

Graph Theory

• A **graph** consists of

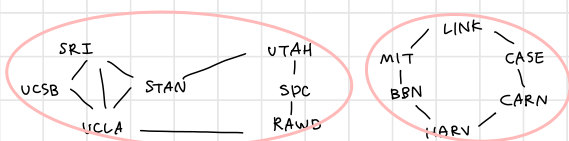
- ① a set of nodes (vertices)
- ② a set of links each connecting 2 nodes (edges)

• **Path**: sequence of nodes, where each consecutive pair is linked

• **Shortest path**: Path of minimal length b/w 2 nodes (length = # of edges)

• **diameter**: length of longest shortest path b/w any two nodes

• Two nodes are **connected** if there is a path b/w them



• A **component** is a set of nodes all pairs of which are connected with no edges in or out
most networks have a single "giant component" with most nodes

• Why not two large components?



• How close are we?

"Small world phenomenon"

"**six degrees of separation**" (for any two nodes, there is a path between them of at most 6 connections)

• more like 4-5 degrees of separation (Internet)

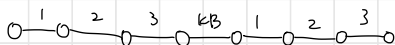
• Stanley Milgram (1960s)

- get letter to person in Boston
- forward to someone you know on a first-name basis
- 296 people → 64 letters made it



• **Bacon number**: Shortest path to Kevin Bacon

• Avg. Bacon #: 2.9

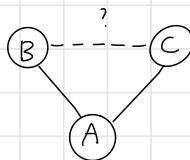


• b/w any two nodes, 6 hops

Triadic closure & tie strength

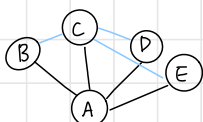
• triadic closure principle

- If two people have a friend in common, more likely to be friends themselves
- A gives opportunity for B and C to meet
- bond over similar things

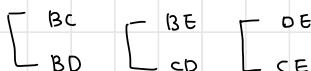


• clustering coefficient (of node A)

- fraction of pairs of friends of A that are also friends themselves



4 friends
6 pairs



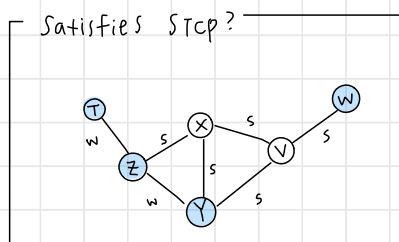
- 3 pairs are friends themselves

$$CC(A) = \frac{3}{6} = 1/2$$

$$= \frac{\# \text{ triangle containing A}}{\# \text{ pairs of friends of A}}$$

- A has K friends

$$\# \text{ pairs} = "K \text{ choose } 2" = \binom{K}{2} = \frac{K(K-1)}{2}$$



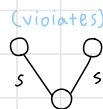
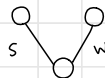
- A-E is local bridge if they have no common friends



↔ local bridge
no triangle

- Node A violates the Strong Triadic closure property if

- ① A has strong ties to B, C
- ② no B-C bridges

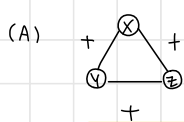


- If A (i) has at least 2 strong ties, then any local bridge A-B is weak tie
(ii) satisfies STC

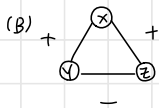
Signed Networks and Balance

• Structural Balance theory

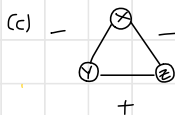
- Assume a complete graph: edge btw every pairs of nodes
- Each edge is + or -



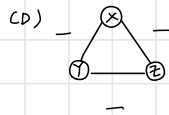
balanced



unbalanced



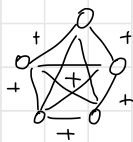
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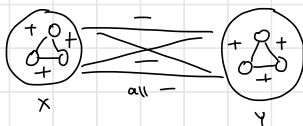
- (A) All friends are good
 (B) two friends of X are enemies push Y-Z to be +
 (C) mutual enemy: enemy of my enemy is my friend
 (D) incentive to team up

• what do balanced networks look like?



