



# HOW PEOPLE MAKE PASTA IN EASTERN CULTURE

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A close-up photograph of a bowl of ramen. The bowl is white with a blue and white patterned rim. Inside, there are thick, light-colored ramen noodles, a soft-boiled egg topped with white sesame seeds, and green onions. The word "EAST" is printed in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the image.

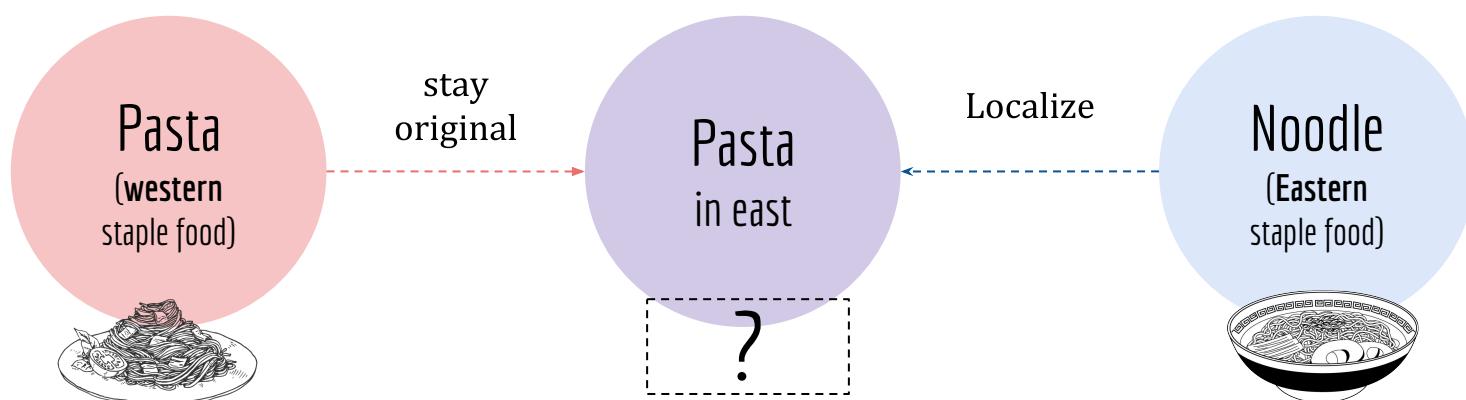
EAST

A close-up photograph of a bowl of spaghetti. The spaghetti is coated in a vibrant red tomato-based sauce and mixed with various vegetables like bell peppers, onions, and possibly zucchini. The word "WEST" is printed in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the image.

WEST



Pasta, as the most popular global food,  
is the food experiences influenced by  
local preference or it keep its original style ?



# Based on 3 Countries

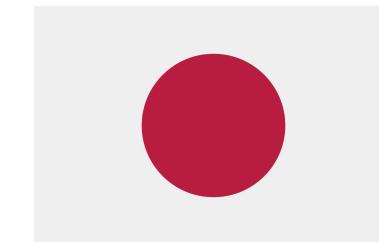
Italy



Taiwan



Japan



# Discover 3 Food experiences

Ingredient  
network



Flavor  
network



Color  
network



# Question

Ingredient network



Flavor network



Color network



Whether pasta are made different in east and west according to the ingredients?

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Whether the taste preference of pasta change due to the preference of local staple food?

Whether the visual preference of pasta change due to the preference of local staple food?



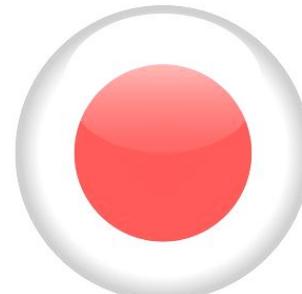
# Ingredient Network - IP 7.1

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# Ingredients Network analysis - why?

The aim of our group is analyzing the ingredients that are used for pasta in three different countries: Italy, Taiwan and Japan, in order to give the following questions an answer:

**Which are the most popular ingredients used for pasta in different cultures? Are these ingredients similar or different? How similar the eastern pasta is to western pasta vs. eastern noodle?**



# Data Collection

## Ingredients

- > 500 g (1,1 lb) of spaghetti
- > 125 g (4,4 oz) of guanciale
- > 400 g (14 oz) of canned San Marzano tomatoes
- > 80 g (3 oz) of grated Pecorino Romano cheese
- > 1 red pepper
- > 50 ml dry white wine (optional)
- > fine and coarse salt

食材



橄欖油	適量	義大利麵	一份
牛肉	100g	洋蔥	1/4顆
大蒜	3顆	蘑菇	5顆
胡蘿蔔	少許	松露醬	適量

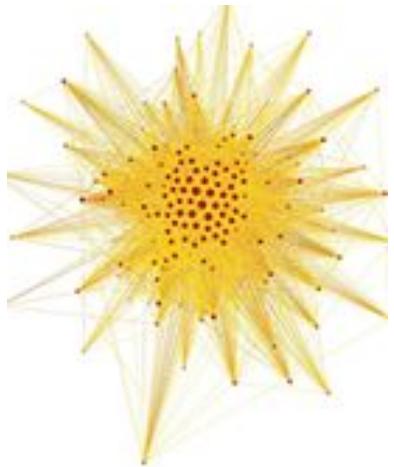
## 材料 (1人分)

パスタ	100g
茗荷	1個
生姜	1片
わかめ (乾燥)	大さじ1
昆布茶	小さじ1

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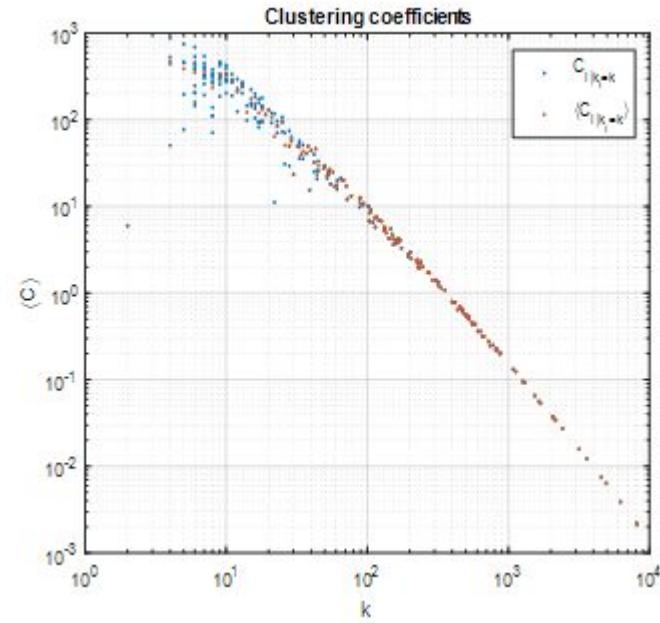
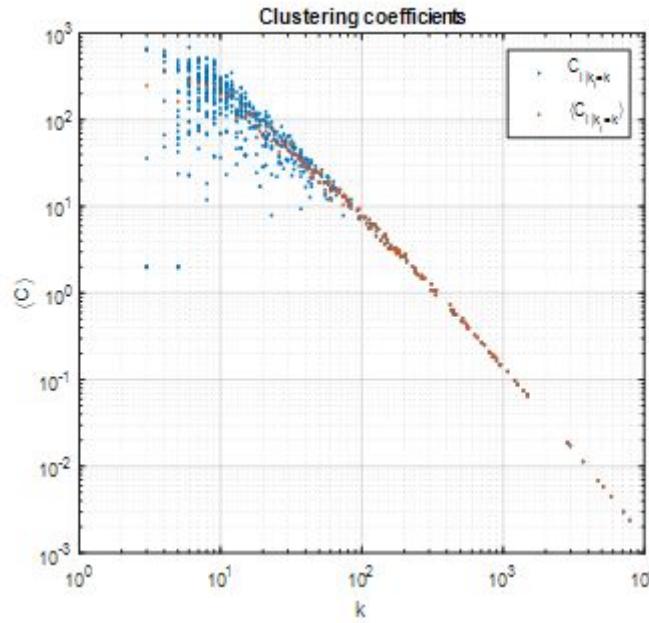
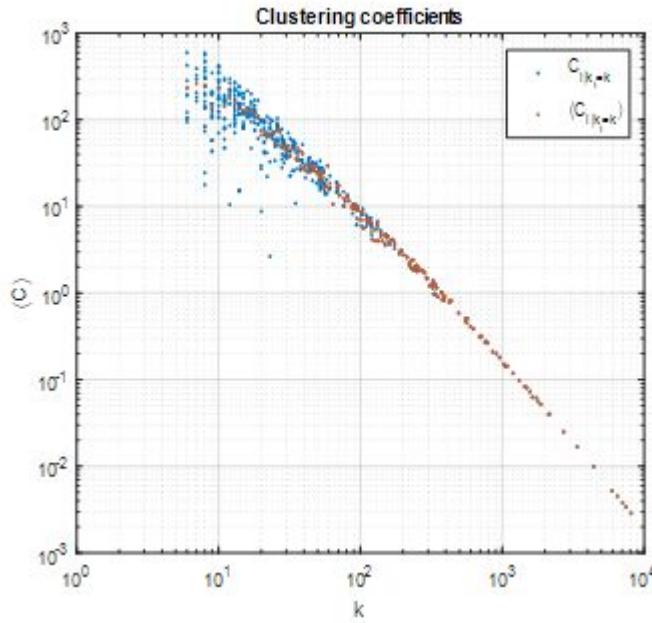
# Analysis Results - projected network



	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Taiwan</b>	<b>Japan</b>
Number of nodes $N$	500	659	257
Number of links $L$	22790	21334	11038

Average Distance	2.1389	inf (2.1778)	2.1625
Diameter	5	Inf (5)	5
Average degree	199.6295	138.1487	343.3074
$\gamma$	1.8134	1.7334	1.7059

# Clustering Coefficients - projected network



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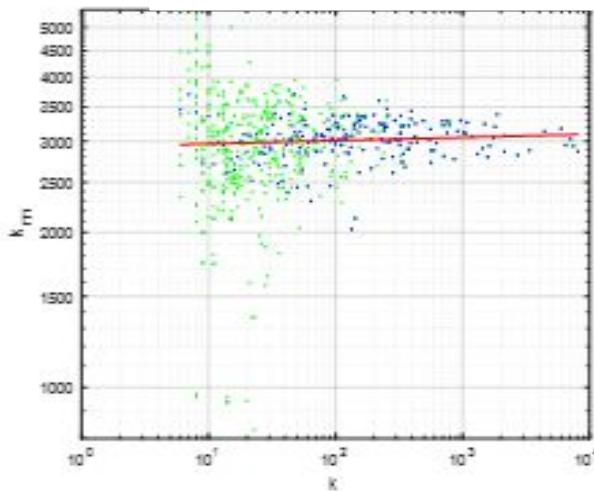
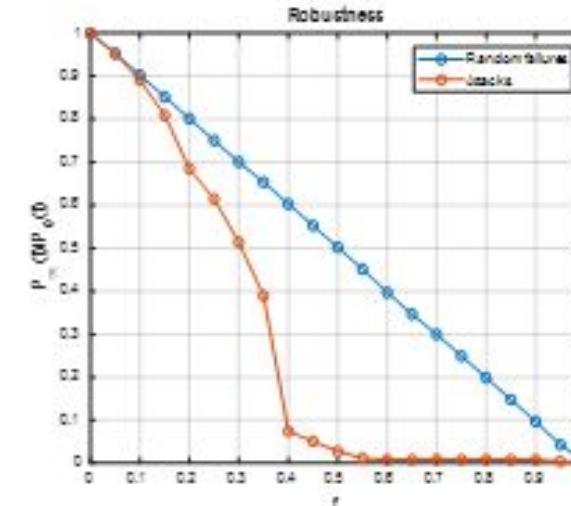
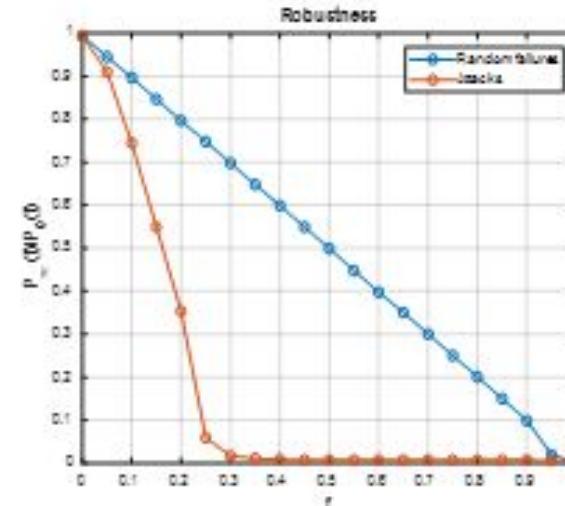
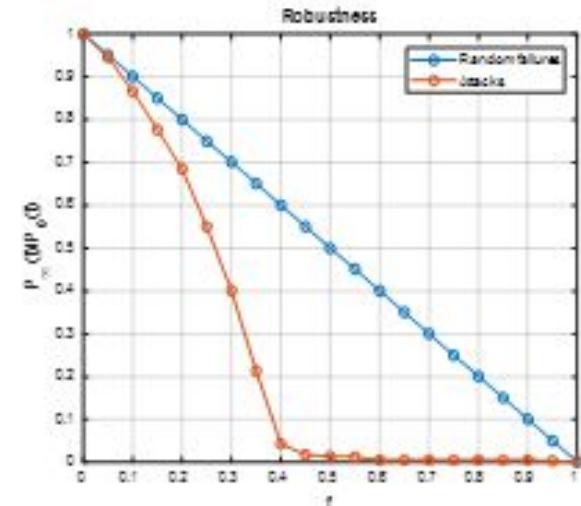


