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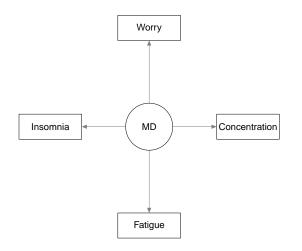
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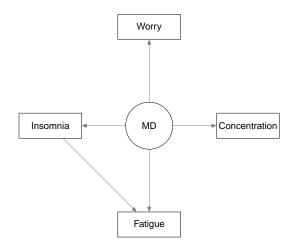
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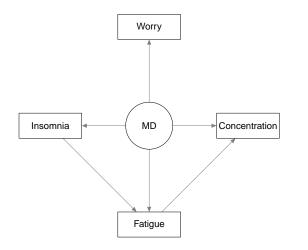
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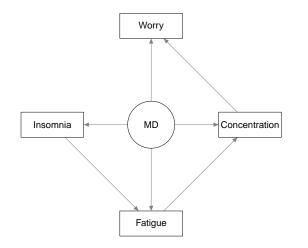
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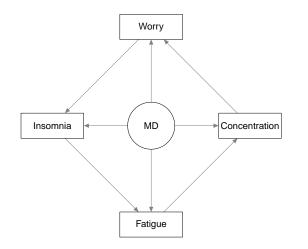
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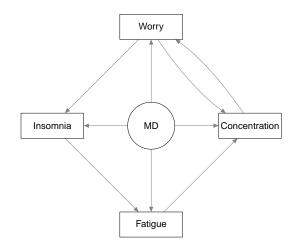
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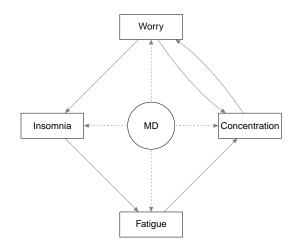
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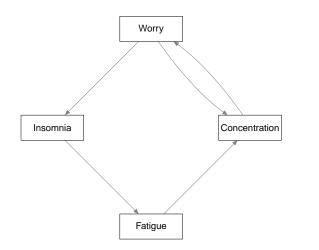
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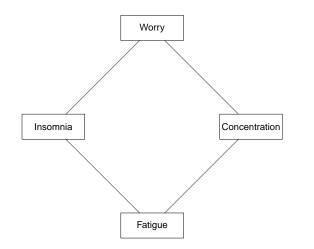
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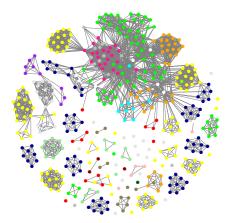
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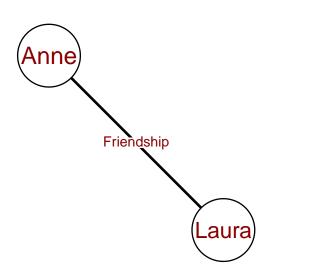
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Anne is friends with Laura:



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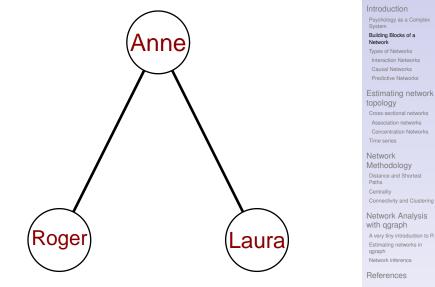
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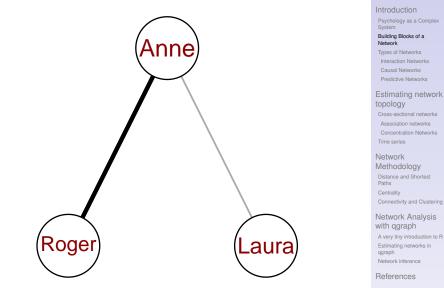
Anne is friends with Laura and Roger, but Laura is not friends with Roger:



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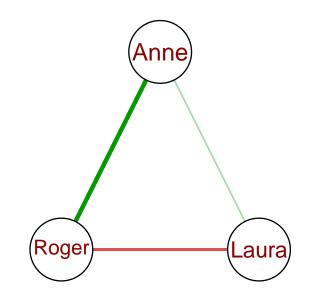
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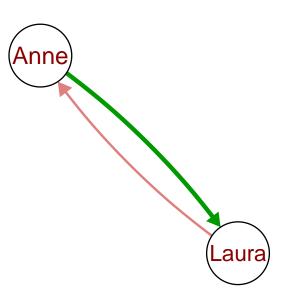
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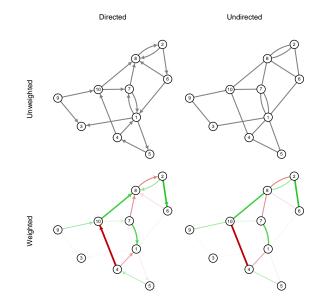
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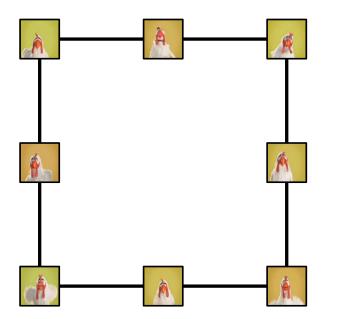
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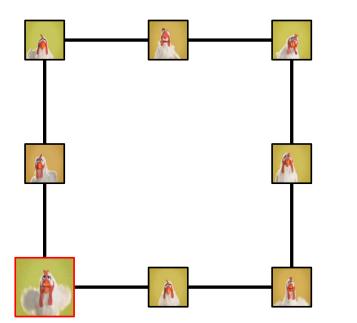
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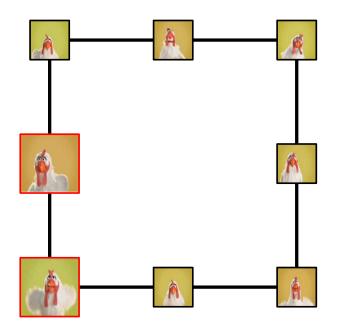
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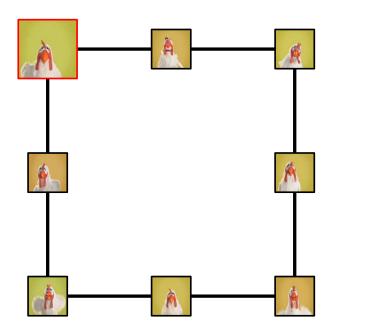
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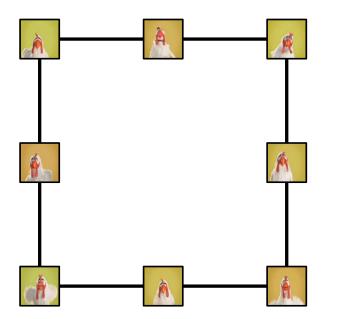
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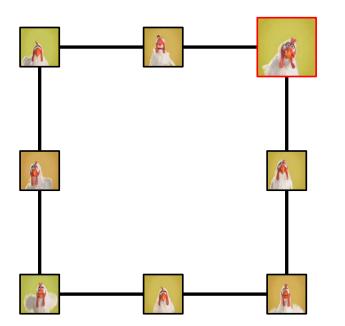
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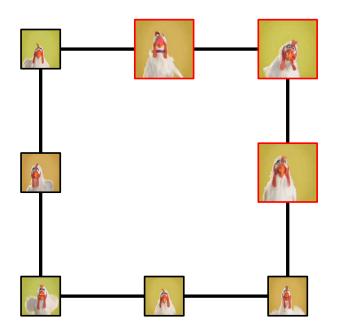
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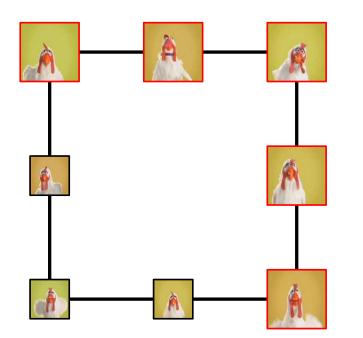
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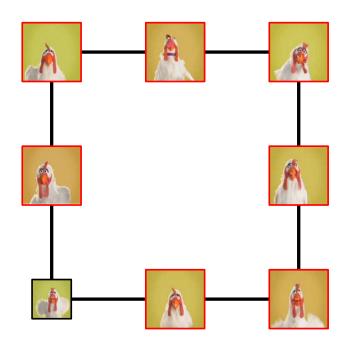
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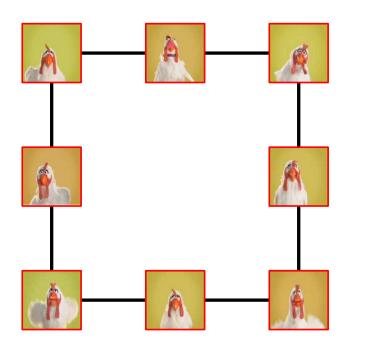
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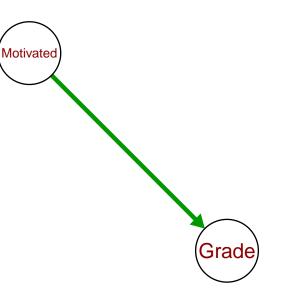
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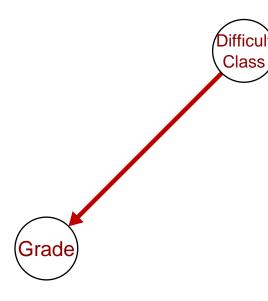
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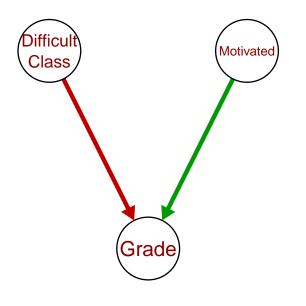
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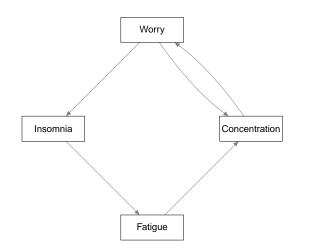
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- If node A predicts node B, node B predicts node A. Hence, predictive networks often are undirected networks

