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# Network Analysis

Structure of networks: cohesion

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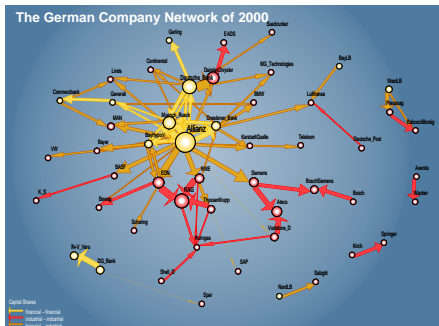
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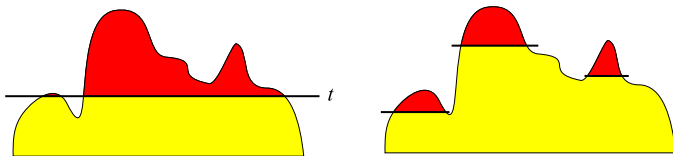


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If we represent a given or computed value of nodes / links as a height of nodes / links and we immerse the network into a water up to selected level we get *islands*. Varying the level we get different islands.



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.



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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

[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

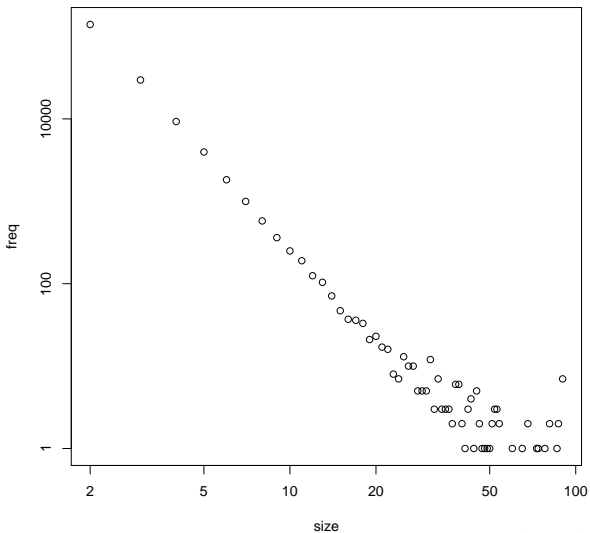
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# Main path and main island in US Patents

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

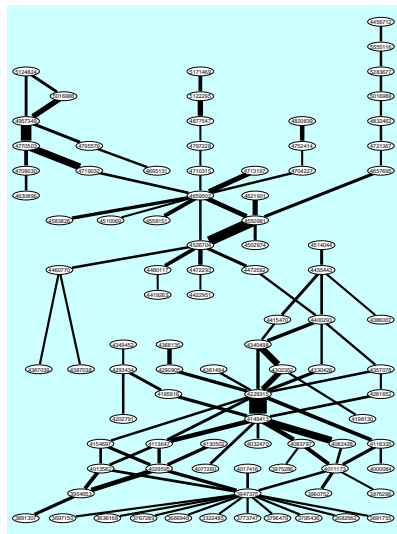
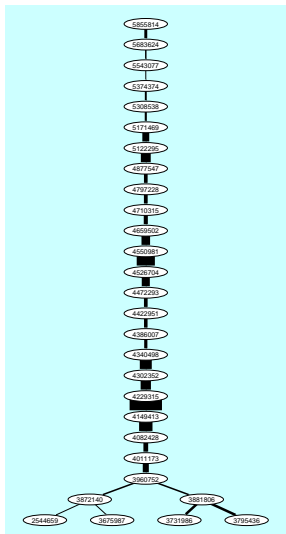
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# Main island Liquid crystal display

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Table 1: Patents on the liquid-crystal display

