



# Graphs in the real world

## Third in a 3-part series:

- Workshop 1: What is a graph and what can we do with it?
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Previous workshops are available on the WiDS YouTube channel

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Code for today:

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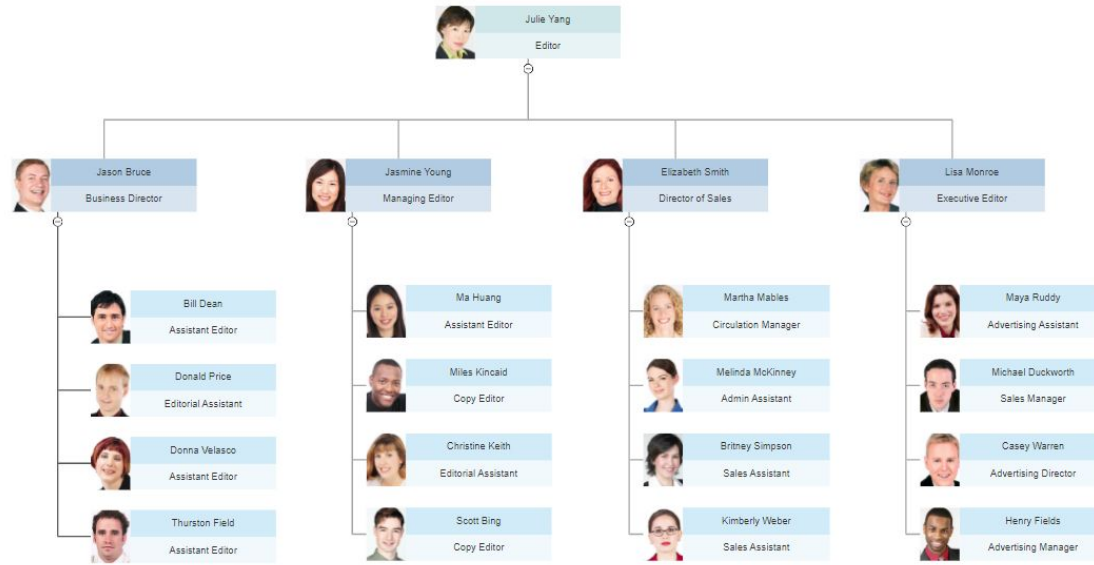


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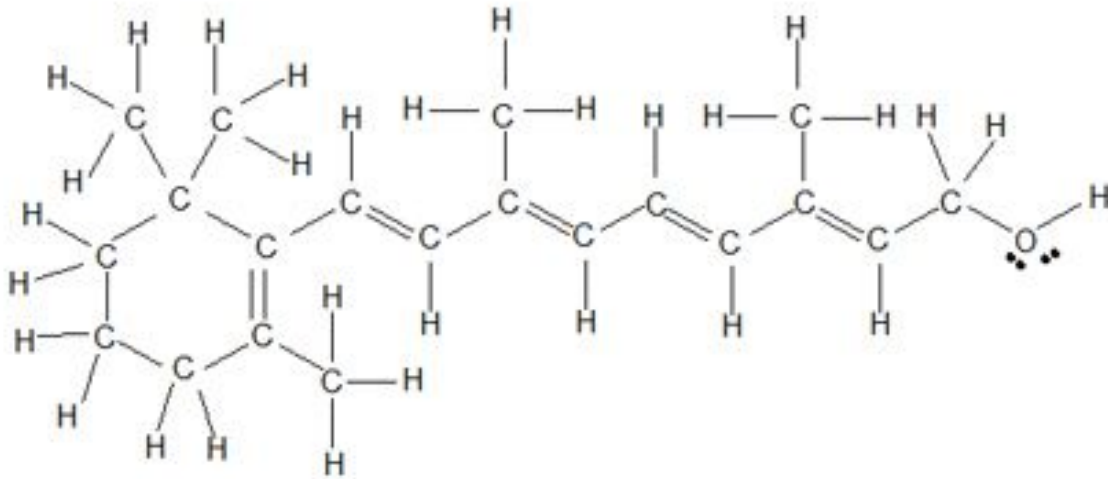


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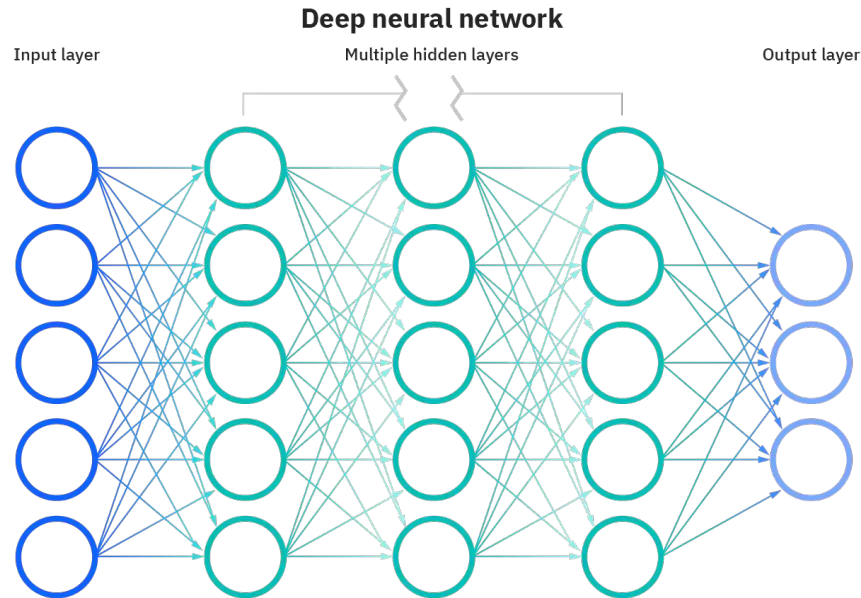


