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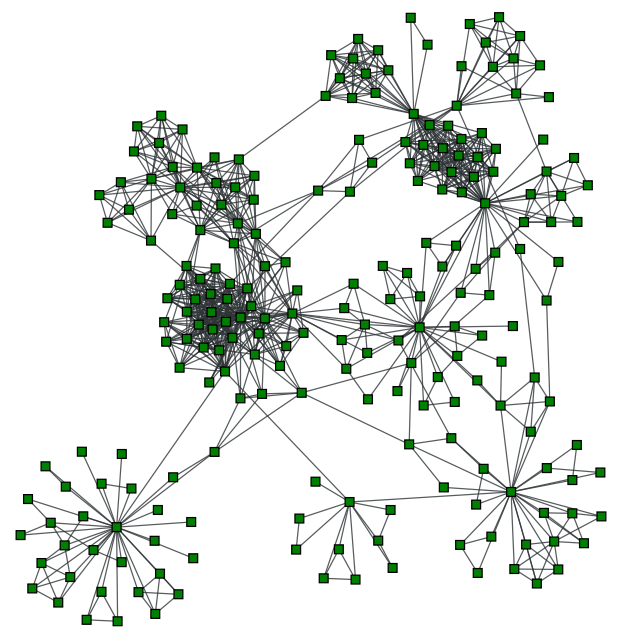
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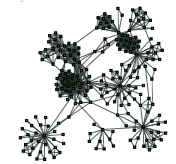
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└ Community structure in networks

Network of coauthorships in a university department

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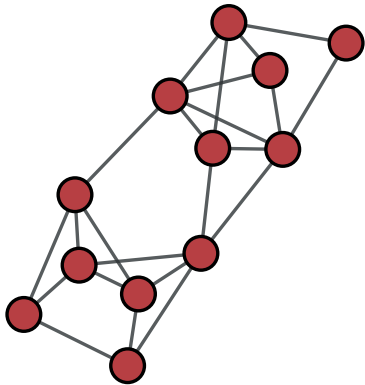
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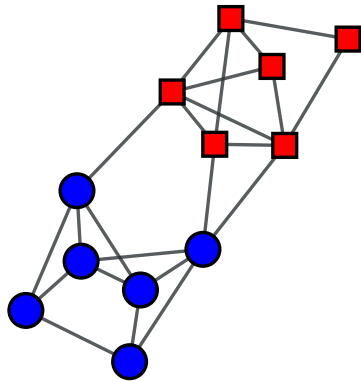
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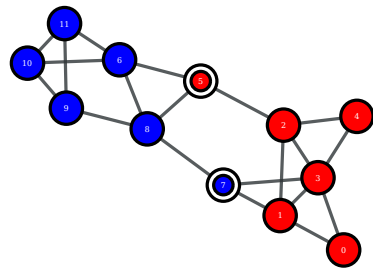
- ## Heuristics are needed!

- ▶ Graph with n vertices
- ▶ Find two groups with sizes n_1 and n_2 such that the cut size is minimum
- ▶ Number of ways: $\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!} \approx \frac{2^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n}}$

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Kernighan-Lin algorithm

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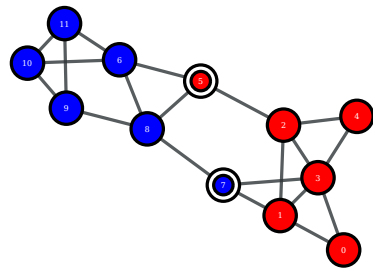
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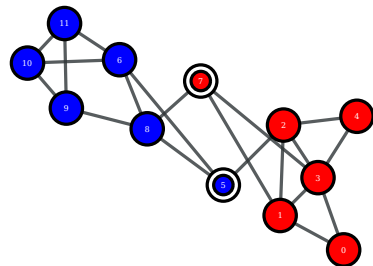
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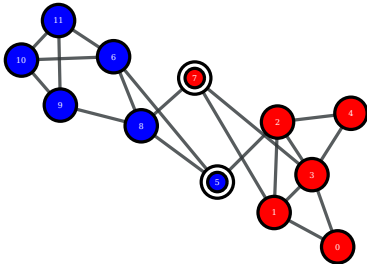
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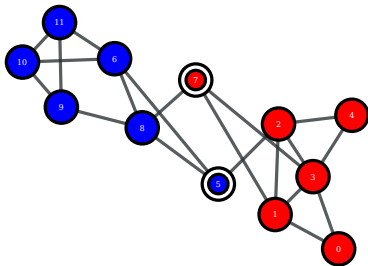
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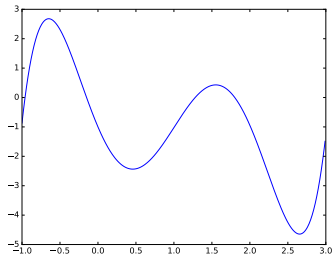
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└ Spectral partitioning

