

Social network analysis 1 + 2

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Outline

- Empirical instances of networks
- History of SNA
- Graph theory
- Data organization
- Mini-case study
- R: working with network data

Introduction

- Networks are everywhere.
- Social disciplines are – by definition – dealing with social **interactions**.
- SNA allows us to collect and analyze **relational** data.

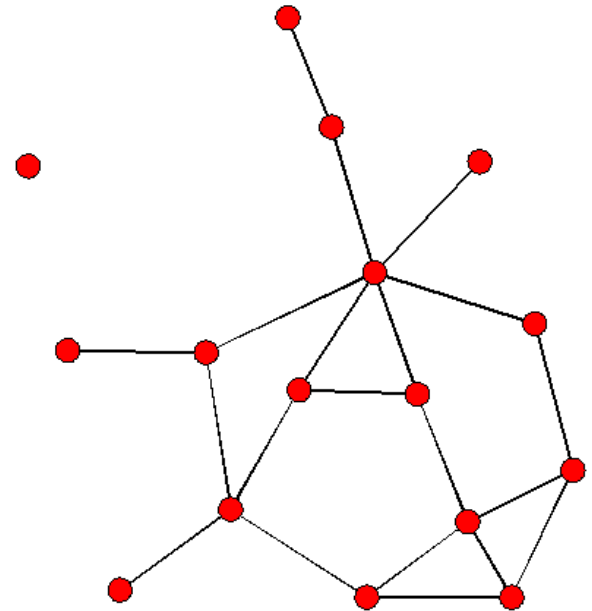
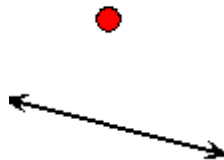
Introduction

- The main assumption: world is organized **relationally**.

“...transactions, interactions, social ties, and conversations constitute central stuff of social life.”

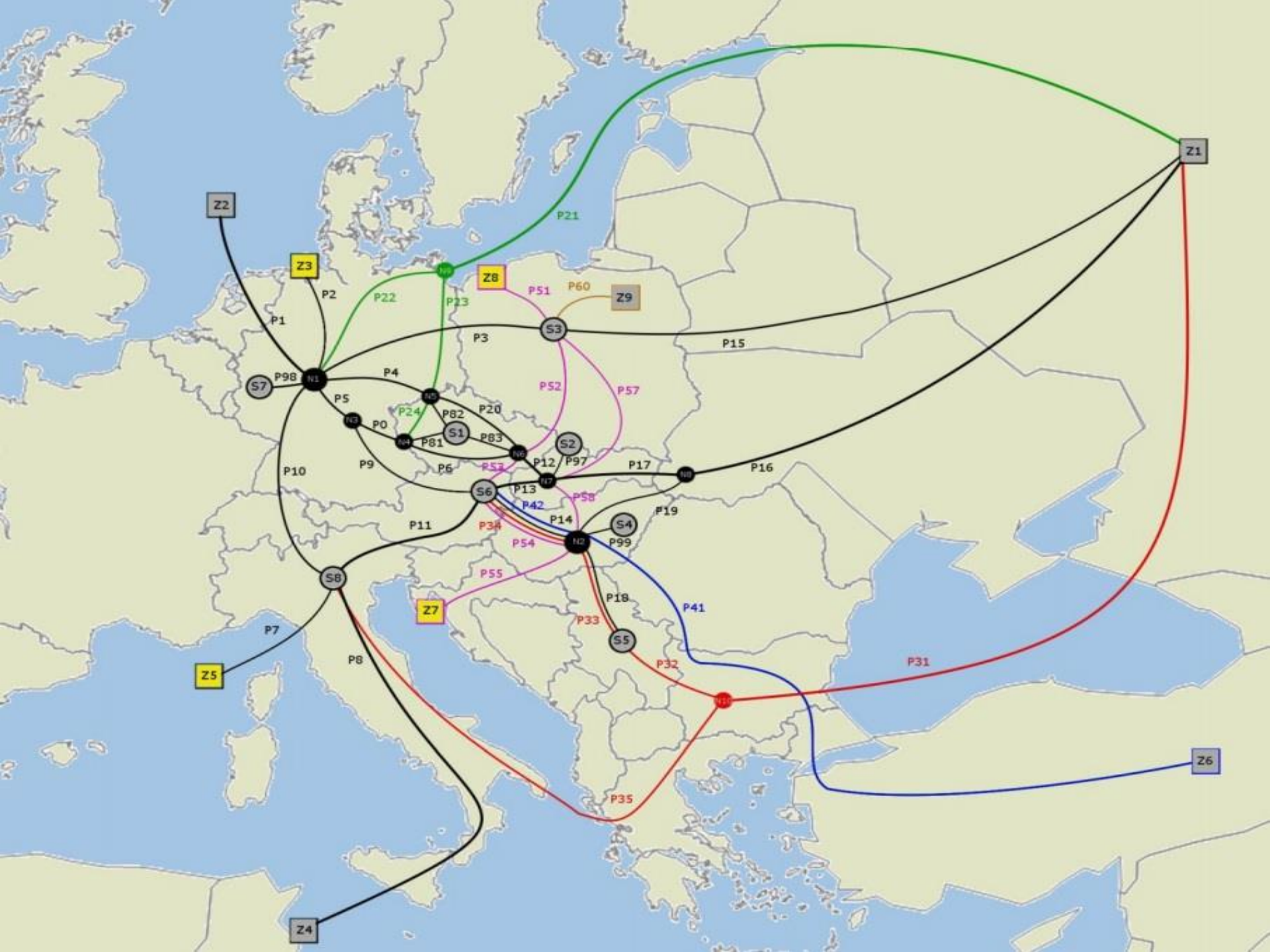
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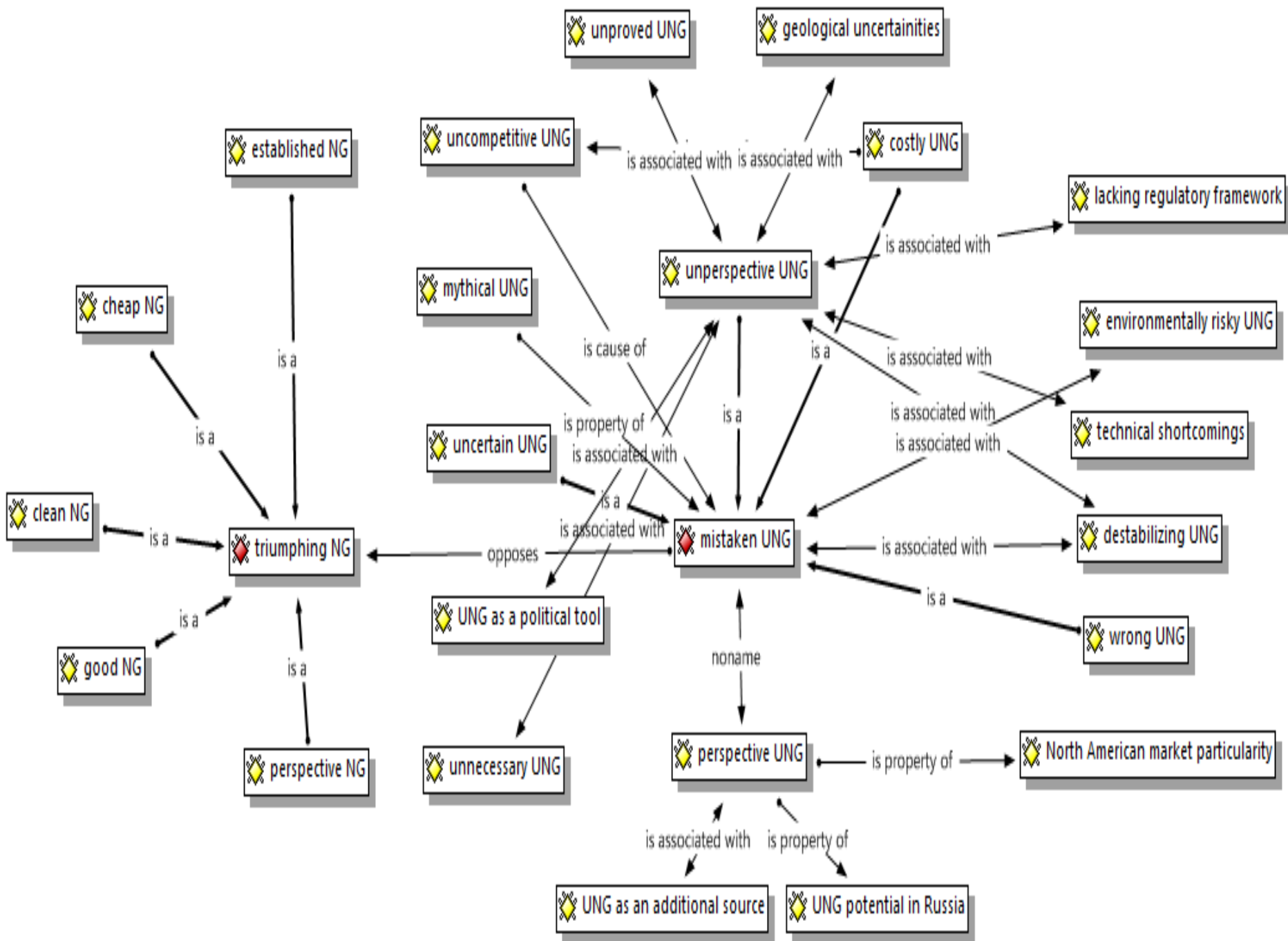
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- edge

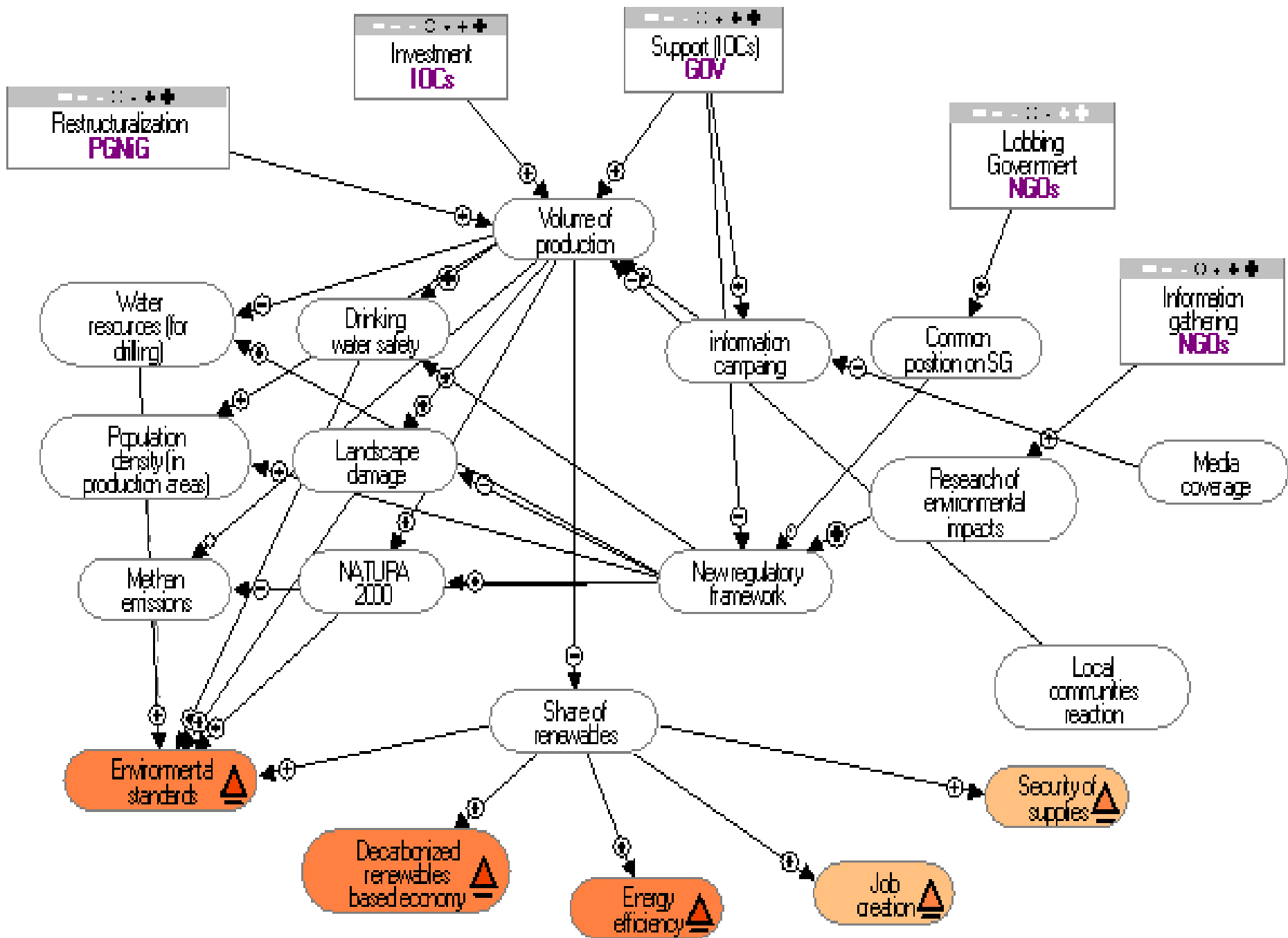


Terminology (Guclu 2012)

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| points | lines | |
| vertices | edges, arcs | math |
| nodes | links | computer science |
| sites | bonds | physics |
| actors | ties, relations | sociology |







History of SNA

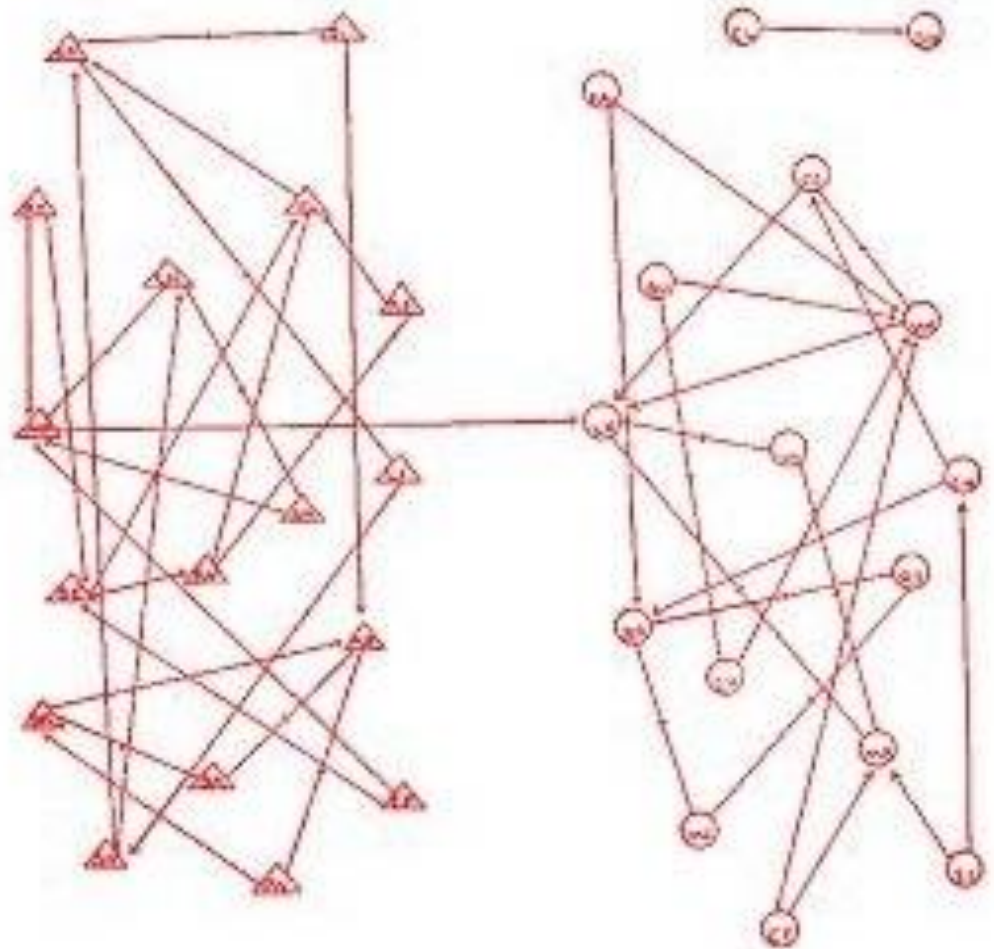
- The beginnings of SNA fall into 1930s.
- Mostly connected with work of Jacob Moreno.
- SNA had been developing on ad hoc basis in separate research centers.
- The structural approach has been widely recognized in 1970s (Mark Granovetter 1973).
- The revolution of social physics in 1990s:
 - Watts and Strogatz (1998): Small-world networks
 - Barabasi and Albert (1999): Scale-free networks

