Day 3: Descriptive Analysis of Network Graph Characteristics

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Notation

In these sheets we analyze mostly the unweighted, undirected simple graph G:

$$G = (V, E)$$

With |N| nodes and |E| edges, encoded using $|N| \times |N|$ adjacency matrix **A**:

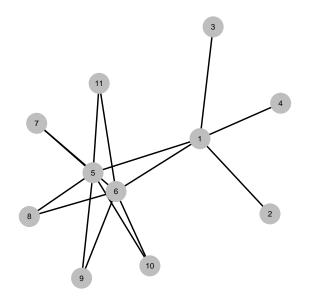
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$$a_{vu} = a_{uv} = egin{cases} 1 & ext{if } \{v, u\} \in E \ 0 & ext{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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# Toy adjacency matrix:
A <- matrix(0, 11, 11)
A[1, 2:6] <- 1
A[5, 7:11] <- 1
A[6, 7:11] <- 1
A <- pmax(A, t(A))
# Create graph in igraph:
library("igraph")
G <- graph.adjacency(A, mode = "undirected")
# Or via qgraph:
library("qgraph")
G <- as.igraph(qgraph(A, DoNotPlot = TRUE))</pre>
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Shortest Path length

The shortest path length between nodes v and u, dist(v, u) is defined in an unweighted graph as the minimum number of steps you need to take from node v to node u:

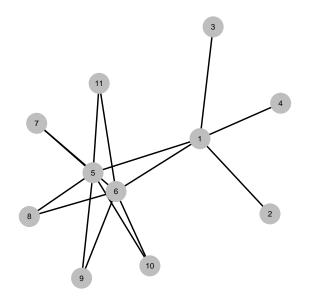
$$\operatorname{dist}(v, u) = \min\left(a_{vx} + \ldots + a_{yu}\right)$$

- Can be computed using Dijkstra's algorithm (Dijkstra, 1959) with weights fixed to 1.
- Commonly referred to as the shortest path length or geodesic distance

The mean shortest path length is called the *average shortest path length* (APL) and is an important measure for how well connected a graph is:

$$\operatorname{APL}(G) = \frac{\sum_{v,u} \operatorname{dist}(v, u)}{|N| (|N| - 1)/2}$$

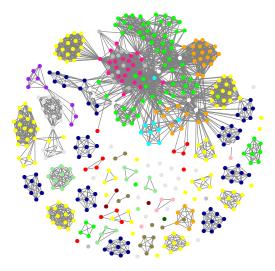




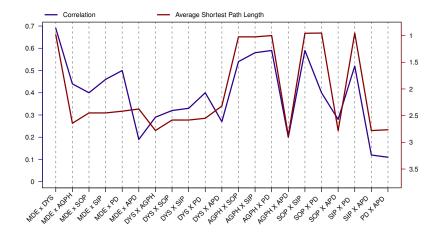


shortest.paths(G)

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##	[2,]	1	0	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
##	[3,]	1	2	0	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
##	[4,]	1	2	2	0	2	2	3	3	3	3
##	[5,]	1	2	2	2	0	2	1	1	1	1
##	[6,]	1	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	1	1
##	[7,]	2	3	3	3	1	1	0	2	2	2
##	[8,]	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	0	2	2
##	[9,]	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	0	2
##	[10,]	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	0
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##	[4,]	3	3								
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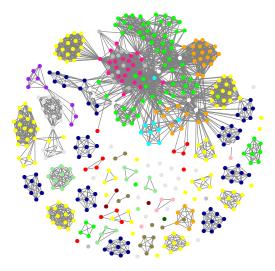




Centrality measures assign numeric values to the importance of nodes in the graph and answer the question "what is the most central node?".

