Temporal cores in networks

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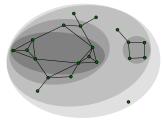
Core of order k

Network: $\mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{W}); \ n = |\mathcal{V}|, m = |\mathcal{L}|$

k-core (Seidman 1983): A subgraph $\mathcal{H} = (\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{C}))$ induced by the set \mathcal{C} is a k-core or a core of order k iff $\forall v \in \mathcal{C} : deg_{\mathcal{H}}(v) \geq k$ and \mathcal{H} is the maximum subgraph with this property.

The core of maximum order – main core.

The core number of node v is the highest order of a core that contains this node.



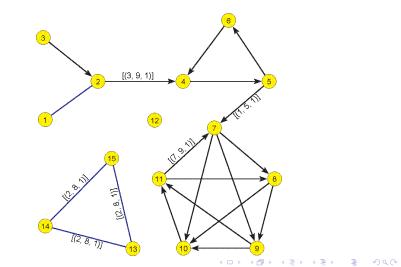
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Core decomposition

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Temporal network

Temporal network $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{T}} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{W})$ is obtained by attaching the time \mathcal{T} to an ordinary network, where \mathcal{T} is a set of time points: $t \in \mathcal{T}$ which are usually integers or reals.



Temporal quantities

Notion: T(v) – the activity set of time points for the node v; T(I) the activity set of time points for the link I

Consistency condition: If a link l(u, v) is active at the time point t then its end-nodes u and v should be active at the time t:

 $T(I(u, v)) \subseteq T(u) \cap T(v).$

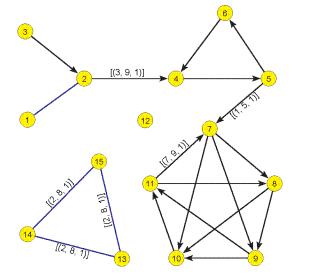
Temporal quantity *a* with the activity set $T_a \subseteq T$ describes the changes of properties of nodes and links:

$$a = \begin{cases} a'(t) & t \in T_a \\ \text{undefined} & t \in \mathcal{T} \setminus T_a \end{cases}$$

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Core maintenance

The problem of maintaining core numbers for a temporal network.



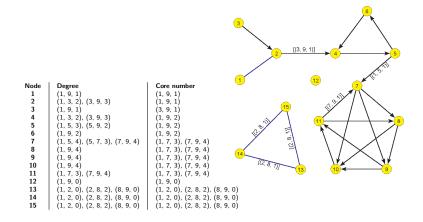
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Simple algorithm for cores in temporal networks

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TemporalCores (\mathcal{N}):
1
2
    D = \{u: [triples (start, finish, deg)]\}
3
    CoreHierarchy = {u: [triples with deg = 0]}
4
    D = (D. filter(deg > 0)).remove(empty triples)
5
    Dmin = \{u: min deg\}
6
    while D not empty:
7
             (dmin, u) = (deg, u) \ni (u, deg) \in Dmin \land deg is min deg
8
             core = [triples from D[u] \ni: deg[u] from triple is equal to dmin]
9
             CoreHierarchy [u]. add (core)
10
             change = core. set (deg = -1)
11
             D[u] = D[u]. add(change). cutAt(dmin) \\ value >= dmin
12
             for | in \mathcal{N}.star(u):
13
                     v = other end-node of I
14
                      if not v in D: continue
15
                      changeLink = |.intersection(change).set(deg = -1)
16
                      if changeLink empty: continue
17
                      diff = D[v]. add(changeLink). cutAt(0) \\ value >= 0
                     D[v] = diff.set(max(currentValue, dmin))
18
                      if D[v] is empty:
19
                              delete D[v], Dmin[v]
20
21
                      else:
22
                              Dmin[v] = triple \in D[v] with min deg
23
             if D[u] empty:
24
                      delete D[u], Dmin[u]
25
             else :
26
                     Dmin[u] = triple \in D[u] with min deg
27
    return CoreHierarchv
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Artificial example



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Real-life example – Reuters terror news network¹

Obtained from the CRA (Centering Resonance Analysis) networks produced by Steve Corman and Kevin Dooley at Arizona State University.

Based on all the stories released during 66 consecutive days by the news agency Reuters concerning the September 11 attack on the U.S., beginning at 9:00 AM EST 9/11/01.

Nodes: important words (terms), n = 13332

Lines: two nodes appear in the same utterance, m=243447, undirected, weight is equal to the frequency of appearance, 50859 of them have the weight larger than 1. No loops.

