

# Introduction to Network Statistics

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- Node Covariates: measures of power, career advancement, gender – really anything you want to study that varies at the node level

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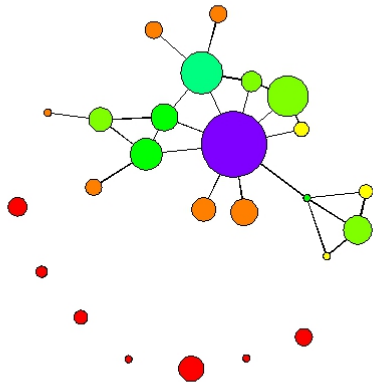
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## Attribute Data

- Command Rank Score (CRS): mean rank (reversed) for prominence in the command structure
- Decision Rank Score (DRS): mean rank (reversed) for prominence in decision making process
- Paid Staff: number of paid employees
- Volunteer Staff: number of volunteer staff
- Sponsorship: organization type (City, County, State, Federal, or Private)

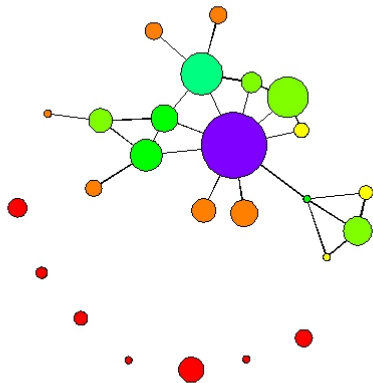


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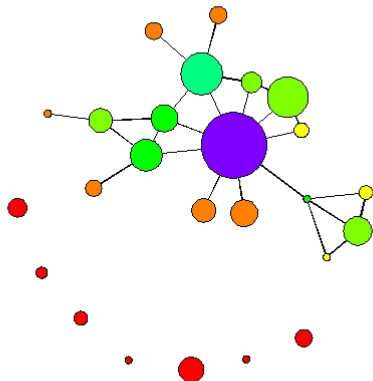
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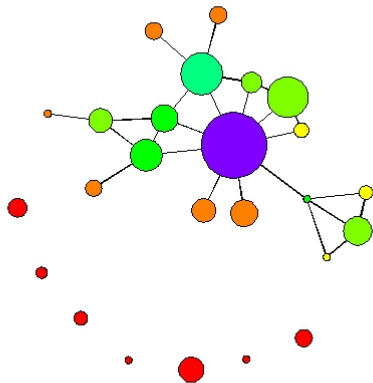
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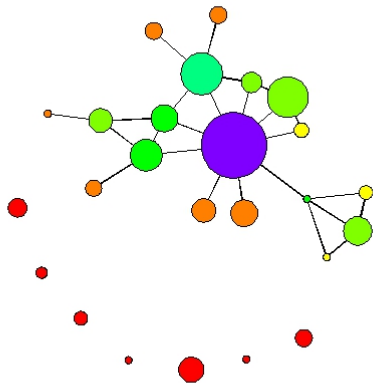
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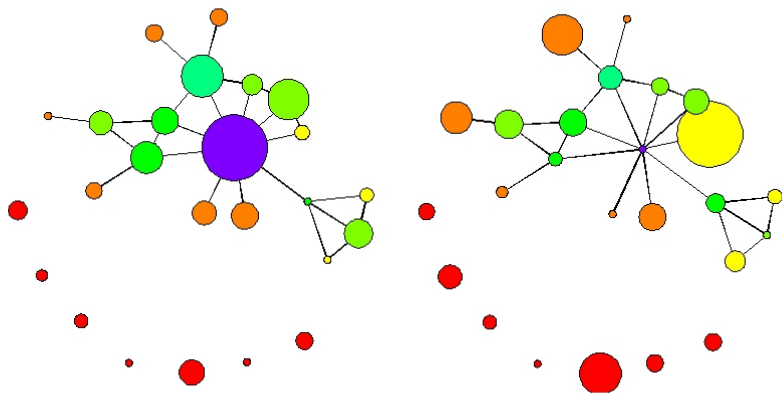
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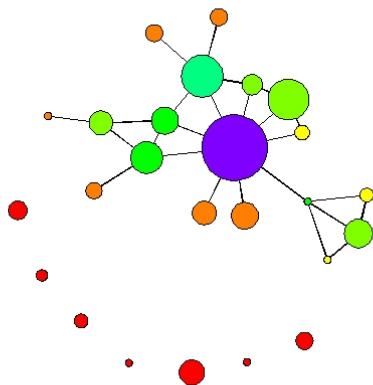


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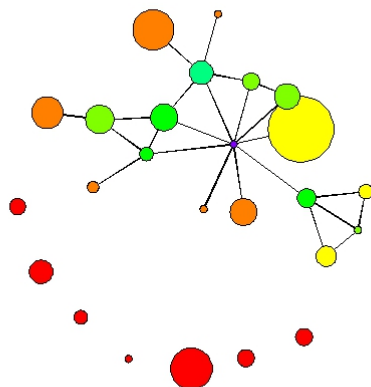