patent	date	inventor's name and title
2419489	Mar 14, 1985	Moyat, Helmut: High-polymerizer ester and the film and the formation and use thereof
2682542	Jun 29, 1954	Wieder, et al.: Reflection of aromatic carbide
3323245	Jan 29, 1967	Williams: Electro-optical elements utilizing an organic sensitive compound
3626348	Jan 18, 1972	Josephson: Preparation of polycrystalline aromatic compounds
3665848	May 30, 1973	Mockenhaus, et al.: Liquid crystal retarder imaging system having an undistorted image on a distorted background
3675987	Jul 11, 1973	Rubins: Liquid crystal compositions and devices
3691715	Sep 10, 1973	Ginsel: Clock with digital display
3697139	Oct 10, 1973	Wynisch: Electro-optic system in which an electromechanical or dielectric material is dispersed throughout a liquid crystal to reduce the transmittance
3737386	May 8, 1973	Hogson: Display device utilizing liquid crystal light modulation
3737399	Oct 23, 1973	Avramis, et al.: Class of stable trans-stilbene compounds, some displaying nematic mesophase at or near room temperature and others by a range up to 300°C
3773747	Nov 20, 1973	Solomonstein: Substituted azoxy benzeno compounds
3795436	Mar 5, 1974	Huber, et al.: Nematicotropic material which exhibits the Kerr effect at isotropic temperatures
3796479	Mar 12, 1974	Huber, et al.: Electro-optical light modulation cell utilizing a nematicotropic material which exhibits the Kerr effect at isotropic temperatures
3872140	Mar 18, 1975	Klaassen, et al.: Liquid crystalline compositions and method
3872926	Apr 8, 1975	Deutscher, et al.: Use of aromatic liquid crystalline substances
3881866	May 6, 1975	Nyman: Electro-optical display device
3891367	Jun 24, 1975	Tokumoto, et al.: Phase control of the voltage applied to opposite electrodes for a cholesteric to nematic phase transition display
3947275	Mar 30, 1976	Craig, et al.: Liquid crystal materials and devices
3954653	Mar 4, 1976	Yoshino, et al.: Liquid crystalline coatings having high dielectric anisotropy and display device incorporating same
3966732	Jun 1, 1976	Yoshino, et al.: Liquid crystal compositions
3975286	Apr 27, 1976	Oh: Low voltage actuated field effect liquid crystal compositions and method of manufacture
4000884	Dec 28, 1976	Block, et al.: Liquid crystal mixtures for electro-optical display
4011773	Mar 8, 1977	Solomonstein: Modified nematic mixtures with positive dielectric anisotropy
4033582	Mar 22, 1977	Levchicko: Liquid crystal compounds and electro-optic devices incorporating them
4074136	Apr 12, 1977	Block, et al.: $\beta$ -Cyanoethyl-4-alkyl-4'-hydroxybenzoates useful for preparing same and liquid crystal compositions using same
4092995	Jun 14, 1977	Rowe, et al.: Novel liquid crystal compounds and electro-optic devices incorporating them
4097249	Mar 7, 1978	Craig, et al.: Optically active cyano-phenyl compounds and liquid crystal materials containing them
4098428	Apr 4, 1978	Hsu: Liquid crystal composition and method

