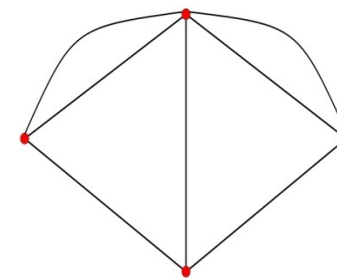


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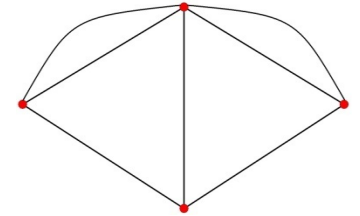


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## 2.1: Homophily

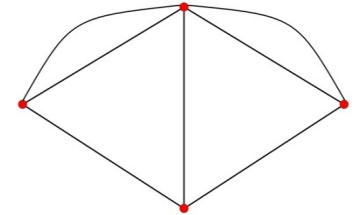


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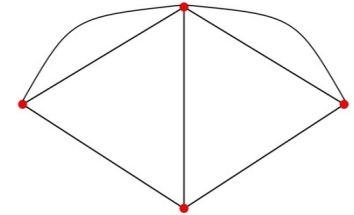
# Homophily:



“Birds of a Feather Flock Together” - Philemon Holland (1600 - “As commonly birds of a feather will flye together”)

- age, race, gender, religion, profession....
  - Lazarsfeld and Merton (1954) “Homophily”
  - Shrum (gender, ethnic, 1988...), Blau (professional 1964, 1977), Marsden (variety, 1987, 1988), Moody (grade, racial, 2001...), McPherson (variety, 1991...)...

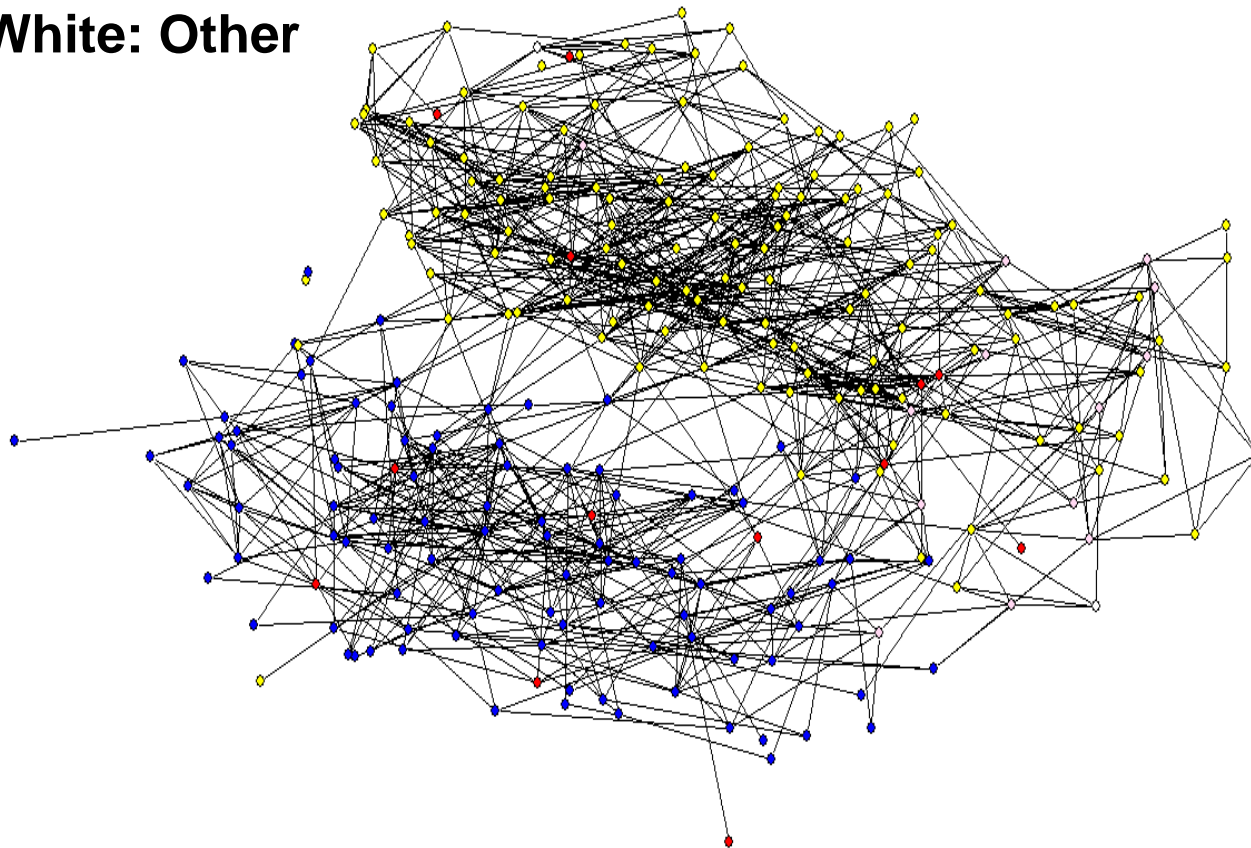
# Illustrations Homophily:



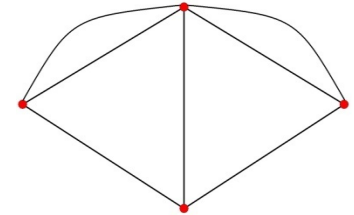
- National Sample: only 8% of people have *any* people of another race that they “discuss important matters” with (Marsden 87)
- Interracial marriages U.S.: 1% of white marriages, 5% of black marriages, 14% of Asian marriages (Fryer 07)
- In middle school, less than 10% of “expected” cross-race friendships exist (Shrum et al 88)
- Closest friend: 10% of men name a woman, 32% of women name a man (Verbrugge 77)

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**Reds: Hispanics**  
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**White: Other**

Currarini, Jackson, Pin 09,10



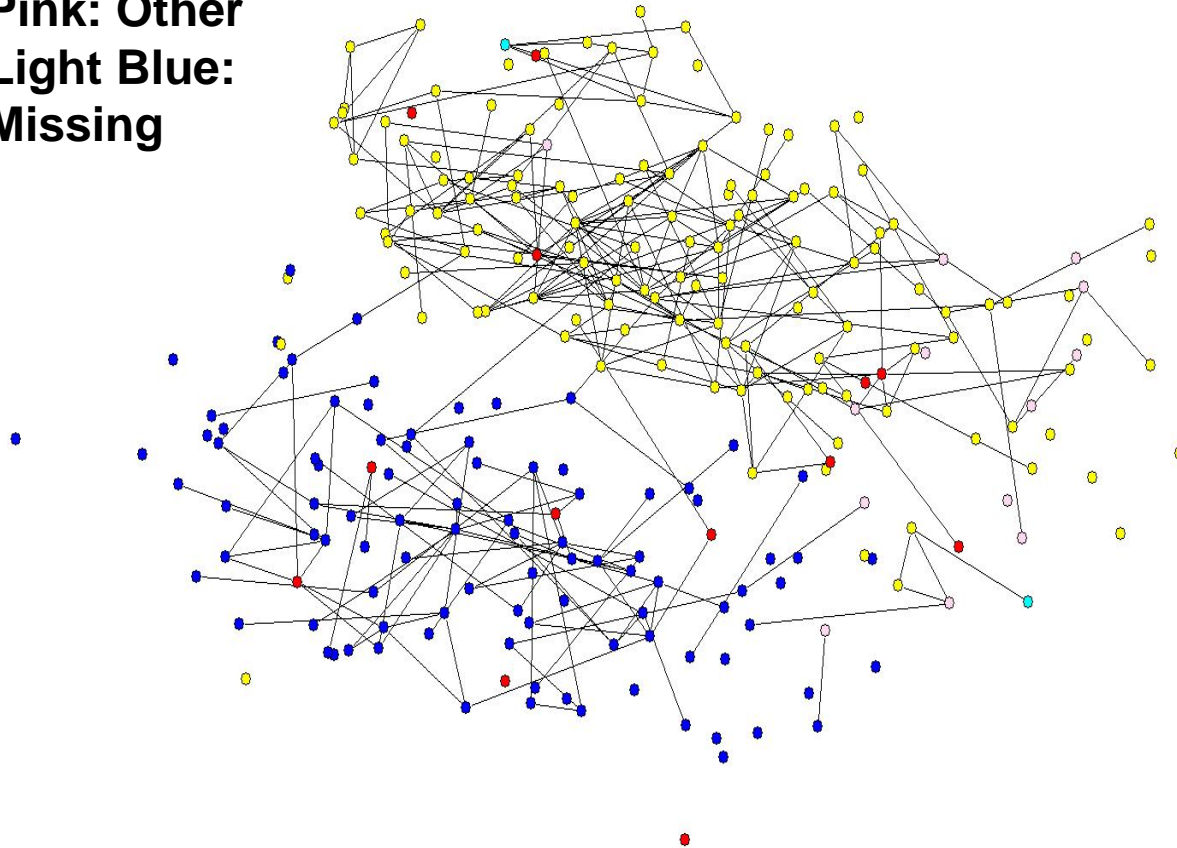
# Adolescent Health, High School in US:



Percent:	52	38	5	5
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
White	86	7	47	74
Black	4	85	46	13
Hispanic	4	6	2	4
Other	6	2	5	9
	100	100	100	100

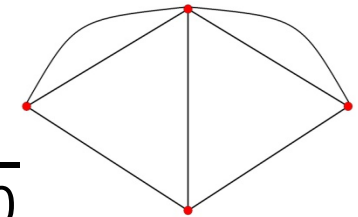
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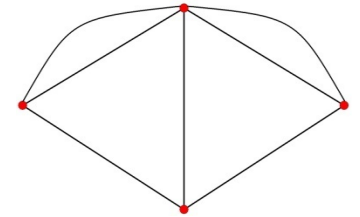
# Baerveldt et al (2004) Homophily:



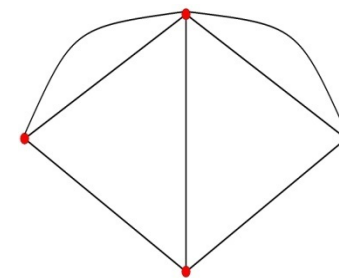
	n=850 65%	n=62 5%	n=75 6%	n=100 7%	n=230 17%
	Dutch	Moroccan	Turkish	Surinamese	Other
Dutch	79	24	11	21	47
Moroccan	2	27	8	4	5
Turkish	2	19	59	8	6
Surinamese	3	8	8	44	12
Other	13	22	14	23	30
	100	100	100	100	100

# Reasons for Homophily

- opportunity – contact theory
- benefits/costs
- social pressure
- social competition...



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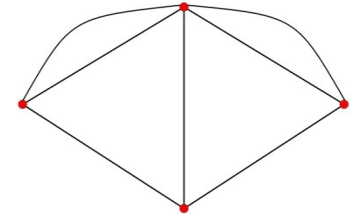
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## 2.2: Dynamics and Tie Strength

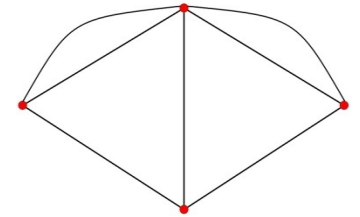


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# Dynamics

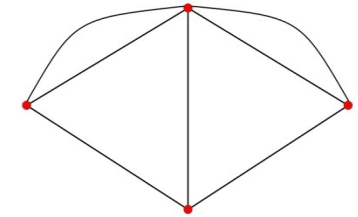


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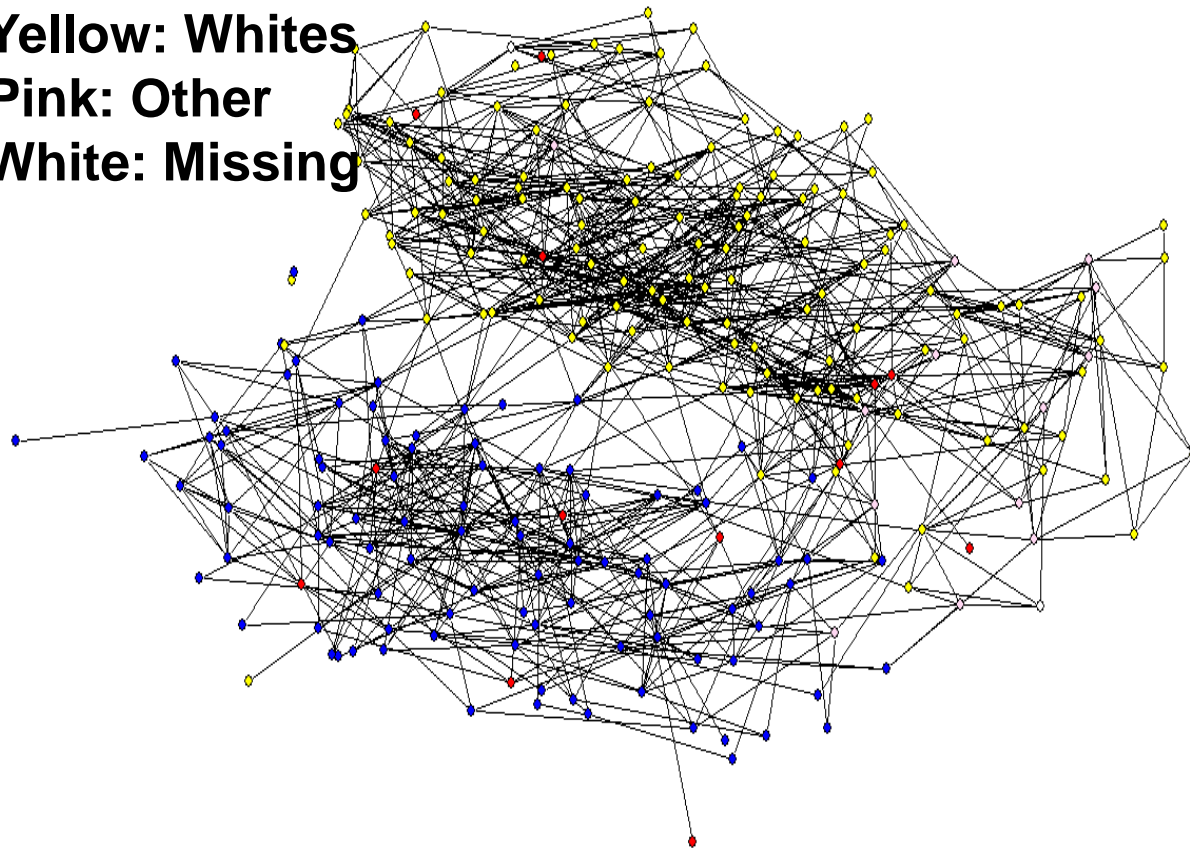
# Strength of Weak Ties