- Degree
- Closeness
- Betweenness
- Eigenvector centrality





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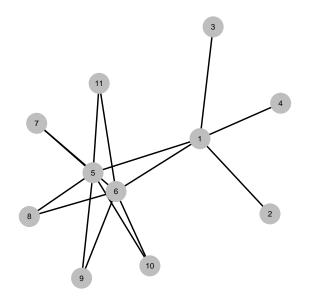
Degree

The *degree* of node v, $C_D(v)$ is simply the number of edges connected to node v, which we can compute by either summing over row v or column v of **A**:

$$C_D(v) = \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} a_{iv} = \sum_{j=1}^{|N|} a_{vj}$$

In the book the notation used for the degree is d_v .







degree(G)													
##	[1]	5	1	1	1	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	



Degree distribution

The *degree distribution*, f_d , gives the probability that a node in *G* has degree *d*:

$$f_d = \mathbb{P}\left(C_D(v) = d\right)$$

For a given graph the observed degree distribution can simply be computed by dividing the number of nodes that have degree d with the total number of nodes:

$$f_d = rac{\# ext{ of nodes with degree } d}{|N|}$$

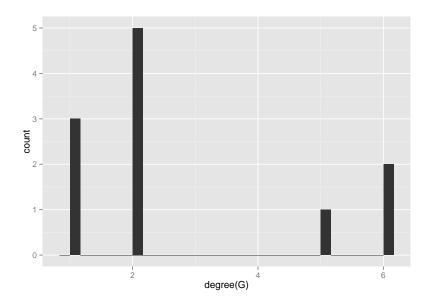
and can easilly be repressented with an histogram.



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##								
##	1	2	5	6				
##	0.27273	0.45455	0.09091	0.18182				



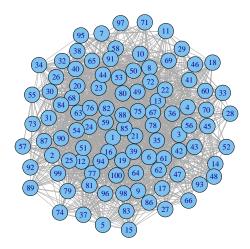
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library("ggplot2")
gplot(degree(G), geom = "histogram")
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Random graph

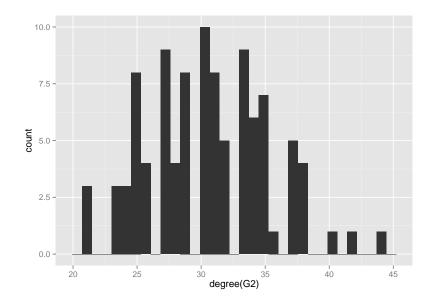
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G2 <- erdos.renyi.game(100, 0.3)
plot(G2)
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Random graph

qplot(degree(G2), geom = "histogram")



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Random graph

A random graph is a graph in which each edge is present with probability *p*. The degree distribution of a random graph follows a binomial distribution:

$$f_d = \binom{|\mathcal{N}|-1}{d} p^d (1-p)^{|\mathcal{N}|-1-d}$$

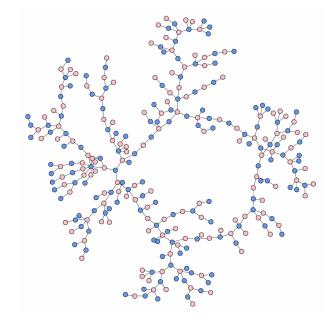
Or Poisson for large graphs:

$$f_d = rac{
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where $\rho = |\mathbf{N}| \mathbf{p}$



High School dating





scale-free networks

- Many natural networks do not have a binomial or poisson degree distribution
- These graphs usually have many nodes with a very low degree and few nodes with a very high degree
- These are termed scale-free networks, and for these networks a power-law holds approximatly true at least in part.

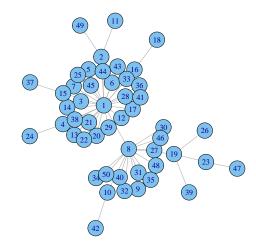
 $f_{d} \stackrel{\propto}{_\sim} d^{-lpha}$



Preferential Attachment

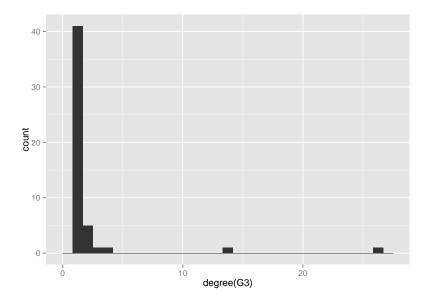


G3 <- barabasi.game(50, 1.2, directed = FALSE) plot(G3)





qplot(degree(G3), geom = "histogram")



