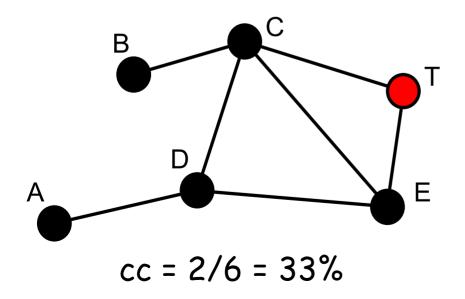
#### Emergent Groups: Detecting an Emergent Subgroup

-Clumpiness -Regions -Subgroups

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## Transitivity

- Proportion of triples with 3 ties as a proportion of triples with 2 or more ties
  - Aka the clustering coefficient



{C,T,E} is a transitive triple, but {B,C,D} is not. {A,D,T} is not counted at all.

#### **Network Regions**

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- Large "contiguous" areas
- Areas that contain cohesive subgroups
- We will cover:
  - Components
  - K-Cores

# Graph Terminology

- A graph G(V,E) consists of a set of nodes V and a set of lines E. Each line e ∈ E consists of a pair of nodes (u,v)
- A graph G' is a subgraph of a graph G if every line in E(G') is in E(G), and every node in V(G') is in V(G).
- The subgraph S induced by a set of nodes consists of those nodes together with <u>all</u> ties among them

## Components

- A subgraph S of a graph G is a component if S is maximal and connected
  - Connected means that every node can reach every other by some path (no matter how long)

# Components in Digraphs

- If G is a digraph, then
  - S is a weak component if it is a component of the underlying (undirected) graph
    - i.e., we allow semi-paths rather than require true directed paths
  - S is a strong component if for all u,v in S, there is a path from u to v

## Notes on Components

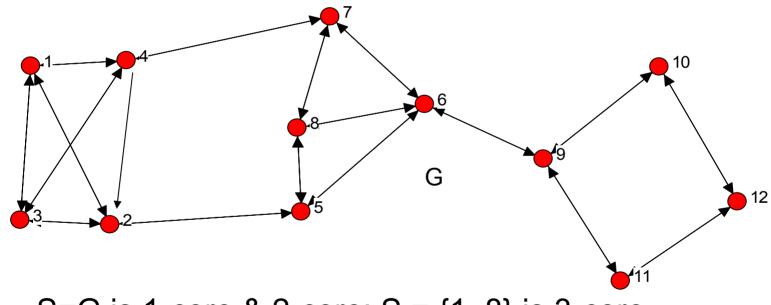
- Isolates are (very small) components
- Finding components is often first step in analysis of large graphs
  - Often analyze each component separately, or discard very small components
  - Many network measures require a connected graph, so they don't work on graphs with multiple components

## Alpha Operator

- Let α(S1,S2) be the number of ties from members of set S1 to members of the set S2
- α(u,S) is number of ties node u has with members of set S
- α(S) = α(S,V-S) is number of ties from members of set S to members of V-S (i.e., all other nodes)

#### K-Core

A subgraph S is a k-core if for all u ∈ S, α(u,S)
 >= k, and S is maximal



– S=G is 1-core & 2-core; S = {1..8} is 3-core

- There is no 4-core or higher

#### **K-Core Notes**

- Finds areas within which cohesive subgroups may be found
- Identifies fault lines across which cohesive subgroups do not span
- In large datasets, you can successively examine the 1-cores, the 2-cores, etc.

– Progressively narrowing to core of network

#### **Cohesive Subgroups**

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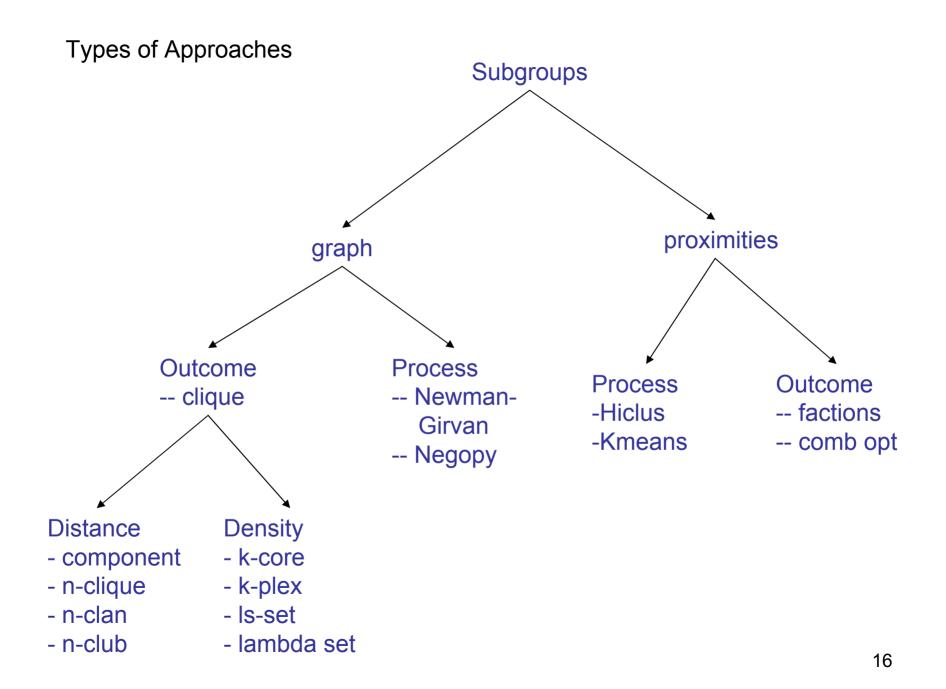
- Initially conceived of as formalizations of fundamental sociological concepts
  - Primary groups
  - Emergent groups
- Now typically thought of in terms of a technique for identifying groups within networks