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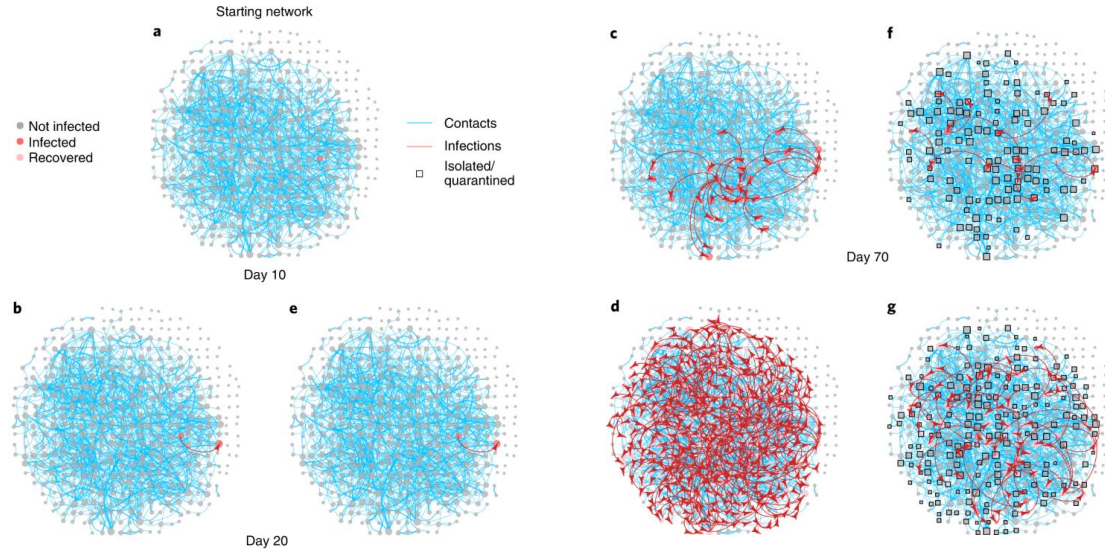


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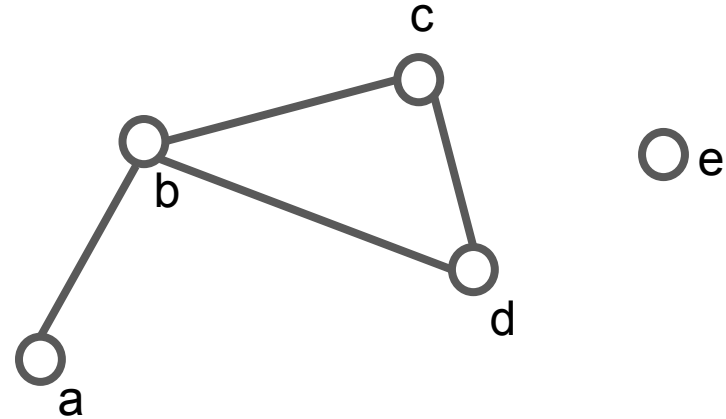
A graph **G** is a pair of sets (**V**, **E**) satisfying the following two conditions:

1. **V** is finite and non-empty
2. Each element of **E** is a 2-element subset of **V**

Example:

$$\mathbf{V} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

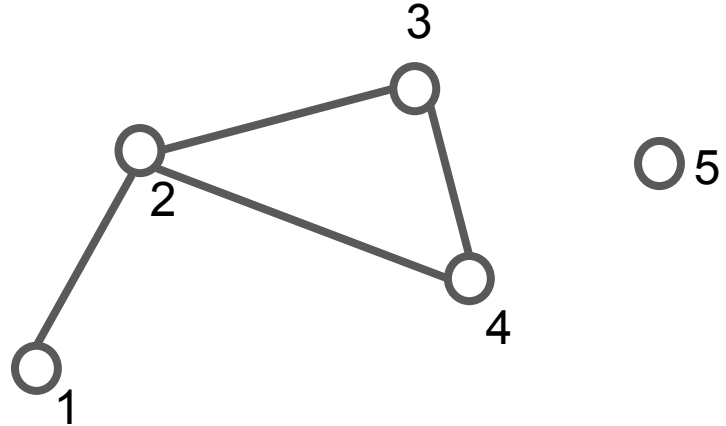
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# Data structures to store graphs: Adjacency list

Adjacency list/adjacency dictionary: For each vertex, we store a list of all the neighbors of that vertex

$adj = \{ 1 : [2],$	$adj = [[2],$
$2 : [1, 3, 4],$	$[1, 3, 4],$
$3 : [2, 4]$	$[2, 4]$
$4 : [2, 3]$	$[2, 3]$
$5 : [] \}$	$[] \}$



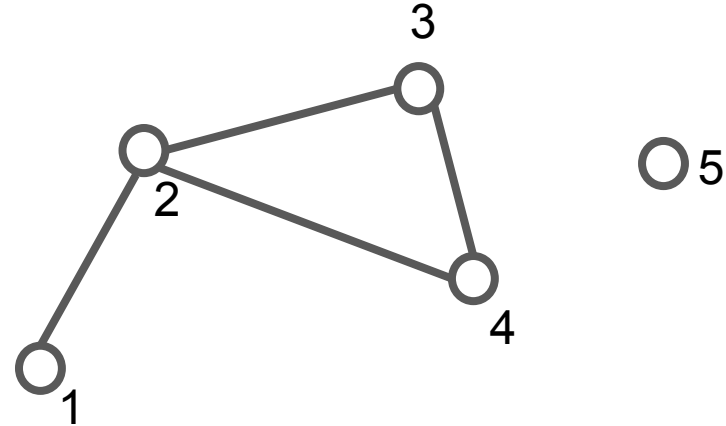
$O(|V| + |E|)$  space complexity, good for traversal algorithms

# Data structures to store graphs: Adjacency matrix

Adjacency matrix: Matrix  $A$  of dimension  $|V| \times |V|$  defined by:

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i,j) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	1	0	0	0
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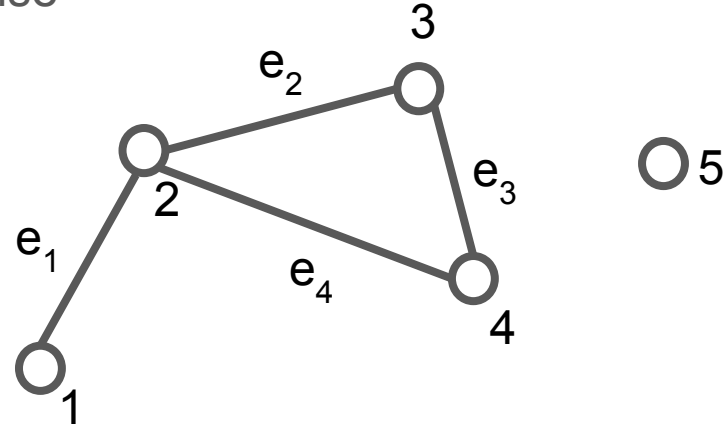
$O(|V|^2)$  space complexity, good for finding if edges exist

# Data structures to store graphs: Incidence matrix

Incidence matrix: Matrix  $B$  of dimension  $|V| \times |E|$ , with column for edge  $E = (i,j)$ ,  $i < j$  defined by:

$$b_v = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } v \in (i,j) \text{ and } i < j \\ 1 & \text{if } v \in (i,j) \text{ and } i > j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$e_4$
1	-1	0	0	0
2	1	-1	0	-1
3	0	1	-1	0
4	0	0	1	1
5	0	0	0	0