L is so imp that we have a name for it! Laplacian

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s is a columnvector

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L: structure, s: division

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find s that minimizes R

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Problem is hard, s takes only integer values

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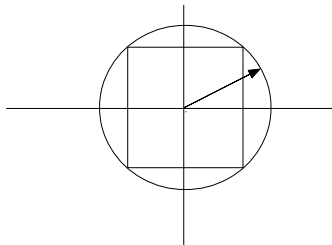
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hypercube

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continuous s, differentiate

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\mathbf{x} is orthogonal to $\mathbf{1}$

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- └ Broad classification

- ## Broad classification
- **Agglomerative algorithms:**
 - Hierarchical clustering
 - Levensin method
 - CNM algorithm
 - **Divisive algorithms:**
 - Girvan-Newman algorithm
 - Radcliffi algorithm
 - **Assignment algorithm:**
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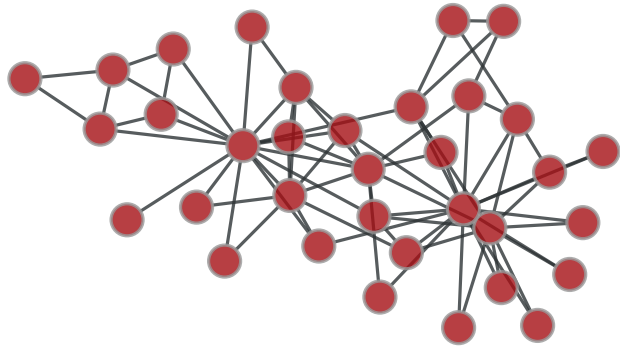
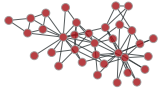
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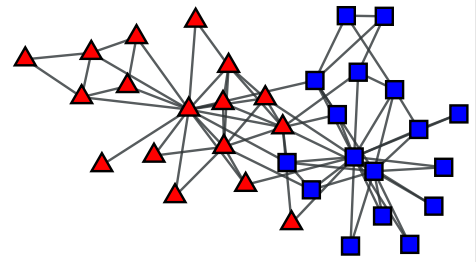
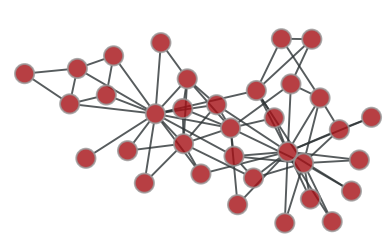
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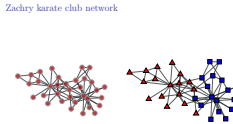
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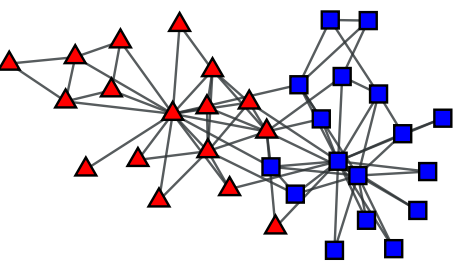
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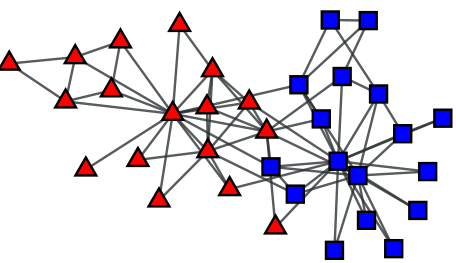
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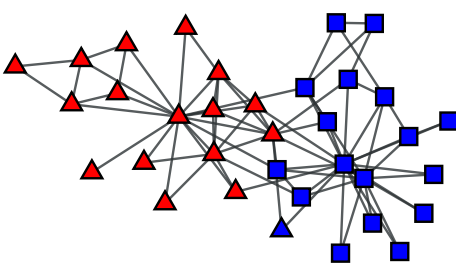


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spectral partitioning: cut size

