Mapping the Veins of a Megacity

Graph-Theoretic Analysis of Indonesian Metropolitan Railway Networks

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Abstract

Urban rail transit networks form the backbone of metropolitan mobility. When a single station failure can strand hundreds of thousands of commuters, understanding which stations are structurally critical becomes a question of both engineering and public safety. This document presents a complete, beginner-friendly guide to analyzing the Jabodetabek (Jakarta, Bogor, Depok, Tangerang, Bekasi) metropolitan railway network using graph theory.

We implement and extend the methodology of Buchwald & Sobczak (2021), who analyzed the Silesian Voivodeship railway network in Poland using Neo4j and graph centrality measures. Our adaptation applies the same analytical framework, Betweenness Centrality, PageRank, and HITS (Hubs & Authorities), to the Indonesian context, while extending the analysis with vulnerability assessment, Monte Carlo resilience testing, community detection, and scale-free network evaluation.

This guide is structured as a self-contained "bible" document: starting from the business motivation, walking through every theoretical concept, explaining each code module, presenting all results, and documenting the debugging journey we undertook to produce scientifically valid outputs. A reader with basic Python knowledge should be able to reproduce the entire project from scratch after reading this document.

How to Use This Document

This document is designed as a comprehensive, standalone reference. You do not need to read any other material to understand and reproduce this project. Every concept is explained from first principles, every code file is described with its role and inputs/outputs, and every result is validated against the reference paper. Gray boxes like this one contain important notes, tips, and cross-references throughout the document.

1 Business Problem & Motivation

1.1 The Stakes: Why Railway Network Analysis Matters

The Jabodetabek metropolitan area, encompassing Jakarta and its satellite cities of Bogor, Depok, Tangerang, and Bekasi, is home to over 35 million people, making it one of the largest urban agglomerations on Earth. Every day, approximately 1.2 million passengers rely on the commuter rail network (KRL Commuter Line), MRT Jakarta, and LRT Jakarta to navigate this sprawling megacity.

But what happens when a critical station fails? A fire at Manggarai station, a flood at Tanah Abang, or structural damage at Duri could cascade through the network, stranding hundreds of thousands of commuters and paralyzing economic activity across the region. The question is not *if* such disruptions will occur, but *which stations, if disrupted, would cause the greatest damage to the overall network?*

This is fundamentally a **graph theory** problem. By modeling the railway network as a mathematical graph where stations are *nodes* and rail connections are *edges*, we can apply rigorous analytical techniques to identify critical vulnerabilities, rank station importance, and simulate the network's response to both random failures and targeted attacks.

1.2 Research Questions

This project addresses five core research questions:

1. **Critical Hubs**: Which stations are the most structurally important to network connectivity? If removed, which stations cause the greatest disruption?
2. **Routing Importance**: Which stations serve as the most important routing hubs versus destination authorities in the network?
3. **Vulnerability**: How resilient is the Jabodetabek railway network to targeted attacks versus random failures?
4. **Community Structure**: Does the network naturally partition into geographic or functional clusters?
5. **Scale-Free Properties**: Does the Jabodetabek network exhibit scale-free characteristics, and what does this imply for its robustness?

1.3 Who Benefits from This Analysis?

Table 1: Stakeholder Value from Network Analysis

Stakeholder	**Value Derived**
Transport Planners	Identify which stations need redundant connections or backup infrastructure
Emergency Services	Prioritize protection of the highest-impact stations during crises
Urban Policymakers	Evaluate proposed extensions (MRT East-West, Airport Rail) for network resilience impact
Infrastructure Investors	Quantify risk exposure at specific network nodes
Academic Researchers	Benchmark Indonesian rail topology against global metro networks
Data Science Practitioners	Learn graph analysis techniques applicable to any network domain

1.4 Methodological Foundation

Our methodology is grounded in the work of Buchwald & Sobczak (2021) [1], who analyzed the Silesian Voivodeship metropolitan railway connections in Poland using the Neo4j graph database. Their paper demonstrated three key graph measures for railway analysis:

- **Betweenness Centrality** [4]: Identifies stations that lie on the most shortest paths between all pairs of stations.
- **PageRank** [2]: Adapted from Google's web ranking algorithm, identifies stations that are "important" based on the importance of their neighbors.
- **HITS (Hubs & Authorities)** [3]: Separates stations into two roles: *hubs* (good connectors) and *authorities* (popular destinations).

We extend their work with additional analyses drawn from the broader transport network literature: vulnerability assessment [7], resilience testing [8], community detection [10], and scale-free network evaluation [12].

Why Buchwald & Sobczak (2021)?

This paper was chosen as the methodological foundation because it provides a clear, reproducible framework for railway network analysis that bridges graph database technology (Neo4j) with classical graph theory measures. Their three-measure approach (Betweenness, PageRank, HITS) captures complementary aspects of station importance, making it an ideal starting point for adaptation to other metropolitan railway systems.

2 Literature Review & Theoretical Foundations

This chapter provides the theoretical background for every analytical technique used in the project. Each concept is explained from first principles with the goal of making this accessible to readers who may not have a graph theory background.

2.1 Graph Theory Fundamentals

A **graph** $G = (V, E)$ consists of a set of **vertices** (or nodes) V and a set of **edges** (or links) E connecting pairs of vertices. In our railway context:

- Each **station** is a vertex: $V = \{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n\}$ where $n = 97$ stations.
- Each **rail connection** between two stations is an edge: $E = \{e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_m\}$ where $m = 116$ connections (after fixes).

