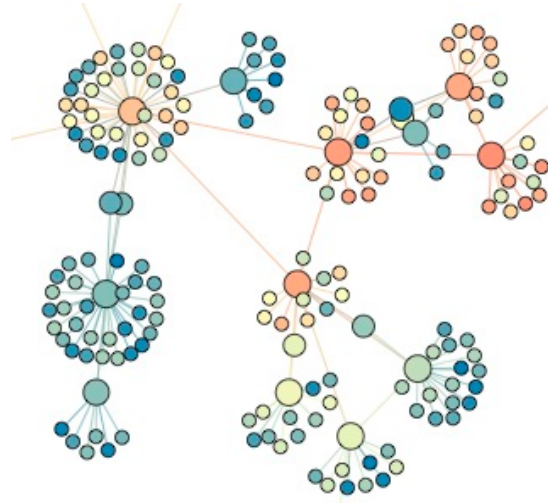




SNA L1C: degree, connected components

Lada Adamic



Network elements: edges

- ▣ Directed (also called arcs, links)

- ▣ $A \rightarrow B$

- ▣ A likes B, A gave a gift to B, A is B's child

- ▣ Undirected

- ▣ $A \leftrightarrow B$ or $A - B$

- ▣ A and B like each other

- ▣ A and B are siblings

