NETWORK ANALYSIS

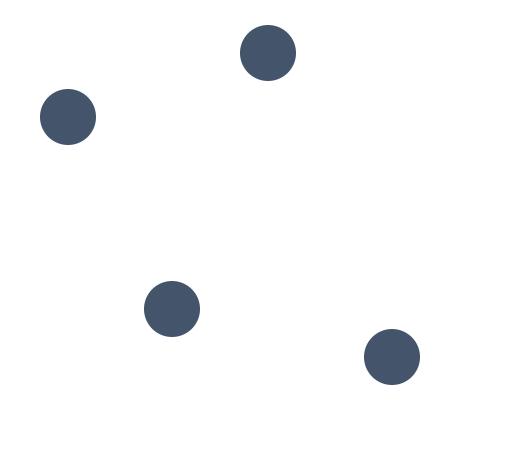
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WHAT ARE NETWORKS / GRAPHS?

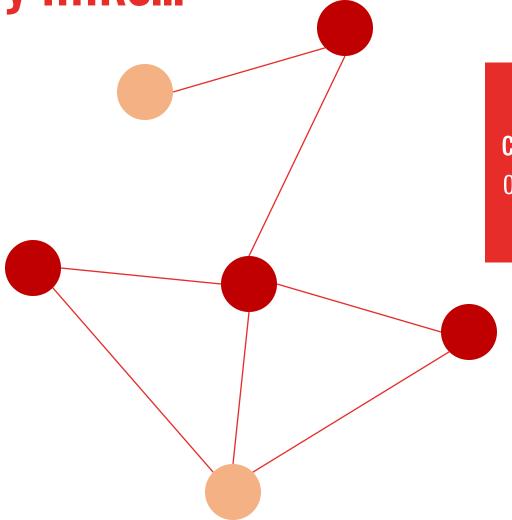
A set of nodes...



With attributes...

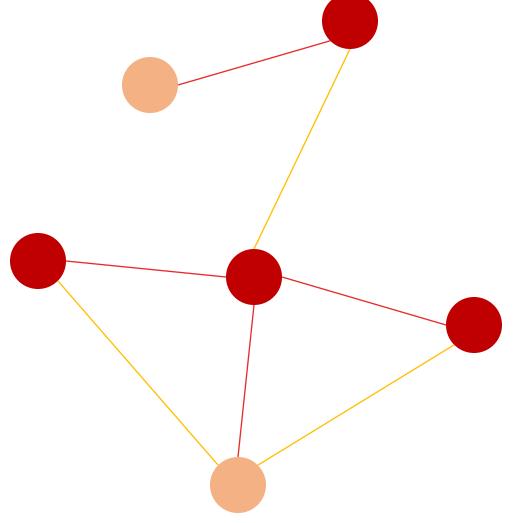


Connected by links...

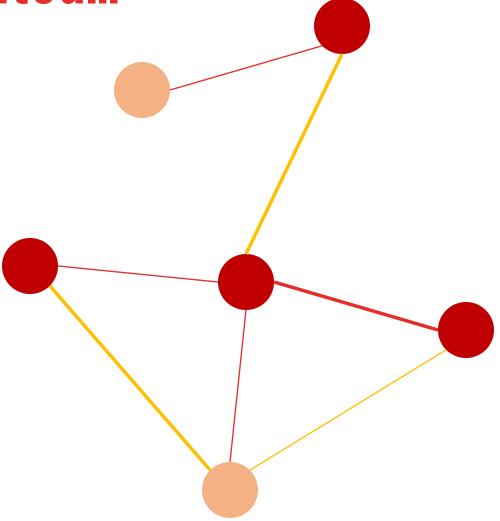


Unlike a tree, a graph can contain cycles, and there are often several paths from one node to another

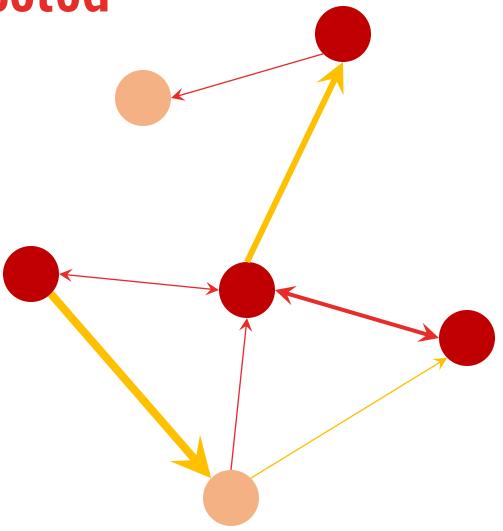
Which can have attributes.



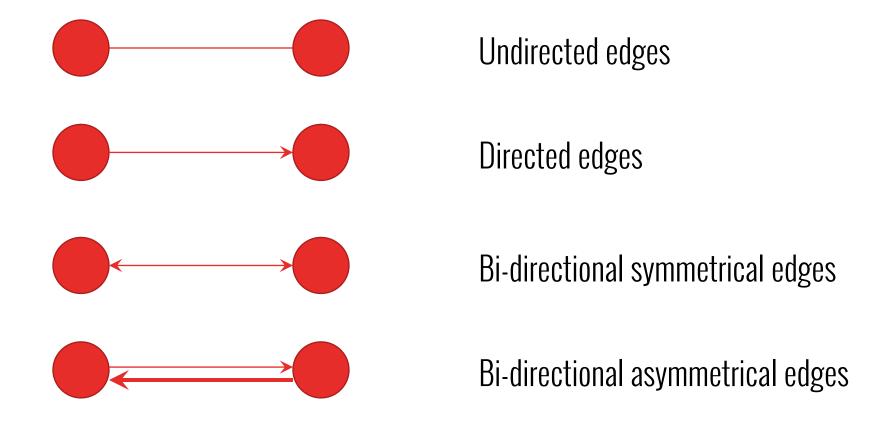
can be weighted...



...and/or directed



PROPERTIES



LOTS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF NETWORK DATA

Social Networks

- Explicit (Facebook friends, Twitter followers, favorite brands, etc.)
- **Implicit** (Co-authorship networks, name co-occurrence in docs, etc.)

Computer Networks

Infrastructure Networks (Roads, electricity, transit, etc.)

Concept Networks

Biological Processes

REPRESENTING GRAPHS

Usually two data structures - one for **nodes** and one for **edges**.

NETWORK ELEMENTS: NODES

Usually represented as data tuples with associated properties.

NETWORK ELEMENTS: EDGES

Directed (also called arcs)

 $A \rightarrow B$

A likes B, A gave a gift to B, A is B's child

Undirected

 $A \leftrightarrow B \text{ or } A - B$

A and B like each other

A and B are siblings

A and B are co-authors

Edge attributes

weight (e.g. frequency of communication) ranking (best friend, second best friend...) type (friend, relative, co-worker)

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LIST REPRESENTATIONS

Edge list (simplest)

Adjacency list

Easier to work with if network is large and sparse. Can quickly retrieve all neighbors for a node.

