

Business Intelligence & Process Modelling

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Lecture 6 — Network Analytics

Recap

- **Business Intelligence:** anything that aims at providing actionable information that can be used to support business decision making
 - Business Intelligence
 - Visual Analytics
 - Descriptive Analytics & Predictive Analytics
 - **Network Analytics**
- Process Modelling (April and May)

Overview

- Context
- Network science
- Real-world networks
- Centrality
- Case: criminal networks
- Community detection
- Case: corporate networks
- Network flow: offshore financial centers

Context

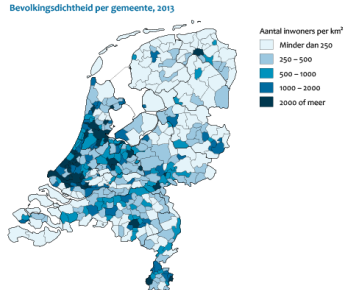
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- **Data mining:** extracting information/knowledge from data

Data evolution

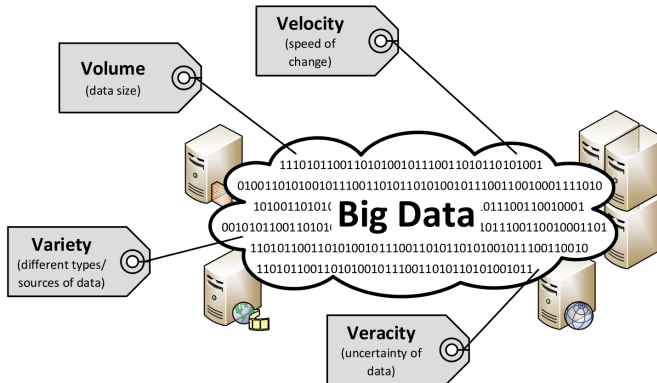


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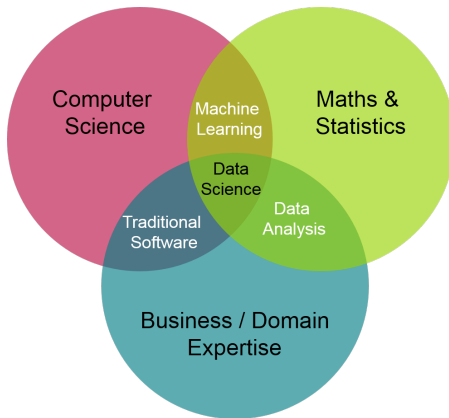
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Figure : Census data

Context: Big data



Context: Data science



Source: Forbes, A Very Short History of Data Science, May 28, 2013.

Context: Social media



Social media mining

- Social media **platforms**: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Reddit, YouTube, Blogger, . . .
- Platforms generate enormous amounts of (un)structured data
- **Social Media Mining**: analyzing this data in order to get insight in user(s), trends, usage patterns, the platform itself, . . .
 - Sentiment Mining
 - Trend Analysis
 - **Social Network Analysis**

Network Science

Networks

- **Objects**/entities/nodes/vertices
- **Relationships**/ties/links/edges
- **Network**/graph: objects and relationships between objects
- Data attributes are annotations on the nodes and the edges
- Examples:
 - Online social networks
 - Scientific citation and collaboration networks
 - Webgraphs
 - Biological networks
 - Communication networks
 - Financial networks
 - Corporate networks

Notation

Concept

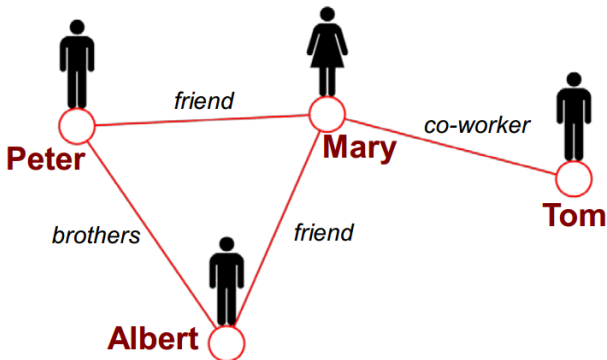
- Network (graph)
- Objects (nodes/vertices)
- Relations (links/edges)
 - Directed — $E \subseteq V \times V$
 - Undirected
- Number of nodes — $|V|$
- Number of edges — $|E|$

Symbol

$$G = (V, E)$$

 V E n m

Networks



Source: <http://web.stanford.edu/class/cs224w>

Types of graphs

- Directed vs undirected graphs
 - Reciprocity/Symmetry: extend to which directed links are mutual
- Weighted vs. unweighted graphs
 - Unweighted: weight of 1 for computational reasons
 - Signed networks: positive and negative weights
- Labeled (annotated) vs. unlabeled graphs
 - Labels on nodes and/or edges
- One-mode (homogenic) vs. two-mode networks
Or: multi-mode (heterogenic) networks
- Static vs. dynamic (temporal) networks
 - Timestamps on nodes and/or edges

Representation

- (Undirected) **Edge List**

1 3

2 3

2 6

3 4

3 5

3 6

- Commonly used as an input format

- $O(2m)$ memory

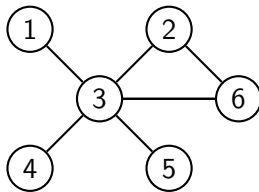


Figure : $n = 6$ and $m = 6$

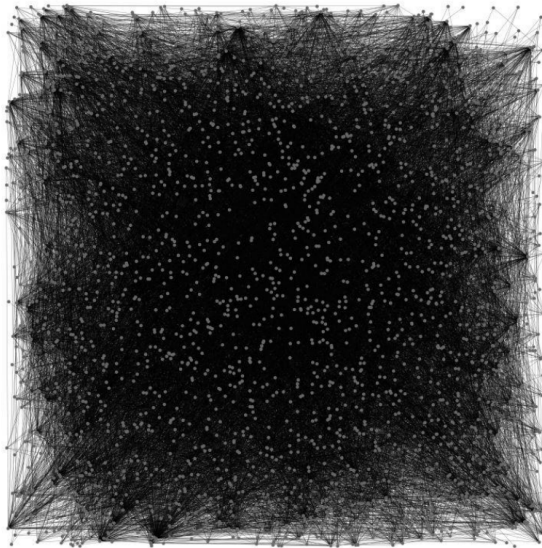
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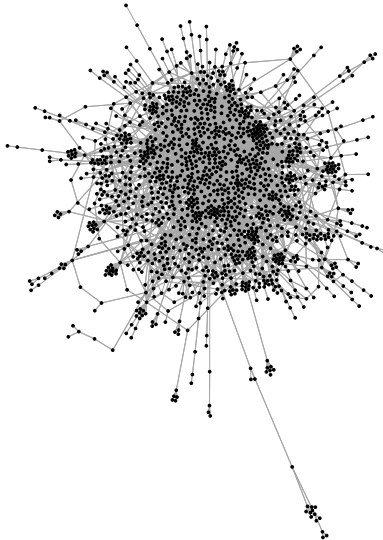
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- Branch of data science focusing on network data
- Method in complexity research
- Complex systems approach: the behavior emerging from the network reveals patterns not visible when studying the individuals