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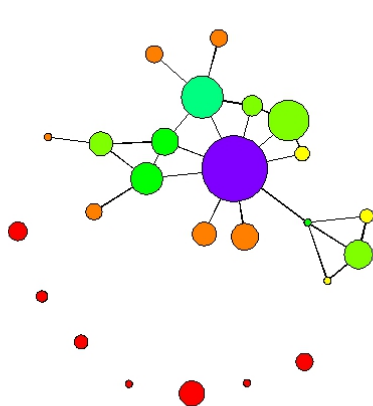
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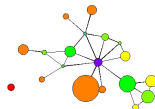
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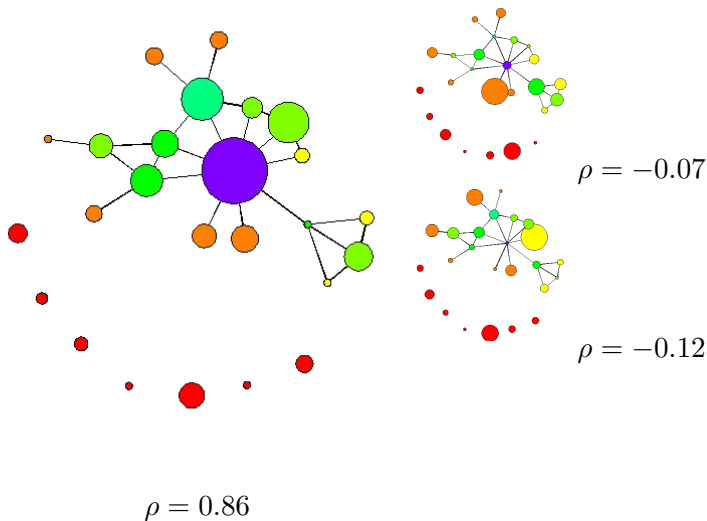


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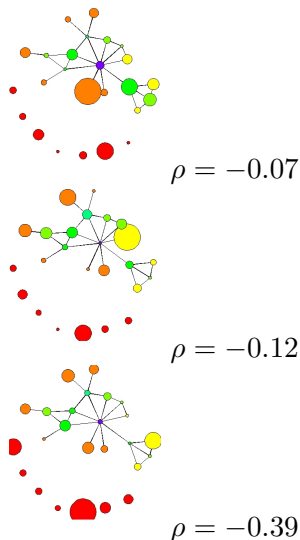
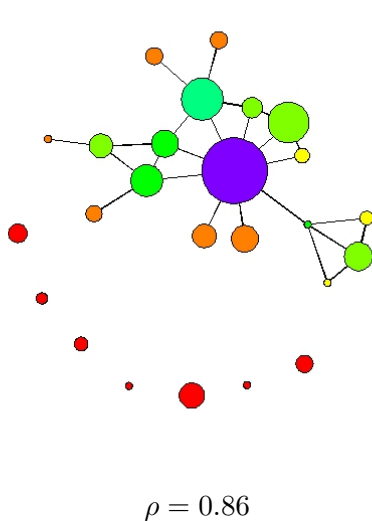
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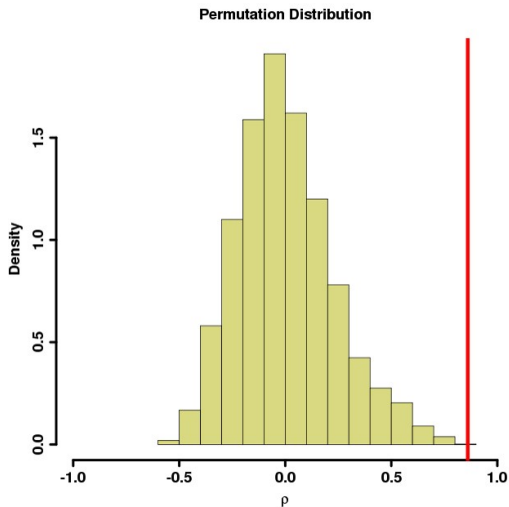
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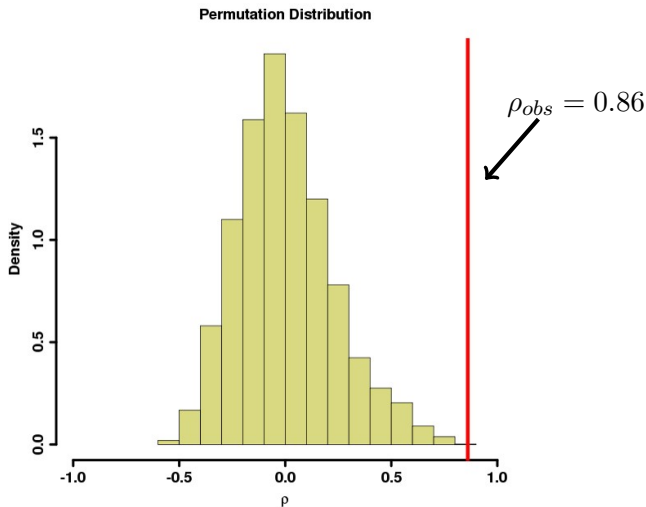
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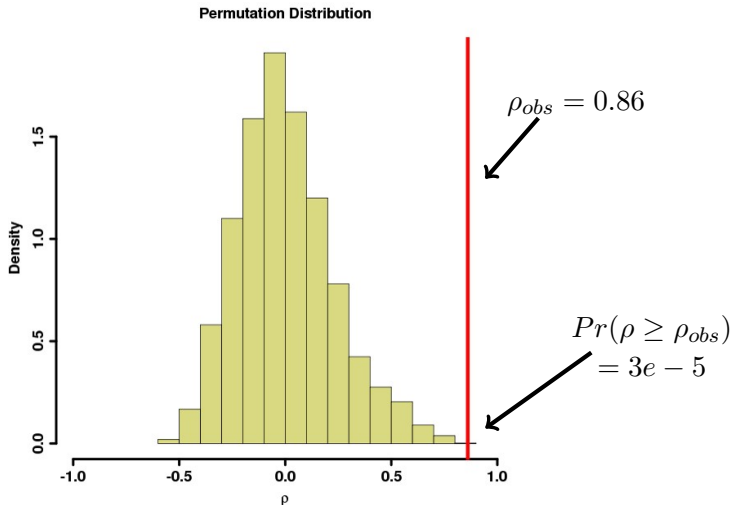
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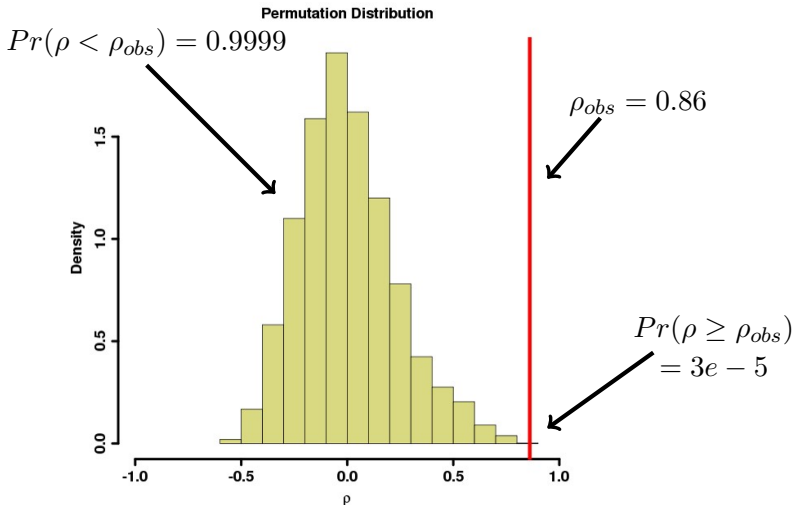
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## Sections 1-2.3