$O(|V||E|)$  space complexity

# Graph data structure comparison

	Adjacency list
Storage	$O( V  +  E )$
Add vertex	$O(1)$
Add edge	$O(1)$
Remove vertex	$O( E )$
Remove edge	$O( V )$
Are $i$ and $j$ adjacent?	$O( V )$

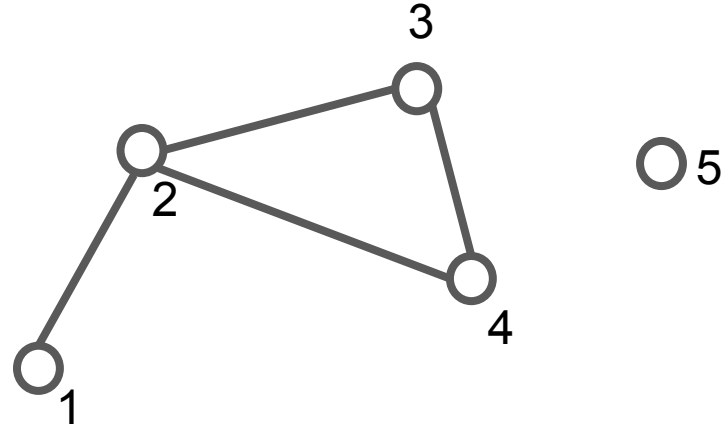
The data structure we choose depends on the application

Why would we use an incidence matrix?

# Using the adjacency matrix to find number of walks between two vertices

For an adjacency matrix  $A$ , the matrix  $A^k$  has the following property: The element  $(i,j)$  of  $A^k$  gives the number of unique walks of length  $k$  between  $i$  and  $j$

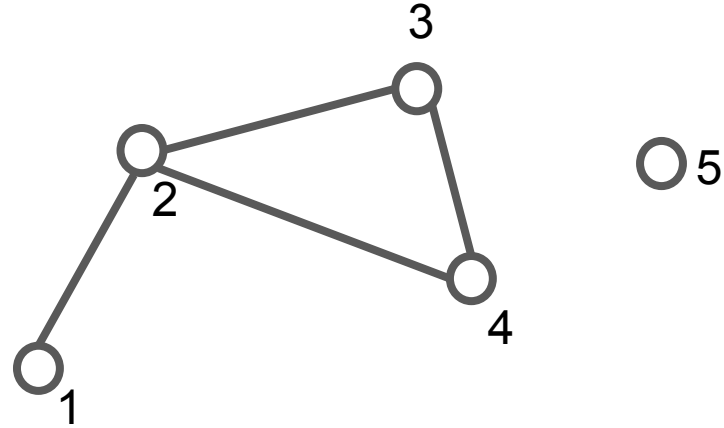
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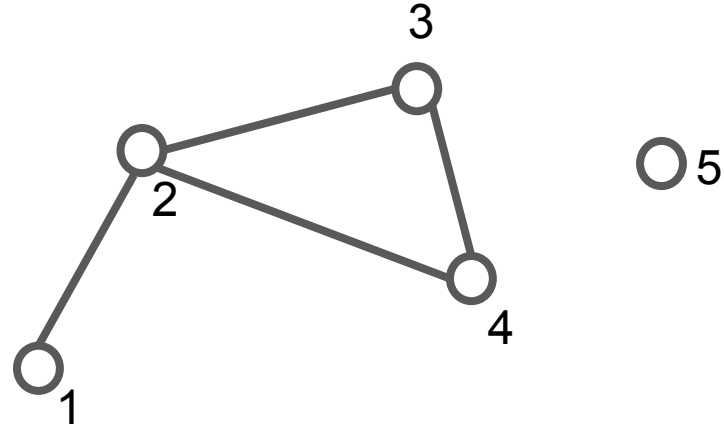
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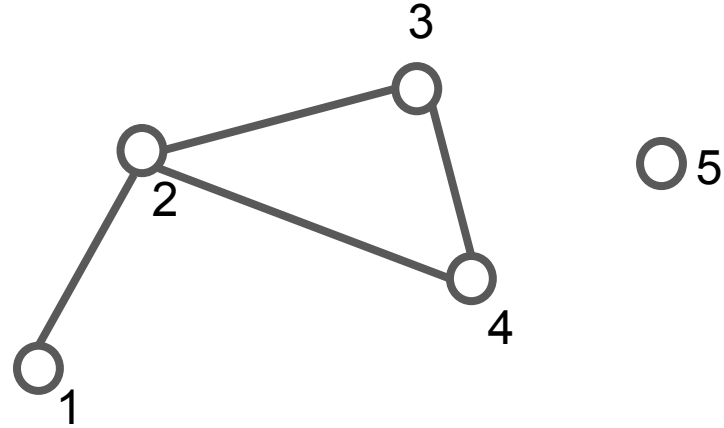




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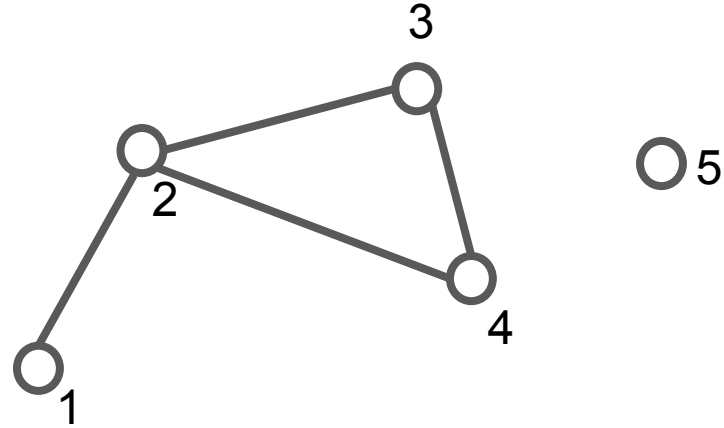
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2	2	11	6	6	0
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# The graph Laplacian

The graph Laplacian can be used to easily solve many graph theory problems

- Number of spanning trees
- Number of components
- Construction of low-dimensional embeddings

$$L = D - A$$

$$L = B^T B$$

Where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix with the degree of each vertex

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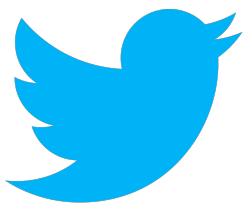
# Many graph datasets are available online