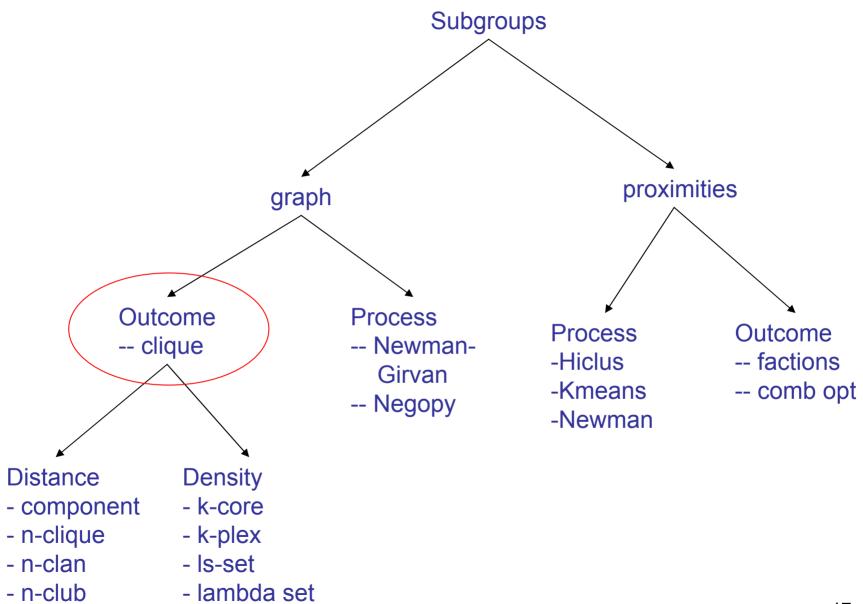
# **Canonical Hypothesis**

- Members of group will have similar outcomes
  - Ideas, attitudes, illnesses, behaviors
- Due to interpersonal transmission
  - transference
  - Influence / persuasion
  - Co-construction of beliefs & practices
    - As in communities of practice
- So group membership is independent var used to predict commonality of attitudes, beliefs, etc.

# Typology of Subgroups

	Process	Outcome
Network / Graph theory	Newman-Girvan	Clique, n-clique, n- clan, n-club, k-plex, ls- set, lambda-set, k- core, component
Proximities / Clustering	Johnson's Hierarchical clustering; k-means; MDS	Factions, combinatorial optimization





## Cliques

- Definition
  - Maximal, complete subgraph
  - Set S s.t. for all u,v in S, (u,v) in E
- Properties
  - Maximum density (1.0)
  - Minimum distances (all 1)

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- overlapping
- Strict

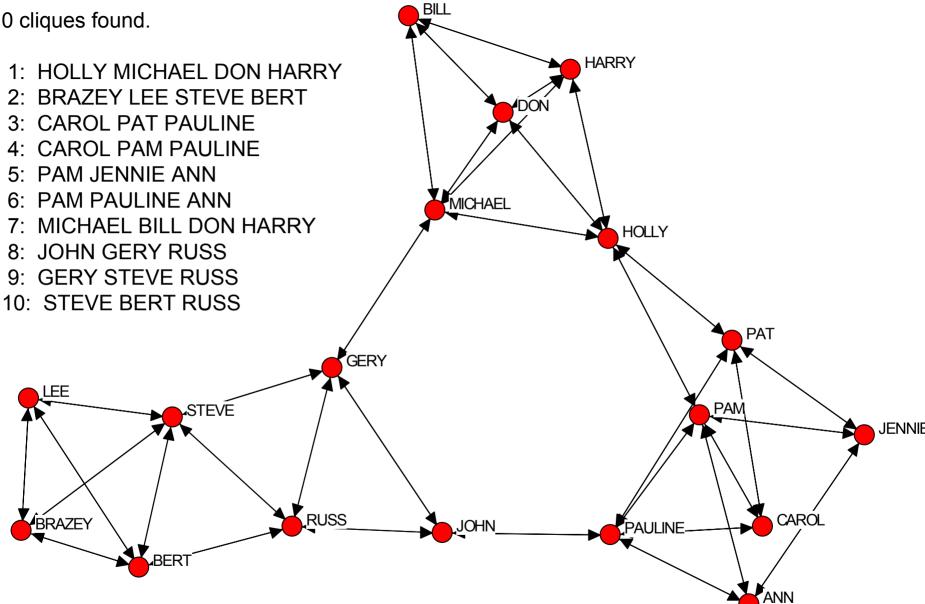
{c,d,e} is the

only clique

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10 cliques found.



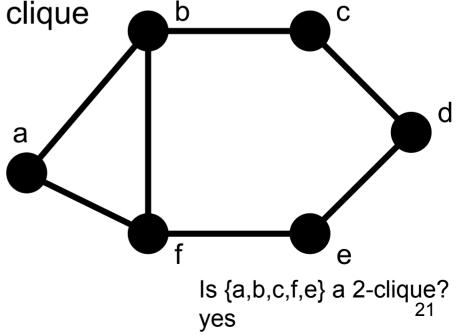
# Types of Relaxations

- Distance (length of paths)
   N-clique, n-clan, n-club
- Density (number of ties)

