## Fuzzy Overlapping Community Quality Metrics

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**Abstract** Modularity is widely used to effectively measure the strength of the disjoint community structure found by community detection algorithms. Several overlapping extensions of modularity were proposed to measure the quality of overlapping community structure. However, all these extensions differ just in the way they define the belonging coefficients and belonging functions. Yet, there is lack of systematic comparison of different extensions. To fill this gap, we overview overlapping extensions of modularity and generalize them with a uniform definition combining belonging coefficients and belonging functions to select the best. In addition, we extend localized modularity, modularity density, and eight local community quality metrics to enable their usages for overlapping communities. The experimental results on a large number of real networks and synthetic networks using overlapping extensions of modularity, overlapping modularity density, and local metrics show that the best results are obtained when the product of the belonging coefficients of two nodes is used as the belonging function. Moreover, the results give a guidance to researchers on which metrics to adopt when measuring the quality of overlapping community structure.

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#### 1 Introduction

Many networks, including Internet, citation networks, transportation networks, email networks, and social and biochemical networks, display community structure which identifies groups of nodes within which connections are denser than between them [33]. Detecting and characterizing such community structure, which is known as community detection, is one of the fundamental issues in network science. Community detection has been shown to reveal latent yet meaningful structure in networks such as groups in online and contact-based social networks, functional modules in protein-protein interaction networks, groups of customers with similar interests in online retailer user networks, groups of scientists in interdisciplinary collaboration networks, etc. [11].

In the last decade, the most popular community detection method, proposed by Newman [30], has been to maximize the quality metric known as modularity [33,32] over all possible partitions of a network. This metric measures the difference between the fraction of all edges that are within the actual community and such a fraction of edges that would be inside the community in a randomized graph with the same number of nodes and the same degree sequence. It is widely used to measure the strength of community structures discovered by community detection algorithms.

Newman's modularity can only be used to measure the quality of disjoint communities. However, it is more realistic to expect that nodes in real networks belong to more than one community, resulting in overlapping communities [39]. Therefore, several overlapping extensions of modularity ([43, 29, 37, 38, 4, 34, 18]) were proposed to measure the quality of overlapping community structure. Yet, to date no attempt has been made to systematically compare different overlapping extensions and propose metric selection criteria for different types of networks. In this paper, we consider several overlapping extensions of modularity and test their quality on real and synthetic networks. We also extend localized modularity [28], modularity density [8,7], and eight local community quality metrics for overlapping communities following the same principles used by the overlapping extensions of modularity.

We conducted experiments on a large number of real-world networks and synthetic networks using overlapping extensions of modularity, overlapping modularity density, and eight local metrics (the number of Intra-edges, Intradensity, Contraction, the number of Boundary-edges, Expansion, Conductance [8,7], the Fitness function [24], and the Average Modularity Degree [25]). The results show that selecting the product of the belonging coefficients of two nodes as a belonging function for overlapping extensions yields better results on these networks than using other belonging functions. The experimental results also give a guidance to researchers on which metrics to choose when measuring the quality of overlapping community structure.

**Methodology**: Below we introduce in steps the methodology we use to evaluate overlapping extensions of modularity:

(1) We first give a generalized definition for existing overlapping extensions of modularity which covers four such extensions, each using one of the

- two different versions of belonging coefficient and one of the two different versions of belonging function.
- (2) Next, we extend localized modularity, modularity density, and eight local community quality metrics to be applicable to overlapping community structures following the same principle as the overlapping extensions of modularity do.
- (3) Then, for the generalized definitions of these metrics, we first determine which version of the belonging coefficient and which version of the belonging function perform best for each metric.
- (4) Moreover, we determine which version of the belonging coefficient and which version of the belonging function scores the largest number of quality metrics consistent with each other on determining the best values of parameters of compared community detection algorithms: the threshold r for SLPA [40], the parameter k for CFinder [35], and the threshold tr for SpeakEasy [13] on the real and synthetic networks.
- (5) Finally, we compare the performance of the overlapping metrics with the best combination of belonging coefficient and belonging function by looking at how many times each metric is among those that are consistent with each other on determining the best values of parameters for the same algorithms as used in step (4).

This work is an extension of our previous paper [6] which considered four real networks and ten community quality metrics for comparison. Also, it only adopted one overlapping community detection algorithm, SLPA [40], as evaluation method. However, in this paper, we consider totally 23 real network datasets, including friendship network, collaboration networks, co-purchasing networks, biology networks, etc. Table 1 shows the basic properties of all these datasets. These networks have different numbers of nodes and different numbers of edges, varying from very small to very large networks. Edges in some networks have weights and directions. Besides real networks, we also consider LFR benchmark networks [23], each of which is instantiated with a wide range of parameters in the experiments. Moreover, we consider two more community quality metrics, the Fitness function [24] and Average Modularity Degree [25], totally twelve metrics for comparison. In addition, we adopt three overlapping community detection algorithms, SLPA [40], CFinder [35], and SpeakEasy [13], as testing methods.

#### 2 Modularity

#### 2.1 Newman's Modularity

Newman's modularity [33,32] for unweighted and undirected networks is defined as the difference between the fractions of the actual and expected (in a randomized graph with the same number of nodes and the same degree sequence) number of edges within the community. A larger value of modularity

means a stronger community structure. For a given community partition of a network G = (V, E) with |E| edges, modularity (Q) [33] is given by:

$$Q = \sum_{c \in C} \left[ \frac{|E_c^{in}|}{|E|} - \left( \frac{2|E_c^{in}| + |E_c^{out}|}{2|E|} \right)^2 \right], \tag{1}$$

where C is the set of all the communities, c is a specific community in C,  $|E_c^{in}|$  is the number of edges between nodes within community c, and  $|E_c^{out}|$  is the number of edges from the nodes in community c to the nodes outside c.

Modularity can also be expressed as [32]:

$$Q = \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{ij} \left[ A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2|E|} \right] \delta_{c_i, c_j}, \tag{2}$$

where  $k_i$  is the degree of node i,  $A_{ij}$  is an element of the adjacency matrix between node i and node j,  $\delta_{c_i,c_j}$  is the Kronecker delta symbol, and  $c_i$  is the label of the community to which node i is assigned.

#### 2.2 Overlapping Definition of Modularity

Newman's modularity is used to measure the quality of disjoint community structure of a network. However, it is more realistic that nodes in networks belong to more than one community, resulting in overlapping communities [39]. For instance, a researcher may be active in several research areas, and a node in biological networks might have multiple functions. It is also quite common that people in social networks are naturally characterized by multiple community memberships depending on their families, friends, professional colleagues, neighbors, etc. For this reason, discovering overlapping communities became very popular in the last few years. Several overlapping extensions of modularity [43,29,37,38,4,34,18] were proposed to measure the quality of overlapping community structure. These extensions are described below.

If communities overlap, each node can belong to multiple communities, although the strength of this connection can generally be different for different communities. Given a set of overlapping communities  $C = \{c_1, c_2, ..., c, ..., c_{|C|}\}$  in which a node may belong to more than one of them, a vector of belonging coefficients  $(a_{i,c_1}, a_{i,c_2}, ..., a_{i,c}, ..., a_{i,c_{|C|}})$  [29,34] can be assigned to each node i in the network. |C| is the number of communities. The belonging coefficient  $a_{i,c}$  measures the strength of association between node i and community c. Without loss of generality, the following constraints are assumed to hold:

$$0 \le a_{i,c} \le 1 \quad \forall i \in V, \forall c \in C$$
and
$$\sum_{c \in C} a_{i,c} = 1.$$
(3)

Therefore, the belonging strength is measured as a real value in the range of [0,1] and the sum of all belonging coefficients, which is 1, is the same for all nodes in the network.

Zhang et al. [43] proposed an extended modularity which uses the average of the belonging coefficients of two nodes as belonging function to measure the quality of overlapping community structure:

$$Q_{ov}^{Z} = \sum_{c \in C} \left[ \frac{|E_{c}^{in}|}{|E|} - \left( \frac{2|E_{c}^{in}| + |E_{c}^{out}|}{2|E|} \right)^{2} \right], \tag{4}$$

where  $|E_c^{in}| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \in c} \frac{a_{i,c} + a_{j,c}}{2} A_{ij}$ ,  $|E_c^{out}| = \sum_{i \in c,j \in V-c} \frac{a_{i,c} + (1-a_{j,c})}{2} A_{ij}$ , and  $|E| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} A_{ij}$ . For the case of disjoint communities,  $Q_{ov}^Z$  reduces exactly to Newman's modularity (Q) given by Equation (1).

Nepusz et al. [29] considered the belonging coefficient  $a_{i,c}$  as the probability that node i is active in community c. Then, the probability that node i is active in the same communities as node j is the dot product of their membership vectors, denoted as  $s_{ij}$ :

$$s_{ij} = \sum_{c \in C} a_{i,c} a_{j,c}. \tag{5}$$

The authors also adopted  $s_{ij}$  as the similarity measure between nodes i and j. By replacing  $\delta_{c_i,c_j}$  in Equation (2) with the similarity measure  $s_{ij}$  defined above, they proposed a fuzzified variant of modularity:

$$Q_{ov}^{F} = \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{ij} \left[ A_{ij} - \frac{k_{i}k_{j}}{2|E|} \right] s_{ij}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{i, i \in c} \left[ A_{ij} - \frac{k_{i}k_{j}}{2|E|} \right] a_{i,c} a_{j,c}.$$
(6)

In case communities are disjoint, there exists only one community c for every node i for which  $a_{i,c} = 1$ . Then, the fuzzified modularity  $(Q_{ov}^F)$  reduces to exactly the original modularity (Q) described in Equation (2).

Shen et al. [37] proposed an extension of modularity for overlapping community structure using Equation (6) but defined the belonging coefficients of node i to be the reciprocal of the number of communities to which it belongs:

$$a_{i,c} = \frac{1}{O_i},\tag{7}$$

where  $O_i$  is the number of communities containing node i. Then, the extended modularity for overlapping community structure is given by:

$$Q_{ov}^{E} = \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{i,j \in c} \left[ A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2|E|} \right] a_{i,c} a_{j,c}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{i,j \in c} \left[ A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2|E|} \right] \frac{1}{O_i O_j}.$$
(8)

For disjoint community structure,  $Q_{ov}^E$  reduces to the original modularity (Q) described in Equation (2).

Shen et al. [38] proposed another extension of modularity for overlapping communities also using Equation (6). In this case, the coefficient of node i belonging to community c is defined as:

$$a_{i,c} = \frac{1}{a_i} \sum_{k \in c} \frac{M_{ik}^c}{M_{ik}} A_{ik},$$
 (9)

where  $M_{ik}$  denotes the number of maximal cliques in the network containing edge (i, k),  $M_{ik}^c$  is the number of maximal cliques in community c that contains edge (i, k), and  $a_i$  is a normalization term defined as:

$$a_i = \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{k \in c} \frac{M_{ik}^c}{M_{ik}} A_{ik}. \tag{10}$$

The maximal clique is a clique that is not a subset of any other cliques. Then, the extended modularity for overlapping community structure is given by:

$$Q_{ov}^{C} = \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{i,j \in c} \left[ A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2|E|} \right] a_{i,c} a_{j,c}.$$
 (11)

Note that for disjoint communities, this new extension also reduces to Newman's modularity shown in Equation (2).

Chen et al. [4] also proposed another extension of modularity with the same Equation (6) but with the belonging coefficient defined as:

$$a_{i,c} = \frac{\sum_{k \in c} A_{ik}}{\sum_{c' \in C_i} \sum_{k \in c'} A_{ik}},$$
(12)

where  $C_i$  is the set of communities to which node i belongs. It measures how tightly node i connects to community c. Consequently, the extended definition of modularity for overlapping community structure is given by:

$$Q_{ov}^{O} = \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{i,j \in c} \left[ A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2|E|} \right] a_{i,c} a_{j,c}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{i,j \in c} \left[ A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2|E|} \right] \frac{\sum_{k \in c} A_{ik}}{\sum_{c' \in C} \sum_{k \in c'} A_{jk}} \sum_{c' \in C} A_{jk}.$$
(13)

Still, for disjoint community structure,  $Q_{ov}^{O}$  reduces to the original modularity given by Equation (2).