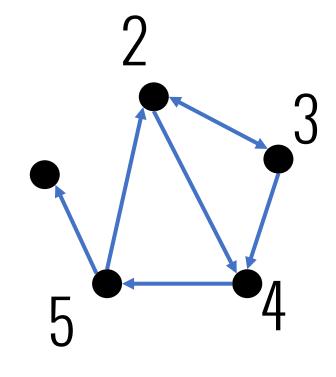
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3: 24

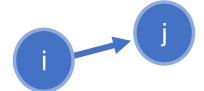
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5:12



ADJACENCY MATRICES

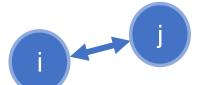
Represent edges as a matrix



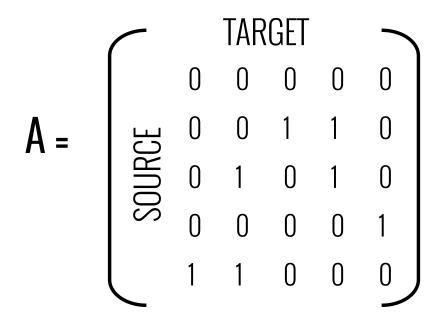
A_{ij} = 1 if node i has an edge to node j = 0 if node i does not have an edge to j

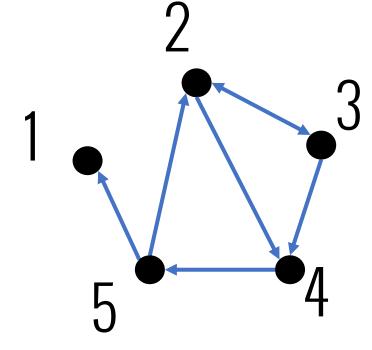


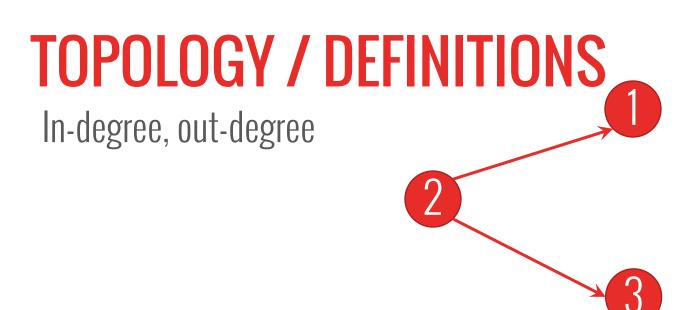
 $A_{ii} = 0$ unless the network has self-loops



 $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$ if the network is undirected, or if i and j share a reciprocated edge







	1	2	3
In-degree	1	0	1
Out-degree	0	2	0

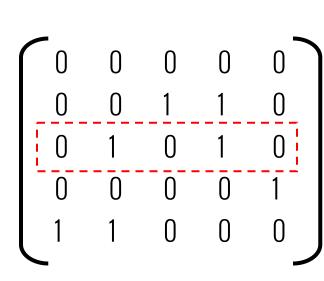
NODE DEGREE FROM MATRICES

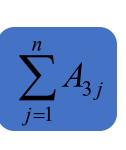


example: **outdegree** for node 3 is 2, which we obtain by summing the number of non-zero entries in the 3rd row

Indegree =
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{ij}$$

example: the **indegree** for node 3 is 1, which we obtain by summing the number of non-zero entries in the 3rd column



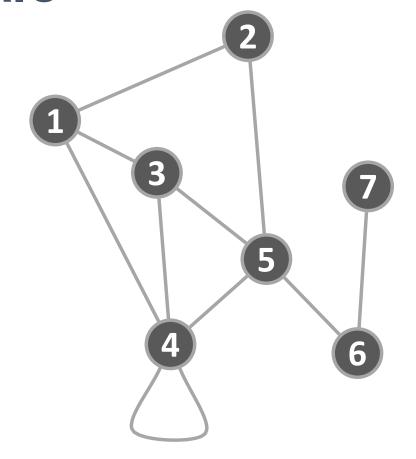


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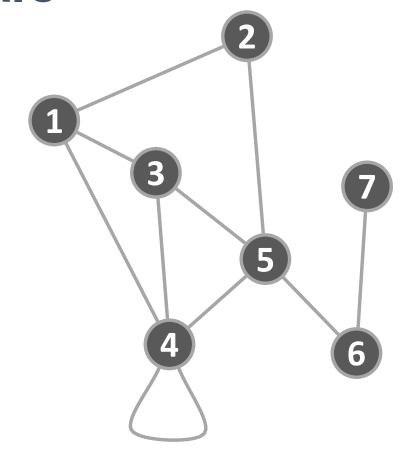
UNDIRECTED GRAPHS THE MATRIX IS SYMMETRIC

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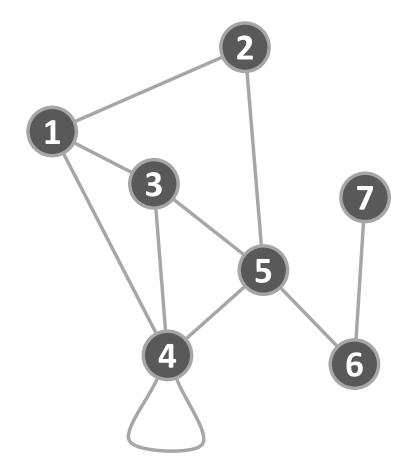
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WEIGHTED EDGES

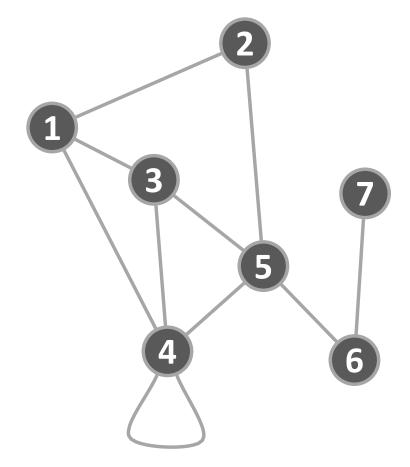
What happens to the node-link graph?

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WHY ANALYZE NETWORKS?

LOTS OF NATURAL AND CONSTRUCTED PHENOMENA CAN BE DESCRIBED AS NETWORKS

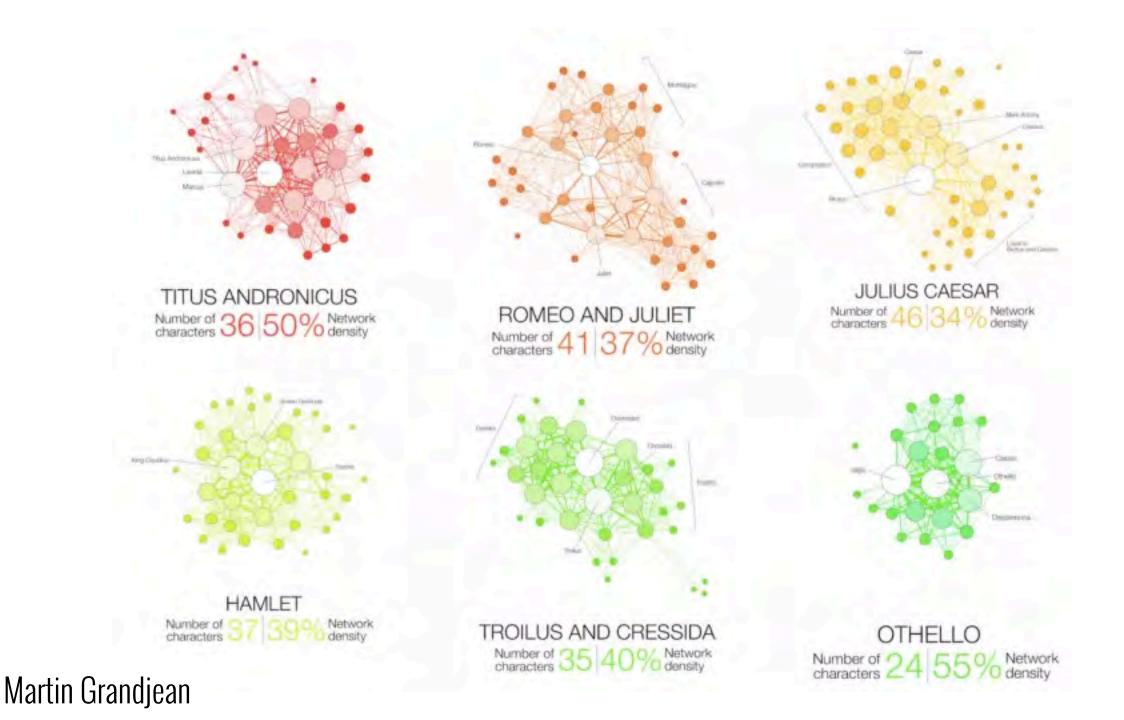
Relationships (Social, Trade, Bureaucratic, Citation, etc.)

