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1 Task 1

In this task, we were to transform the Network 8 ("Positive and negative choices in a football team") to Pajek [1]. The given network is **unimodal** (vertices represent only football players), **signed** (positive and negative relationships are observed between players), and both **arcs and edges** are present in the network. The original network is displayed in the figure below.

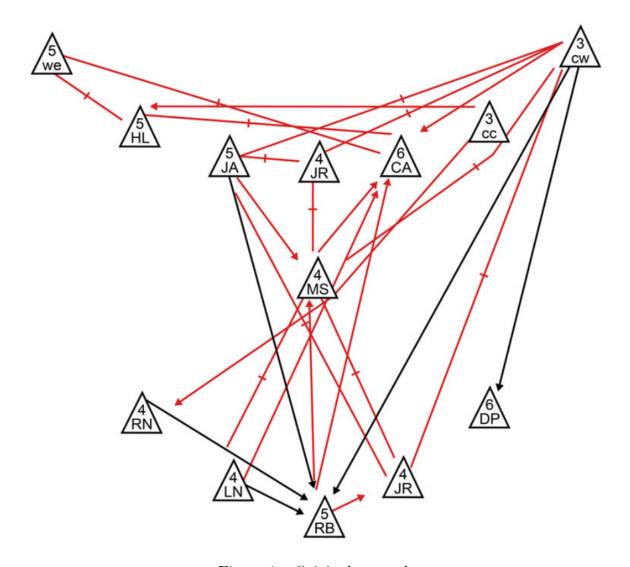


Figure 1 – Original network

At first, we created a Pajek's network data format (.net) file with all vertices, arcs and edges of the network [2]. In addition, the colours of lines were specified [3]. The structure of the file is listed below.

```
1 *Vertices 13
```

^{2 1 &}quot;5 WE"

^{3 2 &}quot;5 HL"

^{4 3 &}quot;5 JA"

```
5
      4 "4 JR"
 6
      5 "6 CA"
      6 "3 CC"
      7 "3 CW"
 9
      8 "4 MS"
10
      9 "4 RN"
11
      10 "4 LN"
12
      11 "5 RB"
13
      12 "4 JR"
      13 "6 DP"
14
15 *Arcs
16
      3 8 1 c Dandelion
17
      3 11 -1 c RedOrange
18
      6 2 1 c Dandelion
19
      6 9 1 c Dandelion
20
      7 11 -1 c RedOrange
21
      7 13 -1 c RedOrange
22
      8 5 1 c Dandelion
23
      9 11 -1 c RedOrange
24
      10 5 1 c Dandelion
25
      10 11 -1 c RedOrange
26
      11 5 1 c Dandelion
      11 12 1 c Dandelion
28 *Edges
29
      1 2 1 c RedViolet
30
      1 5 1 c RedViolet
31
      2 5 1 c RedViolet
32
      3 7 1 c RedViolet
33
      3 4 1 c RedViolet
34
      3 12 1 c RedViolet
35
      4 7 1 c RedViolet
36
      4 8 1 c RedViolet
      7 8 1 c RedViolet
38
      7 12 1 c RedViolet
39
      8 10 1 c RedViolet
40
      8 12 1 c RedViolet
```

Listing 1 – Pajek net file

Next, we proceeded with visualisation of the network [4]. After selecting **Draw** command, the default circular layout of the network appeared (Figure 2).

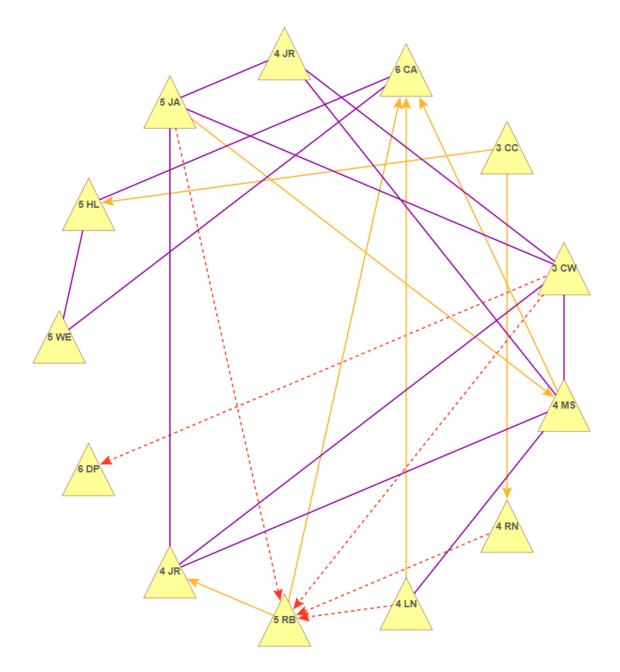


Figure 2 – Default layout

To restore the resemblance, we need to manually move vertices, as on the original network. The layout might be not very neat, however, it represents the **actual positions** of a football team on a stadium. This way we understand how the observed network describes the actual situation in a real football game.

