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Web Science and Web Technology
„Social Network Analysis“

How can we analyze social networks?

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Overview


Today's Agenda: **How can we analyze social networks?**

A selection of concepts from Social Network Analysis

- Sociometry, adjacency lists and matrices
- One mode, two mode and affiliation networks
- KNC Plots
- Prominence
- Cliques, clans and clubs

Sociometry as a precursor of (social) network analysis

[Wasserman Faust 1994]

- Jacob L. Moreno, 1889 - 1974
 - Psychiatrist
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- born in Bukarest, grew up in Vienna, lived in the US
 - Worked for Austrian Government
 - Driving research motivation (in the 1930's and 1940's):
 - Exploring the advantages of picturing interpersonal interactions using sociograms, for sets with many actors

Sociometry

[Wassermann and Faust 1994]

- Sociometry is the study of positive and negative relations, such as liking/disliking and friends/enemies among a set of people. *Can you give an example of web formats that capture such relationships?*

FOAF: Friend of a Friend, <http://www.foaf-project.org/>

XFN: **X**HTML **F**riends **N**etwork, <http://gmpg.org/xfn/>

- A social network data set consisting of people and measured affective relations between people is often referred to as sociometric.
- Relational data are often presented in two-way matrices termed sociomatrices.

Sociometry

[Wassermann and Faust 1994]

- Images taken from Wasserman/Faust page 76 & 82

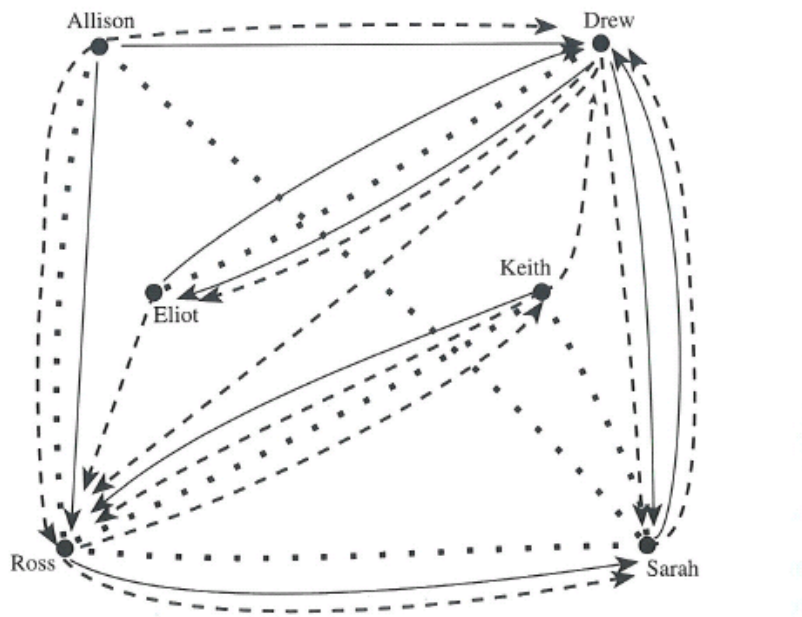


Fig. 3.2. The six actors and the three sets of directed lines — a multivariate directed graph

Table 3.1. Sociomatrices for the six actors and three relations of Figure 3.2

Friendship at Beginning of Year						
	Allison	Drew	Eliot	Keith	Ross	Sarah
Allison	-	1	0	0	1	0
Drew	0	-	1	0	0	1
Eliot	0	1	-	0	0	0
Keith	0	0	0	-	1	0
Ross	0	0	0	0	-	1
Sarah	0	1	0	0	0	-

Solid lines

Friendship at End of Year						
	Allison	Drew	Eliot	Keith	Ross	Sarah
Allison	-	1	0	0	1	0
Drew	0	-	1	0	1	1
Eliot	0	0	-	0	1	0
Keith	0	1	0	-	1	0
Ross	0	0	0	1	-	1
Sarah	0	1	0	0	0	-

dashed lines

Lives Near						
	Allison	Drew	Eliot	Keith	Ross	Sarah
Allison	-	0	0	0	1	1
Drew	0	-	1	0	0	0
Eliot	0	1	-	0	0	0
Keith	0	0	0	-	1	1
Ross	1	0	0	1	-	1
Sarah	1	0	0	1	1	-

dotted lines

Fundamental Concepts in SNA

[Wassermann and Faust 1994]

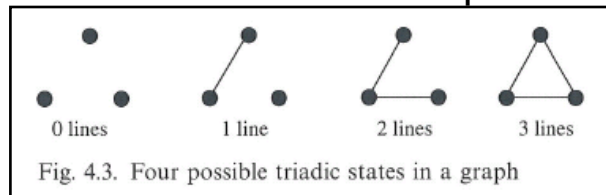
- Actor
 - Social entities
 - Def: Discrete individual, corporate or collective social units
 - Examples: people, departments, agencies
- Relational Tie
 - Social ties
 - Examples: Evaluation of one person by another, transfer of resources, association, behavioral interaction, formal relations, biological relationships
- Dyad
 - Emphasizes on a tie between two actors
 - Def: A dyad consists of two actors and a tie between them
 - An inherent property between two actors (not pertaining to a single one)
 - Analysis focuses on dyadic properties
 - Example: Reciprocity, trust

Which networks would not qualify as social networks?

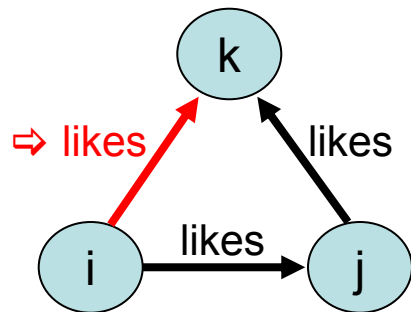
Fundamental Concepts in SNA

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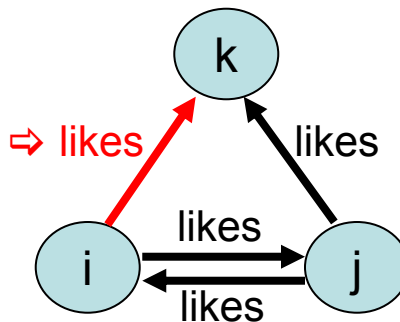
- **Triad**
 - Def: A subgroup of three actors and the possible ties among them



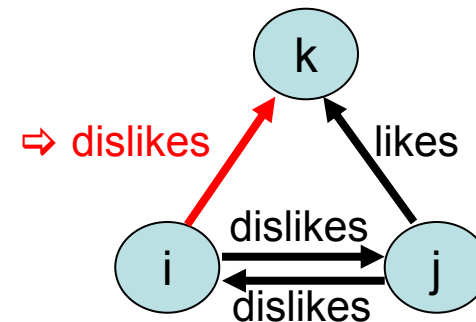
- **Transitivity**
 - If actor i „likes“ j, and j „likes“ k, then i also „likes“ k
- **Balance**
 - If actor i and j like each other, they should be similar in their evaluation of some k
 - If actor i and j dislike each other, they should evaluate k differently



Example 1: Transitivity



Example 2: Balance



Example 3: Balance

Fundamental Concepts in SNA

[Wassermann and Faust 1994]

- **Social Network**
 - Def: Consists of a finite set or sets of actors and the relation or relations defined on them
 - Focus on relational information, rather than attributes of actors

