backbones & skeletons

introduction to network analysis (ina)

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skeletons overview

- network backbone retains strongest links/information flow sparsification technique that removes as many links as possible
- network skeleton retains micro/meso/macro structure [CN17] simplification technique that retains as many links as possible



network spanning tree

coauthorship network

skeletons geodesics

betweenness backbone & salience skeleton of graph [GTB12]
betweenness/salience ~ number of geodesics/spanning trees including edge



high-betweenness backbone



high-salience skeleton

skeletons convexity

— convex skeleton of famous network scientists [MŠ18, Šub18]
largest skeleton where every subgraph includes most geodesics



convex skeleton \sim tree with cliques

network spanning tree

skeletons statistics

— large-scale statistics of skeletons of networks [Šub18]

convex skeletons retain connectivity, clustering and geodesics

	clustering $\langle C \rangle$			geodesics $\langle \sigma \rangle$			convexity Xs		
	N	CS	ST	N	CS	ST	N	CS	ST
Jazz musicians	0.62	0.81	0.00	9.71	1.97	1.00	0.12	0.84	1.00
Network scientists	0.74	0.75	0.00	2.66	1.47	1.00	0.85	0.95	1.00
Computer scientists	0.48	0.54	0.00	4.08	1.42	1.00	0.64	0.95	1.00
Plasmodium falciparum	0.02	0.07	0.00	3.71	1.77	1.00	0.43	0.95	1.00
Saccharomyces cerevisiae	0.07	0.10	0.00	2.58	1.19	1.00	0.68	0.88	1.00
Caenorhabditis elegans	0.06	0.12	0.00	6.79	3.03	1.00	0.56	0.85	1.00
AS (January 1, 1998)	0.18	0.21	0.00	3.87	2.32	1.00	0.66	0.91	1.00
AS (January 1, 1999)	0.18	0.27	0.00	3.54	2.05	1.00	0.49	0.95	1.00
AS (January 1, 2000)	0.20	0.25	0.00	4.81	3.07	1.00	0.59	0.90	1.00
Little Rock Lake	0.32	0.69	0.00	22.13	4.32	1.00	0.02	0.82	1.00
Florida Bay (wet)	0.33	0.79	0.00	9.17	1.37	1.00	0.03	0.92	1.00
Florida Bay (dry)	0.33	0.82	0.00	9.37	1.65	1.00	0.03	0.93	1.00

skeletons distributions

 — node distributions of skeletons of networks [Šub18] convex skeletons retain node degrees and distances



skeletons centralities

 node centralities in skeletons of networks [Šub18] convex skeletons retain node centralities and clustering



skeletons communities

— communities & robustness of skeletons of networks [Šub18]

convex skeletons highlight communities with short edit distance



skeletons coauthorships

— *convex skeleton* of SI *computer scientists* [Šub18, ŠFCK19] computer theory (\blacklozenge), information syst. (**a**), intelligent syst. (**a**), programming (**o**) etc.



skeletons properties





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