The result is in the Figure 3.

As it is common in network analysis, negative links are drawn with **dotted lines**, and here we additionally marked them with red colour. Arcs have arrows on the ends and they are orange or red, and edges are violet (all edges are positive).

We may try another layout — Kamada-Kawai. This layout puts important ver-

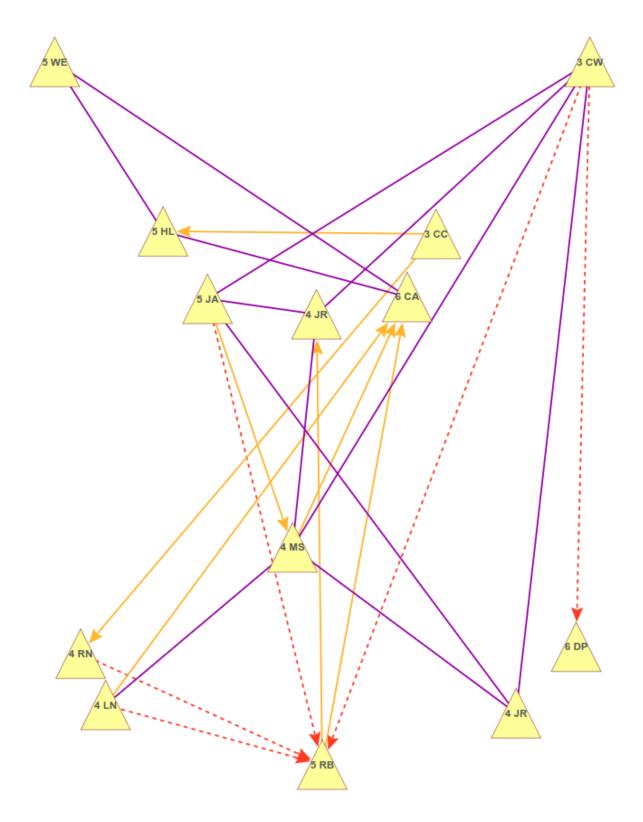


Figure 3 – The layout similar to the given network

tices closer to the centre of the diagram. The result looks satisfying (Figure 4)

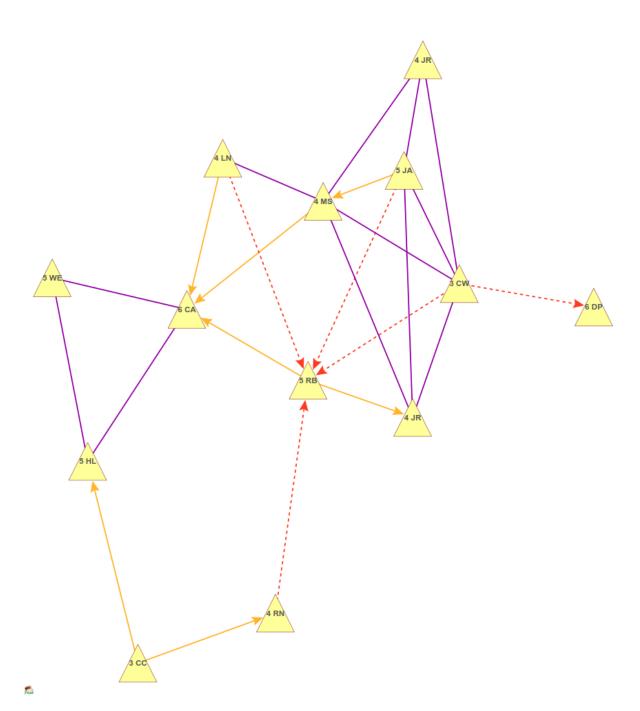


Figure 4 – The layout similar to the given network

2 Task 2

In this task, we are to analyse the Mexican political elite network, which is displayed in the picture below. At first glance, one can notice that the given network is undirected and unweighted. Let us examine the network more closely.

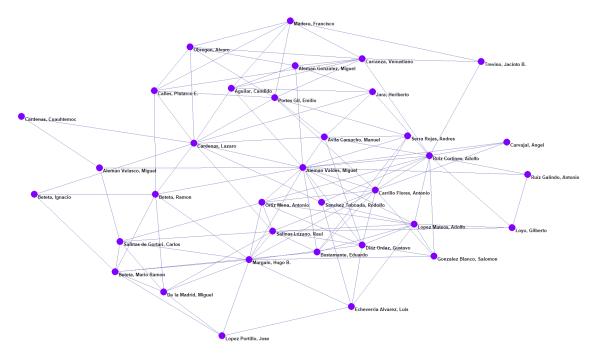


Figure 5 – Mexican political elite network

2.1 Subtask 1. Basic characteristics

Overall, the network has **35 vertices**, which represent Mexican presidents and close collaborators, and **117 edges** that indicate the presence of political, kinship, friendship, or business ties between the actors (Figure 6). Also, our network has zero arcs (due to its **undirected nature**), no loops. Given that all of the network's lines are equal to 1, we can confirm that the network is **unweighted**. Since the observed network does not differentiate between the types of actor interaction, it is **unimodal** and **does not contain multiple lines**. The density of our network, which is basically the ratio of links to nodes, is quite low, reaching 0.196, which means that only 19.6 percent of all possible edges are present. This implies that the network is not as connected as it could be. The network's **average degree** equals 6.69, which suggests that on average, each node in the network has 6.69 links.