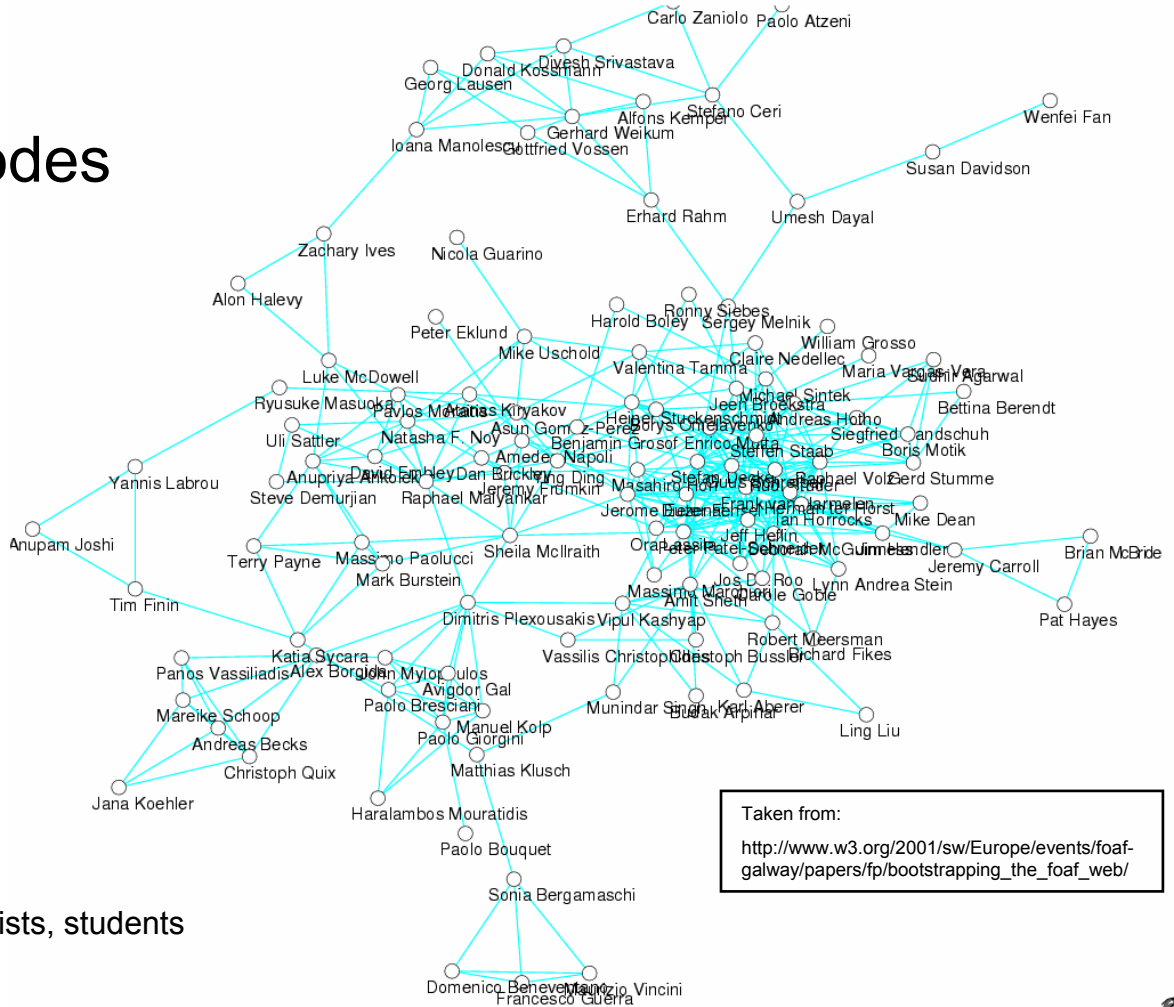
One and Two Mode Networks

[Wasserman Faust 1994]

- The **mode** of a network is the **number of sets of entities** on which structural variables are measured
- The **number of modes** refers to the **number of distinct kinds** of social entities in a network
- One-mode networks study just a **single set of actors**
- Two mode networks focus on **two sets of actors**, or on **one set of actors** and **one set of events**

One Mode Networks

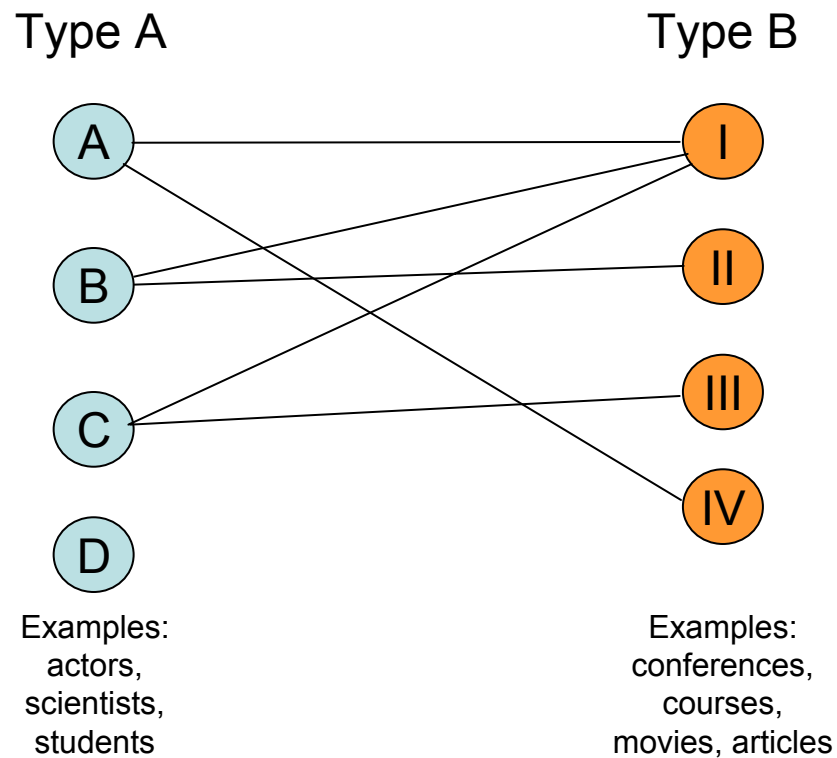
- Example: One type of nodes (Person)



Other examples: actors, scientists, students

Two Mode Networks

- Example:
- Two types of nodes




Can you give examples of two mode networks?

Reminder: Social Networks Examples



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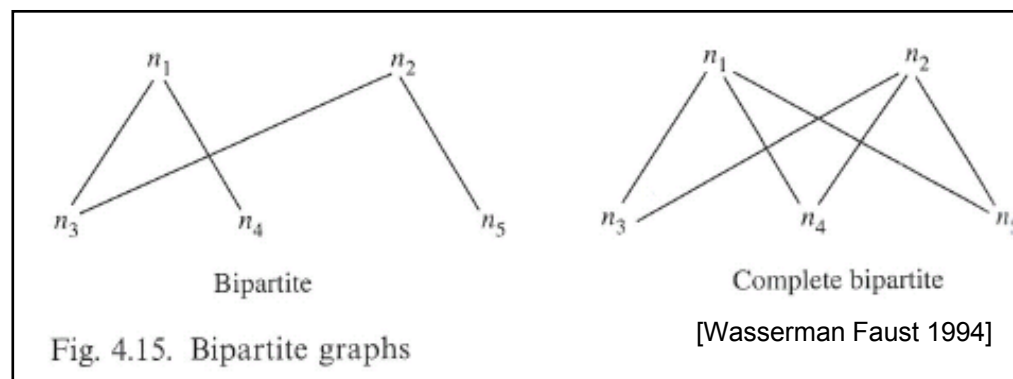
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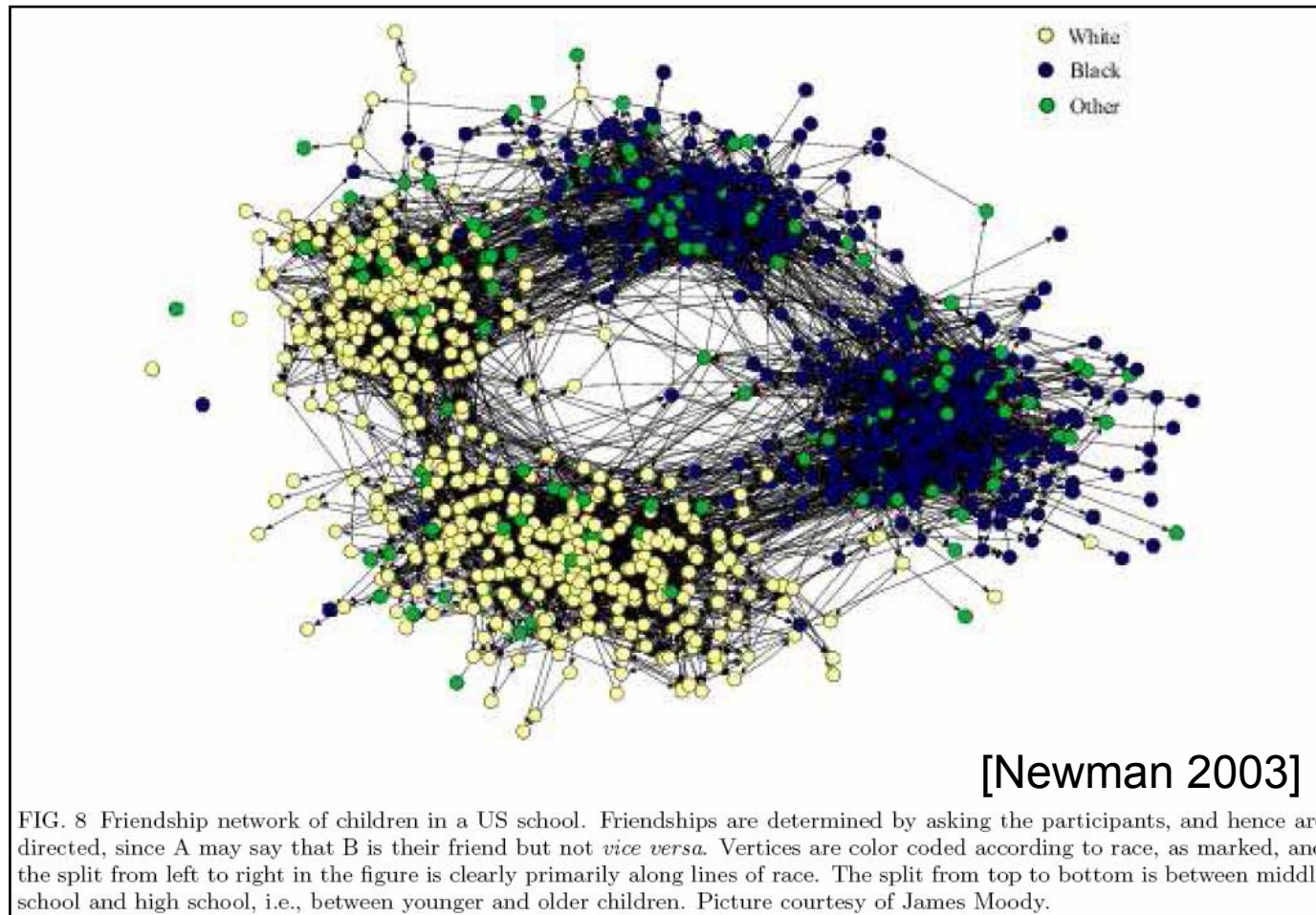
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Affiliation Networks

