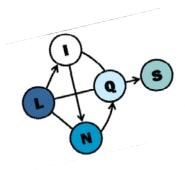
# Graph Identification & Privacy

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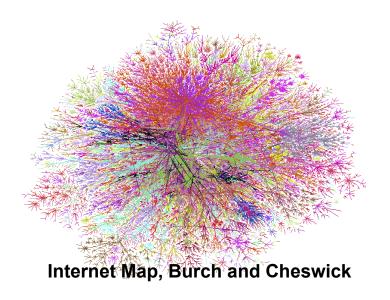


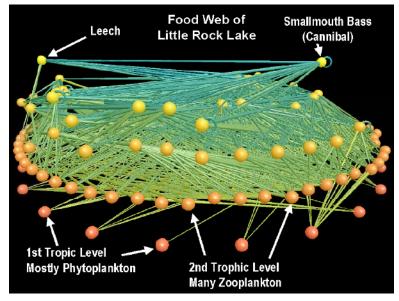
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#### Graphs and Networks everywhere...

o The Web, social networks, communication networks, financial transaction networks, biological networks, etc.





Food Web, Martinez et al.

#### Wealth of Data

- o Inundated with data describing networks
- o But much of the data is noisy and incomplete and at WRONG level of abstraction for analysis



o On the other hand, the data can be joined and sensitive information can be inferred



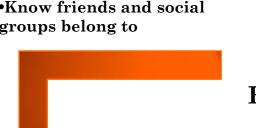
#### Overview: Identification

- o Many real world datasets are relational in nature
  - Social Networks people related to each other by relationships like friendship, family, enemy, boss\_of, etc.
  - Biological Networks proteins are related to each other based on if they physically interact
  - Communication Networks email addresses related by who emailed whom
  - Citation Networks papers linked by which other papers they cite, as well as who the authors are
- However, the observations describing the data are noisy and incomplete
- o graph identification problem is to infer the appropriate information graph from the data graph

## Example: Organizational Hierarchy

#### **Ideally:**

- •Know who are the criminals
- •Know where the criminals stand in the organization
- •Know friends and social groups belong to

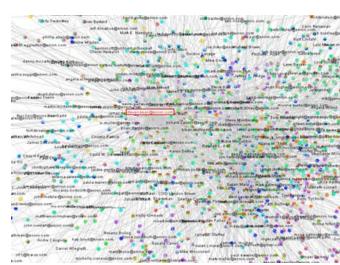




**Enron Investigators** 

#### In Reality:

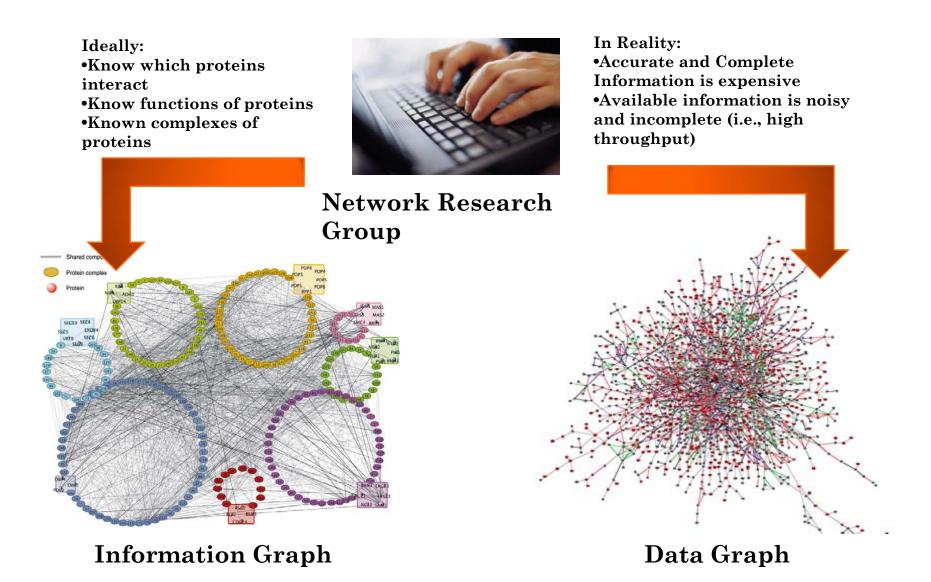
- •Annotated only a handful of individuals
- •Don't have social structure, have an email communication network which reflects that structure



**Data Graph** 

**Information Graph** 

## Example: Protein Interaction Network



## Example: Internet Security

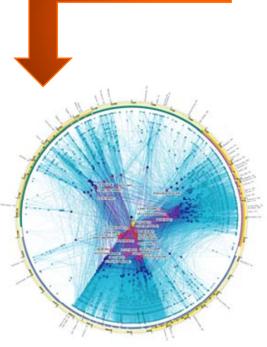
#### Ideally:

- •Know the network from an AS and ISP level
- •Know which computers are malicious and launching a DDOS attack

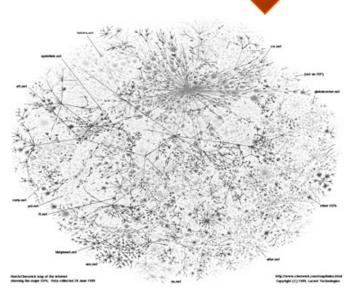


**Network Operator** 

- In Reality:
- •Only have trace route information at IP address level
- Do not know legitimate traffic vs. malicious traffic



**Information Graph** 

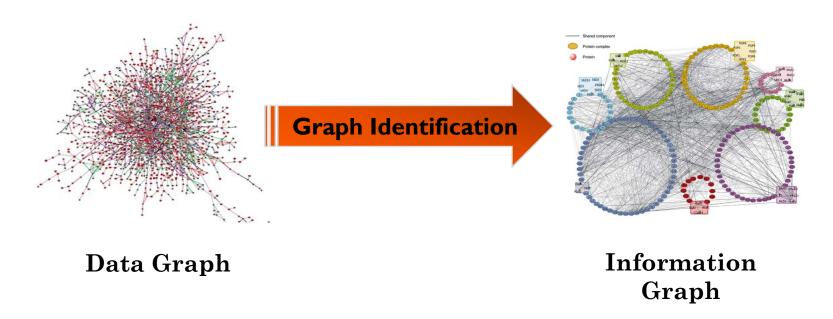


Data Graph

#### Solution

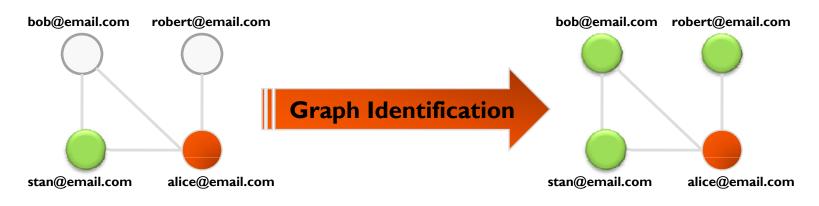
#### o Graph Identification:

