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# Network Analysis

Structure of networks: cohesion

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# Outline

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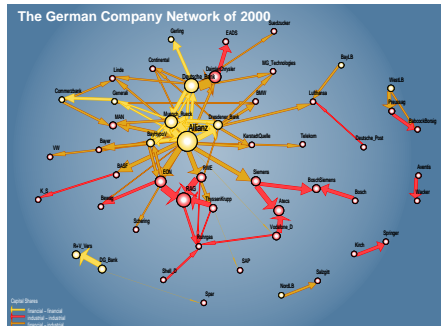
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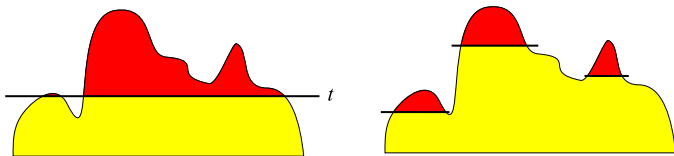


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If we represent a given or computed value of nodes / links as a height of nodes / links and we immerse the network into a water up to selected level we get *islands*. Varying the level we get different islands.



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.



# Simple 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.



# Some properties of link 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.
  - MULTI – island has more than one local link peaks.
- 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 290 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

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[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

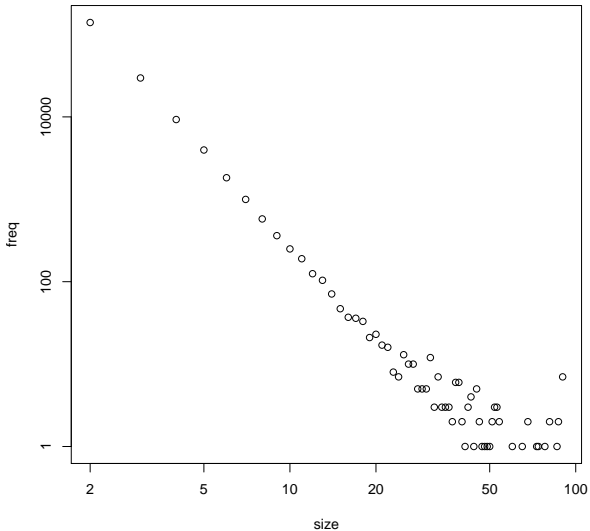
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# Main path and main island in US Patents

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

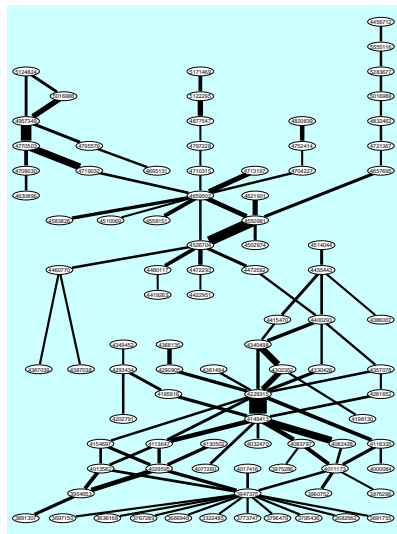
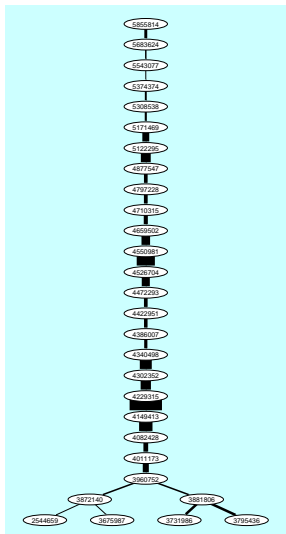
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# Main island Liquid crystal display