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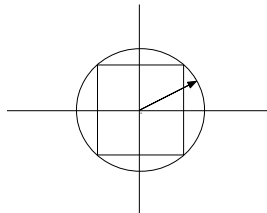
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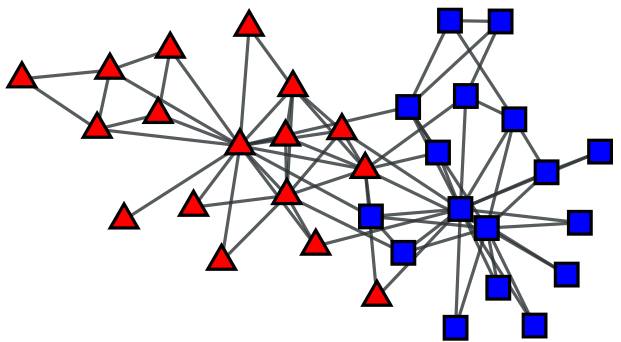
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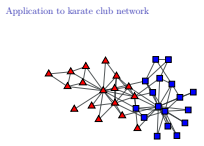
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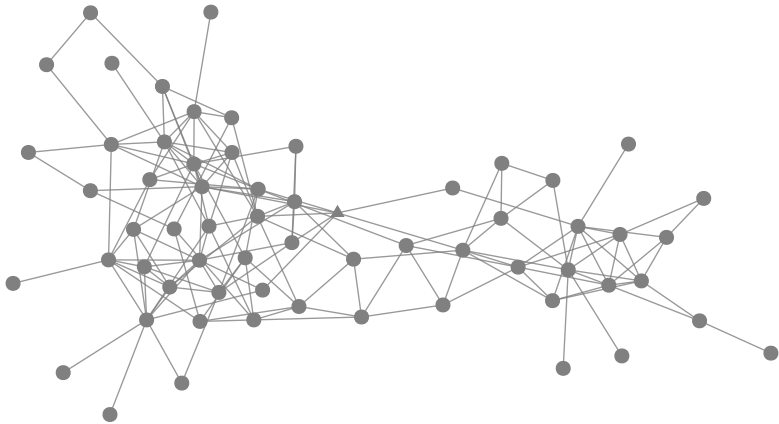


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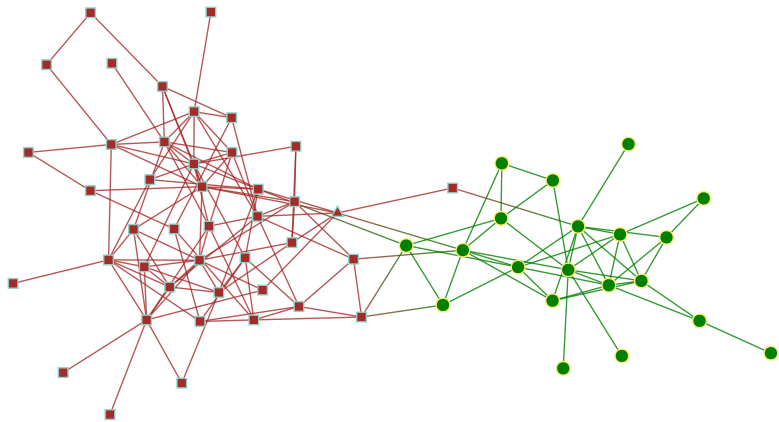
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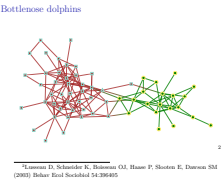