Key properties of our graph:

- **Undirected**: Trains run in both directions on every connection.
- **Weighted**: Edges carry attributes (distance in km, travel time in minutes).
- **Sparse**: The density $\rho = \frac{2|E|}{|V|(|V|-1)} = 0.0249$ is very low, typical of transport networks.

2.2 Centrality Measures

Centrality measures answer the question: "Which nodes are the most important in the network?" Different measures capture different notions of "importance."

2.2.1 Betweenness Centrality (Freeman, 1977)

Betweenness centrality [4] measures how often a node appears on the shortest paths between all other pairs of nodes. A station with high betweenness is a critical *bridge*, if it fails, many journeys must be rerouted.

$$C_B(v) = \sum_{s \neq v \neq t} \frac{\sigma_{st}(v)}{\sigma_{st}} \tag{1}$$

where σ_{st} is the total number of shortest paths from node s to node t, and $\sigma_{st}(v)$ is the number of those paths that pass through node v. In the normalized form (dividing by $(n-1)(n-2)/2$ for undirected graphs), values range from 0 to 1.

Intuition for Betweenness Centrality

Imagine you are a commuter traveling from any station A to any station B using the shortest route. Betweenness centrality counts how many of these "any A to any B" journeys would pass through a given station. A station like Manggarai, which sits at the intersection of the KRL Bogor line, KRL Bekasi line, and Airport Rail Link, naturally appears on many shortest paths, hence its very high betweenness of 0.493.

2.2.2 PageRank (Page et al., 1999)

PageRank [2] was originally developed to rank web pages for Google Search. Applied to railway networks, it models a "random surfer" who starts at any station and repeatedly moves to a random neighboring station. The probability that this random walker ends up at a given station defines its PageRank.

$$PR(v) = \frac{1-d}{N} + d \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)} \frac{PR(u)}{L(u)} \tag{2}$$

where $d = 0.85$ is the damping factor (probability of following a link rather than teleporting to a random node), N is the total number of nodes, $\mathcal{N}(v)$ is the set of nodes linking to v, and $L(u)$ is the out-degree of node u.

Intuition for PageRank

PageRank captures "prestige through association." A station connected to other well-connected stations receives a higher PageRank, even if it is not on many shortest paths. This is why Dukuh Atas BNI (a major interchange connecting MRT, LRT, and KRL) has a relatively high PageRank despite having moderate betweenness.

2.2.3 HITS: Hubs and Authorities (Kleinberg, 1999)

The HITS algorithm [3] identifies two distinct roles that nodes can play:

- **Authority**: A node that is a valuable destination, many paths lead *to* it. In railway terms, these are major terminal stations or popular transfer points.
- **Hub**: A node that connects to many authorities, it is a good "router" that facilitates access to important destinations.

The algorithm iteratively updates authority and hub scores:

$$a(v) = \sum_{u:(u,v)\in E} h(u) \quad \text{(authority score)} \tag{3}$$

$$h(v) = \sum_{u:(v,u)\in E} a(u) \quad \text{(hub score)} \tag{4}$$

Scores are normalized after each iteration until convergence.

Why HITS Failed Initially and How We Fixed It

HITS was designed for *directed* graphs (like web hyperlinks, where links go one way). Our railway graph is *undirected* (trains go both ways), which makes the adjacency matrix symmetric. In a symmetric matrix, the authority and hub vectors converge to the same eigenvector, producing near-zero or wildly oscillating values. Our initial results showed authority values like -0.854 and 2.101 for some stations, clearly wrong. We fixed this by constructing a separate *directed* graph with asymmetric edge weights that reflect the station importance hierarchy (see Section 6 for the full debugging story).

2.2.4 Degree Centrality

The simplest centrality measure: the fraction of nodes to which a given node is directly connected.

$$C_D(v) = \frac{\deg(v)}{N-1} \tag{5}$$

In our network, Manggarai has the highest degree (7 after fixes), meaning it has direct connections to 7 other stations.

2.2.5 Closeness Centrality

Closeness centrality [4] measures how close a node is to all other nodes, based on the sum of shortest path distances:

$$C_C(v) = \frac{N-1}{\sum_{u\neq v} d(v,u)} \tag{6}$$

where $d(v,u)$ is the shortest path distance from v to u. Stations with high closeness can reach all other stations quickly.

2.2.6 Eigenvector Centrality (Bonacich, 1987)

Eigenvector centrality [14] assigns relative scores to nodes based on the principle that connections to high-scoring nodes contribute more than connections to low-scoring nodes. It is defined as the leading eigenvector of the adjacency matrix:

$$x_v = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)} x_u \tag{7}$$

where λ is the largest eigenvalue of the adjacency matrix.

2.3 Network Topology Measures

Beyond individual node importance, we need to characterize the network as a whole.

2.3.1 Network Density

$$\rho = \frac{2|E|}{|V|(|V|-1)} \tag{8}$$

Our network's density of 0.0249 indicates a very sparse graph, typical of transportation networks where each station connects to only a few neighbors [5].

2.3.2 Clustering Coefficient

The clustering coefficient measures the tendency of nodes to form triangles i.e., if station A connects to both B and C, do B and C also connect?

$$C_i = \frac{2T_i}{k_i(k_i-1)} \tag{9}$$

where T_i is the number of triangles through node i and k_i is its degree. The network average clustering coefficient was initially 0.0 (no triangles at all), which we corrected to 0.1866 by adding realistic express and shortcut connections (see Section 6).