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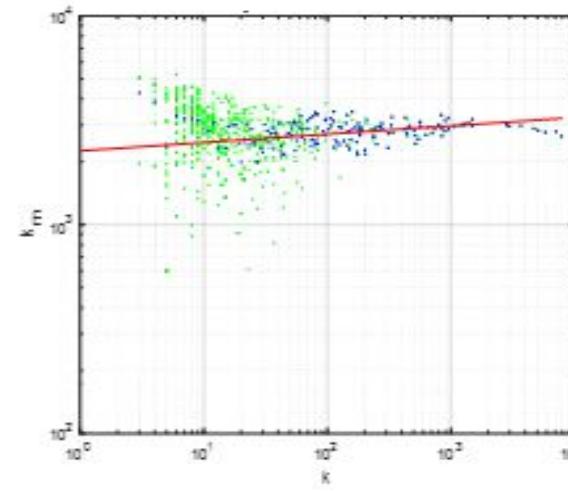


JAPAN

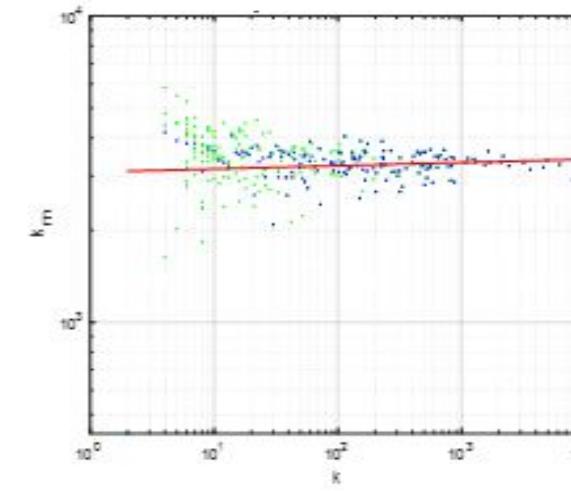
# Robustness & Assortativity - projected network



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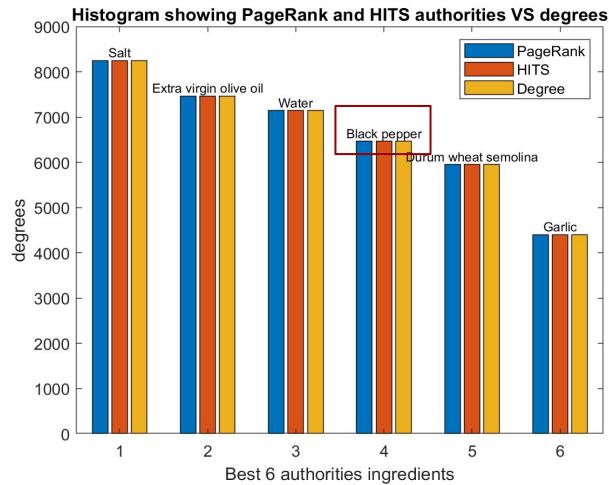


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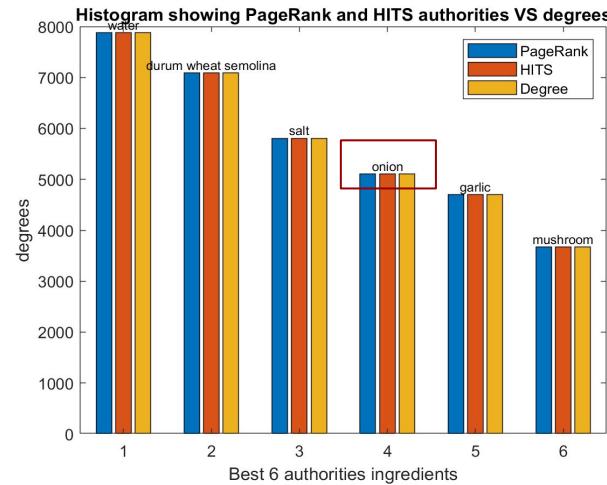


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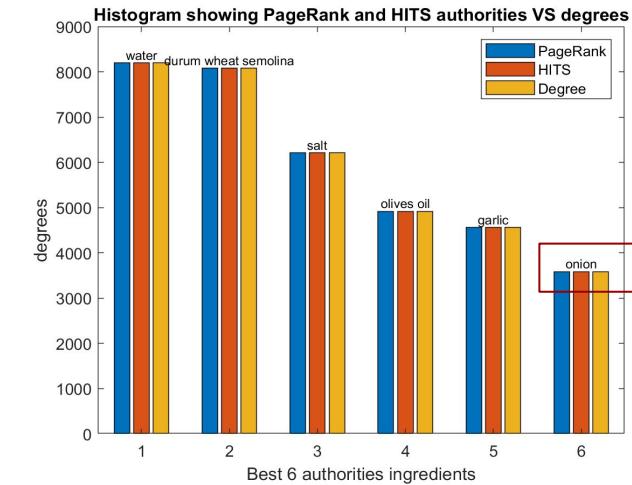
# Ranking - projected network



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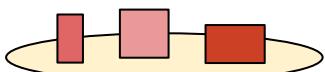


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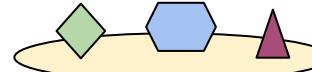
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**WESTERN HUBS:**  
pepper

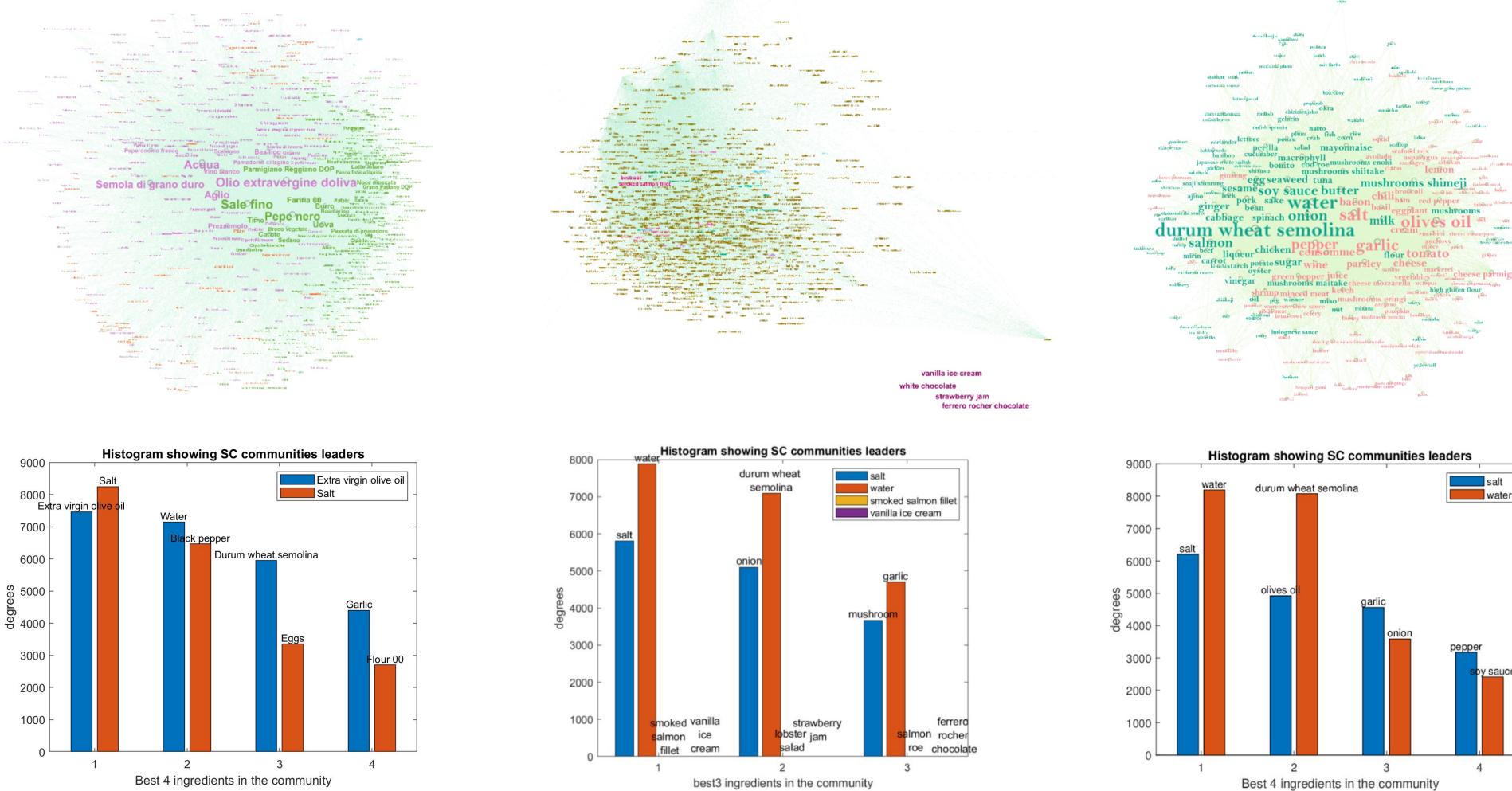


**IN COMMON:**  
Salt  
Olive Oil  
Water  
Semolina  
Garlic

**EASTERN HUBS:**  
onion  
mushrooms



# Communities - projected network



ITALY



# TAIWAN



JAPAN

# Link Prediction - projected network

pairings		CN	AA	RA	KA	LP	RW
Nutmeg	Fresh chilli	x			x	x	
Liquid fresh cream	Carrots	x			x	x	
Tomato sauce	Pine nuts	x			x	x	
Butter	Mussels	x			x	x	
Salt	Nduja						x
Pig cheek	Pumpkin		x				
Pig cheek	Ricotta cheese	x					
Sausage	Pecorino			x			
Whole milk	Beans			x			
Whole milk	Onions golden		x		x	x	

pairings		CN	AA	RA	KA	LP	RW
cheese	sesame	x			x	x	
macrophyll	bean			x			
salt	sweet sauce						x
cabbage	lemon			x			
lemon	mushrooms maitake			x			
chicken	vegetables			x			
cabbage	cheese parmigiano			x			
consomme	perilla	x			x	x	
egg	lemon	x		x	x	x	
bacon	vinegar	x			x	x	



ITALY

pairings		CN	AA	RA	KA	LP	RW
fresh cream	chili	x		x	x	x	
black pepper	potato	x					
spices	bacon	x			x	x	
carrots	nuts		x				
canned tomatoes	pesto	x			x	x	
carrots	pesto		x				
salt	pig cheek		x				x
lemon juice	chicken broth		x				
rosemary	chicken broth		x				
fresh cream	sugar	x	x	x	x		



JAPAN



TAIWAN

# Link prediction - Bipartite network

New Ingredient	Recipe
Black pepper	Durum wheat semolina, Water, Ricotta salata, Eggplant, Garlic, Vine-ripened tomatoes, Basil, Salt, Extra virgin olive oil
Vegetable broth	Semolina durum whole wheat, Water, Fresh onion, Mushrooms, Bacon, Cannellini beans, Rosemary, Extra virgin olive oil, Black pepper, Salt
apple	onion, anchovies, water, olive oil
Brandy	Chicken breast, Noodles, Potatoes, Snow peas, Carrots, Celery, Mushrooms, Leeks, Water, Fresh ginger, Parsley, Extra virgin olive oil, Black pepper, Salt
Almonds	streaky pork, durum wheat semolina, water, minced garlic, plum, cauliflower, mushroom, soft-boiled eggs, rice wine, salt, flour



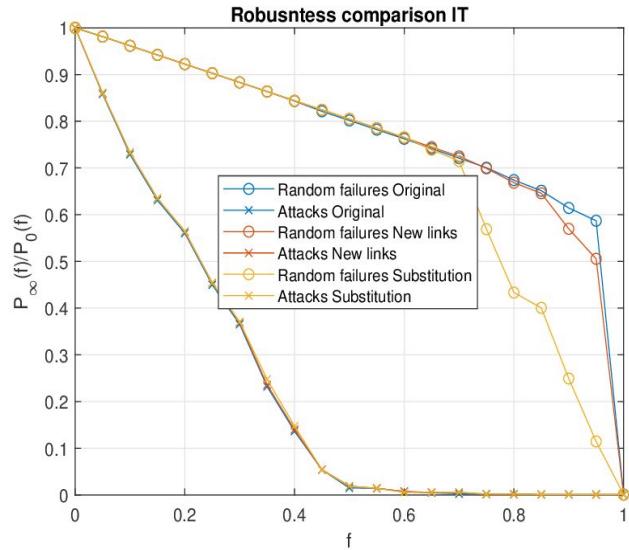
New Ingredient	Recipe
mushroom	onion, meat, red wine, concentrated tomato paste, chicken broth, bay leaves, sugar, salt, durum wheat semolina, water, cheese, fresh thyme, black pepper
chia	streaky pork, durum wheat semolina, water, minced garlic, plum, cauliflower, mushroom, soft-boiled eggs, rice wine, salt, flour
cheese	durum wheat semolina, water, bacon, asparagus, shrimp, garlic, black pepper, rose salt, paprika, parsley leaf, cheese
basil leaves	durum wheat semolina, water, onion, cream, chicken breast, squid
avocado	durum wheat semolina, water, bacon, large tomatoes, green pepper, mushroom, cheese, ketchup, salt, black pepper