Unlike the node-based extensions of modularity presented above, Nicosia et al. [34] proposed an edge-based extension of modularity for overlapping communities. In this case, the belonging coefficients represent how edges are assigned to communities. The coefficient for edge l = (i, j) belonging to community c is  $\beta_{l(i,j),c} = F(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c})$ , where  $F(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c})$  could be any function

(product, average, or maximum) of  $a_{i,c}$  and  $a_{j,c}$ . After trying several different functions, the authors stated that the best F is a two-dimensional logistic function:

$$F(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) = \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-f(a_{i,c})})(1 + e^{-f(a_{j,c})})},$$
(14)

where  $f(a_{i,c})$  is a simple linear scaling function  $f(x) = 2px - p, p \in R$ . In papers [39,17], p was selected to be 30. Then, the expected belonging coefficient of any edge l = (i,k) starting from node i in community c is given by  $\beta^e_{l(i,k),c} = \frac{1}{|V|} \sum_{k \in V} \beta_{l(i,k),c}$  running over all nodes in the network. Accordingly, the expected belonging coefficient of any edge l = (k,j) pointing to node j in community c is defined as  $\beta^e_{l(k,j),c} = \frac{1}{|V|} \sum_{k \in V} \beta_{l(k,j),c}$ . Then, the edge-based extension of modularity is given by:

$$Q_{ov}^{L} = \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{i,j \in c} \left[ r_{ijc} A_{ij} - s_{ijc} \frac{k_i k_j}{2|E|} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{i,j \in c} \left[ \beta_{l(i,j),c} A_{ij} - \frac{\beta_{l(i,k),c}^e k_i \beta_{l(k,j),c}^e k_j}{2|E|} \right],$$
(15)

where

$$r_{ijc} = \beta_{l(i,j),c} = F(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c})$$
 (16)

and

$$s_{ijc} = \beta_{l(i,k),c}^{e} \beta_{l(k,j),c}^{e}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{k \in V} \beta_{l(i,k),c} \sum_{k \in V} \beta_{l(k,j),c}}{|V|^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{k \in V} F(a_{i,c}, a_{k,c}) \sum_{k \in V} F(a_{k,c}, a_{j,c})}{|V|^{2}}.$$
(17)

In  $Q_{ov}^L$ ,  $r_{ijc}$  is used as the weight corresponding to the probability of the observed edge l=(i,j), while  $s_{ijc}$  is used as the weight of the probability of an edge from node i to node j in the null model. Note that although for disjoint communities  $F(a_{i,c},a_{j,c})$  is practically 1 when both  $a_{i,c}$  and  $a_{j,c}$  are equal to 1,  $Q_{ov}^L$  does not exactly reduce to the original modularity given by Equation (2).

Generally, there are two categories of overlapping community structures: crisp (non-fuzzy) overlapping and fuzzy overlapping [18]. For crisp overlapping community structure, each node belongs to one or more communities but without the corresponding belonging coefficients. That is, the relationship between a node and a community is binary: a node either belongs to a community or it does not. For fuzzy overlapping community structure, each node can be a member of multiple communities, but in general the values of belonging coefficients are different. Fuzzy overlapping can be easily transformed to crisp overlapping with a threshold parameter. Namely, if the belonging coefficient of node i to community c is larger than the value of the threshold, then node i stays in community c. Otherwise, node i is deleted from community c. Crisp

overlapping can be converted to fuzzy overlapping by calculating the value of the belonging coefficient using Equations (7), (9), or (12). However, calculating the belonging coefficient using Equation (9) is computationally expensive since it needs to find all the maximal cliques of the network first. Hence, in this paper we only consider Equation (7) and Equation (12) when converting crisp overlapping to fuzzy overlapping.

Now, we give two general definitions,  $Q_{ov}$  and  $Q'_{ov}$ , for node-based extensions of modularity. First,  $Q_{ov}$  is given by:

$$Q_{ov} = \sum_{c \in C} \left[ \frac{|E_c^{in}|}{|E|} - \left( \frac{2|E_c^{in}| + |E_c^{out}|}{2|E|} \right)^2 \right], \tag{18}$$

where  $|E_c^{in}| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \in c} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) A_{ij}, |E_c^{out}| = \sum_{i \in c} \sum_{\substack{c' \in C \\ c' \neq c \\ j \in c'}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij},$ 

and  $|E| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} A_{ij}$ . The belonging function  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c})$  can be the average or product of  $a_{i,c}$  and  $a_{j,c}$ . That is,  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) = \frac{a_{i,c} + a_{j,c}}{2}$  or  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) = a_{i,c} a_{j,c}$ . Clearly,  $Q_{ov}$  with  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) = \frac{a_{i,c} + a_{j,c}}{2}$  is very similar to  $Q_{ov}^{Z}$  in Equation (4). Second,  $Q'_{ov}$  is given by:

$$Q'_{ov} = \frac{1}{2|E|} \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{i,j \in c} \left[ A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2|E|} \right] f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}).$$
 (19)

where  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c})$  is the same as that in Equation (18). It is worth noting that  $Q'_{ov}$  with the belonging function  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) = a_{i,c}a_{j,c}$  is actually the same as  $Q^F_{ov}$  in Equation (6),  $Q^E_{ov}$  in Equation (8),  $Q^C_{ov}$  in Equation (11), and  $Q^O_{ov}$  in Equation (13). The only difference between these formulas is how the value of  $a_{i,c}$  is calculated.

It is easy to prove that  $Q_{ov}$  is equivalent to  $Q'_{ov}$  when  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) = a_{i,c}a_{j,c}$ . From the definition of  $Q_{ov}$ , we know that  $|E_c^{in}| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \in c} a_{i,c}a_{j,c}A_{ij}$  which is in fact the same as the first term of  $Q'_{ov}$ . Moreover, it is easy to show that  $\left(2|E_c^{in}| + |E_c^{out}|\right)^2 = \sum_{i,j \in c} k_i k_j a_{i,c}a_{j,c}$ . Hence, the second term of  $Q_{ov}$  is the same as the second term of  $Q'_{ov}$ . Similarly, it can be shown that  $Q_{ov}$  is not equal to  $Q'_{ov}$  when  $f(a_{i,c},a_{j,c}) = \frac{a_{i,c}+a_{j,c}}{2}$ .

#### 2.3 Localized Modularity Based on Community's Neighborhood

Newman's modularity is a global measure which assumes that all pairs of nodes have equal probability to connect with each other, which reflects the connectivity among all communities. However, Muff et al. [28] argued that in many complex networks most communities are connected to only a small fraction of remaining communities, called local cluster connectivity property. Thus, they modified the definition of Newman's modularity by taking into account local cluster connectivity only to overcome global network dependency. The resulting measure is called localized modularity. We denote the localized modularity

here as NQ because it is based on the neighborhood of a community. NQ for unweighted and undirected networks is given by:

$$NQ = \sum_{c \in C} \left[ \frac{|E_c^{in}|}{|E_c^{neighb}|} - \left( \frac{2|E_c^{in}| + |E_c^{out}|}{2|E_c^{neighb}|} \right)^2 \right], \tag{20}$$

where  $|E_c^{neighb}|$  is the total number of edges in the subnetwork containing the community c and all its neighboring communities, i.e. the neighborhood of community c. It means that the contribution of each community c to NQ is calculated based on the neighborhood of c.

Unlike the traditional modularity (Q), the localized version of modularity (NQ) is not bounded above by 1. The more locally connected communities an network has, the bigger its NQ can grow. In a network where all communities are connected to each other, NQ yields the same value as Q. NQ considers individual communities and their neighbors, and therefore provides a measure of community quality that is not dependent on other parts of the network.

Similar to the general node-based overlapping definition of modularity  $Q_{ov}$  in Equation (18), we extend NQ for overlapping community structure as  $NQ_{ov}$ . The formula for  $NQ_{ov}$  is exactly the same with NQ in Equation (20), while the difference is that  $|E_c^{in}|$ ,  $|E_c^{out}|$ , and  $|E_c^{neighb}|$  in  $NQ_{ov}$  should consider the belonging coefficients of nodes and also the belonging function between pairs of nodes. For disjoint communities,  $NQ_{ov}$  reduces exactly to NQ.

## 3 Modularity Density

#### 3.1 Modularity Density for Disjoint Communities

Chen et al. [8,7,5] proposed modularity density which simultaneously addresses two opposite yet coexisting problems of Newman's modularity: in some cases, it tends to favor small communities over large ones while in others, large communities over small ones. The latter tendency is known in the literature as the resolution limit problem of modularity [12]. Modularity density mixes two additional components, split penalty and the community density, into Newman's modularity given in Equation (1). Split penalty is the fraction of edges that connect nodes of different communities. Community density includes internal community density and pair-wise community density. The definition of

modularity density  $(Q_{ds})$  for unweighted and undirected networks is given by:

$$Q_{ds} = \sum_{c \in C} \left[ \frac{|E_c^{in}|}{|E|} d_c - \left( \frac{2|E_c^{in}| + |E_c^{out}|}{2|E|} d_c \right)^2 - \sum_{\substack{c' \in C \\ c' \neq c}} \frac{|E_{c,c'}|}{2|E|} d_{c,c'} \right],$$

$$d_c = \frac{2|E_c^{in}|}{|c|(|c| - 1)},$$

$$d_{c,c'} = \frac{|E_{c,c'}|}{|c||c'|},$$
(21)

where  $d_c$  is the internal density of community c, and  $d_{c,c'}$  is the pair-wise density between community c and community c'.

#### 3.2 Modularity Density for Overlapping Communities

According to  $Q_{ov}$  in Equation (18), we extend  $Q_{ds}$  for overlapping community structure as:

$$Q_{ds}^{ov} = \sum_{c \in C} \left[ \frac{|E_{c}^{in}|}{|E|} d_{c} - \left( \frac{2|E_{c}^{in}| + |E_{c}^{out}|}{2|E|} d_{c} \right)^{2} - \sum_{\substack{c' \in C \\ c' \neq c}} \frac{|E_{c,c'}|}{2|E|} d_{c,c'} \right],$$

$$d_{c} = \frac{2|E_{c}^{in}|}{\sum_{i,j \in c, i \neq j} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c})},$$

$$d_{c,c'} = \frac{|E_{c,c'}|}{\sum_{i \in c, j \in c'} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'})},$$
(22)

where 
$$|E_c^{in}| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \in c} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) A_{ij}, |E_c^{out}| = \sum_{\substack{i \in c \\ c' \neq c \\ j \in c'}} \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c \\ j \in c'}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) \\ f \neq c \\ f \neq c'}} \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c \\ f \neq c'}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) \\ f \neq c \\ f \neq c'}} \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c \\ f \neq c'}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) \\ f \neq c \\ f \neq c'}} \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c \\ f \neq c'}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) \\ f \neq c \\ f \neq c'}} \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c \\ f \neq c'}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c \\ f \neq c'}}} \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c'}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c'}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c'}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum_{\substack{f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) \\ f \neq c'}}} f(a_{i,c'}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, |E_{c,c'}| = \sum$$

$$\sum_{i \in c, j \in c'} f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c'}) A_{ij}, \text{ and } |E| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} A_{ij}. \text{ The belonging function } f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c})$$

can be the product or average of  $a_{i,c}$  and  $a_{j,c}$ . For disjoint communities,  $Q_{ds}^{ov}$  reduces exactly to  $Q_{ds}$  given by Equation (21). Notice that we do not extend modularity density based on  $Q_{ov}^L$  since it is too complicated and far from intuitive.

#### 4 Evaluation and Analysis

From Subsection 2.2, we know that all node-based overlapping extensions of modularity can be expressed with  $Q_{ov}$  in Equation (18) using the belonging function  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) = \frac{a_{i,c} + a_{j,c}}{2}$  or  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) = a_{i,c} a_{j,c}$ . For the

edge-based overlapping extension of modularity  $(Q_{ov}^L)$ , the belonging function is given by Equation (14). Also, the overlapping extension of the localized modularity  $NQ_{ov}$  has the belonging function  $f(a_{i,c},a_{j,c}) = \frac{a_{i,c}+a_{j,c}}{2}$  or  $f(a_{i,c},a_{j,c}) = a_{i,c}a_{j,c}$ . For the overlapping extension of modularity density  $(Q_{ov}^{ov})$ , the belonging function  $f(a_{i,c},a_{j,c})$  can also be the average or the product of  $a_{i,c}$  and  $a_{j,c}$ . Thus, there are two versions of the belonging function for  $Q_{ov}$ ,  $NQ_{ov}$ , and  $Q_{ds}^{ov}$ . Therefore, we have  $Q_{ov}(average)$  with  $f(a_{i,c},a_{j,c}) = \frac{a_{i,c}+a_{j,c}}{2}$ ,  $Q_{ov}(product)$  with  $f(a_{i,c},a_{j,c}) = a_{i,c}a_{j,c}$ ,  $Q_{ov}^{c}(product)$  with  $f(a_{i,c},a_{j,c}) = a_{i,c}a_{j,c}$ ,  $Q_{ds}^{ov}(average)$  with  $f(a_{i,c},a_{j,c}) = \frac{a_{i,c}+a_{j,c}}{2}$ , and  $Q_{ds}^{ov}(product)$  with  $f(a_{i,c},a_{j,c}) = a_{i,c}a_{j,c}$ . For fuzzy overlapping community structures,  $a_{i,c}$  is given for each node i to each community c to which it belongs. For crisp overlapping community structures, we can adopt Equation (7) and Equation (12) to calculate  $a_{i,c}$ . Consequently, two versions of the belonging coefficient can be used to convert crisp overlapping to fuzzy overlapping.

We also consider eight local community quality metrics: the number of Intra-edges, Intra-density, Contraction, the number of Boundary-edges, Expansion, Conductance [8,7], the Fitness function [24], and the Average Modularity Degree [25]. These metrics describe how the connectivity structure of a given set of nodes resembles a community. All of them rely on the intuition that communities are sets of nodes with many edges inside them and few edges outside of them. We also extend these metrics to be applicable to fuzzy overlapping community structures in which nodes are assigned probability of belonging to each community of which they are part. Two versions of the belonging coefficient and two versions of the belonging function are considered for each metric. For fuzzy overlapping community structure, we define the size of a community c as  $|c| = \sum_{i \in c} a_{i,c}$ .

