

M2 Complex Systems - Complex Networks

# Lecture 5 - Community detection algorithms

Girvan-Newman, Louvain, Leiden

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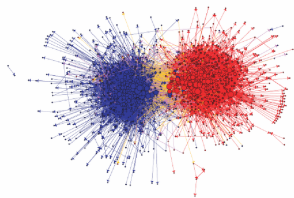
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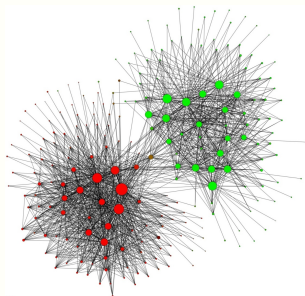
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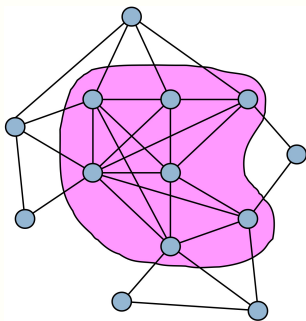
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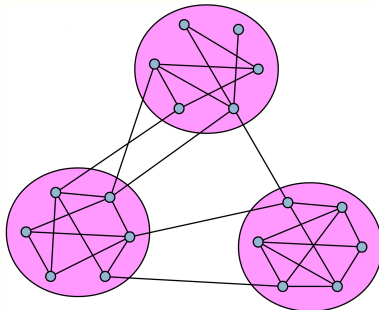
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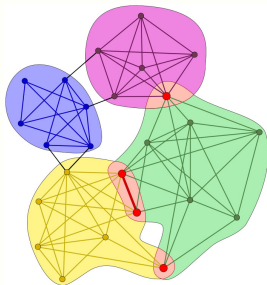
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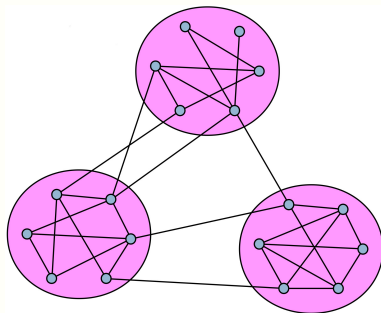
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# Divisive approach : Girvan & Newman 2002

The idea :

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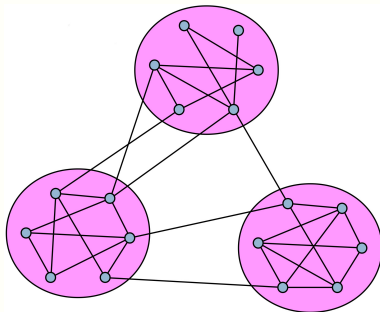
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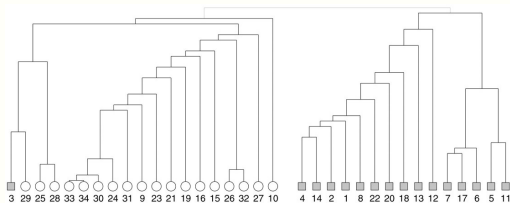
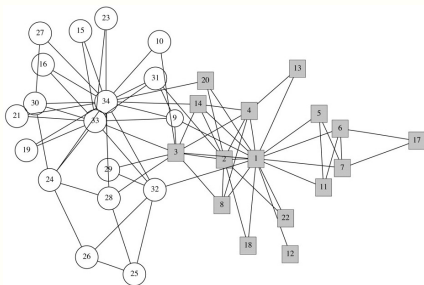
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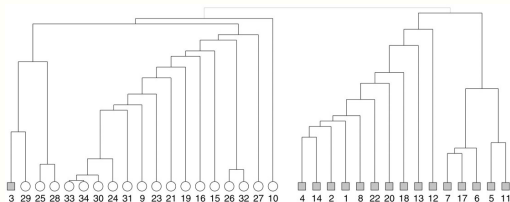
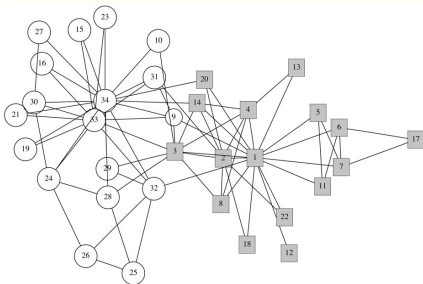
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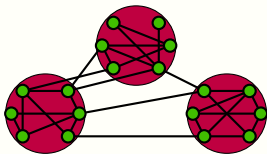
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  - ▶  $m$  iterations
  - ▶ Overall :  $O(nm^2)$



