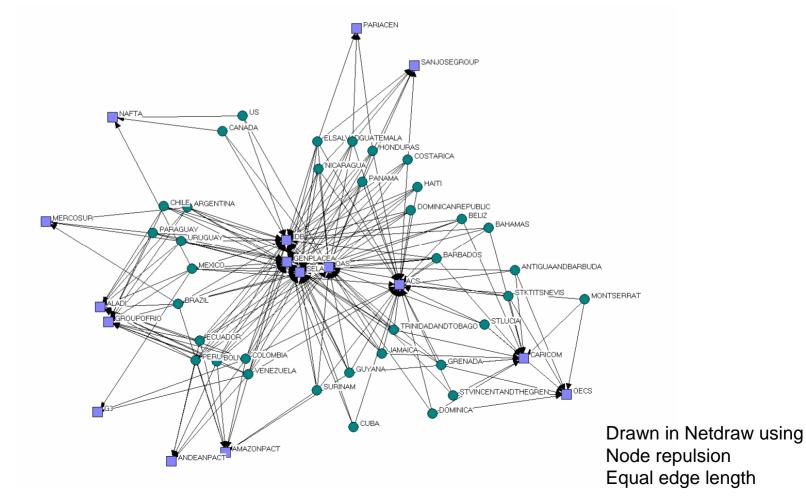


#### Two mode network

Western hemisphere countries, memberships in international organizations





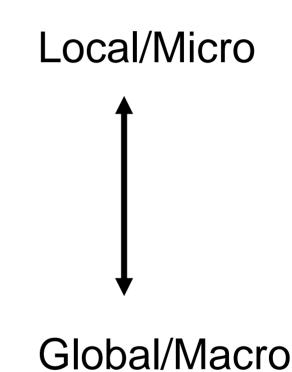
# Overview of some social network methods

- Connectivity
- Centrality
- Cohesion
- Relational patterns and reductions
- Local network methods: dyads and triads
- Testing structural hypotheses



# Levels of network properties

- Actor
- Dyad
- Triad
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- Subgroup
- Network