Large network data



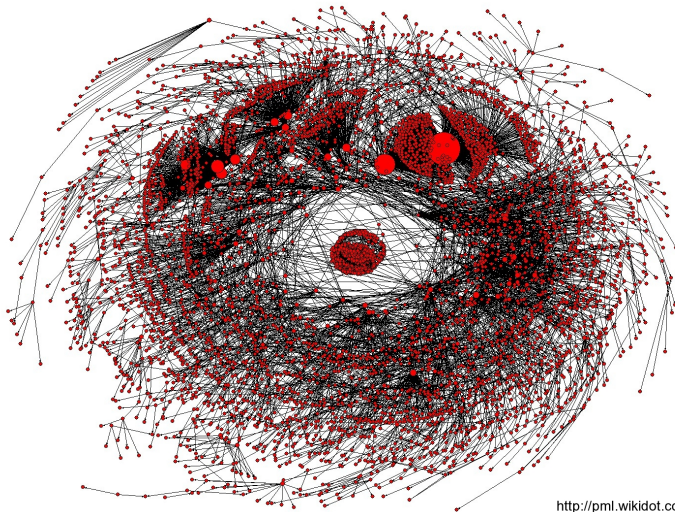
Visualization algorithms



Protein interaction network

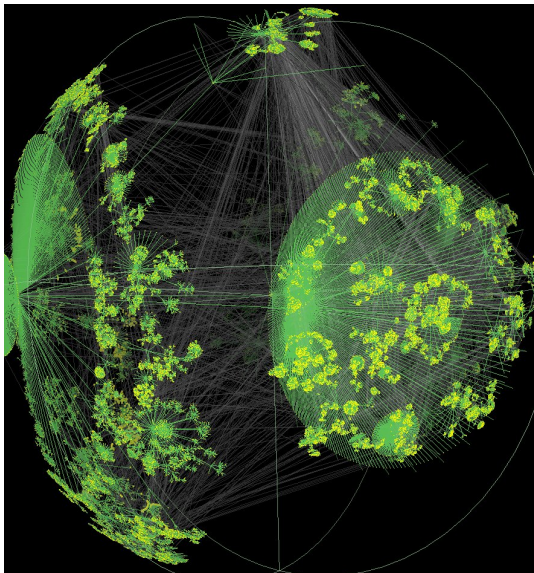


Collaboration network: 10,000 nodes

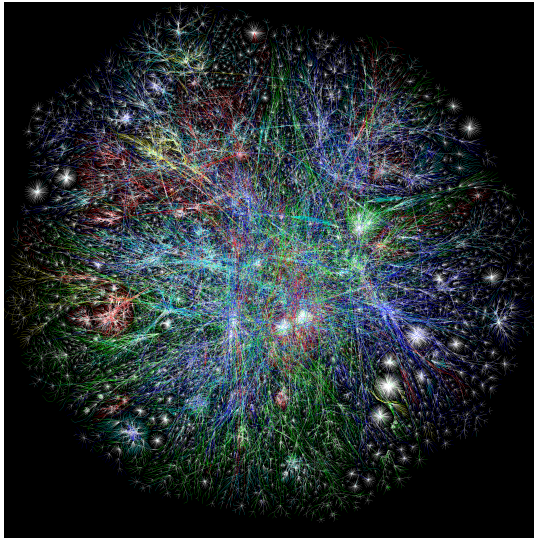


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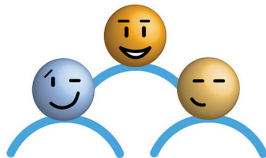
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HYVES: 8,000,000 nodes



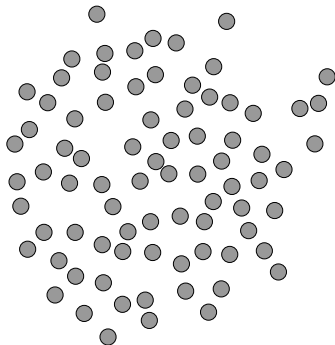
- Online Social Network
- Dutch & pre-Facebook
- Full snapshot
- $n = 8,000,000$ (8 million)
- $m = 1,000,000,000$ (1 billion)

Facebook: 1,000,000,000 nodes



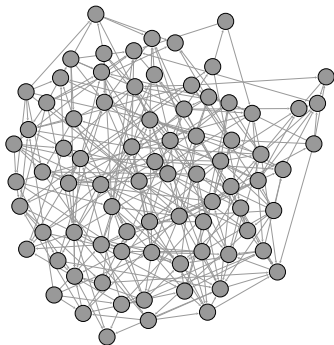
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- Other interesting measures:
 - 1 Density
 - 2 Degree
 - 3 Components
 - 4 Distance
 - 5 Clustering coefficient

Sparse networks

- Maximum number of edges m_{\max}
 - $m_{\max} = n(n-1)$ for directed graphs
 - $m_{\max} = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$ for undirected graphs
- Sparse graph if $m \ll m_{\max}$
- Measure sparseness using **density**: $\frac{m}{n(n-1)}$
- HYVES: $8 \cdot 10^6$ nodes, at most $64 \cdot 10^{12}$ edges.
But network has “only” $1 \cdot 10^9$ edges, so density 0.0000156.
- Density is relevant when comparing networks

Degree

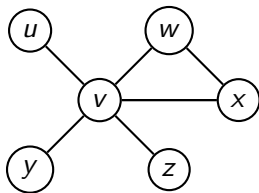


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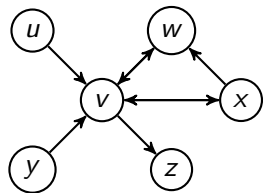


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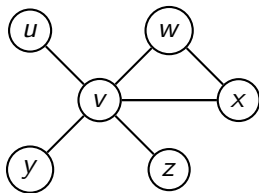


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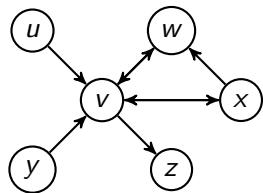


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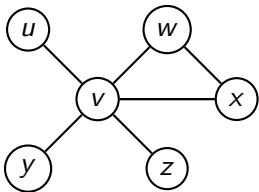


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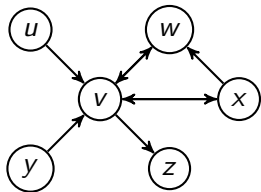


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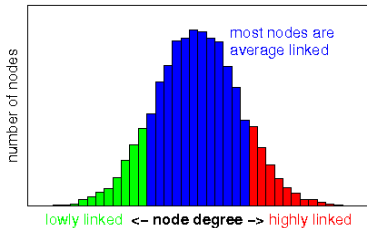
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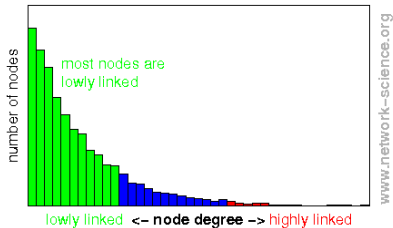
- **Degree distribution:** frequency of each degree value.
Lognormal or power law distribution with “fat tail”