Jacob Moreno

EMOTIONS MAPPED BY NEW GEOGRAPHY

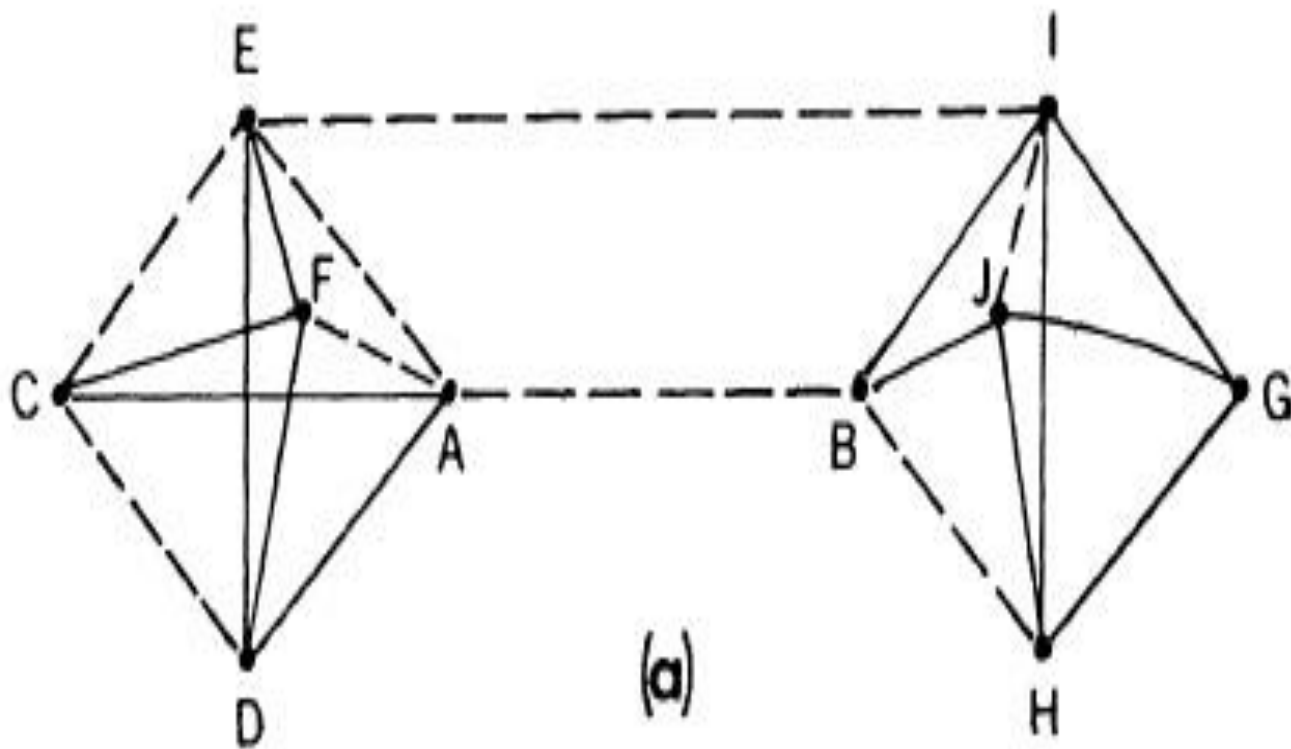
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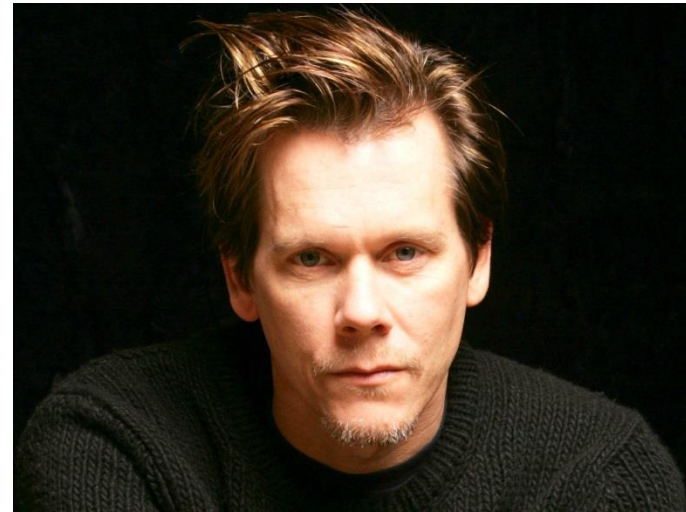
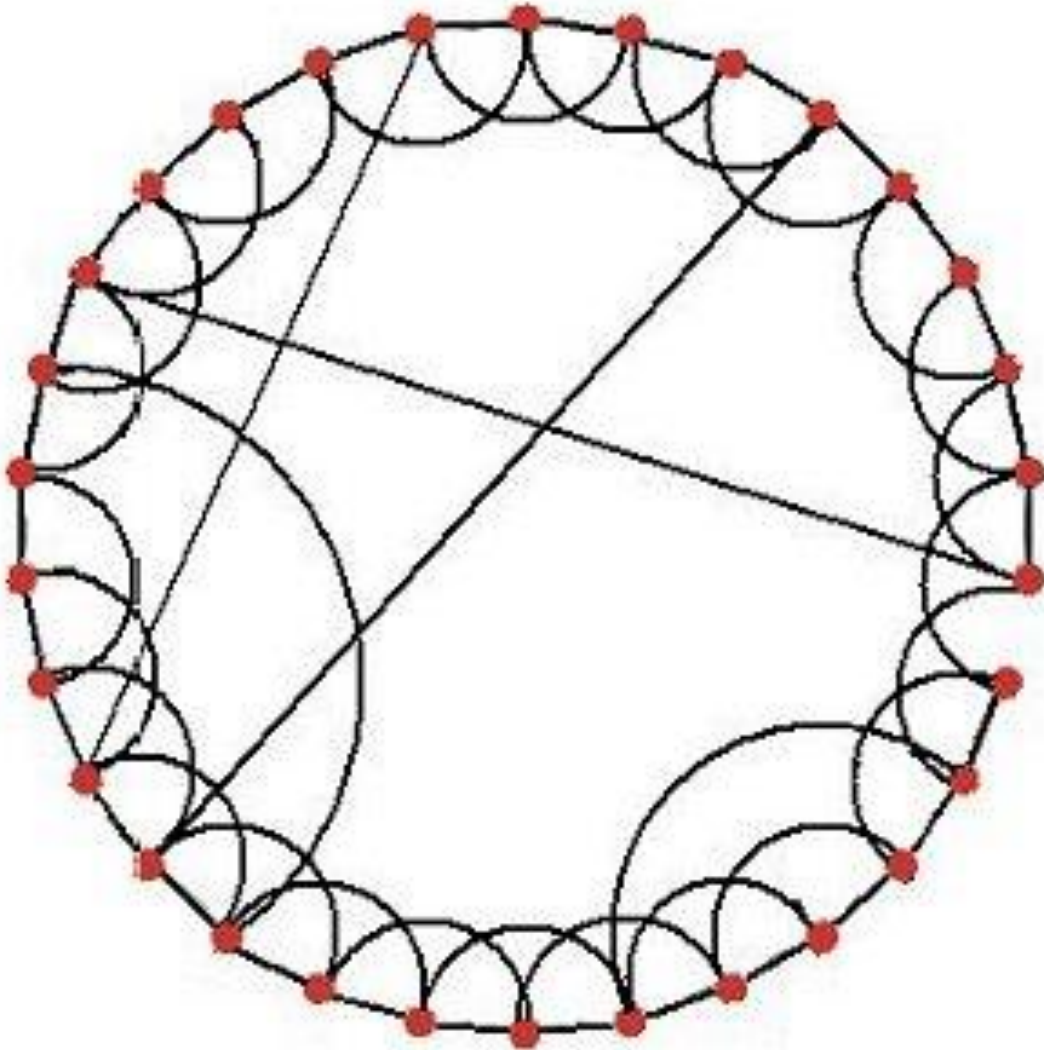


Mark Granovetter

The Strength of Weak Ties

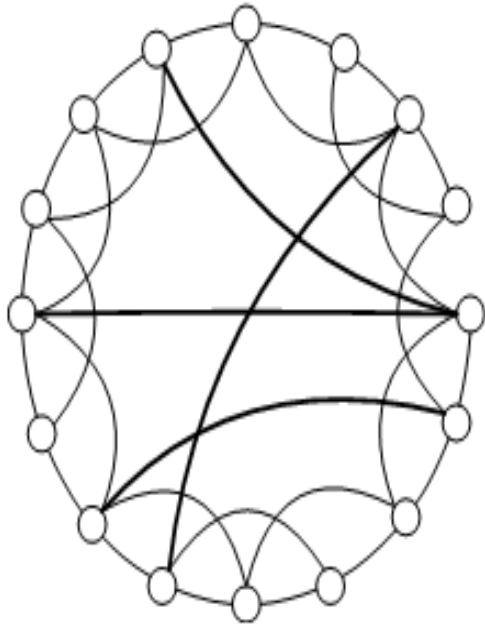


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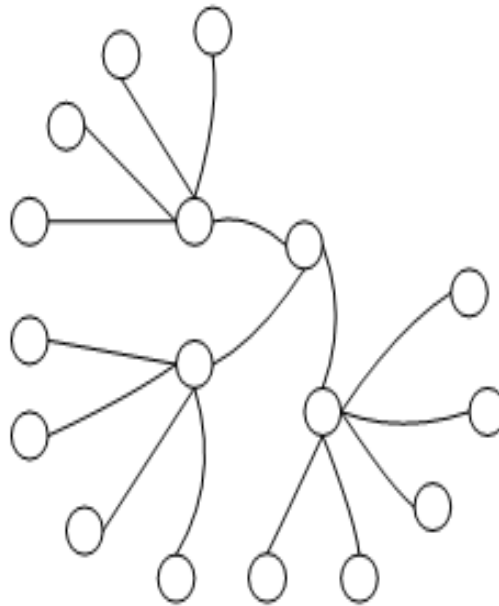


Scale-free network

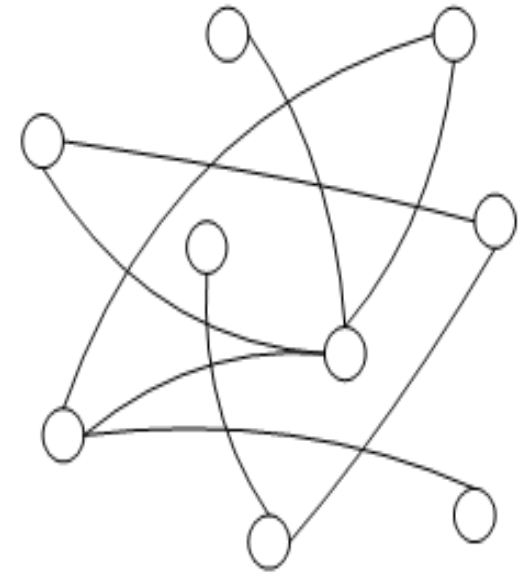
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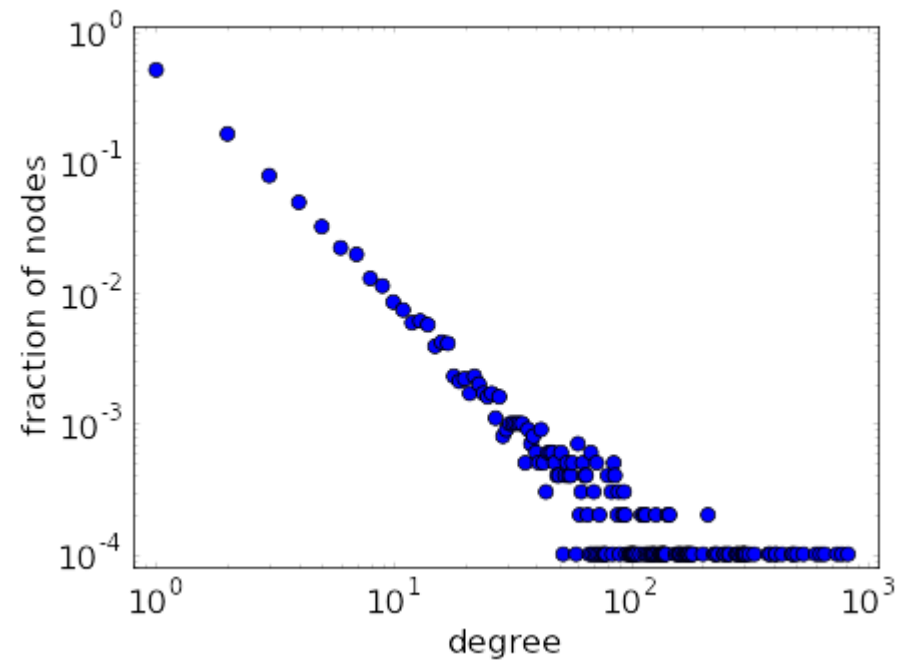
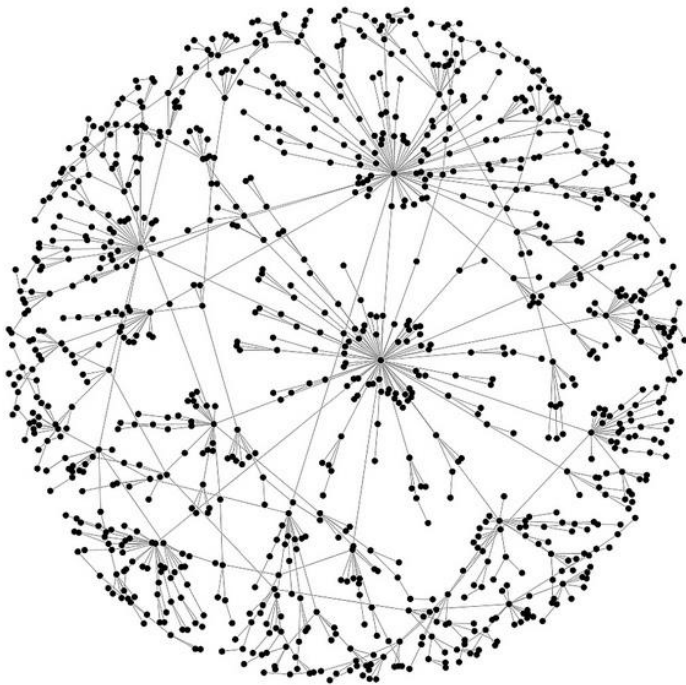
(b) Scale-Free Network (SFN)



(c) Random Network (RN)



Scale-free network


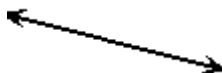


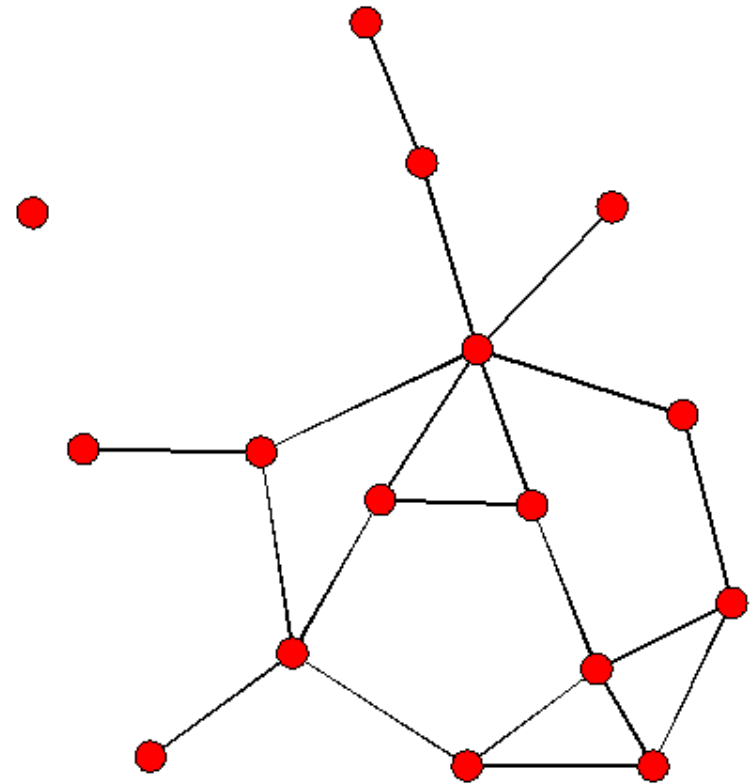
Graph theory

- Graph theory investigates graphs, i.e. mathematical structures that **model pairwise relations between objects**.
- A **graph** (G) is an ordered pair consisting from a set of vertices (V) and a set of (undirected) edges (E) or (directed) arcs (A).
- **$G = (V, E \vee A)$**

Graph theory

- Network consists from a set of **nodes** and a set of **edges**.