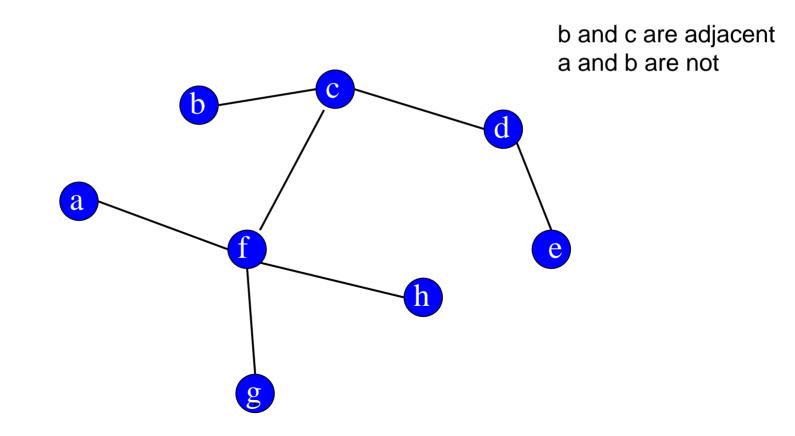
### Connectivity

- Adjacency
- Degree
- Density
- Paths and reachability
- Cutpoints and bridges



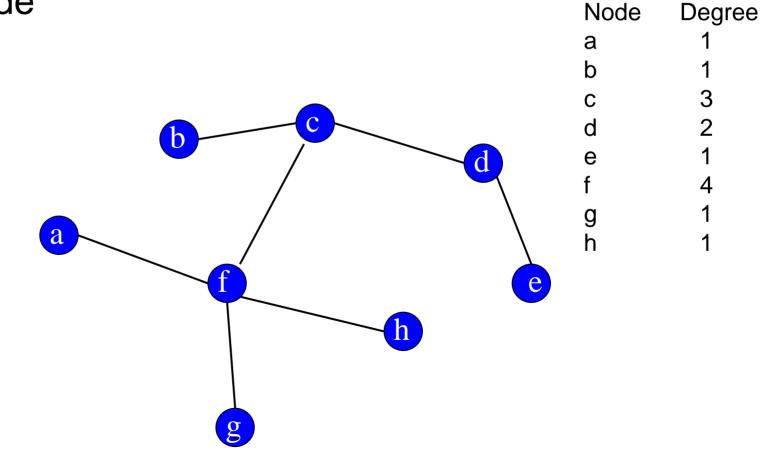
### Adjacent

Two nodes are adjacent if there is an edge between them



### Node degree

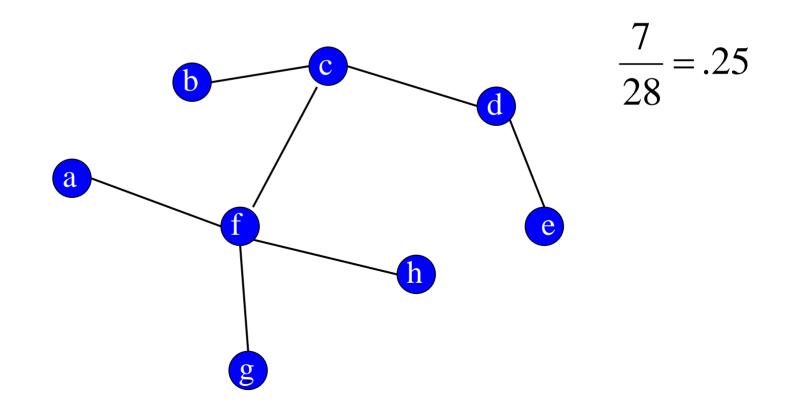
The number of nodes adjacent to a given node
Node







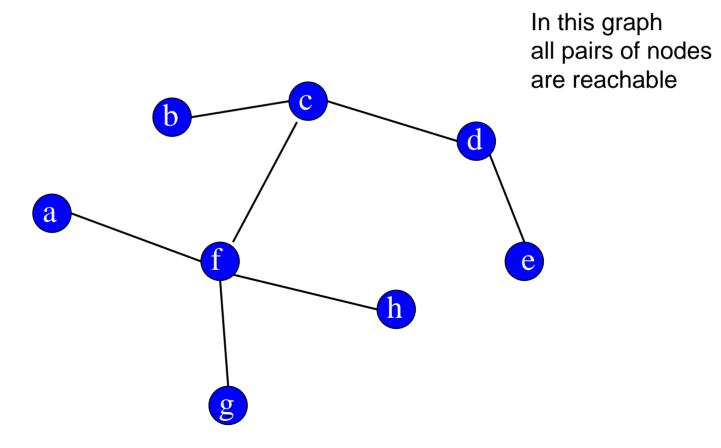
#### - The proportion of ties that are present





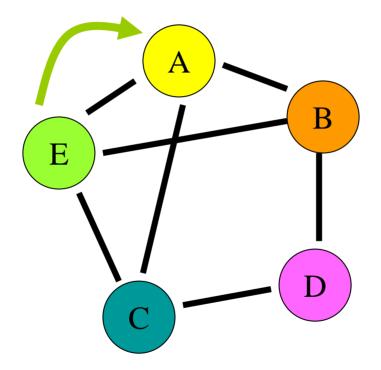
#### Reachability

#### Two nodes are reachable if there is a path between them



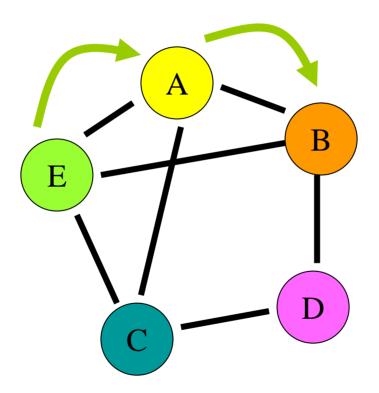


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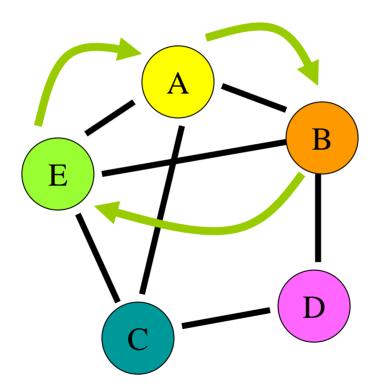


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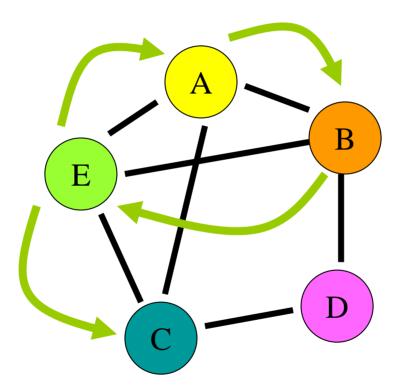