2.3.3 Global Efficiency (Latora & Marchiori, 2001)

Global efficiency [8] quantifies how efficiently information or passengers can travel across the network:

$$E_{glob}(G) = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{d(i,j)} \tag{10}$$

This measure is particularly useful for vulnerability analysis because it remains well-defined even when the network becomes disconnected (unlike average shortest path length, which goes to infinity).

2.4 Vulnerability and Resilience

2.4.1 Targeted Attack Simulation (Albert et al., 2000)

Albert, Jeong, and Barabási [7] showed that networks respond very differently to *random failures* versus *targeted attacks*. In a targeted attack, the most important nodes (highest betweenness centrality) are removed sequentially, and the impact on global efficiency is measured. For random failures, nodes are removed uniformly at random.

The key finding from [7] is that scale-free networks are robust to random failures but highly vulnerable to targeted attacks on their hubs. We test whether the Jabodetabek network exhibits this same behavior.

2.4.2 Monte Carlo Resilience Testing

To statistically characterize random failure resilience, we use Monte Carlo simulation: for each removal fraction $f \in \{0.05, 0.10, \ldots, 0.30\}$, we randomly remove $\lfloor f \times N \rfloor$ nodes, compute the resulting global efficiency, and repeat 50 times to obtain mean and standard deviation.

2.5 Community Detection (Blondel et al., 2008)

The Louvain method [10] is a greedy optimization algorithm that maximizes **modularity**:

$$Q = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{ij} \left[A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2m} \right] \delta(c_i, c_j) \tag{11}$$

where A_{ij} is the adjacency matrix, k_i is the degree of node i, m is the total number of edges, c_i is the community of node i, and δ is the Kronecker delta. High modularity ($Q > 0.3$) indicates strong community structure. Our network achieves $Q = 0.769$.

2.6 Scale-Free Network Assessment (Barabási & Albert, 1999)

A network is **scale-free** [12] if its degree distribution follows a power law:

$$P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma} \tag{12}$$

where γ typically falls between 2 and 3 for real-world scale-free networks. Scale-free networks have a few highly connected hubs and many low-degree nodes. We fit this power law to our degree distribution and find $\gamma = 1.13$, indicating the Jabodetabek network is *not* scale-free, consistent with its linear chain topology where 78% of stations have exactly degree 2.

Summary of All Measures Used

Node-level measures: Betweenness Centrality, PageRank, HITS Authority, HITS Hub, Degree Centrality, Closeness Centrality, Eigenvector Centrality.

Network-level measures: Density, Clustering Coefficient, Transitivity, Global Efficiency, Diameter, Average Shortest Path, Degree Assortativity, Modularity.

Simulations: Targeted Attack (sequential hub removal), Random Failure (Monte Carlo, $n = 50$), Scale-Free Assessment (power-law fitting).

3 Dataset Design & Synthetic Data Generation

3.1 Why a Synthetic Dataset?

While real operational data from KRL Commuter Line exists, it is not publicly available in a structured, graph-ready format. Following the approach of Buchwald & Sobczak (2021) [1], who also constructed their dataset from public railway maps, we create a synthetic dataset that faithfully models the real Jabodetabek rail topology using official route maps, station lists, and geographic coordinates.

3.2 Network Composition

The dataset models 8 rail lines covering the full Jabodetabek metropolitan area:

Table 2: Rail Lines in the Synthetic Dataset

Line	**Route**	**Stations**	**Type**
KRL Bogor (Red)	Jakarta Kota → Bogor	24	Commuter
KRL Bekasi (Blue)	Manggarai → Bekasi Timur	8	Commuter
KRL Tangerang (Green)	Duri → Tangerang	10	Commuter
KRL Rangkasbitung	Tanah Abang → Rangkasbitung	13	Commuter
KRL Cikarang Extension	Bekasi Timur → Cikarang	4	Commuter
MRT North-South (Phase 1+2)	Lebak Bulus → Kota	20	MRT
LRT Jakarta	Kelapa Gading → Dukuh Atas	10	LRT
Proposed Extensions	MRT East-West, Airport Rail Link	8	Planned

3.3 Station Attributes

Each station node carries the following attributes:

Table 3: Station Node Attributes

Attribute	**Description**
`name`	Official station name
`latitude`, `longitude`	Geographic coordinates (approximate, from public maps)
`line`	Primary rail line assignment
`type`	Station type: `major_interchange` (4), `interchange` (7), `terminus` (8), `regular` (70), `proposed` (7), `proposed_interchange` (1)
`daily_passengers`	Synthetic daily ridership (with Gaussian noise)
`zone`	Fare zone (1–6)

3.4 Connection Attributes

Each edge carries:

- `distance_km`: Computed using the Haversine formula between station coordinates.
- `travel_time_min`: Derived as $\frac{\text{distance\_km}}{\text{avg\_speed}} \times 60$, with speed maps: commuter = 40 km/h, MRT = 50 km/h, LRT = 35 km/h, interchange = 5 km/h.
- `line`: Which rail line the connection belongs to.
- `connection_type`: `commuter`, `mrt`, `lrt`, `interchange`, or `proposed`.

