

# Assortativity and Mixing

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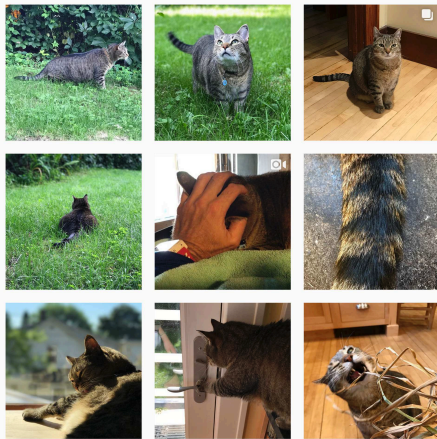


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- ❏ Build on work by Newman <sup>[5, 6]</sup>, and Boguñá and Serano. <sup>[1]</sup>.

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$$\sum_{\mu, \nu} e_{\mu\nu} = 1, \quad \sum_{\nu} e_{\mu\nu} = a_{\mu}, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\mu} e_{\mu\nu} = b_{\nu}.$$

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Basic story: level of assortativity reflects the degree to which nodes are connected to nodes within their group.

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$$r_{\min} = \frac{-\|E^2\|_1}{1 - \|E^2\|_1}$$

where  $-1 \leq r_{\min} < 0$ .

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- This is the observed normalized deviation from randomness in the product  $jk$ .



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 Directed networks still fine but we will assume from here on that  $e_{jk} = e_{kj}$ .

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 Notation reconciliation for undirected networks:

$$r = \frac{\sum_{j,k} jk(e_{jk} - R_j R_k)}{\sigma_R^2}$$

where, as before,  $R_k$  is the probability that a randomly chosen edge leads to a node of degree  $k + 1$ , and

$$\sigma_R^2 = \sum_j j^2 R_j - \left[ \sum_j j R_j \right]^2.$$

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- Mildly sneaky as variables need to be independent for us to be truly happy and edges are correlated...

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# Measurements of degree-degree correlations

	Group	Network	Type	Size $n$	Assortativity $r$	Error $\sigma_r$
Social	a	Physics coauthorship	undirected	52 909	0.363	0.002
	a	Biology coauthorship	undirected	1 520 251	0.127	0.0004
	b	Mathematics coauthorship	undirected	253 339	0.120	0.002
	c	Film actor collaborations	undirected	449 913	0.208	0.0002
	d	Company directors	undirected	7 673	0.276	0.004
	e	Student relationships	undirected	573	-0.029	0.037
	f	Email address books	directed	16 881	0.092	0.004
Technological	g	Power grid	undirected	4 941	-0.003	0.013
	h	Internet	undirected	10 697	-0.189	0.002
	i	World Wide Web	directed	269 504	-0.067	0.0002
	j	Software dependencies	directed	3 162	-0.016	0.020
Biological	k	Protein interactions	undirected	2 115	-0.156	0.010
	l	Metabolic network	undirected	765	-0.240	0.007
	m	Neural network	directed	307	-0.226	0.016
	n	Marine food web	directed	134	-0.263	0.037
	o	Freshwater food web	directed	92	-0.326	0.031

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 Social networks tend to be assortative (homophily)

 Technological and biological networks tend to be disassortative



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 **Plan:** Find the generating function  
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 Rearranging and introducing a sneaky  $\delta_{jk}$ :

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\delta_{jk} R_k - k B_{k+1,1} e_{jk}) F'_k(1; \vec{B}_1) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e_{jk} B_{k+1,1}.$$



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 In matrix form, we have

$$\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{E}, \vec{B}_1} \vec{F}'(1; \vec{B}_1) = \mathbf{E} \vec{B}_1$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{E}, \vec{B}_1}]_{j+1, k+1} &= \delta_{jk} R_k - k B_{k+1, 1} e_{jk}, \\ [\vec{F}'(1; \vec{B}_1)]_{k+1} &= F'_k(1; \vec{B}_1), \\ [\mathbf{E}]_{j+1, k+1} &= e_{jk}, \text{ and } [\vec{B}_1]_{k+1} = B_{k+1, 1}. \end{aligned}$$

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 The condition is therefore:

$$\det \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{E}, \vec{B}_1} = 0$$

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 Bonusville: We'll find a much better version of this set of conditions later...



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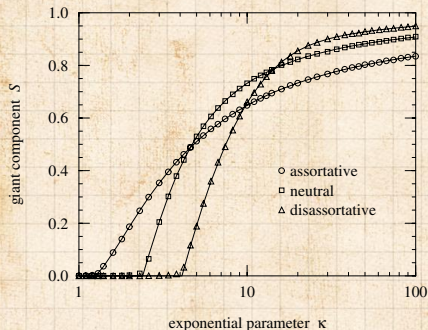


Condition for spreading is therefore dependent on eigenvalues of this matrix:

$$\frac{\partial G_j(\vec{0})}{\partial \theta_{k,t}} = \frac{e_{j-1,k-1}}{R_{j-1}} (k-1) B_{k1}$$



# How the giant component changes with assortativity:



from Newman, 2002 [5]



More assortative networks percolate for lower average degrees



But disassortative networks end up with higher extents of spreading.

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