Example: induced subnetwork on 50 most active nodes.

 $^{^{1}}$ Data available at: http://vlado.fmf.uni-lj.si/pub/networks/data/CBA/terror.htm $_{\circ \circ \circ}$

Real-life example – Reuters terror news network

Node Degree

- (1, 2, 5), (2, 3, 6), (3, 4, 3), (4, 5, 5), (5, 6, 4), (6, 8, 3), (8, 10, 5), (10, 11, 3), (11, 13, 2), (13, 16, 3), (16, 17, 4), (17, 18, 5), (18, 19, 3), (19, 21, 1), (21, 22, 2), (22, 23, 1), (23, 24, 4), (24, 25, 1), (25, 29, 3), (29, 31, 2), (31, 33, 3), (33, 34, 1), (34, 36, 3), (36, 37, 2), (37, 39, 3), (39, 40, 4), (40, 41, 2), (41, 42, 0), (42, 43, 3), (43, 44, 2), (44, 45, 3), (45, 46, 1), (46, 47, 2), (47, 48, 3), (48, 49, 0), (49, 50, 4), (50, 51, 1), (51, 52, 2), (52, 53, 1), (53, 54, 0), (54, 58, 2), (58, 59, 3), (59, 60, 2), (60, 61, 4), (61, 62, 0), (62, 64, 2), (64, 65, 1), (65, 67, 2)
 (1, 2, 27), (2, 3, 29), ..., (63, 64, 2), (64, 65, 0), (66, 67, 0)
- ...
- **50** (1, 2, 3), (2, 3, 2), (3, 5, 1), (5, 8, 0), (8, 10, 1), (10, 11, 2), (11, 12, 1), (12, 15, 0), (15, 16, 3), (16, 17, 1), (17, 19, 0), (19, 20, 1), (20, 21, 2), (21, 22, 0), (22, 24, 1), (24, 26, 0), (26, 27, 2), (27, 28, 0), (28, 29, 1), (29, 31, 0), (31, 32, 1), (32, 33, 0), (33, 35, 1), (35, 37, 0), (37, 38, 1), (38, 42, 0), (43, 44, 2), (44, 49, 0), (49, 50, 2), (51, 57, 0), (58, 61, 0), (61, 62, 1), (62, 67, 0)

Node Core number

- 2 (1, 3, 5), (3, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5), ..., (63, 64, 1), (64, 65, 0), (66, 67, 0)
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- 50 (1, 3, 2), (3, 5, 1), (5, 8, 0), (8, 10, 1), (10, 11, 2), (11, 12, 1), (12, 15, 0), (15, 16, 3), (16, 17, 1), (17, 19, 0), (19, 20, 1), (20, 21, 2), (21, 22, 0), (22, 24, 1), (24, 26, 0), (26, 27, 1), (27, 28, 0), (28, 29, 1), (29, 31, 0), (31, 32, 1), (32, 33, 0), (33, 35, 1), (35, 37, 0), (37, 38, 1), (38, 42, 0), (43, 44, 1), (44, 49, 0), (49, 50, 2), (51, 57, 0), (58, 61, 0), (61, 62, 1), (62, 67, 0)

