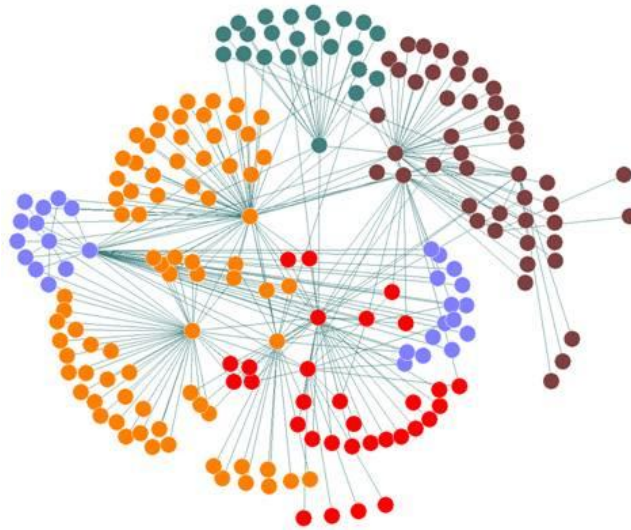




# Algorithms and Applications in Social Networks



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# Lesson #2

- Random network models
- Centrality measures

# Random Graphs

# Erdős–Rényi model

- Two variants of the model:
  - $G(n, m)$  – a graph is chosen uniformly from a set of graphs with  $n$  nodes and  $m$  edges
  - $G(n, p)$  – a graph is constructed on  $n$  nodes, with probability of edge equals to  $p$
- We will focus on the second variant
- Expected number of edges and average

degree:

$$\overline{m} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} p$$
$$\overline{k} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i k_i = \frac{2\overline{m}}{n} = p(n-1)$$

# Erdős–Rényi model

- Probability of node  $i$  having a degree  $k$ :

$$P(k_i = k) = \binom{n-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-1-k}$$

- Binomial distribution, which becomes Poisson when  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lambda = pn$$

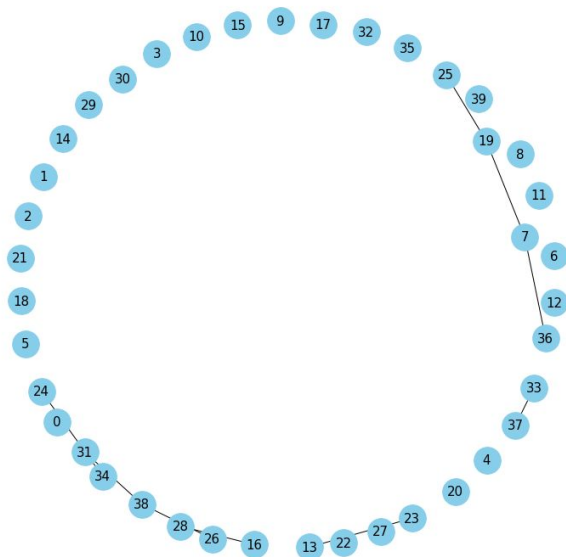
$$P(k_i = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

- Phase transition at  $p_c$  (critical point) =  $1/n$

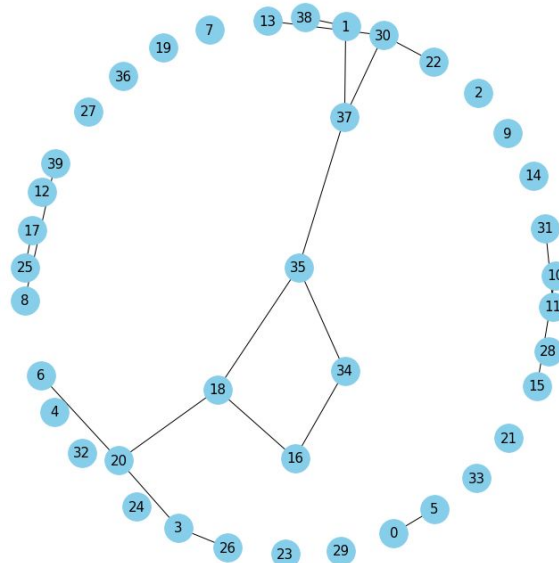
# Erdős–Rényi model

- Example – 40 nodes, different  $p$

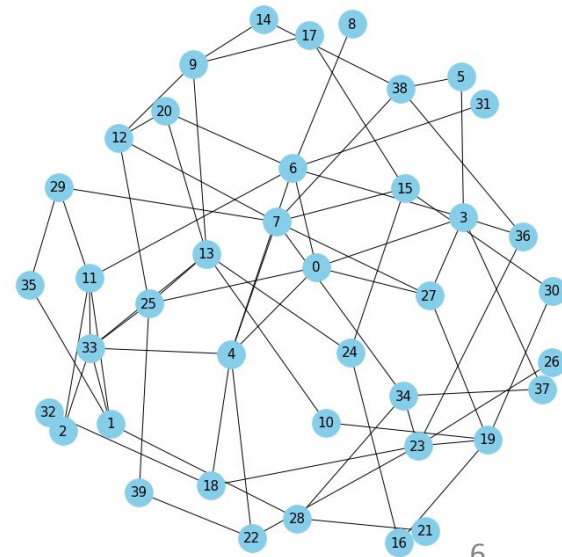
$p = 0.01$ , 9 edges  
Avg. degree = 0.45



$p = 0.025$ , 19 edges  
Avg. degree = 0.95



$p = 0.1$ , 69 edges  
Avg. degree = 3.45



# Erdős–Rényi model

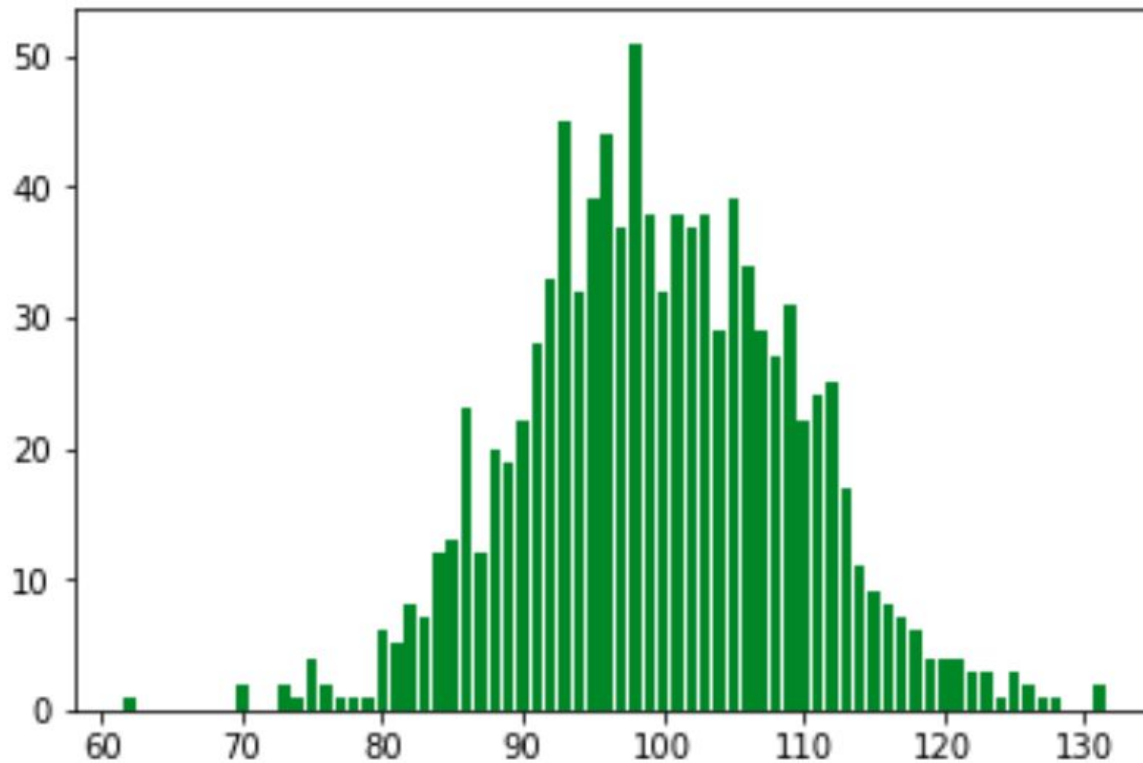
- Clustering coefficient =  $p$

**For a node with  $k$  neighbors:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{\#links between neighbors} / \text{\#max links between neighbors} &= \\ &= [ p * (k(k-1)/2) ] / [k(k-1)/2] = p \end{aligned}$$

# Erdős–Rényi model

- Example – degree distribution for  $G(1000, 0.1)$





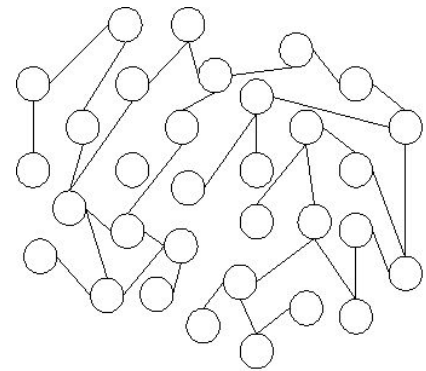
# “Small-world” model

- Properties:
  - Small diameter (proportional to  $\log N$ )
  - High clustering coefficient
- A class of random graphs by Watts and Strogatz

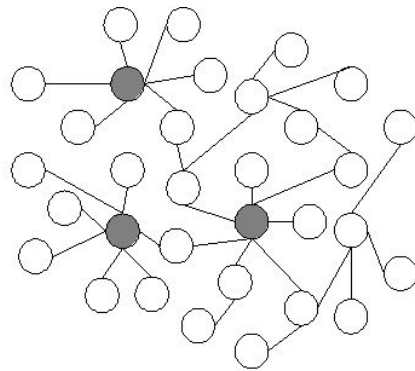
# Scale-free networks

- A network whose degree distribution follows power law.