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Table 1: Patents on the liquid-crystal display

number	date	author(s) and title
2419489	Mar 18, 1985	Moyat, J. <b>Matrix: high-precision grid and the film and the formation and use thereof</b>
2682522	Jun 29, 1984	Wolcott, et al. <b>Reduction of azomane carbide</b>
3323245	Jan 29, 1987	Williams. <b>Electro-optical elements utilizing an organic semiconducting compound</b>
3636348	Jan 18, 1972	Josephson. <b>Preparation of polycrystalline azomane compounds</b>
3666848	May 30, 1973	Mackowski, et al. <b>Liquid crystal ternary imaging system having an undistorted image on a distorted background</b>
3675087	Jul 11, 1973	Rubin. <b>Liquid crystal compositions and devices</b>
3901715	Sep 10, 1975	Givard. <b>Clock with digital display</b>
3907159	Oct 10, 1975	Wysotski. <b>Electro-optic system in which an electrophoretic or dipolar material is dispersed throughout a liquid crystal to reduce the turn-on time</b>
3737399	May 8, 1973	Duggan. <b>Display device utilizing liquid crystal light modulation</b>
3772896	Oct 23, 1973	Avraam, et al. <b>Class of stable trans-stilbene compounds, some displaying nematic mesophase at or near room temperature and others by a range up to 300°C</b>
3773747	Nov 20, 1973	Soltanazar. <b>Substituted azoxy benzeno compounds</b>
3796438	Mar 5, 1974	Helfrich, et al. <b>Nonazotropic material which exhibits the Kerr effect at isotropic temperatures</b>
3796479	Mar 12, 1974	Helfrich, et al. <b>Electro-optical light modulation cell utilizing a nonazotropic material which exhibits the Kerr effect at isotropic temperatures</b>
3872140	Mar 18, 1975	Rahlsmeidan, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline compositions and method</b>
3872926	Apr 8, 1975	Devoschev, et al. <b>Use of azomane liquid crystalline substances</b>
3901806	May 6, 1975	Stanz. <b>Electro-optical display device</b>
3921307	Jun 24, 1975	Yokoyama, et al. <b>Phase control of the voltage applied to opposite electrodes for a cholesteric to nematic phase transition display</b>
3947275	Mar 30, 1976	Craig, et al. <b>Liquid crystal materials and devices</b>
3954653	Mar 4, 1976	Wang, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline compositions having high dielectric anisotropy and display device incorporating same</b>
3966752	Jun 1, 1976	Yokoyama, et al. <b>Phase control of the voltage applied to opposite electrodes for a cholesteric to nematic phase transition display</b>
3975236	Apr 17, 1976	Helm, et al. <b>Low voltage actuated field effect liquid crystal compositions and method of manufacture</b>
4000884	Dec 28, 1976	Blank, et al. <b>Liquid crystal mixtures for electro-optical display</b>
4011773	Mar 8, 1977	Soltanazar. <b>Modified nematic mixtures with positive dielectric anisotropy</b>
4033582	Mar 22, 1977	Ishikawa. <b>Liquid crystal compounds and electro-optic devices incorporating them</b>
4071416	Apr 12, 1977	Blank, et al. <b>Polymeric 4-alkyl-4'-biphenylcarboxylic ester compounds for preparing same and liquid crystal compositions using same</b>
4082995	Jan 14, 1977	Ross, et al. <b>Noord liquid crystal compounds and electro-optic devices incorporating them</b>
4037230	Mar 7, 1977	Blank, et al. <b>Electrically active cyano-biphenyl compounds and liquid crystal materials containing them</b>
4077280	Mar 7, 1977	Blank, et al. <b>Electrically active cyano-biphenyl compounds and liquid crystal materials containing them</b>
4084226	Apr 4, 1977	Blank, et al. <b>Liquid crystal compositions and method</b>

