Deconstructing Data Science

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Info 290 Lecture 20: Networks

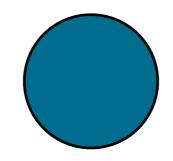
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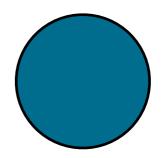




Nodes

- People
- Web pages
- Servers
- Articles





Edges

Undirected



Directed



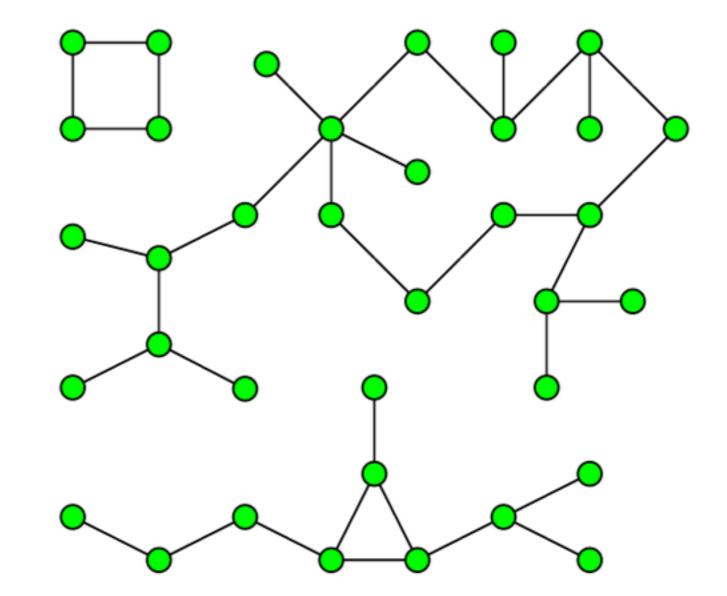


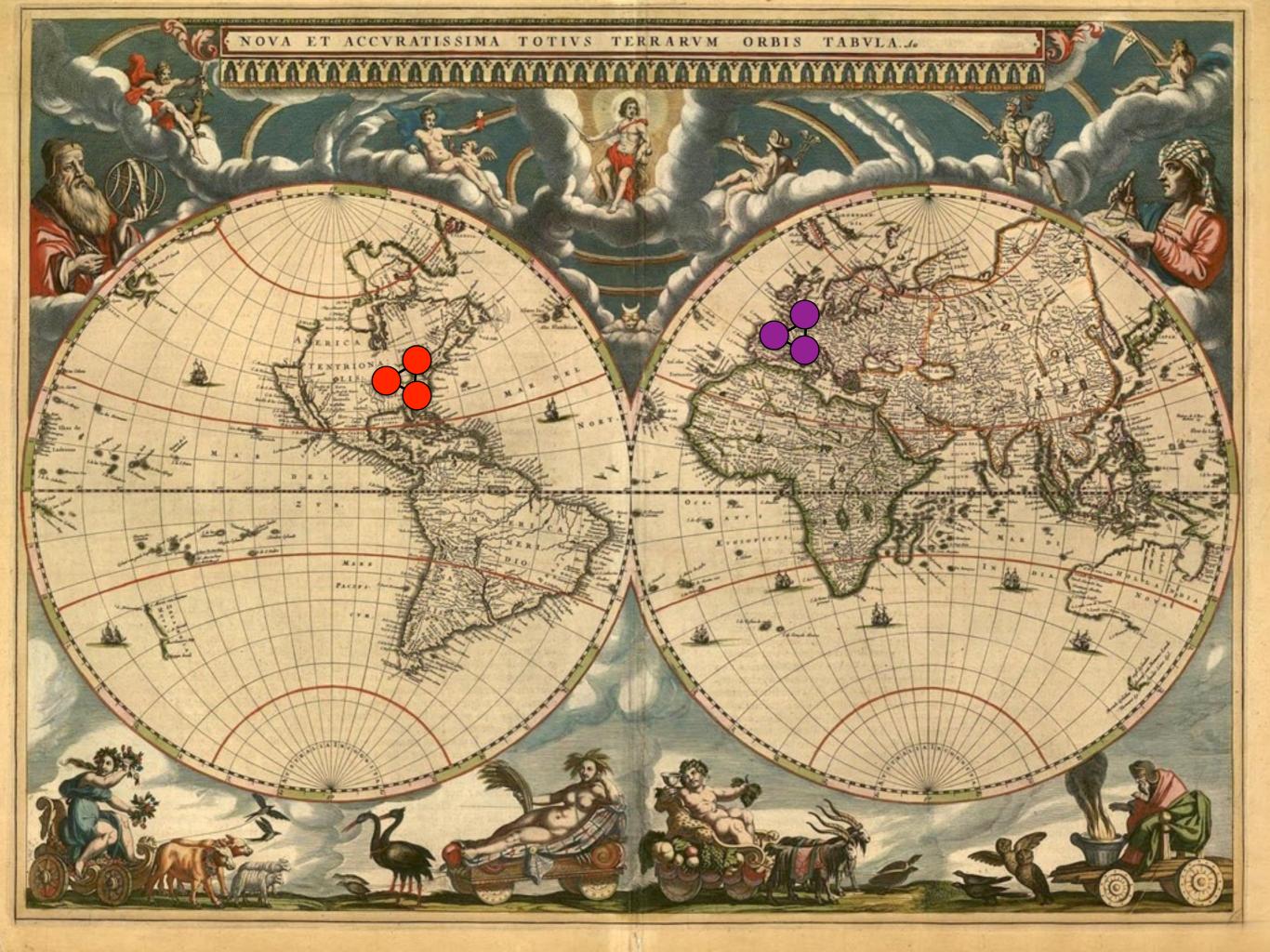
Connectivity

Connected component: subset of nodes where

— every node in the subset has a path to every other node

