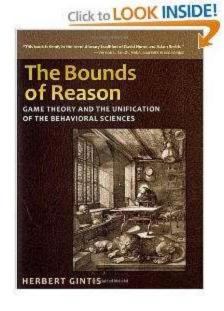
## Modality and Equivalence

Relational Approaches to Sociocultural data

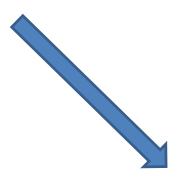




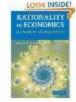


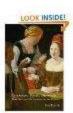






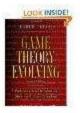
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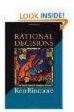




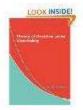






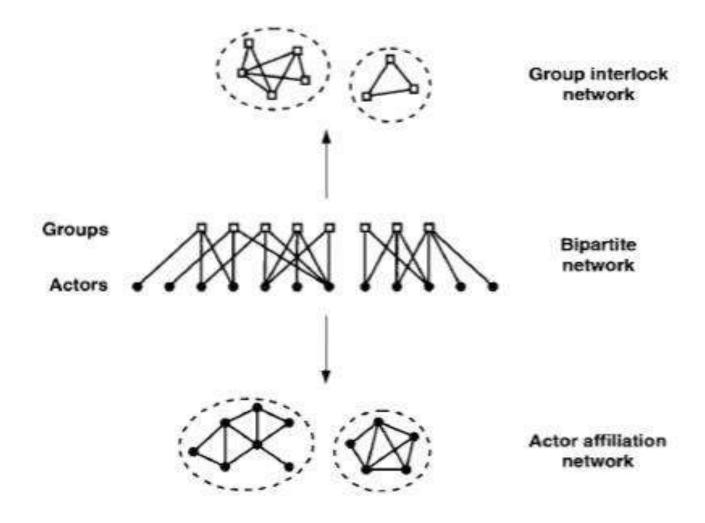








# **Network Hierarchy**



Source: Duncan J. Watts. 2003. Six Degrees: The Science of a Connected Age. NY: Norton. p. 120

## Modality

- Individuals
  - Many "attributes" or "variables" may be understood as induced by affiliation
- "Structure"
  - Groups, organizations
  - Events, contexts
- "Culture"
  - Symbols, cultural capital
  - Narratives, institutional logics

### **Equivalence Block Types**

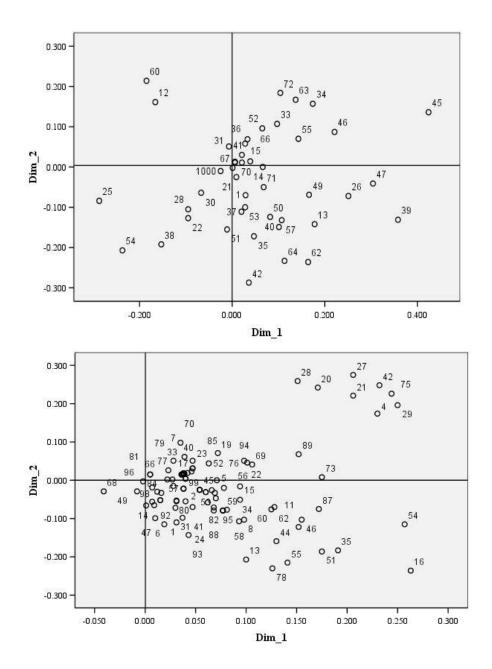
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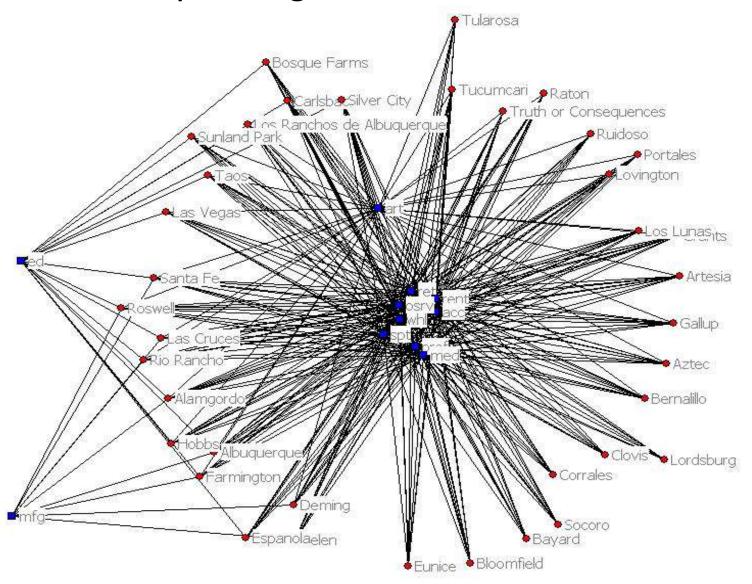
### **Unobtrusive Measures**