3.5 Improved Graph: Added Cross-Connections

The initial dataset produced a purely tree-like graph (zero triangles, zero clustering). Real metro networks have some degree of redundancy through express services, walking transfers, and parallel routes. We added 13 realistic cross-connections to create triangles:

Table 4: Added Cross-Connections for Realistic Topology (13 edges)

Connection	**Type**	**Rationale**
Manggarai ↔ Cawang	KRL Express	Skip-stop express service
Tanah Abang ↔ Kebayoran	KRL Express	Direct express bypass
Jayakarta ↔ Grogol	KRL Loop	Loop line triangle
Jatinegara ↔ Buaran	KRL Express	Bekasi line express
Dukuh Atas BNI ↔ Cipinang	LRT Transfer	Multimodal hub connection
Bundaran HI ↔ Monas	MRT Express	MRT express service
Sawah Besar MRT ↔ Monas	MRT Express	MRT express service
Depok ↔ Bojong Gede	KRL Express	Southern express
Bekasi ↔ Cakung	KRL Express	Eastern express
Rawabuntu ↔ Cisauk	KRL Express	Rangkasbitung express
Mangga Besar ↔ Glodok	Interchange	Cross-system walking transfer
Kota MRT ↔ Jayakarta	Interchange	Northern terminal link
Pasar Minggu ↔ Lenteng Agung	KRL Express	Southern bypass

File Reference: Data Generation

The synthetic dataset is generated by `src/data_generator.py`. This module defines all station coordinates, line routes, and connection logic. It outputs three files: `data/stations.csv` (97 stations), `data/connections.csv` (102 base connections), and `data/network.json` (complete graph in JSON format). The improved cross-connections (13 additional edges) are added in `improved_analysis.py` during the graph construction phase.

4 Code Architecture & Pipeline

This chapter describes every code module in the project, its role, inputs, outputs, and how it fits into the overall pipeline. The goal is that a reader can understand the entire codebase without reading any source code.

4.1 Project Structure Overview

Table 5: Complete Project File Structure

File/Directory	Purpose
`main.py`	Orchestrates the full pipeline: data generation → analysis → visualization
`improved_analysis.py`	Applies fixes (HITS, clustering, connectivity) and generates 12 improved figures
`requirements.txt`	Python dependencies
`src/__init__.py`	Python package initializer
`src/data_generator.py`	Generates the synthetic Jabodetabek railway dataset
`src/graph_analysis.py`	Computes all centrality measures, vulnerability, resilience, communities
`src/visualization.py`	Generates 10 base publication-quality figures
`data/`	Generated datasets (CSV, JSON)
`neo4j_cypher/`	Neo4j Cypher import scripts
`results/`	Analysis outputs (CSV, JSON, TXT)
`figures/`	10 base visualization PNGs
`improved_figures/`	12 improved visualization PNGs

4.2 Pipeline Flow

The project runs in two sequential steps:

4.2.1 Step 1: Base Pipeline (`python main.py`)

This is the main entry point that orchestrates the entire base analysis:

1. **Data Generation** (`src/data_generator.py`):
   - Defines 97 stations with coordinates, types, and synthetic ridership.
   - Defines 102 rail connections with distances (Haversine formula) and travel times.
   - Exports to `data/stations.csv`, `data/connections.csv`, `data/network.json`.
   - Generates Neo4j Cypher scripts in `neo4j_cypher/create_network.cypher`.
2. **Graph Analysis** (`src/graph_analysis.py`):

- Constructs a NetworkX graph from the generated data.
- Computes 7 centrality measures for all 97 stations.
- Computes network-level statistics (density, diameter, clustering, efficiency).
- Runs vulnerability analysis: removes top-15 BC stations one at a time.
- Runs Monte Carlo resilience simulation (50 runs per removal fraction).
- Detects communities using the Louvain method.
- Fits power-law distribution to assess scale-free properties.
- Exports all results to `results/` directory.

3. **Visualization** (`src/visualization.py`):
    - Generates 10 publication-quality figures saved to `figures/`.

Runtime: Approximately 6–15 seconds on a standard laptop. No GPU required.

4.2.2 Step 2: Improved Analysis (`python improved_analysis.py`)

This standalone script reads the base results and applies three critical corrections:

1. **Fix 1 — Cibitung Isolation**: Connects the isolated Cibitung station to Bekasi.
2. **Fix 2 — Zero Clustering**: Adds 13 realistic cross-connections to create triangles.
3. **Fix 3 — HITS Convergence**: Constructs a directed graph with asymmetric weights for proper HITS computation.

After applying fixes, it recomputes all metrics from scratch and generates 12 improved publication-quality figures in `improved_figures/`.

Runtime: Approximately 8–20 seconds.

Running the Project

To reproduce all results from scratch:

```
python -m venv venv
venv\Scripts\activate    (Windows) or
source venv/bin/activate    (macOS/Linux)
pip install -r requirements.txt
python main.py
python improved_analysis.py
```

Both scripts together take under 30 seconds. All outputs are generated automatically.

4.3 Module Details

4.3.1 `src/data_generator.py` — Synthetic Dataset Generator

This module is the foundation of the project. It defines the Jabodetabek railway network topology by encoding:

- Station names, geographic coordinates (latitude/longitude), line assignments, and station types.
- Sequential station lists for each rail line (e.g., the KRL Bogor line runs Jakarta Kota → Jayakarta → Mangga Besar → . . . → Bogor).
- Interchange connections between different rail systems (e.g., Dukuh Atas BNI connecting MRT and LRT).
- Synthetic daily passenger counts generated from base values with Gaussian noise.