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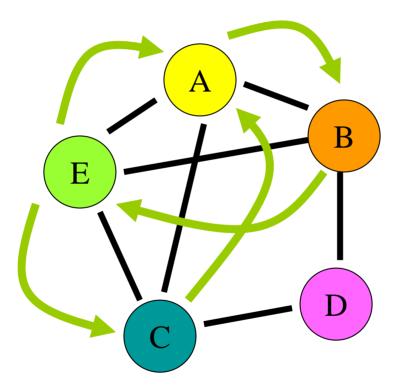


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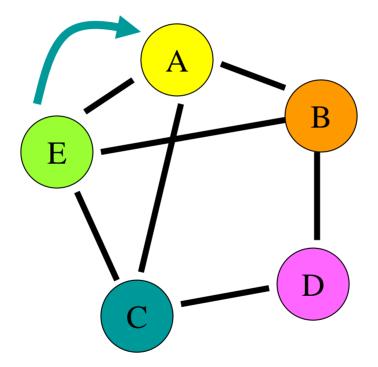


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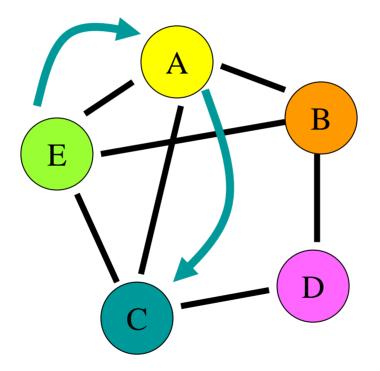


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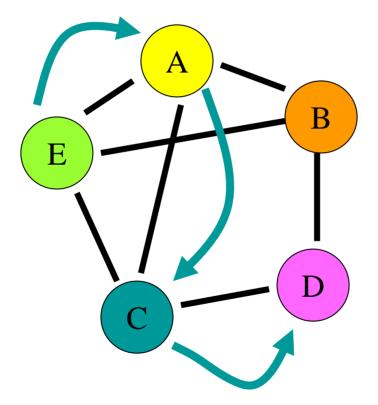


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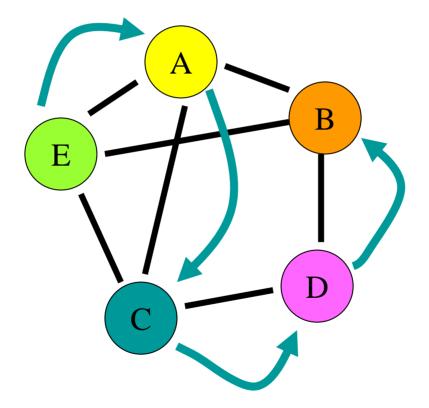


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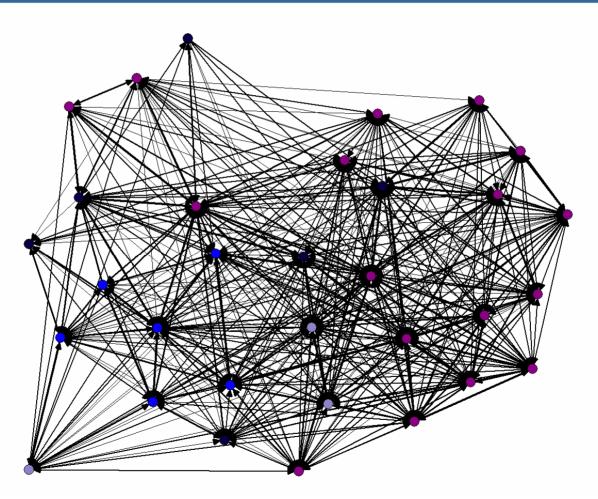


### Connectivity

• A graph is connected if all pairs of nodes are reachable

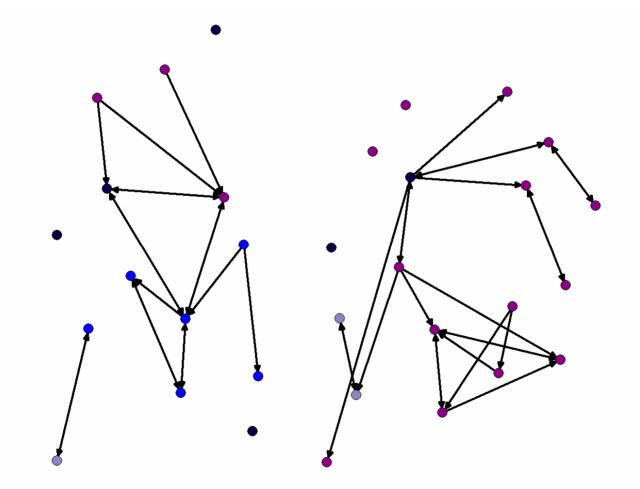
• Important for transmission on a network