- Granovetter interviews: 54 people who found their jobs via social tie:
  - 16.7 percent via strong tie (at least two interactions/week)
  - 55.7 percent via medium tie (at least one interaction per year)
  - 27.6 percent via a weak tie (less than one interaction per year)
- Theory: weak ties form `bridges', less redundant information

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**Reds: Hispanics**  
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**Pink: Other**  
**White: Missing**

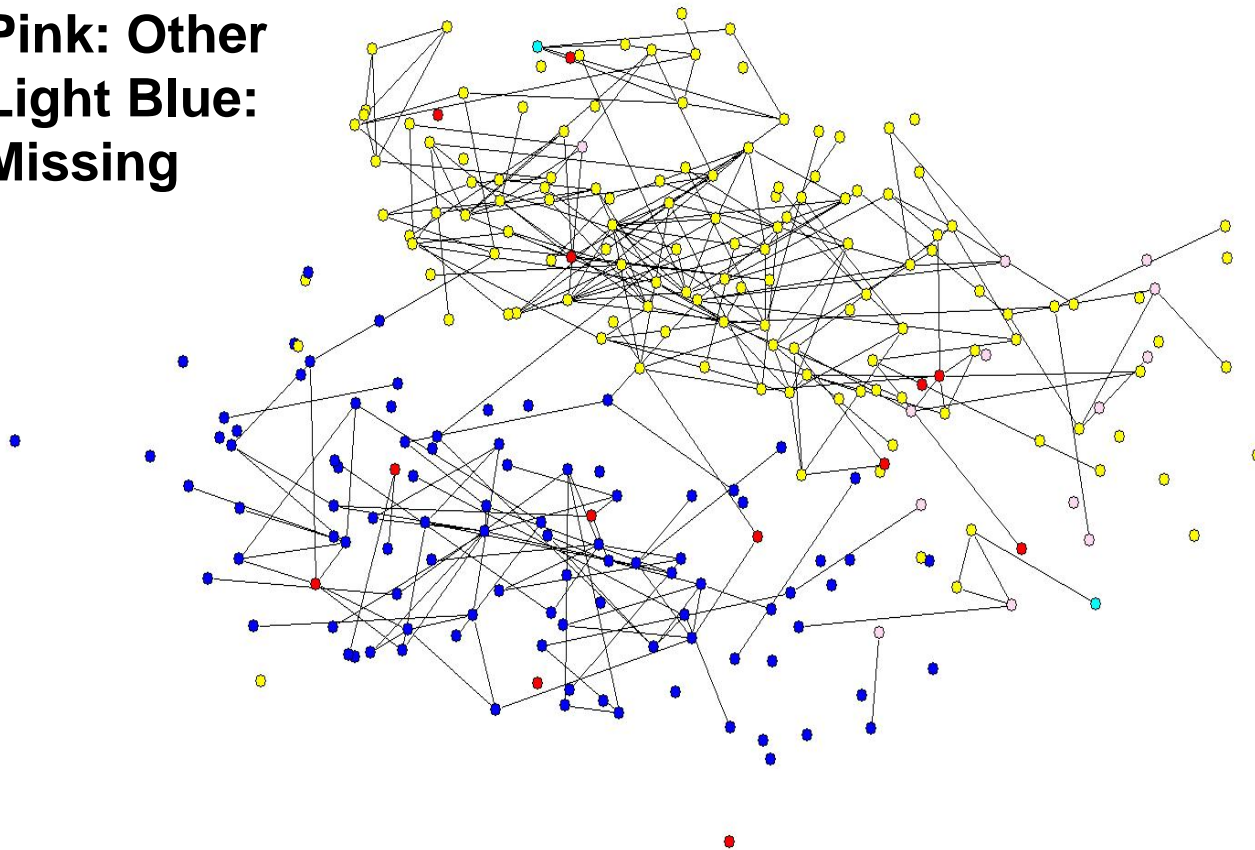
Add Health – from Currarini, Jackson, Pin (09,10)



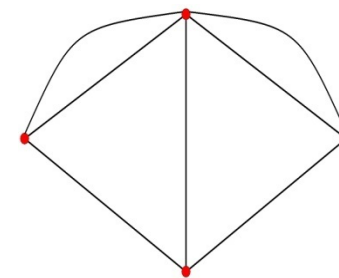


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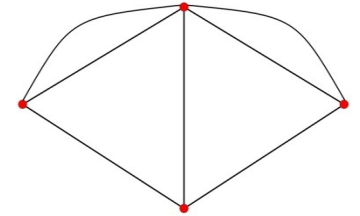
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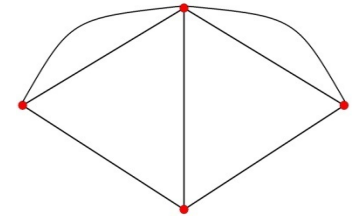
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## 2.3: Centrality Measures – Degree, Closeness, Decay, and Betweenness



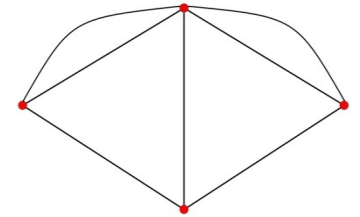
# Simplifying the Complexity



- Global patterns of networks
  - degree distributions, path lengths...
- Segregation Patterns
  - node types and homophily
- Local Patterns
  - Clustering, Transitivity, Support...
- Positions in networks
  - Neighborhoods, Centrality, Influence...

# Position in Network

- How to describe individual characteristics?
  - Degree
  - Clustering
  - Distance to other nodes
  - Centrality, influence, power...???

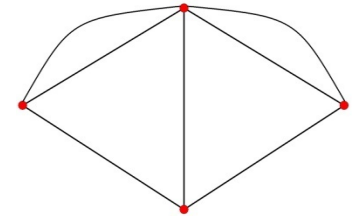


# Degree Centrality

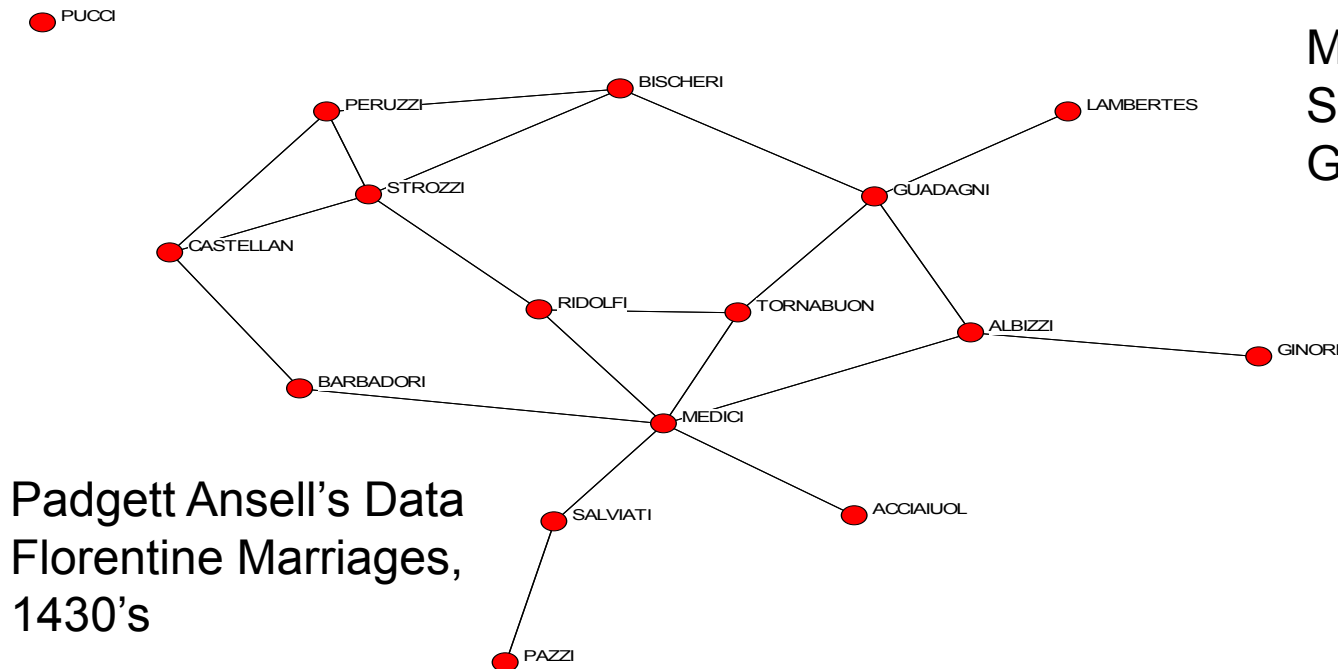


- How “connected” is a node?
  - degree captures connectedness
  - normalize by  $n-1$  - most possible

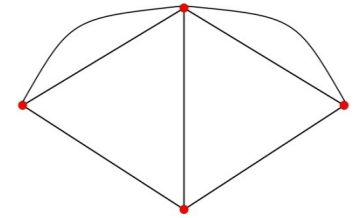
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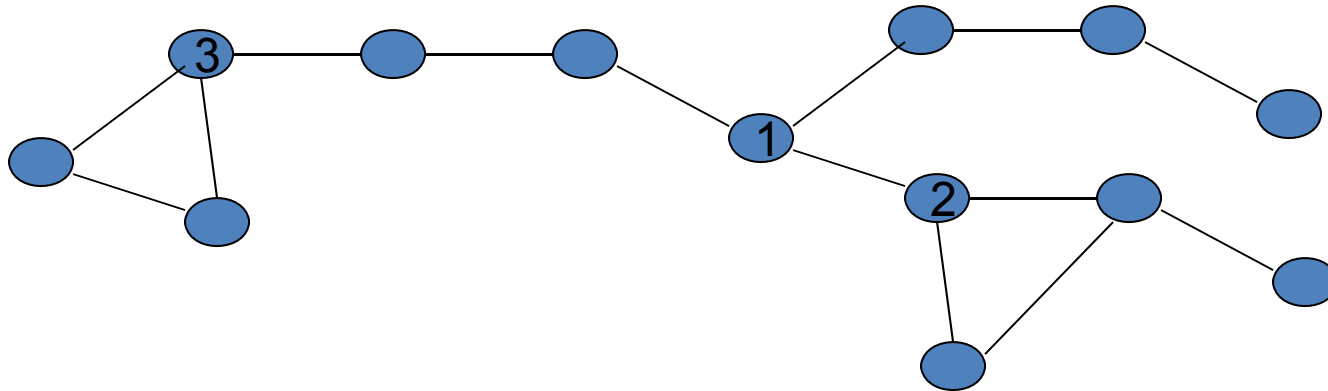
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# Degree Centrality



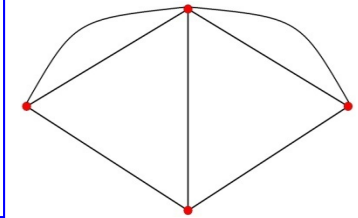
- Node 3 is considered as “central” as 1 and 2





# Centrality,

## Four different things to measure:



- Degree – connectedness
- Closeness, Decay – ease of reaching other nodes
- Betweenness – role as an intermediary, connector
- Influence, Prestige, Eigenvectors –  
“not what you know, but who you know.”

# Closeness



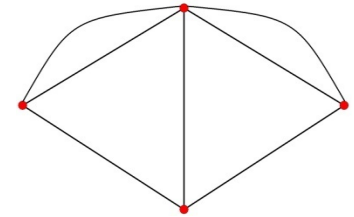
Closeness centrality:  $(n-1) / \sum_j \ell(i,j)$

relative distances to other nodes

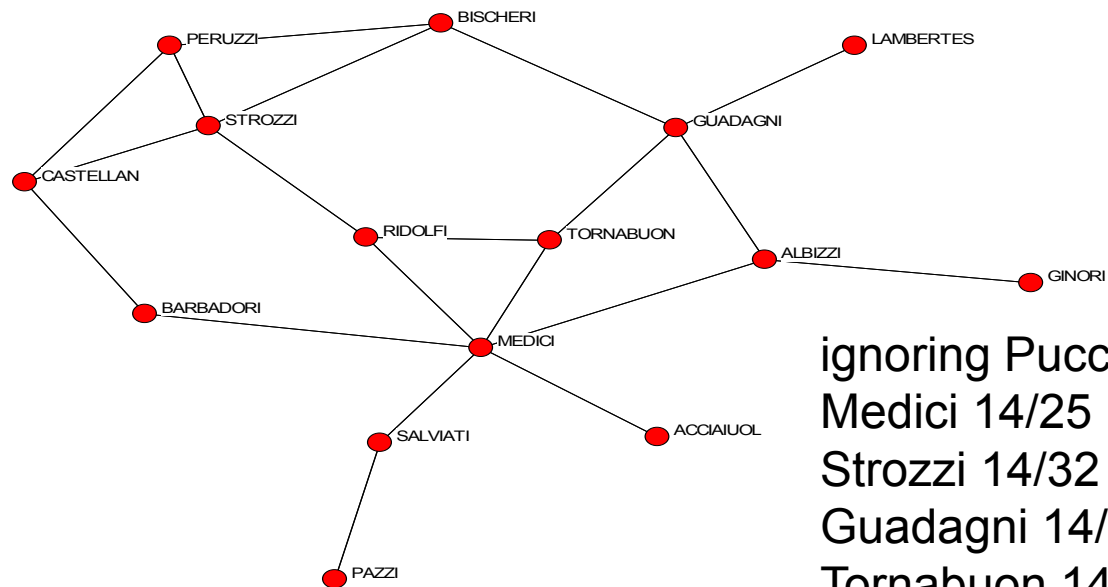
scales directly with distance – twice as far is half as central.

