Discovering Roles and Anomalies in Graphs: Theory and Applications

Part 1: Theory

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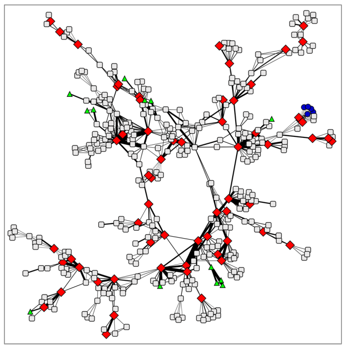

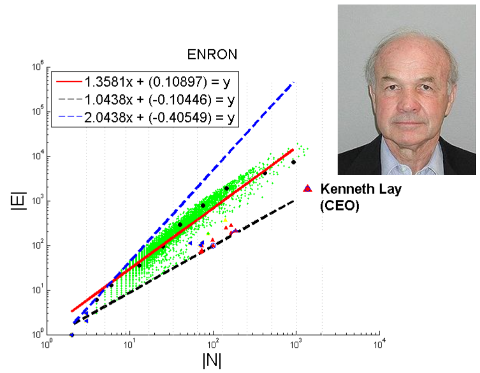

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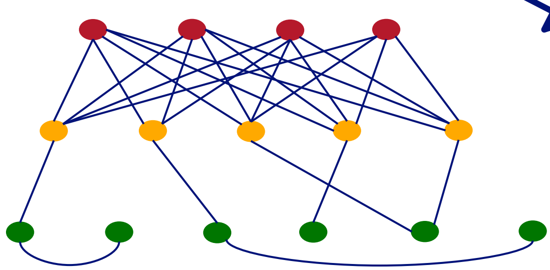
Roles

Anomalies

= rare roles

Patterns



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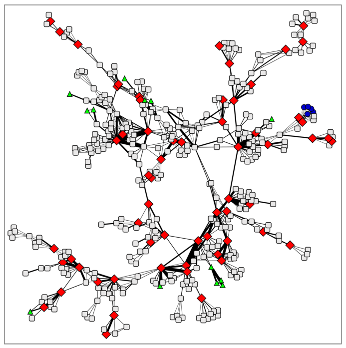

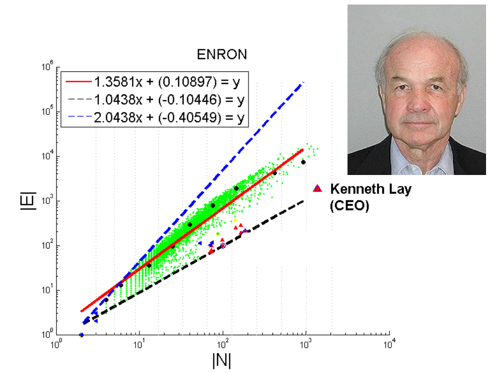

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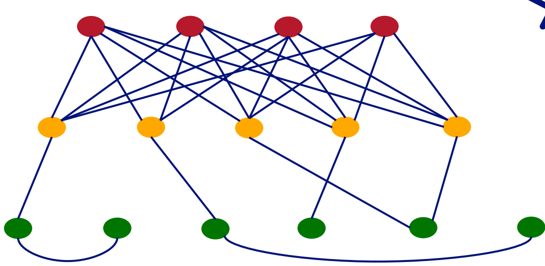

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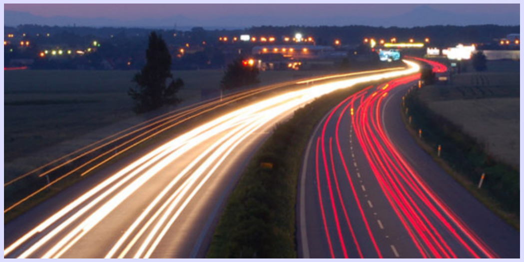
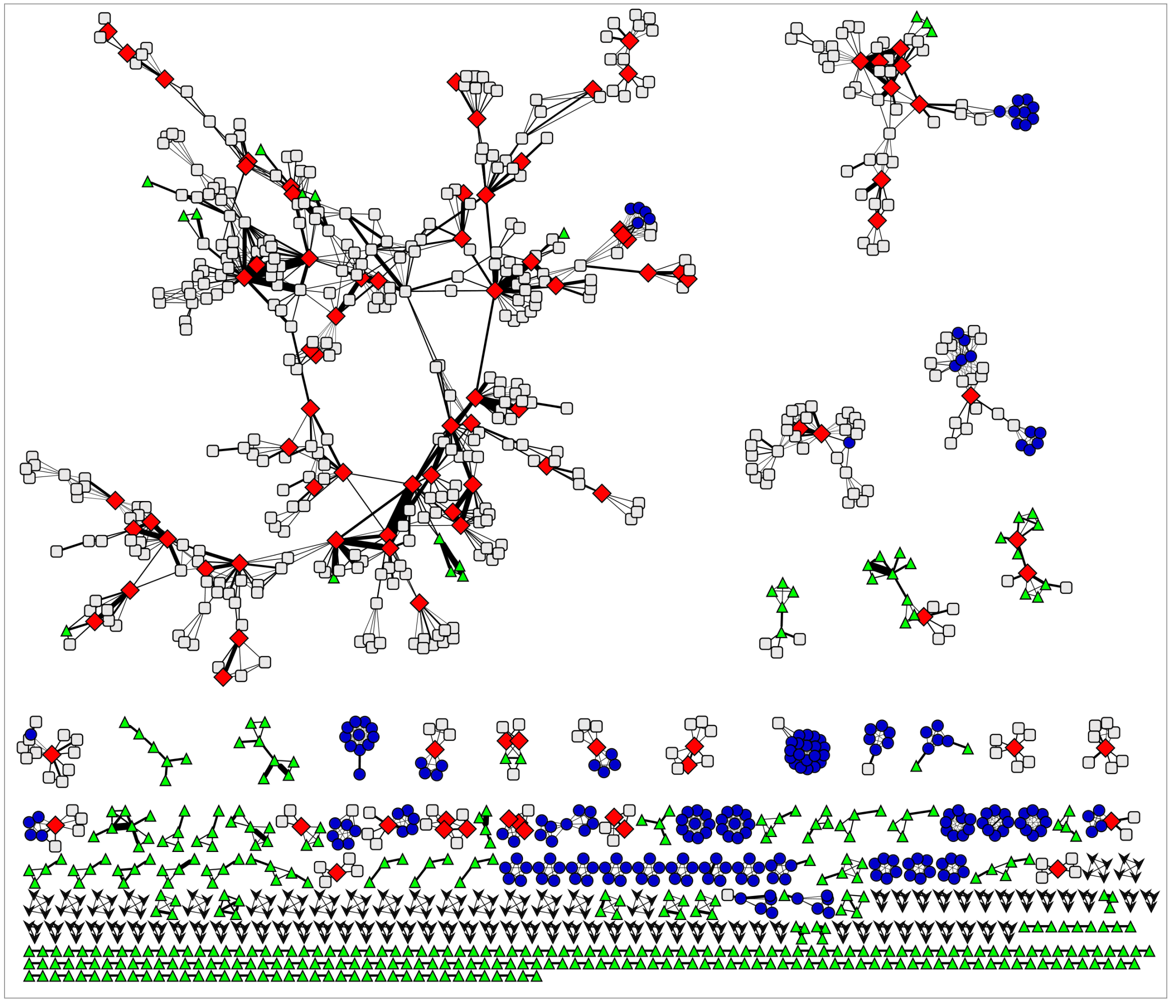


- What are roles
- Roles and communities
- Roles and equivalences (from sociology)
- Roles (from data mining)
- Summary

What are roles?

- "Functions" of nodes in the network
  - Think about roles of species in ecosystems
- Measured by structural behaviors
- Examples
  - centers of stars
  - members of cliques
  - peripheral nodes
  - …

Example of Roles



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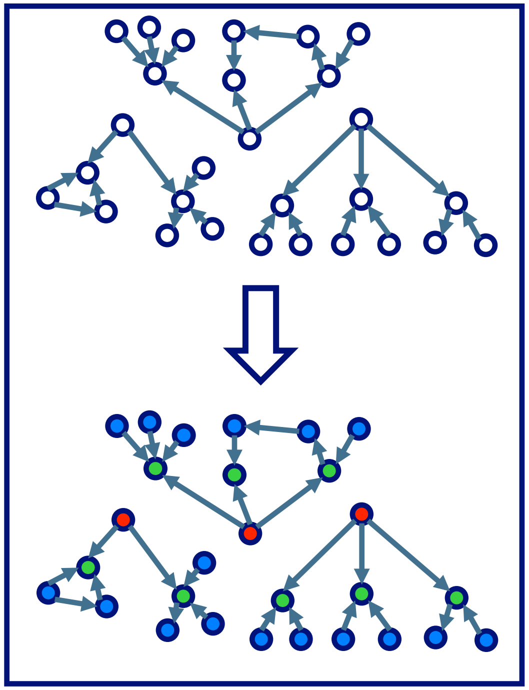
Why are roles important?

Role Discovery



✓ Automated discovery
✓ Behavioral roles
✓ Roles generalize

Task	Use Case
Role query	Identify individuals with similar behavior to a known target
Role outliers	Identify individuals with unusual behavior
Role dynamics	Identify unusual changes in behavior
Identity resolution	Identify known individuals in a new network
Role transfer	Use knowledge of one network to make predictions in another
Network comparison	Determine network compatibility for knowledge transfer

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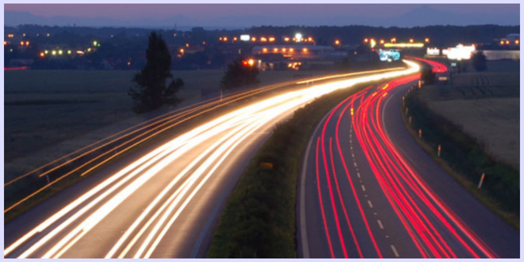

