)
5. frc3255 (0.7200)
6. frc548 (0.7200)
7. frc987 (0.7200)
8. frc2512 (0.7200)
9. frc33 (0.7200)
10. frc2826 (0.7067)
-----
Getting Projection: default
eigenvector centrality
-----
1. frc3042 (0.1303)
2. frc1676 (0.1284)
3. frc1723 (0.1281)
4. frc125 (0.1280)
5. frc3255 (0.1263)
6. frc987 (0.1262)
7. frc2512 (0.1260)
8. frc33 (0.1260)
9. frc548 (0.1257)
10. frc2826 (0.1237)
-----
Getting Projection: default
katz centrality
-----
1. frc987 (0.2103)
2. frc3255 (0.2103)
3. frc1676 (0.2078)
4. frc3042 (0.1954)
5. frc33 (0.1936)
6. frc1723 (0.1912)
7. frc548 (0.1883)
8. frc2512 (0.1864)
9. frc2826 (0.1839)
10. frc2614 (0.1804)
```



## 2015 Hopper Sub-Division



# 2015 Einstein Analysis

FIRST Championships 2015: St. Louis, MO

```
Getting Projection: default
Diameter = 3
```

```
Getting Projection: default
degree centrality
```

1. frc1023 (0.7500)
2. frc2338 (0.7500)
3. frc1114 (0.7083)
4. frc148 (0.7083)
5. frc1923 (0.7083)
6. frc118 (0.5833)
7. frc1671 (0.5833)
8. frc1678 (0.5833)
9. frc2512 (0.5833)
10. frc2826 (0.5833)

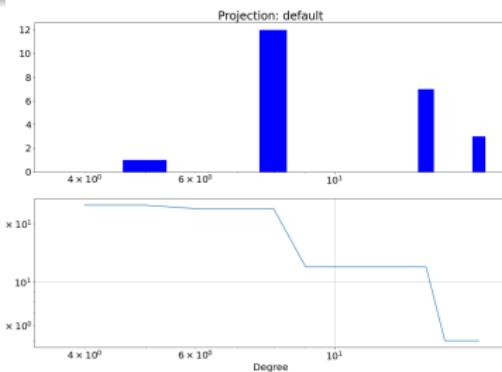
```
Getting Projection: default
eigenvector centrality
```

1. frc1023 (0.2931)
2. frc2338 (0.2931)
3. frc1114 (0.2861)
4. frc148 (0.2861)
5. frc1923 (0.2861)
6. frc2512 (0.2397)
7. frc2826 (0.2397)
8. frc987 (0.2397)
9. frc3996 (0.2370)
10. frc118 (0.2293)

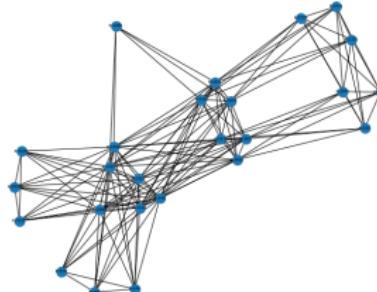
```
Getting Projection: default