New Ingredient	Recipe
consomme	durum wheat semolina, water, salmon, olives oil
tomato	onion, bacon, garlic, olives oil, cream, salt, cheese, durum wheat semolina, water, juice, nut
soy sauce	chicken, salt, durum wheat semolina, water, avocado, clams, mayonnaise, onion, cod roe
onion	durum wheat semolina, water, saury, salt
pepper	durum wheat semolina, water, salmon, olives oil

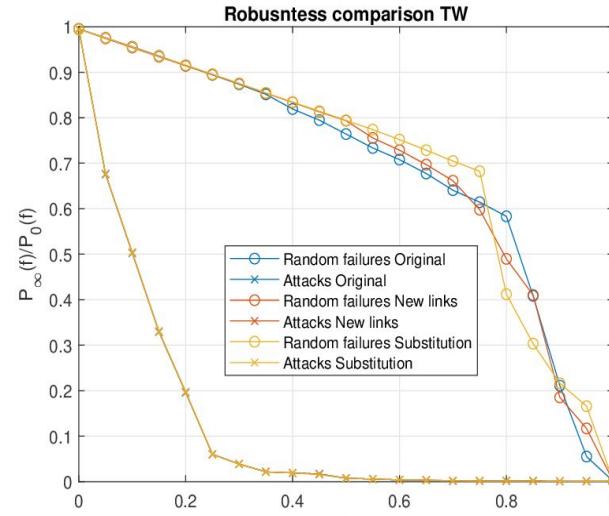


# Robustness of new links



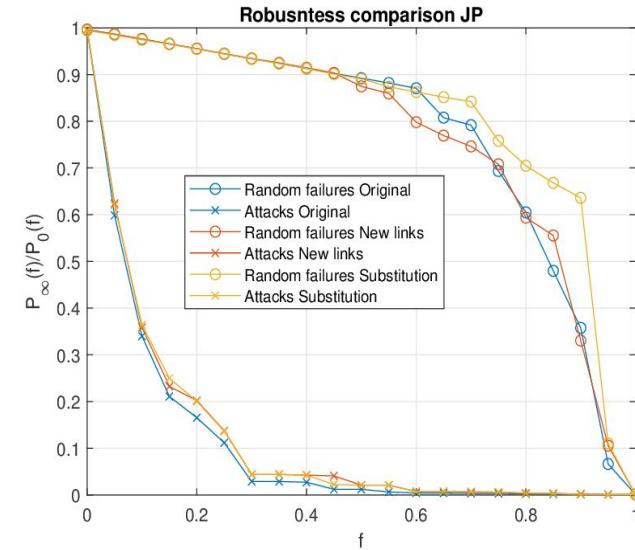
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*"basil" -> "lemongrass'*  
*'black pepper' -> 'soy sauce'*



TAIWAN

*'black pepper' -> 'aivar'*



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*'mushrooms' -> 'nuts'*  
*'tomato' -> 'potesara' (potato salad)*

We can make substitutions!

# CONCLUSIONS - pasta networks

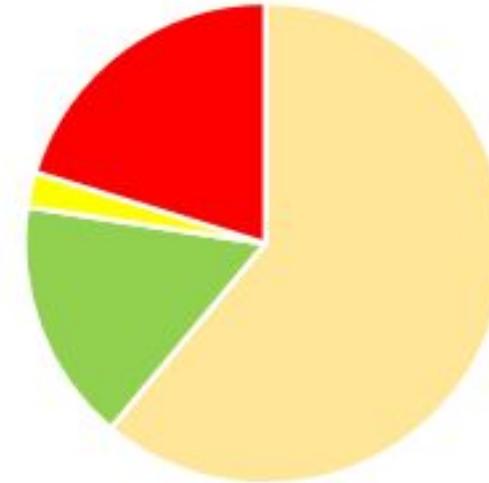
ITALIAN PASTA INGREDIENTS



TAIWANESE PASTA INGREDIENTS



JAPANESE PASTA INGREDIENTS

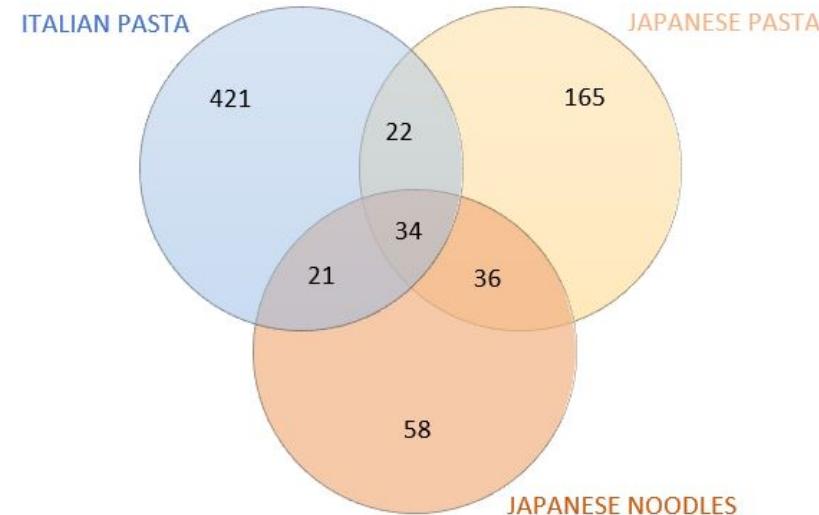
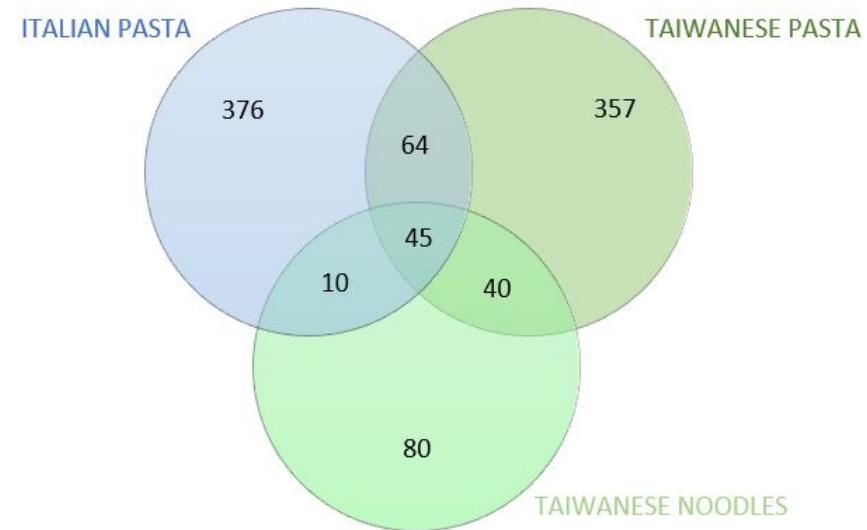
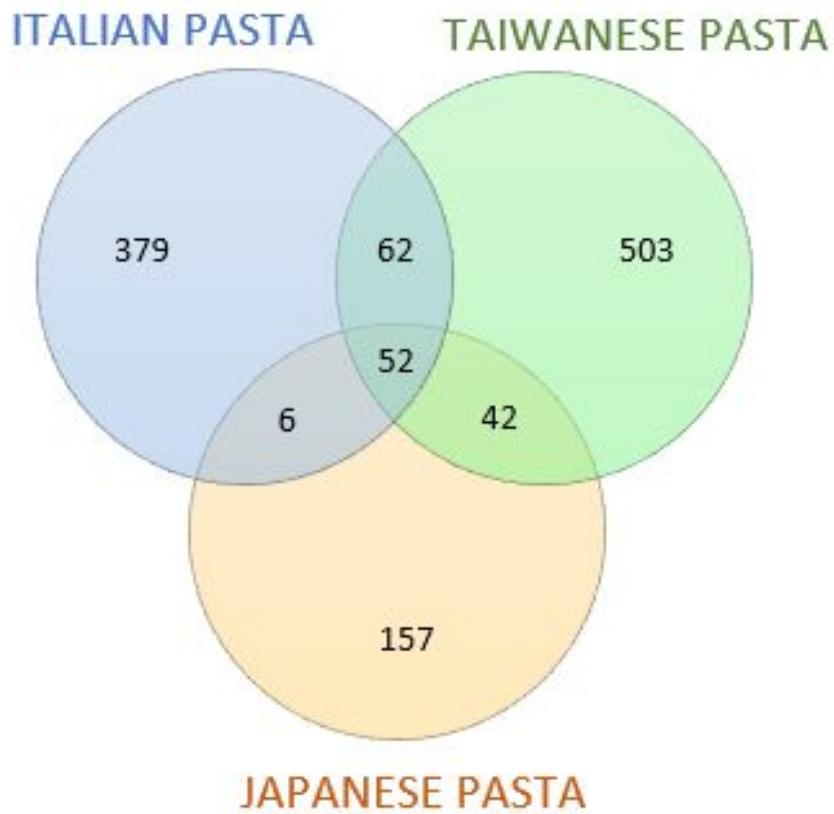


- ONLY IN THAT COUNTRY
- ITALY & TAIWAN

- ITALY & JAPAN
- ITALY & JAPAN & TAIWAN

- TAIWAN & JAPAN

# CONCLUSIONS - pasta & noodles





# Flavor Network – IP 7.2

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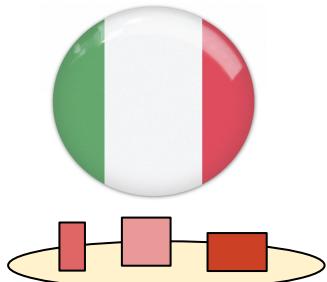
# Flavor Analysis - Why?

Starting from this hypothesis:

**"Westerns tend to use ingredients that share flavors to cook while  
Easterns avoid foods that share the same flavors in their dishes"**

**Q1**

Does pasta dishes follow  
this hypothesis?

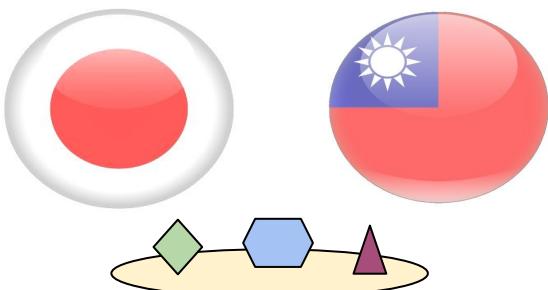


**Q2**

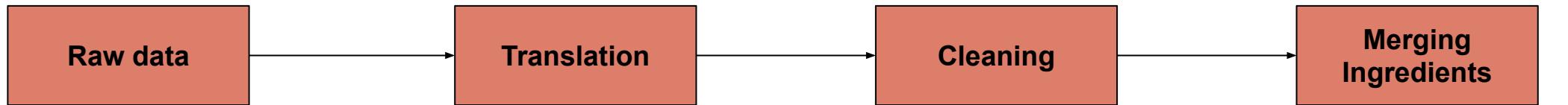
How similar are the eastern pastas  
with the Italian ones?

**Q3**

How similar are eastern pastas  
respect eastern noodles?



# Data Scraping 1



☆理想の和風パスタ  
-パスタ♪  
-本つゆ  
-★醤油  
-オリーブオイル  
-ツナ缶

★Ideal of  
Japanese-style pasta  
-pasta♪  
-this rainy season  
-★soy sauce  
-olive oil  
-a can of tuna