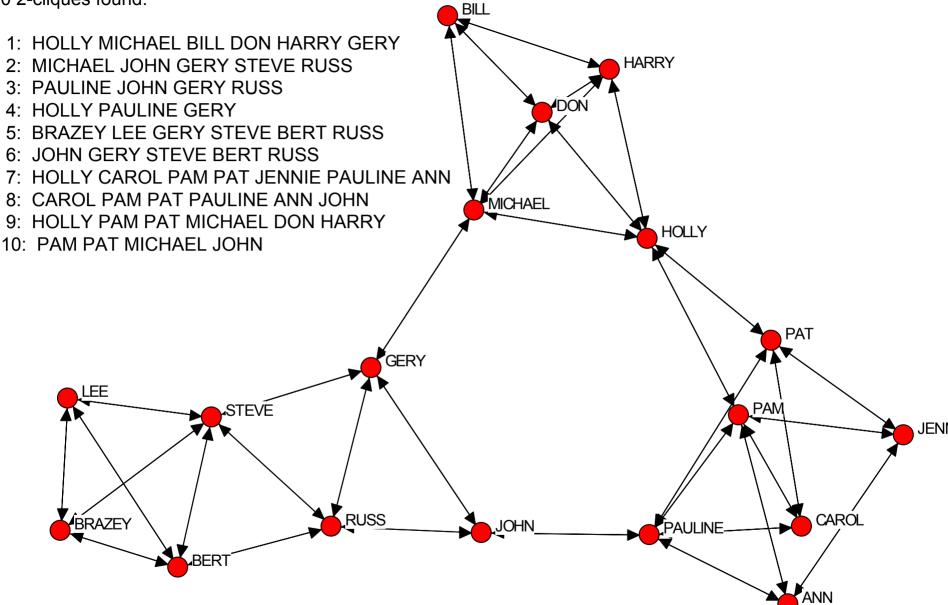
- K-plex, Is-set, lambda set, k-core, component

## **N-cliques**

- Definition
  - Maximal subset s.t. for all u, v in S,  $d(u, v) \le n$
  - Distance among members less than specified maximum
  - When n = 1, we have a clique
- Properties
  - Relaxes notion of clique
    - Avg distance can be greater than 1

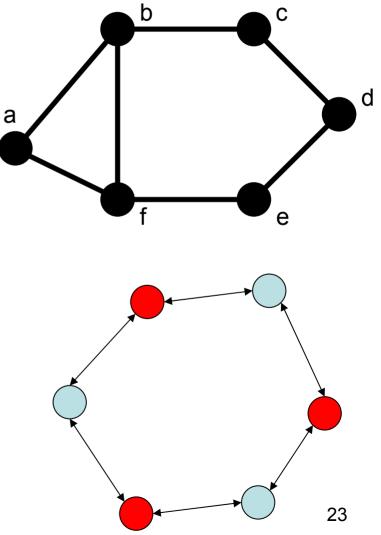


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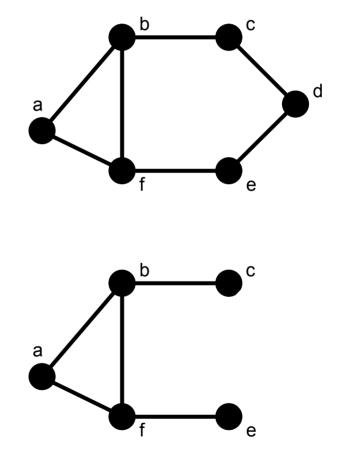
## **Issues with N-Cliques**

- Overlapping
  - {a,b,c,f,e} and {b,c,d,f,e} are both 2-cliques
- Membership criterion satisfiable through nonmembers
- Even 2-cliques can be fairly non-cohesive
  - Red nodes belong to same 2clique but none are adjacent



# Subgraphs

- Set of nodes
  - Is just a set of nodes
- A subgraph
  - Is set of nodes together with ties among them
- An induced subgraph
  - Subgraph defined by a set of nodes
  - Like pulling the nodes and ties out of the original graph



Subgraph induced by {a,b,c,f,e}

## N-Clan

- Definition
  - An n-clique S whose diameter in the subgraph induced by S is <= n</p>

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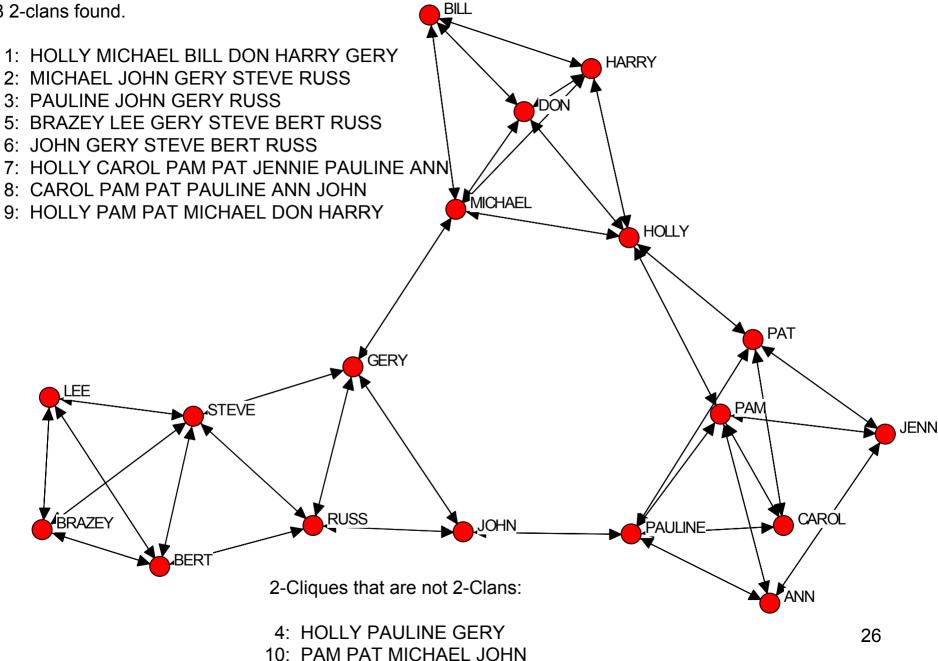
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Is {a,b,c,f,e} a 2-clan?