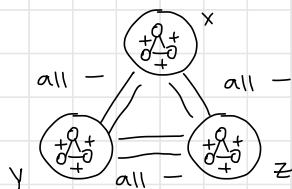
all friends

balanced



two graphs that dislike each other

balanced



unbalanced

• Balance Theorem: If a signed complete graph satisfies SBP, then either

- (a) all edges + or
 (b) nodes can be split into 2 sets



X, Y nonempty

Game Theory

Prisoner's Dilemma

①	C	② C	NC
		-5, -5	0, -9
NC	C	-9, 0	-1, -1

Player ①

- If ② chooses C, then ① chooses C
- If ② chooses NC, then ① chooses C

Two player Games

- 1) players 1, 2
- 2) strategies s_1, s_2
- 3) payoffs $p_1(s_1, s_2), p_2(s_1, s_2)$

- strategy s^* is a best response for 1 to s_2 , if $p_1(s_1^*, s_2) \geq p_1(s_1, s_2) \forall s_1$
- strategy s^* is a dominant strategy if it's a BR to every strategy
- Nash Equilibrium: a pair of strategies that are BR to each other
 - multiple NE is possible

Mixed Strategies

Mixed Strategy NE

		q	
		L_G	R_G
p	L_K	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$
	R_K	$1, 0$	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$

No NE in pure strategies

$$\begin{cases} \Pr(L_K) = p \\ \text{prob of } L_K \\ \Pr(L_G) = q \\ \text{prob of } L_G \end{cases}$$

$$\cdot L_K \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}q + \frac{3}{4}(1-q)$$

$$\cdot R_K \rightarrow 1q + \frac{1}{2}(1-q)$$

• In a mixed NE, Kicker and goalie, must randomize.

$$\begin{cases} \text{For K ... payoff to } L_K = \text{payoff to } R_K \\ \frac{1}{2}q + \frac{3}{4}(1-q) = 1q + \frac{1}{2}(1-q) \Rightarrow q^* = \frac{1}{3} \\ \text{For G ... payoff to } L_G = \text{payoff to } R_G \\ \frac{1}{2}p + 0(1-p) = \frac{1}{4}p + \frac{1}{2}(1-p) \Rightarrow p^* = \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \text{NE is } p^* = \frac{2}{3}, q^* = \frac{1}{3}$$

Games can have...

- 1) only one pure strategy NE
ex) prisoner's dilemma
- 2) only one mixed NE
ex) penalty niches
- 3) Multiple pure strategy NE
ex) Hawk-Dove
- 4) Both pure and mixed strategy NE

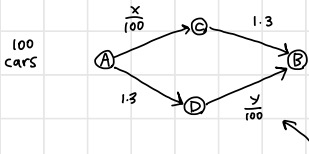
Network Traffic

	L*	R
U	5, 5	40, 0
D	0, 30	10, 10

Only NE is (U, L)

NE not necessarily optimal

cars want to go from A to B



x = number of cars on AC

y = number of cars on DB

100 drivers start on A, go to B, independently minimize travel time

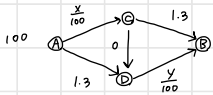
① No NE with all on ACB or all on ADB

② If both paths used then both paths have the same travel time

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ACB} &: \frac{x}{100} + 1.3 \\
 \text{ADB} &: 1.3 + \frac{y}{100} \\
 x &= y \\
 x^* &= y^* = 50
 \end{aligned}$$

also $x + y = 100$
travel time = 1.8

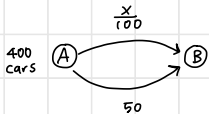
• Add a road from C to D with 0 travel time



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ACB} &: \frac{x}{100} + 1.3 \\
 \text{ACDB} &: \frac{x}{100} + 0 + \frac{y}{100} \\
 \text{ADB} &: 1.3 + \frac{y}{100}
 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore ACDB is strictly dominant travel time is 2

• Braess's paradox



x = number of cars on AB high

y = number of cars on AB low

NE: $x=400, y=0$

All routes that are used have the same cost
unused routes would be more expensive

Auctions

• Assume ...