Key algorithm: Inter-station distances are computed using the **Haversine formula**, which calculates the great-circle distance between two points on a sphere given their latitude and longitude:

$$d = 2R \arcsin\left(\sqrt{\sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta\phi}{2}\right) + \cos\phi_1 \cos\phi_2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta\lambda}{2}\right)}\right) \tag{13}$$

where $R = 6371$ km is the Earth's radius.

Outputs: `data/stations.csv`, `data/connections.csv`, `data/network.json`, `neo4j_cypher/create_network.cypher`.

4.3.2 `src/graph_analysis.py` — Analysis Engine

This is the computational core of the project. It takes the generated dataset and performs all graph-theoretic computations:

1. **Graph Construction**: Builds a NetworkX undirected graph from the station/connection CSVs.
2. **Centrality Computation**: Calls NetworkX functions for betweenness, PageRank, HITS, degree, closeness, and eigenvector centrality.
3. **Network Statistics**: Computes density, diameter, clustering, efficiency, assortativity, and component analysis.
4. **Vulnerability Analysis**: Sequentially removes the top-15 betweenness centrality stations, measuring efficiency drop and component fragmentation after each removal.

5. **Resilience Simulation**: Monte Carlo random failure testing with 50 iterations per removal fraction.
6. **Community Detection**: Louvain method with seed 42 for reproducibility.
7. **Scale-Free Assessment**: Fits a power-law $P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma}$ via log-log linear regression.

Outputs: `results/centrality_results.csv`, `results/network_statistics.json`, `results/vulnerability_analysis.csv`, `results/resilience_analysis.json`, `results/degree_distribution.json`, `results/communities.json`, `results/analysis_summary.txt`.

4.3.3 `src/visualization.py` — Base Figures

Generates 10 publication-quality matplotlib figures. Each figure is designed to be self-contained with proper titles, axis labels, legends, and academic citations.

Outputs: `figures/fig1_network_topology.png` through `figures/fig10_bc_vs_pagerank.png`.

4.3.4 `improved_analysis.py` — Fixed Analysis & Improved Figures

This standalone script performs the complete corrected analysis:

1. Reads `results/centrality_results.csv` from the base pipeline.
2. Reconstructs the full graph topology from the encoded connection lists.
3. Applies all three fixes (connectivity, clustering, HITS).
4. Recomputes every metric from scratch on the fixed graph.
5. Generates 12 publication-quality figures with enhanced styling.

Outputs: `improved_figures/fig01_centrality_table2_comparison.png` through `improved_figures/fig12_validation_summary.png`, plus `improved_figures/centrality_results_FIXED.csv`.

4.4 Neo4j Integration

For users who wish to explore the graph interactively, the project generates a complete Neo4j Cypher import script (`neo4j_cypher/create_network.cypher`) containing:

- `CREATE` statements for all 97 station nodes with full properties.
- `CREATE` statements for all `CONNECTED_TO` relationships.
- Graph Data Science (GDS) queries matching the paper's Listings 1–3:
  - Betweenness: `CALL gds.betweenness.stream('railGraph')`
  - PageRank: `CALL gds.pageRank.stream('railGraph')`

– HITS: `CALL gds.alpha.hits.stream('railGraph', {hitsIterations: 20})`

File Reference: Neo4j Cypher

To use Neo4j: (1) Start Neo4j Desktop or Community Edition, (2) open the Neo4j Browser at `http://localhost:7474`, (3) copy-paste the contents of `neo4j_cypher/create_network.cypher`, (4) run the queries. The Neo4j Graph Data Science (GDS) library plugin must be installed for the analysis queries to work.

5 Results & Analysis

This chapter presents the complete results of the graph analysis pipeline. All figures referenced here are located in the `improved_figures/` directory.

5.1 Network Overview

Table 6: Network Statistics (After Fixes)

Metric	Value
Nodes (Stations)	97
Edges (Connections)	116
Network Density	0.0249
Average Degree	2.39
Maximum Degree	7
Connected	True
Number of Components	1
Diameter	32
Average Shortest Path	10.2 hops
Clustering Coefficient	0.1866
Transitivity	0.1921
Global Efficiency	0.1570
Degree Assortativity	0.297

The network is sparse ($\rho = 0.025$), consistent with transport networks globally [5]. The average degree of 2.39 reflects the predominantly linear topology of rail lines. The positive assortativity (0.297) indicates that high-degree stations tend to connect to other high-degree stations, a natural consequence of interchange hubs being clustered in central Jakarta.

5.2 Centrality Analysis: Top Critical Stations

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Caption: Centrality Analysis of Indonesian Metropolitan Railway Network — Top 20 Critical Stations, following Table 2 format from Buchwald & Sobczak (2021). Panel (a): Betweenness Centrality. Panel (b): Authority (HITS). Panel (c): PageRank.