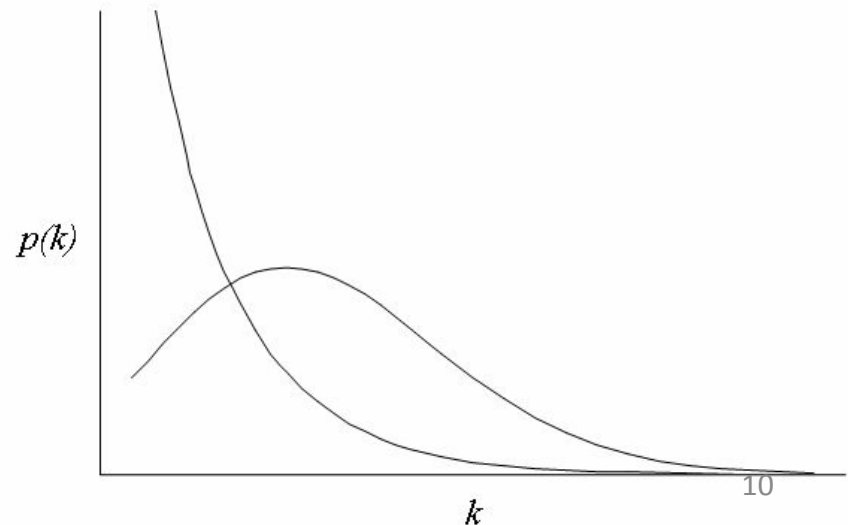
$$P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma}$$



(a) Random network

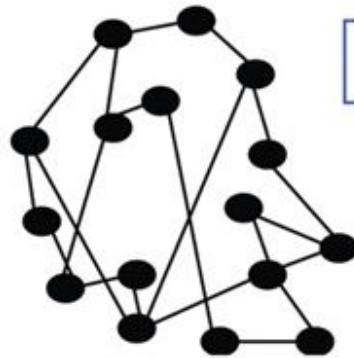


(b) Scale-free network

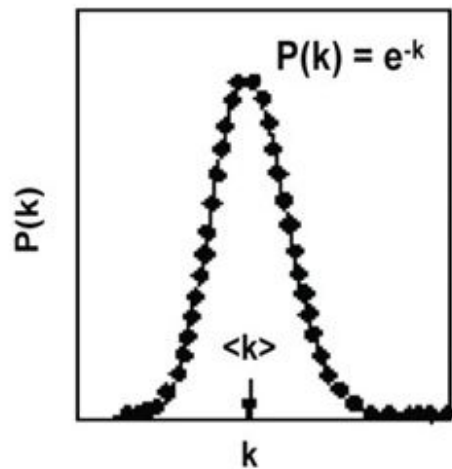


# Random vs Scale-free networks

**A** Random Network

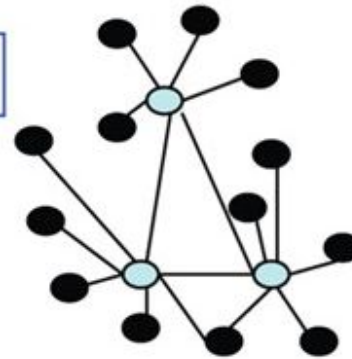


$k$ =degree or #  
nodal connections

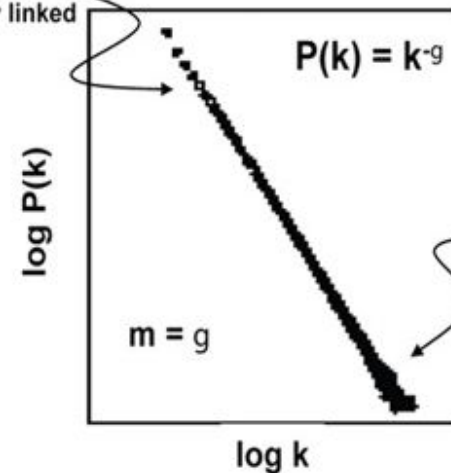


Poisson Distribution

Scale-free Network



Many nodes  
Sparsely linked



Few nodes  
Highly linked

Power Law Distribution

# “Small-world” model

- Small-world examples:
  - Co-authors in the same domain
  - Colleagues
  - Classmates
- Non small-world examples:
  - “went-to-same-school” people

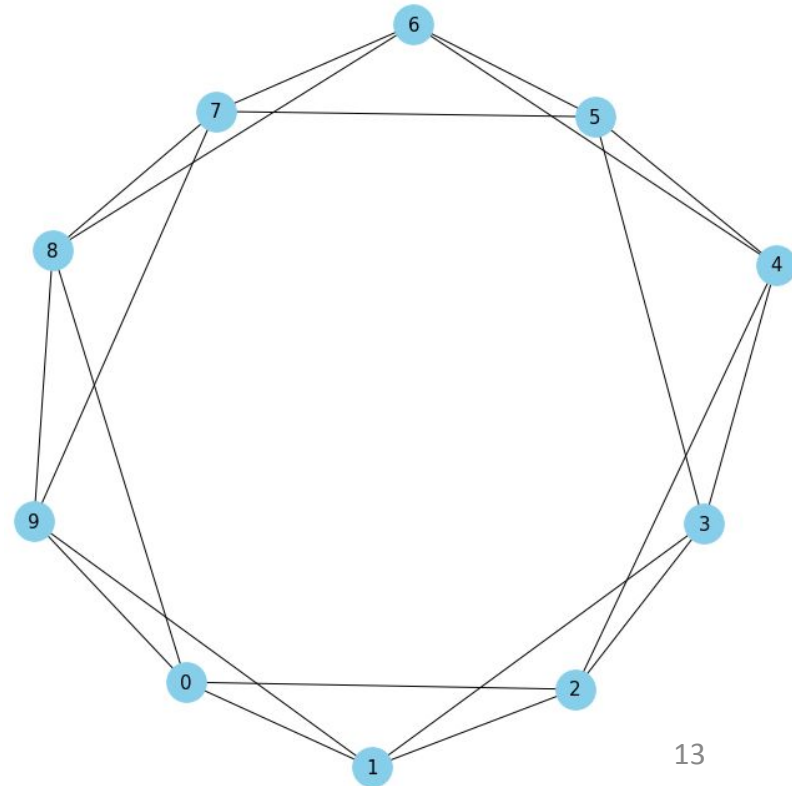
# Watts-Strogatz model

- Input: **N** nodes, with average degree **K** and probability **p** of “recreating” the edge.

## Step 1:

Create **N** nodes, connect each node to  $K/2$  neighbors on the left and right (by IDs)

**Result:** High clustering coefficient, but also big diameter

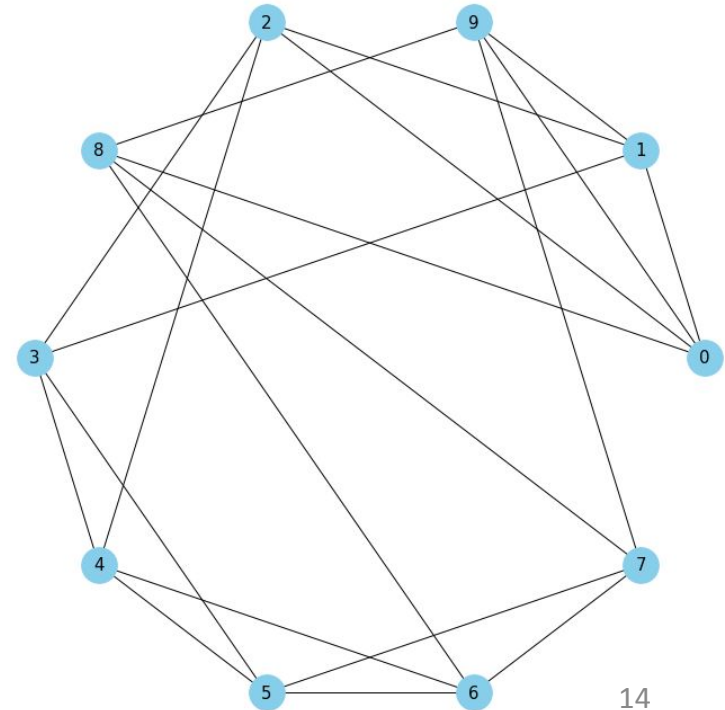


# Watts-Strogatz model

## Step 2:

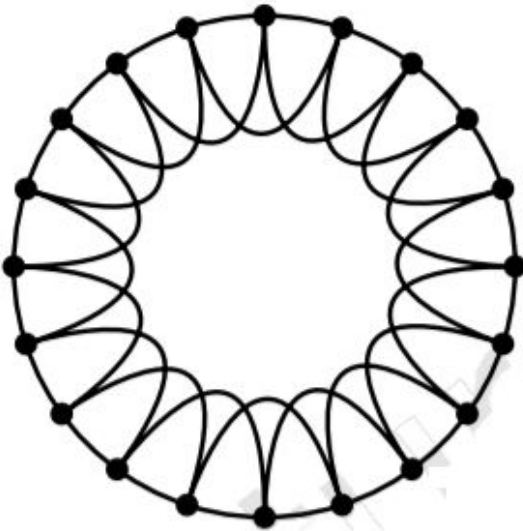
For each edge  $(i, j)$ , decide if it should be recreated with probability  $p$

**Result:** High clustering coefficient,  
and smaller diameter

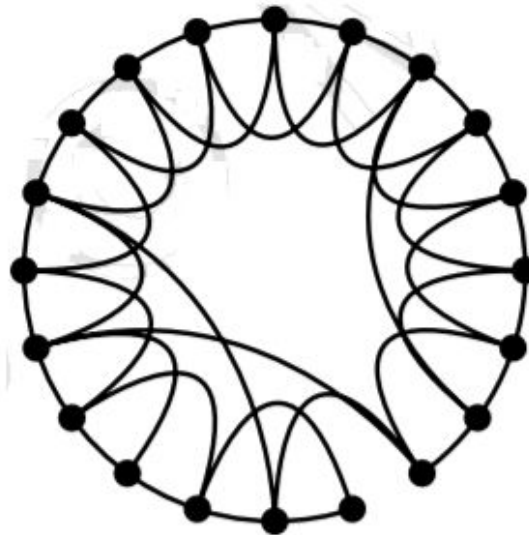


# Watts-Strogatz model

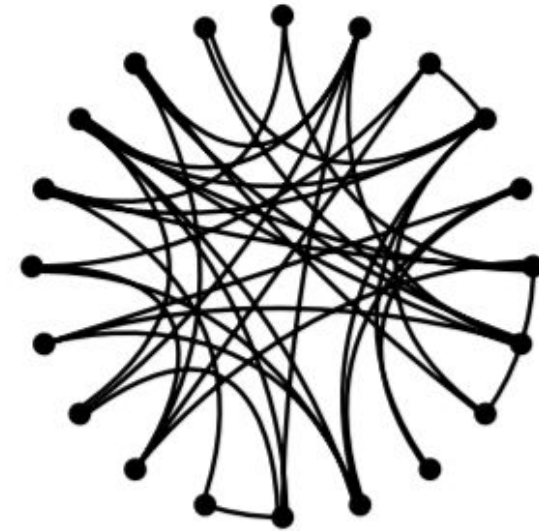
Regular



Small-world



Random



$p = 0$



$p = 1$

Increasing randomness

# Summary

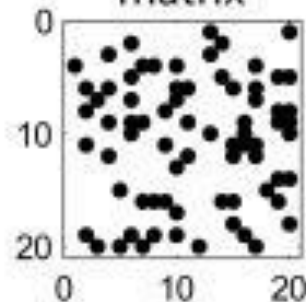
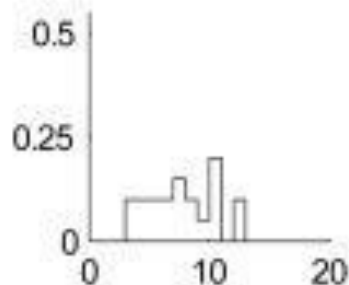
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structure