#### Connected graph



Acquaintanceship between social science researchers, Freeman

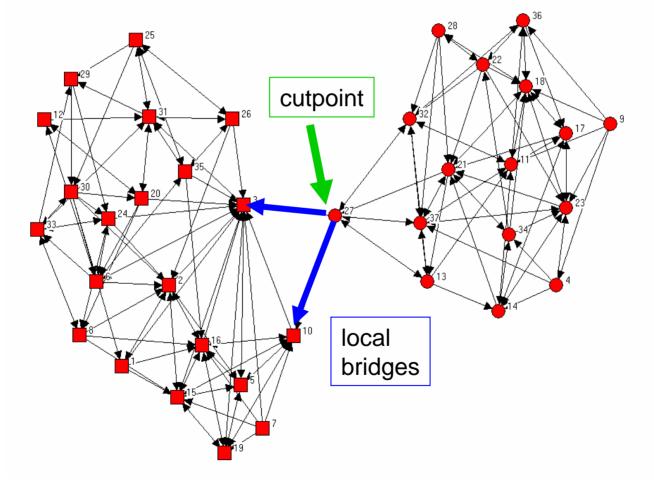
#### Graph is not connected



Strong friendships between social science researchers, Freeman



### Cutpoints and bridges



Graph from Tom Valente

### Centrality

• Actor centrality

- Identify important or prominent actors

• Network centralization

- Characterize the structure of the network



# Structural intuitions for actor centrality

Intuition

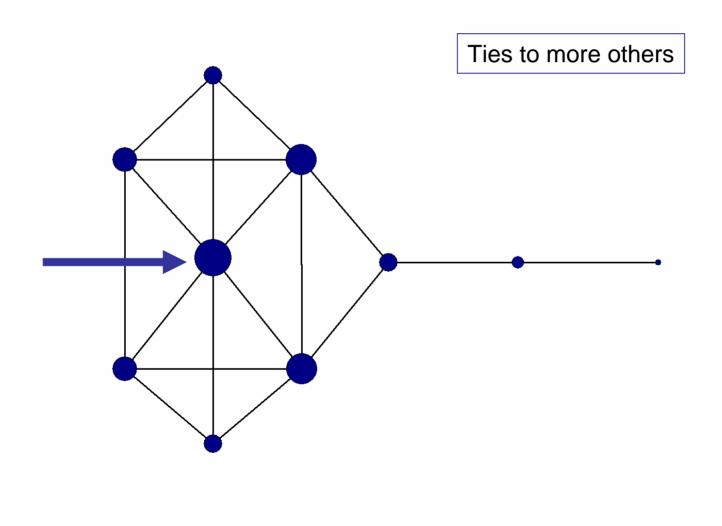
#### <u>Measure</u>

- Activity, visibility
- Brokerage, control
- Efficiency
- Status, rank

degree betweenness closeness eigenvector