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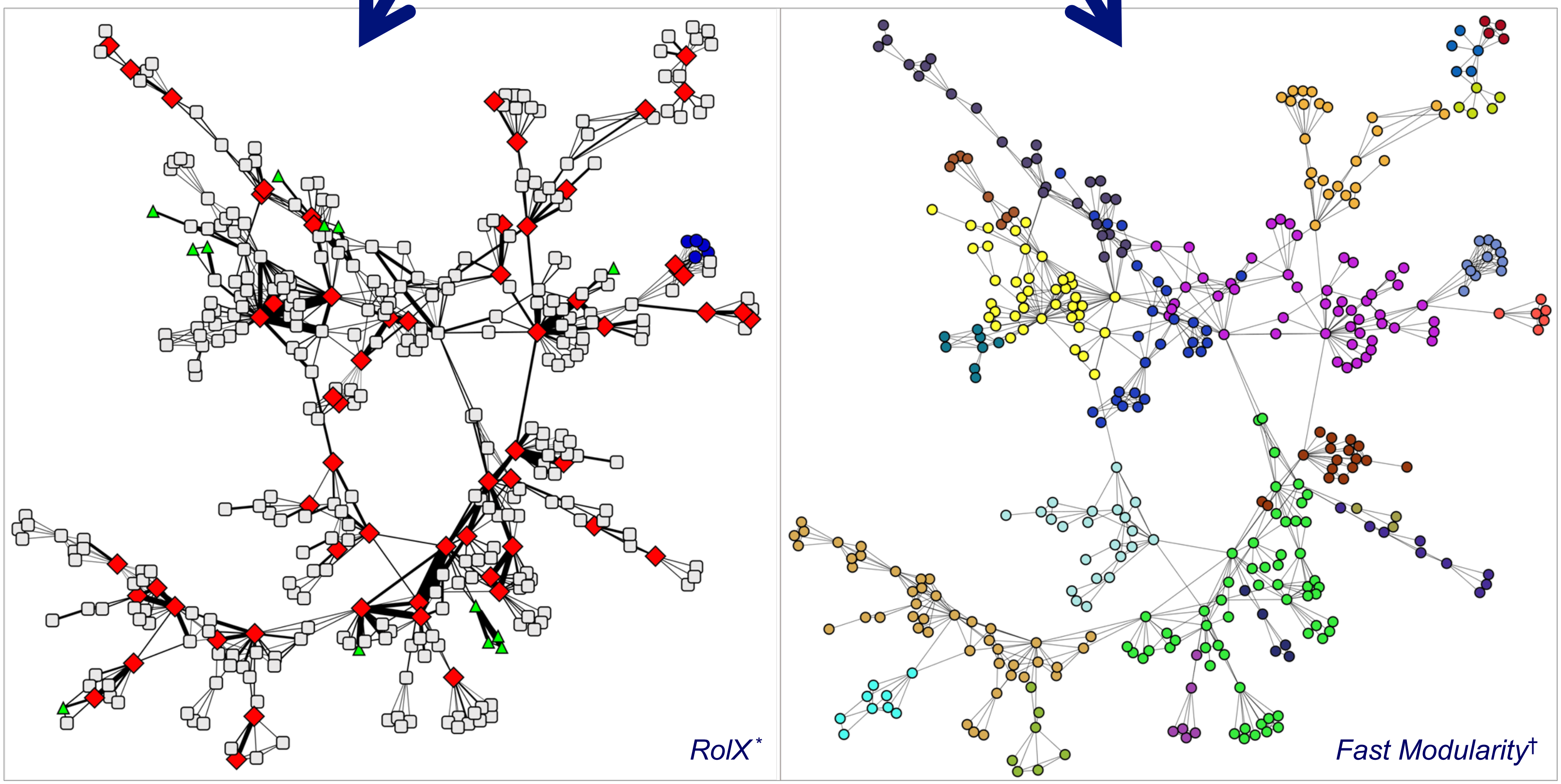
Roles and Communities

- Roles group nodes with similar structural properties
- Communities group nodes that are well-connected to each other
- Roles and communities are complementary

Roles and Communities



* Henderson, et al. 2012; † Clauset, et al. 2004

Roles and Communities

Consider the social network of a CS dept

- Roles
  - Faculty
  - Staff
  - Students
  - …
- Communities
  - AI lab
  - Database lab
  - Architecture lab
  - …

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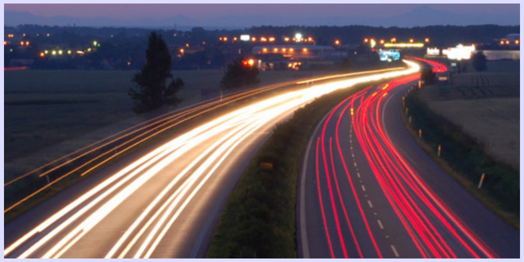

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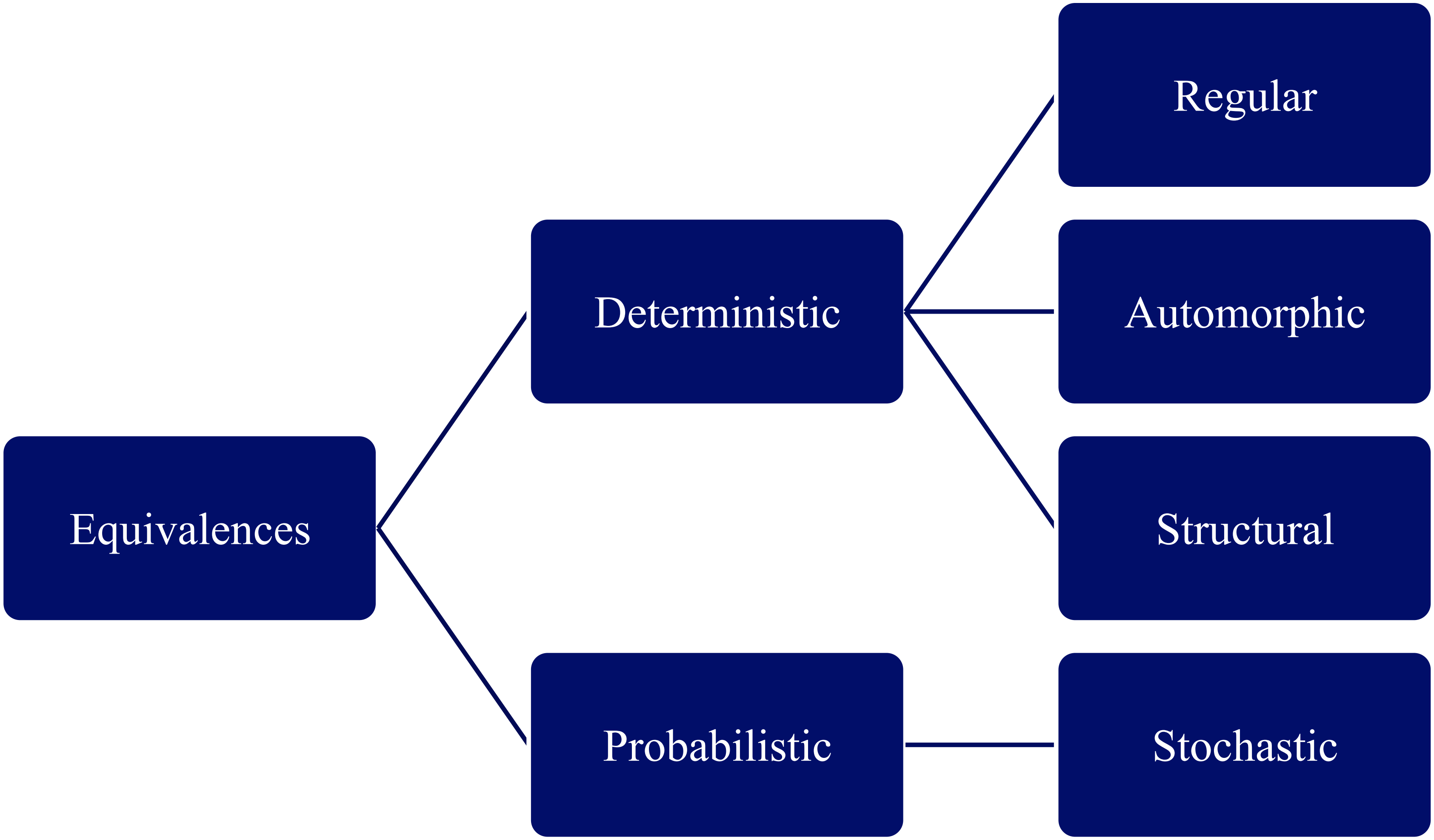
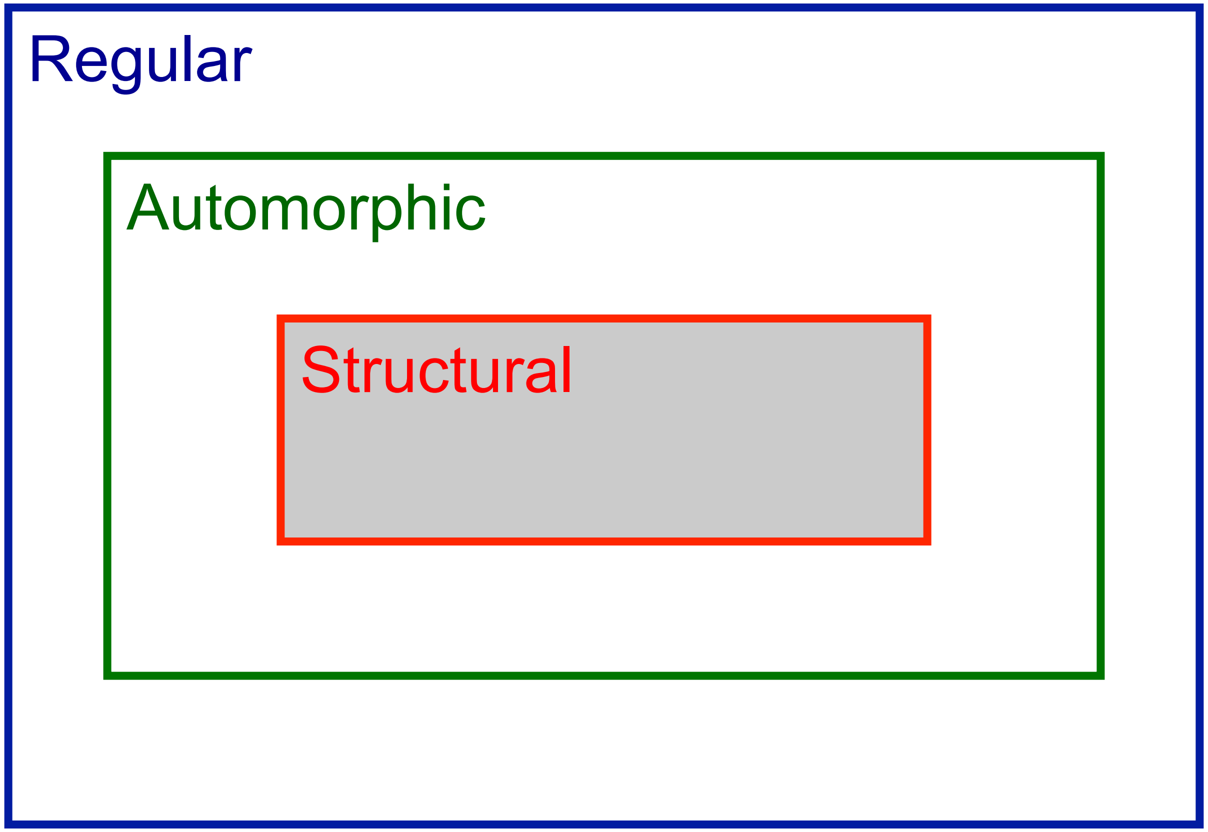
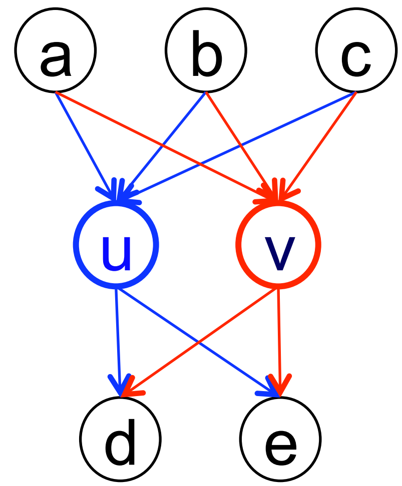