Table 2: Patents on the liquid-crystal display

number	date	author(s) and title
4083709	Apr 11, 1978	Oh. <b>Nematic liquid crystal compositions</b>
4112247	Sep 12, 1978	Cotton, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline materials</b>
4125520	Oct 3, 1978	Krasne, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline materials of reduced viscosity</b>
4128992	Dec 10, 1978	Edelsohnk, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline cyclohexane derivatives</b>
4149411	Apr 17, 1979	Craig, et al. <b>Optically active liquid crystal mixtures and liquid crystal devices containing them</b>
4154007	May 15, 1979	Edelsohnk, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline benzodihydroxyphenyl derivatives</b>
4193916	Apr 1, 1980	Cotton, et al. <b>Liquid crystal compounds</b>
4198130	Apr 15, 1980	Boiler, et al. <b>Liquid crystal mixtures</b>
4202791	May 13, 1980	Sato, et al. <b>Nematic liquid crystalline materials</b>
4229315	Oct 21, 1980	Krasne, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline cyclohexane derivatives</b>
4263052	Apr 14, 1981	Craig, et al. <b>Liquid crystal compounds and materials and devices containing them</b>
4269905	Sep 22, 1981	Deuschel, et al. <b>Liquid crystal compounds</b>
4295234	Oct 6, 1981	Deuschel, et al. <b>Liquid crystal compounds</b>
4302252	Nov 24, 1981	Edelsohnk, et al. <b>Fluorocyclohexanones, the preparation thereof and their use as components of liquid crystal dielectrics</b>
4330626	Apr 18, 1982	Koshikane, et al. <b>Cyclohexylhydroxyamines, their preparation and use in dielectrics and electro-optical display elements</b>
4340408	Jul 20, 1982	Craig, et al. <b>Hydroxyimino ester derivatives</b>
4349452	Sep 14, 1982	Osumi, et al. <b>Cyclohexylhydroxyammonium</b>
4357078	Nov 2, 1982	Oarr, et al. <b>Liquid crystal compounds containing an alkyloxy ring and exhibiting a low dielectric anisotropy and liquid crystal materials and devices incorporating such compounds</b>
4361494	Nov 30, 1982	Osumi, et al. <b>Azomeric cyclohexyl cyclohexylmethoxy esters</b>
4380435	Jan 12, 1983	Bassor, et al. <b>Azomeric compounds with negative or positive DC-anisotropy and optically anisotropic</b>
4386607	Mar 31, 1983	Krasne, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline azobiphenyl derivatives</b>
4387638	Jun 7, 1983	Piukel, et al. <b>4-(Tran-5'-alkylcyclohexyl) benzoic acid, 4-cis'-5'-biphenyl esters</b>
4387703	Jun 7, 1983	Soltanazar, et al. <b>Tran-4-(Tran-4'-alkylcyclohexyl)cyclohexane</b>
4406293	Aug 23, 1983	Bauer, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline cyclohexylcyclohexyl derivatives</b>
4415470	Nov 15, 1983	Edelsohnk, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline fluorine-containing cyclohexylcyclohexyls and dielectrics and electro-optical display elements</b>
4419263	Dec 6, 1983	Pradolnik, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline ethylenecyclohexane derivatives</b>
4422951	Dec 27, 1983	Soltanazar, et al. <b>Liquid crystal benzoate derivatives</b>
4454545	Jan 10, 1984	Falkner, et al. <b>Nematic liquid compound</b>
4456174	Jan 20, 1984	Chetani, et al. <b>Benzodioxane triazene compositions</b>
4460770	Feb 17, 1984	Petrillo, et al. <b>Liquid crystal mixtures</b>
4472293	Sep 18, 1984	Soltanazar, et al. <b>High temperature liquid crystal substances of low ring and liquid crystal compositions containing the same</b>
4472389	Sep 18, 1984	Takatsuki, et al. <b>Nematic liquid crystalline compounds</b>
4486117	Oct 23, 1984	Takatsuki, et al. <b>Nematic liquid crystalline compounds</b>
4500254	Mar 8, 1985	Falkner, et al. <b>High temperature liquid-crystal-film ester compounds</b>
4518969	Apr 9, 1985	Edelsohnk, et al. <b>Cyclohexane derivatives</b>