- Affiliation networks are two-mode networks
 - Nodes of one type „affiliate“ with nodes of the other type (only!)
- Affiliation networks consist of subsets of actors, rather than simply pairs of actors
- Connections among members of one of the modes are based on linkages established through the second
- Affiliation networks allow to study the dual perspectives of the actors and the events



Is this an Affiliation Network? Why/Why not?

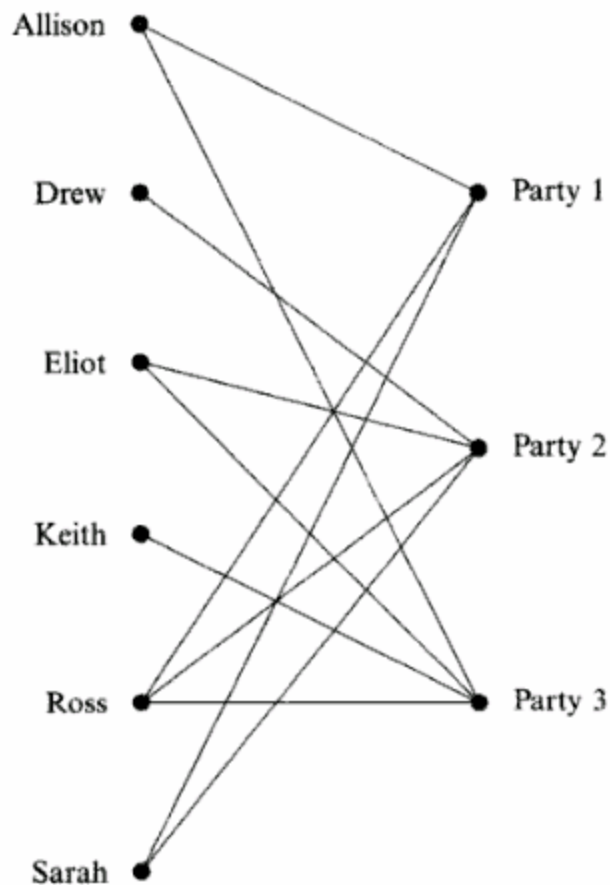


Examples of Affiliation Networks on the Web

- Facebook.com users and groups/networks
- XING.com users and groups
- Del.icio.us users and URLs
- Bibsonomy.org users and literature
- Netflix customers and movies
- Amazon customers and books
- Scientific network of authors and articles
- etc

Representing Affiliation Networks As Two Mode Sociomatrices

[Wasserman Faust 1994]



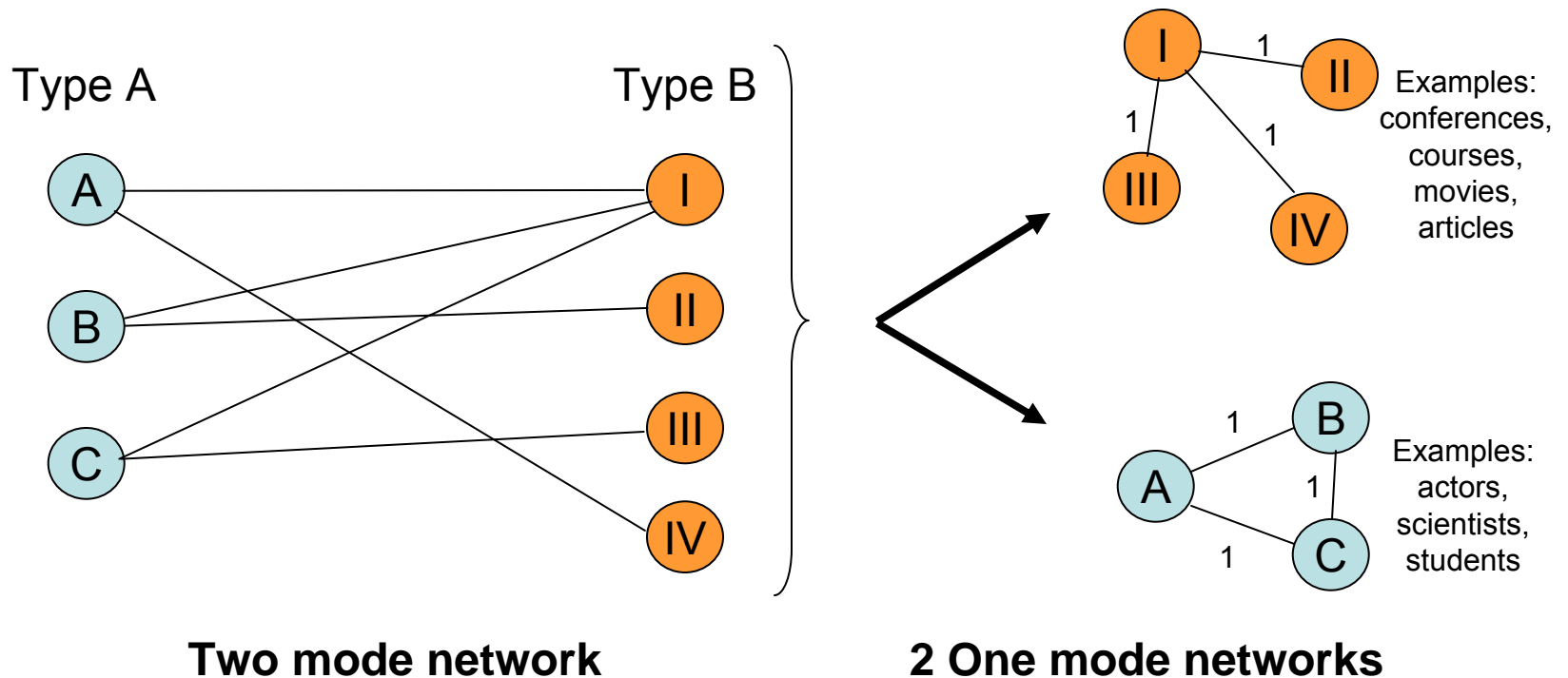
General form:
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ A' & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

	Allison	Drew	Eliot	Keith	Ross	Sarah	Party 1	Party 2	Party 3
Allison	-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Drew	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Eliot	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	1	1
Keith	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	1
Ross	0	0	0	0	-	0	1	1	1
Sarah	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	1	0
Party 1	1	0	0	0	1	1	-	0	0
Party 2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	-	0
Party 3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	-

