

# Closeness Centrality

$\delta_{ij}$  = length of  $i - j$  shortest path  
 $\forall i \in V \ C_i = 1/l_i$ , where  $l_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j \in V} \delta_{ij}$

large for peripheral vertices

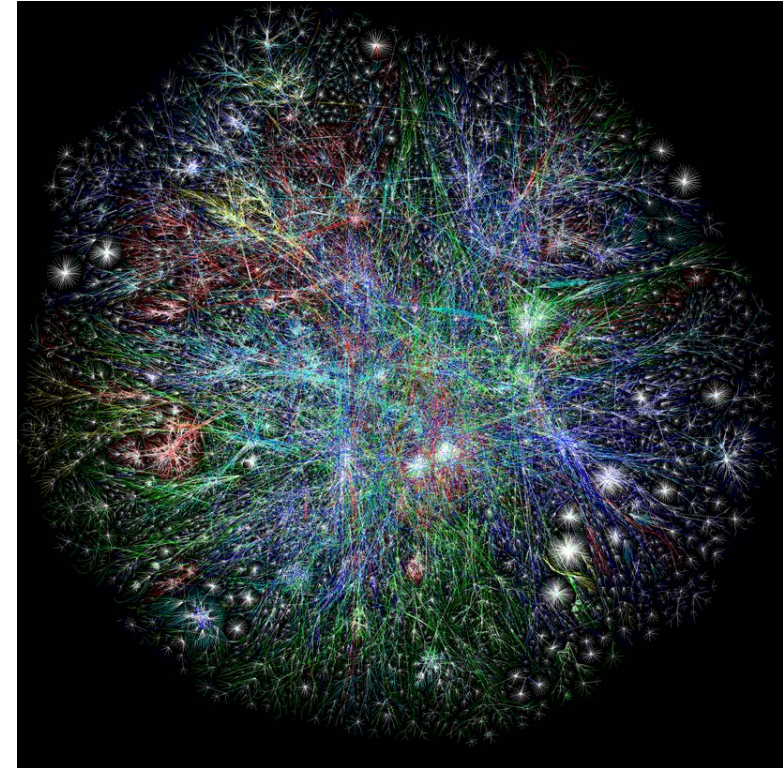
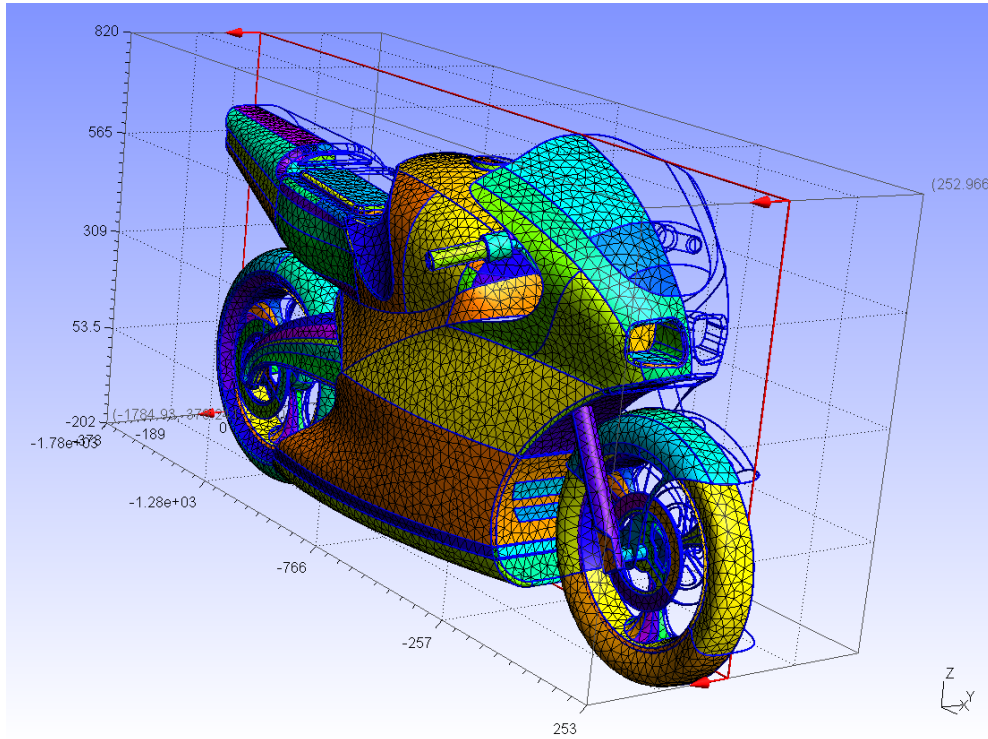
## Problems:

- $i-j$  path is infinity for different connected components

**Solution:** Harmonic Mean Distance Centrality  $\forall i \in V \ C'_i = \frac{1}{n-1} \cdot \sum_{j \neq i} 1/\delta_{ij}$

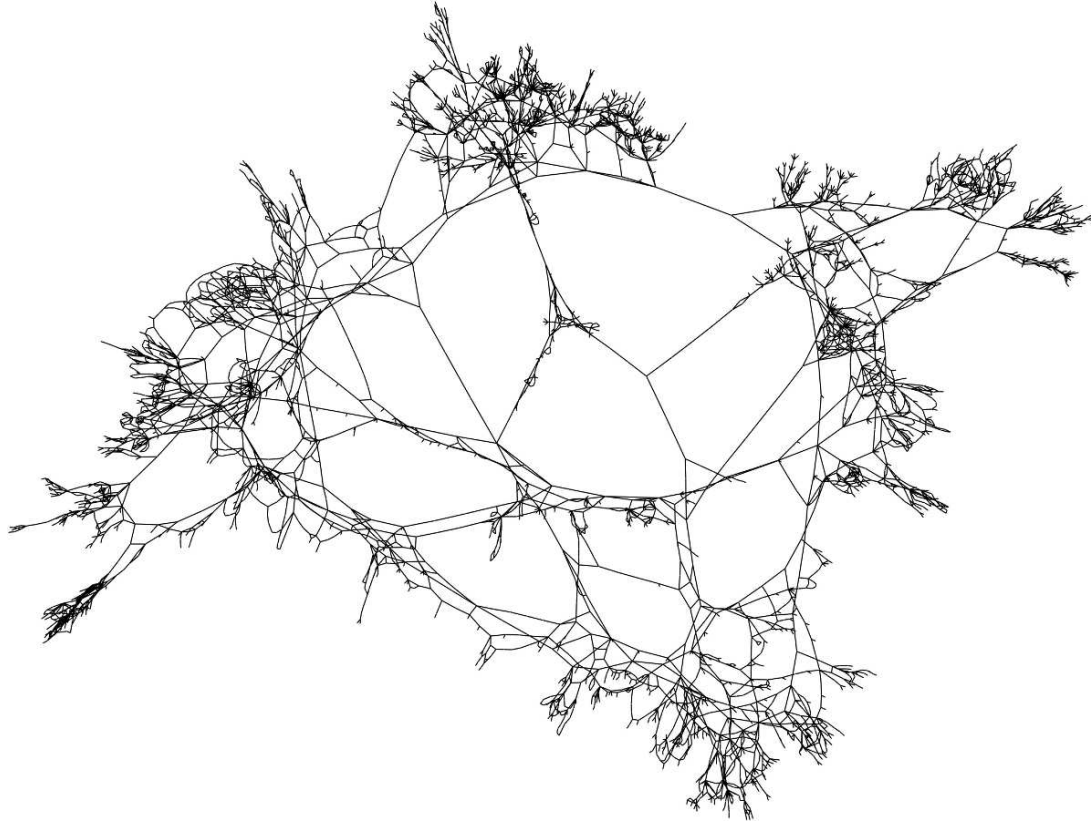
- In practice  $C$  spans relatively small range of values
- Highly sensitive (one edge removal and all distances are increased)
- Geodesic distances are integers, **often small because distance increases logarithmically with the size of the network**
- Example: Internet Movie Database  
highest centrality = 0.4143, lowest centrality = 0.1154, ratio 3.6 for 500K actors

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# Closeness and Degree-based Centralities



Example in Gephi: degrees vs eigenvector centrality  
Some correlation is expected for certain types of networks

# Enumeration of Shortest Paths-based Centrality

$\sigma_{st}(i)$  is a number of  $s$ - $t$  shortest paths containing  $i$

$\sigma_{st}$  is a number of all  $s$ - $t$  shortest-paths

**Observation:** In practice, communication or transport of goods in networks follow different kinds of paths that tend to be shortest.