Degree distribution

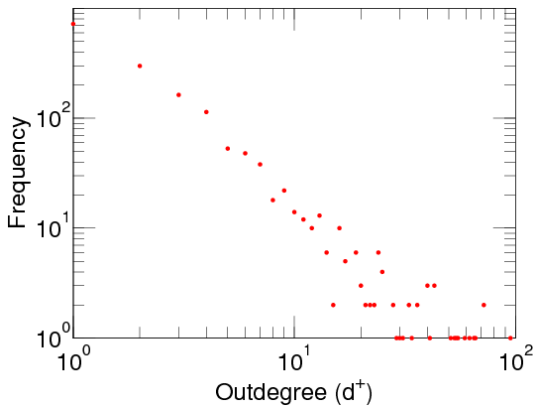
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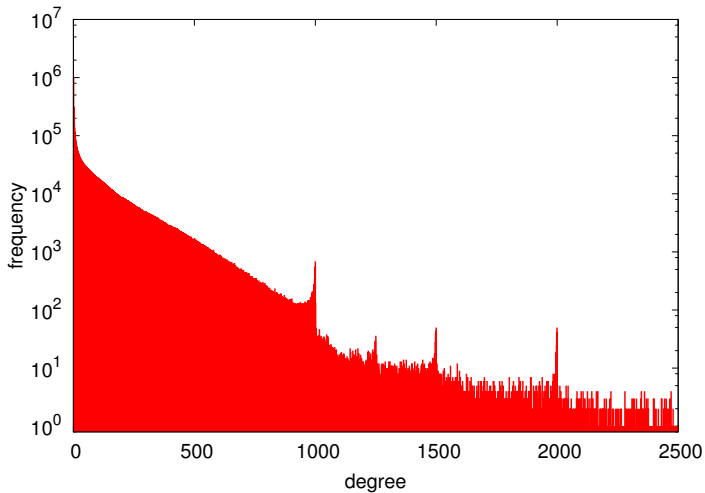
real networks (power-law, scale-free)



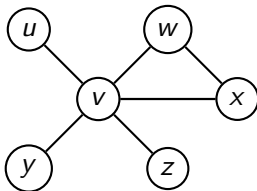
Degree distribution



HYVES degree distribution



Paths



Concept

- Path
- Path length
- Simple path: no repeated vertices
- Shortest path: path of minimal length
- **Distance**: length of shortest path

Example

$$p = (u, v, z, v, w, x)$$

$$|p| - 1 = 5$$

$$p' = (u, v, w, x)$$

$$sp = (u, v, x)$$

$$d(u, x) = |sp| - 1 = 2$$

Connected components

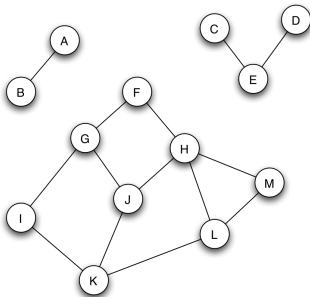
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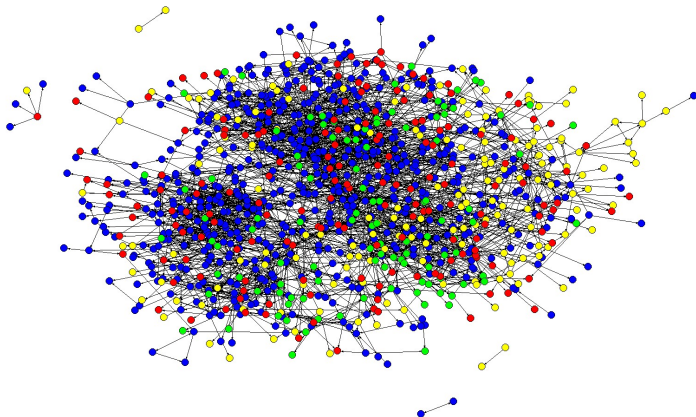
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 - **Weakly** connected component: subgraph in which there is a path between any pair of nodes, ignoring link direction
 - **Strongly** connected component: subgraph in which there is a directed path between any pair of nodes



Connected components

Image source: D. Easley and J. Kleinberg, "Networks, Crowds, and Markets", 2010

Giant component



Small world experiment



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- Letters arrived after on average 5.9 steps
- Total of 18 chains completed

J. Travers and S. Milgram, "An Experimental Study of the Small World Problem", Sociometry 32(4): 425-443, 1969

Yahoo small world experiment



YAHOO! RESEARCH

SMALL WORLD EXPERIMENT

Select Friend > **Your Info** > **Friend's Info** > **Send Message**

Your objective:

Get a message to this person in as few steps as possible.

On the next page, you will be asked to select one of your Facebook friends, to whom you will forward the message

You may only select one friend, so choose carefully.

[Continue the Chain](#)

Here is your assigned Target Person:



Age	32
Gender	male
City	Berlin
State/Region	Germany
Hometown	Berlin, Germany
Spouse's Name	

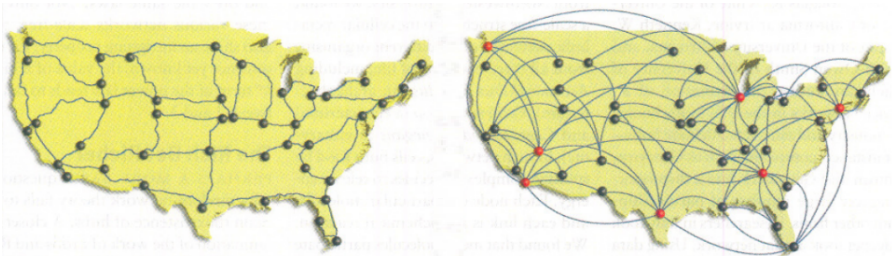
Florian

Education

School Name	Grundschule St Wolfgang Landshut
School Name	University of Newcastle upon Tyne
Time Period:	1999 - 2002

Small world

- Dense **core** containing many hubs
- **Periphery** with many nodes with a small distance to the core



Distance

- Average distance $\bar{d} = \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{v,w \in V} d(v, w)$
- Distribution with a “fat tail”
- **Diameter**: maximal distance value

Dataset	Nodes	Links	Average degree	Average distance
ASTROPHYS	17,903	396K	21	4.15
ENRON	33,696	362K	10	4.07
WEB	855,802	8.64M	10	6.30
YOUTUBE	1,134,890	5.98M	5.3	5.32
FLICKR	1,624,992	30.9M	18	5.38
SKITTER	1,696,415	22.2M	13	5.08
WIKIPEDIA	2,213,236	23.5M	11	4.81
ORKUT	3,072,441	234M	76	4.16
LIVEJOURNAL	5,189,809	97.4M	19	5.48
HYVES	8,057,981	871M	112	4.75

F.W. Takes and W.A. Kusters, Determining the Diameter of Small World Networks, In CIKM, pp. 1191-1196, 2011.