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BeautifulSoup



5 dataset \* <1000 recipes> \* <5 ingredients>

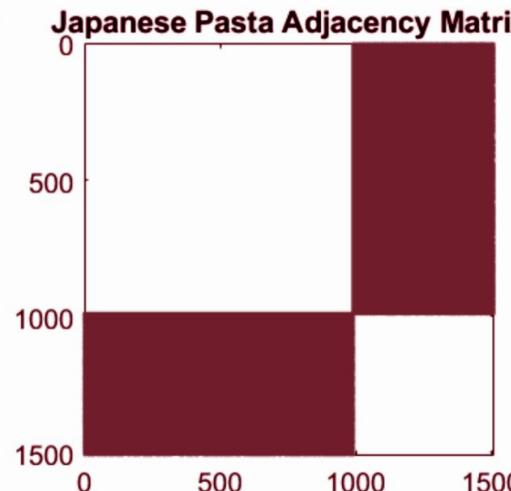
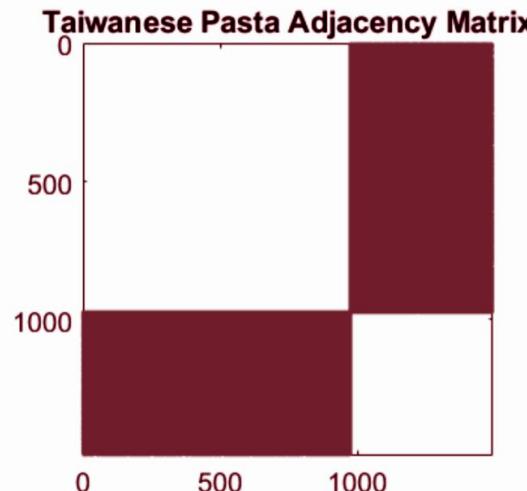
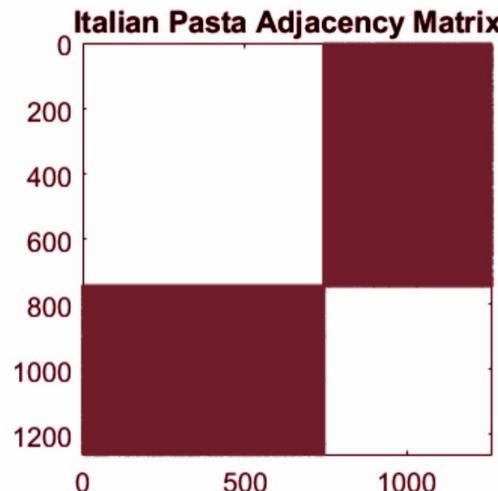
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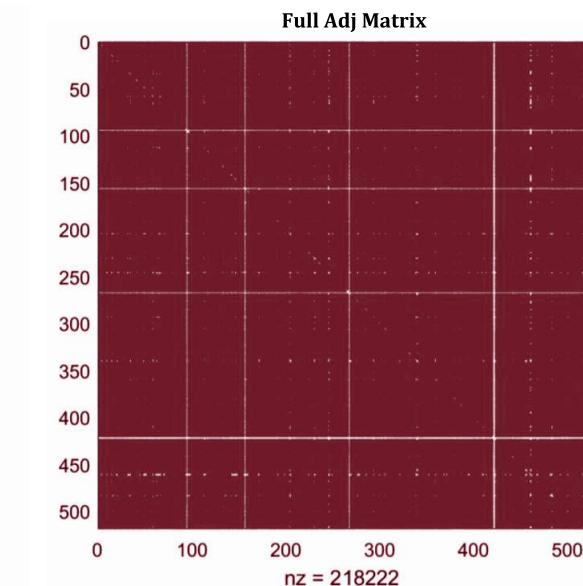
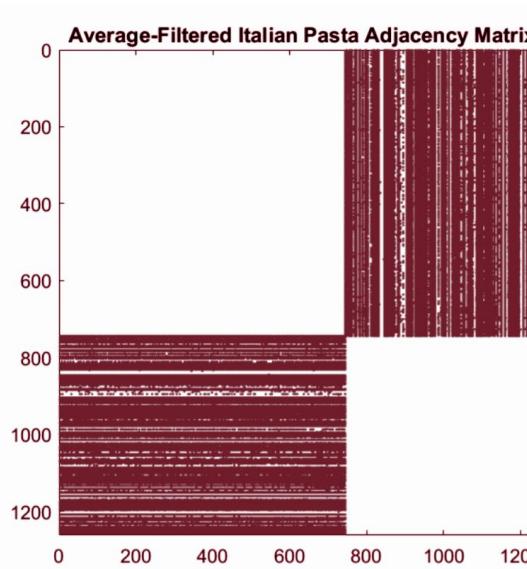
(+)-Delta-Cadinene	herbal, woody, thyme, wood, medicine, dry
(+)-Neomenthol	camphoraceous, minty, sweet, mentholic
(-)-Epicatechin	bitter
(-)-Epicatechin Gallate	bitter
(-)-Epigallocatechin	bitter
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(2E,4E)-Deca-2,4-Dienal	citrus, orange, nut, wax, meat, fat, fresh, fatty, oily, cucumber, sweet, melon, pumpkin, fried, green
(E)-Hept-2-Enal	soap, vegetable, fat, fresh, fatty, pungent, almond, green

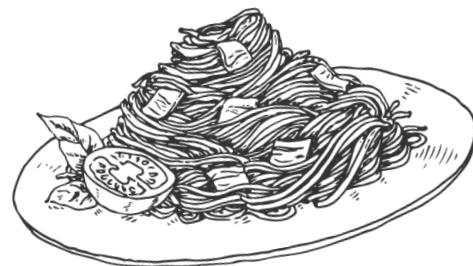


# Adjacency Matrix

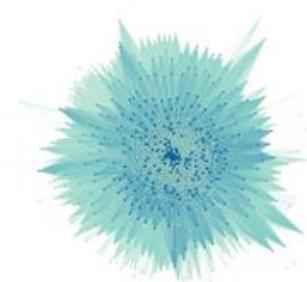
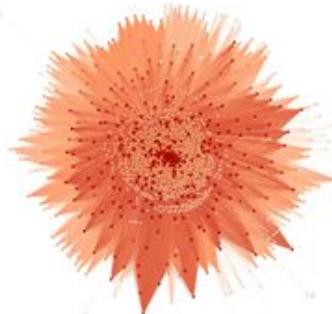


- Almost fully connected bipartite adjacency matrices
- Low link weight
- One big community with default Gephi function





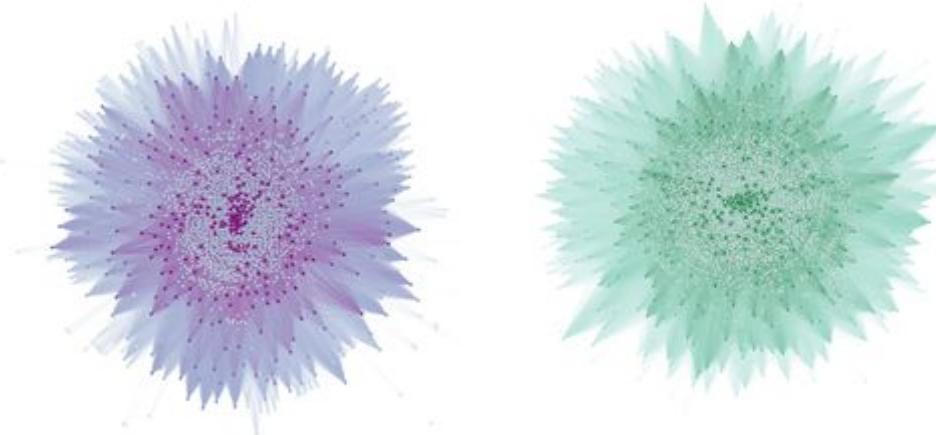
# Pasta Flavor Network -Bipartite



Average Degree	357	416	409
Av. Weighted Degree	2704	4096	3804
Average Link Weight	4.2913	6.0503	5.5562
Network Diameter	4	4	4
Average Path Length	1.903	1.902	1.907
$\gamma$	2.5281	2.2676	2.3516



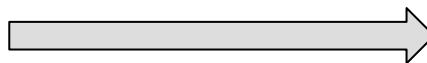
# Noodles Flavor Network - Bipartite



Average Degree	405	469
Av. Weighted Degree	2853	2730
Average Link Weight	7.8522	5.9958
Network Diameter	4	4
Average Path Length	1.941	1.985
$\gamma$	2.6776	2.1871

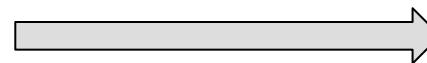
# Flavour Network Community

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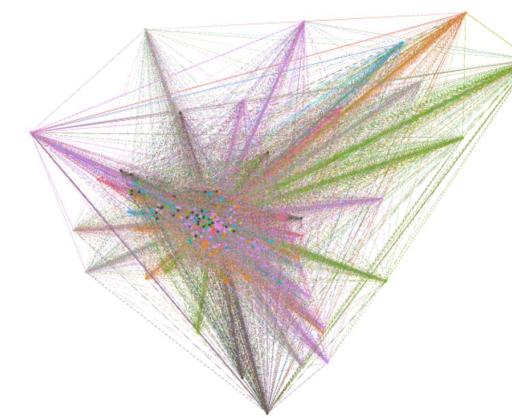
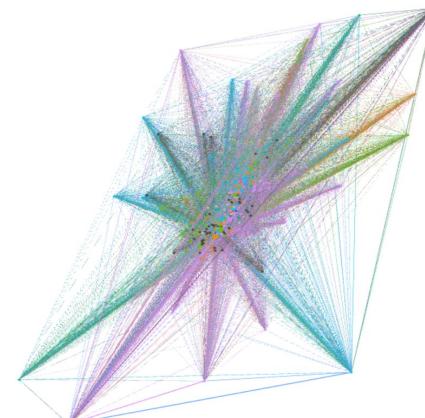
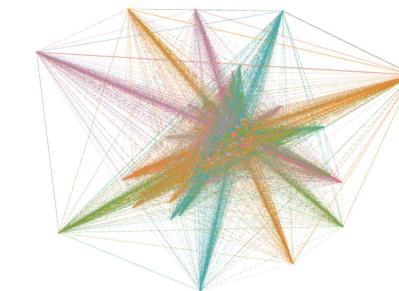
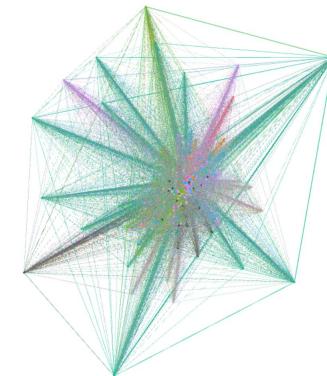
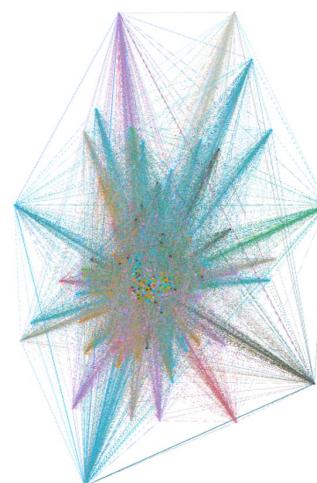


No communities

Resolution = 0.8

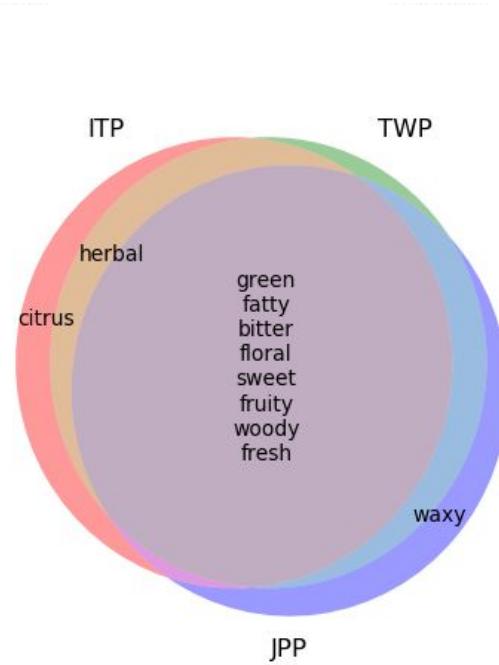


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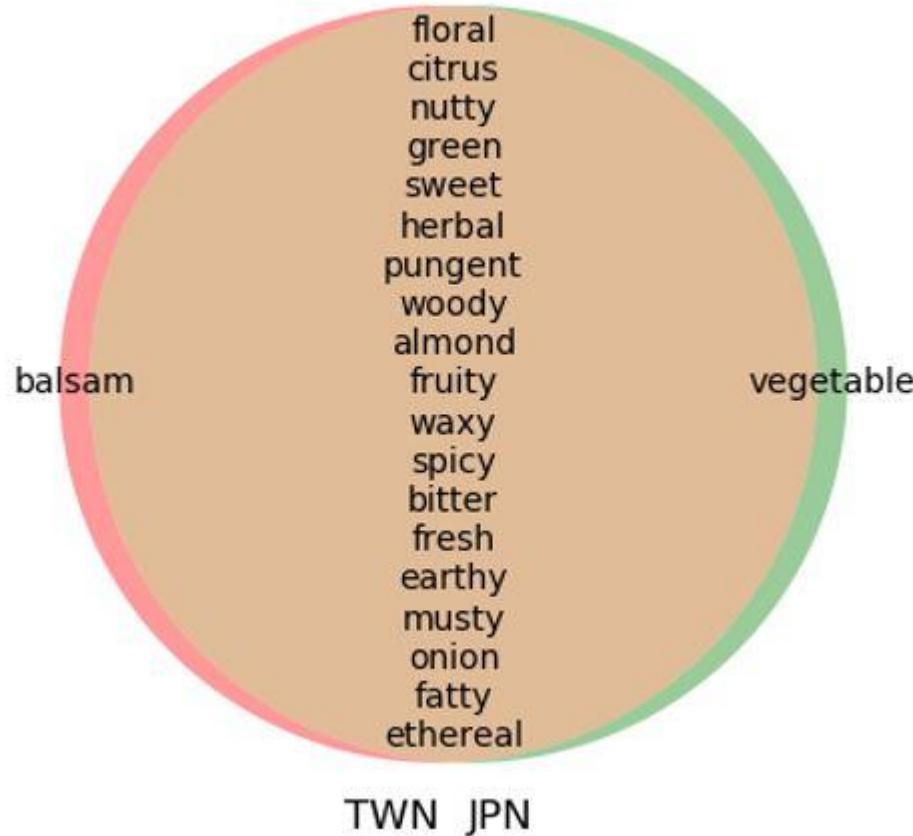
Only interesting thing: TOP5 FLAVOURS ARE ALMOST IN DIFFERENT CLUSTERS

# Which are the most common flavours in the pasta dishes?



Ranking	Italian P.	Taiwanese P.	Japanese P.
01	sweet	sweet	sweet
02	green	green	green
03	bitter	fruity	bitter
04	fruity	bitter	fruity
05	woody	woody	floral
06	herbal	floral	fatty
07	floral	fatty	fresh
08	citrus	nutty	woody
09	fresh	herbal	nutty
10	fatty	fresh	waxy

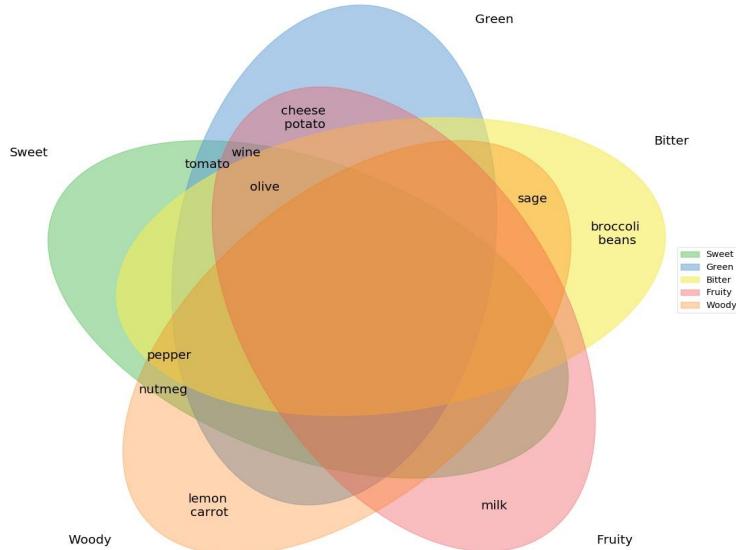
# ... Does noodle dishes follow the same behaviour?