Many are available to download as simple text files with one line per edge

All analysis performed with the python igraph package

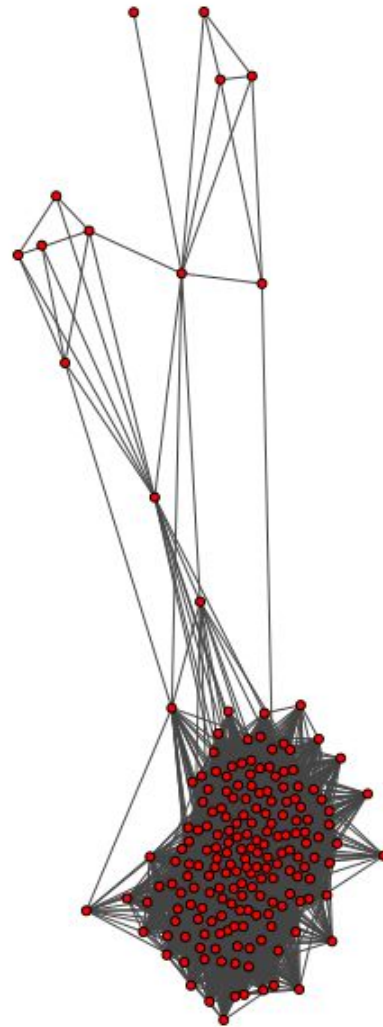
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# Berkely-Stanford web graph from 2002
# Nodes: 685230 Edges: 7600595
# FromNodeId ToNodeId
1 2
1 5
1 7
1 8
1 9
1 11
1 17
1 254913
1 438238
254913 255378
254913 255379
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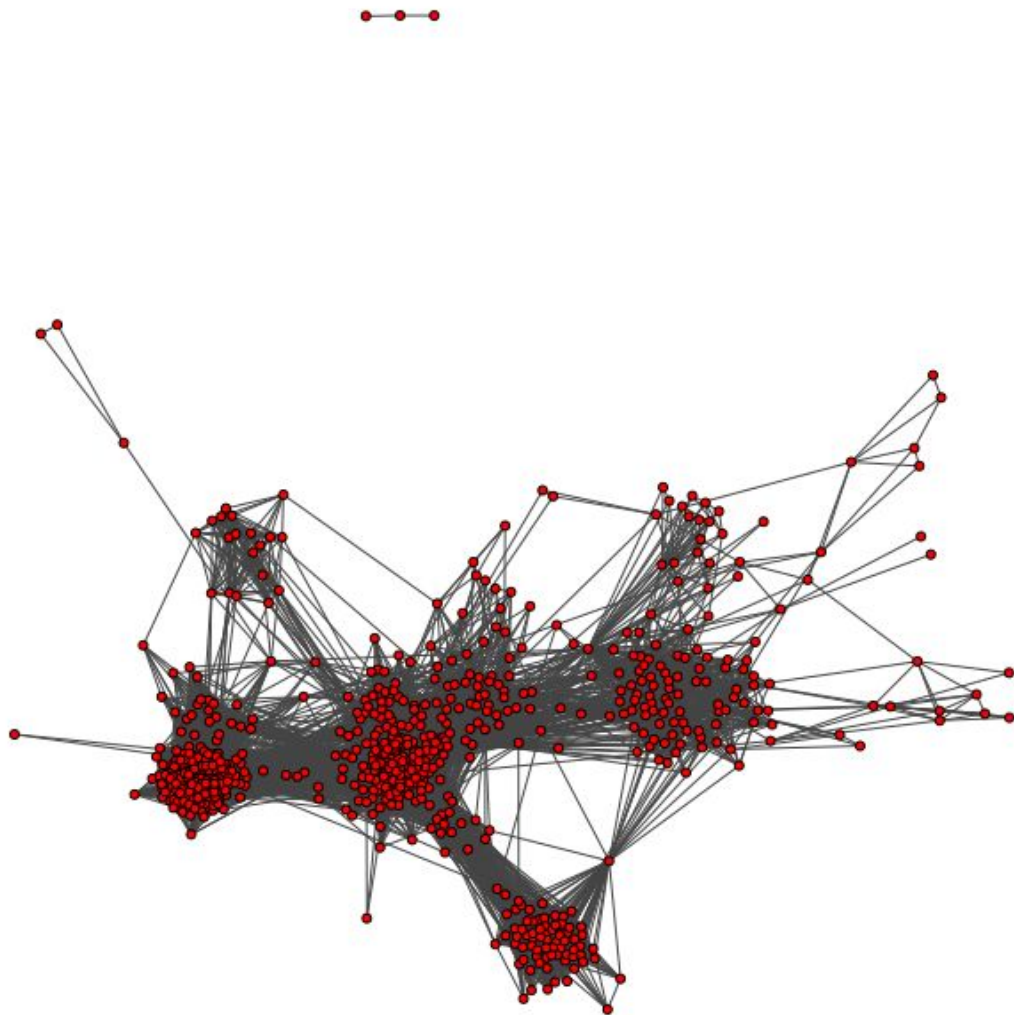
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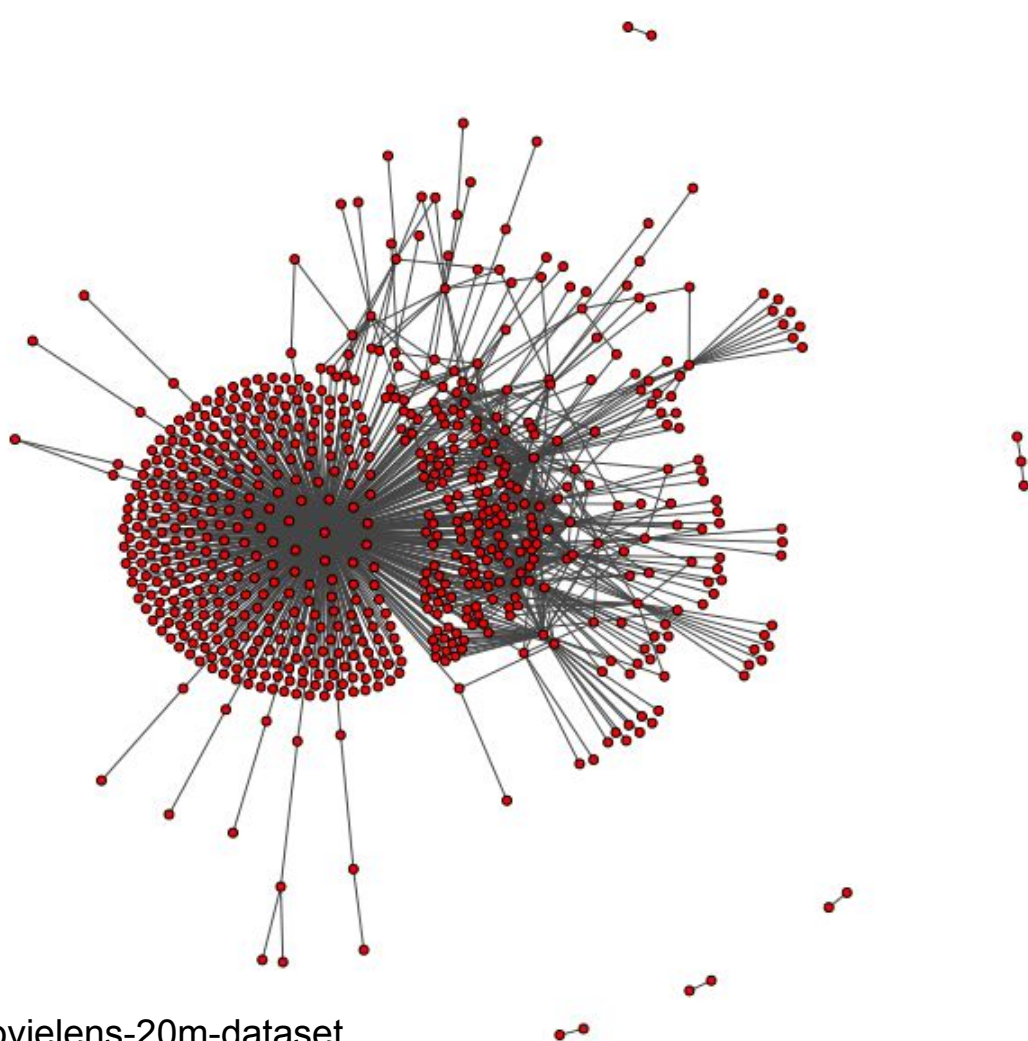
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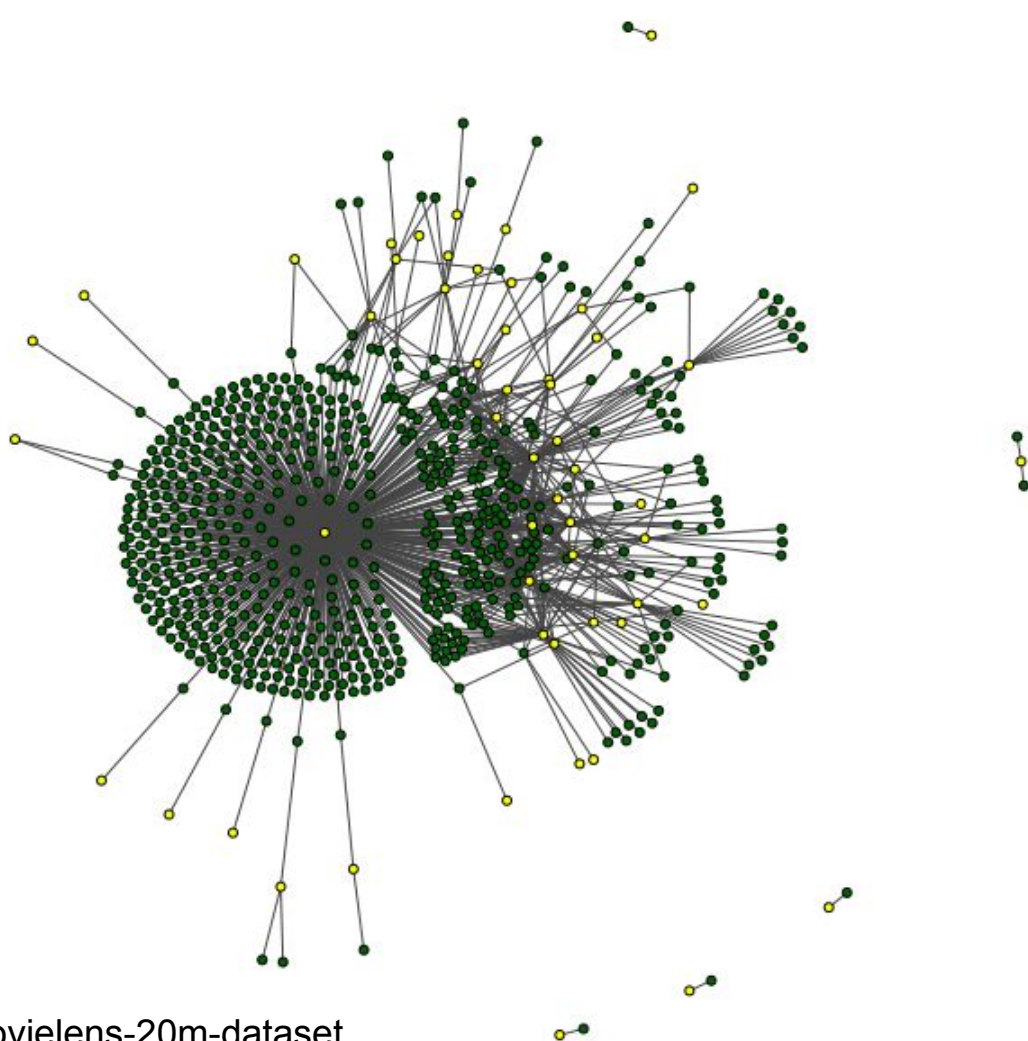