Real-life example – Reuters terror news network

Node		Core number (≥ 3)	Node	•	Core number (≥ 3)
1	united_states	(1, 2, 4), (2, 3, 5), (5, 6, 4), (8, 10, 4)	25	world	(1, 3, 5), (3, 10, 4)
2	attack	(1, 3, 5), (3, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5), (7, 10, 4), (11, 12, 4),	26	terrorism	(2, 3, 4)
		(30, 31, 4)			
4	people	(1, 3, 5), (3, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5), (7, 8, 4)	27	day	(2, 3, 4), (5, 6, 4)
5	afghanistan	(1, 3, 4), (5, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5), (8, 10, 4), (30, 31, 4)	28	week	(5, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5), (8, 10, 4), (11, 12, 4)
6	bin_laden	(1, 4, 4), (5, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5), (7, 10, 4), (11, 12, 4)	29	worker	(1, 2, 4), (2, 3, 5)
7	new_york	(1, 3, 5), (3, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5), (30, 31, 4)	30	office	(1, 3, 4)
8	pres_bush	(1, 3, 5), (3, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5), (7, 10, 4), (11, 12, 4)	31	group	(2, 3, 4), (6, 7, 4)
9	washington	(1, 3, 5), (3, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5), (7, 10, 4), (11, 12, 4)	32	air	(2, 3, 4), (5, 6, 4)
10	official	(1, 3, 5), (3, 4, 4), (5, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5)	34	time	(1, 3, 5), (3, 4, 4), (5, 6, 4), (7, 8, 4)
12	military	(1, 2, 4), (5, 6, 4), (30, 31, 4)	35	hijack	(2, 3, 4)
13	plane	(1, 3, 5), (3, 7, 4)	36	strike	(2, 3, 4), (5, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5), (30, 31, 4)
14	world_trade_ctr	(1, 3, 5), (3, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5), (30, 31, 4)	38	flight	(2, 3, 4)
15	security	(1, 2, 4), (2, 3, 5), (5, 6, 4)	39	tell	(2, 3, 4)
16	american	(2, 3, 4)	40	terrorist	(1, 3, 4), (6, 7, 4)
17	country	(1, 3, 4), (5, 10, 4)	41	airport	(2, 3, 4)
18	city	(1, 3, 5), (3, 4, 4)	42	pakistan	(2, 3, 4), (5, 7, 4)
19	war	(1, 2, 4), (2, 3, 5), (5, 8, 4)	43	tower	(1, 3, 5), (3, 4, 4), (6, 7, 5)
20	tuesday	(1, 3, 5), (3, 7, 4)	45	new	(2, 3, 4)
21	pentagon	(1, 3, 5), (3, 4, 4), (5, 6, 4), (6, 7, 5)	47	wednesday	(2, 3, 5), (3, 4, 4), (8, 10, 4)
22	force	(5, 6, 4)	48	nation	(1, 3, 4), (5, 6, 4)
23	government	(1, 3, 4), (5, 6, 4)	49	police	(2, 4, 4), (5, 6, 4)
24	leader	(1, 4, 4), (6, 10, 4)			

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A data set on the stem cell research during 1997–2012 in Spain collected by Gisela Cantos-Mateos consisting of data on papers about stem cell research in the SCI (Science Citation Index).

Nodes: Spanish institutions, n = 577

Lines: collaborations between institutions, m = 8578.

²Cantos-Mateos, G., Zulueta, M.A., Vargas-Quesada, B., Chinchilla-Rodriguez, Z., 2014. Estudio evolutivo de la investigacion espanola con celulas madre. Visualizacion e identificacion de las principales l'ineas de investigacion. El Profesional de la Informacion, 23(3), 259-271