- Infer the information graph that we want from the data graph that we have
- Key Assumption:
  - Dependencies exist such that knowledge of the nodes, edges, and attributes of the data graph can help us infer the nodes, edges, and attributes of the information graph



#### Collective Classification

Collective Classification (CC): Given a set of labels (orange and green), label the objects whose label is unknown with the correct label



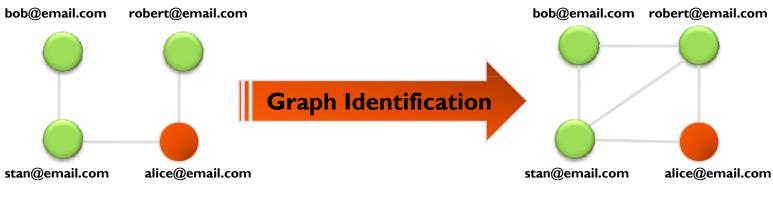
**Data Graph** 

**Information Graph** 

- •Set of nodes and edges in data and information graphs are the same
- •Inference depends on known labels and attributes of the nodes and edges

#### Link Prediction

Link Prediction (LP): Predict the existence of edges



**Data Graph** 

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## **Entity Resolution**

Entity Resolution (ER): Identify the the underlying entity represented by the references



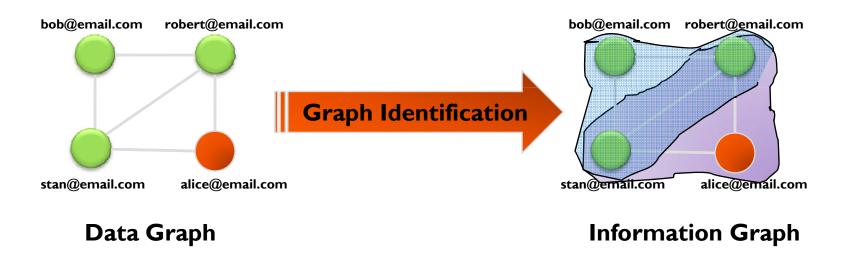
#### **Data Graph**

**Information Graph** 

- •Edges and attributes of entities based on the edges and attributes of the merged references (if known)
- •Inference only depends on known labels, nodes, and edges

#### Group Detection

Group Detection (GD): Detect the underlying group(s) that the nodes and edges belong to



- •Set of nodes, edges, and attributes in data and information graphs are the same
- •Inference only depends on known labels, nodes, and edges

#### Inference from Email Communications



Data Graph

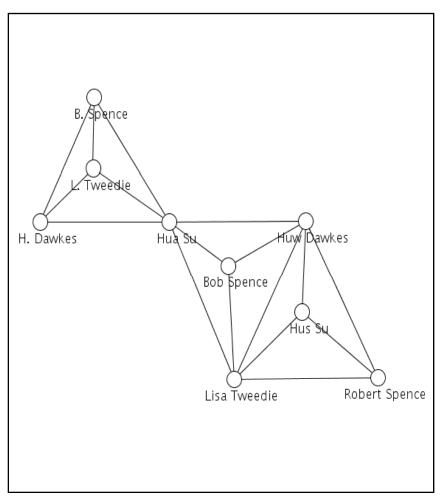
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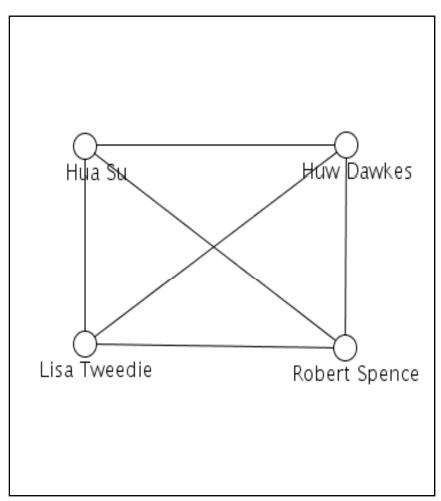
- •No direct mapping from the nodes, edges, and attributes of data to information graph
- •Need to infer existence of all the nodes and edges
- •Need to infer the values of attributes based on data graph, as well as the nodes, edges, and other attributes of the information graph

## **Entity Resolution**

- o The Problem
- o Relational Entity Resolution
- o Algorithms

## InfoVis Co-Author Network Fragment

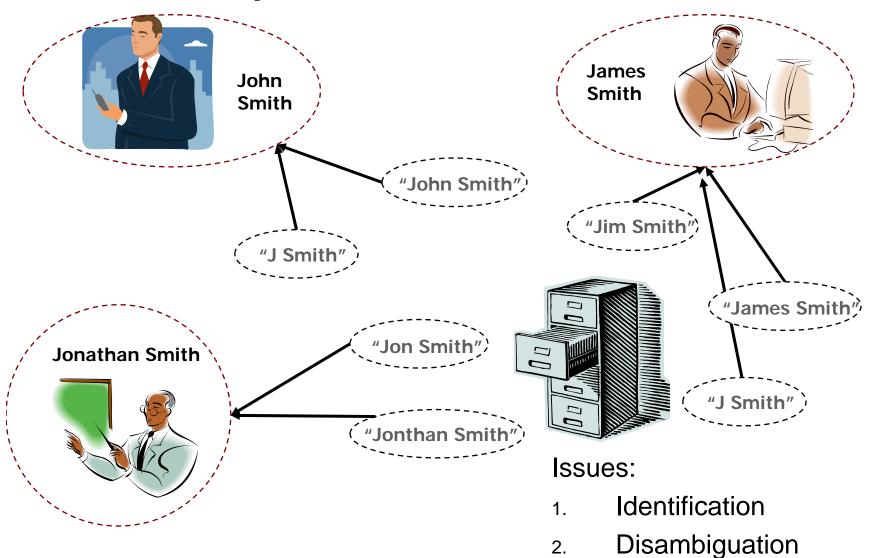




before

after

## The Entity Resolution Problem



## Attribute-based Entity Resolution

Pair-wise classification

"JSmith"

"James Smith"

"James Smith"

"James Smith"

"John Smith"

"James Smith"

"James Smith"

0.1

"Jon Smith"

"James Smith"

0.7

- 1. Choosing threshold: precision/recall tradeoff
- 2. Inability to disambiguate
- 3. Perform transitive closure?