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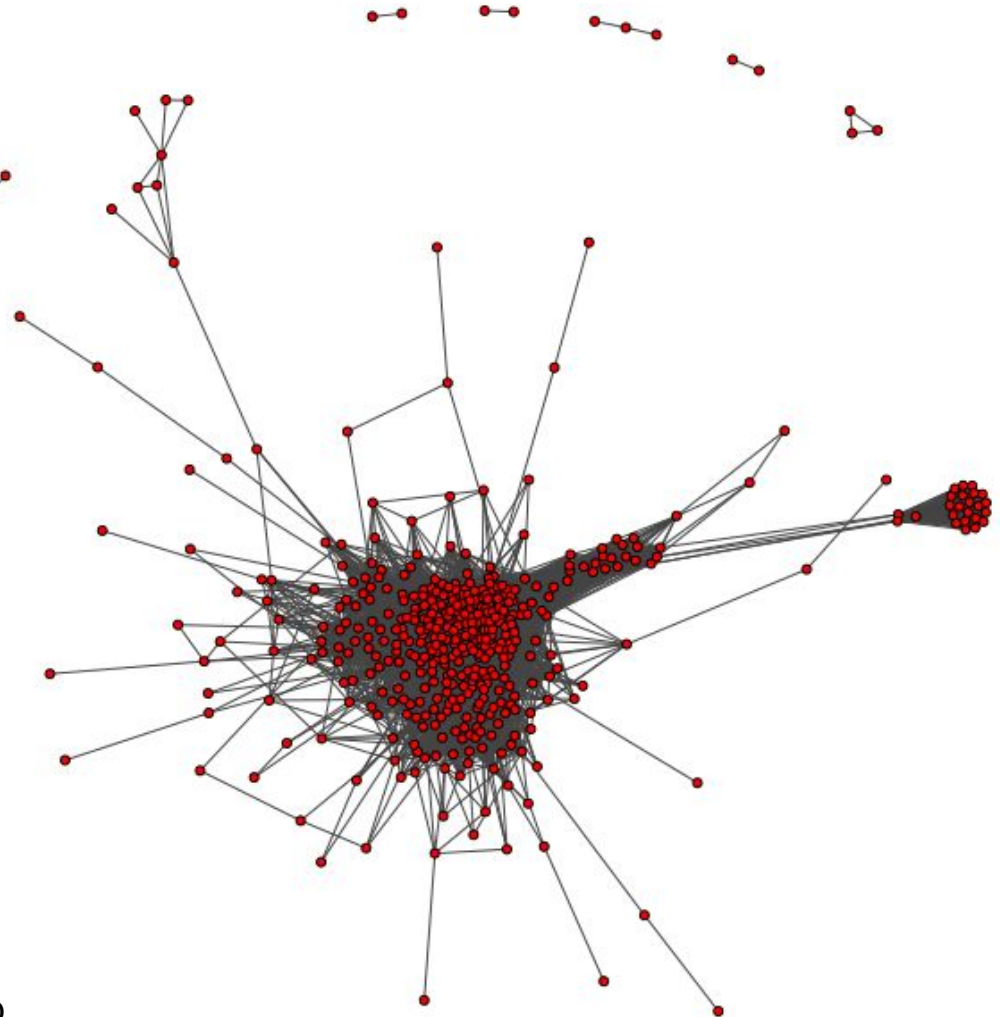