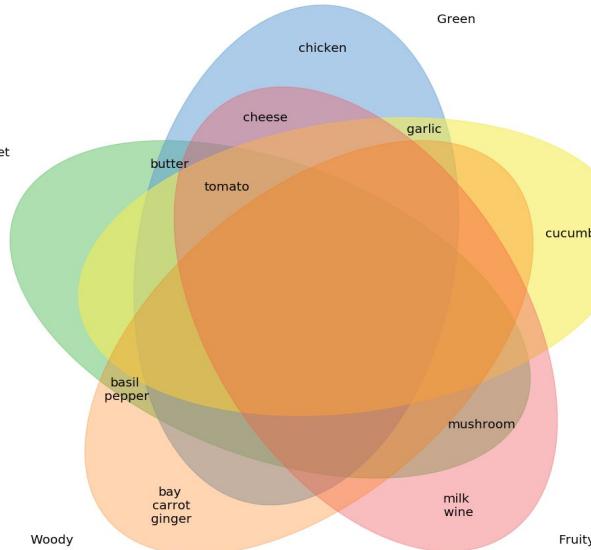
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# Reverse Flavor Analysis

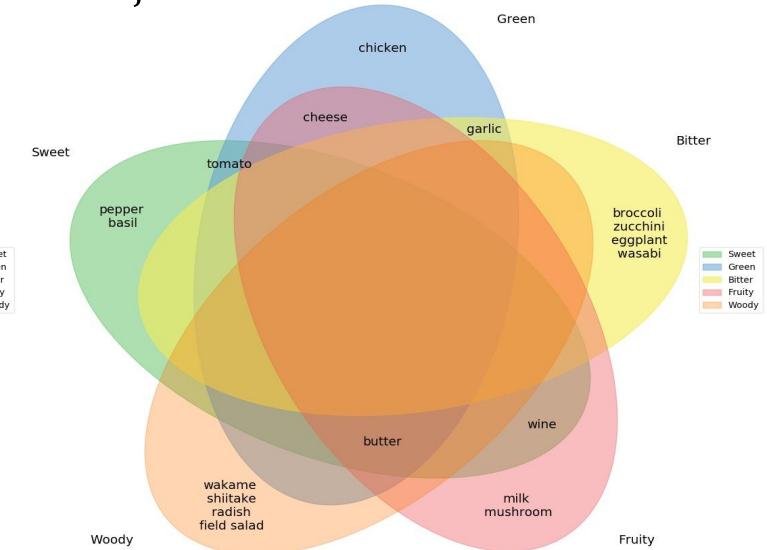
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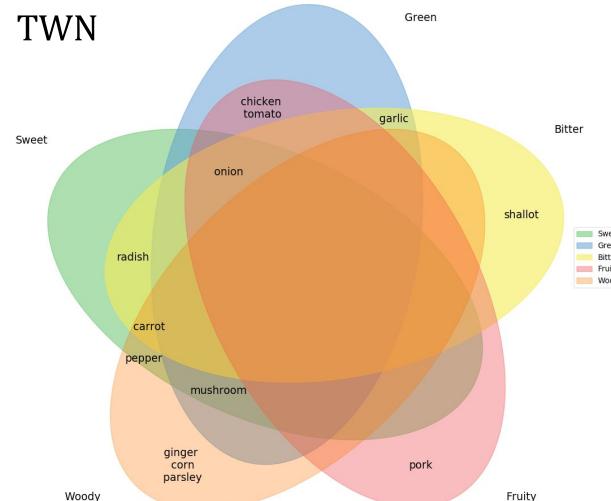
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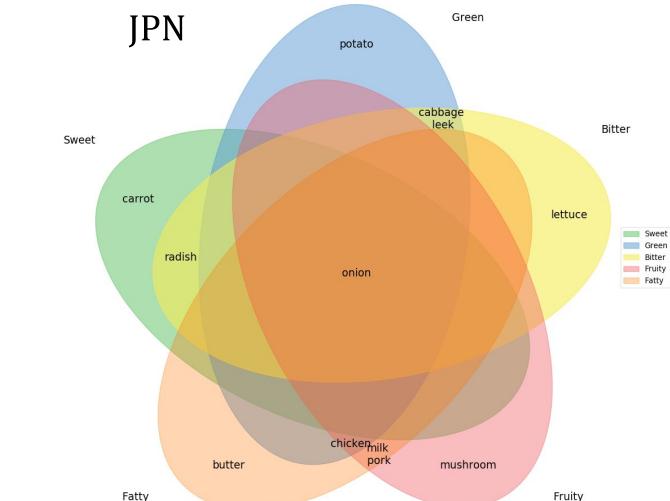
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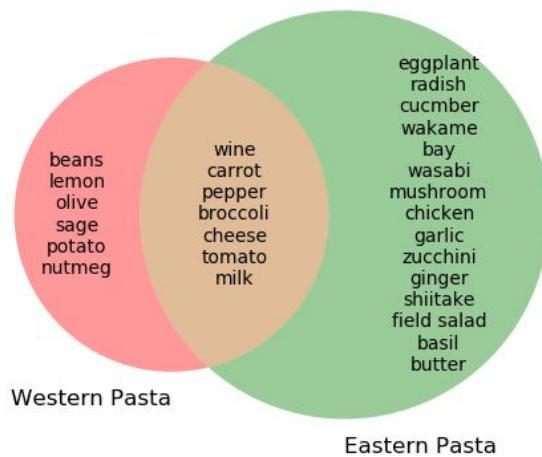
# Hypothesis result

Recalling our initial hypothesis:

***“Westerns tend to use ingredients that share flavors to cook while  
Easterns avoid foods that share the same flavors in their dishes”***

## WHAT WE HAVE DISCOVERED

In general Eastern pasta are more rich  
and tasty than Italians



*“Pasta Localization Effect”*

...but is also true that filtering  
appropriately the flavours eastern  
pasta uses more ingredients than  
western





# Color Network - IP 7.3

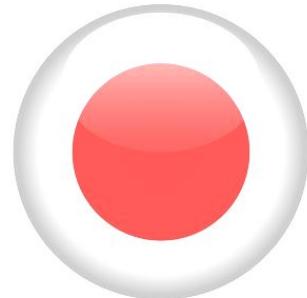
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# Why analyze recipe colors?

We decided to use this different approach to try to find if different cultures have a preference for certain colors and to also see if it is possible to divide the recipes in the 3 nations just by their colors

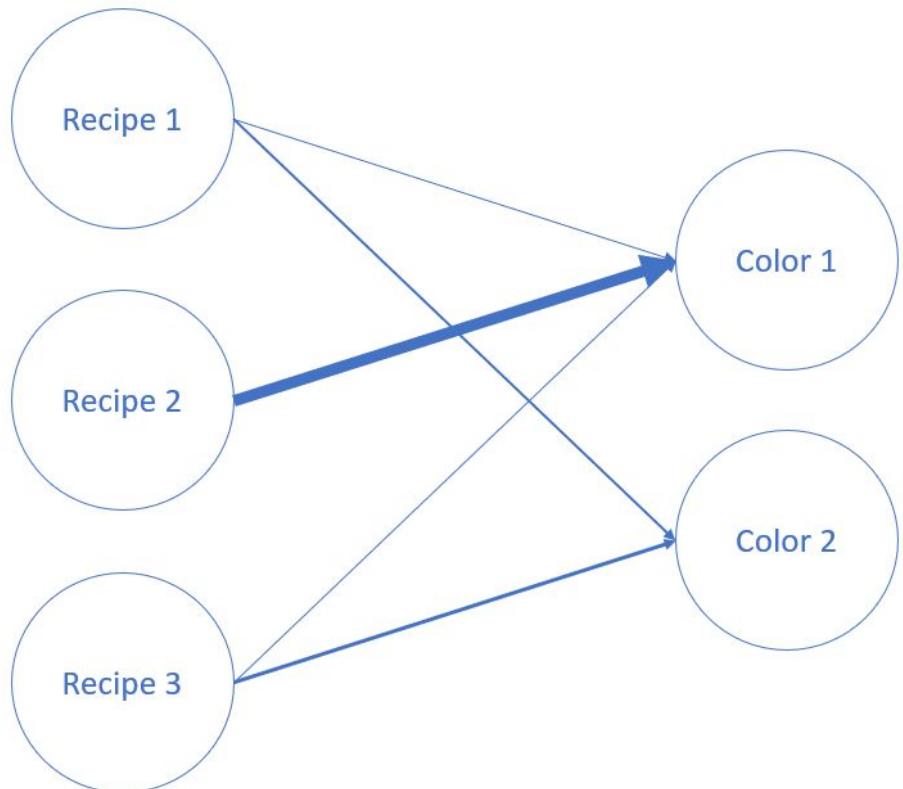
**Which colors are more prevalent in the different cultures?**

**Is it possible to find the nationality of a recipe by its colors?**

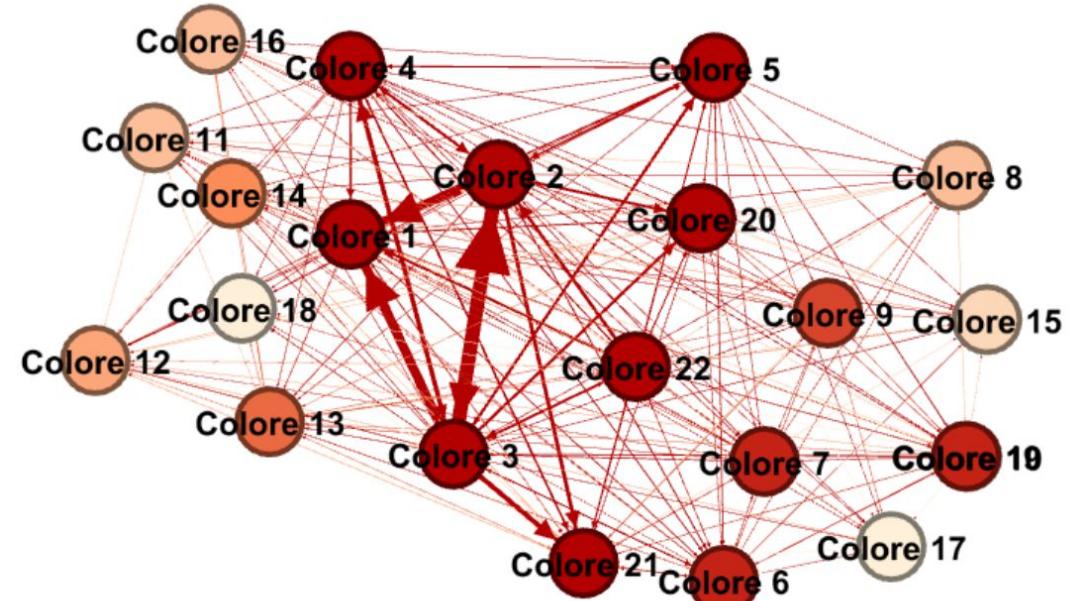


# Colors-Recipes Networks

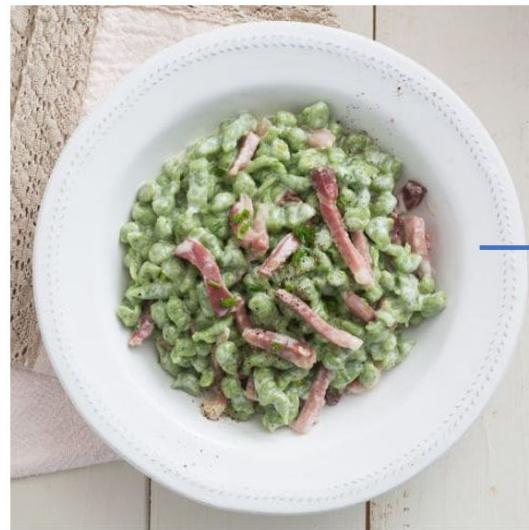
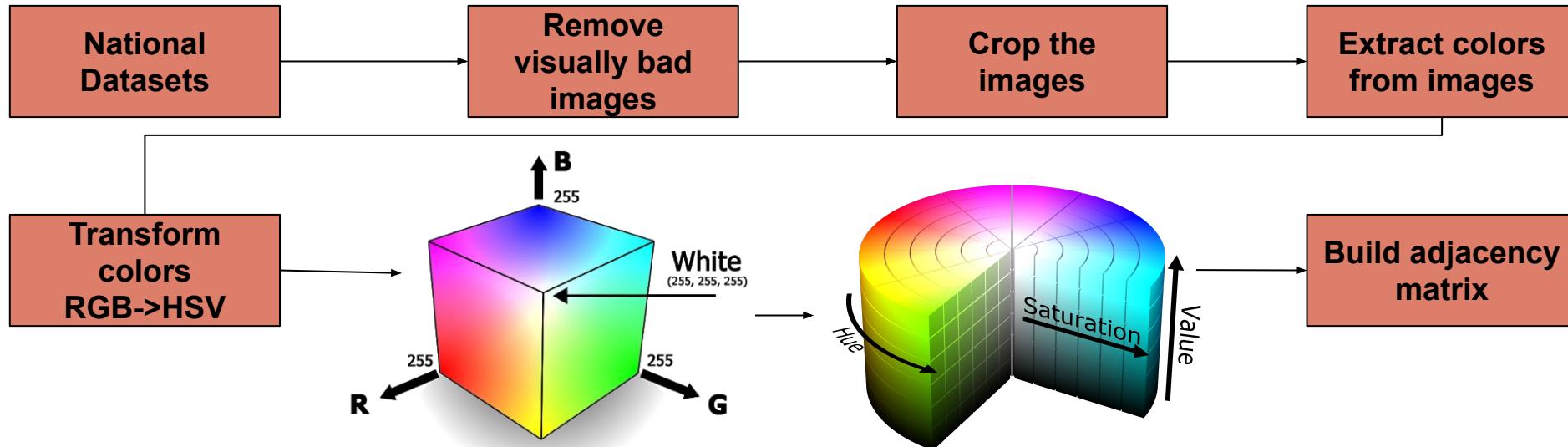
Bipartite networks:  
colors and recipes



