

Large Scale Graph Mining

COMMUNITY DETECTION APPROACHES

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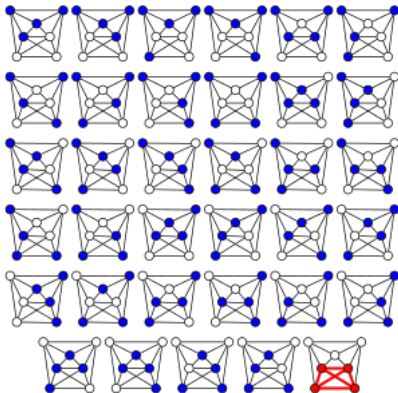
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Typical large network structure: k -Clique

- 👉 A clique is a complete subgraph.
- 👉 k -clique is a complete subgraph with k nodes
- 👉 Brute force algorithm finds all k -cliques: C_n^k combinations for completeness.
- 👉 A maximal clique cannot be extended by including one more adjacent vertex.
- 👉 A maximum clique is a clique, such that there is no clique with more vertices.



👉 C_7^4 4-cliques

Typical large network structure: k -Clique

- ☞ Different formulations of clique problem (listing maximal cliques, or k -cliques,).
 - ✓ Clique decision problem is NP-Complete: input is an undirected graph and a number k ; output is true if the graph contains a k -clique, false otherwise.
- ☞ Common problem formulation: finding maximal cliques, i.e. cliques with the largest number of nodes.
 - ✓ Many algorithms: Bron–Kerbosch algorithm to find all maximal cliques (different variants, $O(3^{\frac{n}{3}})$ in the worst case), Tarjan & Trojanowski algorithm and more recently Janez Konc algorithm.
 - ✓ Many algorithms with better theoretical complexity to find all maximal cliques, Bron–Kerbosch (and improvements) are more efficient.

Bron-Kerbosch Algorithm: All Maximal Cliques

Basic form of Bron–Kerbosch algorithm:

*** R : nodes of a potential clique; P : nodes to be added to a potential clique (neighbours of the current v); X : nodes already processed or already belong to a maximale clique***

$P = V, X = \emptyset, R = \emptyset$

Function *BronKerbosch*(R, P, X)

if $P = \emptyset$ and $X = \emptyset$ **then**

R is a maximal clique

end if

for $v \in P$ **do**

BronKerbosch($R \cup \{v\}, P \cap \mathcal{N}_v, X \cap \mathcal{N}_v$)

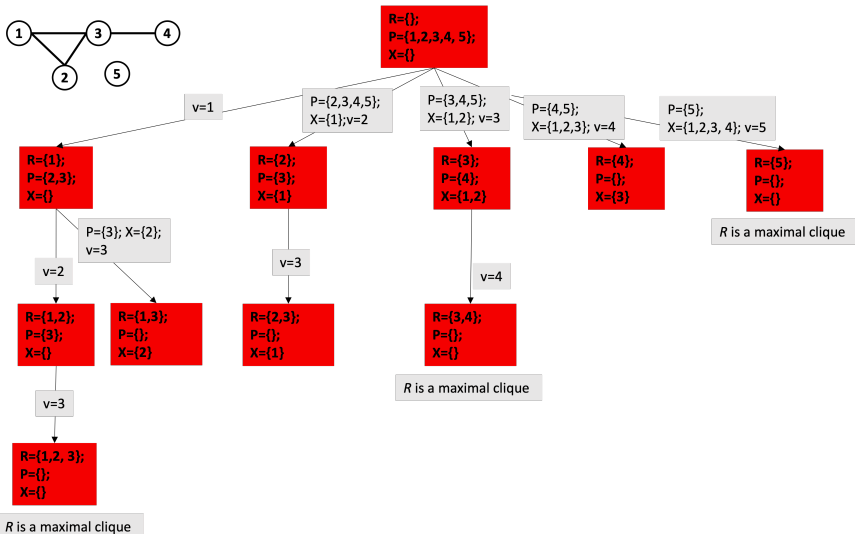
$P \leftarrow P \setminus \{v\}$

$X \leftarrow X \cup \{v\}$

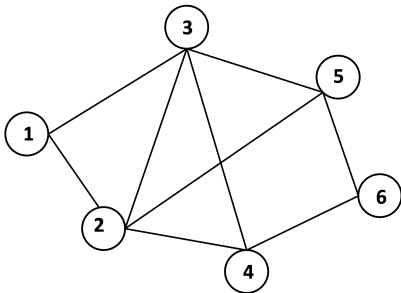
end for

it makes a recursive call for every clique, maximal or not.