# Mouse gene regulatory network

Vertices are genes and edges between them represent regulatory relationships.

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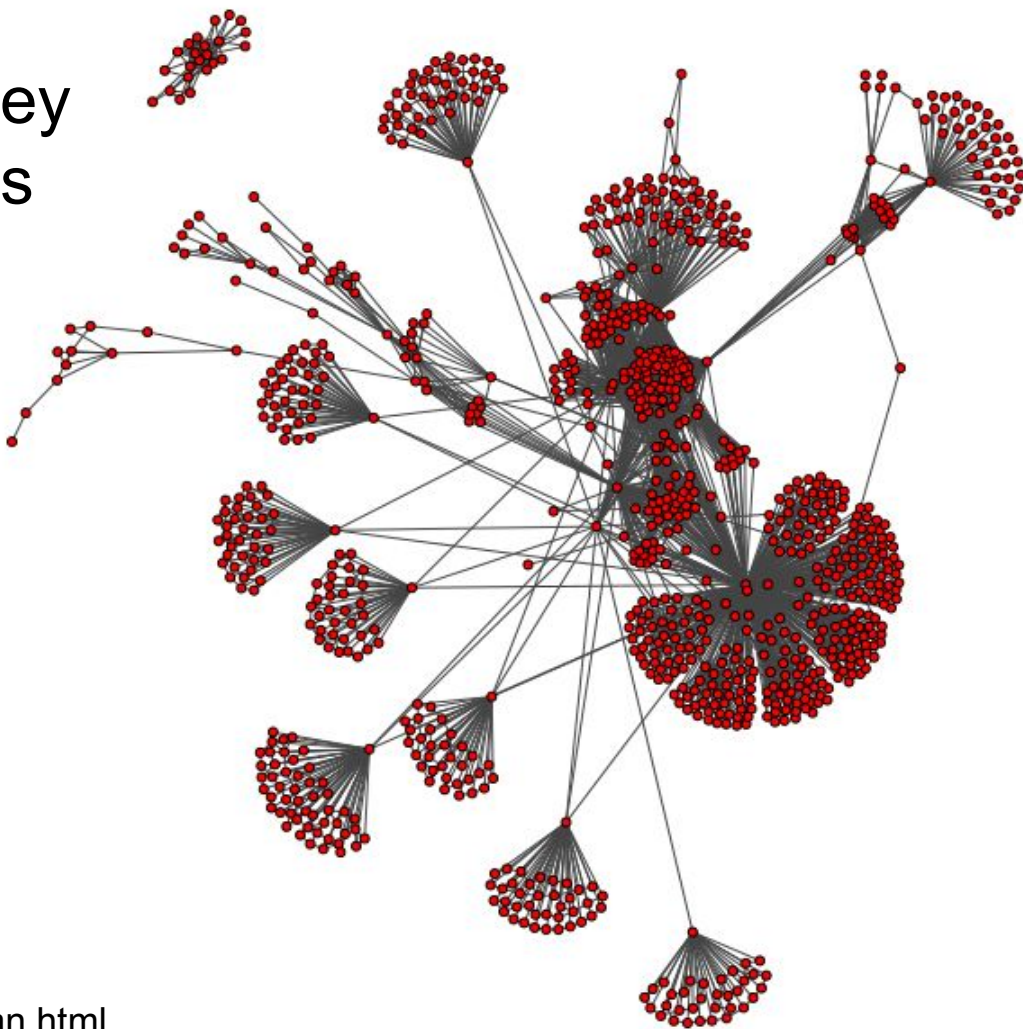




# Stanford-Berkeley web connections

Vertices are Berkeley  
or Stanford webpages  
and edges are links  
between them