## **Entity Resolution**

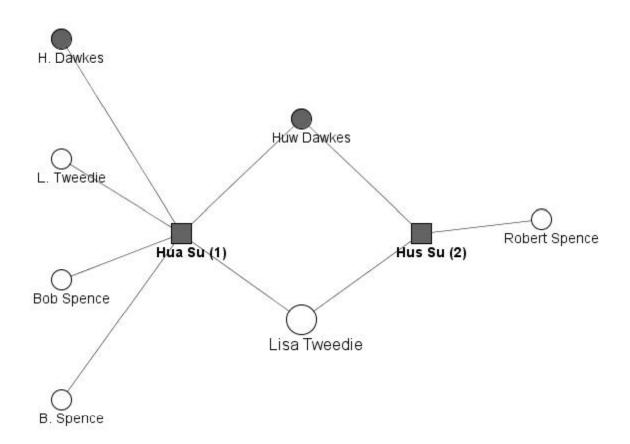
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## Relational Entity Resolution

- References not observed independently
  - Links between references indicate relations between the entities
  - Co-author relations for bibliographic data
  - To, cc: lists for email
- Use relations to improve identification and disambiguation

Pasula et al. 03, Ananthakrishna et al. 02, Bhattacharya & Getoor 04,06,07, McCallum & Wellner 04, Li, Morie & Roth 05, Culotta & McCallum 05, Kalashnikov et al. 05, Chen, Li, & Doan 05, Singla & Domingos 05, Dong et al. 05

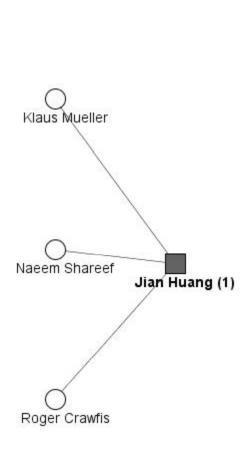
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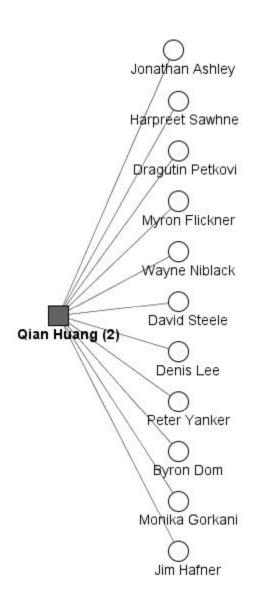


Very similar names.

Added evidence from shared co-authors

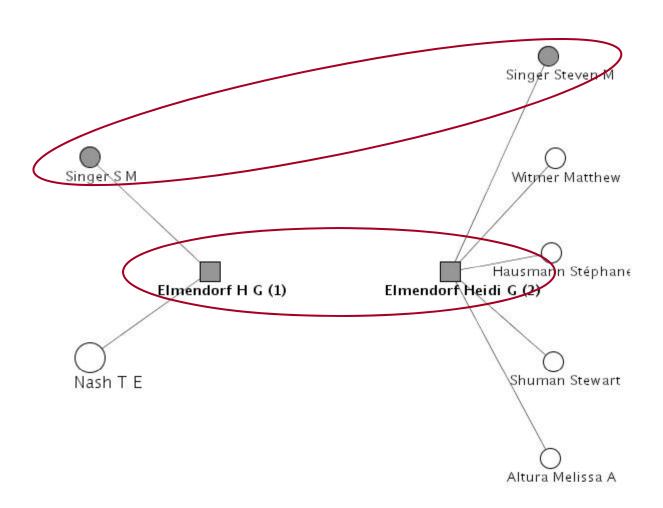
## Relational Disambiguation





Very similar names but no shared collaborators

## Collective Entity Resolution



One resolution provides evidence for another => joint resolution

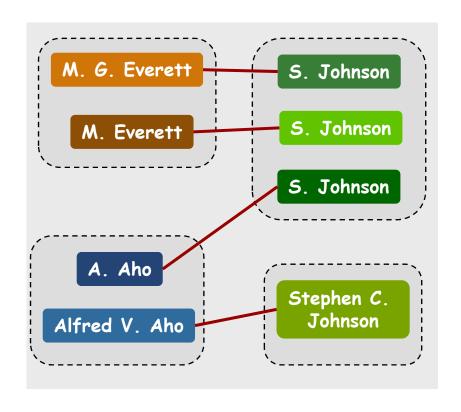
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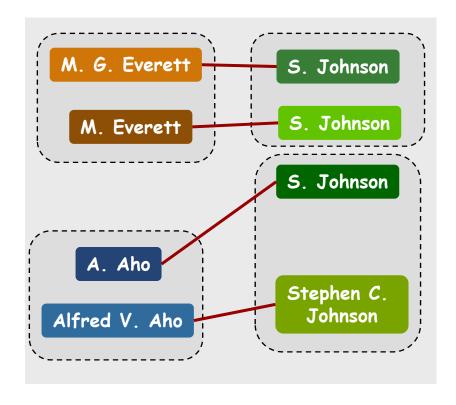
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#### Cut-based Formulation of RC-ER





Good separation of attributes
Many cluster-cluster relationships

Aĥo-Johnson1, Aho-Johnson2, Everett-Johnson1 Worse in terms of attributes Fewer cluster-cluster relationships

Aho-Johnson1, Everett-Johnson2

## **Objective Function**

#### o Minimize:

$$\sum_{i}\sum_{j}w_{A}sim_{A}(c_{i},c_{j})+w_{R}sim_{R}(c_{i},c_{j})$$
 weight for similarity of attributes attributes relations edges between  $c_{i}$  and  $c_{j}$ 

o Greedy clustering algorithm: merge cluster pair with max reduction in objective function

