Exercise 2

Importing the Node and Edge Lists

Network Analysis

Here we will generate our network from our node and edge lists, and then calculate degree, closeness, eigen and betweenness centrality. These will be the main 4 metrics I will use in making my decision.

```
network <- tbl_graph(nodes=nodes, edges=edges, directed=FALSE)

# Calculate the node metrics
Degree <- degree(network)
Closeness <- closeness(network)
Betweenness <- betweenness(network)
Eig <- evcent(network)$vector</pre>
```

Create a dataframe with which to compare centrality values

```
comp <- data.frame(nodes, Degree, Eig, Closeness, Betweenness) # Apply data.frame function
comp</pre>
```

```
##
     Nodes Degree
                     Eig Closeness Betweenness
## 1
              ## 2
        2
              2 0.12661070 0.04545455
                                    8.0000000
## 3
        3
            5 0.96744261 0.06250000
                                    4.6333333
## 4
              2 0.46122992 0.05000000
        4
                                    0.0000000
## 5
        5
              3 0.62726236 0.04761905
                                    0.5333333
## 6
        6
              3 0.62852844 0.05263158 0.9333333
## 7
        Α
            3 0.49339477 0.06250000 14.0000000
## 8
        В
            5 0.97394849 0.07142857 9.0333333
```

```
## 9 C 5 0.94139110 0.07142857 8.6000000
## 10 D 5 1.00000000 0.06250000 3.2666667
```

In deciding where I should sit, I would care most about the EigenCentrality and Closeness centrality. This is because I want to have strong connections with the largest number of people possible. Therefore, I would choose to take Seat B. B puts me in a position to be able to have a conversation and connect with many different people on the bus. Furthermore, in the event that there were smaller more isolated cliques on the bus, it also puts me at the best chance to have a connection with someone within the clique. One major risk with this strategy is that I don't know who will sit in the seats surrounding me on 3 of my 4 sides, or about their connections with the people next to them. If these people are very introverted, or already have well established cliques/connections, this could make it harder for me to form those connections. Another potential consequence of this method has to do with attention allocation. Because I am sitting so close to so many individuals, I am giving less attention to each individual, and therefore may form weaker connections than if I were to focus all of my attention on just 1 or 2 individuals.

Plot the Network with Labels

The size of the node is relative to the degree centrality of the node

Degree