B.  
degree distribution

C.  
adjacency matrix

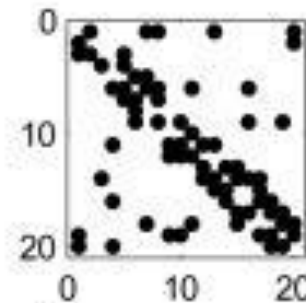
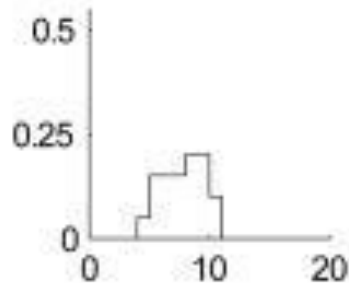
D.  
Description

random



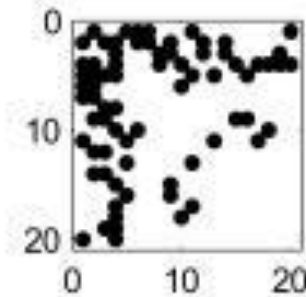
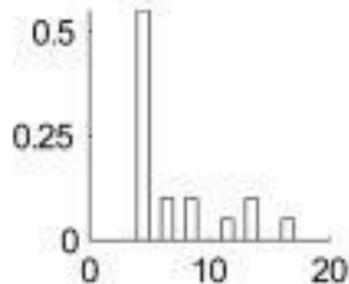
73 connections  
among 20 nodes  
assigned randomly

small-  
world



High local clustering  
and short average  
path lengths.  
'Hub-and-spoke'  
architecture.

scale-  
free



'Hub-and-spoke'  
architecture is  
maintained at  
multiple spatial  
scales.



# Real World examples

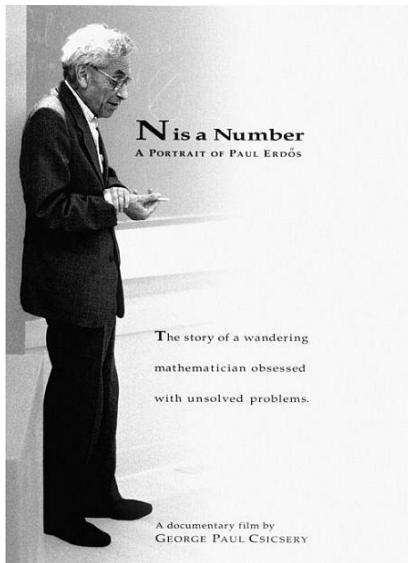
- Erdős number – collaboration distance to Erdős



- Kevin Bacon number:
  - Kevin Bacon himself has a Bacon number of 0.
  - Those actors who have worked directly with Kevin Bacon have a Bacon number of 1.
  - If the lowest Bacon number of any actor with whom X has appeared in any movie is N, X's Bacon number is N+1.

# Erdős–Bacon number

- Paul Erdős has Erdős–Bacon number 3
  - Erdős number 0
  - Bacon number 3



Ronald Graham



Dave Johnson



# Erdős–Bacon number

- Natalie Portman has Erdős–Bacon number 7
  - Erdős number 5
  - Bacon number 2



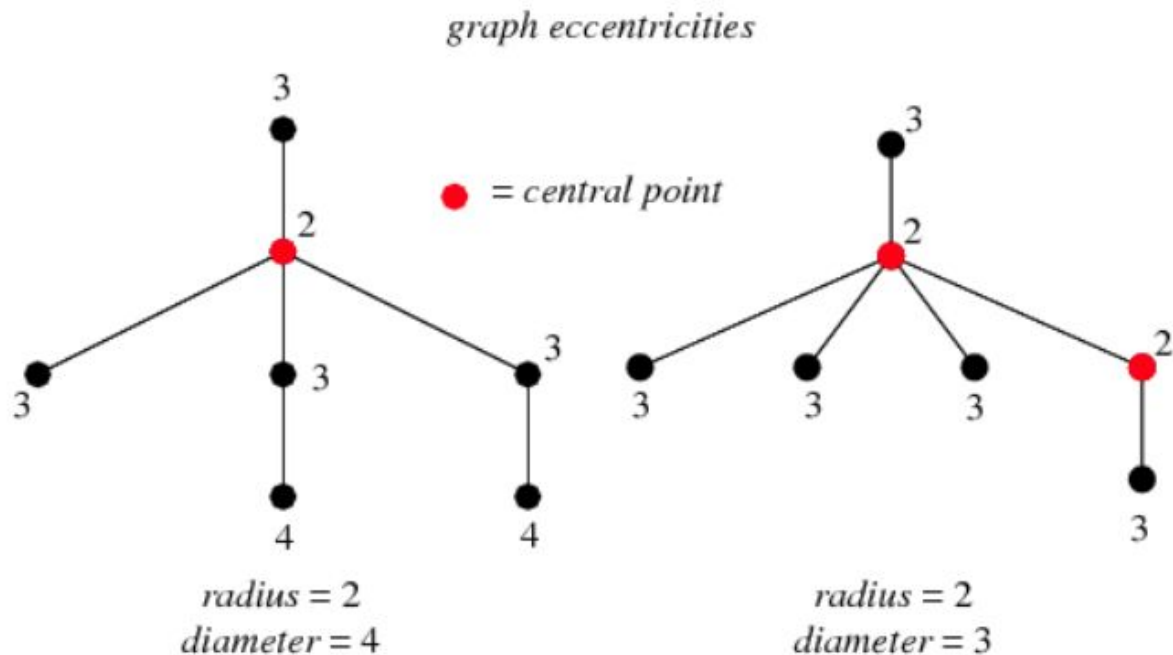
# Centrality Measures

# Centrality

- Identify the most important vertices in a graph
- Applications:
  - Most influential people
  - Key infrastructure nodes
  - Information spread points
- The measure we chose is often depends on the application

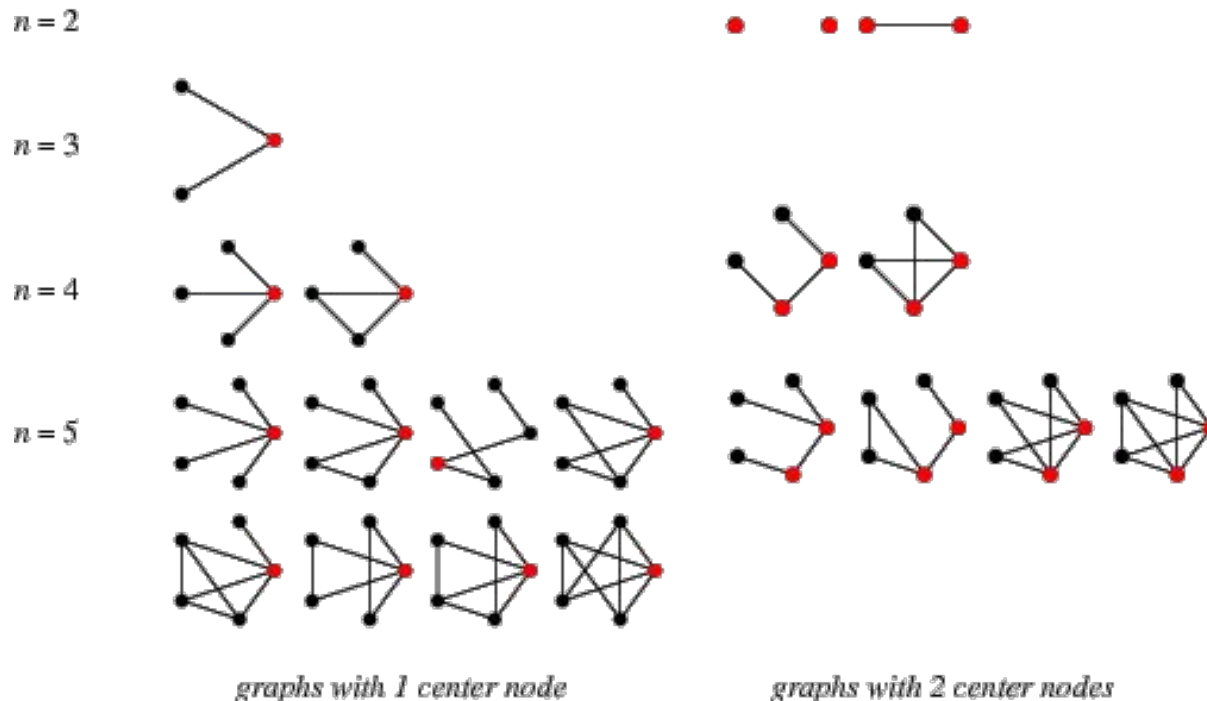
# Preliminaries

- Eccentricity (of node  $v$ ) – maximal distance between  $v$  and any other node.
- **Diameter** – *maximum* eccentricity in graph
- **Radius** – *minimum* eccentricity in graph



# Preliminaries

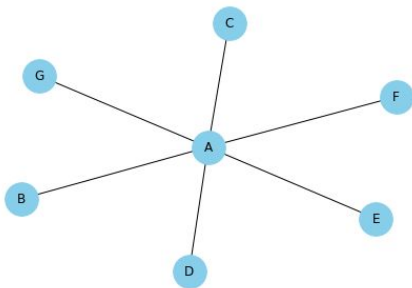
- **Central point** – node with eccentricity = radius
- **Graph center** – set of central points
- **Periphery** – set of nodes with eccentricity = diameter



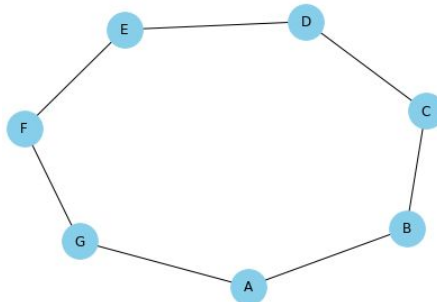
# Types of Centrality

- There are many types of centrality measures:
  - Degree Centrality
  - Closeness Centrality
  - Betweenness Centrality
  - Eigenvector Centrality
- To demonstrate, we use 3 types of graphs:

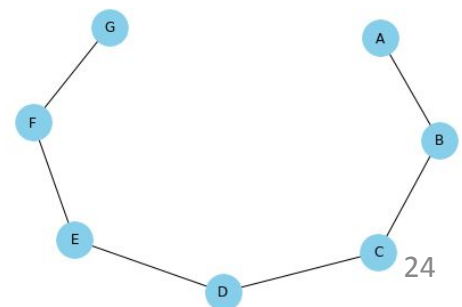
Star graph,



Circle graph,



Line graph





# Things to measure

- Degree Centrality:
  - Connectedness
- Closeness Centrality:
  - Ease of reaching other nodes
- Betweenness Centrality:
  - Role as an intermediary, connector
- Eigenvector Centrality
  - “Whom you know...”

# Degree Centrality

- How “connected” is a node?