Erdős number

- Scientific collaboration network
- Edges between scientists who wrote a paper together
- Erdős number: the distance of a scientist (node) to Erdős
- <http://www.ams.org/mathscinet/collaborationDistance.html>

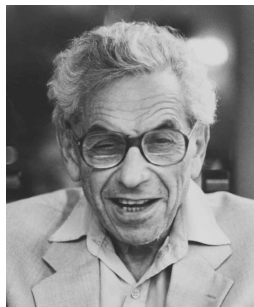
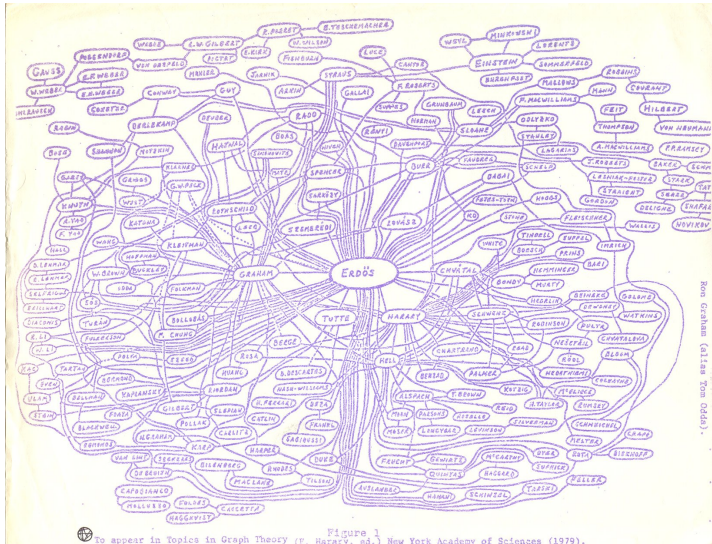
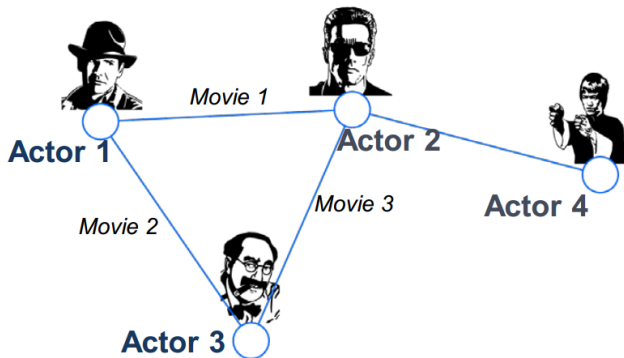


Figure : Paul Erdős
(1913-1996)

Erdős



Movie actor network



Source: <http://web.stanford.edu/class/cs224w>

Six degrees of Kevin Bacon

- Collaboration network based on co-starring actors
- Variant of “Six degrees of Separation”
- Edges between actors indicate they played in a movie together

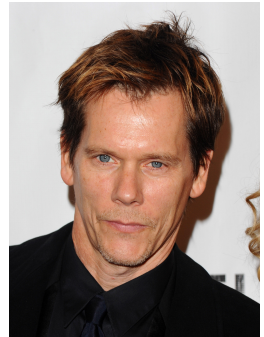


Figure : Kevin Bacon (1958)

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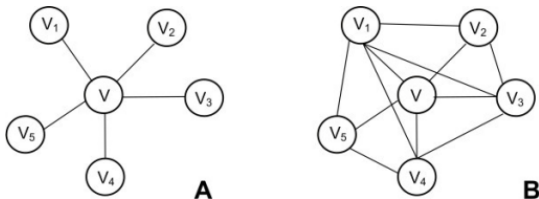
Triangles

Network	Nodes	Edges	Expected	Real	Difference
Facebook (WOSN)	63,731	817,035	2,809	3,500,542	1,246×
Epinions	75,879	508,837	402	162,448	404×
Amazon (TWEB)	403,394	3,387,388	789	398,6507	5,049×
Baidu	415,641	3,284,387	658	14,287,651	21,718×
Youtube links	1,138,499	4,942,297	109	3,049,419	27,957×
Flickr	2,302,925	33,140,017	3,973	837,605,842	210,806×
LiveJournal links	5,204,176	49,174,464	1,125	310,876,909	276,367×
Twitter (MPI)	52,579,682	1,963,263,821	69,410	55,428,217,664	798,565×

Table : Expected vs. real triangle counts in real-world networks.

$$\text{Expected triangles: } (8m^3/n^6)(n^3/6) = \frac{4}{3}(m/n)^3$$

Node clustering coefficient



- Situation A: v has a clustering coefficient of 0
- Situation B: v has a clustering coefficient of $\frac{14}{20} = \frac{7}{10} = 0.7$

$$C(v) = \frac{2 \cdot \text{edges between neighbors of } v}{\text{maximum number of such edges}}$$

Image: G.A. Pavlopoulos et al., "Using graph theory to analyze biological networks", in BioData Mining 4(1), 2011.

Small world networks

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|---|--|------------------------|
| 1 | Sparse networks | density |
| 2 | Fat-tailed power-law degree distribution | degree |
| 3 | Giant component | components |
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- Many real-world networks: communication networks, citation networks, collaboration networks (Erdős, Kevin Bacon), protein interaction networks, information networks (Wikipedia), webgraphs, financial networks (Bitcoin) ...

Other topics

- Virality, contagion and outbreak detection
- Diffusion of information and innovation
- Link prediction
- Visualization Algorithms
- Privacy, Anonymity and Ethics
- **Centrality**
- **Community Detection**

Centrality

Centrality

- Given a social network, which person is most important?
- What is the most important page on the web?
- Which protein is most vital in a biological network?
- Who is the most respected author in a scientific citation network?
- What is the most crucial router in an internet topology network?

Centrality

- **Node centrality:** the importance of a node with respect to the other nodes based on the structure of the network
- **Centrality measure:** computes the centrality value of all nodes in the graph
- For all $v \in V$ a measure M returns a value $C_M(v) \in [0; 1]$
- $C_M(v) > C_M(w)$ means that node v is more important than w



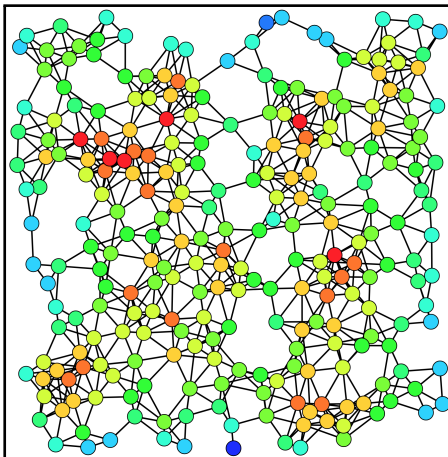
Degree centrality

- Undirected graphs – **degree centrality**: measure the number of adjacent nodes

