

Centralities - Measures and Reports

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Agenda

- Guiding Questions
- Review of Centrality Measures
- ORA Walk Through 1
- ORA Walk Through 2
- ORA Walk Through 3



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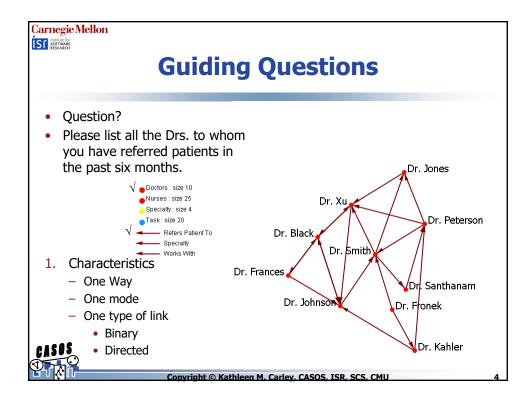


Guiding Questions

- Who is most important to this operation?
- Is Fred a connector or a broker?
- Which shipping port is most vulnerable?
- Which doctor should receive the referral bonus?



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Steps in a Structural Analysis

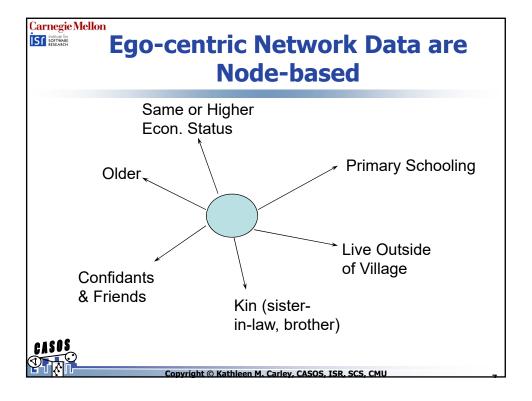
- · Collect network data.
 - Connections among people, knowledge, resources, events ...
- Enter data into ORA.
- · Visualize.
- Generate Report.
- If multiple networks create combined measures.
- If needed look at some measures in more depth.
- Possibly drop isolates and pendants
- Check interpretations.



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Critical Personnel

- Individual whose absence will dramatically alter performance of organization
 - Only person who can do a task
 - Only person with certain organizationally critical knowledge
 - Person who spreads good morale
 - Person who is only one with critical knowledge
 - Only person who knows key people
- Examples
 - Lead scientist
 - Long term administrative assistant
 - One person lab/technician



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Critical Personnel

- Direct identifiers
 - The key entities: e.g., degree centrality
 - The exclusivities: e.g., task
 - The integrators: e.g., simmelian ties
 - The loads: e.g., workload and cognitive demand
- Indirect
 - Those who have access to, can influence, those who are critical



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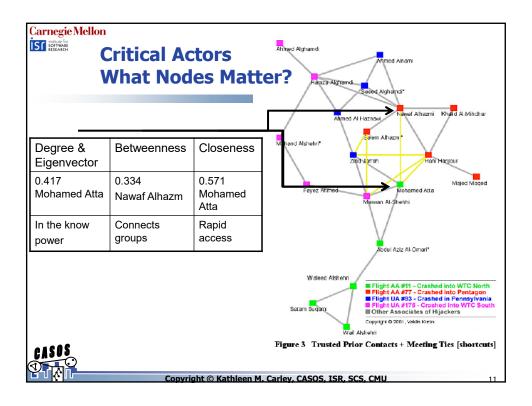
Node Level SNA Metrics Common Used: Centralities

- Degree Centrality
 - Node with the most connections
- Betweenness Centrality
 - Node in the most best paths
- Eigenvector Centrality
 - Node connected well-known people
- Closeness Centrality
 - Node that is closest to all other nodes