The number of *Intra-edges* (*IE*):  $|E_c^{in}|$ ; it is the total number of edges in c. A large value of this metric is better than a small value in terms of the community quality.

Intra-density (ID):  $d_c$  in Equation (22). The larger the value of this metric, the higher the quality of the communities.

**Contraction** (CNT):  $2|E_c^{in}|/|c|$ ; it measures the average number of edges per node inside the community c. A larger value of contraction means a better community quality.

The number of *Boundary-edges* (BE):  $|E_c^{out}|$ ; it is the total number of edges on the boundary of c. A small value of this metric is better than a large value in terms of the community quality.

**Expansion** (EXP):  $|E_c^{out}|/|c|$ ; it measures the average number of edges (per node) that point outside the community c. A smaller value of expansion corresponds to a better community structure.

responds to a better community structure. Conductance (CND):  $\frac{|E_c^{out}|}{2|E_c^{in}|+|E_c^{out}|}$ ; it measures the fraction of the total number of edges that point outside the community. A smaller value of conductance means a better community quality.

The *Fitness* (F) function:  $\frac{|E_c^{in}|}{|E_c^{in}|+|E_c^{out}|}$ ; it is the ratio between the internal

degree and the total degree of a community c. A larger value of F indicates a better community quality.

Average Modularity Degree (D):  $\sum_{c \in C} \frac{2|E_c^{in}| - |E_c^{out}|}{|c|}$ ; it is the summation of the average modularity degree of each community. The average modularity degree of a community  $(\frac{2|E_c^{in}| - |E_c^{out}|}{|c|})$  equals to the average inner degree  $(\frac{2|E_c^{in}|}{|c|})$  minus the average outer degree  $(\frac{|E_c^{out}|}{|c|})$ . The larger the value of D, the higher the quality of the community structure.

In this section, we compare different choices of the belonging coefficient and the belonging function to be used for  $Q_{ov}$ ,  $Q_{ov}^L$ ,  $NQ_{ov}$ ,  $Q_{ds}^{ov}$ , and the eight local community quality metrics in order to see which version of the belonging coefficient and which version of the belonging function are better. Then, we try to determine which of the three overlapping extensions of modularity (two kinds of node-based extensions of modularity and the edge-based extension of modularity) is the best. In addition, we compare the performance of all these overlapping metrics with the best combination of belonging coefficient and belonging function to recommend which metrics to select when measuring the quality of overlapping community structures.

The experiments are done with three community detection algorithms, Speaker-listener Label Propagation Algorithm (SLPA) [40], Clique Percolation Method (CFinder) [35], and SpeakEasy [13] which is a label propagation algorithm specialized for biology networks, on a large number of real networks and synthetic networks. We vary the threshold parameter r of SLPA [40] from 0.05 to 0.5 with step 0.05. SLPA gets crisp overlapping communities when r < 0.5 and gets disjoint communities when r = 0.5 (for r > 0.5 SLPA generates the same disjoint communities as for r = 0.5). For each value of threshold r, we adopt 10 running samples since the community detection result of SLPA is not deterministic. We vary the parameter k of CFinder from 3 to 20 with step 1 but only when such k-clique-community is available. It is usually the case that some nodes are not in the final discovered k-clique-communities so we consider each of these nodes forming a community of itself. The threshold parameter tr of SpeakEasy is varied from 0.05 to 1 with step 0.05. SpeakEasy gets crisp overlapping community structures when tr < 1 and gets disjoint community structures when tr = 1.

Then, for the community detection results of SLPA with different values of threshold r, the results of CFinder with different values of k, and the results of SpeakEasy with different thresholds tr on each of these networks, we calculate the values of  $Q_{ov}$ ,  $Q_{ov}^L$ ,  $NQ_{ov}$ ,  $Q_{ds}^o$ , and the eight local community quality metrics (twelve metrics in total) with two versions of the **belonging coefficient (BC)** and two versions of the **belonging function (BF)**. For each r of SLPA, the values of all the metrics are calculated as the average of the 10 runs. For convenience, we denote Equation (7) and Equation (12) as the first and the second version of the belonging coefficient, respectively. We also denote the belonging function  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) = \frac{a_{i,c} + a_{j,c}}{2}$  as the first version of the belonging function and  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) = a_{i,c}a_{j,c}$  as the second version of the belonging function. We determine which version of the belonging coefficient

Table 1 Basic properties of all real network datasets used in the experiments.

Name #Nodes#Edges Type Description

Name	#Nodes	#Edges	Type	Description
Celegans	453	2025	Unweighted & Undirected	Metabolic network of C. elegans [10]
Dolphin	62	159	Unweighted & Undirected	Dolphin social network [26]
Email	1133	5451	Unweighted & Undirected	Email network [19]
Football	115	613	Unweighted & Undirected	American college football network [15]
Jazz	198	2742	Unweighted & Undirected	Jazz musicians network [16]
Karate	34	78	Unweighted & Undirected	Zachary's karate club network [42]
Lesmis	77	254	Weighted & Undirected	Characters coappearance network [21]
Netscience	1461	2742	Weighted & Undirected	Coauthorship network [31]
PGP	10680	24316	Unweighted & Undirected	PGP network [2]
Polblogs	1224	19022	Unweighted & Directed	Political blogs network [1]
Polbooks	105	441	Unweighted & Undirected	Network of books about US politics [22]
Railway	297	1213	Unweighted & Undirected	Indian railway network [3]
Santafe	118	200	Unweighted & Undirected	Collaboration network of scientists [15]
Collins_cyc	1097	6392	Unweighted & Undirected	
Collins_cyc_w	1097	6392	Weighted & Undirected	
Collins_mips	734	4778	Unweighted & Undirected	
Collins_sgd	809	2955	Unweighted & Undirected	Protein-protein interaction networks [13]
Gavin_cyc	997	4031	Unweighted & Undirected	1 Totem-protein interaction networks [19]
Gavin_cyc_w	997	4031	Weighted & Undirected	
Gavin_mips	701	2695	Unweighted & Undirected	
Gavin_sgd	747	2639	Unweighted & Undirected	
Amazon	319948		Unweighted & Undirected	1 1
DBLP	260998	950059	Unweighted & Undirected	DBLP collaboration network [41]

and which version of the belonging function are better based on the largest number of quality metrics consistent with each other on determining the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy on all these networks. Finally, we compare the performance of these overlapping metrics with the best combination of belonging coefficient and belonging function by looking at how many times each metric is among those that are consistent with each other on determining the best values of parameters for the three adopted community detection algorithms.

## 4.1 Real Network Datasets

We consider totally 23 real network datasets, including friendship network, collaboration networks, co-purchasing networks, biology networks, etc. Table 1 shows the basic properties of all these datasets. It can be seen that these networks have different numbers of nodes and different numbers of edges, varying from very small networks to very large networks. Moreover, edges in some networks have weights and directions.

Celegans is a metabolic network of C. elegans [10]. **Dolphin** is an social network of frequent associations between 62 dolphins in a community living off Doubtful Sound, New Zealand [26]. **Email** is a network of email interchanges between members of the University Rovira i Virgili (Tarrago-

na) [19]. Football is a network that represents the schedule of games between college football teams in a single season [15]. Jazz is a network of collaborations between jazz musicians [16]. Karate is a network representing the friendships between 34 members of a karate club at a US university during two years [42]. Lesmis is a coappearance network of characters in the novel Les Miserables [21]. **Netscience** is a coauthorship network of scientists working on network theory and experiment [31]. PGP is the giant component of the network of users of the Pretty-Good-Privacy (PGP) algorithm for secure information interchange [2]. Polblogs is a directed network of hyperlinks between weblogs on US politics, recorded in 2005 by Adamic and Glance [1]. **Polbooks** is a network of books about US politics published around the time of the 2004 presidential election and sold by the online bookseller Amazon.com [22]. Railway is a network with nodes representing Indian railway stations, where two stations are connected by an edge if there exists at least one train-route such that both stations are scheduled stops on that route [3]. Santafe is the largest connected component of the collaboration network of scientists at the Santa Fe Institute during years 1999 and 2000 [15]. Collins\_cyc, Collins\_cyc\_w, Collins\_mips, Collins\_sgd, Gavin\_cyc, Gavin\_cyc\_w, Gavin\_mips, and Gavin\_sgd are two kinds (referred as Collins [9] and Gavin [14] here) of popular high throughput proteinprotein interaction networks derived from measurements obtained by affinity purification and mass spectrometry (AP-MS) techniques [13]. These two kinds of networks are further refined with three gold-standards for protein complexes, including the classic Munich Information Center for Protein Sequences (MIPS) [27] and the more recent Saccharomyces Genome Database (SGD) [20]. The complete MIPS dataset as well as partial information from SGD are incorporated into a third protein complex list known as CYC2008 [36]. Thus, we have Collins\_cyc, Collins\_mips, Collins\_sgd, Gavin\_cyc, Gavin\_mips, and Gavin\_sgd, respectively. Collins\_cyc\_w and Gavin\_cyc\_w are respectively the weighted versions of Collins\_cyc and Gavin\_cyc, in which the weight is proportional to the probability a given interaction pair truly exists. **Amazon** is a product co-purchasing network of the Amazon website [41]. The nodes of the network represent products and edges link commonly copurchased products. **DBLP** is a scientific collaboration network where nodes represent authors and edges connect authors that have co-authored a paper [41].

Tables 2-4 show the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy, respectively, along with the corresponding number of community quality metrics (out of twelve) that are consistent with each other on determining this best r, this best k, and this best tr for the four combinations of two versions of belonging coefficient and two versions of belonging function on all 23 real network datasets. For instance, entry 0.5 (5) in row **Dolphin** and column (BC,BF)=(1,1) in Table 2 means that there are totally five out of twelve community quality metrics showing that the best value of threshold r for SLPA is 0.5 when adopting the first version of belonging coefficient and the first version of belonging function. The red italic font in each dataset row of these

Table 2 The best value of threshold r for SLPA and the corresponding number of community quality metrics (out of twelve) that are consistent with each other on determining this best r for the four combinations of two versions of belonging coefficient and two versions of belonging function on all real network datasets. The best value in each row is marked by red italic font.

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		SLF	PA	
Datasets	(BC,BF)=(1,1)	(BC,BF)=(1,2)	(BC,BF)=(2,1)	(BC,BF)=(2,2)
Celegans	0.5(6)	0.05(4)	0.5 (6)	0.4 (5)
Dolphin	0.5 (5)	0.4 (8)	0.5 (6)	$\{0.05,0.4\}\ (5)$
Email	0.5 (8)	0.5 (10)	0.5 (7)	0.5 (8)
Football	$\{0.45, 0.5\}\ (9)$	$\{0.45,0.5\}\ (11)$	$\{0.45,0.5\}\ (8)$	0.25 (7)
Jazz	0.5 (10)	0.5 (10)	0.5 (9)	0.5 (9)
Karate	0.5 (8)	0.45 (10)	0.5 (7)	0.45 (10)
Lesmis	$\{0.25, 0.5\}\ (4)$	0.25(6)	0.5 (4)	0.15 (5)
Netscience	0.35 (4)	0.5 (4)	0.35~(5)	$\{0.35,0.5\}\ (3)$
PGP	0.5 (8)	0.5 (10)	0.5 (7)	0.5 (8)
Polblogs	0.5 (7)	0.5 (8)	0.5 (6)	0.5 (4)
Polbooks	0.5 (7)	0.2 (5)	0.5 (7)	0.2 (4)
Railway	0.5 (8)	0.5 (9)	0.5 (7)	0.5 (7)
Santafe	0.4 (6)	0.4 (7)	0.4(5)	0.4(5)
Collins_cyc	0.5 (8)	0.5(5)	0.5 (8)	0.5 (6)
Collins_cyc_w	0.05 (7)	0.05 (7)	0.05 (6)	0.05 (8)
Collins_mips	0.45 (5)	0.45(6)	{0.05,0.45} 4	{0.05,0.45} (4)
Collins_sgd	0.5 (4)	0.1 (4)	0.5 (4)	0.1 (6)
Gavin_cyc	0.45 (5)	0.45 (6)	0.45 (5)	0.45 (7)
Gavin_cyc_w	0.35 (5)	0.3~(6)	0.05 (4)	0.3 (5)
Gavin_mips	0.5 (9)	0.5 (11)	0.5 (8)	0.5 (6)
Gavin_sgd	0.5 (8)	0.5 (9)	0.5 (7)	0.5 (7)
Amazon	0.5 (8)	0.5 (10)	0.5 (6)	0.5 (9)
DBLP	0.5 (7)	0.5 (10)	0.5 (6)	0.5 (8)

tables denotes the best combination of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two versions of belonging function for each dataset. For example, 0.4 (8) in row **Dolphin** and column (**BC,BF**)=(1,2) in Table 2 indicates that the twelve metrics with the first version of belonging coefficient and the second version of belonging function is the best since the number of metrics (which is eight here) consistent with each other on determining the best value of r is the largest among the four combinations.