- Single object
- Buyers know own value, but not other's values
- Values are Independent + Private

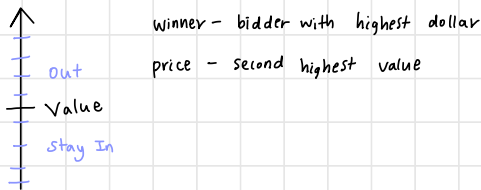
• Types of Auctions

- 1) Ascending Bid (English) - $p \uparrow$ until only 1 bidder left
- 2) Descending Bid (Dutch) - $p \downarrow$ until someone accepts
- 3) First Price - highest bid win + pay their bid
- 4) Second Price - highest bid win + pay the 2nd highest bid

[Descending Bid = First place
Ascending Bid = Second place

• Ascending Bid

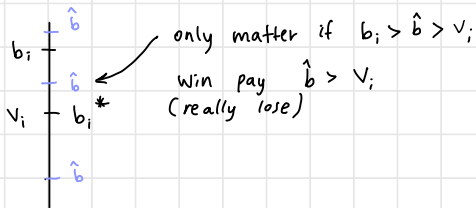
- Dominant strategy: to stay in until your value is recorded



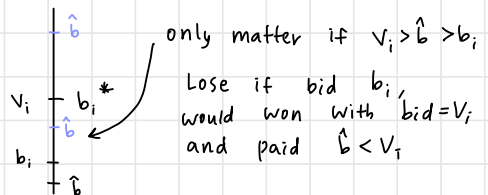
• Second Price

- Dominant strategy: bidding your value

- Consider $b_i > V_i$



- consider $b_i < V_i$



• First place Auction

- Dominant strategy: clearly $\text{bid} < V_i$

- N bidders w values drawn

independently from uniform distribution on $[0, 1]$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{NE bid for} \\ \text{bidder } i \text{ with} \\ \text{value } V_i \end{array} \right) = \left(\frac{N-1}{N} \right) V_i$$

Matching markets (intro)

• Networks Math

- **bipartite graph** has nodes of two types (L and R) where every edge has one node in L and one in R
- **perfect matching** is a set of n edges such that each node is in one edge

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} 0 - 0 \\ 0 - 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 - 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} n \text{ edges} \\ 2n \text{ nodes} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow n \text{ L nodes} \\ \leftarrow n \text{ R nodes} \end{array} \quad * \text{ each node appears exactly once}$$

- S is a **constructed set** if $N(S)$ has fewer nodes than S

- $S =$ subset of R nodes
- $N(S) =$ all L nodes connected to S

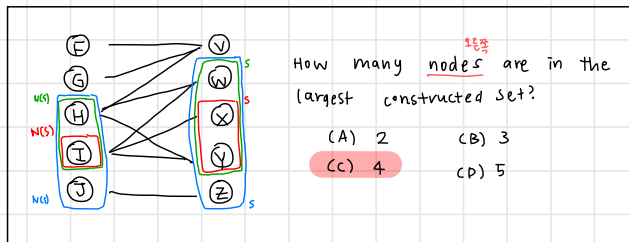
* If there is a constructed set, then there is no PM

• Matching theorem:

- If a bipartite graph with no PM, then it must be CS

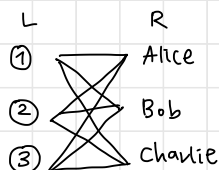
① A PM exists - provide it

② No PM - a CS is to blame



Matching markets (valuation)

	Alice	Bob	charlie
Room 1	6	5	3
Room 2	3	4	3
Room 3	1	1	1



- 6 possible PM
- maximum **Social welfare** — the sum of valuation in the PM

1 — Alice SW of A-1, B-2, C-3: $6+4+4=14$

2 — Bob

3 — charlie

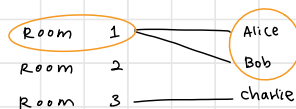
- Maximizing SW is more general than finding PM
- PMs is a special case of max SW

Price		Alice	Bob	charlie
3	Room 1	6	5	3
0	Room 2	3	4	3
1	Room 3	1	1	4

payoff = valuation - price

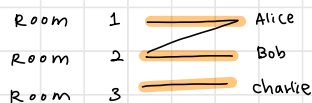
	Alice	Bob	charlie
Room 1	3	2	0
Room 2	3	4	3
Room 3	0	0	3

- **preferred seller graph**: buyer connects to all goods that have equal payoffs



constructed set!