- ▣ A and B are co-authors

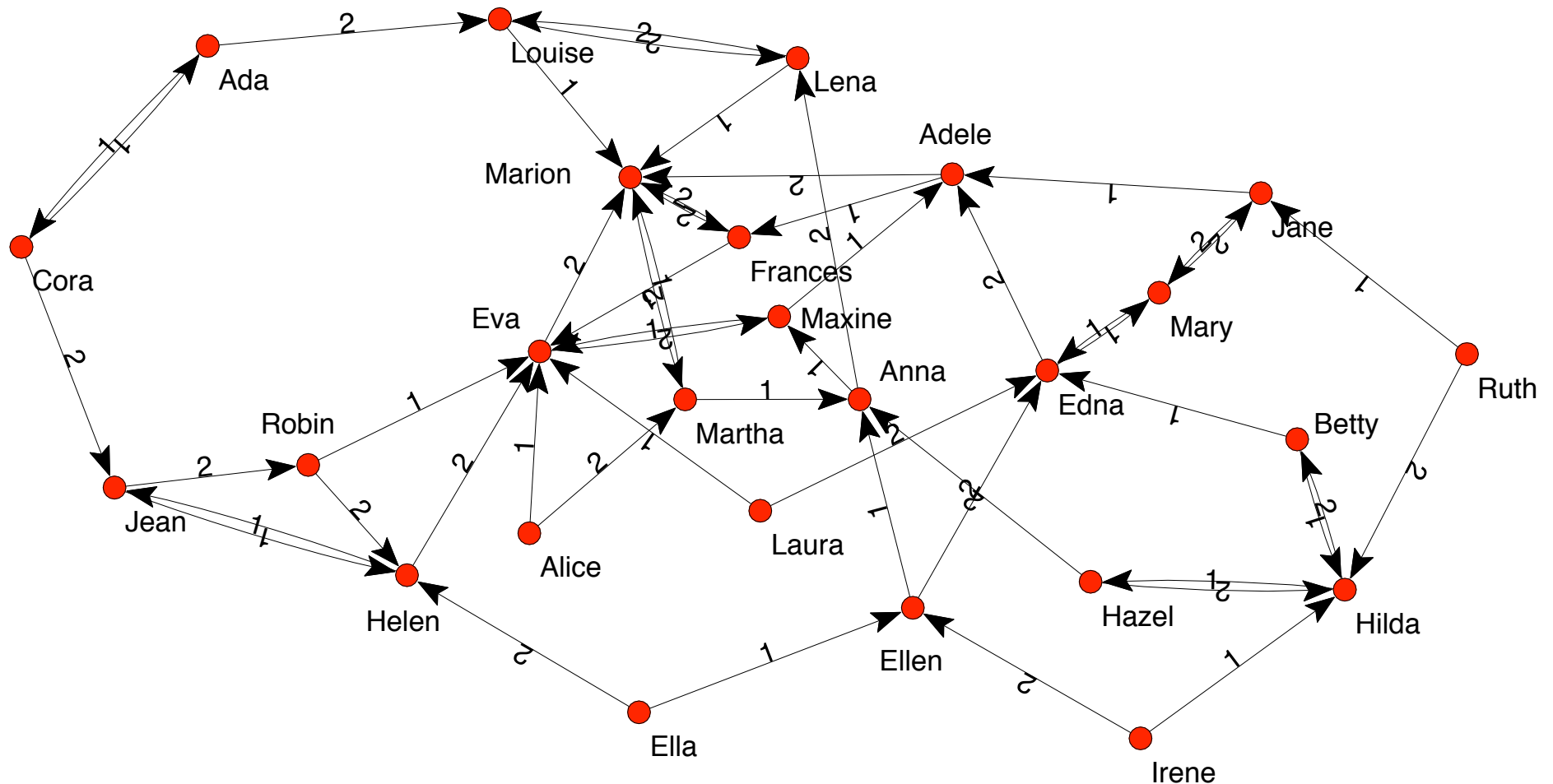
Edge attributes

▣ Examples

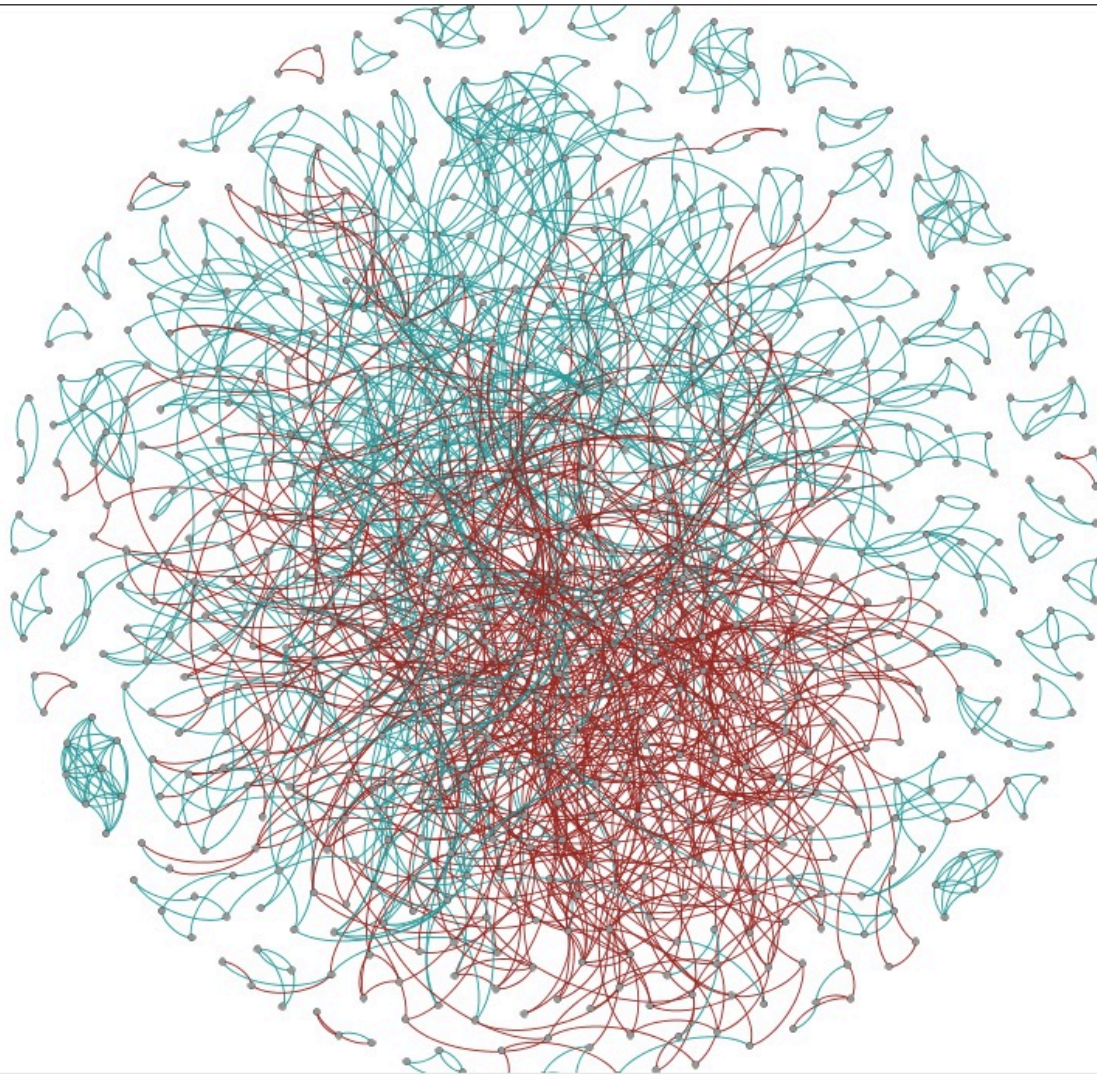
- ▣ weight (e.g. frequency of communication)
- ▣ ranking (best friend, second best friend...)
- ▣ type (friend, relative, co-worker)
- ▣ properties depending on the structure of the rest of the graph: e.g. betweenness