Fig. 8.3. Sociomatrix for the bipartite graph of six children and three parties

Two Mode Networks and One Mode Networks

- **Folding** is the process of transforming two mode networks into one mode networks
 - Also referred to as: **T, L projections** [Latapy et al 2006]
- Each two mode network can be folded into 2 one mode networks



Transforming Two Mode Networks into One Mode Networks

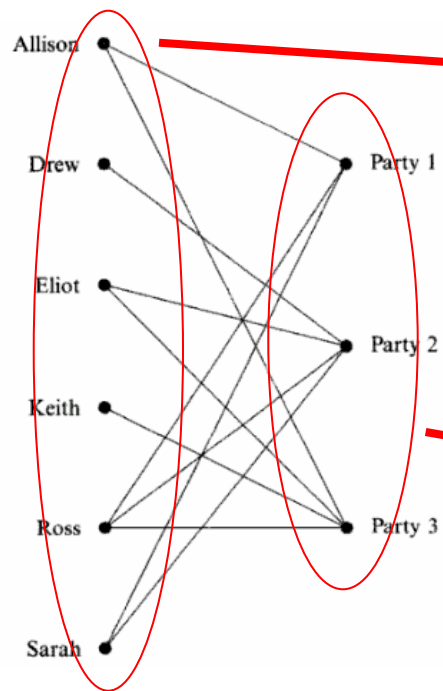
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- Two one mode (or co-affiliation) networks (folded from the children/party affiliation network)

$$M_P = M_{PC} * M_{PC}'$$

C...Children

P...Party



	n_1	n_2	n_3	n_4	n_5	n_6
n_1	2	0	1	1	2	1
n_2	0	1	1	0	1	1
n_3	1	1	2	1	2	1
n_4	1	0	1	1	1	0
n_5	2	1	2	1	3	2
n_6	1	1	1	0	2	2

Fig. 8.5. Actor co-membership matrix for the six children

	m_1	m_2	m_3
m_1	3	2	2
m_2	2	4	2
m_3	2	2	4

Fig. 8.6. Event overlap matrix for the three parties

[Images taken from Wasserman Faust 1994]

Transforming Two Mode Networks into One Mode Networks

[Wasserman Faust 1994]

'Falksches Schema'

		-1	0
	*+	2	-3
2	3	4	-9
1	-7	-15	21
-2	5	12	-15

$$M_P = M_{PC} * M_{PC}'$$

C...Children

P...Party

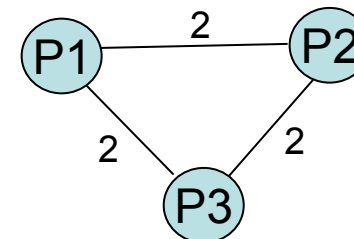
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Party 2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Party 3	1	0	1	1	1	0

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Allison	1	0	1
Drew	0	1	0
Eliot	0	1	1
Keith	0	0	1
Ross	1	1	1
Sarah	1	1	0

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	Party 1	Party 2	Party 3
Party 1	3	2	2
Party 2	2	4	2
Party 3	2	2	4

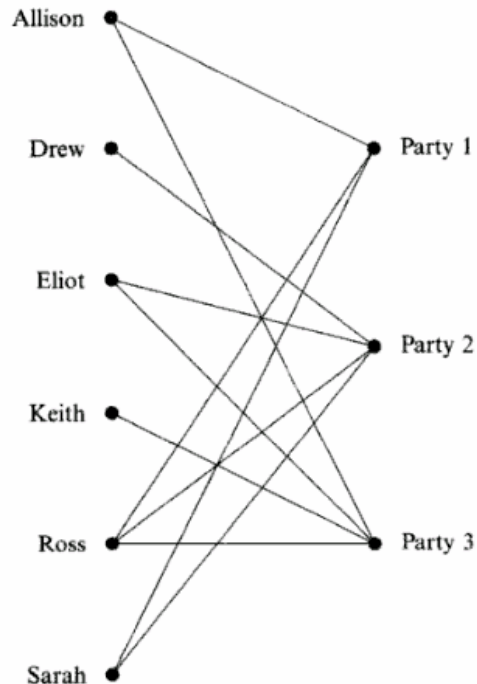


Output:
Weighted
regular graph

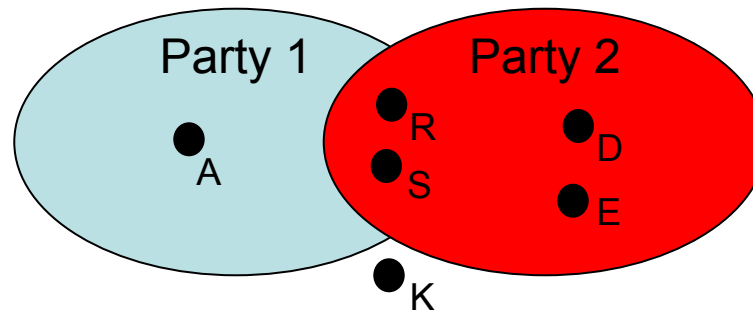
Transforming Two Mode Networks into One Mode Networks

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Bi-partite representation
(entire bipartite graph)



Set theoretic interpretation (P1, P2)



Vector interpretation (P1, P2)

Allison
Drew
Eliot
Keith
Ross
Sarah

Party 1	Party 2
1	0
0	1
0	1
0	0
1	1
1	1

Social Network Theoretic Measures of Similarity

[Wasserman Faust 1994]

Taking Account of Subgroup Size

$$x_{kl}^{ll} + x_{k\bar{l}}^{ll} + x_{k\bar{l}}^{l\bar{l}} + x_{k\bar{l}}^{l\bar{l}} = g.$$

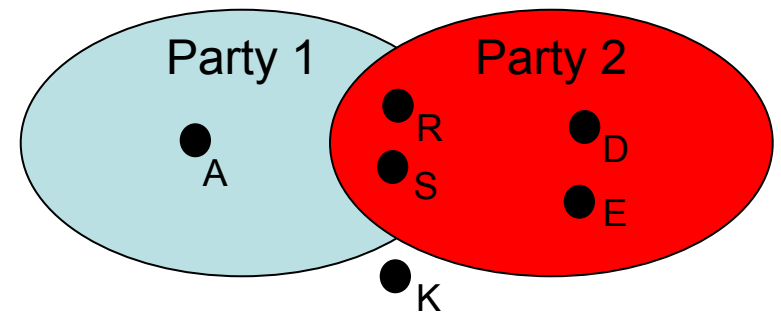
Member of m_l Not member of m_l

	Member of m_l	Not member of m_l
Member of m_k	x_{kl}^{ll}	$x_{k\bar{l}}^{ll}$
Not member of m_k	$x_{k\bar{l}}^{l\bar{l}}$	$x_{k\bar{l}}^{l\bar{l}}$

Odds ratio: θ

$$\theta_{kl} = \frac{x_{kl}^{ll} / x_{k\bar{l}}^{ll}}{x_{k\bar{l}}^{l\bar{l}} / x_{k\bar{l}}^{l\bar{l}}} = \frac{x_{kl}^{ll} x_{k\bar{l}}^{l\bar{l}}}{x_{k\bar{l}}^{ll} x_{k\bar{l}}^{l\bar{l}}}$$

Set theoretic interpretation (P1, P2)



What is $\theta_{P1,P2}$?

$$\theta_{P1,P2} = 2 \cdot 1 / 2 \cdot 1 = 1$$

- θ is equal to 1, if the odds of being in event P1 to not being in event P1 is the same ($p=0.5$) for actors in event P2 [D,E,R,S] ($p=0.5$) as for actors not in event P2 [A,K] ($p=0.5$)
- If θ is greater than 1, then actors in one event tend to also be in the other, and vice versa.
- If θ is less than 1, then actors in one event tend not to be in the other, and vice versa

Set-theoretic/Vector-based Measures of Similarity

[cf. Manning Schütze 1999, van Rijsbergen 1975]

Similarity between P1 & P2:

Raw measure (or *Simple matching coefficient*)

$$|X \cap Y| = 2$$

(does not take into account sizes of X or Y)

Binary Approaches (incl. Normalization)

Dice's coefficient

$$2 \frac{|X \cap Y|}{|X| + |Y|} = 2 * 2 / (3 + 4) = 4/7$$

Jaccard's coefficient

$$\frac{|X \cap Y|}{|X \cup Y|} = 2/5$$

Cosine coefficient

$$\frac{|X \cap Y|}{\sqrt{|X| \times |Y|}} = 2 / (3^{1/2} \times 4^{1/2}) = \sim 0.577$$

Overlap coefficient

$$\frac{|X \cap Y|}{\min(|X|, |Y|)} = 2/3$$

All the left (except the raw measure) are normalized similarity measures:

1. For S = D, J, C, O, S(X,Y) = S(Y,X) and S(X; Y) = 1 iff X = Y .
2. For S = D, J, C, O, 0 ≤ S(X,Y) ≤ 1

[A. Badia and M. Kantardzic. Graph building as a mining activity: finding links in the small. Proceedings of the 3rd International Workshop on Link Discovery, 17--24, ACM Press New York, NY, USA, 2005.]