Deterministic Equivalences



Structural Equivalence

- [Lorrain & White, 1971]
- Two nodes *u* and *v* are structurally equivalent if they have the same relationships to all other nodes
- Hypothesis: Structurally equivalent nodes are likely to be similar in other ways – i.e., you are your friend
- Weights & timing issues are not considered
- Rarely appears in real-world networks



Structural Equivalence: Algorithms

- CONCOR (CONvergence of iterated CORrelations) [Breiger et al. 1975]
- A hierarchical divisive approach
  1. Starting with one or more sociomatrices (e.g. the adjacency matrix), repeatedly calculate Pearson correlations between rows (or columns) until the resultant correlation matrix consists of +1 and -1 entries
  2. Split the last correlation matrix into two structurally equivalent submatrices (a.k.a. blocks): one with +1 entries, another with -1 entries
- Successive split can be applied to submatrices in order to produce a hierarchy (where every node has a unique position)

Structural Equivalence: Algorithms

- STRUCUTRE [Burt 1976]
- A hierarchical agglomerative approach
  1. For each node i, create its ID vector by concatenating its row and column vectors from the adjacency matrix
  2. For every pair of nodes $\langle i, j \rangle$, measure the square root of sum of squared differences between the corresponding entries in their ID vectors
  3. Merge entries in hierarchical fashion as long as their difference is less than some threshold α

Structural Equivalences: Algorithms

- Combinatorial optimization approaches
  - Numerical optimization with tabu search [UCINET]
  - Local optimization [Pajek]
- Partition the sociomatrices into blocks based on a cost function that minimizes the sum of within block variances
  - I.e., minimize the sum of code cost within each block

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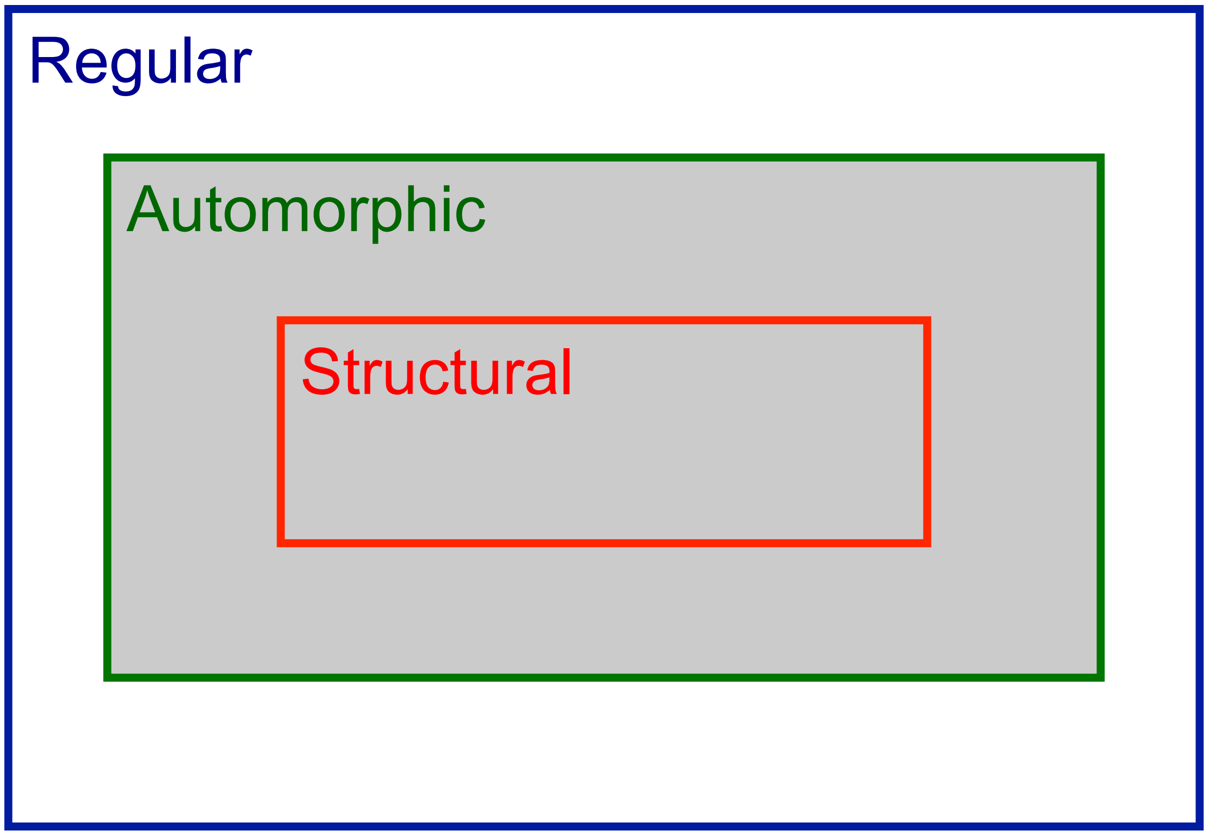
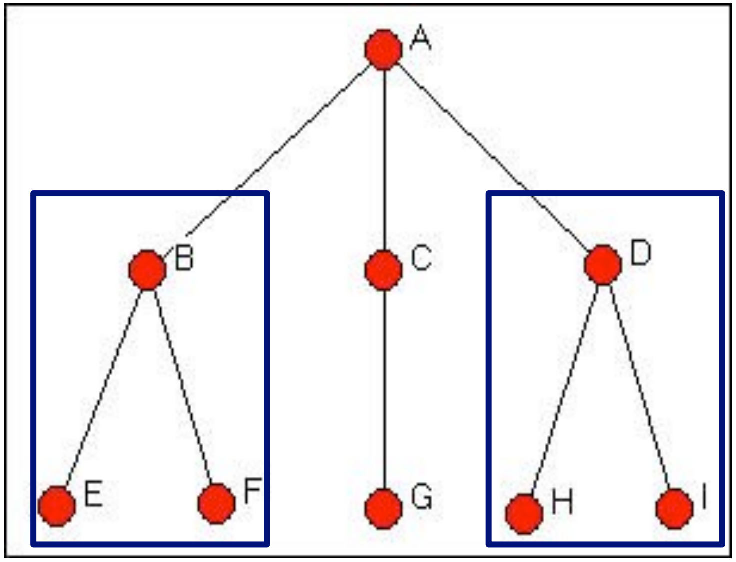


Automorphic Equivalence

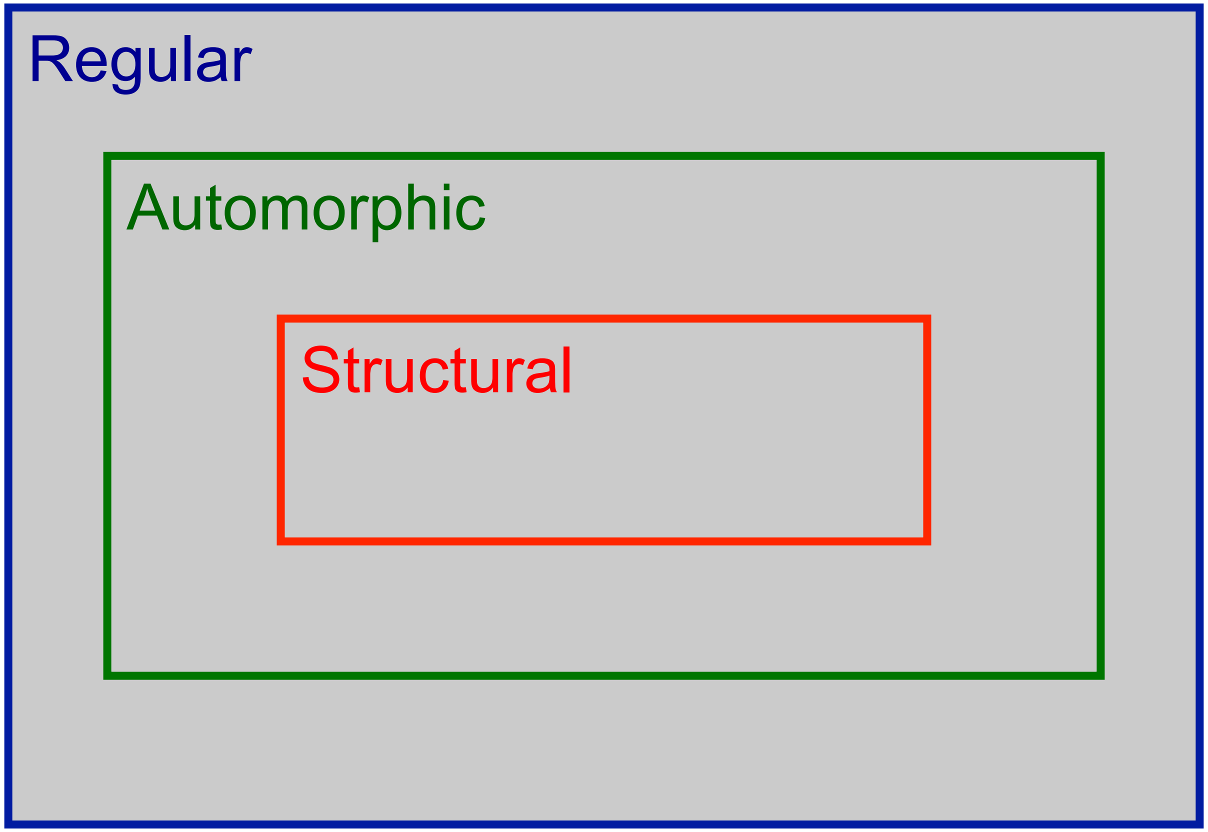
- [Borgatti, et al. 1992; Sparrow 1993]
- Two nodes *u* and *v* are automorphically equivalent if all the nodes can be relabeled to form an isomorphic graph with the labels of *u* and *v* interchanged
  - Swapping *u* and *v* (possibly along with their neighbors) does not change graph distances
- Two nodes that are automorphically equivalent share exactly the same label-independent properties