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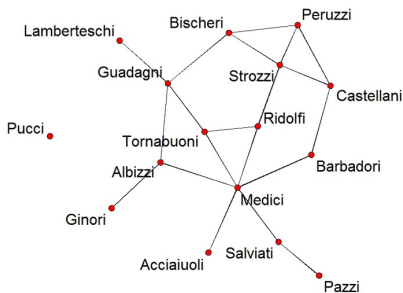
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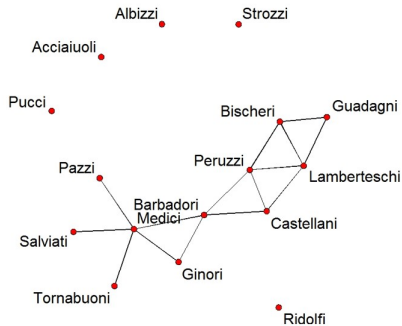
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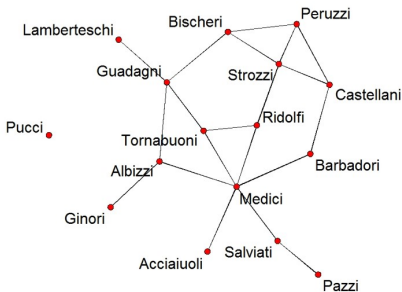


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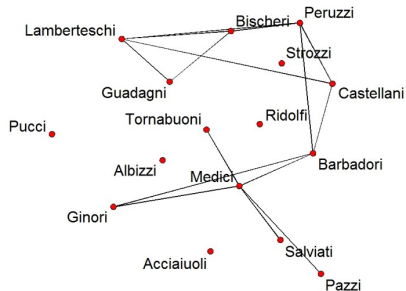


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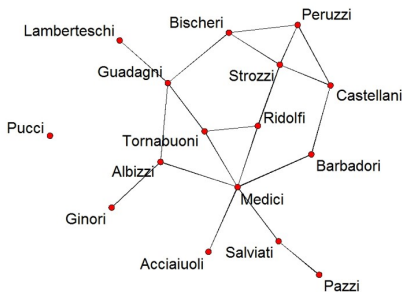
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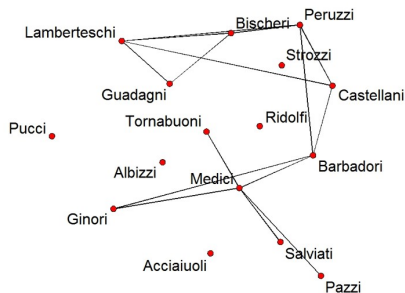
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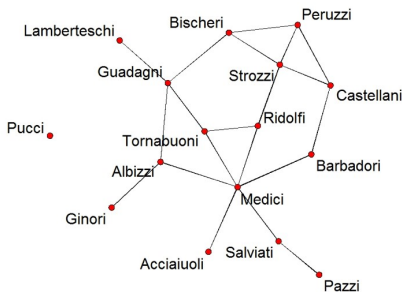
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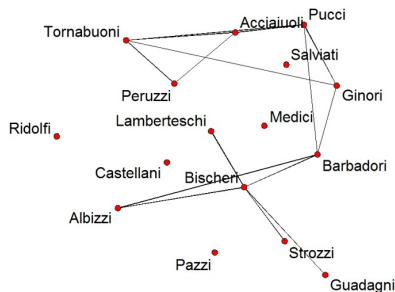
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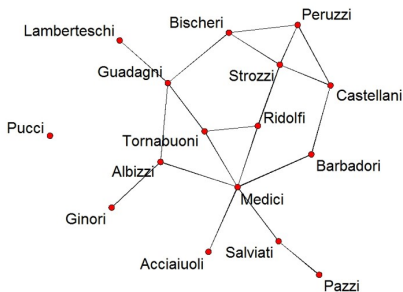


