

SaSR 8 Tutorial 1.2

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Using the Knecht data: solutions

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Preamble

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This is what we had:

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```
library(haven) #For reading Stata files
library(network) #For data handling of network data
library(xUCINET)
library(tidyverse) # because Tidyverse!

PupilsWaveV <- read_dta(file = "PupilsWaveV.dta")
m <- PupilsWaveV %>%
  filter(schoolnr == "12b") %>% # keep only one class
  select(namenr, friend1:friend12) # select only the " best friends" network

m <- as.matrix(m) # so that the next line works as intended; cbind() works in specific ways
on matrix objects, which we exploit here.

m <- cbind(m[,1],c(m[, -1])) %>%
  as_tibble(m) %>% # So that we can easily filter
  filter(!is.na(V2)) # Now it is an edge list

g <- as.network.matrix(m, matrix.type = "edgelist") #from network package

a <- as.matrix.network(g, matrix.type = "adjacency" ) #again, from the network package

Knecht_W_12b_net <- xCreateProject(NetworkName = " Friends",

  NETFILE1 = a,

  FileType = "Robject",

  InFormatType = "AdjMat",

  References = "No references"

)
```

----- FUNCTION: xCreateProject -----

- Basic checks performed on the argument for "xCreateProject".

- Data imported: [0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1
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0] and named as: [Friends]

Assignment

1. Add the "practical support" network (for this school class!) as a second network to the project.

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```
m_sup <- PupilsWaveV %>%  
  filter(schoolnr == "12b") %>% # keep only one class  
  rename(pracsup10=pracsu10) %>% # names are inconsistent! Need to fix first  
  rename(pracsup11=pracsu11) %>% # there's probably a way to do this faster...  
  rename(pracsup12=pracsu12) %>%  
  select(namenr, pracsup1:pracsup12) # now select only the "practical support" network  
  
m_sup <- as.matrix(m_sup)  
  
m_sup <- cbind(m_sup[,1],c(m_sup[,-1])) %>%  
  as_tibble(m_sup) %>% # So that we can easily filter  
  filter(!is.na(V2)) # Now it is an edge list  
  
g_sup <- as.network.matrix(m_sup,matrix.type = "edgelist") #from network package  
  
a_sup <- as.matrix.network(g_sup, matrix.type = "adjacency" ) #again, from the network package
```

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Knecht_W_12b_net <- xAddToProject(
    ProjectName=Knecht_W_12b_net,
    NetworkName="Support",
    NETFILE1=a_sup,
    FileType="Robject" ,
    NetworkDescription="Support network",
    Mode=c("People"),
    Directed=TRUE,
    Loops=FALSE,
    Values="Binary",
    Class="matrix"
)
```

```
----- FUNCTION: xAddToProject -----
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ProjectName: Knecht_W_12b_netNumber of existing networks: 1

NetworkName: Support

- Basic checks performed on the argument for "xAddToProject".

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Note that if you want to redo the `xAddToProject()` operation, the package will throw you an error because a network with that name already exists in the project. Unfortunately, there is no option to overwrite to existing network. Instead, you may use the `xRemoveFromProject()` function to remove it first.

2. Add "sex" and "age" as attribute data.

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myatts <- PupilsWaveV %>%
  filter(schoolnr == "12b") %>% # keep only one class
  select(age, sex) %>% # select only the " best friends" network
  as.data.frame() # xAddAttributesToProject expects a data frame
```

Some things to notice here:

- In the earlier example we imported attributes from a csv file; here we use the R object directly and specify this in the parameters of the function.
- We use *only* these to variables: there is no “key” variable that identifies the cases (like `namenr`). Thus, you need to make sure that the data are sorted in the same order!
- `xAddAttributesToProject()` is rather picky in that it strictly requires the attributes object to be a data frame, which is why we apply `as.data.frame()` in the last line.

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```
Knecht_W_12b_net <- xAddAttributesToProject(ProjectName = Knecht_W_12b_net,
                                           ATTFILE1=myatts,
                                           FileType = "Robject",
                                           Mode = c("People"),
                                           AttributesDescription=c("Age in years","Gender (1=Male, 2=
Female)"))
)
```

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----- FUNCTION: xAddAttributesToProject -----
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Getting "datapoint" with name [Knecht_W_12b_net].
```

```
Attribute file [myatts] imported
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[1] "A"      "People"
```

3. Combine the friendship and support networks, assuming for the resulting network that there is a (directed) tie if pupil A nominates pupil B as a friend, and/or reports receiving support from B. (Also think: what is really the *direction* of the tie measured by the “personal support” name generator question?)

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```
c<- xCombineTies(Knecht_W_12b_net$` Friends`, Knecht_W_12b_net$Support, Type = "Max")
```

```
Knecht_W_12b_net <- xAddToProject(
  ProjectName=Knecht_W_12b_net,
  NetworkName="Combined",
  NETFILE1=c,
  FileType="Robject" ,
  NetworkDescription="Combined network",
  Mode=c("People"),
  Directed=TRUE,
  Loops=FALSE,
  Values="Binary",
  Class="matrix"
)
```

```
----- FUNCTION: xAddToProject -----
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ProjectName: Knecht_W_12b_netNumber of existing networks: 2
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NetworkName: Combined
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- Basic checks performed on the argument for "xAddToProject".
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- Data imported: [ 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1
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4. Try plotting the network.

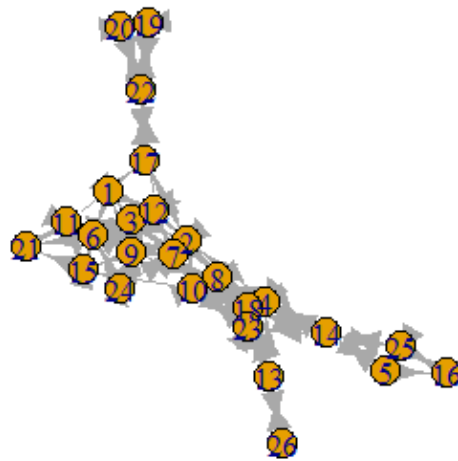
We'll use the `igraph` package for this, and choose the newly created "Combined" network to visualize. First we export the network from the XUCINET project to an `igraph` object, and then visualize it

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```
library(igraph)

combinet <- graph_from_adjacency_matrix(Knecht_W_12b_net$Combined,
  mode = c("directed"), diag = FALSE)

plot(combinet)
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We could do the same using `sna` , with somewhat nicer results:

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```
library(sna)

combinet.sna <- as.network(Knecht_W_12b_net$Combined,
  directed = TRUE)

gplot(combinet.sna)
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