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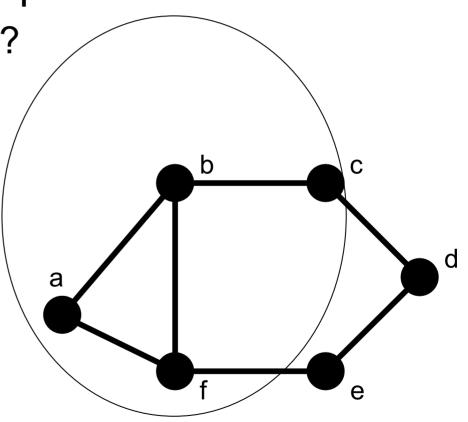
- Members of set within n links
   of each other without using
   outsiders
- Properties
  - More cohesive than n-cliques

8 2-clans found.



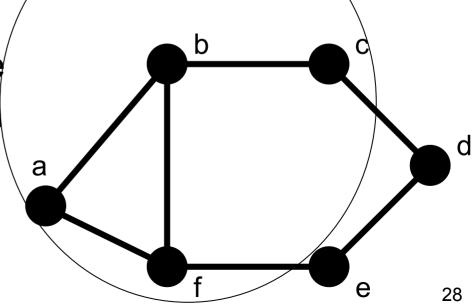
## N-Clan Issues

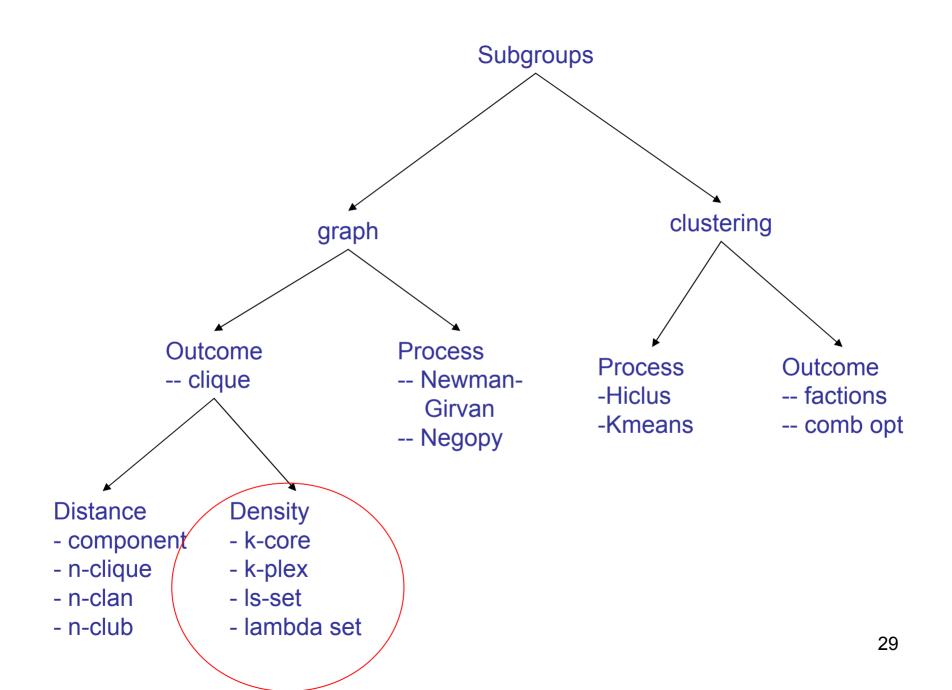
- n-clique membership a bother
  - Is {a,b,c,f} a 2-clan?
  - List all 2-clans
- few found in data
- overlapping



# N-Club

- Definition
  - A maximal subset S whose diameter in the subgraph induced by S is <= n</p>
  - No n-clique requirement
- Properties
  - Painful to compute
  - More plentiful than n-clans
  - overlapping

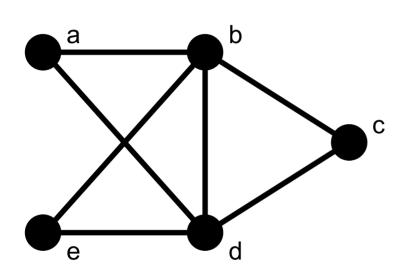




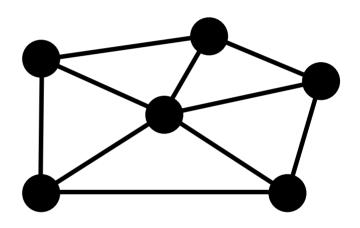
#### **K-Plexes**

- Definition
  - A k-plex is a [maximal] subset S s.t. for all u in S,  $\alpha(u,S) >= |S|-k$ , where |S| is size of set S
- Properties
  - Subsets of k-plexes are k-plexes
  - Limited diameter (i.e., get distance as freebie)
    - If k < (|S|+2)/2 then diameter <= 2
  - Very numerous & overlapping
  - Sometimes better match to intuition than distance relaxations

#### **K-Plex**



Is {a,b,d,e} a 2-plex? Is {a,b,c,d,e} a 2-plex? Is {a,b,d} a 2-plex?



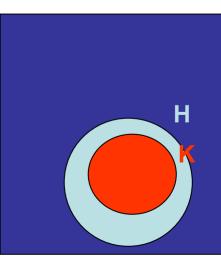
Is the graph as a whole a 2-plex? Is it a 3-plex?

