

NetworkX: Network Analysis with Python

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4. Writing your own code
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1. Introduction to NetworkX

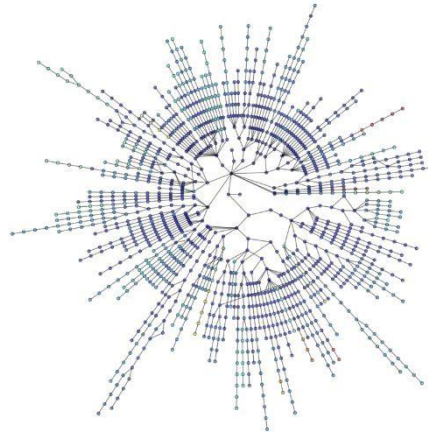
Introduction: networks are everywhere...

Social networks



Mobile phone networks

Web pages/citations
Internet routing



Vehicular flows



How can we analyse these networks?

Python + NetworkX

Introduction: why Python?

Python is an interpreted, general-purpose high-level programming language whose design philosophy emphasises code readability



Clear syntax

Multiple programming paradigms

Dynamic typing

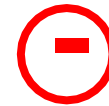
Strong on-line community

Rich documentation

Numerous libraries

Expressive features

Fast prototyping



Can be slow

**Beware when you are
analysing very large networks**



Introduction: Python's Holy Trinity



Python's primary library for **mathematical** and **statistical computing**.

Contains toolboxes for:

- Numeric optimization
- Signal processing
- Statistics, and more...

Primary data type is an **array**.



NumPy is an extension to include **multidimensional arrays** and **matrices**.

Both SciPy and NumPy rely on the C library LAPACK for very fast implementation.



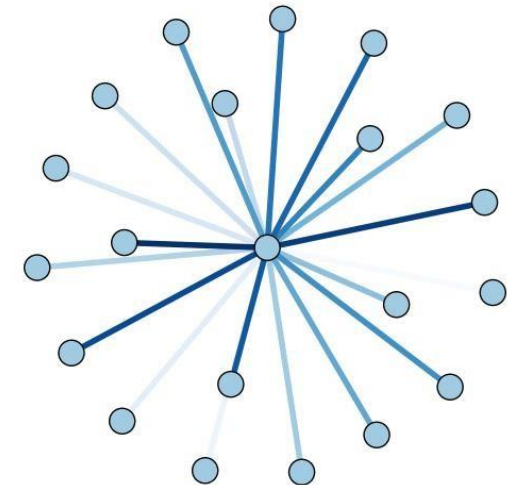
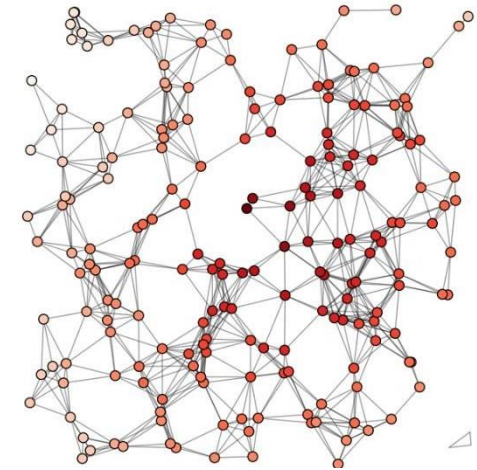
Matplotlib is the **primary plotting library** in Python.

Supports 2-D and 3-D plotting. All plots are highly customisable and ready for professional publication.

Introduction: NetworkX

A “high-productivity software for complex networks” analysis

- Data structures for representing various networks (directed, undirected, multigraphs)
- Extreme flexibility: nodes can be any hashable object in Python, edges can contain arbitrary data
- Numerous implementations of graph algorithms
- Multi-platform and easy-to-use



Introduction: when to use NetworkX

When to use

Unlike many other tools, it is designed to handle data on a scale relevant to modern problems

Most of the core algorithms rely on extremely fast legacy code

Highly flexible graph implementations (a node/edge can be anything!)

When to avoid

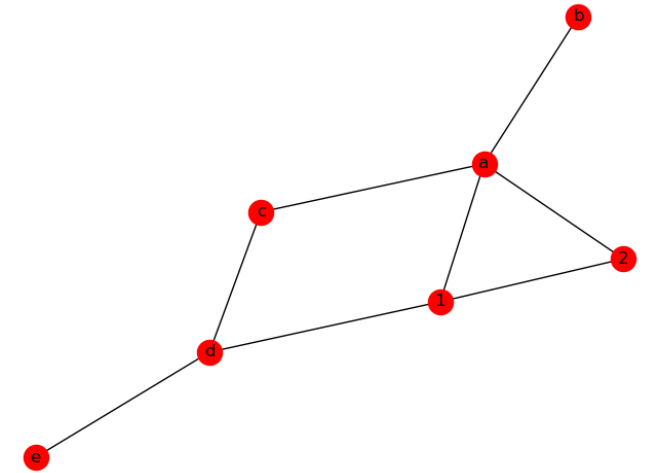
Large-scale problems that require faster approaches (i.e. massive networks with 100M/1B edges)

Better use of memory/threads than Python (large objects, parallel computation)

Visualization of networks is better handled by other professional tools

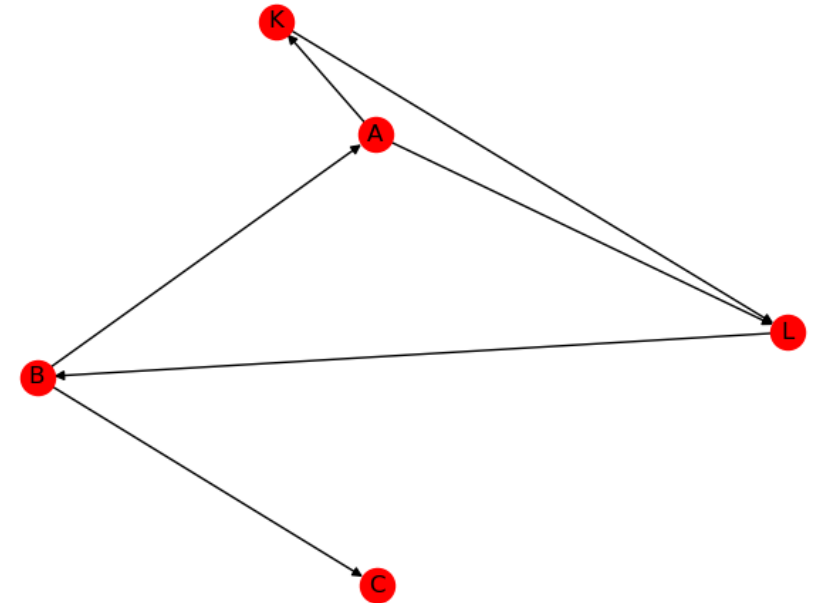
Introduction: a quick example

```
# UNDIRECTED NETWORK
def create_undirected_graph():
    G = nx.Graph()
    G.add_node("a")
    G.add_nodes_from(["b", "c"])
    G.add_edge(1, 2)
    edge = ("d", "e")
    G.add_edge(*edge)
    edge = ("a", "b")
    G.add_edge(*edge)
    print("Nodes of graph: ")
    print(G.nodes())
    print("Edges of graph: ")
    print(G.edges())
    # adding a list of edges:
    G.add_edges_from([("a", "c"), ("c", "d"), ("a", 1), (1, "d"), ("a", 2)])
    print(G.edges())
    nx.draw(G, with_labels=True, pos=nx.spring_layout(G))
    plt.savefig("simple_undirected.png") # save as png
    plt.show() # display
    return G
```