katz centrality
```

1. frc1023 (0.3181)
2. frc2338 (0.3181)
3. frc1114 (0.3122)
4. frc148 (0.3122)
5. frc1923 (0.3122)
6. frc3996 (0.2535)
7. frc2826 (0.2338)
8. frc987 (0.2338)
9. frc2512 (0.2338)
10. frc1678 (0.2152)

Network: 2015cmp



Network: 2015cmp  
Projection: default



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# 2003 Midwest Regional Analysis

## Pre-WI Regional: In Evanston, IL

Getting Projection: default  
 Diameter = 3

Getting Projection: default  
 degree centrality

1. frc16 (0.5000)
2. frc111 (0.4423)
3. frc217 (0.4423)
4. frc292 (0.4423)
5. frc1091 (0.4423)
6. frc45 (0.4423)
7. frc658 (0.4423)
8. frc71 (0.4423)
9. frc101 (0.4231)
10. frc461 (0.4231)

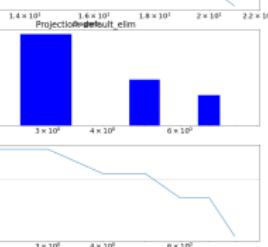
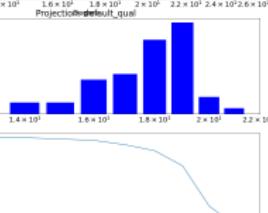
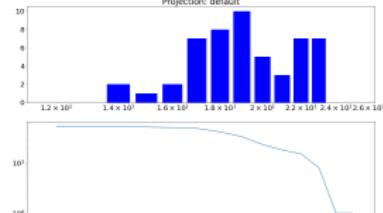
Getting Projection: default  
 eigenvector centrality

1. frc16 (0.1884)
2. frc217 (0.1677)
3. frc292 (0.1667)
4. frc45 (0.1647)
5. frc658 (0.1639)
6. frc1091 (0.1637)
7. frc92 (0.1627)
8. frc461 (0.1621)
9. frc829 (0.1603)
10. frc65 (0.1558)

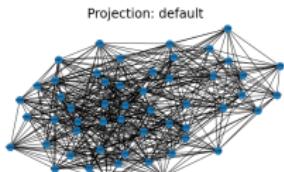
Getting Projection: default  
 katz centrality

1. frc461 (0.2297)
2. frc92 (0.2296)
3. frc217 (0.2144)
4. frc1010 (0.2119)
5. frc167 (0.1995)
6. frc1091 (0.1979)
7. frc16 (0.1943)
8. frc829 (0.1929)
9. frc65 (0.1904)
10. frc292 (0.1891)

Network: 2003il



Network: 2003il



Projection: default\_qual



Projection: default\_elim