## Relational Clustering Algorithm

- Find similar references using 'blocking'
- 2. Bootstrap clusters using attributes and relations
- 3. Compute similarities for cluster pairs and insert into priority queue
- 4. Repeat until priority queue is empty
- 5. Find 'closest' cluster pair
- 6. Stop if similarity below threshold
- 7. Merge to create new cluster
- 8. Update similarity for 'related' clusters

o O(n k log n) algorithm w/ efficient implementation

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## Probabilistic Generative Model for Collective Entity Resolution

- o Model how references co-occur in data
  - I. Generation of references from entities
  - 2. Relationships between underlying entities
    - Groups of entities instead of pair-wise relations

## Discovering Groups from Relations



P1: C. Walshaw, M. Cross, M. G. Everett, S. Johnson

P2: C. Walshaw, M. Cross, M. G. Everett, S. Johnson, K. McManus

P3: C. Walshaw, M. Cross, M. G. Everett

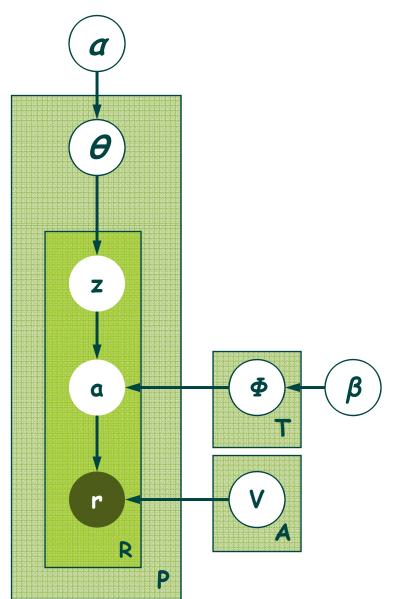


P4: Alfred V. Aho, Stephen C. Johnson, Jefferey D. Ullman

P5: A. Aho, S. Johnson, J. Ullman

P6: A. Aho, R. Sethi, J. Ullman

#### Latent Dirichlet Allocation ER



- Entity label a and group label z
   for each reference r
- Θ: 'mixture' of groups for each co-occurrence
- o  $\Phi_z$ : multinomial for choosing entity **a** for each group **z**
- o  $V_a$ : multinomial for choosing reference r from entity a
- o Dirichlet priors with  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

# Approx. Inference Using Gibbs Sampling

- o Conditional distribution over labels for each ref.
- Sample next labels from conditional distribution
- Repeat over all references until convergence

$$P(z_{i}=t|\mathbf{z}_{-i},\mathbf{a},\mathbf{r}) \propto \frac{n_{d_{i}^{\dagger}}^{DT} + \alpha/T}{n_{d_{i}^{\star}}^{DT} + \alpha} \times \frac{n_{a_{i}^{\dagger}}^{AT} + \beta/A}{n_{\star_{t}^{\star}}^{AT} + \beta}$$

$$P(a_i = a | \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{a}_{-i}, \mathbf{r}) \propto \frac{n_{a_i t}^{AT} + \beta / A}{n_{*_t}^{AT} + \beta} \times Sim(r_i, v_a)$$

Converges to most likely number of entities

## Faster Inference: Split-Merge Sampling

- o Naïve strategy reassigns references individually
- o Alternative: allow entities to merge or split
- o For entity a<sub>i</sub>, find conditional distribution for
  - 1. Merging with existing entity ai
  - 2. Splitting back to last merged entities
  - 3. Remaining unchanged
- o Sample next state for a<sub>i</sub> from distribution
- o O(n g + e) time per iteration compared to O(n g + n e)

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#### **Evaluation Datasets**

#### o CiteSeer

- I,504 citations to machine learning papers (Lawrence et al.)
- 2,892 references to 1,165 author entities

#### o arXiv

- 29,555 publications from High Energy Physics (KDD Cup'03)
- 58,515 refs to 9,200 authors

#### o Elsevier BioBase

- I56,I56 Biology papers (IBM KDD Challenge '05)
- 831,991 author refs
- Keywords, topic classifications, language, country and affiliation of corresponding author, etc

#### **Baselines**

- o A: Pair-wise duplicate decisions w/ attributes only
  - Names: Soft-TFIDF with Levenstein, Jaro, Jaro-Winkler
  - Other textual attributes: TF-IDF
- o A\*: Transitive closure over A
- o **A+N**: Add attribute similarity of co-occurring refs
- o A+N\*: Transitive closure over A+N
- o Evaluate pair-wise decisions over references
- o FI-measure (harmonic mean of precision and recall)

### ER over Entire Dataset

Algorithm	CiteSeer	arXiv	BioBase	
Α	0.980	0.976	0.568	
<b>A</b> *	0.990	0.971	0.559	
A+N	0.973	0.938	0.710	
A+N*	0.984	0.934	0.753	
RC-ER	0.995	0.985	0.818	
LDA-ER	0.993	0.981	0.645	

- RC-ER & LDA-ER outperform baselines in all datasets
- o Collective resolution better than naïve relational resolution
- o RC-ER and baselines require threshold as parameter
  - Best achievable performance over all thresholds
- o Best RC-ER performance better than LDA-ER
- o LDA-ER does not require similarity threshold

Collective Entity Resolution In Relational Data, Indrajit Bhattacharya and Lise Getoor, ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery and Datamining, 2007

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- o arXiv: 6,500 additional correct resolutions; 20% error reduction
- o BioBase: Biggest improvement over baselines