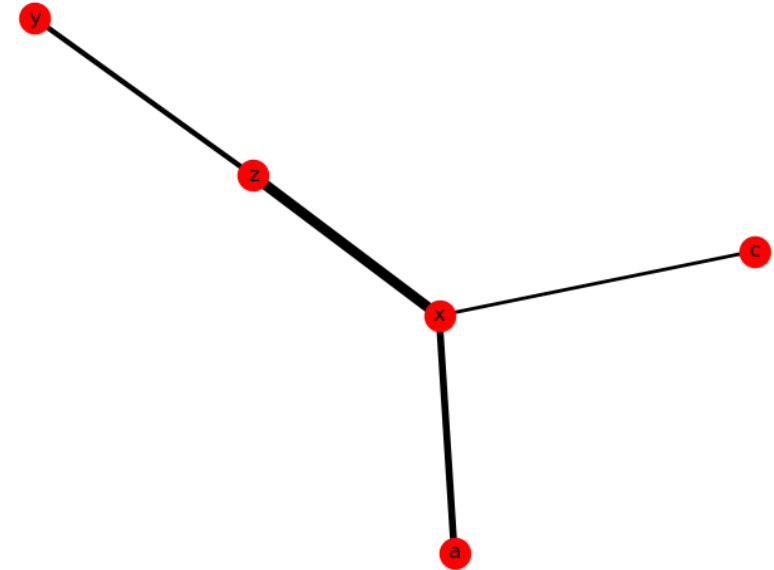
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```
#DIRECTED-GRAPH
def create_directed_graph():
    D=nx.DiGraph()
    D.add_edge('B','A')
    D.add_edge('B','C')
    D.add_edges_from([('L','B'),('A','L'),('A','K'),('K','L')])
    print("Nodes of graph: ")
    print(D.nodes())
    print("Edges of graph: ")
    print(D.edges())
    nx.draw(D, with_labels=True, pos=nx.spring_layout(D))
    plt.savefig("simple_directed.png") # save as png
    plt.show() # display
    return D
```



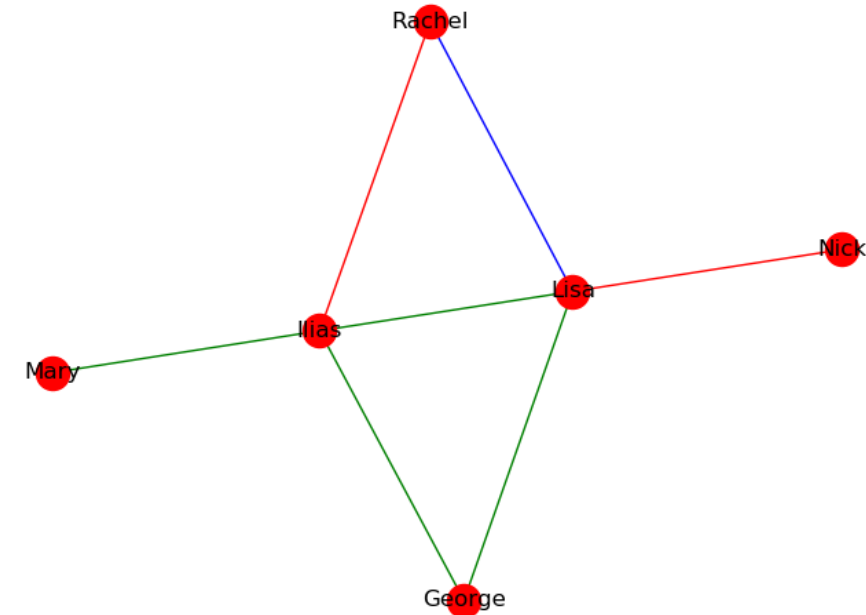
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```
def created_weighted_graph():  
    ... W=nx.Graph()  
    ... W.add_edge('x','z',weight=6)  
    ... W.add_edge('y','z',weight=3)  
    ... W.add_edge('x','a',weight=4)  
    ... W.add_edge('c','x',weight=2)  
    ... print(W.edges())  
    ... edgewidth=[d['weight'] for (u,v,d) in W.edges(data=True)]  
    ... print(edgewidth)  
    ... nx.draw(W,with_labels=True,pos=nx.spring_layout(W),width=edgewidth)  
    ... plt.savefig("simple_weighted.png") # save as png  
    ... plt.show() # display  
    ... return W
```



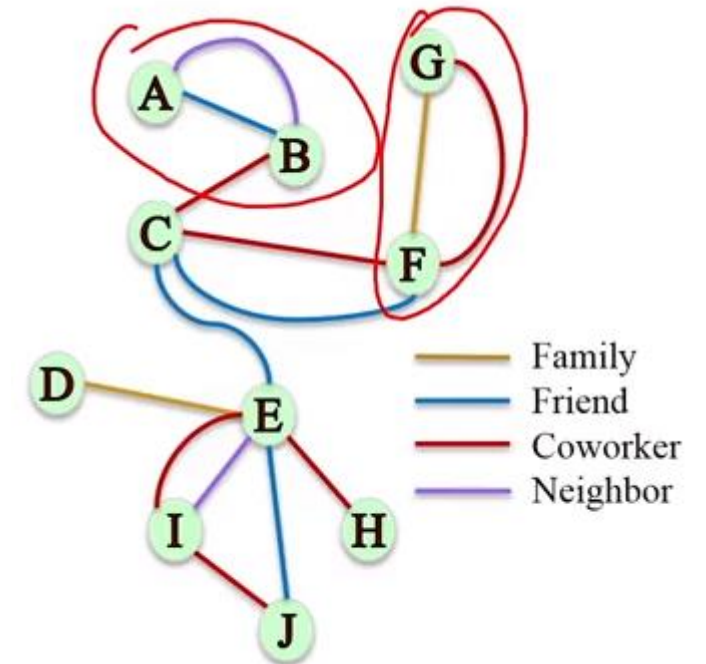
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```
#GRAPH-WITH-EDGE-ATTRIBUTES
def create_graph_with_edge_attributes():
    ... R=nx.Graph()
    ... R.add_node('Ilias',role='male')
    ... R.add_node('George',role='male')
    ... R.add_node('Nick',role='male')
    ... R.add_node('Lisa',role='female')
    ... R.add_node('Rachel',role='female')
    ... R.add_node('Mary',role='female')
    ... R.add_edge('George','Lisa',relation='friend')
    ... R.add_edge('Ilias','Lisa',relation='friend')
    ... R.add_edge('Nick','Lisa',relation='couple')
    ... R.add_edge('Ilias','Rachel',relation='couple')
    ... R.add_edge('Lisa','Rachel',relation='family')
    ... R.add_edge('George','Ilias',relation='friend')
    ... R.add_edge('Ilias','Mary',relation='friend')
    ... colors={ 'friend':'g','couple':'r','family':'b' }
    ... edgewidth=[ colors[d['relation']] for (u,v,d) in R.edges(data=True) ]
    ... print(edgewidth)
    ... print(type(edgewidth))
    ... print(R.edges())
    ... nx.draw(R,with_labels=True,pos=nx.spring_layout(R),edge_color=edgewidth)
    ... plt.savefig("simple_attributed.png") # save as png
    ... plt.show() # display
    ... return R
```



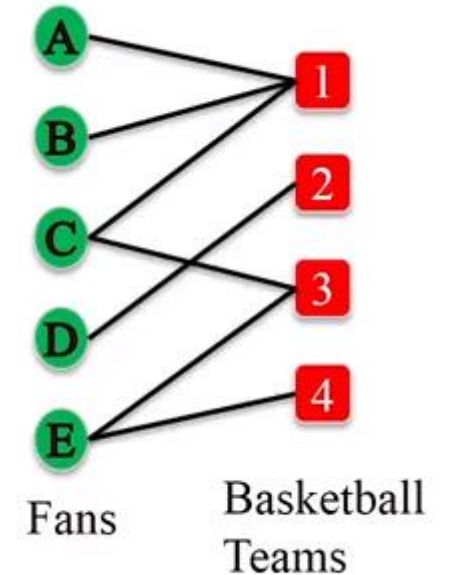
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```
#MULTIGRAPH
def create_multigraph():
    M=nx.MultiGraph()
    M.add_edge('George','Lisa',relation='friend')
    M.add_edge('George','Lisa',relation='family')
    M.add_edge('Nick','Lisa',relation='couple')
    M.add_edge('Ilias','Rachel',relation='couple')
    M.add_edge('Nick','Rachel',relation='friend')
    M.add_edge('Lisa','Rachel',relation='family')
    M.add_edge('George','Ilias',relation='friend')
    M.add_edge('Ilias','Mary',relation='friend')
    M.add_edge('George','Mary',relation='family')
    M.add_edge('George','Mary',relation='friend')
    colors={'friend':'g','couple':'r','family':'b'}
    edgewidth=[colors[d['relation']] for (u,v,d) in M.edges(data=True)]
    print(edgewidth)
    print(type(edgewidth))
    print(M.edges())
    nx.draw(M,with_labels=True,pos=nx.spring_layout(M),edge_color=edgewidth)
    plt.savefig("multi_attributed.png")#save as png
    plt.show()#display
    return M
```