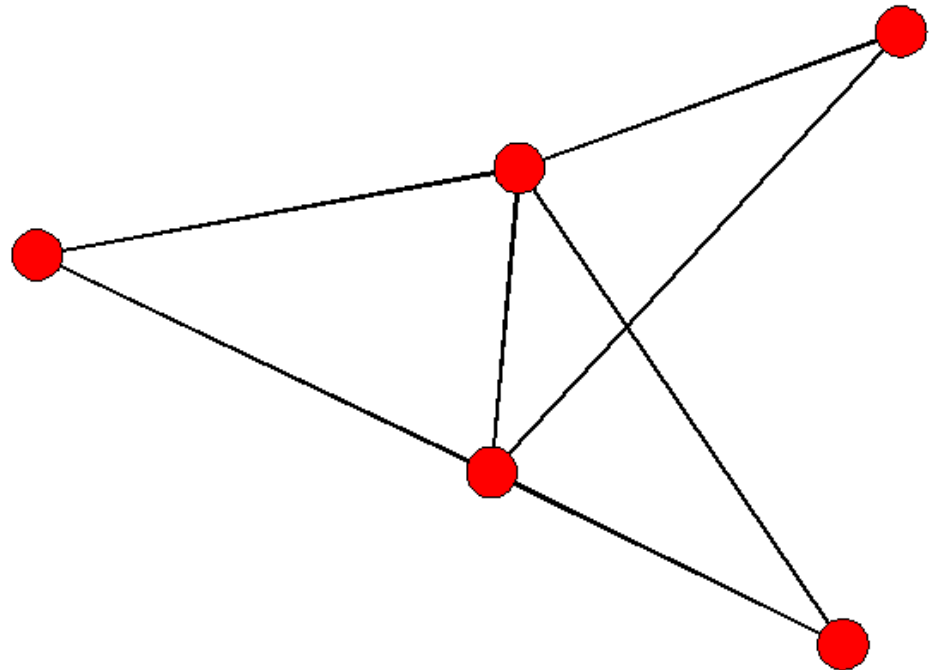
node 
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- **network = graph**

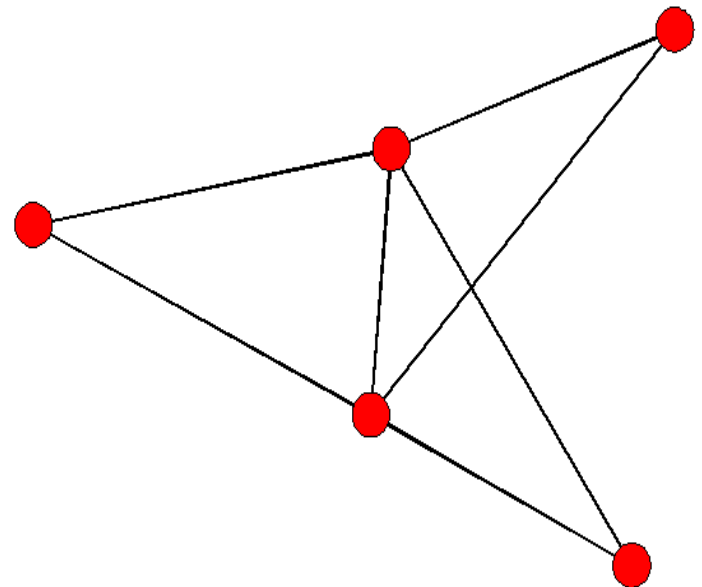
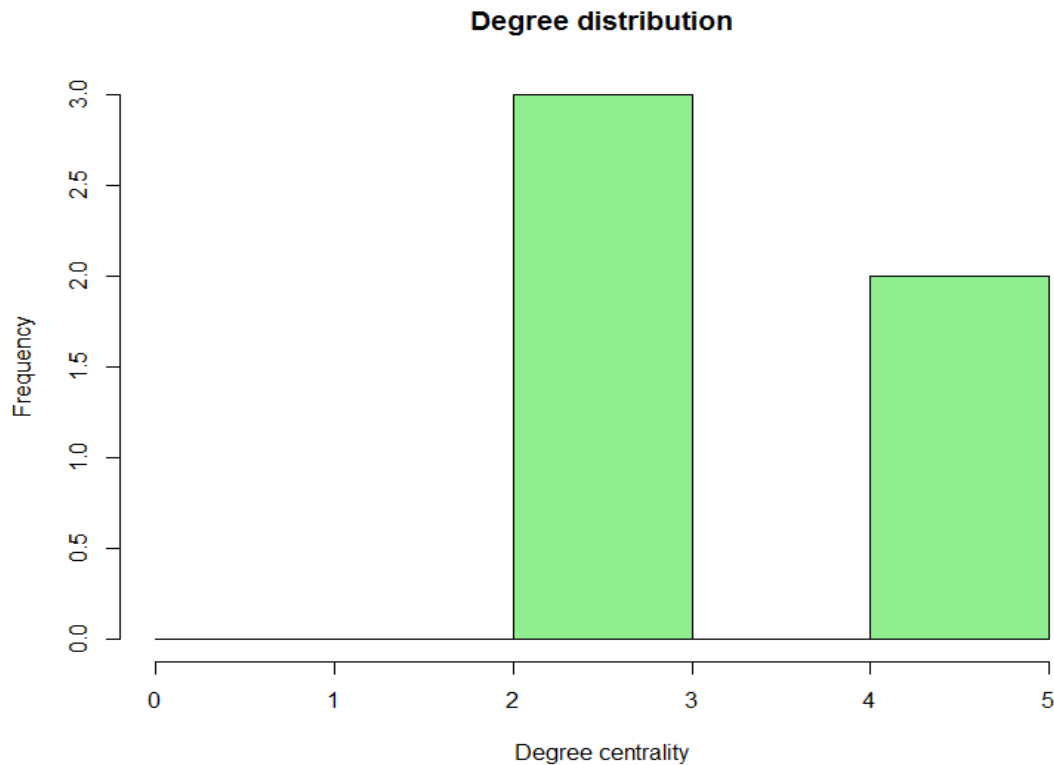
Graph theory

- **order** = # nodes
- **size** = # edges
- **degree** = # connections of individual nodes



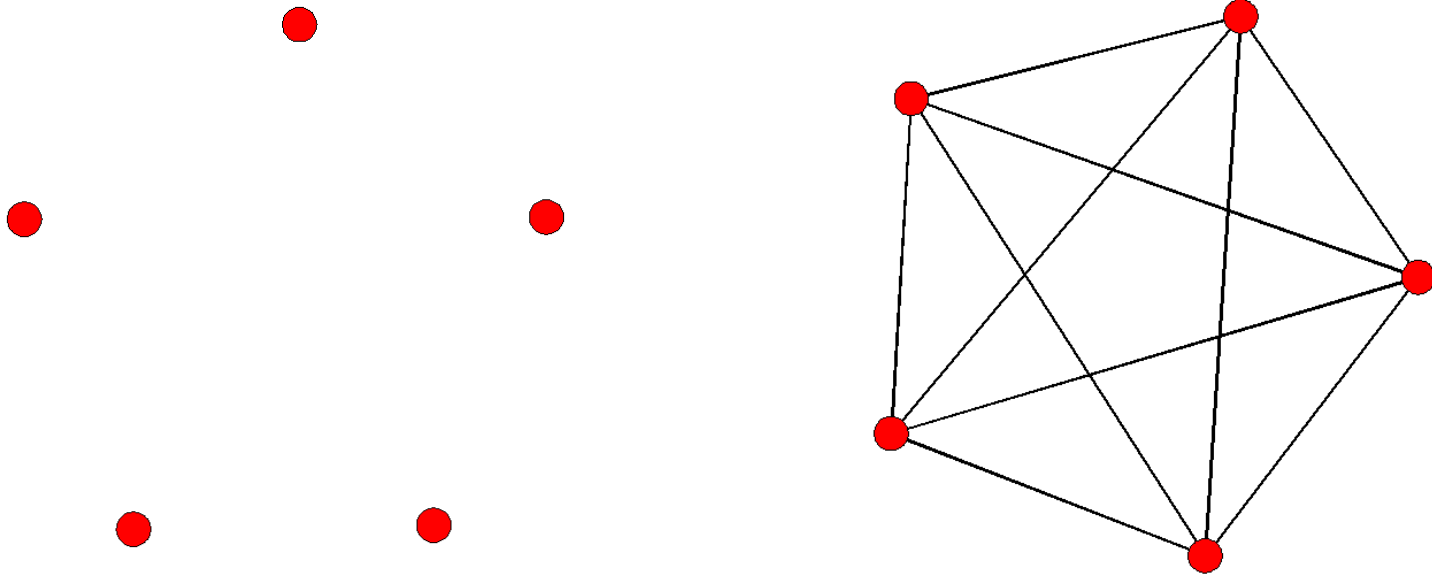
Graph theory

- order = 5
- size = 7



Graph theory

- **Complete graph** is maximally connected graph.
- **Empty graph** is graph with no edges.

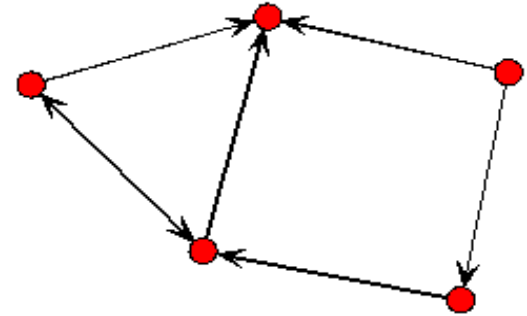
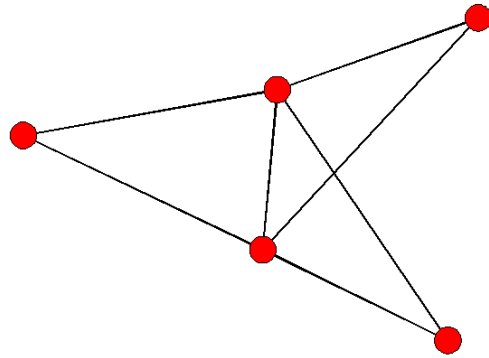


Graph theory: relations

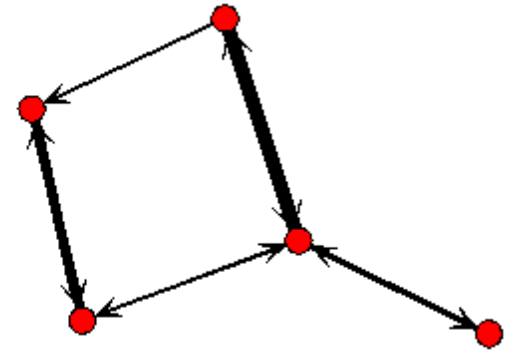
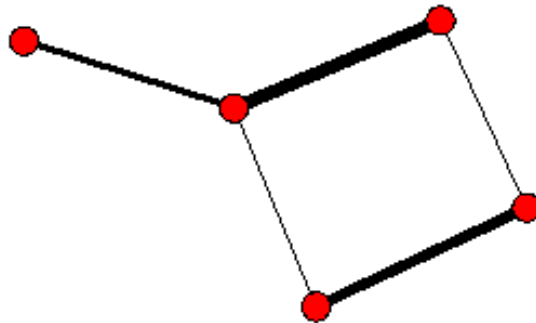
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weighted



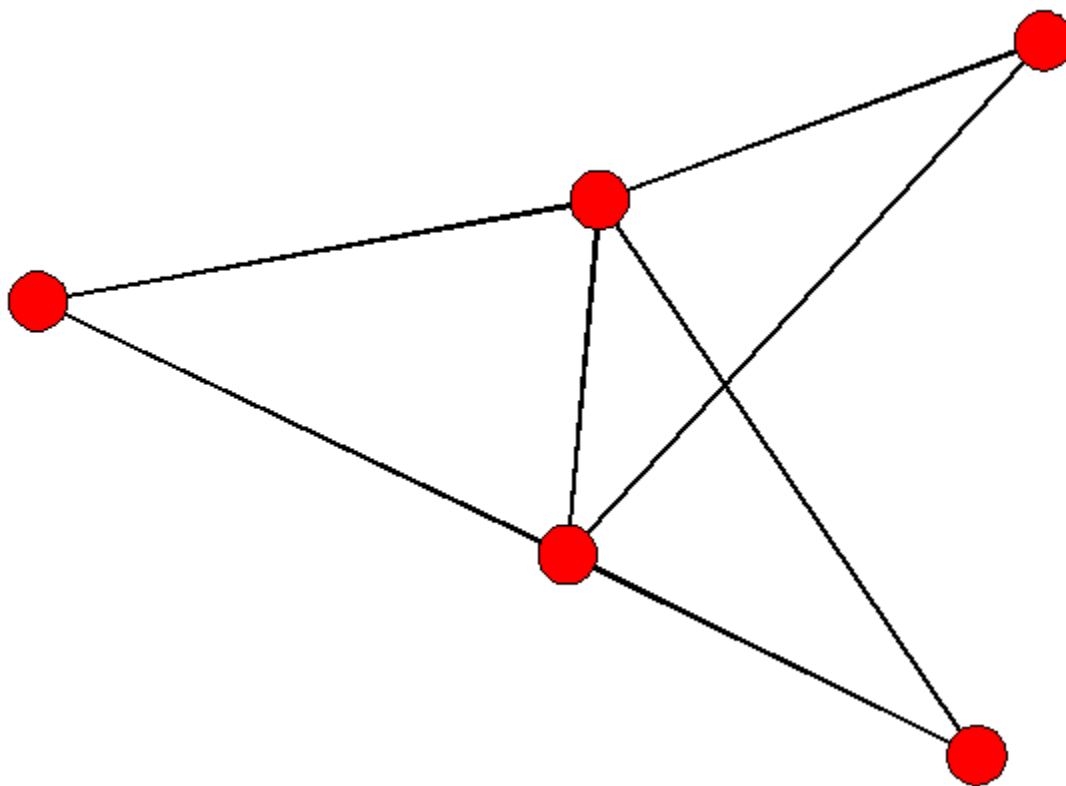
Graph theory

- **Network topology** is defined by two main concepts: connectivity and centrality.
- **Connectivity** describes interconnectedness of nodes in network (focus on **flows**).
- **Centrality** describes location of nodes in network (focus on **positions**).