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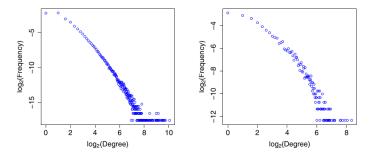
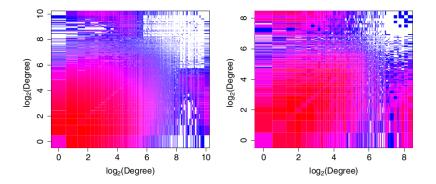


Fig. 4.1 Degree distributions. Left: the router-level Internet network graph described in Section 3.5.2. Right: the network of measured interactions among proteins in *S. cerevisiae* (yeast), as of January 2007. In each plot, both *x*- and *y*-axes are in base-2 logarithmic scale.



Degree correlation





Degree correlation

assortativity.degree(G)

[1] -0.75



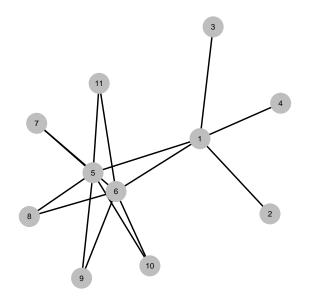
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Closeness $C_C(v)$ defines that a node is central if it is 'close' to other nodes. This can be computed by taking the inverse of the sum of all path lengths going from node v to all other nodes:

$$C_{\mathcal{C}}(v) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{|N|} \operatorname{dist}(v, i)}$$