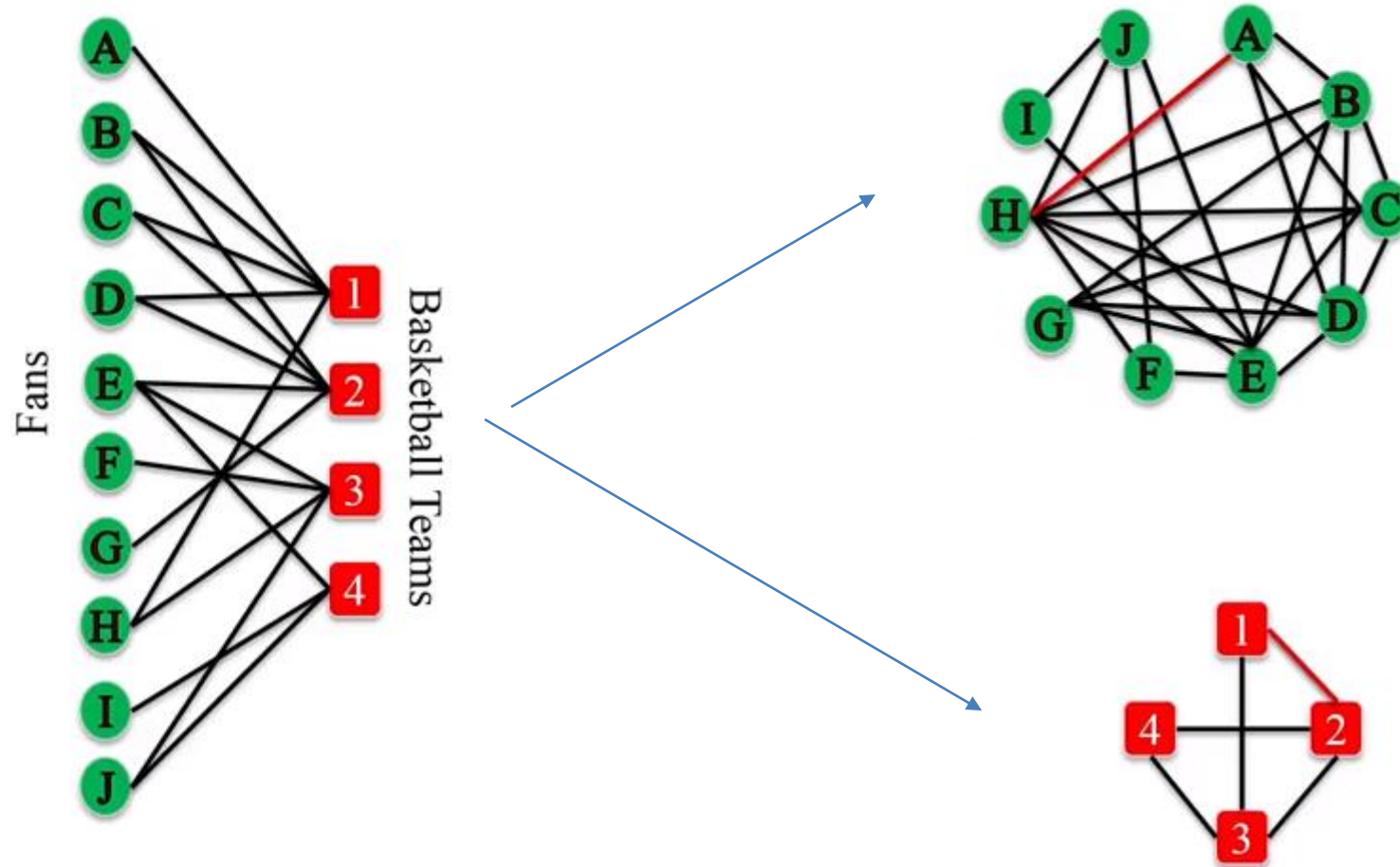


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```
def create_bipartite_graph():
    B=nx.Graph()
    B.add_nodes_from(['A','B','C','D','E'], bipartite=0) #label one set
    B.add_nodes_from([1,2,3,4], bipartite=1) #label other set of nodes
    B.add_edges_from([('A',1),('B',1),('C',1),('D',2),('E',3),('E',4)])
    #check if a graph is bipartite!!!
    print(bipartite.is_bipartite(B))
    #let's change something
    B.add_edge('A','B')
    print(bipartite.is_bipartite(B))
    B.remove_edge('A','B')
    #check if a set of nodes is part of bipartition
    X=set([1,2,3,4])
    print(bipartite.is_bipartite_node_set(B,X))
    return B
```



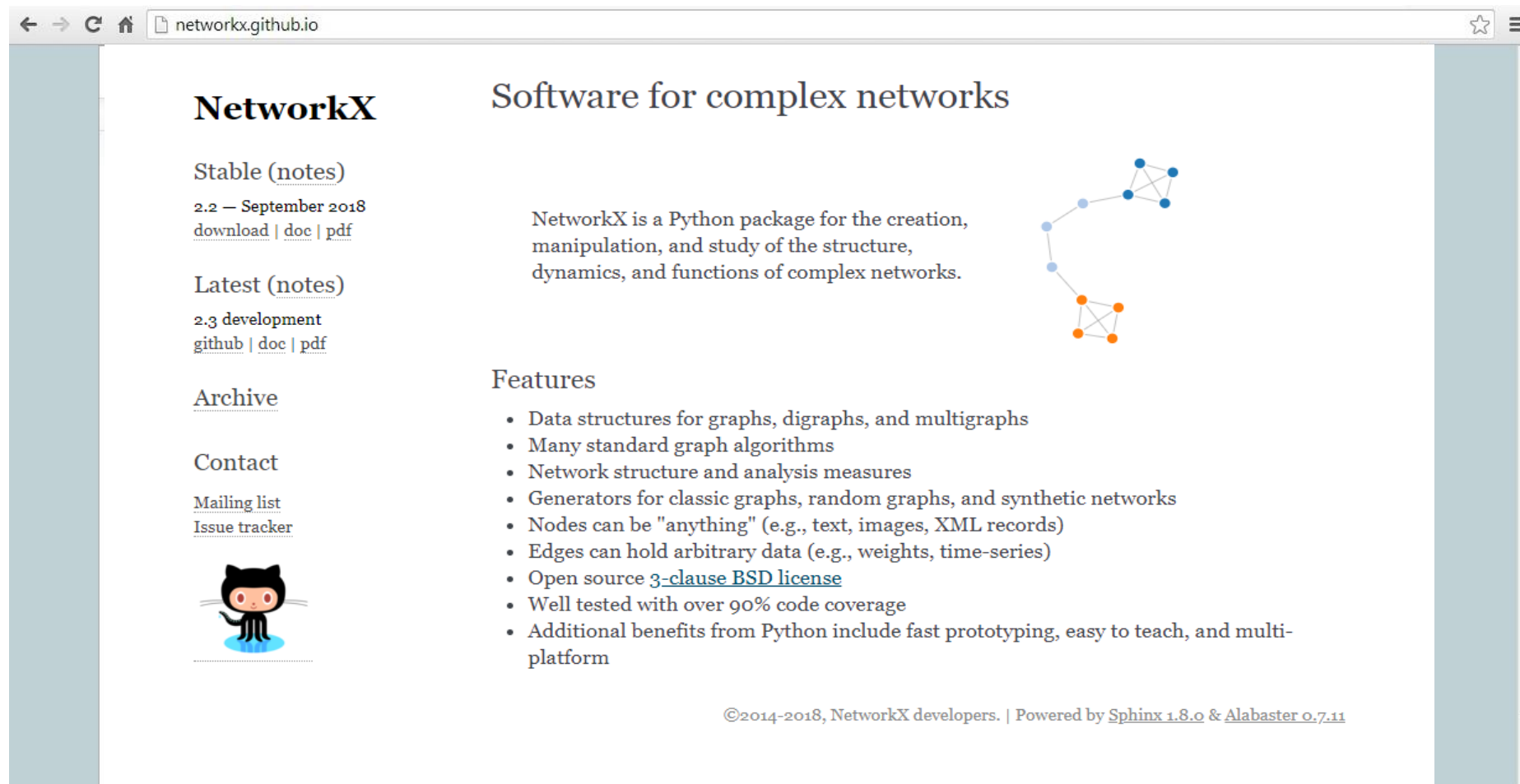
Introduction: a quick example



```
def create_projection(B):  
    B.add_edges_from([('D',1),('H',1),('B',2),('E',2),('F',2),('G',2),('I',2),('J',2),('C',3),('A',4)])  
    X=set(['A','B','C','D','E','F','G','H','I','J'])  
    N=set([1,2,3,4])  
    P=bipartite.projected_graph(B,X)  
    print(nx.info(P))  
    P2=bipartite.projected_graph(B,N)  
    print(nx.info(P2))  
  
    #if we want weights:  
    P3=bipartite.weighted_projected_graph(B,N)  
    print(P3.edges(data=True))  
    return P,P2,P3
```

Introduction: NetworkX official website

<http://networkx.github.io/>



The screenshot shows the NetworkX official website in a web browser. The browser's address bar displays 'networkx.github.io'. The website has a light blue sidebar on the left with navigation links: 'Stable (notes)', 'Latest (notes)', 'Archive', and 'Contact'. Under 'Stable (notes)', it shows '2.2 — September 2018' with links for 'download', 'doc', and 'pdf'. Under 'Latest (notes)', it shows '2.3 development' with links for 'github', 'doc', and 'pdf'. The 'Contact' section includes links for 'Mailing list' and 'Issue tracker', and a GitHub logo. The main content area has the title 'NetworkX' and the subtitle 'Software for complex networks'. It describes NetworkX as a Python package for creating, manipulating, and studying complex networks. To the right of this text is a small graph visualization with blue and orange nodes. Below the description is a 'Features' section with a bulleted list of capabilities. At the bottom, a copyright notice states '©2014-2018, NetworkX developers. | Powered by Sphinx 1.8.0 & Alabaster 0.7.11'.

NetworkX


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NetworkX is a Python package for the creation, manipulation, and study of the structure, dynamics, and functions of complex networks.

Features

- Data structures for graphs, digraphs, and multigraphs
- Many standard graph algorithms
- Network structure and analysis measures
- Generators for classic graphs, random graphs, and synthetic networks
- Nodes can be "anything" (e.g., text, images, XML records)
- Edges can hold arbitrary data (e.g., weights, time-series)
- Open source [3-clause BSD license](#)
- Well tested with over 90% code coverage
- Additional benefits from Python include fast prototyping, easy to teach, and multi-platform

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2. Getting started with Python and NetworkX

Getting started: the environment

- Start Python (interactive or script mode) and import NetworkX

```
$ python  
>>> import networkx as nx
```

- Different classes exist for directed and undirected networks. Let's create a basic undirected Graph:

```
>>> g = nx.Graph() # empty graph
```

- The graph **g** can be grown in several ways. NetworkX provides many generator functions and facilities to read and write graphs in many formats.

Getting started: adding nodes

```
# One node at a time
```

```
>>> g.add_node(1)
```



```
# A list of nodes
```

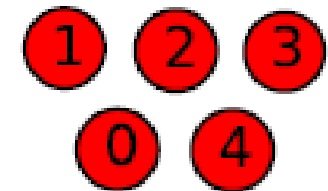
```
>>> g.add_nodes_from([2, 3])
```



```
# A container of nodes
```

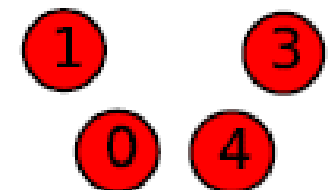
```
>>> h = nx.path_graph(5)
```

```
>>> g.add_nodes_from(h)
```



```
# You can also remove any node of the graph
```

```
>>> g.remove_node(2)
```



Getting started: node objects

- A node can be **any hashable object** such as a string, a function, a file and more.