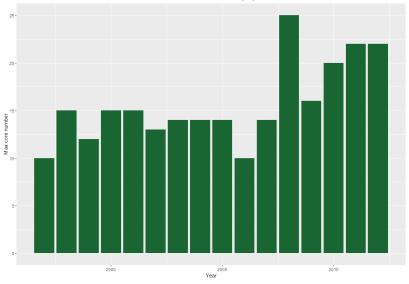
Real-life example – Stem cell research

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2		(2010, 2011, 20), (2011, 2012, 21)		IN/A	(2008, 2009, 25)		CIC-	(2010, 2011, 20), (2011, 2013, 22)
2	HCSC/W	(2010, 2011, 20), (2011, 2012, 21)	5	IN/A	(2008, 2009, 25)		IBMCC/SA	
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6	HUS/SA	(2008, 2009, 25), (2010, 2011, 20),	8	IDIBELL/B	(2011, 2012, 20)	9	UB/B	(2008, 2009, 25), (2010, 2011, 20),
		(2011, 2012, 21), (2012, 2013, 22)			/			(2011, 2013, 22)
10	UNIZAR/Z	(2008, 2009, 21), (2012, 2013, 21)	11	USAL/SA	(2008, 2009, 25), (2010, 2011, 20),	12	HVH/B	(2010, 2011, 20), (2011, 2013, 22)
					(2011, 2013, 22)			
13	HNJ/M	(2010, 2011, 20), (2012, 2013, 22)	16	ICO/CT	(2008, 2009, 25), (2010, 2011, 20),	17	HMM/MU	(2011, 2012, 22)
					(2012, 2013, 22)			
259	HMS/Z	(2011, 2012, 21)	20	UPC/B	(2011, 2012, 21), (2012, 2013, 22)	21	ICREA/B	(2010, 2011, 20)
22	HDM/B	(2008, 2009, 21), (2012, 2013, 22)	23	UNAV	(2008, 2009, 25), (2011, 2013, 22)	24	UPV-	(2008, 2009, 21), (2010, 2011, 20)
							EHU	
27	HISC3/M	(2008, 2009, 25), (2010, 2011, 20),	543	PFIZER/M	(2011, 2012, 21)	32	HRYC/M	(2008, 2009, 21), (2010, 2011, 20),
		(2011, 2013, 22)						(2011, 2013, 22)
289	HJXXIII/T	(2008, 2009, 25)	34	HCL/V	(2010, 2011, 20), (2011, 2013, 22)	35	HUGTIP/B	(2010, 2011, 20), (2012, 2013, 20)
36	UAB/B	(2008, 2009, 21), (2010, 2011, 20),	37	US/SE	(2010, 2011, 20)	38	UV/V	(2008, 2009, 25), (2010, 2011, 20),
		(2011, 2013, 22)						(2011, 2013, 22)
40	HCL/B	(2010, 2011, 20), (2011, 2013, 22)	46	IDIBAPS/B	(2008, 2009, 21), (2010, 2011, 20),	48	HSCSP/B	(2008, 2009, 21), (2010, 2011, 20),
	,			,	(2011, 2013, 22)			(2011, 2013, 22)
51	HBST/B	(2008, 2009, 25), (2011, 2012, 21)	53	H12O/M	(2008, 2009, 25), (2011, 2013, 21)	54	CNB	(2012, 2013, 22)
55	HUPH/M	(2011, 2012, 21), (2012, 2013, 22)	57	HCLB/Z	(2011, 2012, 21)	58	HCUN/NA	(2011, 2013, 22)
266	URL/B	(2012, 2013, 22)	62	UAM/M	(2008, 2009, 25), (2010, 2011, 20),			(2008, 2009, 25), (2010, 2011, 20),
		(, , , , , ,			(2011, 2013, 22)		,	(2011, 2013, 22)
65	HRS/CO	(2012, 2013, 21)	66	HCRUCES/BL	(2011, 2012, 21)	67	CIPF/V	(2008, 2009, 21)
69	UMA/MA	(2008, 2009, 21), (2010, 2011, 20),	72	HUMV/S	(2008, 2009, 25), (2011, 2013, 22)			(2011, 2012, 22), (2012, 2013, 20)
		(2011, 2012, 21), (2012, 2013, 22)			((
74	CIBERDEM	(2008, 2009, 25)	75	SEHH	(2011, 2012, 21), (2012, 2013, 20)	76	HULP/M	(2008, 2009, 25), (2010, 2011, 20),
		(((2011, 2013, 22)
77	UPV/V	(2008, 2009, 21)	336	TERCEL	(2008, 2009, 25)	81	HVA/MU	(2011, 2012, 20), (2012, 2013, 21)
82	UM/MU	(2008, 2009, 25)	85	UA/A	(2008, 2009, 25), (2011, 2012, 20)		HUP/M	(2011, 2013, 22)
	HSO/M	(2011, 2012, 21)	89	UPF/B	(2008, 2009, 21), (2012, 2013, 22)			(2012, 2013, 22)
	GENYO/GR	(2011, 2012, 21)	93	CBMSO/M	(2010, 2011, 20), (2011, 2012, 22),			(2011, 2013, 22)
92	GENTO/GR	(2011, 2012, 21)	93	CDWDO/W	(2012, 2013, 21)	90	BACINI/ GI	(2011, 2013, 22)
272	ULEON/LE	(2011, 2013, 22)	210	SESCAM/TO	(2012, 2013, 21) (2011, 2012, 21)	100	USC	(2011, 2013, 22)
		(2011, 2013, 22) (2011, 2012, 21)		HGJF/CA	(2011, 2012, 21) (2011, 2012, 21)			(2008, 2009, 21), (2011, 2012, 22),
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111	HANDERSON/M	(2011, 2012, 21)	112	INCYL	(2008, 2009, 21), (2010, 2011, 20),	258	INIA/M	(2012, 2013, 22)
		((2012, 2013, 21)			
	H-JAEN	(2012, 2013, 22)		HJC/C	(2011, 2012, 20)			(2008, 2009, 25)
	HCSOL/MA	(2012, 2013, 22)		IBV/V	(2008, 2009, 25)		CRG/B	(2008, 2009, 25), (2011, 2012, 21)
	SERIDA/O	(2011, 2012, 21)		HSC/GR	(2010, 2011, 20)			(2010, 2011, 20), (2011, 2013, 22)
	IIBM/M	(2011, 2012, 22)		UNIOVI/O	(2010, 2011, 20)		UAH/M	(2008, 2009, 25)
	HUVR/SE	(2008, 2009, 25), (2011, 2013, 22)		UVA	(2012, 2013, 22)		IRB/B	(2011, 2012, 22)
452	HVS/TO	(2011, 2012, 21)	80	HUPLFV/V	(2008, 2009, 25), (2010, 2011, 20),	307	HVB/LE	(2010, 2011, 20)
					(2011, 2013, 22)			
232	HUB/B	(2008, 2009, 25)	492	UPNA/NA	(2012, 2013, 22)	253	UCLM	(2011, 2012, 21), (2012, 2013, 22)

