

Igraph: An introduction

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R language has become very popular between researchers because it let them do sophisticated statistical calculations to a lot of data and with the support of a huge community.

Purpose

The purpose of this session is to introduce the participants to the main technical concepts of network data analysis in R using igraph, for example: how to read data from R, how to convert this data to a graph object and how to do some descriptive analysis.

Methodology

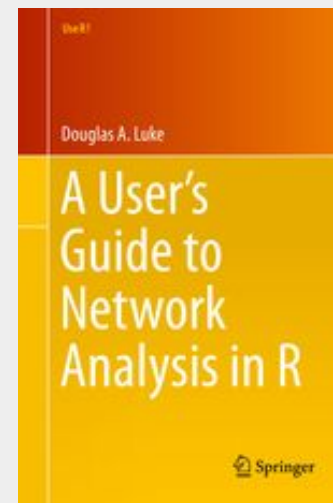
Just run the code!

The objective is to focus On the main features of igraph (what can we do with it?) and avoid the thecnical problems.

Statistical Analysis of Network Data with R



A User's Guide to Network Analysis in R



Useful links

[Triads Go Boink!](#)

[Network Analysis and Visualization with R and igraph](#)

[Social Network Analysis Labs in R and SoNIA](#)

[Examples...](#)

Datasets

[Longitudinal Network Data Sources](#)

[Network Datasets](#)

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Question

What are the most important papers in a research topic using graph theory?

1. High in-degree and 0 out-degree



Seminals

2. High Betweenness

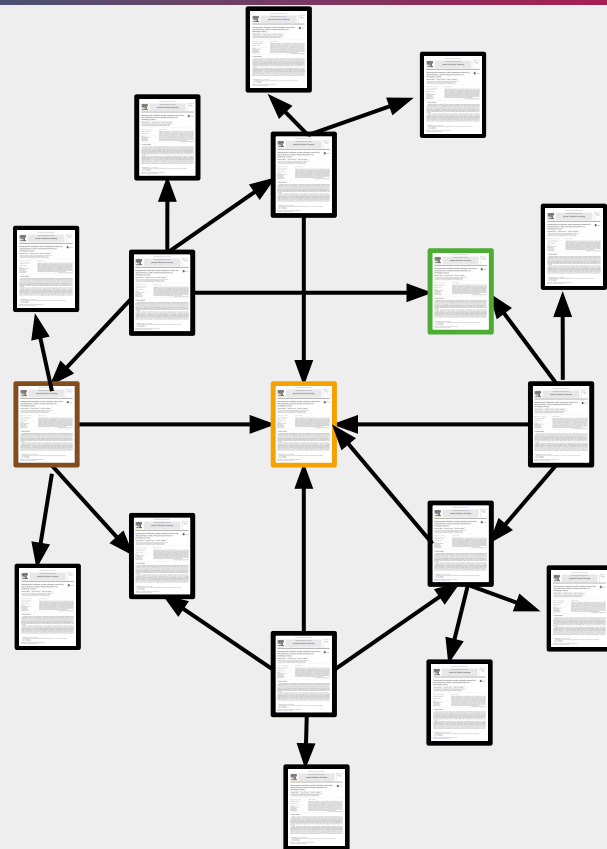


Structurals

3. High out-degree and 0 in-degree



Current



Data

[Web of Science](#)

TITLE: (social networks) AND TOPIC: (organization)

306 papers

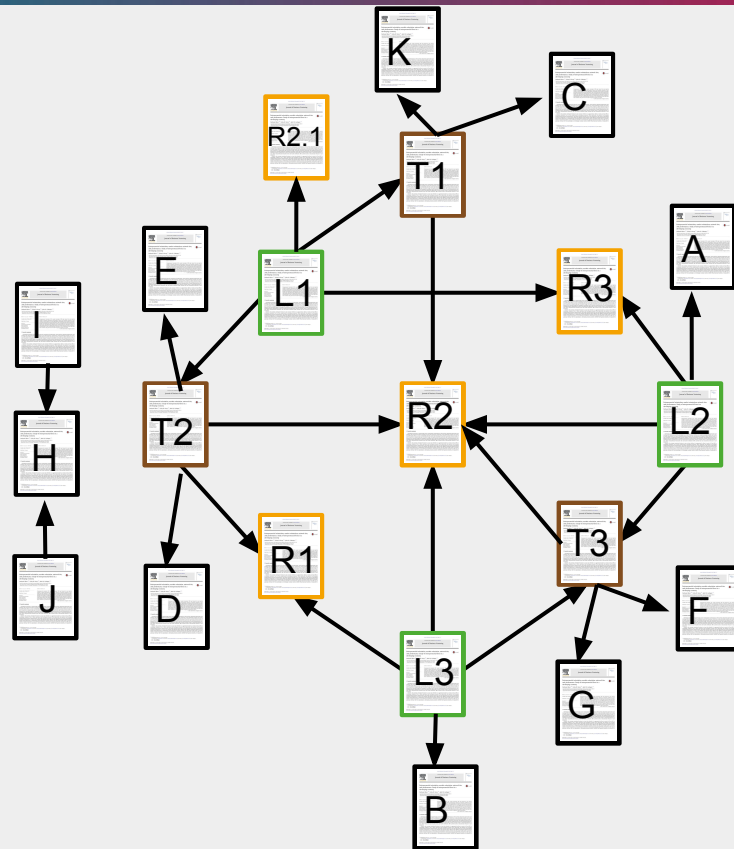
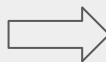
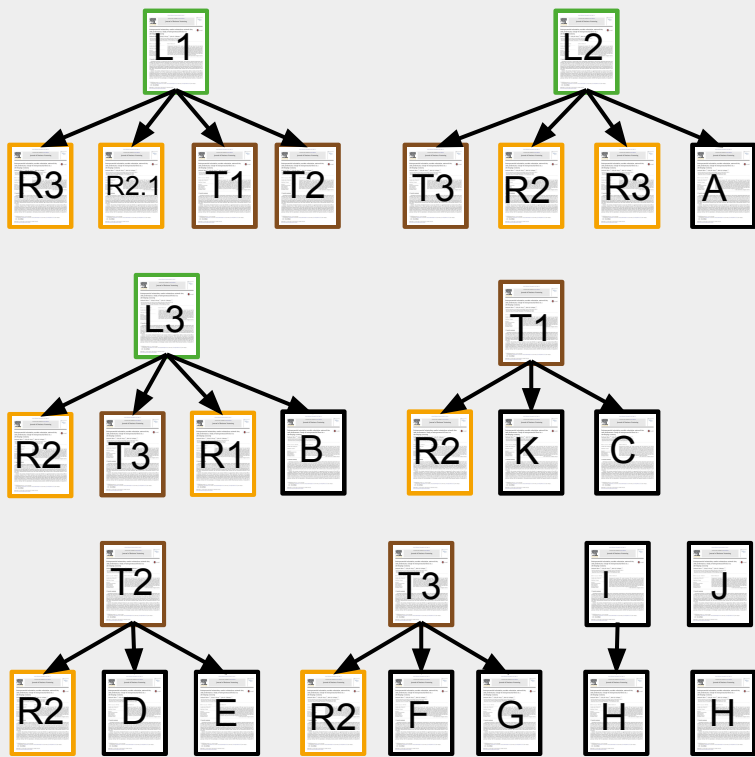
Getting Data

