How connected are you? Putting some network science in your life

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IP connection map, 15 Jan 2005 (wiki)









Uber lift map SF

Facebook

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Football graphs

- With Javier Lopez Pena (now at kickdex)
- http://www.maths.qmul.ac.uk/~ht/footballgraphs/

Bits of graph theory

Degree: $d_i = #$ links from *i*

Degree sequence

d = (1, 3, 2, 2, 2)

Adjacency matrix

Degree distribution

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Types of graphs

Random

Small world

- Social networks
- Electricity grid
- Gene networks
- Between ordered and random

- Internet
- Sexual partners
- Airline connections

Scale free

- Scientific citations
- Highly connected nodes (hubs)

Small world networks

Watts & Strogatz, Nature 1998

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Kevin Bacon game

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Centrality

- Most connected = highest degree
- Most central = most effect if removed
- Centrality = Link to many connections
- Different centrality measures C = F(A)
 - Betweenness
 - Pagerank
 - Degree centrality

Examples

- Communication servers (39 stars)
- Power grid (310 circles)
- Failure probability with 14 servers down

Schneider et al., Sci. Rep. 2013

Examples

- Left: Betweenness centrality
- Right: Correlation of centrality-activity

Porta et al., Environ. & Planning 2009

Current research

Maths + physics + computer science + social sciences

- Community detection
 - Identification
 - Recommendations (Facebook, Amazon, etc.)
- Evolving networks
 - City growth
 - Urban planning
- Dynamics on networks
 - Disease spreading
 - Google search
 - Daily commute

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