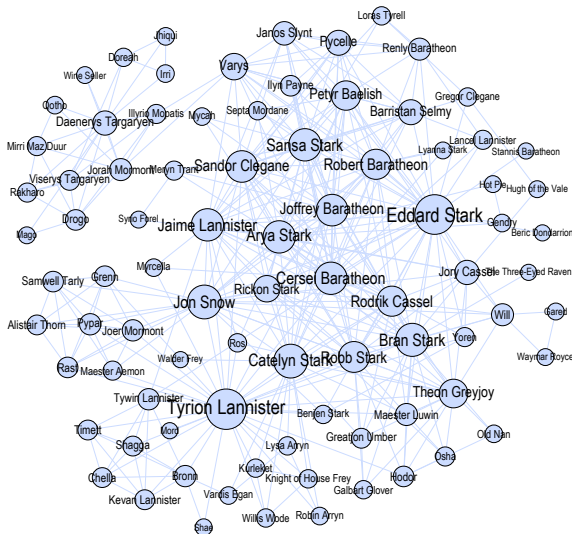
$$C_d(v) = \frac{\deg(v)}{n - 1}$$

- Directed graphs — indegree centrality and outdegree centrality
- Local measure
- $O(1)$ time to compute

Degree centrality



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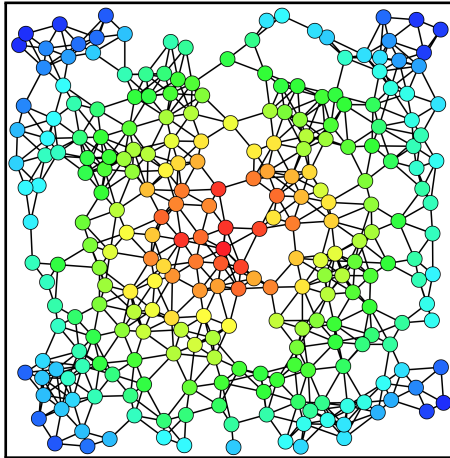
Closeness centrality

- **Closeness centrality**: the average distance to each other node in the network

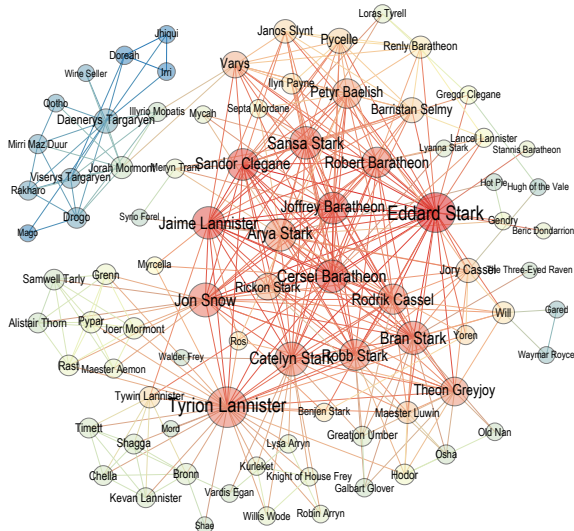
$$C_c(v) = \left(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{w \in V} d(v, w) \right)^{-1}$$

- Global distance-based measure
- Connected component(s)...
- $O(mn)$ to compute: one BFS in $O(m)$ for each of the n nodes

Closeness centrality



Degree vs. closeness centrality



Betweenness centrality

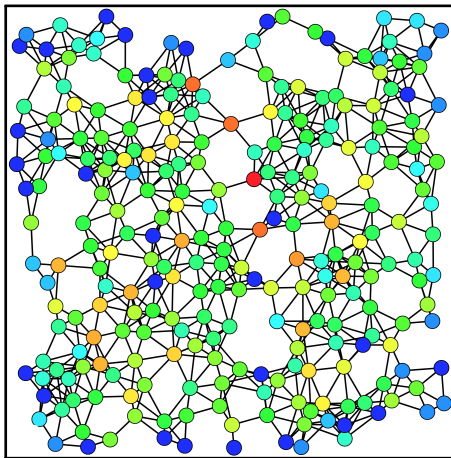
- **Betweenness centrality**: measure the number of shortest paths that run through a node; i.e., its involvement as a broker

$$C_b(u) = \sum_{\substack{v, w \in V \\ v \neq w, u \neq v, u \neq w}} \frac{\sigma_u(v, w)}{\sigma(v, w)}$$

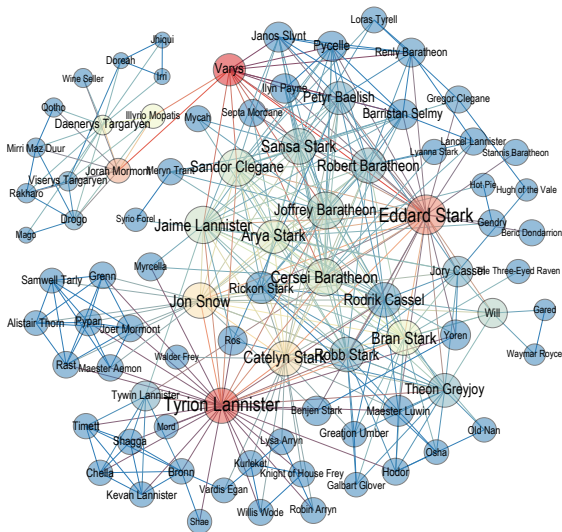
- $\sigma(v, w)$ is the number of shortest paths from v to w
- $\sigma_u(v, w)$ is the number of such shortest paths that run through u
- Divide by largest value to normalize to $[0; 1]$
- Global path-based measure
- $O(2mn)$ time to compute (two “BFSes” for each node)

