script.R

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# Script Prepared by Johnathan Yap (A0201567J) #
# PL4246: Networks in Psychology (AY22/23 Semester 1) #
#set working directory first if you haven't
#loading necessary packages
library("readxl")
library("igraph")
##
## Attaching package: 'igraph'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       decompose, spectrum
## The following object is masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       union
library("igraphdata")
library("dplyr")
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:igraph':
##
       as_data_frame, groups, union
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
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library("tidyverse")
## -- Attaching packages -----
                                 ------ tidyverse 1.3.1 --
                  v purrr 0.3.4
## v ggplot2 3.3.6
## v tibble 3.1.7
                   v stringr 1.4.0
## v tidyr
          1.1.3 v forcats 0.5.1
## v readr
          1.4.0
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x tibble::as_data_frame() masks dplyr::as_data_frame(), igraph::as_data_frame()
## x purrr::compose()
                      masks igraph::compose()
## x tidyr::crossing()
                         masks igraph::crossing()
## x dplyr::filter()
                          masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::groups()
                         masks igraph::groups()
## x dplyr::lag()
                         masks stats::lag()
## x purrr::simplify() masks igraph::simplify()
library("influenceR")
##
## Attaching package: 'influenceR'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:igraph':
##
##
      betweenness, constraint
# [Step 1: Preparing the Nodes and Edges]
#please set working directory before running the code
setwd("~/Desktop/political-networks-main/data-scripts-output/data")
#storing nodes data into a variable named "nodes"
nodes <- read_excel("Nodes.xlsx")</pre>
#viewing the output for the nodes
view(nodes)
#storing edges data into a variable named "edges"
edges <- read_excel("Edges.xlsx")</pre>
#viewing the output for edges
view(edges)
#summary of data from nodes and edges
summary(nodes)
##
       name
                        gender
                                         position
                                                           party.type
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Class :character Class :character Class :character 1st Qu.:2.000
Mode :character Mode :character Median :2.000