Projections of the networks

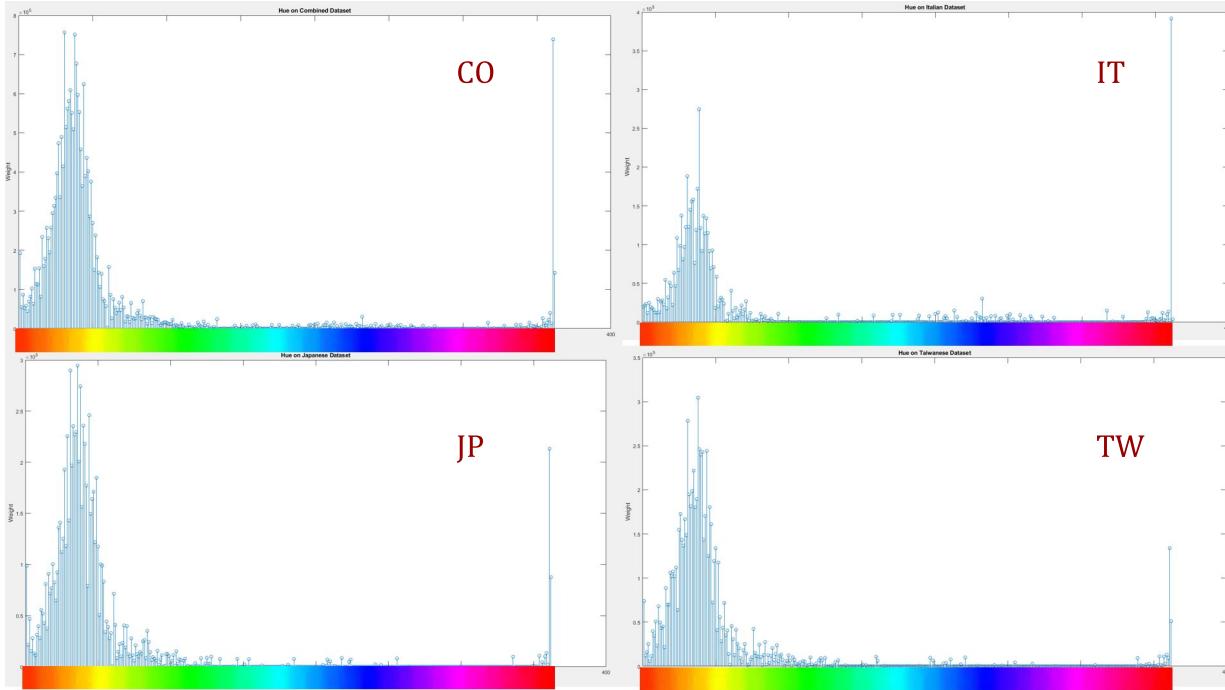


# Color processing and color spaces

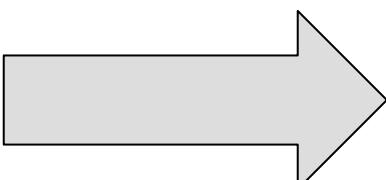


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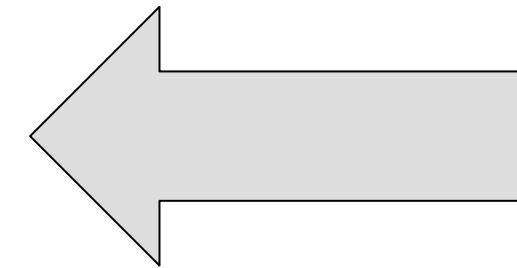
Pasta networks



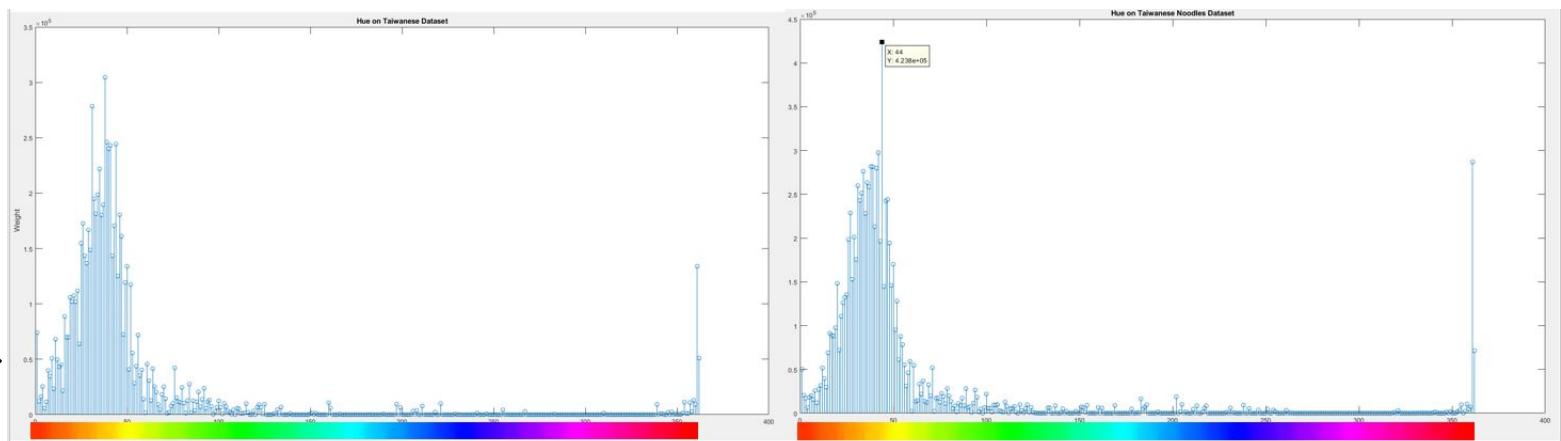
The noodles colors are shifted to the right, noodles recipes are “more yellow”



The colors are distributed exactly in the same way, with minor differences  
NOT possible to distinguish between nations

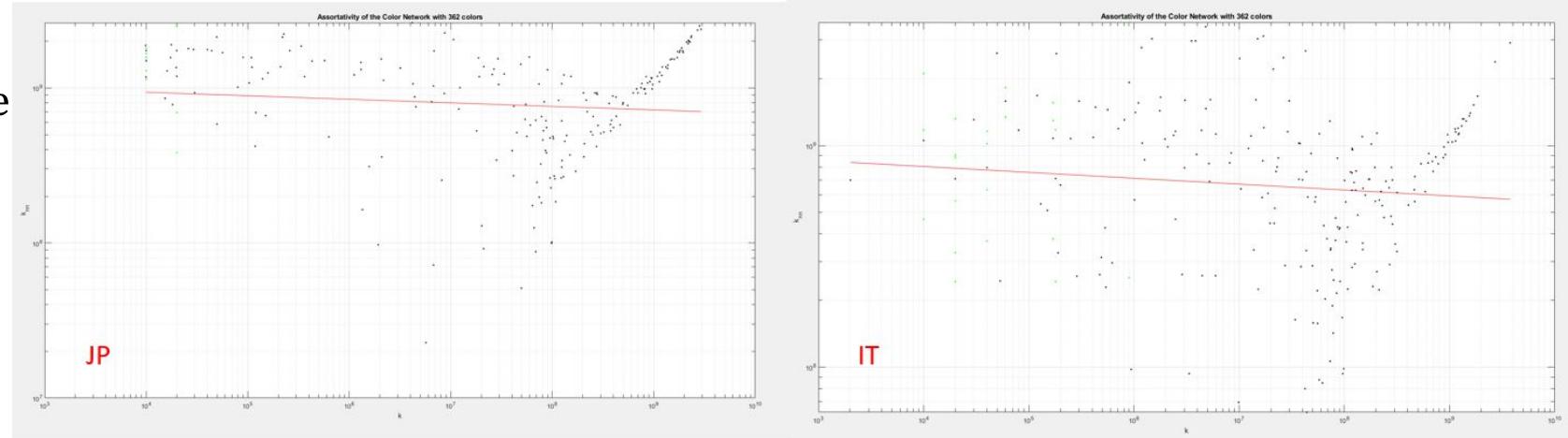


Pasta vs Noodles

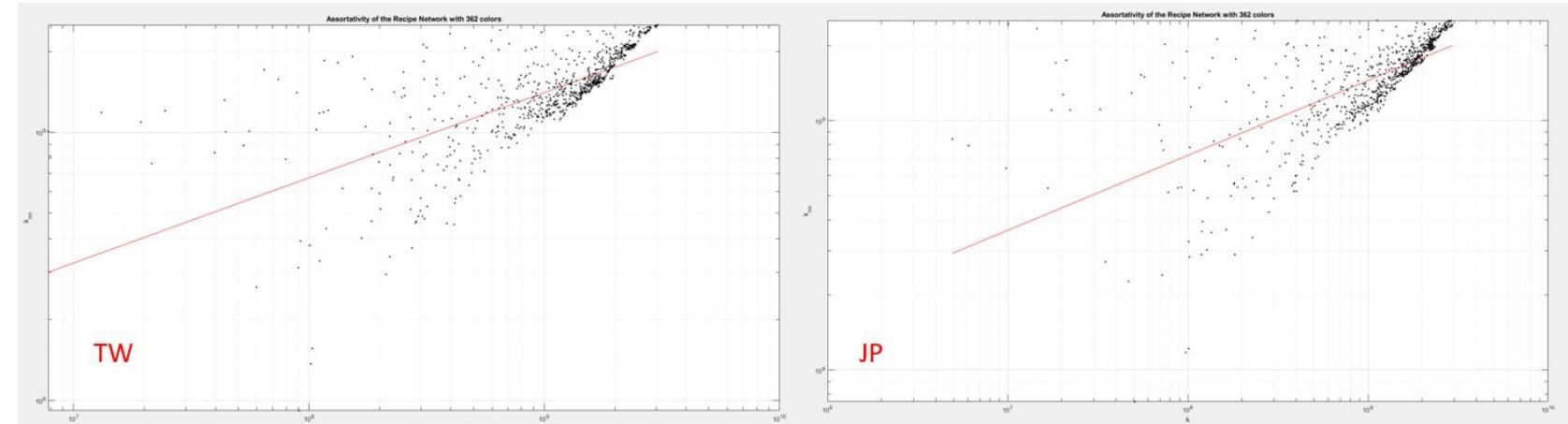


# Assortativity on the recipes and colors networks

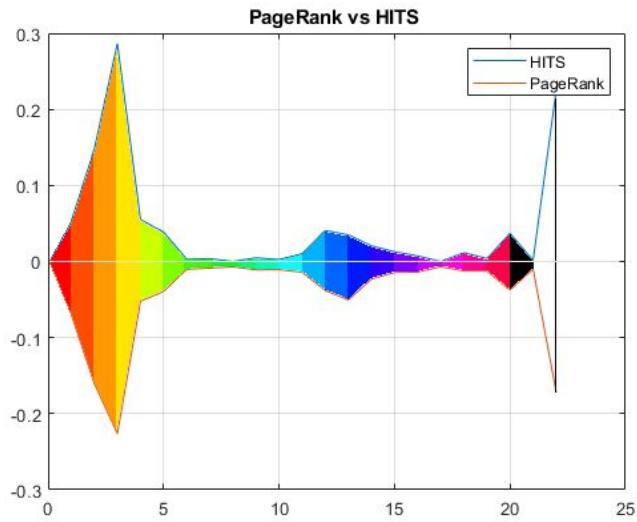
The colors form a neutral to disassortative network, the main colors (yellow, orange) do not connect together often