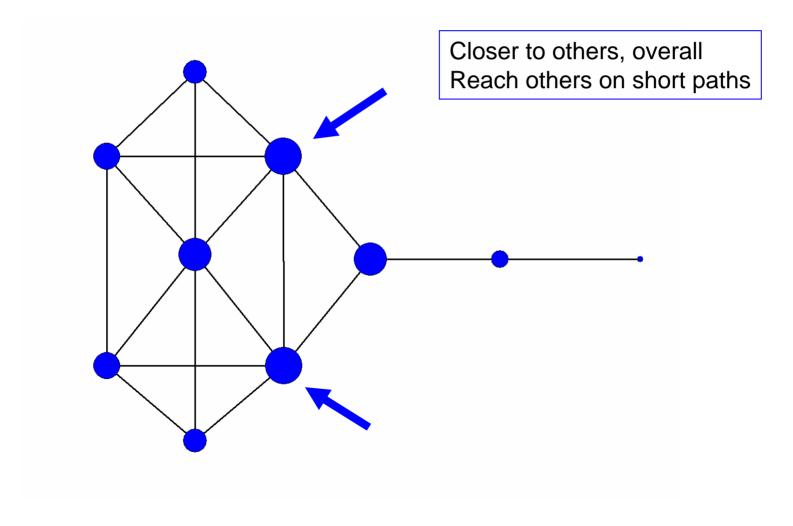


#### Actor degree centrality



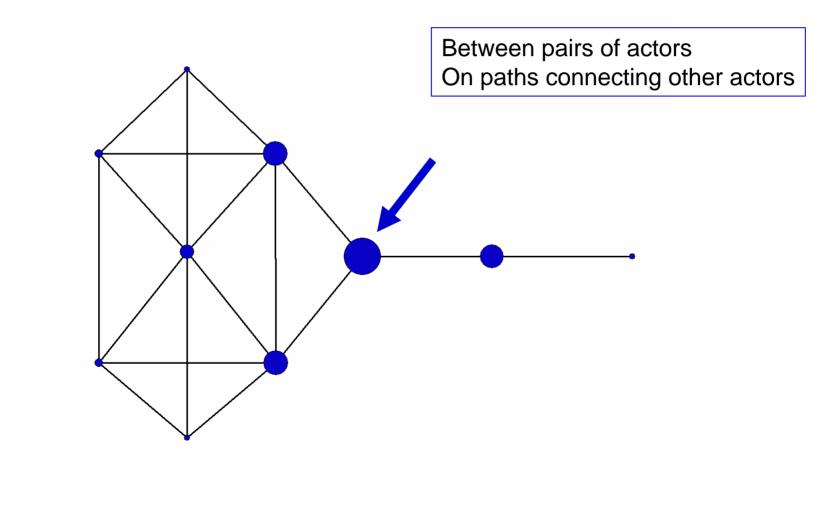


#### Actor closeness centrality



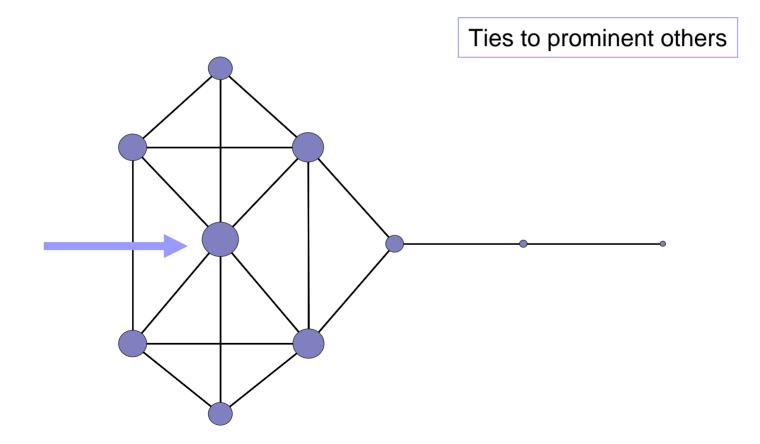


#### Actor betweenness centrality





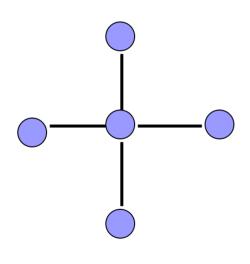
#### Actor eigenvector centrality





### Network centralization

• One or a few actors are quite central, other actors are not central



Centralized

Not centralized



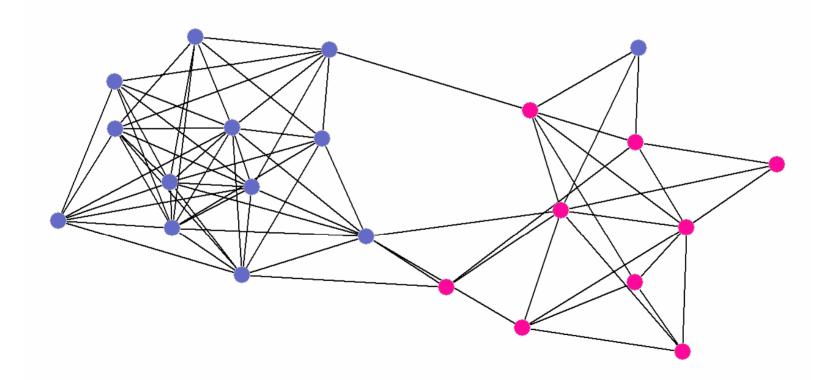
# Subgroup cohesion

- Structural intuitions
  - High level of activity or strong ties
  - Ties to many other subgroup members
  - Close, compact
- Approaches
  - Cliques etc.