# Closeness

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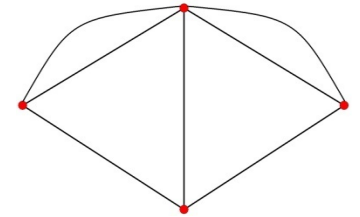
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ignoring Pucci:  
Medici 14/25  
Strozzi 14/32  
Guadagni 14/26  
Tornabuon 14/29  
Ridolfi 14/28

# Decay Centrality

$$C_i^d(g) = \sum_{j \neq i} \delta^{\ell(i,j)}$$

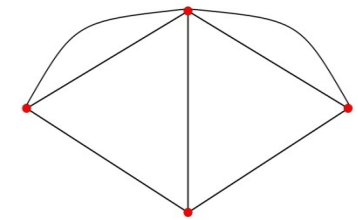
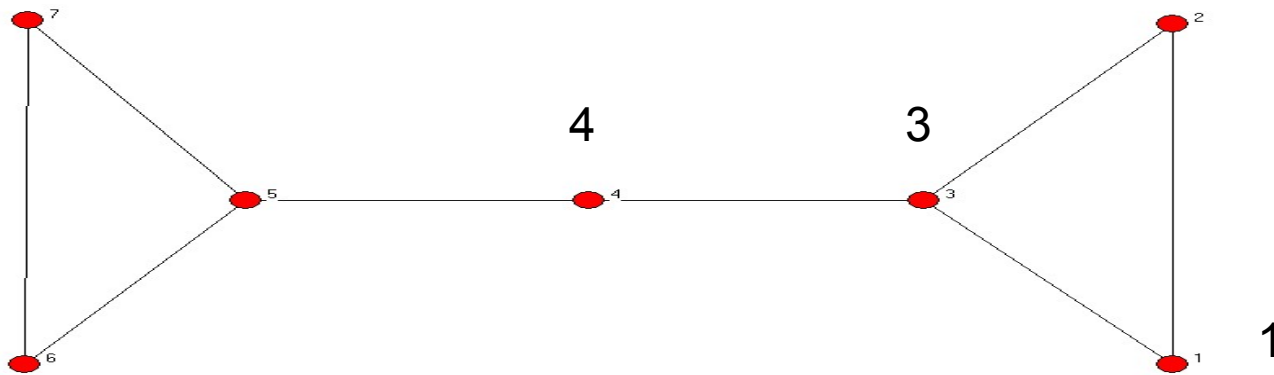


$\delta$  near 1 becomes component size

$\delta$  near 0 becomes degree

$\delta$  in between decaying distance measure

– weights distance exponentially



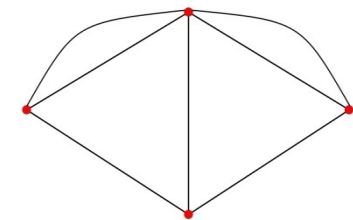
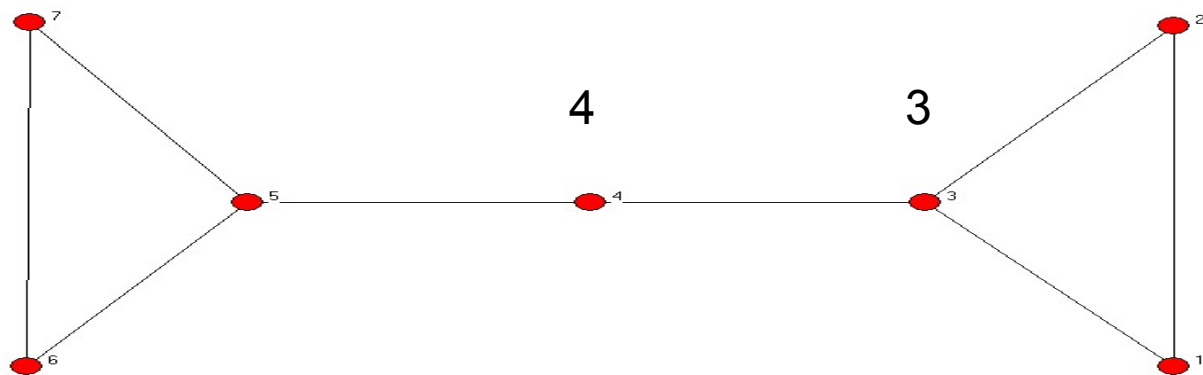
	Node 1	Node 3	Node 4
Degree	.33	.50	.33
Closeness	.40	.55	.60
Decay $\delta = .5$	1.5	2.0	2.0
Decay $\delta = .75$	3.1	3.7	3.8
Decay $\delta = .25$	.59	.84	.75

# Normalize: Decay Centrality



$$C_i^d(g) = \sum_{j \neq i} \delta^{\ell(i,j)} / ((n-1) \delta)$$

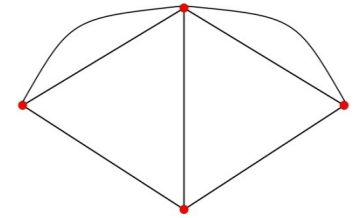
- $(n - 1) \delta$  is the lowest decay possible



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	Node 1	Node 3	Node 4
Degree	.33	.50	.33
Closeness	.40	.55	.60
N. Decay $\delta = .5$	.50	.67	.67
N. Decay $\delta = .75$	.69	.82	.84
N. Decay $\delta = .25$	.39	.56	.50

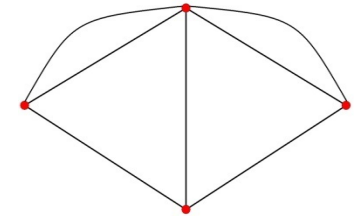
# Betweenness (Freeman) Centrality



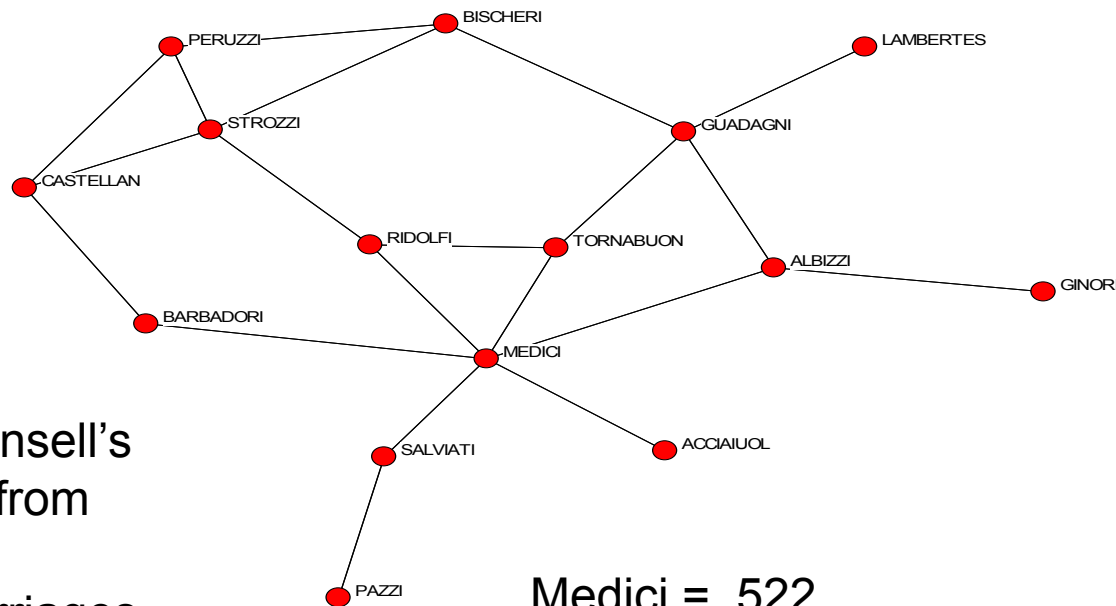
- $P(i,j)$  number of geodesics btwn  $i$  and  $j$
- $P_k(i,j)$  number of geodesics btwn  $i$  and  $j$  that  $k$  lies on
- $\sum_{i,j \neq k} [P_k(i,j) / P(i,j)] / [(n-1)(n-2)/2]$



# Betweenness Centrality

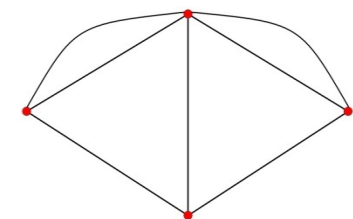
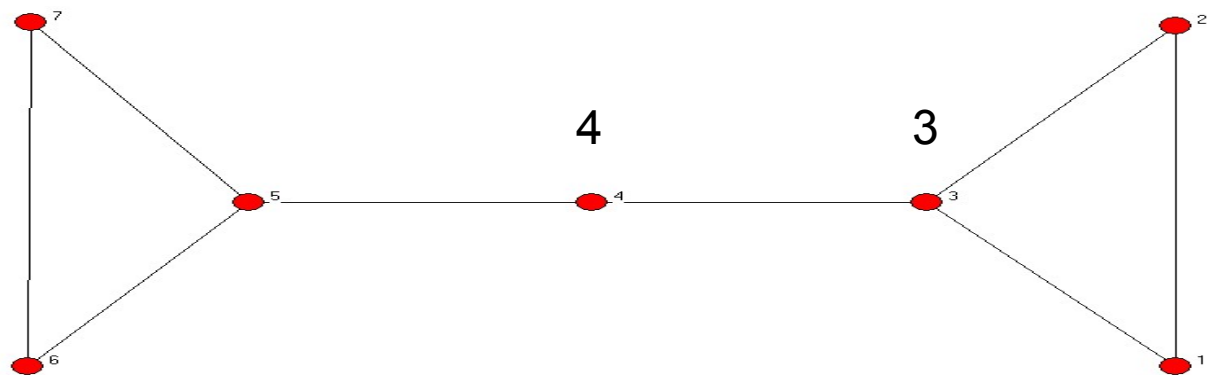


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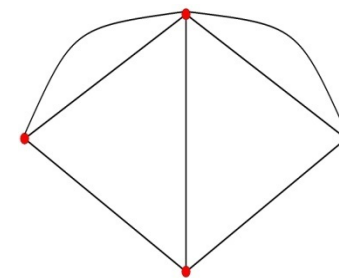
Medici = .522  
Strozzi = .103  
Guadagni = .255



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Closeness	.40	.55	.60
N. Decay $\delta = .5$	.50	.67	.67
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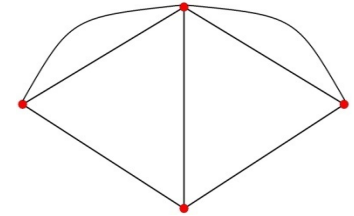


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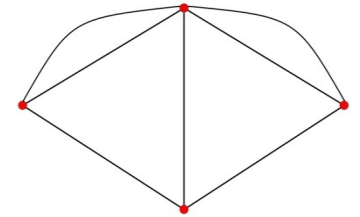
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## 2.4: Centrality – Eigenvector Measures

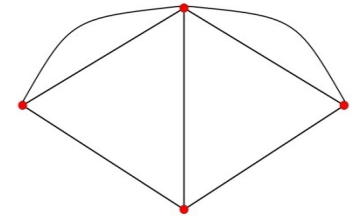


# Position in Network

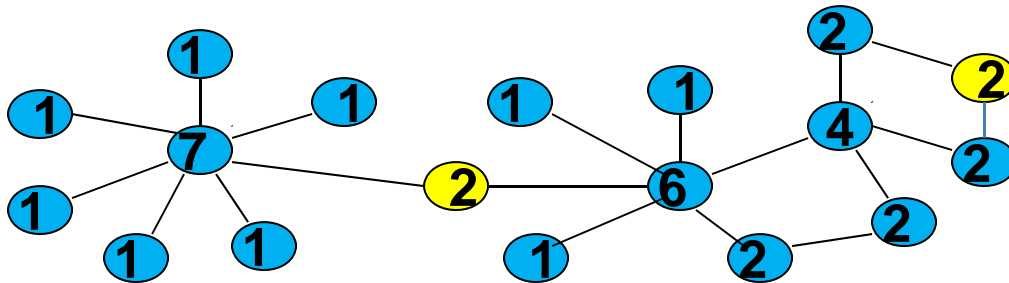
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## Degree Centrality?



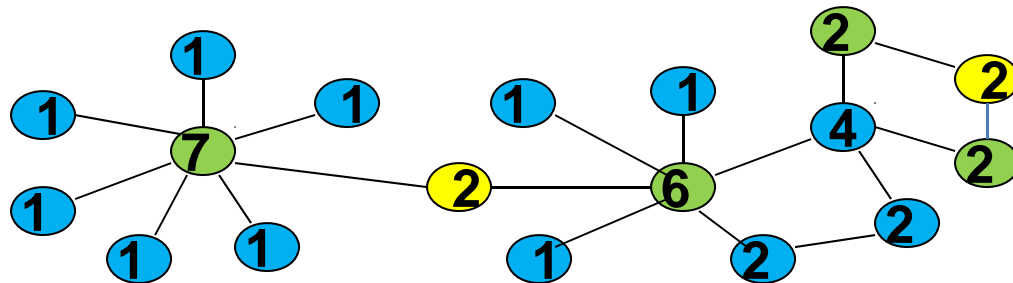
- Failure of degree centrality to capture reach of a node:



## Degree Centrality?



- More reach if connected to a 6 and 7 than a 2 and 2?



# Eigenvector Centrality



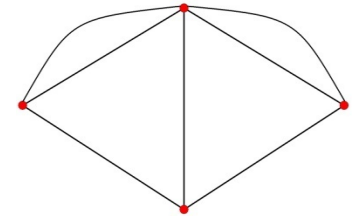
- Centrality is proportional to the sum of neighbors' centralities

$C_i$  proportional to  $\sum_{j: \text{friend of } i} C_j$

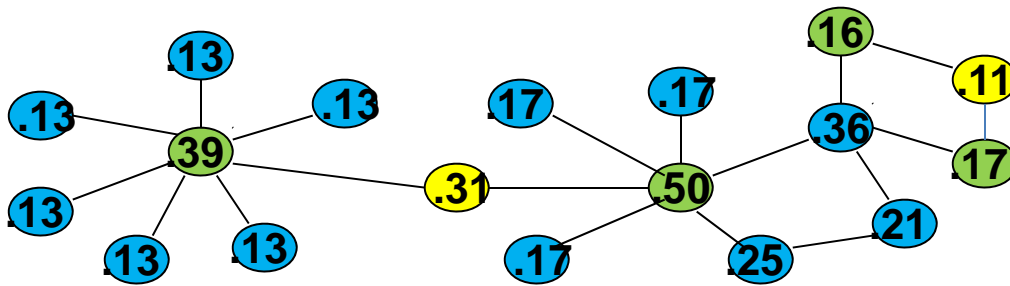
$$C_i = a \sum_j g_{ij} C_j$$



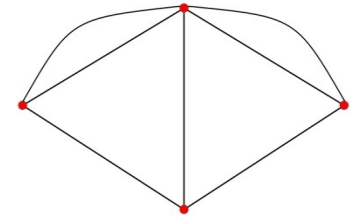
## Eigenvector Centrality



## Now distinguishes more “influential” nodes



## Prestige, Influence, Eigenvector-based Centrality

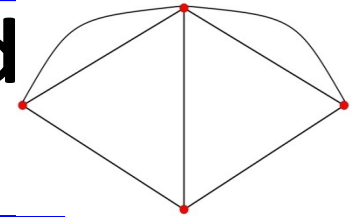


- Get value from connections to others, but proportional to their value
- Self-referential concept

$$C_i^e(g) = a \sum_j g_{ij} C_j^e(g)$$

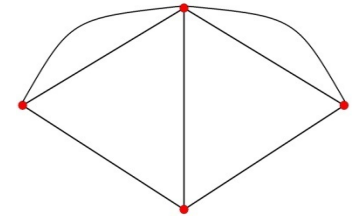
- centrality is proportional to the summed centralities of neighbors