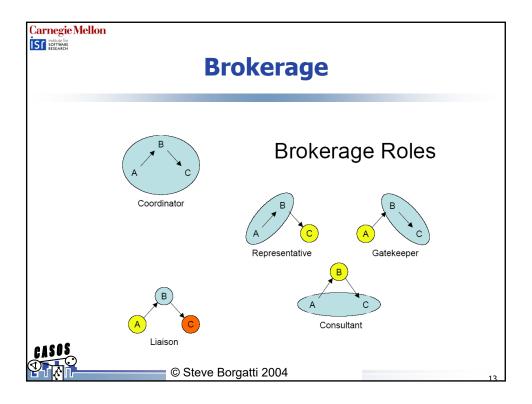
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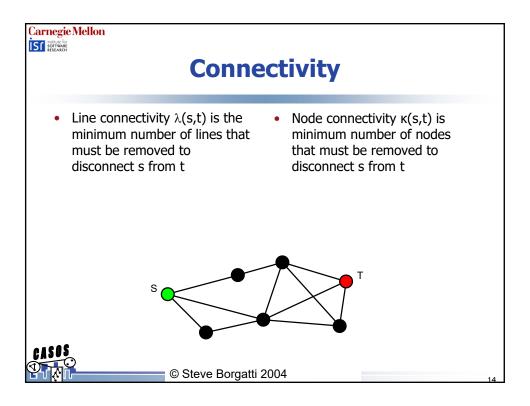




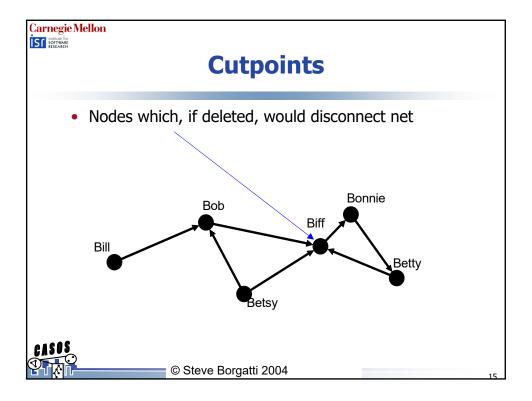
Mea	sure	Definition	Meaning	Usage
Degr Cent	ree rality	Node with the most connections	In the know	Identifying sources for intel; Reducing information flow
Betw	eenness	Node in the most best paths Needs symmetric data	Connects groups	Typically has political influence, but may be too constrained to act
Eigei centr	nvector rality	Node most connected to other highly connected nodes	Strong social capital	Identifying those who can mobilize others
Close	Node that is closest to all other nodes		Rapid access to all information	Identifying sources to acquire/transmit information