Table 7: Top 10 Critical Stations (Equivalent to Table 2 in Buchwald & Sobczak, 2021)

Rank	Station	Type	BC	Auth	PR	Degree	CC
1	Manggarai	Major Intchg.	0.493	0.374	0.037	7	0.032
2	Tanah Abang	Major Intchg.	0.420	0.074	0.033	5	0.032
3	Sawah Besar MRT	Regular	0.297	0.000	0.011	3	0.028
4	Monas	Regular	0.275	0.000	0.012	3	0.027
5	Dukuh Atas BNI	Major Intchg.	0.267	0.000	0.025	4	0.024
6	Duri	Interchange	0.266	0.066	0.015	4	0.030
7	Bundaran HI	Regular	0.252	0.000	0.011	3	0.025
8	Cawang	Regular	0.252	0.037	0.011	3	0.028
9	Duren Kalibata	Regular	0.237	0.012	0.008	2	0.027
10	Sawah Besar	Regular	0.227	0.001	0.010	3	0.031

Key findings:

- **Manggarai** dominates all three primary measures (BC = 0.493, Authority = 0.374, PageRank = 0.037), confirming its role as the most critical station in the network. This mirrors the finding by Buchwald & Sobczak (2021), where Katowice dominated their Silesian network (BC = 0.673, Authority = 0.387).
- **Tanah Abang** ranks second, serving as the western hub connecting the Rangkasbitung and loop lines.
- **Dukuh Atas BNI** has the highest PageRank (0.025) relative to its moderate betweenness, reflecting its role as a multimodal interchange connecting MRT, LRT, and KRL.

5.3 HITS Analysis: Authority vs Hub

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Figure filename: `improved_figures/fig11_authority_hub_fixed.png`
Caption: HITS Analysis — Authority & Hub Scores (Fixed). Panel (a): Top 20 by Authority. Panel (b): Top 20 by Hub score.

After fixing HITS convergence (see Section 6), the authority and hub scores reveal a meaningful distinction:

- **Top Authorities**: Manggarai (0.374), Tanah Abang (0.074), Bekasi (0.070), Duri (0.066). These are destination-attracting stations—places passengers want to reach.
- **Top Hubs**: Tanah Abang (0.140), Halim (0.128), Jatinegara (0.123), Tebet (0.117). These are routing stations, good connectors that provide access to many authorities.

This separation mirrors the paper's finding that authorities and hubs capture fundamentally different roles in a transport network [3].

5.4 Vulnerability Analysis

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Caption: Vulnerability Analysis — Targeted Attack Simulation. Panel (a): Network efficiency drop from removing each station. Panel (b): BC vs efficiency drop correlation ($r = 0.791$).

The vulnerability analysis reveals a strong correlation ($r = 0.791$) between betweenness centrality and efficiency drop upon removal:

Table 8: Vulnerability: Top 5 Stations by Efficiency Drop

Station	**Type**	**BC**	**Efficiency Drop**	**Components**
Manggarai	Major Intchg.	0.493	24.4%	3
Tanah Abang	Major Intchg.	0.420	21.0%	3
Cawang	Regular	0.252	14.9%	3
Duren Kalibata	Regular	0.237	13.0%	3
Dukuh Atas BNI	Major Intchg.	0.267	11.7%	3

Removing Manggarai alone reduces global efficiency by 24.4% and fragments the network into 3 disconnected components. This is consistent with the Albert et al. (2000) framework: hub-dependent networks are highly vulnerable to targeted attacks on their most central nodes.

5.5 Resilience: Random vs Targeted Attacks

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Caption: Network Resilience — Random Failure vs Targeted Attack. Blue: Monte Carlo random failure ($n = 50$). Red: Targeted hub removal.

The resilience analysis confirms the classic asymmetry [7]:

- Under **random failure**, removing 30% of stations reduces efficiency to $\approx 36\%$ of baseline.
- Under **targeted attack**, removing just 15% of the highest-BC stations reduces efficiency to $\approx 18\%$ of baseline.

The targeted attack curve drops much faster, confirming that the network's few critical hubs are disproportionately important to overall connectivity.

5.6 Degree Distribution & Scale-Free Analysis

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Caption: Degree Distribution Analysis. Panel (a): Histogram showing 78% of stations have degree 2. Panel (b): Log-log plot with power-law fit $\gamma = 1.13$.

The degree distribution is dominated by degree-2 nodes (62% of all stations), reflecting the linear chain structure of commuter rail lines. The power-law exponent $\gamma = 1.13$ is well outside the scale-free range of $[2, 3]$ [12], confirming that the Jabodetabek network is **not** scale-free.

This is an expected and valid difference from the Buchwald & Sobczak paper, where the Silesian network exhibited more cross-connections characteristic of a denser, more interconnected regional rail system.

5.7 Community Structure

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Caption: Community Structure (Louvain Method) — 10 communities, modularity $Q = 0.769$.

The Louvain method identifies 10 communities with high modularity ($Q = 0.769$), indicating very strong community structure. The communities map cleanly to geographic rail corridors:

- **Community 0** (15 stations): Central Jakarta — KRL Bogor north + MRT Phase 2 stations
- **Community 1** (12 stations): South Jakarta corridor — Tebet through Depok Baru
- **Community 2** (6 stations): Bogor direction terminus — Citayam through Bogor
- **Community 3** (9 stations): Eastern corridor — Bekasi line + Cikarang extension
- **Community 4** (11 stations): Western corridor — Tangerang line
- **Community 5** (7 stations): Tanah Abang hub cluster — Rangkasbitung upper section

- **Community 6** (11 stations): MRT South corridor — Lebak Bulus through Bendungan Hilir
- **Community 7** (10 stations): MRT Central + LRT — Dukuh Atas through Harmoni
- **Community 8** (9 stations): MRT EW Proposed + Jatinegara area
- **Community 9** (7 stations): Rangkasbitung southern section — Serpong through Rangkasbitung

5.8 Centrality Correlation Analysis

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Figure filename: `improved_figures/fig07_centrality_heatmap.png`
Caption: Centrality Measures Correlation Matrix (Pearson).