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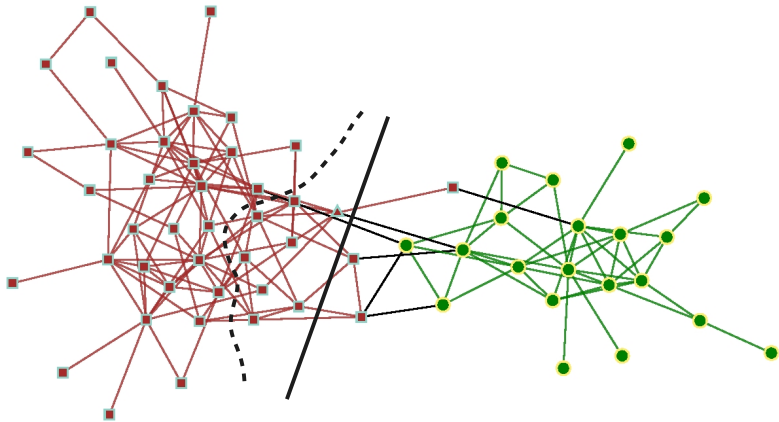
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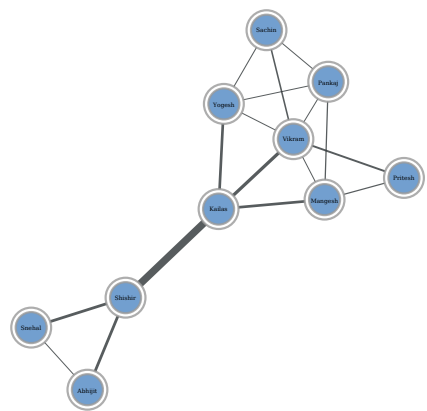
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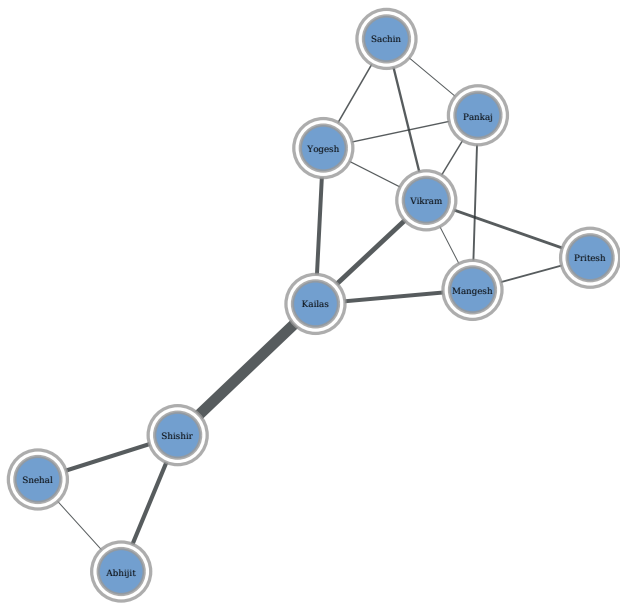
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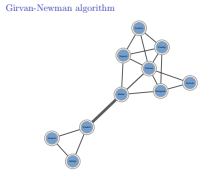
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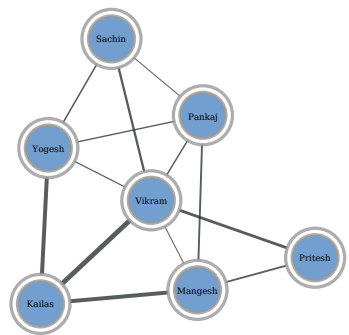
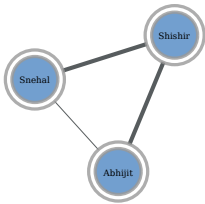
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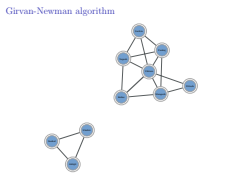
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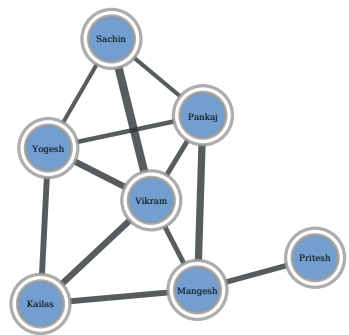
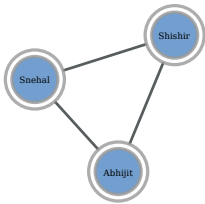
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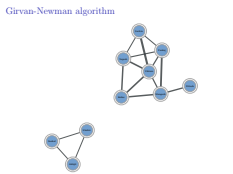
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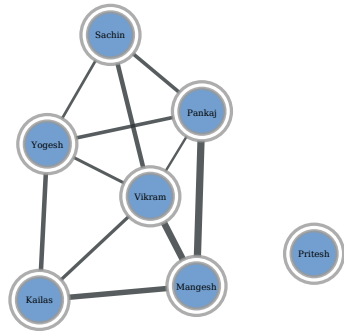
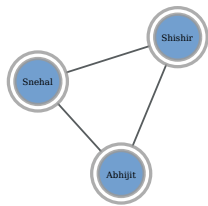
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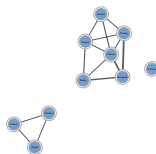


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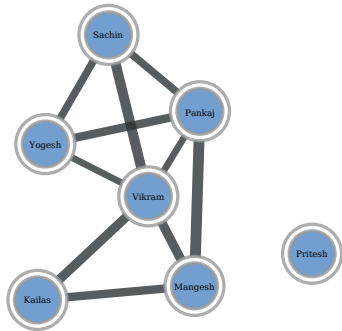
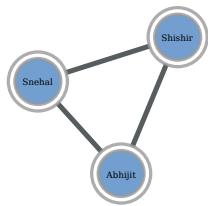
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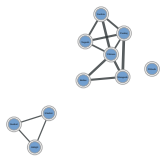


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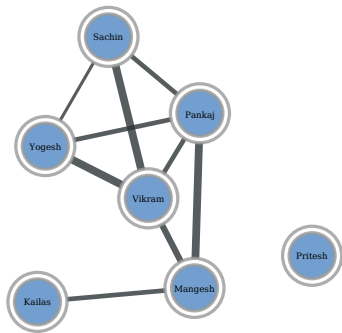
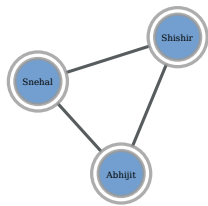
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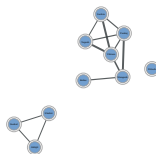