Vector interpretation
(P1, P2)

Party 1	Party 2	
1	0	Allison
0	1	Drew
0	1	Eliot
0	0	Keith
1	1	Ross
1	1	Sarah

counting measure | . | gives the size of the set.

cf. <http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/Keith/Chapter.3/Ch.3.html>

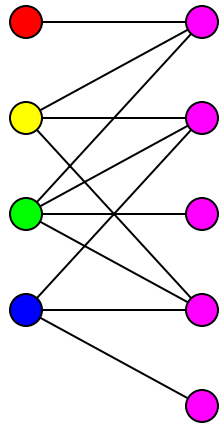
Real-valued Vectors

Manning/Schütze, 2000, 300/301

	Binäre Vektoren ¹⁾	Vektoren mit reellen Werten ²⁾
		$ \vec{x} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$
Raw Measure	$ X \cap Y $	$\sum_{k=1}^n (weight_{xk})(weight_{yk})$ $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$
Dice-Coefficient	$\frac{2 X \cap Y }{ X + Y }$	$\frac{2 \sum_{k=1}^n (weight_{xk} \cdot weight_{yk})}{\sum_{k=1}^n weight_{xk} + \sum_{k=1}^n weight_{yk}}$
Jaccard - Coefficient	$\frac{ X \cap Y }{ X \cup Y }$	$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (weight_{xk} \cdot weight_{yk})}{\sum_{k=1}^n weight_{xk} + \sum_{k=1}^n weight_{yk} - \sum_{k=1}^n (weight_{xk} \cdot weight_{yk})}$
Cosine-Coefficient	$\frac{ X \cap Y }{\sqrt{ X \times Y }}$	$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n weight_{xk} \cdot weight_{yk}}{\sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n weight_{xk}^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n weight_{yk}^2}}$
Overlap-Coefficient	$\frac{ X \cap Y }{\min(X , Y)}$	$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \min(weight_{xk}, weight_{yk})}{\min(\sum_{k=1}^n weight_{xk}, \sum_{k=1}^n weight_{yk})}$

The k -neighborhood graph, G_k

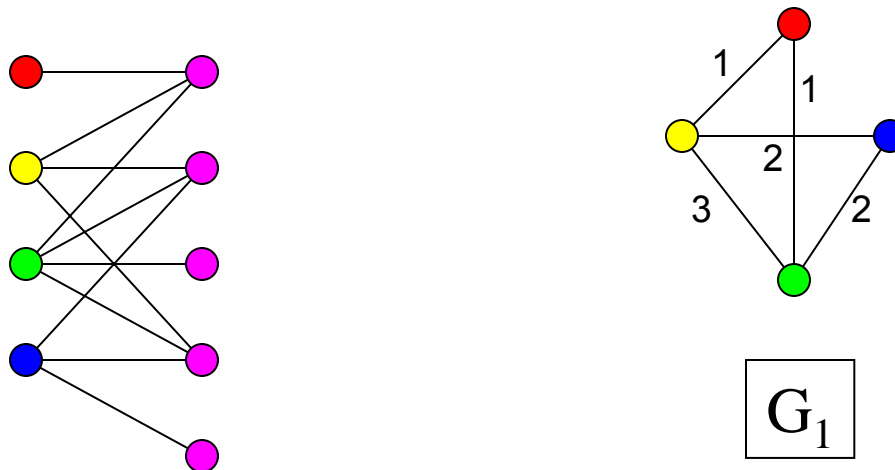
Given bipartite graph B , users on left, interests on right



Connect two users if they share at least k interests in common

The k -neighborhood graph, G_k

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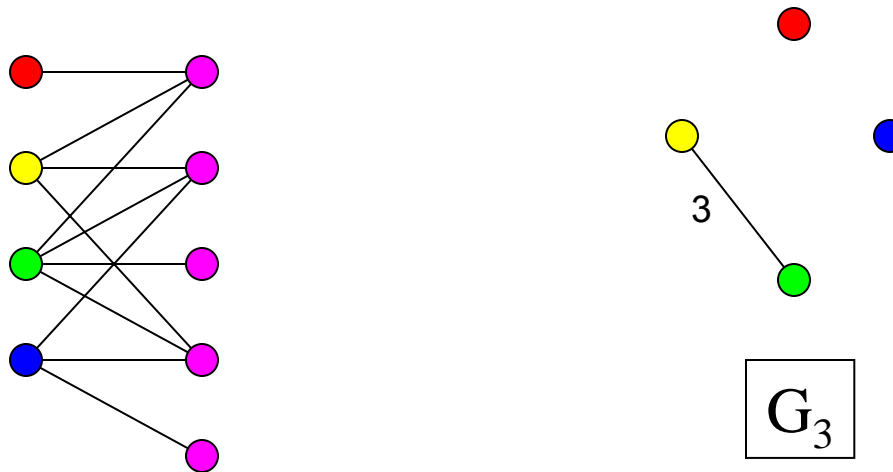
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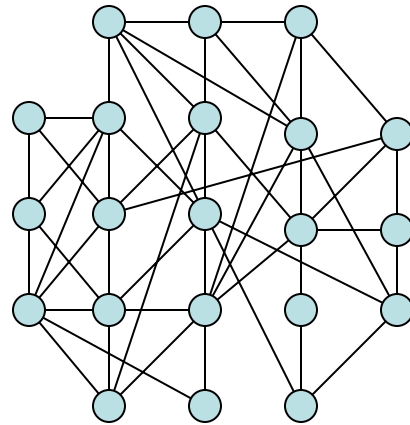
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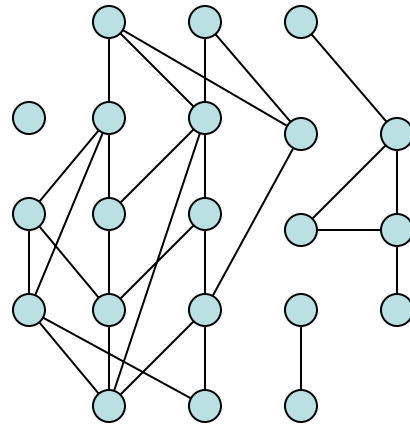
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Illustration $k=1$



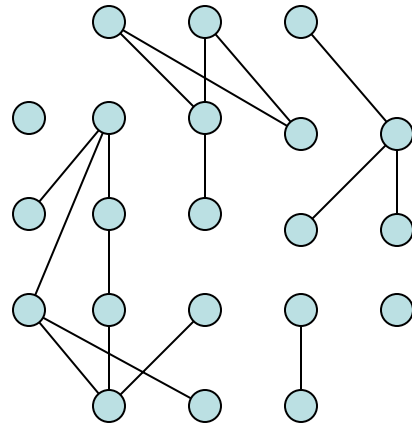
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Illustration $k=2$



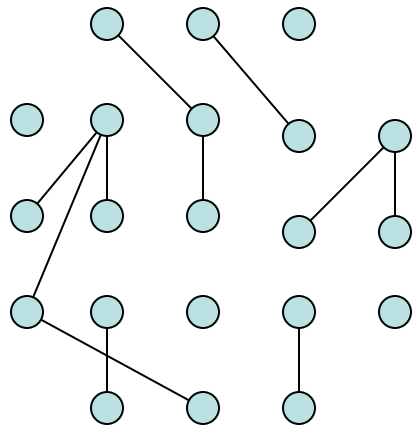
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Illustration $k=3$



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Illustration $k=4$



The KNC-plot

The k-neighbor connectivity plot

- How many connected components does G_k have?
- What is the size of the largest component?

