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Structure of networks: cohesion

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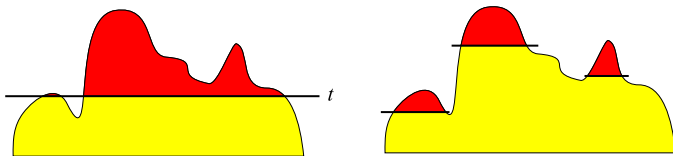
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If we represent a given or computed value of nodes / links as a height of nodes / links and we immerse the network into a water up to selected level we get *islands*. Varying the level we get different islands.



We developed very efficient algorithms to determine the islands hierarchy and to list all the islands of selected sizes.
See [details](#).



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Islands are very general and efficient approach to determine the 'important' subnetworks in a given network.

We have to express the goals of our analysis with a related property of the nodes or weight of the links. Using this property we determine the islands of an appropriate size (in the interval k to K).

In large networks we can get many islands which we have to inspect individually and interpret their content.

An important property of the islands is that they identify locally important subnetworks on different levels. Therefore they detect also emerging groups.

The set of nodes $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ is a **local node peak**, if it is a regular node island and all of its nodes have the same value. Node island with a single local node peak is called a **simple node island**. In similar way we define simple link island.



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A set of nodes $C \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ is a *regular node island* in network $\mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{L}, p)$, $p : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ iff it induces a connected subgraph and the nodes from the island are 'higher' than the neighboring nodes

$$\max_{u \in N(C)} p(u) < \min_{v \in C} p(v)$$

A set of nodes $C \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ is a *regular link island* in network $\mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{L}, w)$, $w : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ iff it induces a connected subgraph and the links inside the island are 'stronger related' among them than with the neighboring nodes – in \mathcal{N} there exists a spanning tree \mathcal{T} over C such that

$$\max_{(u,v) \in \mathcal{L}, u \notin C, v \in C} w(u, v) < \min_{(u,v) \in \mathcal{T}} w(u, v)$$

Network/Create Partition/Islands/Line Weights
Operations/Network+Vector/Islands/Vertex
Property





Some properties of node islands

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- The sets of nodes of connected components of node-cut at selected level t are regular node islands.
- The set $\mathcal{H}_p(\mathcal{N})$ of all regular node islands of network \mathcal{N} is a complete hierarchy:
 - two islands are disjoint or one of them is a subset of the other
 - each node belongs to at least one island
- Node islands are invariant for the strictly increasing transformations of the property p .
- Two linked nodes cannot belong to two disjoint regular node islands.



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- The set of nodes $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ is a **local node peak**, if it is a regular node island and all of its nodes have the same value.
- Node island with a single local node peak is called a **simple node island**.
- The types of node islands:
 - FLAT – all nodes have the same value
 - SINGLE – island has a single local node peak
 - MULTI – island has more than one local node peaks
- Only the islands of type FLAT or SINGLE are simple islands.



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- The sets of nodes of connected components of link-cut at selected level t are regular link islands.
- The set $\mathcal{H}_w(\mathcal{N})$ of all nondegenerated regular link islands of network \mathcal{N} is hierarchy (not necessarily complete):
 - two islands are disjoint or one of them is a subset of the other
- Link islands are invariant for the strictly increasing transformations of the weight w .
- Two linked nodes may belong to two disjoint regular link islands.



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- The set of nodes $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ is a **local link peak**, if it is a regular link island and there exists a spanning tree of the corresponding induced network, in which all links have the same value as the link with the largest value.
- Link island with a single local link peak is called a **simple link island**.
- The types of link islands:
 - FLAT – there exists a spanning tree, in which all links have the same value as the link with the largest value.
 - SINGLE – island has a single local link peak.
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- Only the islands of type FLAT or SINGLE are simple islands.



US patents

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US patents network (Nber, US Patents) has 3774768 nodes and 16522438 arcs (1 loop). Without the loop it is acyclic. The weight of an arc is the proportion of paths through the arc from some initial node to some terminal node. We determined $(2,90)$ -islands. The corresponding subnetwork has 470137 nodes, 307472 arcs and for different k : $C_2 = 187610$, $C_5 = 8859$, $C_{30} = 101$, $C_{50} = 30$, ... islands.