This is only an interesting measure for fully connected graphs or components.







```
closeness(G)
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[1] 0.06667 0.04167 0.04167 0.04167 0.07143 0.07143 0.0476 ## [8] 0.04762 0.04762 0.04762 0.04762

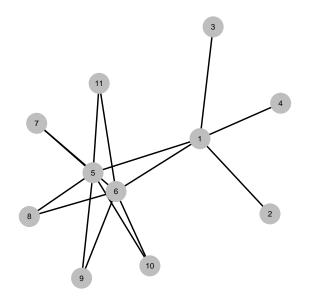


Betweenness of node v is defined as the sum of proportions of the number of shortest paths between all pairs of nodes that go through node v:

$$C_{B}(i) = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k \in V}^{n} \frac{\sigma(i, j \mid v)}{\sigma(i, j)}$$

Where $\sigma(i, j)$ is the total number of shortest paths between any two nodes and $\sigma(i, j | v)$ the amount of those paths that go through *v*.







betweenness(G)									
##	[1]	24.1667	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	15.0000	15.0000	0.166	
# #	[8]	0.1667	0.1667	0.1667	0.1667				



Eigenvector centrality

Eigenvector centrality states that a node if central if its neighboors are central, and is recursive:

$$C_{EI}(v) = \alpha \sum_{\{u,v\}\in E} C_{EI}(u)$$

Since **A** contains only zeroes and ones we can write this as:

$$C_{EI}(v) = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} a_{iv} C_{EI}(i)$$

Which we can write as a matrix equation:

$$C_{EI} = \alpha A C_{EI}$$

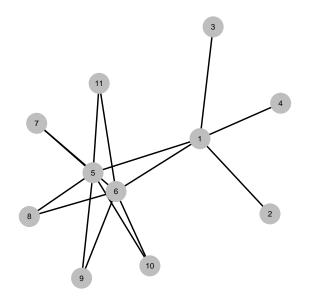


Rearanging this previous matrix eqation leads to a familliar Eigenvalue problem:

$$AC_{EI} = \frac{1}{\alpha}C_{EI}$$

And shows $C_{El}(v)$ to be the *v*th element of an eigenvector. Since centrality measures are positive, Perron-Frobenius theorem dictates that this should be the eigenvector corresponding to the *largest eigenvalue* $\lambda = \alpha^{-1}$.

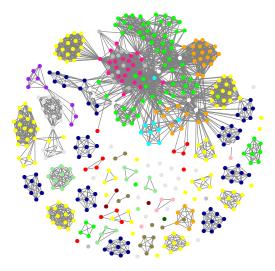






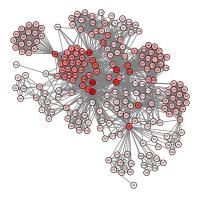
evcent (G)

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## $vector
## [1] 0.7384 0.2078 0.2078 0.2078 1.0000 1.0000 0.5629 0.562
## [9] 0.5629 0.5629 0.5629
##
## $value
## [1] 3.553
##
## $options
## $options$bmat
## [1] "I"
##
## $options$n
## [1] 11
##
## $options$which
## [1] "LA"
##
## $options$nev
## [1] 1
##
## $options$tol
## [1] 0
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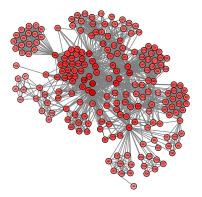
Degree



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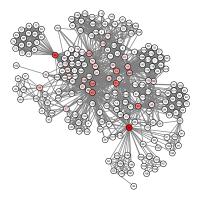
Closeness



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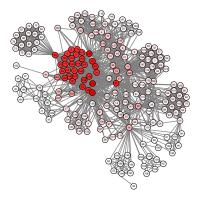
Betweenness



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Eigenvector Centrality







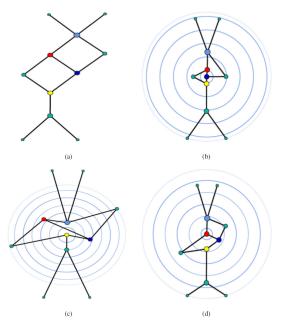
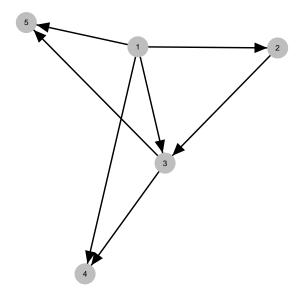
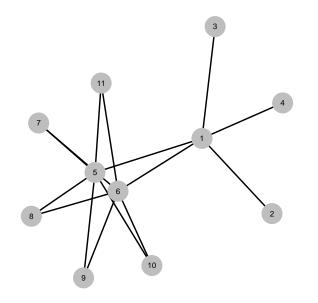


Fig. 4.4 Illustration of (b) closeness, (c) betweenness, and (d) eigenvector centrality measures on the graph in (a). Example and figures courtesy of Ulrik Brandes.

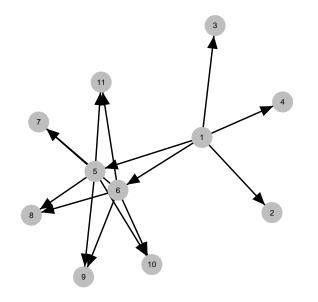




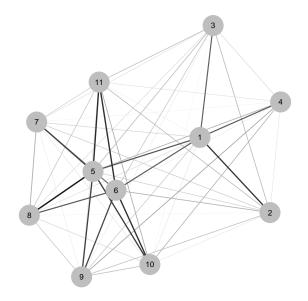














Weighted Graphs

A weighted graph is a network in which the strength of connections can vary. For a graph of *n* nodes the network structure is defined by the $n \times n$ adjacency matrix **A** such that:

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if there is an edge from node } i \text{ to node } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Its weights are defined by the $n \times n$ weights matrix W such that:

$$w_{ij} \begin{cases} = 0 & \text{if } a_{ij} = 0 \\ \in \mathbb{R} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The diagonal of both A and W is set to zero.



Weighted Graphs

A graph is *undirected* only if **A** and **W** are symmetric:

 $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{\top}$ $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W}^{\top}$

A graph is *unweighted* only if A is equal to W multiplied by some scalar c:

$$A = cW$$

Note that both these cases do not imply that a graph is undirected or unweighted.



Finally we define the *length* of an edge from node *i* to node *j* as the inverse of the absolute weight:

$$I_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|w_{ij}|} & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

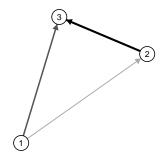
Because the denumerator is always positve, we will take the limit in the case of a weight of 0:

$$\lim_{w_{ij}\to 0}\frac{1}{|w_{ij}|}=\infty$$



Weighted graphs

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1/2 \\ \infty & 0 & 1/3 \\ \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$





Node centrality

- Node centrality is the identification of which nodes are the most central, and thus the most important
 - For example, if the most central node is infected with a contagious disease, the disease will spread the fastest to other nodes
 - In psychopathological modelling the most central node is the symptom which can most easilly affect other symptoms
- In unweighted graphs these are well defined
- In weighted graphs this is less the case. There is a lot of debate on whether the *structure* (adjacency matrix) or the *weights* (weights matrix) are the most important
- Clasically only the weights matrix is analyzed
- Opsahl, Agneessens, and Skvoretz (2010) proposes a set of centrality measures with a tuning parameter, α, to manually assign importance to both matrices
 - *α* of 0 only regards the structure, and *α* of 1 only regards
 the weights



Degree

Of node *i* the in-degree $k_i^{(in)}$ is the number of incomming edges and the out-degree $k_i^{(out)}$ the number of outgoing edges:

$$k_i^{(in)} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ji}$$

 $k_i^{(out)} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}$

In weighted graphs often the node strengths $s_i^{(in)}$ and $s_i^{(out)}$ are used:

$$s_i^{(in)} = \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ji}$$
$$s_i^{(out)} = \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}$$



Degree

Opsahl et al. (2010) propose the following combination:

$$C_D^{(in)}(i) = k_i^{(in)} \times \left(\frac{s_i^{(in)}}{k_i^{(in)}}\right)^{\alpha}$$
$$C_D^{(out)}(i) = k_i^{(out)} \times \left(\frac{s_i^{(out)}}{k_i^{(out)}}\right)^{\alpha}$$

Note that for both:

$$C_D(i) = \begin{cases} k_i & \text{if } \alpha = 0\\ s_i & \text{if } \alpha = 1 \end{cases}$$



The shortest path length between nodes *i* and *j*, d(i, j) is defined in an unweighted graph as the minimum number of steps you need to take from node *i* to node *j*:

$$d(i,j) = \min(a_{ih} + \ldots + a_{hj})$$

which can be obtained through Dijkstra's algorithm (Dijkstra, 1959) with weights fixed to 1. Simalary, for weighted graphs the shortest path length is defined as the minimum number of distance needed to cross on the graph to reach node *i* from node *j*:

$$d(i,j) = \min\left(\frac{1}{|w_{ih}|} + \ldots + \frac{1}{|w_{hj}|}\right) = \min\left(l_{ih} + \ldots + l_{hj}\right)$$



Opsahl et al. (2010) propose the following combination:

$$d(i,j) = \min\left(l_{ih}^{\alpha} + \ldots + l_{hj}^{\alpha}\right)$$

Which again generalizes to the unweighted form near $\alpha = 0$ and the weighted form if $\alpha = 1$.

Note that for any number y:

Including ∞ . Therefore, setting $\alpha = 0$ will not give proper results.



Closeness is defined as the inverse of the total shortest distance from node *i* to all other nodes in the graph, which is only defined for connected clusters:

$$C_{C}(i) = \left[\sum_{j=1}^{n} d(i,j)\right]^{-1}$$

Here the α parameter is already used in computing the shortest path lengths.



Betweenness of node *i* is defined as the sum of proportions of the number of shortest paths between all pairs of nodes that go through node *i*:

$$C_B(i) = \sum_{i
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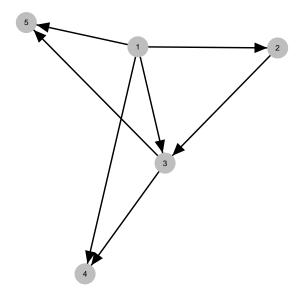
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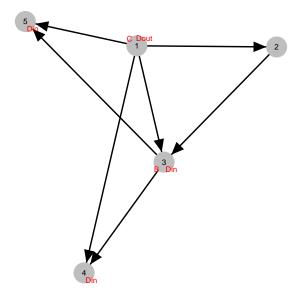
Centrality

Degree How well connected is a node? Closeness How easy is it to reach all other nodes from a node?

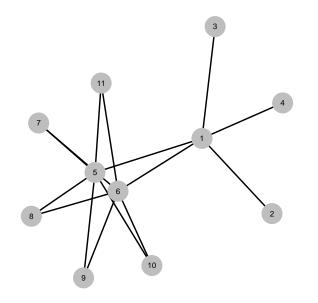
Betweenness How well does a node connect other nodes?



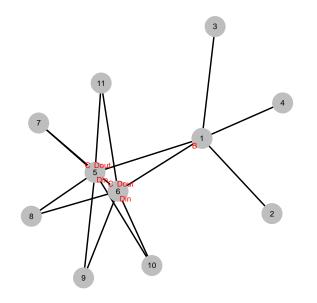




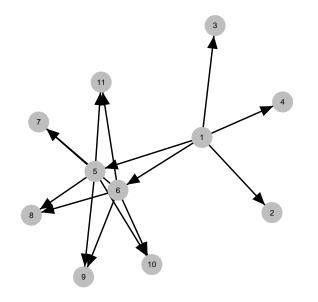




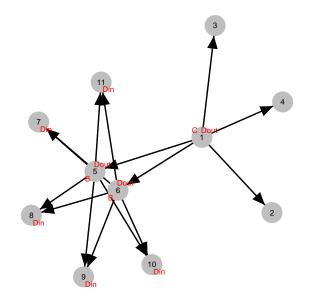




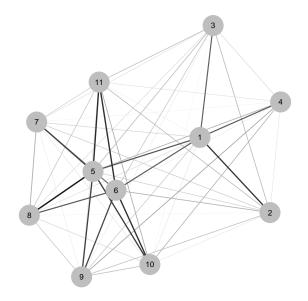




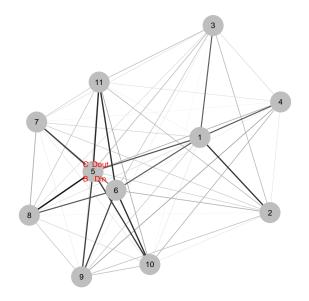














Computing Centrality Measures in qgraph

- In qgraph these centrality measures are included in the function centrality (see ?centrality)
- ► This uses the output of ggraph() as input