**Intuitive Question:** How much work can be done by a node?

Disadvantage?

## ● Stress Centrality

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

for nodes

$$c_S(ij) = \sum_{s \in V} \sum_{t \in V} \sigma_{st}(ij)$$

for edges

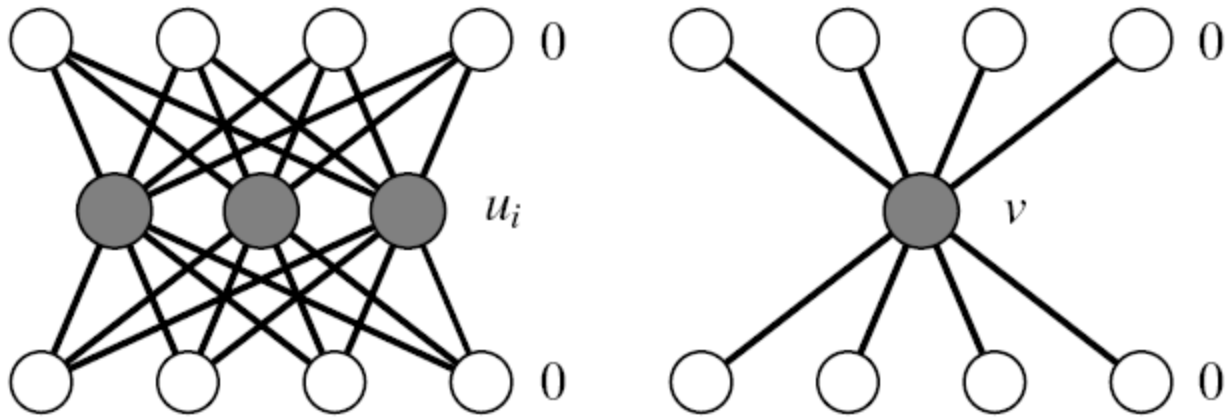
Relation between stress centralities  $c_S(i) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij \in \Gamma(i)} c_S(ij) - \sum_{i \neq s \in V} \sigma_{si} - \sum_{i \neq t \in V} \sigma_{it}$

## ● Betweenness Centrality

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

Interpretation: BC is a quantification of communication control which has a vertex over all pairs of nodes.

# Communication Control Quantification: Example



$c_S(u_i) = 16$  and  $c_B(u_i) = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $c_S(v) = 16$  but  $c_B(v) = 1$   
 from Brandes "Network Analysis"