Automorphic Equivalence: Algorithms

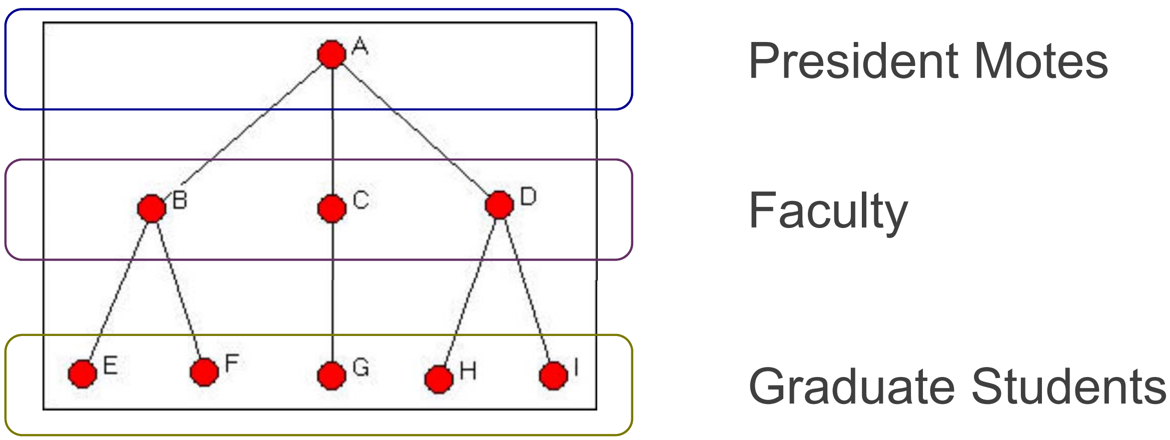
- Sparrow (1993) proposed an algorithm that scales linearly to the number of edges
- Use numerical signatures on degree sequences of neighborhoods
- Numerical signatures use a unique transcendental number like π, which is independent of any permutation of nodes
- Suppose node i has the following degree sequence: 1, 1, 5, 6, and 9. Then its signature is $S_{i,1} = (1 + \pi)(1 + \pi)\,(5 + \pi)\,(6 + \pi)\,(9 + \pi)$
- The signature for node i at k+1 hops is $S_{i,(k+1)} = \Pi(S_{i,k} + \pi)$
- To find automorphic equivalence, simply compare numerical signatures of nodes

Deterministic Equivalences



Regular Equivalence

- [Everett & Borgatti, 1992]
- Two nodes *u* and *v* are regularly equivalent *if* they are equally related to equivalent others



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Regular Equivalence
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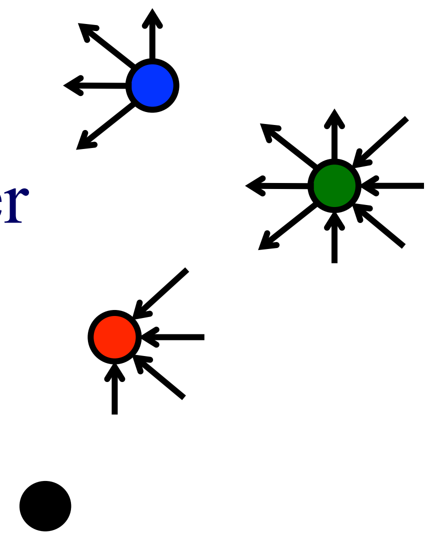
- Basic roles of nodes
  - source
  - repeater
  - sink
  - isolate



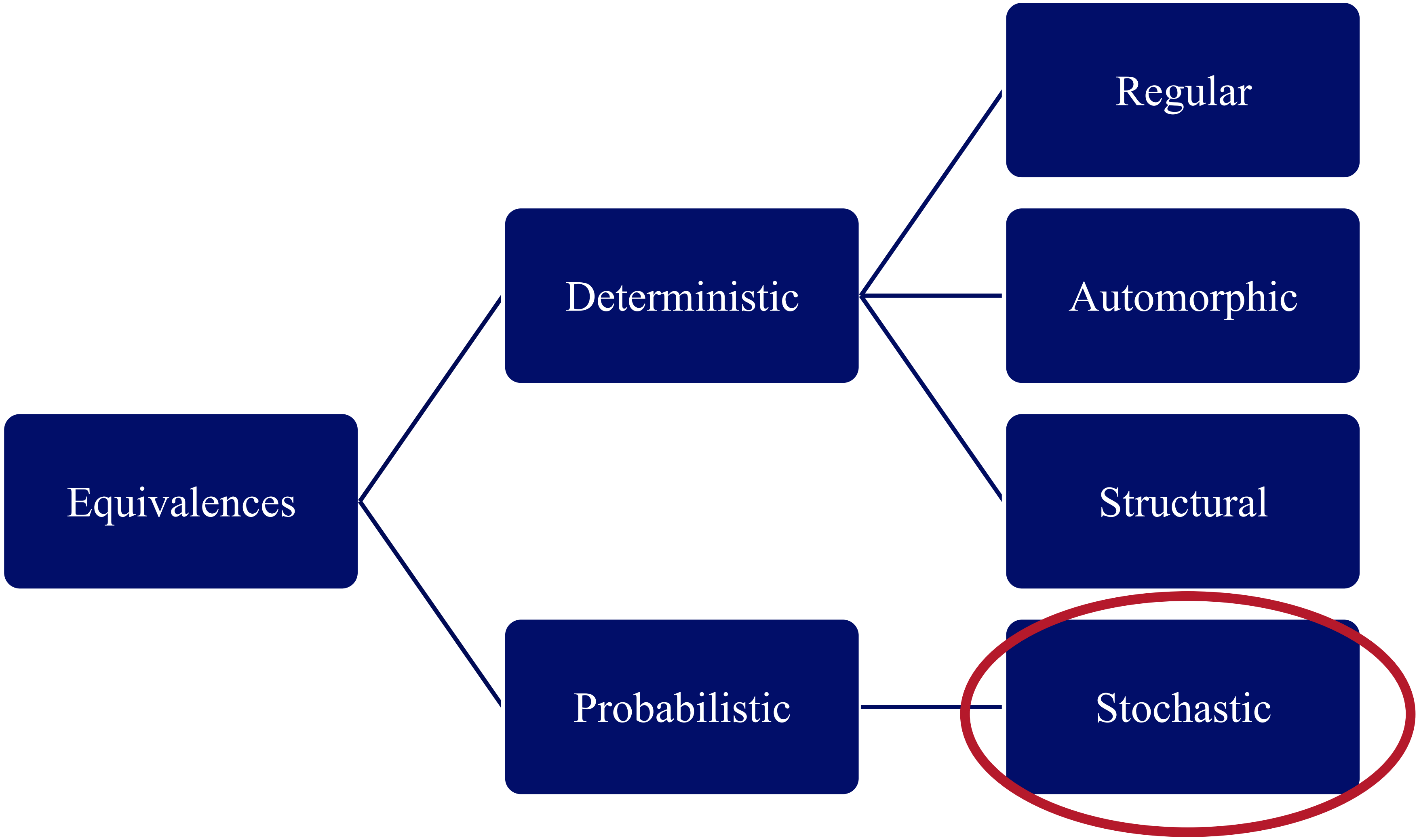
Regular Equivalence
(continued)

- Based solely on the social roles of neighbors
- Interested in
  - Which nodes fall in which social roles?
  - How do social roles relate to each other?
- Hard partitioning of the graph into social roles
- A given graph can have more than one valid regular equivalence set
- Exact regular equivalences can be rare in large graphs

Regular Equivalence: Algorithms

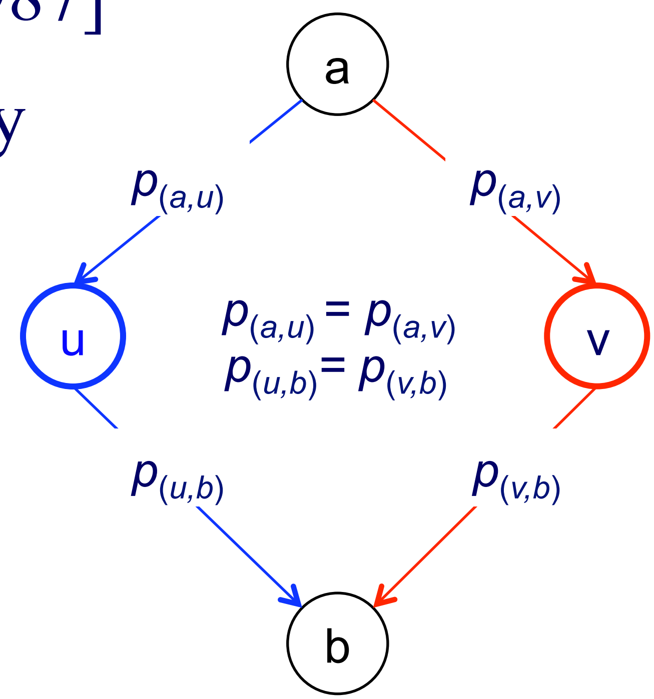
- Many algorithms exist here
- Basic notion
  - Profile each node's neighborhood by the presence of nodes of other "types"
  - Nodes are regularly equivalent to the extent that they have similar "types" of other nodes at similar distances in their neighborhoods

Equivalences



Stochastic Equivalence

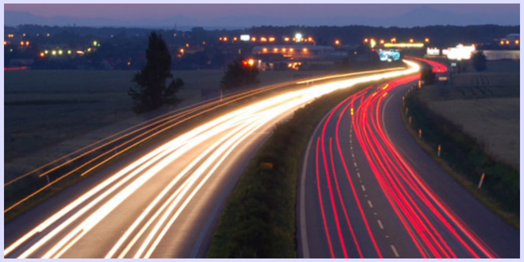
- [Holland, et al. 1983; Wasserman & Anderson, 1987]
- Two nodes are stochastically equivalent if they are "exchangeable" w.r.t. a probability distribution
- Similar to structural equivalence but probabilistic



Stochastic Equivalence: Algorithms

- Many algorithms exist here
- Most recent approaches are generative [Airoldi, et al 2008]
- Some choice points
  - Single [Kemp, et al 2006] vs. mixed-membership [Koutsourelakis & Eliassi-Rad, 2008] equivalences (a.k.a. "positions")
  - Parametric vs. non-parametric models