Graph theory

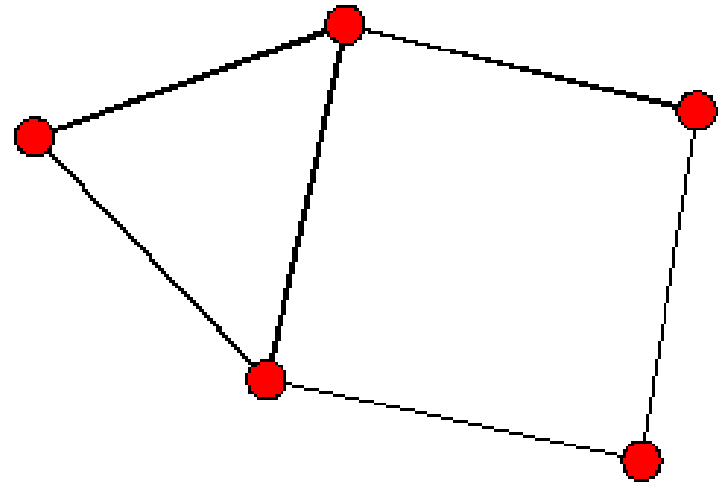
- **Step:** move along one edge.
- **Walk:** sequence of steps in network.
- **Path:** walk in which no node as well as no edge occurs more than once.
- **Geodesic:** shortest path that connects two nodes.
- **Distance** of two nodes = geodesic.
- **Diameter:** longest distance between any two nodes in graph.

Graph theory



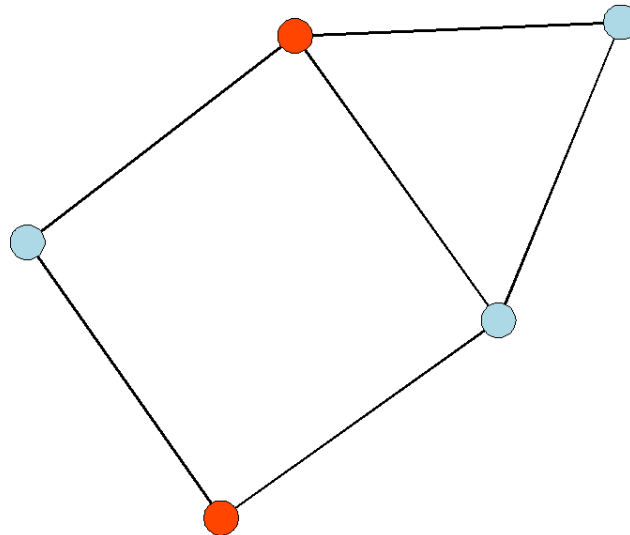
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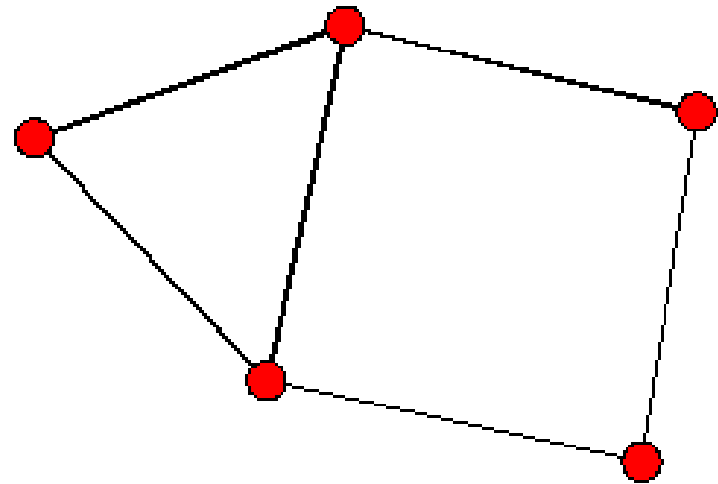
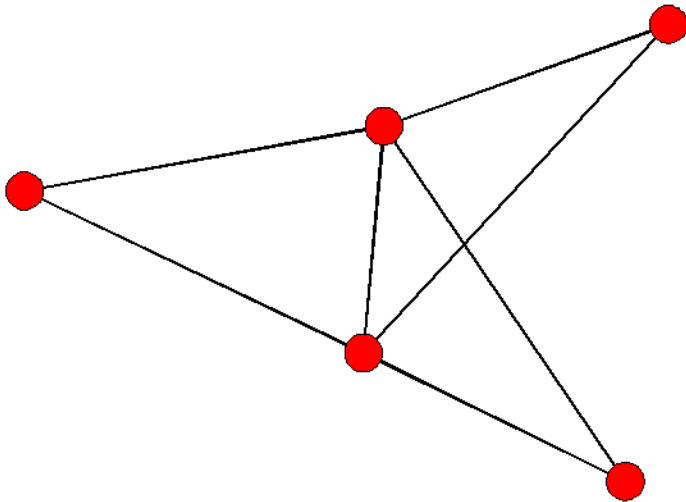
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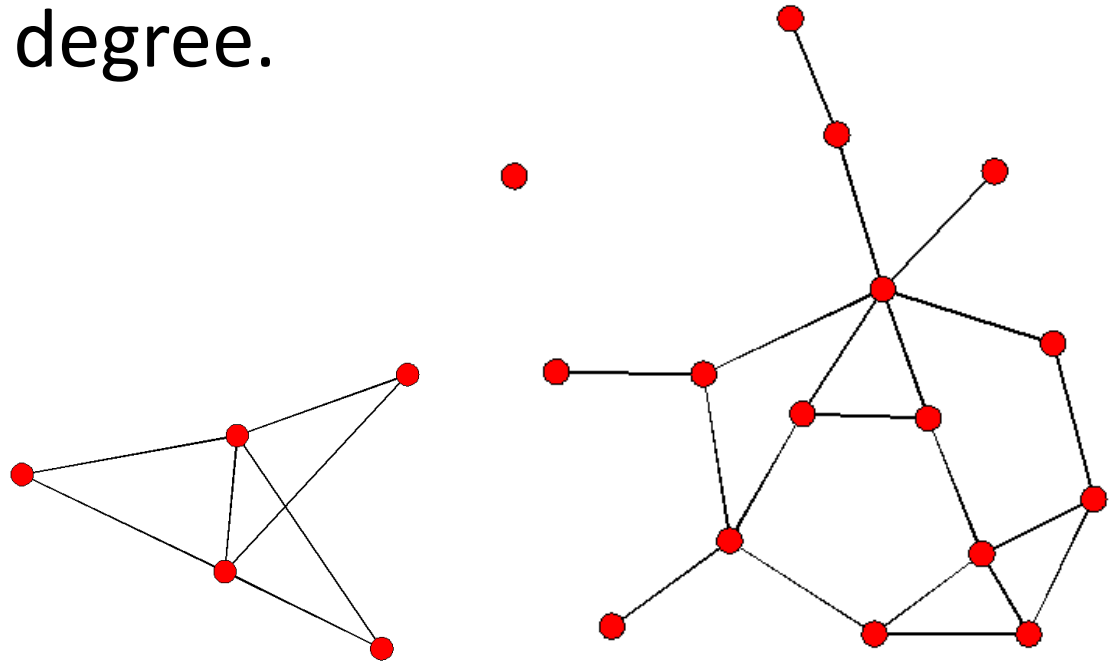
Graph theory

- **Subgraph** is any subset of nodes and edges of graph.
- **Component** is connected subgraph.



Graph theory

- **Reachability** is given by the existence of the path between the nodes.
- **Isolate** is a node without any connection, i.e. node with zero degree.

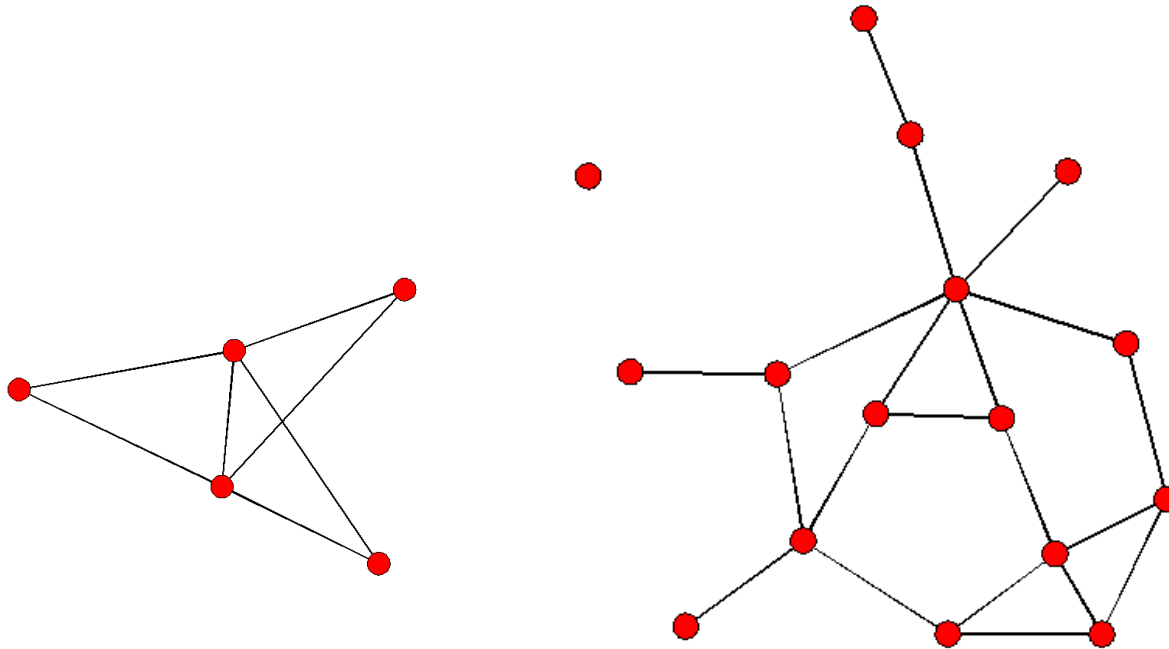


Graph theory

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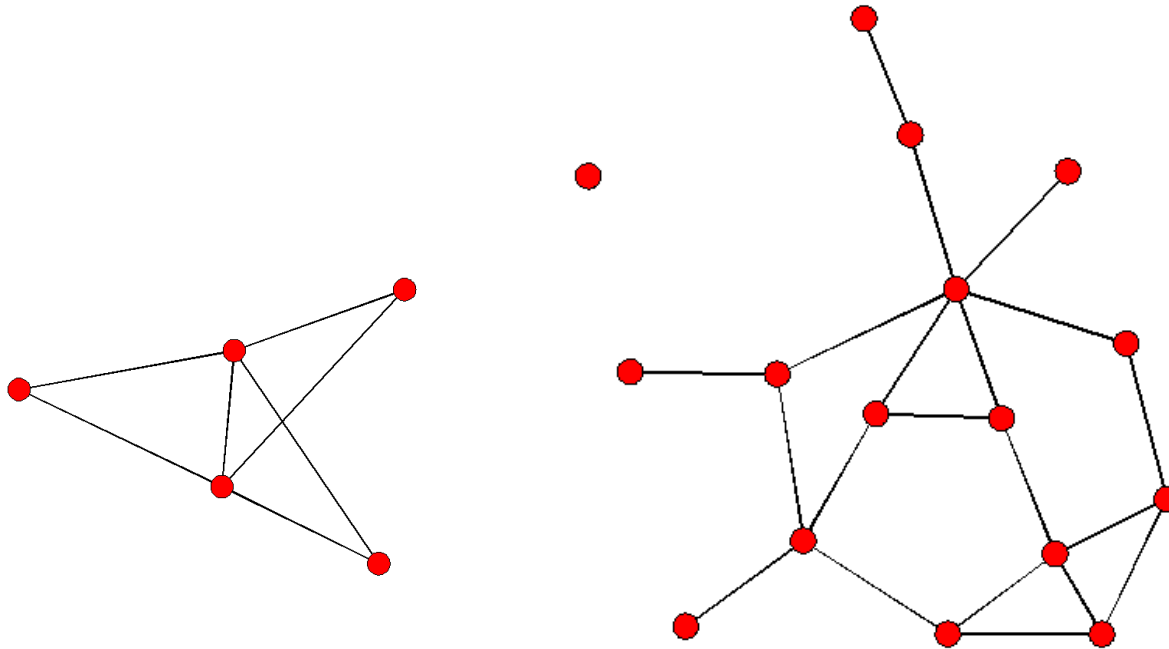
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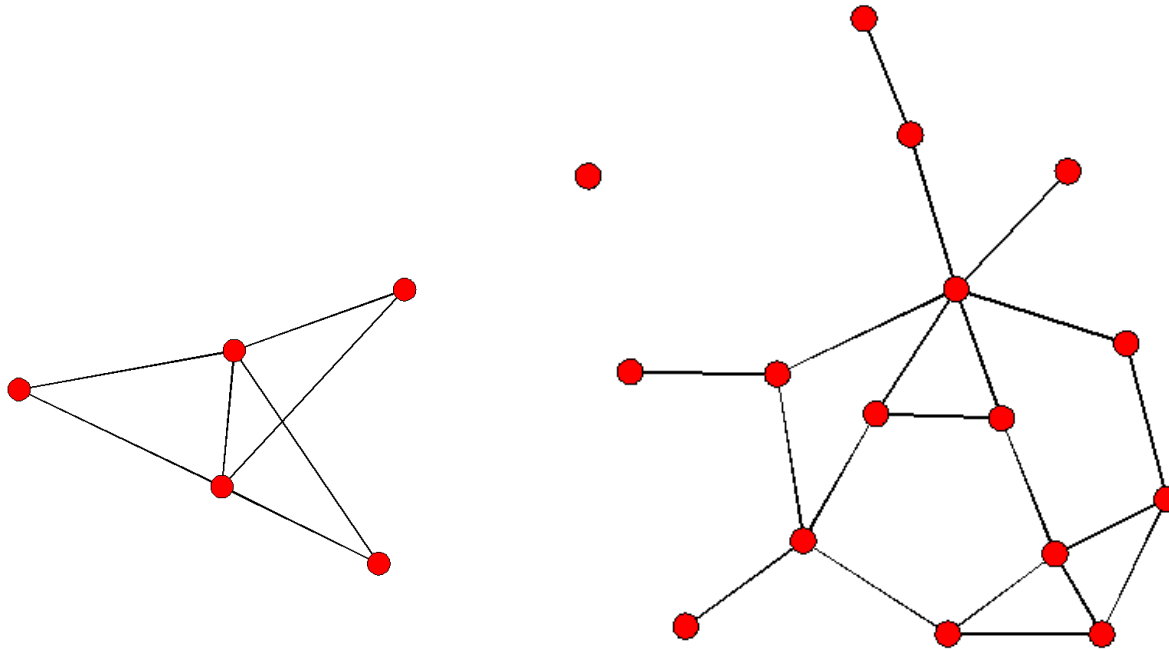
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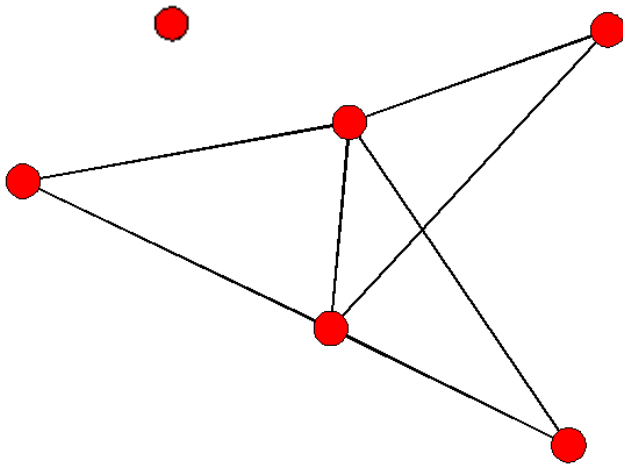


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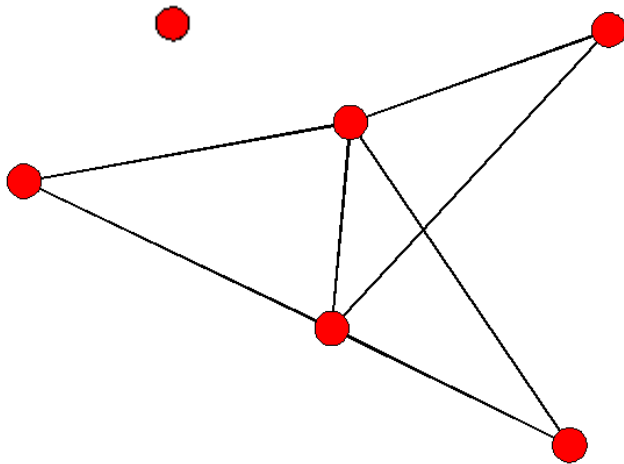
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- **Inclusivity** = $5 / 6 = 0.83$



Graph theory: notation

- G = graph/network
- N = # of nodes in network, n = individual node
- e = edge, g = geodesic
- i, j, \dots = indices (labels for selected elements)
- g_{ij} = geodesic between nodes i and j , n_i = node i
- k = # of selected elements (typically nodes)

- Upper case: global indicators
- Lower case: local indicators
- $cd(n_i)$ = node i degree centrality
- $Cd(G)$ = graph G degree centralization

Graph theory

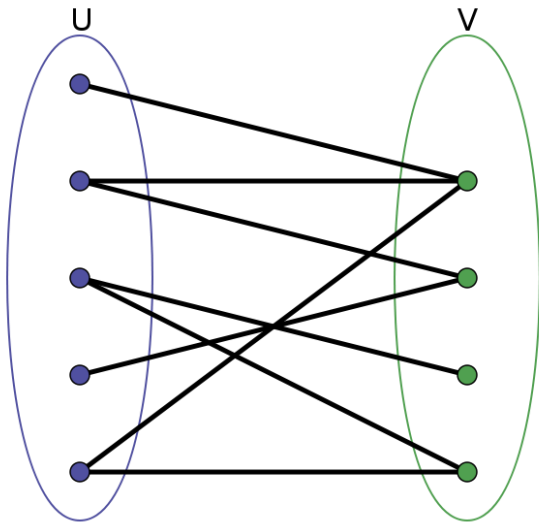
- **Density** is given by # of observed connections ($\sum e$) over total # of all possible connections in network.
- # of all possible connections in undirected network = $(N * (N - 1)) / 2$
- # of all possible connections in directed network = $(N * (N - 1))$
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Graph theory

- Density (undirected): $\sum e / ((N * (N - 1)) / 2)$
- **Quiz:** assume that you create a network. Edge exists if you sit next or askew to each other.
 - What is inclusivity and density of this network?