kilobytes of free virtual add	ress space: 137	434 464 676 kB
1. mexican_power.net (35)		
Number of vertices (n): 35		
	Arcs	Edges
Total number of lines	0	117
Number of loops Number of multiple lines	0	0
Density1 [loops allowed] = Density2 [no loops allowed] = Average Degree = 6.68571429		

Figure 6 – General network information



Figure 7 – The network is unweighted

As can be noticed from Figure 8, the network's **lowest degree** equals 2 (Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas), whereas the largest amounts to 17 (Miguel Alemán Valdés). Thus, we can conclude that having direct contact with many other actors, Miguel Alemán Valdés is the **most influential node** in our network. The network's plot with the vertex sizes and colours adjusted by their degree values can be viewed in the Figure 16.

```
5. All Degree of N1 (35)
Dimension: 35
The lowest value:
                                             2.0000
The highest value:
                                            17.0000
Sum (all values):
                                           234.0000
Arithmetic mean:
                                             6.6857
                                             6.0000
Median:
Standard deviation:
                                             3.2669
 2.5% Quantile:
                                             2.8500
 5.0% Quantile:
                                             3.0000
95.0% Quantile:
                                            12.3000
97.5% Quantile:
                                            13.6000
```

Figure 8 – Degree

The network's **diameter** amounts to 4, which refers to the length of the longest of all the shortest paths — in our case, it is the path from Madero Francisco to José López Portillo (Figure 9).

```
Searching the longest shortest path in 1. mexican power.net (35)

Working...

Result:

The longest shortest path from Madero, Francisco (1) to Lopez Portillo, Jose (29). Diameter is 4.
```

Figure 9 – Degree

Our network has only **one component**, consisting of the whole graph (Figure 10). As is known, an undirected graph is called connected if there is a path between every pair of distinct vertices of the graph. Since a component of a graph is defined as a maximal subgraph in which a path exists from every node to every other, we can conclude that the given network is **connected**.

```
Working...
Number of components: 1
Size of the largest component: 35 vertices (100.000%).
```

Figure 10 – Number of components

Looking at the **triad census** of our network, one can not help but notice that only 4 types of triads are present (a characteristic of undirected graphs): an **empty triad** (003), a triad with a **reciprocated connection** between two vertices (102), a triad with **two mutual relations and one null relation** (201), a **complete triad** (300). So, it is obvious that there are many cases of empty triads, or triads with one reciprocated connection (Figure 11).

Meanwhile, triads with two relations, or the ones in which all three dyads have a relationship are not as common. Thus, since the majority of triads are concentrated in the left side of the triad distribution, we can assume that the network is **not quite connected**. This corresponds to the fact that only 19.6 percent of all possible edges are present.

Type Number of	triads (ni)	Expected (ei)	(ni-ei)/ei	Model
3 - 102	2460	316.24	6.78	Balance
16 - 300	101	0.38	265.93	Balance
1 - 003	3435	1759.44	0.95	Clusterability
4 - 021D	0	316.24	-1.00	Ranked Clusters
5 - 021U	0	316.24	-1.00	Ranked Clusters
9 - 030т	0	154.81	-1.00	Ranked Clusters
12 - 120D	0	18.95	-1.00	Ranked Clusters
13 - 120U	0	18.95	-1.00	Ranked Clusters
2 - 012	0	2583.95	-1.00	Transitivity
14 - 120C	0	37.89	-1.00	Hierarchical Cluster
15 - 210	0	9.28	-1.00	Hierarchical Cluster
6 - 021C	0	632.47	-1.00	Forbidden
7 - 111D	0	154.81	-1.00	Forbidden
8 - 111U	0	154.81	-1.00	Forbidden
10 - 030C	0	51.60	-1.00	Forbidden
11 - 201	549	18.95	27.98	Forbidden
ransitive	101	193.08		
Intransitive	549	1059.81		

Figure 11 – Triadic Census

2.2 Subtask 2. Network statistics

As expected, the largest (weak) component is the whole graph. The result corresponds to the one we have established in the Subtask 1 because there is no distinction between weak and strong components in undirected graphs.

```
3. Weak Components of N1 [>=1] (35)

Dimension: 35
The lowest value: 1
The highest value: 1

Frequency distribution of cluster values:

Cluster Freq Freq* CumFreq CumFreq* Representative

1 35 100.0000 35 100.0000 Madero, Francisco

Sum 35 100.0000
```

Figure 12 – Triadic Census

Now, we are to compute the **standard importance measures** of the largest component — the network itself — and rank nodes in accordance with their centrality values.