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number	date	author(s) and title
4518044	Apr 30, 1985	Gjessing, et al. <b>1-(Tran-4-alkylcyclohexyl)-2-(tran-4'-(p-nitro-ortho-phenyl)cyclohexyl)ethane and liquid crystal mixtures</b>
4526704	Jul 2, 1985	Petrillo, et al. <b>Multistage liquid crystal display</b>
4550981	Nov 5, 1985	Takatsuki, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline esters and mixtures</b>
4550515	Nov 10, 1985	Takatsuki, et al. <b>Nematic liquid crystalline compounds</b>
4582826	Apr 22, 1986	Petrillo, et al. <b>Phenyllethanoate</b>
4621901	Nov 21, 1986	Petrillo, et al. <b>Noord liquid crystal mixtures</b>
4630966	Dec 23, 1986	Petrillo, et al. <b>Benzimidazole</b>
4631876	Apr 14, 1987	Sato, et al. <b>Substituted prolamines</b>
4650962	Apr 21, 1987	Platon, et al. <b>Ethanoate derivatives</b>
4659131	Sep 22, 1987	Bullbeck, et al. <b>Dimethylamino ethanoate and their use in liquid crystal materials and devices</b>
4704227	Nov 2, 1987	Krasne, et al. <b>Liquid crystal compounds</b>
4709020	Nov 28, 1987	Petrillo, et al. <b>Noord liquid crystal mixtures</b>
Dec 1, 1987		Schulz, et al. <b>Azomeric compounds and liquid crystal mixtures therein</b>
4713197	Dec 15, 1987	Edelsohnk, et al. <b>Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds</b>
4730025	Jan 12, 1988	Wadeler, et al. <b>Cyclohexane derivatives</b>
4732167	Jun 26, 1988	Yoshinaga, et al. <b>Liquid crystal devices</b>
4750518	Jun 21, 1988	Edelsohnk, et al. <b>Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds</b>
4759053	Jun 23, 1988	Bachelder, et al. <b>Liquid crystalline compounds</b>
4762154	Sep 18, 1988	Vankalak, et al. <b>2'-[(Tran-4-alkyl-6'-hydroxy)cyclohexyl] and their derivatives, their production process and their use in liquid crystal displays</b>
4792728	Jun 10, 1989	Goto, et al. <b>Cyclohexane derivative and liquid crystal compositions containing same</b>
4826930	Apr 11, 1989	Krasne, et al. <b>Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic esters</b>
4832462	Apr 23, 1989	Clark, et al. <b>Liquid crystal devices</b>
4837247	Oct 31, 1989	Wadeler, et al. <b>Liquid crystal display element</b>
4957749	Sep 18, 1989	Chev, et al. <b>Active matrix screen for the color display of television picture, control systems and process for producing said screen</b>
5010008	Mar 27, 1991	Bauer, <b>Liquid crystal display device with a liquid-crystal compensator</b>
5010080	Mar 27, 1991	Obata. <b>Liquid crystal element with improved contrast and lightness</b>
5122295	Jun 16, 1992	Wada, et al. <b>Matrix liquid crystal display</b>
5124824	Jun 23, 1992	Kosaki, et al. <b>Liquid crystal display device comprising a reticular compensation layer having a maximum principal refractive index in the thickness direction</b>
5137180	Dec 15, 1992	Herrlich, et al. <b>Liquid-crystal matrix display</b>
5280877	Feb 9, 1994	White. <b>Nematic liquid-crystal with gradient screen between terminal groups</b>
5306328	Mar 3, 1994	Petrillo, et al. <b>High temperature liquid-crystal display</b>
5327124	Dec 20, 1994	Wadeler, et al. <b>Supervisory liquid-crystal display</b>
5550077	Aug 6, 1996	Fluoy, et al. <b>Nematic liquid crystal composition</b>
5588316	Sep 10, 1996	Iskakov, et al. <b>Liquid crystal display having adjacent electrode terminals and equal gap length</b>
5601976	Nov 4, 1997	Sakaguchi, et al. <b>Liquid crystal compositions</b>
5858384	Jun 8, 1999	Edelsohnk, et al. <b>Liquid crystal compositions and liquid crystal display elements</b>

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# Word clouds for LCD island and foam island

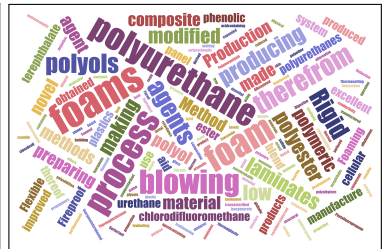
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# The Edinburgh Associative Thesaurus