Roadmap



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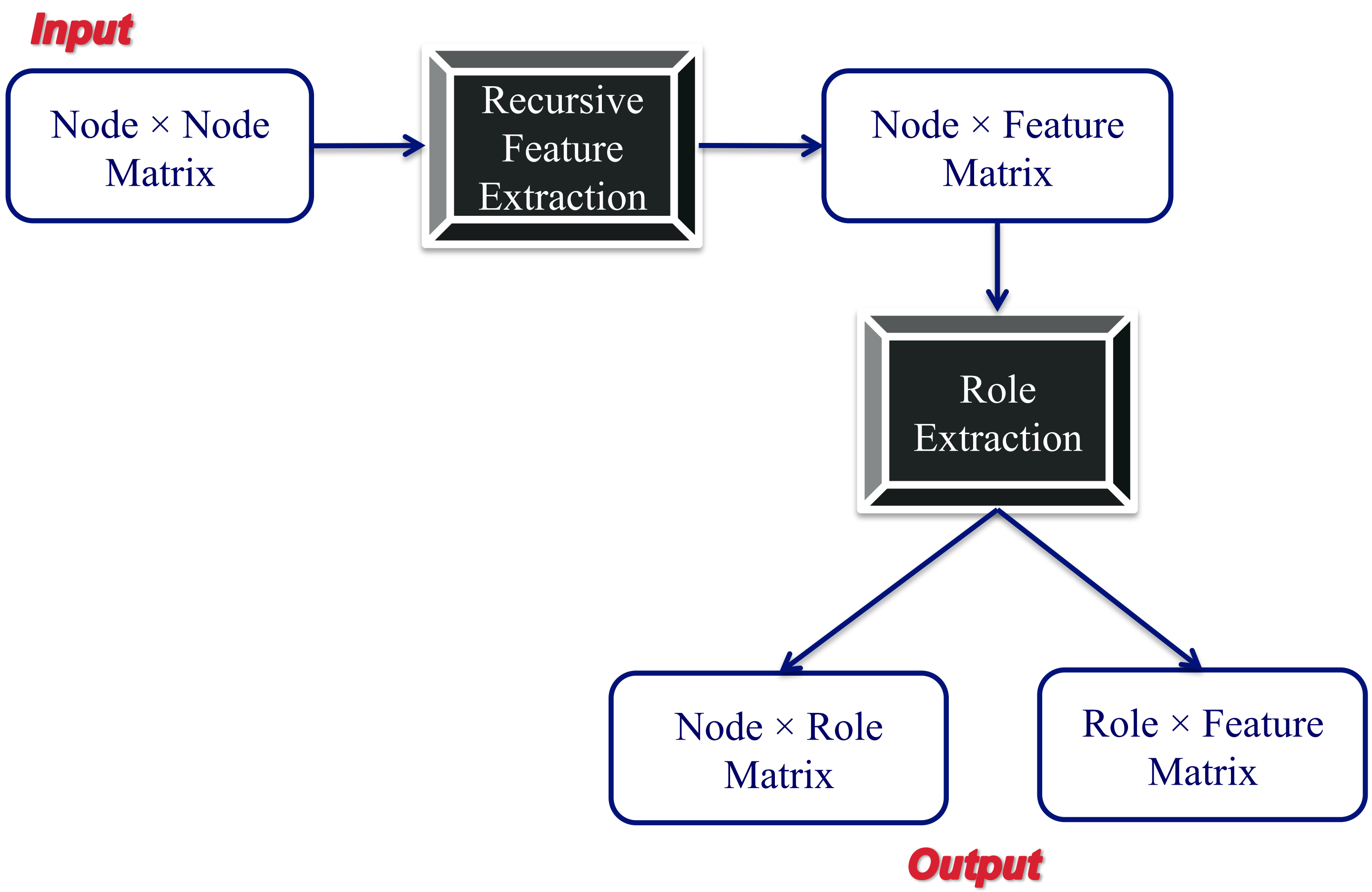
RolX: Role eXtraction

- Introduced by Henderson, et al. 2011b
- Automatically extracts the underlying roles in a network
  - No prior knowledge required
- Assigns a mixed-membership of roles to each node
- Scales linearly on the number of edges

RolX: Flowchart



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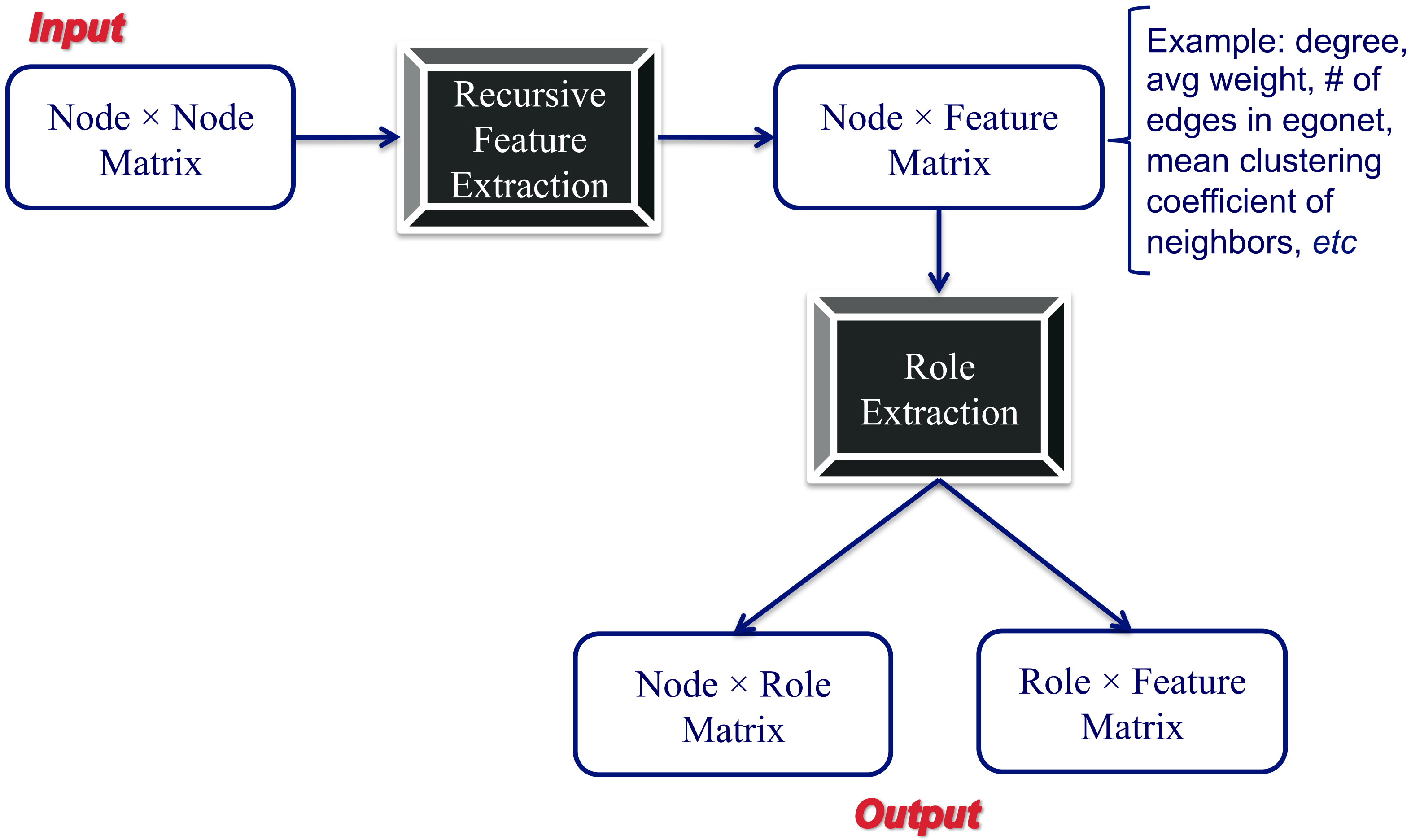
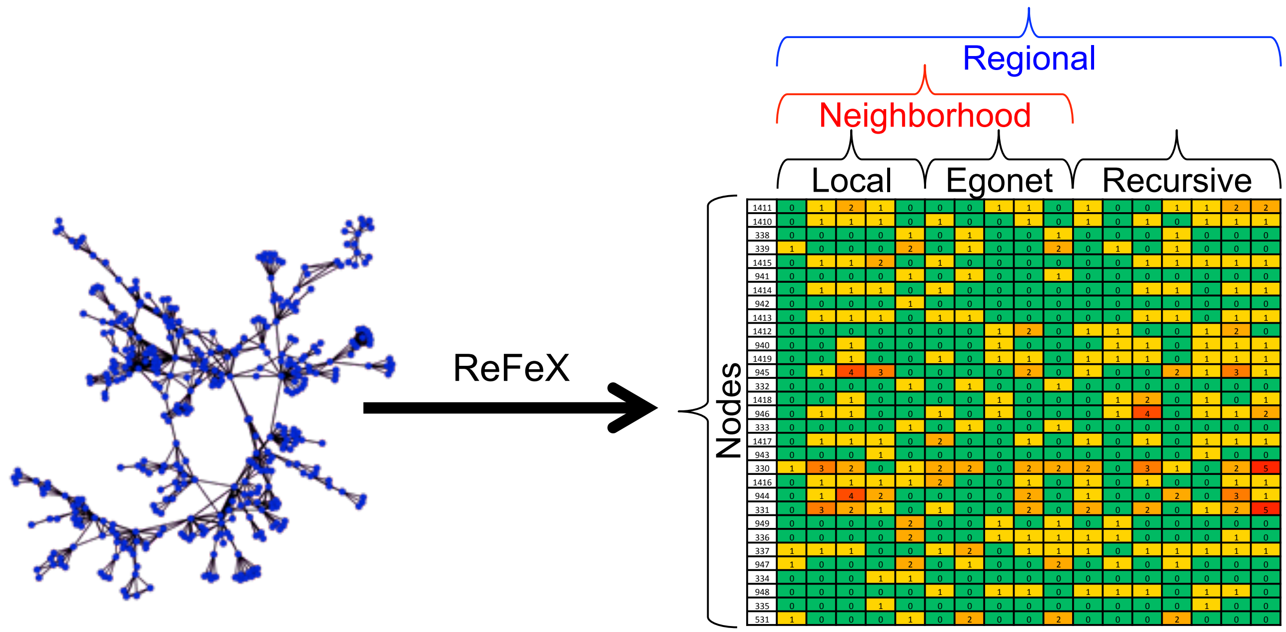


Recursive Feature Extraction

- ReFeX [Henderson, et al. 2011a] turns network connectivity into recursive structural features