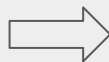
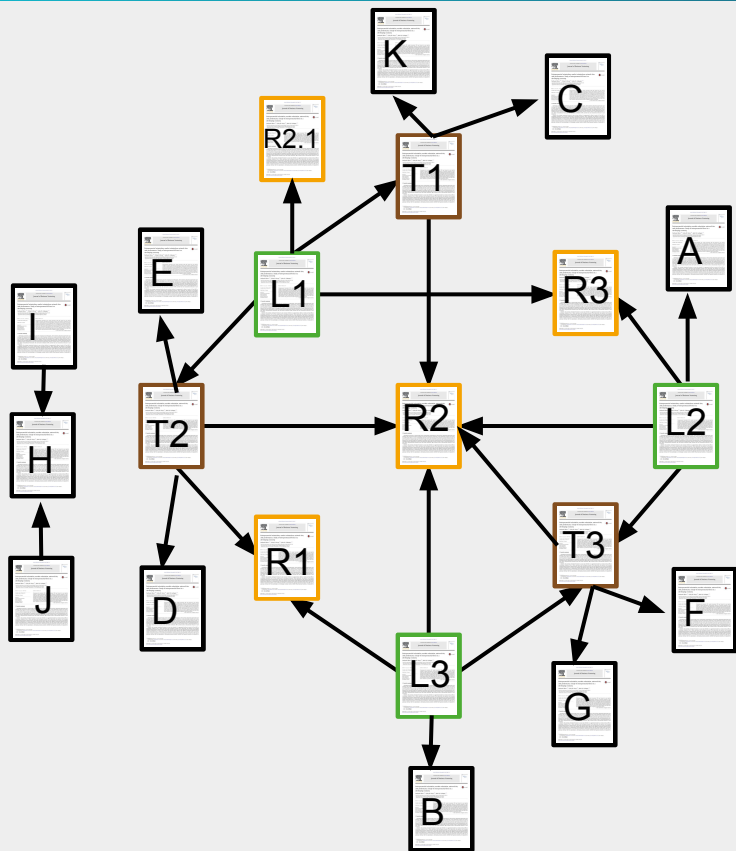
Cleaning Data

Tidying Data

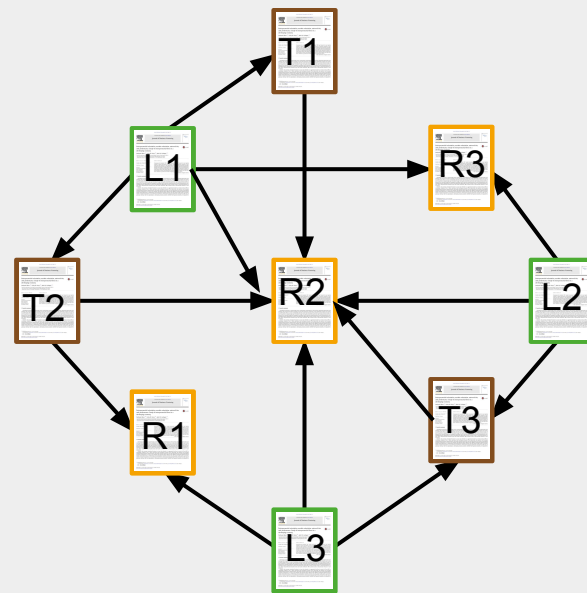
Exploratory Analysis

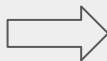
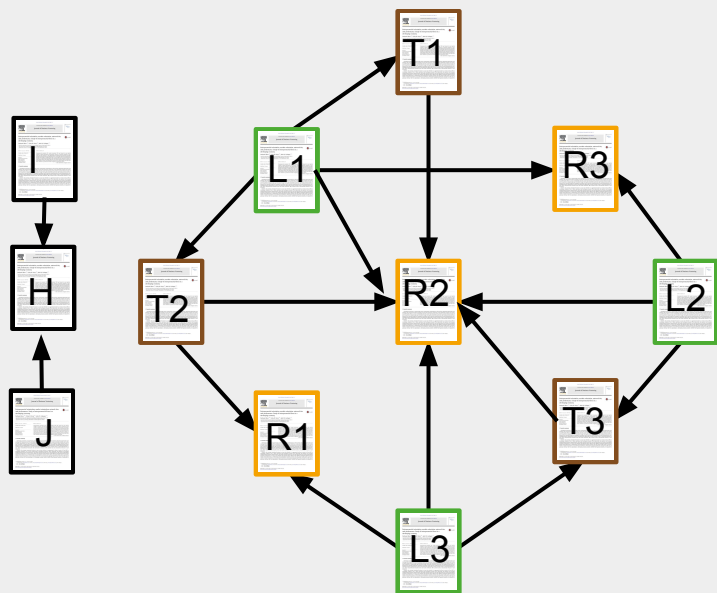
Results



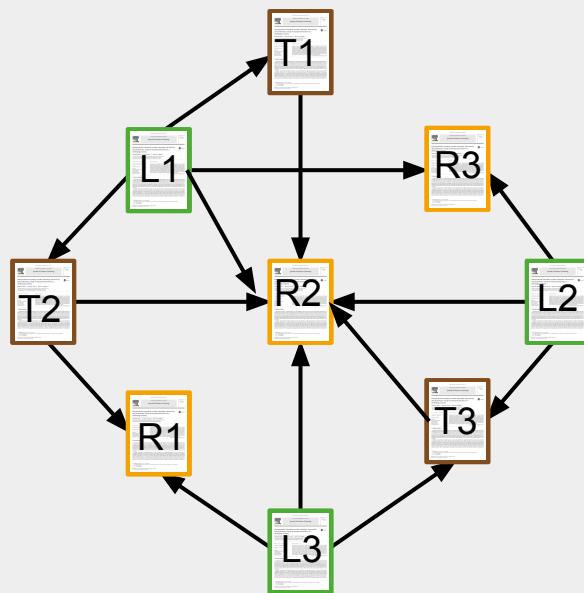


Deleting nodes with in-degree = 1 and out-degree = 0





Extracting the giant component



Deleting in and out degree attributes

```
net.tidied.2 <- delete_vertex_attr(net.tidied.1, "outdegree" )  
net.tidied.3 <- delete_vertex_attr(net.tidied.2, "indegree" )  
net.tidied <- net.tidied.3  
summary(net.tidied)
```

```
IGRAPH DN-- 1062 3115 --  
+ attr: name (v/c), label (v/c)
```