```
>>> import math
>>> g.add_node('string')
>>> g.add_node(math.cos) # cosine function
>>> f = open('temp.txt', 'w') # file handle
>>> g.add_node(f)
>>> print g.nodes()
['string', <open file 'temp.txt', mode 'w' at
0x000000000589C5D0>, <built-in function cos>]
```

Getting started: adding edges

```
# Single edge
```

```
>>> g.add_edge(1, 2)
```

```
>>> e = (2, 3)
```

```
# List of edges
```

```
>>> g.add_edges_from([(1, 2), (1, 3)])
```

```
# A container of edges
```

```
>>> g.add_edges_from(h.edges())
```

```
# You can also remove any edge
```

```
>>> g.remove_edge(1, 2)
```

Getting started: accessing nodes and edges

```
>>> g.add_edges_from([(1, 2), (1, 3)])
>>> g.add_node('a')
>>> g.number_of_nodes() # also g.order()
4
>>> g.number_of_edges() # also g.size()
2
>>> g.nodes()
['a', 1, 2, 3]
>>> g.edges()
[(1, 2), (1, 3)]
>>> g.neighbors(1)
[2, 3]
>>> g.degree(1)
2
```

Getting started: Python dictionaries

- NetworkX takes advantage of Python dictionaries to store node and edge measures. The `dict` type is a data structure that represents a key-value mapping.

```
# Keys and values can be of any data type
>>> fruit_dict = {'apple': 1, 'orange': [0.12, 0.02], 42: True}

# Can retrieve the keys and values as Python lists (vector)
>>> fruit_dict.keys()
['orange', 42, 'apple']

# Or (key, value) tuples
>>> fruit_dict.items()
[('orange', [0.12, 0.02]), (42, True), ('apple', 1)]
# This becomes especially useful when you master Python list comprehension
```

Getting started: graph attributes

- Any NetworkX graph behaves like a Python dictionary with nodes as primary keys (for access only!)

```
>>> g.add_node(1, time='10am')
>>> g.node[1]['time']
10am
>>> g.node[1] # Python dictionary
{'time': '10am'}
```

- The special edge attribute **weight** should always be numeric and holds values used by algorithms requiring weighted edges.

```
>>> g.add_edge(1, 2, weight=4.0)
>>> g[1][2]['weight'] = 5.0 # edge already added
>>> g[1][2]
{'weight': 5.0}
```


Getting started: node and edge iterators

- Node iteration

```
>>> g.add_edge(1, 2)
>>> for node in g.nodes():
    print node, g.degree(node)

1 1
2 1
```

- Edge iteration

```
>>> g.add_edge(1, 3, weight=2.5)
>>> g.add_edge(1, 2, weight=1.5)
>>> for n1, n2, attr in g.edges(data=True): # unpacking
    print n1, n2, attr['weight']

1 2 1.5
1 3 2.5
```

Getting started: graph generators

```
# small famous graphs
```

```
>>> petersen = nx.petersen_graph()
>>> tutte = nx.tutte_graph()
>>> maze = nx.sedgewick_maze_graph()
>>> tet = nx.tetrahedral_graph()
```

```
# classic graphs
```

```
>>> K_5 = nx.complete_graph(5)
>>> K_3_5 = nx.complete_bipartite_graph(3, 5)
>>> barbell = nx.barbell_graph(10, 10)
>>> lollipop = nx.lollipop_graph(10, 20)
```

```
# random graphs
```

```
>>> er = nx.erdos_renyi_graph(100, 0.15)
>>> ws = nx.watts_strogatz_graph(30, 3, 0.1)
>>> ba = nx.barabasi_albert_graph(100, 5)
>>> red = nx.random_lobster(100, 0.9, 0.9)
```

Getting started: Load Graphs

from adjacency list

```
def load_from_adjlist(file):  
    ... G1 = nx.read_adjlist('graphs/'+file)  
    ... #print(nx.info(G1))  
    ... return G1
```

from edgelist

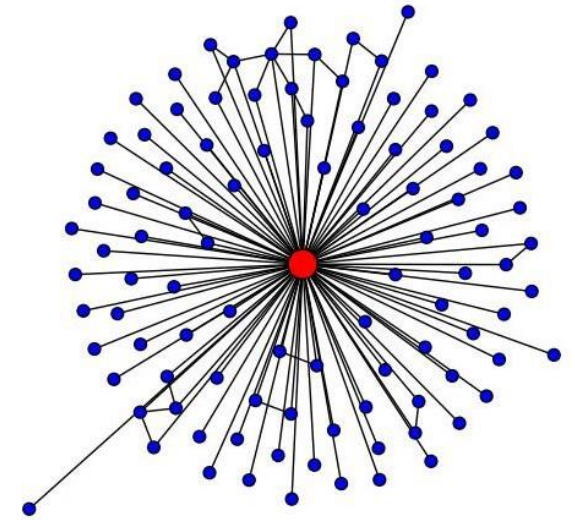
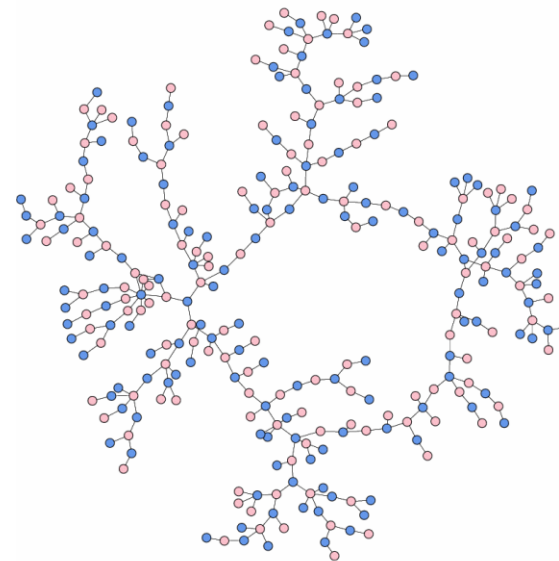
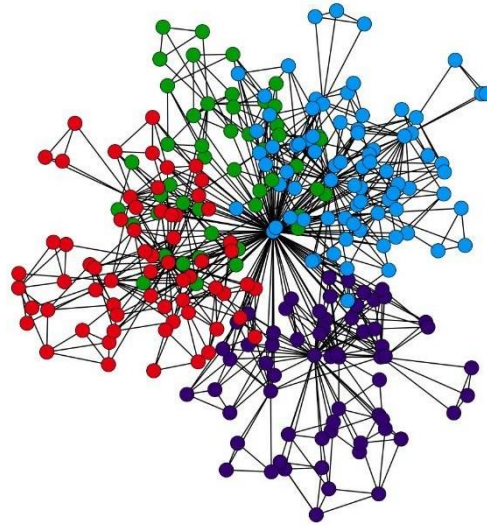
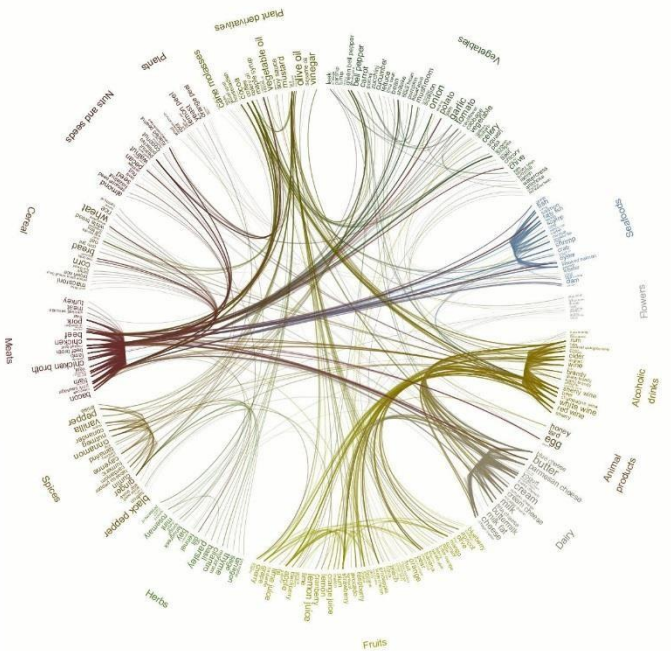
```
#using an edgelist with weights  
def load_from_edgelist(file):  
    ... G2 = nx.read_edgelist('graphs/'+file, data=[('Weight', int)])  
    ... print(nx.info(G2))  
    ... print(G2.edges(data=True))  
    ... return G2
```

from pandas <<powerful Python data analysis toolkit>>

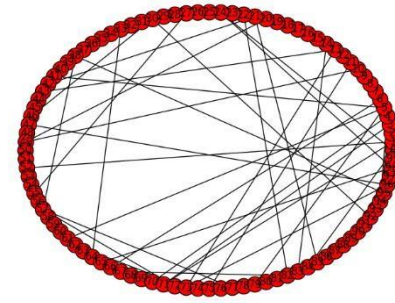
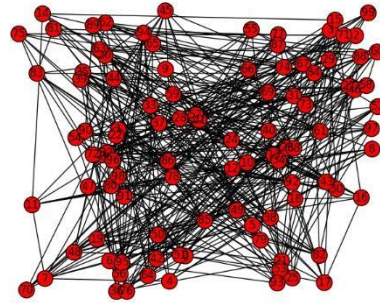
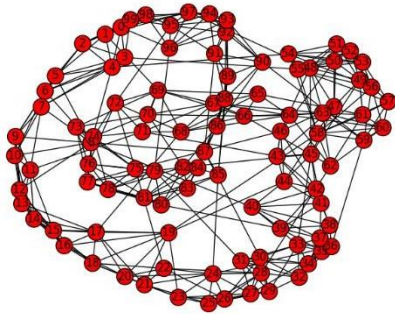
```
#using a pandas dataframe  
def load_from_pandas(file):  
    ... df = pd.read_csv('graphs/'+file, delim_whitespace=True, header=None, names=['n1', 'n2', 'weight'])  
    ... print(df.head(3))  
    ... G3 = nx.from_pandas_edgelist(df, 'n1', 'n2', edge_attr='weight')  
    ... print(nx.info(G3))  
    ... return G3
```

Introduction: drawing and plotting

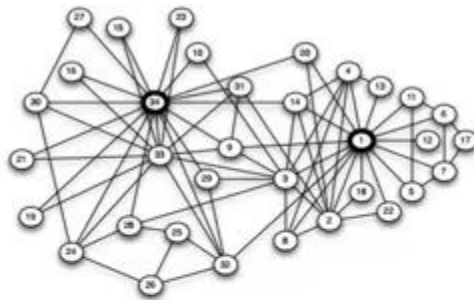
- It is possible to draw small graphs with NetworkX. You can export network data and draw with other programs (GraphViz, Gephi, etc.).



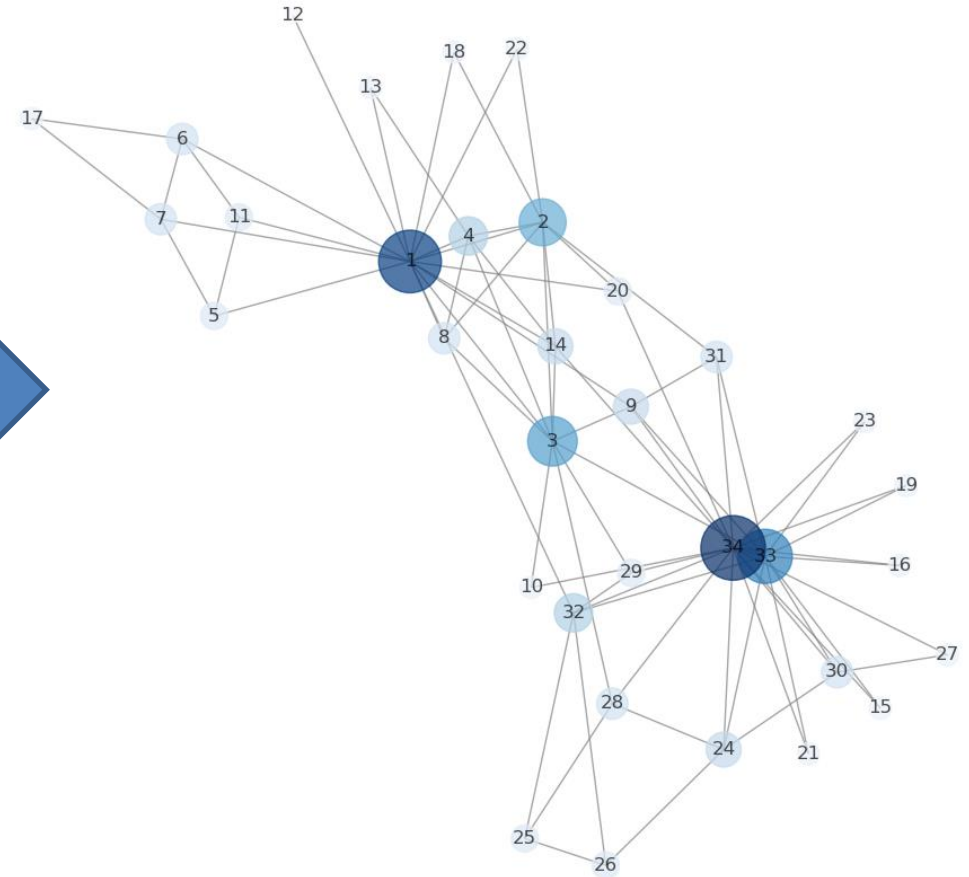
Getting started: drawing graphs



Getting started: drawing graphs



Friendship network in a 34-person karate club
[Zachary 1977]



Getting started: drawing graphs