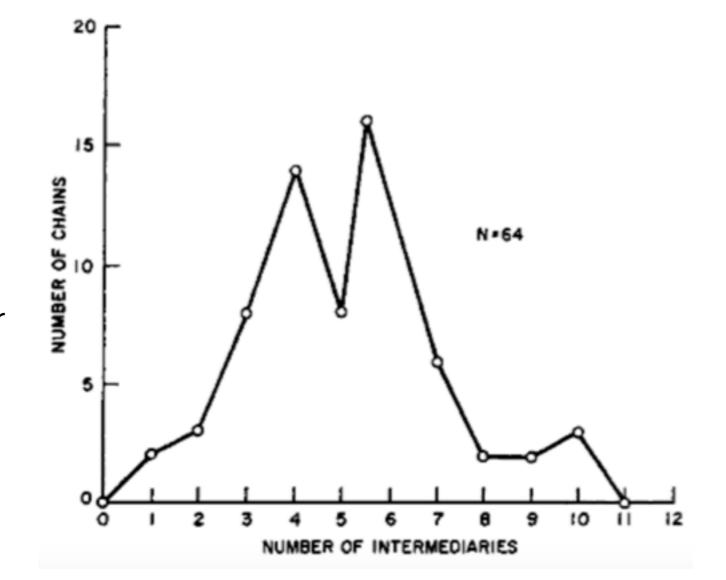
— that subset is not
part of a larger set with
that property





Small-world phenomenon

- Stanley Milgram, "The Small World Problem," *Psych. Today* (1967)
- 296 people asked to get a letter to a target near Boston by sending it to someone they knew on a first-name basis



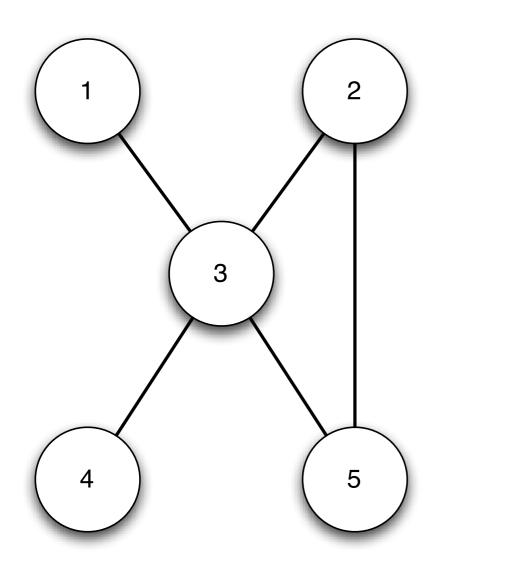
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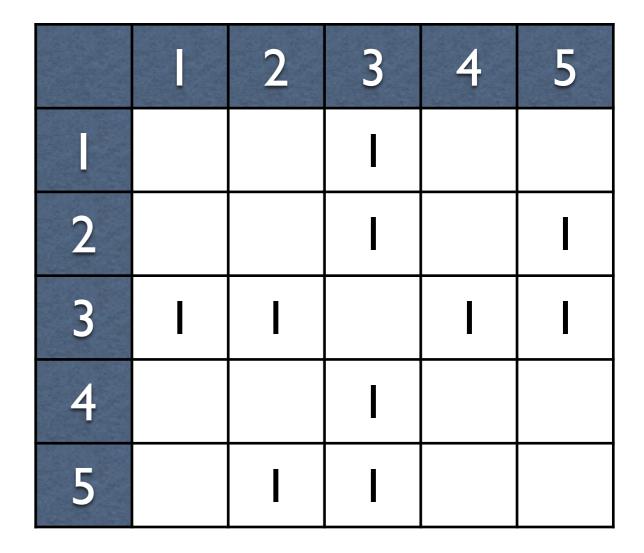
- Co-authorship networks
- Citation networks
- Social networks
- Hyperlink networks