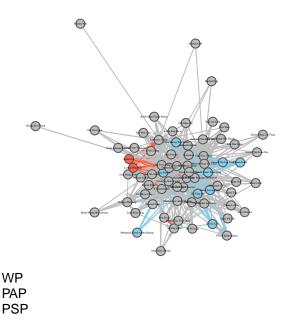
Length:72

Min. :1.000

Length:72 Length:72

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##
                                                            Mean
                                                                    :1.903
##
                                                            3rd Qu.:2.000
                                                                    :3.000
##
                                                            Max.
##
   party.label
                                                            sector
                          race
                                              age
##
   Length:72
                      Length:72
                                         Min. :32.00
                                                         Length:72
  Class : character Class : character
                                         1st Qu.:44.00
                                                         Class : character
##
  Mode :character Mode :character
                                         Median :50.00
                                                         Mode : character
                                         Mean :49.79
##
##
                                          3rd Qu.:56.00
##
                                         Max. :70.00
##
    date.joined
## Min.
          :1984
  1st Qu.:2011
## Median :2015
## Mean
          :2013
## 3rd Qu.:2020
## Max.
         :2020
summary(edges)
##
       From
                           To
                                              Weight
                                                         Туре
## Length:1608
                      Length:1608
                                         Min. :1
                                                     Length:1608
## Class :character
                      Class :character
                                          1st Qu.:1
                                                     Class :character
## Mode :character
                      Mode :character
                                         Median :1
                                                     Mode :character
##
                                          Mean :1
##
                                          3rd Qu.:1
##
                                         Max.
                                                :1
# [Step 2: Converting Raw Data into an igraph object]
net <- graph_from_data_frame(d=edges, vertices=nodes, directed=T)</pre>
class(net) #checking if it's an igraph object
## [1] "igraph"
E(net) # The edges of the "net" object; 1608 edges identified
## + 1608/1608 edges from 5089dcc (vertex names):
## [1] He Ting Ru
                            ->Grace Fu Hai Yien
## [2] He Ting Ru
                            ->Grace Fu Hai Yien
## [3] Tan Wu Meng
                            ->Grace Fu Hai Yien
## [4] Tan Wu Meng
                            ->Desmond Lee
## [5] Yip Hon Weng
                            ->Gan Kim Yong
## [6] Kwek Hian Chuan Henry->Tan See Leng
## [7] Chua Kheng Wee Louis ->Tan See Leng
## [8] Edward Chia Bing Hui ->Gan Kim Yong
## [9] Louis Ng Kok Kwang
                           ->Ong Ye Kung
## [10] Louis Ng Kok Kwang
                            ->Ong Ye Kung
## + ... omitted several edges
V(net) # The vertices of the "net" object; 72 vertices identified
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## + 72/72 vertices, named, from 5089dcc:
## [1] Gerald Giam Yean Song
                                              Sylvia Lim
## [3] Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap
                                              Leon Perera
## [5] Pritam Singh
                                              Darryl David
## [7] Gan Thiam Poh
                                              Lee Hsien Loong
## [9] Nadia Ahmad Samdin
                                              Ng Ling Ling
## [11] Chong Kee Hiong
                                              Ng Eng Hen
## [13] Saktiandi Supaat
                                              Murali Pillai
## [15] Liang Eng Hwa
                                              Gan Kim Yong
## [17] Don Wee
                                              Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim
## [19] Cheryl Chan Wei Ling
                                              Jessica Tan Soon Neo
## + ... omitted several vertices
# [Step 3: Aesthetics]
# Generate colors based on party type
colrs <- c("skyblue", "grey", "tomato", "gold")</pre>
V(net)$color <- colrs[V(net)$party.type]</pre>
# Color the edges of the graph based on their source node color
edge.start <- ends(net, es=E(net), names=F)[,1]</pre>
edge.col <- V(net)$color[edge.start]</pre>
# Plotting the directed graph
set.seed(1)
plot(net,
     edge.arrow.size=.2,
     edge.curved=0.
     edge.color=edge.col,
     edge.curved=.1,
     vertex.size=8,
     vertex.frame.color="#555555",
     vertex.label=V(net)$name,
     vertex.label.color="black",
     vertex.label.cex=.15)
# Setting the legend for what the colors mean
legend(x=-1.5, y=-1.1, c("WP", "PAP", "PSP"), pch=21,
       col="#777777", pt.bg=colrs, pt.cex=2, cex=.8, bty="n", ncol=1)
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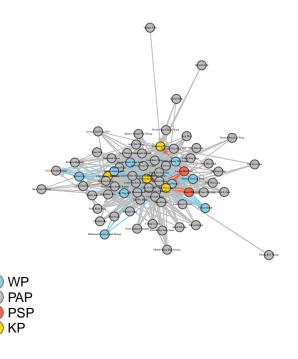


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# WP = Workers Party
# PAP = People's Action Party
# PSP = Progress Singapore Party
# [Step 4: Network Data Analysis]
# Firstly, let's look at degree analysis
max(degree(net, mode = "IN"))
## [1] 266
which.max(degree(net, mode = "IN"))
## Ong Ye Kung
##
# Ong Ye Kung has received the most number of questions @ 266
# Let's try to visualize this data
degree_out1 <- as.data.frame(degree(net, mode = "IN"))</pre>
view(degree_out1)
\# Among the various ministries, Ng Eng Hen (Defence) received the least @ 19
max(degree(net, mode = "OUT"))
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[1] 102