Global Properties

Density

```
graph.density(net.tidied)
```

Transitivity

```
transitivity(net.tidied, type = "global")
```

Diameter

```
diameter(net.tidied, directed = TRUE, weights = NA)
```

Centralization

```
centr_degree(net.tidied, mode = "all")$centralization
```

Local Properties

Degree: in and out

```
V(net.tidied)$indegree <- degree(net.tidied, mode = "in")
```

```
V(net.tidied)$outdegree <- degree(net.tidied, mode = "out")
```

```
V(net.tidied)$degree <- degree(net.tidied, mode = "all")
```

Betweenness

```
V(net.tidied)$bet <- betweenness(net.tidied)
```

Bonacich

```
V(net.tidied)$bonacich <- power_centrality(net.tidied)
```

Transitivity

```
V(net.tidied)$transitivity <- transitivity(net.tidied, type  
= "local")
```

```
head(as_data_frame(net.tidied, what = "vertices"))
```

Subgroups and communities

Based on greedy optimization of modularity

```
community <-  
cluster_fast_greedy(as.undirected(net.tidied))  
V(net.tidied)$community <- community$membership
```

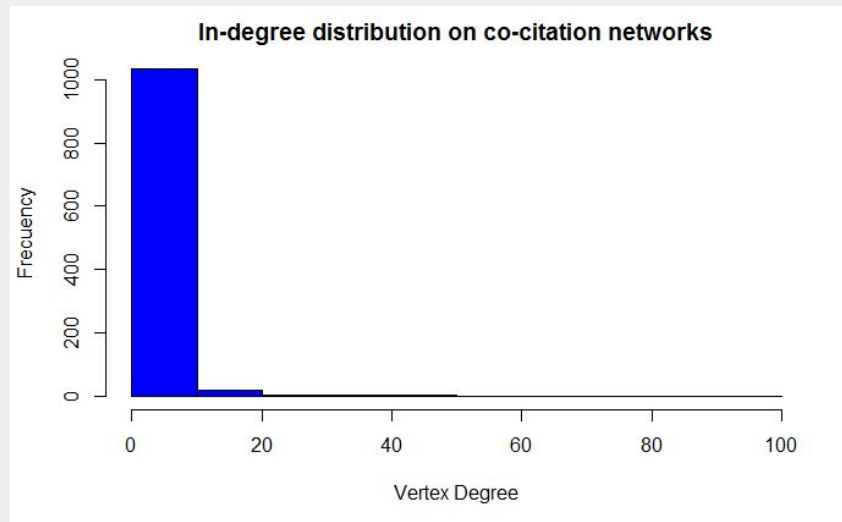
Coreness

```
V(net.tidied)$coreness <- coreness(net.tidied)
```

Topological Properties

Degree Distribution

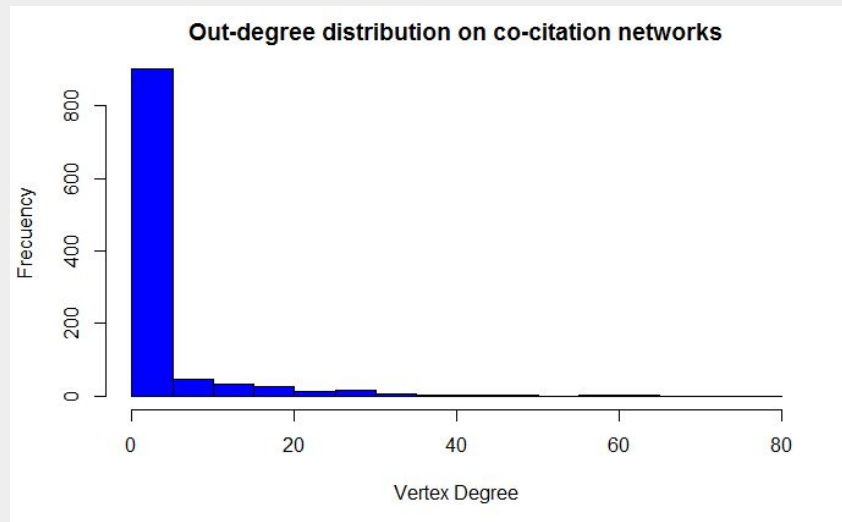
```
hist(degree(net.tidied, mode = "in"), col="blue",  
     main = "In-degree distribution on co-citation networks",  
     xlab = "Vertex Degree", ylab = "Frequency")
```



Topological Properties

Degree Distribution

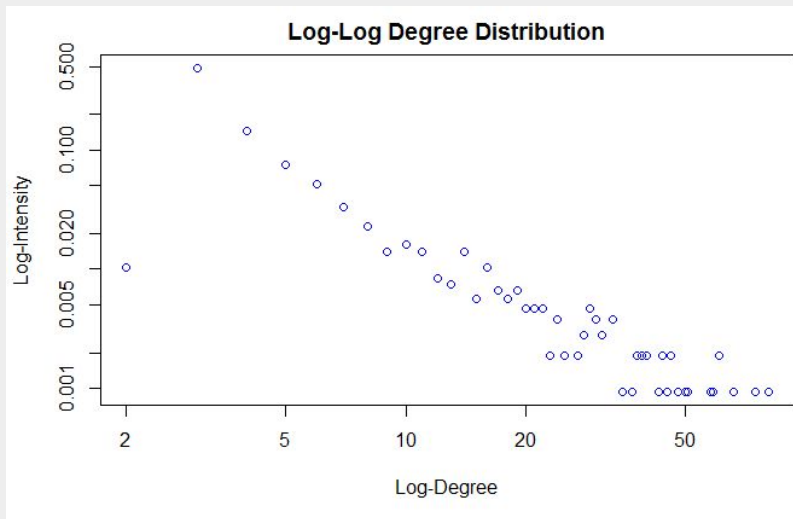
```
hist(degree(net.tidied, mode = "out"), col="blue",  
     main = "Out-degree distribution on co-citation networks",  
     xlab = "Vertex Degree", ylab = "Frequency")
```