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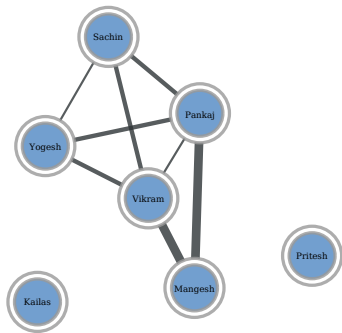
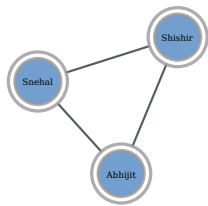
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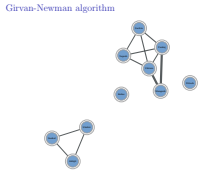
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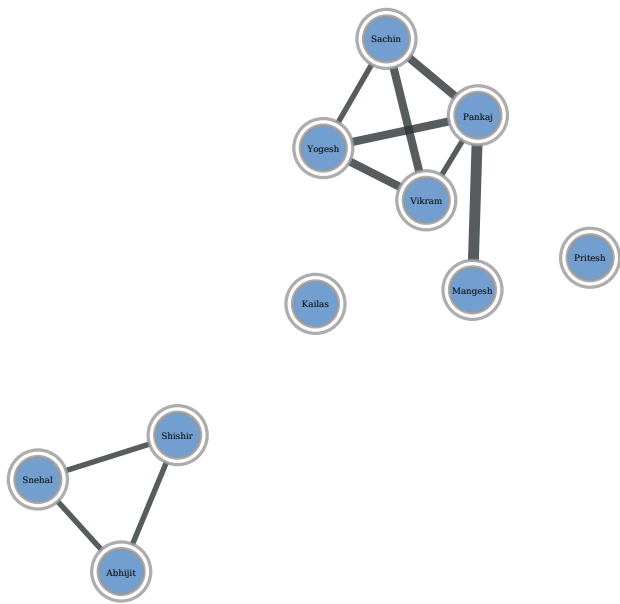
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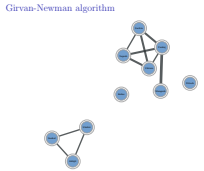
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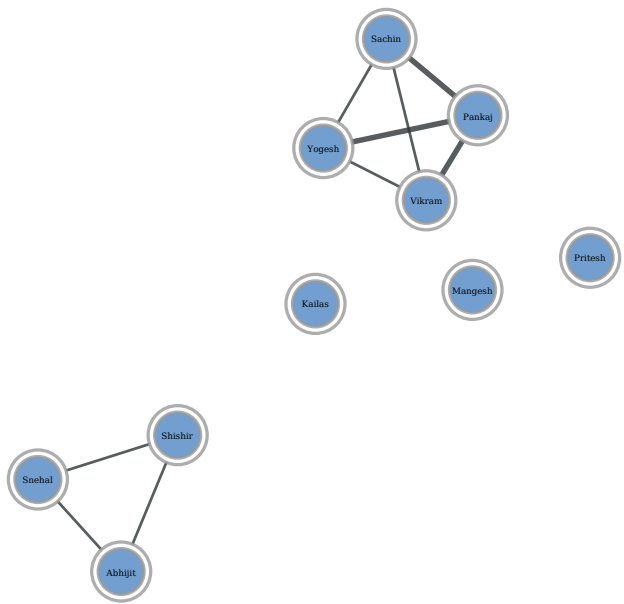
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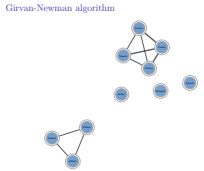
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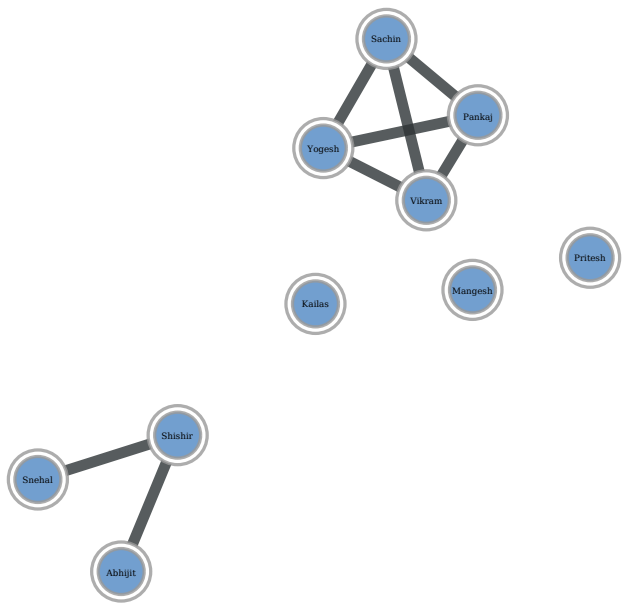