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which.max(degree(net, mode = "OUT"))
## Louis Ng Kok Kwang
##
# Louis Ng has raised the most number of questions @ 42
# Let's try to visualize this data
degree_out2 <- as.data.frame(degree(net, mode = "OUT"))</pre>
view(degree_out2)
# Vikram Nair raised the least number of questions @ 1
# Removing zero values for both in-degree and out-degree tables
view(degree_out1)
degree_new1 <- degree_out1[degree_out1$\frac{degree(net, mode = "IN")\cdot!=0,]</pre>
summary(degree_new1)
##
     Min. 1st Qu. Median
                              Mean 3rd Qu.
##
           59.25 95.00 100.50 127.25 266.00
#questions RECEIVED: mean = 100.50, median = 21.00
# we need to remove the zero values from the ministers
degree_new2 <- degree_out2[degree_out2$`degree(net, mode = "OUT")`!=0,]</pre>
summary(degree_new2)
##
     Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu.
##
      1.00
           14.50 21.00 28.71 36.50 102.00
#questions ASKED = mean = 28.71, median = 21.00
#Do WP MPs raise more questions than the mean?
wp_qns <- 370 #used excel filtering to tabulate the total questions asked
wp_qns_avg <- 370/9 #divided by 9 total MPs, mean = 41.1
wp_qns_avg > mean(degree_new2)
## [1] TRUE
# TRUE, WP MPs ask more questions than the mean
#Do PAP MPs raise more questions than the mean?
pap_qns <- 1205 #used excel filtering to tabulate the total questions asked
pap_qns_avg <- 1205/61 #divided by 61 total MPs, mean = 19.75
pap_qns_avg > mean(degree_new2)
## [1] FALSE
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\# FALSE, PAP MPs do not ask more questions than the mean
#Do PSP MPs raise more questions than the mean?
psp_qns <- 60
psp_qns_avg <- 60/2
psp_qns_avg > mean(degree_new2)
## [1] TRUE
# TRUE, PSP MPs ask more questions than the mean
# Let's look at key player analysis
# We have identified 4 key players:
# Christopher de Souza, Tan See Leng, Lawrence Wong and Desmond Lee
# Visualizing the key players
set.seed(1)
keyplayer_4 <- keyplayer(net, k = 4)
keyplayer_4
## + 4/72 vertices, named, from 5089dcc:
## [1] Christopher de Souza Tan See Leng
                                                 Lawrence Wong
## [4] Desmond Lee
V(net)[keyplayer_4]$color <- 'gold' #setting the keyplayers to gold
plot(net,
     edge.arrow.size=.2,
     edge.curved=0,
     edge.color=edge.col,
    edge.curved=.1,
    vertex.size=8,
    vertex.frame.color="#555555",
     vertex.label=V(net)$name,
     vertex.label.color="black",
    vertex.label.cex=.15)
#re-setting the legend with key players added
legend(x=-1.5, y=-1.1, c("WP", "PAP", "PSP", "KP"), pch=21,
       col="#777777", pt.bg=colrs, pt.cex=2, cex=.8, bty="n", ncol=1)
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# For betweenness centrality to work for my network, it will have to be
# an undirected graph. In reality, this is also in-line with how PQs are posed
# in parliament as PQs are not solely a one-way conversation

#remember to untick influenceR package, otherwise an error will appear

detach("package:influenceR", unload=TRUE)

max(betweenness(net, directed=F))

## [1] 453.0377

which.max(betweenness(net, directed=F))

## Ong Ye Kung
## 52

# Ong Ye Kung has the highest betweenness centrality @ 453.04

max.btw1 <- as.data.frame(betweenness(net, directed=F))

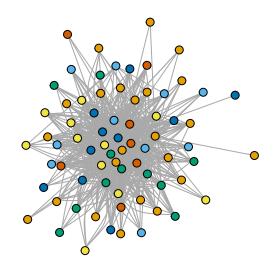
view(max.btw1) #view the output in a table format
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Next, let's look at betweenness centrality analysis