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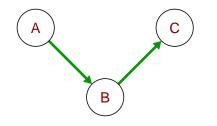
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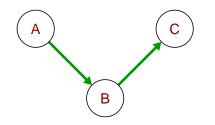
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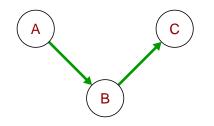
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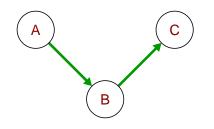
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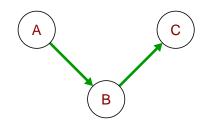
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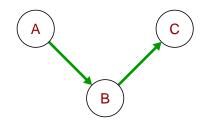
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- Does A predict B?
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 - A and C will be correlated, thus knowing A allows you to predict C
 - ► But if we also know *B*, *A* will not add information about *C*.
 - Thus A only predicts C via B

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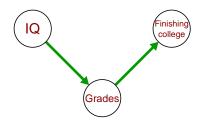
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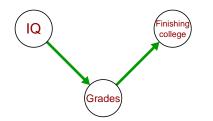
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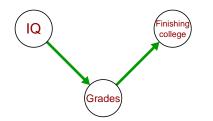
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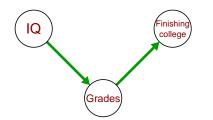
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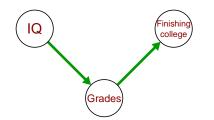
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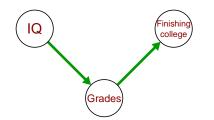
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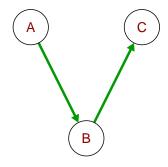
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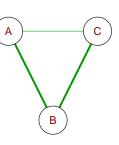
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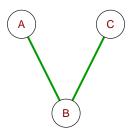
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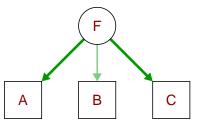
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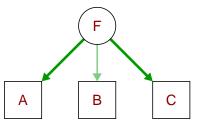
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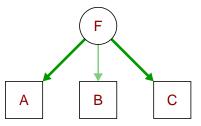
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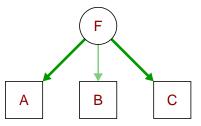
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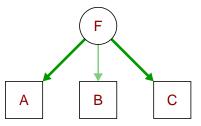
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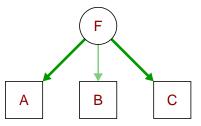
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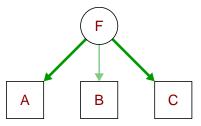
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Where F is a unobservable latent variable

- ► Does A predict B?
 - Yes!
- ▶ Does B predict C?
 - ► Yes!
- ► Does A predict C?
 - ► Yes!