High **betweenness** indicates an actor who is on many paths between other actors. The higher the value, the more powerful the actor is. In our case, with the betweenness value amounting to 0.2303, the most powerful actor is Miguel Alemán Valdés. The second best is Lázaro Cárdenas, whose score is lower by 0.0732 points (Figure 13).

The **closeness centrality** of a node measures its average farness (inverse distance) to all other nodes. The highest value equals 0.6667, while the lowest amounts to 0.3864. Thus, as expected, the node with the shortest distances to all other nodes is Miguel Alemán Valdés, whereas Lázaro Cárdenas is a few points behind him (Figure 14).

Freeman's degree centrality shows the number of connections that the political elites have. Having direct contact with 17 actors, Miguel Alemán Valdés is the most central node. Following Miguel Alemán Valdés with 13 ties, Adolfo Ruiz Cortines ranks second.

```
1. Betweenness centrality in N1 (35)
Dimension: 35
The lowest value:
The highest value:
                                              0.0000
                                              0.2302
Highest values:
      Rank
                                               Value
                                              0.2302
                                                        Aleman Valdes, Miguel
                   12
         2
                                              0.1570
                   10
                                                        Cardenas, Lazaro
         3
                                              0.1316
                                                        Ruiz Cortines, Adolfo
                   18
                                                        Margain, Hugo B.
Salinas Lozano, Raul
                                              0.0896
         4
                   20
         5
                   31
                                              0.0649
                   23
                                              0.0598
                                                         Carrillo Flores, Antonio
                                                        Beteta, Ramon
Portes Gil, Emilio
                                              0.0582
                                              0.0389
                                              0.0353
                                                         Lopez Mateos, Adolfo
        10
                                              0.0309
                                                        Carranza, Venustiano
Sum (all values):
                                              1.1729
Arithmetic mean:
                                              0.0335
Median:
                                              0.0160
Standard deviation:
                                              0.0487
2.5% Quantile:
                                              0.0019
5.0% Quantile:
                                              0.0026
95.0% Quantile:
                                              0.1392
97.5% Quantile:
                                              0.1680
                                                                                        CumFreq
                                                                                                  CumFreq%
       Vector Values
                                                           Frequency
                                                                            Freq%
                                                 0.0000]
                                                                           2.8571
                                                                                                    2.8571
                   0.0000 ...
                                                 0.0767]
                                                                   30
                                                                          85.7143
                                                                                             31
                                                                                                   88.5714
                                                 0.1535]
                                                                   2
                                                                           5.7143
                                                                                             33
                                                                                                   94.2857
                   0.1535 ...
                                                 0.2302]
                                                                            5.7143
                                                                                                100.0000
                                                                         100.0000
 Total
```

Figure 13 – Betweenness Centrality

Dimension: 35	5					
The lowest va	alue:	0.3864				
The highest v	value:	0.6667				
Highest value	es:					
Rank	Vertex	Value	Id			
1	12	0.6667	Aleman Valdes	s, Miguel		
2	10	0.5862	Cardenas, La	zaro		
3	23	0.5763	Carrillo Flor	,		
4	18	0.5667	Ruiz Cortines			
5	31	0.5484	Salinas Lozar	,		
6	20	0.5484	Margain, Hugo			
7	14		Beteta, Ramon			
8	19		Lopez Mateos			
9	28		Ortiz Mena, A			
10	11	0.5231	Avila Camacho	o, Manuel		
um (all valu	nes):	16.8776				
Arithmetic me	ean:	0.4822				
Median:		0.4722				
tandard devi		0.0615				
2.5% Quantil		0.3864				
5.0% Quantil		0.3959				
5.0% Quantil		0.5793				
7.5% Quantil	le:	0.5983				
Vector	· Values		Frequency	Freq%	CumFreq	CumFreq%
(0.3864] 0	0.0000	0	0.0000
(0.3864	0.4798	20	57.1429	20	57.1429
(0.4798	0.5732] 12	34.2857	32	91.4286
(0.5732	0.6667		8.5714	35	100.0000
Total			35	100.0000		