Directed networks

- girls' school dormitory dining-table partners, 1st and 2nd choices
(Moreno, *The sociometry reader*, 1960)



Positive and negative weights



- ▣ e.g. one person trusting/distrusting another
- ▣ Research challenge: How does one 'propagate' negative feelings in a social network? Is my enemy's enemy my friend?

sample of positive & negative ratings from Epinions network

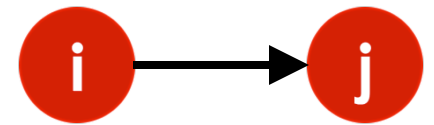
Data representation

- ▣ adjacency matrix
- ▣ edgelist
- ▣ adjacency list

Adjacency matrices

- Representing edges (who is adjacent to whom) as a matrix

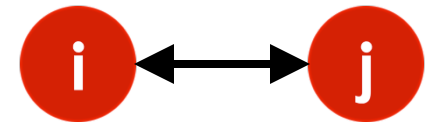
- $A_{ij} = 1$ if node j has an edge to node i
 $= 0$ if node j does not have an edge to i



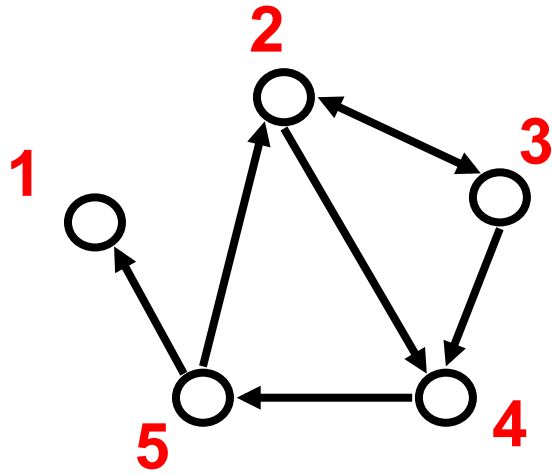
- $A_{ii} = 0$ unless the network has self-loops



- $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$ if the network is undirected, or if i and j share a reciprocated edge



