
Large-scale network analysis

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Outline

1. The igraph R package
2. What can you do with large graphs?
3. Some unique igraph features
4. Rapid prototyping

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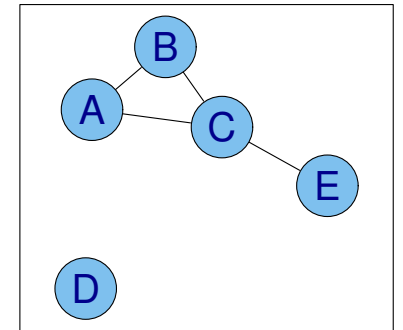
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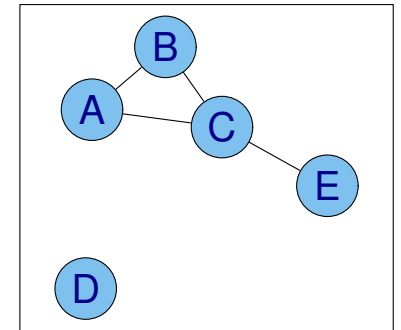


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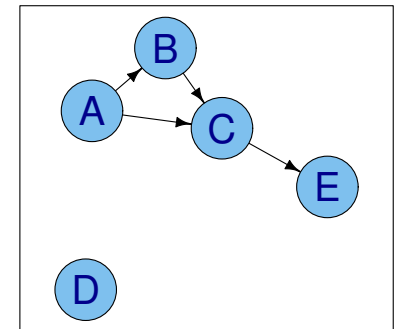
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1 library(igraph)
2 g <- graph( c(0,1, 0,2, 1,2, 2,4), n=5 )
3 g
4 g2 <- graph( c(0,1, 0,2, 1,2, 2,4),
5             n=5, dir=FALSE )
6 g2
```

Working with igraph graphs

```
1 ## How to decide what kind of object a variable refers to
2 class(g2)
3 class(1)
4 class("foobar")
5
6 ## Is this object an igraph graph?
7 is.igraph(g)
8 is.igraph(1:10)
9
10 ## Summary, number of vertices, edges
11 summary(g)
12 vcount(g)
13 ecoun(g)
14
15 ## Is the graph directed?
16 is.directed(g)
17 is.directed(g2)
18 is.directed(1:10)
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```
1 ## Convert from directed to undirected
2 as.undirected(g)
3
4 ## And back
5 as.directed(as.undirected(g))
```

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The igraph data model, what cannot be represented

- “Mixed” graphs, with undirected and directed edges.
- Hypergraphs.
- No direct support for bipartite (two-mode) graphs.

Naming vertices

```
1 g <- graph.ring(10)
2 V(g)$name <- letters[1:10]
3 V(g)$name
4 g
5 print(g, v=T)
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1 # "Arrows" can be arbitrarily long
2 g5 <- graph.formula( Alice +-----+ Bob )
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Creating graphs, from edge lists and adjacency matrices

```
1 ## From edge lists
2 el <- cbind( c(0, 0, 1, 2),
3             c(1, 2, 2, 4) )
4 g <- graph.edgelist(el)
5 g
6
7 ## Symbolic edge lists
8 el <- cbind( c("Alice", "Alice", "Bob", "Cecil"),
9             c("Bob", "Cecil", "Cecil", "Ed") )
10 g <- graph.edgelist(el)
11 g
12 summary(g)
13
14 ## Adjacency matrices
15 A <- matrix(sample(0:1, 100, rep=TRUE), 10, 10)
16 g <- graph.adjacency(A)
```

Creating graphs, from data frames

```
1 source("http://cneurocv.s.rmki.kfki.hu/igraph/plus.R")
2 vertices <- read.csv("judicial.csv")
3 edges <- read.table("allcites.txt")
4 jg <- graph.data.frame(edges, vertices=vertices, dir=TRUE)
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2 g <- simplify(g)
3 igraph.par("plot.layout",
4           layout.fruchterman.reingold)
5 plot(g, vertex.size=3, vertex.label=NA,
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```
1 ## What do we have?
2 summary(jg)
3 V(jg)$year
4 V(jg)$parties
5
6 ## Select vertices based on attributes
7 V(jg) [ year >= 1990 ]
8 V(jg) [ overruled!=0 ]
9
10 ## Group network measures based on attributes
11 deg.per.year <- tapply(degree(jg, mode="out"),
12                       V(jg)$year, mean)
13
14 ## Plot it
15 plot( names(deg.per.year), deg.per.year )
```

Smart indexing

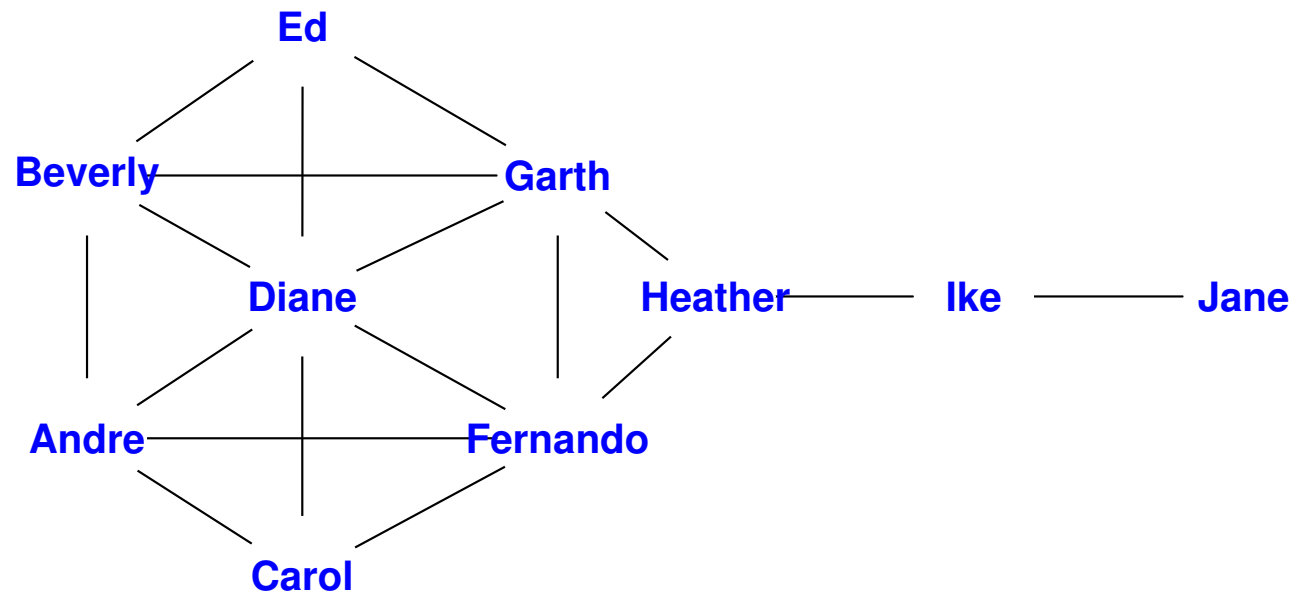
- Easy access of attributes:

```
1 g <- erdos.renyi.game(100, 1/100)
2 V(g)$color <- sample( c("red", "black"),
3                       vcount(g), rep=TRUE)
4 E(g)$color <- "grey"
5 red <- V(g)[ color == "red" ]
6 bl <- V(g)[ color == "black" ]
7 E(g)[ red %--% red ]$color <- "red"
8 E(g)[ bl  %--% bl ]$color <- "black"
9 plot(g, vertex.size=5, layout=
10      layout.fruchterman.reingold)
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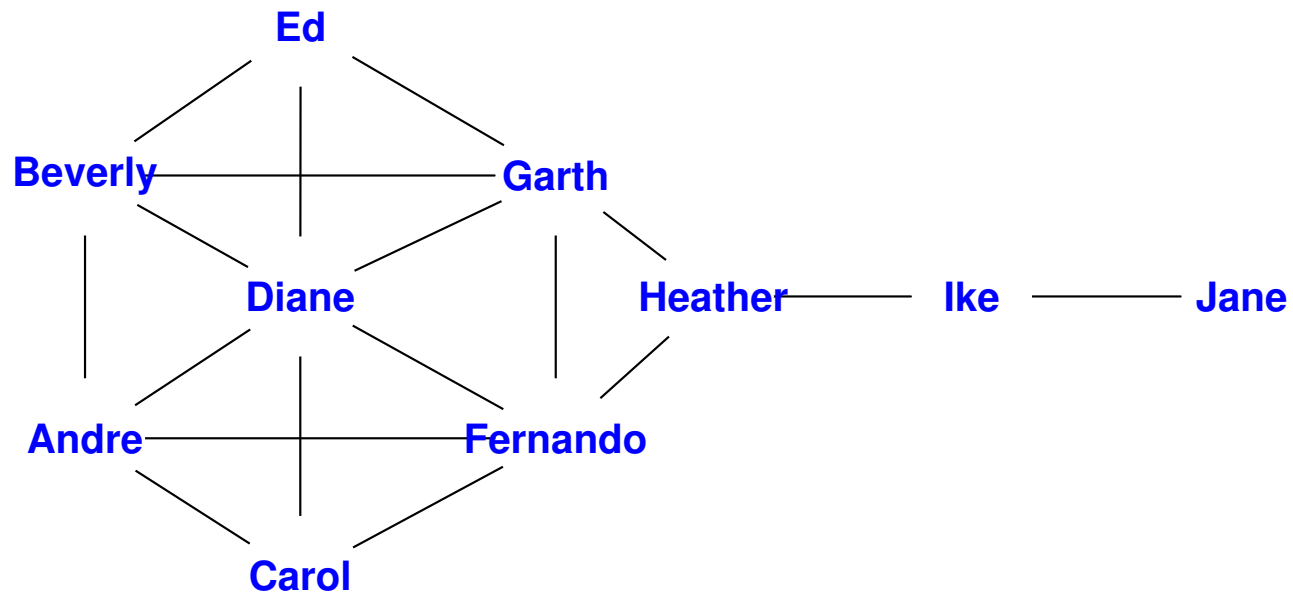
Centrality, the network