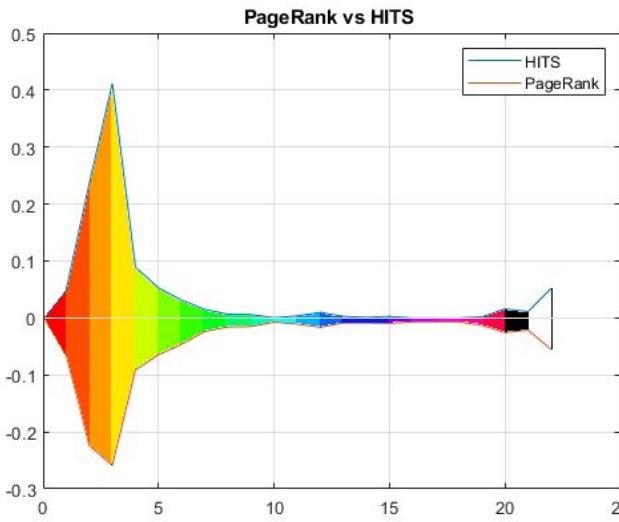
The recipes form an assortative network



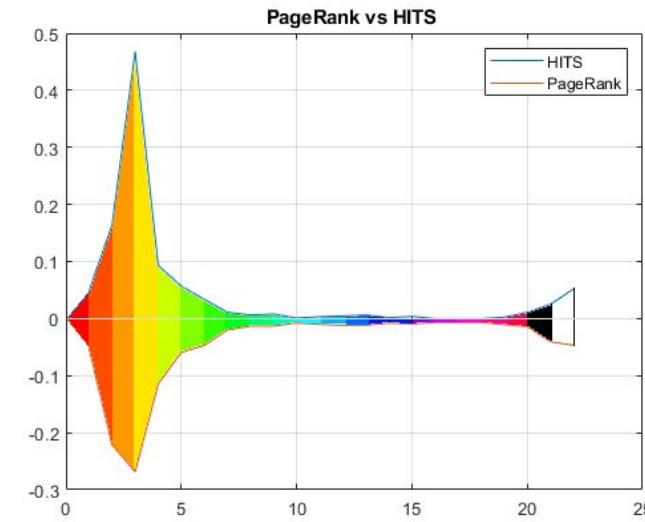
# PageRank



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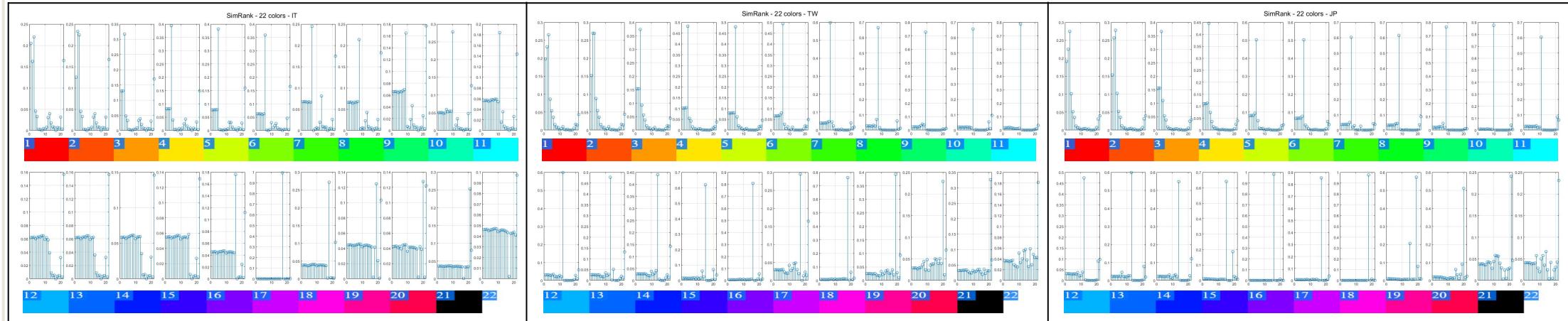
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- Red, orange and yellow as the **most important colors**
- Main differences between Italian and Asiatic data sets
- Color processing and HSV (saturation and value) issues on Italian set

# SimRank



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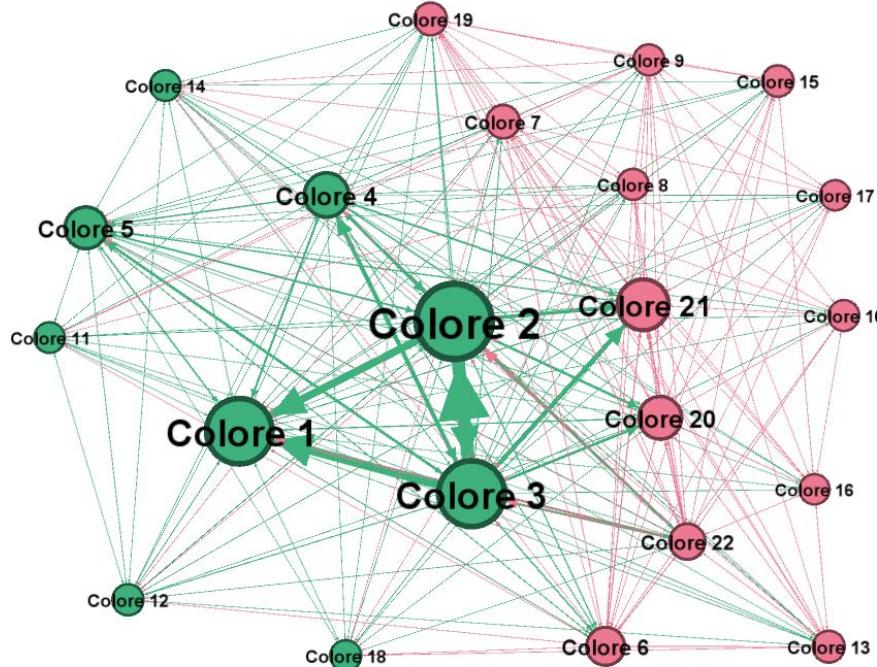


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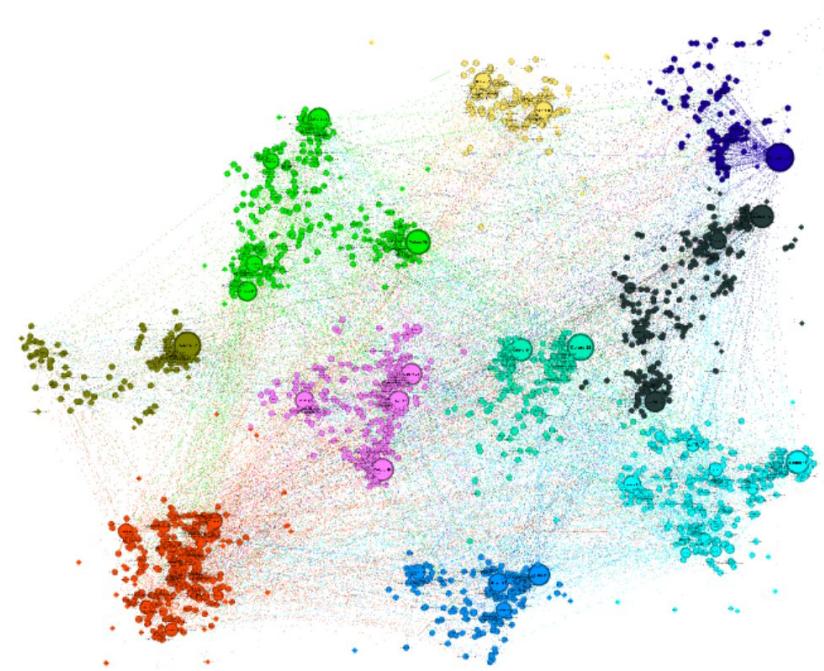
- Very homogeneous Italian network
- Main differences between Italian and Asiatic data sets
- Same color pairings for Taiwanese and Japanese recipes

# Community detection

Gephi



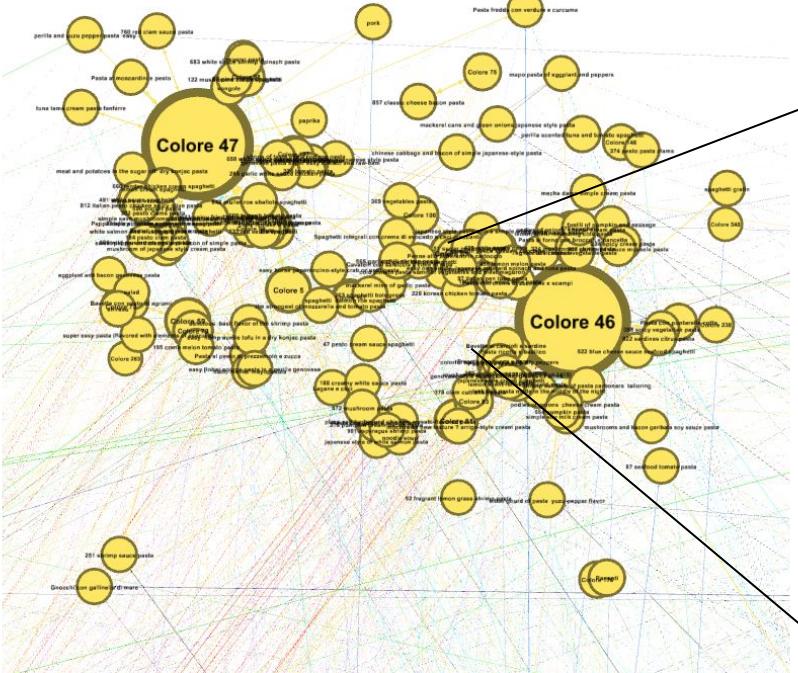
22 colors



362 colors and recipes

- **2 communities: canonical and unusual recipes (colors)**
- **Size based on node importance**
- **No clustering based on recipes provenience**
- **Main colors hubs and other minors for each cluster**

# Community example

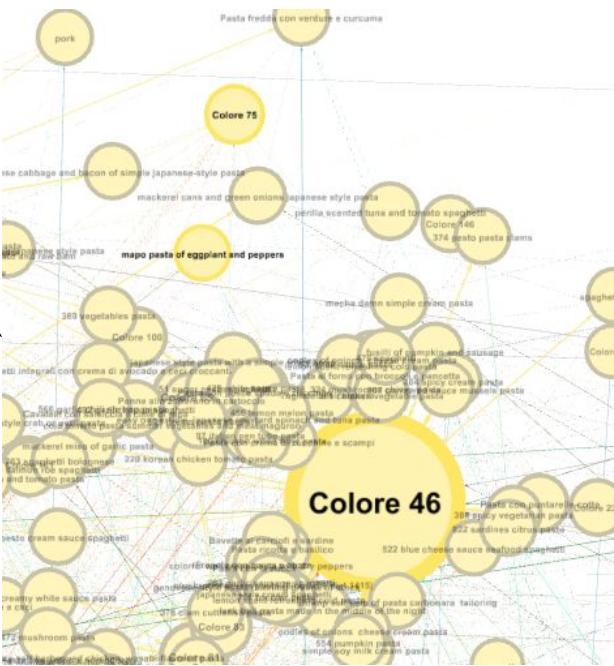


46 - 47

- **Similar colors** but **very different ingredients**
  - **Size** based on node **importance**



Color 47 - Color 75 -> Cabbage and bacon pasta



Color 46 - Color 75 -> Eggplants and green pepper pasta

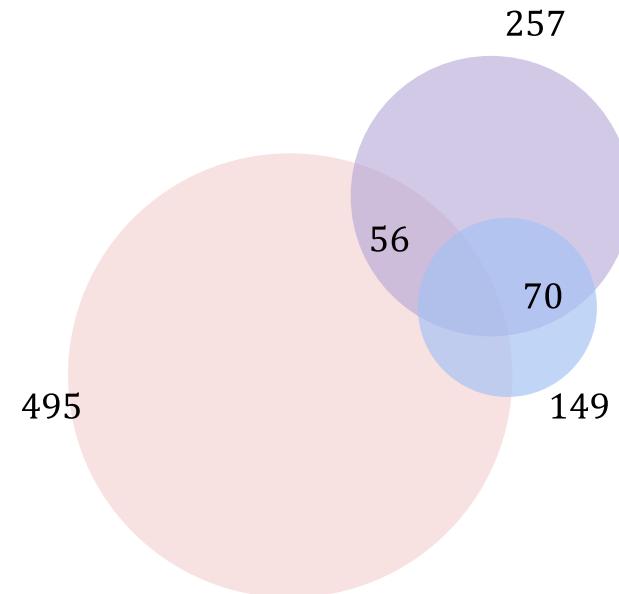
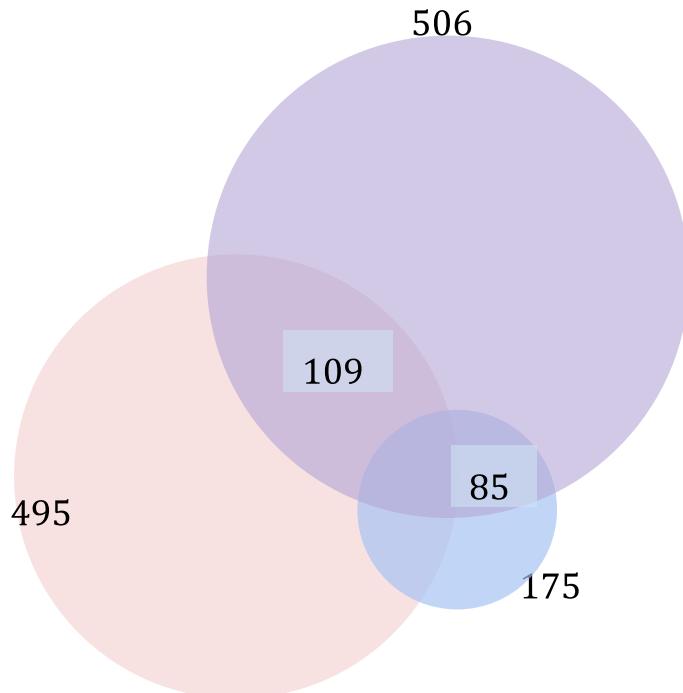
# Insights





# Ingredient network

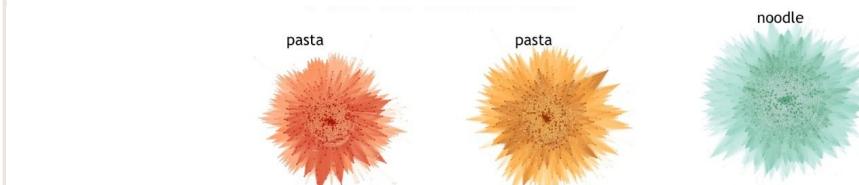
Pasta as new food or localize food?