Bron-Kerbosch Algorithm: All Maximal Cliques - Example



Bron-Kerbosch Algorithm: All Maximal Cliques - Exercise



Bronkerbosh($R=\{\}$; $P=\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$; $X=\{\}$)

$v=1$

Bronkerbosh($R=\{1\}$; $P=\{2,3\}$; $X=\{\}$)

$v=2$

Bronkerbosh($R=\{1,2\}$; $P=\{3\}$; $X=\{\}$)

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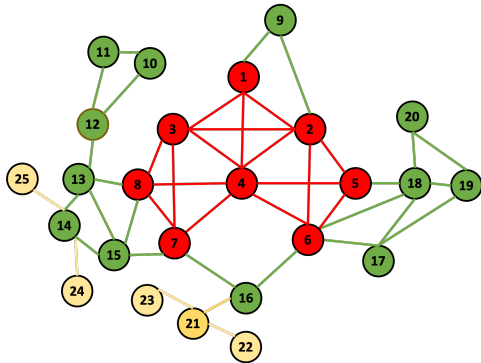
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Bron-Kerbosch Algorithm: All Maximal Cliques

- ☞ Bron and Kerbosch also introduced an optimization with pivot to decrease the number of recursive calls and therefore enable faster backtracking.
 - ✓ Any pivot u chosen $\in P$ or later from $P \cup X$, then neighbors of u are not recursively tested. Any maximal clique potentially found in neighbors of u would also be found when testing u or one of its non-neighbors.
- ☞ The degeneracy of G is the smallest degree d s.t. each subgraph of G has a vertex with degree $\leq d$. A degeneracy ordering of vertices may be determined in linear time (seen later).
 - ✓ Bron–Kerbosch algorithm loops through a degeneracy ordering, P of candidate vertices in each call (the neighbors of v that are later in the ordering) will be guaranteed to have size at most d .

Typical large network structure: k -Core

- Core-periphery structure of a network: internal core where a lot of nodes are connected and peripheral nodes called whiskers (Leskovec et al, 2009). 



- k -core of a graph G is a maximal connected subgraph of G where vertices have at least k -degree. Also called k -degenerate.

Typical large network structure: k -Core

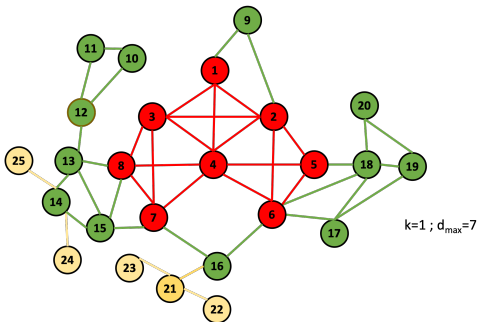
🔗 k -core decomposition: Given a graph $G(V, E)$, delete recursively all vertices, and edges connecting them, of degree less than k to extract the k -core graph such that:

- ✓ Each v_i in a k -core graph has $d_i \geq k$
- ✓ $(k+1)$ -core is a subgraph of a k -core graph

🔗 Matula & Beck, 1983; 📄

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1: procedure KCORE( $G(V, E)$ )
2:    $L[ ]; d[ ]; D[ \{ \} ]; d_{max} = \max_{v_i \in V} d_{v_i}$ 
3:   **  $L$  list of ranked  $k$  by node,  $d$  list of degrees by node,  $D$  list of set of nodes by degree
4:   for  $v_i \in V$  do
5:      $d[i] \leftarrow d_{v_i}; D[d[i]].insert(v_i)$ 
6:   end for
7:   for  $k \leftarrow 0$  to  $d_{max}$  do
8:     while  $D[k].notempty()$  do
9:        $i \leftarrow D[k].remove(); L[i] \leftarrow k$ 
10:      for  $v_j \in \mathcal{N}_{v_i}$  do
11:        if  $d[j] > k$  then
12:           $D[d[j]].remove(j); D[d[j] - 1].insert(j); d[j] --$ 
13:        end if
14:      end for
15:    end while
16:  end for
17: end procedure
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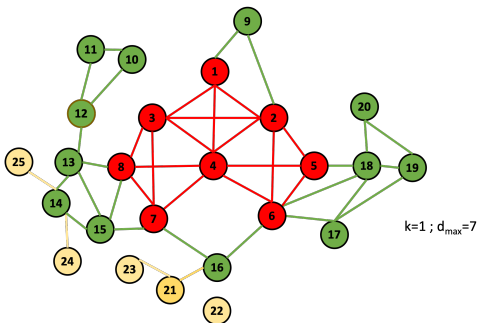
Typical large network structure: k -Core



i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
$d[v_i]$	4	6	5	7	4	6	5	5	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	5	3	2	3	1	1	1	1

$d[v_i]$	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
$D[d[v_i]]$	{4}	{2,6}	{3,7,8, 18}	{1, 5,13,14,15}	{12, 16, 17, 19, 21}	{9, 10, 11, 20}	{22, 23, 24, 25}