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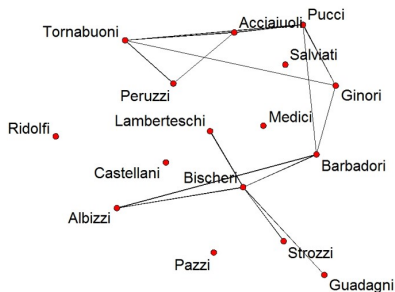


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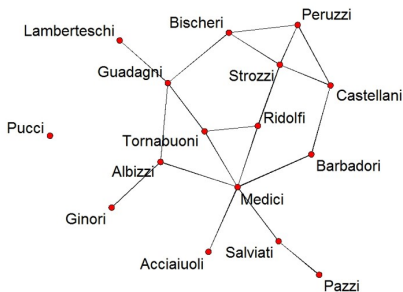
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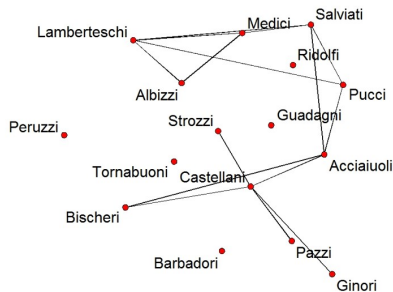
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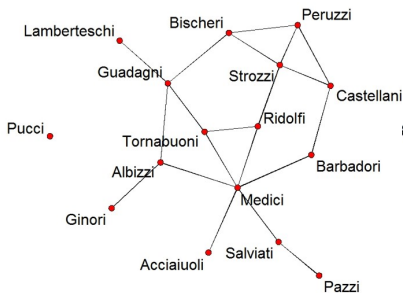
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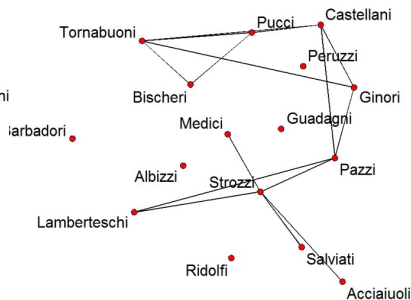
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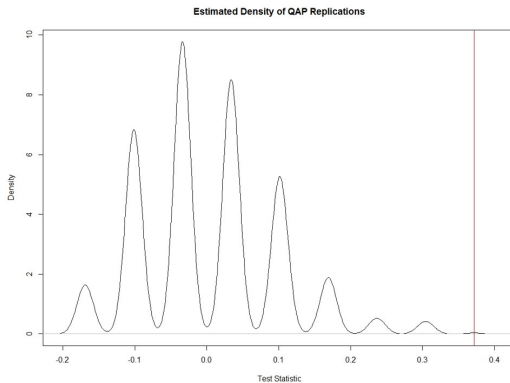
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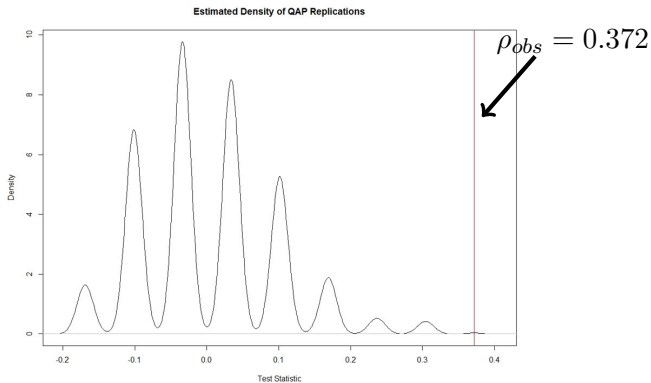
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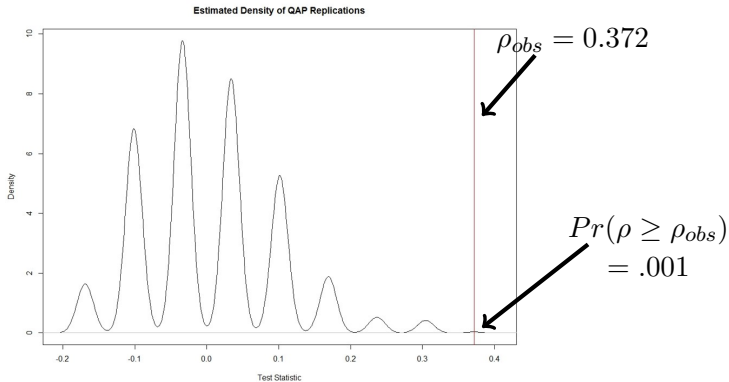




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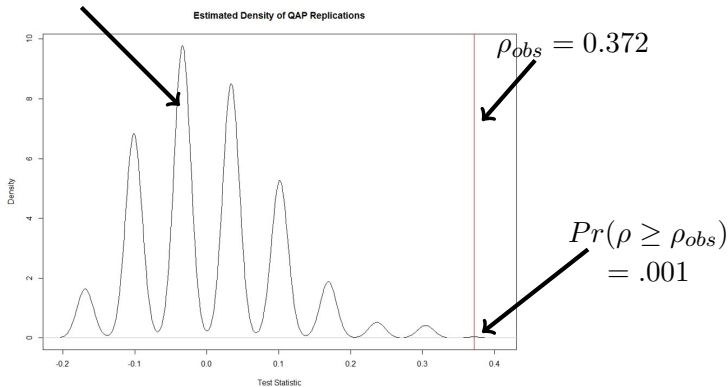
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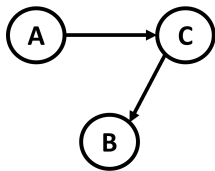
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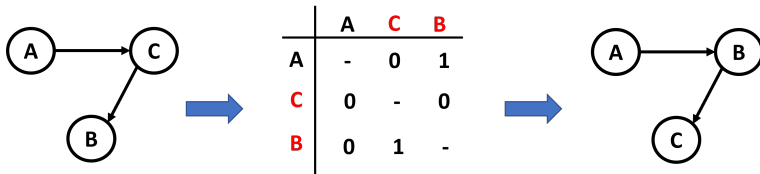