Topological Properties

Log - Log Degree Distribution

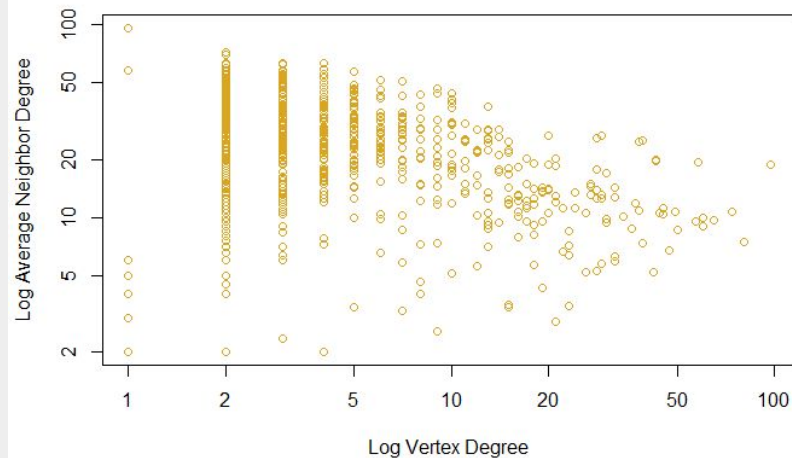
```
d.net.tidied <- degree(net.tidied, mode = "all")  
dd.net.tidied <- degree.distribution(net.tidied)  
d <- 1:max(d.net.tidied)  
ind <- (dd.net.tidied != 0)  
plot(d[ind], dd.net.tidied[ind], log = "xy", col = "blue",  
      xlab = c("Log-Degree"), ylab = c("Log-Intensity"),  
      main = "Log-Log Degree Distribution")
```



Topological Properties

Log - Log Average Neighbor Degree

```
a.nn.deg.net.tidied <- graph.knn(net.tidied,V(net.tidied))$knn  
plot(d.net.tidied, a.nn.deg.net.tidied,  
     log="xy", col="goldenrod",  
     xlab=c("Log Vertex Degree"),  
     ylab=c("Log Average Neighbor Degree"))
```



Identifying key actors in the network: Seminal, Structural, and Current papers

```
df.1 <- as_data_frame(net.tidied, what = "vertices")
df.1 <- df.1[, c("label", "outdegree", "indegree", "bet")]
seminals <- df.1[df.1$outdegree == 0,]
seminals <- head(seminals[order(seminals$indegree,
                                rev(seminals$indegree),
                                decreasing = TRUE), "label"], 10)
structurals <- head(df.1[order(df.1$bet, rev(df.1$bet),
                              decreasing = TRUE), "label"], 10)
currents <- df.1[df.1$indegree == 0,]
currents <- head(currents[order(currents$outdegree,
                                rev(currents$outdegree),
                                decreasing = TRUE), "label"], 10)
key.papers <- data.frame(seminals, structurals, currents, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
```

Identifying key actors in the network: Seminal, Structural, and Current papers

| | seminals | structurals | currents |
|----|---|--|---|
| 1 | Wasserman S., 1994, Social Network Anal, P249 | Cross R, 2002, Calif Manage Rev, V44, P25 | Farine Dr, 2015, J Anim Ecol, V84, P1144, Doi 10.11... |
| 2 | Scott J., 1991, Social Network Anal, P92 | Borgatti Sp, 2009, J Supply Chain Manag, V45, P5, Doi... | Conway S, 2014, Brit J Manage, V25, P102, Doi 10.11... |
| 3 | Freeman Lc, 1979, Soc Networks, V1, P215, Doi 10.1... | Burt Rs, 2013, Annu Rev Psychol, V64, P527, Doi 10.... | Rose Pe, 2015, Anim Welfare, V24, P123, Doi 10.712... |
| 4 | Borgatti S. P., 2002, Ucinet Windows Softw | Fattore G, 2009, Health Policy, V92, P141, Doi 10.10... | El Louadi M, 2008, Knowl Man Res Pract, V6, P199, D... |
| 5 | Granovetter Ms, 1973, Am J Sociol, V78, P1360, Doi 1... | Hu C, 2008, Int J Hosp Manag, V27, P302, Doi 10.10... | Ho Y, 2013, Asia Pac J Manag, V30, P1265, Doi 10.1... |
| 6 | Burt R. S., 1992, Structural Holes Soc | Kasper C, 2009, Primates, V50, P343, Doi 10.1007/s... | Diez-vial I, 2014, Knowl Man Res Pract, V12, P276, D... |
| 7 | Borgatti Sp, 2003, J Manage, V29, P991, Doi 10.1016... | James R, 2009, Behav Ecol Sociobiol, V63, P989, Doi ... | Sutanto J, 2011, Long Range Plann, V44, P421, Doi 1... |
| 8 | Hanneman Ra, 2005, Intro Social Network | Yousefi-nooraie R, 2012, BMC Health Serv Res, V12, ... | Garcia Md, 2016, Rev Esp Investig Soc, P23, Doi 10.5... |
| 9 | Borgatti Sp, 2009, Science, V323, P892, Doi 10.1126... | Makagon Mm, 2012, Appl Anim Behav Sci, V138, P15... | Khan Gf, 2016, Commun Assoc Inf Sys, V39, P367 |
| 10 | Borgatti Sp, 2005, Soc Networks, V27, P55, Doi 10.10... | Allen J, 2007, R&d Manage, V37, P179, Doi 10.1111/... | Zheng X, 2016, Int J Proj Manag, V34, P1214, Doi 10.... |

Creating Graphs: Undirected

Graph Data

Plotting

```
library(igraph)
```

```
library(sand)
```

Create a graph object `g` with `N = 7` vertices

```
g <- graph.formula(1-2, 1-3, 2-3, 2-4, 3-5, 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, 5-6, 6-7)
```

To see the vertices

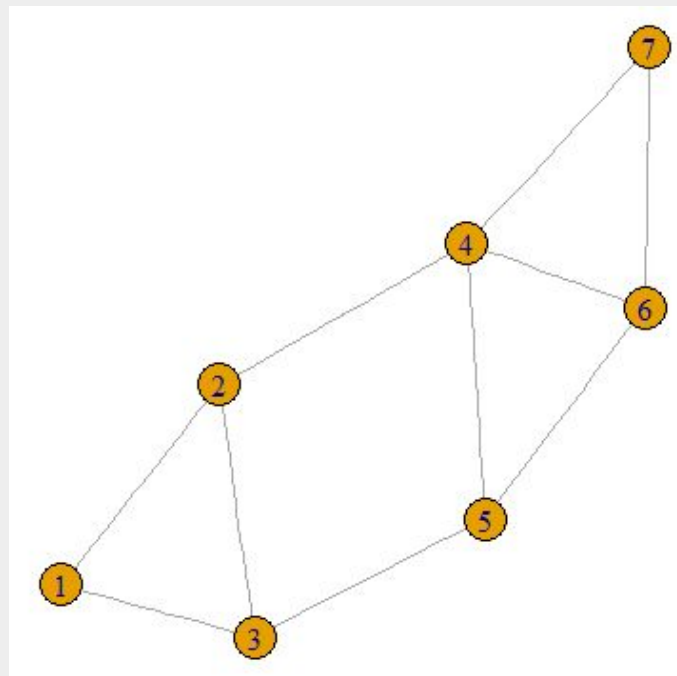
```
V(g)
```

```
> V(g)
+ 7/7 vertices, named:
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
```

To see the edges

```
E(g)
```

```
> E(g)
+ 10/10 edges (vertex names):
[1] 1--2 1--3 2--3 2--4 3--5 4--5 4--6 4--7 5--6 6--7
```