#### Cohesive subgroups

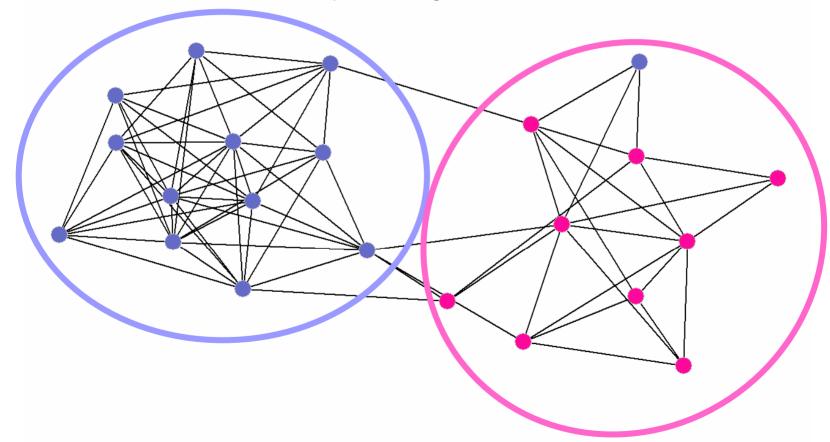
Friendship in a fifth grade classroom



Nodes colored by sex

#### Cohesive subgroups

Friendship in a fifth grade classroom



Subgroups identified using factions in UCINET

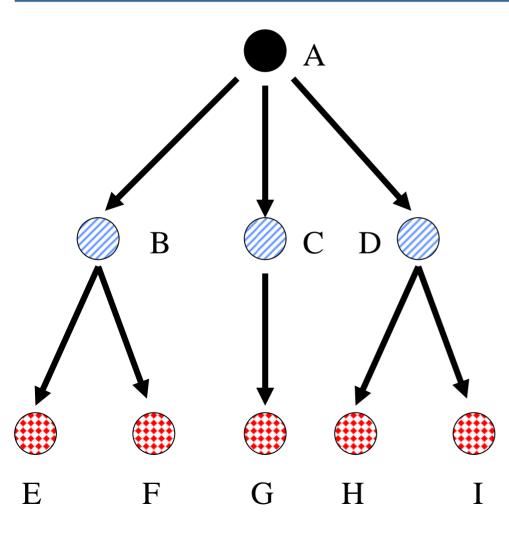


# Relational patterns and reductions

- Relational formalization of
  - Social position
  - Social role
- Reduced image of network (blockmodel)