```
1 g <- graph.formula( Andre----Beverly:Diane:Fernando:Carol,
2                     Beverly--Andre:Diane:Garth:Ed,
3                     Carol----Andre:Diane:Fernando,
4                     Diane----Andre:Carol:Fernando:Garth:Ed:Beverly,
5                     Ed-----Beverly:Diane:Garth,
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7                     Garth----Ed:Beverly:Diane:Fernando:Heather,
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10                    Jane-----Ike )
11 g <- simplify(g)
12 coords <- c(5,5,119,256,119,256,120,340,478,
13            622,116,330,231,116,5,330,451,231,231,231)
14 coords <- matrix(coords, nc=2)
15 V(g)$label <- V(g)$name
16 g$layout <- coords # $
17 plot(g, asp=FALSE, vertex.label.color="blue", vertex.label.cex=1.5,
18      vertex.label.font=2, vertex.size=20, vertex.color="white",
19      vertex.frame.color="white", edge.color="black")
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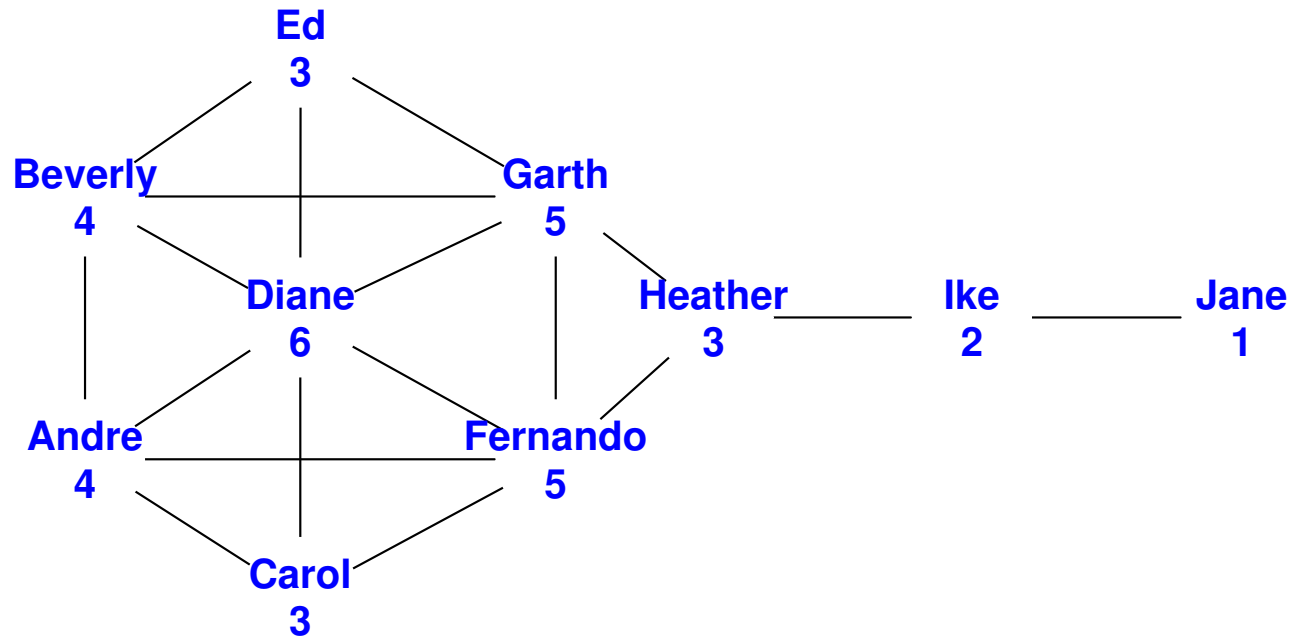