It can be observed from Table 2 that almost all the networks, except Celegans, Netscience, Polbooks, Collins\_cyc, Collins\_cyc\_w, Collins\_sgd, and Gavin\_cyc, imply that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four possible combinations when using SLPA. Table 3 shows that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best on all the networks, except Football, when using CFinder. Results for CFinder on Polblogs, Collins\_cyc\_w, and Gavin\_cyc\_w are not provided because it has not finished running on these three networks for more than two months processing many potential k-cliques. Similarly, Table 4 indicates that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best on all the networks, except Jazz, when using SpeakEasy. We can observe from the three tables that for each network there are at least two out of three algorithms (SLPA, CFinder, and SpeakEasy) sup-

**Table 3** The best value of parameter k for CFinder and the corresponding number of community quality metrics (out of twelve) that are consistent with each other on determining this best k for the four combinations of two versions of belonging coefficient and two versions of belonging function on all real network datasets. The best value in each row is marked by red italic font.

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	CFinder  (BC BF)=(1 1)   (BC BF)=(1 2)   (BC BF)=(2 1)   (BC BF)=(1 2)   (BC B										
Datasets	(BC,BF)=(1,1)	(BC,BF)=(1,2)	(BC,BF)=(2,1)	(BC,BF)=(2,2)							
Celegans	3 (6)	3 (7)	3(5)	${3,9}(4)$							
Dolphin	3 (11)	3 (12)	3 (7)	3 (7)							
Email	3 (10)	3 (10)	4 (4)	{3,4,9-12} (3)							
Football	4 (6)	{3,4} (5)	4 (5)	4 (5)							
Jazz	3 (8)	3 (8)	3 (6)	3 (5)							
Karate	3 (11)	3 (11)	3 (8)	3 (7)							
Lesmis	3 (7)	3 (8)	6 (4)	{3,6} (4)							
Netscience	3 (11)	3 (12)	3 (9)	3 (9)							
PGP	3 (10)	3 (12)	3 (6)	3 (8)							
Polblogs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A							
Polbooks	3 (10)	3 (10)	3 (7)	3 (6)							
Railway	3 (9)	3 (9)	3 (4)	3 (4)							
Santafe	3 (10)	3 (11)	3 (7)	3 (8)							
Collins_cyc	3 (11)	3 (11)	3 (7)	3 (8)							
Collins_cyc_w	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A							
Collins_mips	3 (10)	3 (10)	3 (6)	3 (6)							
Collins_sgd	3 (12)	3 (12)	3 (8)	3 (8)							
Gavin_cyc	3 (11)	3 (12)	3 (6)	3 (6)							
Gavin_cyc_w	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A							
Gavin_mips	3 (12)	3 (12)	3 (7)	3 (6)							
Gavin_sgd	3 (11)	3 (11)	3 (6)	3 (6)							
Amazon	3 (11)	3 (11)	3 (6)	3 (6)							
DBLP	3 (9)	3 (10)	3 (5)	3 (5)							

porting conclusion that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best. Thus, we determined that the first version of the belonging coefficient is better than the alternative. It means that to convert crisp overlapping to fuzzy overlapping the belonging coefficient of a node to a community should be the reciprocal of the number of communities of which this node is a part. When the relationship between a node and the communities to which it belongs is binary, there is no information about the strength of the membership. In this case, it is intuitive and reasonable to assign a node to its communities using equal belonging coefficients. We also determined that the second version of the belonging function is better than the alternative. It means that the probability of the event that two nodes belong to the same community should be the product, not the average, of their belonging coefficients to that community. In addition,  $Q_{ov} = Q'_{ov}$ when  $f(a_{i,c}, a_{j,c}) = a_{i,c}a_{j,c}$  as proved in Subsection 2.2, which is another way of showing that the second version of the belonging function is much more suitable for use in the metric than the first. Therefore, we conclude that the overlapping community quality metrics with the first version of the belonging coefficient and the second version of the belonging function are the best among the four possible combinations on all the real network datasets. Tables 1-23 in

Table 4 The best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy and the corresponding number of community quality metrics (out of twelve) that are consistent with each other on determining this best tr for the four combinations of two versions of belonging coefficient and two versions of belonging function on all real network datasets. The best value in each row is marked by red italic font.

			SpeakEasy	
Datasets	(BC,BF)=(1,1)	(BC,BF)=(1,2)	(BC,BF)=(2,1)	(BC,BF)=(2,2)
Celegans	0.75 (6)	0.75 (7)	0.75 (6)	0.75 (6)
Dolphin	0.4(3)	0.4 (4)	0.15(4)	0.7 (4)
Email	0.9 (3)	1 (3)	$\{0.05,0.9\}\ (2)$	$\{0.5,1\}\ (3)$
Football	0.6 (10)	0.6 (10)	0.6 (10)	0.6 (10)
Jazz	0.75 (5)	0.75(5)	0.75 (5)	0.75(6)
Karate	0.45 (5)	0.45(6)	0.45 (5)	0.45 (6)
Lesmis	0.85 (5)	0.85~(6)	0.85 (4)	0.85 (4)
Netscience	0.7 (4)	0.25 (10)	0.05(3)	$\{0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.7\}\ (2)$
PGP	0.85(5)	0.85 (7)	$\{0.05, 0.75, 0.85\}\ (3)$	0.85 (4)
Polblogs	0.7 (4)	0.7 (4)	0.45 (3)	$\{0.5,0.7,0.8,0.9\}$ (2)
Polbooks	0.95 (5)	0.95~(6)	$\{0.5, 0.95\}\ (3)$	0.95 (4)
Railway	0.8 (4)	0.8 (5)	0.8 (3)	0.8 (4)
Santafe	0.9(5)	0.9(5)	0.9 (4)	$\{0.65, 0.9\}\ (4)$
Collins_cyc	0.9 (8)	0.9 (10)	0.9 (4)	0.9 (6)
Collins_cyc_w	0.55 (6)	0.55 (9)	$\{0.1, 0.55\}\ (3)$	0.55 (4)
Collins_mips	0.4(7)	0.4 (10)	0.4(5)	$\{0.25, 0.4, 0.6\}\ (3)$
Collins_sgd	0.8 (7)	0.8 (10)	$\{0.5,0.8\}\ (4)$	$\{0.5,0.8\}\ (5)$
Gavin_cyc	0.7 (6)	0.7 (8)	0.7 (5)	0.7 (6)
Gavin_cyc_w	0.7 (4)	0.7(5)	$\{0.05, 0.5, 0.7, 0.95\}\ (2)$	0.7 (3)
Gavin_mips	0.9 (6)	0.9 (8)	0.9 (5)	0.9 (5)
Gavin_sgd	0.8 (5)	0.8 (6)	0.8 (6)	0.8 (6)
Amazon	1 (9)	1 (11)	1 (8)	1 (11)
DBLP	1 (9)	1 (10)	1 (8)	1 (10)

Supplementary Materials contain more detailed results on these real network datasets.

Table 5 shows the number of times (maximum three since there are totally three community detection algorithms adopted) that the community quality metric is among the quality metrics that are consistent with each other on determining the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy on each real network with (BC,BF)=(1,2). The last row in the table presents on how many networks this metric got support from all three algorithms and how many times on average (maximum three; but for Polblogs, Collins\_cyc\_w, and Gavin\_cyc\_w the maximum value is two because CFinder has no result for these networks) this metric got support from each of the 23 real networks. This table indicates that the edge-based overlapping definition is the best overlapping extension for modularity among the three extensions (two kinds of node-based extensions of modularity and the edge-based extension of modularity). The fitness function gets the largest values in the last row and generally local metrics are better than global metrics here which may imply that local community quality metrics are more applicable for measuring the quality of

**Table 5** The number of times (maximum three since there are totally three community detection algorithms adopted) that the community quality metric is among those consistent with each other on determining the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy on each real network with (BC,BF)=(1,2). The best value in the last row is marked by red italic font.

Datasets	0	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D
Celegans	$\frac{Q \partial v}{1}$	1	1	$\frac{Q_{ds}}{1}$	3	0	2	0	2	2	3	2
Dolphin	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	3
Email	2	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
		_	1	_	_	_		_	_			
Football	2	1	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3
Jazz	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	2
Karate	3	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	2
Lesmis	0	2	1	0	2	2	3	0	2	3	3	2
Netscience	3	2	3	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	2	2
PGP	3	2	3	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	2	3
Polblogs	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	2
Polbooks	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	0	2	3	3	2
Railway	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	3	3	3
Santafe	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	0	2	3	3	2
Collins_cyc	3	2	3	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
Collins_cyc_w	2	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	2	2	2	1
Collins_mips	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	3
Collins_sgd	2	2	2	1	3	2	3	1	2	3	3	2
Gavin_cyc	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	3	3	3
Gavin_cyc_w	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	2	2	2
Gavin_mips	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	3
Gavin_sgd	2	3	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	3	3	2
Amazon	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	1	3	2	3	3
DBLP	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	3	3
	8	4	12	4	8	1	10	2	9	13	14	11
	(2)	(1.83)	(2.22)	(1.57)	(2.17)	(1.39)	(2.04)	(1.22)	(2.26)	(2.43)	(2.43)	(2.35)

overlapping community structures. Note that eight out of twelve metrics are local metrics, so they are majority here which may impact the selection of the most consistent metrics. In addition, even though we have already shown in [8, 7,5] that modularity density simultaneously solves two opposite yet coexisting problems of modularity,  $Q_{ds}^{ov}$  is not highly consistent with majority of other metrics. This might be because only one other metric consider community density. We will investigate if adding more community density based metrics can change the above results.

#### 4.2 LFR Benchmark Networks

LFR (named after the initials of names of authors) benchmark networks [23] have become a standard in the evaluation of the performance of community detection algorithms. The LFR benchmark network that we used here has 1000 nodes with average degree 15 and maximum degree 50. The exponent  $\gamma$  for the degree sequence varies from 2 to 3. The exponent  $\beta$  for the community size distribution ranges from 1 to 2. Then, four pairs of the exponents

**Table 6** The best value of threshold r for SLPA and the corresponding number of community quality metrics (out of twelve) that are consistent with each other on determining this best r for the four combinations of two versions of belonging coefficient and two versions of belonging function on LFR benchmark networks with  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, 2)$  and  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, 0.4$ . The best value in each row is marked by red italic font.

			S	LPA	
$\mu$	$O_m$	(BC,BF)=(1,1)	(BC,BF)=(1,2)	(BC,BF)=(2,1)	(BC,BF)=(2,2)
	1	0.5 (7)	0.5 (8)	0.5 (7)	0.5 (6)
	2	0.5 (8)	0.5 (5)	0.5 (7)	0.3 (4)
0.3	4	0.5 (9)	0.5 (10)	0.5 (8)	0.5 (5)
	6	0.5 (9)	0.5 (10)	0.5(8)	0.5 (6)
	8	0.5 (9)	0.5 (10)	0.5 (8)	0.5 (9)
	1	0.25 (5)	0.25~(6)	0.25(4)	0.25 (5)
	2	0.5 (7)	0.45 (7)	0.5 (7)	0.45 (6)
0.35	4	0.5 (8)	$0.5 \; (9)$	0.5(7)	0.5 (6)
	6	0.5 (8)	0.5 (9)	0.5 (7)	0.5 (8)
	8	0.5 (7)	0.5 (9)	0.5(6)	0.5 (8)
	1	0.5(6)	0.25(5)	0.5 (4)	$\{0.2,0.25,0.45\}\ (3)$
	2	0.5 (8)	0.5 (9)	0.5(7)	0.5 (5)
0.4	4	0.5 (9)	0.5 (10)	0.5 (8)	0.5 (8)
	6	0.5 (9)	0.5 (10)	0.5 (9)	0.5 (9)
	8	0.5 (8)	0.5 (9)	0.5 (7)	0.5 (8)

 $(\gamma, \beta) = (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1),$  and (3, 2) are chosen in order to explore the widest spectrum of graph structures. The mixing parameter  $\mu$  is varied from 0.05 to 0.95. It means that each node shares a fraction  $(1-\mu)$  of its edges with the other nodes in its community and shares a fraction  $\mu$  of its edges with the nodes outside its community. Thus, low mixing parameters indicate strong community structure. The degree of overlap is determined by two parameters.  $O_n$  is the number of overlapping nodes, and  $O_m$  is the number of communities to which each overlapping node belongs.  $O_n$  here is set to 10% of the total number of nodes. Instead of fixing  $O_m$ , we allow it to vary from 1 to 8 indicating the overlapping diversity of overlapping nodes. By increasing the value of  $O_m$ , we create harder detection tasks. Also, we generate 10 network instances for each configuration of these parameters. Hence, each metric value for a certain configuration of LFR represents the average metric values of all 10 instances. Since the experimental results are similar for all four pairs of exponents  $(\gamma, \beta) = (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1), \text{ and } (3, 2), \text{ for the sake of brevity, we only}$ present the results for  $(\gamma, \beta) = (2, 1)$  here. In addition, these results are similar for different values of  $\mu$  and we cannot show all the results in one page as can be observed from Tables 24-26 in the Supplementary Materials, so here we only show the results for  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35$ , and 0.4. We choose  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35$ , and 0.4 to better illustrate the results since with  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, \text{ and } 0.4$  the community structures generated by LFR are around the boundary of well-separated communities and well-connected communities. For each node,  $\mu = 0.5$  means that the number of its edges with other nodes in its communities is equal to the number of its edges with nodes outside its community, which makes the community structure difficult to discover.