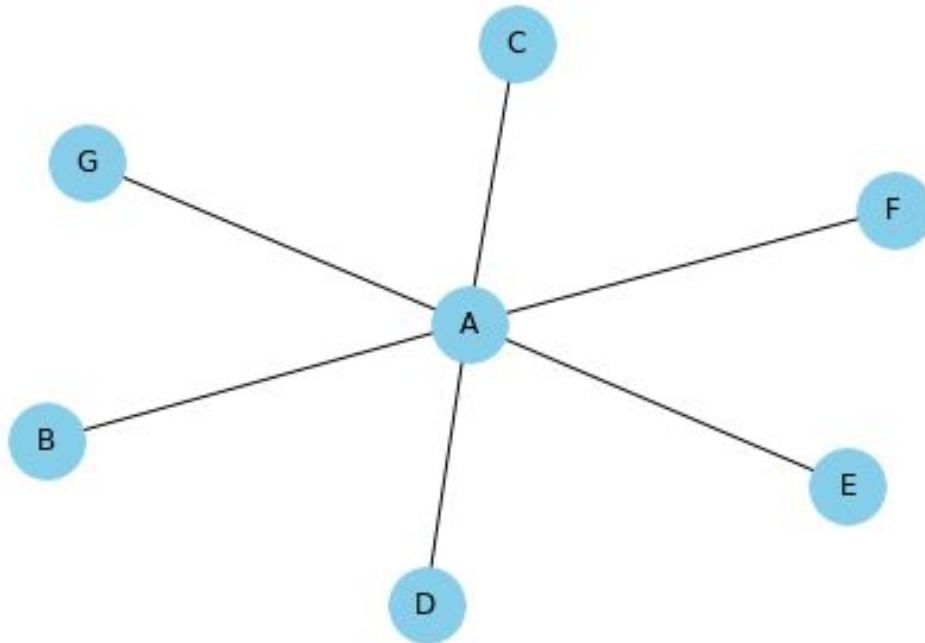
$$C_D(i) = k(i) = \sum_j A_{ij}$$

- Normalized: Divide by (n-1)

$$C_D^*(i) = \frac{1}{n-1} C_D(i)$$

- High centrality – direct contact with many others
- Low centrality – not active

# Degree Centrality



$$C_D(A) = 6$$

$$C_D(B) = 1$$

$$C_D(C) = 1$$

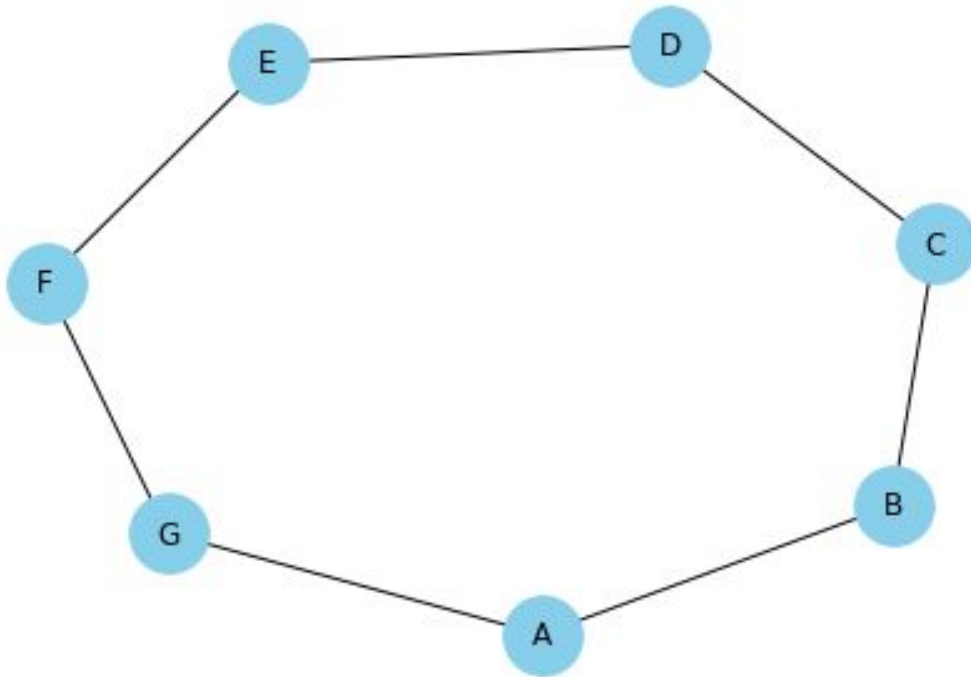
$$C_D(D) = 1$$

$$C_D(E) = 1$$

$$C_D(F) = 1$$

$$C_D(G) = 1$$

# Degree Centrality



$$C_D(A) = 2$$

$$C_D(B) = 2$$

$$C_D(C) = 2$$

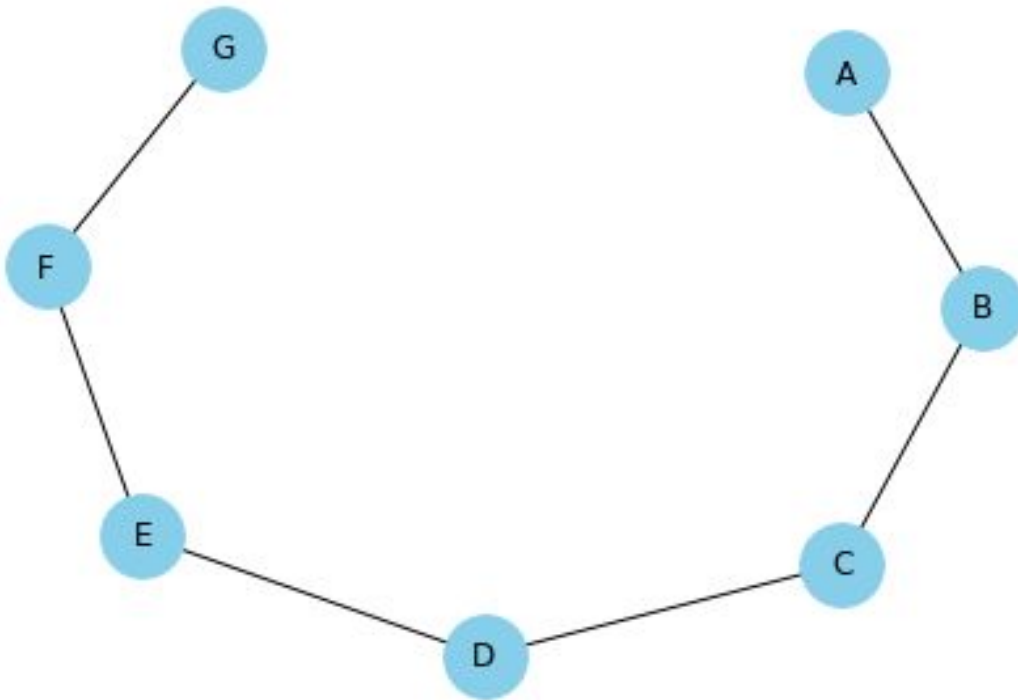
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# Degree Centrality



$$C_D(A) = 1$$

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$$C_D(C) = 2$$

$$C_D(D) = 2$$

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$$C_D(F) = 2$$

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# Closeness Centrality

- How close the node to other nodes in a graph

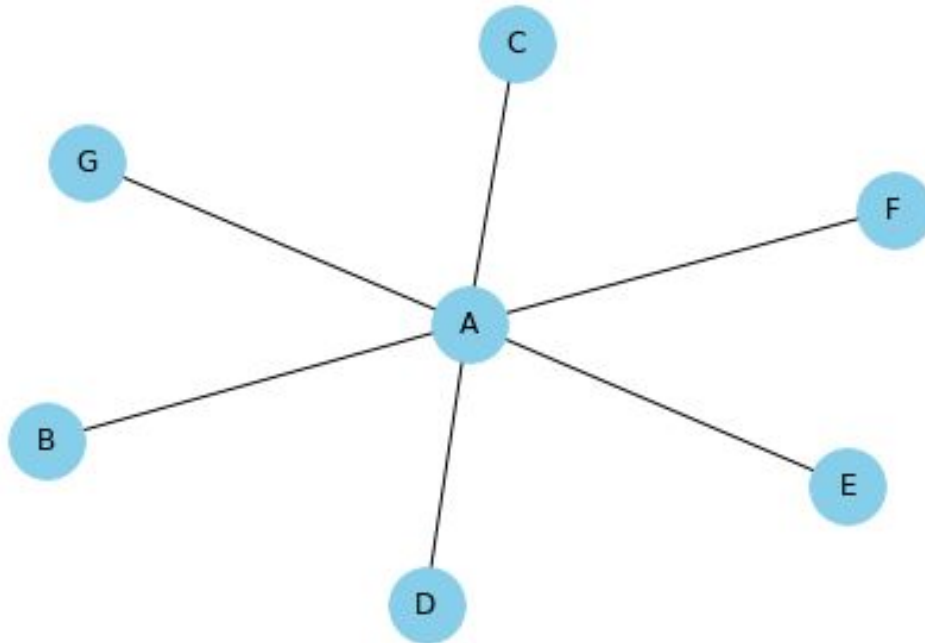
$$C_C(i) = \frac{1}{\sum_j d(i,j)}$$

- Normalized: Multiply by (n-1)

$$C_C^*(i) = (n - 1)C_C(i)$$

- High centrality – quick interaction with others, short communication path, low number of steps