Infrastructure (Roads, electricity, data, etc.)

Natural Processes (Metabolic processes, food web, etc.)

Concepts (Language, semantics, etc.)

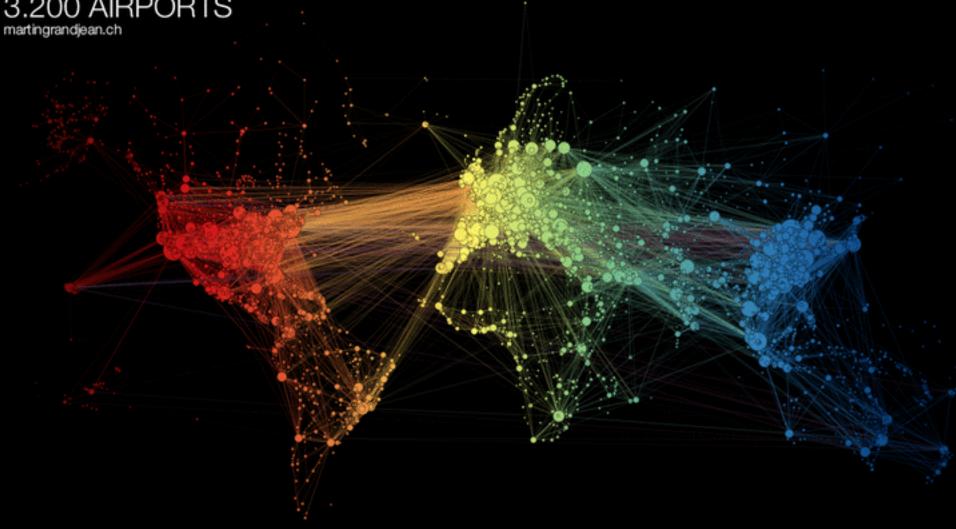
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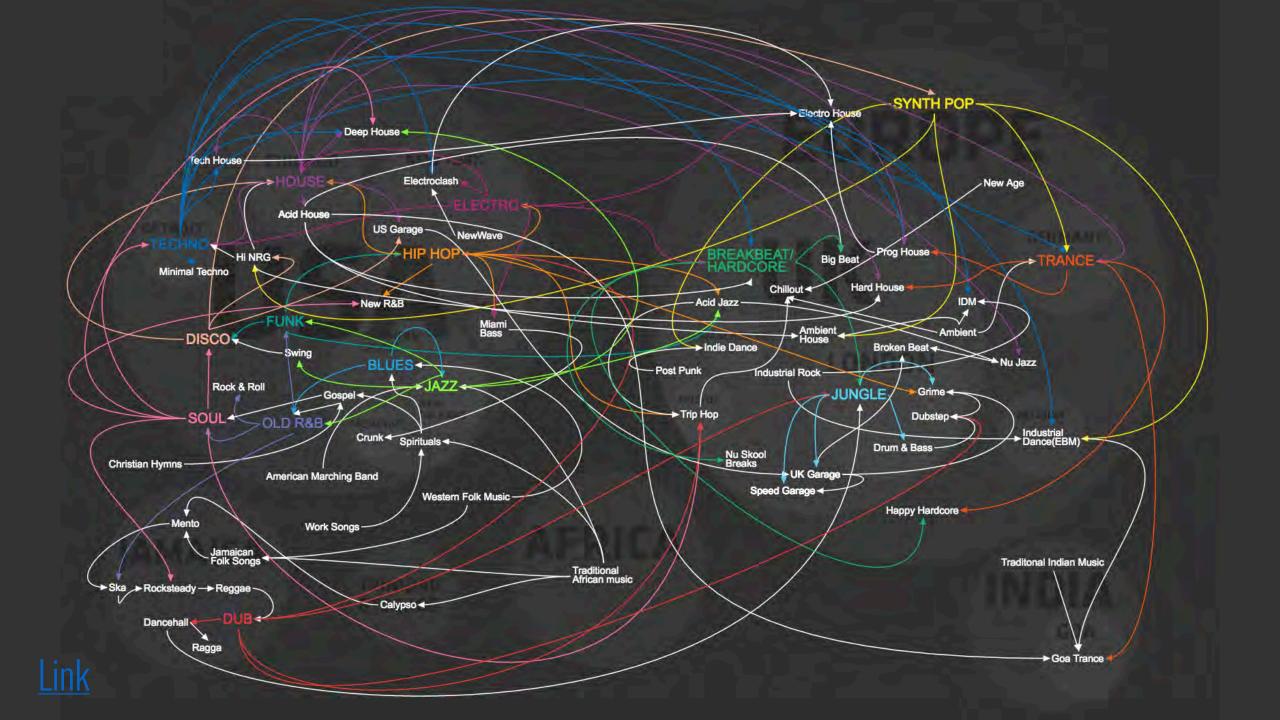


NBA Passing line thickness = average number of passes per game 0 - 50 Antic Sullinger Blatche Carroll Millsap Bass Johnson Pierce Green Williams Jefferson Noah Varejao Kidd-Gilchrist McRoberts Dunleavy Deng Boozer Thompson Datembert Mozgov Drummond Marion Nowitzki Chandler Faried Smith · Monroe Jennings Foye Lawson Singler

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TASTE MAP Roasted heef **The Flavor Connection** shares more than 100 flavor compounds with beer, Julia Child famously said that fat carries flavor, but perhaps instead we should peanut butter, coffee and bacon: Black tea the high heat of roasting creates give thanks to 4-methylpentanoic acid. Unique combinations of such chemical thousands of novel flavor The strawberry compounds give foods their characteristic flavors. Science-minded chefs have gone is the king of fruits, compounds via a process so far as to suggest that seemingly incongruous ingredients—chocolate and blue sharing flavors with 42 other called the Maillard cheese, for example-will taste great together as long as they have enough flavor foods. Yet take away fruits, and reaction. compounds in common. Scientists recently put this hypothesis to the test by strawberries share flavor creating a flavor map, a variant of which we have reproduced here. Lines connect compounds only with angelica, cloves, white wine, honey, foods that have components in common; thick lines mean many components are gin and mussels. shared. By comparing the flavor network with various recipe databases, the researchers conclude that chefs do tend to pair ingredients with shared flavor compounds-but only in Western cuisine. Dishes from a database of recipes from East Asia tend to combine ingredients with few overlapping flavors. How to Read This Graphic Each blue dot is a food. Similar foods are grouped into 14 category columns (listed in alphabetical order). The size of a dot shows how popular the food isthe frequency with which it appears in a global Of all the 56,498-recipe database. foods that share flavors Sturgeon caviar, outside of their own categories pelargonium (and excluding roasted peanuts/ and 14 others peanut butter), beer and roasted beef have the most in common: 106. Close behind are apples/white Least prevalent wine and coffee/roasted beef, (in 1 recipe) both with 105. Most prevalent (in 20,951 recipes) A line connecting two dots means the two foods share at least one flavor-related chemical compound. The more flavor compounds they share, the thicker the Wine and line. Red lines connect foods in different categories. cheese contain many of the same 144 shared compounds flavor-producing chemicals. One shared compound Gray lines connect foods in the same category. Cider Cured pork Pork sausage Eggs, flour and A food's vertical position on the page reveals the Chicken butter were the three total number of foods that connect to it. Foods at most popular ingredients, Peppermint Pork liver the top of the page share flavor compounds with each appearing in more than 20,000 recipes. Rounding out many other foods. Foods at the bottom of the page the top 10: onion, garlic, milk, are completely unique—they don't share flavors vegetable oil, cream, with any other foods. tomato and olive oil. Because of space constraints, only the most popular ingredient in a cluster of dots is labeled.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GRAPH

Which nodes are the most **important/central**? Which nodes are **close/related**? Are there distinct **groups** or **communities**? **How far apart/how connected** are nodes? How much **flow** is there between nodes? Which **paths** are important? Are there particular **patterns** ("motifs")?