 - Note that this function automatically removes diagonal elements of the weights matrix
- The default of the α parameter is 1, which corresponds to the classical interpretation of weighted centrality measures.



Computing Centrality Measures in qgraph

In the current version of qgraph (1.0.1) the function will fail if $\alpha = 0$. This will be fixed in the next version. For now, set α arbitrarily low to circomvent this.

Return Values of centrality function

List with following elements:

OutDegree A vector containing the outward degree of each node.

InDegree A vector containing the inward degree of each node.

Closeness A vector containing the closeness of each node.

Betweenness A vector containing the betweenness of each node

ShortestPathLengths A matrix containing the shortest path lengths of each pairs of nodes. These path lengths are based on the inverse of the edge weights raised to the power lambda.

ShortestPaths A matrix of lists containing all shortest path lengths between all pairs of nodes. Use double square brackets to index. E.g., if the list is called 'res', res\$ShortestPaths[[i,j]] gives a list containing all shortest paths between node i and j.



Example ($\alpha = 1$)



Centrality measures

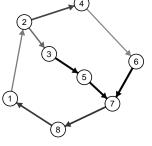
> as.data.frame(Cent[1:4])

	OutDegree	InDegree	Closeness	Betweenness
1	1.531017	2.258228	0.09327425	25
2	3.889955	1.531017	0.12035952	25
3	2.816416	1.744248	0.08223756	12
4	1.403364	2.145707	0.06920048	6
5	2.796779	2.816416	0.08242626	12
6	2.889351	1.403364	0.08473412	6
7	2.321596	5.686130	0.08275217	25
8	2.258228	2.321596	0.08732845	25



Shortest path-Length between 1 and 8

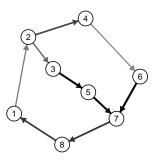
> Cent\$ShortestPathLengths[1
[1] 2.369827





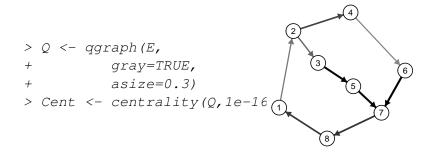
Shortest paths between 1 and 8

> Cent\$ShortestPaths[[1,8]]
[[1]]
[1] 1 2 3 5 7 8





Example ($\alpha \approx 0$)





Centrality measures

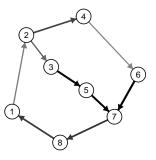
> as.data.frame(Cent[1:4])

	OutDegree	InDegree	Closeness	Betweenness
1	1	1	0.0500000	25
2	2	1	0.05555556	25
3	1	1	0.03571429	9
4	1	1	0.03571429	9
5	1	1	0.03846154	9
6	1	1	0.03846154	9
7	1	2	0.04166667	25
8	1	1	0.04545455	25



Shortest path-Length between 1 and 8

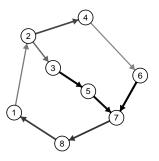
> Cent\$ShortestPathLengths[1
[1] 5





Shortest paths between 1 and 8

> Cent\$ShortestPaths[[1,8]]
[[1]] 1 2 3 5 7 8
[[2]]
[1] 1 2 4 6 7 8



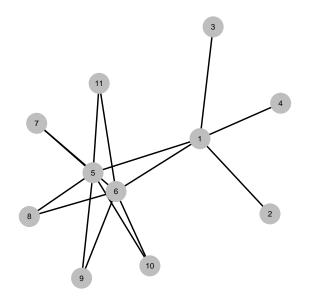


Connectivity and Clustering



The *diameter* of a graph is its longest shortest path length: diameter(G) = max(dist(u, v))







diameter(G)

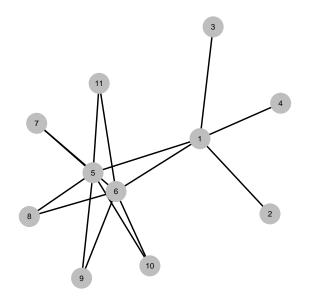
[1] 3



The *density* of a graph is the proportion of the present number of edges to the total possible amount of edges:

den(G) =
$$\frac{|E|}{|N|(|N|-1)/2}$$







graph.density(G)

[1] 0.2727



Clustering

Are two connected nodes also connected to each other? Or more general, does a graph exhibit cliques?

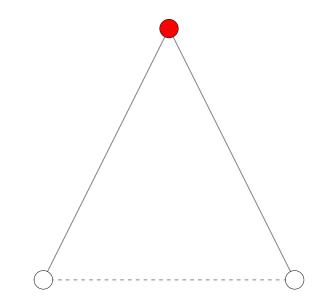


The local clustering coefficient, cl(v), gives for node *n* the proportion that the neighboors of *v* are also connected to each other.

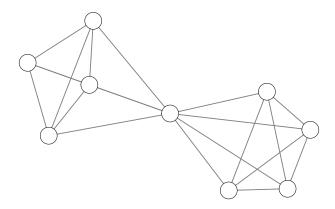
This corresponds for dividing the amount of "triangles" of which node *v* is part, $\tau_{\Delta}(v)$ to the amount of possible triangles of which *v* could be part: $\tau_3(v)$:

$$\mathrm{cl}(\mathbf{v}) = egin{cases} rac{ au_\Delta(\mathbf{v})}{ au_3(\mathbf{v})} & ext{if } C_D(\mathbf{v}) \geq 2 \ 0 ext{ or NaN} & ext{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

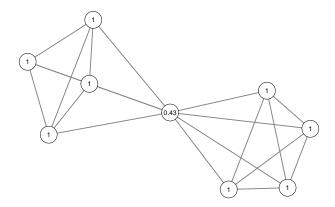














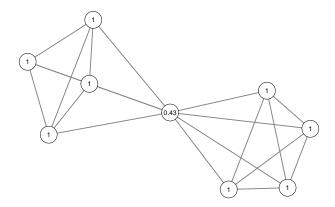
A clustering coefficient for the whole graph can be obtained by averaging all the local clustering coefficients:

$$\operatorname{cl}(G) = \frac{1}{|N|} \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} \operatorname{cl}(i)$$

Although this being an average of averages, the appropriate weighted average is more informative:

$$\mathrm{cl}_{\mathcal{T}}(G) = rac{\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{N}|} au_{\Delta}(i) \mathrm{cl}(i)}{ au_{3}(i)} \ = rac{3 au_{\Delta}(G)}{ au_{3}(G)}$$



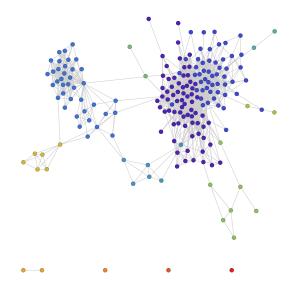