Rolex

[1]	0	139793	29670	9288	3966	1827	997	578	362	250
[11]	190	125	104	71	47	37	36	33	21	23
[21]	17	16	8	7	13	10	10	5	5	5
[31]	12	3	7	3	3	3	2	6	6	2
[41]	1	3	4	1	5	2	1	1	1	1
[51]	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
[61]	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
[71]	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
[81]	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	7



Distribution of island size

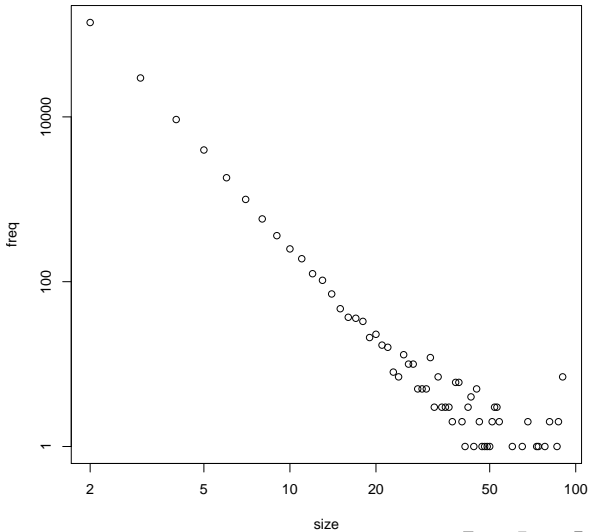
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Main path and main island in US Patents

Nber, US Patents; $n = 3774768$, $m = 16522438$

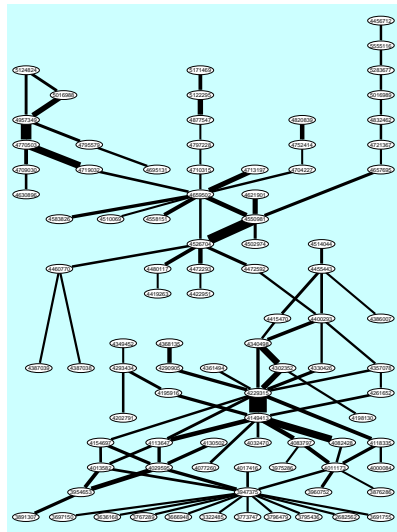
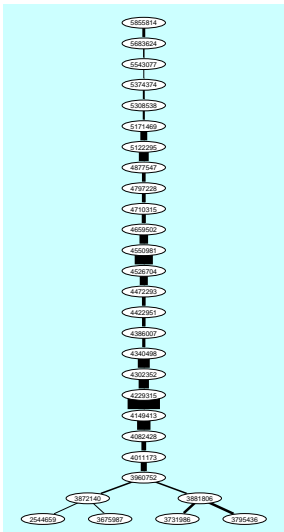
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Main island Liquid crystal display

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Table 1: Patents on the liquid-crystal display