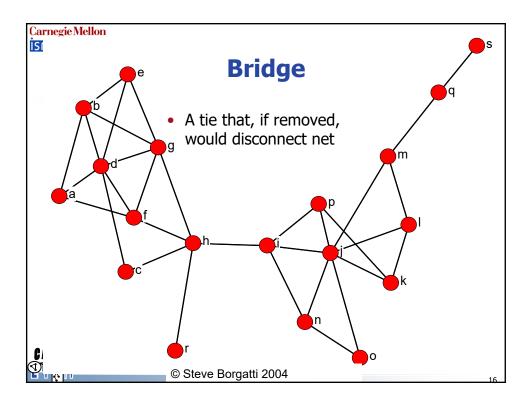




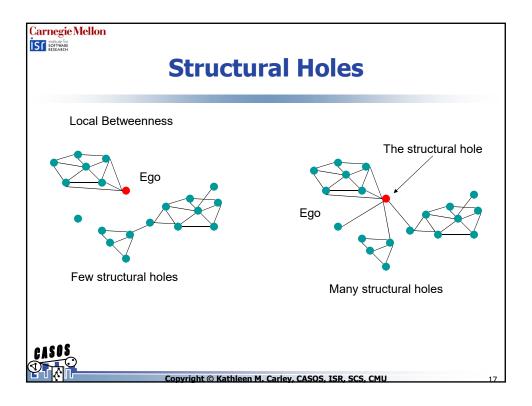


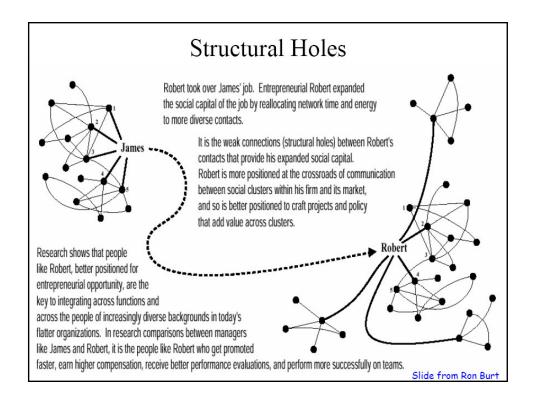














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Alternative Measures

- Page rank
 - Iteratively Weighted degree centrality
 - Page rank of node i is PR(pi)
 - $PR(p_i) = \frac{1-d}{N} + d \sum_{p_j \in M(p_i)} \frac{PR(p_j)}{L(p_j)}$ D is the dampening factor
 - L(pj) is the outdegree of node j
- Authority Centrality
 - A node is authority-central to the extent that its in-links are from nodes that have many out-links.
 - The authority of a node are calculated by: $a(i) = \sum_{(j,i) \in E} h(j)$,



Where a(x) is the authority of node $x \in \{i, j\}$

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Clustering Coefficient

(Carley et al., 2013: 845-847)

NODE LEVEL -

Measures the degree of clustering in a network by averaging the clustering coefficient of each node, which is defined as the density of the node's ego network.

Let G=(V, E) be the graph representation of a square network. Define for each node $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{V}$ its Clustering Coefficient $\mathbf{cc_v}$: let G_v = ego network of entity v

Then Clustering Coefficient for entity: entity $v = CC_v = density$ (G_v)

GRAPH LEVEL -

Then Clustering Coefficient for graph: graph = $\frac{\sum_{v \in V} CC_v}{|V|}$





Bonacich

- Bonacich's power measure corresponds to the notion that the power of a vertex is recursively defined by the sum of the power of its alters.
 - The nature of the recursion involved is then controlled by the power exponent:
 positive values imply that vertices become more powerful as their alters become
 more powerful (as occurs in cooperative relations), while negative values imply
 that vertices become more powerful only as their alters become weaker (as
 occurs in competitive or antagonistic relations).
 - The magnitude of the exponent indicates the tendency of the effect to decay across long walks; higher magnitudes imply slower decay.
 - One interesting feature of this measure is its relative instability to changes in exponent magnitude (particularly in the negative case). If your theory motivates use of this measure, you should be very careful to choose a decay parameter on a non-ad hoc basis.
- Bonacich, P. (1987). "Power and Centrality: A Family of Measures."
 American Journal of Sociology, 92, 1170-1182.



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Bonacich's power centrality measure

$$c_i(\alpha,\beta) = \alpha(I-\beta A)^{-1}A\vec{1}$$

- beta is an attenuation parameter (set here by exponent)
- A is the graph adjacency matrix.
- alpha acts as a scaling parameter, and is set here (following Bonacich (1987)) such that the sum of squared scores is equal to the number of vertices.
 - This allows 1 to be used as a reference value for the ``middle" of the centrality range.
- When *beta->1/lambda_A1* (the reciprocal of the largest eigenvalue of A), this is to within a constant multiple of the familiar eigenvector centrality score; for other values of β, the behavior of the measure is quite different.
- β gives positive and negative weight to even and odd walks, respectively, as can be seen from the series expansion $C_BP(alpha,beta) = alpha sum(beta^k A^(k+1) 1, k in 0..infinity)$ which converges so long as $|beta| < 1/lambda_A1$.
- The magnitude of beta controls the influence of distant actors on ego's centrality score, with larger magnitudes indicating slower rates of decay.
- High rates imply a greater sensitivity to edge effects.