VISUAL ANALYSIS TOOLS FOR NETWORKS

FAR FEWER TOOLS THAN FOR TABULAR DATA

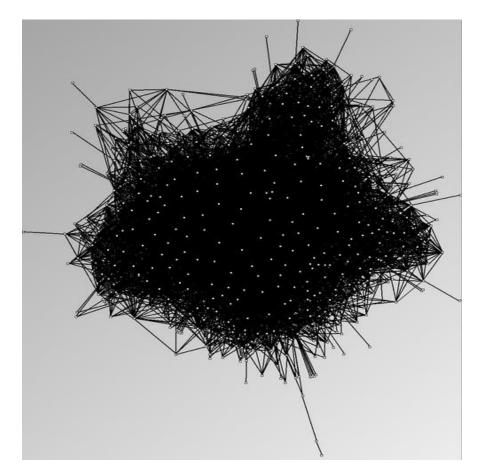
Graphs are challenging to visualize

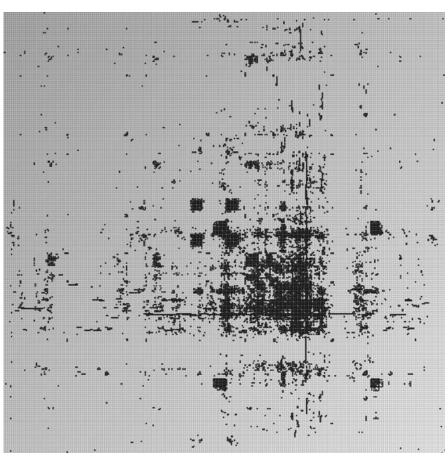
- Overplotting
- Edge crossings
- Ambiguous structures

Scaling up is difficult (both visually and technically)

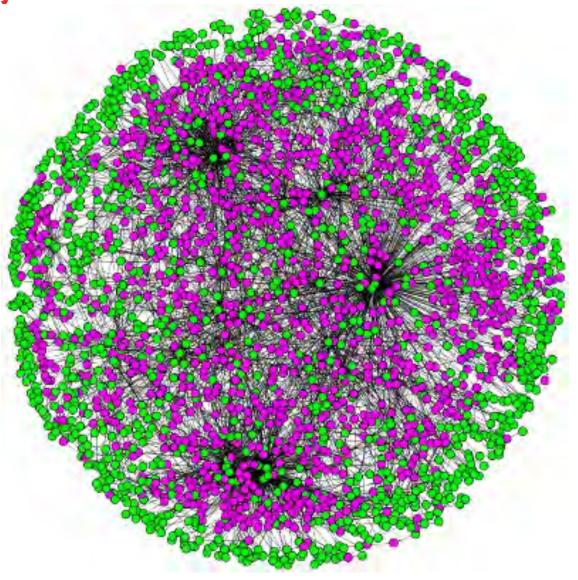
EVEN SMALL NETWORKS CAN BE COMPLICATED

One year of email between ~500 researchers





"HAIRBALLS"



GRAPH VISUALIZATION CHALLENGES

Graph layout

How do we render the data?

Navigation

How does a user move in the space

Scale

The larger the graph the harder layout and navigation are

SHNEIDERMAN'S CRITERIA

In a perfect world...

- 1. Every node is **visible**
- 2. For every node you can count degree
- 3. You can follow every link from source to destination
- 4. Clusters and outliers are identifiable

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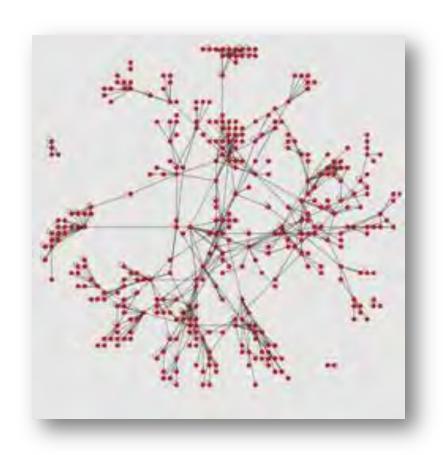
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Grid-based
Orthogonal
Curved lines
Hierarchies
Circular



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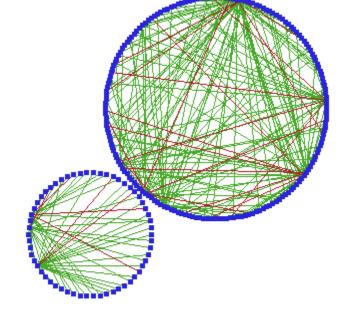
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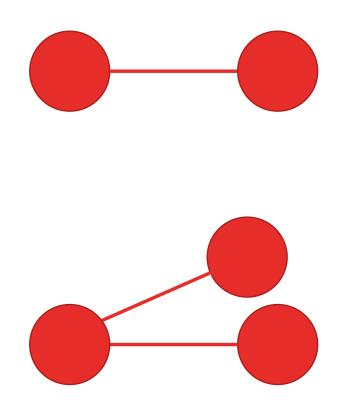
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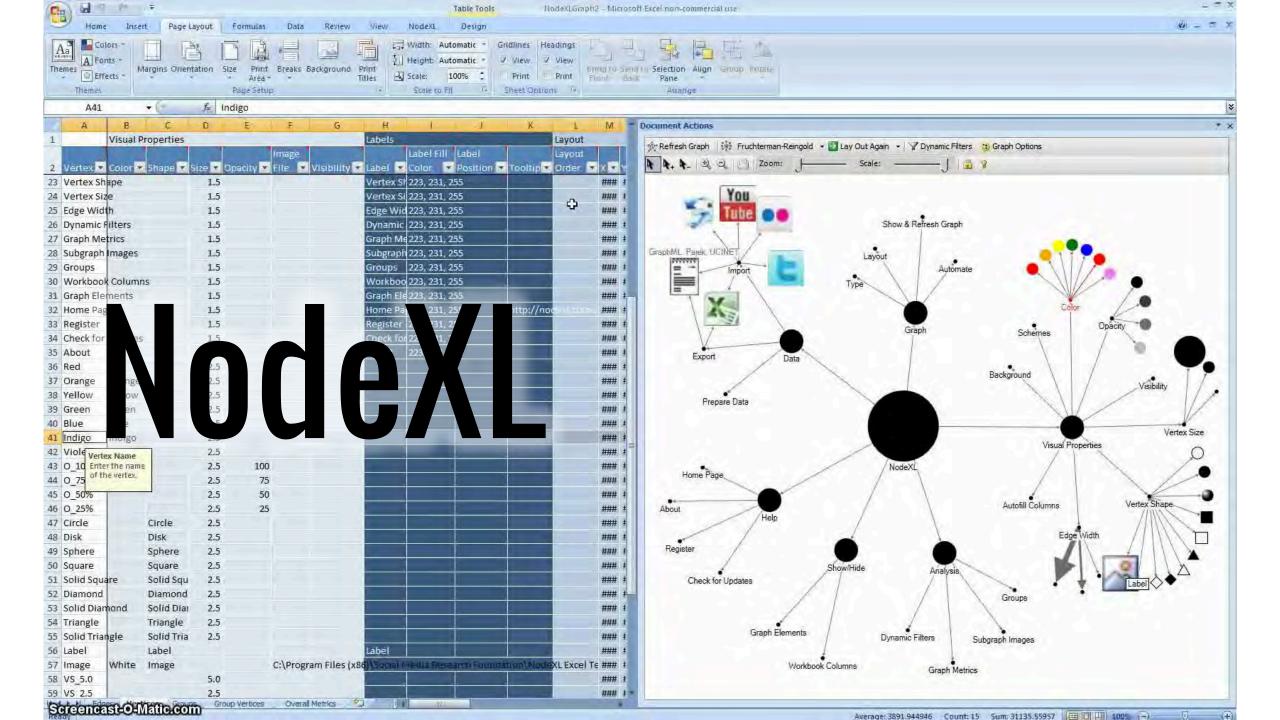