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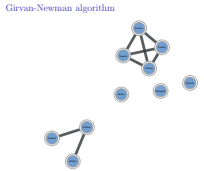
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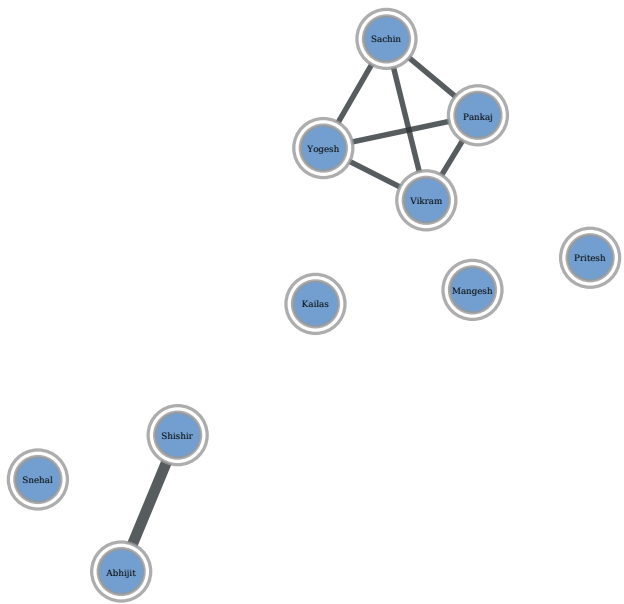
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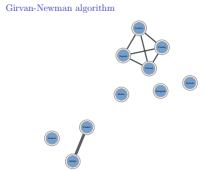
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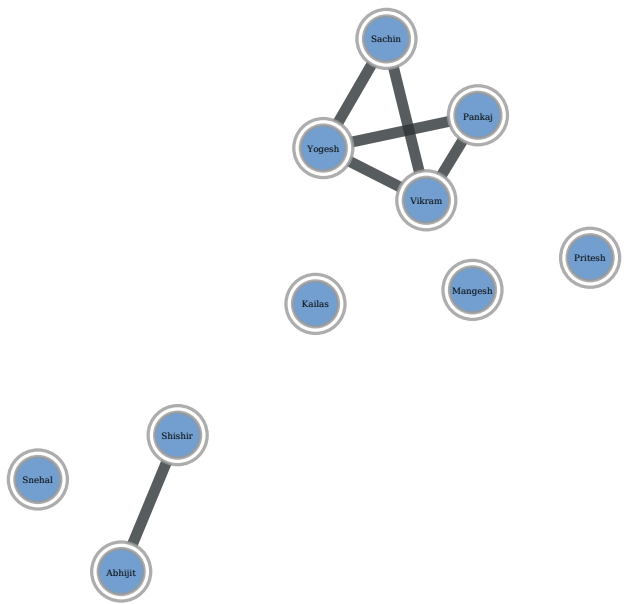
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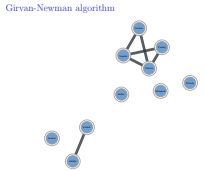
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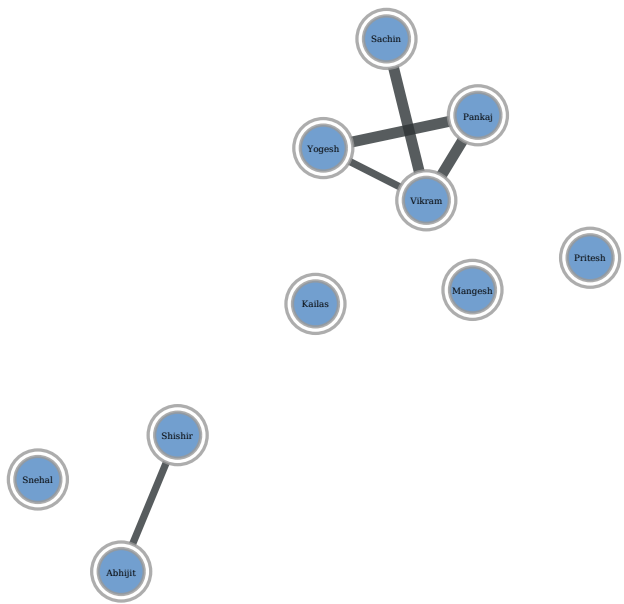
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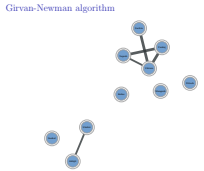
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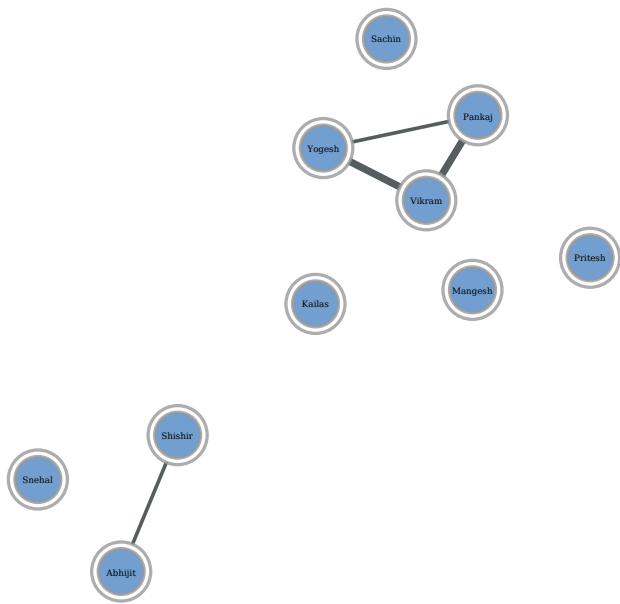