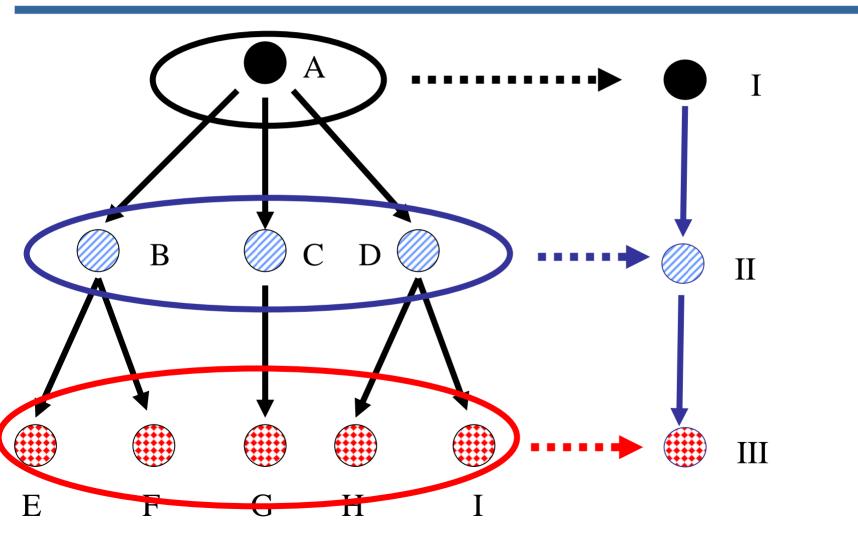


#### Graph with three levels



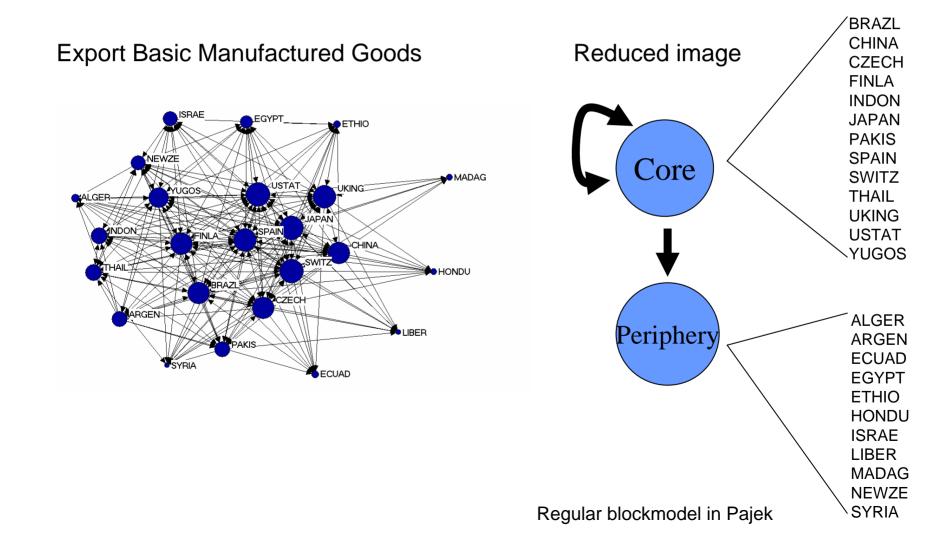


Regular equivalence reduction



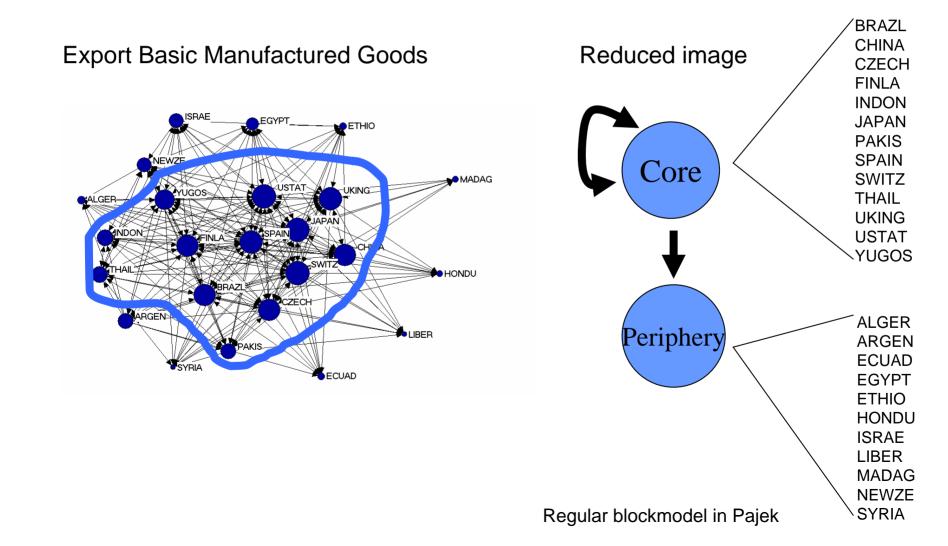


### Blockmodel image



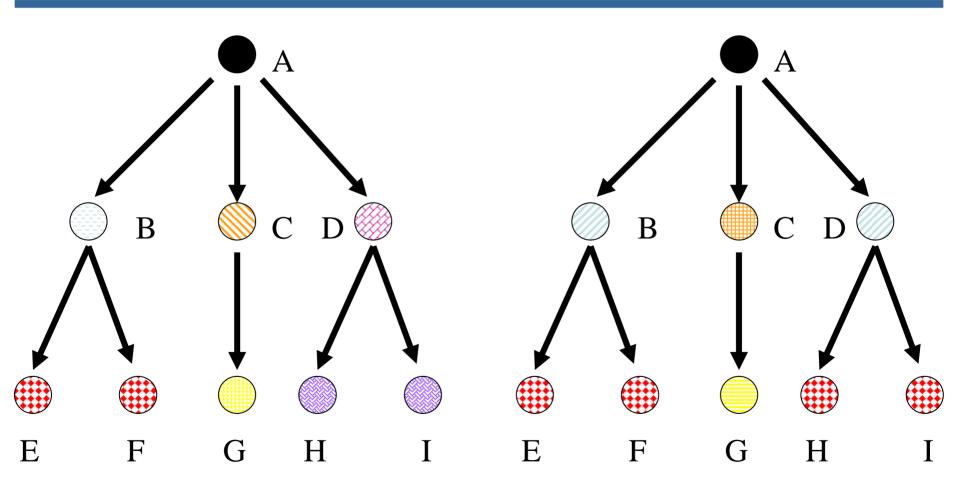


### Blockmodel image



#### Structural equivalence

#### Automorphic equivalence





# Local network approaches

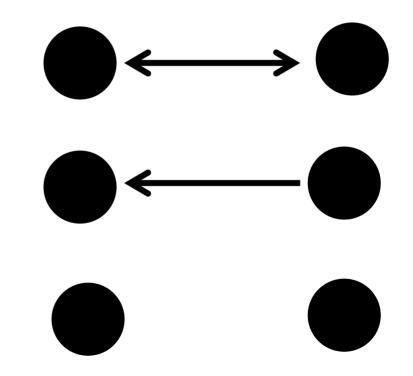
- Subgraphs
  - Dyads
  - Triads
- Local structures  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  global structures