Figure 14 – Closeness Centrality

Dimension: 3	5					
The lowest v	_	2,0000				
The highest		17.0000				
		27,0000				
Highest valu	es:					
Rank	Vertex	Value	Id			
1	12	17.0000	Aleman Valdes	, Miguel		
2	18	13.0000	Ruiz Cortines	, Adolfo		
3	10	12.0000	Cardenas, Laz	aro		
4	20	12.0000	Margain, Hugo	В.		
5	23	11.0000	Carrillo Flor	es, Antonio		
6	31	10.0000	Salinas Lozan	*		
7	19	10.0000	Lopez Mateos,			
8	7	8.0000	Portes Gil, E			
9	28	8.0000	Ortiz Mena, A			
10	2	8.0000	Carranza, Ven	ustiano		
Sum (all val	ues):	234.0000				
Arithmetic m	ean:	6.6857				
Median:		6.0000				
Standard dev	iation:	3.2669				
2.5% Quanti	le:	2.8500				
5.0% Quanti		3.0000				
95.0% Quanti		12.3000				
97.5% Quanti	le:	13.6000				
Vecto	r Values		Frequency	Freq%	CumFreq	CumFreq%
(2.0000]	1	2.8571	1	2.8571
(2.0000	3.0000]		14.2857	6	17.1429
(3.0000	4.0000]		5.7143	8	22.8571
(4.0000	5.0000]		17.1429	14	40.0000
(5.0000	6.0000]		20.0000	21	60.0000
(6.0000	7.0000]		11.4286	25	71.4286
(7.0000	8.0000]		8.5714	28	80.0000
	8.0000	9.0000]		0.0000	28	80.0000
(9.0000	10.0000]		5.7143	30	85.7143
(10.0000 11.0000	11.0000]		2.8571 5.7143	31 33	88.5714 94.2857
(12.0000	12.0000] 13.0000]		2.8571	34	94.2657
(13.0000	14.0000]		0.0000	34	97.1429
(14.0000	15.0000]		0.0000	34	97.1429
· ·	15.0000	16.0000]		0.0000	34	97.1429
(16.0000	17.0000]		2.8571		100.0000
Total			35	100.0000		

Figure 15 – All Degree Centrality

Let us plot the network, partitioned by the degree centrality measure (Figure 16).

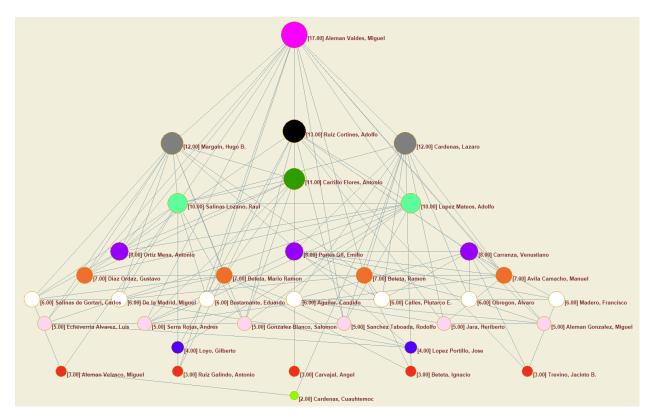


Figure 16 – The network partitioned by the degree

In this layout, the vertex with the highest degree value is at the top, whereas the least central ones are positioned below. The nodes are coloured according to their degree values as well.

As can be seen, the most common degree value is 6 (7 actors), while the most unique ones are 2, 11, 13, 17. With only two connections present, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas is the least central node, whereas positioned at the very top, Miguel Alemán Valdés is the most powerful one.

2.3 Subtask 3. k-core

Now, let us determine the cores in our network (Figure 17).

6.	All core pa	artition	of N1 (35))		
Th	mension: 35 e lowest val e highest va					
Fr	equency dist	tributio	n of cluste	er values:		
	Cluster	Freq	Freq%	CumFreq	CumFreq%	Representative
-	Cluster 2		Freq% 5.7143			Representative Aleman Velasco, Miguel
-		<u>-</u> - 2		2	5.7143	
-	2	2 5	5.7143	<u>-</u> 2 7	5.7143 20.0000	Aleman Velasco, Miguel
_	2 3	2 5 3	5.7143 14.2857	2 7 10	5.7143 20.0000 28.5714	Aleman Velasco, Miguel Trevino, Jacinto B.

Figure 17 – All core partition

Coreness is a measure that can help identify tightly interlinked groups within a network. A **k-core** is a maximal group of entities, all of which are connected to at least k other entities in the group. In the k-core, each actor is connected to at least k other actors. The given network contains a large 5-core (25 vertices). In addition, there is a 2-core (2 vertices), a 3-core (5 vertices), and a 4-core (3 vertices).

Given that the 5-core is the largest one, we can conclude that the actors in our network entertain wide-ranging social ties: 71.42 per cent of the members of the elites socialise with at least 5 other political actors.

The plot of the largest core is shown below.

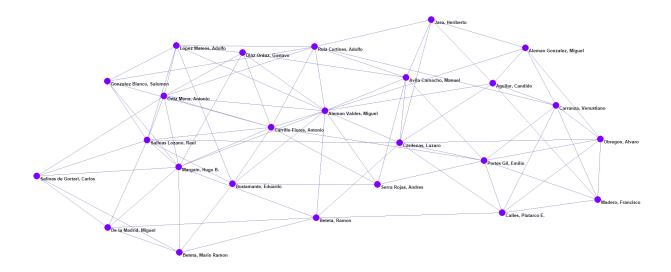


Figure 18 – The plot of the largest core

2.4 Subtask 4. Island approach

Now we have to use an **island approach** to determine some link islands in the network.

By definition, an **island** is a subnetwork of vertices connected directly or indirectly by lines with a value greater than the lines to vertices outside the subnetwork [5]. So, to successfully apply this approach we need to measure the values of links in the network. To do so, we may use the 3-rings method.