- Old media documents
  - Marriage/death registers
  - Electrical billing
  - Newspapers, archives
- New media
  - Email, blog, text
  - Registries, databases
- Communities
  - Event sequences e.g. surveillance video
  - Cognitive social structures
  - Games, projects, social networking

Million dollar multi-campaign donors and ballot initiative support in California, 2000-2004



#### Community Ecologies



## Digital Transactions, e.g.

- Email
  - Source
  - Destination(s)
  - Subject line
  - Time-stamp
  - Body

#### **Virtual Communities**



#### Summary

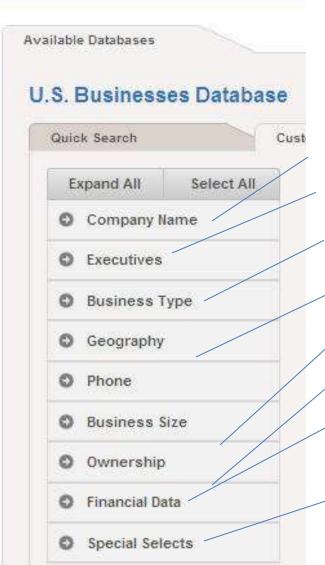
- Commonalities between objectorientation/relational data structures and social network conceptualizations
- Approaching analysis as the co-evolution of constructed relations among heterogeneous agent classes
- Seeking exact-descriptive "structural" equivalences AND abstract "role" or "type" equivalences.

InfoUSA. 2010. Omaha, NB. Claims 14,130,329 listings.



### **Attributes**

### Modes



Name, Brands

Names, titles, genders

NAICS, major group

City, state, zip, etc.