## BC for edges

$$c_B(ij) = \sum_{s \in V} \sum_{t \in V} \frac{\sigma_{st}(ij)}{\sigma_{st}}$$

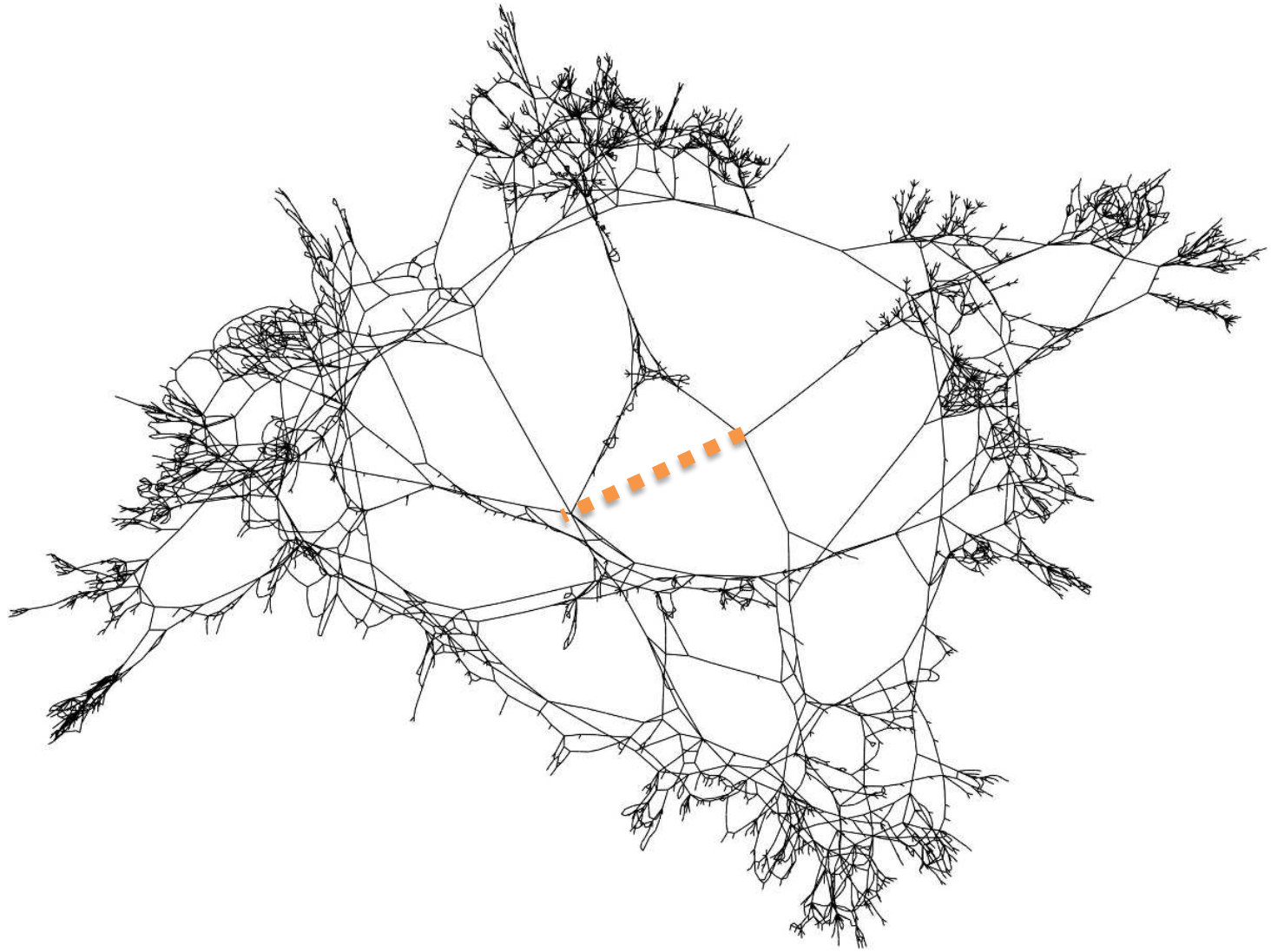
## Problem

BC is very sensitive to network dynamics (edge/node removal/addition)

## Solution?

$\epsilon$ -BC: in BC replace all shortest s-t paths with all shortest paths that are not longer than  $(1+\epsilon)\delta_{ij}$

# We have to be careful with shortest path-based centralities, example



**Homework:** Prove that in directed graphs the relation between centralities holds

$$c_B(i) = \sum_{ij \in \Gamma^+(i)} c_B(ij) - (n - 1) = \sum_{ji \in \Gamma^-(i)} c_B(ji) - (n - 1)$$

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# Traversal Sets

$\forall ij \in E$  we define the edge's traversal set

$$T_{ij} = \{(s, t) \in V \times V \mid \text{some shortest path } s - t \text{ contains } ij\}$$

and traversal set induced graph

$$G[T_{ij}] = (V', E'), \text{ where } V' = \{k \in V \mid (k, t) \in T_{ij} \text{ or } (s, k) \in T_{ij}\}, \text{ and} \\ E' = \{(s, t) \in T_{ij}\}.$$

**Homework:** Prove that  $G[T_{ij}]$  is bipartite.

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$|T_{ij}|$  is an illuminating measure