3-rings method means that the ring counts are stored as line values — how many times each line belongs to 3-rings. In Pajek, we select Create New Network > with Ring Counts stored as Line Values > 3-Rings > Undirected. The result is in the figure below.



Figure 19 – Weighted network

Next, we should try and determine some link islands in the network. To select islands, we have to specify the **maximum size** of it. Depending on this, the number of islands varies. First, we select 10, and then the number will be increased to 18.

2.4.1 Maximum Size 18

Firstly, we create a weighted network (Create New Network > with Ring Counts stored as Line Values > 3-Rings > Undirected). Then we enable Generate Network with Islands and select Network > Create Partition > Islands > Line Weights, Maximum Size - 18, Minimum Size - 2 (Figure 20-21). Next, we remove isolated vertices (Network > Create Partition > Degree > All, Operations > Network + Partition > Extract > SubNetwork Induced by Union of Selected Clusters).

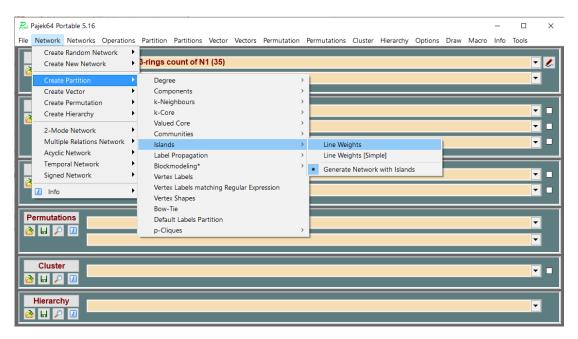


Figure 20 – Generate Islands

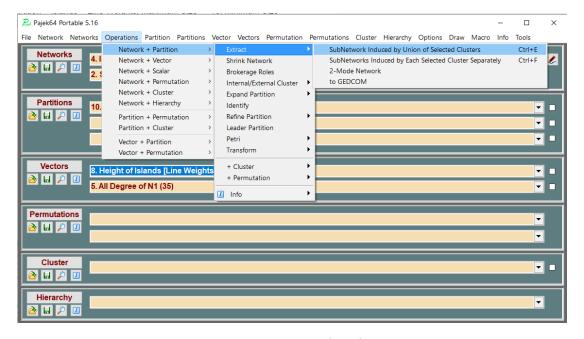


Figure 21 – Remove isolated vertices

After all, we can get a very nice diagram by drawing Network + First Partition and selecting Separate Components.

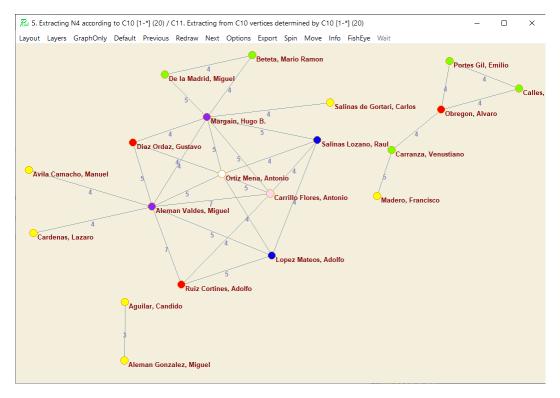


Figure 22 – Generated Islands

What we see is **three islands**, and colours in this case represent the **height of each vertex** (for example, white one is the highest point of the island). The big island contains **13 vertices**, and two others — **2 and 5 vertices** (Figure 23).

9. Islands [L	ine Weig	hts] in N3	[2,18] (3	5, Island	s=3)
Dimension: 35 The lowest va The highest v	lue: 0 alue: 3	n of cluste	er values:		
requency dis	CIIDUCIO	n or cruste	er varues.		
Cluster	Freq	Freq%	CumFreq	CumFreq%	Representative
Cluster 0 1	15		15	CumFreq% 42.8571 48.5714	Representative
0	15	42.8571 5.7143	15 17	42.8571	6 5
0 1	15 2	42.8571 5.7143	15 17 30	42.8571 48.5714	6 5

Figure 23 – Islands

In order to interpret the picture, we should apply given **attributes** to the network (military/civilians and year). For doing that, we have to **cut unused items** from **mexican_year.clu** and **mexican_military.clu** partitions (add islands partition as the second one and select **Partitions** > **Extract SubPartition** (Second from

First). Also we copy the year partition to a vector, thus we can add these values to vertex labels: Options > Mark Vertices Using > Vector Values).