Example adjacency matrix



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Edge list

□ Edge list

□ 2, 3

□ 2, 4

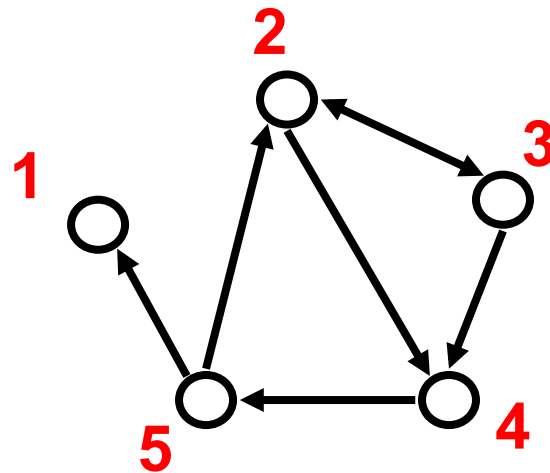
□ 3, 2

□ 3, 4

□ 4, 5

□ 5, 2

□ 5, 1



Adjacency lists

▣ Adjacency list

▣ is easier to work with if network is

▣ large

▣ sparse

▣ quickly retrieve all neighbors for a node

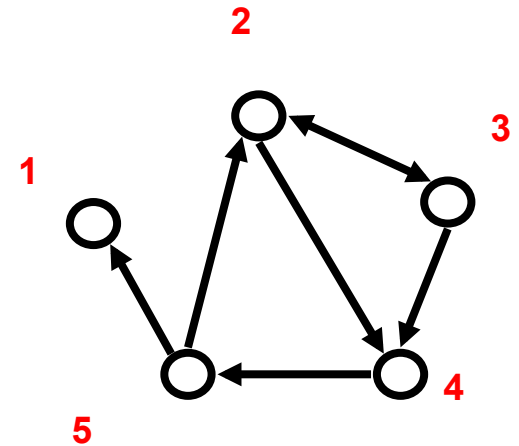
▣ 1:

▣ 2: 3 4

▣ 3: 2 4

▣ 4: 5

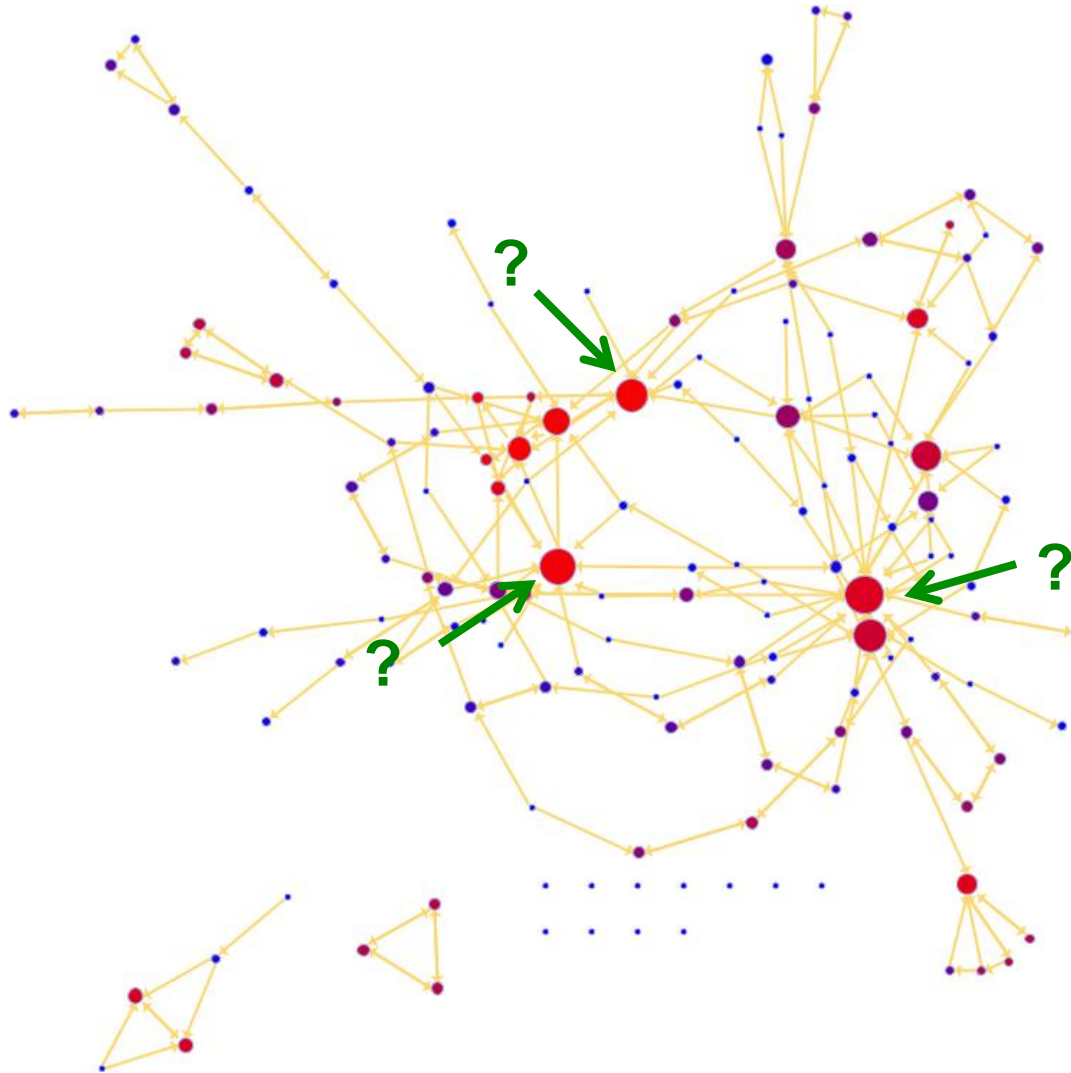
▣ 5: 1 2



Computing metrics

- ▣ degree & degree distribution
- ▣ connected components

Degree: which node has the most edges?