https://snap.stanford.edu/data/

Adjacency Matrix

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Adjacency Matrix

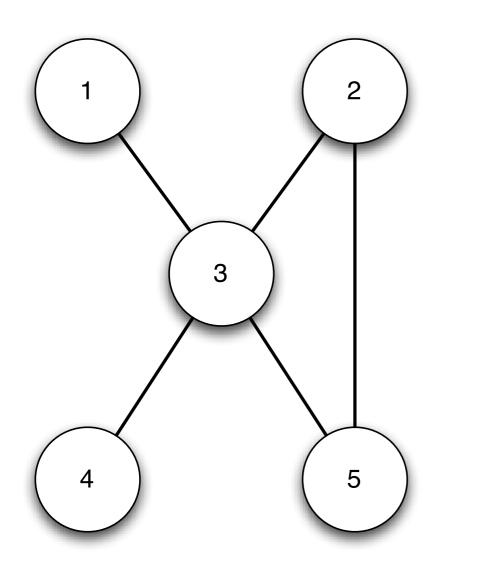
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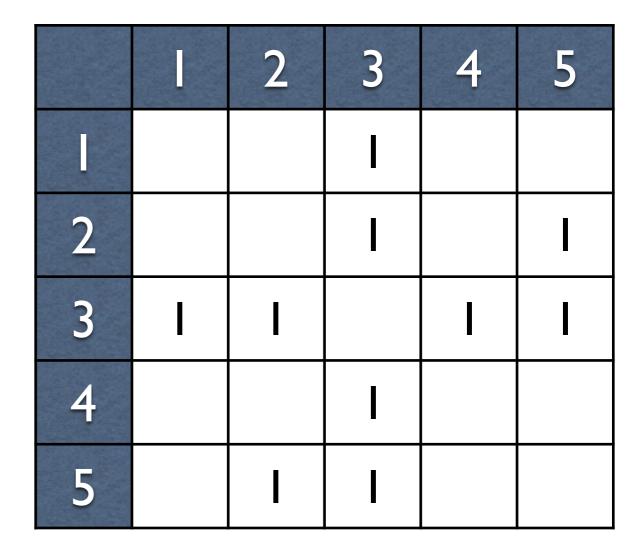
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			-		
2			Ι		Ι
3	I	I		I	I
4			I		
5					

$$A_{3,1} = 1$$

Degree (centrality)

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Degree (centrality)

$$\mathsf{Degree(3)} = \sum_{i=1}^{5} \mathsf{A}_{3,i}$$

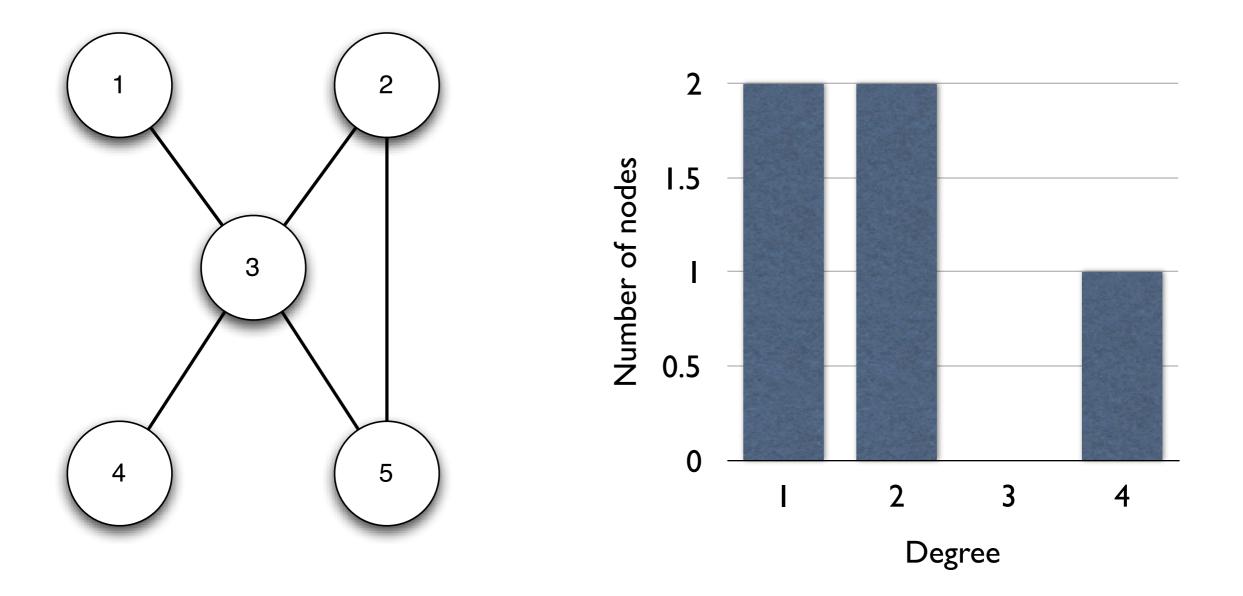
$$= A_{3,1} + A_{3,2} + A_{3,3} + A_{3,4} + A_{3,5}$$