patent	date	author(s) and title
474969	Mar 14, 1994	Yvonne: Infrared light-polarizing sheet and the use and the formation of same
282562	Jan 29, 1984	Winder, et al. Rotation of aromatic carbonds
332485	Jun 20, 1987	Williams: Electro-optical elements utilizing an organic isotropic compound
363649	Jan 18, 1972	Josephson: Preparation of polymeric aromatic compounds
366498	May 30, 1972	Mokkanta, et al. Liquid crystal thermal imaging system having an undistorted image on a distorted background
367597	Jul 11, 1972	Rubow: Liquid crystal composition and device
368155	Sep 10, 1972	Orland: Check with digital display
368175	Oct 10, 1972	Wysocil: Electro-optic systems in which an electrophotoconductive or dipole material is dispersed throughout a liquid crystal to reduce the turn-off time
368498	May 8, 1973	Propoy: Display device utilizing liquid crystal light modulation
375289	Oct 23, 1973	Aronson, et al. Class of stable trans-ethane compounds, some displaying nematic mesophase at or near room temperature and others in a range up to 100°C
377377	Nov 20, 1973	Stolzenberger: Substituted azoic benzene compounds
379526	Mar 5, 1974	Bell, et al. Nematic liquid material which exhibits the Kerr effect at isotropic temperatures
379649	Mar 12, 1974	Bell, et al. Electro-optical liquid modulation and utilizing a nematic liquid material which exhibits the Kerr effect at isotropic temperatures
382140	Mar 18, 1975	Randerson, et al. Liquid crystalline compositions and method
382684	Apr 8, 1975	Tomkowiak, et al. Use of nematic liquid crystalline substances
384186	May 6, 1975	Sanki: Electro-optical display device
386137	Jun 24, 1975	Debnath, et al. Phase control of the voltages applied to opposite electrodes for a cholesteric to nematic phase transition display
394725	Jun 30, 1976	Gray, et al. Liquid crystal materials and device
395452	May 4, 1976	Chandross, et al. Liquid crystal compositions having high dielectric anisotropy and display device incorporating same
398072	Jun 1, 1976	Kandross, et al. Liquid crystal compositions
400286	Aug 17, 1976	Oh: Low voltage actuated field effect liquid crystal compositions and method of synthesis
400584	Dec 28, 1976	Shimamura: Modified nematic compounds with positive dielectric anisotropy
401173	Mar 8, 1977	Carroll: Liquid crystal compositions and electro-optic device incorporating them
401350	Mar 22, 1977	Finkel, et al. Liquid crystal mixtures for electro-optical display devices
401746	Apr 12, 1977	Shimamura: Modified nematic compounds with positive dielectric anisotropy
402255	Jun 14, 1977	Ross, et al. Novel liquid crystal compounds and electro-optic device incorporating them
402570	Jun 28, 1977	Biloon, et al. Electro-optic device
403769	Mar 7, 1978	Guay, et al. Optically active cyano-biphenyl compounds and liquid crystal materials containing them
404248	Apr 4, 1978	Hsu: Liquid crystal composition and method

Table 2: Patents on the liquid-crystal display

patent	date	author(s) and title
405799	Apr 11, 1978	U.S. Nematic liquid crystal compositions
411367	Sep 12, 1978	Coutts, et al. Liquid crystalline materials
411832	Oct 3, 1978	Krause, et al. Liquid crystalline materials of reduced viscosity
413052	Dec 19, 1978	Edman, et al. Liquid crystalline cyclohexane derivatives
414413	Apr 17, 1979	Gray, et al. Optically active liquid crystal mixtures and liquid crystal devices containing them
415407	May 15, 1979	Edman, et al. Liquid crystalline benzophenonebiphenyl derivatives
415516	May 22, 1979	Coutts, et al. Liquid crystal compounds
419618	Apr 15, 1980	Bolke, et al. Liquid crystal mixtures
420270	May 13, 1980	Sato, et al. Nematic liquid crystalline materials
422515	Oct 21, 1980	Krause, et al. Liquid crystalline cyclohexane derivatives
426162	Apr 14, 1981	Gray, et al. Liquid crystal compounds and materials and devices containing them
429905	Sep 22, 1981	Kashe, Ester compound
430344	Oct 6, 1981	Drostner, et al. Liquid crystal compounds
432032	Nov 24, 1981	Edman, et al. Fluorophenylcyclohexanes, the preparation thereof and their use as components of liquid-crystal dielectrics
433046	May 18, 1982	Edman, et al. Cyclohexylbiphenyls, their preparation and use in dielectric and electro-optical display elements
434048	Jun 20, 1982	Sagstrom: Halogenated ester derivatives
434942	Nov 4, 1982	Omura, et al. Cyclohexylbiphenyls
435728	Nov 9, 1982	Carr, et al. Liquid crystal compounds containing an alkylic ring and exhibiting a low dielectric anisotropy and liquid crystal materials and device incorporating such compounds
436104	Nov 30, 1982	Omura, et al. Anisotropic cyclohexyl cyclohexylbiphenyl esters
436132	Jan 13, 1983	Omura, Anisotropic compounds with negative or positive D ₂ -anisotropy and low optical anisotropy
436807	May 31, 1983	Krause, et al. Liquid crystalline cyclohexane derivatives
437038	Jun 7, 1983	Finkel, et al. 4-(trans-4'-alkylcyclohexyl) benzoic acid 4'-cyanobiphenyl esters
437630	Jun 7, 1983	Sagstrom, et al. Trans-4-(trans-4'-alkylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl esters
440023	Aug 23, 1983	Honer, et al. Liquid crystalline cyclohexyl derivatives
441540	Nov 15, 1983	Edman, et al. Liquid crystalline fluorine-containing cyclohexylbiphenyls and dielectric and electro-optical display elements based thereon
441963	Dec 6, 1983	Prud'homme, et al. Liquid crystalline cyclohexylbenzofuran derivatives
442293	Dec 27, 1983	Sagstrom, et al. Liquid crystal benzene derivatives
445243	Jun 19, 1984	Falkes, et al. Nematic halogen Compound
445672	Jun 26, 1984	Sagstrom, et al. Cyclohexyl compounds
446779	Jul 17, 1984	Petrillo, et al. Liquid crystal mixtures
447228	Sep 18, 1984	Sagstrom, et al. High temperature liquid crystal substances of low range and liquid crystal compositions containing the same
447259	Sep 18, 1984	Falkes, et al. Nematic liquid crystalline compounds
448017	Oct 30, 1984	Takagi, et al. Nematic liquid crystalline compounds
450274	Mar 5, 1985	Sagstrom, et al. High temperature liquid-crystalline ester compounds
451089	Apr 9, 1985	Edman, et al. Cyclohexane derivatives