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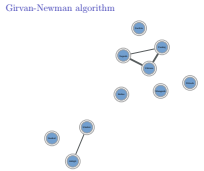
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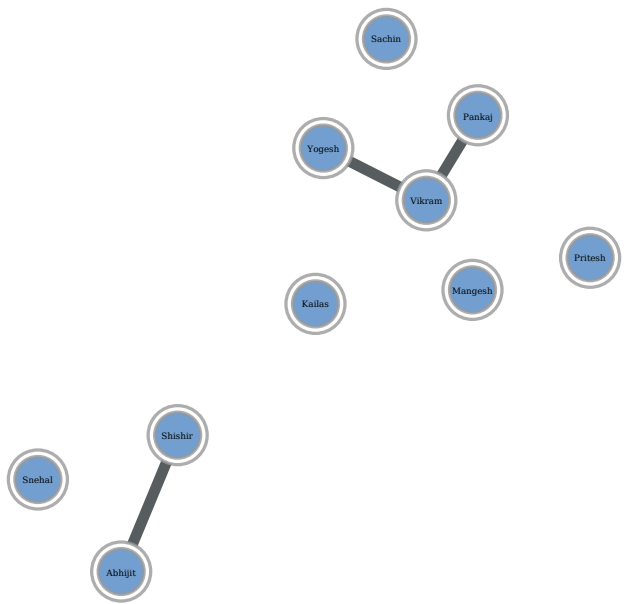
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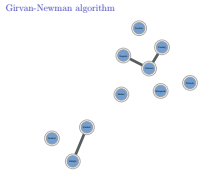
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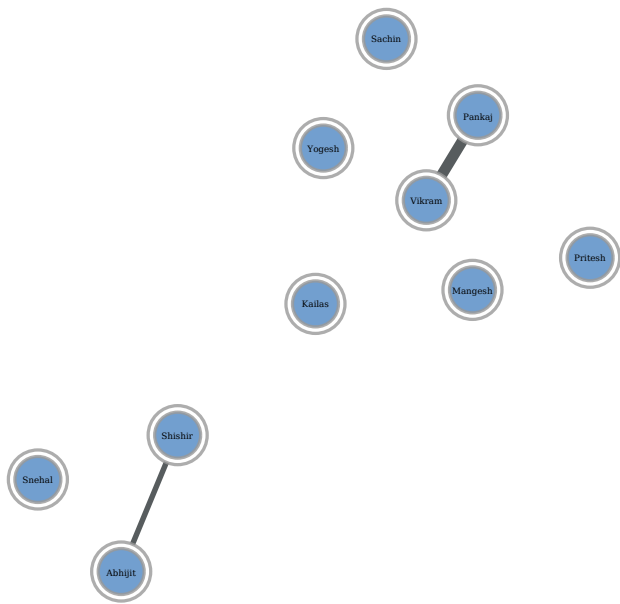
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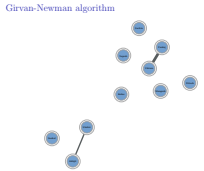
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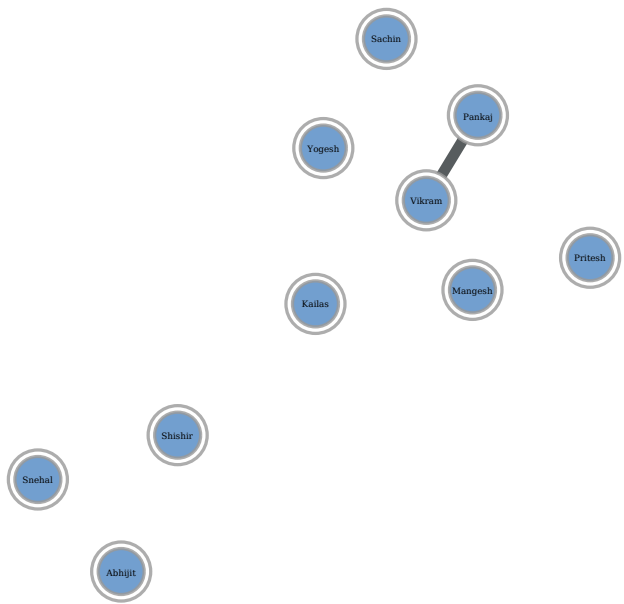
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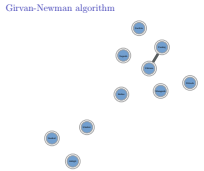