```
A <- matrix(0, 9, 9)
A[1:5, 1:5] < -1
A[5:9, 5:9] < -1
library("igraph")
G4 <- graph.adjacency(A, mode = "undirected")
transitivity(G4, "local")
## [1] 1.0000 1.0000 1.0000 0.4286 1.0000 1.0000 1.0000
## [9] 1,0000
transitivity(G4, "global")
## [1] 0.7895
transitivity(G4, "average")
## [1] 0.9365
```

The famous paper of ? (?)—already cited 20453 times—describes the "small world" principle that frequently occurs in natural graphs.

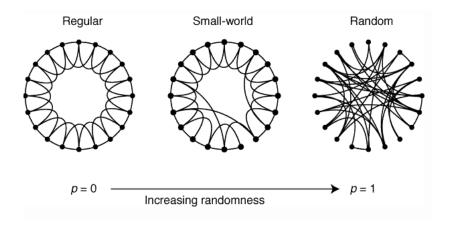
- "Six degrees of separation"
- High clustering and low average path length



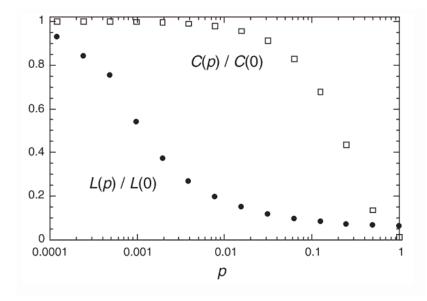
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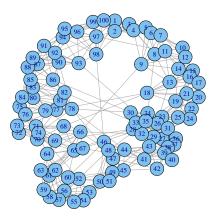




A graph exhibits a small world if it has a much higher clustering than a random graph of the same dimensions while still having a low APL.