Graph theory

- **Bipartite (or two-mode) network** consists from two disjoint sets of vertices (U and V).
- The **connections** are allowed **only between** these two sets of vertices, not within them.



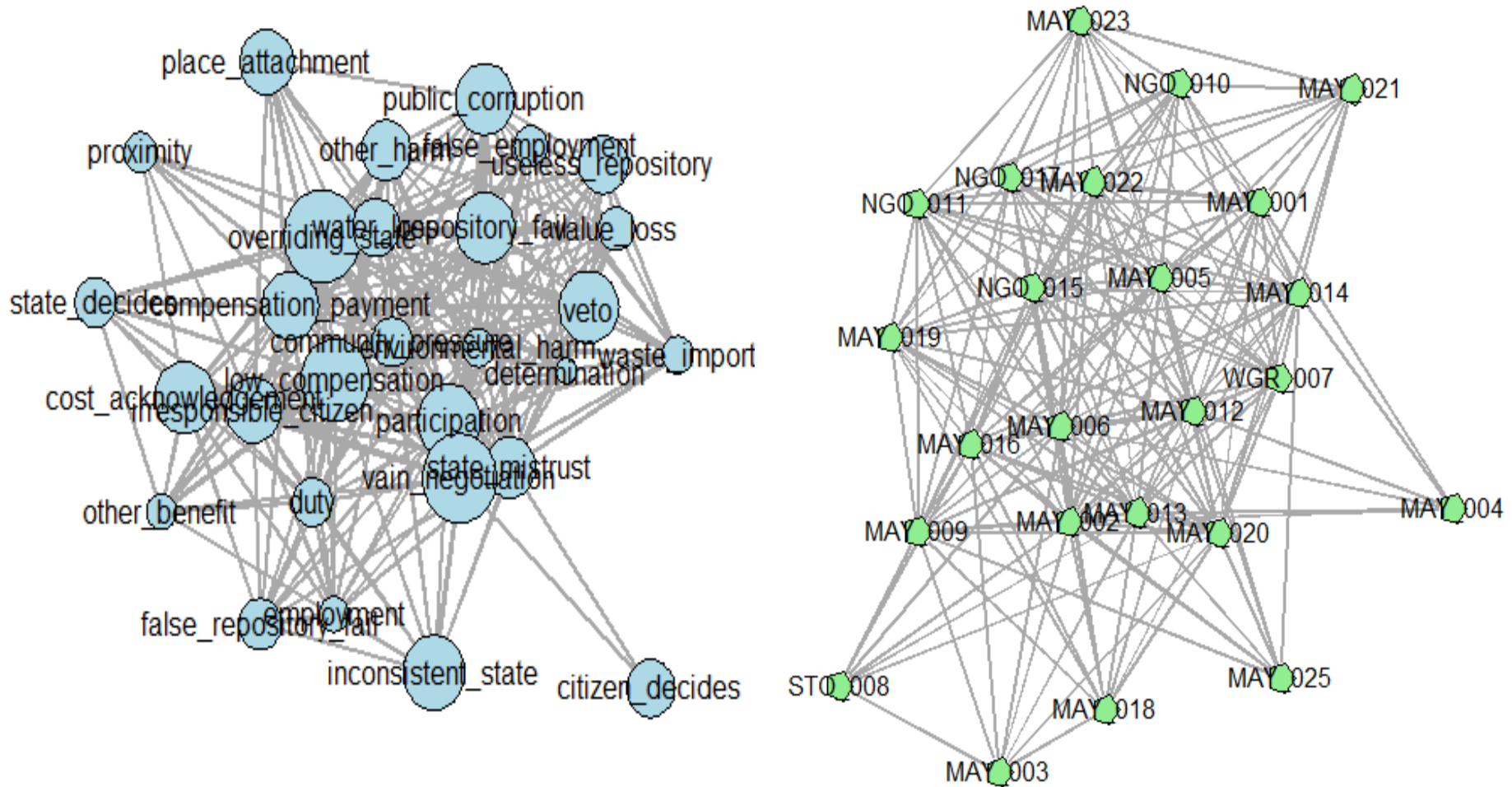
Graph theory

- Example: two types of nodes: (1) individuals and (2) concepts.
- The edges are between individuals and concepts.

Graph theory

- We can do **one-mode projections**; i.e. we can reconstruct one-mode networks of individuals and concepts.
- Individuals are connected if they share at least one concept.
- Concepts are connected if they are shared by at least one individual.

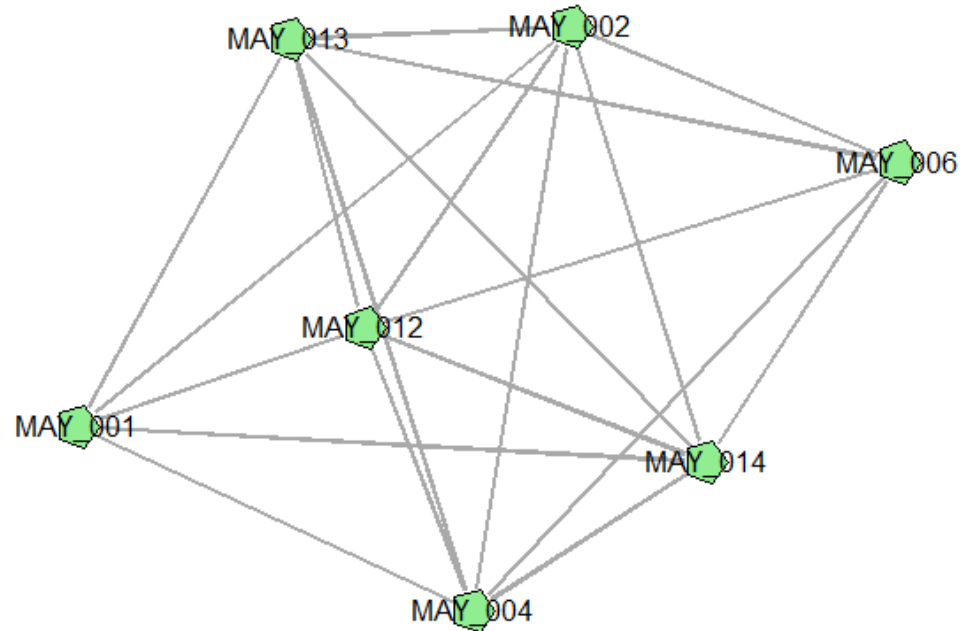
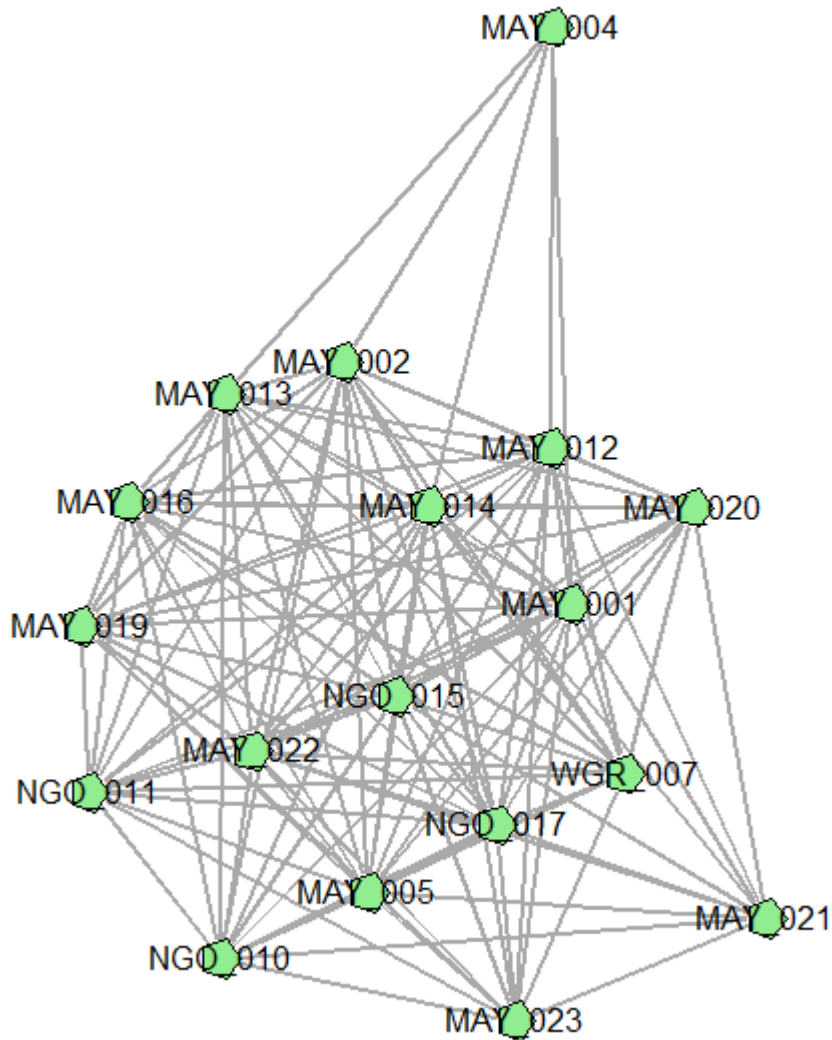
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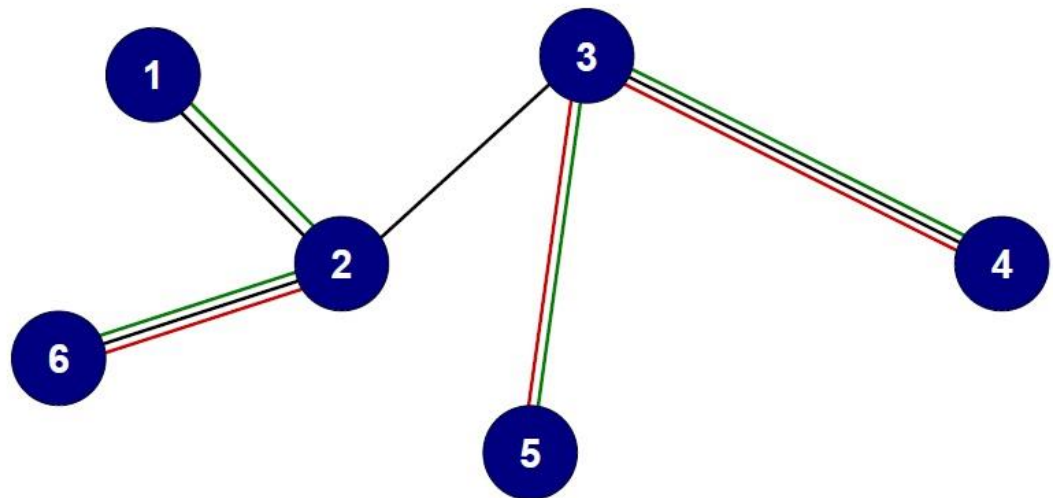
- **Egocentric network** is a personal network of a given individual (ego).
- Number of steps that connect a given node to ego classify the node into zones.
- **First-order zone** includes all directly connected nodes (alteri), second-order zone includes all nodes connected by two steps etc.

Graph theory



Graph theory

- **Multiplex network** consists from one set of vertices and more than one sets of edges.
- E.g.: imagine group of people and how they are interconnected through various social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn etc.).



Data organization

- **Attributional data:** individual characteristics.
 - E.g.: age, income, education, GDP, TPES, etc.
- **Relational data:** characteristics of ties.
 - E.g.: kinship ties, trade flows, conflicts, etc.

Data organization: network borders

- **Network border** delineation usually problematic.
- Often no natural borders.
- Different strategies for border delineation:
 - nominal (e.g. all EU member states)
 - positional (e.g. all democratic states)
 - realistic (e.g. all states that present themselves as democracies)
 - relational (e.g. all states that are referred by others as democracies)
 - event-based (e.g. all states that participated in Iraqi war)

Data organization: network sampling

- Typically it is impossible to have whole population.
- Random sampling is not appropriate – why?

Data organization: network sampling

- Typically it is impossible to have population data.
- Random sampling is not appropriate – why?
- Burt's formula of information loss = $(100 - k)\%$.
- Sampling methods:
 - Snowballing
 - Attribute based selection

Data organization: data collection

- Questionnaires / interviews
- Name generator (questionnaires)

“Looking back over the last 6 months – who are the people with whom you discussed matters important to you?” (since 1984 in the US General Social Survey)

- Observation / experiment
- Archival data

Exercise

- Define your research question.
- Define network borders and population.
- Define sampling method and data collection technique.