		2	3	4	5
2					Ι
3	Ι			I	Ι
4			Ι		
5		I	I		

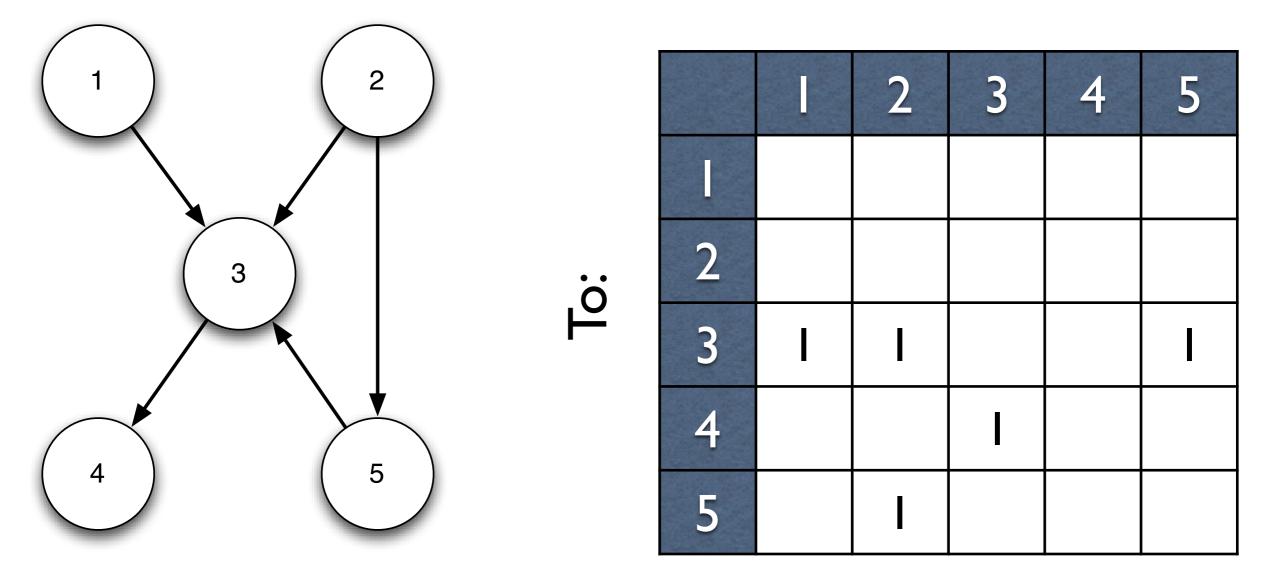
 $Degree(i) = \sum A_{i,j}$ i

		2	3	4	5	Degree
2			Ι		Ι	2
3	Ι	Ι		Ι	Ι	4
4			Ι			
5			Ι			2

Degree distribution



(Directed) Adjacency Matrix



Under what circumstances is degree important?

Centrality

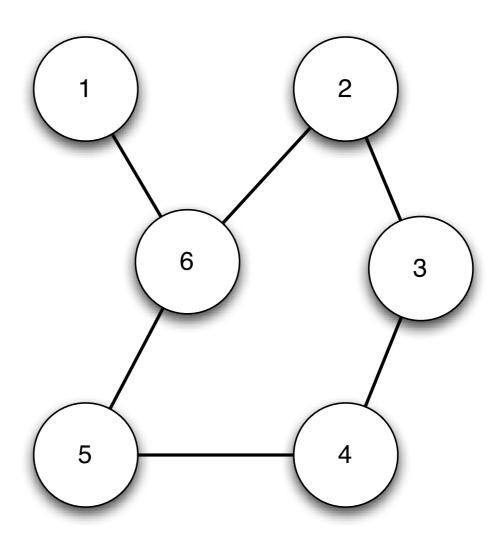
• Eigenvector centrality

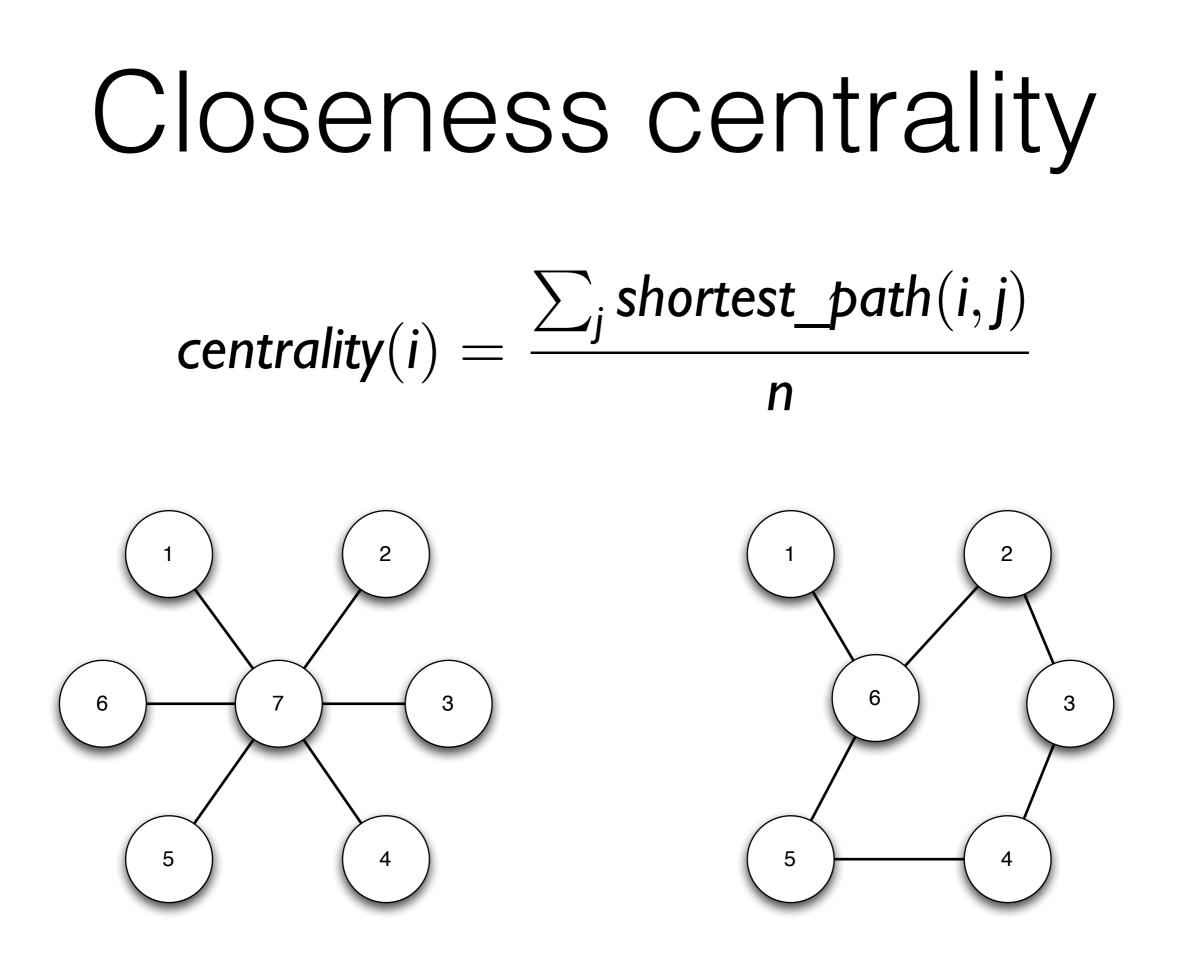
centrality(i) =
$$\sum_{j} \left[A_{i,j} \times centrality(j) \right]$$