U. Brandes, “A faster algorithm for betweenness centrality”, Journal of Mathematical Sociology 25(2): 163–177, 2001

Betweenness centrality



Degree vs. betweenness centrality



Centrality measures compared

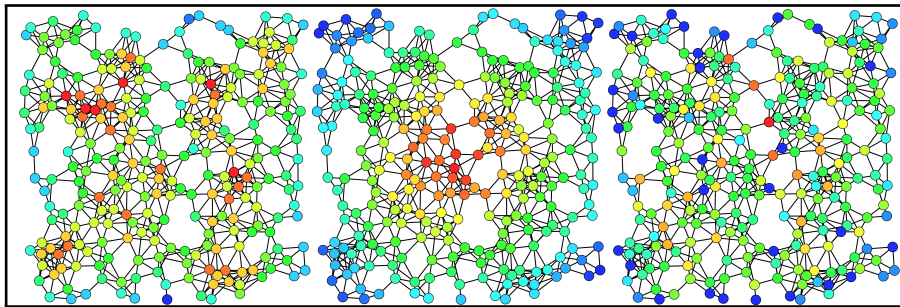


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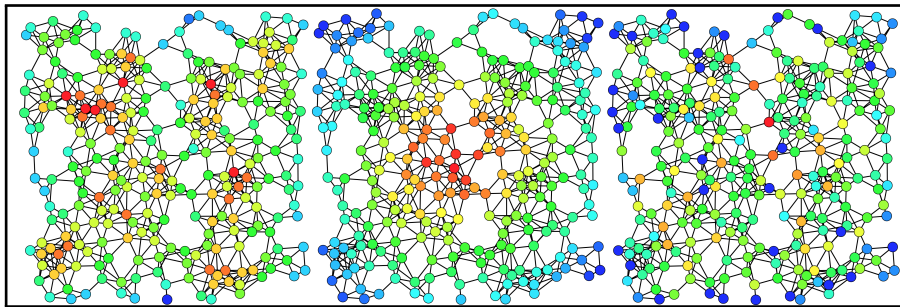
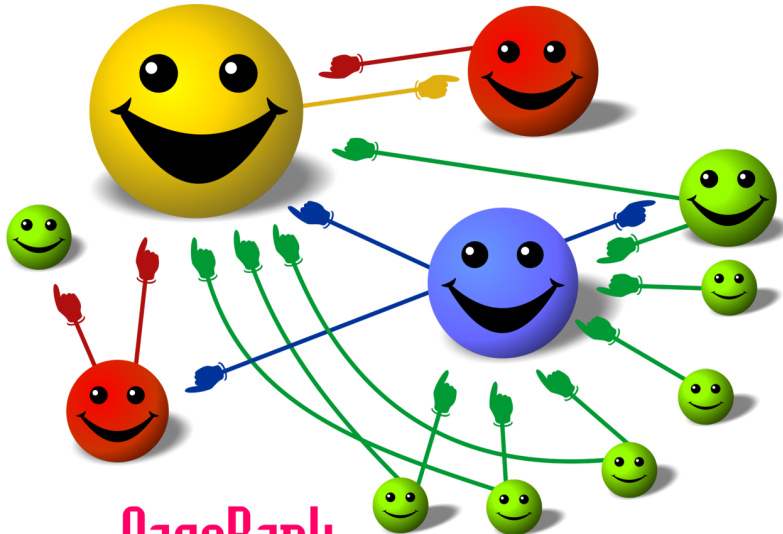


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Centrality measures (3)



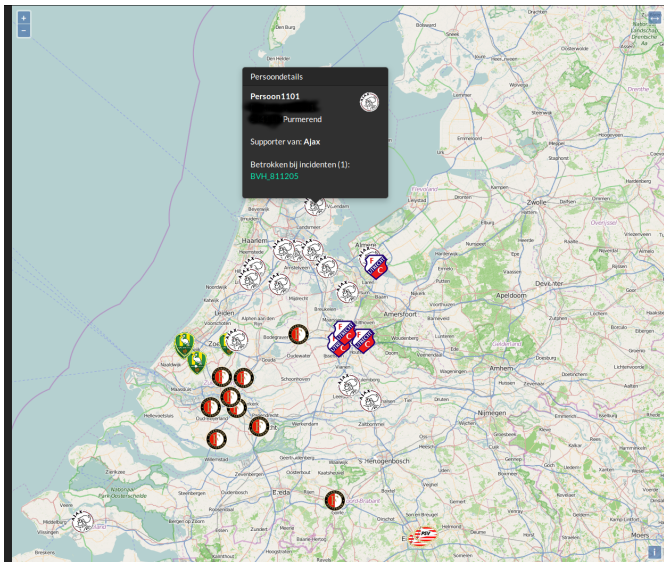
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Example: Criminal networks

- Data science project with Dutch National Police
- Gain insight in social networks of soccer fans, group formation and organization
- Dataset: all entries in police systems of law violations of a particular group of people involved in soccer violence





RISK Explorer

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Criminal networks

Person ID	Incident ID	Incident Type
P000001	X00011	Straatroof/diefstal
P000001	X00014	Eenv. Mishandeling
P000002	X00011	Straatroof/diefstal
P000002	X00012	Eenv. Mishandeling
P000003	X00012	Eenv. Mishandeling
P000003	X00016	Bedreiging
P000004	X00012	Eenv. Mishandeling
P000004	X00017	Eenv. Mishandeling
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P000007	X00013	Bedreiging
P000008	X00013	Bedreiging
P000009	X00015	Straatroof/diefstal
P000010	X00016	Bedreiging
P000010	X00017	Eenv. Mishandeling
P000011	X00016	Bedreiging

Table : Data on suspects involved in incidents

Network formation

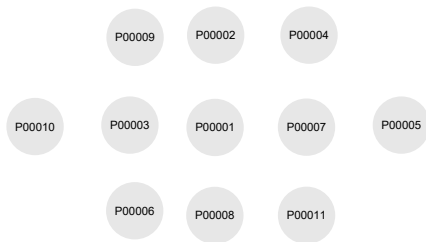


Figure : Suspects are nodes

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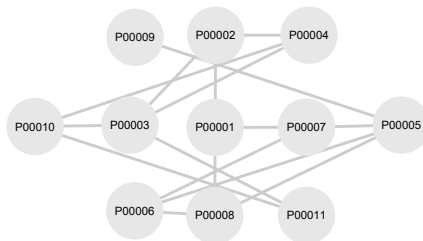