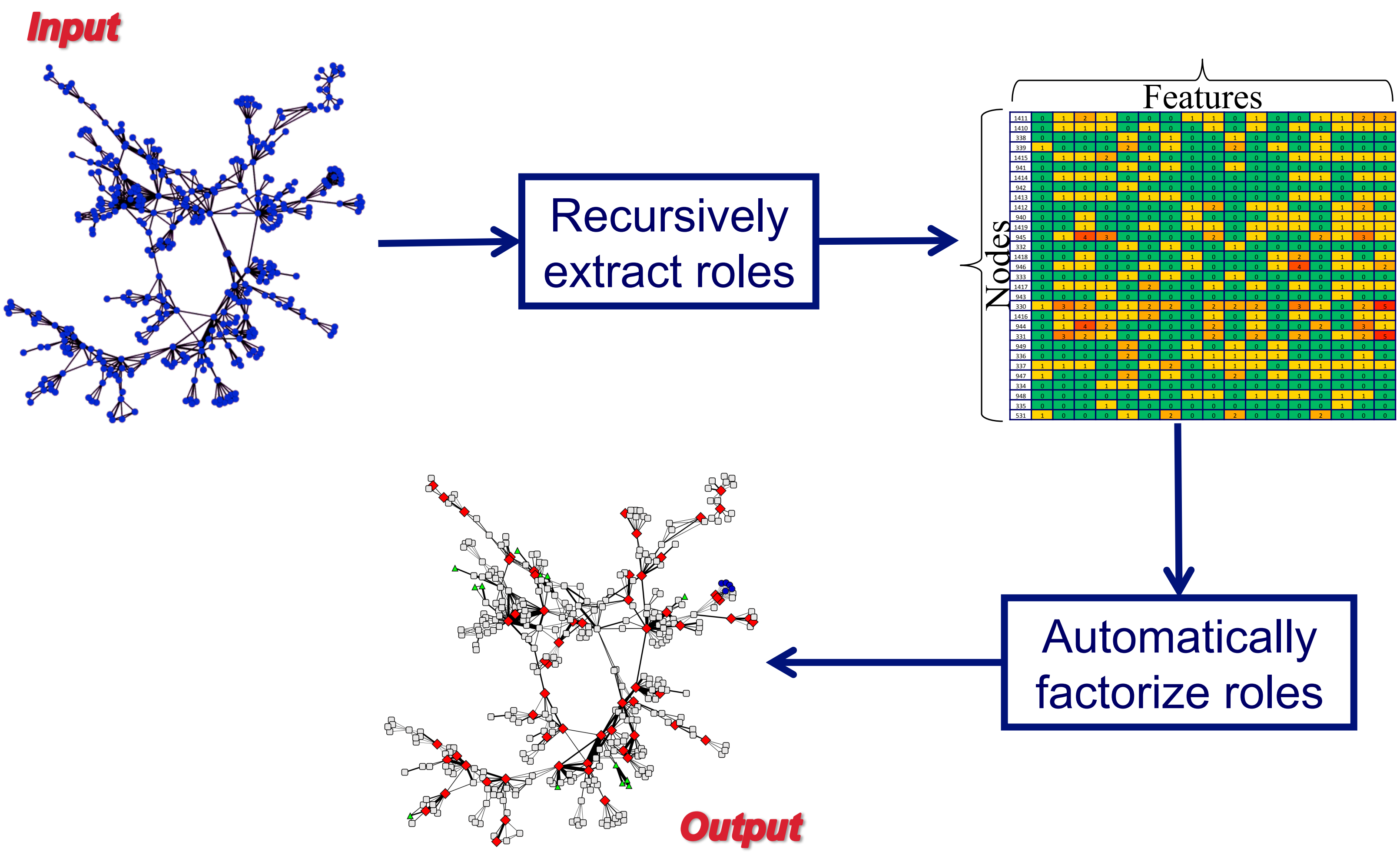


- Neighborhood features: What is your connectivity pattern?
- Recursive Features: To what *kinds* of nodes are you connected?

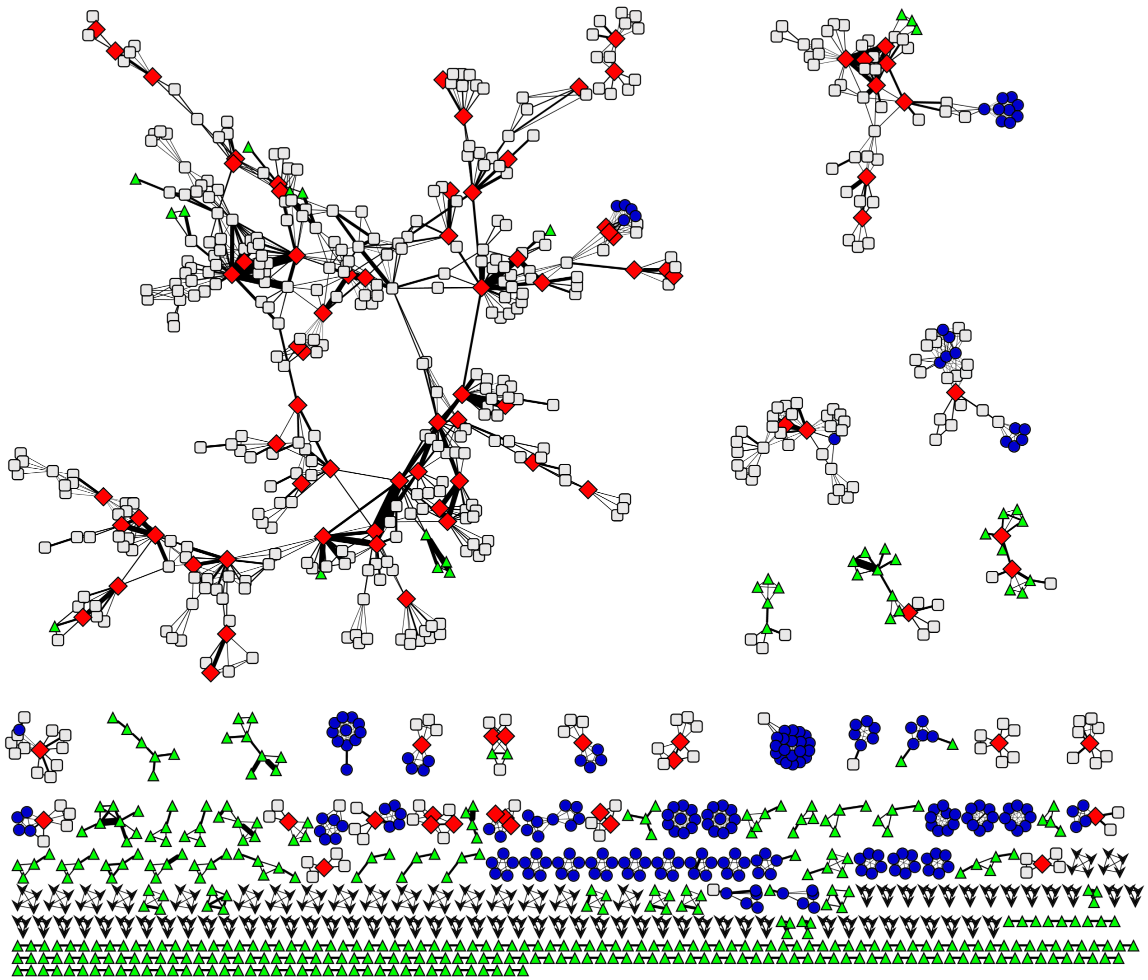
Propositionalisation (PROP)

- [Knobbe, et al. 2001; Neville, et al. 2003; Krogel, et al. 2003]
- From multi-relational data mining with roots in Inductive Logic Programming (ILP)
- Summarizes a multi-relational dataset (stored in multiple tables) into a propositional dataset (stored in a single “target” table)
- Derived attribute-value features describe properties of individuals
- Related more to recursive structural features than structural roles