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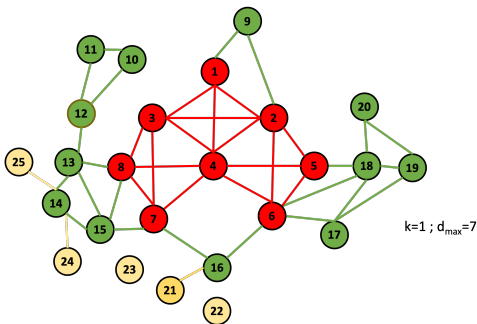


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$L[v_i]$	1

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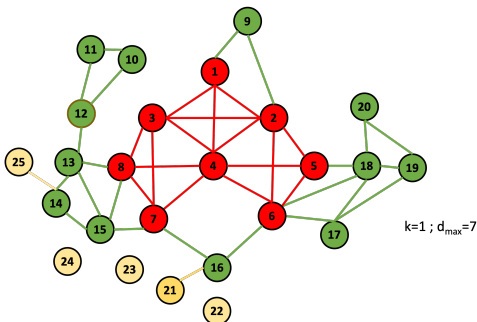


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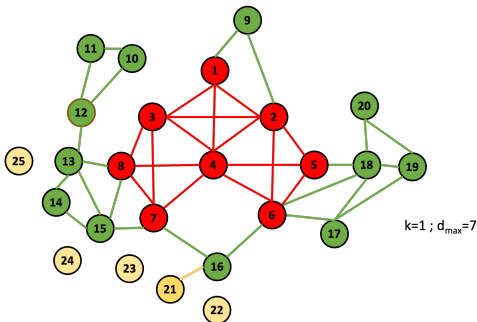


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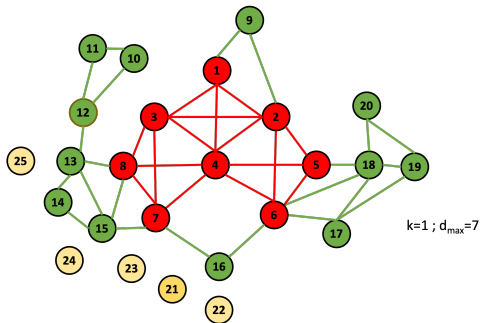


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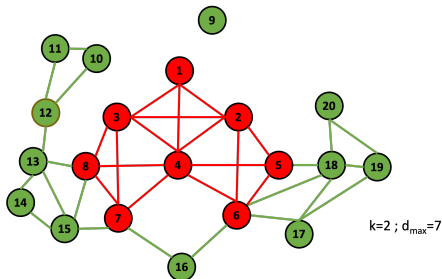


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v_i	22	23	24	25	21	9
$L[v_i]$	1	1	1	1	1	2

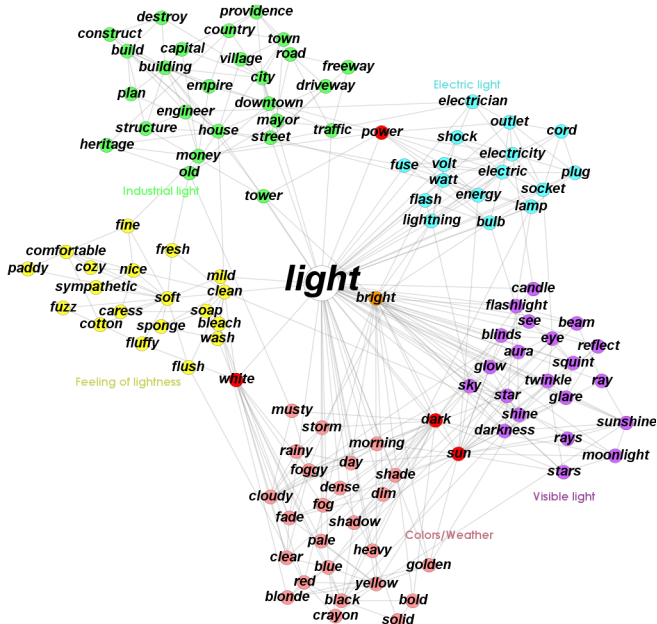
Community Detection Problem

👉 Community in network science refers to the occurrence of clusters (groups) of nodes in a network that are more densely connected internally than with the other nodes

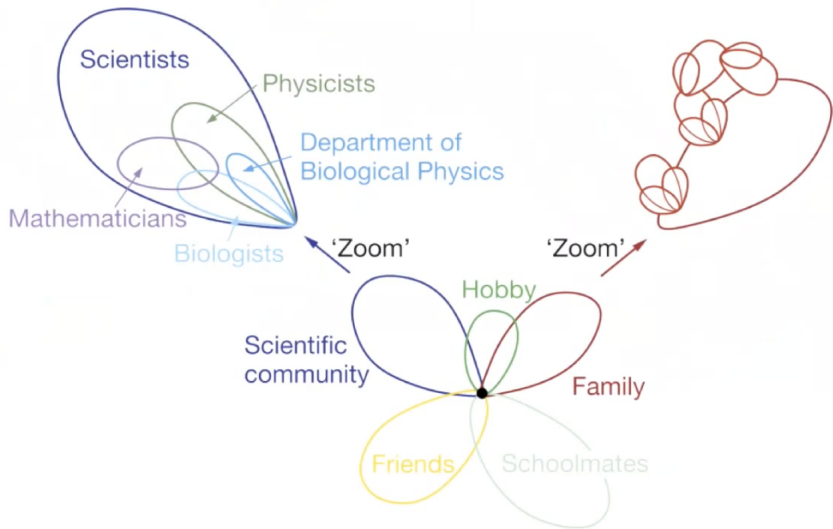
👉 Two cases:

- ✓ Non-overlapping community: divides into clusters of nodes with dense connections internally and sparser connections between clusters. Each node assigned to one community.
- ✓ Overlapping community: assumes that pairs of nodes are more likely to be connected if they are both members of the same communities, and less likely to be connected if they do not share any community.

Non-overlapping Example



Overlapping Example



Community Detection Problem

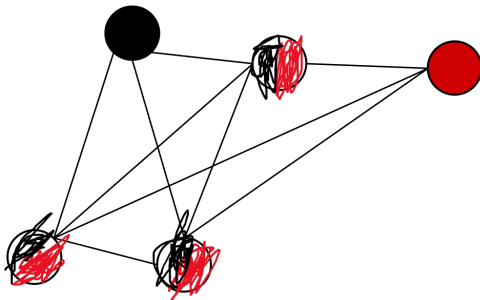
- ✓ Mutuality of ties: every node in the group has ties to one another
- ✓ Compactness: closeness or reachability of group members
- ✓ Density of edges: high number of edges within a group
- ✓ Separation higher frequency of ties among group members compared to non members
- ✓ Usual metrics: Graph density, internal and external density, graph cut, modularity score

Community Detection Problem

- ✎ Combinatorial optimisation problem, according to some metrics. Exact solution NP-hard
- ✎ Many approaches by greedy or approximate heuristics for community detection in the literature: agglomerative/hierarchical (ex. Dendrogram) or partitioning (Newman-Girvan 2004 [↗](#))
 - ✓ Clique-based approach
 - ✓ Modularity maximisation approach
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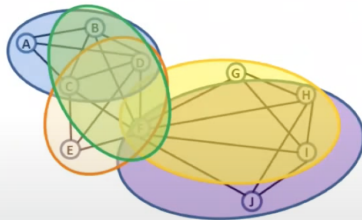
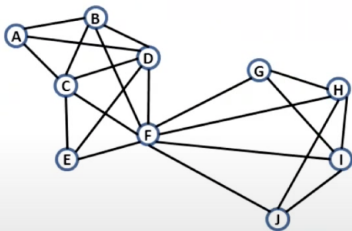
k -Clique Community

- ✓ Palla et al. 2005 [↗](#)
- ☞ A k -clique community is the union of all k -cliques that can be reached from one to the other through a sequence of adjacent k -cliques.
- ☞ Two k -cliques are adjacent if they share $k - 1$ nodes.



k -Clique Community

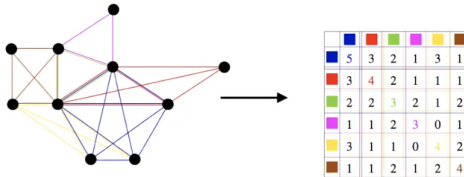
- Blue community $\{A, B, C, D\}$ is adjacent to green community $\{B, C, D, F\}$
- Green community $\{C, D, F, B\}$ is adjacent to orange community $\{C, D, F, E\}$
- Purple community is adjacent $\{F, H, I, J\}$ to yellow community $\{F, H, I, G\}$



Adjacent 4-cliques

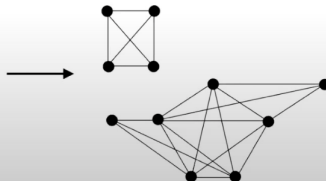
Clique Percolation Method: Algorithm

- ✓ Find all maximal cliques, sorting them based on degrees.
- ✓ Create clique overlap matrix at a given $k - 1$ how many nodes are overlapping.
- ✓ Communities are connected components: blue+red+yellow and brown.

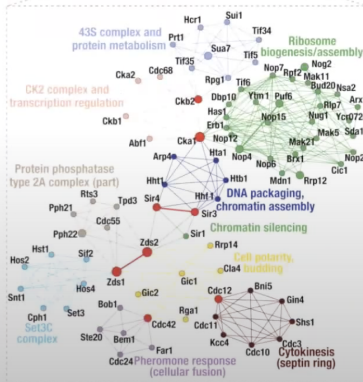
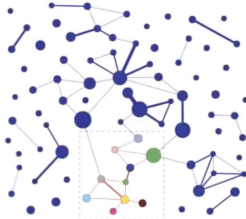


$k=4$

	Blue	Red	Green	Purple	Yellow	Brown
Blue	1	1	0	0	1	0
Red	1	1	0	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purple	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow	1	0	0	0	1	0
Brown	0	0	0	0	0	1