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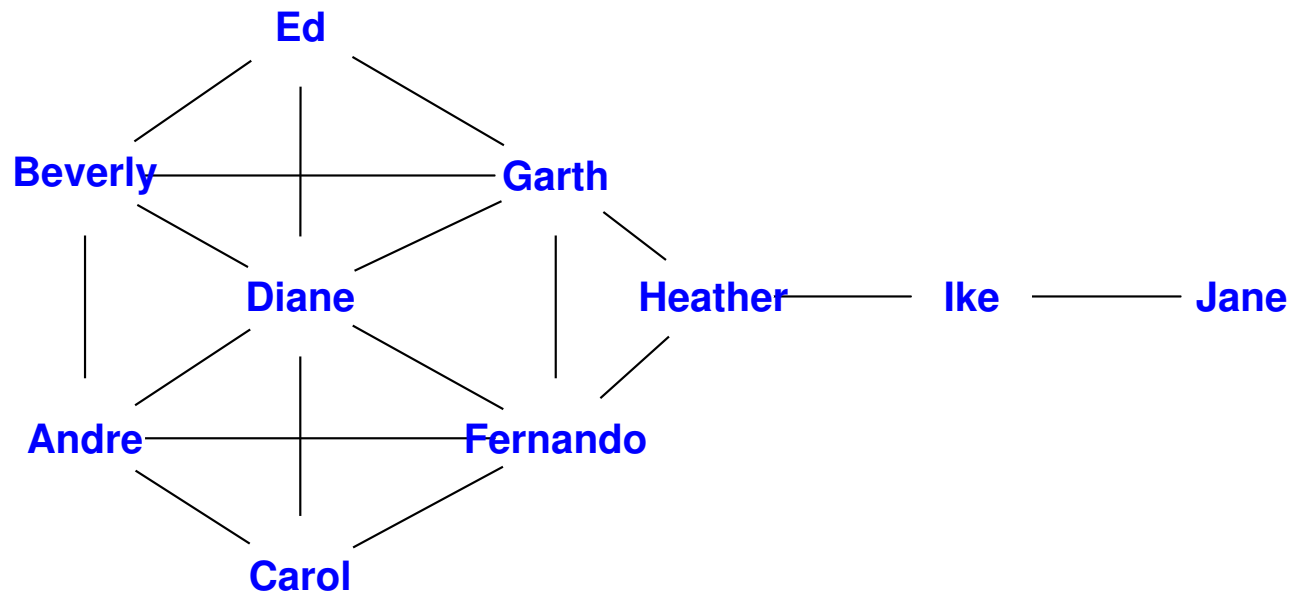
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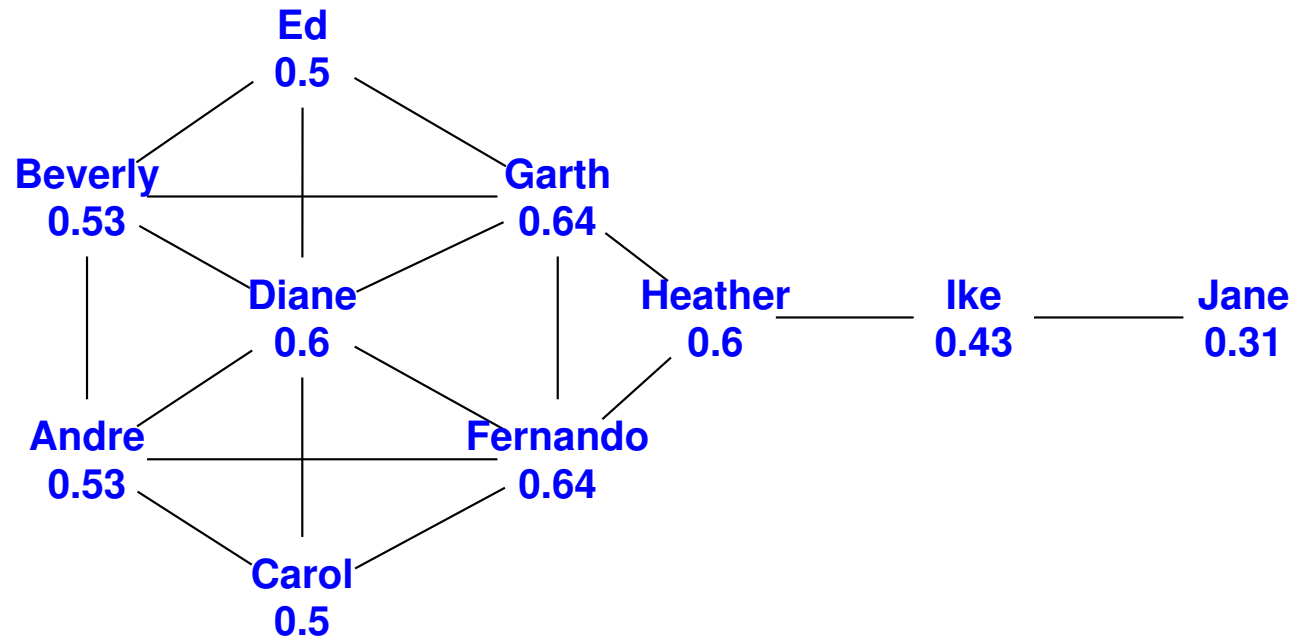
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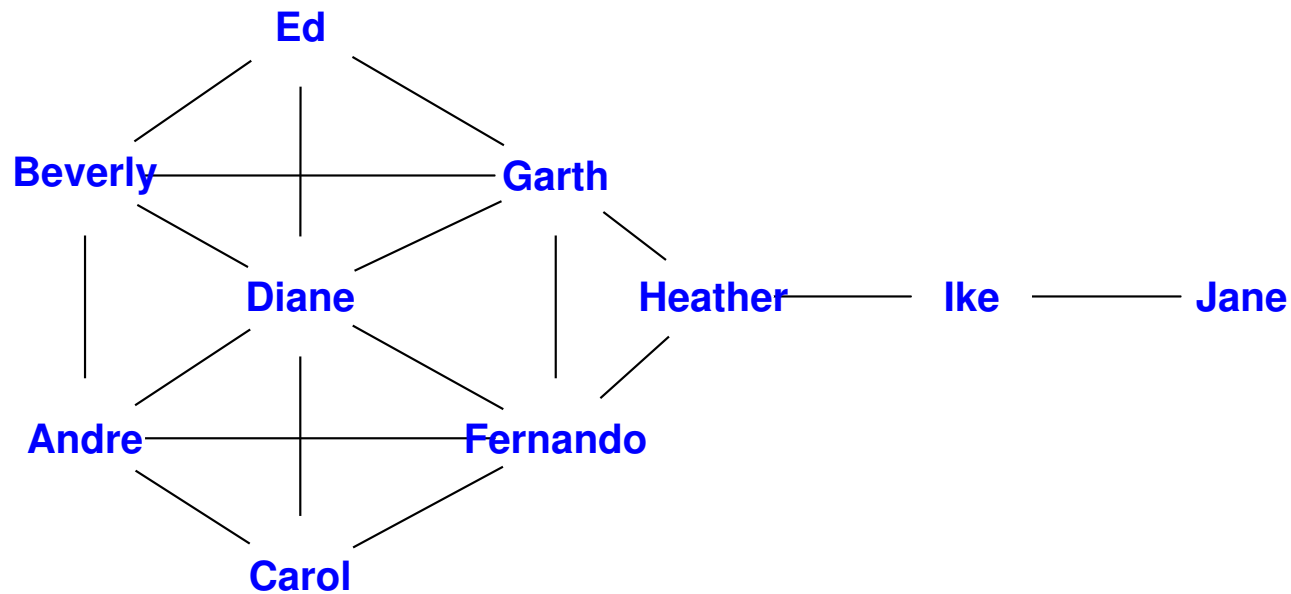
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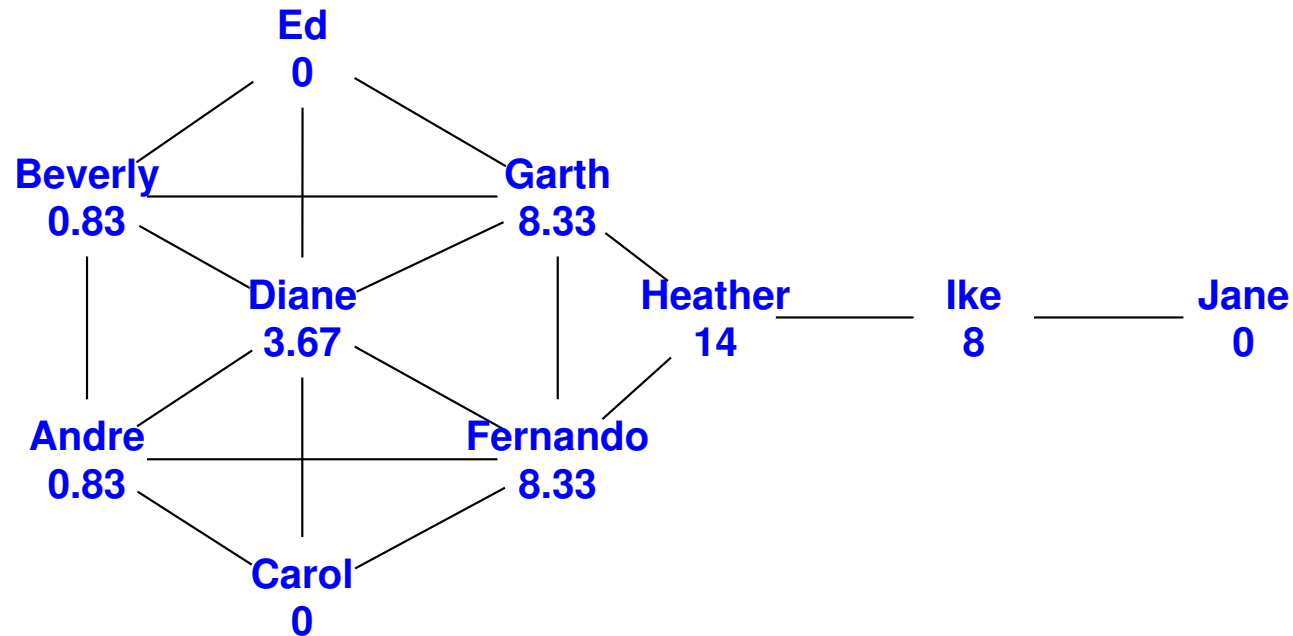