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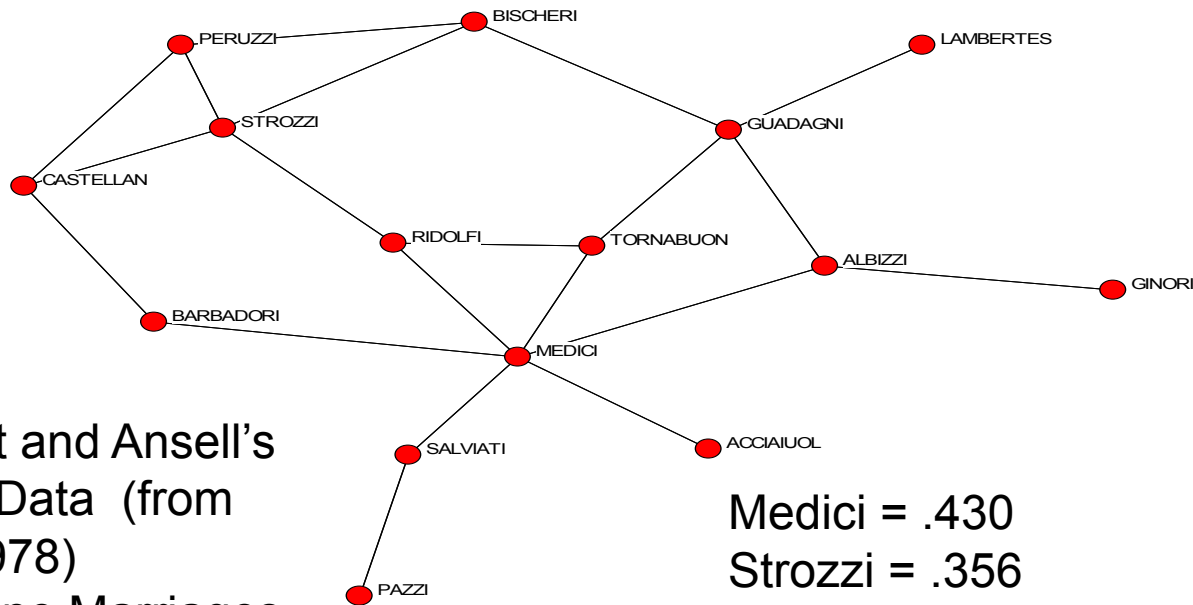


- $C_i^e(g) = a \sum_j g_{ij} C_j^e(g)$        $C^e(g) = a g C^e(g)$ 
  - $C^e(g)$  is an eigenvector - many possible solutions
  - Look for one with largest eigenvalue – will be nonnegative (Perron-Frobenius Theorem)
  - normalize entries to sum to one

# Eigenvector Centrality



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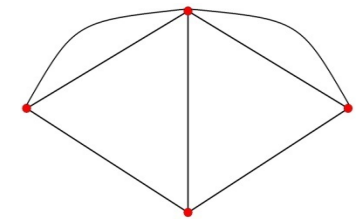
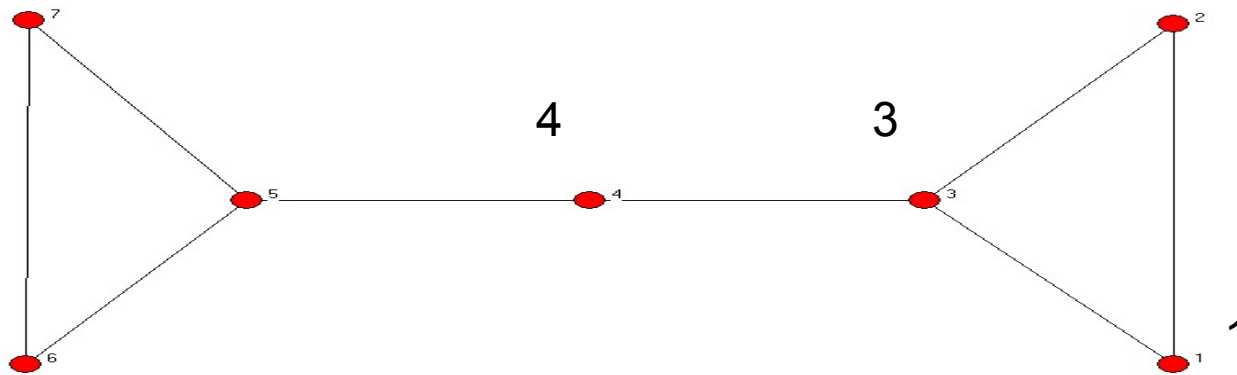
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# Centrality



- Concepts related to eigenvector centrality:
- Google Page rank: score of a page is proportional to the sum of the scores of pages linked to it
- Random surfer model: start at some page on the web, randomly pick a link, follow it, repeat...



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Betweenness	.00	.53	.60
Eigenvector	.47	.63	.54

# Bonacich Centrality



Builds on a measure by Katz

give each node a base value  $ad_i(g)$  for some  $a > 0$

then add in all paths of length 1 from  $i$  to some  $j$   
times  $b$  times  $j$ 's base value

then add in all walks of length 2 from  $i$  to some  $j$   
times  $b^2$  times  $j$ 's base value...

$$C^b(g) = ag\mathbf{1} + b g ag\mathbf{1} + b^2 g^2 ag\mathbf{1} \dots$$

# Bonacich Centrality



$$\begin{aligned} C^b(g) &= ag\mathbf{1} + b g ag\mathbf{1} + b^2 g^2 ag\mathbf{1} \dots \\ &= a( g\mathbf{1} + b g^2\mathbf{1} + b^2 g^3\mathbf{1} \dots ) \end{aligned}$$

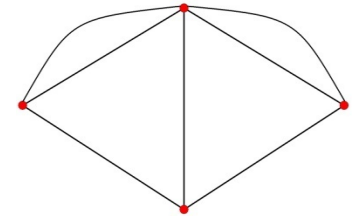
normalize  $a$  to 1, need *small*  $b$  to be finite

$$C^b(g) = g\mathbf{1} + b g^2\mathbf{1} + b^2 g^3\mathbf{1} \dots$$

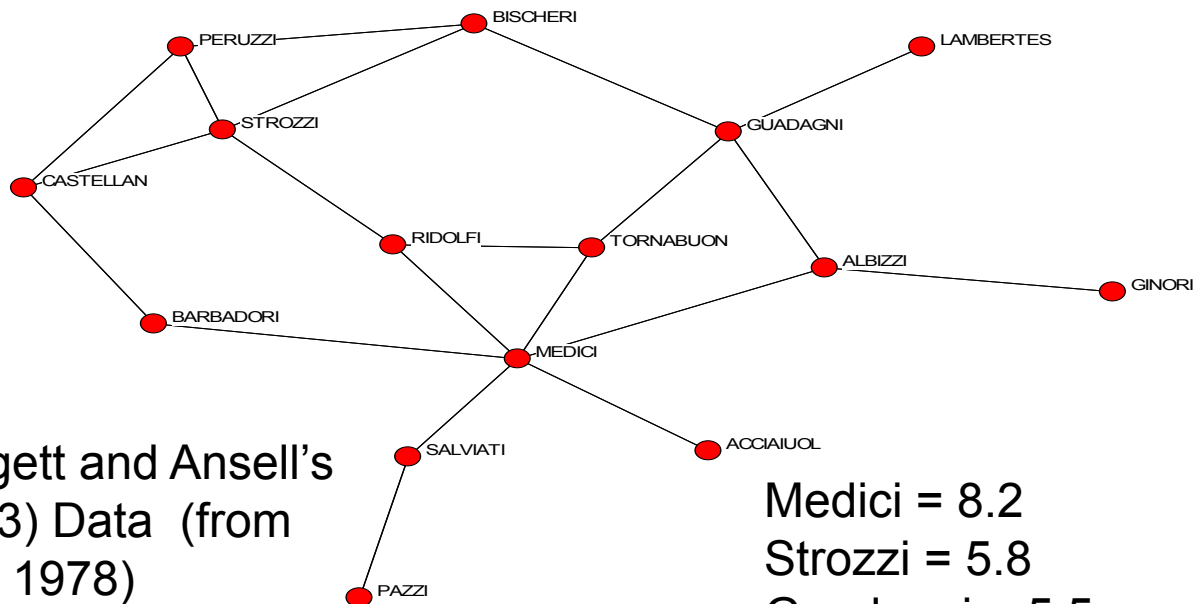
$$= (I - bg)^{-1} g\mathbf{1}$$



# Bonacich Centrality

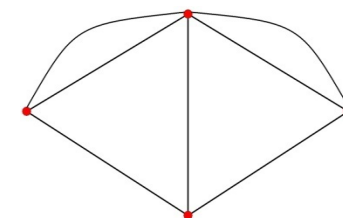
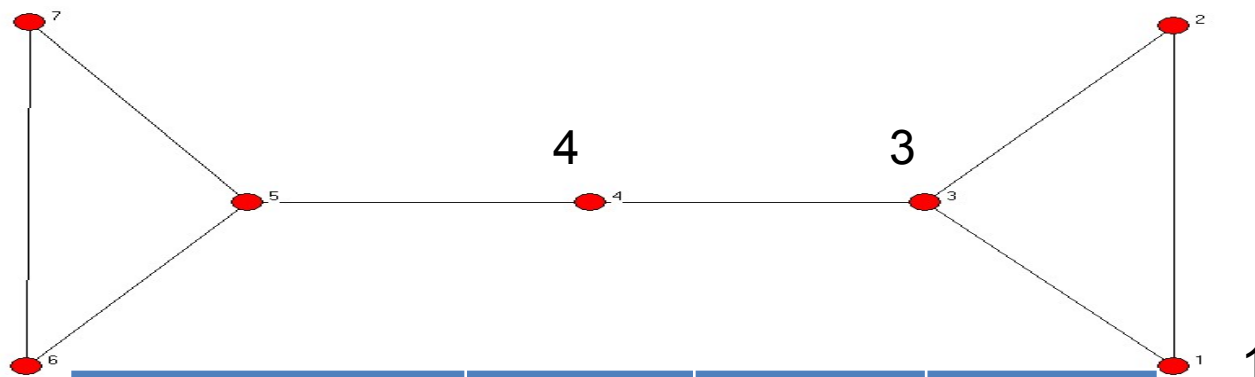


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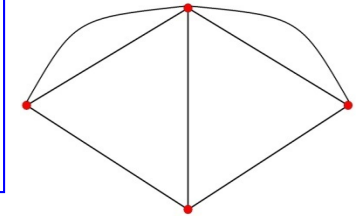
Padgett and Ansell's  
(1993) Data (from  
Kent 1978)  
Florentine Marriages,  
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Medici = 8.2  
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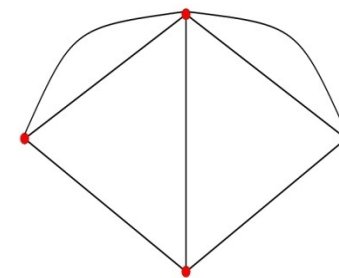
	Node 1	Node 3	Node 4
Degree	.33	.50	.33
Closeness	.40	.55	.60
N. Decay $\delta = .5$	.50	.67	.67
N. Decay $\delta = .75$	.69	.82	.84
N. Decay $\delta = .25$	.39	.56	.50
Betweenness	.00	.53	.60
Eigenvector	.47	.63	.54
Bonacich $b=1/3$	9.4	13	11
Bonacich $b=1/4$	4.9	6.8	5.4

# Centrality, Four different things to measure:



- Degree – connectedness
- Closeness, Decay – ease of reaching other nodes
- Betweenness – importance as an intermediary, connector
- Influence, Prestige, Eigenvectors – “not what you know, but who you know.”

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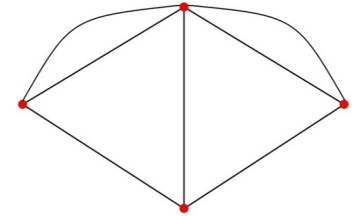


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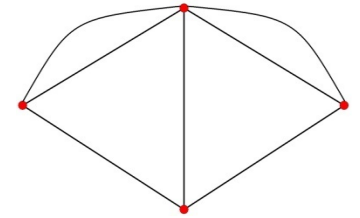
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## 2.5a: Application – Centrality Measures

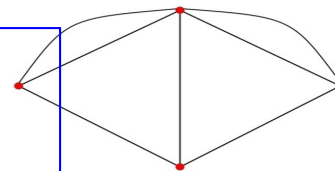


## Centrality Application: What affects Diffusion?

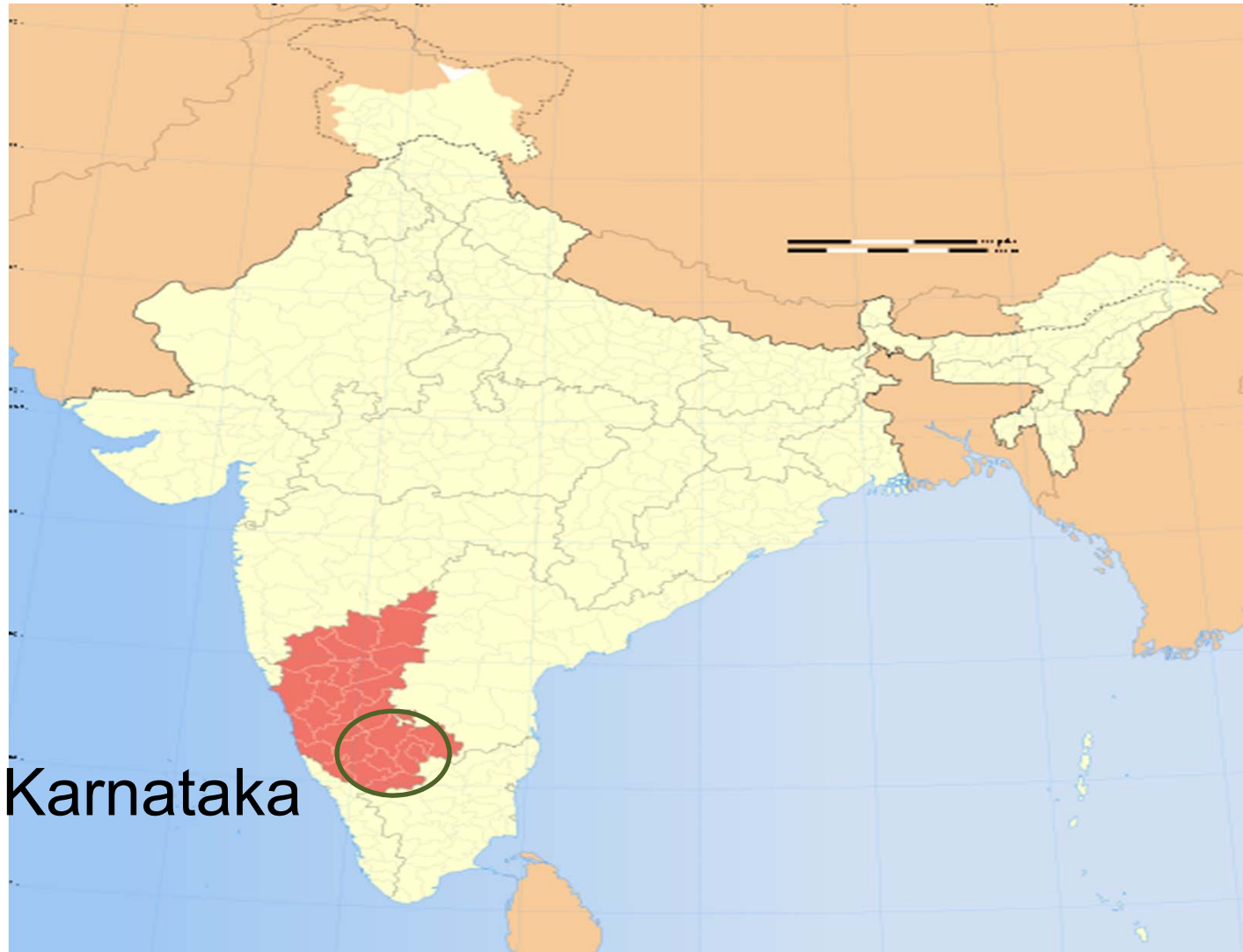


- First contact points: let us examine how network positions of injection points matter