Table 2: Patents on the liquid-crystal display

patent	date	inventor's name and title
4083709	Apr 11, 1978	Oh: Nematic liquid crystal compositions
4112647	Sep 12, 1978	Cotton, et al.: Liquid crystalline materials
4135250	Oct 3, 1978	Krause, et al.: Liquid crystalline materials of reduced viscosity
4139592	Dec 10, 1978	Edelmann, et al.: Liquid crystalline cyclodextran derivatives
4149411	Apr 17, 1979	Craig, et al.: Optically active liquid crystal mixtures and liquid crystal devices containing them
4154007	May 15, 1979	Edelmann, et al.: Liquid crystalline benzodihydroxyphenyl derivatives
4193916	Apr 1, 1980	Cotton, et al.: Liquid crystal compounds
4198130	Apr 15, 1980	Bolter, et al.: Liquid crystal mixtures
4202791	May 13, 1980	Sato, et al.: Nematic liquid crystalline materials
4229315	Oct 21, 1980	Krause, et al.: Liquid crystalline cyclodextran derivatives
4263052	Apr 14, 1981	Craig, et al.: Liquid crystal compounds and materials and devices containing them
4269995	Sep 22, 1981	Deutscher, et al.: Liquid crystal compounds
4292524	Oct 6, 1981	Kecke, Ester compound
4302352	Nov 24, 1981	Deutscher, et al.: Liquid crystal compounds
4330646	Nov 18, 1982	Edelmann, et al.: Fluorohydroxydioxanes, the preparation thereof and their use as components of liquid crystal dielectrics
4330648	Nov 18, 1982	Edelmann, et al.: Cyklohexylhydroxydioxane, their preparation and use in dielectrics and electrooptical display elements
4340498	Jul 20, 1982	Craig, et al.: Hydroxydioxane derivatives
4349452	Sep 14, 1982	Omura, et al.: Cyklohexylhydroxydioxane
4357078	Nov 2, 1982	Craig, et al.: Liquid crystal compounds containing an alkyloxy ring and exhibiting a low dielectric anisotropy and liquid crystal materials and devices incorporating such compounds
4361494	Nov 30, 1982	Omura, et al.: Aromatic cyklohexyl cyklohexylhydroxydioxane
4368135	Jan 13, 1983	Omura, et al.: Aromatic cyklohexyl cyklohexylhydroxydioxane with negative or positive DC-anisotropy and optically anisotropic
4368607	Mar 31, 1983	Krause, et al.: Liquid crystalline azobenzene derivatives
4376708	Jun 7, 1983	Pikuli, et al.: 4-(Transe-4'-alkylcyklohexyl) benzoic acid- $\alpha$ - $\alpha'$ -trioxo- $\beta$ -diphenyl-ester
4387079	Jun 7, 1983	Sagami, et al.: Transe-4-(transe-4'-alkylcyklohexyl)cyklohexanoate and exhibiting a low dielectric anisotropy and liquid crystal materials and devices incorporating such compounds
4406293	Aug 23, 1983	Bauer, et al.: Liquid crystalline cyklohexylhydroxydioxane
4415470	Nov 12, 1983	Edelmann, et al.: Liquid crystalline fluorine-containing cyklohexylhydroxydioxane and dielectrics and electro-optical display elements
4419263	Dec 6, 1983	Pradko, et al.: Liquid crystalline cyklohexylcarboanilic derivatives
4422951	Dec 27, 1983	Sagami, et al.: Liquid crystal helicon derivatives
4454543	Nov 10, 1984	Taketai, et al.: Nematic liquid compound
4456712	Jun 20, 1984	Chen, et al.: Benzamide benzoate compositions
4460770	Jul 17, 1984	Petrillio, et al.: Liquid crystal mixtures
4472293	Sep 18, 1984	Sagami, et al.: High temperature liquid crystal substance of low ring and liquid crystal compositions containing the same
4472390	Sep 18, 1984	Taketai, et al.: High temperature liquid-crystal mixtures
4486117	Oct 20, 1984	Taketai, et al.: Nematic liquid crystalline compounds
4502574	Mar 5, 1985	Taketai, et al.: High temperature liquid-crystal mixtures containing a cholesteric phase
4510869	Apr 9, 1985	Edelmann, et al.: Cyklohexano derivatives

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patent	date	inventor's name and title
4510414	Apr 30, 1985	Grigoras, et al.: 1-(Transe-4-alkylcyklohexyl)-2-(transe-4'-[p-ethyl-ortho-phenyl] cyklohexyl)ethanoate and liquid crystal mixtures
4526704	Jul 2, 1985	Petrillio, et al.: Multilayer liquid crystal display
4530981	Nov 5, 1985	Taketai, et al.: Liquid crystalline esters and mixtures
4535151	Dec 10, 1985	Taketai, et al.: Nematic liquid crystalline compounds
4538268	Apr 22, 1986	Petrillio, et al.: Fluorethanoate
4621361	Nov 11, 1986	Petrillio, et al.: Novel liquid crystal mixtures
4630986	Dec 23, 1986	Petrillio, et al.: Benzothiazole
4631705	Apr 14, 1987	Sato, et al.: Substituted propanoates
4650992	Apr 21, 1987	Watson, et al.: Ethanoate derivatives
4695131	Sep 22, 1987	Hubbert, et al.: Diisobutylated ethanoate and their use in liquid crystal materials and devices
4704227	Nov 2, 1987	Krause, et al.: Liquid crystal compounds
4709020	Nov 28, 1987	Petrillio, et al.: Novel liquid crystal mixtures
4711397	Dec 1, 1987	Schulz, et al.: Aromatic compounds and liquid crystal mixtures therewith
4713192	Dec 12, 1987	Edelmann, et al.: Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds
4719026	Jan 12, 1988	Waldner, et al.: Cyklohexano derivatives
4721367	Jan 26, 1988	Yoshinaga, et al.: Liquid crystal devices
4725114	Jan 27, 1988	Edelmann, et al.: Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds
4739053	Jun 13, 1988	Bachauer, et al.: Liquid crystalline compounds
4757519	Sep 1, 1988	Vandekerckhove, et al.: 2,2'-bis(4-alkoxy-4'-hydroxyphenyl) ether and their derivatives, their production process and their use in liquid crystal display devices
4797228	Jun 10, 1989	Goto, et al.: Cyklohexano derivatives and liquid crystal compositions containing same
4826830	Apr 11, 1989	Krause, et al.: Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic oxides
4832462	Apr 23, 1989	Clark, et al.: Liquid crystal devices
4837147	Oct 31, 1989	Wolter, et al.: Liquid crystal display element
4957749	Sep 18, 1989	Chen, et al.: Active matrix screen for the color display of television pictures, control system and process for producing said screen
5010080	Mar 21, 1991	Umetani: Liquid crystal display device with a birefringent compensator
5010086	Mar 21, 1991	Ohno: Liquid crystal element with improved contrast and lightness
5122295	Jun 16, 1992	Waldner, et al.: Matrix liquid crystal display
5124824	Jun 23, 1992	Konishi, et al.: Liquid crystal display device comprising a retardation compensator layer having a maximum principal refractive index in the thickness direction
5137480	Dec 15, 1992	Herrlich, et al.: Liquid crystal matrix display
5280877	Feb 4, 1994	Edelmann, et al.: Liquid crystal display with spread region between terminal groups
5306328	Mar 3, 1994	Wolter, et al.: Superpixel liquid-crystal display
5327474	Dec 20, 1994	Wolter, et al.: Nematic liquid crystal with spread region between terminal groups
5545077	Aug 6, 1996	Edelmann, et al.: Nematic liquid crystal composition
5561316	Sep 10, 1996	Iskakov, et al.: Liquid crystal display having adjacent electrode terminals and equal size liquid crystals
5582626	Nov 4, 1997	Schwarz, et al.: Liquid crystal compositions
5658314	Jun 8, 1999	Edelmann, et al.: Liquid crystal compositions and liquid crystal display 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