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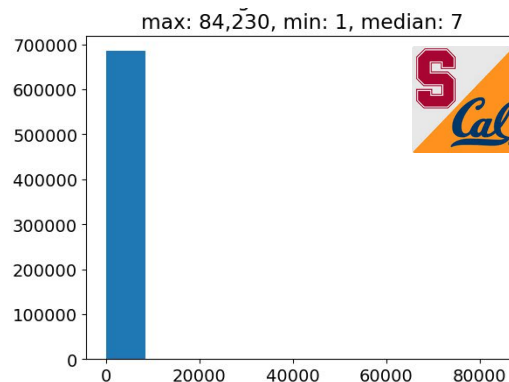
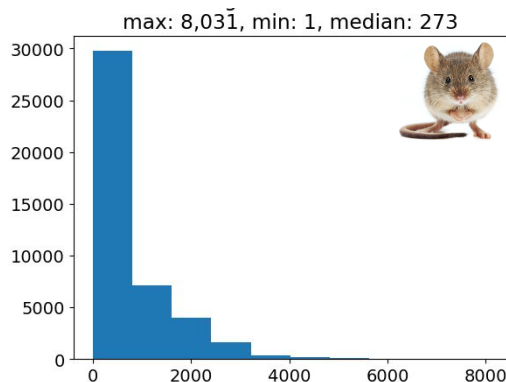
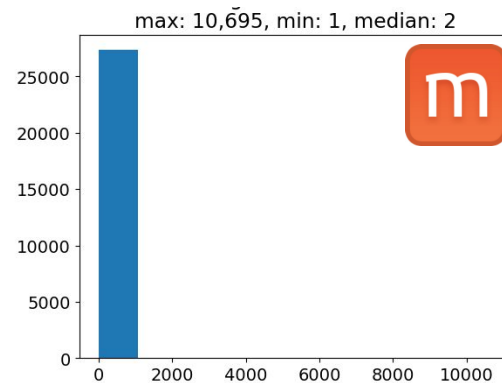
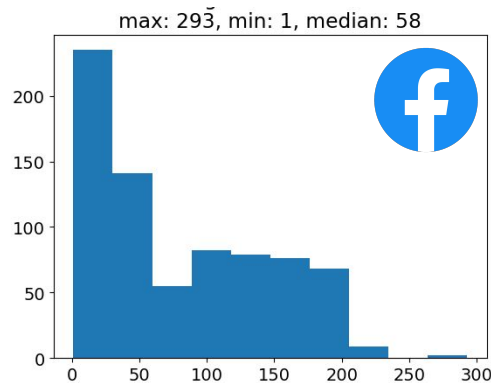
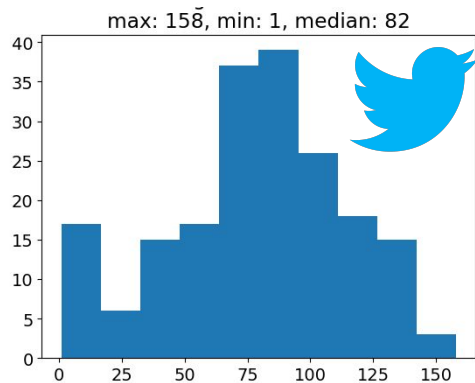


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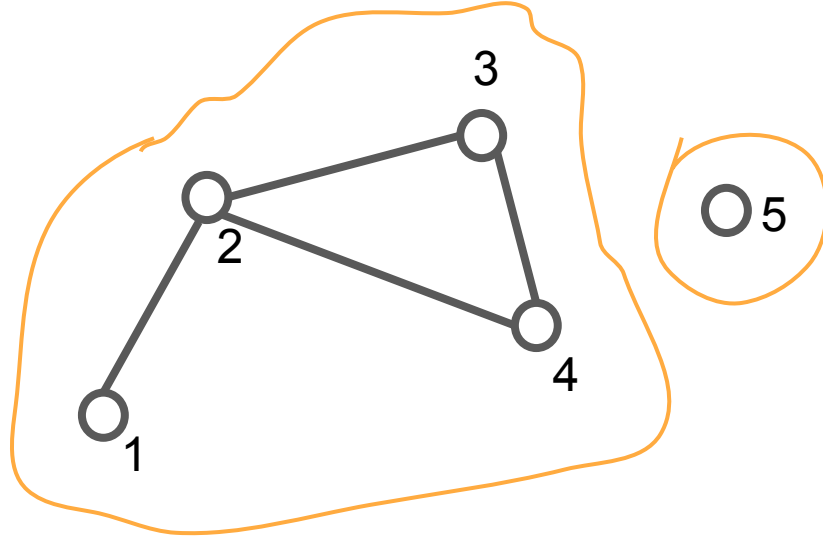






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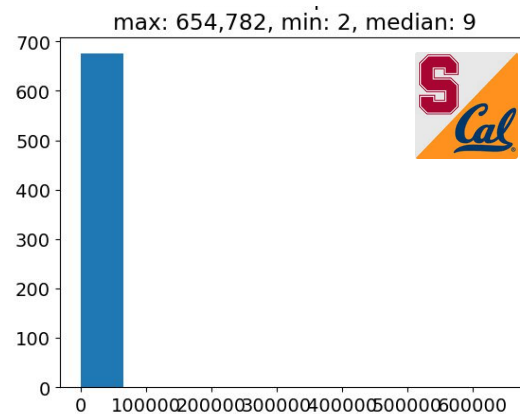
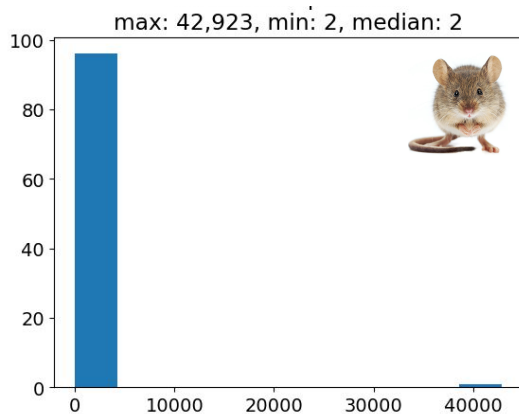
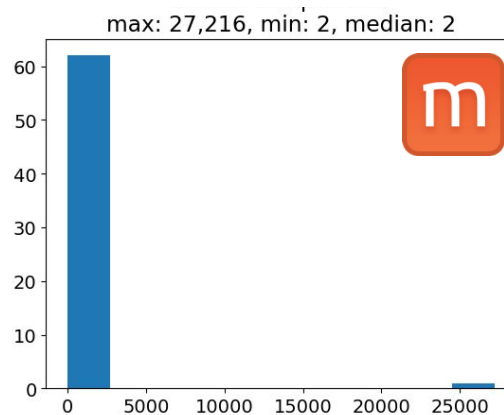
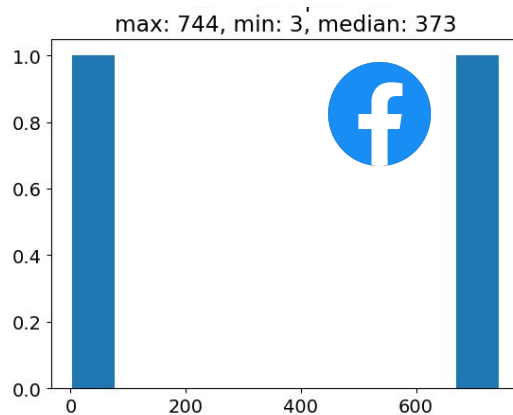
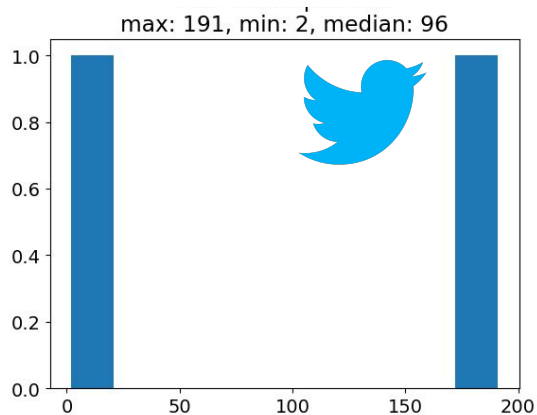
Component of a graph: subgraph within which every pair of vertices is connected by a path





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# How many vertices are in each component?