Data organization

- (Social) data, attributional as well as relational, are organized in **data matrices**.
- Case-by-variable matrix is a standard way of data organization in quantitative research.
- **Not appropriate for relational data.**

Case-by-variable matrix

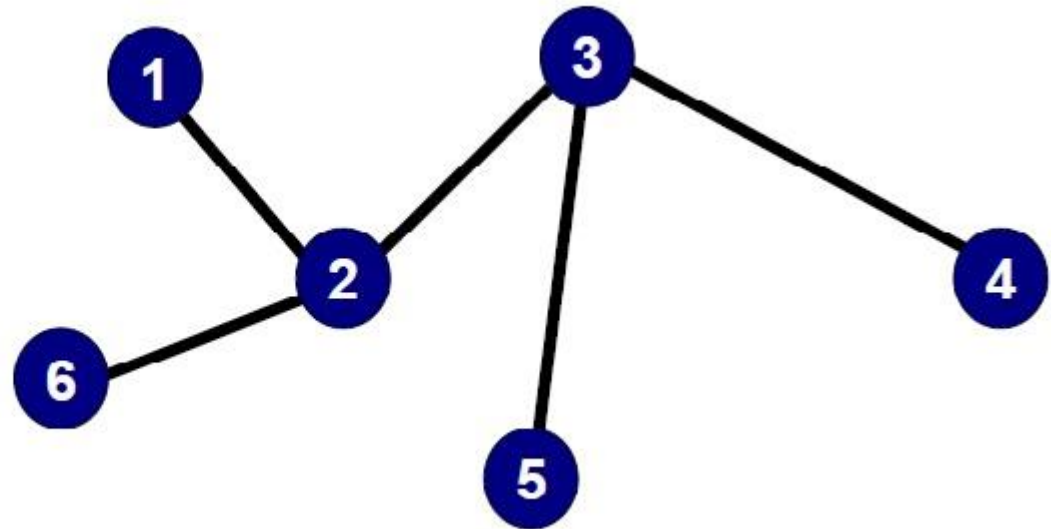
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|----|----------------|------|------|-------------|-----|
| 1 | id | G | P | PPG | NAT |
| 2 | Wayne Gretzky | 1487 | 2857 | 1.92131809 | CAN |
| 3 | Mark Messier | 1756 | 1887 | 1.074601367 | CAN |
| 4 | Gordie Howe | 1767 | 1850 | 1.046972269 | CAN |
| 5 | Ron Francis | 1731 | 1798 | 1.03870595 | CAN |
| 6 | Marcel Dionne | 1348 | 1771 | 1.31379822 | CAN |
| 7 | Steve Yzerman | 1514 | 1755 | 1.159180978 | CAN |
| 8 | Mario Lemieux | 915 | 1723 | 1.883060109 | CAN |
| 9 | Jaromir Jagr | 1346 | 1653 | 1.22808321 | CZ |
| 10 | Joe Sakic | 1378 | 1641 | 1.190856313 | CAN |
| 11 | Phil Esposito | 1282 | 1590 | 1.24024961 | CAN |
| 12 | Ray Bourque | 1612 | 1579 | 0.979528536 | CAN |
| 13 | Mark Recchi | 1652 | 1533 | 0.927966102 | CAN |
| 14 | Paul Coffey | 1409 | 1531 | 1.086586231 | CAN |
| 15 | Stan Mikita | 1394 | 1467 | 1.052367288 | CAN |
| 16 | Bryan Trottier | 1279 | 1425 | 1.114151681 | US |
| 17 | Adam Oates | 1337 | 1420 | 1.062079282 | CAN |
| 18 | Doug Gilmour | 1474 | 1414 | 0.959294437 | CAN |
| 19 | Dale Hawerchuk | 1188 | 1409 | 1.186026936 | CAN |
| 20 | Teemu Selanne | 1341 | 1406 | 1.04847129 | FIN |

Data organization

- **Adjacency matrix** represents which nodes are adjacent to other nodes.
- **Incidence matrix** represents the relations between two classes of nodes.
 - Rows represent one class of nodes.
 - Columns represent second class of nodes.

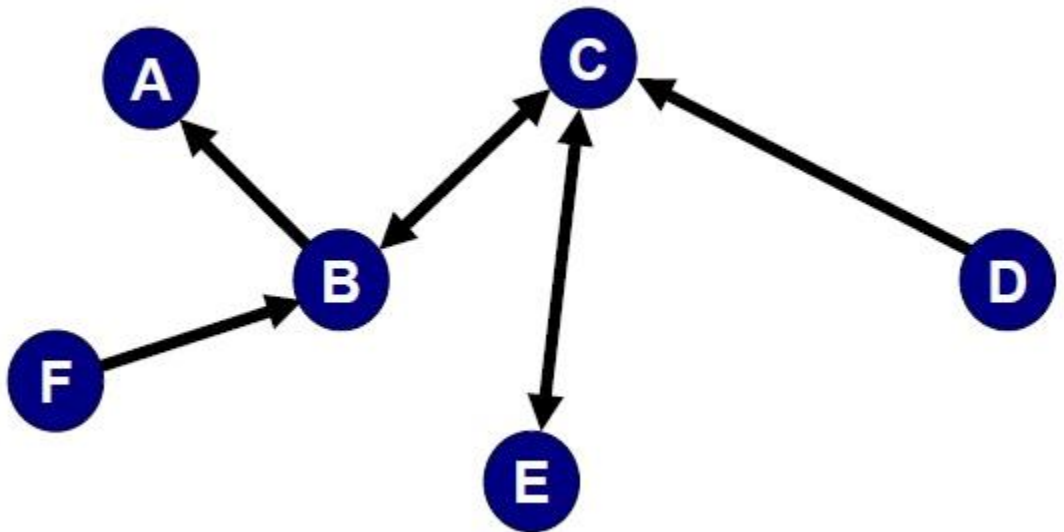
Undirected one-mode network

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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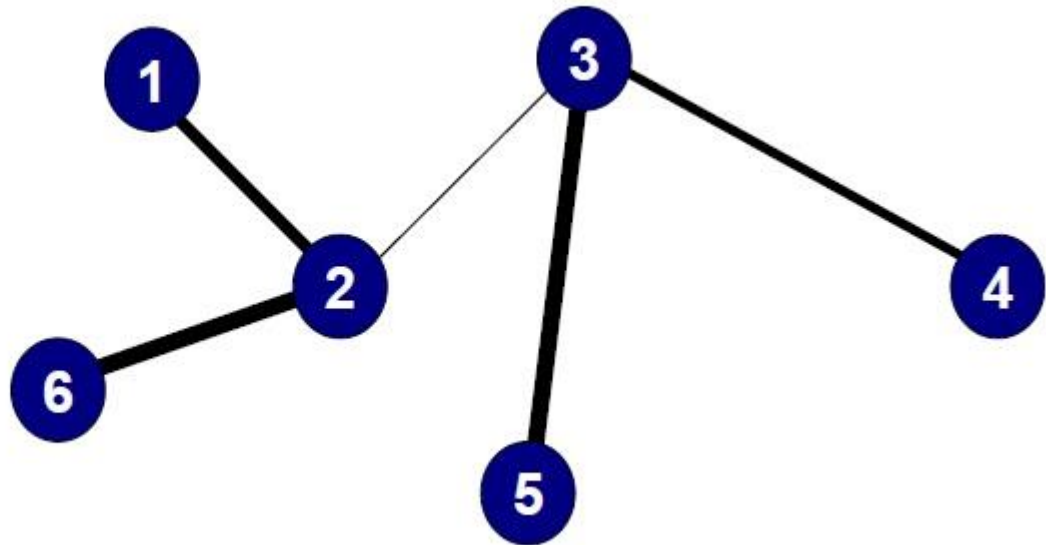
Directed one-mode network

| | A | B | C | D | E | F |
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| D | | | 1 | | | |
| E | | | 1 | | | |
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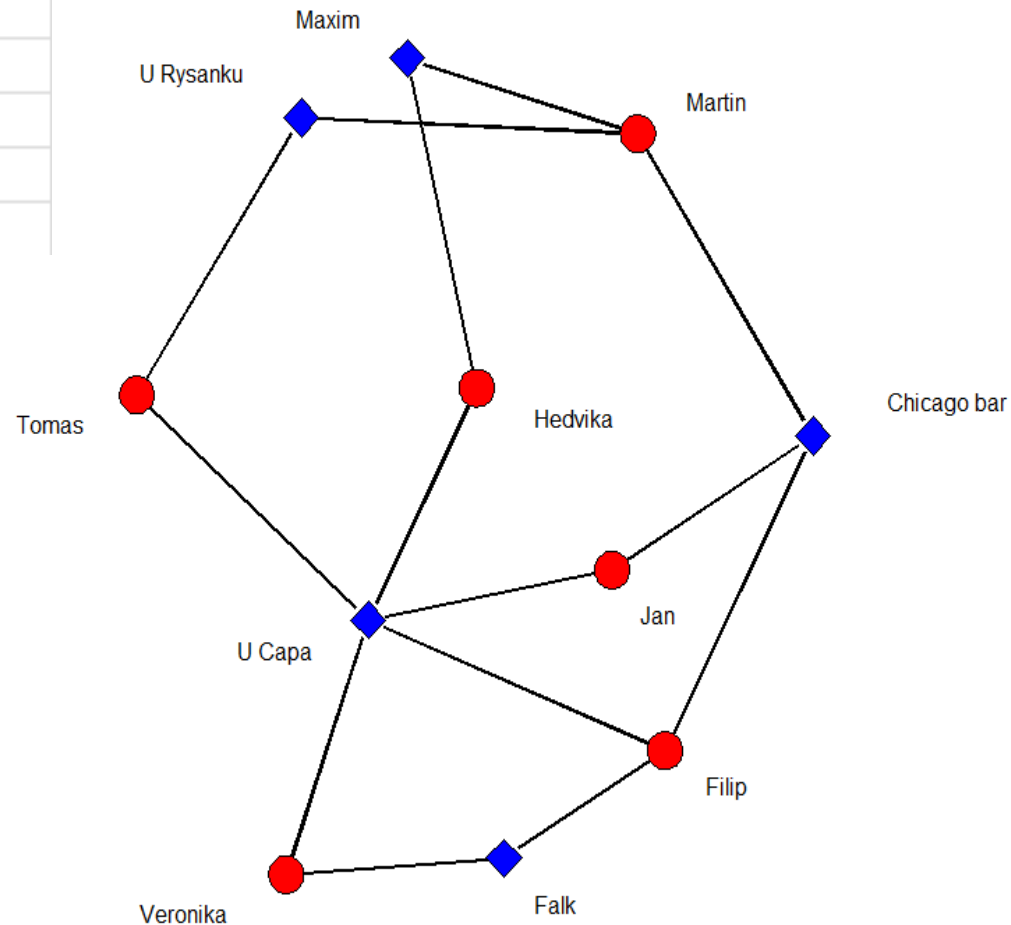
Undirected weighted one-mode network

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | 5 | | | | |
| 2 | 5 | | 1 | | | 7 |
| 3 | | 1 | | 4 | 7 | |
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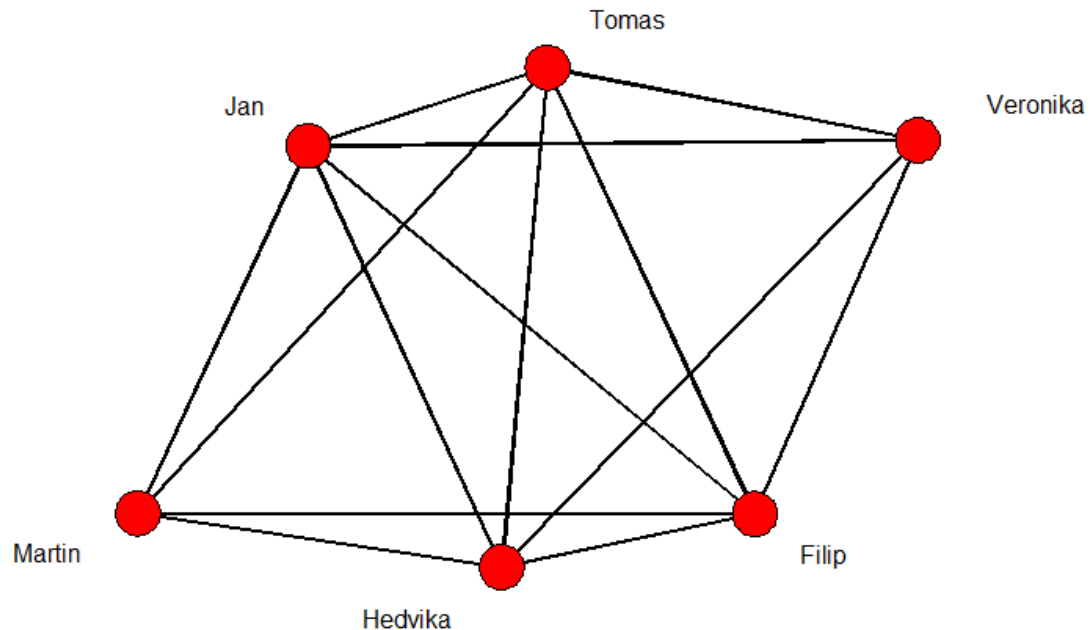
Incidence (case-by-event) matrix

| | row.names | U Capa | Chicago bar | U Rysanku | Maxim | Falk |
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| 1 | Filip | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | Hedvika | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | Jan | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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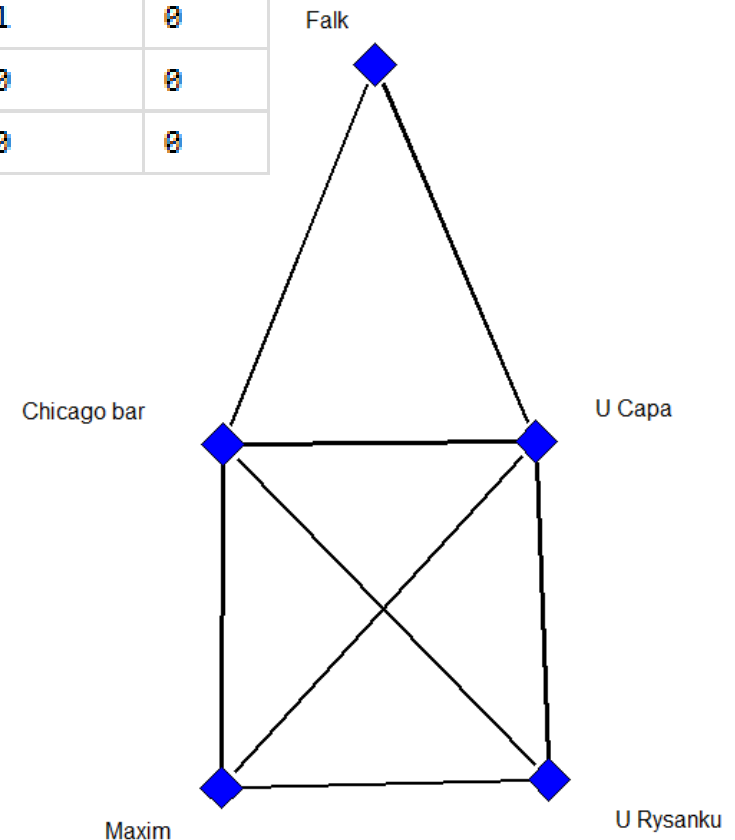
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Adjacency (event-by-event) matrix

| | row.names | U Capa | Chicago bar | U Rysanku | Maxim | Falk |
|---|-------------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------|------|
| 1 | U Capa | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | Chicago bar | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | U Rysanku | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | Maxim | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Falk | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



Matrix operations: one-mode projection

- We get one-mode projection (adjacency) matrix by multiplying incidence matrix by its **transposition**.
 - Transposed matrix: rows turned to columns and vice versa.
- For **cases (rows)** we put transpose on the second place.
 - `matrix %*% t(matrix)`
- For **events (columns)** we put transpose on the first place.
 - `t(matrix) %*% matrix`

Matrix transposition

- Incidence matrix

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

- Transposition

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

Matrix by matrix multiplication (cases)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

$\%*\%$

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

Dot product: first we take first row and first column

(1, 0, 1, 1) and (1, 0, 1, 1), second we multiply corresponding elements and sum up the products.

$$(1, 0, 1, 1) * (1, 0, 1, 1) = 1*1 + 0*0 + 1*1 + 1*1 = \mathbf{3}$$

Matrix by matrix multiplication (cases)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

$\%*\%$

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
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| 1 | 1 | 0 |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 |

Matrix by matrix multiplication (events)

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| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Dot product: first we take first row and first column

(1, 0, 1) and (1, 0, 1), second we multiply corresponding elements and sum up the products.

$$(1, 0, 1) * (1, 0, 1) = 1*1 + 0*0 + 1*1 = \mathbf{2}$$

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| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |

Exercise

- Do one-mode projections of incidence matrix:

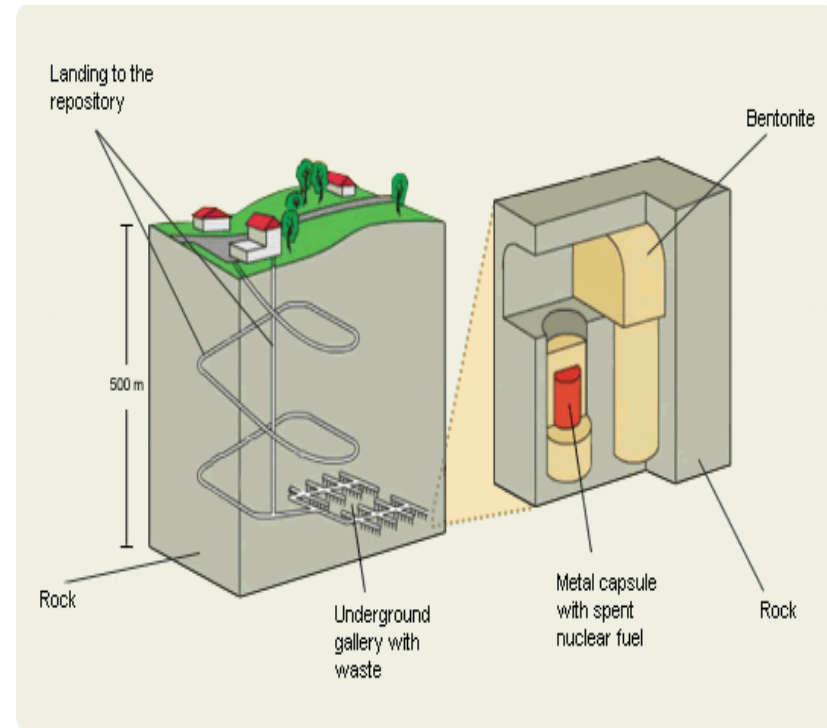
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| Introduction | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Methodology | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Mini-case study

- **Deep geological repository** designed to contain nuclear waste for hundreds of thousands of years.
- There are 7 pre-selected (candidate) localities in the Czech republic.
- Since the beginning there are repeated occurrences of local opposition.
- **Research objective:** to map how the issue is framed by the local opposition / acceptance opinion leaders.