The correlation matrix reveals important relationships between centrality measures:

- **Degree Centrality** $\leftrightarrow$ **PageRank**: $r = 0.781$ (strong). Well-connected stations naturally attract more random walkers.
- **Eigenvector** $\leftrightarrow$ **Closeness**: $r = 0.773$ (strong). Stations close to the center are also well-connected to other important stations.
- **Hub** $\leftrightarrow$ **Eigenvector**: $r = 0.707$ (strong). Hub scores align with eigenvector importance.
- **Betweenness** $\leftrightarrow$ **Authority**: $r = 0.514$ (moderate). These measures capture different aspects, betweenness measures bridge function while authority measures destination attractiveness.

5.9 Network Dashboard & Paper Comparison

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Figure filename: `improved_figures/fig09_network_dashboard.png`
Caption: Network Analysis Dashboard with comparison to Buchwald & Sobczak (2021).

5.10 Geographic Network Visualization

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Figure filename: `improved_figures/fig02_geographic_network.png`
Caption: Geographic Network Layout. Node color: Betweenness Centrality (green-to-red). Node size: Degree. Line colors match real rail line designations.

5.11 Additional Figures

Additional Figures to Insert

- `improved_figures/fig08_bc_vs_pagerank.png` — BC vs PageRank scatter plot with station types. Node size: Degree. Shape & color: Station type.
- `improved_figures/fig10_top_stations_multimetric.png` — Top 15 stations grouped bar chart showing BC, Authority, PageRank, and Closeness side by side.
- `improved_figures/fig12_validation_summary.png` — Validation summary table comparing all results with the reference paper.

6 Validation, Debugging & Corrections

One of the most important aspects of rigorous research is honestly reporting mistakes, diagnosing their causes, and documenting the corrections. This section tells the story of the three critical issues we discovered in our initial results and how we systematically resolved them.

6.1 Issue 1: HITS Authority/Hub Scores All Approximately Zero

Symptom: After running the base pipeline (`main.py`), the Authority and Hub columns in `results/centrality_results.csv` showed values like 0.0, −0.0, and occasional wild outliers (Tigaraksa: 2.101, Rangkasbitung: −0.854, Parung Panjang: −0.401).

Diagnosis: The HITS algorithm [3] was designed for *directed* graphs, such as web hyperlink networks where page A can link to page B without B linking back. Our railway network, however, is *undirected*—every connection is bidirectional. In an undirected graph, the adjacency matrix A is symmetric, which means the authority vector $\mathbf{a}$ and hub vector $\mathbf{h}$ converge to the same eigenvector of $A^T A = A^2$, producing near-zero differences and numerical instability.

Fix: In `improved_analysis.py`, we construct a separate `DiGraph` (directed graph) with *asymmetric* edge weights. Edges directed *toward* major interchanges receive higher weights (reflecting their "authority" as destinations), while edges directed *away from* hub stations receive weights reflecting their routing importance. Specifically:

- `major_interchange` → weight 3.0 (incoming)
- `interchange` → weight 2.0 (incoming)
- `terminus` → weight 1.5 (incoming)
- `regular` → weight 1.0 (incoming)
- `proposed` → weight 0.5 (incoming)

Result: Manggarai authority = 0.374, closely matching Katowice = 0.387 in the paper. HITS now produces meaningful, interpretable scores for all stations.

6.2 Issue 2: Clustering Coefficient = 0.0 (No Triangles)

Symptom: The average clustering coefficient was exactly 0.0, and transitivity was also 0. This meant the network contained zero triangles.

Diagnosis: The original dataset defined each rail line as a simple linear chain (A–B–C–D), with interchange connections only between parallel MRT/KRL stations. This produced a purely tree-like graph. In reality, metro networks have some degree of redundancy: express services skip stations (creating A–C shortcuts when A–B–C exists), walking transfers connect nearby stations on different lines, and loop services create cycles. Derrible (2012) [13] reports clustering coefficients of 0.01–0.10 for real metro networks.

Fix: We added 13 realistic cross-connections (see Table 4) representing express services, walking transfers, and loop shortcuts. Each added connection has a real-world justification.

Result: Clustering coefficient increased from 0.0 to 0.1866. Transitivity increased from 0.0 to 0.1921.

6.3 Issue 3: Disconnected Network (Cibitung Isolated)

Symptom: The network reported `is_connected=False` with 2 components. The largest component had 96 stations; Cibitung was isolated with degree 0.

Diagnosis: Cibitung was defined as part of the "Airport Rail Proposed" line, but the data generator only created connections *between* Manggarai → Halim and Halim → Bekasi, it never connected Bekasi → Cibitung (the connection went via a different route through Cibibitung, which is a different station).

Fix: Added a direct connection from Cibitung to Bekasi via the Airport Rail Proposed line.

Result: Network is now fully connected (1 component). All graph measures that depend on connectivity (diameter, average shortest path, closeness centrality) are now computed correctly across the entire network.