```
def draw_graph(G):  
    plt.figure(figsize=(10,9))  
    node_color = [G.degree(v) for v in G]  
    node_size = [G.degree(v)*100 for v in G]  
    pos1 = nx.circular_layout(G)  
    pos2 = nx.fruchterman_reingold_layout(G)  
    pos = nx.spring_layout(G)  
    nx.draw_networkx(G, pos, alpha=0.7, with_labels=True,  
        edge_color='.5', node_size=node_size, node_color=node_color, cmap=plt.cm.Blues)  
    plt.axis('off')  
    plt.tight_layout()  
    plt.show()
```

3. Basic network analysis

Clustering Coefficient

Local Clustering Coefficient

Compute the local clustering coefficient of node C:

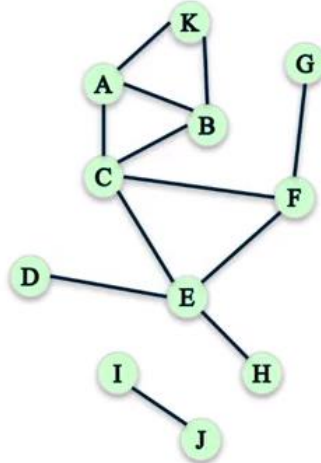
$$\frac{\text{\# of pairs of C's friends who are friends}}{\text{\# of pairs of C's friends}}$$

of C's friends = $d_c = 4$ (the "degree" of C)

$$\text{\# of pairs of C's friends} = \frac{d_c(d_c - 1)}{2} = \frac{12}{2} = 6$$

of pairs of C's friends who are friends = 2

$$\text{Local clustering coefficient of C} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

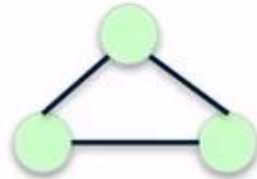


```
def clus_coef_v1(G, each_node): #Fraction of pairs of the
    if each_node==True:
        for node in G.nodes():
            print(nx.clustering(G,node))
    print('Average with v1:', nx.average_clustering(G))
```

Transitivity

Percentage of “open triads” that are triangles in a network.

Triangles:



$$\text{Transitivity} = \frac{3 * \text{Number of closed triads}}{\text{Number of open triads}}$$

Open triads:



```
def clus_coef_v2(G): #Ratio of numbers of triangles and number of "open triads"
    ... print('Average with v2: ', nx.transitivity(G))
```

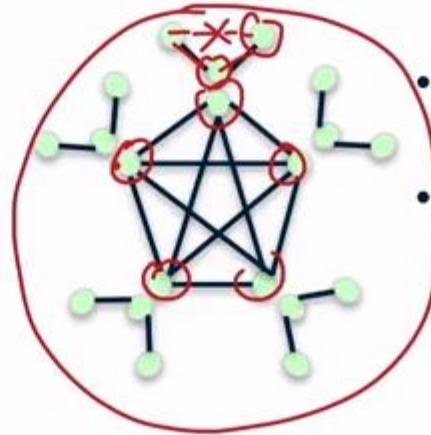
Clustering Coefficiency vs Transitivity

Both measure the tendency for edges to form triangles.
Transitivity weights nodes with large degree higher.



- Most nodes have high LCC
- The high degree node has low LCC

Ave. clustering coeff. = 0.93
Transitivity = 0.23



- Most nodes have low LCC
- High degree node have high LCC

Ave. clustering coeff. = 0.25
Transitivity = 0.86

Distance

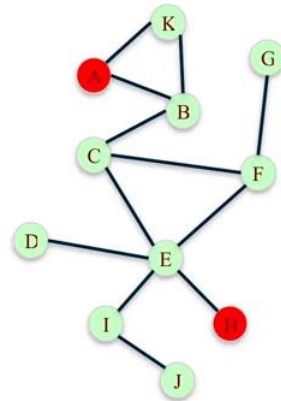
Distance

How far is node A from node H?

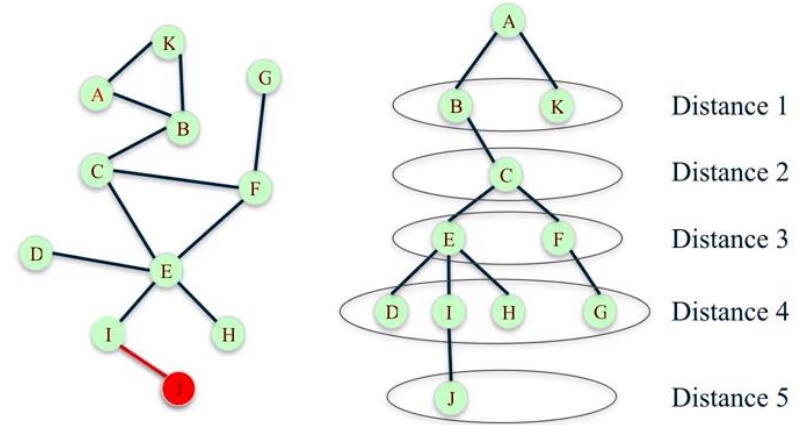
Path 1: A – B – C – E – H (4 “hops”)

Path 2: A – B – C – F – E – H (5 “hops”)

Path length: Number of steps it contains from beginning to end.



Breadth-First Search