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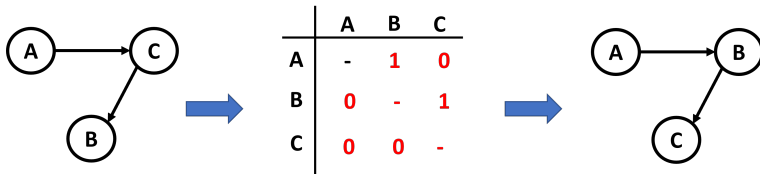


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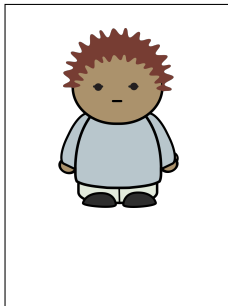
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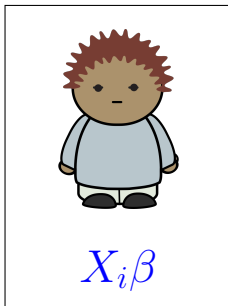
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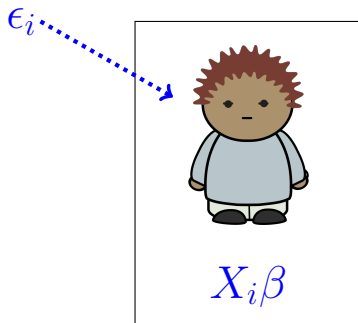


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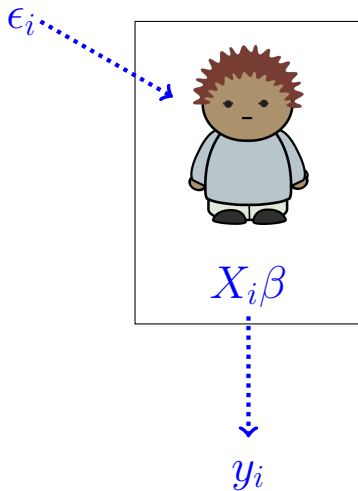




