5. Community detection

Introduction to Social Network Analysis in R

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Introduction to Social Network Analysis(SNA) in R

- 1. Introduction to basic concepts in SNA
- 2. Visualization of networks
- 3. Descriptive Network Statistics (*Metrics Individual and Whole Network*)
- 4. Community detetction algorithms.

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Goal: find cohesive groups

- Different ways of doing this
- Modularity: a metric of how well we can break up our network into communities(chunks) with more connections within the chunk than across chunks
- Algorithms try to maximize modularity
- Most of these procedures are done with undirected & unweighted data

Always check substantively for characteristics that hold communities together.

Let's try these!

 $WA_CommunityDetection.Rmd$

Summary:

Today we looked at

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Next: Resources

- Understanding Classrooms through Social Network Analysis:
 A Primer for Social Network Analysis in Education Research;
 Daniel Z. Grunspan et al 2014
- Males under-estimate academic performance of their female peers in undergraduate biology classrooms. Daniel Z.
 Grunspan et al 2016