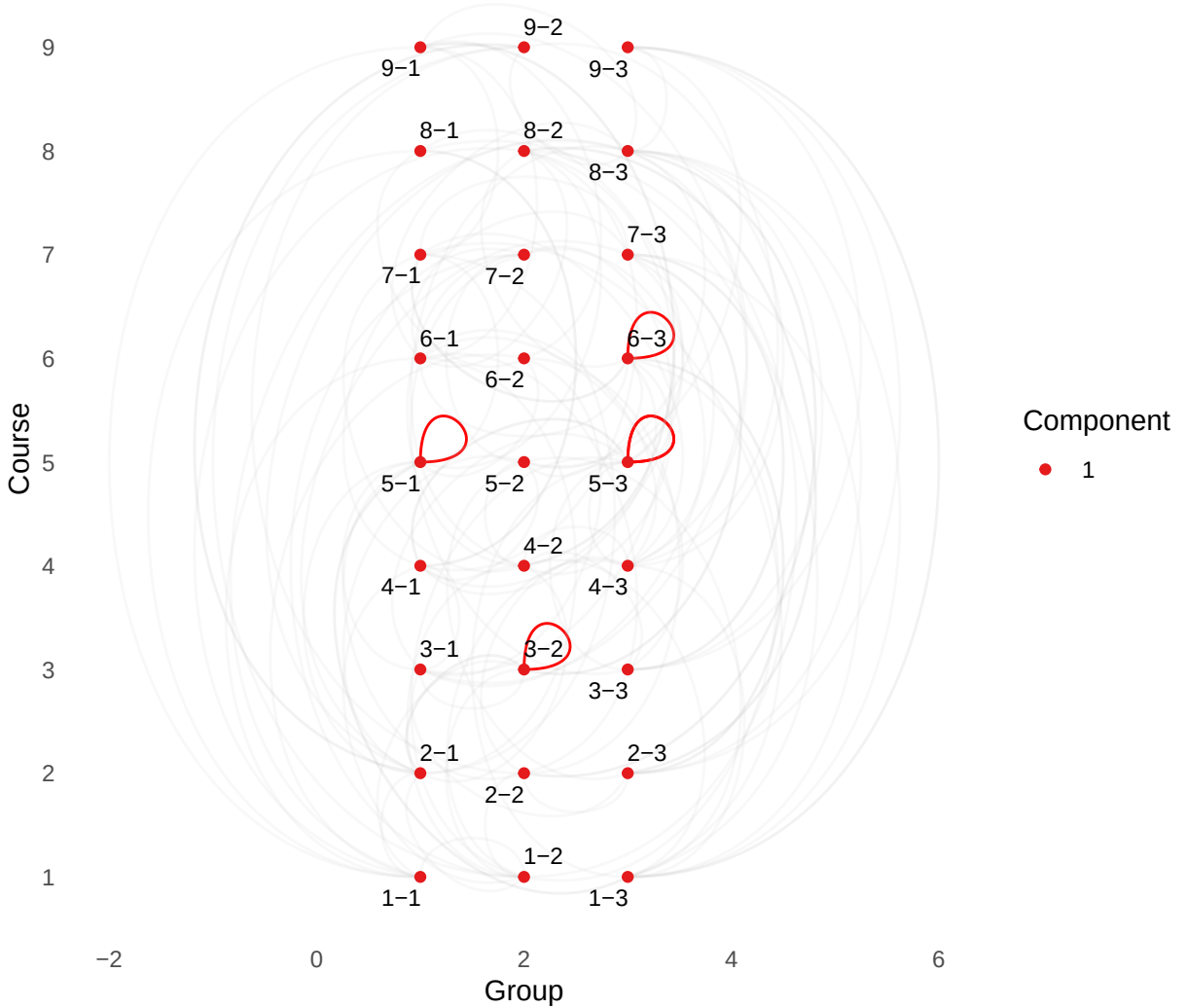Initial assignment