→ too much demand for room 1



The prices are **market clearing** if the PSG has a PM

- If prices are MC, any resulting PM in the PSG maximizes SW (in the original valuations)
- Let M be a PM in the PSG

$$\underbrace{\text{Total payoff}}_{\text{max}} = \underbrace{\text{sum of valuations}}_{\text{sum}} - \underbrace{\text{sum of prices}}_{\substack{\text{so... it} \\ \text{must be max}}}$$

Finding MCP

• How do we find market clearing price?

- ① Initialize prices to 0
- ② compute payoffs and make PSG
- ③ PM \Rightarrow Done
- ④ otherwise find constructed set S always decrease System Energy
- ⑤ Increase price of everything in $N(S)$ by 2
- ⑥ $m = \min$ price, if $m > 0$, subtract m from all prices net no change in system energy
- ⑦ Go back to ②

Prices	Sellers / goods	Buyers	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
2	F	X	10 8	7 5	4 2
1	G	Y	8 7	7 6	6 5
0	H	Z	6	9	4

• Does this process always stop?

- If so prove that MCPs always exist
- energy of seller = current price of item
- energy of buyer = current max payoff
- energy of system = energy of buyers + energy of seller

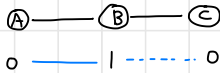
- start at some system energy $E_0 = 0 + 10 + 8 + 9 = 27$
- Everyone starts with ≥ 0 energy
- If PM in PSG, then done
- Otherwise, we have constructed set S
 - ① increase energy of Sellers in $N(S)$
 - ② decrease energy of buyers in S \Rightarrow Net decrease in energy

Network exchange experiments

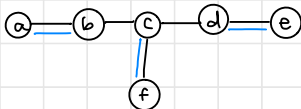
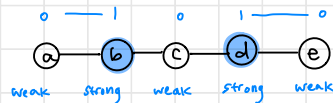
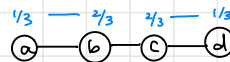
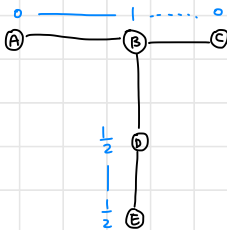
How does this turn out?



typically even split



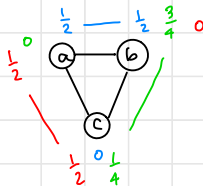
B has (almost) all power



c's power up

b, d weaker

a, e stronger



No "stable" outcome

matching where each node is
 part of at most one edge

Extract Basic Ideas

- ① Real people won't accept 0 (ultimatum Game)
- ② Network structure matters

Network exchange theory

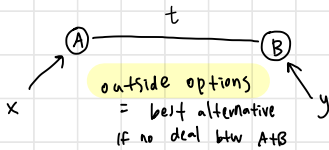
• Outcome:

- matchings where each node is part of at most one edge
- Sum of node's value on any edge in the matching is 1
- Any node not in the matching has value 0

A	B	C	D	
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	stable
$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	stable
$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	unstable

- unstable if any pair of nodes connected by an edge have values that sum less than 1
- stable if no instability

• Nash Bargaining



If $x+y > t$ then no deal

If $x+y < t$ then Surplus, $S = t - (x+y)$

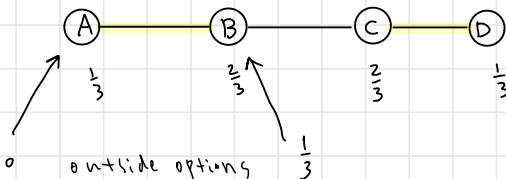
Nash \Rightarrow share S equally

A $\rightarrow x + \frac{S}{2}$

B $\rightarrow y + \frac{S}{2}$

Nash Bargaining outcome

- Outcome is Balanced if for each edge in the matching, the values for the nodes on the edge are a NBO, given the values of all other nodes



$$S = t - (0 + \frac{1}{3}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$A \rightarrow 0 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$B \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

NBO