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Real-life example - Stem cell research

Max core numbers by years



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Roberto Franzosi collected from the journal news in the period January 1919 – December 1922 information about the different types of interactions between political parties and other groups of people in Italy. The violence network contains only the data about violent actions and counts the number of interactions per month.

Nodes: groups of people, n = 29Links: violent interactions, m = 105

³Franzosi, R., 1997. Mobilization and CounterMobilization Processes: From the Red Years (1919-20) to the Black Years (1921-22) in Italy. A New Methodological Approach to the Study of Narrative Data. Theory and Society, 26(2-3) = 275-304

Real-life example – Violence network

Node	e	Core number (\geq 3)
16	workers	(29, 30, 3), (33, 34, 3), (39, 41, 3)
1	undefined	(29, 30, 3), (39, 40, 3)
2	?	(31, 32, 3), (33, 34, 3), (40, 41, 3)
3	people	(31, 32, 3), (33, 34, 3), (39, 40, 3)
4	police	(31, 32, 3), (33, 34, 3), (40, 41, 3)
21	catholics	(33, 34, 3)
7	fascists	(29, 30, 3), (31, 32, 3), (33, 34, 3), (39, 41, 3)
8	communists	(29, 30, 3)
10	socialists	(31, 32, 3), (40, 41, 3)

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Real-life example – Violence network

Node	Core numb	per (> 2)
1 undefine	d (15, 16, 2)	, (17, 18, 2), (25, 29, 2), (29, 30, 3), (31, 32, 2), (38, 39, 2), (39, 40, 3), (41,
	44, 2), (45	, 46, 2), (48, 49, 2)
2 ?	(14, 16, 2)	, (17, 18, 2), (28, 29, 2), (31, 32, 3), (32, 33, 2), (33, 34, 3), (34, 35, 2), (40,
	41, 3)	
3 people	(16, 18, 2)	, (23, 24, 2), (25, 26, 2), (28, 30, 2), (31, 32, 3), (33, 34, 3), (35, 37, 2), (39,
	40, 3), (41	, 43, 2), (48, 49, 2)
4 police	(11, 12, 2)	, (14, 20, 2), (21, 23, 2), (29, 31, 2), (31, 32, 3), (32, 33, 2), (33, 34, 3), (34,
		, 40, 2), (40, 41, 3)
5 land own		, (17, 20, 2), (29, 30, 2), (36, 37, 2), (38, 40, 2), (42, 43, 2)
7 fascists		, (16, 17, 2), (19, 20, 2), (21, 24, 2), (25, 29, 2), (29, 30, 3), (30, 31, 2), (31,
		, 33, 2), (33, 34, 3), (34, 37, 2), (38, 39, 2), (39, 41, 3), (41, 44, 2), (45, 46,
	2), (48, 49	
8 commur		, (29, 30, 3), (31, 33, 2), (35, 37, 2), (43, 44, 2)
9 workers		, (17, 20, 2), (28, 30, 2), (31, 32, 2), (33, 35, 2), (38, 43, 2), (45, 46, 2)
10 socialist		, (16, 18, 2), (19, 20, 2), (22, 23, 2), (25, 26, 2), (27, 30, 2), (31, 32, 3), (33,
		, 40, 2), (40, 41, 3), (41, 42, 2)
12 war affe		, (39, 40, 2)
13 proteste		, (21, 22, 2), (29, 30, 2), (31, 32, 2), (38, 40, 2)
16 workers		, (14, 18, 2), (19, 20, 2), (21, 24, 2), (25, 26, 2), (27, 29, 2), (29, 30, 3), (30,
		, 34, 3), (34, 37, 2), (38, 39, 2), (39, 41, 3), (41, 44, 2), (45, 46, 2)
17 the right		, (41, 42, 2)
19 populars		
20 students		
21 catholics		
25 republic		
26 thugs	(29, 30, 2)	
27 prisoner	s/arrested (40, 41, 2)	

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Improve the complexity of the algorithm

Extend the algorithm to generalized temporal cores

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