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FORCE DIRECTED LAYOUTS

Treat edges like springs Pull their source and target together Treat nodes like charged particles Push one another apart Repeatedly calculate in simulation Different tensions/gravities will cause different behaviors

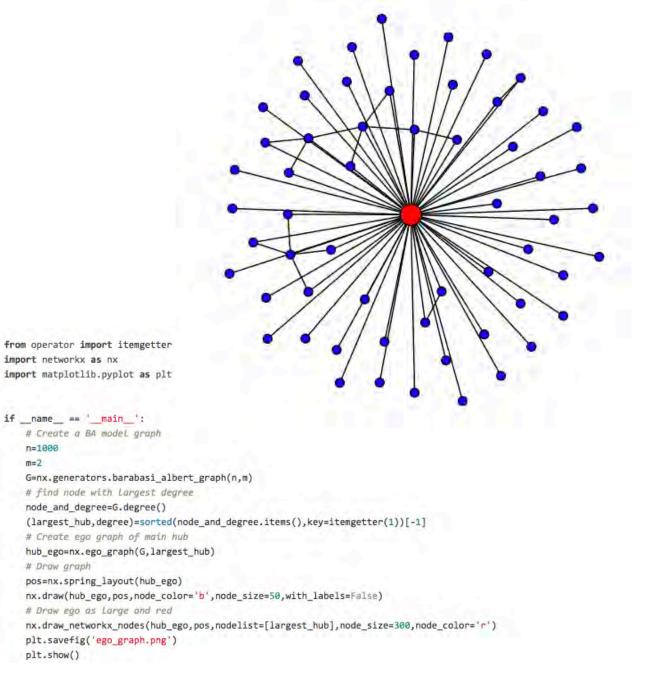




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NetworkX

"A Python library for the creation, manipulation, and study of the structure, dynamics, and functions of complex networks"

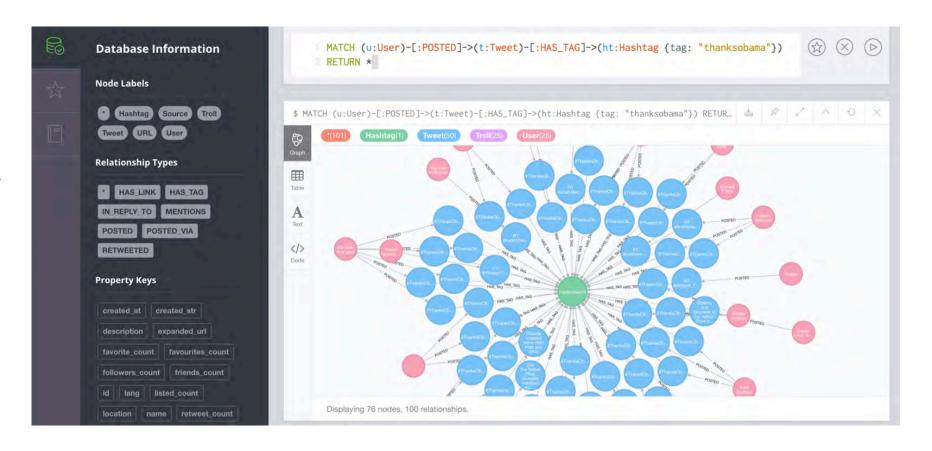


GRAPH DATABASES

Neo4j etc.

Specialized software stacks for graph analytics.

Lots of tools for creating, querying, cleaning, and displaying graphs.



NETWORK ANALYSIS METHODS

BASIC NETWORK METRICS

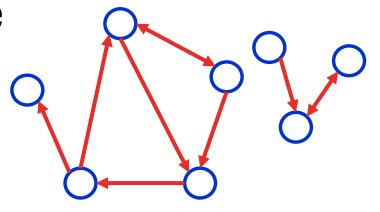
DEGREE SEQUENCE AND DEGREE DISTRIBUTION

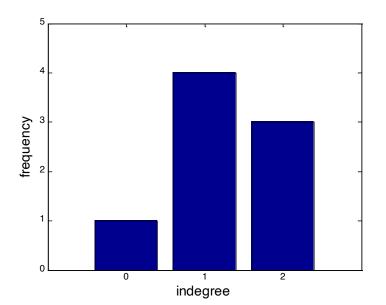
Degree sequence: An ordered list of the (in,out) degree of each node

- In-degree sequence:
 - **[**2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0]
- Out-degree sequence:[2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 0]
- (undirected) degree sequence:
 - **[**3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1]

Degree distribution: Frequency count for each degree

- In-degree distribution:[(2,3) (1,4) (0,1)]
- Out-degree distribution:[(2,4) (1,3) (0,1)]
- **undirected**) distribution:
 - **[**(3,3) (2,2) (1,3)]





CONNECTED COMPONENTS

Is the graph <u>actually</u> connected?

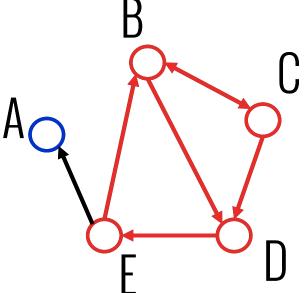
Strongly connected components

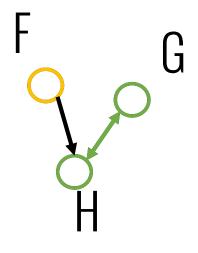
Each node can be reached from every other node via directed links

How many here?

BCDE

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CONNECTED COMPONENTS

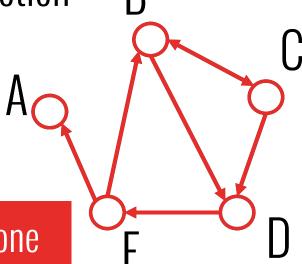
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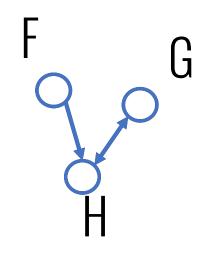
Every node can be reached from every other node by following links in either direction

How many here?

ABCDE GHF

In **undirected** networks one talks simply about 'connected components'





SHORTEST PATHS

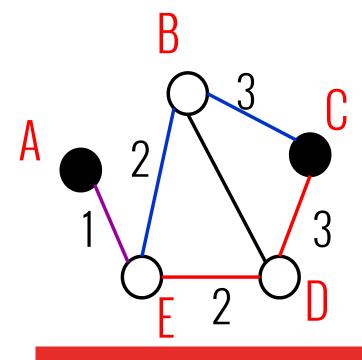
Shortest path (also called a geodesic path)
The shortest sequence of links connecting two nodes
Not always unique

Shortest path from A-C?

A and C are connected by 2 shortest paths

Diameter: the largest geodesic distance in the graph

■ Distance between A and C is the maximum for the graph: 3



Caution: some people use the term 'diameter' for the average shortest path distance. We will only use it to refer to the max distance.