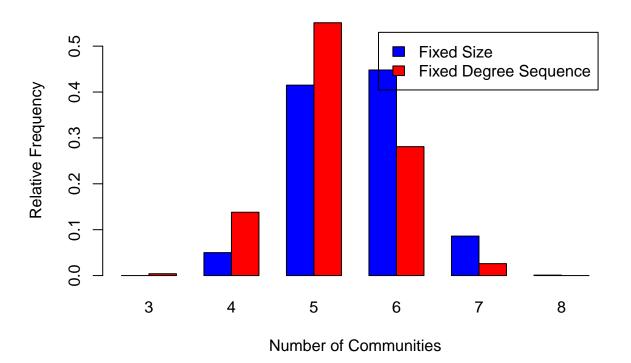
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# Pulling data from a specific person (i.e., Lee Hsien Loong)
betweenness(net, directed=F)[nodes$name[8]]
## Lee Hsien Loong
          61.08984
##
# PM Lee Hsien Loong has a betweeness centrality of 61.09
# Now let's compare the influence of the 3 political parties
#Influence of WP MPs
wp_influence_avg <- 16.07 #pulled from excel data
#Influence of PAP MPs
pap_influence_avg <- 40.42 #pulled from excel data</pre>
#Influence of PSP MPs
psp_influence_avg <- 8.60 #pulled from excel data</pre>
# [Step 5: Community Analysis]
#Collapsing multiple edges for simplification
#creating a new edges2 variable
edges2 <- read_excel("/Users/johnathan/Desktop/y4s1/Networks Data/Edges.xlsx")
nrow(edges2); nrow(unique(edges2[,c("From", "To")]))
## [1] 1608
## [1] 468
#there are more links than unique from-to combinations
edges2 <- aggregate(edges2[,3], edges2[,-3], sum)</pre>
edges2 <- edges2[order(edges2$From, edges2$To),]</pre>
# collapse duplicate edges using the aggregate function to sum up weights
net2 <- graph_from_data_frame(d=edges2, vertices=nodes, directed=F)</pre>
#plotting a new network using the new edge list
is_connected(net2) #graph is connected
## [1] TRUE
mean_distance(net2) #average path length is around 2.04
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[1] 2.037559

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diameter(net2) #longest path is 4
## [1] 4
transitivity(net2) #no triangles exist
## [1] 0
vertex_connectivity(net2)
## [1] 1
edge_connectivity(net2)
## [1] 1
#both vertex and edge connectivity is equal to 1
# Now, we try to find communities on our network
# Using the Louvain Method and setting weights
set.seed(10) #setting seed to allow for replication
net2_louvain = cluster_louvain(net2, weights=E(net2)$Weight)
net2_louvain_membership <- data.frame(node=1:gorder(net2),</pre>
                                       community=net2_louvain$membership)
table(net2_louvain_membership$community)
##
## 1 2 3 4 5 6
## 23 10 11 11 10 7
modularity(net2_louvain)
## [1] 0.2068378
#community visualization
set.seed(10)
V(net2)$community <- net2_louvain$membership</pre>
plot(net2, vertex.color=V(net2)$community,
    vertex.label=NA,
     vertex.size=7,
    layout=layout_with_lgl)
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# [Step 6: Monte Carlo Simulations]
nv <- vcount(net2) #number of vertices</pre>
ne <- ecount(net2) #number of edges</pre>
degs <- degree(net2) #degrees</pre>
ntrials <- 1000 #setting trials to 1000
# running the Monte Carlo simulations
\# random graph of same order and size of our network
num.comm.rg <- numeric(ntrials)</pre>
for(i in (1:ntrials)){
  g.rg <- sample_gnm(nv, ne)</pre>
  c.rg <- cluster_louvain(g.rg)</pre>
  num.comm.rg[i] <- length(c.rg)</pre>
}
# random graph of same degree as our network
num.comm.grg <- numeric(ntrials)</pre>
for(i in (1:ntrials)){
  g.grg <- sample_degseq(degs, method="vl")</pre>
  c.grg <- cluster_louvain(g.grg)</pre>
  num.comm.grg[i] <- length(c.grg)</pre>
#plotting the histogram
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# 2 random graphs:
# (1) same degree as our network and the
# (2) other having the same size (vertices and edges as our network)
# acts as a control condition
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