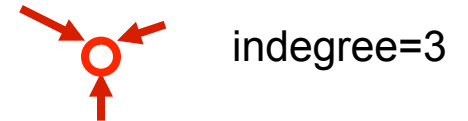
Nodes

- Node network properties

- from immediate connections

- indegree

- how many directed edges (arcs) are incident on a node



- outdegree

- how many directed edges (arcs) originate at a node



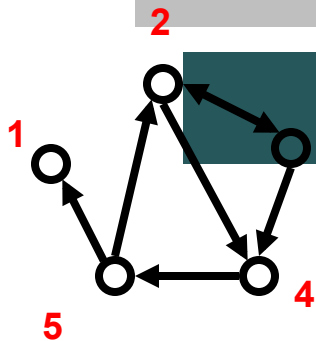
- degree (in or out)

- number of edges incident on a node



- from the entire graph

- centrality (betweenness, closeness)



Node degree from matrix values

Indegree = $\sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}$

example: indegree for node 3 is 2, which we obtain by summing the number of non-zero entries in the 3rd row

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Outdegree = $\sum_{i=1}^n A_{ij}$

example: the indegree for node 3 is 1, which we obtain by summing the number of non-zero entries in the 3rd column

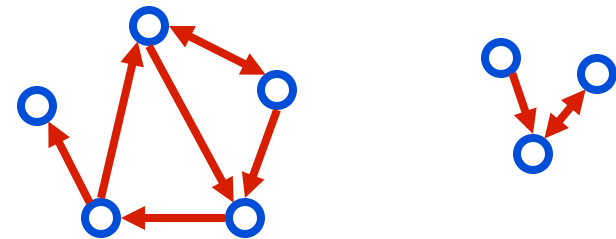
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$$\sum_{i=1}^n A_{i3}$$

Network metrics: degree sequence and degree distribution

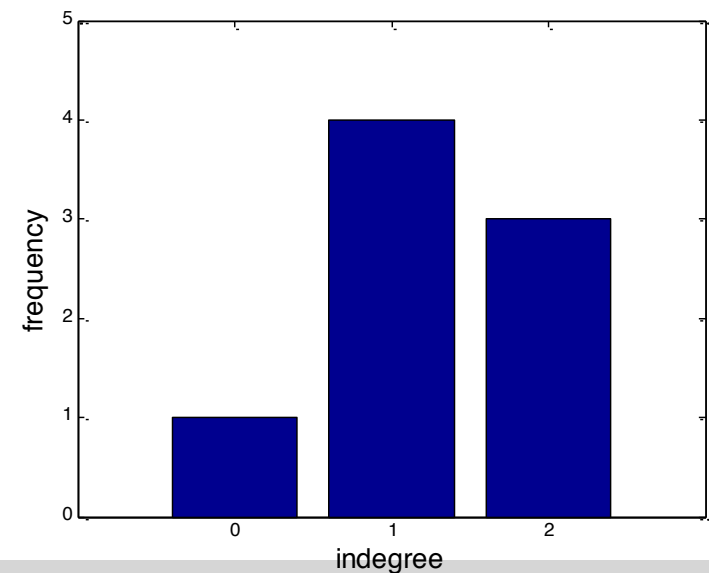
▣ Degree sequence: An ordered list of the (in,out) degree of each node

- In-degree sequence:
 - [2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 0]
- Out-degree sequence:
 - [2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 0]
- (undirected) degree sequence:
 - [3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1]