# 2008 Wisconsin Regional Analysis

## Milwaukee, WI

Getting Projection: default

Diameter = 2

Getting Projection: default  
 degree centrality

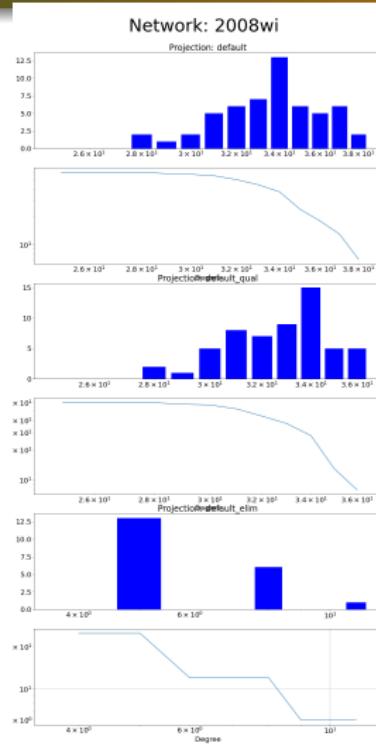
1. frc1652 (0.6610)
2. frc171 (0.6610)
3. frc1816 (0.6610)
4. frc269 (0.6610)
5. frc1675 (0.6610)
6. frc1625 (0.6441)
7. frc2549 (0.6441)
8. frc1259 (0.6271)
9. frc1306 (0.6271)
10. frc1730 (0.6271)

Getting Projection: default  
 eigenvector centrality

1. frc1652 (0.1478)
2. frc171 (0.1475)
3. frc269 (0.1475)
4. frc1675 (0.1465)
5. frc1816 (0.1464)
6. frc2549 (0.1434)
7. frc1625 (0.1430)
8. frc1306 (0.1416)
9. frc2169 (0.1414)
10. frc1259 (0.1406)

Getting Projection: default  
 katz centrality

1. frc2549 (0.2124)
2. frc2169 (0.2025)
3. frc2153 (0.1844)
4. frc2574 (0.1835)
5. frc1652 (0.1816)
6. frc1816 (0.1809)
7. frc1306 (0.1799)
8. frc269 (0.1792)
9. frc171 (0.1781)
10. frc1675 (0.1723)



# 2014 Wisconsin Regional Analysis

## Milwaukee, WI

Getting Projection: default

Diameter = 2

Getting Projection: default

degree centrality

1. frc3018 (0.8475)
2. frc1732 (0.8136)
3. frc2039 (0.8136)
4. frc2705 (0.8136)
5. frc2826 (0.8136)
6. frc3418 (0.8136)
7. frc4796 (0.8136)
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9. frc2202 (0.8136)
10. frc2194 (0.8136)

Getting Projection: default

eigenvector centrality

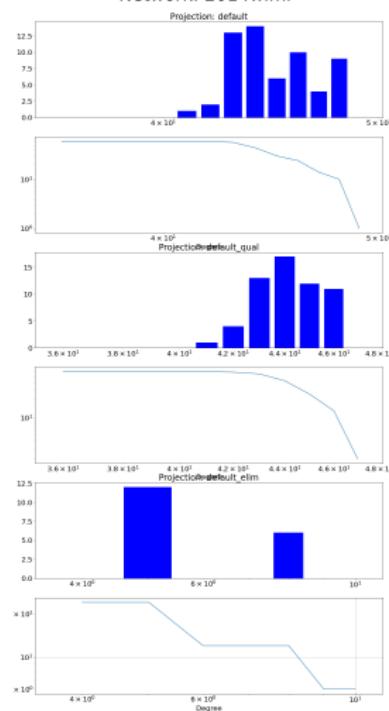
1. frc3018 (0.1427)
2. frc2194 (0.1383)