Answers the question:

how many shared interests are meaningful?

- Communities, Cuts

Analysis

Four graphs:

- LiveJournal
 - Blogging site, users can specify interests
- Y! query logs (interests = queries)
 - Queries issued for Yahoo! Search (Try it at www.yahoo.com)
- Content match (users = web pages, interests = ads)
 - Ads shown on web pages
- Flickr photo tags (users = photos, interests = tags)

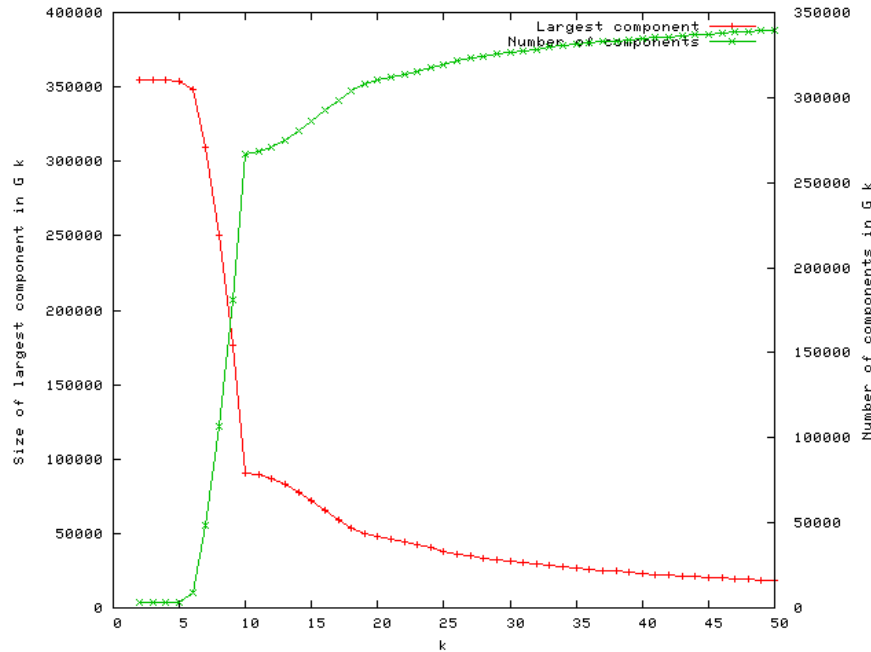
All data anonymized, sanitized, downsampled

- Graphs have 100s of thousands to a million users

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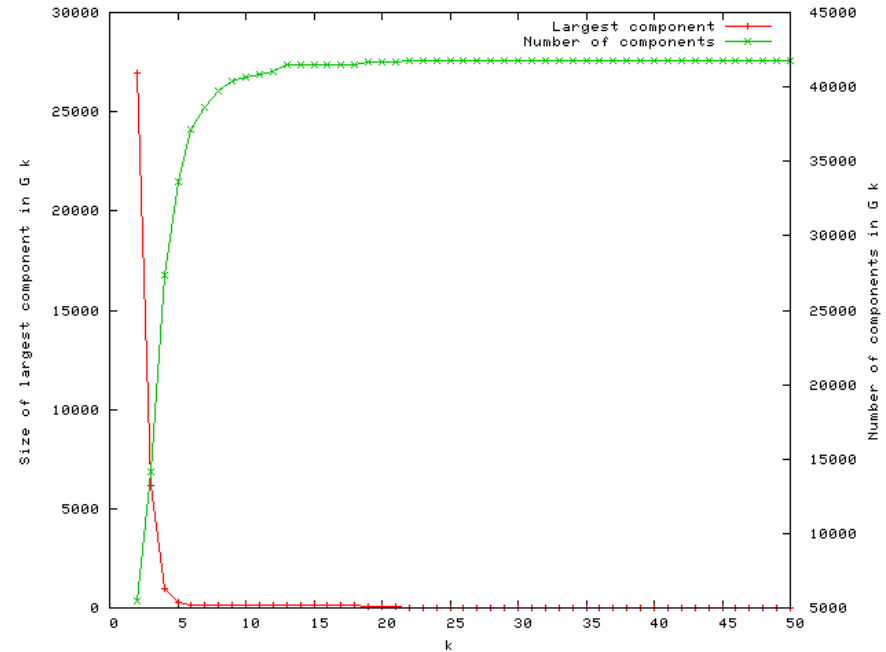
Examples

— Largest component
— Number of components



At $k=5$, all connected.
At $k=6$, interesting!

Content match
Web pages = “users”
Ads = “interests”



At $k=6$, nobody connected

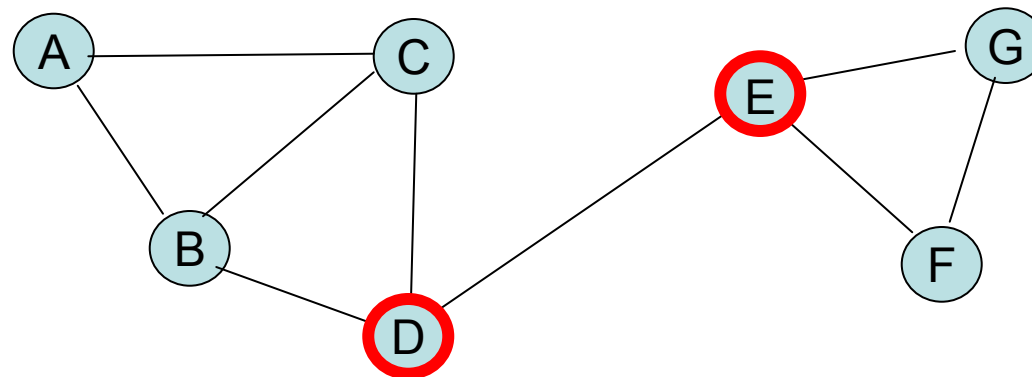
Flickr
Photos = “users”
Tags = “interests”

Cutpoint

A node, n_i , is a cutpoint if the number of components in a graph G that contains n_i is fewer than the number of components in the subgraph that results from deleting n_i from the graph.

Cutpoint or „Articulation point“

Analogous to the concept of bridges, Wasserman p113



Which node(s) represents a cutpoint? Why?

The Web Graph is Flat

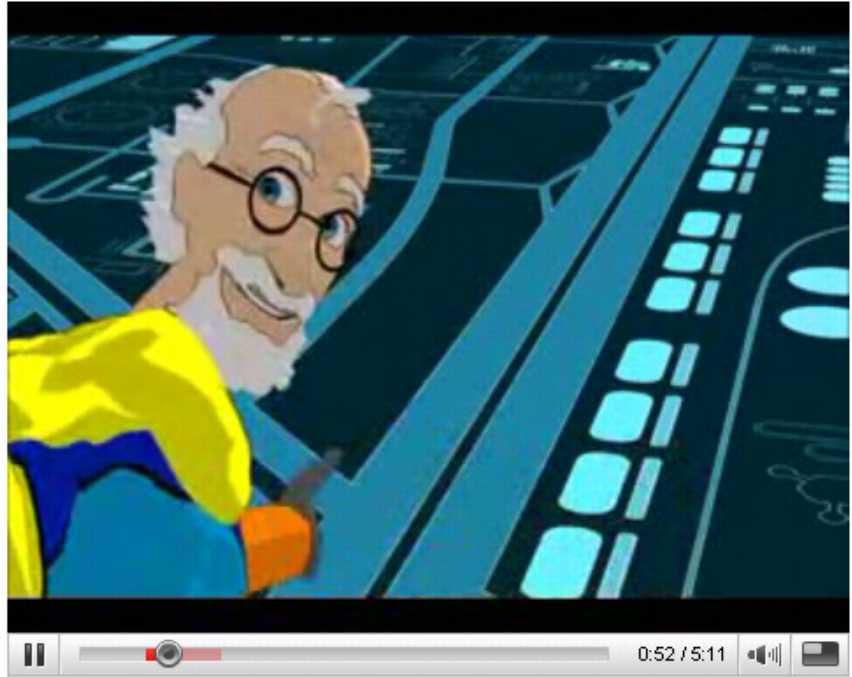
Book tip

„Flatland: A romance of many dimensions“
 Edwin A. Abbott 1838-1926 (1884)

<http://www.geom.uiuc.edu/~banchoff/Flatland/>

How can we infer
 information about the
 $n^{\text{th}}+1$ dimension?

E.g. popularity, trust,
 prestige, importance, ...