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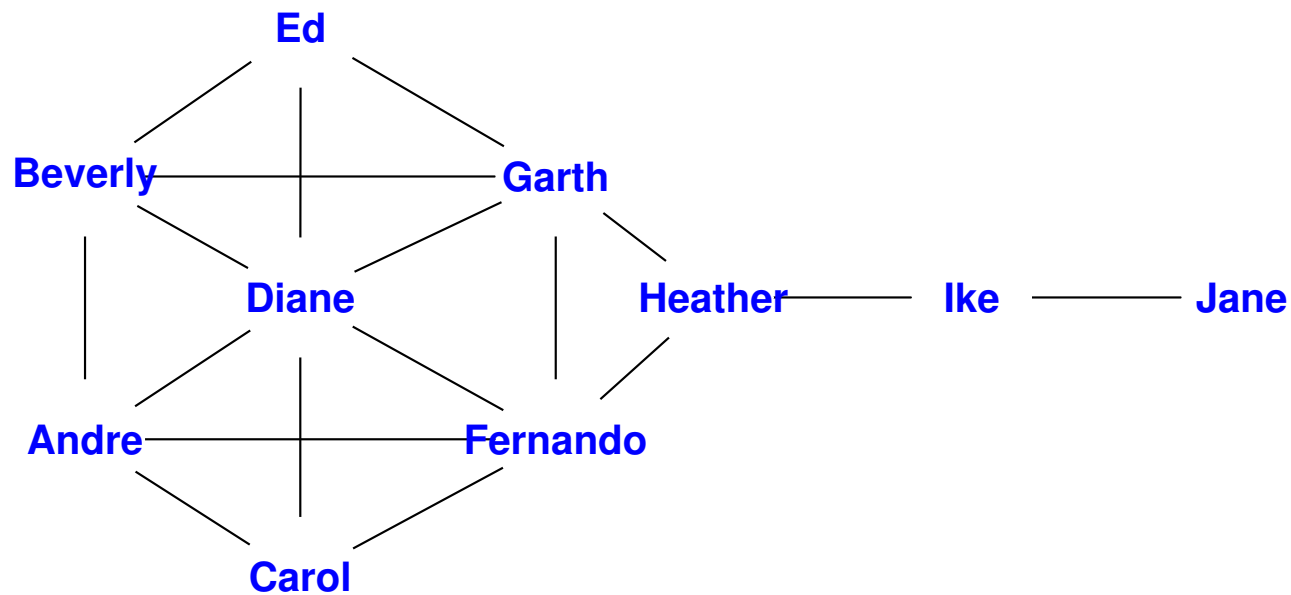
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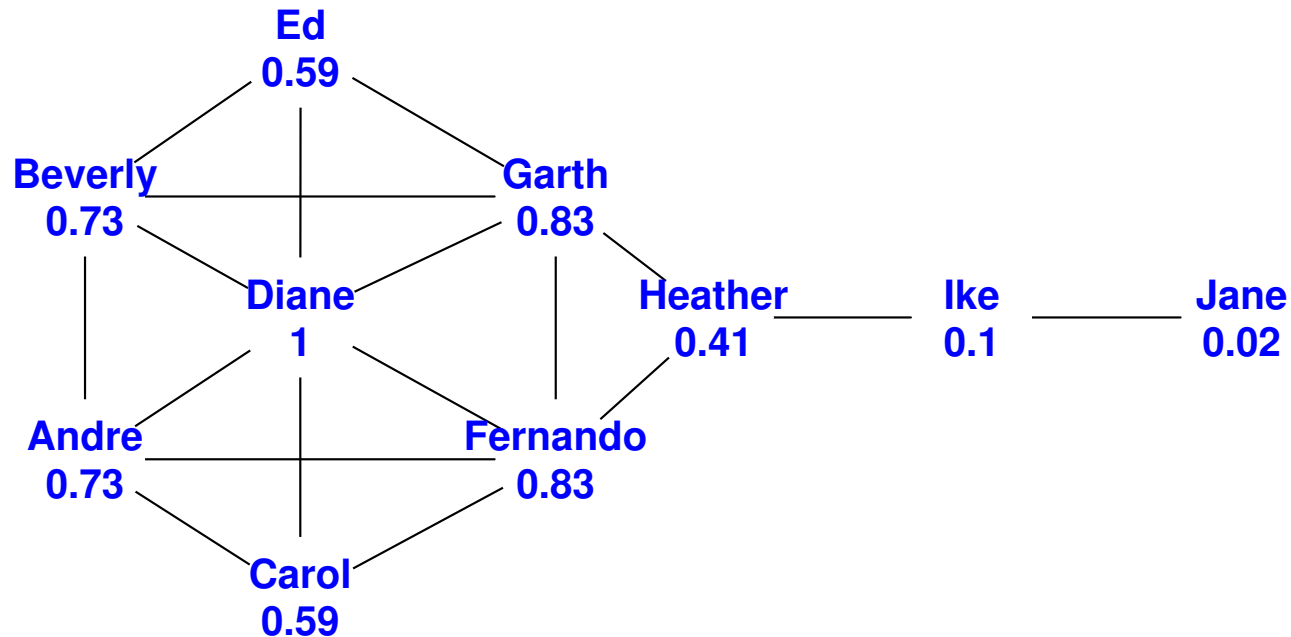
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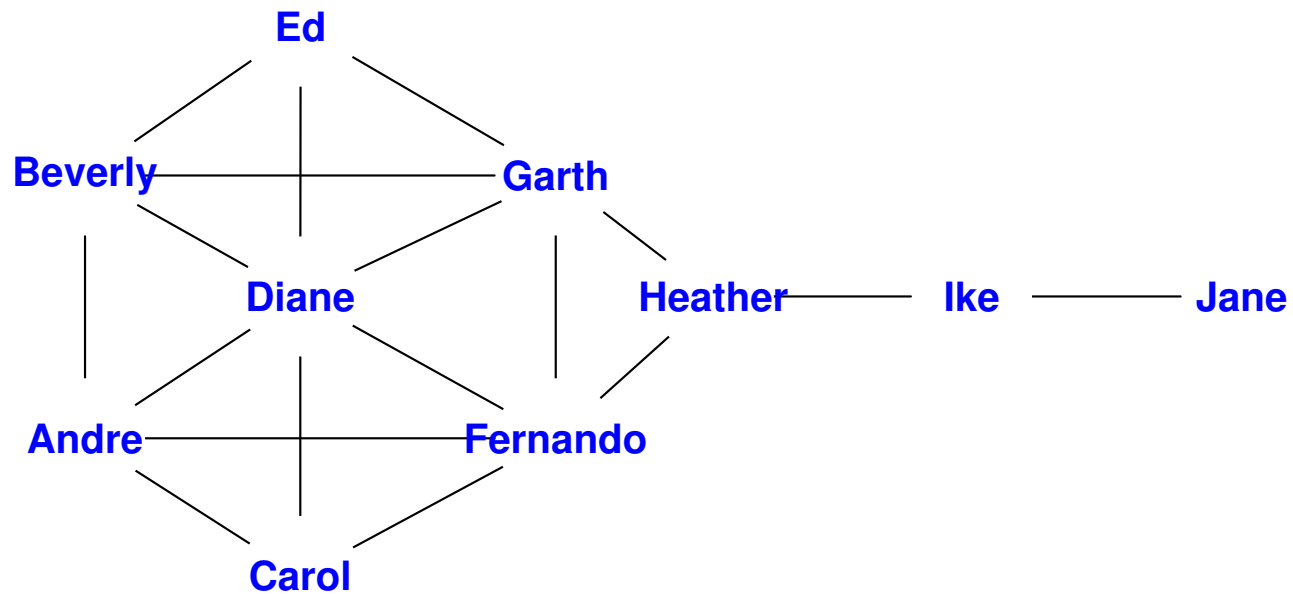
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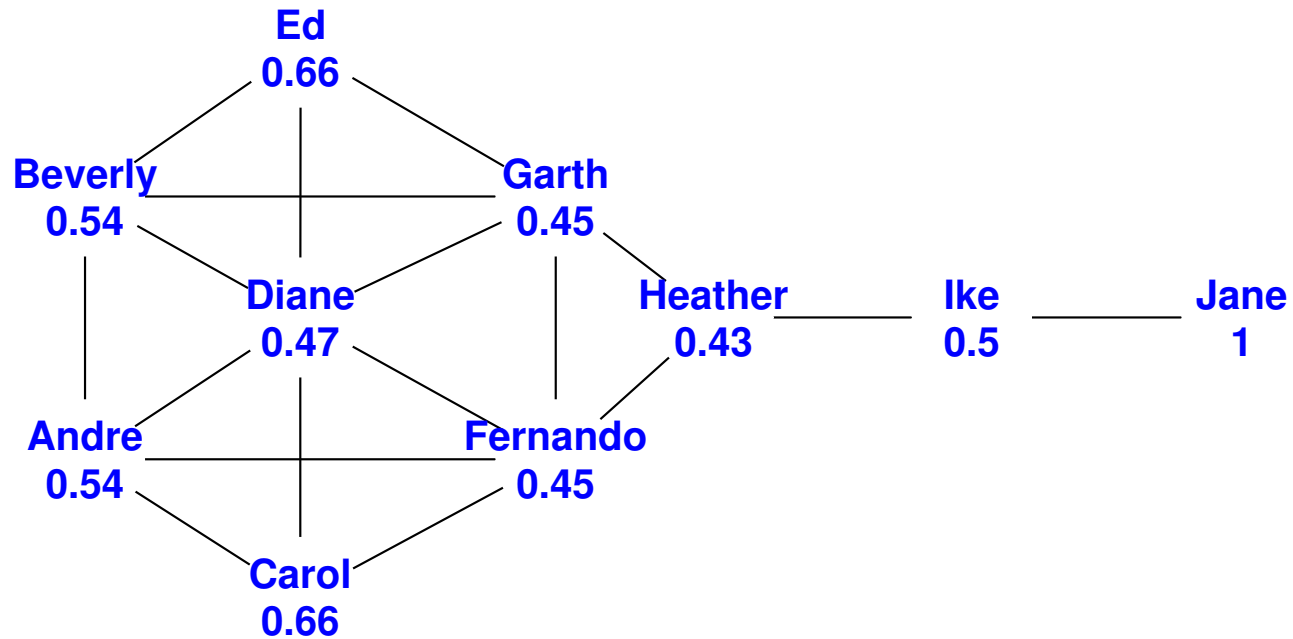