```
#path: - sequence of nodes connected by an edge -- number of steps it contains from beginning to the end
#breadth-first search -- create a tree
def create_tree(G):
    ... nodes=list(G.nodes())
    ... print(type(G.nodes()))
    ... T=nx.bfs_tree(G,nodes[0])
    ... print(T.edges())
    ... return T
```

Distance

How to characterize the distance between all pairs of nodes in a graph?

Average distance between every pair of nodes.

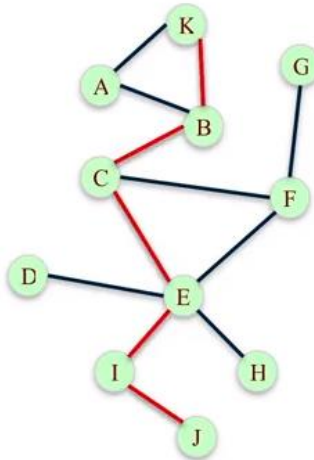
In: `nx.average_shortest_path_length(G)`

Out: 2.52727272727

Diameter: maximum distance between any pair of nodes.

In: `nx.diameter(G)`

Out: 5



```
def find_avg_distance(G):  
    try:  
        avg = nx.average_shortest_path_length(G)  
    except nx.NetworkXError:  
        print('Graph is not connected')  
        avg = 0  
    print('Average sp length:', avg)  
    return avg
```

```
def find_diameter(G): #diameter: maximum distance between any pair of nodes  
    try:  
        d = nx.diameter(G)  
    except nx.exception.NetworkXError:  
        print('Found infinite path length because the graph is not connected')  
        d = 0  
    print('diameter:', d)  
    return (d)
```

Distance

How to summarize the distances between all pairs of nodes in a graph?

The **Eccentricity** of a node n is the largest distance between n and all other nodes.

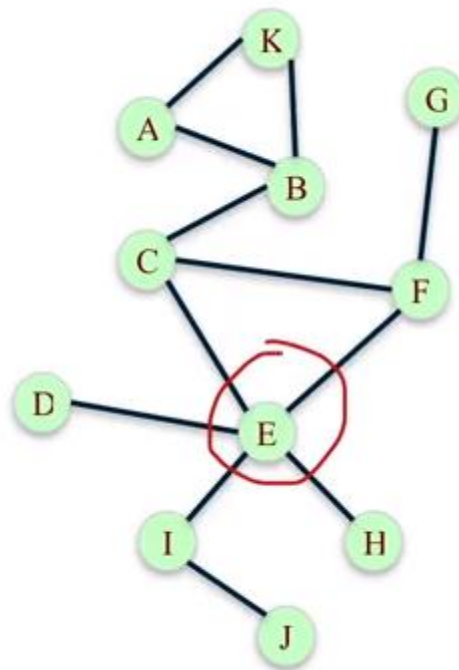
In: `nx.eccentricity(G)`

Out: {'A': 5, 'B': 4, 'C': 3, 'D': 4, 'E': 3, 'F': 3, 'G': 4, 'H': 4, 'I': 4, 'J': 5, 'K': 5}

The **radius** of a graph is the minimum eccentricity.

In: `nx.radius(G)`

Out: 3



```
def find_radius(G):
    try:
        rad = nx.radius(G)
    except nx.exception.NetworkXError:
        print('Graph is not connected')
        rad = 0
    print('Radius: ', rad)
    return rad
```

```
def find_diameter(G): #diameter: maximum distance between any pair of nodes
    try:
        d = nx.diameter(G)
    except nx.exception.NetworkXError:
        print('Found infinite path length because the graph is not connected')
        d = 0
    print('diameter: ', d)
    return (d)
```


Distance