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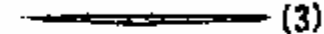
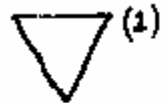
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Inhabitants of Flatland

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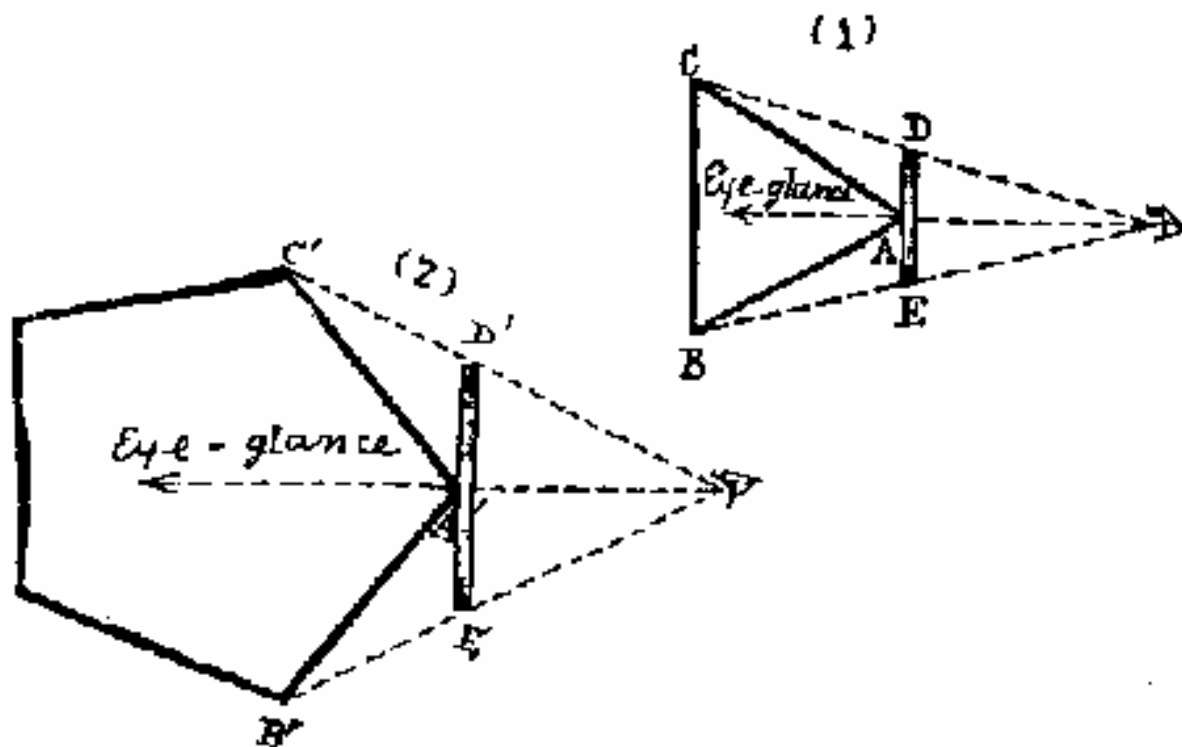


Men (The hero in this novel is A. Square)

Woman

Priests

Recognition by sight



**What kind of information can
we infer from a „flat“ social
graph?**

Centrality and Prestige [Wasserman Faust 1994]

Which actors are the most important or the most prominent in a given social network?

What kind of measures could we use to answer this (or similar questions)?

What are the implications of directed/undirected social graphs on calculating prominence?

⇒ In directed graphs, we can use Centrality and Prestige

⇒ In undirected graphs, we can only use Centrality

Prominence

[Wasserman Faust 1994]

We will consider an actor to be prominent if the ties of the actor make the actor particularly visible to the other actors in the network.



Actor Centrality [Wasserman Faust 1994]

Prominent actors are those that are extensively involved in relationships with other actors.

This involvement makes them more visible to the others

No focus on directionality -> what is emphasized is that the actor is involved

A *central actor* is one that is involved in many ties.
[cf. Degree of nodes]

Actor Prestige

[Wasserman Faust 1994]

A prestigious actor is an actor who is the object of extensive ties, thus focusing solely on the actor as a recipient.

[cf. indegree of nodes]

Only quantifiable for directed social graphs.

Also known as *status*, *rank*, *popularity*

Different Types of Centrality in Undirected Social Graphs [Wasserman Faust 1994, Scripps et al 2007]

Degree Centrality

- Actor Degree Centrality:
 - Based on degree only

$$C_D(n_i) = \sum_j I[(i, j) \in E]$$

Where I is a 0=1 indicator function.

Closeness Centrality

- Actor Closeness Centrality:
 - Based on how close an actor is to all the other actors in the set of actors
 - Closeness is the reciprocal of the sum of all the geodesic (shortest) distances from a given node to all others
 - Nodes with a small CC score are closer to the center of the network while those with higher scores are closer to the edge.

$$C_C(n_i) = \left[\sum_{j=1}^N d(n_i, n_j) \right]^{-1}$$

$d(u; v)$ is the geodesic distance from u to v .

Betweenness Centrality

- Actor Betweenness Centrality:
 - An actor is central if it lies between other actors on their geodesics
 - The central actor must be between many of the actors via their geodesics

$$C_B(n_i) = \sum_{j < k} \frac{g_{jk}(n_i)}{g_{jk}}$$

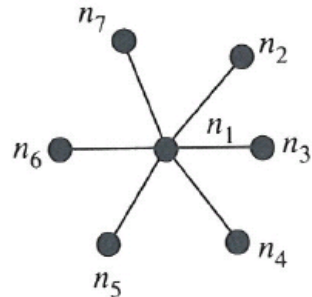
where g_{jk} is the number of geodesic paths from j to k and $g_{jk}(n_i)$ is the number of geodesic paths from j to k that go through i .

→ All three can be normalized to a value between 0 and 1 by dividing it with its max. value

Centrality and Prestige in Undirected Social Graphs [Wasserman Faust 1994]

Actor = closeness
= betweenness
centrality:

$n_1 > n_2, n_3, n_4, n_5, n_6, n_7$

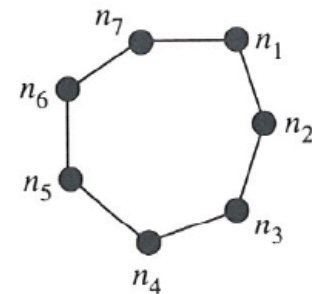


(a) Star graph

0	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Actor centrality =
Betweenness centrality
= Closeness centrality:

$n_1 = n_2 = n_3 = n_4 = n_5 = n_6 = n_7$

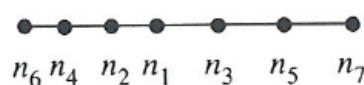


(b) Circle graph

0	1	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	0	1	0

Betweenness
centrality:

$n_1 > n_2, n_3 > n_4, n_5 > n_6, n_7$



(c) Line graph

0	1	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Fig. 5.1. Three illustrative networks for the study of centrality and prestige

**How can we identify groups
and subgroups in a social
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Cliques, Subgroups [Wasserman Faust 1994]

What cliques can you identify in the following graph?

Definition of a Clique

- A clique in a graph is a maximal *complete* subgraph of three or more nodes.

Remark:

- Restriction to at least three nodes ensures that dyads are not considered to be cliques
- Definition allows cliques to overlap

Informally:

- A collection of actors in which each actor is adjacent to the other members of the clique

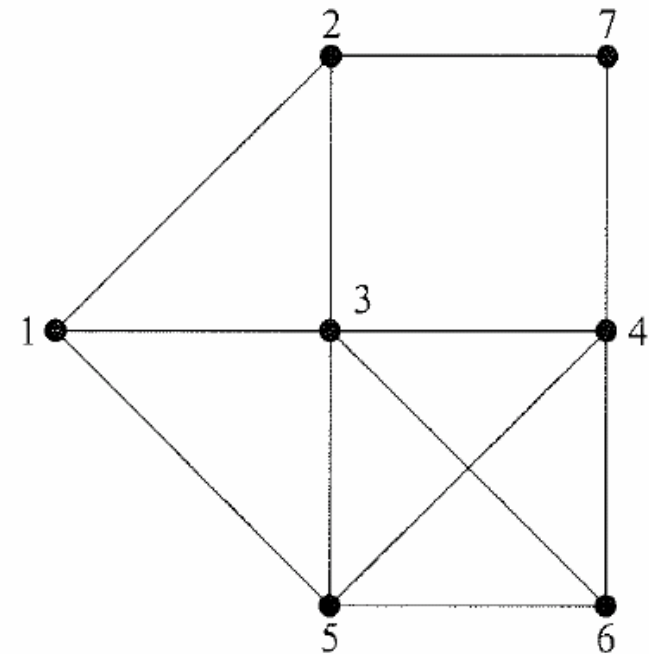


Fig. 7.1. A graph and its cliques

Subgroups

[Wasserman Faust 1994]

Cliques are very strict measures

- Absence of a single tie results in the subgroup not being a clique
- Within a clique, all actors are theoretically identical (no internal differentiation)
- Cliques are seldom useful in the analysis of actual social network data because definition is overly strict

⇒ So how can the notion of cliques be extended to make the resulting subgroups more substantively and theoretically interesting?