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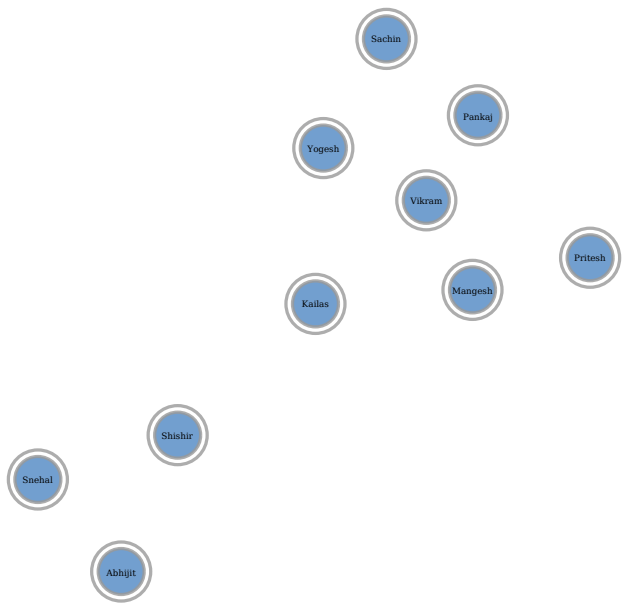
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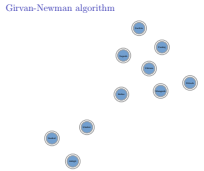
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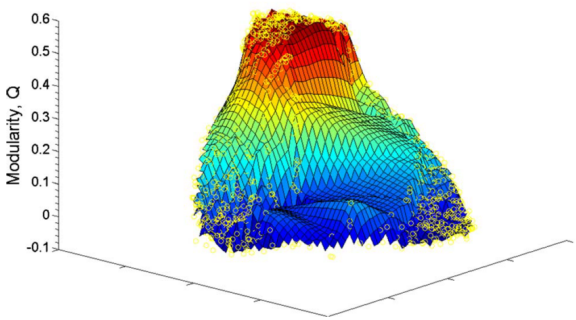
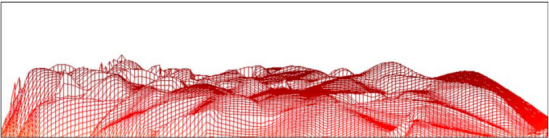
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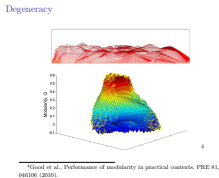
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⁴Good et al., Performance of modularity in practical contexts, PRE 81, 046106 (2010).



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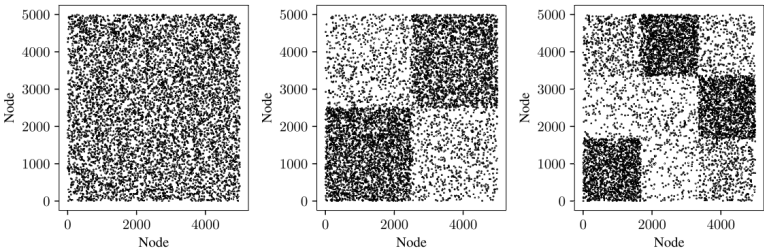
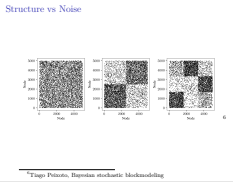
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