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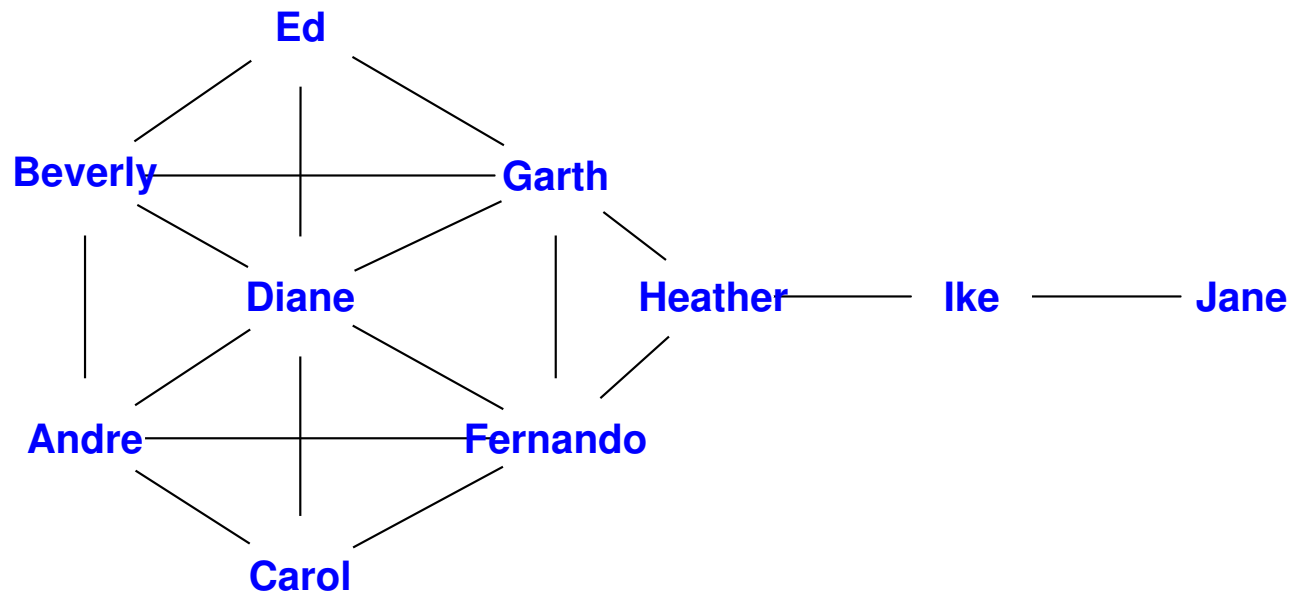
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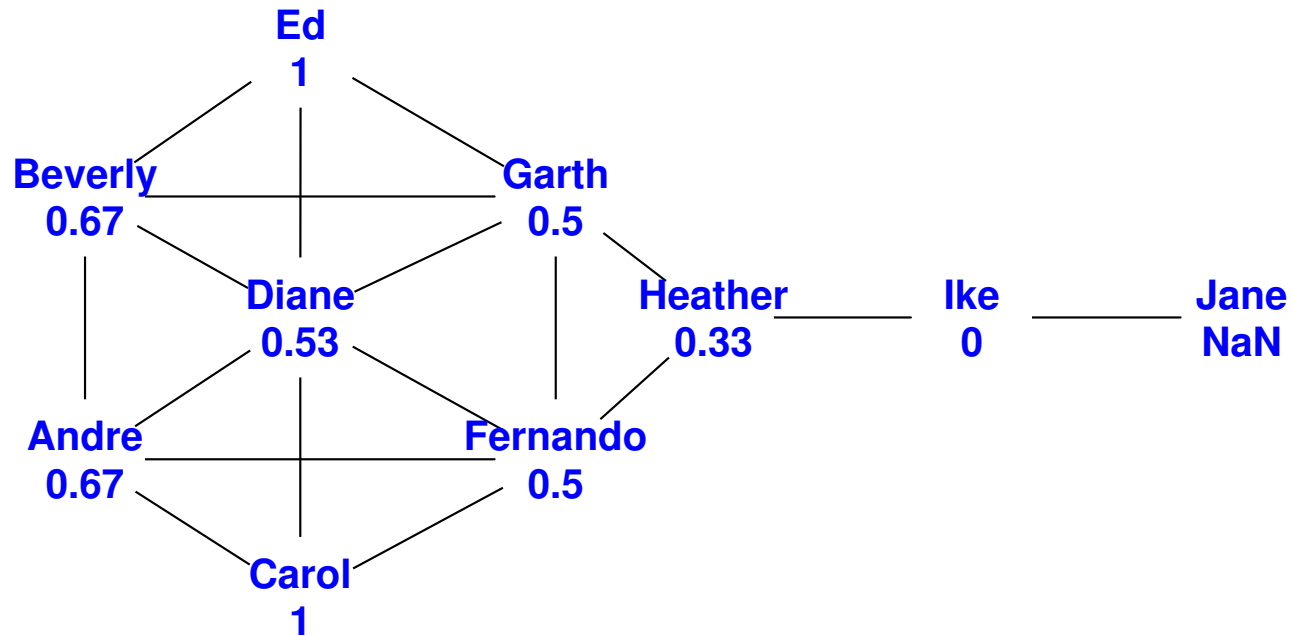
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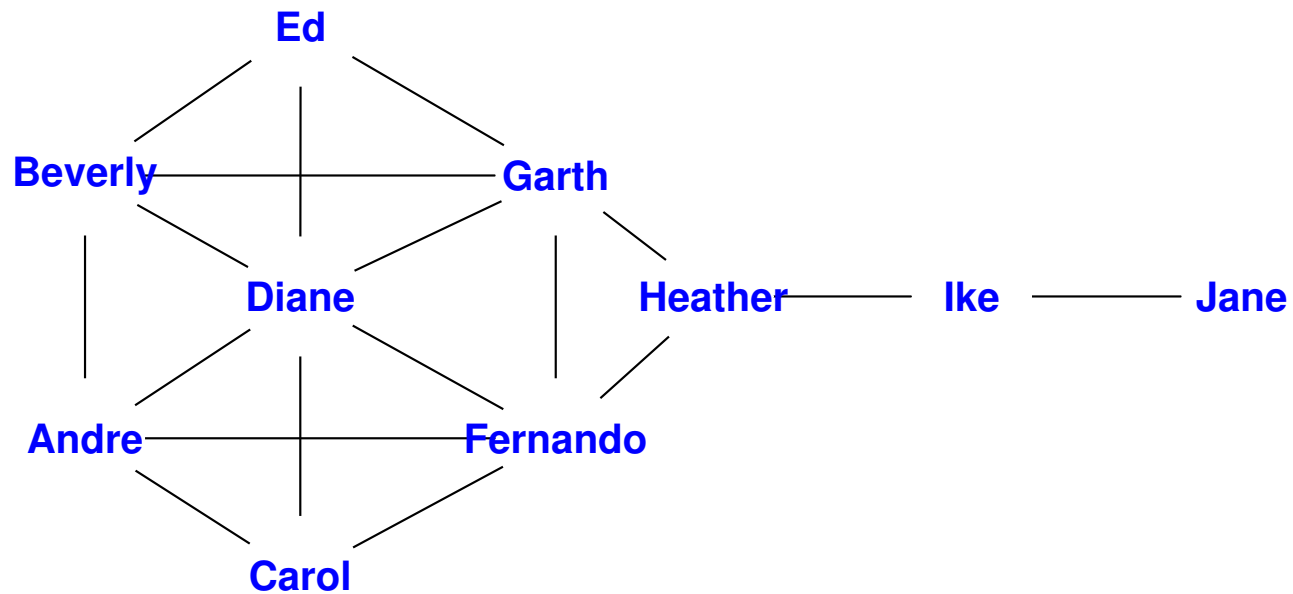
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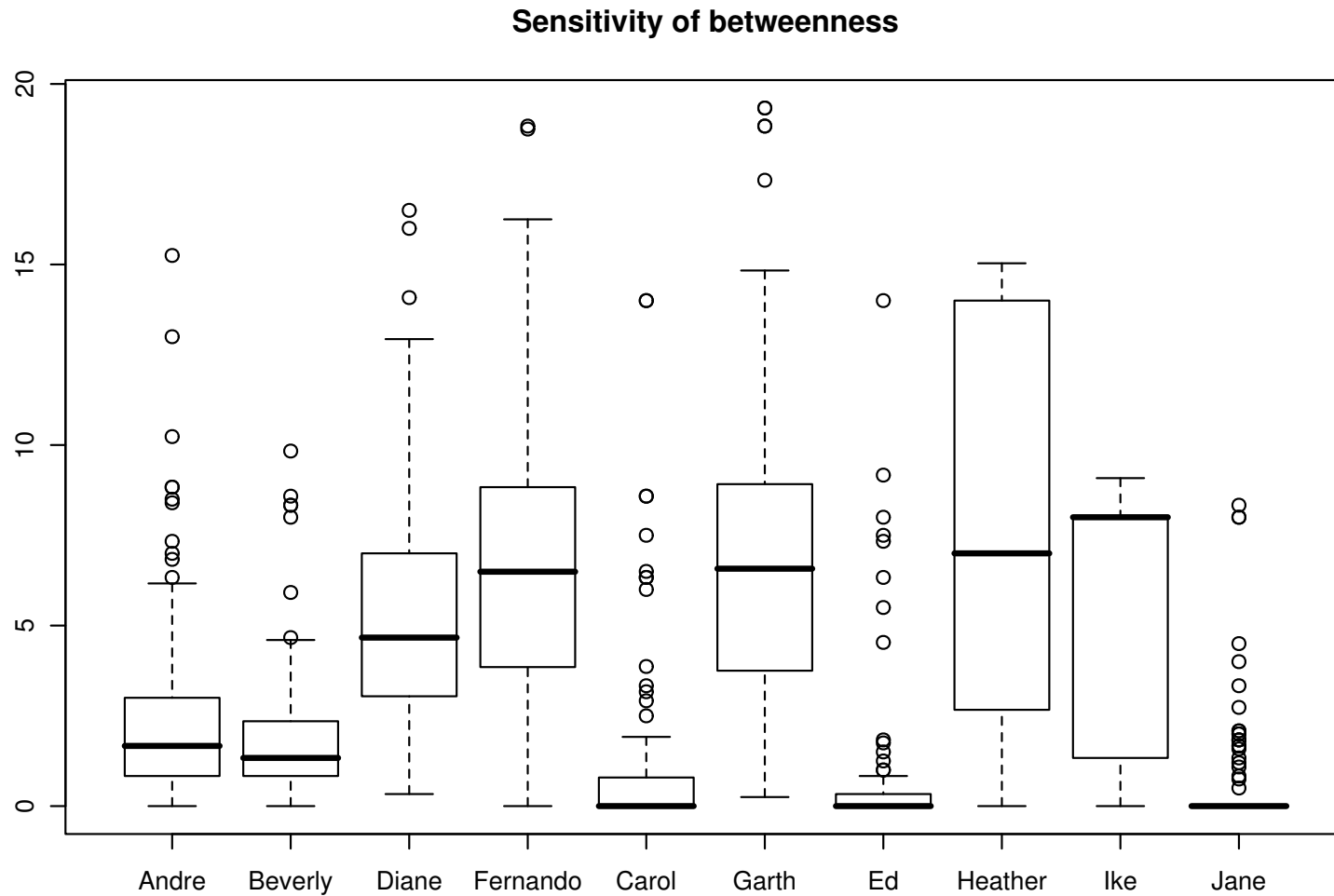