## **Banerjee, Chandrasekhar, Duflo, Jackson, Diffusion of Microfinance (2013)**

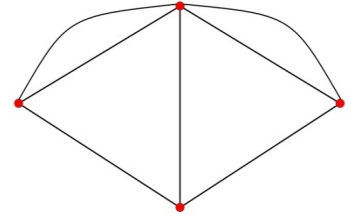


- 75 rural villages in Karnataka, relatively isolated from microfinance initially
- BSS entered 43 of them and offered microfinance
- We surveyed villages before entry, observed network structure and various demographics
- Tracked microfinance participation over time



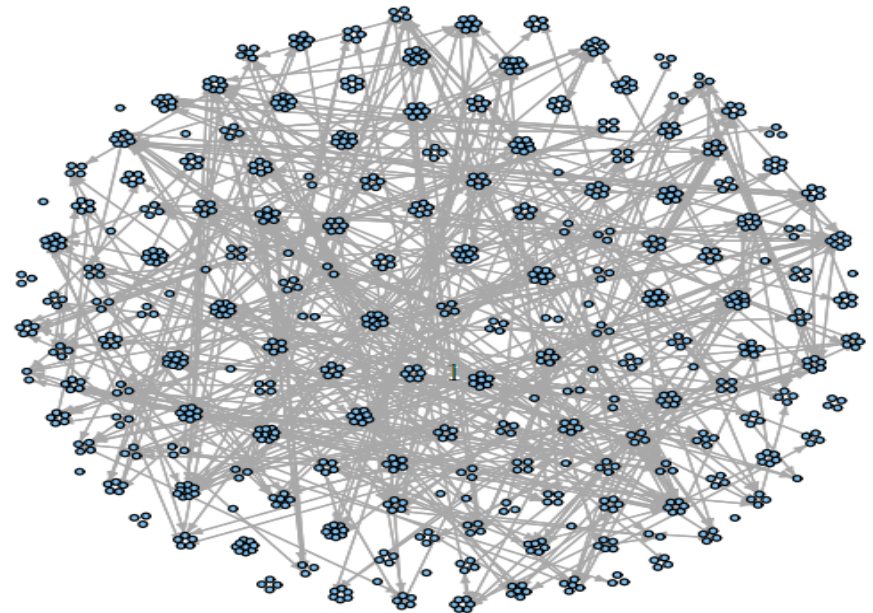


## Background: 75 Indian Villages – Networks

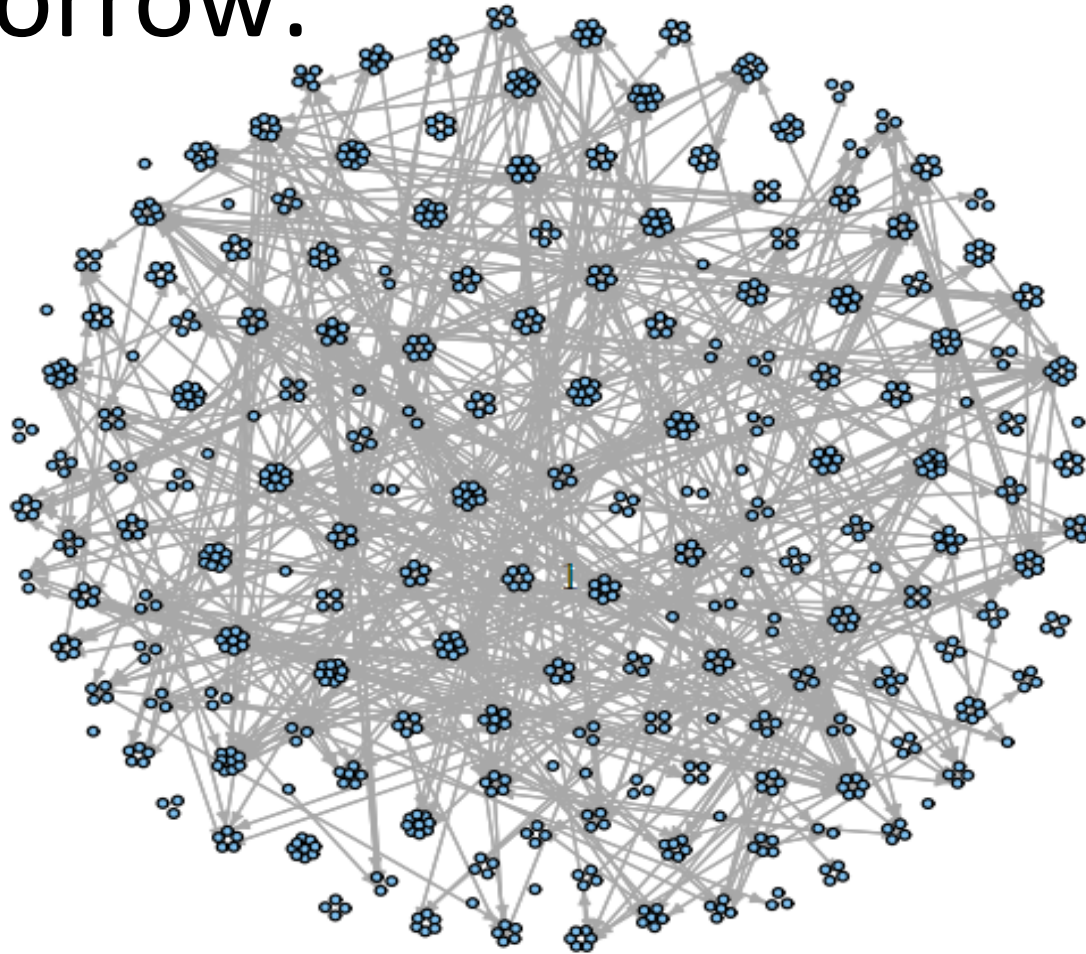


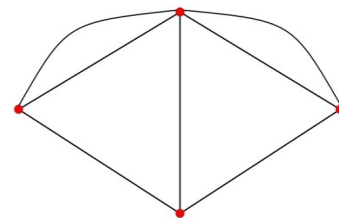
Borrow:

- “Favor” Networks:
  - both borrow and lend money
  - both borrow and lend kero-rice
- “Social” Networks:
  - both visit come and go
  - friends (talk together most)
- Others (temple, medical help...)

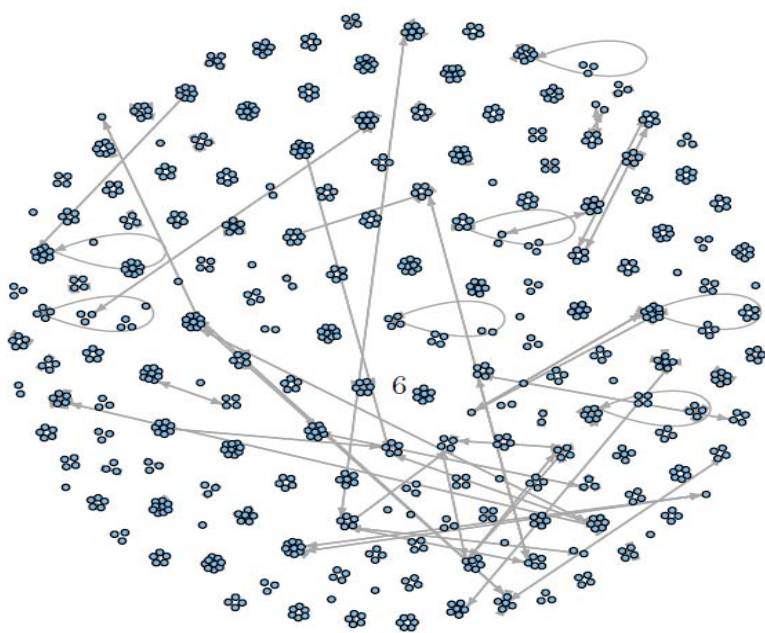


Borrow:

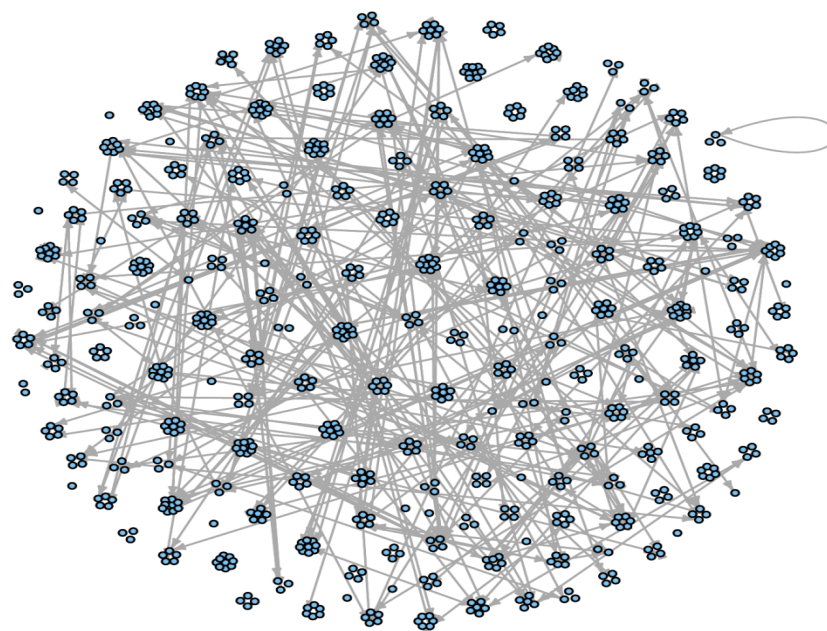


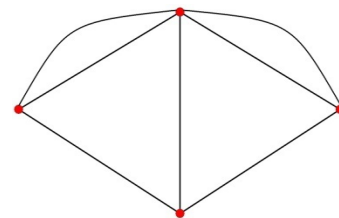


**Temple**

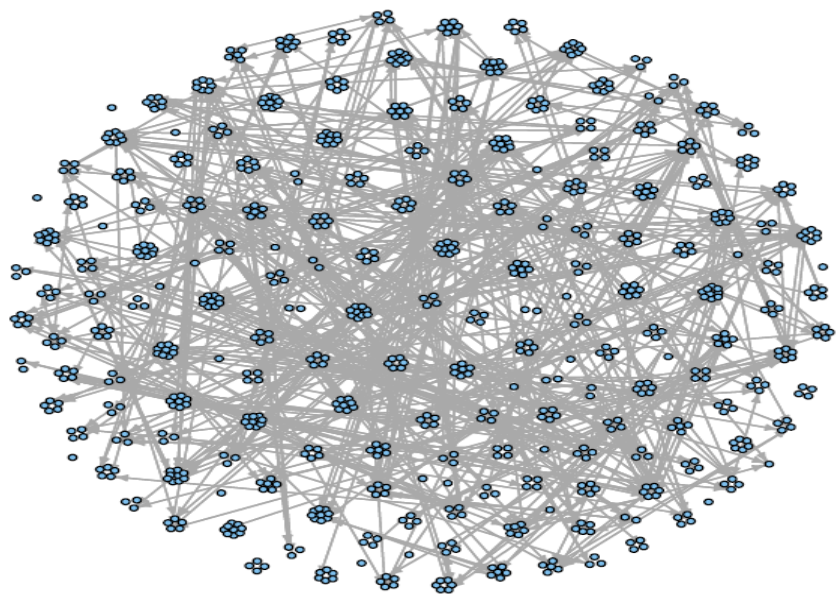


**Advice**

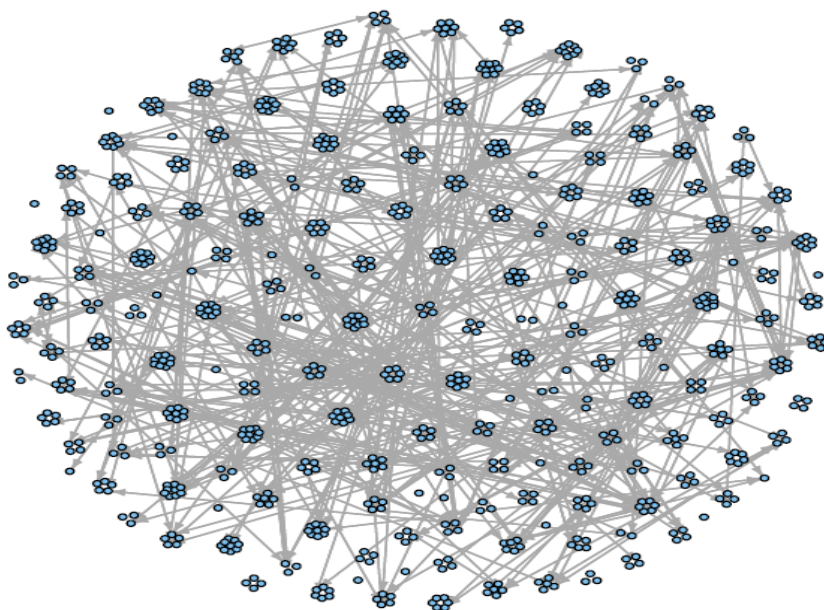




**Kero-Come**



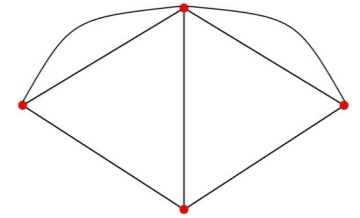
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## Data also include