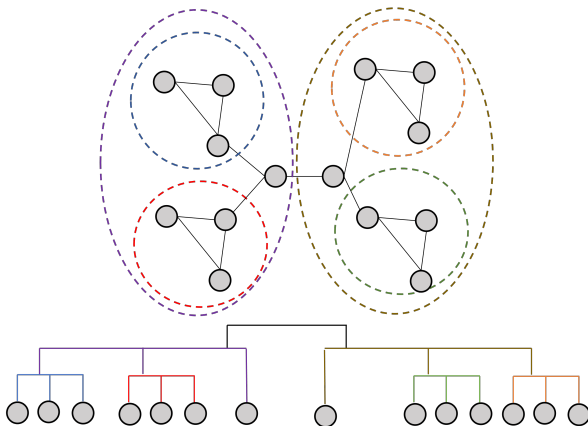


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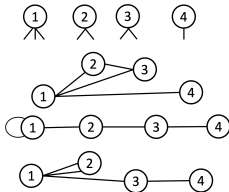
Community Detection: Louvain Algorithm

- ✓ Louvain: The most popular community detection based on modularity measure. Widely used for large networks: efficient (fast convergence), high dense communities (Blondel et al, 2008) [↗](#).
- ✓ Greedy algorithm with $O(n \log n)$ in time
- ✓ Supports weighted graphs
- ✓ Provides hierarchical communities



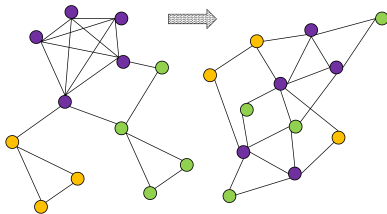
Community Detection: Modularity

- ✓ In network science, the configuration model is a method for generating random networks from a given degree sequence.
 - ☞ Widely used as a reference model for social networks, it allows the modeler to incorporate arbitrary degree distributions.
 - ☞ Assign a degree k_v to each node v . Each degree is a half-link or stub. The sum of stubs must be even to be able to build a graph $\sum_{v \in V} d_v = 2m$.
 - ☞ Choose two stubs uniformly at random and connect them by a link. Choose another pair from the remaining $2m - 2$ stubs and connect them. Continue until you run out of stubs.
 - ☞ The resulting network keeps the same degrees but randomly pair up nodes.
- ✓ A realization might include cycles, self-loops or multi-links. The uniform distribution of the matching must be kept. This why it does not exclude self-loops or multi-links. Their expected number goes to zero for large networks.
- ✓ The probability of a stub of v being connected to one of w stubs is $\frac{d_w}{2m-1}$. Since node v has d_v stubs, the probability of v being connected to w is $\frac{d_v d_w}{2m-1} \approx \frac{d_v d_w}{2m}$ for large m



Community Detection: Modularity

- ✓ Modularity (M. Newman, 2004)  measures the relative density of links inside communities with respect to links outside communities.
- ✓ The basic idea is to compare the number of links within communities with the number expected on the basis of chance. The generated network has less links between nodes of the same community and more between nodes of different communities.



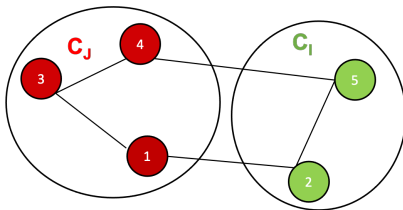
$$Q = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_i \sum_j \left[A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2m} \right] \delta(c_i, c_j) \text{ or } Q = \left[\frac{\sum_i \sum_j A_{ij}}{2m} - \frac{\sum_i k_i \sum_j k_j}{(2m)^2} \right] \delta(c_i, c_j)$$

where k_i and k_j are resp. the sum of weights of v_i and v_j links (degree if unweighted graph), and c_i and c_j are resp. the communities of v_i and v_j . Kronecker function δ : 1 if $c_i = c_j$; 0 otherwise.

$-1 \leq Q \leq 1$. $Q > 0$: when links within communities > links within communities in a randomly rewired network.

Community Detection: Modularity

Compare fraction of edges within a community to expected edges were distributed at random. $\frac{k_i k_j}{2m}$ is the random distribution of a link on the original graph. For the entire graph we sum the modularities over all communities.