Remove two random edges, add two random edges.

Sensitivity of centrality measures

```
1 cl <- numeric()
2 for (i in 1:100) {
3   g2 <- delete.edges(g, sample(ecount(g), 2)-1)
4   g2 <- g2 %u%
5     random.graph.game(vcount(g), 2, type="gnm")
6   cl <- cbind(cl, betweenness(g2))
7 }
8 cl <- as.data.frame(t(cl))
9 colnames(cl) <- V(g)$name # $
10 boxplot(cl, main="Sensitivity of betweenness")
```

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Working with a (moderately) large graph

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11  jg <- graph.data.frame(edges, vertices=vertices, dir=TRUE)
12 }
13
14 ## Basic data
15 summary(jg)
16
17 ## Is it a simple graph?
18 is.simple(jg)
```

Working with a (moderately) large graph

```
1 ## Is it connected?
2 is.connected(jg)
3
4 ## How many components?
5 no.clusters(jg)
6
7 ## How big are these?
8 table(clusters(jg)$csize)   # $
9
10 ## In-degree distribution
11 plot(degree.distribution(jg, mode="in"), log="xy")
12
13 ## Out-degree distribution
14 plot(degree.distribution(jg, mode="out"), log="xy")
15
16 ## Largest in- and out-degree, total degree
17 max(degree(jg, mode="in"))
18 max(degree(jg, mode="out"))
19 max(degree(jg, mode="all"))
```

Working with a (moderately) large graph

```
1 ## Density
2 graph.density(jg)
3
4 ## Transitivity
5 transitivity(jg)
6
7 ## Transitivity of a random graph of the same size
8 g <- erdos.renyi.game(vcount(jg), ecount(jg), type="gnm")
9 transitivity(g)
10
11 ## Dyad census
12 dyad.census(jg)
13
14 ## Triad census
15 triad.census(jg)
```

Working with a (moderately) large graph