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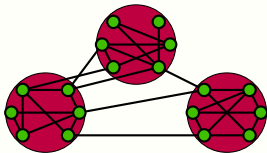
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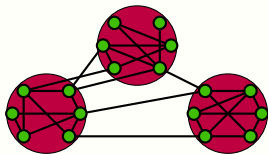
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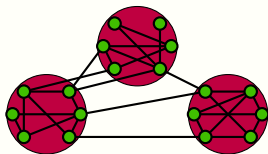
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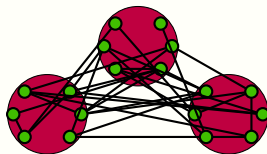


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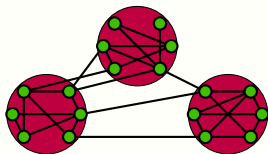


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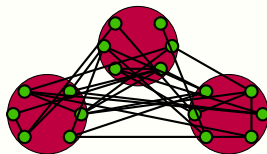


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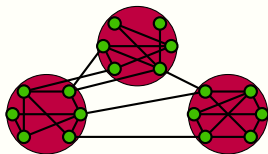
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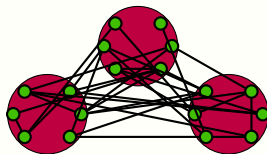
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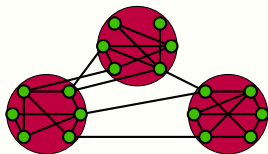
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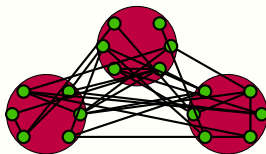
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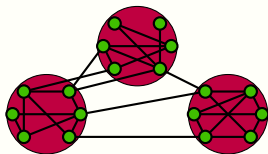
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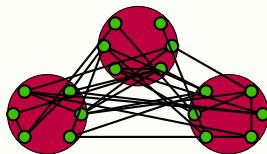
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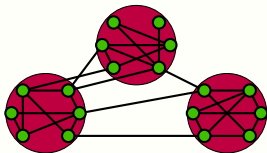
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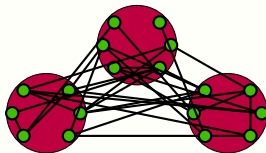
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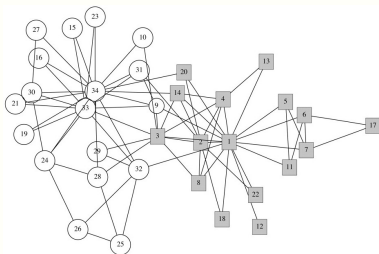
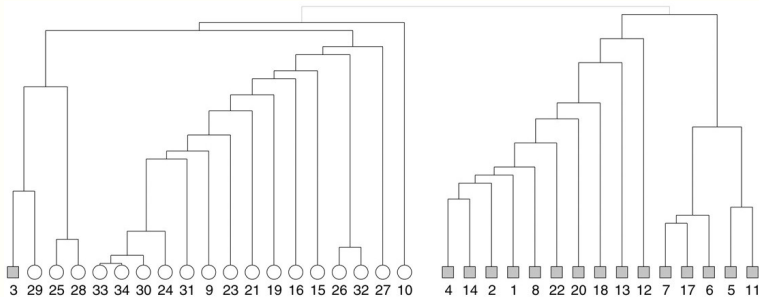
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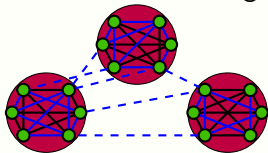
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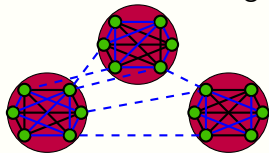
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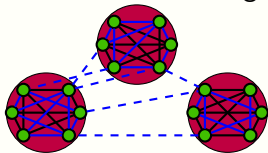
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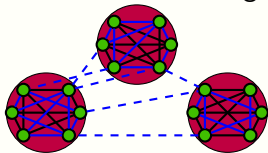
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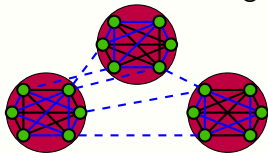
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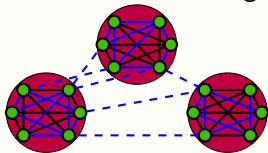
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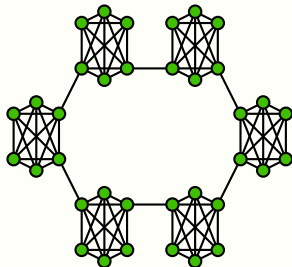
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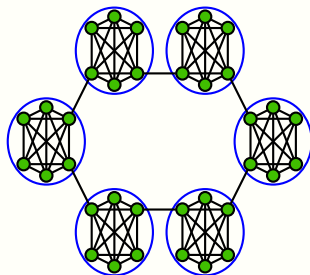
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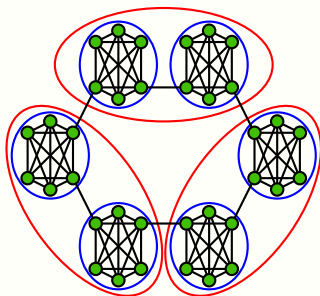
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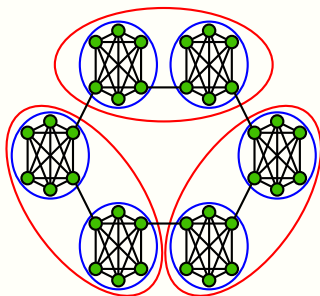