More compressed format

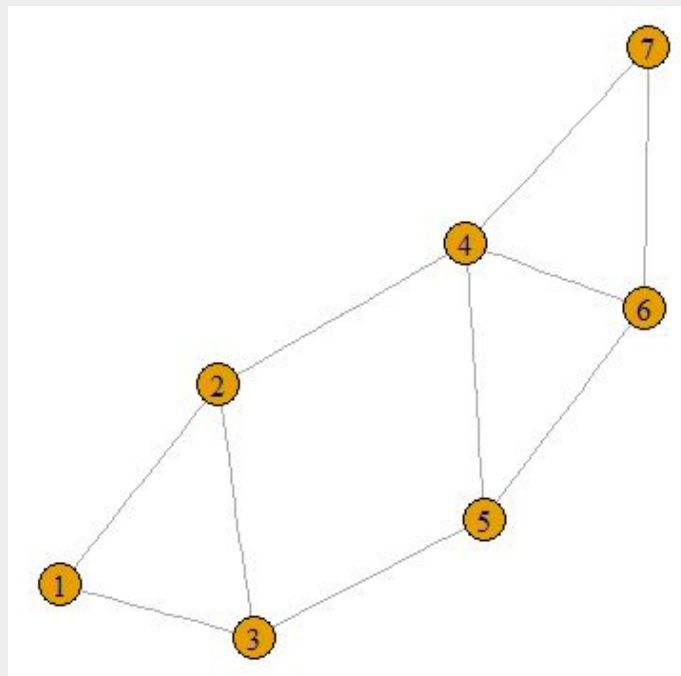
str(g)

```
> str(g)
IGRAPH UN-- 7 10 --
+ attr: name (v/c)
+ edges (vertex names):
1 -- 2, 3
2 -- 1, 3, 4
3 -- 1, 2, 5
4 -- 2, 5, 6, 7
5 -- 3, 4, 6
6 -- 4, 5, 7
7 -- 4, 6
```

UN : Undirected

UNW: Undirected + Weighted

plot(g)



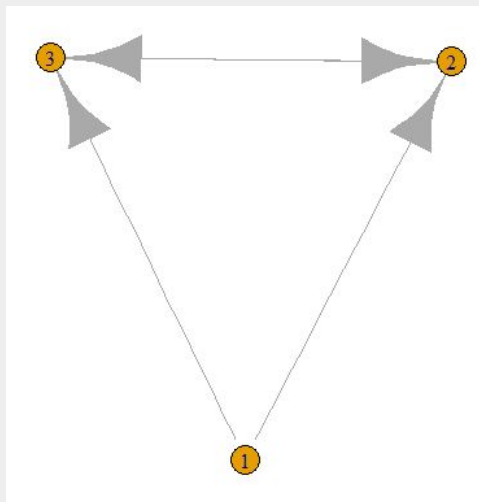
Creating Graphs: Directed

Graph Data

Plotting

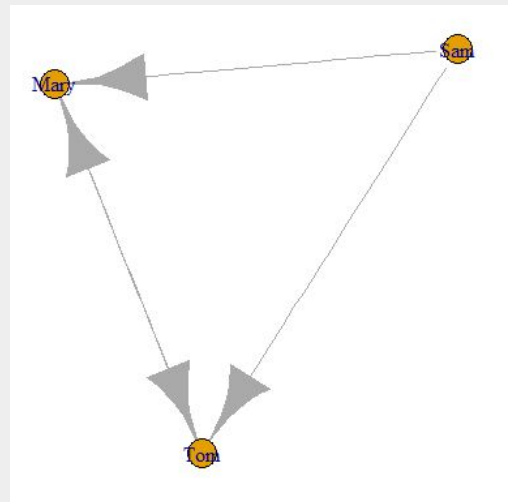
```
dg <- graph.formula(1->2, 1->3, 2->3)
```

```
plot(dg)
```



```
dg.1 <- graph.formula(Sam->Mary, Sam->Tom, Mary->Tom)
```

```
plot(dg.1)
```



Creating Graphs: Representations

Graph Data

Plotting

```
edgelist <- get.edgelist(g)
View(edgelist)
```

| V1 | V2 |
|----|----|
| 1 | 2 |
| 1 | 3 |
| 2 | 3 |
| 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 5 |
| 4 | 5 |
| 4 | 6 |
| 4 | 7 |
| 5 | 6 |
| 6 | 7 |

```
matrix <- as.matrix(get.adjacency(g))
View(matrix)
```

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

```
adjlist <- get.adjlist(g)
adjlist
```

```
> adjlist
$`1`
+ 2/7 vertices, named:
[1] 2 3

$`2`
+ 3/7 vertices, named:
[1] 1 3 4

$`3`
+ 3/7 vertices, named:
[1] 1 2 5

$`4`
+ 4/7 vertices, named:
[1] 2 5 6 7

$`5`
+ 3/7 vertices, named:
[1] 3 4 6

$`6`
+ 3/7 vertices, named:
[1] 4 5 7

$`7`
+ 2/7 vertices, named:
[1] 4 6
```

Consider the subgraph of g induced by the first five vertices.

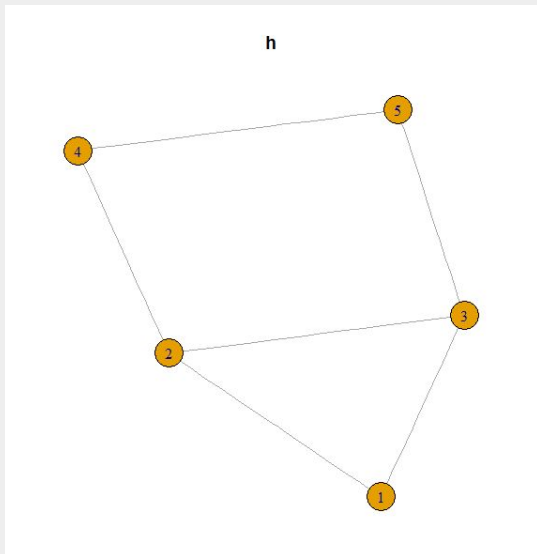
```
h <- induced.subgraph(g, 1:5)  
plot(h)
```

Also, we could remove vertices 6 and 7 from g to generate h

```
h <- g - vertices(c(6,7))
```

Recovering g from h by adding these two vertices and the appropriate edges

```
h <- h + vertices(c(6,7))  
plot(h)  
g <- h + edges(c(4,6),c(4,7),c(5,6),c(6,7))  
plot(g)
```