Table 7 The best value of parameter k for CFinder and the corresponding number of community quality metrics (out of twelve) that are consistent with each other on determining this best k for the four combinations of two versions of belonging coefficient and two versions of belonging function on LFR benchmark networks with  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, 2)$  and  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, 0.4$ . The best value in each row is marked by red italic font.

			CFi	nder	
$\mu$	$O_m$	(BC,BF)=(1,1)	(BC,BF)=(1,2)	(BC,BF)=(2,1)	(BC,BF)=(2,2)
	1	4 (9)	4 (9)	4 (7)	4 (6)
	2	${3,4}(5)$	4 (6)	3 (5)	4 (5)
0.3	4	3 (6)	3 (6)	3 (4)	3 (4)
	6	3 (5)	4 (7)	${3,4,11}$ (3)	4 (4)
	8	3 (5)	4 (7)	${3,4,12}$ (3)	4 (4)
	1	4 (8)	4 (8)	4 (6)	4 (5)
	2	3 (6)	3 (6)	${3,8} (4)$	4 (4)
0.35	4	3 (6)	4 (6)	3 (4)	4 (4)
	6	4 (5)	4 (7)	4 (5)	4 (5)
	8	4 (6)	4 (7)	4 (4)	4 (5)
	1	4 (6)	3 (6)	$\{3,4,8\}$ (4)	4 (4)
	2	3 (6)	3 (6)	${3,9}(4)$	4 (4)
0.4	4	3 (6)	4 (6)	${3,9}(4)$	4 (4)
	6	4 (7)	4 (8)	4 (5)	4 (5)
	8	4 (6)	4 (7)	4 (5)	4 (5)

**Table 8** The best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy and the corresponding number of quality metrics (out of twelve) that are consistent with each other on determining this best tr for the four combinations of two versions of belonging coefficient and two versions of belonging function on LFR benchmark networks with  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, 2)$  and  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, 0.4$ . The best value in each row is marked by red italic font.

			Spea	ıkEasy	
$\mu$	$O_m$	(BC,BF)=(1,1)	(BC,BF)=(1,2)	(BC,BF)=(2,1)	(BC,BF)=(2,2)
	1	0.75 (9)	0.75 (9)	0.75 (9)	0.75 (9)
	2	0.8 (7)	0.8 (8)	0.8 (6)	0.8 (7)
0.3	4	1 (4)	1 (4)	1 (4)	1 (4)
	6	0.95(4)	0.95(4)	0.05(3)	$\{0.35,0.7\}\ (4)$
	8	0.05(3)	$\{0.4,0.6\}\ (4)$	$\{0.05, 0.85\}\ (3)$	$\{0.4, 0.85\}\ (3)$
	1	0.8 (9)	0.8 (9)	0.8 (9)	0.8 (9)
	2	0.95(5)	0.95~(6)	0.95(4)	$\{0.35, 0.95\}\ (3)$
0.35	4	$\{0.05, 0.95\}\ (3)$	0.75(4)	$\{0.05, 0.95\}\ (3)$	0.95(3)
	6	0.85 (5)	0.85(4)	0.85(4)	0.45 (3)
	8	$\{0.05, 0.85\}\ (3)$	0.9 (5)	$\{0.05, 0.85, 1\}\ (3)$	$\{0.85,0.9\}\ (3)$
	1	0.15 (9)	0.15 (9)	0.15 (9)	0.15 (9)
	2	$\{0.8,0.85,0.95\}\ (3)$	0.95(4)	$\{0.05, 0.85, 0.95\}\ (3)$	0.95~(5)
0.4	4	0.95(5)	0.95~(6)	0.95(4)	0.95 (4)
	6	0.95 (4)	$\{0.65, 0.75\}\ (3)$	0.75(4)	0.75(6)
	8	$\{0.05, 0.9, 1\}\ (3)$	0.4(5)	$\{0.05, 0.95, 1\}\ (3)$	$\{0.4,0.5\}\ (3)$

Tables 6-8 show the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy, respectively, along with the corresponding number of community quality metrics (out of twelve) that are consistent with each other on determining this best r, this best k, and this best tr for the four possible combinations of two versions of belonging coefficient and two versions of belonging function on LFR

**Table 9** The number of times (maximum three since there are totally three community detection algorithms adopted) that the community quality metric is among those consistent with each other on determining the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy on each configuration of LFR benchmark networks with  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, 2)$  and  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, 0.4$  when (BC,BF)=(1,2). The best value in the last row is marked by red italic font.

$\mu$	$O_m$	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D
	1	3	2	3	3	1	0	2	0	3	3	3	3
	2	3	1	3	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	2
0.3	4	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	2
	6	2	1	2	2	0	1	2	0	3	3	3	2
	8	3	1	3	2	1	1	3	0	3	3	3	2
	1	3	1	3	2	1	0	2	0	3	2	3	3
	2	2	0	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	3
0.35	4	2	2	2	2	0	0	3	0	2	2	2	2
	6	2	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	3	3	3	2
	8	3	1	3	2	1	0	2	0	3	2	2	2
	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	0	2	3	3	3
	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	2	3
0.4	4	3	2	3	2	0	1	3	0	2	2	2	2
	6	3	2	3	3	0	1	3	0	2	3	3	1
	8	2	1	2	2	1	0	3	0	2	3	3	2
		7	0	7	2	0	1	6	0	6	7	8	5
		(2.33)	(1.2)	(2.33)	(1.87)	(0.73)	(0.87)	(2.4)	(0.2)	(2.2)	(2.4)	(2.47)	(2.27)

benchmark networks with  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, 2)$  and  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, 0.4$ . Table 6 implies that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four possible combinations on all configurations of LFR networks except  $\mu = 0.3, O_m = 2$  and  $\mu = 0.4, O_m = 1$  when using SLPA. Table 7 demonstrates that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best on all configurations of LFR networks when using CFinder. Table 8 indicates that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations on all configurations of LFR networks except  $\mu = 0.35, O_m = 6$  and  $\mu = 0.4, O_m = 2, 4$  when using SpeakEasy. Consequently, we could conclude that the overlapping community quality metrics with the first version of belonging coefficient and the second version of the belonging function are the best among the four possible combinations on LFR networks. Please refer to Tables 24-26 in Supplementary Materials for more detailed results on LFR benchmark networks.

Table 9 shows the number of times (maximum three since there are totally three community detection algorithms adopted) that the community quality metric is among the metrics that are consistent with each other on determining the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy on each configuration of LFR benchmark networks with  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, 2)$  and  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, 0.4$  when (BC,BF)=(1,2). The last row in the table presents how many different configurations of LFR networks support this metric across all three algorithms and how many times on average (maximum three) this metric got support from each of the 15 different configurations. This table shows results similar with those presented in Table 5. Node-based overlapping extension and edge-based

overlapping extension of modularity perform equally well on LFR networks. The last row shows that the fitness function has the largest values and generally local metrics are better than global metrics, and still  $Q_{ds}^{ov}$  performs poor. The reason is the same as given for the results in Table 5.

#### 5 Conclusion

In this paper, we determined which versions of the belonging coefficient and the belonging function are better for measuring quality of fuzzy overlapping community structures. We found that the first version of the belonging coefficient is better than the second one, which means that the coefficient of a node belonging to a community should be the reciprocal of the number of communities to which this node belongs. In addition, we found that the second version of the belonging function is better than the first version, meaning that the probability that two nodes belong to the same community should be the product, not the average, of their belonging coefficients. Moreover, we proposed overlapping extensions for localized modularity, modularity density, and eight local community quality metrics analogous to such extension of modularity. Based on the experimental results, we recommend using the edge-based overlapping extension of modularity with the first version of belonging coefficient and with its own belonging function. We also recommend using the node-based overlapping extension of modularity and overlapping extension of modularity density with the first version of belonging coefficient and the second version of belonging function as the metrics of the global quality of overlapping community structures.

In the future, we plan to explore local community quality metrics for overlapping community structures and investigate more community quality metrics incorporating community density to see whether putting community density into these metrics will make them perform better.

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# Supplementary Materials Fuzzy Overlapping Community Quality Metrics

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## 1 Real Network Datasets

#### 1.1 C. elegans Metabolic Network

This is the metabolic network of C. elegans [5] with 453 nodes and 2025 edges. Table 1 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA [21], the best value of parameter k for CFinder [19,6], and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy [7] determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function for this network. The last column in this table (and all the following tables) is the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, or the best value of the threshold tr for SpeakEasy along with the corresponding number of community quality metrics (out of twelve) that are consistent with each other on determining this best r, this best k, and this best tr for each combination of belonging coefficient and belonging function. The table shows that the first version of belonging function is better than the second version of belonging function when using SLPA. For CFinder and SpeakEasy, it implies that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four possible combinations of two versions of belonging coefficient and two versions of belonging function. In conclusion, two out of three algorithms show that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best on C. elegans metabolic network.

Table 1. The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on C. elegans metabolic network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

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Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^L$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.35	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5(6)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.4	0.05	0.05	0.4	0.05 (4)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.5	0.3	0.45	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5(6)
	(2,2)	0.4	0.4	0.45	0.4	0.05	0.35	0.05	0.35	0.4	0.05	0.05	0.4	0.4(5)
	(1,1)	9	3	4	3	3	4	4	7	7	3	3	3	3 (6)
CFinder	(1,2)	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	7	3	3	3	3	3 (7)
Ormder	(2,1)	7	3	4	3	3	4	4	9	9	3	3	9	3 (5)
	(2,2)	5	9	4	4	3	4	3	9	9	9	3	3	${3,9} (4)$
	(1,1)	0.75	0.8	0.75	0.75	0.05	0.8	0.05	1	0.75	0.9	0.75	0.75	0.75 (6)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.75	0.8	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.8	0.9	0.35	0.75	0.9	0.75	0.75	0.75(7)
	(2,1)	0.75	0.8	0.75	0.75	0.05	0.8	0.05	1	0.75	0.9	0.75	0.75	0.75 (6)
	(2,2)	0.75	0.8	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.8	0.9	0.35	0.75	0.5	0.9	0.75	0.75(6)

## 1.2 Dolphin Social Network

This is a social network of frequent associations between 62 dolphins in a community living off Doubtful Sound, New Zealand [16]. There are 62 nodes and 159 edges. Table 2 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on dolphin social network. We could learn from the table that all the three algorithms demonstrate that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function.

Table 2. The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on dolphin social network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.45	0.5 (5)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4 (8)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.5	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.5 (6)
	(2,2)	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.05	0.3	0.05	0.3	0.4	0.05	0.05	0.4	$\{0.05,0.4\}\ (5)$
	(1,1)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (12)
Of macr	(2,1)	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	5	5	5	3	4	3 (7)
	(2,2)	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	5	5	5	3	4	3 (7)
	(1,1)	0.4	0.55	0.4	0.2	0.15	0.85	0.05	0.7	1	0.45	0.45	0.4	0.4(3)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.85	0.45	0.7	1	0.45	0.45	0.4	0.4 (4)
	(2,1)	0.15	0.8	0.15	0.8	0.15	0.85	0.15	0.7	0.7	0.45	0.45	0.7	0.15(4)
	(2,2)	0.4	0.8	0.15	0.8	0.4	0.85	0.45	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.45	0.7	0.7(4)

#### 1.3 Email network

This network represents email interchanges between members of the University Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona) [11]. It has 1133 nodes and 5451 edges. Table 3 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on email network. It can be observed from this table that all three algorithms demonstrate that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function.

Table 3. The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on email network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.35	0.1	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.35	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (10)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
	(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.35	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
	(1,1)	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3 (10)
CFinder	(1,2)	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3 (10)
Crinder	(2,1)	4	5	3	4	3	3	4	10-12	9	10-12	4	8	4 (4)
	(2,2)	4	7	3	5	3	3	4	9-12	9-12	9-12	4	7	${3,4,9-12}$ (3)
	(1,1)	0.3	0.85	1	0.8	0.05	0.75	0.05	0.7	0.55	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9 (3)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	1	0.85	1	0.8	1	0.75	0.85	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.5	(-)
	(2,1)	0.3	0.85	1	0.8	0.05	0.75	0.05	0.7	0.95	0.9	0.9	0.5	$\{0.05,0.9\}\ (2)$
	(2,2)	1	0.85	1	0.8	1	0.75	0.85	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.5	$\{0.5,1\}\ (3)$

#### 1.4 American College Football Network

The network represents the schedule of games between college football teams in a single season [9]. There are 115 nodes and 613 edges. Table 4 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on American college football network. It can be observed from this table that SLPA performs best with (BC,BF)=(1,2), CFinder implies that (BC,BF)=(1,1) is the best, while SpeakEasy has no preferences.