Table 3: Patents on the liquid-crystal display

patent	date	author(s) and title
451911	Apr 30, 1985	U.S. 4-(trans-4'-alkylcyclohexyl)-4'-[trans-4'-cyanobiphenyl] phenyl cyclohexylbenzene and liquid crystal mixtures
452674	Jul 2, 1985	U.S. 4-(trans-4'-alkylcyclohexyl)-4'-[trans-4'-cyanobiphenyl] phenyl cyclohexylbenzene and liquid crystal mixtures
452981	Nov 5, 1985	Petrillo, et al. Liquid crystalline esters and mixtures
453121	Dec 10, 1985	Takagi, et al. Nematic liquid crystalline compounds
453826	Apr 22, 1986	Petrillo, et al. Fluorobiphenyls
453901	Nov 11, 1986	Petrillo, et al. Novel liquid crystal mixtures
453986	Dec 23, 1986	Petrillo, et al. Benzofuranis
453708	Apr 14, 1987	Sato, et al. Substituted propanones
456552	Apr 21, 1987	Furuta, et al. Ethane derivatives
460131	Sep 22, 1987	Balckwill, et al. Disubstituted ethanes and their use in liquid crystal materials and devices
470427	Nov 3, 1987	Krause, et al. Liquid crystal compounds
470620	Nov 24, 1987	Petrillo, et al. Novel liquid crystal mixtures
471031	Dec 1, 1987	Schub, et al. Anisotropic compounds and liquid crystal mixtures therefrom
471217	Dec 15, 1987	Edman, et al. Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds
471802	Jan 12, 1988	Wahlberg, et al. Cyclohexane derivatives
472167	Jan 26, 1988	Yoshizawa, et al. Liquid crystal device
472414	Apr 21, 1988	Edman, et al. Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds
472653	Sep 13, 1988	Buchholder, et al. Liquid crystalline compounds
473579	Jan 3, 1989	Vankar, et al. 2,2'-difluoro-4-alkoxy-4'-hydroxydiphenyl ether and their derivatives, their production process and their use in liquid crystal display devices
473626	Jan 10, 1989	Case, et al. Cyclohexane derivatives and liquid crystal compositions containing same
473723	Jan 11, 1989	Krause, et al. Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic esters
482462	May 23, 1989	Clark, et al. Liquid crystal devices
487547	Dec 19, 1989	Wolke, et al. Liquid crystal display element
490749	Nov 1989	Cheng, et al. Active matrix screen for the color display of television pictures, control system and process for producing said screen
501098	May 21, 1991	Imura: Liquid crystal display device with a birefringent compensator
501899	May 21, 1991	Ohira: Liquid crystal element with improved contrast and response
512295	Nov 16, 1992	Wolke, et al. Matrix liquid crystal display
514924	Jan 23, 1992	Kaneko, et al. Liquid crystal display device comprising a retardation compensation layer having a maximum principal refractive index in the thickness direction
517409	Dec 15, 1992	Hirata, et al. Liquid-crystal matrix display
520267	Feb 1, 1994	Hirata, et al. Liquid-crystal display with grayed regions between terminal groups
528538	Mar 3, 1994	Wolke, et al. Superwide liquid-crystal display
537474	Nov 23, 1994	Wolke, et al. Superwide liquid-crystal display
543877	Apr 6, 1996	Wolke, et al. Superwide liquid-crystal composition
552516	Sep 10, 1996	Ichikawa, et al. Liquid crystal display having adjacent electrodes not set up in height
560284	Nov 4, 1997	Sakaguchi, et al. Liquid crystal composition
562684	Jan 5, 1999	Maher, et al. Liquid crystal compositions and liquid crystal device elements