3. frc4296 (0.1379)
4. frc2039 (0.1377)
5. frc2202 (0.1376)
6. frc706 (0.1375)
7. frc1732 (0.1375)
8. frc2826 (0.1371)
9. frc3418 (0.1371)
10. frc2705 (0.1370)

Getting Projection: default

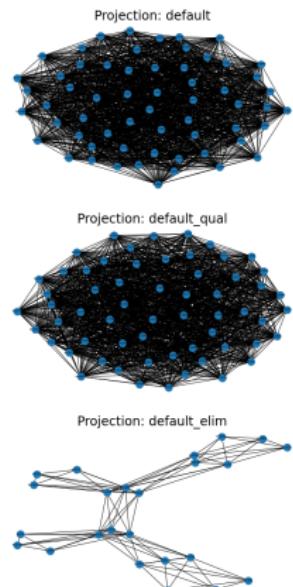
katz centrality

1. frc3018 (0.1842)
2. frc2194 (0.1831)
3. frc4296 (0.1745)
4. frc1259 (0.1691)
5. frc706 (0.1688)
6. frc2202 (0.1663)
7. frc2039 (0.1661)
8. frc1732 (0.1660)
9. frc167 (0.1614)
10. frc2826 (0.1603)

Network: 2014wimi



Network: 2014wimi



# 2015 Wisconsin Regional Analysis

## Milwaukee, WI

```
Getting Projection: default
Diameter = 2
```

```
Getting Projection: default
degree centrality
```

1. frc706 (0.7797)
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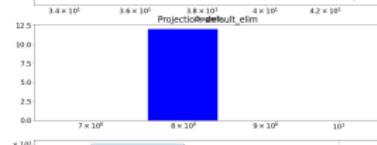
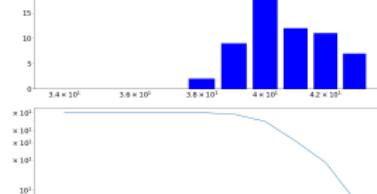
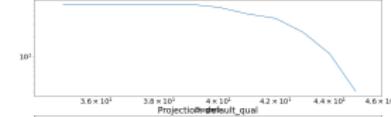
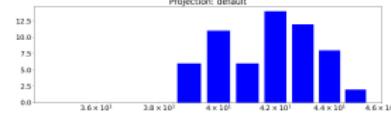
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eigenvector centrality
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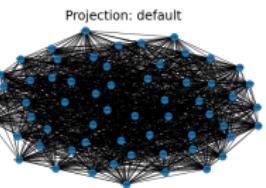
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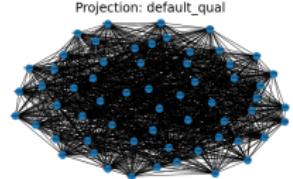
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Network: 2015wimi



Projection: default



Projection: default\_qual



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# 2016 Wisconsin Regional Analysis

## Milwaukee, WI

Getting Projection: default