- Katz centrality centrality(i) = $\alpha \times \sum_{i} \left[A_{i,j} \times centrality(j)\right] + \beta$
- PageRank centrality(i) = $\alpha \times \sum_{i} \left[A_{i,j} \times \frac{centrality(j)}{outdegree(j)} \right] + \beta$

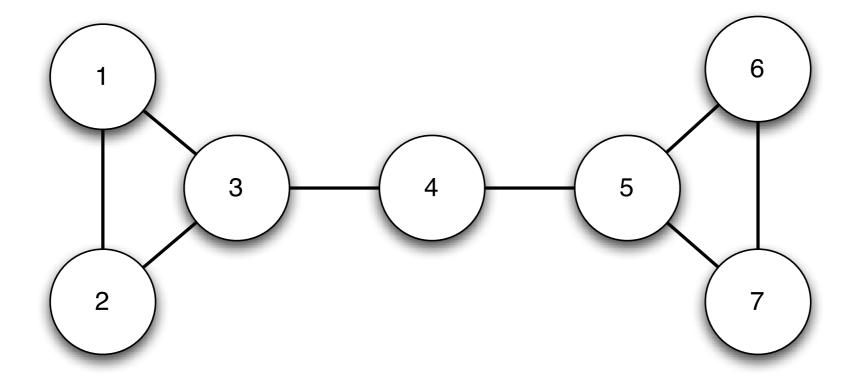
Geodesic path

Shortest path between two nodes





Betweenness centrality



 $betweenness(i) = \sum_{s,t} I\{i \text{ is on the path from s to t}\}$

Summary: centrality

What's important?	Measure		
Number of friends	Degree centrality		
Number or importance of friends	Eigenvector, Katz centrality; PageRank		
Distance from others	Closeness centrality		
Middleman	Betweenness centrality		

Tie strength

• "Strong" ties vs. "weak" ties

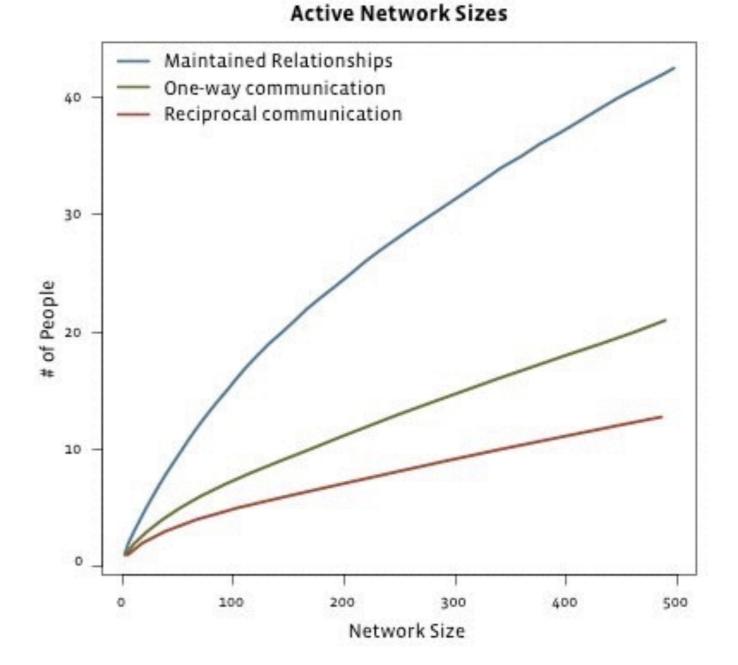
Tie strength

Marlow et al. (2009). Random sample of users over 30 days in 2009.