δ : 1 if $c_i = c_j$; 0 otherwise

$$A_{11} - \frac{k_1 k_1}{2 * 5} = \left(0 - \frac{2 * 2}{2 * 5}\right) * 1 = -\frac{2}{5}; A_{33} - \frac{k_3 k_3}{2 * 5} = \left(0 - \frac{2 * 2}{2 * 5}\right) * 1 = -\frac{2}{5}; A_{44} - \frac{k_4 k_4}{2 * 5} = \left(0 - \frac{2 * 2}{2 * 5}\right) * 1 = -\frac{2}{5}$$

$$A_{13} - \frac{k_1 k_3}{2 * 5} = \left(1 - \frac{2 * 2}{2 * 5}\right) * 1 = \frac{3}{5}; A_{14} - \frac{k_1 k_4}{2 * 5} = \left(0 - \frac{2 * 2}{2 * 5}\right) * 1 = -\frac{2}{5}; A_{34} - \frac{k_3 k_4}{2 * 5} = \left(1 - \frac{2 * 2}{2 * 5}\right) * 1 = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$A_{55} - \frac{k_5 k_5}{2 * 5} = \left(0 - \frac{2 * 2}{2 * 5}\right) * 1 = -\frac{2}{5}; A_{22} - \frac{k_2 k_2}{2 * 5} = \left(0 - \frac{2 * 2}{2 * 5}\right) * 1 = -\frac{2}{5}; A_{25} - \frac{k_2 k_5}{2 * 5} = \left(1 - \frac{2 * 2}{2 * 5}\right) * 1 = \frac{3}{5};$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{2 * 5} \left[-\frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{5} + 2 * \frac{3}{5} - 2 * \frac{2}{5} + 2 * \frac{3}{5} - \frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{5} + 2 * \frac{3}{5} \right] = \frac{2}{25}$$

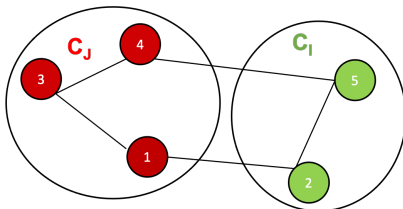
Community Detection: Modularity

The modularity of a community c :

$$Q_c = \frac{\sum_{i \in c} \sum_{j \in c} A_{ij}}{2m} - \frac{\sum_{i \in c} k_i \sum_{j \in c} k_j}{(2m)^2}$$

$$Q_c = \frac{\sum_{in}}{2m} - \left(\frac{\sum_{in+out}}{2m} \right)^2$$

where $\sum_{in}$ is the sum of edge weights between nodes within the community c (each edge is considered twice); and $\sum_{in+out}$ is the sum of all edge weights for nodes within the community; including incident ones from the other communities. If the number of communities = 1, $Q = 0$.

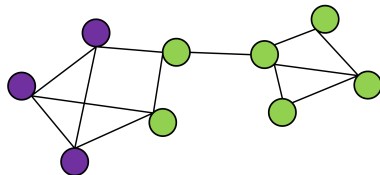
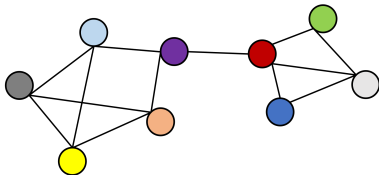
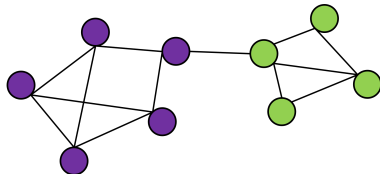
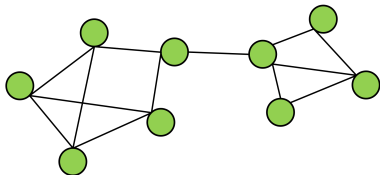


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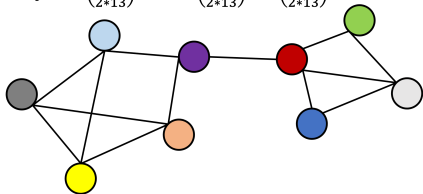
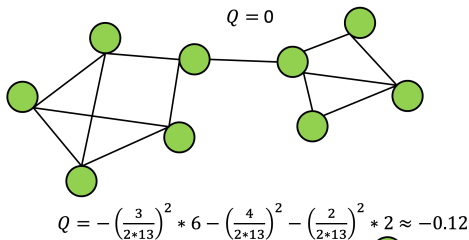
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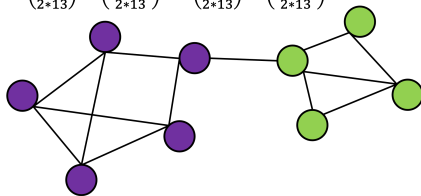


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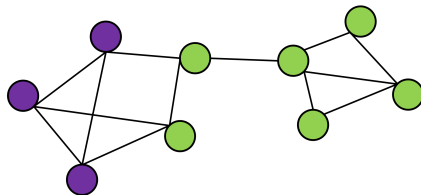
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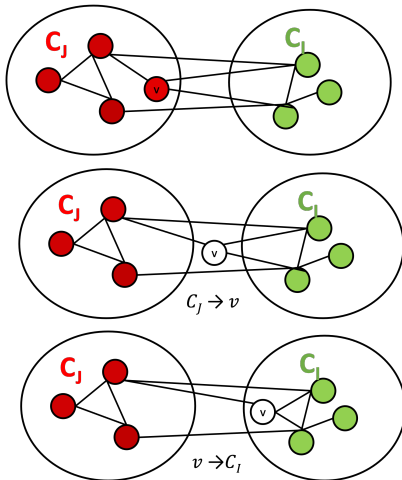
Community Detection: Louvain method