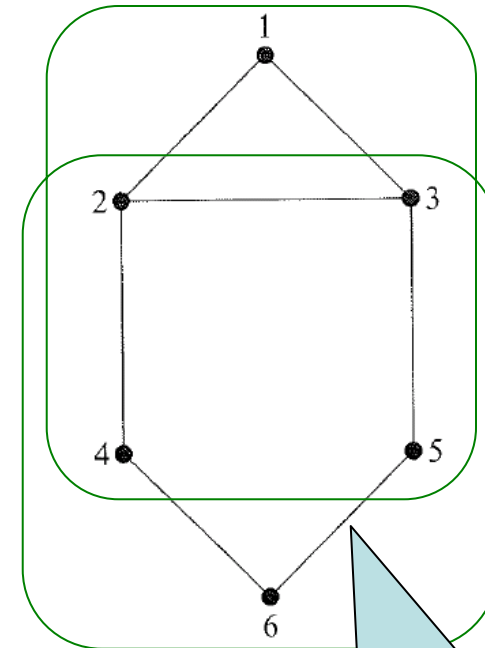
⇒ Subgroups based on reachability and diameter

n cliques [Wasserman Faust 1994]

Which 2-cliques can you identify in the following graph?

N-cliques require that the **geodesic distances** among members of a subgroup **are small** by defining a **cutoff value n** as the maximum length of geodesics connecting pairs of actors within the cohesive subgroup.

An n-clique is a maximal ~~complete~~ subgraph in which the largest geodesic distance between any two nodes is no greater than n.



NOTE: Geodesic distance between 4 and 5 „goes through“ 6, a node which is not part of the 2-clique

Fig. 7.2. Graph illustrating n-cliques, n-clans, and n-clubs

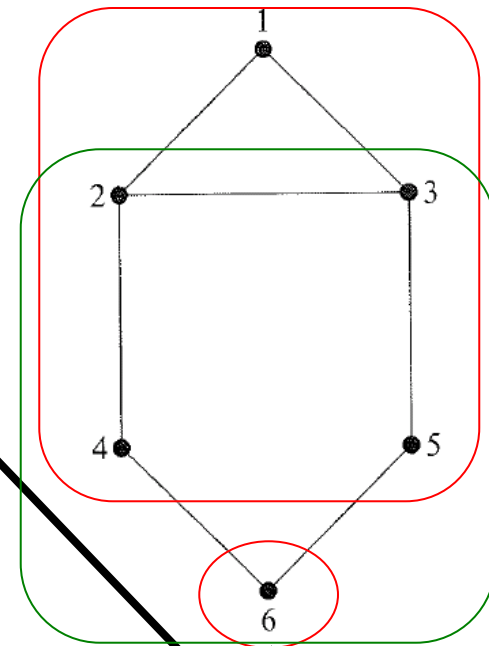
n clans [Wasserman Faust 1994]

An n-clan is an **n-clique** in which the geodesic distance between all nodes in the subgraph is no greater than n for paths **within** the subgraph.

N-clans in a graph are **those n-cliques** that have diameter less than or equal to n (within the graph).

⇒ All n-clans are n-cliques.

Which 2-clans can you identify in the following graph?



Why is {1,2,3,4} not a 2-clan?

Why is {1,2,3,4,5} not a 2-clan?

Fig. 7.2. Graph illustrating n-cliques, n-clans, and n-clubs

n clubs [Wasserman Faust 1994]

Which 2-clubs can you identify in the following graph?

An n -club is defined as a maximal subgraph of diameter n .

No node can be added without increasing the diameter.

A subgraph in which the distance between all nodes **within the subgraph** is less than or equal to n

And no nodes can be added that also have geodesic distance n or less from all members of the subgraph

- ⇒ All n -clubs are **contained within** n -cliques.
- ⇒ All n -clans are also n -clubs
- ⇒ Not all n -clubs are n -clans

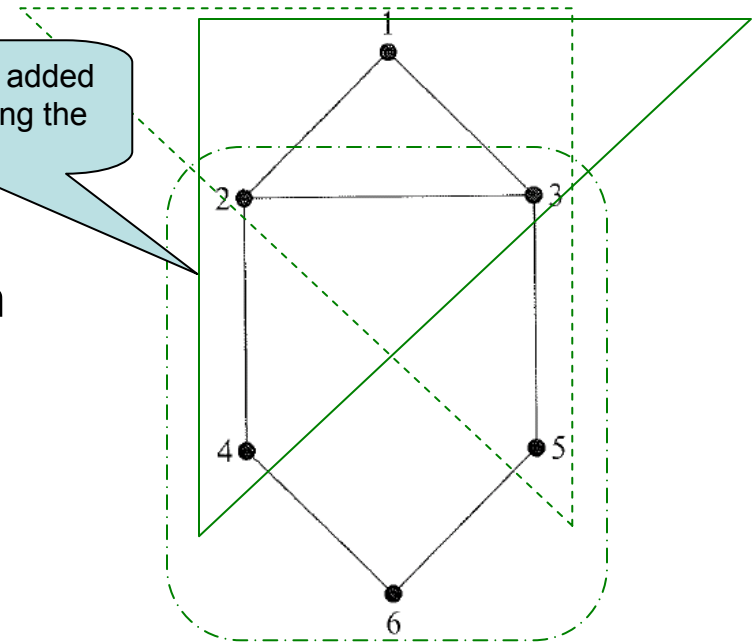


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Subgroups in Co-Affiliation Networks

Borgatti 1997

- The obvious next step would be to try to identify these subgroups in co-affiliation networks.
 - For example, we can search for cliques, n-cliques, n-clans, n-clubs.
 - Unfortunately, these methods are not well suited for analysing a bipartite graph.
 - In fact, bipartite graphs contain no cliques
 - In contrast, bipartite graphs contain too many 2-cliques and 2-clans.
 - One of the problems is that, in the bipartite graph, all nodes of the same type are necessarily two links distant.
- ➔ we need to consider special types of subgraphs which are more appropriate for two-mode data.

Subgroups in Co-Affiliation Networks

Borgatti 1997

- **Clearly, we can define extensions of n -cliques, n -clubs and n -clans to n -bicliques, n -biclubs and n -biclans.**
- **But, the extensions would in many senses be unnatural since n would need to be odd.**

Bicliques

[Borgatti 1997]

A biclique is a maximal complete bipartite subgraph of a given bipartite graph.

Reasonable to insist on bicliques of the form $K_{m,n}$ where m and n are greater than 2

- Why? Each of the two modes should form (after folding) interesting structures (triads or greater)

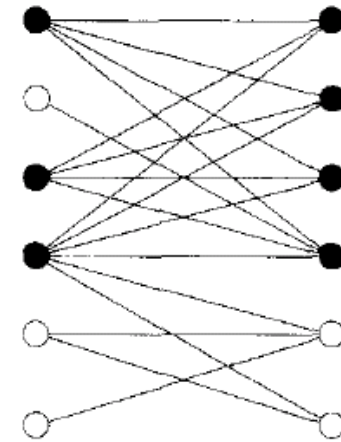
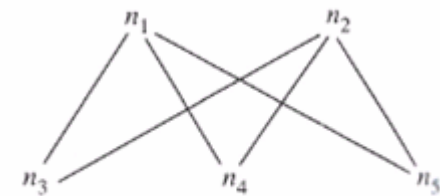


Fig. 10. Dark nodes form a biclique.



Complete bipartite
Wasserman /
Faust 1994

Home Assignment 1.3

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Any questions?

See you next week!