Creating Graphs

```
dg.2 <- graph.formula(1-+2, 1-+3, 2++3)  
plot(dg.1)
```

Adding a name to our graph

```
dg.2$name <- "Toy Graph"
```

Adding names to our nodes

```
V(dg.2)$name <- c("Sam", "Mary", "Tom")
```

Adding gender to our nodes

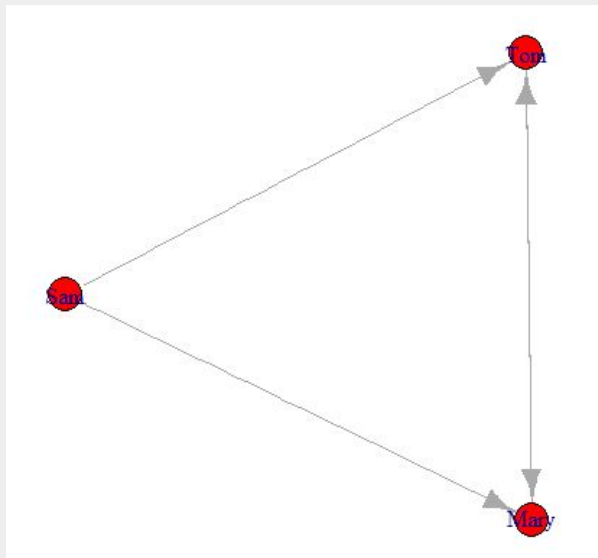
```
V(dg.2)$gender <- c("M", "F", "M")
```

Adding color to our nodes

```
V(dg.2)$color <- "red"
```

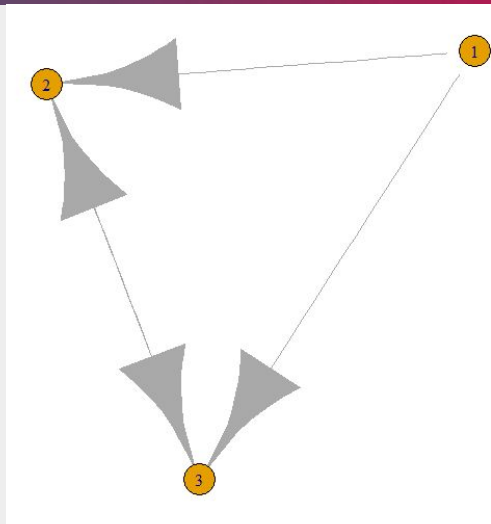
```
summary(dg.2)
```

```
plot(dg.2)
```



Graph Data: Adding Attributes

Plotting



```
library(sand)
```

View vertices and edges

```
View(elist.lazega)
```

```
View(v.attr.lazega)
```

Convert them into a graph object (g.lazega)

```
g.lazega <- graph.data.frame(elist.lazega, directed="FALSE", vertices=v.attr.lazega)
```

Checking the values of the graph

```
vcount(g.lazega)
```

```
ecount(g.lazega)
```

```
list.vertex.attributes(g.lazega)
```

```
summary(g.lazega)
```

| Name | Seniority | Status | Gender | Office | Years | Age | Practice | School |
|------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----|----------|--------|
| V1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 64 | 1 | 1 |
| V2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 62 | 2 | 1 |
| V3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 67 | 1 | 1 |
| V4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 59 | 2 | 3 |

elist.lazega

| V1 | V2 |
|----|-----|
| V1 | V17 |
| V2 | V7 |
| V2 | V16 |
| V2 | V17 |

Uploading vertices and edges

```
vertices <- read.csv("vertices.csv", stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
edges <- read.csv("edges.csv", stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
```



Convert them into a graph object (g.lazega.1)

```
g.lazega.1 <- graph.data.frame(edges, directed = "FALSE",
                               vertices = vertices)
```

Uploading graph object

```
lazega <- read.graph("lazega.graphml", format = "graphml")
summary(lazega)
plot(lazega)
```

Uploading matrix file

```
matrix.lazega <- read.csv("matrix_1.csv", stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
matrix.lazega.1 <- as.matrix(matrix.lazega)
g.matrix.lazega <- graph.adjacency(adjmatrix = matrix.lazega.1, mode = "undirected")
```



```
summary(g.matrix.lazega )
```

Exporting graph objects as vertices and edges

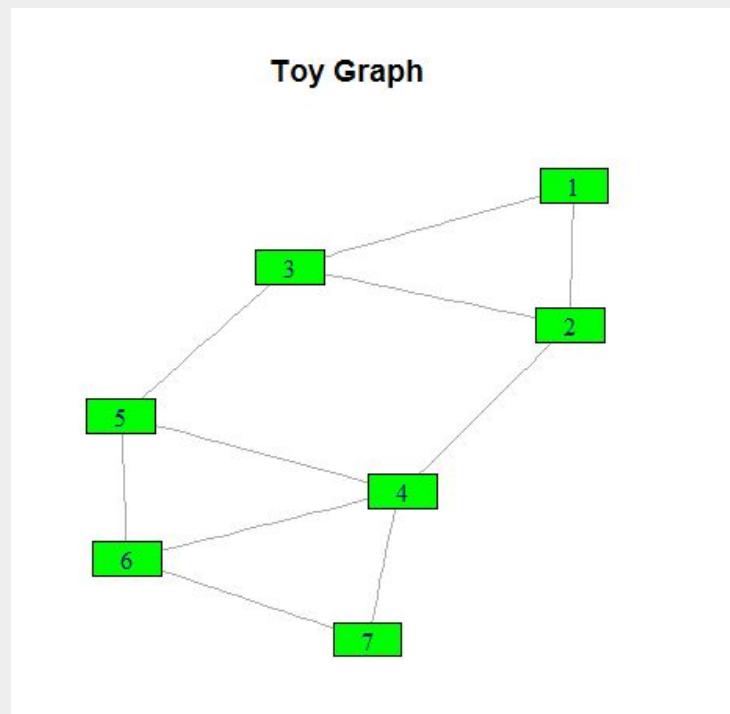
```
write.csv(v.attr.lazega, "lazega_vertices.csv", row.names = FALSE)
```

```
write.csv(elist.lazega, "lazega_edges.csv", row.names = FALSE)
```