Figure : Edges are based on common involvement as a suspect

Network visualization

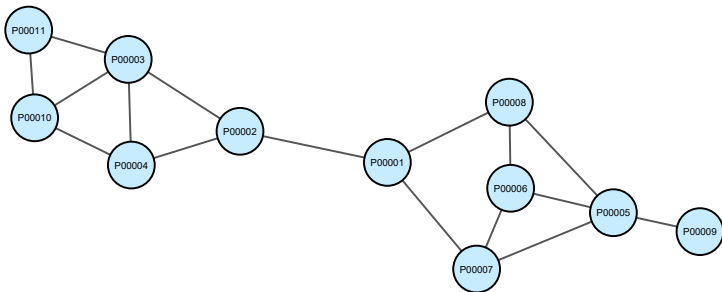


Figure : Force-directed visualization algorithm reveals structure

Network analysis: Centrality

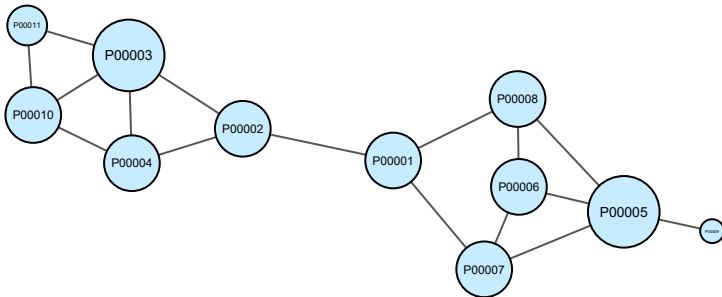


Figure : Degree centrality finds locally important nodes

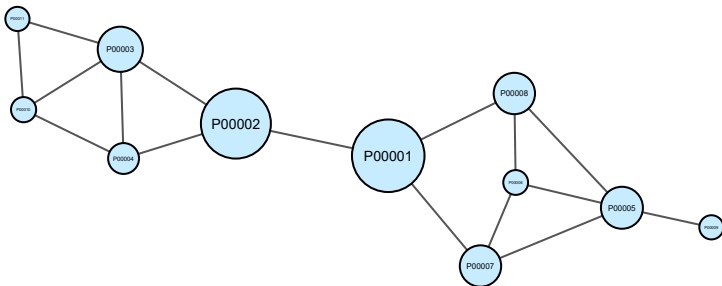


Figure : Betweenness centrality reveals globally important nodes

Network analysis: Community detection

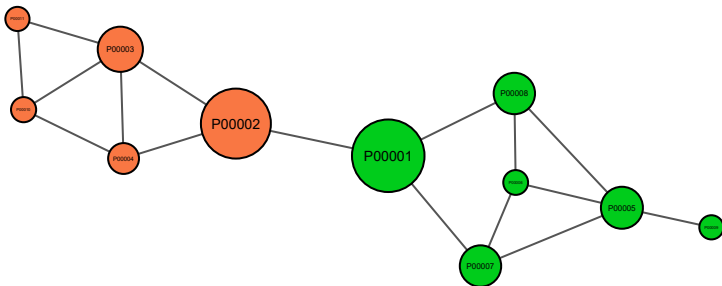
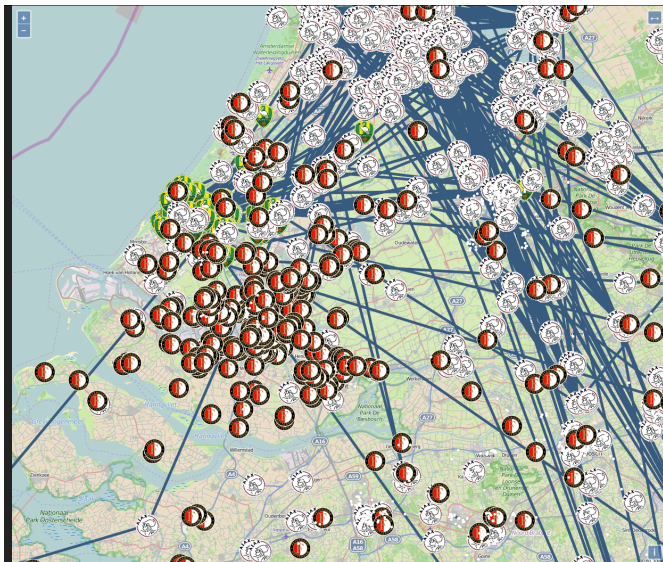


Figure : Community detection finds groups of tightly connected nodes



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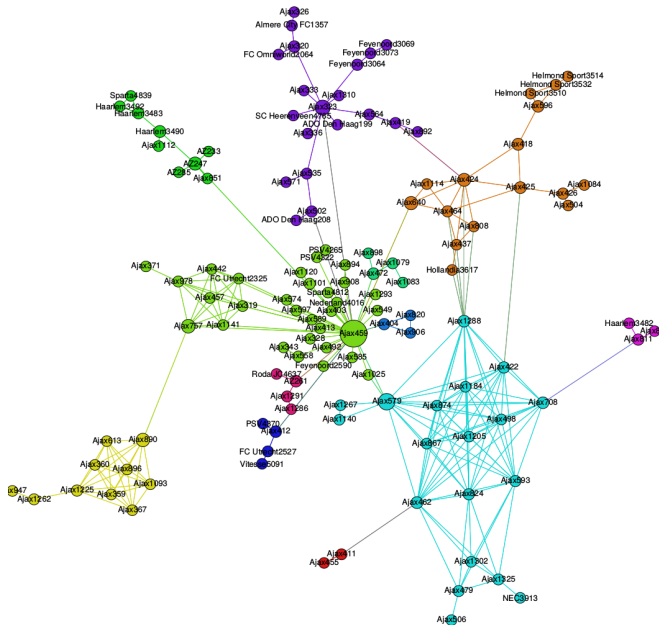
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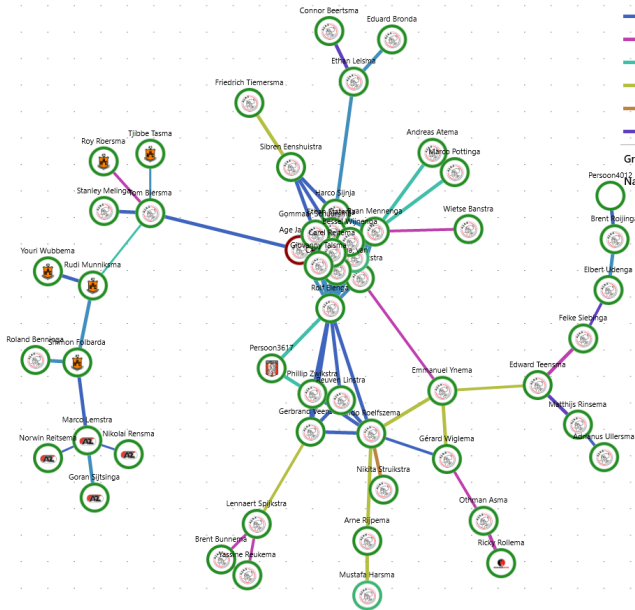


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- ZWARE MISHANDELING
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- GEKWAL, DIEFSTAL IN/...

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Community detection

Community detection

- **Community**: set of nodes connected more strongly with each other than with the rest of the network
- Community detection algorithms:
 - Clique-based methods
 - Hierarchical clustering
 - Divisive algorithms (centrality-based)
 - **Modularity maximization** algorithms

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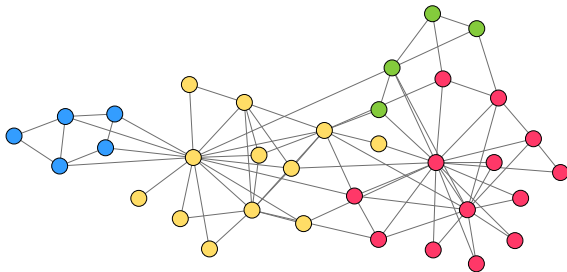


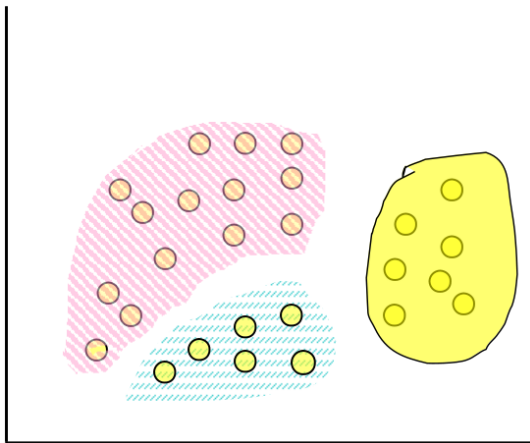
Figure : Communities: node subsets connected more strongly with each other