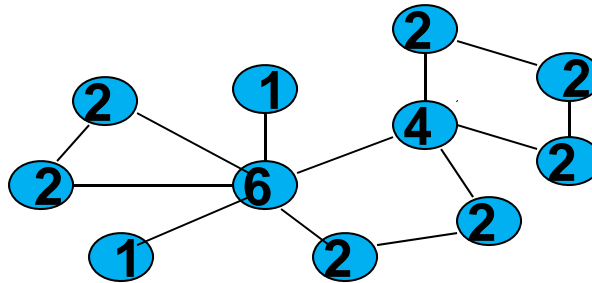
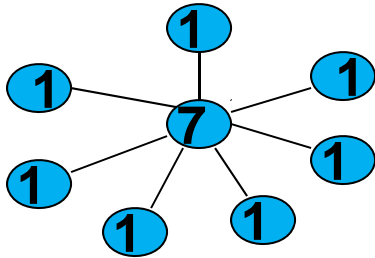
- Microfinance participation by individual, time
- Number of households and their composition
- Demographics: age, gender, subcaste, religion, profession, education level, family...
- Wealth variables: latrine, number rooms, roof,
- Self Help Group participation rate, ration card, voting
- Caste: village fraction of ``higher castes'' (GM/FC and OBC, remainder are SC/ST)



# Degree Centrality

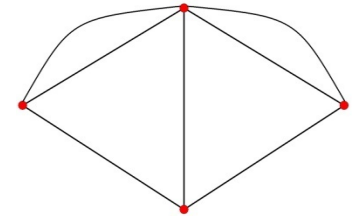


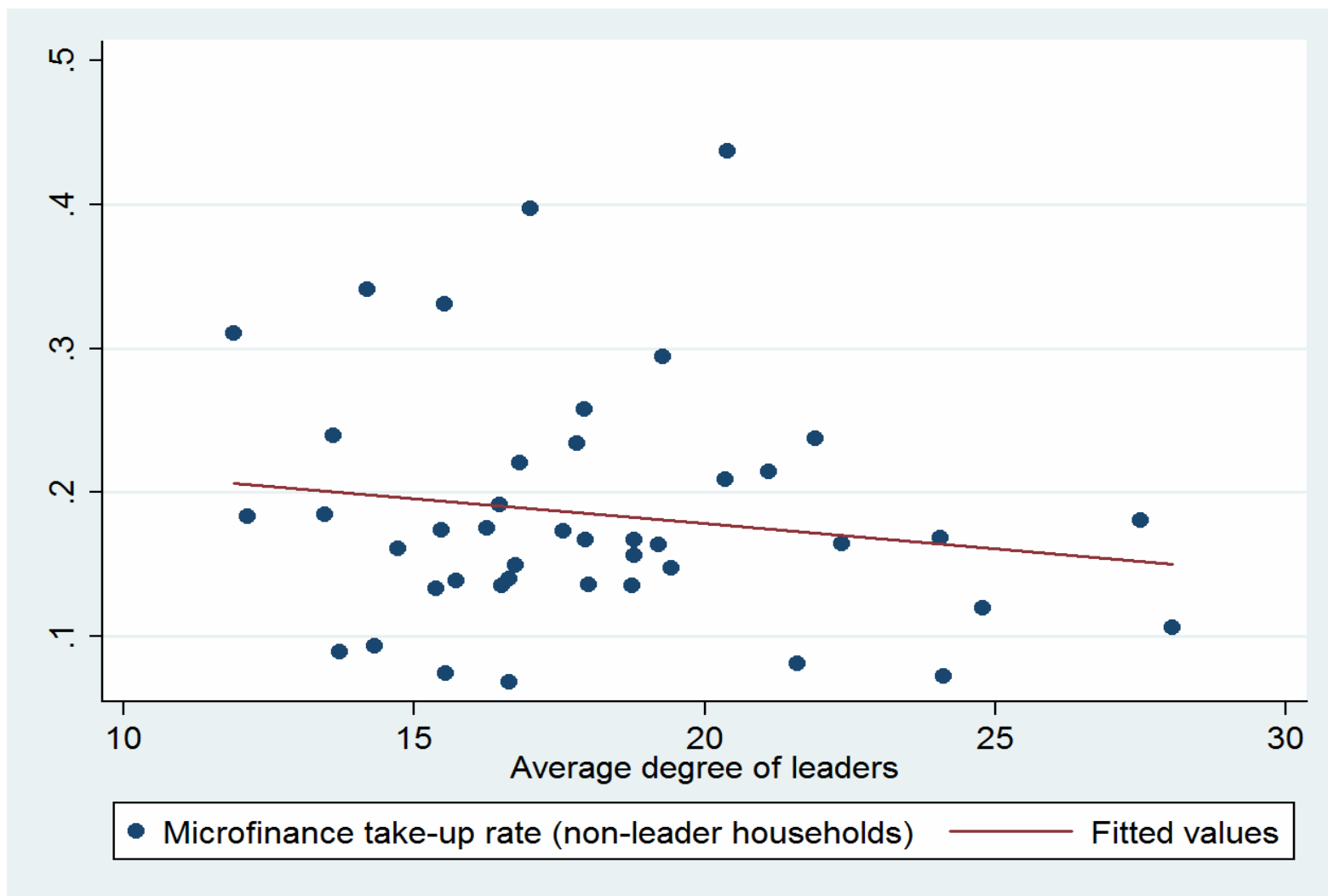
- Count how many links a node has



## Hypothesis

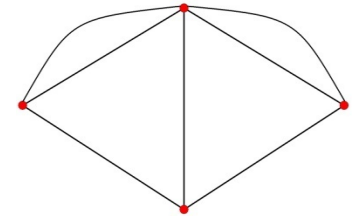
- In villages where first contacted people have more connections, there should be a better spread of information about microfinance
- more people knowing should lead to higher participation



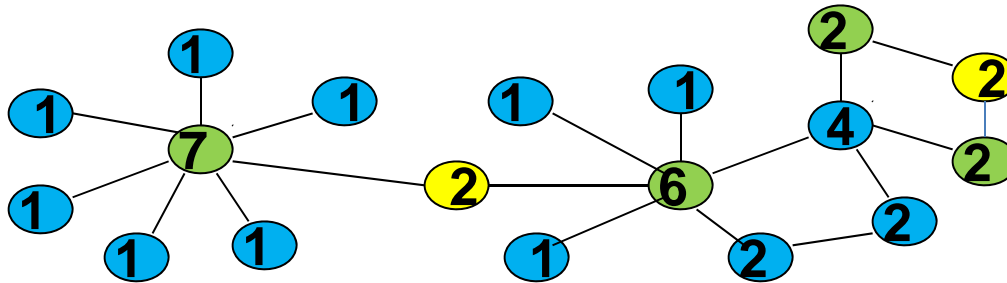




## Degree Centrality?



- More reach if connected to a 6 and 7 than a 2 and 2?



# Eigenvector Centrality

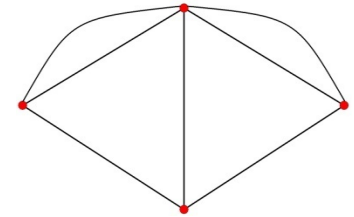


- Centrality is proportional to the sum of neighbors' centralities

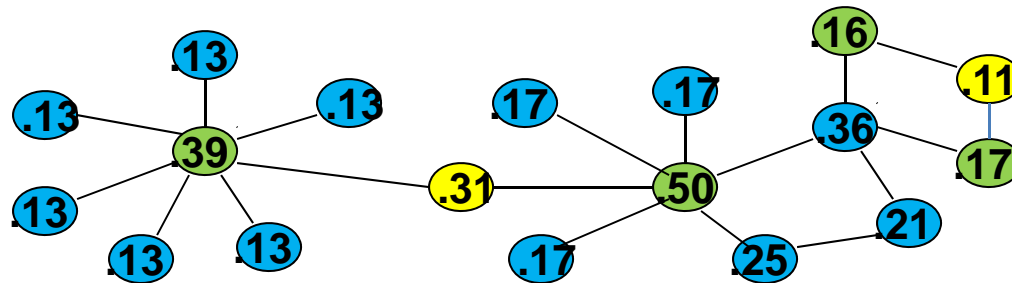
$C_i$  proportional to  $\sum_{j: \text{friend of } i} C_j$

$$C_i = a \sum_j g_{ij} C_j$$

# Eigenvector Centrality



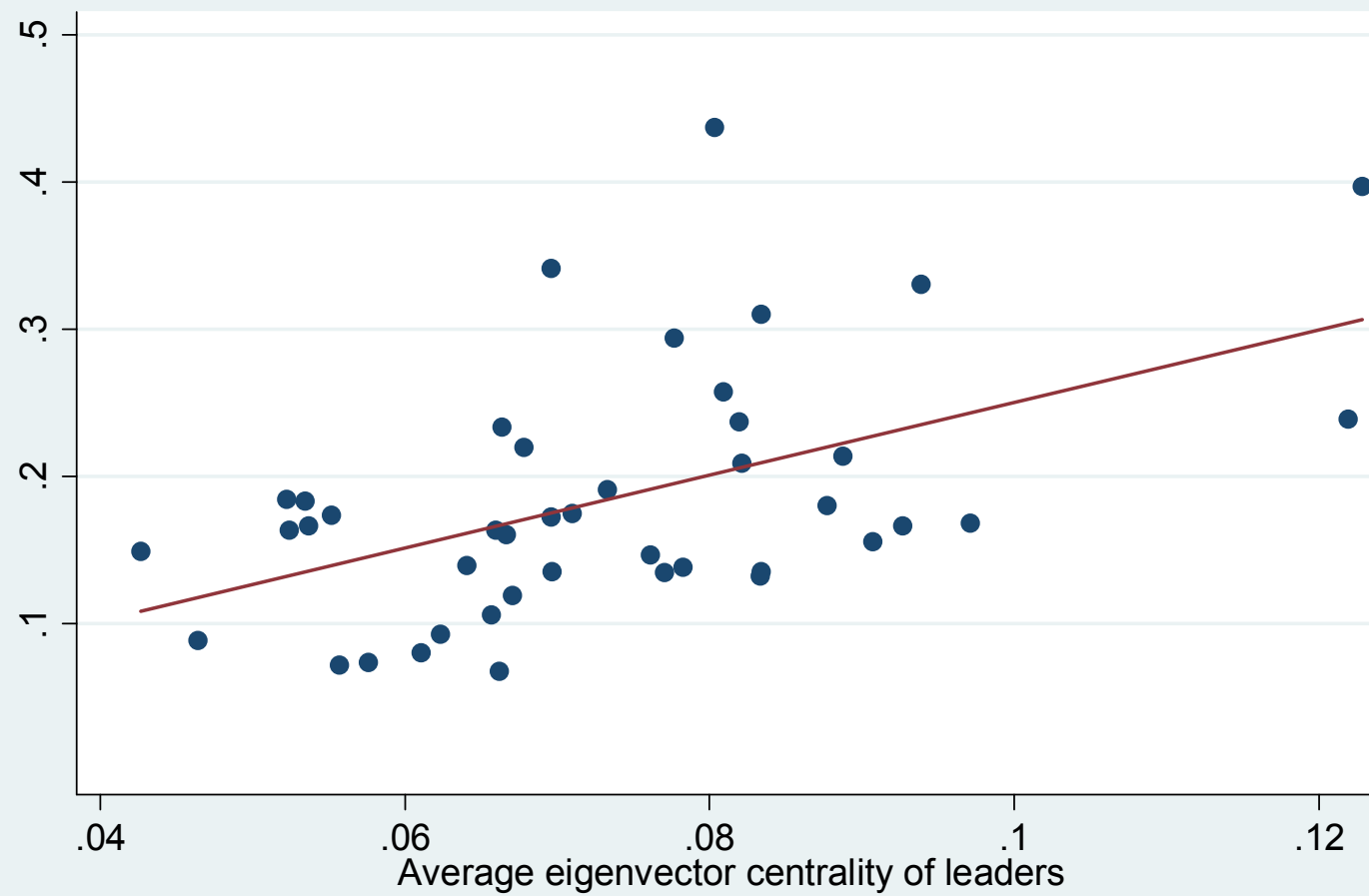
Now distinguishes more  
“influential” nodes



## Hypothesis Revised



- In villages where first contacted people have **higher eigenvector centrality**, there should be a better spread of information about microfinance
- more people knowing should lead to higher participation



● Microfinance take-up rate (non-leader households) — Fitted values

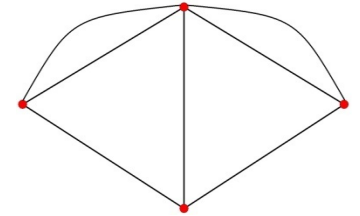
VARIABLES	MF Participation
eigLeader	1.93** (0.93)
degreeLeader	-0.003 (0.003)
numHH	-0.0003 (0.0003)
Observations	43
R-squared	0.31

Regress MF  
on

(Normalized)

Centrality:	Eigen	Degree	Close	Bonacich	Btwn
	<b>1.723*</b>	<b>.177</b>	<b>.804</b>	<b>.024</b>	<b>.046</b>
	<b>(.984)</b>	<b>(.118)</b>	<b>(.481)</b>	<b>(.030)</b>	<b>(.032)</b>
<b>Covariates:</b>					
numHH					
shg					
savings					
fracGM					
<b>Observations</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>R-squared</b>	<b>.324</b>	<b>.314</b>	<b>.309</b>	<b>.278</b>	<b>.301</b>

## **2.5b: Application – A new centrality measure: Diffusion Centrality**





## Diffusion Centrality: $DC_i(p, T)$

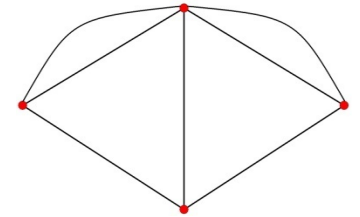


How many nodes are informed if:

- $i$  is initially informed,
- each informed node tells each of its neighbors with prob  $p$  in each period,
- run for  $T$  periods?

