# BIPARTITE NETWORKS

#### **BIPARTITE GRAPHS**

**bipartite graph** (or **bigraph**) is a <u>graph</u> whose nodes can be divided into two <u>disjoint sets</u> *U* and *V* such that every link connects a node in *U* to one in *V*; that is, *U* and *V* are <u>independent sets</u>.



### **GENE NETWORK – DISEASE NETWORK**



**Gene network** 





#### **Disease network**

Goh, Cusick, Valle, Childs, Vidal & Barabási, PNAS (2007)

### **Ingredient-Flavor Bipartite Network**



Y.-Y. Ahn, S. E. Ahnert, J. P. Bagrow, A.-L. Barabási Flavor network and the principles of food pairing, Scientific Reports 196, (2011).

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Q6: Paths

## PATHOLOGY

A path is a sequence of nodes in which each node is adjacent to the next one

 $P_{i0,in}$  of length *n* between nodes  $i_0$  and  $i_n$  is an ordered collection of *n*+1 nodes and *n* links

$$P_n = \{i_0, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\} \qquad P_n = \{(i_0, i_1), (i_1, i_2), (i_2, i_3), \dots, (i_{n-1}, i_n)\}$$



• In a directed network, the path can follow only the direction of an arrow.



The *distance (shortest path, geodesic path)* between two nodes is defined as the number of edges along the shortest path connecting them.

\*If the two nodes are disconnected, the distance is infinity.



In directed graphs each path needs to follow the direction of the arrows.

Thus in a digraph the distance from node A to B (on an AB path) is generally different from the distance from node B to A (on a BCA path).

## N<sub>ii</sub>, number of paths between any two nodes *i* and *j*:

**Length** n=1: If there is a link between *i* and *j*, then  $A_{ij}=1$  and  $A_{ij}=0$  otherwise.

**Length** n=2: If there is a path of length two between *i* and *j*, then  $A_{ik}A_{kj}=1$ , and  $A_{ik}A_{kj}=0$  otherwise.

The number of paths of length 2:

$$N_{ij}^{(2)} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} A_{ik} A_{kj} = [A^2]_{ij}$$

<u>Length n:</u> In general, if there is a path of length *n* between *i* and *j*, then  $A_{ik}...A_{ij}=1$  and  $A_{ik}...A_{ij}=0$  otherwise. The number of paths of length *n* between *i* and *j* is<sup>\*</sup>

 $N_{_{ij}}^{(n)} = [A^n]_{ij}$ 

\*holds for both directed and undirected networks.



The path with the shortest length between two nodes (distance).

### **Diameter**

#### Average Path Length



#### **PATHOLOGY: summary**



A path with the same start and end node.

A path that does not intersect itself.

# Eulerian Path

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A path that traverses each link exactly once.

Hamiltonian Path

A path that visits each node exactly once.

# CONNECTEDNESS

#### **CONNECTIVITY OF UNDIRECTED GRAPHS**

Connected (undirected) graph: any two vertices can be joined by a path. A disconnected graph is made up by two or more connected components.



Bridge: if we erase it, the graph becomes disconnected.

The adjacency matrix of a network with several components can be written in a blockdiagonal form, so that nonzero elements are confined to squares, with all other elements being zero:



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#### **CONNECTIVITY OF DIRECTED GRAPHS**

Strongly connected directed graph: has a path from each node to every other node and vice versa (e.g. AB path and BA path). Weakly connected directed graph: it is connected if we disregard the edge directions.

Strongly connected components can be identified, but not every node is part of a nontrivial strongly connected component.



In-component: nodes that can reach the scc, Out-component: nodes that can be reached from the scc.

#### FINDING THE CONNECTED COMPONENTS OF A NETWORK

 Start from a randomly chosen node i and perform a BFS (BOX 2.5). Label all nodes reached this way with n = 1.

 If the total number of labeled nodes equals N, then the network is connected. If the number of labeled nodes is smaller than N, the network consists of several components. To identify them, proceed to step 3.

3. Increase the label  $n \rightarrow n + 1$ . Choose an unmarked node j, label it with n. Use BFS to find all nodes reachable from j, label them all with n. Return to step 2.