GRAPH DENSITY

% of the edges that *could* exist which actually do

directed graph

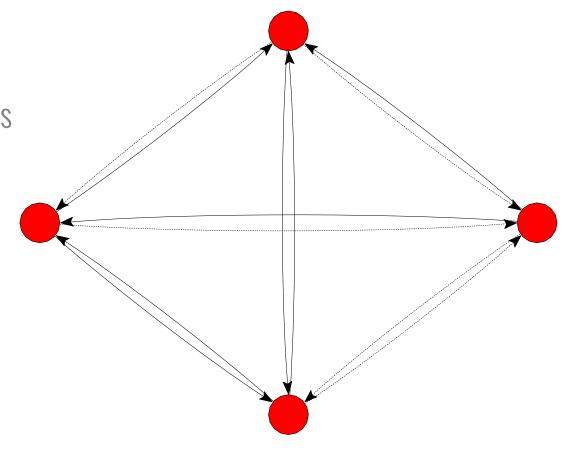
e_{max} = n*(n-1) each node can connect to (n-1) other nodes

undirected graph $e_{max} = n*(n-1)/2$ half as many

What fraction are present? density = e/e_{max}

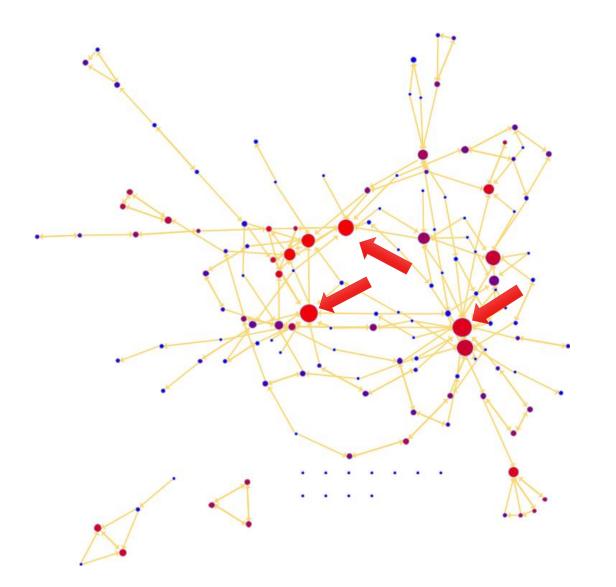
This graph has 7 out of 12 possible

7/12 = 0.583



CENTRALITY MEASURES

WHO IS MOST IMPORTANT?



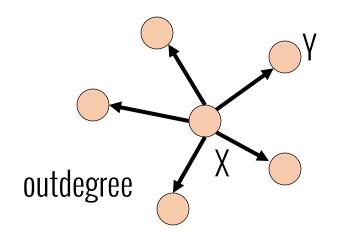
Who is...

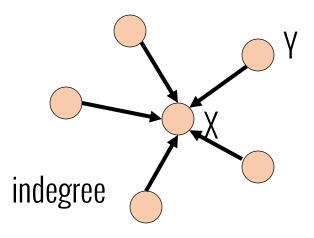
... central?

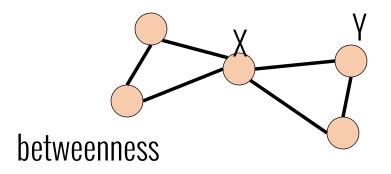
... important?

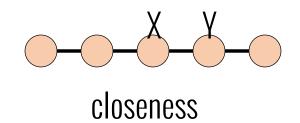
... prestigious?

CENTRALITY

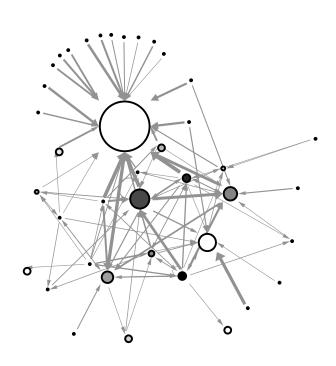




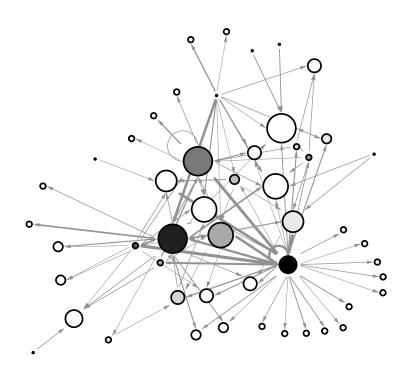




DEGREE CENTRALITY (UNDIRECTED)



high centralization: one node trading with many others



low centralization: trades are more evenly distributed

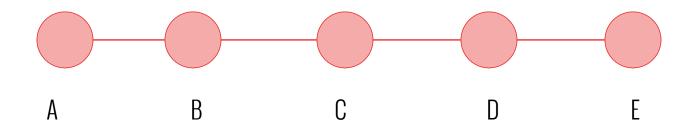
WHERE DEGREE ≠ CENTRALITY

Ability to broker between groups, mediate conflicts, etc.

Likelihood that information originating anywhere in the network reaches you quickly.

"BETWEENNESS" CENTRALITY

Intuition: how many paths between others lead through me?



A lies between no two other vertices

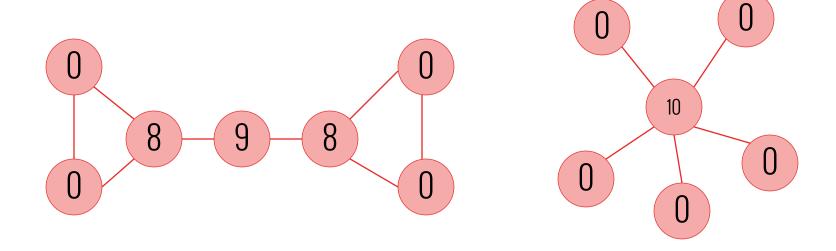
B lies between A and 3 other vertices: C, D, and E

C lies between 4 pairs of vertices (A,D),(A,E),(B,D),(B,E)

there are no alternate paths for these pairs to take, so C gets full credit

A FEW MORE EXAMPLES

(non-normalized version)



CLOSENESS CENTRALITY

What if we don't care about the # of direct friends (degree) or number of shortest paths that flow through (betweenness)?

Closeness measures how close a node is to the middle of things. "As long as gossip/information can reach me quickly..."

CLOSENESS: DEFINITION

Closeness is based on the length of the average shortest path between a vertex and all vertices in the graph.

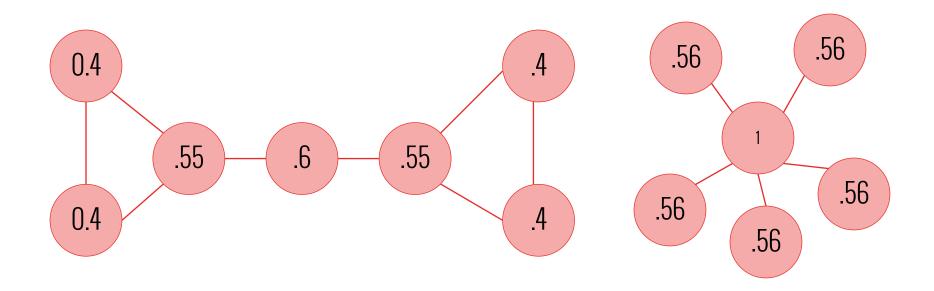
Undirected: shortest path between i and j path between i and j Directed:

All vertices but i
$$C_c(i) = \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{N} d(i, j)$$
 • in: j to i • out: i to j

Normalized Closeness Centrality

$$C'_{C}(i) = (C_{C}(i)) / (N-1) = \frac{N-1}{\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{N} d(i, j)}$$

CLOSENESS: EXAMPLES (NORMALIZED)



A TYPICAL FACEBOOK NETWORK

(all of one person's friends)

degree (# direct connections) denoted by size

closeness (length of shortest path to all others) denoted by color

USEFUL ANALYTIC MEASURES FOR GRAPHS

Connected Components – how many disconnected subgraphs?

Density – what % of possible edges exist?