- ✓ Louvain method: heuristic method for greedy modularity maximisation in 2 phases:
- ✓ Optimal value of modularity is impractical because it needs to go through all possible iterations of the nodes into groups
 - Greedy heuristic: first small communities are found by optimizing modularity locally on all nodes, then each small community is grouped into one node and the first step is repeated.
- ✓ Phase 1: Modularity is optimized by allowing only local changes to node communities memberships
 - Initially each node is assigned its own community.
- ✓ Phase 2: The identified communities are aggregated into super-nodes to build a new network
- ✓ Repeat Phase 1 until 1 super node

Community Detection: Louvain Algorithm

Phase 1

✓ What is ΔQ if we move a node v from C_J to C_I : $\Delta Q_{C_J \rightarrow v \rightarrow C_I} = \Delta Q_{C_J / \{v\}} + \Delta Q_{C_I \cup \{v\}}$



Community Detection: Louvain Algorithm

$$\Delta Q_{C_J \rightarrow v \rightarrow C_I} = \Delta Q_{C_J \setminus \{v\}} + \Delta Q_{C_I \cup \{v\}}$$

- ✓ How we can derive $\Delta Q_{C_I \cup \{v\}}$? the gain in modularity doesn't depend on the original community of v . It can easily be computed by moving an isolated node v into C_I :

$$\Delta Q_{C_I \cup \{v\}} = Q_{C_I \cup \{v\}} - [Q_{C_I} + Q_{\{v\}}]$$

$$\Delta Q_{C_I \cup \{v\}} = \left[\frac{\sum_{in} + 2k_{v,in}}{2m} - \left(\frac{\sum_{in+out} + k_v}{2m} \right)^2 \right] - \left[\frac{\sum_{in}}{2m} - \left(\frac{\sum_{in+out}}{2m} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{k_v}{2m} \right)^2 \right]$$

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- ✓ The gain computation depends only on $k_{v,in}$ and C

Community Detection: Louvain Algorithm

- For each node v : (i) compute modularity gain from removing v from its community and placing it in the community of its neighbor; (ii) place v in the community maximizing ΔQ . One iteration is achieved for all the nodes in a sequential manner.

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1: procedure LOUVAIN-PHASE1-ONEITERATION( $\mathcal{G}(V, E, K), C$ )
2:   for  $v \in V$  do
3:      $cv \leftarrow C.get(v)$ ;  $Cn \leftarrow C.get(\mathcal{N}_v) \setminus cv$ ;  $gmax \leftarrow -\infty$ ;  $cvmax \leftarrow cv$ 
4:     for  $c \in Cn$  do
5:        $gain \leftarrow \Delta Q_{(cv \rightarrow v \rightarrow c)}$ 
6:       if  $gain > gmax$  then
7:          $gmax \leftarrow gain$ ;  $cvmax \leftarrow c$ 
8:       end if
9:     end for
10:    if  $gmax > 0$  then
11:       $cv \leftarrow cv \setminus \{v\}$ ;  $cvmax \leftarrow cvmax \cup \{v\}$ 
12:    end if
13:  end for
14: end procedure
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- Repeat the procedure sequentially to all nodes until no more improvement (local max of modularity).

The output of this phase depends on the order in which the nodes are considered

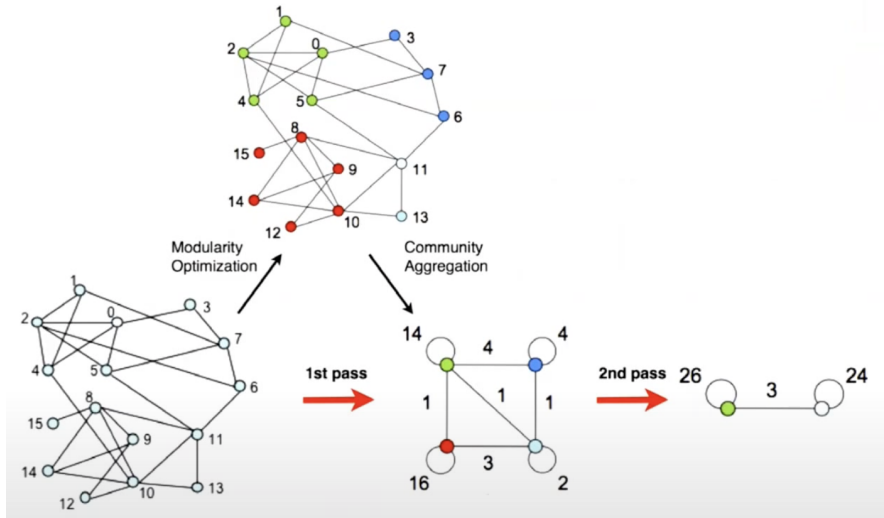
→ studies show that this doesn't significantly affect the overall modularity.