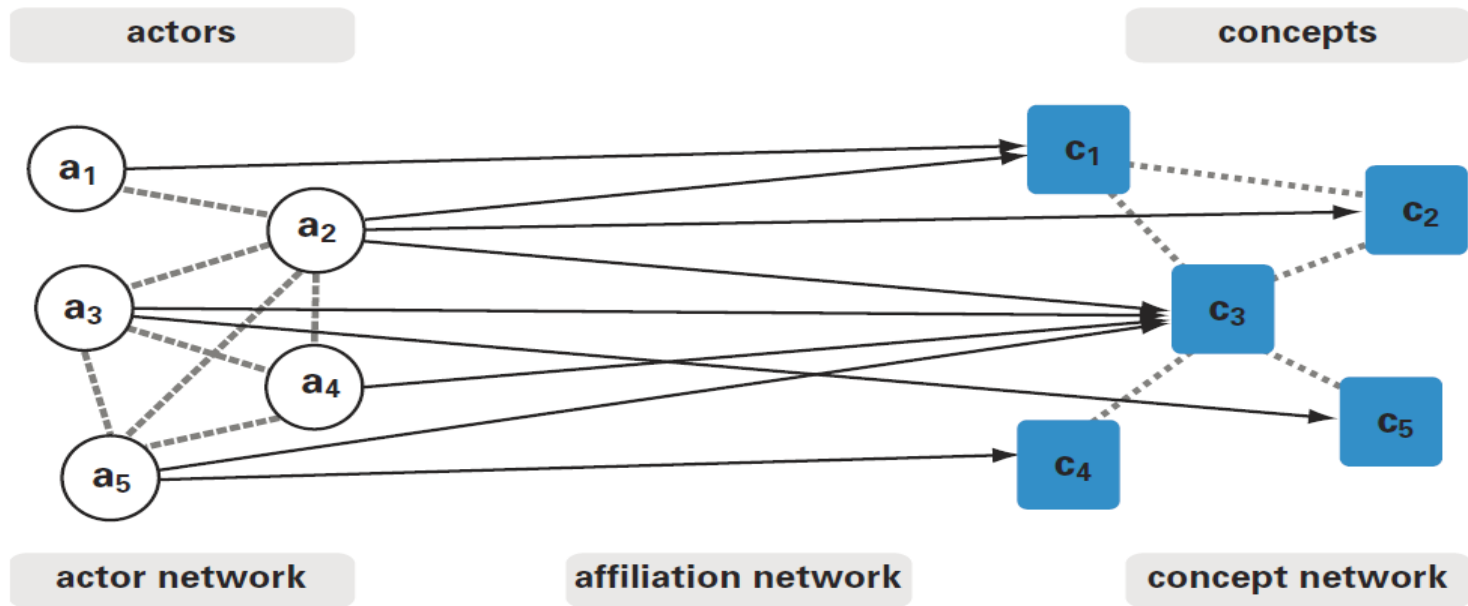


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Discourse network

- A **bipartite network** that consists of actors and concepts.



Frame

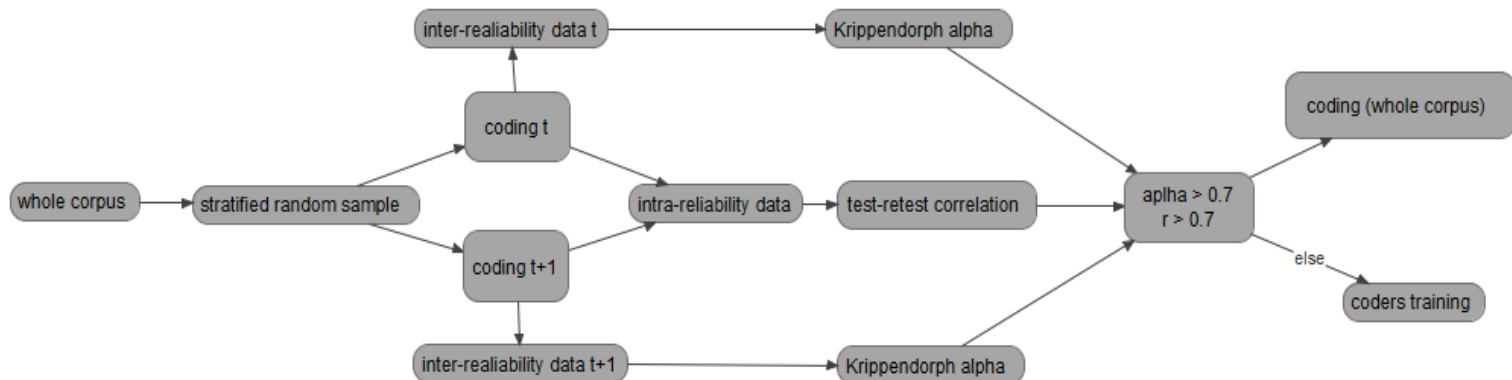
- **Frame** defined as *shared interpretative scheme through which actors understand and promote a particular version of reality* (see e.g. Benford & Snow 2000).
- Actors – strategically – use frames to emphasize or suppress particular aspects of the contested issue.
- Intuition: group of nodes (**cluster**) in the concept network which are in a similar position to the rest of the network.

(Discourse / frame) coalition

- **Frame coalition** is understood as a “...*group of actors that share social construct* [frame].” (Hajer 1995: 43)
- Intuition: densely connected segment (**community**) of the actor network.

Data and coding

- **Data:**
 - 47 semi-standardized interviews (mayors, activists and state officials).
- **Coding:**
 - Corpus coded by 2 independent coders with Krippendorff's alpha = 0.81 (inter-rater), $r = 0.79$ (intra-rater reliability).
 - The coded corpus contains 634 observations (38 codes).



RQDA package

- Corpus has been coded in RQDA package (Ronggui Huang 2014).
- R package for qualitative data analysis with GUI.
- Provides basic functions of CAQDAS.

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| + Přidat | Smazat | rename | Memo | Project |
| Anno | Coding | Unmark | Mark | Files |
| Codes.List | | | | Codes |
| citizen_decides | | | | Code Categories |
| community_pressure | | | | Cases |
| compensation_payment | | | | Attributes |
| cost_acknowledgement | | | | File Categories |
| determination | | | | Journals |
| duty | | | | Settings |
| employment | | | | |
| environmental_harm | | | | |
| false_employment | | | | |
| false_environmental_harm | | | | |
| false_other_benefit | | | | |
| false_other_harm | | | | |
| false_repository_fail | | | | |
| false_tourism | | | | |
| false_value_loss | | | | |
| false_waste_import | | | | |
| false_water_loss | | | | |
| inconsistent_state | | | | |
| irresponsible_citizen | | | | |
| low_compensation | | | | |
| mayor_decides | | | | |
| other_benefit | | | | |
| other_harm | | | | |
| overriding_state | | | | |
| participation | | | | |
| place_attachment | | | | |
| proximity | | | | |
| public_corruption | | | | |
| repository_fail | | | | |
| resource_deficit | | | | |
| state_decides | | | | |

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001: Už dlouho. A myslím si, když to vezmu, tak 10 let, asi 12, poměrně dost dlouho.

001: Tak většinou, když můžu říct, poslední dobou, my jsme podali odvolání proti tomu, aby se tady začalo s těmi průzkumnými vrty, takže to zabere poměrně dost času, protože tady v těchto věcech si prostě nemůžete jen tak sednout a něco napsat, tam už to zabírá poměrně dost času, aby to bylo na nějaké úrovni. A vůbec všechny ty materiály, když se dávaly dohromady, tak tady v té naší lokalitě se tím nejvíc zabývala paní starostka =Zojková=, která si myslím tomu věnovala strašně moc svého volného času, kdy sháněla vlastně veškeré materiály týkající se podzemních vod a myslím si, že konkrétně ona tomu věnovala strašně moc volného času.

001: Určitě, to stoprocentně.

001: Jako myslíte konkrétně se SURAEM, nebo?

001: **<overriding_state>** Já bych řekla, že stát nebo SURAO k tomu pořád přistupuje tak, že my jako obec jsme poslední článek toho, co oni si dělají, tedy z mého hlediska. Že vůbec neberou v potaz nějaké naše rozhodnutí, nebo něco, co oni slíbili a nikdy nedodrželi, nikdy vlastně nedodrželi, co slíbili, podle mého. A řekla bych, že na to, jak se snaží navenek říkat, že vždycky platí až rozhodnutí obce, tak to stejně nedodrželi. Ani třeba vlastně teď, co se týká těch průzkumů, tak vlastně původně bylo řečeno, že prvně s tím dá souhlas obec, a vlastně teď rozhodli, že průzkum začnou dělat a my jsme jim žádný souhlas k tomu nedávali. Takže si stejně nakonec dělají, co chtějí, jako by se to řeklo.

001: **<determination>** No tak nejdůležitější je, aby to tady nebylo. Aby se to tady vůbec nestavělo, to úložiště. Jako já **<useless_repository>** chápu, že se s tím odpadem něco musí dělat, ale myslím si, že se to dá řešit i jiným způsobem než tím, že se tady prostě postaví úložiště. **<repository_fail>** Já tedy nevím, kde berou ty informace o tom, že je to bezpečné, když to ještě nikde není vyzkoušené, to zaprvé, zadruhé **<state_mistrust>** nechápu, proč tak velké úložiště na tak malý [???], podle mě jsou v tom úplně jiné zájmy, **<environmental_harm>** a úplně to poslední, co si myslím, kdyby to třeba mělo být bezpečné, to úložiště, tak by tím úložištěm, vlastně tou stavbou, zdevastovali úplně všechno.

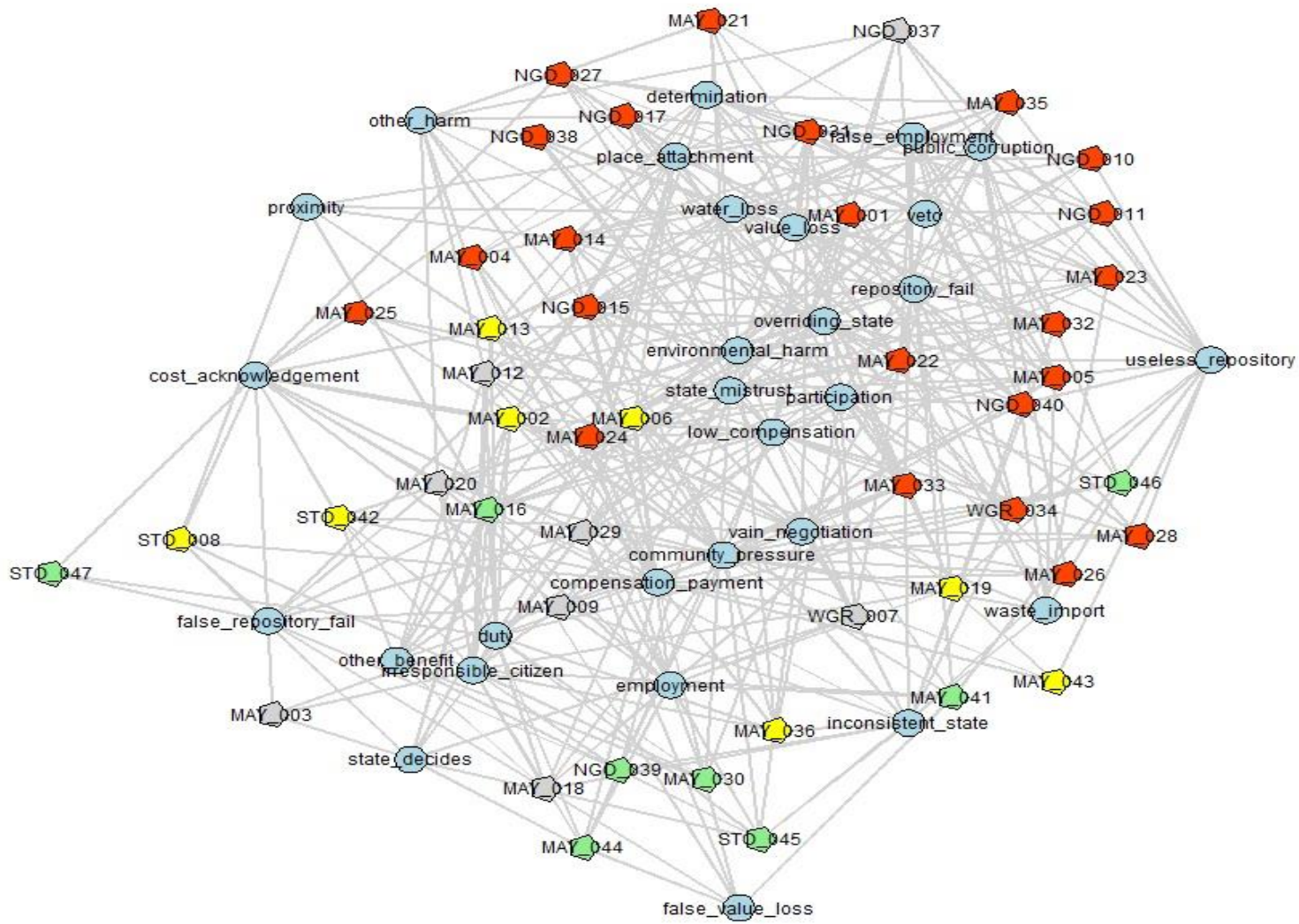
001: Ano, ten Hrádek.

001: Ty vrty jsou jakoby, ta voda jde z Čeříňku, takže...