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Dense groups

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Several notions were proposed in attempts to formally describe dense groups in graphs.

Clique of order k is a maximal complete subgraph (isomorphic to K_k), $k \geq 3$.

s -plexes, LS sets, lambda sets, cores, . . .

For all of them, except for cores, it turned out that they are difficult to determine.

Cores and generalized cores

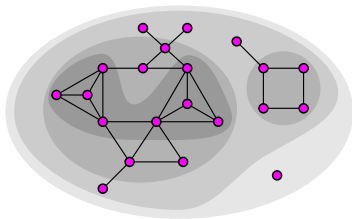
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The notion of core was introduced by Seidman in 1983. Let $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ be a graph. A subgraph $\mathcal{H} = (W, \mathcal{E}|_W)$ induced by the set W is a *k-core* or a *core of order k* iff $\forall v \in W$: $\deg_{\mathcal{H}}(v) \geq k$, and \mathcal{H} is a maximal subgraph with this property. The core of maximum order is also called the *main* core.

The *core number* of node v is the highest order of a core that contains this node. The degree $\deg(v)$ can be: in-degree, out-degree, in-degree + out-degree, etc., determining different types of cores.



Properties of cores

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From the figure, representing 0, 1, 2 and 3 core, we can see the following properties of cores:

- The cores are nested: $i < j \implies \mathcal{H}_j \subseteq \mathcal{H}_i$
- Cores are not necessarily connected subgraphs.

An efficient algorithm for determining the cores hierarchy is based on the following property:

If from a given graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ we recursively delete all nodes, and edges incident with them, of degree less than k , the remaining graph is the k -core.



6-core of Krebs Internet industries

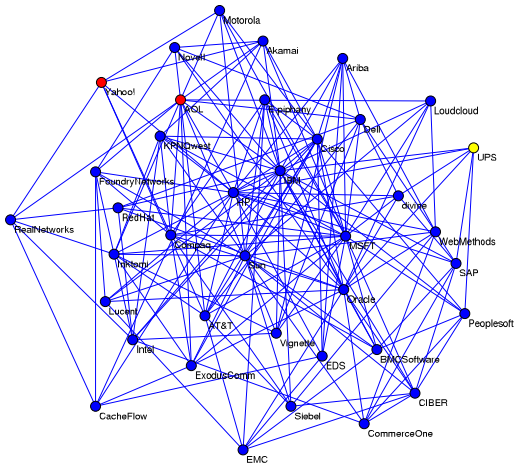
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The notion of core can be generalized to networks. Let $\mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, w)$ be a network, where $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ is a graph and $w : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function assigning values to edges. A *node property function* on \mathbf{N} , or a *p-function* for short, is a function $p(v, U)$, $v \in \mathcal{V}$, $U \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ with real values. Let $N_U(v) = N(v) \cap U$. Besides degrees and (corrected) clustering coefficient, here are some examples of *p-functions*:

$$p_S(v, U) = \sum_{u \in N_U(v)} w(v, u), \text{ where } w : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$$

$$p_M(v, U) = \max_{u \in N_U(v)} w(v, u), \text{ where } w : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$p_t(v, U) = \frac{|\mathcal{L}(U) \cap \mathcal{L}(K(N^+(v)))|}{|\mathcal{L}(K(N^+(v)))|}$$

$$p_k(v, U) = \text{number of cycles of length } k \text{ through node } v \text{ in } (U, \mathcal{E}|U)$$