Exporting graph objects as graph objects

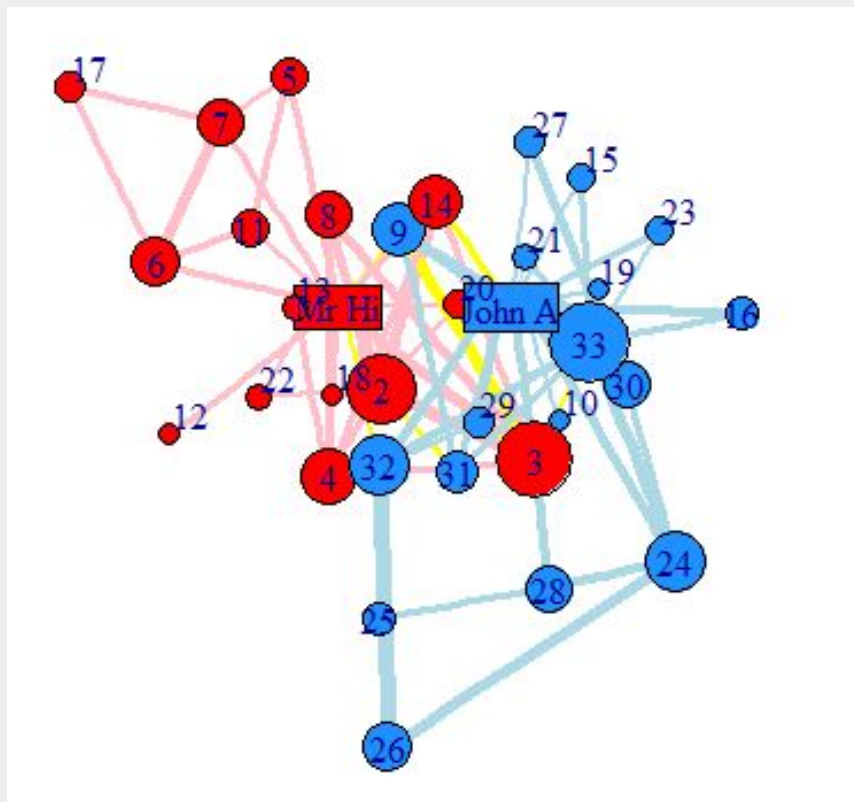
```
write.graph(g.lazega, "lazega.graphml", format = "graphml")
```

```
plot(g, vertex.size = 30, vertex.shape = "rectangle", vertex.color = "green")  
title("Toy Graph")
```



```
library(igraphdata)
data(karate)
set.seed(42)
l <- layout.kamada.kawai(karate)
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
plot(karate, layout=l, vertex.label=NA)
V(karate)$label <- sub("Actor ", "", V(karate)$name)
V(karate)$shape <- "circle"
V(karate)[c("Mr Hi", "John A")]$shape <- "rectangle"
V(karate)[Faction == 1]$color <- "red"
V(karate)[Faction == 2]$color <- "dodgerblue"
V(karate)$size <- 4*sqrt(graph.strength(karate))
V(karate)$size2 <- V(karate)$size * .5
```

```
E(karate)$width <- E(karate)$weight
F1 <- V(karate)[Faction==1]
F2 <- V(karate)[Faction==2]
E(karate)[ F1 %--% F1 ]$color <- "pink"
E(karate)[ F2 %--% F2 ]$color <- "lightblue"
E(karate)[ F1 %--% F2 ]$color <- "yellow"
V(karate)$label.dist <-
  ifelse(V(karate)$size >= 10, 0, 0.75)
plot(karate, layout=l)
```



We are going to do an exploratory analysis of karate dataset

```
karate.vertices <- read.csv("Practice_karate_vertices.csv", stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
```

```
karate.edges <- read.csv("Practice_karate_edges.csv", stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
```

View(head(karate.edges))

| | from | to | weight |
|---|-------|---------|--------|
| 1 | Mr Hi | Actor 2 | 4 |
| 2 | Mr Hi | Actor 3 | 5 |
| 3 | Mr Hi | Actor 4 | 3 |
| 4 | Mr Hi | Actor 5 | 3 |
| 5 | Mr Hi | Actor 6 | 3 |
| 6 | Mr Hi | Actor 7 | 3 |

View(head(karate.vertices))

| | Faction | name | label | color |
|---|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 1 | Mr Hi | H | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | Actor 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 3 | 1 | Actor 3 | 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 1 | Actor 4 | 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 | Actor 5 | 5 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | Actor 6 | 6 | 1 |

Zachary, Wayne W. "An information flow model for conflict and fission in small groups." Journal of anthropological research 33.4 (1977): 452-473.

Now, we need to create our graph object

```
net.karate <- graph.data.frame(karate.edges, directed = FALSE)
```

```
summary(net.karate)
```

```
IGRAPH UNW- 34 78 --
```

```
+ attr: name (v/c), Faction (v/n), weight (e/n)
```

Adding attributes to vertices

```
net.karate.1 <- set.vertex.attribute(net.karate, name = "Faction",  
                                     value = karate.vertices$Faction)  
net.karate.2 <- set.vertex.attribute(net.karate, name = "label",  
                                     value = karate.vertices$label)  
net.karate.3 <- set.vertex.attribute(net.karate, name = "color",  
                                     value = karate.vertices$color)  
net.karate.tidied <- net.karate.3
```

```
summary(net.karate.tidied)
```

```
IGRAPH UNW- 34 78 --  
+ attr: name (v/c), Faction (v/n), color (v/n), weight (e/n)
```

Global properties

Density

```
edge_density(net.karate.tidied, loops = FALSE)
```

Transitivity

```
transitivity(net.karate.tidied, type = "global")
```

Diameter

```
diameter(net.karate.tidied, directed = TRUE, weights = NA)
```

Centralization

```
centr_degree(net.karate.tidied, mode = "all")$centralization
```

Local properties

Degree

```
V(net.karate.tidied)$degree <- degree(net.karate.tidied, mode = "all")
```

Betweenness

```
V(net.karate.tidied)$bet <- betweenness(net.karate.tidied)
```

Bonacich

```
V(net.karate.tidied)$bonacich <- power_centrality(net.karate.tidied)
```

Transitivity

```
V(net.karate.tidied)$transitivity <- transitivity(net.karate.tidied, type = "local")
```

```
View(head(as_data_frame(net.karate.tidied, what = "vertices")))
```

Subgroups and communities

Greedy optimization of modularity

```
community <- cluster_fast_greedy(as.undirected(net.karate.tidied))  
V(net.karate.tidied)$community <- community$membership
```

```
table(V(net.karate.tidied)$community)
```

Coreness

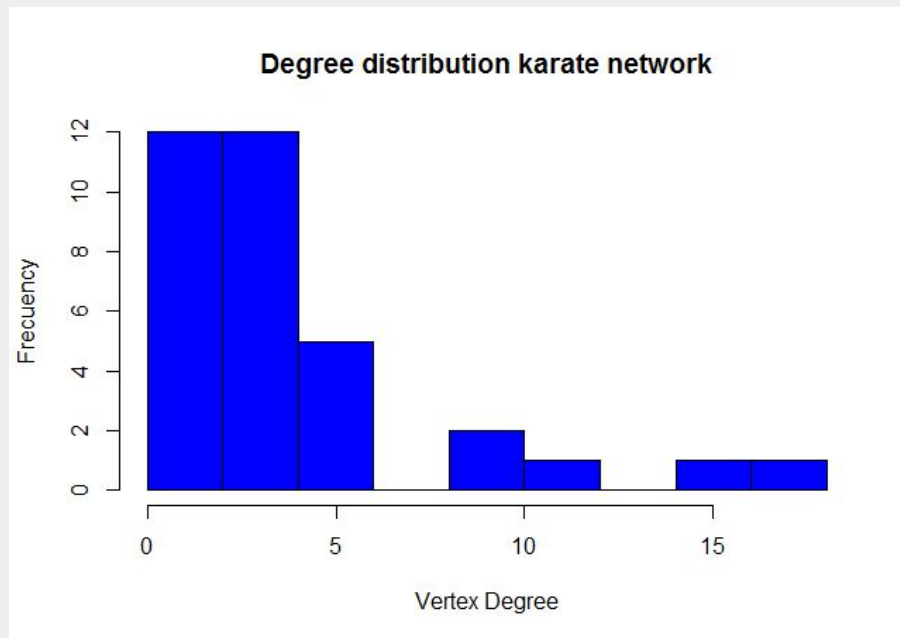
```
V(net.karate.tidied)$coreness <- coreness(net.karate.tidied)
```

```
table(V(net.karate.tidied)$coreness)
```