# Closeness Centrality



$$C_c(A) = 1/6$$

$$C_c(B) = 1/11$$

$$C_c(C) = 1/11$$

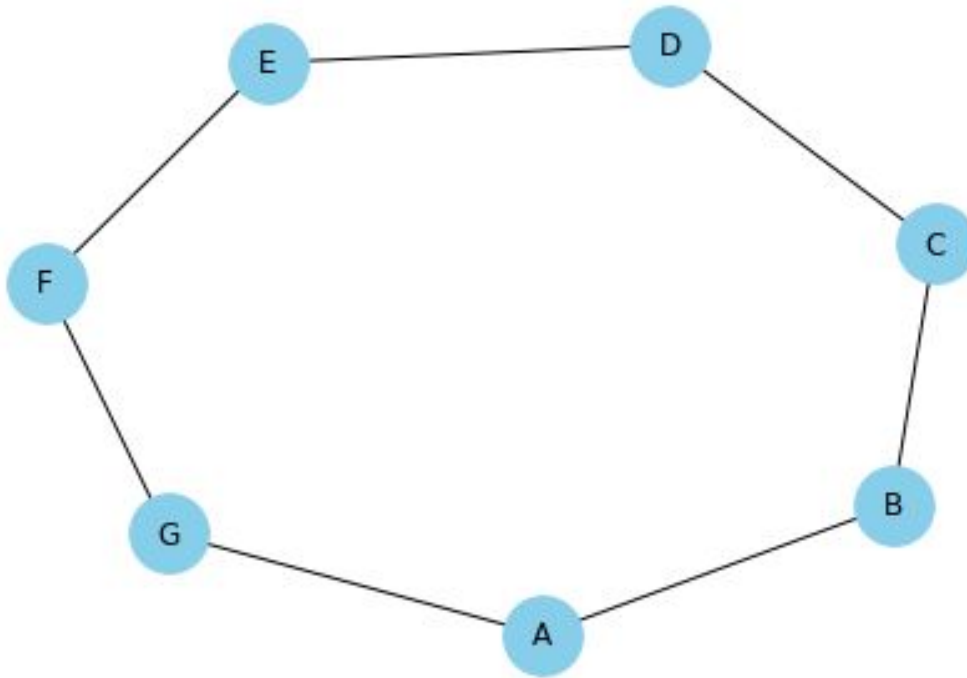
$$C_c(D) = 1/11$$

$$C_c(E) = 1/11$$

$$C_c(F) = 1/11$$

$$C_c(G) = 1/11$$

# Closeness Centrality



$$C_c(A) = 1/12$$

$$C_c(B) = 1/12$$

$$C_c(C) = 1/12$$

$$C_c(D) = 1/12$$

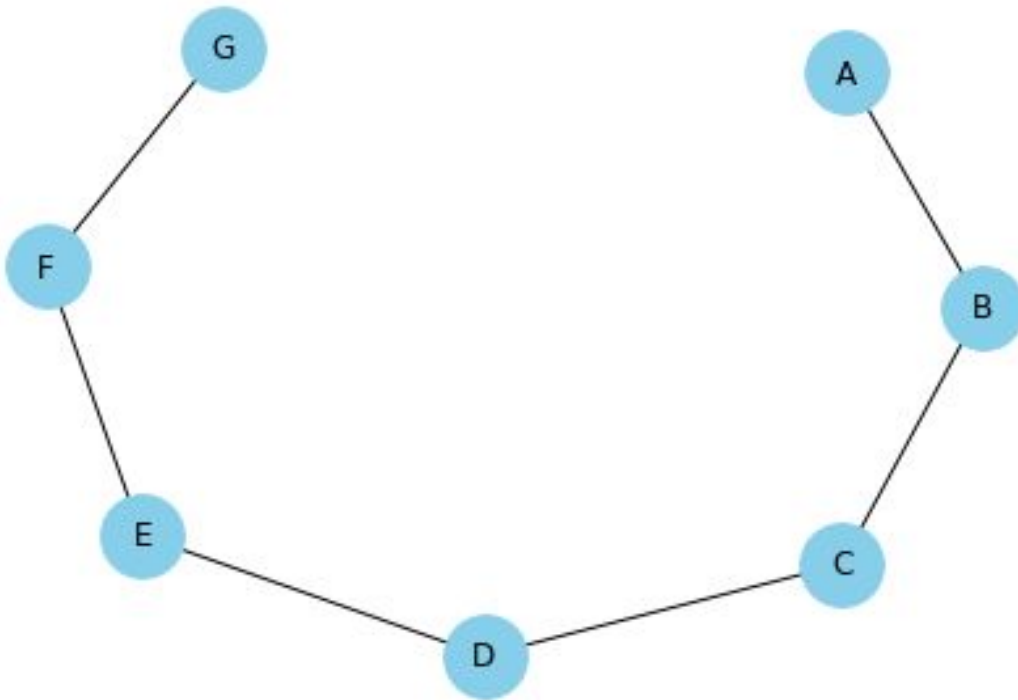
$$C_c(E) = 1/12$$

$$C_c(F) = 1/12$$

$$C_c(G) = 1/12$$



# Closeness Centrality



$$C_c(A) = 1/21$$

$$C_c(B) = 1/16$$

$$C_c(C) = 1/13$$

$$C_c(D) = 1/12$$

$$C_c(E) = 1/13$$

$$C_c(F) = 1/16$$

$$C_c(G) = 1/21$$

# Betweenness Centrality

- Number of shortest pathes going through  $i$

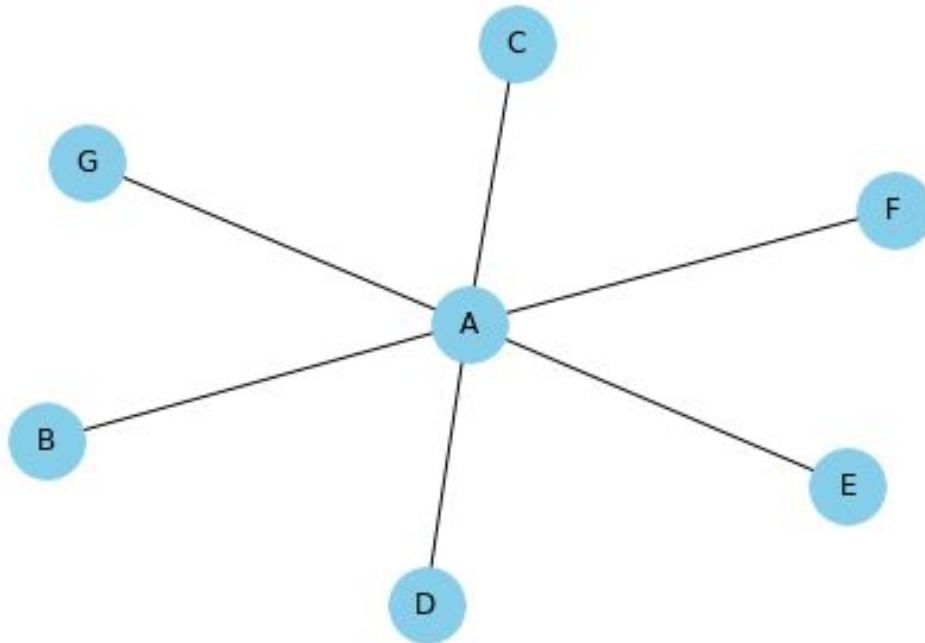
$$C_B(i) = \sum_{s \neq t \neq i} \frac{\sigma_{st}(i)}{\sigma_{st}}$$

- Normalized: Divide by  $(n-1)(n-2)/2$

$$C_B^*(i) = \frac{2}{(n-1)(n-2)} C_B(i)$$

- High centrality – probability of communication between  $s$  and  $t$  going through  $i$

# Betweenness Centrality



$$C_B(A) = 15$$

$$C_B(B) = 0$$

$$C_B(C) = 0$$

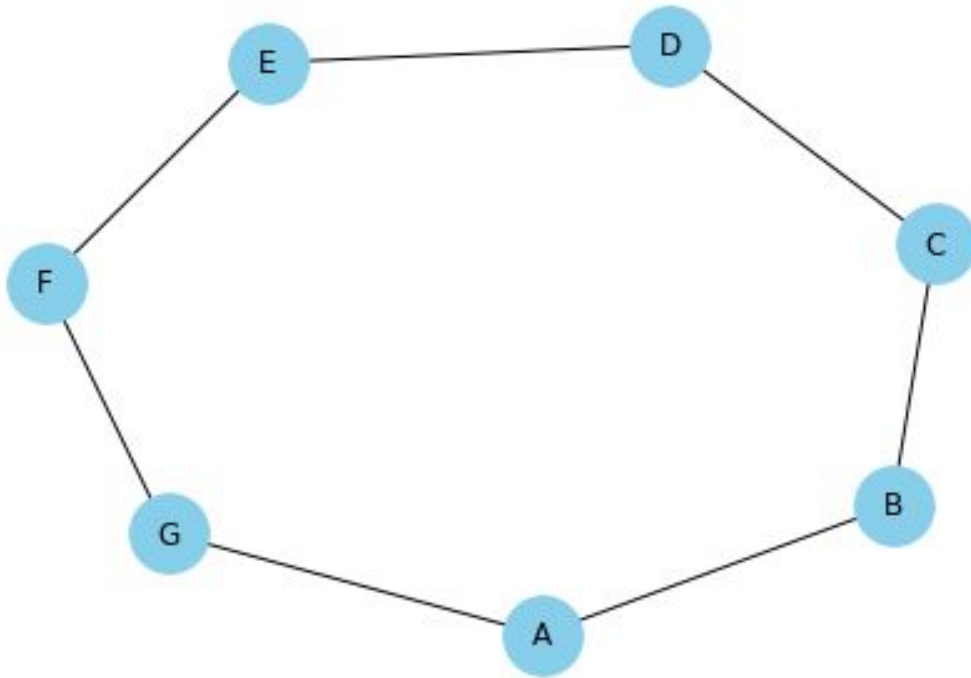
$$C_B(D) = 0$$

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# Betweenness Centrality



$$C_B(A) = 3$$

$$C_B(B) = 3$$

$$C_B(C) = 3$$

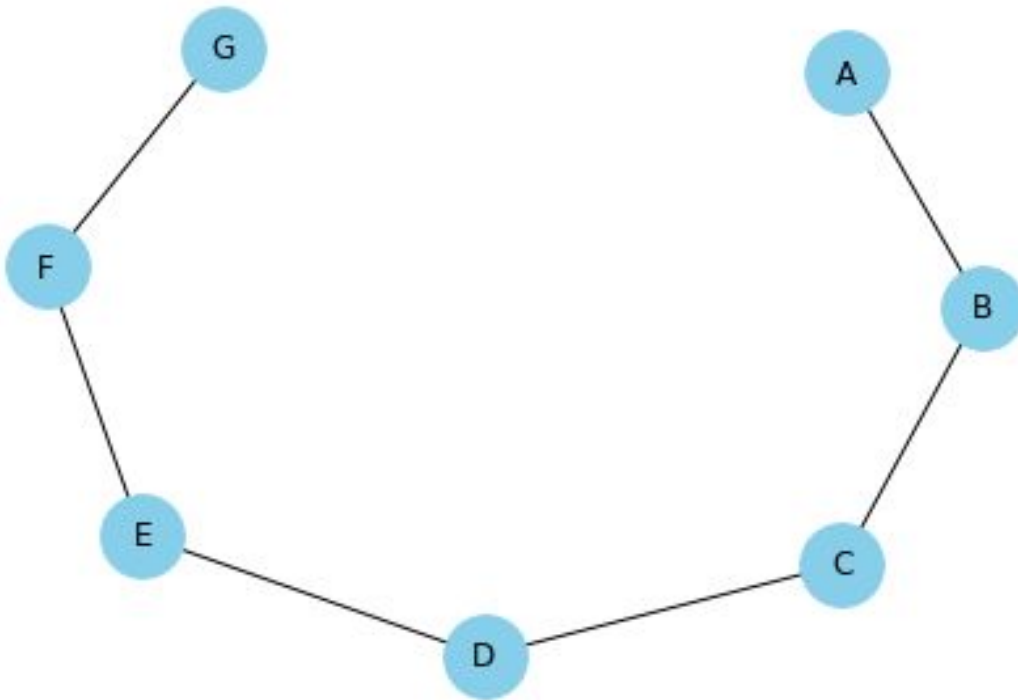
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# Betweenness Centrality