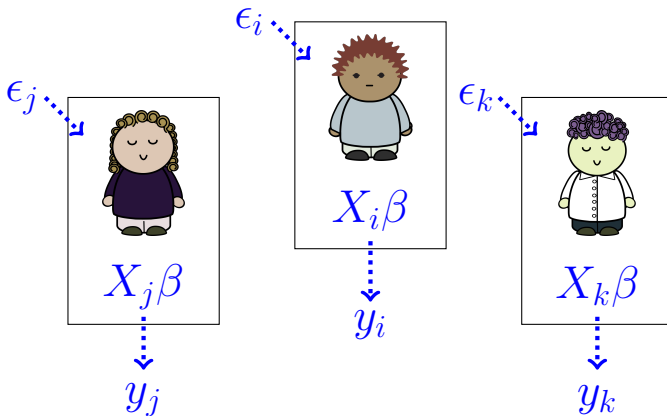
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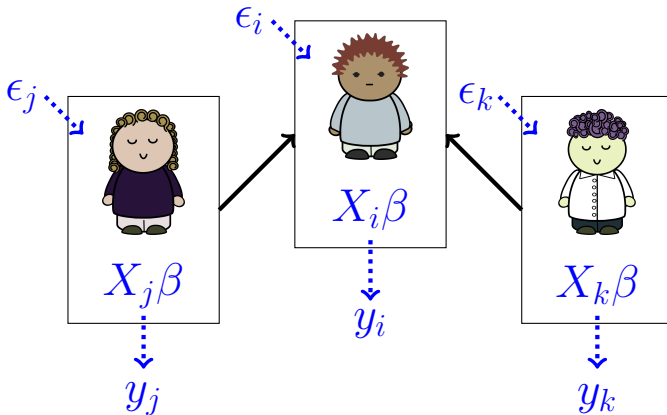
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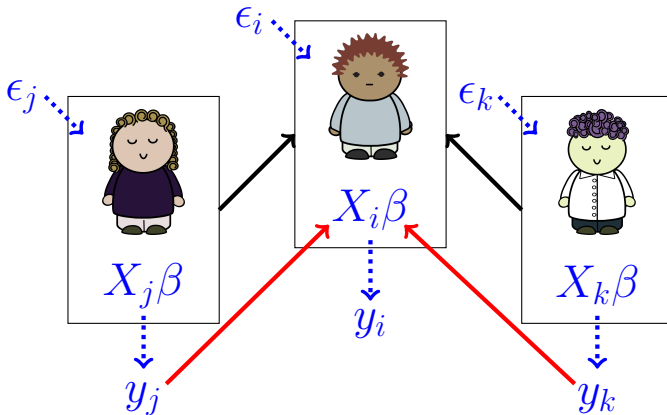
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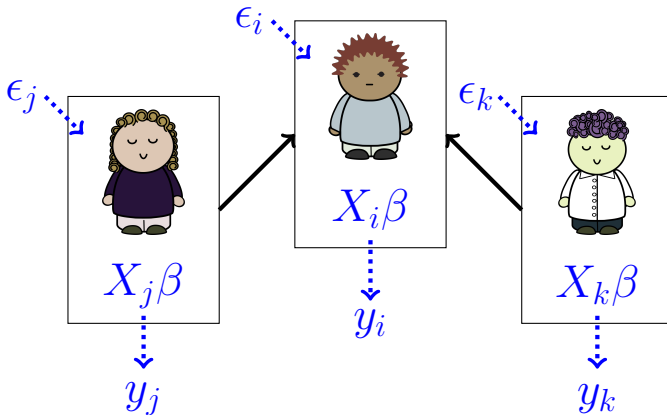
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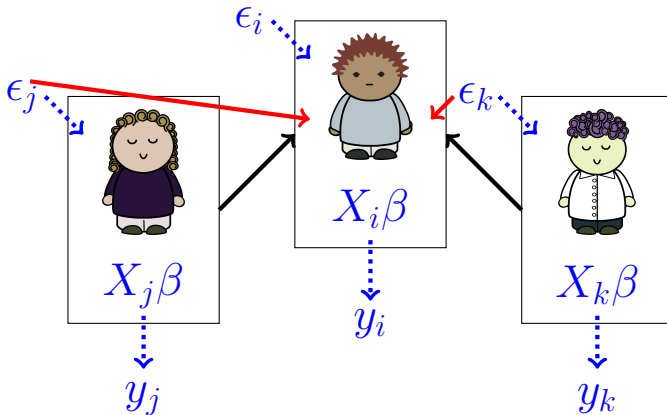
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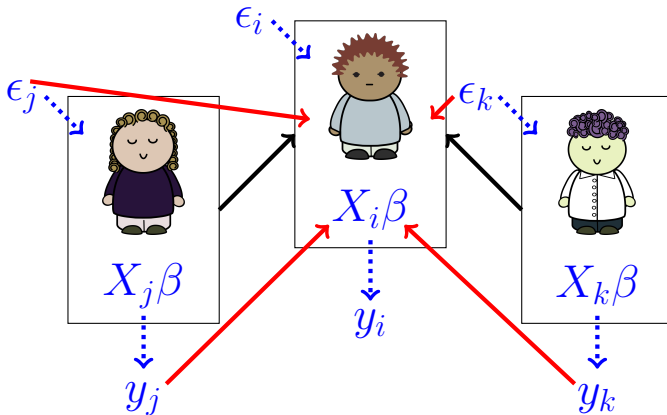
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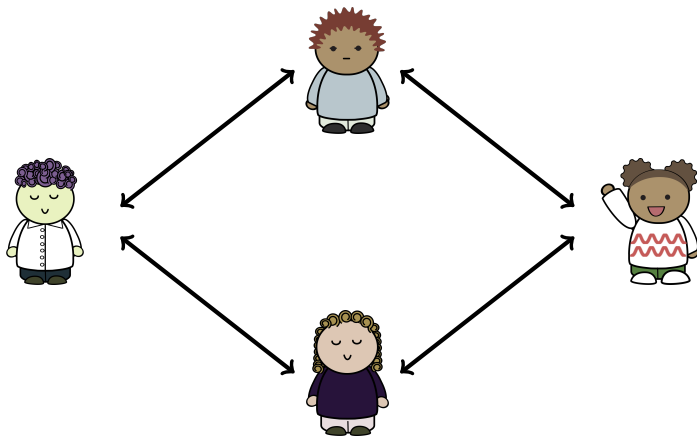
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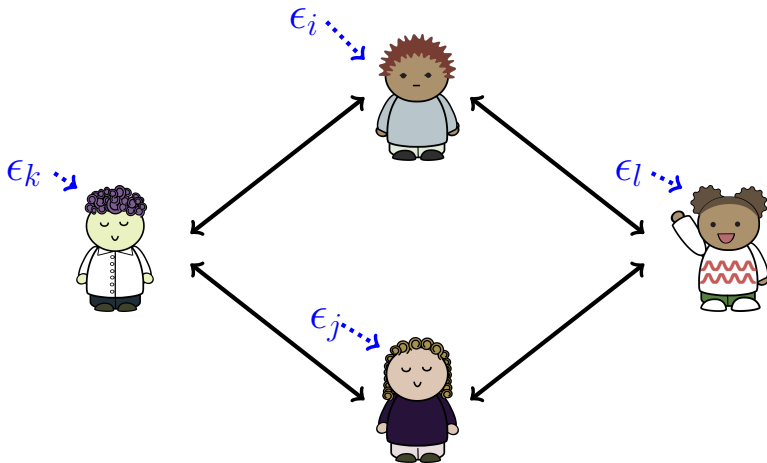