```
G = nx.karate_club_graph()  
G = nx.convert_node_labels_to_integers(G,first_label=1)
```

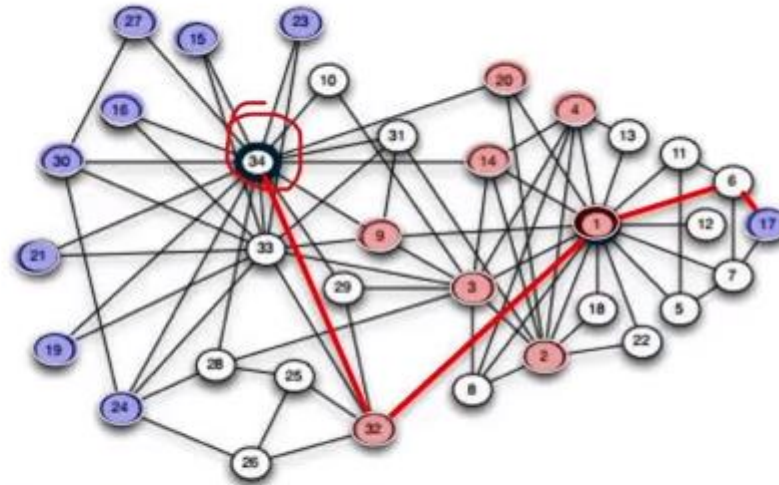
Average shortest path = 2.41

Radius = 3

Diameter = 5

Center = [1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 14, 20, 32]

Periphery: [15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 27, 30]



Friendship network in a 34-person karate club

Node 34 looks pretty “central”. However, it has distance 4 to node 17

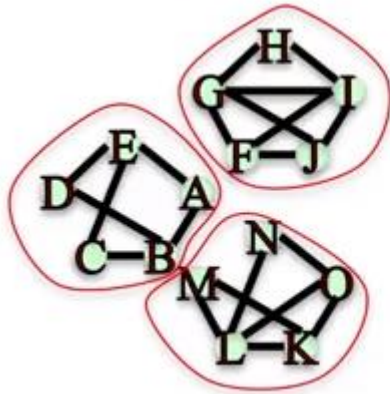
Connected Components

Undirected Graphs

Connected: for every pair nodes, there is a path between them.

Connected components

`nx.connected_components(G)`

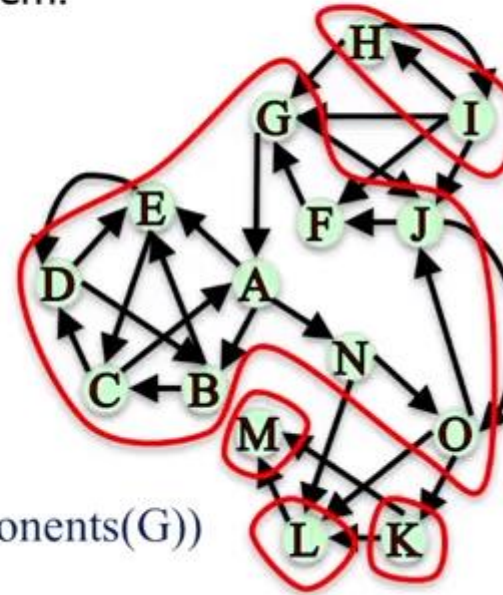


Directed Graphs

Strongly connected: for every pair nodes, there is a *directed* path between them.

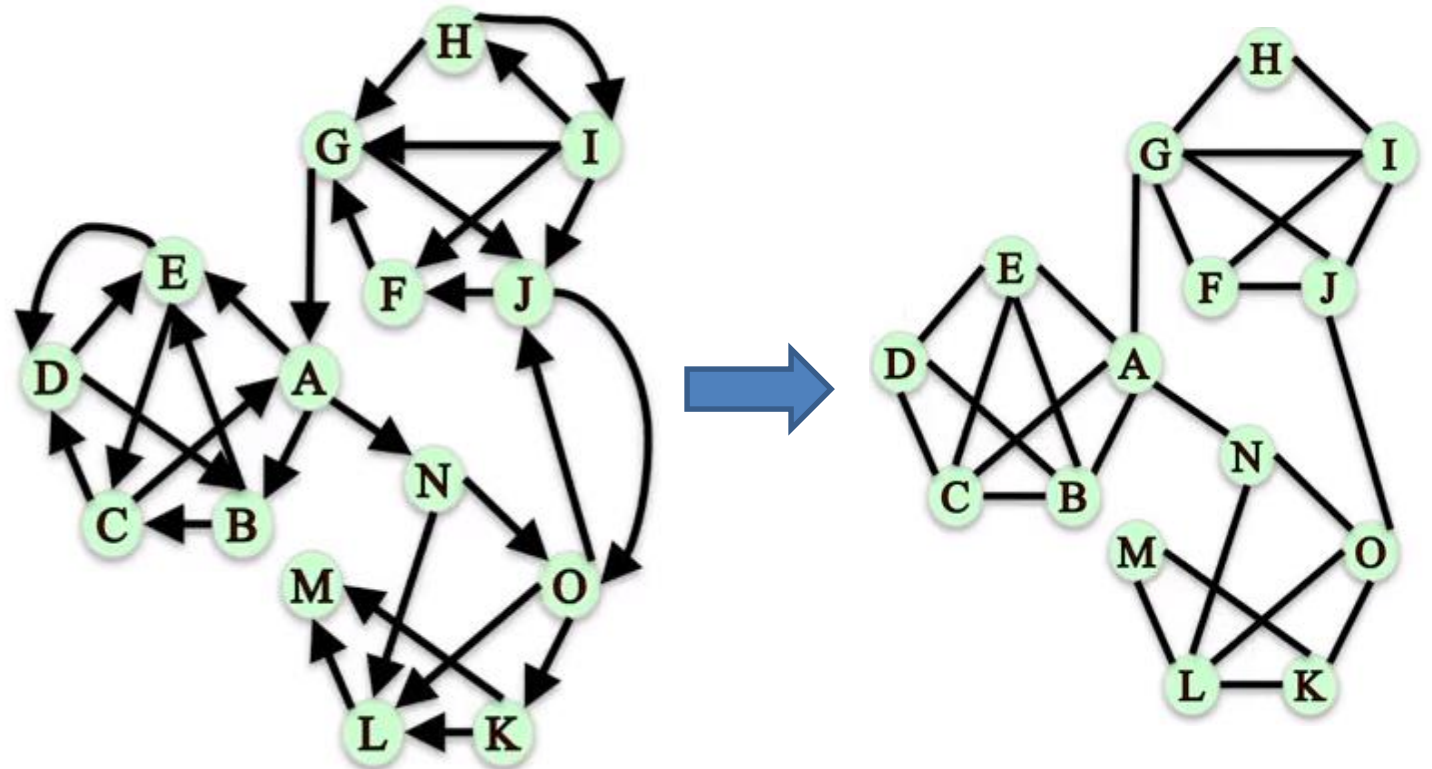
Strongly connected components

`nx.strongly_connected_components(G)`



Connected Components

A directed graph is **weakly connected** if replacing all directed edges with undirected edges produces a connected undirected graph.



Network Robustness

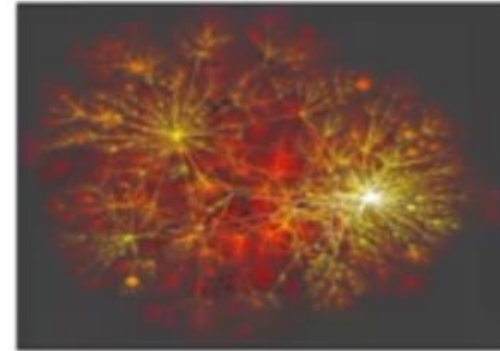
Network robustness: the ability of a network to maintain its general structural properties when it faces failures or attacks.

Attacks?

Examples: airport closures, internet router failures, power line failures.



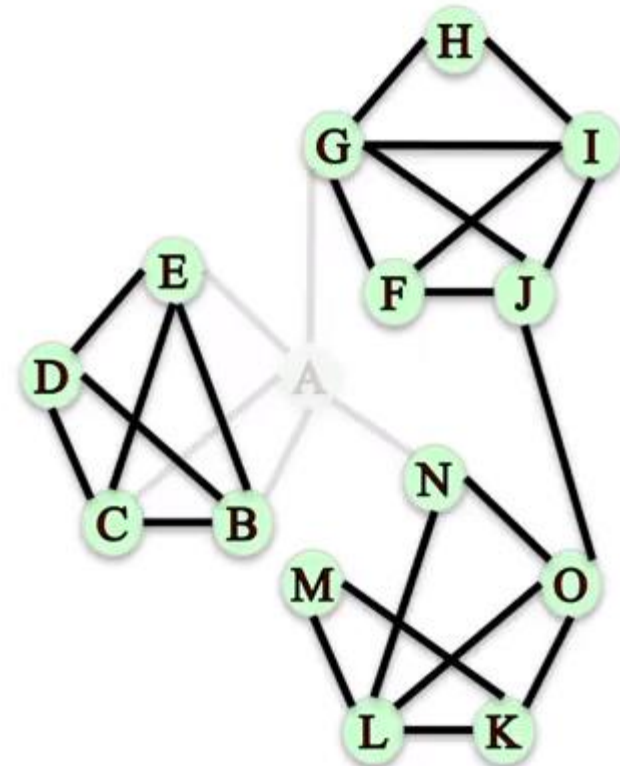
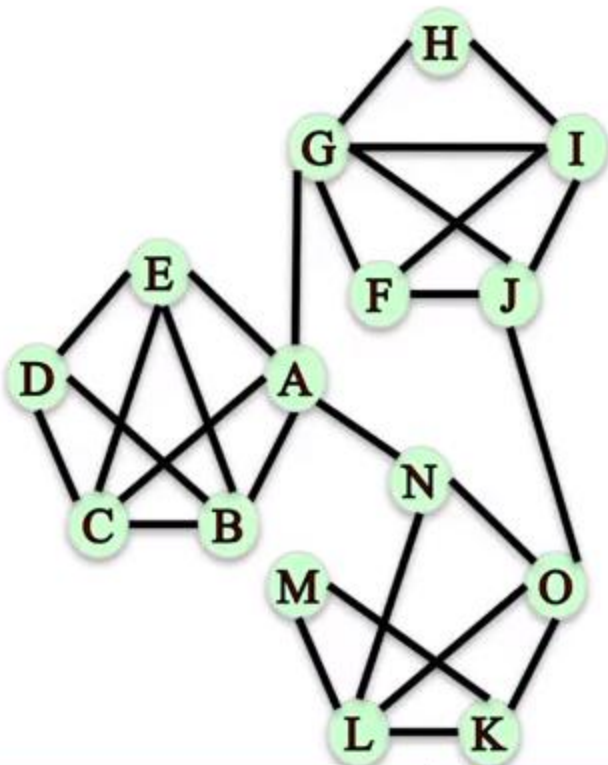
Network of direct flights around the world
[Bio.Diaspora]



Internet Connectivity [K. C. Claffy]

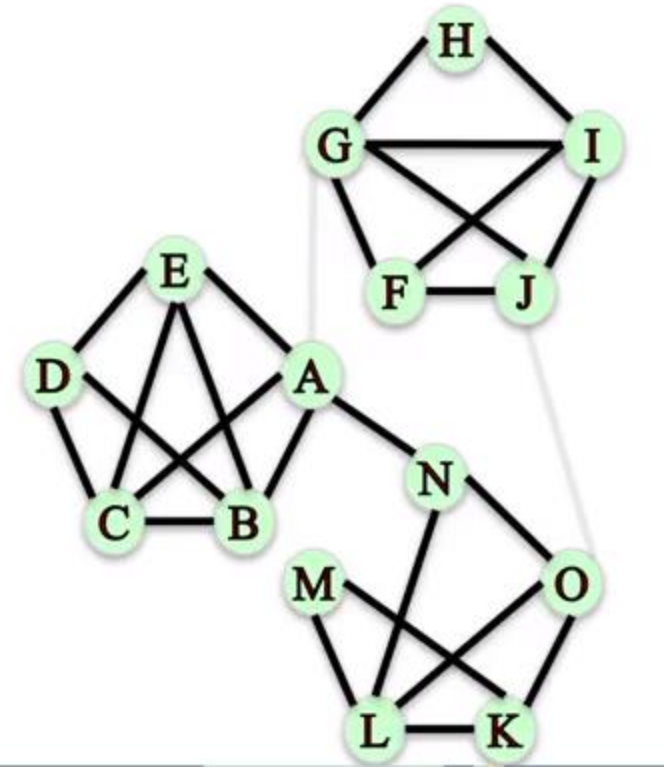
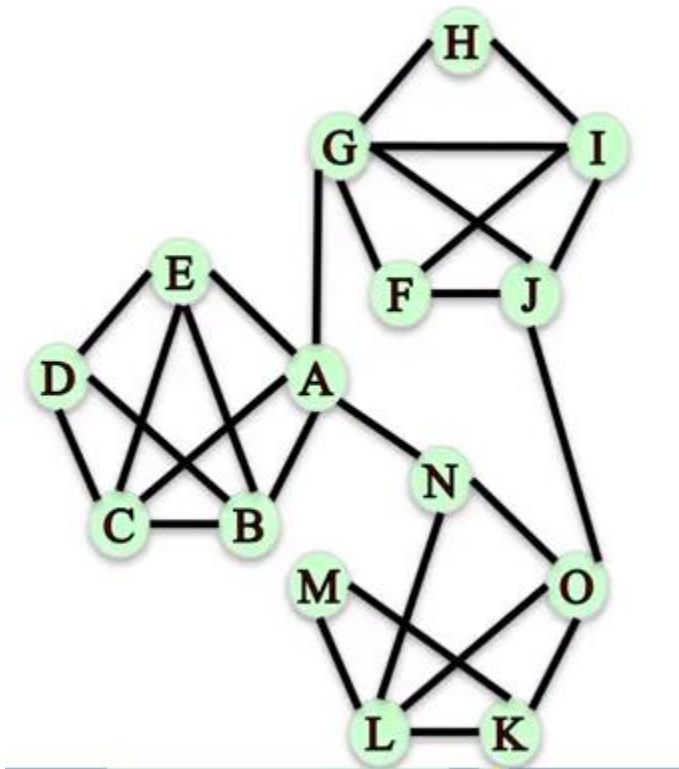
Network Robustness