Maintained: click on news feed story/visit profile 3+ times

One-way: any directed message

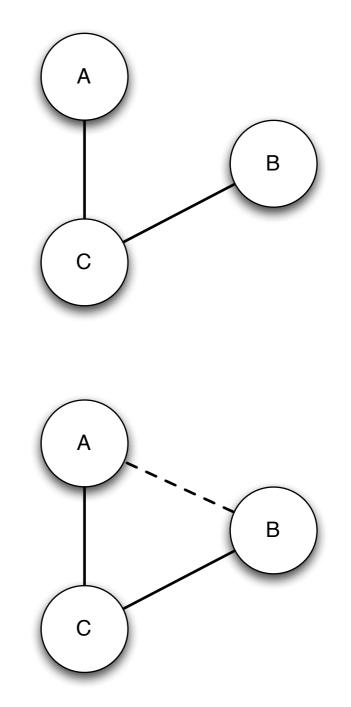
Reciprocal: reciprocated message



Triadic closure

Two people (A and B) have a friend (C) in common; A and B are likely to become friends.

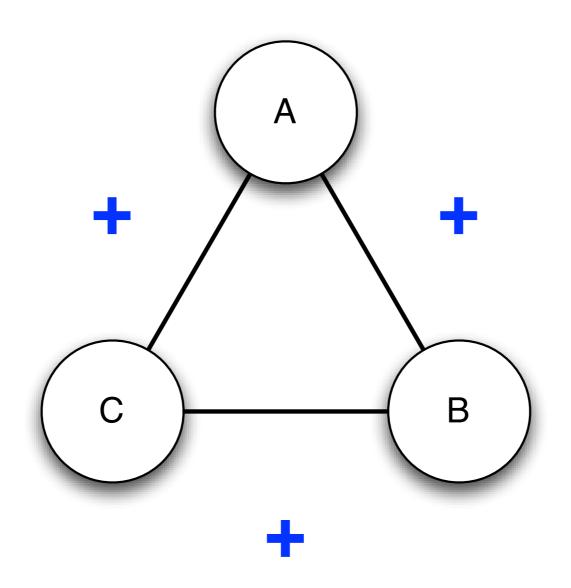
More likely the stronger the tie is between A-C and B-C.



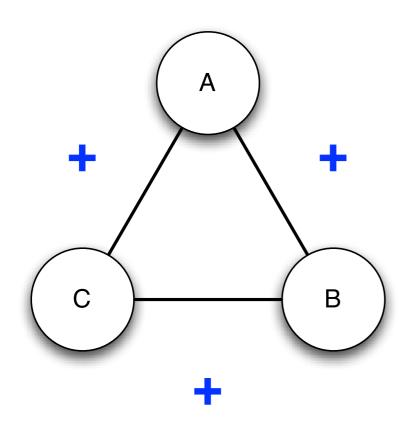
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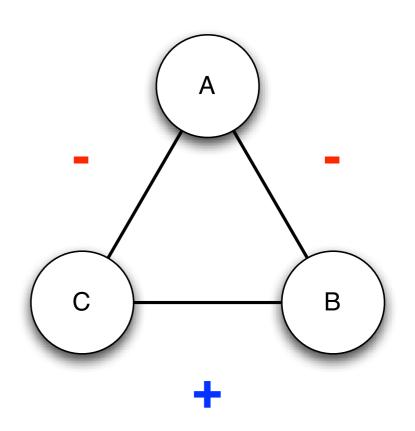
- Why?
 - A and B have more opportunity to interact if both are friends with the same person
 - A and B may trust each other if they're both friends with the same person
 - C has a matchmaking incentive