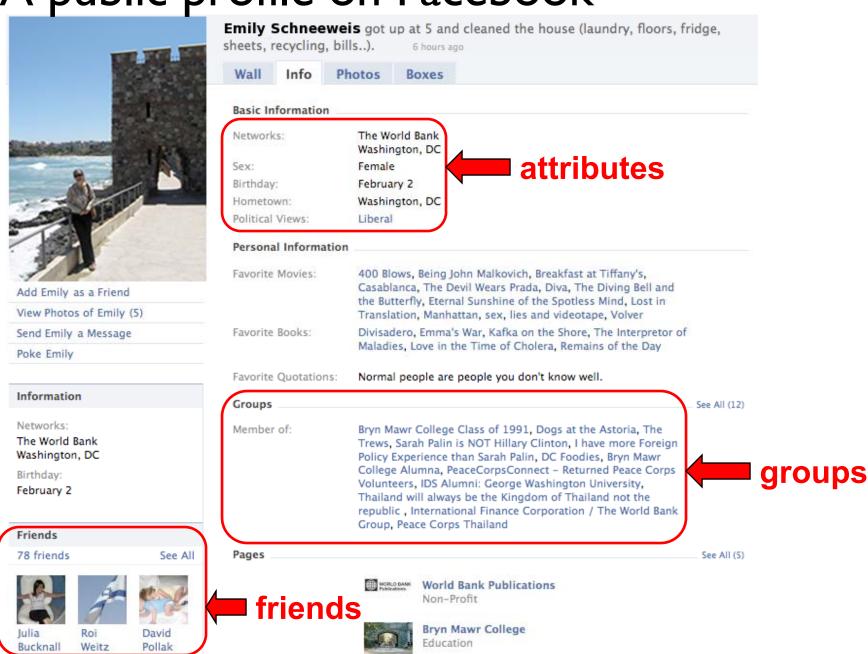
Flipside....

# Privacy

# Privacy in social networks

- o Identity disclosure
  - Entity resolution
- o Attribute disclosure
  - Collective classification
- o Link re-identification
  - Link prediction
- o Group membership disclosure
  - Group detection

A public profile on Facebook



# Emily's friends and groups



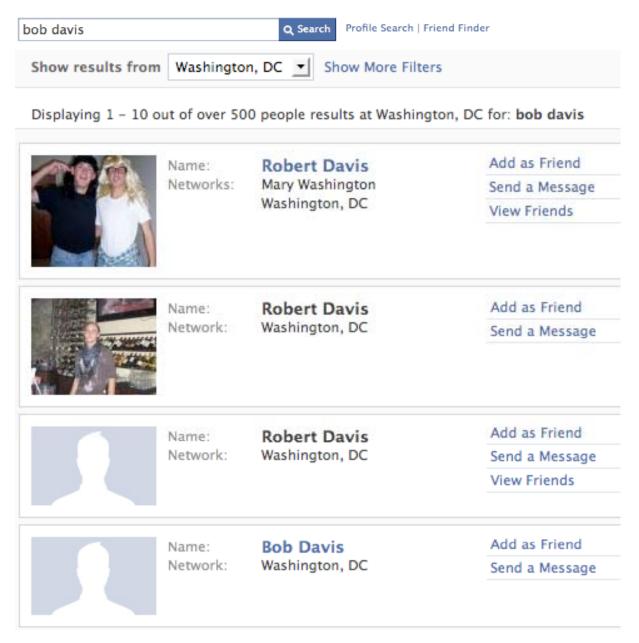


CNN

# Identity disclosure

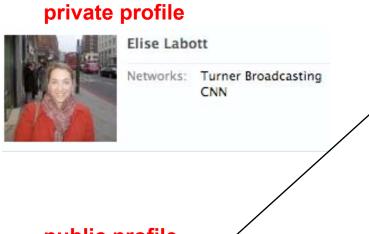
o Occurs when the adversary is able to determine the mapping from a record to a specific individual

o Privacy literaturehas concentratedon structuralidentification



#### Attribute disclosure

- Occurs when an adversary is able to determine the value of a user attribute that the user intended to stay private
  - Example: is someone liberal?



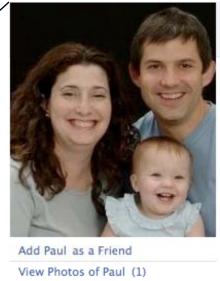
#### public profile



Message | View Friends

Networks: Washington, DC

Paul Barry



Add Paul as a Friend
View Photos of Paul (1)
Send Paul a Message
Poke Paul

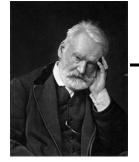


### Link re-identification

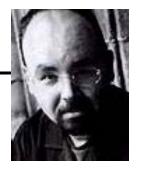
 Occurs when an adversary is able to infer that two entities participate in a particular type of sensitive relationship or communication

#### **Disease data**

has hypertension



father-of



# Robert Lady call

#### Search data

Query 1:

"how to tell if your wife is cheating on you"

same-user

Query 2:

"myrtle beach golf course job listings"

#### Social network data

friends

**Elise Labott** 



Robert Davis



# Group membership disclosure

 Occurs when an adversary is able to infer that a person affiliates with a group relevant to the classification of a sensitive attribute.

- Example: is she liberal?

Name:
Network:

Kim Hennessey
Washington, DC











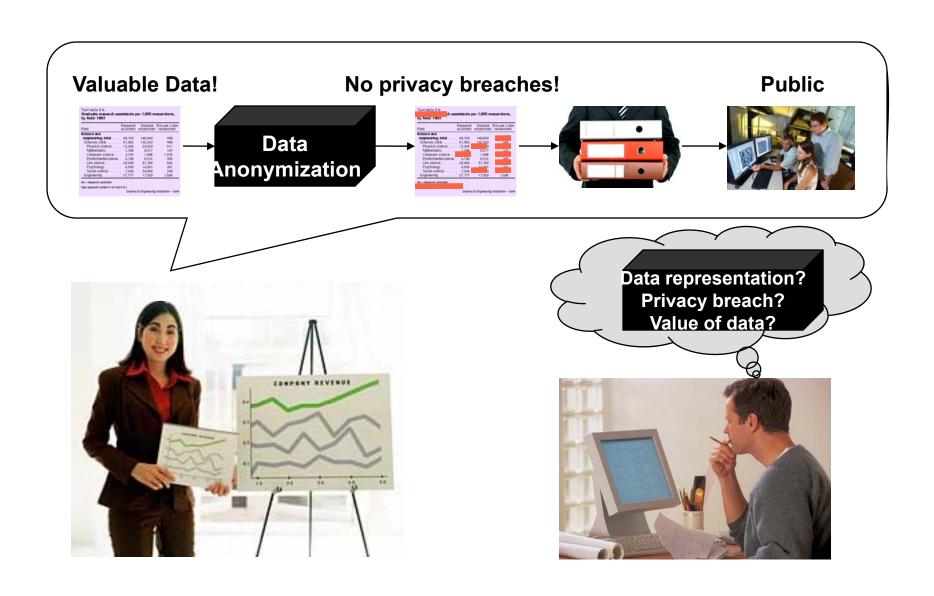




Name: Network:

Elise Labott Turner Broadcasting CNN

# **Anonymization Process**



# Anonymizing nodes

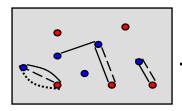
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Don	29	M	83209	
Emma	28	F	83230	
Fabio	31	M	83222	
Gia	24	F	20640	
Halle	29	F	83201	
lan	23	M	20760	
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5-anonymity

applied to nodes

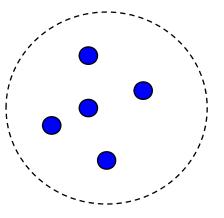
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#### original data graph

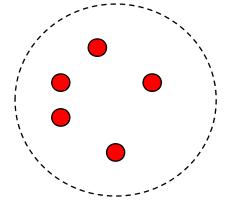


Equivalence

classes



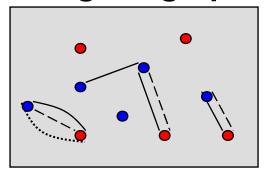
anonymized data graph



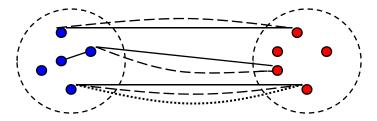


# Anonymizing links

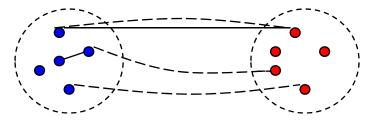
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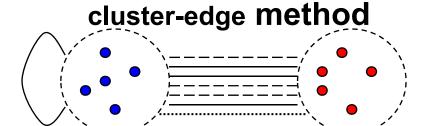


intact links

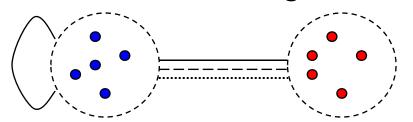


partial link removal

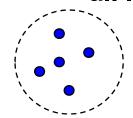


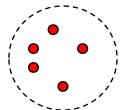


constrained cluster-edge method



all links removed

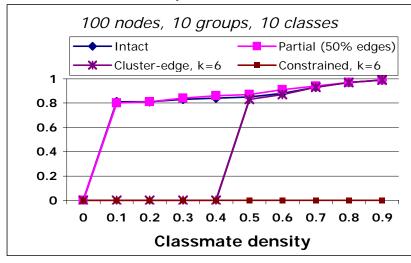


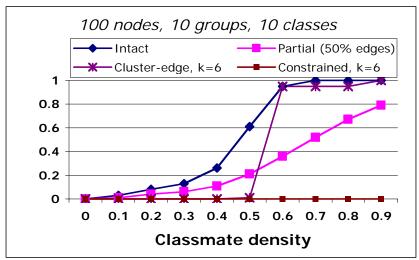


# Link re-identification results

- Synthetic dataset of students
  - Class enrollment and research group information
  - Observed links classmates and groupmates
  - Sensitive link friends
- Anonymize the data using the proposed methods
- o Compute the existence prob of sensitive edge using a Noisy-Or model

#### Prediction precision and recall rates at various classmate densities

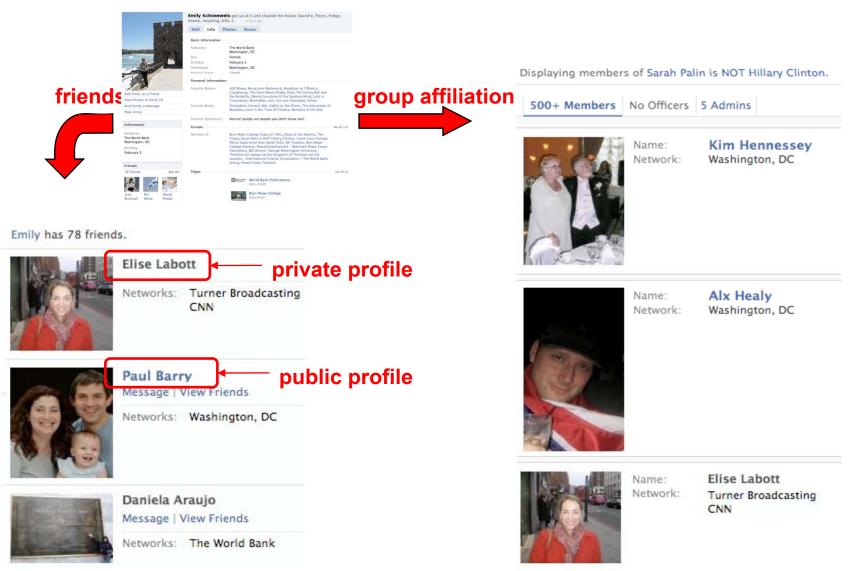




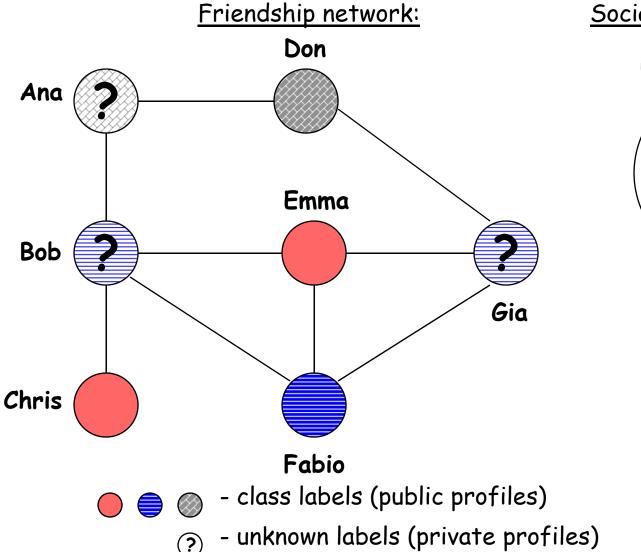
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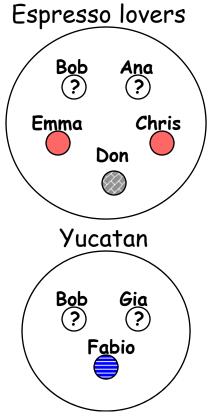
#### Attribute disclosure