$$C_B(A) = 0$$

$$C_B(B) = 5$$

$$C_B(C) = 8$$

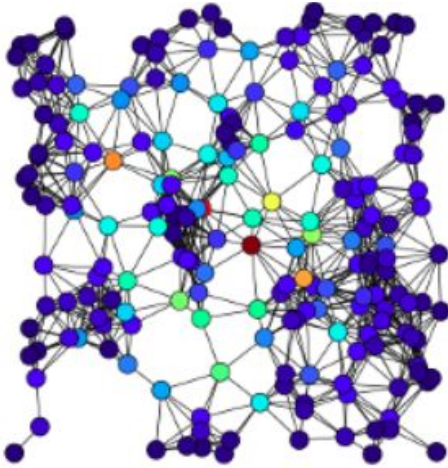
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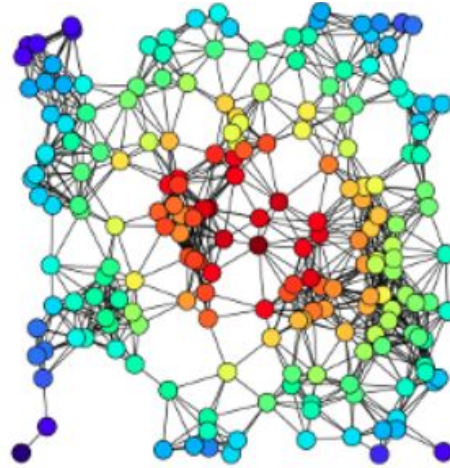
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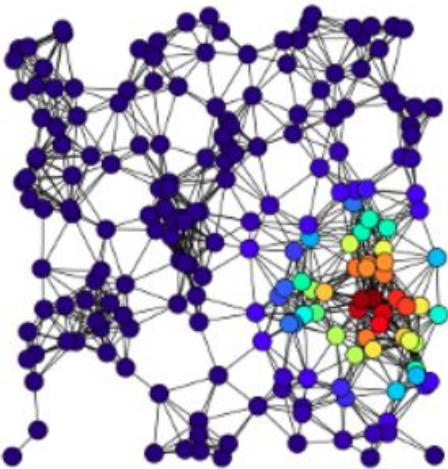
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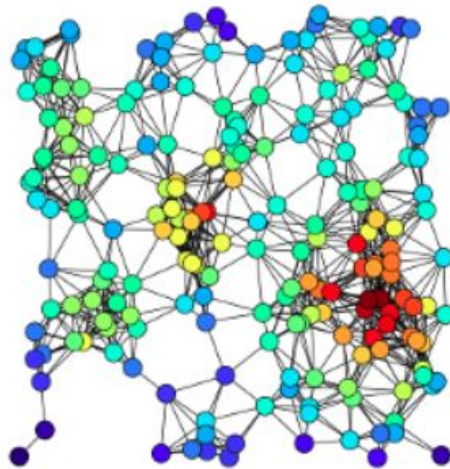
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B



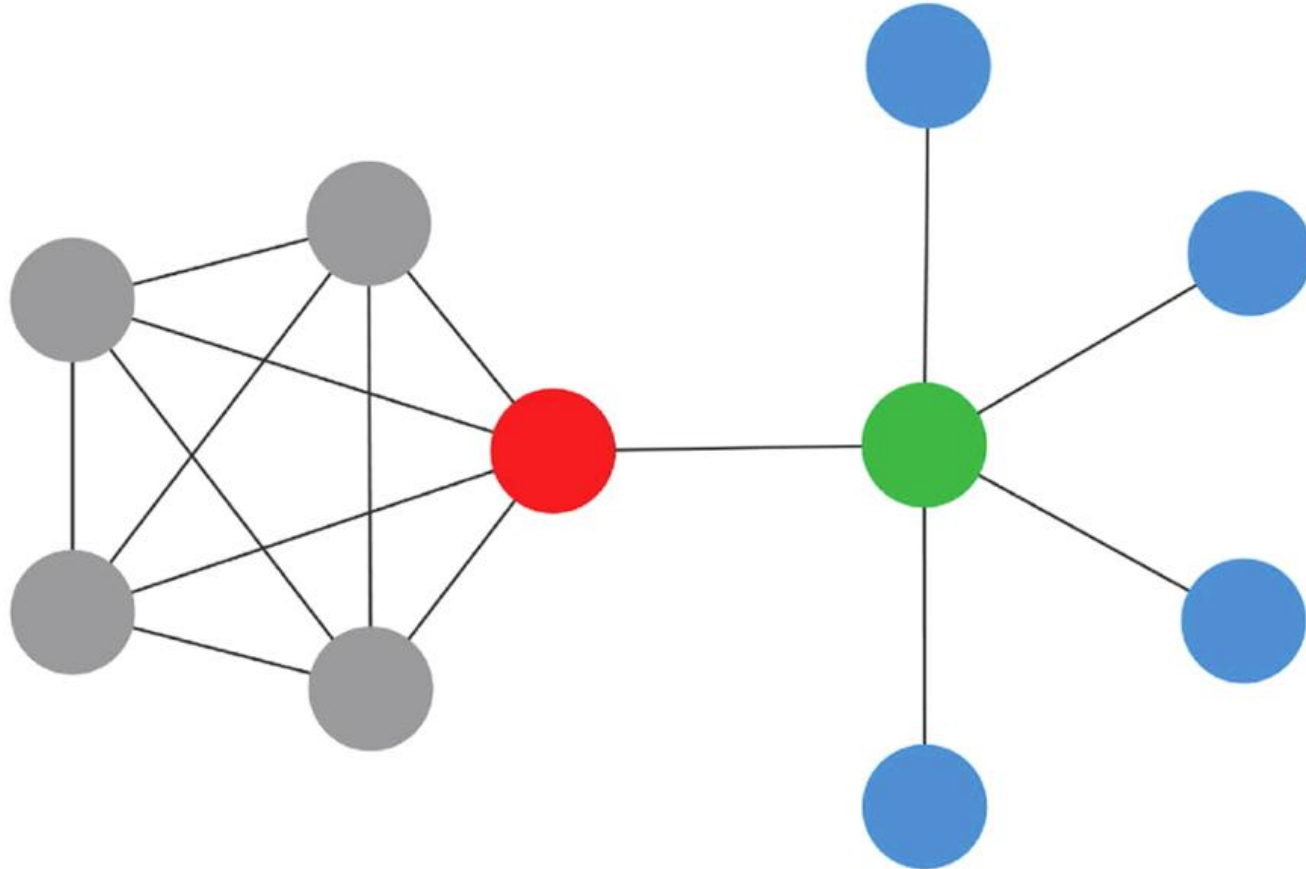
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D

- A) Betweenness
- B) Closeness
- C) Eigenvector
- D) Degree

# HW question example



Compute and explain 3 types of centrality

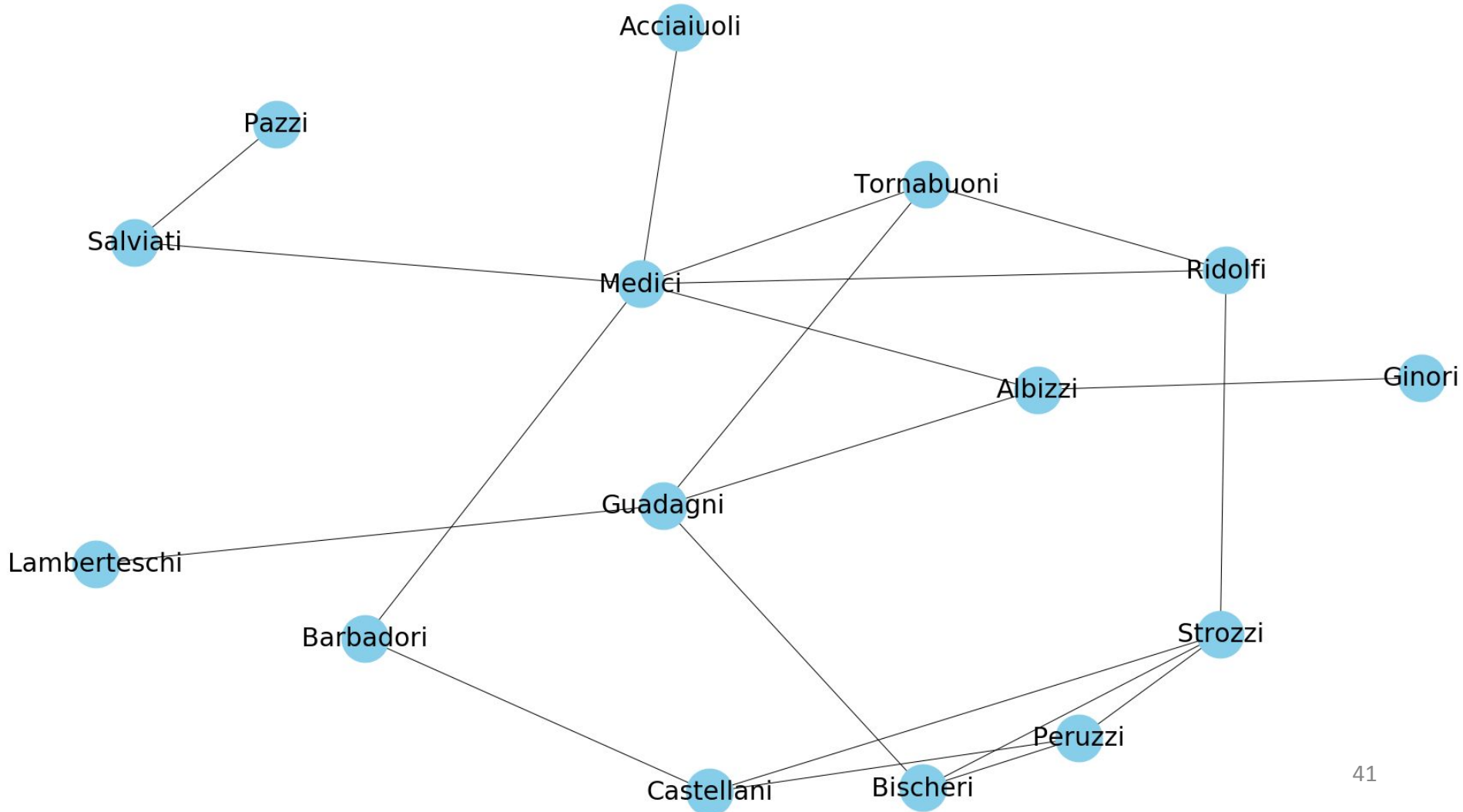
# Families of Florence

- Marriage and relationships of 16 families in Florence in middle ages
- Very interesting, “classic” network to analyze
- The rise of Medici family