Diameter – within a graph/component, what's the longest (or average) shortest path between nodes?

Degree Distribution – how many nodes have how many neighbors?

Centralization – how close is the average node to all other nodes?

MEASURES FOR FINDING IMPORTANT NODES?

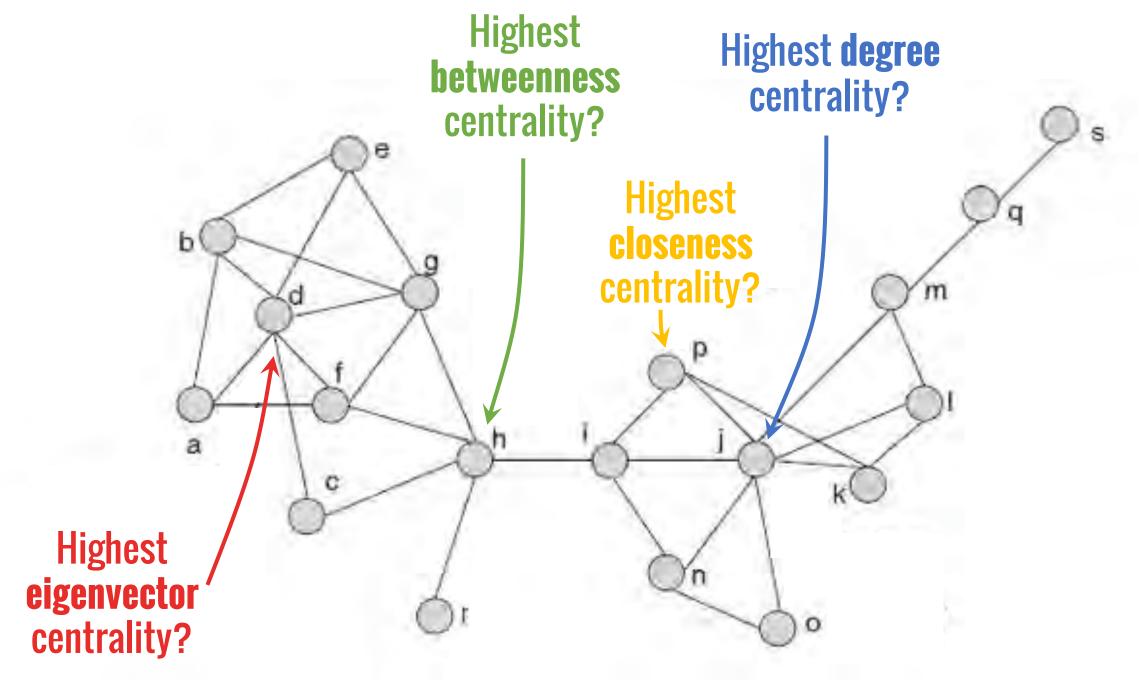
Degree Centrality – find the nodes with the most immediate neighbors. ("most friends")

Betweenness Centrality — find the nodes that sit on the shortest paths between the largest number of node pairs. ("most critical links")

Closeness Centrality – find the nodes that are the closest on average to all of the other nodes. ("closest to everything")

There are other measures as well...

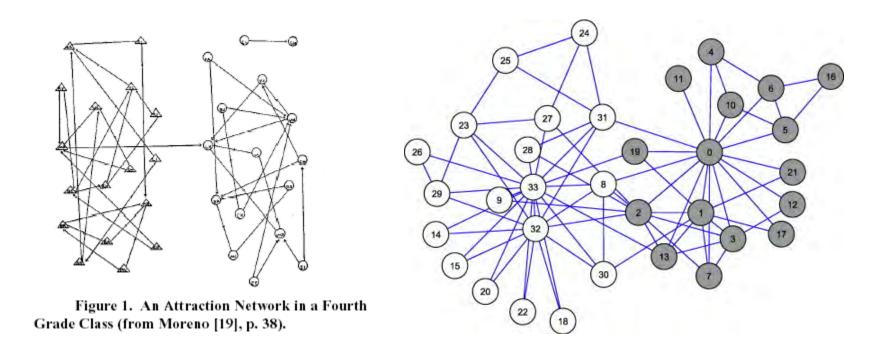
Eigenvector Centrality – find the nodes with the most connections to well-connected nodes. ("best-connected friends")



COMMUNITIES

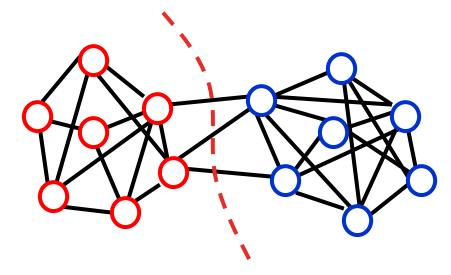
COMMUNITIES

Various "pressures" (e.g., homophily) lead to similar people linking Real networks often have small "sub-communities"



COMMUNITY FINDING

Social and other networks have a **natural community structure**We want to **discover this structure** rather than impose a certain size of community or fix the number of communities



Can we discover community structure in an automated way?

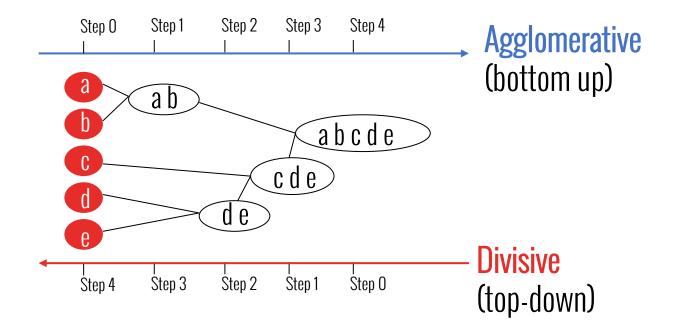
HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING

Develop a similarity (or dissimilarity) measure between pairs of data points (vertices).

Use the measure as a heuristic to gradually...

Or Group the most similar data points/clusters (if bottom up)
Divide the most dissimilar clusters/data points (if top-down)

PRETTY MUCH LIKE OTHER
HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING
APPROACHES ... EXCEPT WE
CAN USE PROPERTIES OF THE
NETWORK TO DETERMINE
(DIS)SIMILARITY



BOTTOM-UP HIERARCHICAL COMMUNITY FINDING

Develop a **similarity (or dissimilarity)** measure x_{ij} between a pair (i,j) of vertices (or communities).

For example "we are similar if we are connected to the same neighbors"

$$X_{ij} = \sqrt{\sum_{k \neq i, j} (A_{ik} - A_{jk})^2}$$

Apply the hierarchical clustering and build the dendogram.

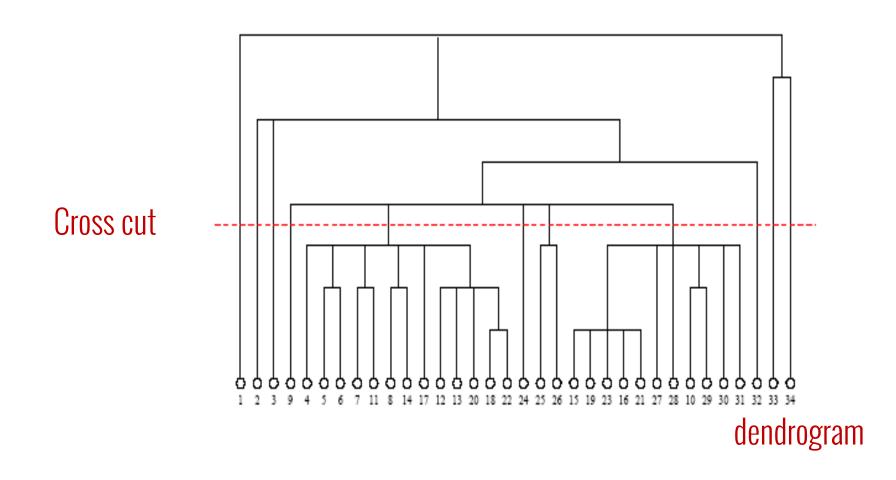
Gradually merge the most similar pair of vertices (communities)

Update the similarity between communities

Cross cut the dendogram at any level to give the communities at that level.