If a latent cause underlies the nodes, all nodes predict all other nodes. Since we can not condition on F the prediction is not mediated. The association and concentration networks then are the same: fully connected clusters.

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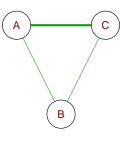
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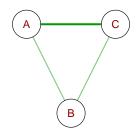
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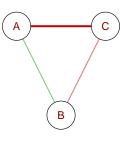
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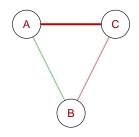
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- Correspond to undirected network that could underlie the data generating model

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Represent each variable with a node:





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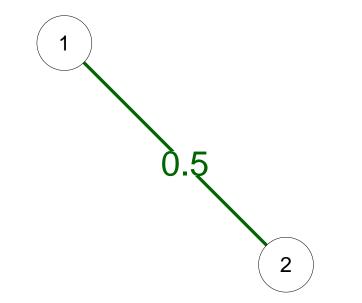
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Connect them with a green edge if they are positively correlated:



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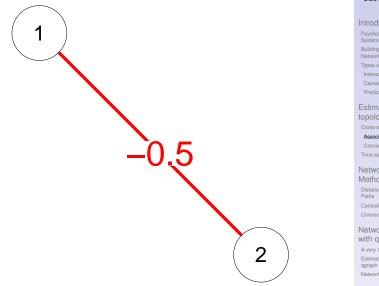
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Or a red edge if they are negatively correlated:



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The weaker the correlation the vaguer/thinner the edge:

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Real data example

Included in **qgraph** is a dataset in which the Dutch translation of a commonly used personality test, the NEO-PI-R (Costa & McCrae, 1992; Hoekstra, de Fruyt, & Ormel, 2003), was administered to 500 first year psychology students (Dolan, Oort, Stoel, & Wicherts, 2009). The NEO-PI-R consists of 240 items designed to measure the five central personality factors:

- Neuroticism
- Extroversion
- Agreeableness
- Openness to Experience
- Conscientiousness

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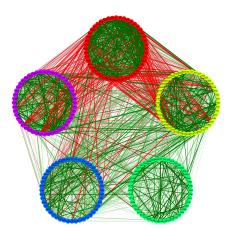
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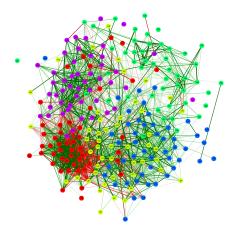
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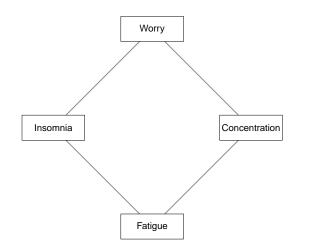
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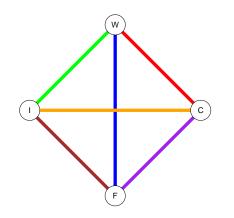
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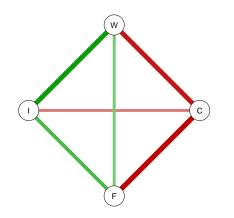
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- And thus not well suited for network analysis