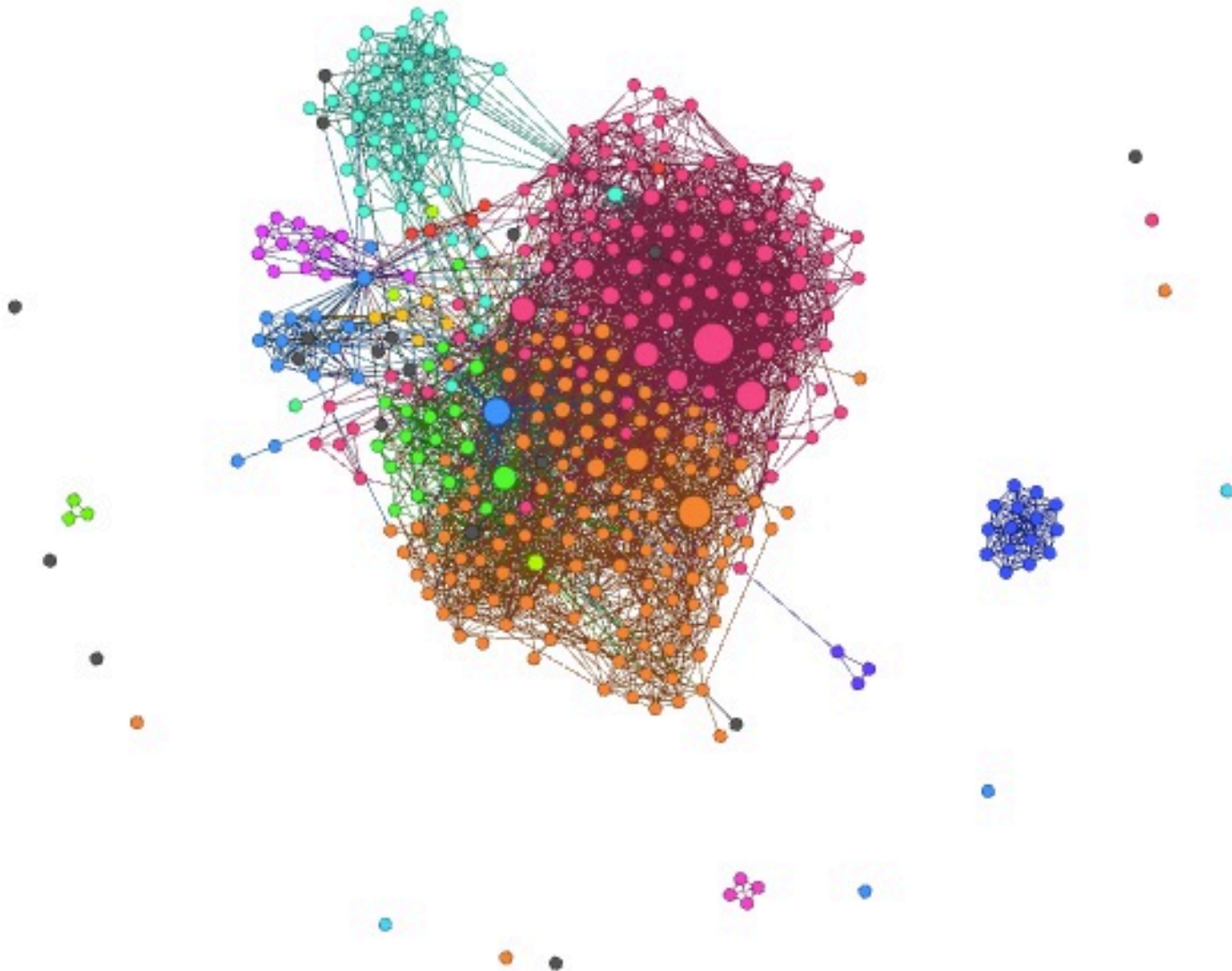


■ Degree distribution: A frequency count of the occurrence of each degree

- In-degree distribution:
 - [(2,3) (1,4) (0,1)]
- Out-degree distribution:
 - [(2,4) (1,3) (0,1)]
- (undirected) distribution:
 - [(3,3) (2,2) (1,3)]



Is everything connected?