```
def get_smallest_number_of_nodes_to_disconnect(G_un):  
    ... print(nx.node_connectivity(G_un), nx.minimum_node_cut(G_un))  
    ... return nx.node_connectivity(G_un), nx.minimum_node_cut(G_un)
```



Network Robustness

```
def get_edges_to_remove_to_disconnect(G_un):  
    print(nx.edge_connectivity(G_un), nx.minimum_edge_cut(G_un))  
    return nx.edge_connectivity(G_un), nx.minimum_edge_cut(G_un)
```

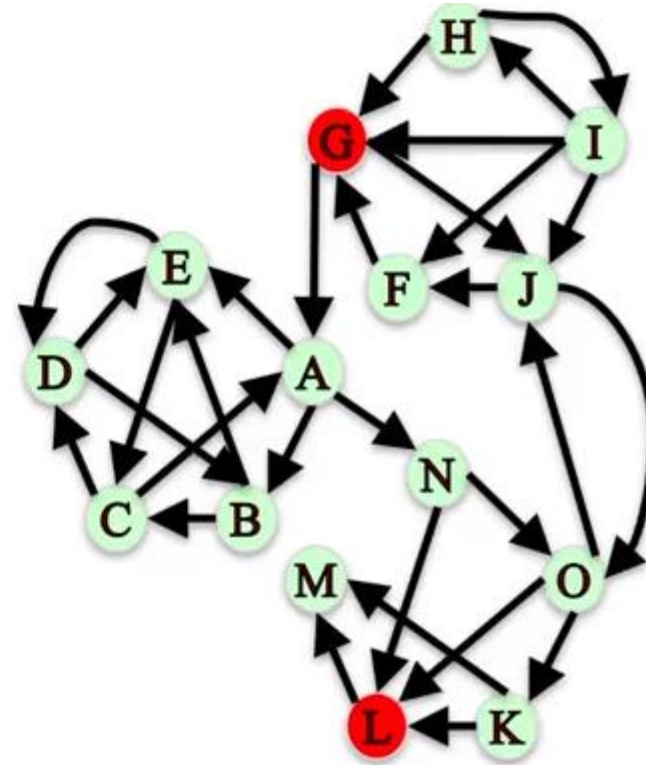


Network Robustness

Imagine node G wants to send a message to node L by passing it along to other nodes in this network.

What options does G have to deliver the message?

```
def find_simple_paths(G,n1,n2):  
    ... print(sorted(nx.all_simple_paths(G,n1,n2)))  
    ... return sorted(nx.all_simple_paths(G,n1,n2))  
  
def find_which_nodes_and_edges_to_remove(G,n1,n2):  
    ... a=nx.node_connectivity(G,n1,n2)  
    ... b=nx.minimum_node_cut(G,n1,n2)  
    ... c=nx.edge_connectivity(G,n1,n2)  
    ... d=nx.minimum_edge_cut(G,n1,n2)  
    ... print(a,b,c,d)  
    ... return(a,b,c,d)
```



Node Importance

Network Centrality

Centrality measures identify the most important nodes in a network:

- Influential nodes in a social network.
- Nodes that disseminate information to many nodes or prevent epidemics.
- Hubs in a transportation network.
- Important pages on the Web.
- Nodes that prevent the network from breaking up.

Node Importance – Degree Centrality

Assumption: important nodes have many connections.

The most basic measure of centrality: number of neighbors.

Undirected networks: use degree

Directed networks: use in-degree or out-degree

$C_{deg}(v) = \frac{d_v}{|N|-1}$, where N is the set of nodes in the network and d_v is the degree of node v .

```
def get_centralty_of_node(G, node):  
    degCen = nx.degree_centrality(G)  
    return degCen, degCen[node]  
  
def get_centralty_of_directed(G):  
    degOut = nx.out_degree_centrality(G)  
    degIn = nx.in_degree_centrality(G)  
    return degOut, degIn
```

Node Importance – Closeness Centrality

Assumption: important nodes are close to other nodes.

$$C_{close}(v) = \frac{|N|-1}{\sum_{u \in N \setminus \{v\}} d(v,u)}, \text{ where}$$

N = set of nodes in the network,

$d(v,u)$ = length of shortest path from v to u .

```
def get_closeness centrality(G, norm):  
    return nx.closeness centrality(G, wf_improved = norm)  
  
#💡if we want to find the centrality of a node which is somehow disconnected - problem  
#in this case we use normalized = True
```


Node Importance – Betweenness Centrality

Assumption: important nodes connect other nodes.

Recall: the distance between two nodes is the length of the shortest path between them.

Ex. The distance between nodes 34 and 2 is 2:

Path 1: 34 – 31 – 2

Path 2: 34 – 14 – 2

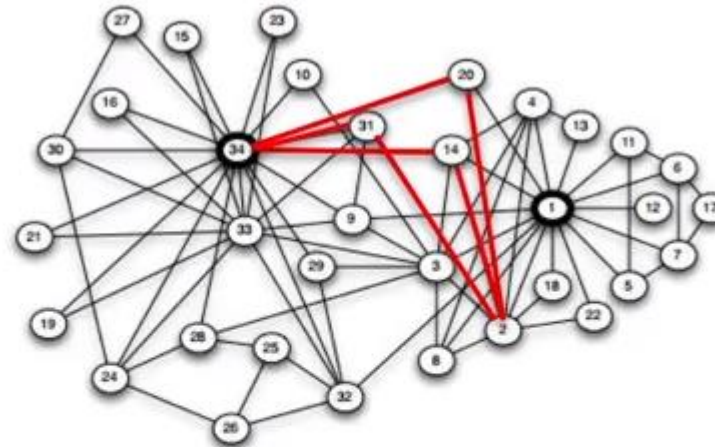
Path 3: 34 – 20 – 2

Nodes 31, 14, and 20 are in a shortest path of between nodes 34 and 2.

$$C_{btw}(v) = \sum_{s,t \in N} \frac{\sigma_{s,t}(v)}{\sigma_{s,t}}, \text{ where}$$

$\sigma_{s,t}$ = the number of shortest paths between nodes s and t .

$\sigma_{s,t}(v)$ = the number shortest paths between nodes s and t that pass through node v .



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[Zachary 1977]



Node v has a high Betweenness centrality if it shows up in the shortest paths of any nodes s, t

Node Importance – Betweenness Centrality

Assumption: important nodes connect other nodes.

$$C_{btw}(v) = \sum_{s,t \in N} \frac{\sigma_{s,t}(v)}{\sigma_{s,t}}$$

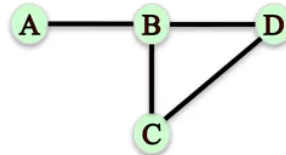
Endpoints: we can either include or exclude node v as node s and t in the computation of $C_{btw}(v)$.

Ex. If we exclude node v , we have:

$$C_{btw}(B) = \frac{\sigma_{A,D}(B)}{\sigma_{A,D}} + \frac{\sigma_{A,C}(B)}{\sigma_{A,C}} + \frac{\sigma_{C,D}(B)}{\sigma_{C,D}} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{0}{1} = 2$$

If we include node v , we have:

$$C_{btw}(B) = \frac{\sigma_{A,B}(B)}{\sigma_{A,B}} + \frac{\sigma_{A,C}(B)}{\sigma_{A,C}} + \frac{\sigma_{A,D}(B)}{\sigma_{A,D}} + \frac{\sigma_{B,C}(B)}{\sigma_{B,C}} + \frac{\sigma_{B,D}(B)}{\sigma_{B,D}} + \frac{\sigma_{C,D}(B)}{\sigma_{C,D}} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{0}{1} = 5$$



Normalization: betweenness centrality values will be larger in graphs with many nodes. To control for this, we divide centrality values by the number of pairs of nodes in the graph (excluding v):

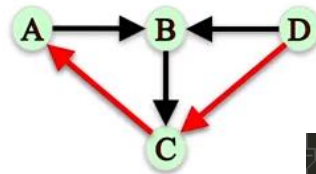
$$\frac{1}{2} (|N| - 1)(|N| - 2) \text{ in undirected graphs}$$

$$(|N| - 1)(|N| - 2) \text{ in directed graphs}$$

What if not all nodes can reach each other?

Node D cannot be reached by any other node.

Hence, $\sigma_{A,D} = 0$, making the above definition undefined.



Ex. What is the betweenness centrality of node C, without including it as endpoint?

$$C_{btw}(C) = \frac{\sigma_{A,B}(C)}{\sigma_{A,B}} + \frac{\sigma_{B,A}(C)}{\sigma_{B,A}} + \frac{\sigma_{D,B}(C)}{\sigma_{D,B}} + \frac{\sigma_{D,A}(C)}{\sigma_{D,A}} = \frac{0}{1} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{0}{1} + \frac{1}{1} = 2$$

```
def get_bet_centrality(G, i):
    betCen = nx.betweenness centrality(G, normalized=True, endpoints=False, k=i)
    return betCen

def get_n_highest_bet_Cen(G, n):
    betCen = get_bet_centrality(G, 34)
    return (sorted(betCen.items(), key=operator.itemgetter(1), reverse=True))[:n]
```