#### 1.5 Jazz Musicians Network

This is a network with 198 nodes and 2742 edges of collaborations between jazz musicians [10]. Table 5 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best

**Table 4.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on American college football network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^L$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	$\overline{F}$	D	
	(1,1)	0.4	0.45, 0.5		0.45, 0.5	0.05	0.45, 0.5	0.05	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5	$\{0.45,0.5\}\ (9)$
SLPA	(1,2)	0.4	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5							$\{0.45,0.5\}\ (11)$
SELLI	(2,1)	0.4	0.45, 0.5	0.3	0.45, 0.5	0.05	0.45, 0.5	0.05	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5	0.45, 0.5	$\{0.45,0.5\}\ (8)$
	(2,2)	0.4	0.45, 0.5	0.3	0.45, 0.5	0.25	0.45, 0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25 (7)
	(1,1)	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	9	4	3	3	4	4 (6)
CFinder	(1,2)	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	9	3	3	3	4	${3,4}(5)$
Crinder	(2,1)	4	6	4	4	3	4	3	9	9	9	3	4	4 (5)
	(2,2)	4	6	4	4	3	4	3	9	9	9	3	4	4 (5)
	(1,1)	0.1, 0.6	0.75	0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.75	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	$0.1,\!0.6$	0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.6 (10)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.1, 0.6	0.75	0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.75	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	$0.1,\!0.6$	0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.6 (10)
opeakLasy	(2,1)	0.1, 0.6		0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6		0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	$0.1,\!0.6$	0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.6 (10)
	(2,1)	0.1, 0.6	0.75	0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.75	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.6	0.1, 0.6	0.6 (10)

value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on jazz musicians network. From this table, we could see that the first version of belonging coefficient is better than the second version when using SLPA and CFinder, while SpeakEasy demonstrates that (BC,BF)=(2,2) is the best among the four combinations. In summary, two of the three algorithms support that the first version of belonging coefficient is better than the second one on jazz musicians network.

**Table 5.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on jazz musicians network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (10)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (10)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
	(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
	(1,1)	14	3	10	10	3	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (8)
CFinder	(1,2)	10	3	10	10	3	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (8)
Ormder	(2,1)	14	10	8	10	3	8	3	3	3	18	3	3	3 (6)
	(2,2)	10	17	8	10	3	8	3	3	19,20	19,20	3	3	3 (5)
	(1,1)	0.75	0.5	0.75	0.75	0.1	0.85	0.1	0.75	0.75	0.55	0.55	0.8	0.75(5)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.75	0.5	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.85	0.7	0.75	0.5	0.55	0.55	0.5	0.75(5)
SpeakLasy	(2,1)	0.75	0.5	0.75	0.75	0.1	0.85	0.1	0.75	0.75	0.55	0.55	0.8	0.75(5)
	(2,2)	0.75	0.5	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.85	0.7	0.75	0.75	0.8	0.55	0.8	0.75(6)

## 1.6 Zachary's Karate Club Network

This network represents the friendships between 34 members of a karate club at a US university during two years [23]. It has 34 nodes and 78 edges. Table 6 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on Zachary's karate club network. It can be observed from this table that all three algorithms show that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function.

## 1.7 Les Miserables Network

This is a coappearance network of characters in the novel Les Miserables [13]. It has 77 nodes and 254 edges. Table 7 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on Les Miserables network. The table shows that for all three algorithms (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function.

**Table 6.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on Zachary's karate club network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.1	0.35	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.15	0.35	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45 (10)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.1	0.35	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.5 (7)
	(2,2)	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.15	0.35	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45 (10)
	(1,1)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
Ormder	(2,1)	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	3	3	3 (8)
	(2,2)	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	3	3	3 (7)
	(1,1)	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.2	0.95	0.05	0.7, 0.75	0.45	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.45(5)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.95	0.65	0.15	0.45	0.65	0.65	0.65	(-)
SpeakEasy	(2,1)	0.45	0.45	0.15	0.45	0.2	0.95	0.05	0.9	0.45	0.65	0.65	0.45	0.45(5)
	(2,2)	0.45	0.45	0.15	0.45	0.2	0.35	0.65	0.9	0.45	0.45	0.85	0.45	0.45(6)

**Table 7.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on Les Miserables network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^L$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.35	0.5	0.25	0.35	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	$\{0.25,0.5\}\ (4)$
SLPA	(1,2)	0.35	0.5	0.25	0.35	0.15	0.5	0.25	0.35	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25(6)
SELLI	(2,1)	0.35	0.5	0.15	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.5(4)
	(2,2)	0.35	0.5	0.15	0.35	0.15	0.5	0.15	0.35	0.25	0.15	0.15	0.25	0.15 (5)
	(1,1)	6	3	4	4	3	3	5	8	3	3	3	3	3 (7)
CFinder	(1,2)	5	3	4	5	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3 (8)
Of macr	(2,1)	6	6	4	6	3	3	5	9	9	9	3	6	6 (4)
	(2,2)	6	6	4	6	3	3	3	9	9	9	3	6	${3,6}(4)$
	(1,1)	0.65	0.85	0.65		0.85			0.55, 0.95			0.85	0.6	0.85(5)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.65	0.85	0.65	0.6	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.55, 0.95	0.55	0.85	0.85	0.6	0.85~(6)
Speakeasy	(2,1)	0.65	0.7	0.65, 0.8	0.6	0.85	0.85	0.1	0.95	0.55	0.85	0.85	0.6	0.85 (4)
	(2,2)	0.65, 0.8	0.7	0.65, 0.8	0.45, 0.6	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.45, 0.95	0.55	0.95	0.85	0.45, 0.6	0.85 (4)

Table 8. The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function Network Science coauthorship network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.05	0.4	0.5	0.35	0.05	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35 (4)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.25	0.5	0.35	0.2	0.15	0.35	0.5 (4)
SLI A	(2,1)	0.05	0.4	0.35	0.35	0.05	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35~(5)
	(2,2)	0.5	0.4	0.35	0.35	0.15	0.4	0.25	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.15	0.35	$\{0.35, 0.5\}\ (3)$
	(1,1)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	7	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (12)
Of macr	(2,1)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	11-20	11-20	11-20	3	3	3 (9)
	(2,2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	9-20	9-20	9-20	3	3	3 (9)
	(1,1)	0.05	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.05	0.7	0.05	1	1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7(4)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.25			0.25			0.7	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25 (10)
Бреаквазу	(2,1)	0.05			0.25				0.85	1	0.25	0.7	1	0.05 (3)
	(2,2)	0.15	0.3	0.15	0.25	$0.\overline{25}$	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.9	1	$\{0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.7\}\ (2)$

## 1.8 Network Science Coauthorship Network

This is a coauthorship network of scientists working on network theory and experiment [18]. There are 1461 nodes and 2742 edges. Table 8 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on Network Science coauthorship network. We can observe from this table that SLPA shows that (BC,BF)=(2,1) is the best among the four combinations, while CFinder and SpeakEasy indicate that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best. Thus, we could conclude that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best on Network Science coauthorship network.

#### 1.9 PGP Network

This is the largest connected component of the network of users of the Pretty-Good-Privacy (PGP) algorithm for secure information interchange [2]. It has 10680 nodes and 24316 edges in total. Table 9 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on PGP Network. It can be seen from the table that all three algorithms show that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function.

Table 9. The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on PGP network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (10)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
	(2,2)	0.45	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
	(1,1)	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	13	3	3	3	3	3 (10)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (12)
Of mider	(2,1)	4	3	3	6	3	3	3	18	18	19	3	13	3 (6)
	(2,2)	3	3	3	6	3	3	3	18	18	14,15	3	3	3 (8)
	(1,1)	0.05	0.25	0.85	0.9	0.05	0.7	0.05	0.75	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85(5)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.85	0.25	0.85	0.9	0.85	0.7		0.75	0.85	0.85	0.25	0.85	0.85 (7)
Бреаквазу	( ) )	0.05	0.8	0.85	0.9	0.05	0.7	0.05	0.75	0.75	0.85	0.85	0.75	$\{0.05, 0.75, 0.85\}\ (3)$
	(2,2)	0.85	0.8	0.85	0.9	0.85	0.7	0.85	0.6	0.75	0.75	0.2	0.75	0.85 (4)

Table 10. The best value of threshold r for SLPA and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on political blogs network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^L$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.35	0.3	0.4	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.15	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (6)
	(2,2)	0.25	0.25	0.05	0.25	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.05	0.35	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5 (4)
	(1,1)	0.85	0.45	0.85	0.7	0.9	0.35	0.05	0.7	0.7	0.25	0.45	0.7	0.7 (4)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.85	0.45	0.85	0.7	0.9	0.35	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.25	0.45	0.7	0.7 (4)
ppeakrasy	(2,1)	0.85	0.45	0.45	0.7	0.9	0.35	0.05	0.7	0.5	0.25	0.45	0.5	0.45 (3)
	(2,2)	0.8	0.8	0.45	0.7	0.9	0.35	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	$\{0.5,0.7,0.8,0.9\}\ (2)$

#### 1.10 Political Blogs Network

This is a directed network of hyperlinks between weblogs on US politics, recorded in 2005 by Adamic and Glance [1]. There are 1224 nodes and 19022 edges. Table 10 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version

of belonging function on political blogs network. Results for CFinder are not provided because it has not finished running on this network for more than two months processing many potential k-cliques resulting from dense connections. It can be seen from the table that both SLPA and SpeakEasy imply that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function.

## 1.11 Political Books Network

This is a network of books about US politics published around the time of the 2004 presidential election and sold by the online bookseller Amazon.com [14]. It has 105 nodes and 441 edges in total. Edges between books indicate frequent copurchasing of books by the same buyers. Table 11 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on political books network. We could learn from the table that SLPA shows that the first version of belonging function is better than the second version, CFinder implies that the first version of belonging coefficient is better than the second one, and SpeakEasy indicates that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among all four combinations. In summary, there are two out of three algorithms support that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best on political books network.

Table 11. The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on political books network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^L$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2 (5)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
	(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2 (4)
	(1,1)	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	3 (10)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	3 (10)
Ormder	(2,1)	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	6	6	3	3	3	3 (7)
	(2,2)	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	6	6	6	3	3	3 (6)
	(1,1)	0.95	1	0.5	0.95	0.25	0.95	0.05	0.5	0.9	0.95	0.95	0.9	0.95(5)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.95	0.55	0.5	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.95	0.95	0.9	0.95 (6)
SpeakEasy	(2,1)	0.5	1	0.5	0.95	0.25	0.95	0.05	0.5	0.85	0.9	0.95	0.9	$\{0.5,0.95\}\ (3)$
	(2,2)	0.5	0.55	0.5	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.9	0.5	0.85	0.85	0.95	0.9	0.95 (4)

Table 12. The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on Indian railway network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.15	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.35	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.15	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
	(2,2)	0.5	0.35	0.15	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.5	0.35	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5(7)
	(1,1)	6	3	4	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (9)
CFinder	(1,2)	6	3	4	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (9)
Ormder	(2,1)	6	6	4	5	3	3	3	10	10	10	3	4	3 (4)
	(2,2)	6	6	4	6	3	3	3	10	10	10	3	4	3 (4)
	(1,1)	0.55	0.8	0.45	1	0.05	0.7	0.05	0.95	0.95	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8(4)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.45	0.7	0.45	1	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.95	0.55	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8 (5)
SpeakLasy	(2,1)	0.55	0.8	0.45	1	0.05	0.7	0.05	0.95	0.95	0.8	0.8	0.55	0.8(3)
	(2,2)	0.45	0.8	0.45	1	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.95	0.55	0.55	0.8	0.55	0.8 (4)

#### 1.12 Indian Railway Network

This network consists of nodes representing Indian railway stations, where two stations are connected by an edge if there exists at least one train-route such that both stations are scheduled stops on that route [3]. There are 297 nodes and 1213 edges. Table 12 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on Indian railway network. It can be seen from the table that all three algorithms show that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function.

#### 1.13 Santa Fe Institute Collaboration Network

This is the largest connected component of the collaboration network of scientists at the Santa Fe Institute, an interdisciplinary research center in Santa Fe, New Mexico [9]. It has 118 nodes and 200 edges. Nodes in this network represent scientists in residence at the Santa Fe Institute during any part of calendar year 1999 or 2000 and their collaborators. An edge is drawn between a pair of scientists if they coauthored one or more articles during the same time period. The network includes all journal and book publications by the scientists involved, along with all papers that appeared in the institutes technical reports series. Table 13 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on Santa Fe Institute collaboration network. We could learn that all three algorithms show that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function.

Table 13. The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve quality metrics with four combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on Santa Fe Institute collaboration network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^L$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4 (6)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4 (7)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4(5)
	(2,2)	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4 (5)
	(1,1)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	4	3	3	3	3 (10)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
Of mider	(2,1)	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	5	5	5	3	5	3 (7)
	(2,2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	3	4	3 (8)
	(1,1)	0.1	0.9	0.65	0.65	0.05	0.9	0.05	1	0.95	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9(5)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.55	0.9	0.65	0.35	0.35	0.9	0.9	1	0.95	0.9	0.9	0.35	0.9(5)
эрсакцазу	(2,1)	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.65	0.05	0.9	0.05	1	0.95	0.9		0.65	0.9 (4)
	(2,2)	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.65	0.35	0.9	0.9	0.65	0.65	1	0.9	0.65	$\{0.65,0.9\}\ (4)$

## 1.14 Protein-protein Interaction Networks

We consider eight protein-protein interaction networks in the experiments. Collins\_cyc, Collins\_cyc\_w, Collins\_mips, Collins\_sgd, Gavin\_cyc, Gavin\_cyc\_w, Gavin\_mips, and Gavin\_sgd are two kinds (referred as Collins [4] and Gavin [8] here) of popular high throughput protein-protein interaction networks derived from measurements obtained by affinity purification and mass spectrometry (AP-MS) techniques [7]. These two kinds of networks are further refined with three gold-standards for protein complexes, including the classic Munich Information Center for Protein Sequences (MIPS) [17] and the more recent Saccharomyces Genome Database (SGD) [12]. The complete MIPS dataset as well as partial information from SGD are incorporated into a third protein complex list known as CYC2008 [20]. Thus, we have Collins\_cyc, Collins\_mips, Collins\_sgd, Gavin\_cyc, Gavin\_mips, and Gavin\_sgd, respectively. Collins\_cyc\_w and Gavin\_cyc\_w are respectively the weighted versions of Collins\_cyc and Gavin\_cyc, in which the weight is proportional to the probability a given interaction pair truly exists.

