

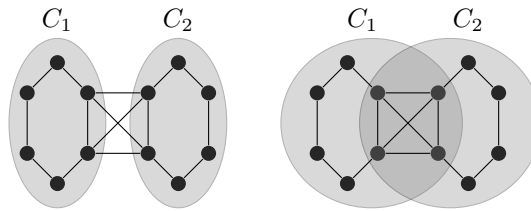
Online Resource 2

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1 Refinement of Communities

Overlap between Communities To illustrate the overlap function θ , consider the subgraphs C_1 and C_2 as depicted in the following pictures.



If we assume that all the edges have the same weight, then in the left picture, $\theta(C_1, C_2) = 4/12 = 1/3$. However, in the right one, $C_1 \cap C_2 \neq \emptyset$. So, a_{uv} will be added twice for $u, v \in C_1 \cap C_2$. Then we have $\theta(C_1, C_2) = 8/12 = 2/3$. This means θ increases as the size of $C_1 \cap C_2$ increases. However, this process is not as easier as it seems. We need to look at it more closely.

Refinement Procedure Assume that *labels* contains all the labels of the initial communities stored in \mathcal{K} . Choose i randomly from *labels*. Let us denote the community $\mathcal{K}[i]$ by C_i . Let *nbrc_labels* be the set of all the labels of the neighboring communities of C_i . This means, for any $j \in \text{nbrc_labels}$, $E(C_i \cap C_j) \neq \emptyset$. Now we find *hoc_labels* as a subset of *nbrc_labels* in such a way that for all $j \in \text{hoc_labels}$, $\theta(C_i, C_j) > \theta_0$. In many cases, however, it may happen that $\theta(C_i, C_j) \leq \theta_0$, for all $j \in \text{nbrc_labels}$. Additionally, a user might be interested in the communities higher than a particular size, say n_{min} . For such cases, we choose *hoc_labels* in such a way that for all $j \in \text{hoc_labels}$, $\theta(C_i, C_j)$ is highest. Once the set *hoc_labels* is in hand we merge C_i into C_j for each $j \in \text{hoc_labels}$ and update the memberships of each of the vertices of C_i accordingly. After this C_i is removed from \mathcal{K} and i is removed from *labels*. This procedure is repeated as long as *labels* is nonempty. The details procedure is provided in **Procedure CommRefine**.

Procedure CommRefine($\mathcal{K}, m, \theta_0, n_{min}$)

Result: \mathcal{K}, m

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1  $labels \leftarrow 1 : |\mathcal{K}|$ 
2 repeat
3   Let  $i$  be chosen from  $labels$  randomly and let  $nbrc\_labels$  be the labels of all those communities in  $\mathcal{K}$  that
   have at least one neighbor in  $C_i$ .
4    $max\_ov \leftarrow 0, hoc\_labels \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
5   for  $j \in nbrc\_labels$  do
6     if  $\theta(C_i, C_j) > \theta_0$  then
7        $hoc\_labels \leftarrow hoc\_labels \cup j$ 
8     end
9   end
10  if  $hoc\_labels = \emptyset$  then
11    Choose  $hoc\_labels$  as the subset of  $nbrc\_labels$  in such a way that for each  $j \in hoc\_labels$ ,  $\theta(C_i, C_j)$  is
    highest.
12  end
13  for  $j \in hoc\_labels$  do
14    for  $v \in C_i$  do
15       $C_j \leftarrow C_j \cup v$ 
16       $m_v \leftarrow m_v - i$ 
17       $m_v \leftarrow m_v \cup j$ 
18    end
19  end
20  if  $hoc\_labels \neq \emptyset$  then
21     $\mathcal{K} \leftarrow \mathcal{K} - C_i$ 
22  end
23   $labels \leftarrow labels - i$ 
24 until  $labels = \emptyset$ 
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