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IIIW < - III(W ~ C + r + I, uala - Dala)
fitW
#
Call:
$## lm(formula = W \sim C + F + I, data = Data)$
##
Coefficients:
(Intercept) C F
6.606 -0.723 -0.564
I
0.518
fitC <- lm(C ~ W + F + I, data = Data)
fitF <- lm(F ~ W + C + I, data = Data)
fitI <- lm (I ~ W + C + F, data = Data)

fitW $\leq - \ln(W \sim C + E + T data = Data)$

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The regression coefficients have a symmetrical relationship:

$$\beta_{ij}\sigma_j^2 = \beta_{ji}\sigma_i^2$$

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```
beta_WC <- coef(fitW)[2]</pre>
beta CW <- coef(fitC)[2]</pre>
sigma_W <- summary(fitW)$sigma</pre>
sigma_C <- summary(fitC)$sigma</pre>
beta_WC * sigma_C^2
##
## -1.163
beta_CW * sigma_W^2
##
   747
## -1.163
```

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Through mathematical magic, these correspond directly to the negative standardized off-diagonal elements of the inverse of the correlation matrix!

C ## -0.7651 beta_CW * sigma_W / sigma_C ## W ## -0.7651 -cov2cor(solve(cov(Data))) ## W C F I ## W C F I

 ##
 W
 C
 F
 I

 ##
 W
 -0.7651
 -0.5889
 0.7754

 ##
 C
 -0.7651
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 -0.7993
 0.5871

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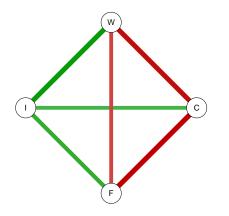
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```
library("qgraph")
qgraph(cor(Data), graph = "concentration")
```



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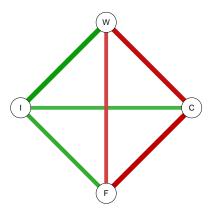
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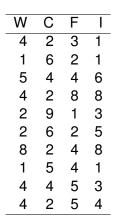
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Coefficients for Worry:

Table:

	Dependent variable:
	W
С	-0.723** (0.248)
F	-0.564 (0.316)
	0.518** (0.172)
Constant	6.606** (2.057)
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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Coefficients for Concentration:

Table:

	Dependent variable:
	С
W	-0.810** (0.278)
F	-0.810** (0.249)
I	0.415 (0.234)
Constant	8.451*** (0.992)
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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Coefficients for Fatigue:

Table:

	Dependent variable:
	F
W	-0.615 (0.345)
С	-0.789** (0.242)
I	0.451* (0.217)
Constant	7.460*** (1.810)
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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Coefficients for Insomnia:

Table:

	Dependent variable:
W	1.161** (0.386)
С	0.830 (0.467)
F	0.927* (0.446)
Constant	-7.071 (4.176)
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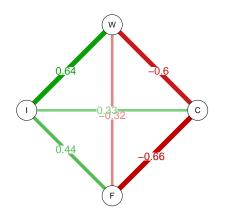
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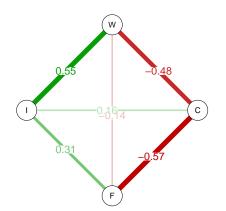
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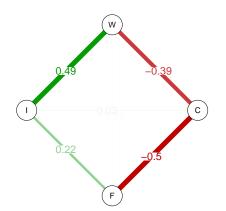
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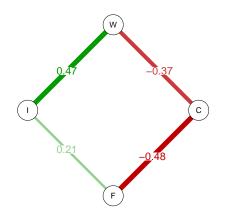
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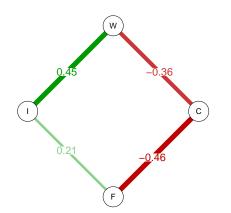
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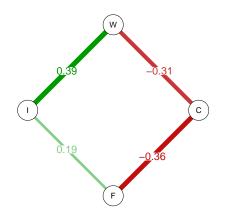
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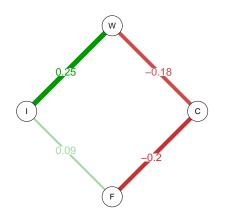
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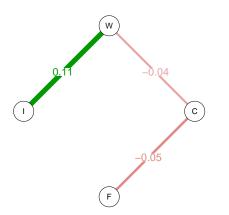
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We can compute an information criterion for each penalty parameter, and choose the model with the best (lowest) value. In concentration networks the extended Bayesian Information Criterium (EBIC) works well (Foygel & Drton, 2010):

 $\textit{EBIC} = -2L + |\textit{E}|\log n + 4|\textit{E}|\gamma \log p$

Where *L* is the log-likelihood, |E| the number of edges in the graph, *n* the sample size and *p* the number of variables in the graph. γ is typically set to 0.5 or 0 to obtain regular BIC.