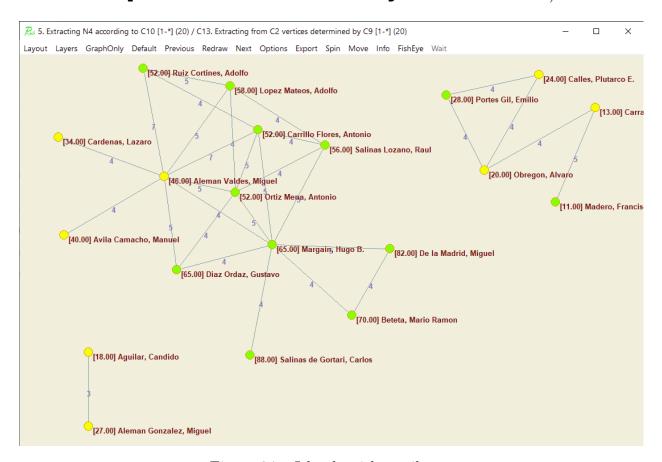


Figure 24 – Islands with attributes

Here we see that the big island consists **mostly of civilians** (green colour), so those civilian actors form a cohesive group with links of significant values. Also this island is mostly constructed of people who were active in the **second half of the century**, as can be observed from the labels.

The island of size 5 consists of three military and two civilian actors, all of whom were active **between 1911 and 1928**. So it may be suggested that during that time such a mixed group was active.

The island of size 2 is not particularly informative.

2.4.2 Maximum Size 10

Let's reduce the maximum size of an island to 10. Create new islands with Network

> Create Partition > Islands > Line Weights, Maximum Size - 10, Minimum
Size - 2. Also we remove isolated vertices (Network > Create Partition > Degree

> All, Operations > Network + Partition > Extract > SubNetwork Induced
by Union of Selected Clusters). The result is in the figure below.

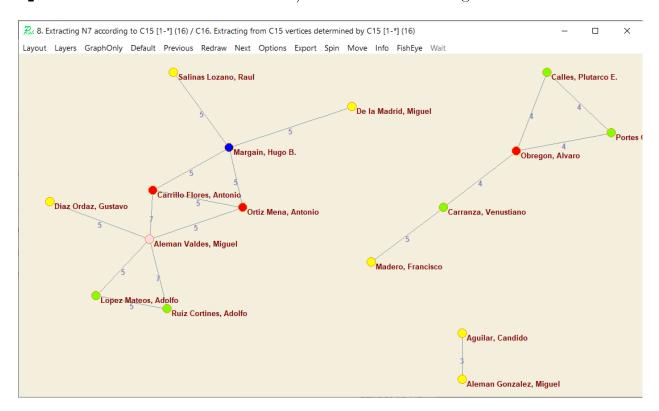


Figure 25 – Generated Islands

Again, we should apply attributes to the islands (Figure 26).



Figure 26 – Islands with attributes

As might be seen, two small islands did not change, and the biggest island now contains only **9 vertices**. They are **mostly civilians**, except the highest one, who is a military person.

This version of the island is **more coherent** than in the previous case, and here we may see that all actors have been active **since 1946** (after World War II). Furthermore, this island might have been "started" with the military person *Aleman Valdes* (1946), as he is in the middle of the island, and all other actors who performed later are directly or indirectly connected to him.

2.5 Subtask 5. Line-cut

Now we need to make a **line-cut** of the network. Line-cut is another useful technique for **extracting parts of a network** where only lines (and their vertices) above a certain value are retained [6]. In other words, we select only those parts of the network where values of lines are above a certain threshold, and those parts are probably of more importance than others.

To do so in Pajek, we start with the **weighted network** from the previous step and select **Network > Create New Network > Transform > Remove > Lines** with **Value > lower than**. But before we start, it is useful to analyse what **line** values are present in the network (**Network > Info > Line Values**, Figure 27).

Lowest value of line:		0.0000000					
Highest value of line:		7.00000000					
Line	e Values		Frequency	Freq%	CumFreq	CumFreq%	
(0.0000]	6	5.1282	6	5.1282	
(0.0000	1.0000]	19	16.2393	25	21.3675	
(1.0000	2.0000]	37	31.6239	62	52.9915	
(2.0000	3.0000]	26	22.2222	88	75.2137	
(3.0000	4.0000]	17	14.5299	105	89.7436	
(4.0000	5.0000]	10	8.5470	115	98.2906	
(5.0000	6.0000]	0	0.0000	115	98.2906	
(6.0000	7.0000]	2	1.7094	117	100.0000	
Total			117	100.0000			

Figure 27 – Line Values

As we see, lines with values from 0 to 2 form 52% of the network, so to get more important half of it, we may cut starting with value 3.

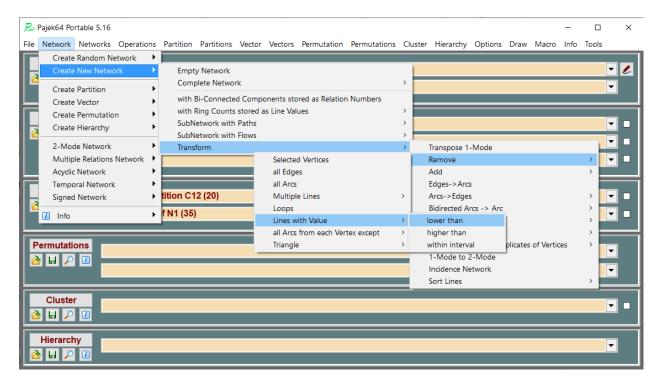


Figure 28 – Line-cut

After applying attributes, we see that the separated part of the network is rather massive. It contains mostly civilians, however, all military actors are connected with each other. It also could be noticed that years are increasing from right to left, specifically on the left there is a well-connected group of vertices (in a star shape) with year varying between 1911 and 1928. In fact, this group has already been observed before, as it is an island.