$n = 23219$ ,  $m = 325624$ , transitivity weight

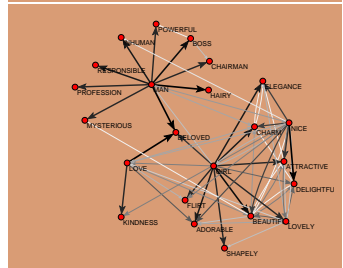
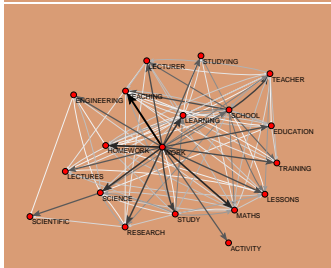
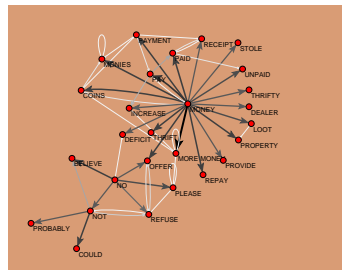
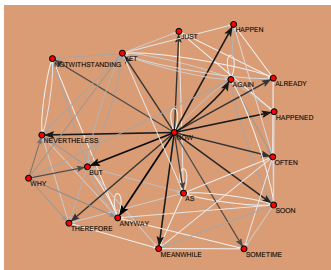
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# Dense groups

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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

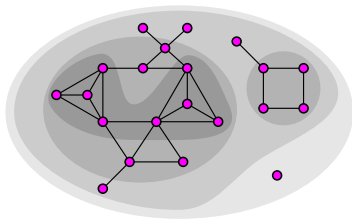
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The notion of core was introduced by Seidman in 1983. Let  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  be a graph. A subgraph  $\mathcal{H} = (W, \mathcal{E}|W)$  induced by the set  $W$  is a *k-core* or a *core of order k* iff  $\forall v \in W :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



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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

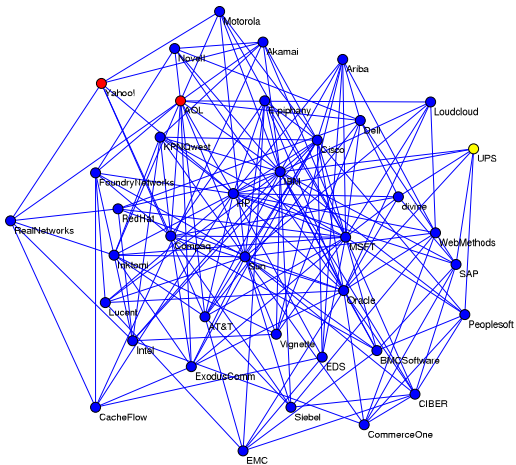
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The notion of core can be generalized to networks. Let  $\mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, w)$  be a network, where  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  is a graph and  $w : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function assigning 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

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



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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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```
File/Network/Read [Geom.net]
Network/Create Partition/k-Core/All
Info/Partition
Operations/Network+Partition/Extract Subnetwork [13-*]
Draw/Network+First Partition
Layout/Energy/Kamada-Kawai
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]
Draw/Network
Options/Values of lines/Similarities
Layout/Energy/Fruchterman-Reingold
```



# Cores of orders 10–21 in Computational Geometry

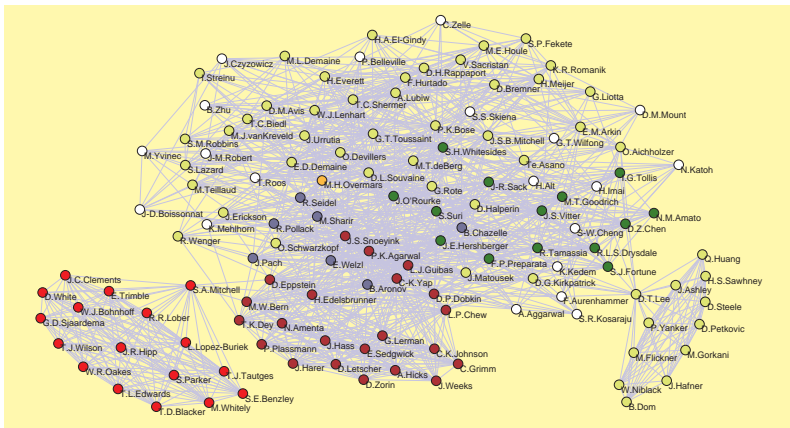
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# $p_S$ -core at level 46 of Geombib network

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