Structural balance

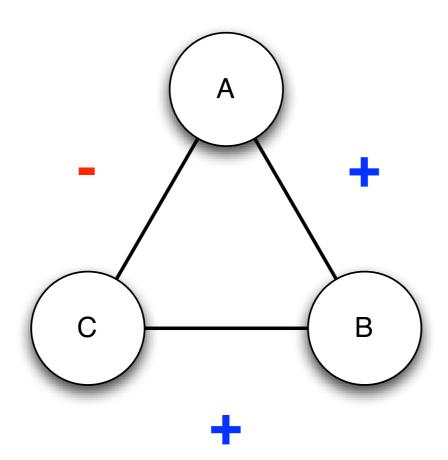


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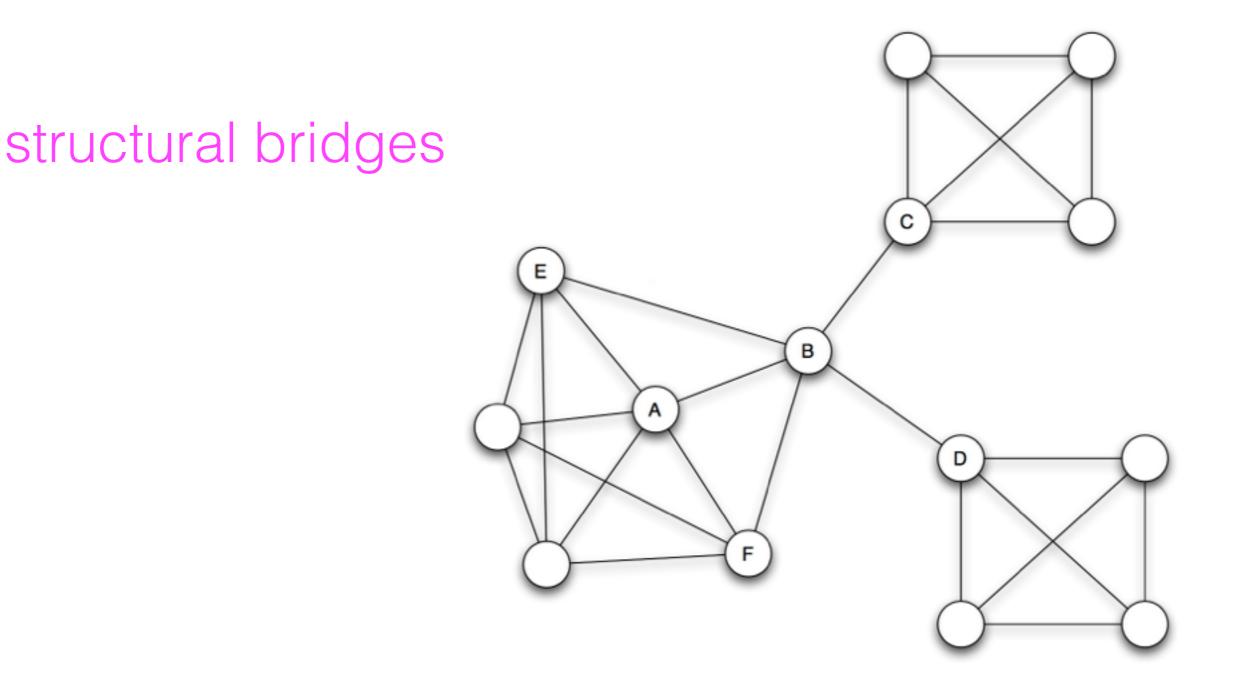


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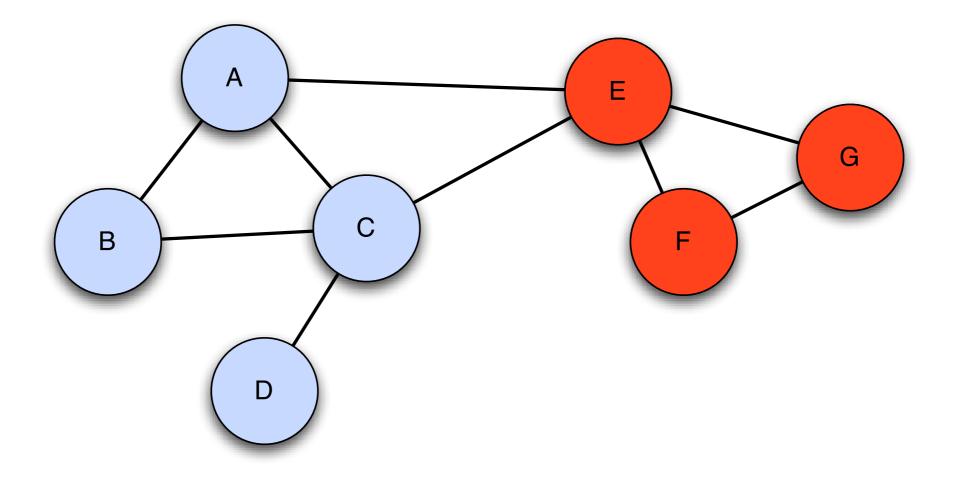
Clustering coefficient

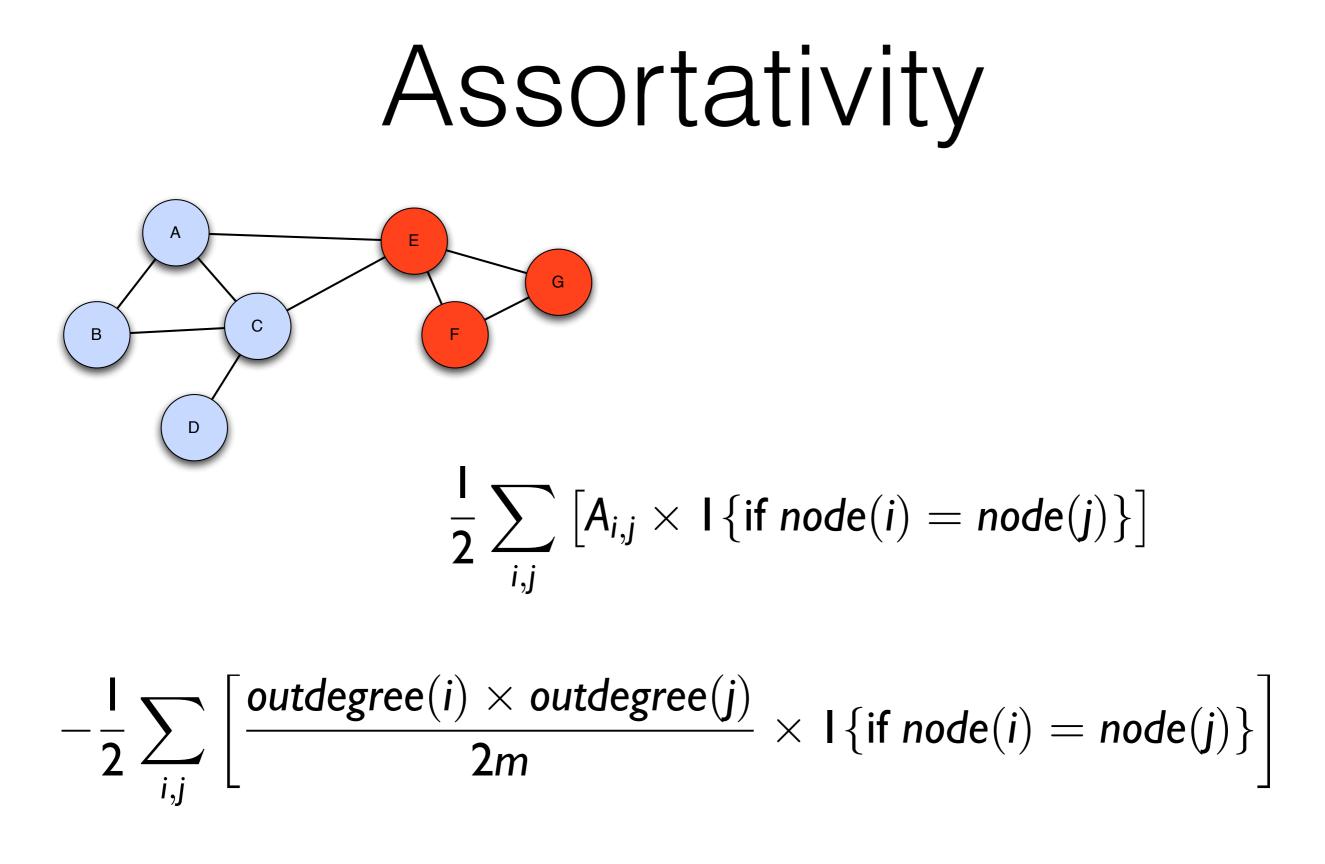
 Probability that two randomly selected friends of A will be friends with each other