• Pair of nodes and the arc(s) between them

- Mutual
- Asymmetric



• Null

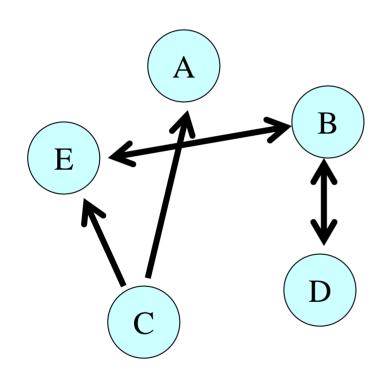


#### Dyad census

- Count the number of dyads that are
  - Mutual
  - Asymmetric
  - Null
- Tendency for mutuality vs. asymmetry



#### Dyad census



AB	Null
AC	Asym
AD	Null
AE	Null
BC	Null
BD	Mutual
BE	Mutual
CD	Null
CE	Asym
DE	Null

M = 2A = 2N = 6



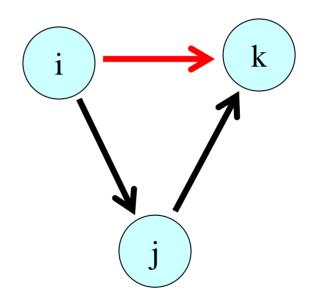
#### Triads

Triad: Three nodes and the arcs among them

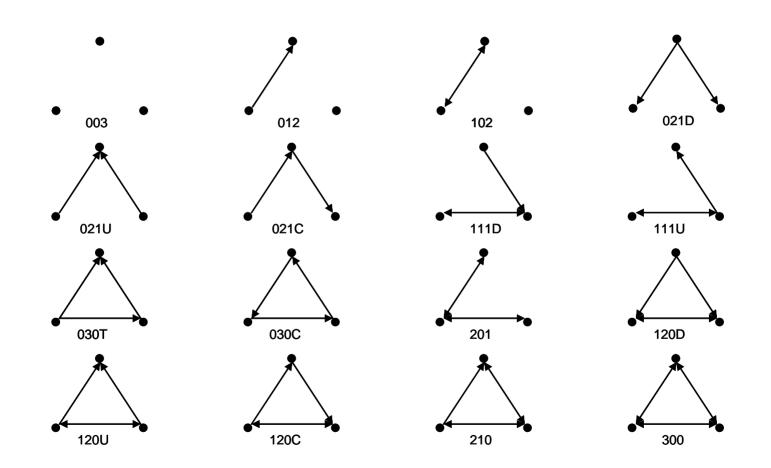


#### Transitivity

#### if $i \rightarrow j$ and $j \rightarrow k$ , then $i \rightarrow k$



# 16 types of triads



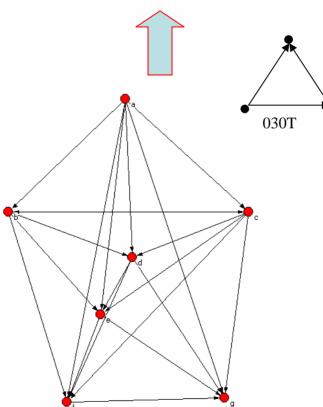


# Triad census

- Counts the number of each of the 16 triad types
- Test hypotheses about triadic tendencies
  - Transitivity
  - Triadic closure
  - ...
- Investigate theoretical macro structures
  - Subgrouping
  - Hierarchy

#### Triad census rhesus monkeys win in fights

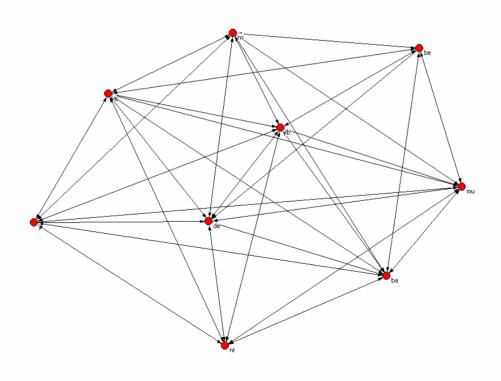
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#### Triad census chimpanzees grooming

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### Testing structural hypotheses

- Statistical approaches
  - Network dependencies
  - Exponential random graph models (ERGM)
- Social influence and social selection
- Diffusion



#### Some network structural effects

a. Mutual



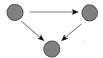
b. Out 2-star



c. In 2-star



d. Mixed 2-star



e. Transitive triple



f. Cyclic triple



# Future directions for social network analysis

- Data challenges
  - High quality data
  - Replicated in multiple settings
  - Theoretically and substantively rich
  - Sampling and missing data
- Network processes
  - Theoretically and empirically grounded
- Statistical inference