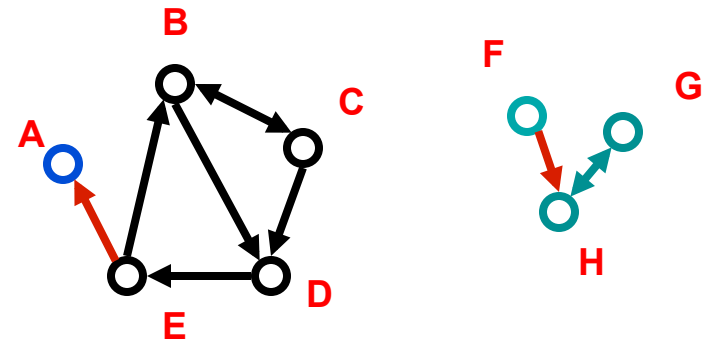
Connected components

- Strongly connected components

- Each node within the component can be reached from every other node in the component by following directed links

- Strongly connected components

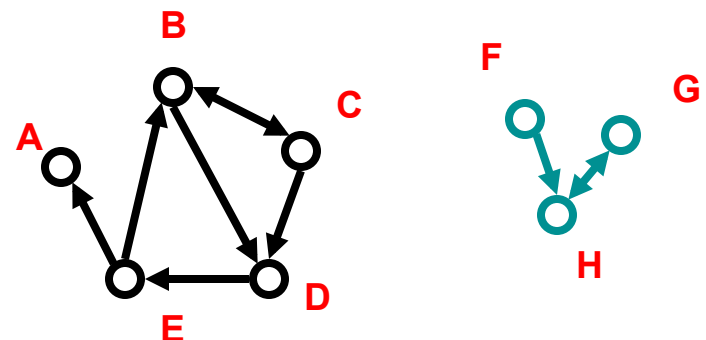
- BCDE
- A
- GH
- F



- Weakly connected components: every node can be reached from every other node by following links in either direction

- Weakly connected components

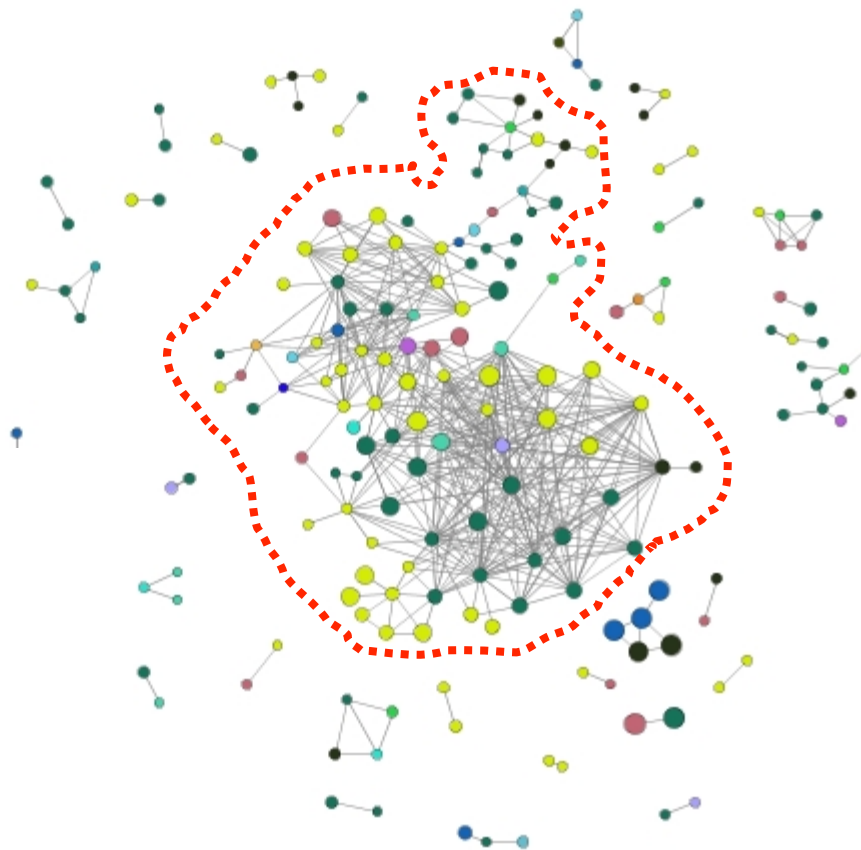
- ABCDE
- GHF



- In undirected networks one talks simply about 'connected components'

Giant component

- ▣ if the largest component encompasses a significant fraction of the graph, it is called the **giant component**



Recap

- ▣ Networks can be represented as matrices
- ▣ Useful network metrics:
 - ▣ degree and degree distribution
 - ▣ connected components
 - ▣ strong
 - ▣ weak
 - ▣ giant