Role Extraction

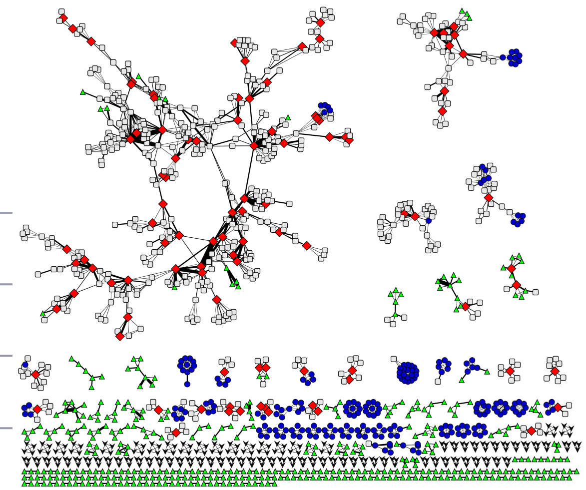


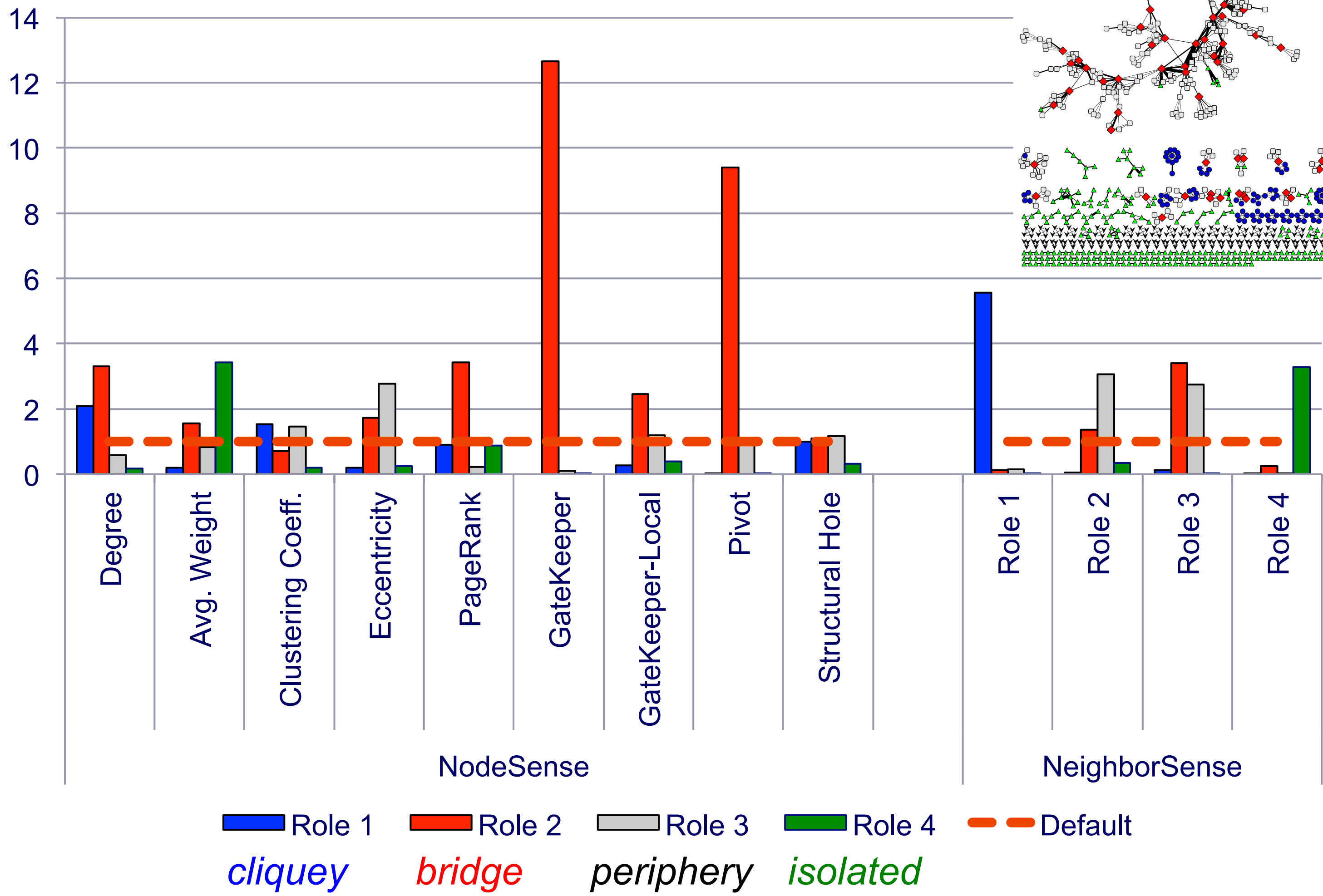
Automatically Discovered Roles



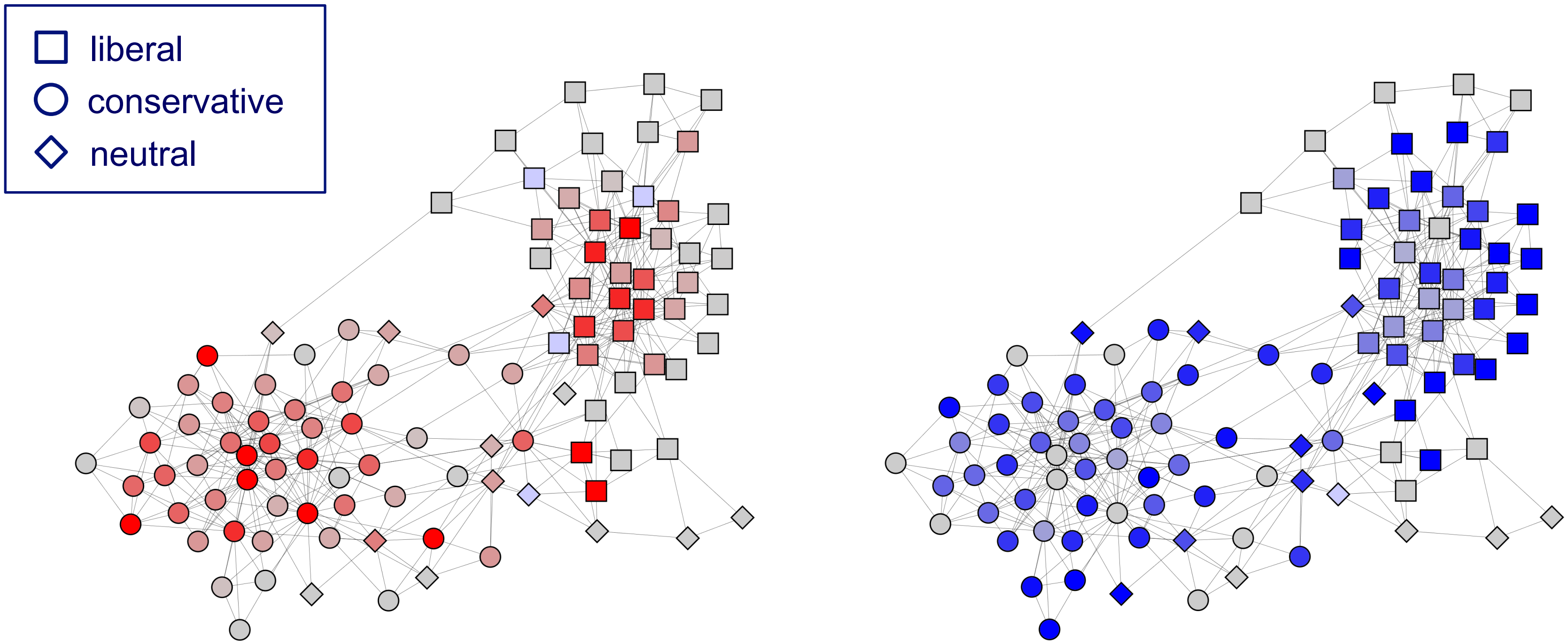
Network Science Co-authorship Graph [Newman 2006]

Making Sense of Roles





Mixed-Membership over Roles



Bright red nodes are locally central nodes

Bright blue nodes are peripheral nodes

Amazon Political Books Co-purchasing Network
[V. Krebs 2000]

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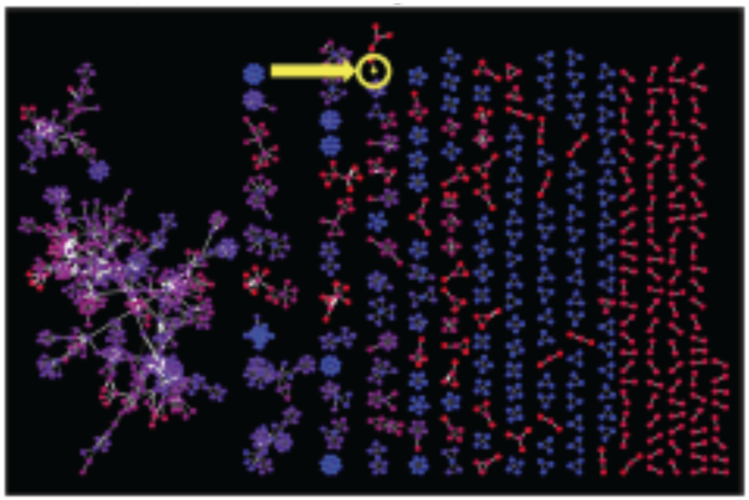
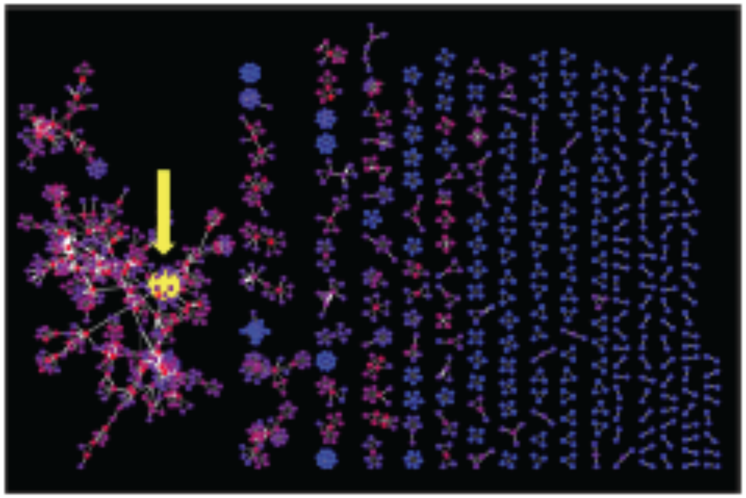
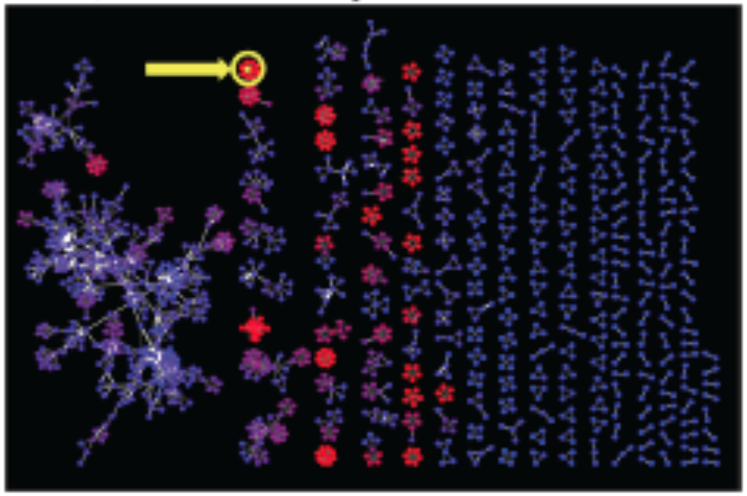
Role Query



Node Similarity for J. Rinzel (*isolate*)