#### LS-Sets

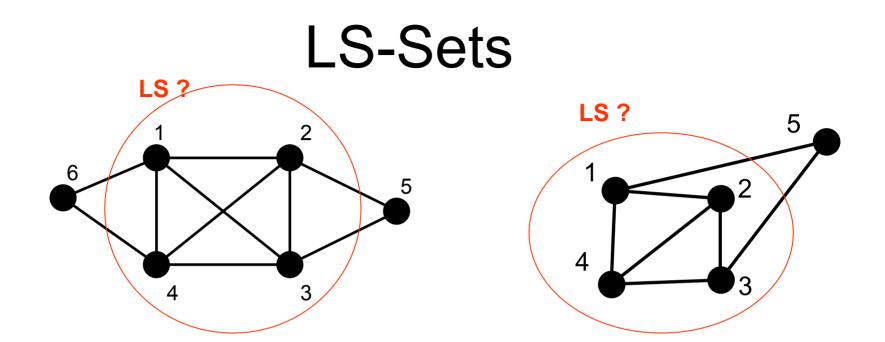
- Definition
  - Given a graph G(V,E), let H be a subset of V, and let K be <u>any</u> proper subset of H
  - H is LS if  $\alpha$ (K,H-K) >  $\alpha$ (K,V-H) for all K
    - All subsets of the LS set are more connected to other LS members than outsiders of LS set

or...

- -H is **LS** if  $\alpha(K) > \alpha(H)$ 
  - Subsets better off joining LS set
  - This one's usually easier to compute



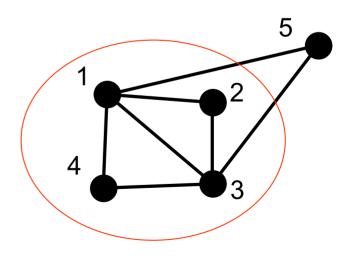
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- H is LS if α(K,H-K) > α(K,V-H)
  - Use when K is large

or ...

H is LS if α(K) > α(H)
 Use when K is small



### LS-Sets

- Properties very cohesive
  - Wholly nested or disjoint: no partial overlaps
  - More ties within than between (doesn't just consider density inside density)
  - Contain no minimum weight cutsets (lie on either side of "fault lines")
  - Multiple edge-independent paths within
    - High edge-connectivity

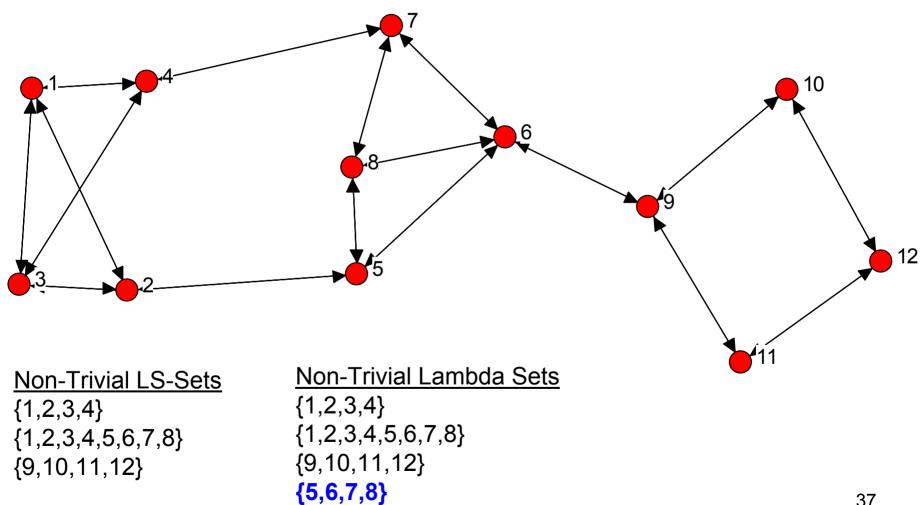
## Lambda Operator

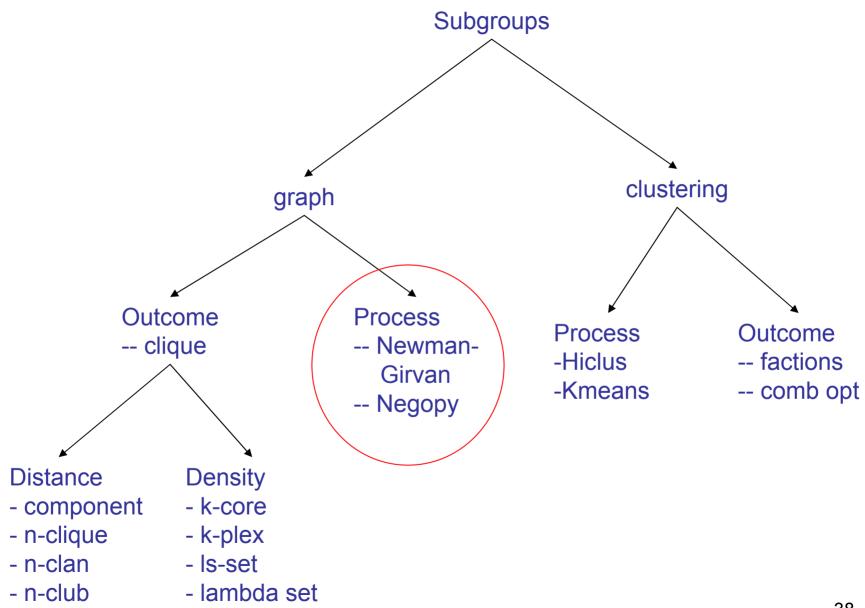
- Let λ(u,v) be the number of edgeindependent paths from node u to node v
- λ(u,v) is also the minimum number of ties that must be removed from the network in order to disconnect u and v