```
# Simulate a graph:
set.seed(1)
G5 <- watts.strogatz.game(1, 100, 5, 0.05)
plot(G5)
```





Function to compute average path length of random graph:

```
APLr <- function(x) {
    if ("qgraph" %in% class(x))
        x <- as.igraph(x)
    if ("igraph" %in% class(x))
        x <- get.adjacency(x)
    N = nrow(x)
    p = sum(x/2)/sum(lower.tri(x))
    eulers_constant <- 0.57721566490153
    l = (log(N) - eulers_constant)/log(p * (N - 1)) + 0.5
    l
}</pre>
```



Function to compute clustering of random graph:

```
Cr <- function(x) {
    if ("qgraph" %in% class(x))
        x <- as.igraph(x)
    if ("igraph" %in% class(x))
        x <- get.adjacency(x)
    N = nrow(x)
    p = sum(x/2)/sum(lower.tri(x))
    t = (p * (N - 1)/N)
    t
}</pre>
```



Small world Is there a small world?

```
# Clustering in graph:
transitivity (G5)
## [1] 0.5402
# Clustering in random graph:
Cr(G5)
## Loading required package: Matrix
## Loading required package: lattice
## [1] 0.1
# Average path length in graph:
average.path.length(G5)
## [1] 2.867
# Average path length in random graph:
APLr (G5)
```



Small world index:

```
(transitivity(G5) / Cr(G5)) /
(average.path.length(G5) / APLr(G5))
## [1] 4.237
```

Higher than 3? There is a Small world!



References

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