Modularity

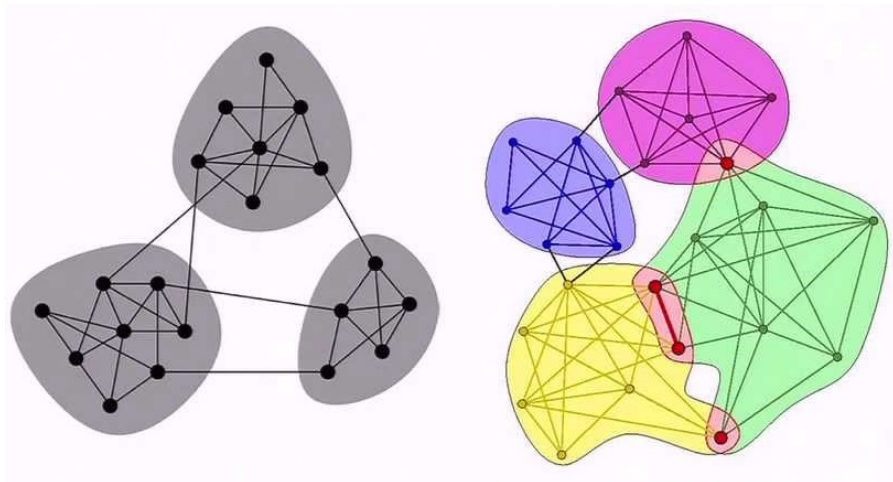
- **Modularity**: numerical value indicating the quality of a division of a network into communities
- **Community**: subset of nodes for which the fraction of links inside the community is higher than expected in a random network
- Modularity $Q \in [0, 1]$
- Resolution parameter r indicating how “tough” the algorithm should look for communities
- Algorithms optimize the modularity score Q given some r (using hill climbing, heuristics, genetic algorithms and many more optimization techniques)

V.D. Blondel, J-L. Guillaume, R. Lambiotte and E. Lefebvre, Fast unfolding of communities in large networks in *Journal of Statistical Mechanics: Theory and Experiment* 10: P10008, 2008.

Related: clustering



Partitions vs. communities



J. Leskovec, Affiliation Network Models for Densely Overlapping Communities, MMDS 2012.

Evaluating communities and partitions

- **Communities:** groups of nodes that are more connected amongst each other than with the other nodes of the network
- **Partitions:** non-overlapping communities
- Compare with groups of nodes based on common attributes
- Human interpretation by hand can suffer from subjective bias

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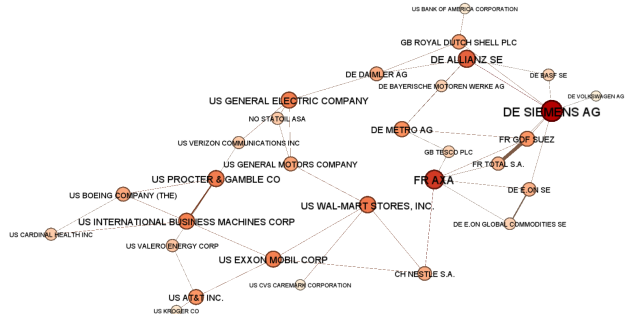


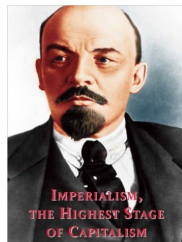
Figure : Board interlock network of 30 firms

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- Vladimir I. Lenin, *Imperialism, The Highest Stage of Capitalism*, 1916.
- "... a personal union, so to speak, is established between the banks and the biggest industrial and commercial enterprises, the merging of one with another through the acquisition of shares, through the appointment of bank directors to the Supervisory Boards (or Boards of Directors) of industrial and commercial enterprises, and vice versa."



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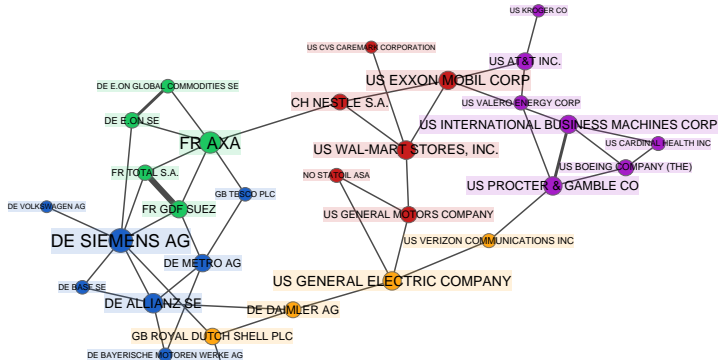
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Corporate board interlock networks

- Nodes are firms, edges represent shared board members
- Power and control
- Globalization
- Influence of countries
- Local or global business groups?



Corporate board interlock networks

- Nodes are **firms** (world-wide)
- Links are social ties between firms (board interlocks)
- **Board interlock**: two firms share a senior level director
- 1,068,409 firms
- 3,262,413 interlocks
- 80 countries
- National subgraphs based on country attribute

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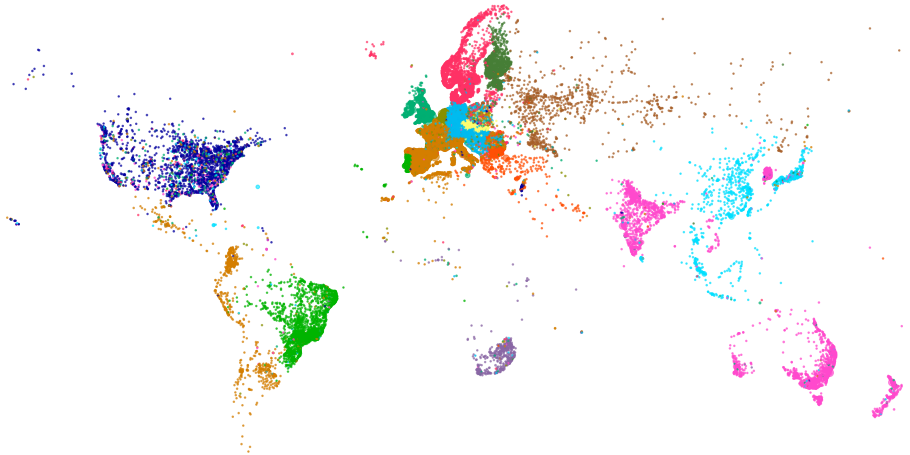


Board interlock network



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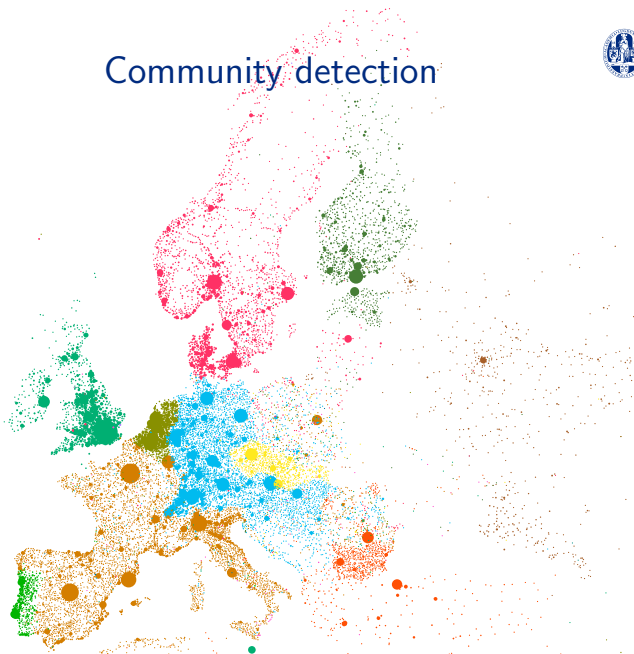
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Lab session March 23

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