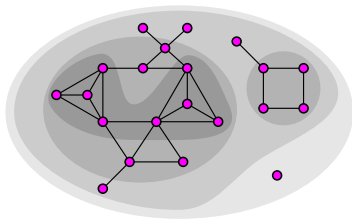
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The notion of core was introduced by Seidman in 1983. Let  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  be a graph. A subgraph  $\mathcal{H} = (W, \mathcal{E}|W)$  induced by the set  $W$  is a *k-core* or a *core of order k* iff  $\forall v \in W$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

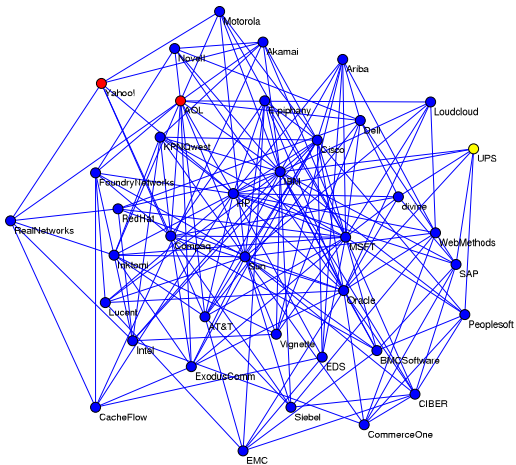
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# Generalized cores

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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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Operations/Network+Partition/Extract Subnetwork [13-*]
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Options/Values of lines/Similarities
Layout/Energy/Kamada-Kawai
Operations/Network+Partition/Extract Subnetwork [21]
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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
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# Cores of orders 10–21 in Computational Geometry

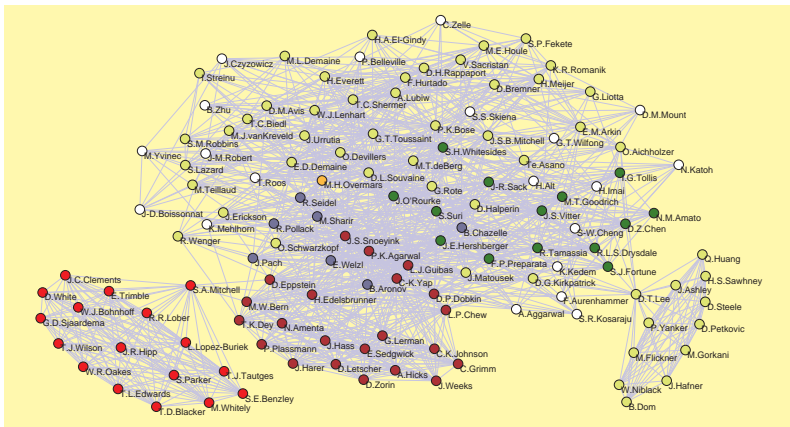
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# $p_S$ -core at level 46 of Geombib network

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