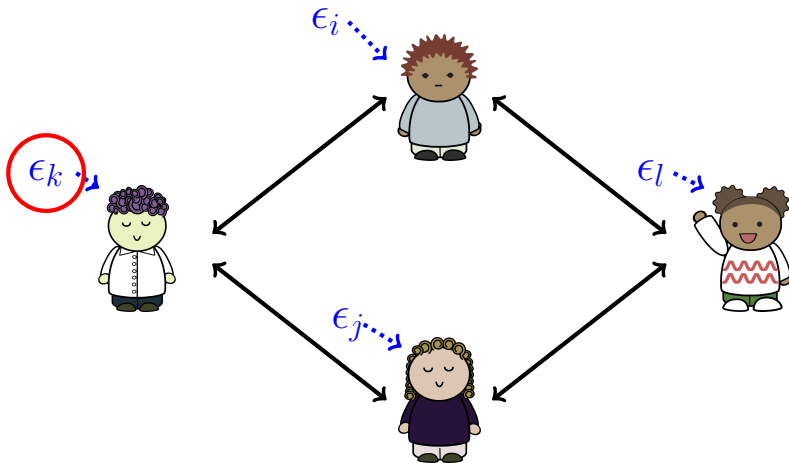
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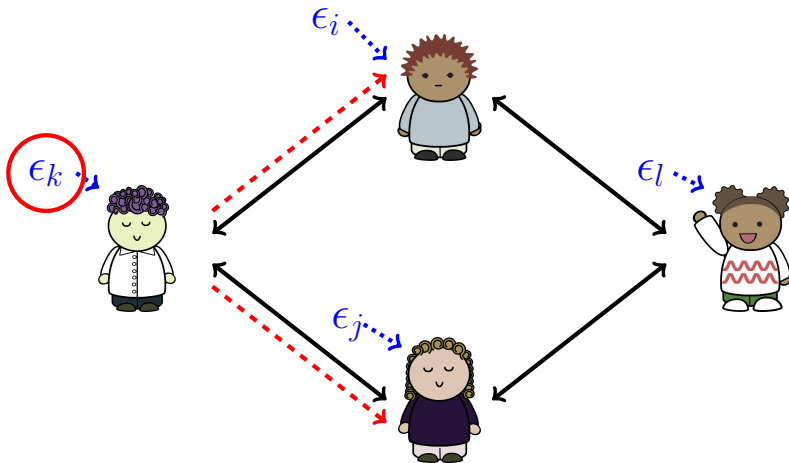
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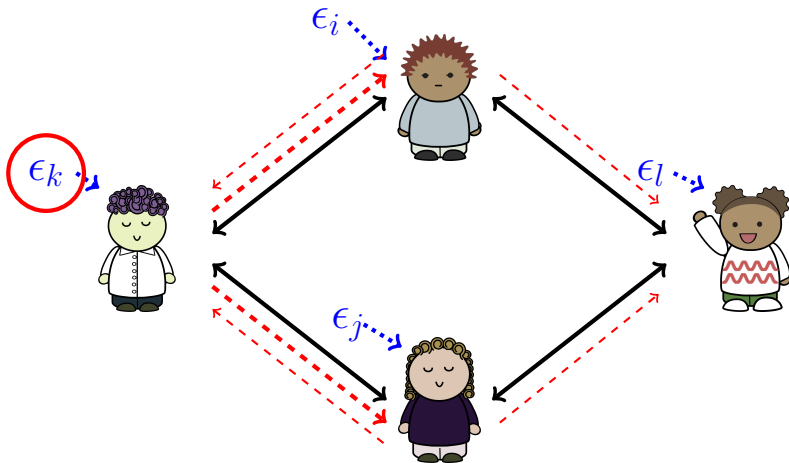
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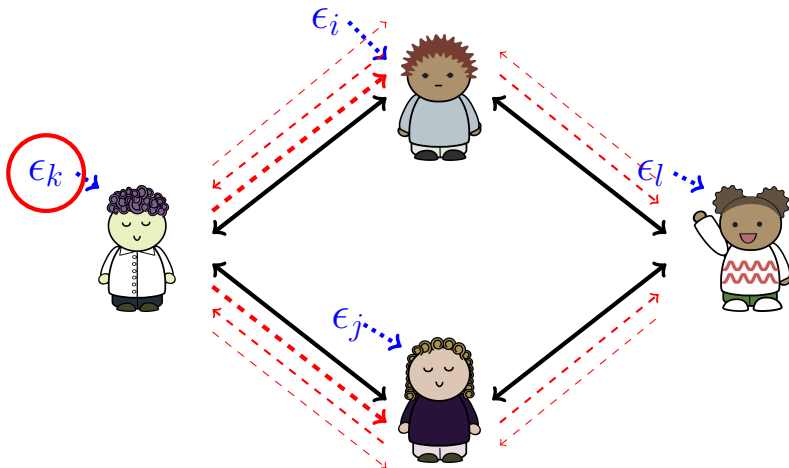
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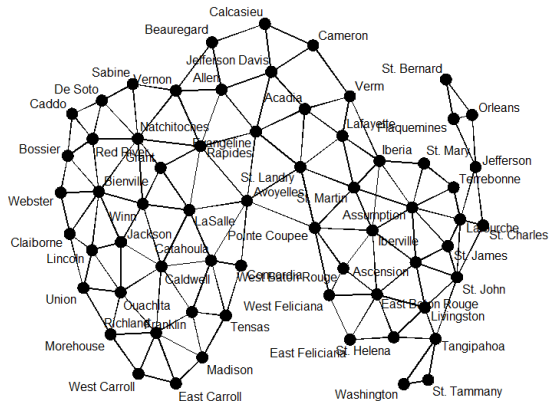
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Constant	21.03* (4.40)	13.87* (4.67)	19.83* (4.34)	16.78 (10.06)	19.80* (5.62)
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	Weight matrix	AIC	Order within model	Overall order
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	$w_{ij}^{[9]}$	446.78	4	8
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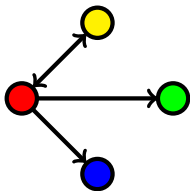
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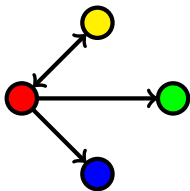
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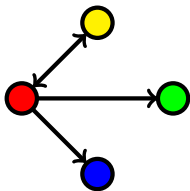
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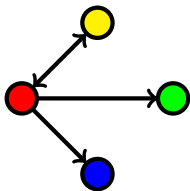