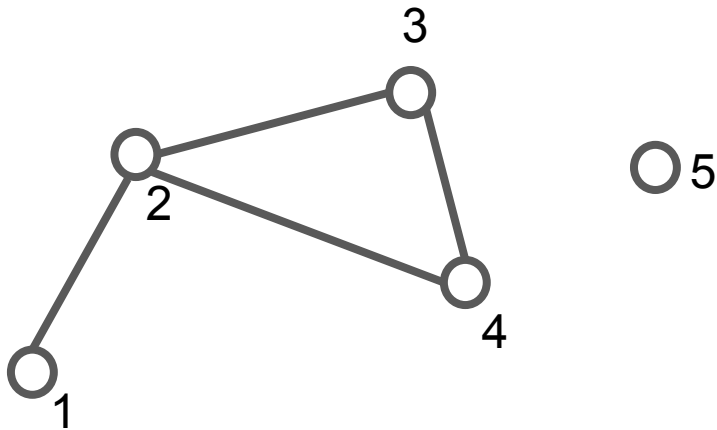


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Density of a graph: The fraction of possible edges that are present

$$D = \frac{|E|}{\binom{|V|}{2}} = \frac{2|E|}{|V|(|V| - 1)}$$

$$D = \frac{2 \times 4}{5 \times 4} = 0.4$$





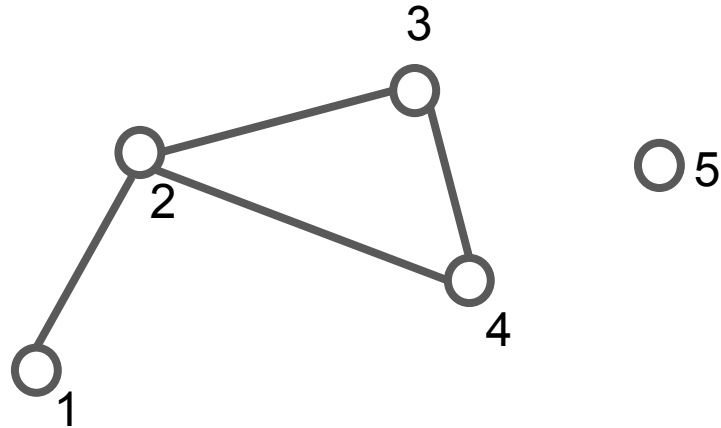
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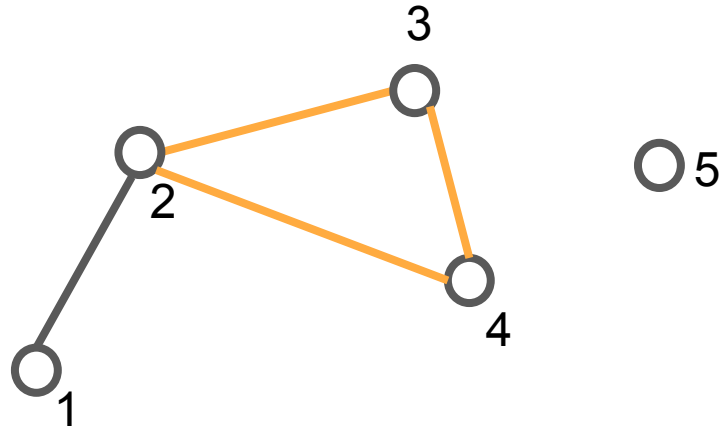
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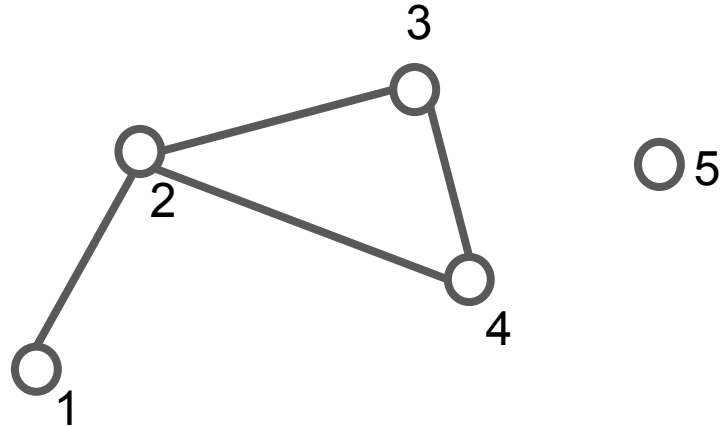


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Assortativity coefficient: The Pearson correlation coefficient of degree between vertices that share an edge

Correlation coefficient = -0.87

<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	$d(i)$	$d(j)$
1	2	1	3
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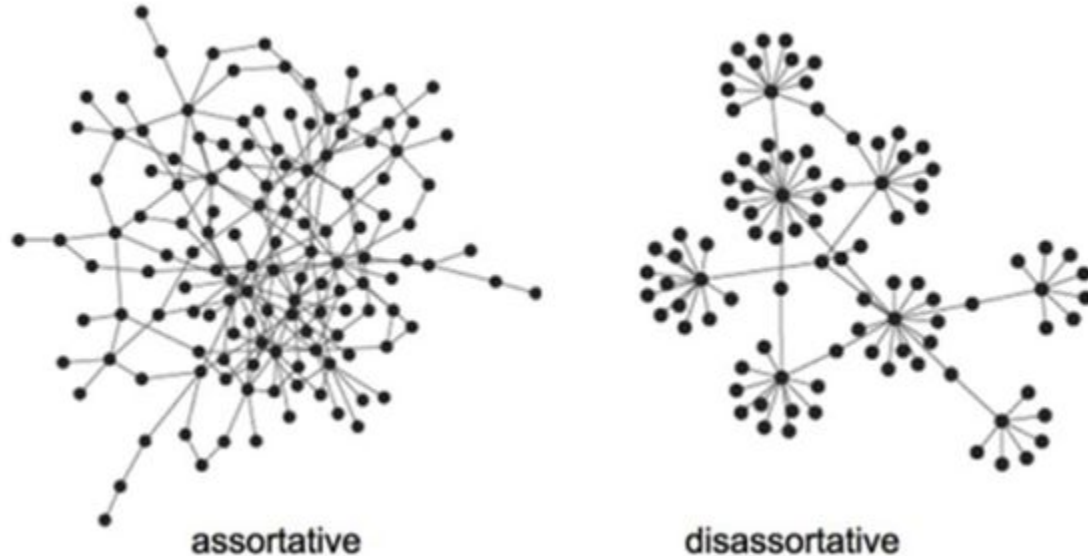


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