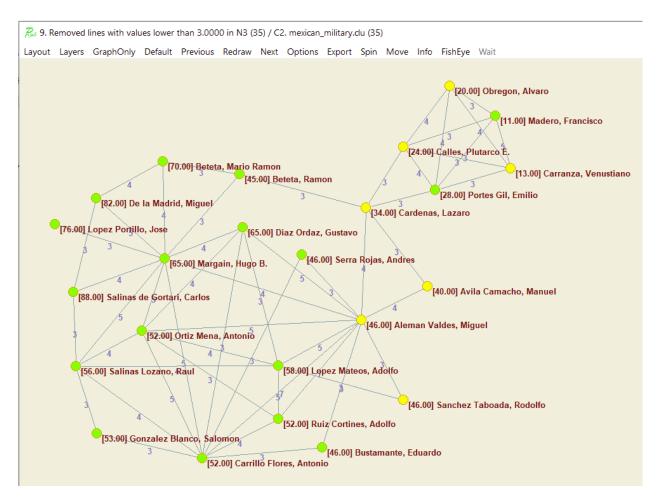


Figure 29 – The result of line-cut of 3

Let's cut further and select the threshold of 4.

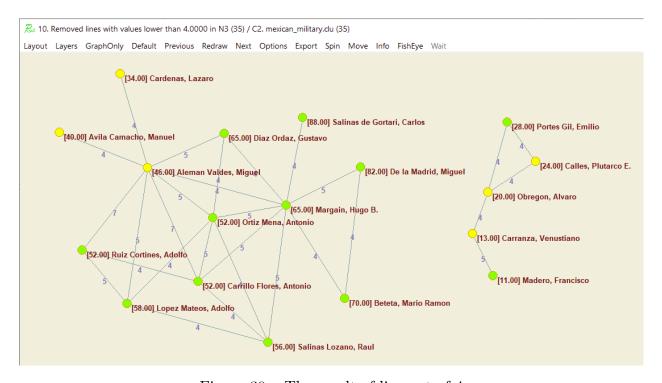


Figure 30 – The result of line-cut of 4

Now the smaller island is separated from the bigger one, and the number of vertices decreased as well. In fact, the big one is similar to the big island we discussed earlier. So we may conclude that in our case line-cut works similarly to the island approach.

Additionally, if we remove isolated vertices from the line-cut network, we can limit the property partitions by doing the following. Select All degree partition, then Partition > Binarize partition. Then Extract SubPartition and copy the result to vector.

2.6 Subtask 6. Conclusion

Overall, we have established that the majority of Mexican political elite network's actors are tightly interlinked with each other, maintaining close ties with at least 5 political figures. It should be noted that Miguel Alemán Valdés is the most influential political actor among the Mexican elites, whereas Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas is the least powerful in terms of his connections to former presidents and their closest collaborators. Miguel Alemán Valdés' influence can be explained by the fact that throughout his political career, he occupied a fair share of prominent positions in the Mexican government, starting from legal adviser to the Secretary of Agriculture and Livestock and ending at being declared the President Avila Camacho's successor and, subsequently, becoming the first non-military President. As a president, Miguel Alemán Valdés continued to collaborate with the political elites — his regime was marked by rampant political corruption and crony capitalism. As a member of the National Democratic Front, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, on the contrary, often stood in opposition to the government, campaigning against poverty, corruption and crime. This explains his lack of tight connections to the Mexican elites.

Speaking of cohesive subgroups in our network, the link island approach and line-cut were used in this research. Both methods proved the network consists of two subnetworks, a smaller group of 5 actors and a larger one of 9 to 13 actors, depending on the method used and specified threshold. As could be noticed, the larger group mostly consists of civilian actors (with 1 to 3 exceptions), and actors in the smaller group are from both categories.

An interesting detail is the periods of political activity in the groups. The smaller group is formed by actors who were noticed between 1911 and 1928. On the contrary, the actors from the larger group have been active approximately since 1946, right after WWII. And, as mentioned before, they were mostly civilians.

Another notice could be made about how network statistics correspond to the island approach. It was stated that Miguel Alemán Valdés has the highest all degree value, betweenness, closeness and Freeman's degree centralities, which makes him the most significant node in the network. However, he is not the highest point of an island, actually, he is the second to top (Antonio Ortiz Mena). Such a fact could be explained by the technique of cutting out some edges, thus potentially removing the links that were counting towards Miguel Alemán Valdés. Nevertheless, the results of two parts of the research are more or less consistent.

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