#### Lambda Sets

- Definition
  - A set of nodes S is a lambda set if for all *a,b,c* in S and *d* not in S, λ(a,b) > λ(c,d)
    - More independent paths to other group members than to outsiders
- Properties
  - Robust
    - very difficult to disconnect even with intelligent attack
  - Mutually exclusive or wholly inclusive
    - No partially overlapping groups
  - Pure like n-clubs, defined on a single attribute

#### Lambda Sets

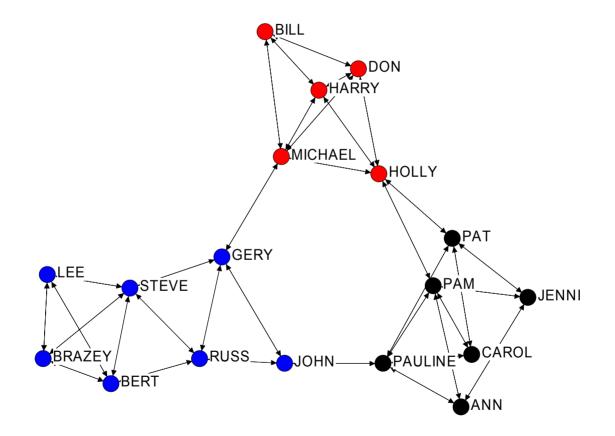




## Newman-Girvan

- Successively deleting the tie with the most edge betweenness, and identifying components, then recalculating betweenness
- Yields a hierarchical clustering

#### Newman-Girvan



## Proximities / Clustering and Scaling Methods

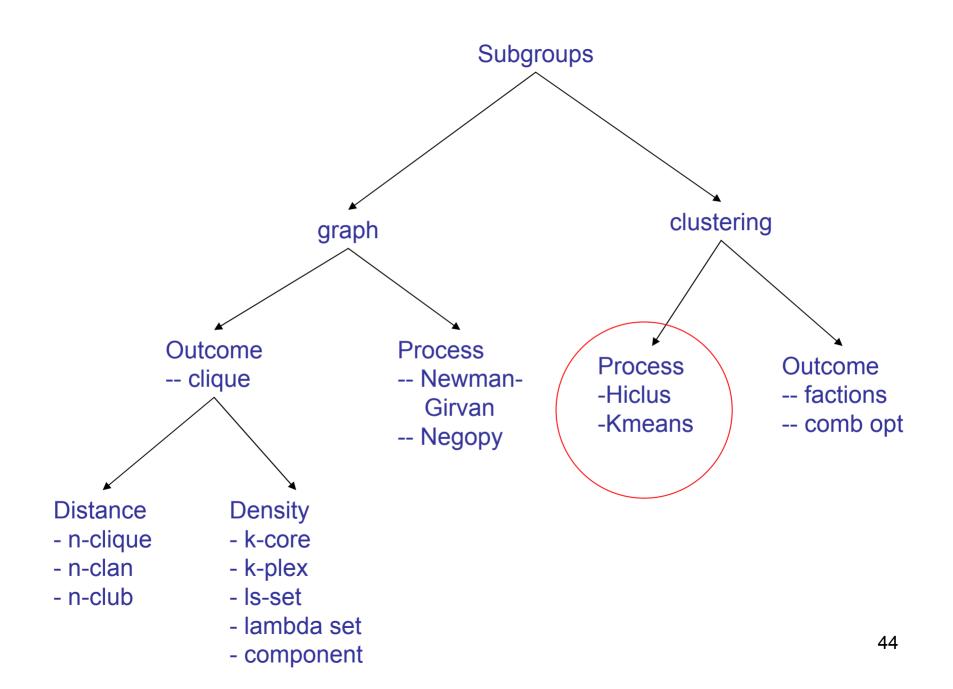
- First compute dyadic cohesion matrix
  - E.g. geodesic distance
- Then cluster or scale
  - Two major kinds of clustering routines
    - Process-defined
    - Outcome-defined
- Typical result is a partition

# Partitions

- Partition P is just an assignment of nodes to classes
  - P(i) gives the class of node i
  - Every node assigned to one & only one class
- A partition P is nested in partition M if for all nodes i and j, P(i)=P(j) implies M(i)=M(j)
- Trivial partitions
  - Identity: P(i) = i for all i
  - Complete: P(i) = 1 for all i

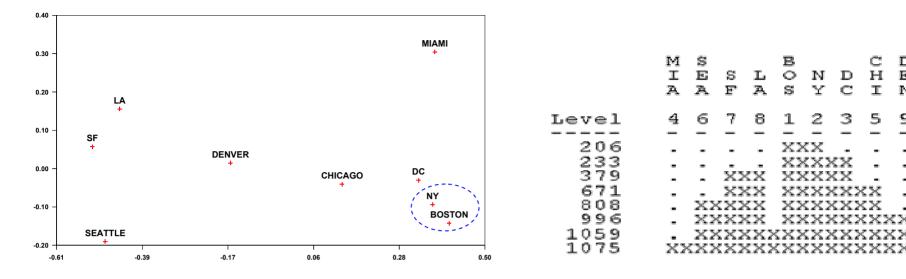
# **Process-Defined Clustering**

- Heuristic definitions
  - Multivariate methods
    - Johnson's hierarchical
    - Wards
    - K-means
  - Graph-theoretic / Network methods
    - Newman-Girvan
- Sometimes specify number of groups a priori, sometimes not



### Johnson's Hierarchical Clustering

- Output is a set of nested partitions, starting with identity partition and ending with the complete partition
- Different flavors based on how distance from a point to a cluster is defined
  - Single linkage; connectedness; minimum
  - Complete linkage; diameter; maximum
  - Average, median, etc.