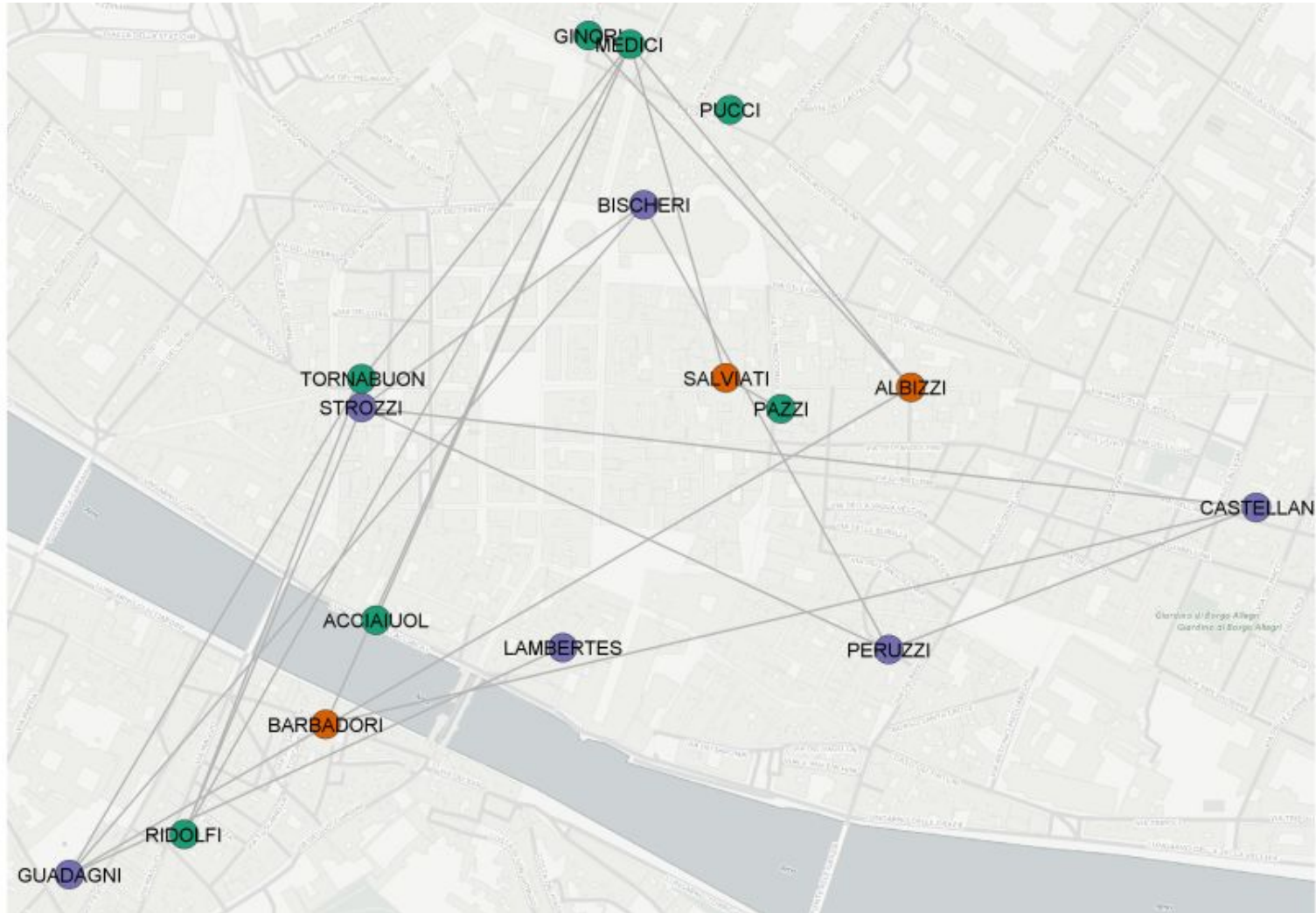
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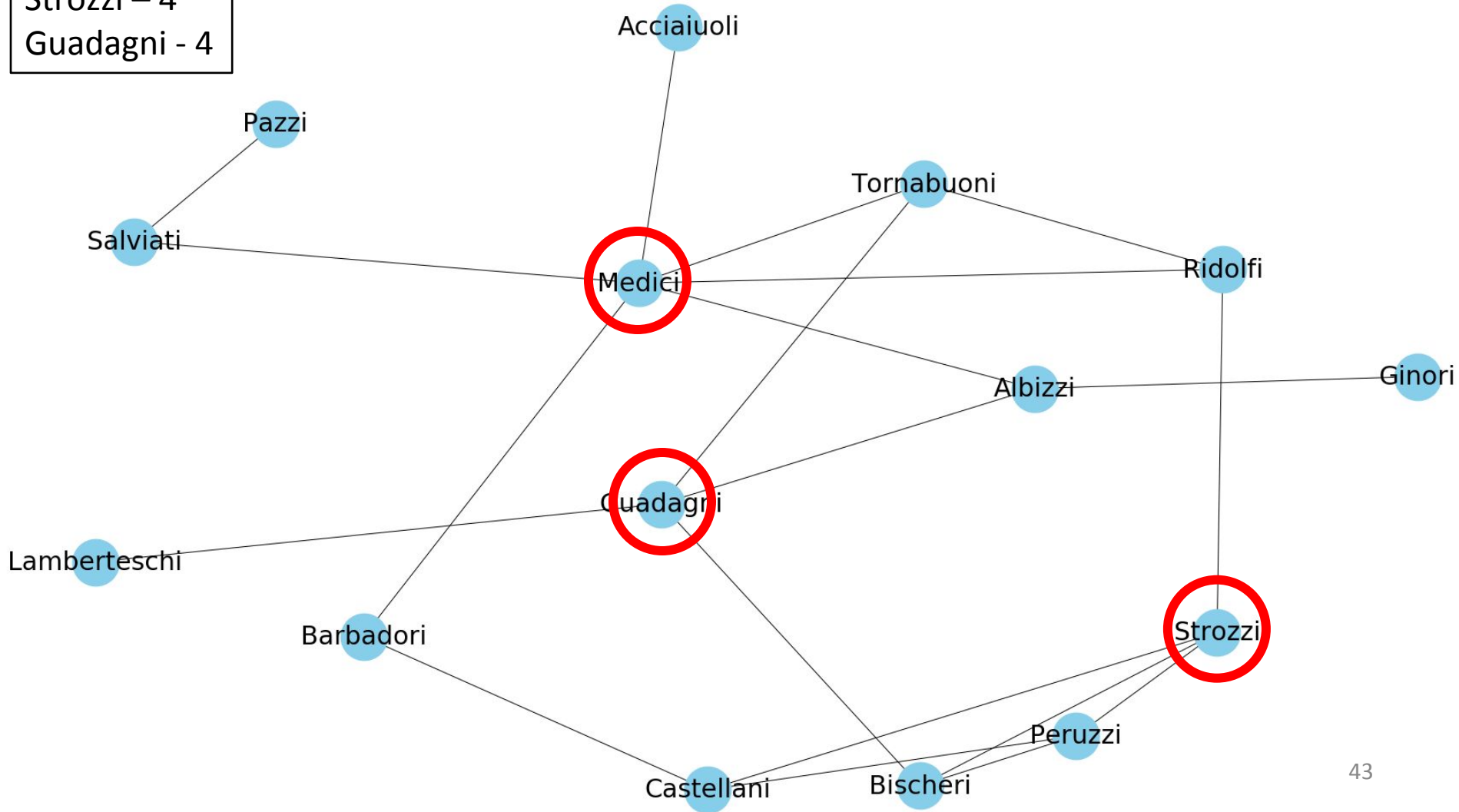


# Families of Florence



# Degree Centrality

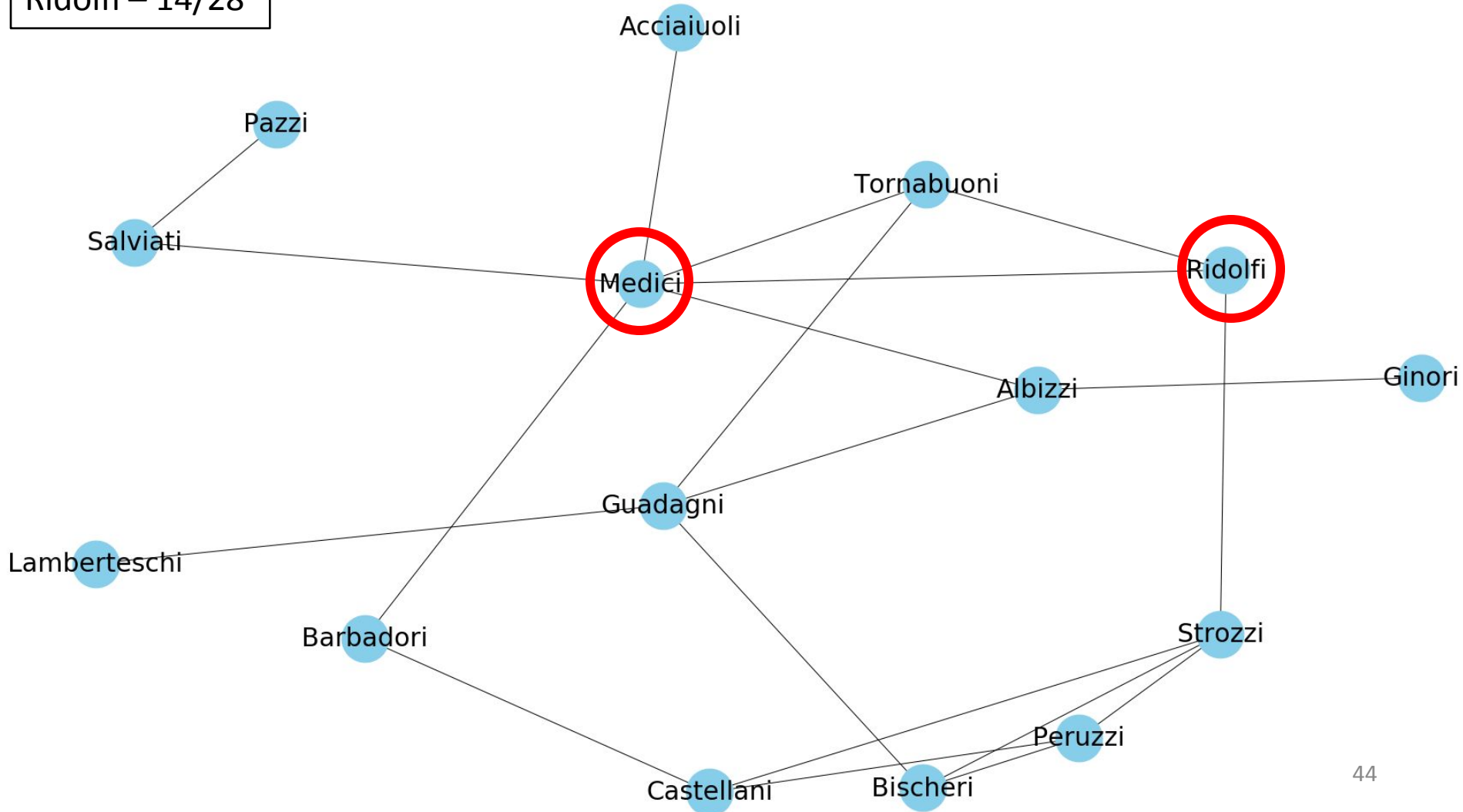
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Strozzi – 4  
Guadagni - 4