Community Detection: Louvain method

✓ Phase II

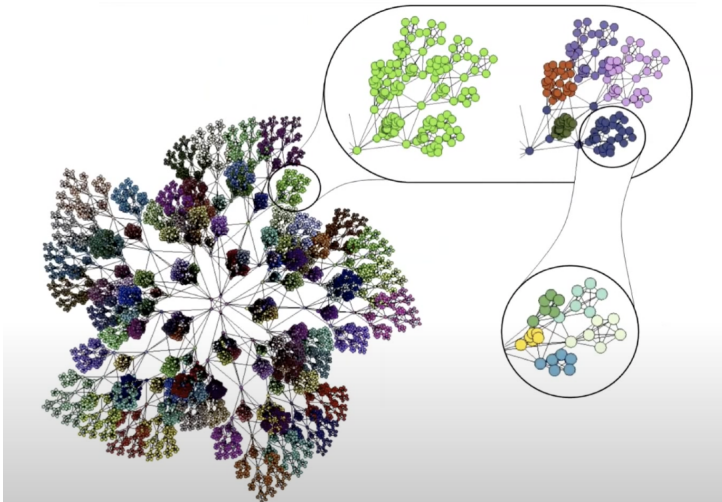
- Nodes from communities grouped into super nodes
- Links between nodes of the same community c are represented by self-loops weighted by adding up the links between these nodes:
 c has a loop edge with weight $\sum_{v_i, v_j \in c} A_{i,j}$
- Links between communities weighted by adding up the links between community's nodes
each (c_I, c_J) has a link with weight $\sum_{v_i \in c_I, v_j \in c_J} A_{i,j}$

Community Detection: Louvain Algorithm



Community Detection: Louvain Algorithm

- ✓ This figure shows many local nested communities to be easily explored



Community Detection: Walktrap Approach

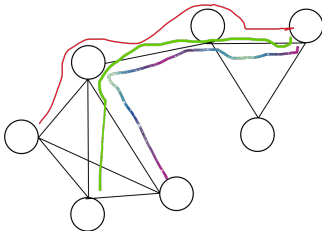
- ✓ Based on the random walk (Pons and Latapy, 2006) 
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- ✓ Computation is approximated by:

$$P_{ik}^t \approx \frac{N_{ik}}{N_i}$$

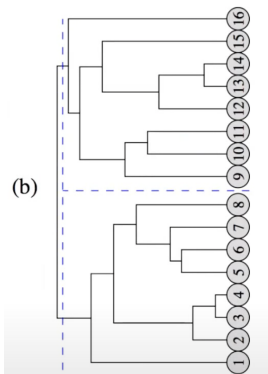
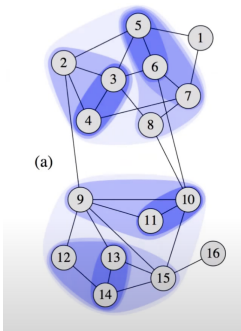
N_{ik} the number of times to end up on node k starting from i and N_i is the number of walks starting from i (with t walks).

Community Detection: Walktrap Approach

- ✓ Assign to each node its own community
- ✓ Compute the distance between adjacent nodes ($r_{ij}(t)$)
- ✓ Choose the two closest communities and merge them
- ✓ Update distance between communities

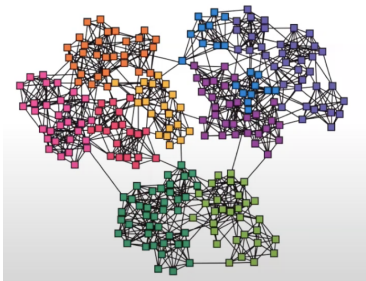
$$r_{C_1 C_2}(t) = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(P_{C_1 k}^t - P_{C_2 k}^t)^2}{d_k}} = \|D^{-\frac{1}{2}} P_{C_1}^t - D^{-\frac{1}{2}} P_{C_2}^t\| \quad P_{C_i k}^t = \frac{1}{|C_i|} \sum_{j \in C_i} P_{jk}^t$$

- ✓ After n steps finish with one community



Community Detection: Girvan-Newman Approach

- ✓ Edge betweenness of e is the fraction of the number of shortest paths between all nodes s and t going through the edge e : $ebt_e = \sum_{s \neq t} \frac{n_{s,t}^e}{n_{s,t}}$
- ✓ Focus on edges that connect communities. Construct communities by progressively removing edges with the highest edge betweenness value.
 - For all $e \in E$ compute ebt_e , remove edge e with the largest ebt_e
 - Repeat until all edges left. Stop when it splits in 2 components. The output is a dendrogram.



Community Detection: Girvan-Newman Approach

- ✓ Community Quality: the higher modularity score the better is the community