In essence this is the likelihood function with a penalty for the amount of parameters.

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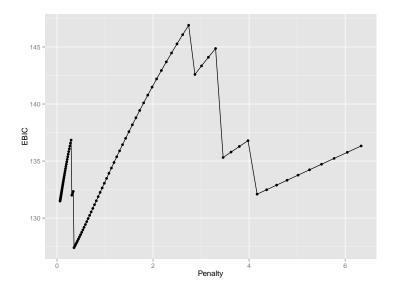
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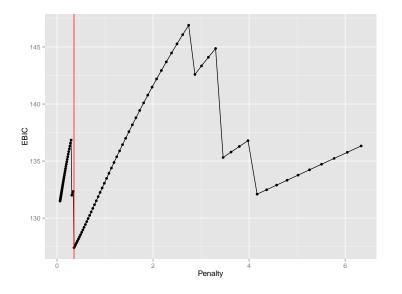
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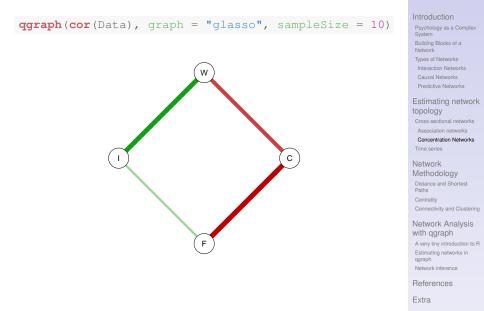
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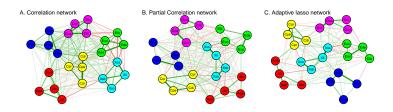
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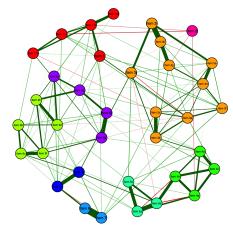
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Partial correlations (using adaptive lasso)

Partial Correlations (adaptive LASSO)



General health

- Physical functioning
- Mental health
- Role limitations physical
- Role limitations emotional
- Bodily pain
- Social functioning
- Vitality
- No dimension

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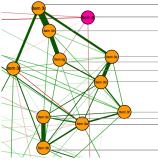
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Does your health now limit you in walking one block?
 Compared to one year ago, how would you rate your health in general now?
 Does your health now limit you in walking several blocks?

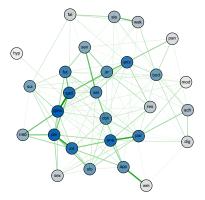
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 Does your health now limit you in walking more than a mile?
 Does your health now limit you in bathing or dressing yourself?
 Does your health now limit you in climbing several flights of stairs?

Does your health now limit you in bending, kneeling or stooping? Does your health now limit you in lifting or carrying groceries? Does your health now limit you in vigorous activities, like lifting heavy objects?

- Does your health now limit you in moderate activities, like pushing a vacuum cleaner?



If the data is binary we can use the **Ising model** to estimate a concentration network. We have implemented a similar method as described in these slides for continuous data in the **IsingFit** package (van Borkulo, Epskamp, & with contributions from Alexander Robitzsch, 2014)



Paper by Claudia D. van Borkulo, Denny Borsboom, Sacha Epskamp Tessa F. Blanken, Lynn Boschloo, Robert A. Schoevers & Lourens J. Waldorp submitted

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 - Looking only between consecutive time points is called a Lag-1 process. We will not look at more complicated models today

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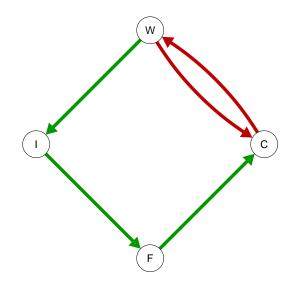
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True causal model between days