Diameter = 2

Getting Projection: default

degree centrality

1. frc2574 (0.9038)
2. frc1259 (0.8846)
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Getting Projection: default

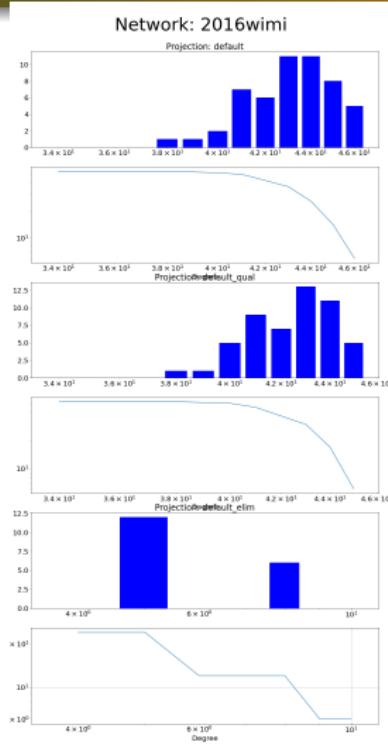
eigenvector centrality

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Getting Projection: default

katz centrality

1. frc2574 (0.1894)
2. frc2194 (0.1777)
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# 2019 Seven-Rivers Regional Analysis

## La Crosse, WI

Getting Projection: default  
 Diameter = 2

Getting Projection: default  
 degree centrality

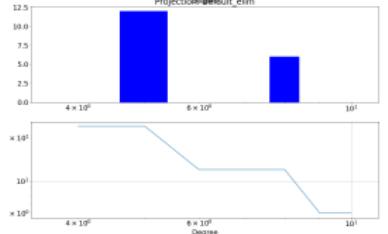
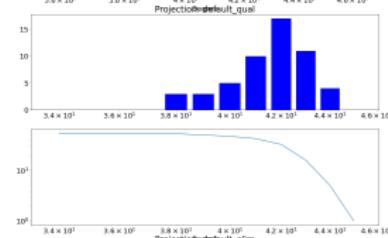
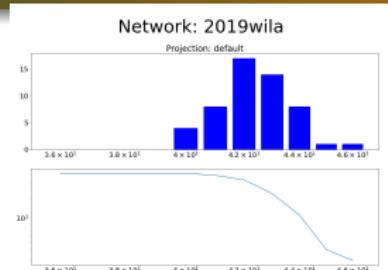
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6. frc6381 (0.8302)
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Getting Projection: default  
 eigenvector centrality

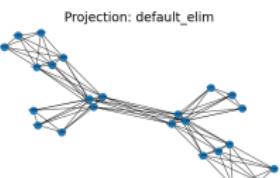
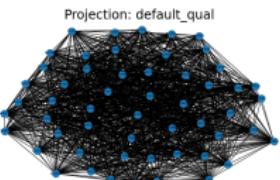
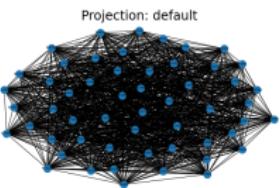
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Getting Projection: default  
 katz centrality

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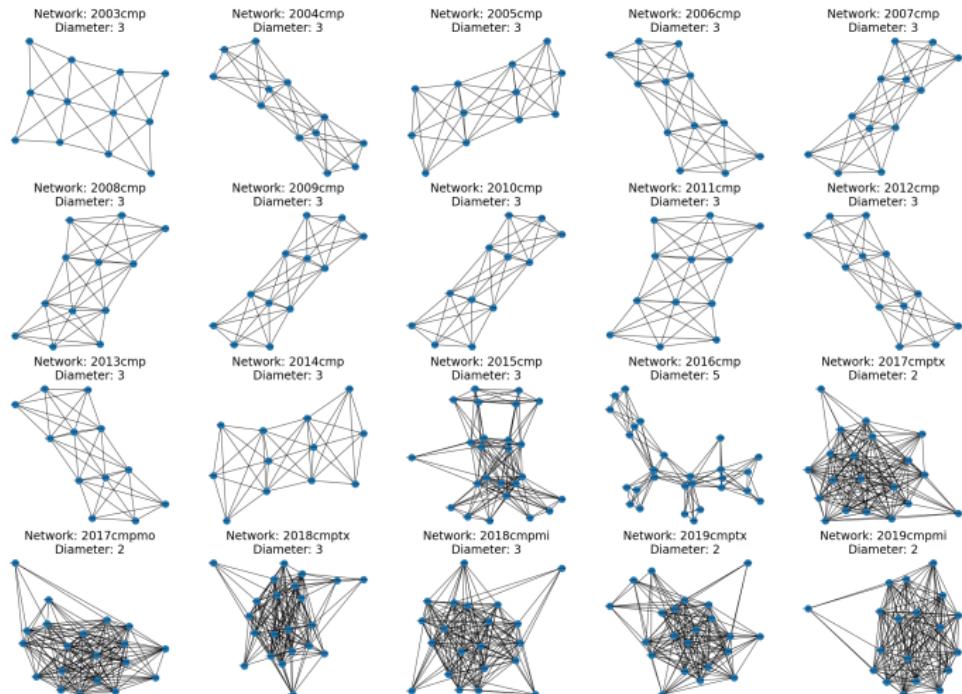
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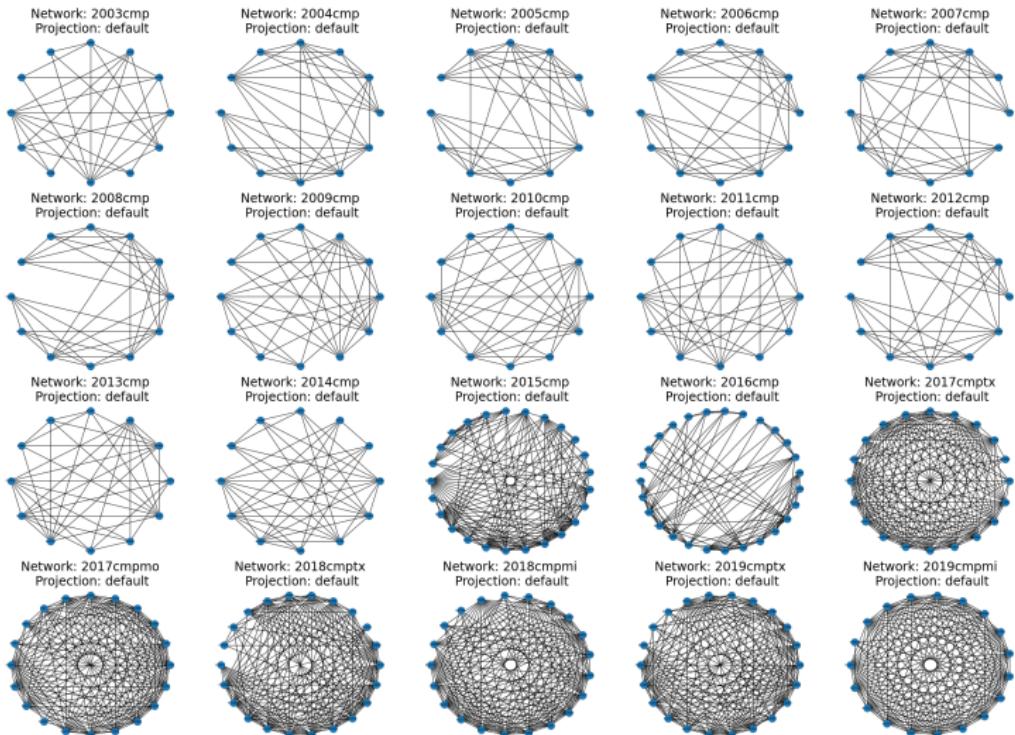
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# Ending

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