Another measure based on  $T_{ij}$  is the edge centrality index

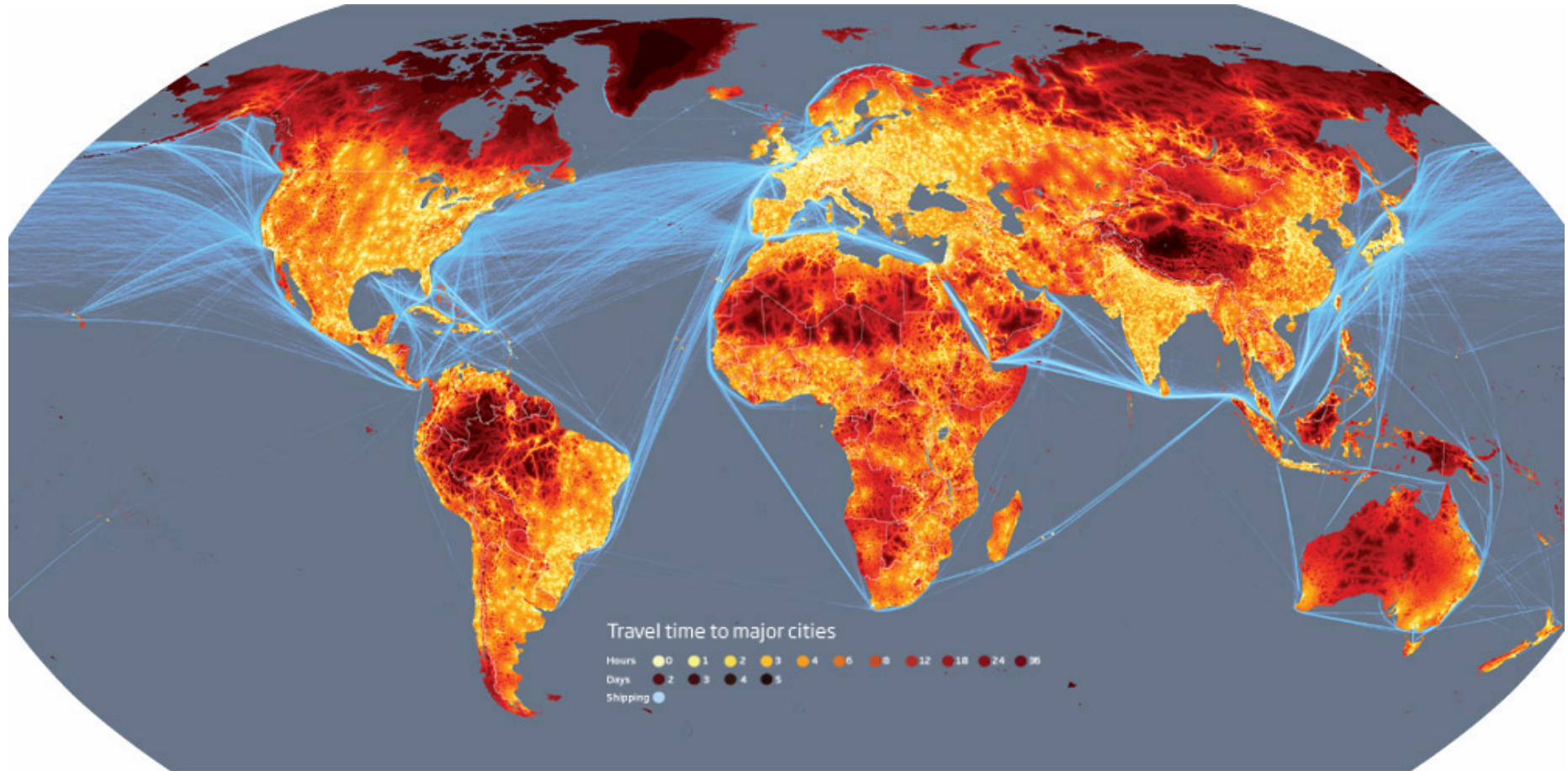
$$c_{ts}(ij) = |H|, \text{ where } H \text{ is a minimum vertex cover in } G[T_{ij}]$$

that can be used in characterization of networks with hierarchical organization.

**Note:** there is a theorem that says the following: in bipartite graphs the minimum size of a vertex cover = the size of a maximum matching



# Transportation Roads Density



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