	BOS	NY	DC	MIA	CHI	SEA	SF	LA	DEN
BOS	0	206	429	1504	963	2976	3095	2979	1949
NY	206	0	233	1308	802	2815	2934	2786	1771
DC	429	233	0	1075	75 671 2684		2799	2631	1616
MIA	1504	1308	1075	0	1329	3273	3053	2687	2037
CHI	963	802	671	1329	0	2013	2142	2054	996
SEA	2976	2815	2684	3273	2013	0	808	1131	1307
SF	3095	2934	2799	3053	2142	808	0	379	1235
LA	2979	2786	2631	2687	2054	1131	379	0	1059
DEN	1949	1771	1616	2037	996	1307	1235	1059	0

Closest distance is NY-BOS = 206, so merge these.

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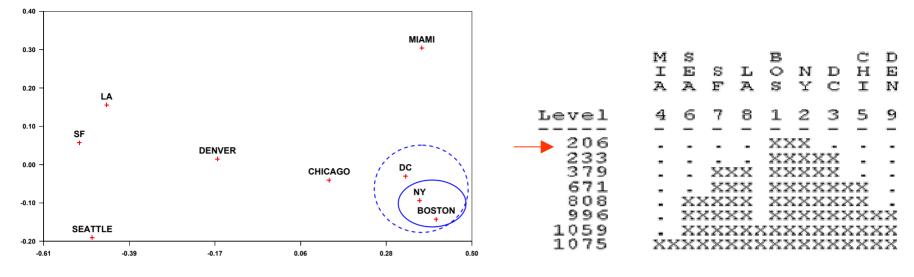
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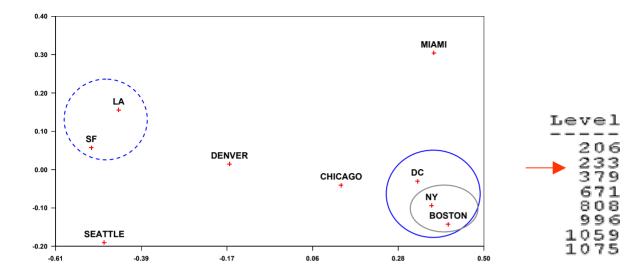
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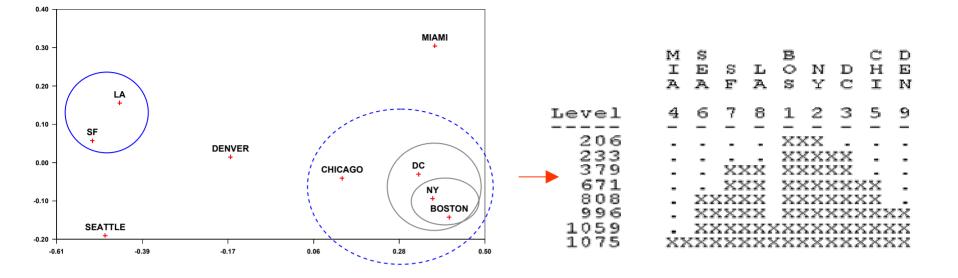
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Closest pair is DC to BOSNY combo @ 223. So merge these.