## Diffusion Centrality

- $DC(p, T) = \sum_{t=1 \dots T} (pg)^t \mathbf{1}$   
If  $T=1$ : proportional to degree

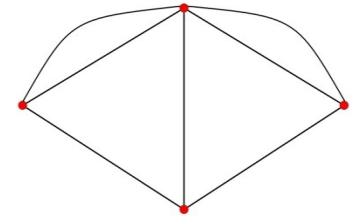


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- $DC(p, T) = \sum_{t=1 \dots T} (pg)^t \mathbf{1}$

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If  $p < 1/\lambda_1$  and  $T$  is large, becomes  
Katz-Bonacich



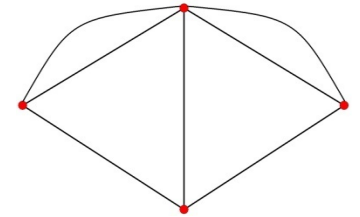
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If  $p \geq 1/\lambda_1$  and  $T$  is large, becomes  
eigenvector

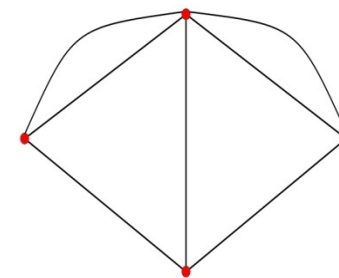


Regress  
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	<b>(.127)</b>	<b>(.984)</b>	<b>(.118)</b>	<b>(.481)</b>	<b>(.030)</b>	<b>(.032)</b>
<b>Covariates:</b>						
numHH						
shg						
savings						
fracGM						
<b>Observations</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>R-squared</b>	<b>.47</b>	<b>.324</b>	<b>.314</b>	<b>.309</b>	<b>.278</b>	<b>.301</b>

VARIABLES	mf	mf	mf
<b>eigLeader</b>		<b>2.22**</b> <b>(1.10)</b>	<b>1.07</b> <b>(0.89)</b>
<b>diffuseCent.</b>	<b>.54***</b> <b>(0.15)</b>		<b>.49***</b> <b>(0.17)</b>
<b>degreeLeader</b>	<b>-.0006</b> <b>(.002)</b>	<b>-.004</b> <b>(.003)</b>	<b>-.0002</b> <b>(.0002)</b>
<b>numHH</b>	<b>-0.0004**</b> <b>(0.0002)</b>	<b>-0.0002</b> <b>(0.0002)</b>	<b>-0.0002</b> <b>(0.0002)</b>
<b>shg</b>	<b>-.230</b> <b>(.150)</b>	<b>-.185</b> <b>(.146)</b>	<b>-.235</b> <b>(.138)</b>
<b>savings</b>	<b>-.337**</b> <b>(.144)</b>	<b>-.149</b> <b>(.114)</b>	<b>-.321**</b> <b>(.132)</b>
<b>fracGM</b>	<b>-.043</b> <b>(.034)</b>	<b>-.019</b> <b>(.037)</b>	<b>-.035</b> <b>(.036)</b>
<b>Constant</b>	<b>0.936***</b>	<b>0.461*</b>	<b>.799***</b>
<b>Observations</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>
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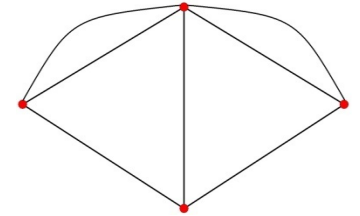
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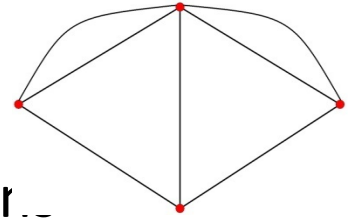
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## 2.6: Random Networks





# Summary so far:



- Networks are prevalent and important in many interactions... (labor markets, crime, garment industry, risk sharing...)
- Although complex, social networks have identifiable characteristics:
  - “small” average and maximum path length
  - high clustering relative to Poisson networks
  - degree distributions that exhibit different shapes
  - homophily – strong tendency to associate with own type
  - assortativity, strength of weak ties,...
  - a variety of centrality/influence/prestige measures...
- *Room for studies of methods...*

# Outline



- Part I: Background and Fundamentals
  - Definitions and Characteristics of Networks (1,2)
  - Empirical Background (3)
- Part II: Network Formation
  - Random Network Models (4,5)
  - Strategic Network Models (6, 11)
- Part III: Networks and Behavior
  - Diffusion and Learning (7,8)
  - Games on Networks (9)

# Questions



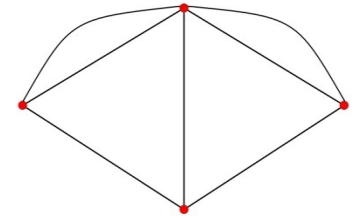
- Which networks form?
  - random graph models - “How”
  - Economic/game theoretic models - “Why”
- How does it depend on context?

# Static Random Networks



- Useful Benchmark
  - component structure
  - diameter
  - degree distribution
  - clustering...
- Tools and methods
  - properties and thresholds

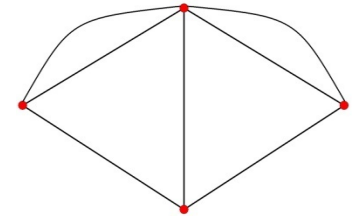
# E-R, Poisson Random Networks : $G(n,p)$



- independent probability  $p$  of each link
- probability that node has  $d$  links is **binomial**  
$$\left[ \frac{(n-1)!}{d!(n-d-1)!} \right] p^d (1-p)^{n-d-1}$$
- Large  $n$ , small  $p$ , this is approximately a **Poisson** distribution:  $\left[ \frac{(n-1)^d}{d!} \right] p^d e^{-(n-1)p}$

# Properties of Networks

- Every network has some probability of forming
- How to make sense of that?
- Examine what happens for “large” networks
  - Bollobas (1985) book is a classic reference on random graph theory and many such results



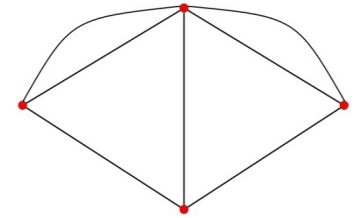
# Specifying Properties



- $G(N)$  = all the undirected networks on the set of nodes  $N$
- A **property** is a set  $A(N)$  for each  $N$  such that  $A(N)$  is a subset of  $G(N)$ 
  - a specification of which networks have that property

# Examples of Properties

- $A(N) = \{g \mid N_i(g) \text{ nonempty for all } i \in N\}$ 
  - property of no isolated nodes
- $A(N) = \{g \mid \ell(i,j) \text{ finite for all } i,j \in N\}$ 
  - network is connected
- $A(N) = \{g \mid \ell(i,j) < \log(n) \text{ for all } i,j \in N\}$ 
  - diameter is less than  $\log(n)$





# Monotone Properties



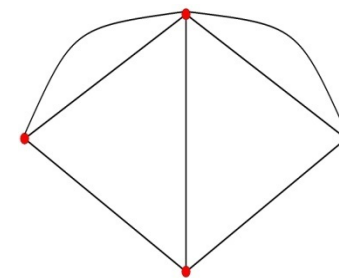
- A property  $A(N)$  is **monotone** if  $g$  in  $A(N)$  and  $g \subset g'$  implies  $g'$  in  $A(N)$ .
- All three of the previous properties are monotone

# Limiting Properties



- In order to deduce things about random networks, we often look at “large” networks, by examining limits
- Examine a sequence of Erdos-Renyi Poisson random networks, with probability  $p(n)$
- Deduce things about properties as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

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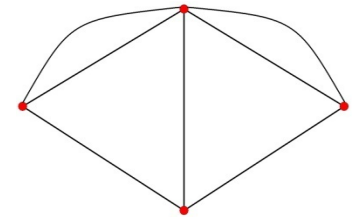
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## 2.7: Random Networks Thresholds and Phase Transitions



# Threshold Functions and Phase Transitions



- $t(n)$  is a **threshold function** for a monotone property  $A(N)$  if

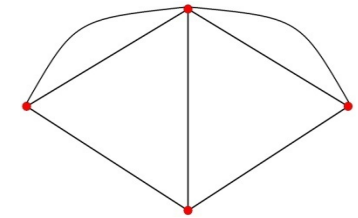
$$\Pr[A(N) \mid p(n)] \rightarrow 1 \text{ if } p(n)/t(n) \rightarrow \text{infinity}$$

and

$$\Pr[A(N) \mid p(n)] \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } p(n)/t(n) \rightarrow 0$$

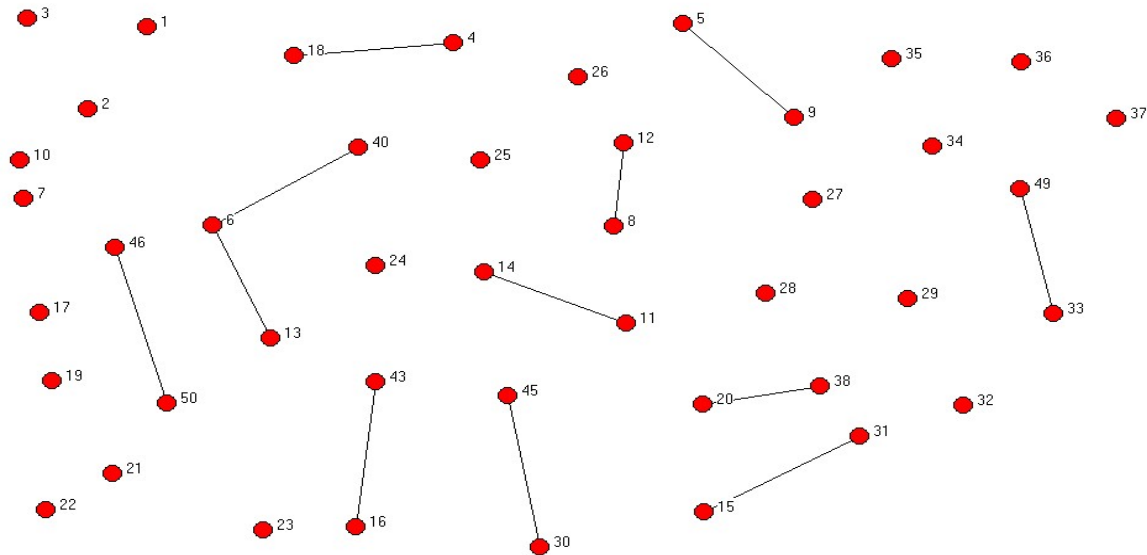
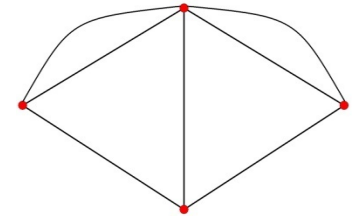
- A **phase transition** occurs at  $t(n)$

# Thresholds for Poisson Random Networks:

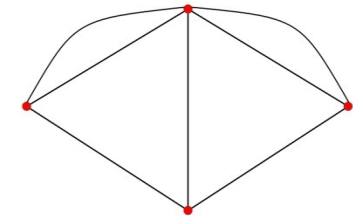


- $1/n^2$  - the network has some links (avg deg  $1/n$ )
- $1/n^{3/2}$  – the network has a component with at least three links (avg deg  $1/n^{1/2}$ )
- $1/n$  – the network has a cycle, the network has a unique giant component: a component with at least  $n^a$  nodes some fixed  $a < 1$ ; (avg deg 1)
- $\log(n)/n$  - the network is connected; (avg deg  $\log(n)$ )

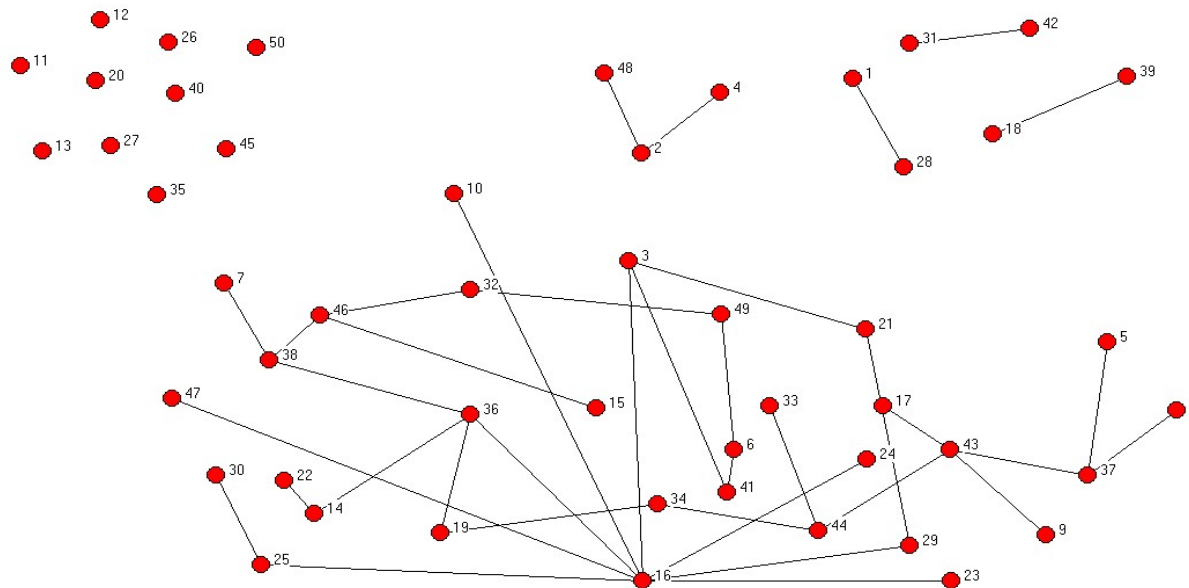
# Poisson $p=.01$ , 50 nodes



# Poisson $p=.03$ , 50 nodes

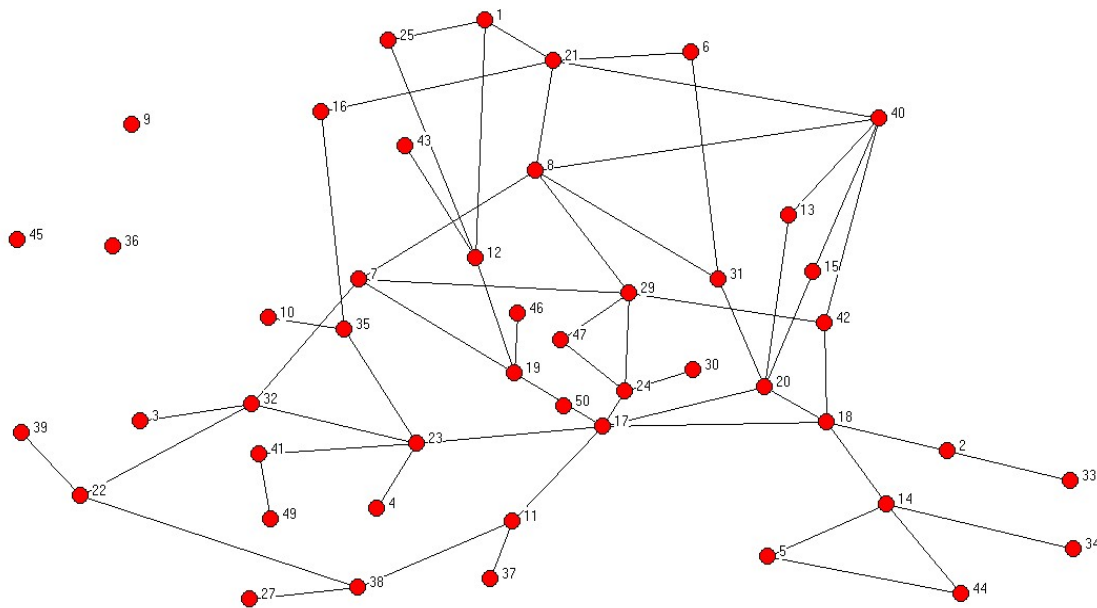
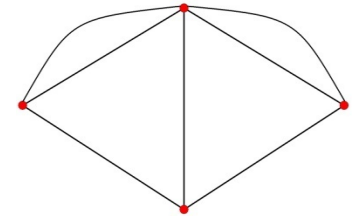