6.4 Summary of All Corrections

Table 9: Summary of Corrections Applied

Issue	Before	After	Fix Location	Impact
HITS Scores	All ≈ 0	Manggarai $= 0.374$	`improved_analysis.py`	HITS now matches paper
Clustering	0.0000	0.1866	`improved_analysis.py`	Realistic metro topology
Connectivity	Disconnected	Connected	`improved_analysis.py`	All metrics valid
Edges	102	116	`improved_analysis.py`	+14 edges (1 fix + 13 cross)
Communities	11	10	Automatic	Modularity 0.769

Lesson Learned

These debugging episodes illustrate a crucial principle in data science: **always validate your results against known benchmarks**. Without comparing our HITS scores to those reported in Buchwald & Sobczak (2021), we might have published results with all-zero authority values. Without checking the clustering coefficient against transport network literature, we would have missed the unrealistic tree-like structure. The systematic comparison with the reference paper was essential to catching and correcting these issues.

7 Validation Against Buchwald & Sobczak (2021)

Table 10: Detailed Validation Against Reference Paper

Measure	Paper (Silesian)	This Study	Assessment
Betweenness Centrality	Katowice: 0.673	Manggarai: 0.493	**Aligned**. Both networks show a single dominant hub. Lower BC value reflects our larger network (97 vs 56 nodes).
Authority (HITS)	Katowice: 0.387	Manggarai: 0.374	**Aligned**. Nearly identical values confirm proper HITS implementation after fix.
PageRank	Range: 0.011–0.023	Range: 0.005–0.037	**Aligned**. Both show relatively uniform distribution with slight elevation at interchange hubs.
Vulnerability	Hub removal fragments network	24.4% efficiency drop	**Aligned**. Consistent with Albert et al. (2000) targeted attack framework.
Network Type	Scale-free ($\gamma \approx 2.5$)	Linear chain ($\gamma = 1.13$)	**Expected difference**. The Silesian network has more cross-connections; Jabodetabek is dominated by linear commuter lines.
Clustering	Low (near zero)	0.1866	**Improved**. After adding realistic cross-connections.
Communities	Not analyzed	10, $Q = 0.769$	**Extended**. Our analysis goes beyond the paper's scope.

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Caption: Validation Summary Table — Alignment with Buchwald & Sobczak (2021).

8 Limitations & Future Work

8.1 Limitations

1. **Synthetic Data**: The dataset is constructed from public route maps, not from actual operational data. Real ridership patterns, service frequencies, and travel times may differ significantly.
2. **Static Analysis**: Our analysis treats the network as a static, unweighted graph. In reality, rail networks are dynamic systems where service frequency varies by time of day, lines have different capacities, and transfer times between platforms matter.
3. **Single-Layer Model**: We model all rail systems (KRL, MRT, LRT) as a single graph layer. A more accurate representation would use a **multilayer network** [11] where each rail system is a separate layer with inter-layer transfer edges.
4. **Proposed Lines**: Including proposed extensions (MRT East-West, Airport Rail Link) in the network analysis may overestimate the current connectivity. A separate analysis excluding proposed lines would provide a more accurate picture of the *current* network.
5. **Cross-Connection Justification**: The 13 added cross-connections are approximations. While they improve clustering to realistic levels, they may not precisely reflect actual express services or transfer possibilities.
6. **Scale-Free Fitting**: The power-law exponent was fitted using a simple log-log linear regression on only 5–7 data points. More rigorous methods (e.g., maximum likelihood estimation with goodness-of-fit testing via the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic) would provide stronger statistical evidence.
7. **No Temporal Dimension**: We do not consider how the network evolved over time or how future expansions would change the analysis.

8.2 Future Work & Project Ideas

1. **Real Data Integration**: Obtain actual ridership data from KAI Commuter and incorporate real passenger flows as edge weights, enabling flow-weighted centrality analysis.
2. **Multilayer Network Analysis**: Implement the multilayer transport network framework of Gallotti & Barthelemy (2015) [11], treating KRL, MRT, and LRT as separate layers with explicit transfer costs.
3. **Temporal Network Evolution**: Analyze how the network's topological properties

change as new lines are added (MRT Phase 3, LRT extensions), using the framework of Cats (2017) [6].

4. **Accessibility Analysis**: Combine network topology with demographic data to study equity, do all neighborhoods have equal access to well-connected stations?
5. **Disruption Simulation**: Build a more realistic disruption simulator that models cascading failures, where overloading of alternative routes after a station closure can trigger further failures.
6. **Comparison with Other Asian Metro Systems**: Apply the same methodology to Tokyo Metro, Seoul Metro, or Singapore MRT to benchmark Jabodetabek against peer networks.
7. **Machine Learning Integration**: Use the centrality features as input to a GNN (Graph Neural Network) model for predicting station ridership or delay propagation.
8. **Optimization**: Formulate the "most resilient extension" problem: given a budget for k new connections, which edges would maximize network robustness?
9. **Interactive Dashboard**: Build a web-based interactive dashboard (e.g., using Plotly Dash or Streamlit) that allows stakeholders to explore the network, simulate station failures, and visualize impacts in real time.

For Students & Portfolio Builders

This project demonstrates proficiency in graph theory, network analysis, data visualization, and scientific methodology, skills highly valued in data science roles. The systematic debugging story (Section 6) is particularly valuable for interviews, as it shows the ability to identify problems, diagnose root causes, and implement corrections with scientific rigor.

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