#### o In the context of online social networks

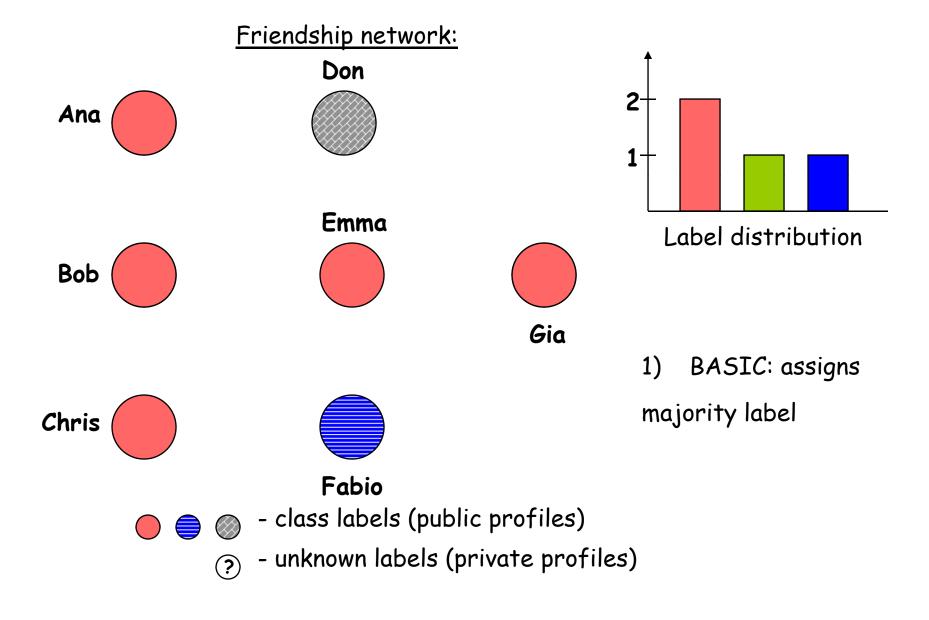


#### o Toy social network





o In the absence of links and groups



o Link-based models (in the absence of groups):

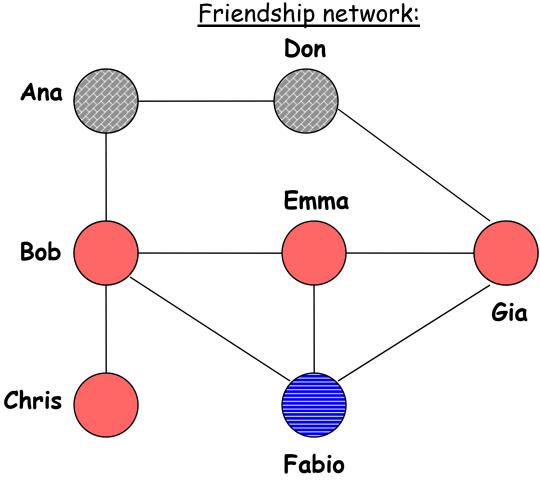
# Friendship network: Don Ana **Emma** Bob Gia Chris

- 1) AGG
- 2) *CC*
- 3) LINK
- 4) BLOCK

- class labels (public profiles)
  - ? unknown labels (private profiles)

Fabio

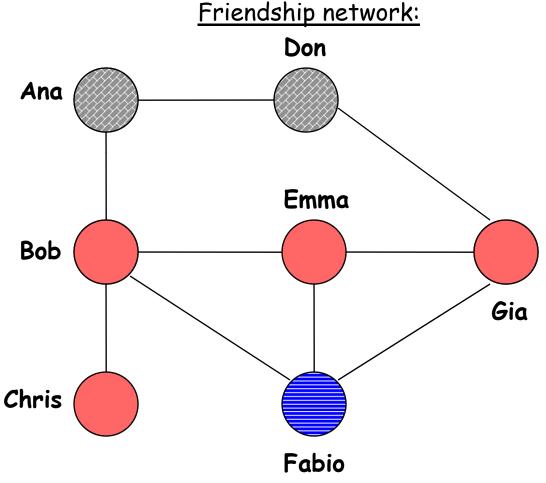
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- 1) AGG:
- Take all known friends' labels and aggregate over them
  - E.g., majority

- class labels (public profiles)
  - ? unknown labels (private profiles)

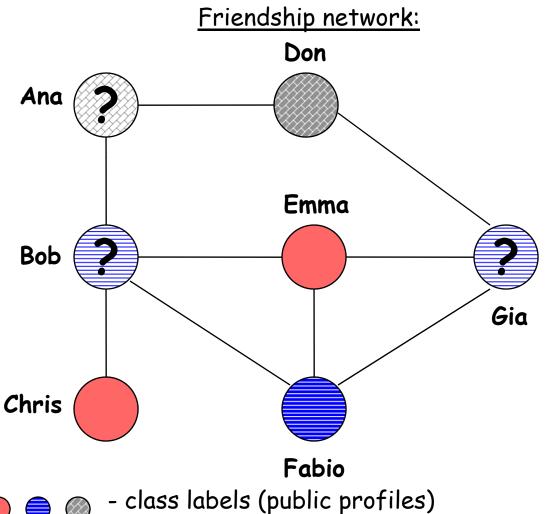
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- 2) CC: collective classification
- Infer labels together
- Use predicted labels
- A few iterations of the nodes

- class labels (public profiles)
  - ? unknown labels (private profiles)

o Link-based models (in the absence of groups)



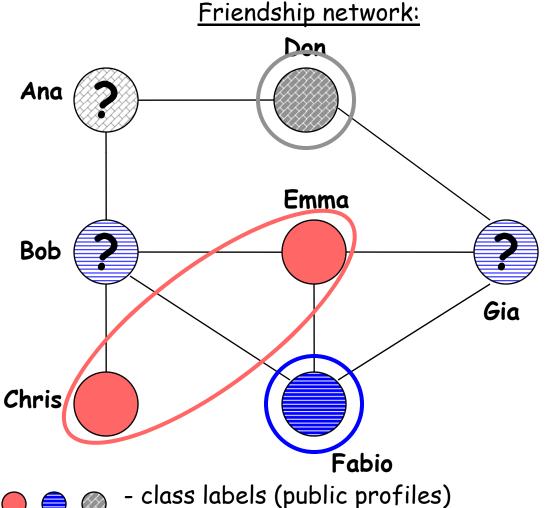
- unknown labels (private profiles)

- 3) LINK: friends as classification features
- for each user there is a vector of size N

Example: Emma (0 1 0 0 0 1 1)