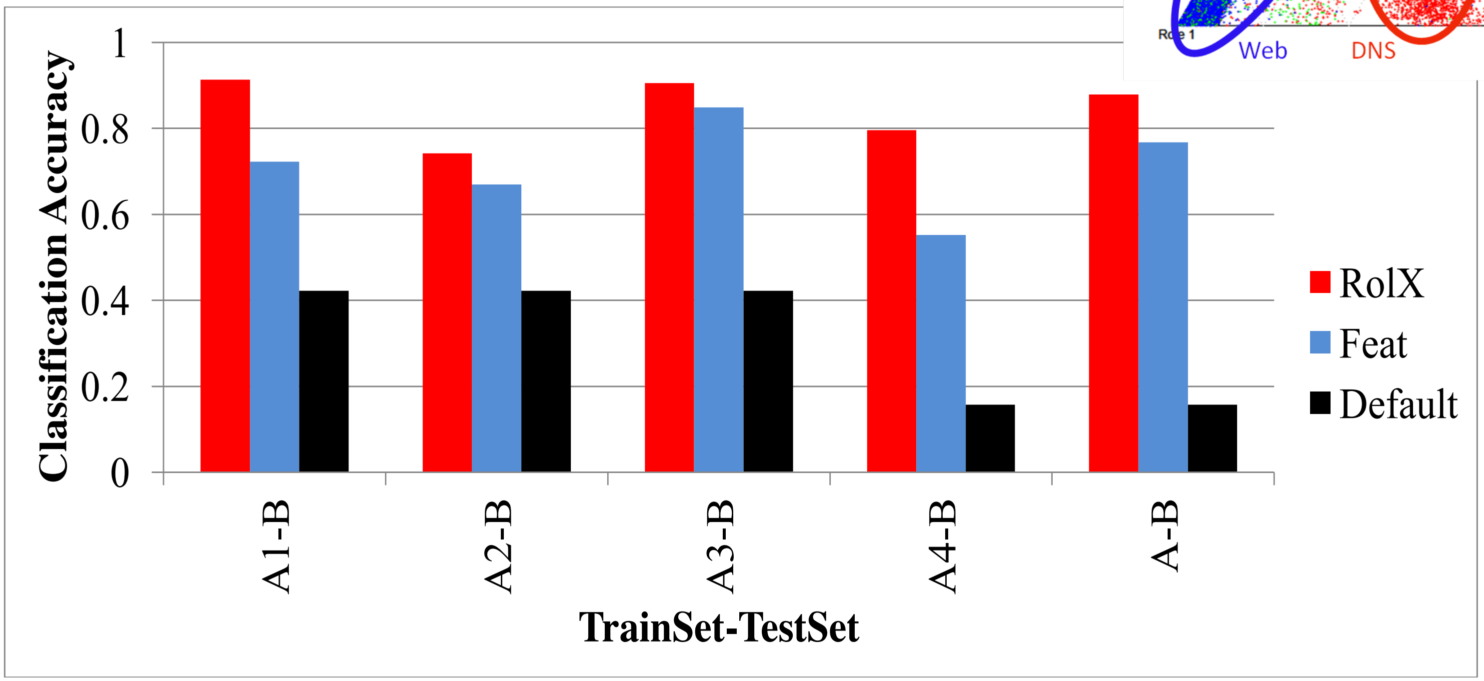


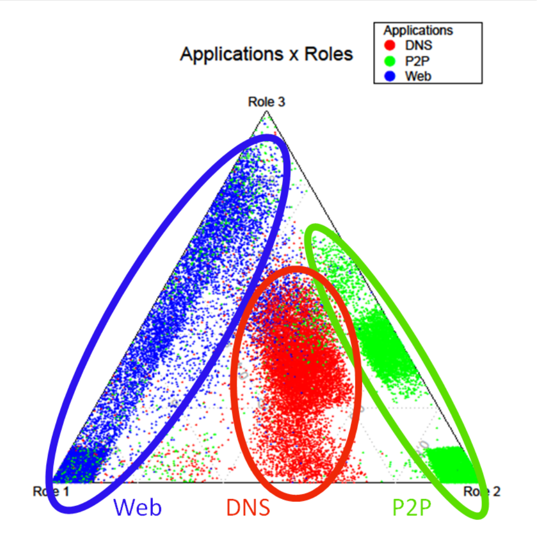
Node Similarity for M.E.J. Newman (*bridge*)



Node Similarity for F. Robert (*cliquey*)

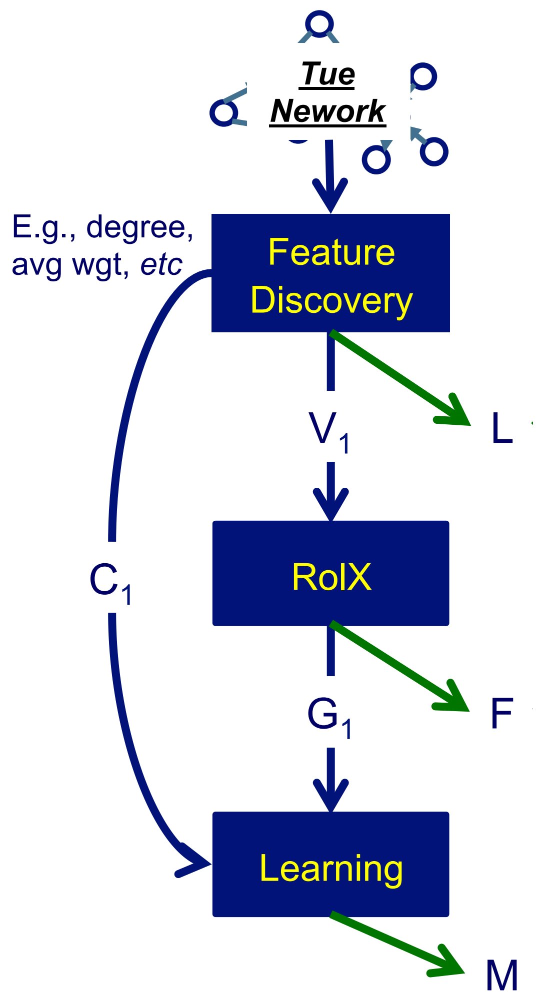
Roles Generalize across Disjoint Networks





Roles Generalize across Networks

Discovery Stage



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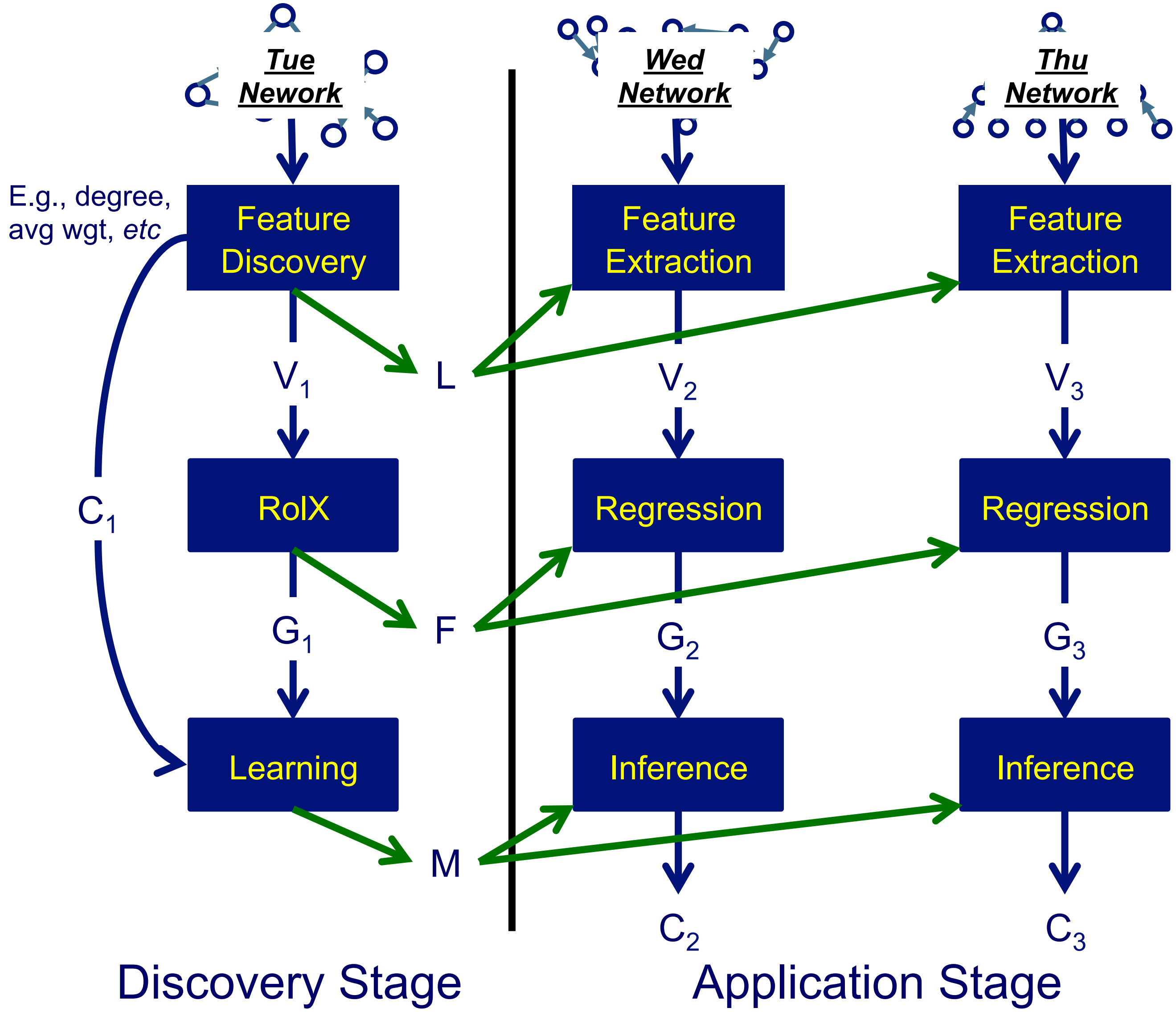

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Roles: Regular Equivalence vs. RolX

	RolX	Regular Equivalence
Mixed-membership over roles	✓	
Fully automatic	✓	
Uses structural features	✓	
Uses structure	✓	✓
Generalizable across disjoint networks	✓	?
Scalable (linear on # of edges)	✓	

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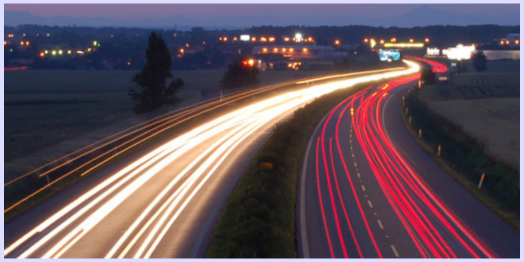

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Summary

- Roles
  - Structural behavior (“function”) of nodes
  - Complementary to communities
  - Previous work mostly in sociology under equivalences
  - Recent graph mining work produces mixed-membership roles, is fully automatic and scalable
  - Can be used for many tasks: transfer learning, re-identification, node dynamics, *etc*

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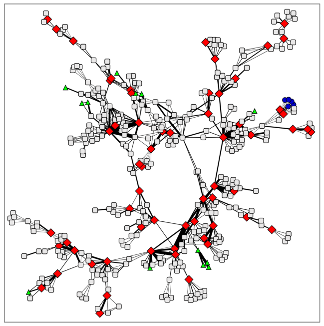

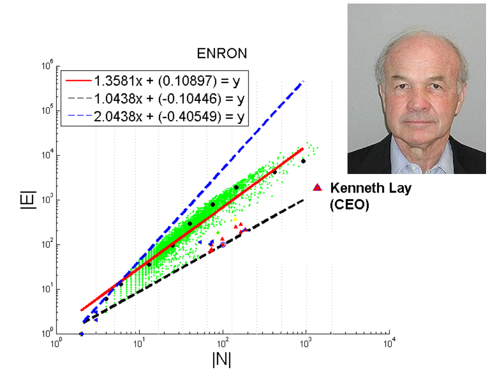

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