HIERARCHICAL COMMUNITY FINDING

result: nested components, where one can take a 'slice' at any level of the tree



BETWEENNESS CLUSTERING

Algorithm

compute the betweenness of all edges while (betweenness of any edge > threshold): remove edge with highest betweenness recalculate betweenness

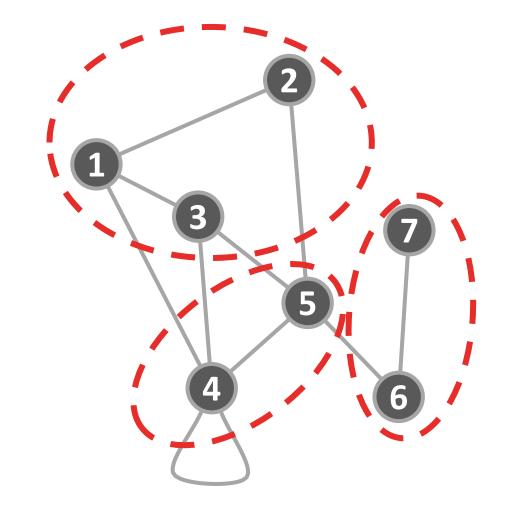
BETWEENNESS CLUSTERING - DOWNSIDES

Betweenness needs to be recalculated at each step

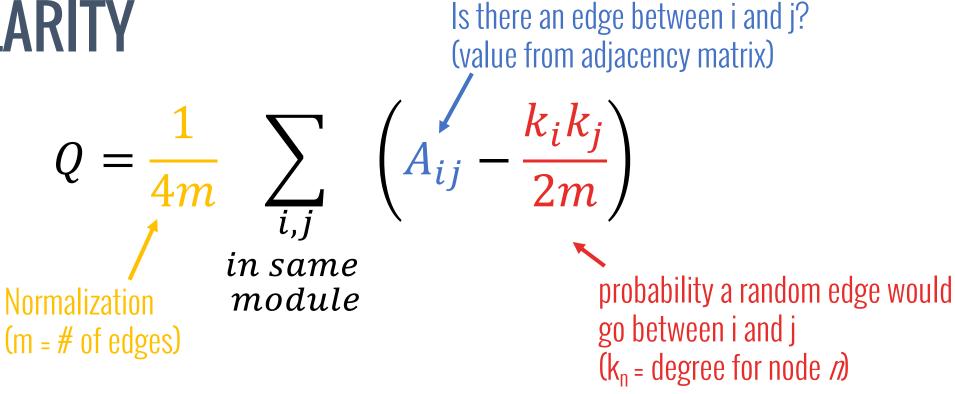
- Removal of an edge can impact the betweenness of another edge
- **Very expensive**: all pairs shortest path O(N³)
- May need to repeat up to N times
- Does not scale well to more than a few hundred nodes (even with the fastest algorithms)
- Still have to choose how many groups you want

How to find **cohesive groups** in a network?

One possibility: Look whether cohesion within each community is higher than outside.



$$Q = \sum \left(\frac{edges\ inside}{community} - \frac{expected\ edges}{inside\ community} \right)$$

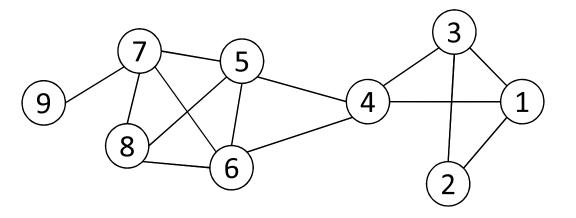


For a random network, Q = 0 the number of edges within a community is no different from what you would expect

$$Q = \frac{1}{4m} \sum_{i,j} \left(A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2m} \right)$$

in same module

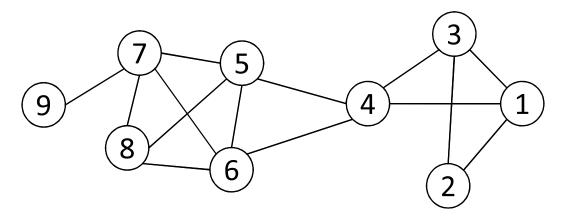
probability a random edge would go between i and j (k_n = degree for node *n*)



For i = node 1 and j = node 2

$$\frac{k_i k_j}{2m} = \frac{3*2}{2*14} = 0.214$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{4m} \sum_{i,j} \left(A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2m} \right)$$
in same module
Check to see if they're actually connected



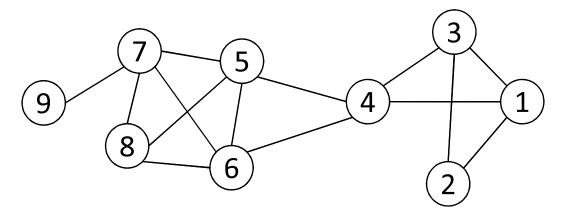
For i = node 1 and j = node 2

$$1 - 0.214 = 0.786$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{4m} \sum_{i,j} \left(A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2m} \right)$$
in same

module

Sum for for all pairs in module



Modularity ranges from -1 to 1
More positive if # of edges in group
Is greater than expected.

ONE WAY TO APPLY THIS

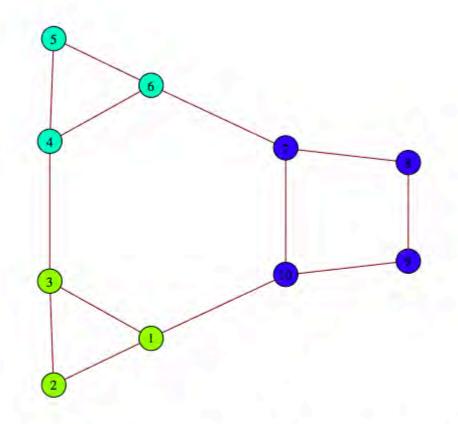
Finding the configuration with maximum modularity is NP-complete. But good approximation algorithms exist.

Start with individual vertices

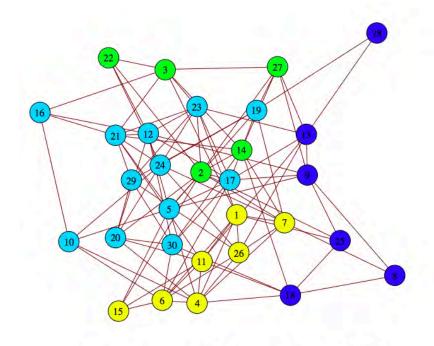
Follow a greedy strategy:

- successively join clusters with the greatest increase ΔQ in modularity
- stop when the maximum possible $\Delta Q <= 0$ from joining any two

OFTEN PRODUCES NICE BALANCED SETS



Communities Assigned to a small graph



Communities assigned to a random graph

COMMUNITY DETECTION

In NetworkX

nx.community

Package with a bunch of different methods, including:

Hierarchical (Girvan-Newman)

my_communities = nx.community.girvan_newman(my_graph)

K-Clique

my_communities = k_clique_communities(my_graph, k=4)

+ Label propagation, bi-partitions, fluid-communities, and a bunch of other methods ...

In Gephi

- 1. Run modularity computations on your graph to produce community labels for each node
- 2. Then show partitions by **mapping those labels to color**, size, etc.

SUMMARY

Networks and graphs are very common

Often hard to visualize - especially at scale

Some simple metrics/methods can help identify important nodes and separate communities

Per usual, many more strategies exist.

LETS TRY THIS WITH GEPHI & NETWORKX