Tables 14-21 show the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on the eight protein-protein interaction networks. Results for CFinder on Collins\_cyc\_w and Gavin\_cyc\_w are not provided because it has not finished running on Collins\_cyc\_w and Gavin\_cyc\_w

**Table 14.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on **Collins\_cyc**. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5 (5)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
	(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5 (6)
	(1,1)	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
Of maci	(2,1)	3	9	3	6	3	3	3	18	18	20	3	3	3 (7)
	(2,2)	3	3	3	6	3	3	3	17-20	17-20	17-20	3	3	3 (8)
	(1,1)	0.05	0.9	0.9	1	0.9	0.9	0.05	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9 (8)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.9	0.9	0.9	1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9 (10)
Бреаквазу	(2,1)	0.05	0.55	0.9	0.95	0.05	0.9	0.05	0.8	0.95	0.9	0.9	0.95	0.9 (4)
	(2,2)	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.95	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.25	0.25	0.9	0.95	0.9 (6)

**Table 15.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on **Collins\_cyc\_w**. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.05	0.35	0.05	0.35	0.05	0.25	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.2	0.05 (7)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.05	0.35	0.05	0.35	0.05	0.25	0.4	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.35	0.05 (7)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.05	0.35	0.05	0.35	0.05	0.25	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.05	0.2	0.05 (6)
	(2,2)	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.35	0.05	0.25	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.2	0.05 (8)
	(1,1)	0.1	0.55	0.55	0.9	0.1	0.65	0.1	0.95	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55 (6)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.9	0.55	0.65	0.55	0.95	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55 (9)
SpeakLasy	(2,1)	0.1	0.4	0.55	0.9	0.1	0.65	0.1	0.95	0.8	0.55	0.55	0.45	$\{0.1,0.55\}\ (3)$
	(2,2)	0.55	0.4	0.55	0.9	0.55	0.65	0.55	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.45	0.55 (4)

**Table 16.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on **Collins\_mips**. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.15	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.45	0.15	0.05	0.45	0.45 (5)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.15	0.5	0.45	0.05	0.05	0.45	0.45 (6)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.15	0.45	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.05	0.45	{0.05,0.45} 4
	(2,2)	0.45	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.15	0.5	0.45	0.05	0.05	0.45	$\{0.05,0.45\}\ (4)$
	(1,1)	4	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (10)
CFinder	(1,2)	4	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (10)
Ormder	(2,1)	4	7	3	7	3	3	3	19	19	20	3	3	3 (6)
	(2,2)	4	7	3	7	3	3	3	16-20	16-20	16-20	3	3	3 (6)
	(1,1)	0.05	0.4	0.4	1	0.4	0.4	0.35	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4 (7)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.4	0.4	0.4	1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4 (10)
SpeakEasy	(2,1)	0.05	0.4	0.25	1	0.4	0.4	0.35	0.6	0.75	0.4	0.4	0.75	0.4 (5)
	(2,2)	0.25	0.95	0.25	1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.25	0.75	$\{0.25, 0.4, 0.6\}\ (3)$

**Table 17.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on **Collins\_sgd**. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.35	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.35	0.35	0.45	0.5 (4)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.35	0.45	0.35	0.45	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.35	0.1	0.1	0.45	0.1 (4)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.1	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.35	0.35	0.45	0.5(4)
	(2,2)	0.35	0.5	0.1	0.45	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1(6)
	(1,1)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (12)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (12)
Crinder	(2,1)	3	3	3	6	3	3	3	16-20	16-20	16-20	3	3	3 (8)
	(2,2)	3	3	3	6	3	3	3	16-20	16-20	16-20	3	3	3 (8)
	(1,1)	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.75	0.05	0.8	0.05	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8 (7)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.75	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.35	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8 (10)
SpeakLasy	(2,1)	0.05	0.8	0.35	0.5	0.05	0.8	0.15	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.5	$\{0.5,0.8\}\ (4)$
	(2,2)	0.35	0.8	0.35	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.5	$\{0.5,0.8\}\ (5)$

Table 18. The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on  $\mathbf{Gavin}_{\mathbf{cyc}}$ . The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.05	0.45	0.5	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45 (5)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.45	0.15	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45 (6)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.05	0.45	0.2	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45 (5)
	(2,2)	0.45	0.45	0.2	0.45	0.15	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45(7)
	(1,1)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (12)
Of mider	(2,1)	3	4	3	5	3	3	3	13	13	18-20	3	4	3 (6)
	(2,2)	3	4	3	5	3	3	3	11-20	11-20	11-20	3	4	3 (6)
	(1,1)	0.25	0.95	0.7	0.85	0.05	1	0.05	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7 (6)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.7	0.95	0.7	0.85	0.7	1	1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7(8)
Бреакназу	(2,1)	0.1	0.95	0.7	0.85	0.05	1	0.05	1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7(5)
	(2,2)	0.7	0.95	0.7	0.85	0.7	1	1	0.7	0.7	0.85	0.7	0.85	0.7(6)

Table 19. The best value of r for SLPA and the best value of tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function on  $Gavin\_cyc\_w$ . The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.05	0.4	0.35	0.3	0.05	0.35	0.05	0.5	0.45	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35 (5)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.35	0.4	0.35	0.3	0.05	0.35	0.3	0.45	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3 (6)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.3	0.05	0.35	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.35	0.35	0.45	0.05 (4)
	(2,2)	0.3							0.45	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3 (5)
	(1,1)	0.05	0.4	0.45	0.65	0.05	0.65	0.1	0.95	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7 (4)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.45	0.4	0.45	0.65	0.7	0.65	0.7	0.95	0.45	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7~(5)
Speakbasy	(2,1)	0.05	0.7	0.45	0.5	0.05	0.65	0.1	0.95	0.95	0.5	0.7	1	$\{0.05, 0.5, 0.7, 0.95\}\ (2)$
	(2,2)	0.45	0.7	0.45	0.65	0.7	0.65	0.7	0.95	0.95	0.9	0.4	1	0.7 (3)

for more than two months processing many potential k-cliques associated with intensity larger than the intensity threshold [6].

From Table 14 we could see that on **Collins\_cyc** SLPA implies that the first version of belonging function is better than the second version, CFinder indicates that the first version of belonging coefficient is better than the second one, and SpeakEasy demonstrates that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among all four combinations. In summary, there are two out of three algorithms show that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best on **Collins\_cyc**. Also, SLPA in Table 15 implies that (BC,BF)=(2,2) is the best, while SpeakEasy shows that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best on **Collins\_cyc\_w**. It can be seen from Table 16 that all three algorithms support the conclusion that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations on **Collins\_mips**. In addition on **Collins\_sgd** (Table 17), SLPA shows that (BC,BF)=(2,2) is the best, CFinder implies that the first version of belonging coefficient is better than the second version, and SpeakEasy indicates that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function. Thus, two out of three algorithms conclude that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations on **Collins\_sgd**.

It can be observed from Table 18 that on  $Ganvin\_cyc$  SLPA shows that (BC,BF)=(2,2) is the best, while CFinder and SpeakEasy indicate that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best. Hence, two out of three algorithms support that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations on  $Ganvin\_cyc$ . From Tables 19-21, we could learn that all three algorithms show that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations on  $Ganvin\_cyc\_w$ ,  $Ganvin\_mips$ , and  $Ganvin\_sgd$ .

From the analysis above, we could conclude that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two versions of belonging function on protein-protein interaction networks.

**Table 20.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on **Gavin\_mips**. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^L$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (11)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
	(2,2)	0.5	0.45	0.25	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.35	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (6)
	(1,1)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (12)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (12)
Ormder	(2,1)	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	12	12	18-20	3	4	3 (7)
	(2,2)	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	11-20	11-20	11-20	3	4	3 (6)
	(1,1)	0.05	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.05	0.95	0.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9 (6)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.95	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9 (8)
SpeakEasy	(2,1)	0.05	0.95	0.9	0.7	0.05	0.95	0.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.9 (5)
	(2,2)	0.9	0.95	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.35	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.9(5)

Table 21. The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on **Gavin\_sgd**. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.35	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.35	0.5	0.35	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.15	0.5	0.1	0.35	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
	(2,2)	0.5	0.45	0.15	0.5	0.1	0.35	0.5	0.35	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
	(1,1)	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
Ormder	(2,1)	3	4	3	5	3	3	3	13	13	13	3	4	3 (6)
	(2,2)	3	4	3	5	3	3	3	11-17	11-17	11-17	3	4	3 (6)
	(1,1)	0.05	0.8	0.45	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.15	0.7	0.45	0.8	0.8	0.45	0.8 (5)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	0.45	0.8	0.45	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.45	0.8	0.8	0.45	0.8(6)
SpeakEasy	(2,1)	0.05	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.15	0.7	0.45	0.8	0.8	0.45	0.8(6)
	(2,2)	0.45	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.45	0.45	0.8	0.45	0.8(6)

## 1.15 Amazon Product Network

This is a product co-purchased network of the Amazon website [22]. If a product  $p_i$  is frequently co-purchased with product  $p_j$ , the graph contains an undirected edge from  $p_i$  to  $p_j$ . There are 319948 nodes and 880215 edges. Table 22 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on Amazon product network. We can see that all three algorithms show that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function.

**Table 22.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve quality metrics with four combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on Amazon product network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^L$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (10)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.3	0.45	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (6)
	(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5(9)
	(1,1)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	7	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
CFinder	(1,2)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3 (11)
Ormder	(2,1)	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	7	7	7	3	5	3 (6)
	(2,2)	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	7	7	7	3	4	3 (6)
	(1,1)	0.1	1	1	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	1	1	1	1	1 (9)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.95	1	1	1 (11)
ppeakEasy	(2,1)	0.1	1	0.95	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	1	1	1	1	1 (8)
	(2,2)	1	1	0.95	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 (11)

## 1.16 DBLP Collaboration Network

The DBLP computer science bibliography provides a comprehensive list of research papers in computer science. In this DBLP co-authorship network, two authors are connected if they publish at least one paper together [22]. It has 260998 nodes and 950059 edges in total. Table 23 shows the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on DBLP collaboration network. We can see that all three algorithms show that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations of belonging coefficient and belonging function.

**Table 23.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve quality metrics with four combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on DBLP collaboration network. The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

Algorithm	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
	(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
SLPA	(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (10)
SLIA	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.3	0.45	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (6)
	(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.15	0.45	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
	(1,1)	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	7	3	3	3	3 (9)
CFinder	(1,2)	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	9	3	3	3	3	3 (10)
Of finder	(2,1)	4	5	3	6	3	3	3	20	19	20	3	16	3 (5)
	(2,2)	4	5	3	5	3	3	3	20	19	20	3	9	3 (5)
	(1,1)	0.1	1	1	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	1	1	1	1	1 (9)
SpeakEasy	(1,2)	1	0.95	1	1	1	1	0.95	1	1	1	1	1	1 (10)
SpeakEasy	(2,1)	0.1	1	0.95	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	1	1	1	1	1 (8)
	(2,2)	1	1	0.95	1	1	1	0.95	1	1	1	1	1	1 (10)

## 2 LFR Benchmark Networks

LFR (named after the initials of names of authors) benchmark networks [15] have become a standard in the evaluation of the performance of community detection algorithms. The LFR benchmark network that we used here has 1000 nodes with average degree 15 and maximum degree 50. The exponent  $\gamma$  for the degree sequence varies from 2 to 3. The exponent  $\beta$  for the community size distribution ranges from 1 to 2. Then, four pairs of the exponents  $(\gamma, \beta) = (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1),$  and (3, 2) are chosen in order to explore the widest spectrum of graph structures. The mixing parameter  $\mu$  is varied from 0.05 to 0.95. It means that each node shares a fraction  $(1-\mu)$  of its edges with the other nodes in its community and shares a fraction  $\mu$  of its edges with the nodes outside its community. Thus, low mixing parameters indicate strong community structure. The degree of overlap is determined by two parameters.  $O_n$  is the number of overlapping nodes, and  $O_m$  is the number of communities to which each overlapping node belongs.  $O_n$  here is set to 10% of the total number of nodes. Instead of fixing  $O_m$ , we allow it to vary from 1 to 8 indicating the overlapping diversity of overlapping nodes. By increasing the value of  $O_m$ , we create harder detection tasks. Also, we generate 10 network instances for each configuration of these parameters. Hence, each metric value for a certain configuration of LFR represents the average metric values of all 10 instances. Since the experimental results are similar for all four pairs of exponents  $(\gamma,\beta)=(2,1),(2,2),(3,1),$  and (3,2), for the sake of brevity, we only present the results for  $(\gamma,\beta)=(2,1)$ here. In addition, there results are similar for different values of  $\mu$ , so here we only show the results for  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35$ , and 0.4. We choose  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35$ , and 0.4 to better illustrate the results since with  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, \text{ and } 0.4$  the community structures generated by LFR are around the boundary of wellseparated communities and well-connected communities. For each node,  $\mu = 0.5$  means that the number of its edges with other nodes in its communities is equal to the number of its edges with nodes outside its community, which makes the community structure difficult to discover.