.02 is the threshold for emergence of cycles and a giant component



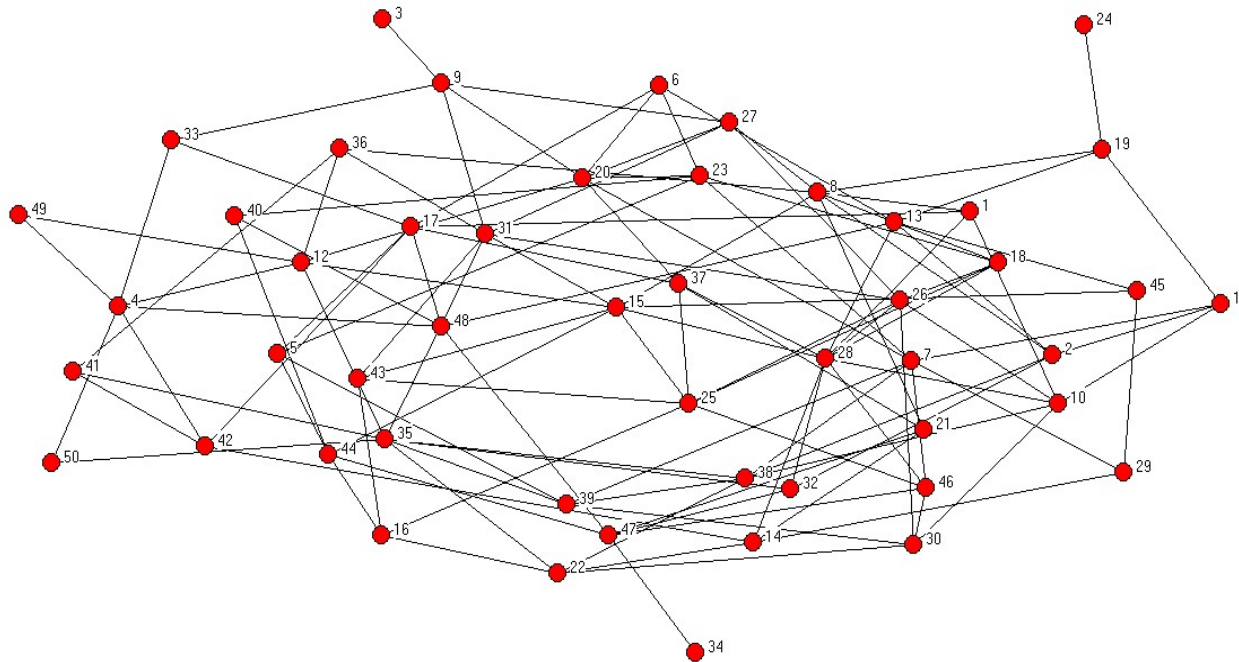
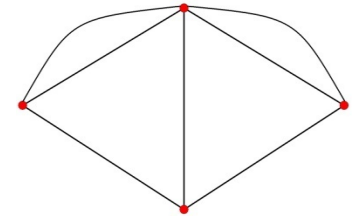


# Poisson $p=.05$ , 50 nodes

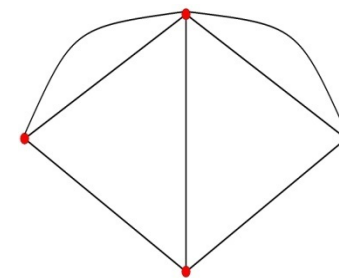


# Poisson $p=.10$ , 50 nodes

.08 is the threshold for connection



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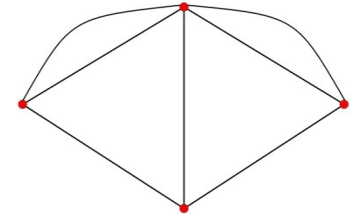
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## 2.8: A Threshold Theorem



# A Threshold Theorem:

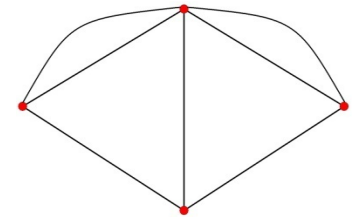


**Theorem** [Erdos and Renyi 1959] A threshold function for the connectedness of a Poisson random network is  $t(n)=\log(n)/n$

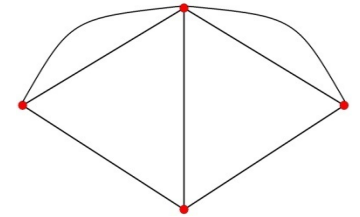
## Part of the Proof:

1. Show that if  $p(n)/t(n) \rightarrow 0$  then there will be isolated nodes with probability 1.
2. Show that if  $p(n)/t(n) \rightarrow \text{infinity}$  then there will not be any components of size less than  $n/2$  with probability 1.

Show 1 – intuition for rest is that threshold for isolated node is the same as threshold for small component



# Useful Approximations



Definition of exponential function:

$$e^x = \lim_n (1 + x/n)^n$$

Taylor series approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} e^x &= 1 + x + x^2/2! + x^3/3! \dots \\ &= \sum x^n / n! \end{aligned}$$

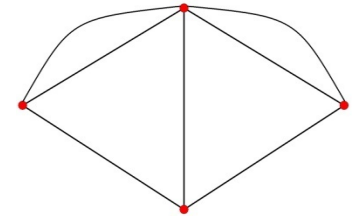
$$[ f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)/1! + f''(a)(x-a)^2/2! \dots ]$$

# Let us examine the logic

Let us show that  $E[d]=\log(n)$  is the threshold above which we expect each node to have some links

In fact, above this threshold we expect each node to have many links

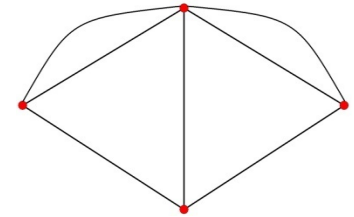
Once every node has many links, the chance of disconnected components vanishes





## $E[d] = \log(n)$ is “isolates” threshold:

- Rewrite  $E[d] = p(n-1) = r + \log(n)$  for some  $r$
- Probability that some node is isolated is probability that it has no links
- Probability that some link is not present is  $(1-p)$
- Links are independent, so probability of isolation is  $(1-p)^{n-1}$



## **$E[d]=\log(n)$ is isolates threshold:**

- Probability that some node is isolated is

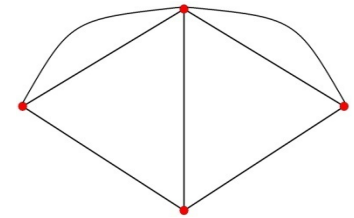
$$(1-p)^{n-1} = (1-(r + \log(n))/(n-1))^{n-1}$$

- Recall that  $(1-x/n)^n$  approaches  $e^{-x}$

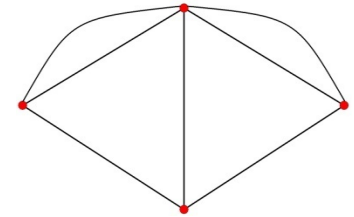
(if  $x/n$  vanishes - so let us consider that case -  
other cases are more extreme and so easy to  
fill in the missing steps...)

- Probability that some node is isolated is

$$(1- (r + \log(n))/(n-1))^{n-1} = e^{-r - \log(n)} = e^{-r}/n$$

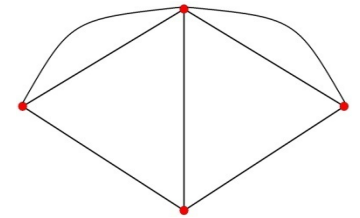


## **$E[d]=\log(n)$ is isolates threshold:**

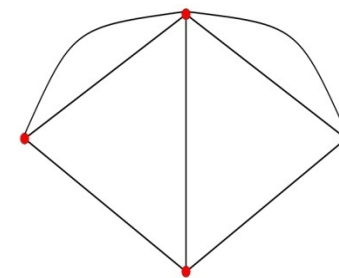


- Expected number of isolated nodes is  $e^{-r}$
- $E(d) - \log(n) = r \rightarrow \infty$  implies Expected number of isolated nodes goes to 0
- $E(d) - \log(n) = r \rightarrow -\infty$  implies that expected number of isolated nodes becomes infinite.  
[ E.g.,  $E(d)$  bounded by  $M$  implies  $r \rightarrow -\log n + M$   
number of expected isolated nodes goes to  $n e^{-M}$  ]

- So, the expected number of isolated nodes  $= e^{-r(n)}$  goes to 0 if  $r(n)$  tends to infinity and to infinity if  $r(n)$  tends to minus infinity.
- If the expected number tends to 0 then the probability of having one tends to 0
- If the expected number tends to infinity, then extra step using Chebyshev and showing that the variance is no more than twice the mean shows the probability of having one goes to 1.



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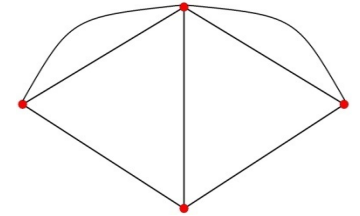
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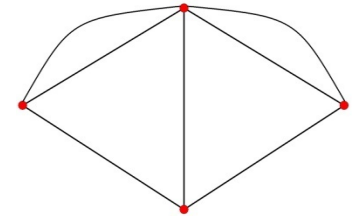
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## 2.9: A Small World Model

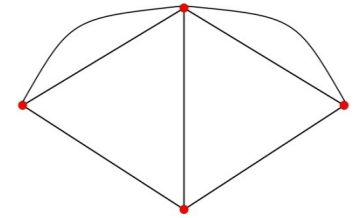


# Outline



- Part I: Background and Fundamentals
  - Definitions and Characteristics of Networks (1,2)
  - Empirical Background (3)
- Part II: Network Formation
  - Random Network Models (4,5)
  - Strategic Network Models (6, 11)
- Part III: Networks and Behavior
  - Diffusion and Learning (7,8)
  - Games on Networks (9)

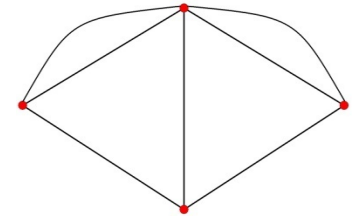
# Other Static Models:



- Models to generate clustering
- Models to generate other than Poisson degree distributions
- Models to fit to data



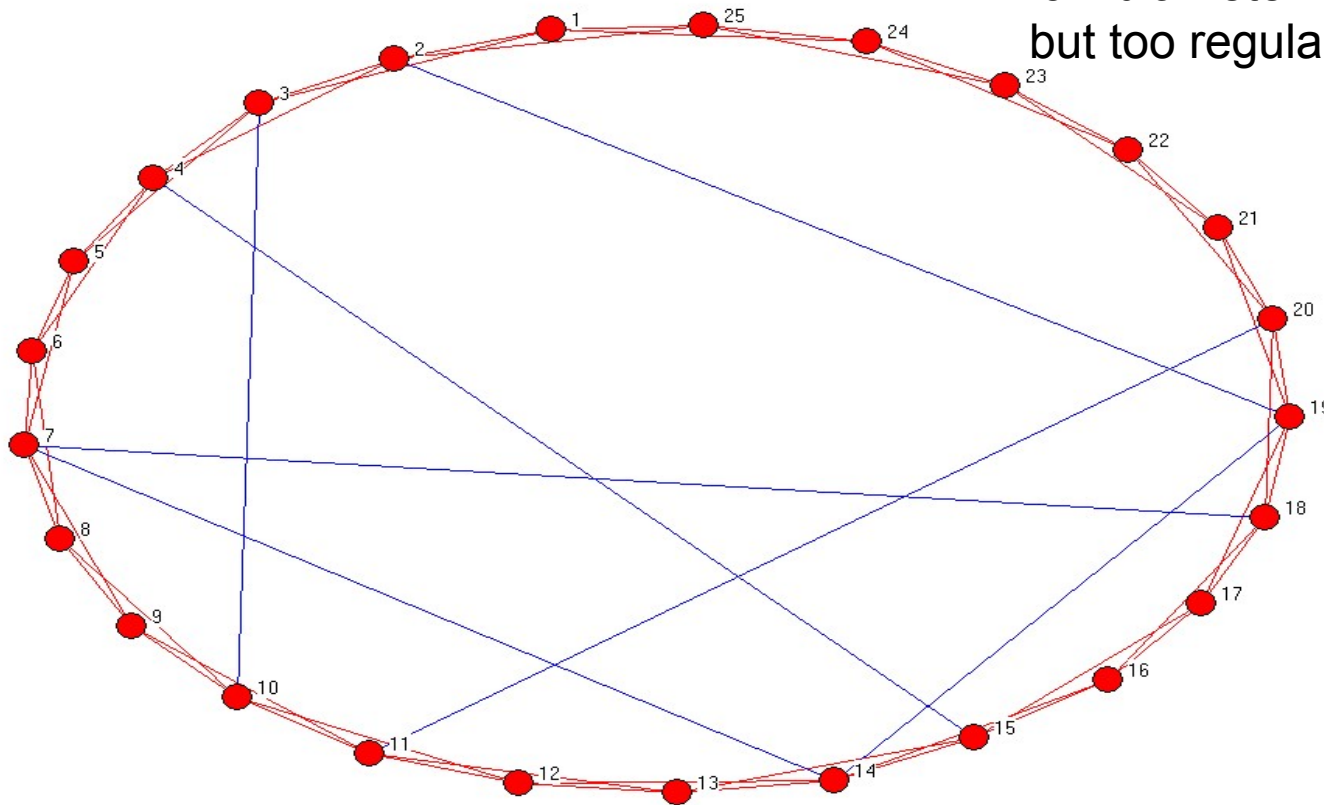
# Rewired lattice -Watts and Strogatz 98



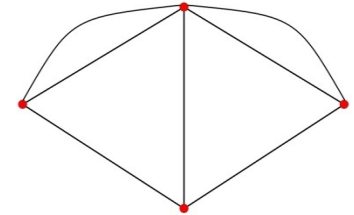
- Erdos-Renyi model misses clustering
  - clustering is on the order of  $p$ ; going to 0 unless average degree is becoming infinite (and highly so...)
- Start with ring-lattice and then randomly pick some links to rewire
  - start with high clustering but high diameter
  - as rewire enough links, get low diameter
  - don't rewire too many, keep high clustering

# Rewired lattice example

high clustering  
low diameter if degree is high  
but too regular

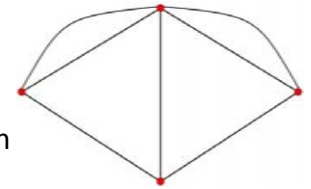


## Week 2 Wrap



- Networks based on characteristics: homophily
- Local aspects, positions: centrality measures
- Random networks: sharp thresholds, properties, phase transitions
- Small worlds: combining few random links gives tree-like structure necessary to shorten paths without destroying local clustering

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