Incidence matrix

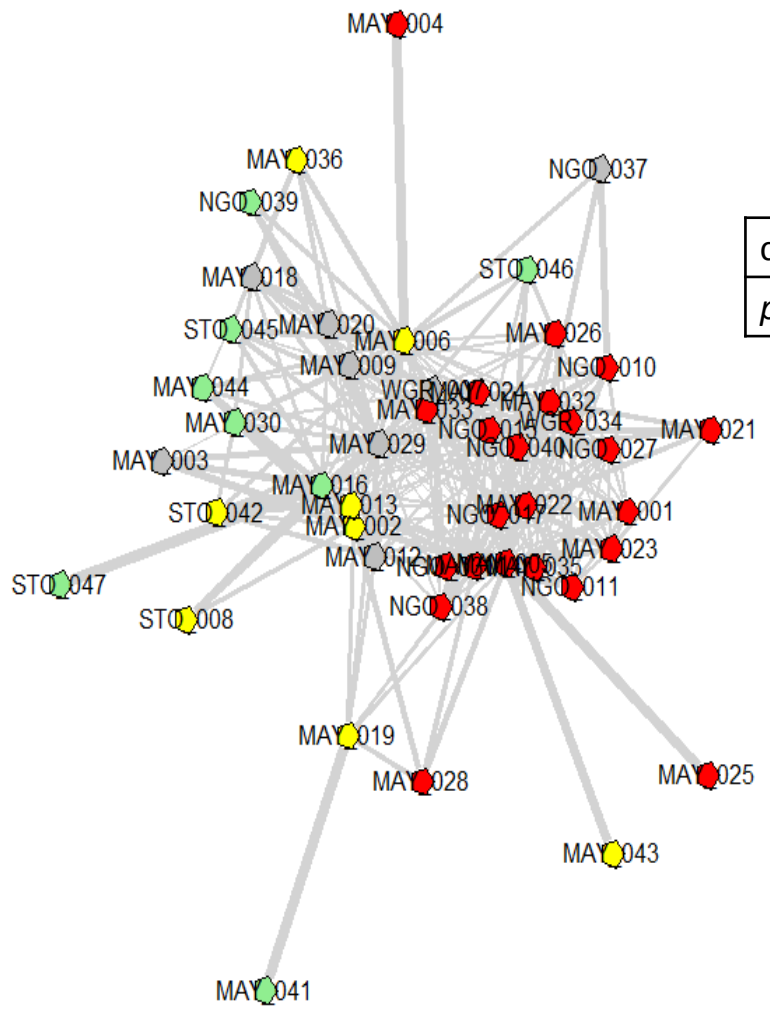
concept 1 concept j

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|------------------------|---|---|---|
| actor 1 (interview) | <i>ij</i> cell indicates how many times actor <i>i</i> uses concept <i>j</i> | 0 | 3 |
| . | . | . | . |
| . | . | . | . |
| . | . | . | . |
| . | . | . | . |
| actor <i>i</i> | 0 | 2 | 1 |

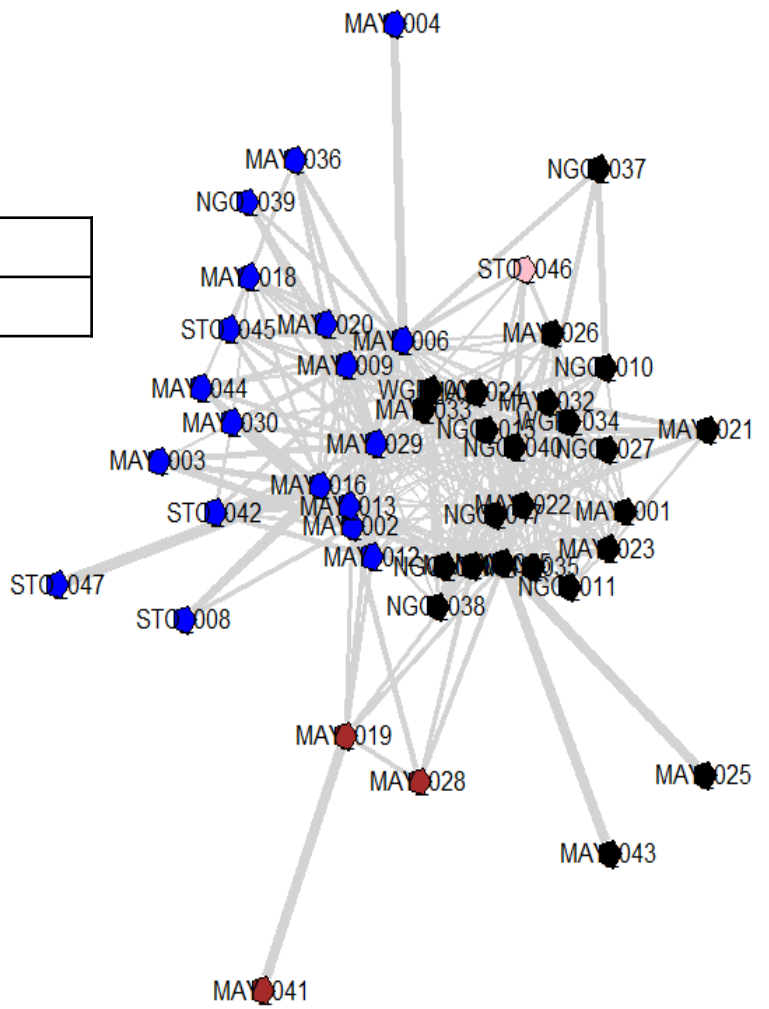


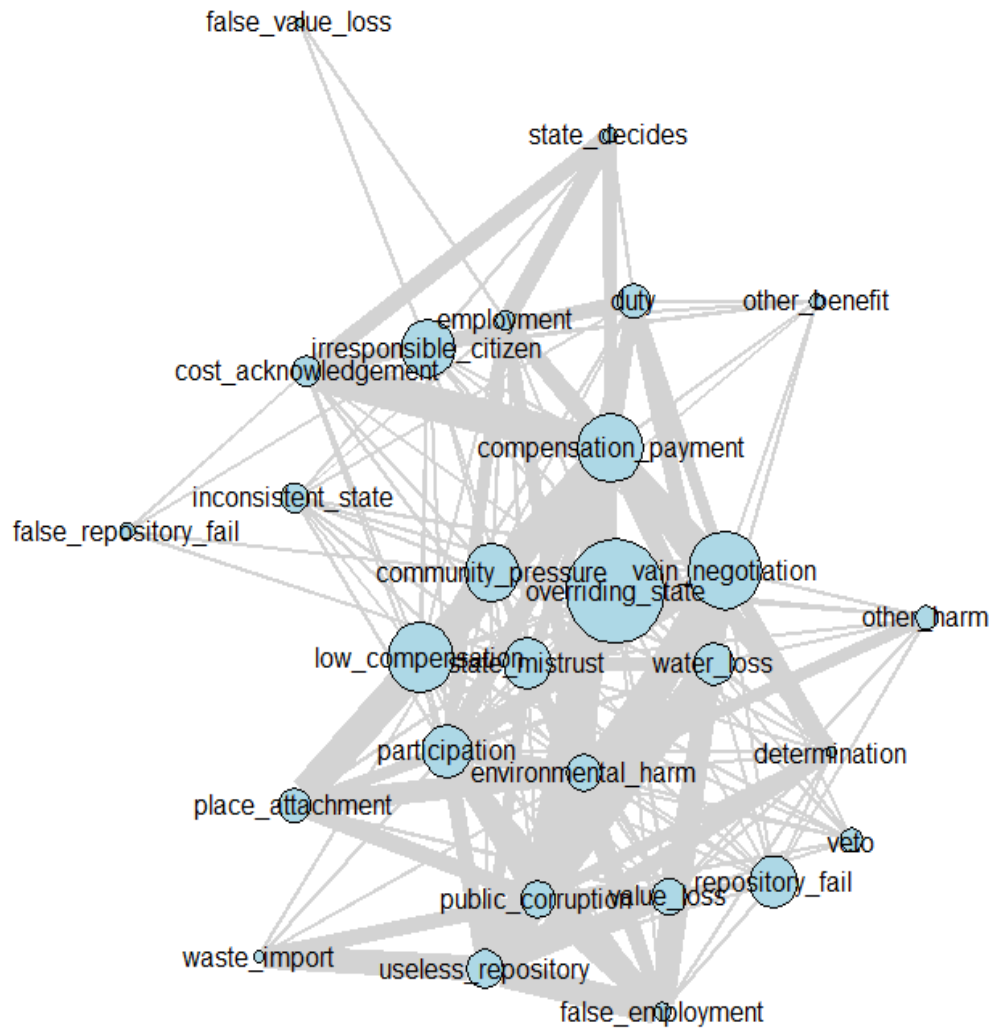
Network communities

- **Network community** is a segment of the network created by a set of nodes (members) that are more densely connected internally than with the non-members of the community.



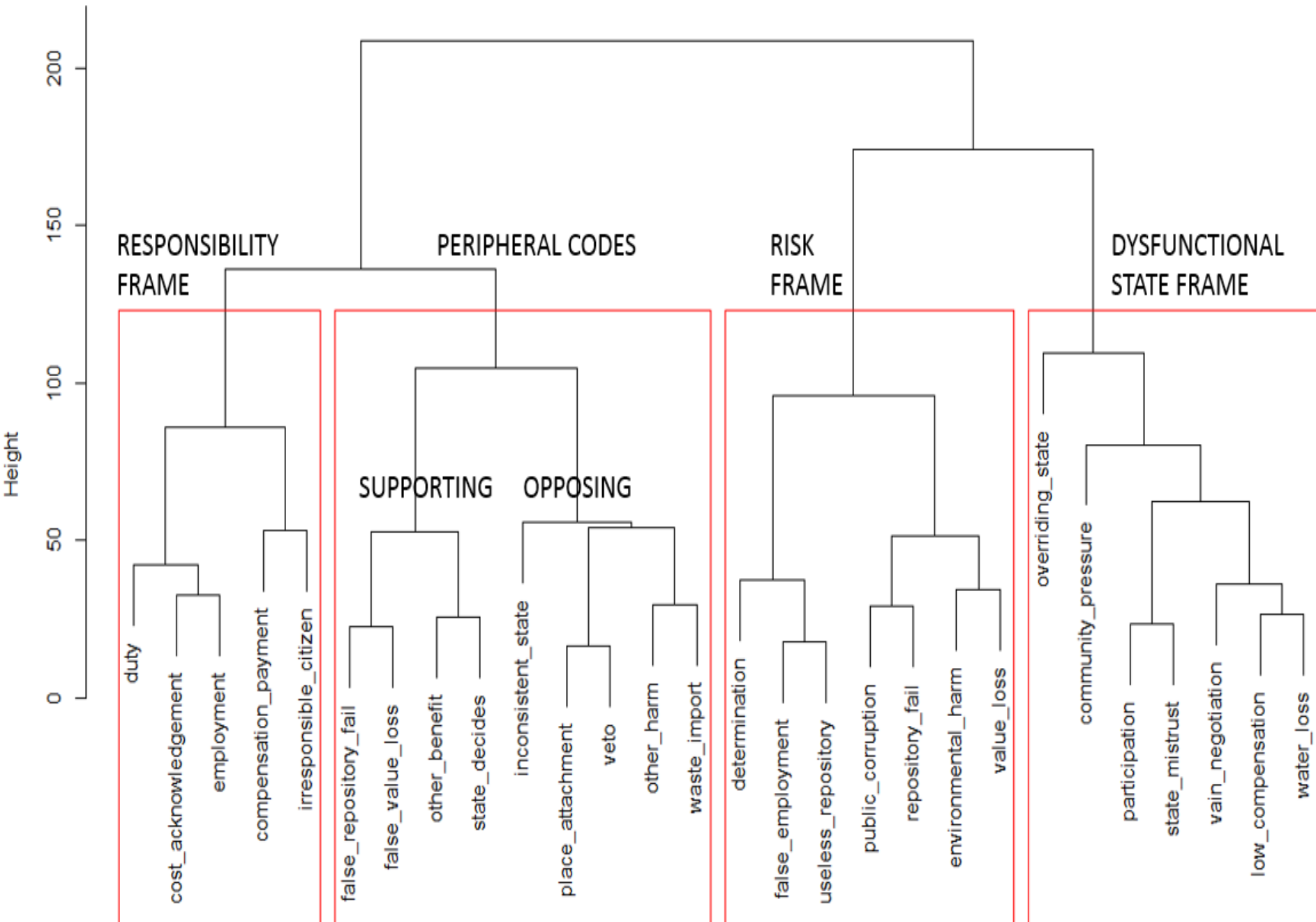
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|-----------------|-------|
| correlation | 0.37 |
| <i>p</i> -value | 0.013 |





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| density | 0.31 |
| deg. centralization | 0.43 |
| bet. centralization | 0.12 |

Euclidean distances (concepts)



Reconstructed frames

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|---------------------|--|
| Responsibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We consume electricity and thus produce radioactive waste.• We (as well as state) have a moral and legal obligation to deal with this burden.• The repository is the only viable solution.• By delays and opposition we transfer this responsibility to further generations.• Opposition is irresponsible and based on emotional/irrational argumentation.• State has (legitimately) the last word; localities will be financially compensated. |
| Risk | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The siting process as well as potential construction of the repository is accompanied by number of risks (environmental, economic, social, health etc.).• We have responsibility to further generations to preserve the localities.• It is necessary to stop or to slow down the project till another (technological) solution is available. |
| Dysfunctional state | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The state is not able to deal with the issue competently and legitimately.• The localities are not effectively involved in the selection process.• The Working group is just a facade; the final decision depends solely on the state.• There is a lack of trust among stakeholders and the whole process lacks legitimacy. |

R: advantages

- Freeware
- Open source
- Worldwide active community
- Flexible and developed



R community / sources

- There is huge number of free resources
- R package / library manuals
- R site: <http://cran.r-project.org>
- Community forums:
 - <http://stackoverflow.com>
 - <http://www.statmethods.net>
 - <http://www.r-bloggers.com>
- Youtube videos:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHfSTRNg6jE>
- Googling (often fastest)

R libraries / packages

- Library / package:
 - Can be thought of as an extension that adds new functionality.
 - Libraries must be installed (just before the first use) and loaded.
 - Sometimes there can be conflicts among libraries (e.g. different functions with same names) – we can unload them.
 - Often there are dependencies among libraries (some libraries use functions from other libraries).

R: disadvantages

- Not as easily accessible as “clicking-programs”
- Data preparation could be demanding
- Could be slower for large datasets

R language

- object-oriented programming
 - **object:** instance of certain data class that can be manipulated according set of procedures (methods)
- functional-oriented programming
 - **function:** relation that associates input(s) with output(s)
- We can define certain objects and apply functions on them and vice versa.

Data types

- **Numeric:** continuous numeric data (**-1, 0.5, 10.49**)
- **Integer:** discrete numeric data (**-1, 0, 1, ...**)
- **Character:** string values = **“anythingwithinquotes”**
- **Logical:** output of logical operation
 $5 > 10 = \mathbf{FALSE}$
 $5 < 7 \mid 7 > 10 = \mathbf{TRUE}$

Data types: factor

- **Factor:** variable that take limited number of discrete values - levels (categorical variable).
- Factor function converts vector of values into vector of **factor values** (always have form of **character**).
- Factors can be **unordered** (nominal variable) or **ordered** (ordinal variable).

```
> data = c(1,2,2,3,1,2,3,3,1,2,3,3,1)
> fdata = factor(data)
> fdata
 [1] 1 2 2 3 1 2 3 3 1 2 3 3 1
Levels: 1 2 3
```

R: object and function

- **Object:**

```
vector <- c(1,2,3,4,5)
```

- **Function:**

```
fun <- function(x) { x^2 }
```

- **Output:**

```
fun(vector) = 1, 4, 9, 16, 25
```

- **Nesting:**

```
fun_2 <- function(x) { fun(x) + 1 }
```

R functions

- *word()* indicates function
- `mean(vector)`

- *function(argument_1, argument_2, ...)*
- `sample(0:100, 10, rep=FALSE)`

- basic functions (part of the basic R package)
- package functions (part of the particular package)
- user functions (user-defined functions)

R objects

- **Vector**
 - Sequence (1-dimensional) of elements of **same data type**
- **Matrix**
 - 2-dimensional rectangular collection of elements of **same data type**
 - Array: n-dimensional matrix.
- **List**
 - Vector that can contain elements of **different data types**
- **Data frame**
 - List of vectors of equal length
 - Table data

Vector

```
> c(2, 3, 5)
[1] 2 3 5
```

```
> c("aa", "bb", "cc", "dd", "ee")
[1] "aa" "bb" "cc" "dd" "ee"
```

```
> c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE)
[1] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```


Matrix

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    2    4    3
[2,]    1    5    7
```

List

```
> n = c(2, 3, 5)
> s = c("aa", "bb", "cc", "dd", "ee")
> b = c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE)
> x = list(n, s, b, 3) # x contains copies of n, s, b
```

```
> x[c(2, 4)]
[[1]]
[1] "aa" "bb" "cc" "dd" "ee"

[[2]]
[1] 3
```

Data frame

```
> mtcars
      mpg  cyl  disp  hp  drat   wt  ...
Mazda RX4      21.0   6  160  110  3.90  2.62  ...
Mazda RX4 Wag  21.0   6  160  110  3.90  2.88  ...
Datsun 710     22.8   4  108   93  3.85  2.32  ...
.....
```