Tables 24-26 respectively show the best value of threshold r for SLPA, the best value of parameter k for CFinder, and the best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on LFR benchmark networks with  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, 2)$  and  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, 0.4$ . Table 24 implies that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four possible combinations on all configurations of LFR benchmark networks except  $\mu = 0.3, O_m = 2$  and  $\mu = 0.4, O_m = 1$  when using SLPA. Table 25 demonstrates that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best on all configurations of LFR benchmark networks when using CFinder. Table 26 indicates that (BC,BF)=(1,2) is the best among the four combinations on all configurations of LFR benchmark networks except  $\mu = 0.35, O_m = 6$  and  $\mu = 0.4, O_m = 2, 4$  when using SpeakEasy. Consequently, we could conclude that the overlapping community quality metrics with the first version of belonging coefficient and the second version of the belonging function are the best among the four possible combinations on LFR benchmark networks.

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**Table 24.** The best value of threshold r for SLPA determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on LFR benchmark networks with  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, 2)$  and  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, 0.4$ . The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

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$=$ $\mu$	0	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	T
	$\cup_{m}$									_					0.5 (7)
		(1,1)	0.3	0.5	0.5			0.45	0.05	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
		(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.2	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
	1	(2,1)	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
		(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.2	0.45	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5 (6)
			0.05	0.5	0.5		0.05		0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
		(1,1)													` '
		(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.45	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5(5)
	2	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.3	0.25	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5(7)
		(2,2)	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.15	0.5	0.3	0.45	0.35	0.3	0.3	0.35	0.3 (4)
		(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.5		0.05		0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
								I .							
0.3		(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.15		0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (10)
0.0	$\mid 4 \mid$	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.3	$\mid 0.5 \mid$	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
		(2,2)	0.45	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.15	0.5	0.35	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5 (5)
		(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
		(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (10)
	C														
	6	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.3		0.05		0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
		(2,2)	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.45	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (6)
		(1,1)	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5(9)
		(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (10)
	8	(2,1)	0.1	0.5	0.2		0.05		0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
	0														. ,
		(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
		(1,1)	0.25	0.5	0.25	0.4	0.05	0.5	0.15	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25(5)
		(1,2)	0.25	0.5	0.25	0.4	0.1	0.45	0.15	0.45	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25(6)
	1	(2,1)	0.2	0.5	0.15	0.4		0.45	0.05	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25		0.25 (4)
	1							0.45				0.25	0.25		` ,
		(2,2)	0.25	0.5	0.15				0.15	0.45	0.25				0.25 (5)
		(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.45		0.05		0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
		(1,2)	0.45	0.5	0.45	0.45	0.15	0.45	0.3	0.45	0.45	0.3	0.3	0.45	0.45 (7)
	2	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.3	0.25	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
	_	(2,2)	0.45	0.5	0.3			0.45	0.15	0.45	0.45	0.3		0.45	0.45 (6)
		(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.5			0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
0.35		(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.15	0.45	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
0.55	4	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5(7)
		(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.45	0.1	0.45	0.5	0.45	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (6)
		(1,1)	0.05	0.5		0.45			0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
		\ / /			0.5	0.5			0.5			0.5	0.5		` /
		(1,2)	0.5	0.5			0.1	0.45		0.45	0.5			0.5	0.5 (9)
	6	(2,1)	0.05	0.5		0.45		0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
		(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.1	0.45	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
		(1,1)	0.35	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.05	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
		(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.05		0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
	0							0.45							( )
	8	(2,1)	0.4	0.5						0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (6)
		(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.2			0.45	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5(8)
		(1,1)	0.25	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.05	0.45	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.5	0.5(6)
		(1,2)	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.45	0.1	0.4	0.25	0.4	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25 (5)
	1	(2,1)	0.2	0.5		0.45		0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25		0.5 (4)
	1					l .									( )
		(2,2)	0.45	0.45		0.45		0.4	0.2	0.4	0.25	0.2		0.25	$\{0.2,0.25,0.45\}\ (3)$
		(1,1)	0.05	0.5	0.5		0.05		0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
		(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.15	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
	2	(2,1)	0.05	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
		(2,2)	0.45	0.5	0.3		0.15		0.5	0.35	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.5 (5)
										_					( )
		(1,1)	0.1	0.5	0.5		0.05	l .	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
0.4		(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2		0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (10)
0.4	4	(2,1)	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5(8)
		(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.15	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
				0.5	0.5	0.45			0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
		(1,1)	0.5												. ,
		(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.05		0.5	0.45	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (10)
	6	(2,1)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.45	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
		(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.45	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
	$\vdash$	(1,1)	0.5	0.5	0.5			0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
		(1,2)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.45	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (9)
	8	(2,1)	0.5	0.5	0.25			0.45	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (7)
		(2,2)	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.05	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 (8)
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**Table 25.** The best value of parameter k for CFinder determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on LFR benchmark networks with  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, 2)$  and  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, 0.4$ . The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

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$\mu$	$O_m$	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^{L}$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
		(1,1)	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	10	4	4	4	4	4 (9)
		(1,2)	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	10	4	4	4	4	4 (9)
	1	(2,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	10	10	4	4	4	4 (7)
		(2,2)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	10	10	10	4	4	4 (6)
		(1,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	3	9	4	3	3	4	{3,4} (5)
		(1,2)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	9	4	3	3	4	4 (6)
	2	(2,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	3	9	9	3	3	4	3 (5)
	_	(2,1) $(2,2)$	4	6	4	4	3	3	4	9	9	9	3	4	4 (5)
		(2,2) $(1,1)$	4	5	4	4	3	3	3	12	4	3	3	3	3 (6)
		· / /	4	5	4	4	3	3	3	12	4	3	3	3	\ /
0.3	4	(1,2)					3	3	3	12	12	12			V 7
	4	(2,1)	4	6	4	4		l					3	9	3 (4)
		(2,2)	4	6	4	4	3	3	3	12	12	12	3	7	3 (4)
		(1,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	11	5	3	3	3	3 (5)
		(1,2)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	11	4	4	4	3	4 (7)
	6	(2,1)	4	7	4	5	3	3	4	11	11	11	3	7	${3,4,11}$ (3)
		(2,2)	4	7	4	5	3	3	4	11	11	11	4	7	4 (4)
		(1,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	12	6	3	3	3	3 (5)
		(1,2)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	12	4	4	4	3	4 (7)
	8	(2,1)	4	6	4	5	3	3	4	12	12	12	3	7	{3,4,12} (3)
		(2,2)	4	6	4	5	3	3	4	12	12	12	4	6	4 (4)
		(1,1)	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	10	4	4	4	4	4 (8)
		(1,2)	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	10	4	3	4	4	4 (8)
	1	(2,1)	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	10	10	10	4	4	4 (6)
	-	(2,1) $(2,2)$	4	7	4	4	3	3	4	10	10	10	3	4	4 (5)
		(2,2) $(1,1)$	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	8	4	3	3	3	3 (6)
		(1,1) $(1,2)$	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	8	4	3	3	3	3 (6)
	2		4	5	4	4	3	3	3	8	8	8	3	8	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
		(2,1)					3	3							{3,8} (4)
		(2,2)	4	7	4	4			4	8	8	8	3	7	4 (4)
		(1,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	3	10	4	3	3	3	3 (6)
0.35		(1,2)	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	10	4	3	3	3	4 (6)
0.00	4	(2,1)	4	6	4	4	3	3	3	10	10	10	3	9	3 (4)
		(2,2)	4	8	4	4	3	3	4	10	10	10	3	7	4 (4)
		(1,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	11	5	4	3	3	4 (5)
		(1,2)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	11	4	4	4	3	4 (7)
	6	(2,1)	4	6	4	4	3	3	4	11	11	11	4	8	4 (5)
		(2,2)	4	7	4	4	3	3	4	11	11	11	4	7	4 (5)
		(1,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	11	6	4	4	3	4 (6)
		(1,2)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	11	4	4	4	3	4 (7)
	8	(2,1)	4	6	4	5	3	3	4	11	11	11	4	6	4 (4)
		(2,2)	4	6	4	4	3	3	4	11	11	11	4	6	4 (5)
		(1,1)	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	8	4	3	3	4	4 (6)
		(1,2)	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	8	4	3	3	3	3 (6)
	1	(2,1)	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	8	8	8	3	8	{3,4,8} (4)
	*	(2,1) $(2,2)$	4	7	4	4	3	3	4	8	8	8	3	7	4 (4)
		1 1 1	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	9	4	3	3	3	3 (6)
		(1,1)						3		9		3			· /
	0	(1,2)	4	4	4	4	3		3	-	4		3	3	\ /
	2	(2,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	3	9	9	9	3	9	{3,9} (4)
		(2,2)	4	7	4	4	3	3	4	9	9	9	3	7	4 (4)
		(1,1)	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	9	5	3	3	3	3 (6)
0.4		(1,2)	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	9	4	3	3	3	4 (6)
U. I	4	(2,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	3	9	9	9	3	9	${3,9} (4)$
		(2,2)	4	7	4	4	3	3	4	9	9	9	3	7	4 (4)
		(1,1)	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	10	5	4	4	3	4 (7)
		(1,2)	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	10	4	4	4	3	4 (8)
	6	(2,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	10	10	10	4	10	4 (5)
		(2,2)	4	7	4	4	3	3	4	10	10	10	4	7	4 (5)
		(1,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	10	5	4	4	3	4 (6)
		(1,2)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	10	4	4	4	3	4 (7)
	8	(2,1)	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	10	10	10	4	9	4 (5)
		(2,1) $(2,2)$	4	6	4	4	3	3	4	10	10	10	4	6	4 (5)
		(4,4)		U	4	-4	_ J	J	-11	10	10	10	- <del>1</del> ±	U	T + (0)

**Table 26.** The best value of threshold tr for SpeakEasy determined by the twelve community quality metrics with four possible combinations of the two versions of belonging coefficient and two version of belonging function on LFR benchmark networks with  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, 2)$  and  $\mu = 0.3, 0.35, 0.4$ . The best value for subcolumn of the last column is marked by red italic font.

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111	$\mu$	$ O_m $	(BC,BF)	$Q_{ov}$	$NQ_{ov}$	$Q_{ov}^L$	$Q_{ds}^{ov}$	IE	ID	CNT	BE	EXP	CND	F	D	
1		- 110												0.75		0.75 (9)
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1.2   1.2   1.2   1.2   1.3																
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1,12,   0,8,   0,8,   0,6,   0,8   0,2,   0,8   0,4   0,8   0,8   0,8   0,8   0,8   0,8   0,8   0,8   0,8   0,8   0,8   0,9   1,2   0,0			(2,2)		1											
10.32   2			(1,1)	0.05	0.85	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8(7)
1.0			(1,2)	0.8	0.85	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.25	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8 (8)
1.0		2	(2.1)	0.05	0.85	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.9	1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8 (6)
1,10   0.05   1   0.7   0.95   0.05   1   0.05   1   1   0.8   0.8   0.95   1   (4)																
0.3   4   (1,2)   0.7   1   0.7   0.95   0.2   1   0.6   1   1   0.65   0.65   0.65   0.6   1   (1)   (2,1)   0.05   1   0.7   0.45   0.25   1   0.06   1   1   0.85   0.85   0.95   1   (4)   (1,1)   0.05   0.85   0.5   1   0.05   0.65   0.05   0.7   0.75   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   (4)   (1,1)   0.05   0.85   0.5   0.5   0.35   0.66   0.35   0.6   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   (4)   (1,1)   0.05   0.85   0.5   0.5   0.35   0.66   0.35   0.6   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   (4)   (1,1)   0.05   0.85   0.35   0.5   0.35   0.66   0.35   0.7   0.7   0.7   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   (4)   (1,1)   0.05   1   0.4   0.85   0.35   0.65   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   (4)   (1,1)   0.05   1   0.4   0.85   0.35   0.65   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   (4)   (1,1)   0.05   1   0.4   0.85   0.35   0.65   0.95						1										` ,
0.35  4			( , ,													
0.35   (2,2)   0.25   1   0.7   0.45   0.2   1   0.6   1   1   0.45   0.65   0.5   0.95   (4)	0.3			1												
0.35   (1,1)   0.05   0.85   0.5   1   0.05   0.85   0.5   0.7   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   0.95   (4)		4														V * 7
1					1		0.45		1 1							
0.35    Carrier			(1,1)	0.05				0.05				0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95~(4)
6			(1,2)	0.35	0.85	0.5	0.5	0.35	0.65	0.35	0.6	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95(4)
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