# Closeness Centrality

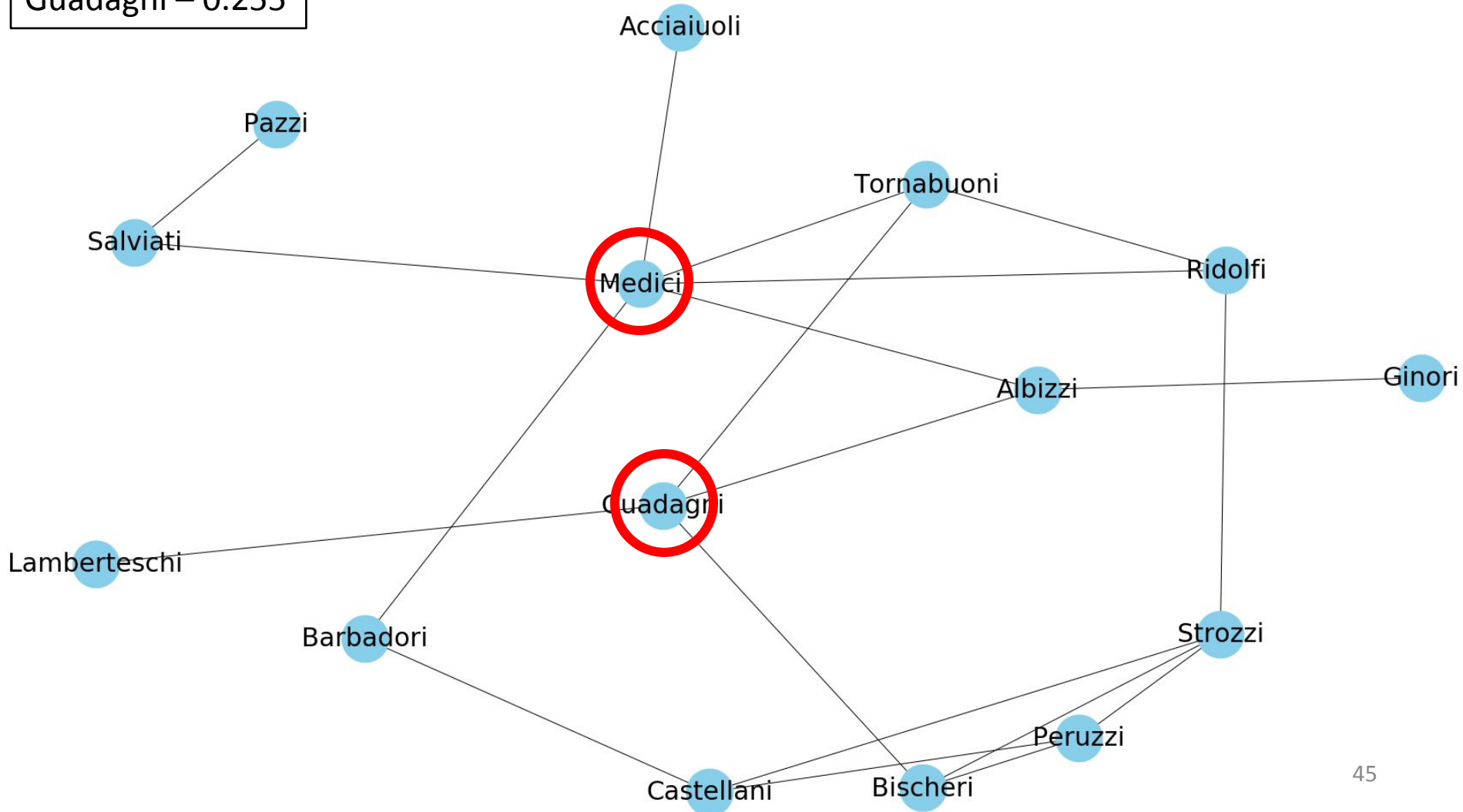
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Ridolfi – 14/28

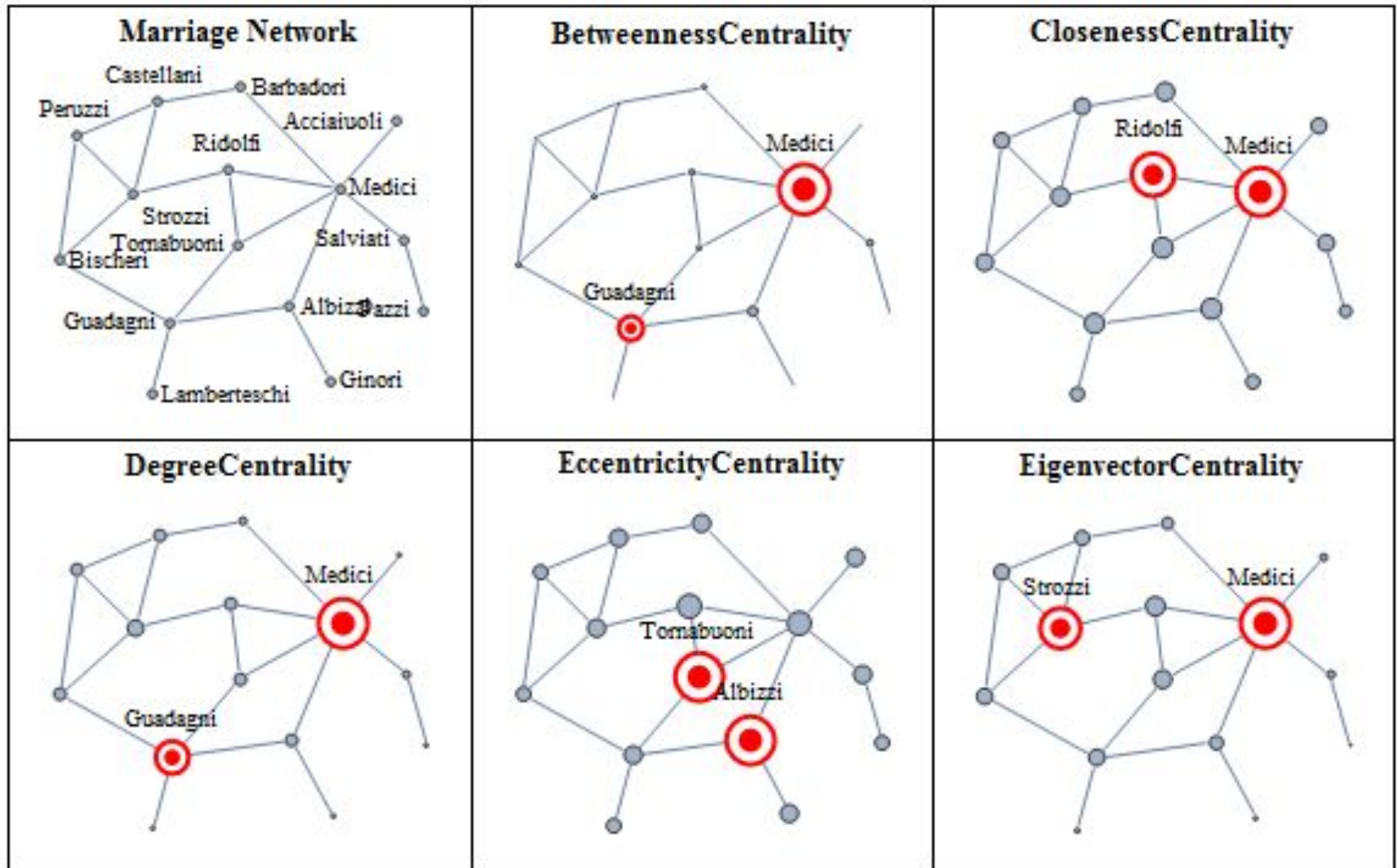


# Betweenness Centrality

Medici – 0.522  
Guadagni – 0.255

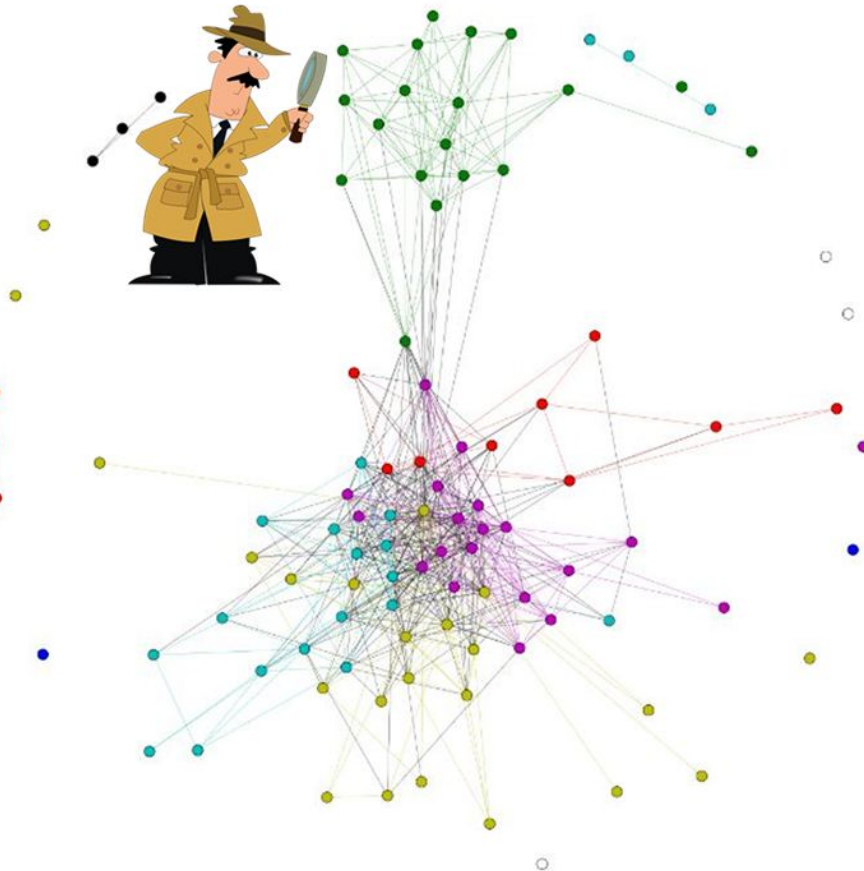


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# Another usecase

- Sister found her “lost” brother by analyzing his (online)social network connections



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Degree centrality	Betweenness centrality	Closeness centrality
A	A	A
B	E	E
C	F	B
D	G	C
E	B	D



# Another usecase

Happy End – brother was found through the connection E!

Degree centrality	Betweenness centrality	Closeness centrality
A	A	A
B	E	E
C	F	B
D	G	C
E	B	D



**Thank you!**  
**Questions?**