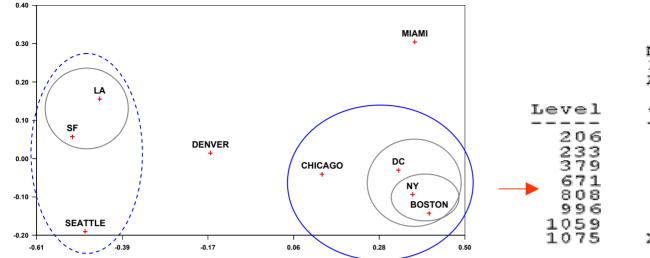


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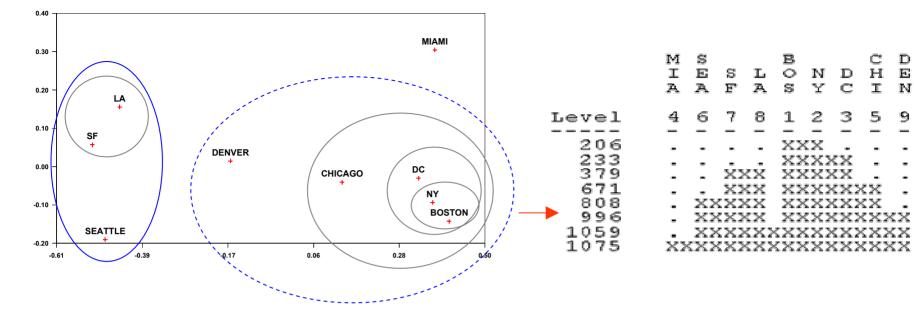
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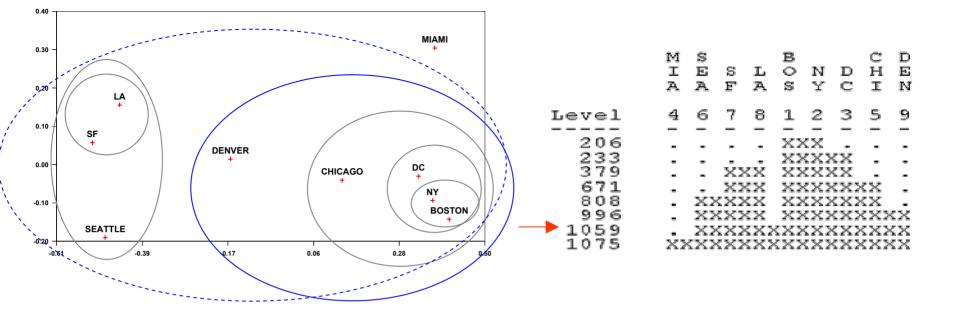
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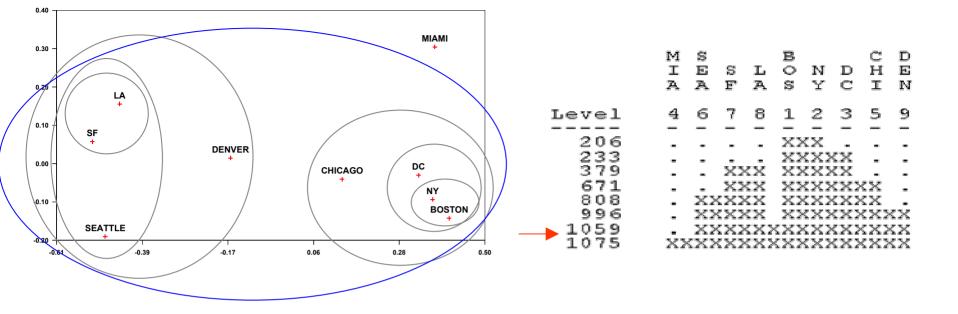
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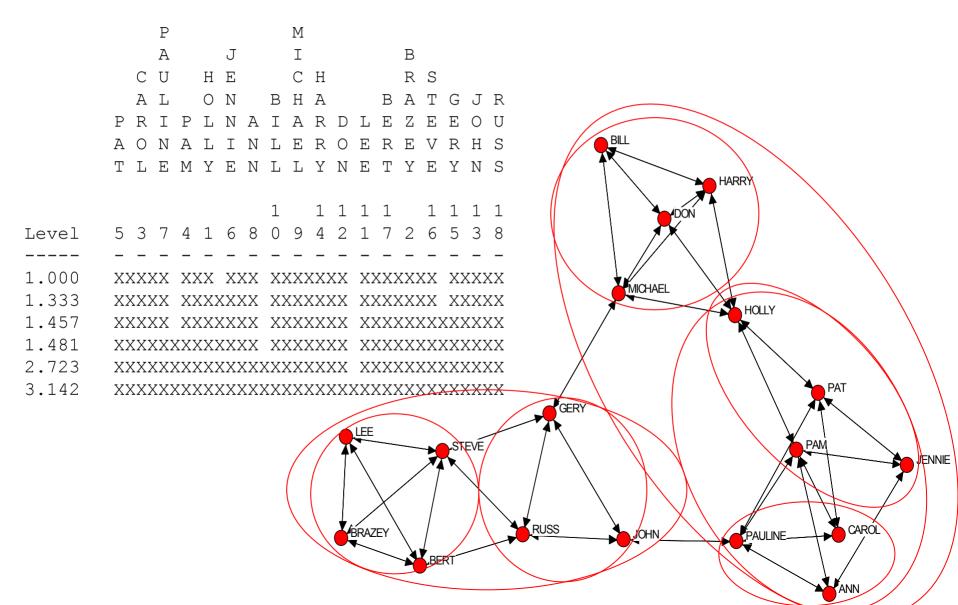


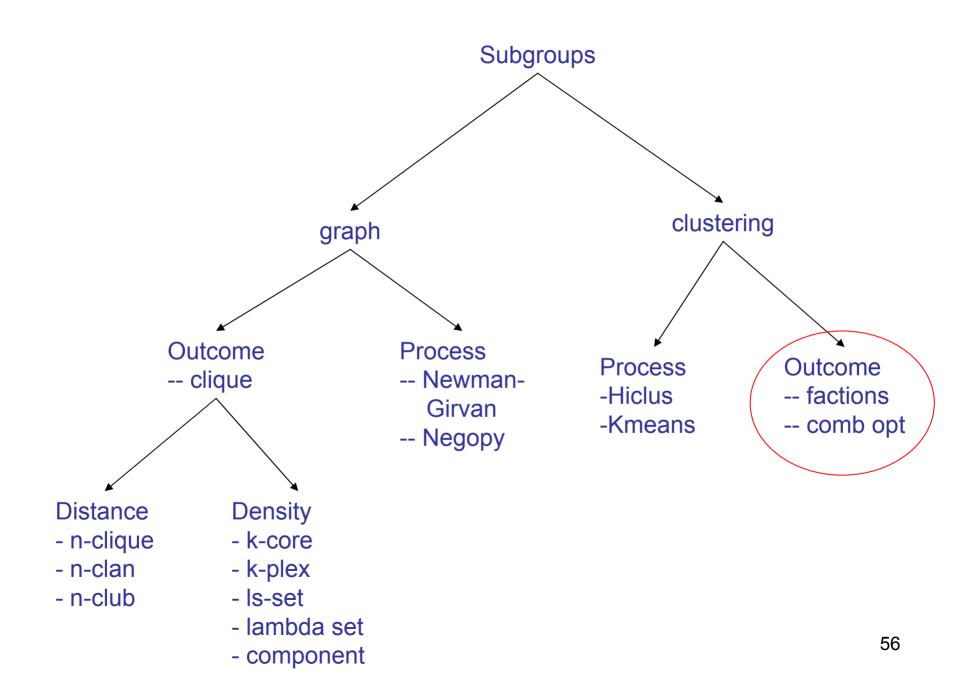
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Geodesic Distances

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### **Hierarchical Clustering**





# Factions

- Outcome-Defined Clustering
- Input is proximity matrix X

   Could be similarities or distances
- Assign items to clusters such that
  - For similarities, maximize similarities within cluster while minimizing similarities between clusters
  - For distances, minimize distance within cluster while maximizing distances between clusters
- Optimize explicit fitness function

   Correlation with idealized image matrix
- Typically choose # of groups a priori

## Factions