```
1 ## Authority and Hub scores
2 authority.score(jg)$vector
3 cor(authority.score(jg)$vector, V(jg)$auth)
4
5 hub.score(jg)$vector
6 cor(hub.score(jg)$vector, V(jg)$hub)
```

Big table of “what can be run”

Fast (millions)	creating graphs (most of the time) • structural modification (add/delete edges/vertices) • subgraph • simplify • graph.decompose • degree • clusters • graph.density • is.simple, is.loop, is.multiple • articulation points and biconnected components • ARPACK stuff: page.rank, hub.score, authority.score, event • transitivity • Burt’s constraint • dyad & triad census, graph motifs • k -cores • MST • reciprocity • modularity • closeness and (edge) betweenness <i>estimation</i> • <i>shortest paths from one source</i> • <i>generating $G_{n,p}$ and $G_{n,m}$ graphs</i> • <i>generating PA graphs with various PA exponents</i> • <i>topological sort</i>
Slow (10000)	closeness • diameter • betweenness • all-pairs shortest paths, average path length • most layout generators •
Very slow (100)	cliques • cohesive blocks • edge/vertex connectivity • maximum flows and minimum cuts • bonpow • alpha centrality • (sub)graph isomorphism

Why is igraph sooooo slow?

cliques and independent vertex sets	Hard problem
cohesive blocks	Semi-hard problem
edge/vertex connectivity, maximum flows and minimum cuts	Semi-hard problem
Bonacich's power centrality, alpha centrality	Poor implementation
(sub)graph isomorphism	Hard problem
anything else	contact us if you want to speed it up

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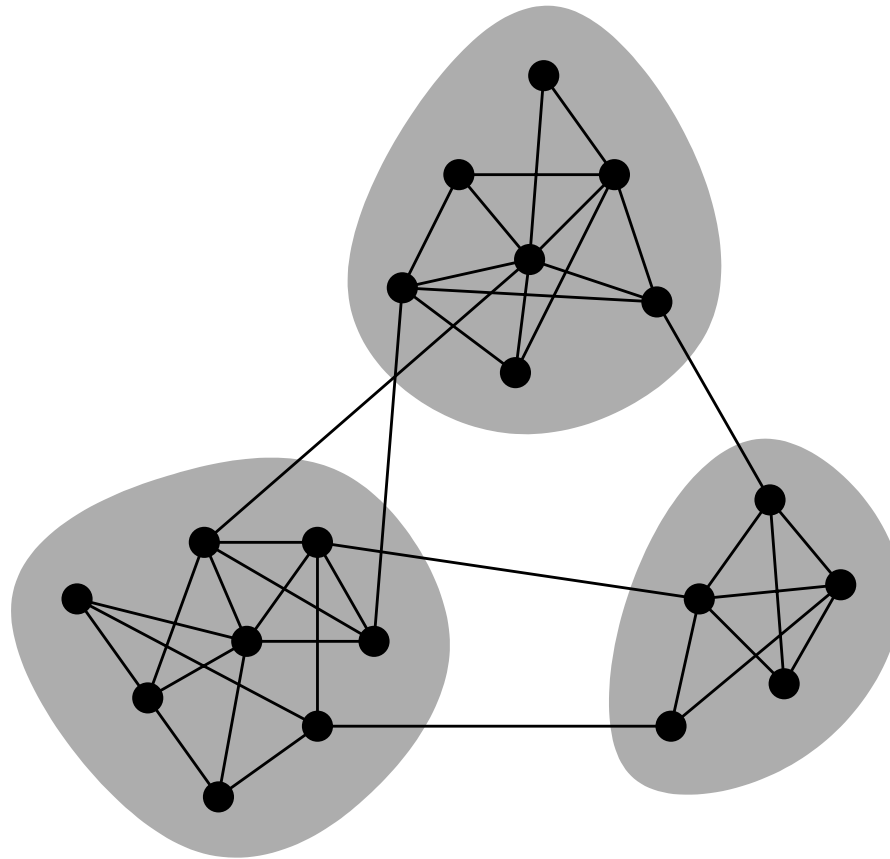
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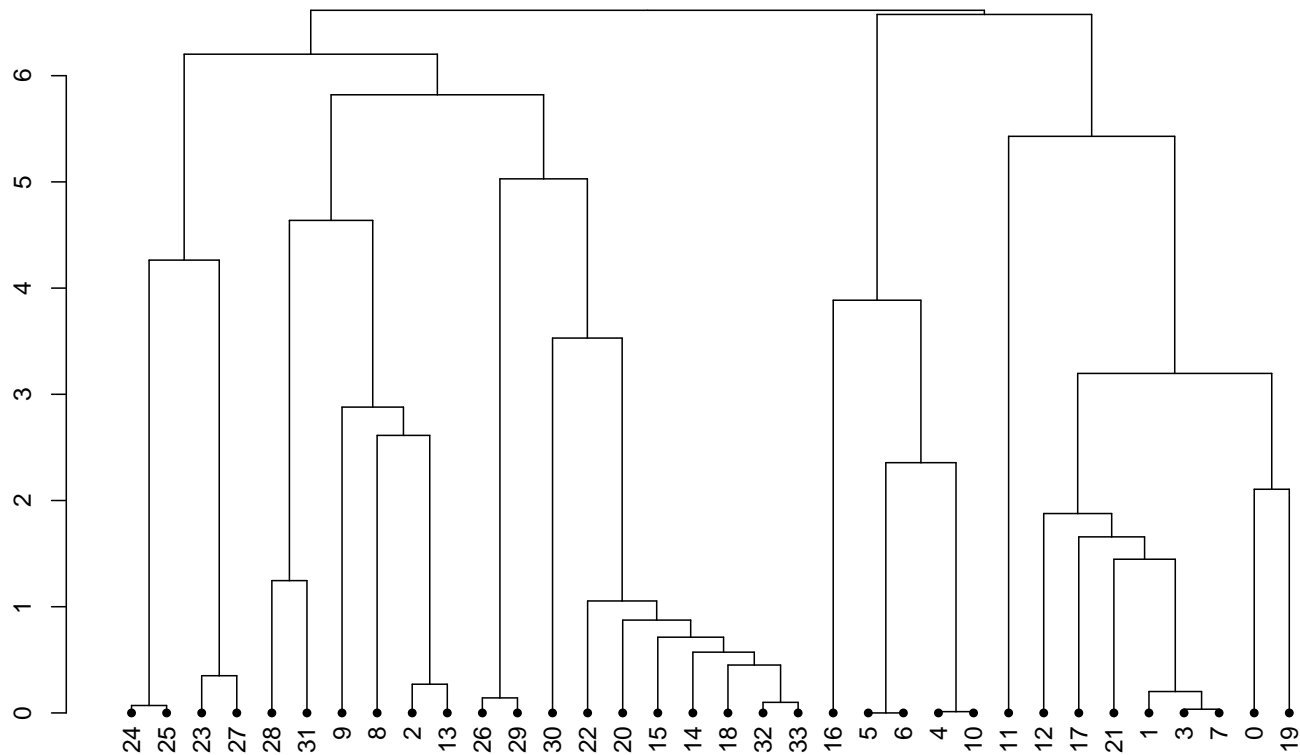
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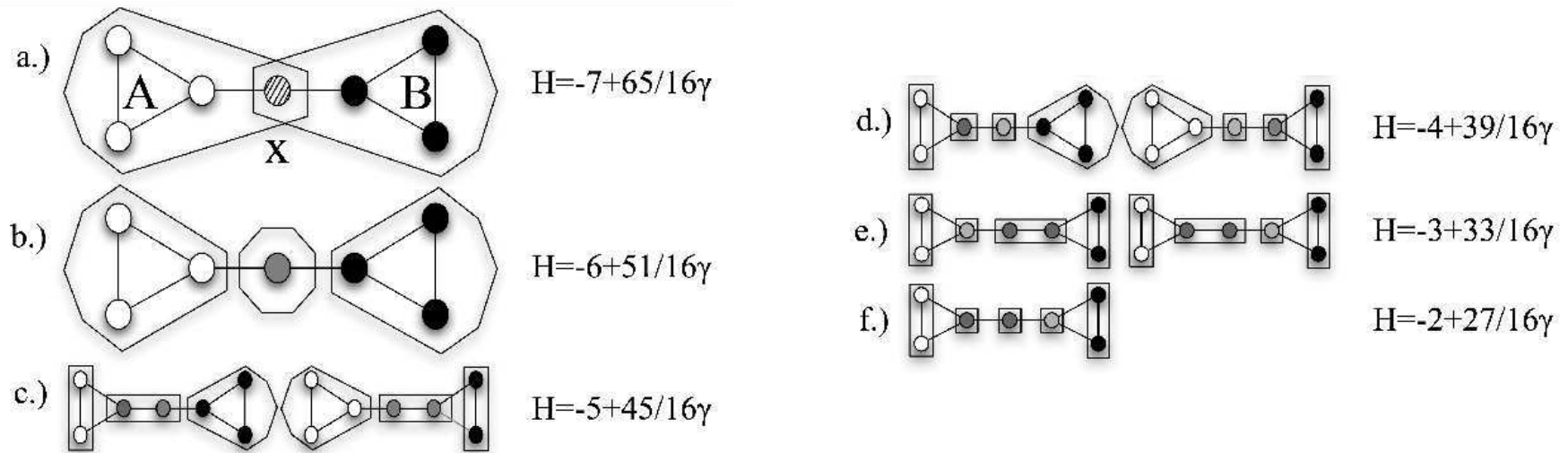
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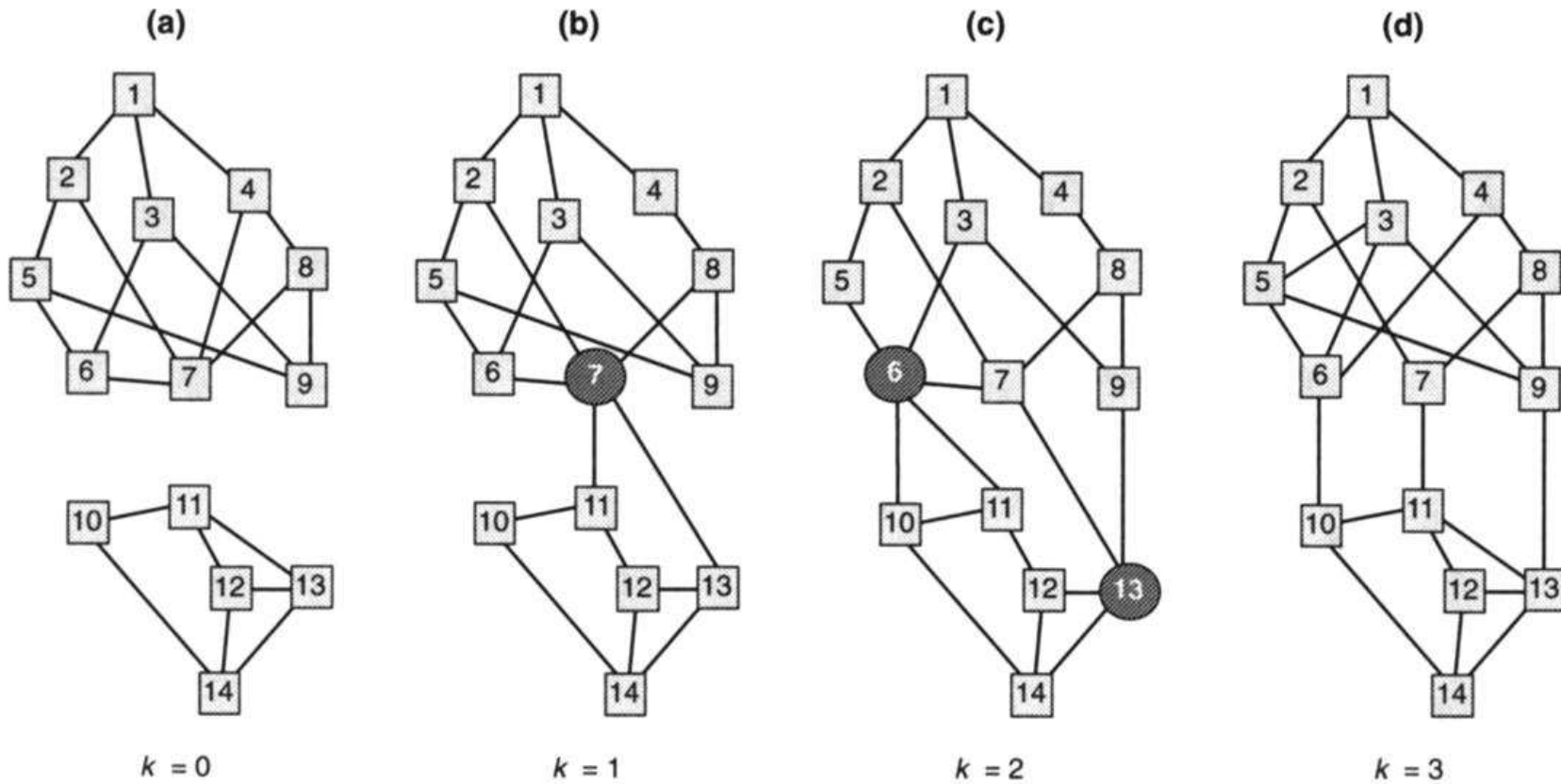
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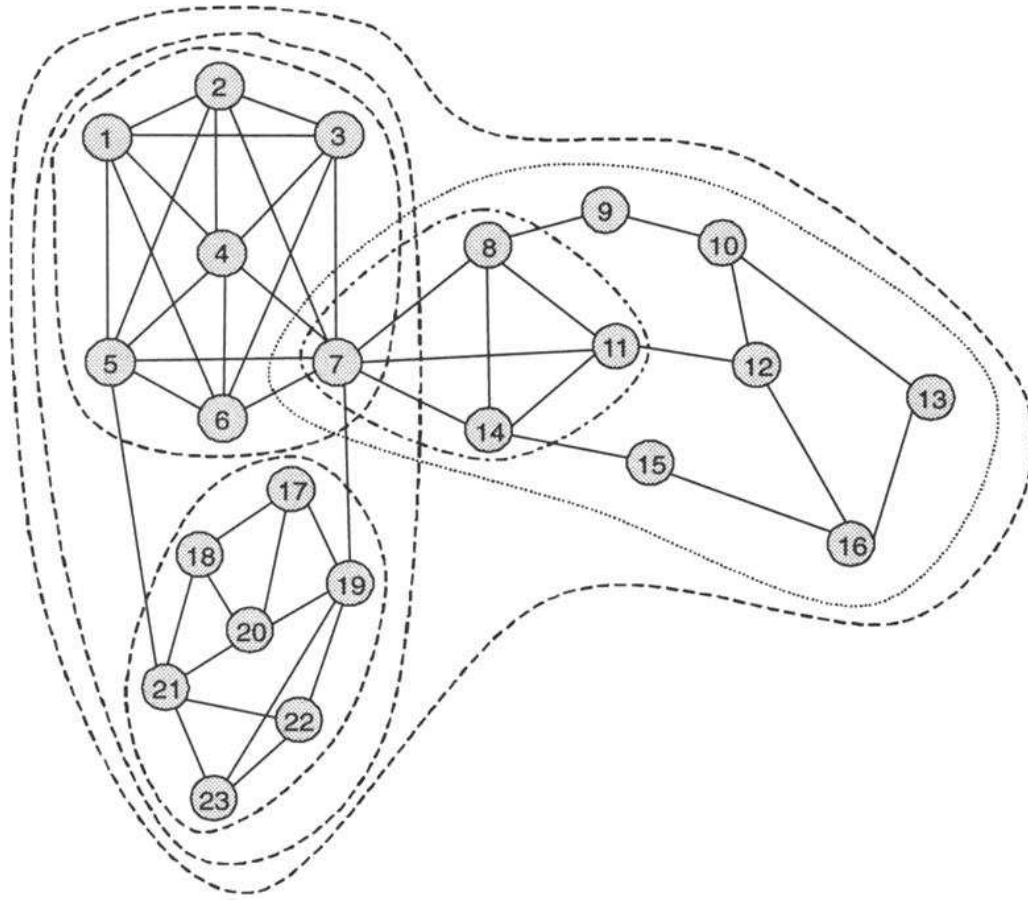
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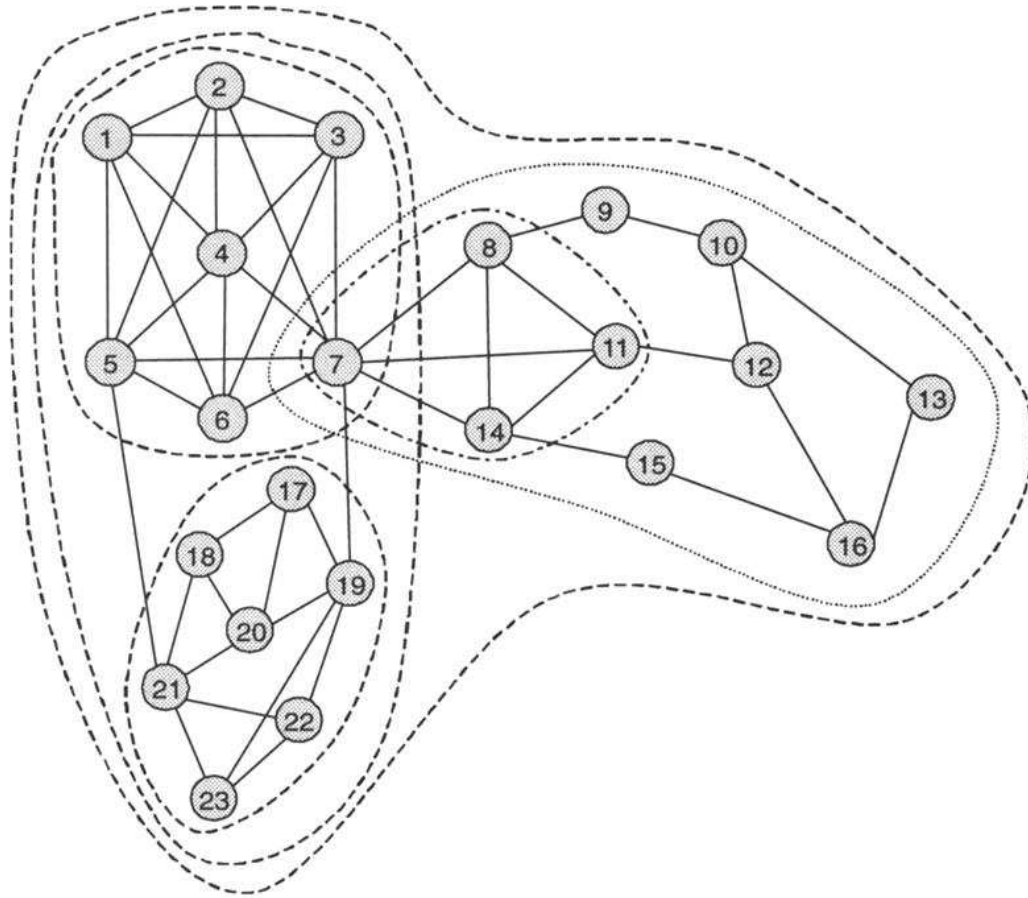
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9           9,10,  
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14          18,20,18,21,  
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17          22,23)-1, dir=FALSE)  
18  
19 V(cb)$label <- seq(vcount(cb)) # $
```