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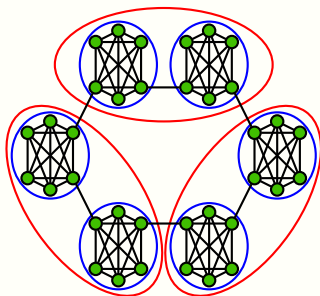
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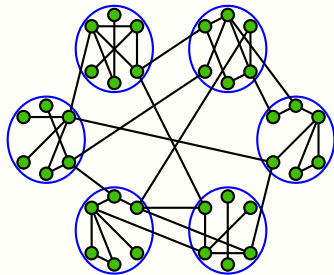
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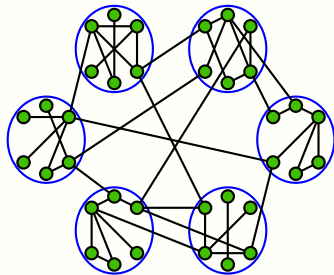


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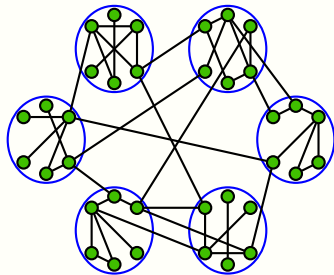


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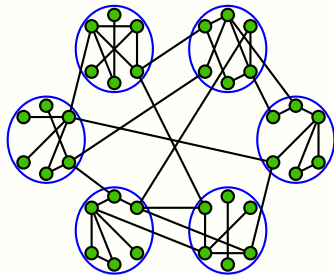
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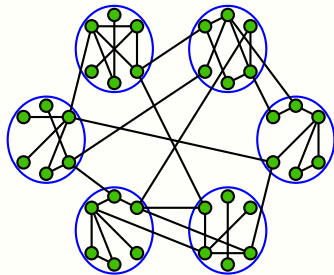
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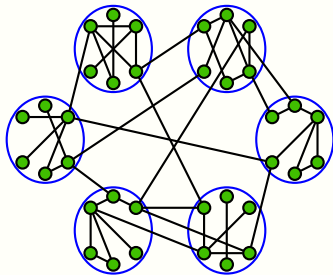
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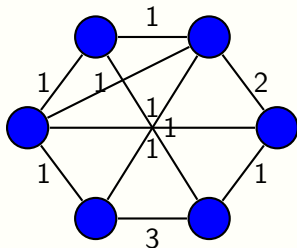
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