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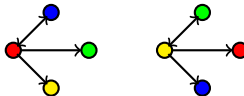
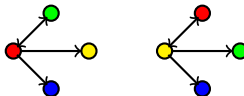
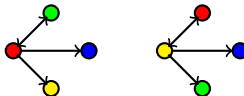
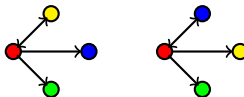


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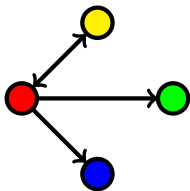
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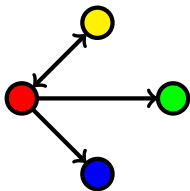
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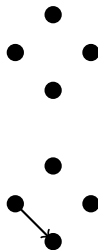
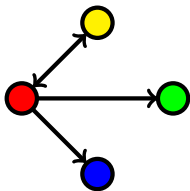


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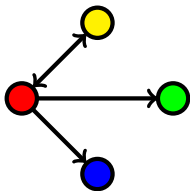


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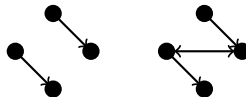
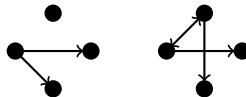


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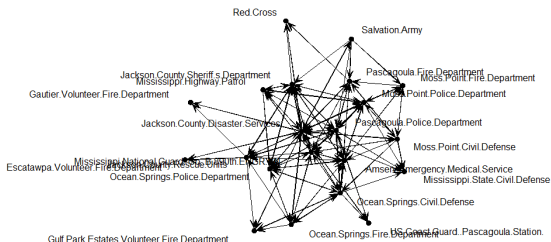
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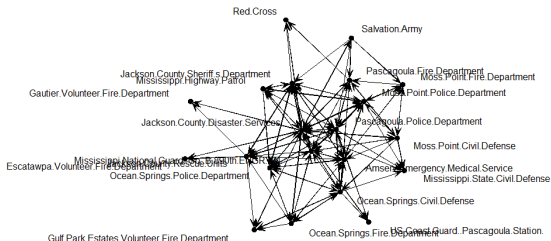
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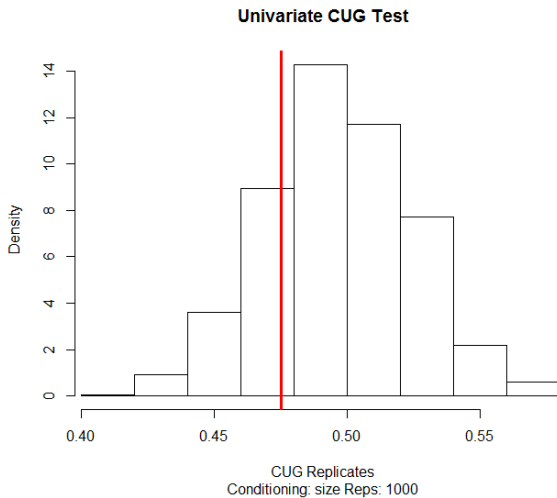


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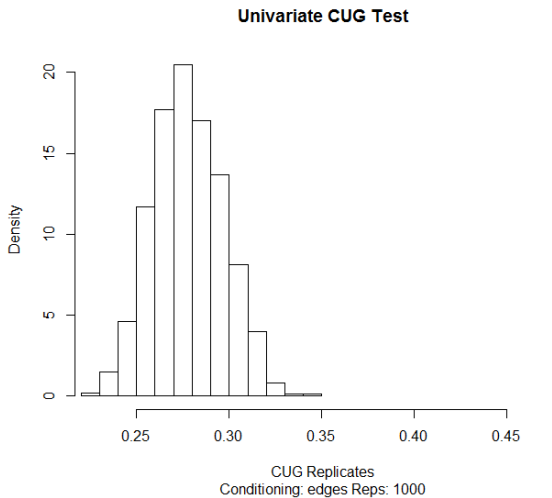
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- $\rho = 0.475$
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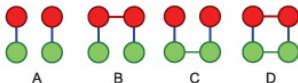
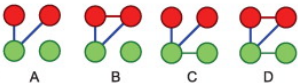
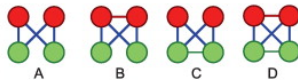
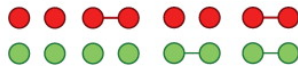
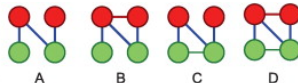
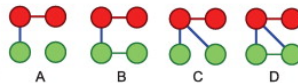
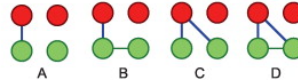
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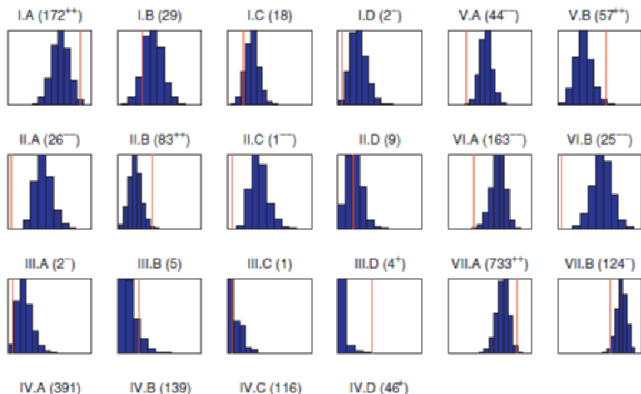
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