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```
1 blocks <- cohesive.blocks(cb)
2 blocks
3
4 summary(blocks)
5 blocks$blocks
6 lapply(blocks$blocks, "+", 1)
7 blocks$block.cohesion # $
8 plot(blocks, layout=layout.kamada.kawai,
9       vertex.label.cex=2, vertex.size=15,
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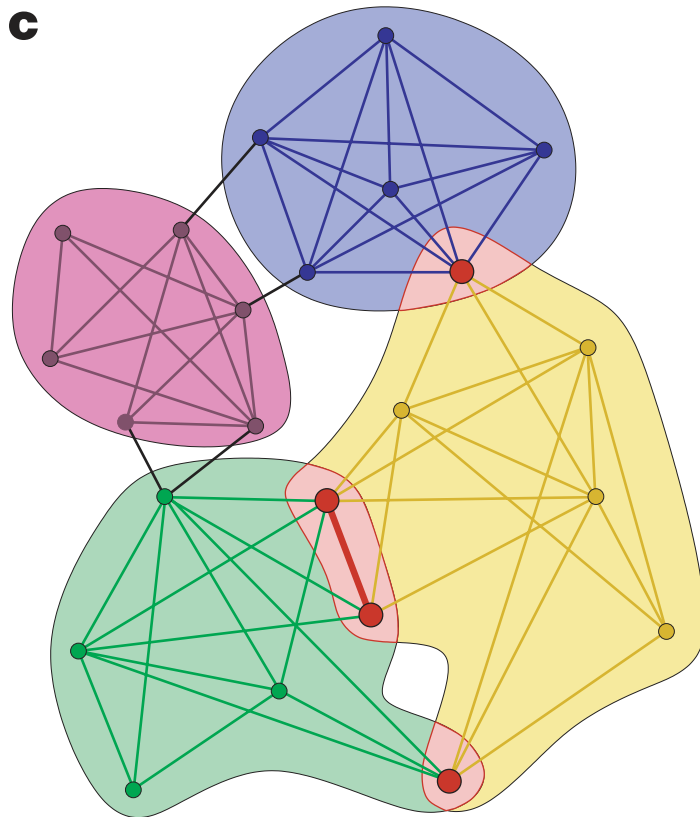
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2   W <- get.adjacency(g, attr="weight")
3   WM <- matrix(max(W), nrow(W), ncol(W))
4   diag(WM) <- 0
5   diag( W %*% W %*% W ) /
6     diag( W %*% WM %*% W )
7 }
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Clique percolation, Palla et al.,
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Rapid prototyping, clique percolation

```
1 clique.community <- function(graph, k) {
2   clq <- cliques(graph, min=k, max=k)
3   edges <- c()
4   for (i in seq(along=clq)) {
5     for (j in seq(along=clq)) {
6       if ( length(unique(c(clq[[i]],
7                             clq[[j]]))) == k+1 ) {
8         edges <- c(edges, c(i,j)-1)
9       }
10    }
11  }
12  clq.graph <- simplify(graph(edges))
13  V(clq.graph)$name <-
14    seq(length=vcount(clq.graph))
15  comps <- decompose.graph(clq.graph)
16
17  lapply(comps, function(x) {
18    unique(unlist(clq[ V(x)$name ]))
19  })
20 }
```

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