The subgraph $\mathcal{H} = (C, \mathcal{E}|C)$ induced by the set $C \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ is a *p-core at level* $t \in \mathbb{R}$ iff $\forall v \in C : t \leq p(v, C)$ and C is a maximal such set.



Additional p -functions

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relative density

$$p_\gamma(v, \mathcal{C}) = \frac{\deg(v, \mathcal{C})}{\max_{u \in N(v)} \deg(u)}, \text{ if } \deg(v) > 0; 0, \text{ otherwise}$$

diversity

$$p_\delta(v, \mathcal{C}) = \max_{u \in N^+(v, \mathcal{C})} \deg(u) - \min_{u \in N^+(v, \mathcal{C})} \deg(u)$$

average weight

$$p_a(v, \mathcal{C}) = \frac{1}{|N(v, \mathcal{C})|} \sum_{u \in N(v, \mathcal{C})} w(v, u), \text{ if } N(v, \mathcal{C}) \neq \emptyset; 0, \text{ otherwise}$$



Generalized cores algorithms

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The function p is *monotone* iff it has the property

$$C_1 \subset C_2 \Rightarrow \forall v \in \mathcal{V} : (p(v, C_1) \leq p(v, C_2))$$

The degrees and the functions p_S , p_M and p_k are monotone. For a monotone function the p -core at level t can be determined, as in the ordinary case, by successively deleting nodes with value of p lower than t ; and the cores on different levels are nested

$$t_1 < t_2 \Rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{t_2} \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{t_1}$$

The p -function is *local* iff $p(v, U) = p(v, N_U(v))$.

The degrees, p_S and p_M are local; but p_k is **not** local for $k \geq 4$.

For a local p -function an $O(m \max(\Delta, \log n))$ algorithm for determining the p -core levels exists, assuming that $p(v, N_C(v))$ can be computed in $O(\deg_C(v))$.

For details see the [paper](#).



Cores and generalized cores / Pajek commands

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Info/Partition
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Options/Values of lines/Similarities
Layout/Energy/Kamada-Kawai
Operations/Network+Partition/Extract Subnetwork [21]
Draw/Network
Layout/Energy/Kamada-Kawai
Options/Values of lines/Forget
Layout/Energy/Kamada-Kawai
[select Geom.net]
Network/Create Vector/Generalized Cores/Sum/All
Info/Vector
Vector/Make Partition/by Intervals/Selected Thresholds [4]
Info/Partition
Operations/Network+Partition/Extract Subnetwork [2]
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Cores of orders 10–21 in Computational Geometry

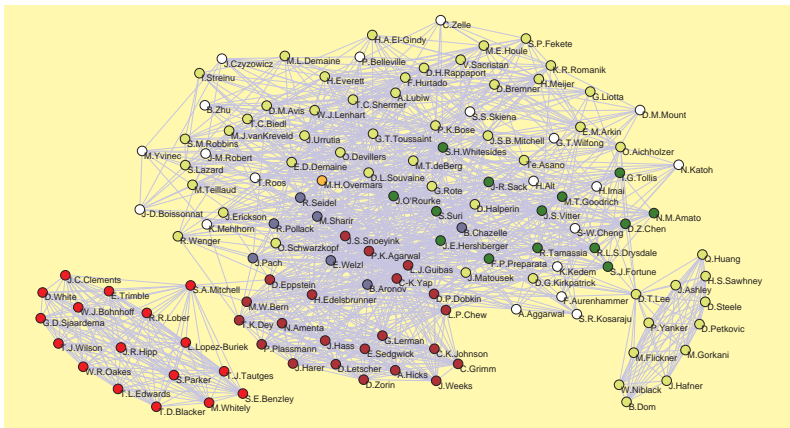
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p_S -core at level 46 of Geombib network

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