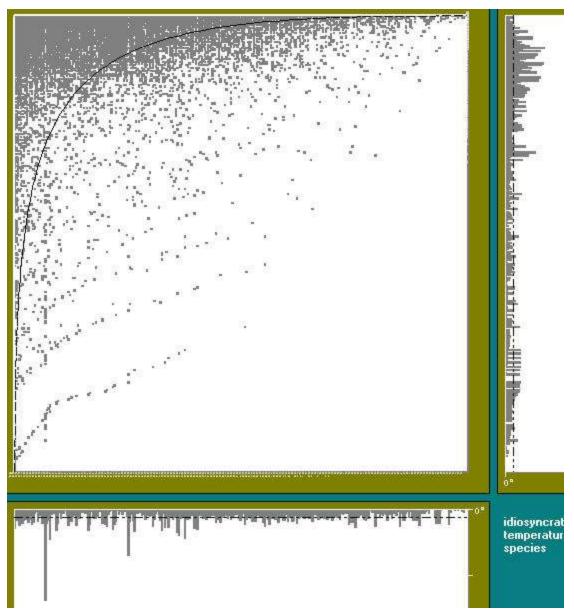
Employees, sales

Public/Private, Foreign, Home-based, HQ or branch

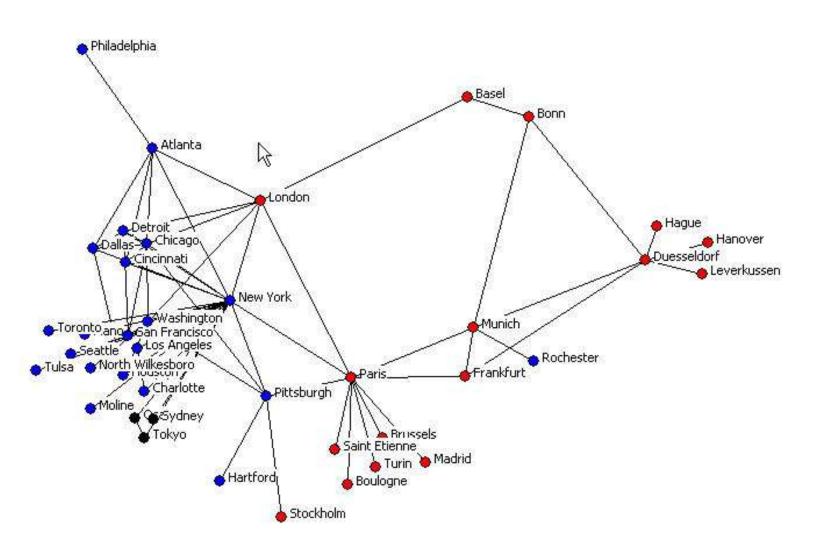
Credit rating, business expenditures

Age, physical size of establishment, PCs

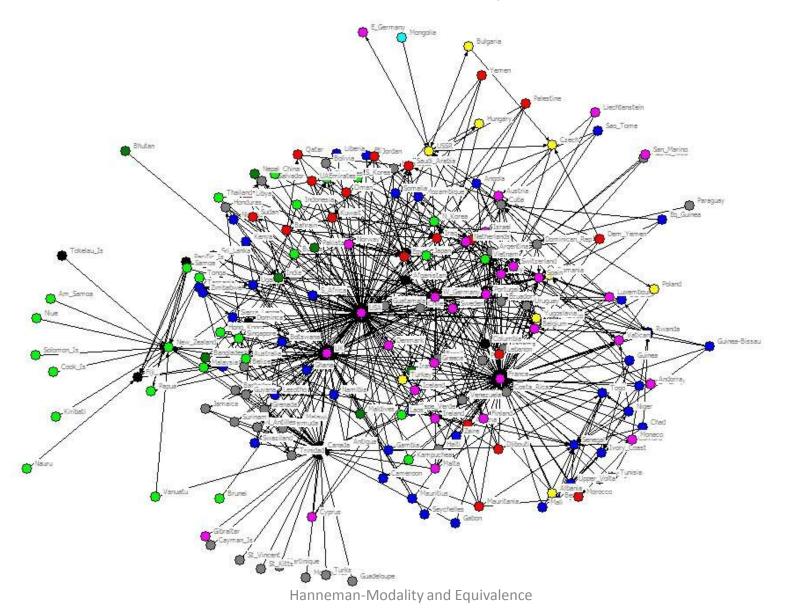
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Nestedness of communities And organization types in New Mexico, 2004.



### Student Outflows, 1976



## Core/Periphery 1976

From/To	Core	Semi-periphery	Periphery
Core	.36	.02	.00
Semi-periphery	.28	.03	.01
Periphery	.22	.03	.01

Density of top five choices. For example, of all possible choices of sending from core nations to other core nations, 36% actually occurred.

The overall density of the whole matrix is .026. Blocks that have densities that are two or more times larger than the average density are highlighted.

Core N = 12, semi-periphery N = 34, periphery N = 140.

## Core/Periphery 2005

From/To	Core	Semi-periphery	Periphery
Core	.39	.00	.00
Semi-periphery	.27	.02	.00
Periphery	.24	.02	.01

Density of top-five destination choices. For example, the probability that a core nation sends any other core nation (as one of it's top 5 destinations) is .39.

Values 3 times the average density shown in dark highlight; values 2 times the average density shown in light highlight.