Topological Properties

Degree distribution

```
hist(degree(net.karate.tidied, mode = "all"), col="blue",  
     main = "Degree distribution karate network",  
     xlab = "Vertex Degree", ylab = "Frequency")
```

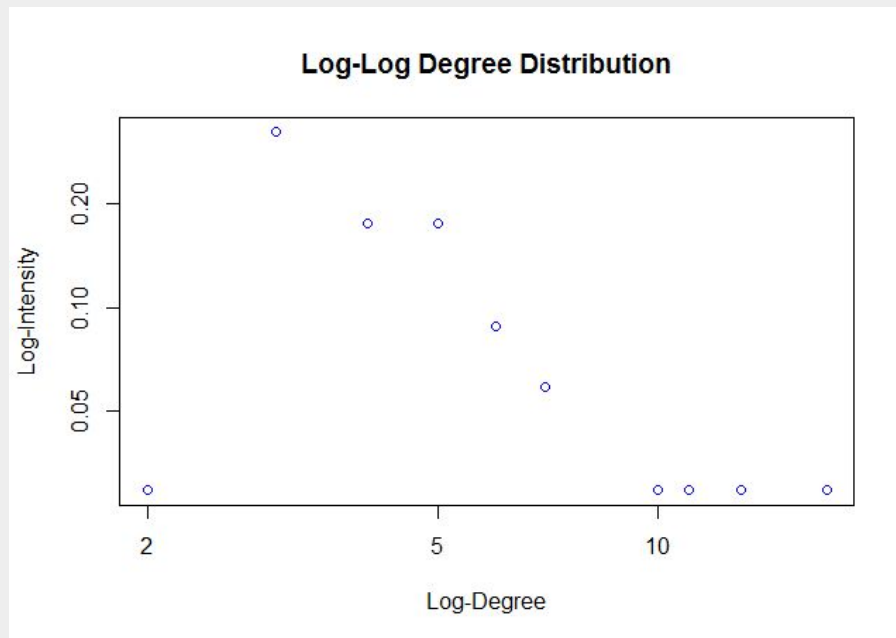


Topological Properties

Log - log Degree distribution

```
d.net.karate.tidied <- degree(net.karate.tidied, mode = "all")  
dd.net.karate.tidied <- degree.distribution(net.karate.tidied)
```

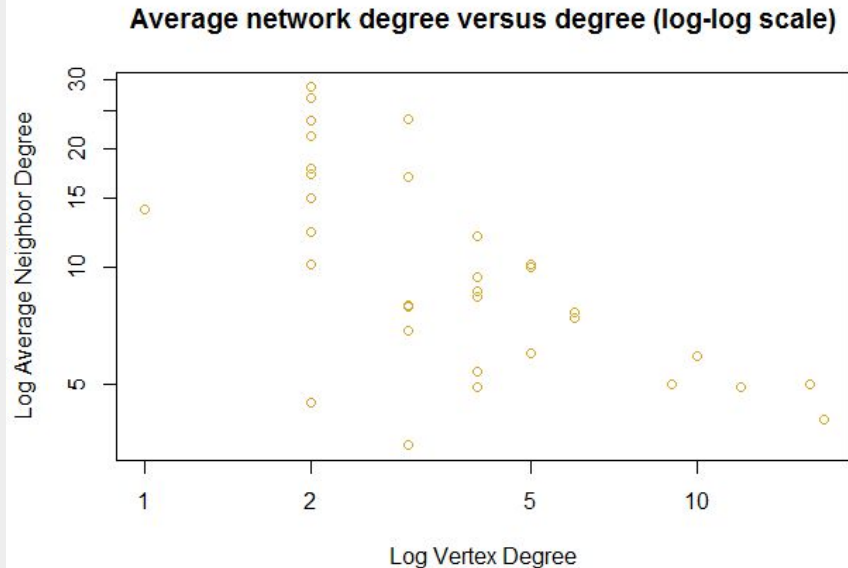
```
d <- 1:max(d.net.karate.tidied)  
ind <- (dd.net.karate.tidied != 0)  
plot(d[ind], dd.net.karate.tidied[ind], log = "xy", col = "blue",  
      xlab = c("Log-Degree"), ylab = c("Log-Intensity"),  
      main = "Log-Log Degree Distribution")
```



Topological Properties

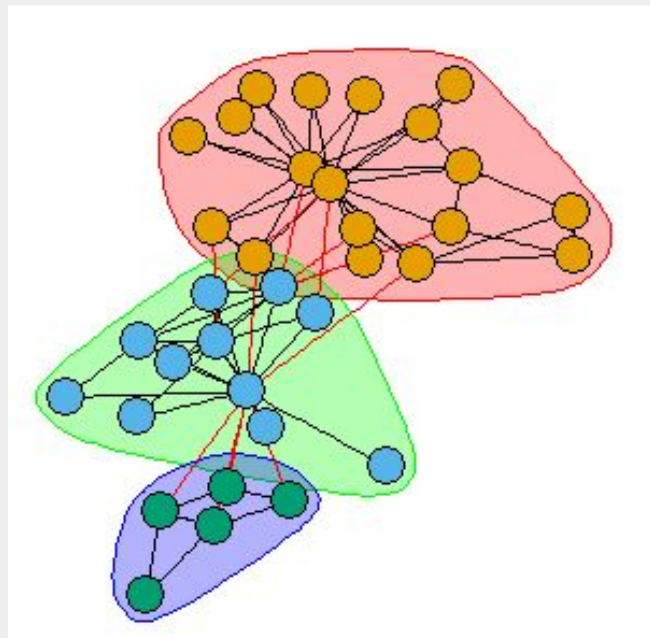
Average network degree versus vertex degree

```
a.nn.deg.net.karate.tidied <- graph.knn(net.karate.tidied,  
  V(net.karate.tidied))$knn  
plot(d.net.karate.tidied, a.nn.deg.net.karate.tidied,  
  log="xy", col="goldenrod",  
  xlab=c("Log Vertex Degree"),  
  ylab=c("Log Average Neighbor Degree"),  
  main =  
  "Average network degree versus degree (log-log scale)")
```



Visualization

```
kc <- fastgreedy.community(net.karate.tidied)  
plot(kc, net.karate.tidied, vertex.label = NA)
```



THANKS!