- train a classifier on known labels
- classify unknown labels

o Link-based models (in the absence of groups)



- unknown labels (private profiles)

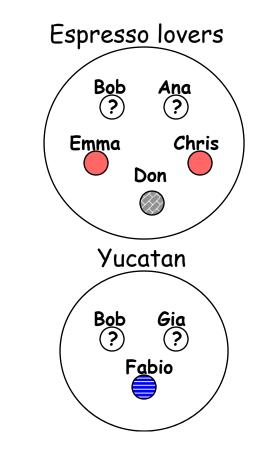
4) BLOCK - assume the nodes form blocks according to their labels

		$\otimes$
0	0.5	0
0.5	0	0
0	0	0

- assign probability of a node to belong to a block:
- label assignment according to most likely block

#### o Group-based models

- 1) CLIQUE
- 2) GROUP
- 3) GROUP (lower node coverage)

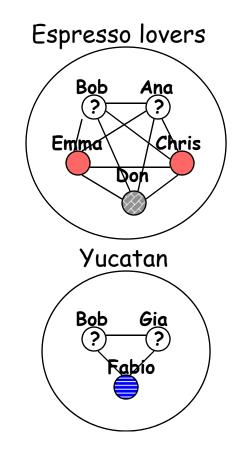


- class labels (public profiles)
  - unknown labels (private profiles)

#### o Group-based models

#### 1) CLIQUE:

- assume friendship links between groupmates (group=clique)
- apply a link-based model



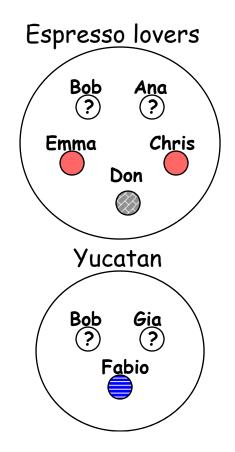
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#### 2) GROUP:

use groups as classification features

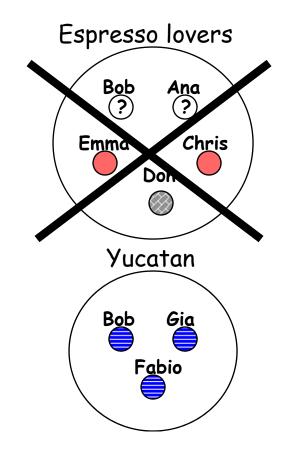
Example: Emma (0 1) Ana (0 1)?



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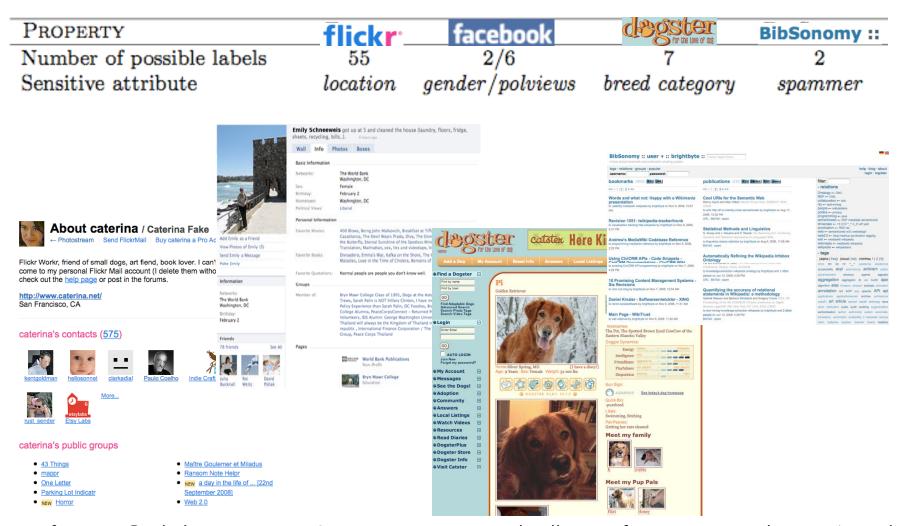
- 3) GROUP (lower node coverage):
- choose informative groups
- apply the GROUP model



- class labels (public profiles)
  - unknown labels (private profiles)

#### Attribute disclosure results

o Given: public profiles (attribute label known), private profiles, groups, links



Reference: E. Zheleva, L. Getoor. To join or not to join: the illusion of privacy in social networks with mixed public and private user profiles. WWW 09.

#### Attribute disclosure results

- o Approaches to achieving attribute disclosure:
  - Using overall distribution BASIC
  - Link-based BLOCK, AGG, CC, LINK
  - Group-based CLIQUE-LINK, GROUP

Table 2: Attack accuracy assuming 50% private profiles. The successful attacks are shown in bold.

_	DEL	FLICKR	FACEBOOK (GENDER)	FACEBOOK (POLVIEWS)	Dogster	BibSonomy
BASIC		27.7%	50.0%	56.5%	28.6%	92.2%
Random	guess	1.8%	50.0%	16.7%	14.3%	50%
BLOCK		8.8%	49.1%	6.1%	-	-
AGG		28.4%	50.2%	57.6%	-	-
CC		28.6%	50.4%	56.3%	-	-
LINK		56.5%	68.6%	58.1%	-	-
CLIQUE	E-LINK	46.3%	51.8%	57.1%	$\boldsymbol{60.2\%}$	-
GROUP		$\boldsymbol{63.5\%}$	73.4%	45.2%	$\boldsymbol{65.5\%}$	94.0%
GROUP	(50% node coverage)	83.6%	77.2%	46.6%	82.0%	96.0%

What's the connection?

Inference => Identification

—Identification => Privacy

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#### Conclusion

- o Relationships matter!
- o Structure matters!
- o Killer Apps:
  - Biology: Biological Network Analysis
  - Computer Vision: Human Activity Recognition
  - Information Extraction: Entity Extraction & Role labeling
  - Semantic Web: Ontology Alignment and Integration
  - Personal Information Management: Intelligent Desktop
  - Search: Abstractions of click and query graphs
- O While there are important pitfalls to take into account (confidence and privacy), there are many potential benefits and payoffs!

# Thanks!

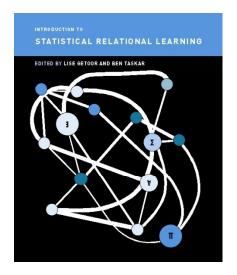
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