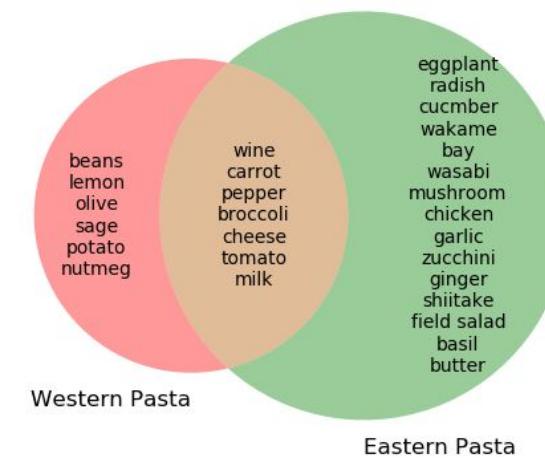
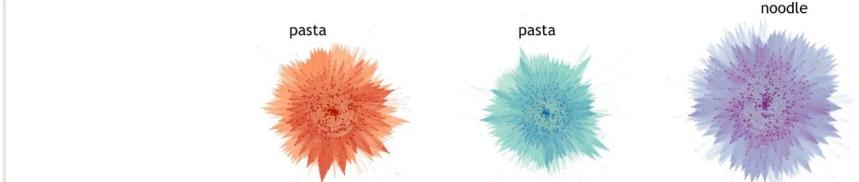
# Flavor network

Does the pasta flavor change due to the preference of local staple food?



diversity of flavor

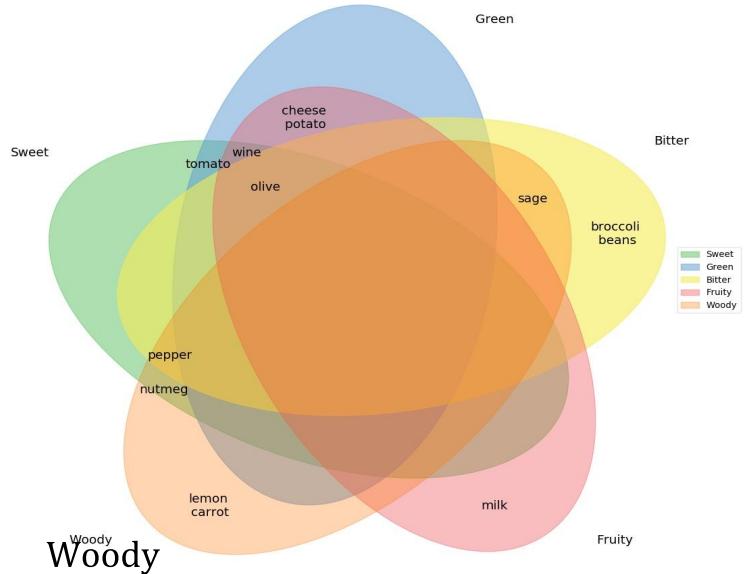
strength of the flavor



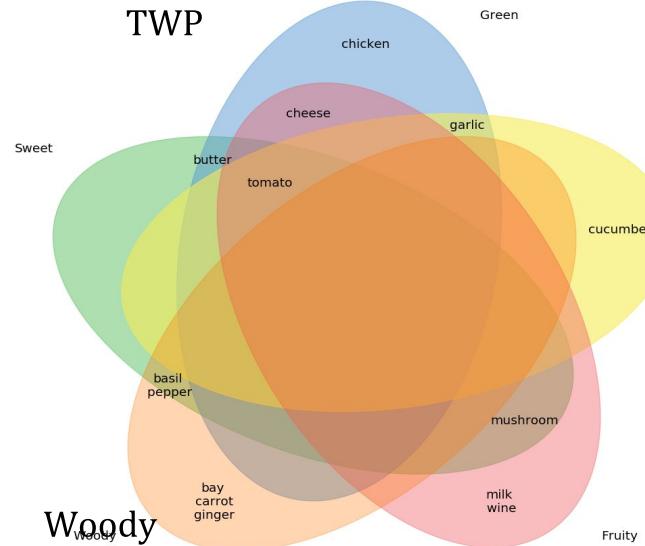


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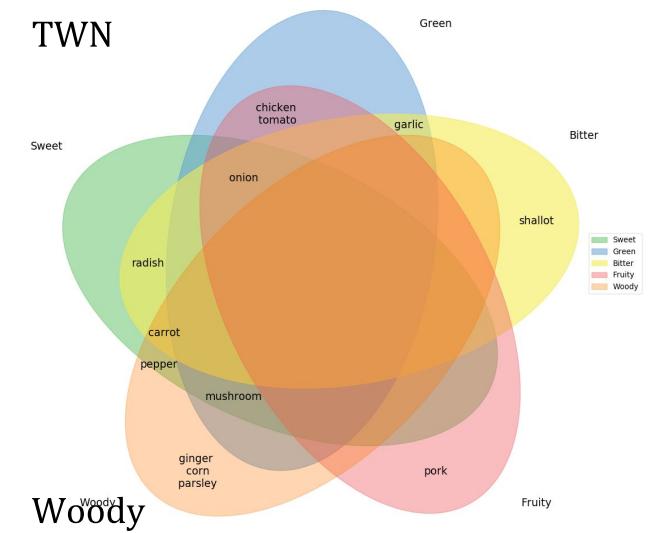
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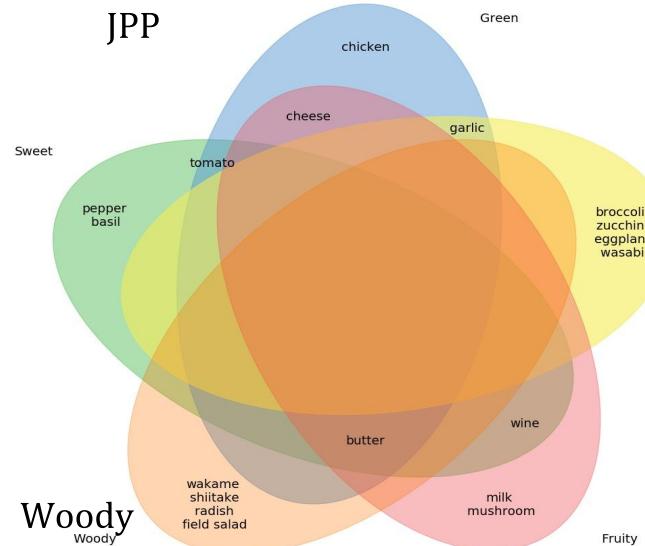
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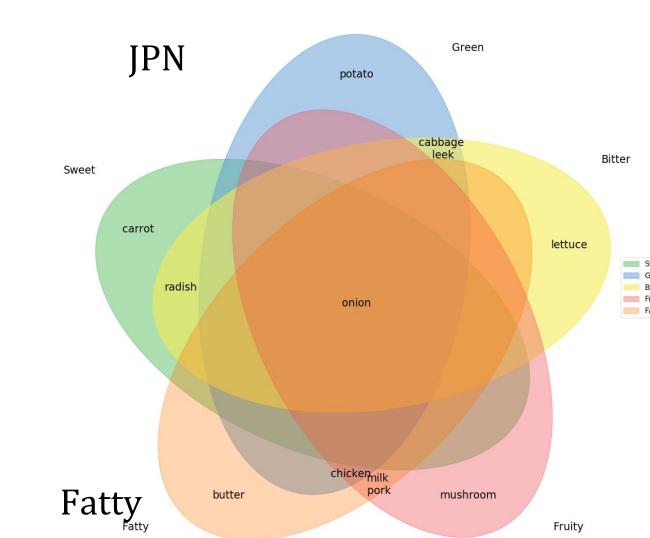
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JPP



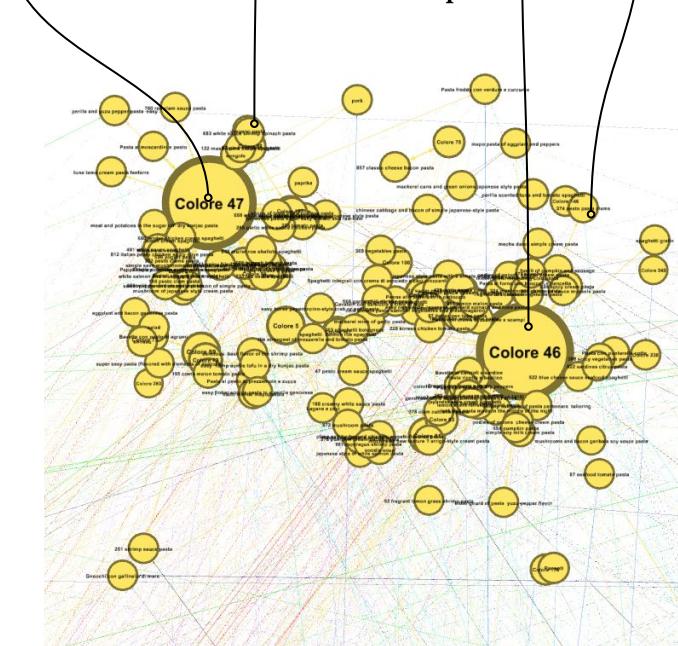
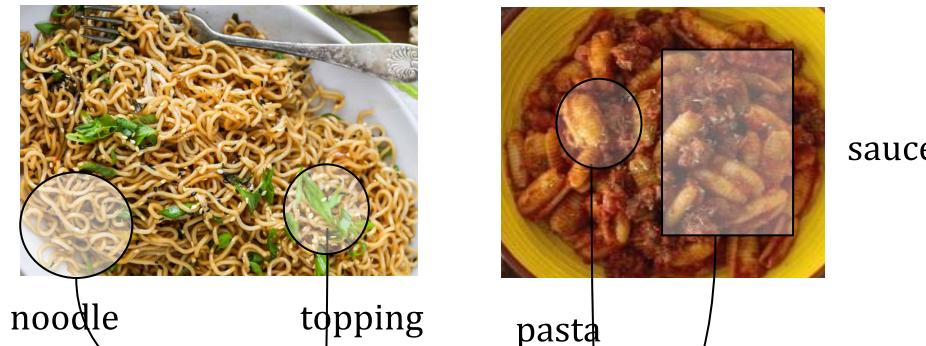
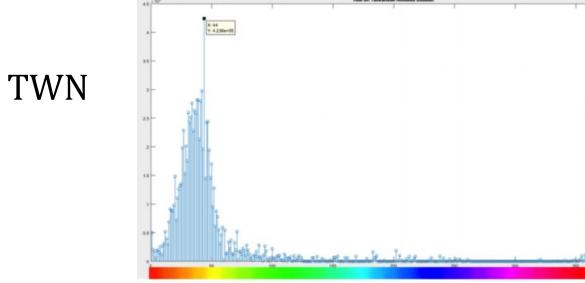
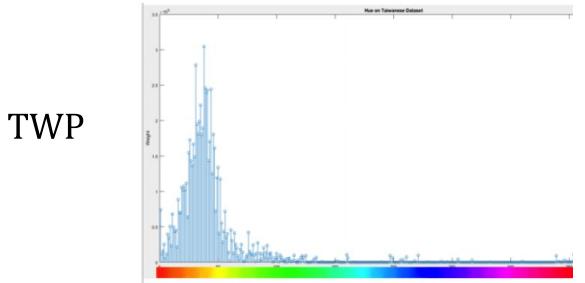
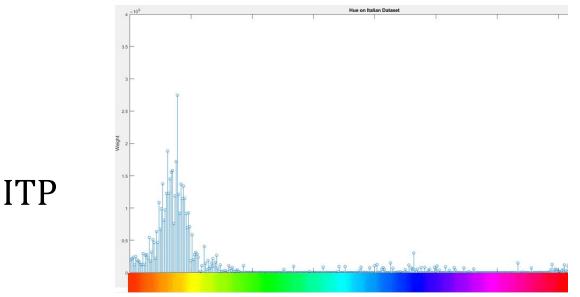
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# Color network

Is the visual preference of pasta change due to the preference of local staple food?



# Role of each participant in the project

- ★ DANA - SOCIAL ANALYSIS



IP 7.1

- ★ ELENA - SECOND PART OF THE PASTA NETWORK ANALYSIS, MATRICES BUILDING AND EXCEL TABLES
- ★ LAURA - FIRST PART OF THE PASTA NETWORK ANALYSIS, EXCEL TABLES AND CONCLUSIVE DIAGRAMS
- ★ MATTEO - DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF THE NOODLE NETWORK



IP 7.2

- ★ ANIELLO - DATA COLLECTION AND NETWORKS ANALYSIS
- ★ FEDERICO - DATA CLEANING, DATA PRESENTATION, REPORT AND POWERPOINT



IP 7.3

- ★ DANIELE - COLOR SPACE AND PROCESSING, PAGERANK, SIMRANK, COMMUNITIES
- ★ GIOVANNI - COLOR SPACE AND PROCESSING, COLOR ANALYSIS, NETWORK PARAMETERS AND ASSORTATIVITY