- early access to information
- ability to combine different sources of information
- gatekeeper between components

Assortativity





m = total number of edges in network

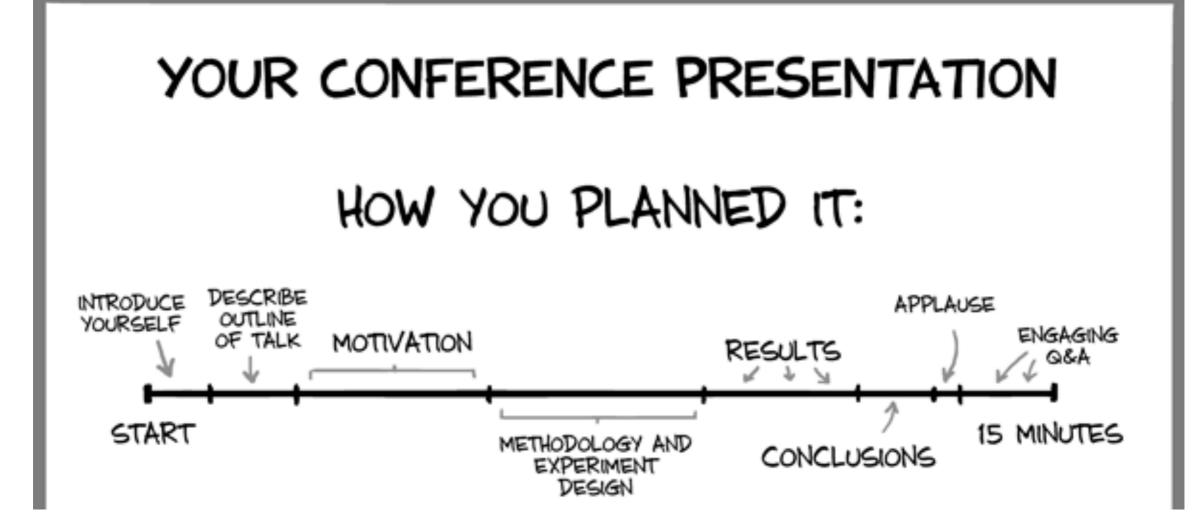
Assortativity

 Al Zamal et al. (2012), "Homophily and Latent Attribute Inference: Inferring Latent Attributes of Twitter Users from Neighbors"

Project presentation

Monday April 25 (6) + Wednesday April 27 (5)

10 min presentation + 3-5 min questions



Final report

- 8 pages, single spaced.
- Complete description of work undertaken
 - Data collection
 - Methods
 - Experimental details
 - Comparison with past work
 - Analysis
- See many of the papers we've read this semester for examples.

Final report

- Clarity. For the reasonably well-prepared reader, is it clear what was done and why? Is the paper well-written and well-structured?
- Originality. How original is the approach or problem presented in this paper? Does this paper break new ground in topic, methodology, or content? How exciting and innovative is the research it describes?
- Soundness. Is the technical approach sound and well-chosen? Second, can one trust the claims of the paper -- are they supported by proper experiments, proofs, or other argumentation?
- Substance. Does this paper have enough substance, or would it benefit from more ideas or results? Do the authors identify potential limitations of their work?
- Evaluation. To what extent has the application or tool been tested and evaluated? Does this paper present a compelling argument for
- Meaningful comparison. Do the authors make clear where the presented system sits with respect to existing literature? Are the references adequate? Are the benefits of the system/application well-supported and are the limitations identified?
- Impact. How significant is the work described? Will novel aspects of the system result in other researchers adopting the approach in their own work?