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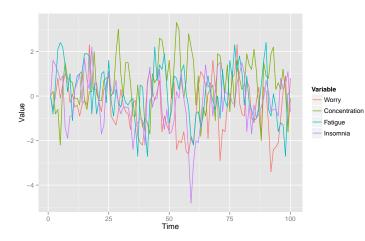
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head(Data)

##		\overline{W}	С	F	I
##	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
##	2	-0.6	0.2	-0.8	1.6
##	3	0.0	-0.8	0.5	1.4
##	4	0.8	-0.6	2.1	1.1
##	5	-0.1	-2.2	2.4	0.7
##	6	0.5	0.5	2.2	0.9

We can compute the correlations between consecutive time-points:

```
corL1 <- cor(Data[-nrow(Data),],Data[-1,])
round(corL1,2)
## W C F I
## W 0.50 -0.21 0.22 0.42
## C -0.33 0.40 -0.07 -0.21
## F 0.14 0.18 0.49 0.18
## I 0.10 0.02 0.44 0.58</pre>
```

Which gives us the Lag-1 correlations, and correspond to the *association* network

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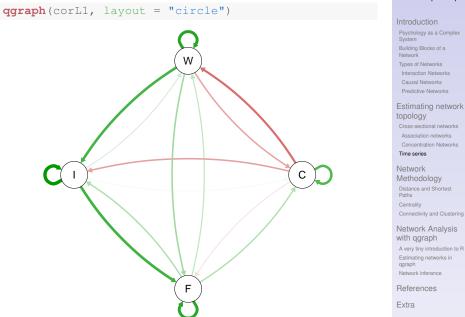
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A subject over time...

Concentration

We can again construct a *concentration* network by repeated multiple regressions. This time however we regress *on the previous time point*

$$W_{t} = \beta_{11} W_{t-1} + \beta_{21} C_{t-1} + \beta_{31} F_{t-1} + \beta_{41} I_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{W}$$

$$C_{t} = \beta_{12} W_{t-1} + \beta_{22} C_{t-1} + \beta_{32} F_{t-1} + \beta_{42} I_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{C}$$

$$F_{t} = \beta_{13} W_{t-1} + \beta_{23} C_{t-1} + \beta_{33} F_{t-1} + \beta_{43} I_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{F}$$

$$I_{t} = \beta_{14} W_{t-1} + \beta_{24} C_{t-1} + \beta_{34} F_{t-1} + \beta_{44} I_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{I}$$

Where $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma_i)$

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```
fitW <- lm(W[-1] \sim W[-100] + C[-100] + F[-100] + I[-100]_{Htfold}
fitW
                                                                                 Psychology as a Complex
                                                                                 System
##
                                                                                 Types of Networks
                                                                                 Interaction Networks
##
    Call:
##
    lm(formula = W[-1] \sim W[-100] + C[-100] + F[-100] +
                                                                                T [Predictive] (Retriverys
##
                                                                                Estimating network
##
    Coefficients:
                                                                                 Cross-sectional networks
##
    (Intercept)
                             W[-100]
                                                C[-100]
                                                                                 Association networks
                                                                                 Concentration Networks
##
          -0.1490
                              0.4450
                                                -0.2455
                                                                                 Time series
##
         F[-100]
                             I[-100]
                                                                                Network
##
           0.0629
                             -0.0573
                                                                                Methodology
                                                                                 Paths
fitC <- lm(C[-1] ~ W[-100] + C[-100] + F[-100] + I[-100
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fitF <- lm(F[-1] ~ W[-100] + C[-100] + F[-100]
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fitI <- lm(I[-1] \sim W[-100] + C[-100] + F[-100]
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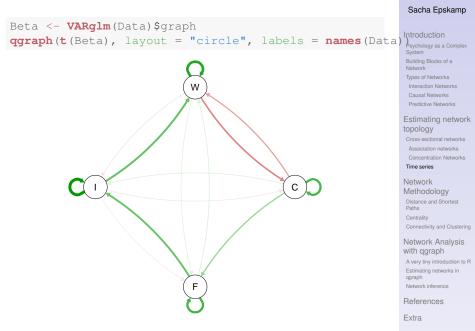
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This model is called a Vector-autoregression (VAR) model

$$oldsymbol{y}_t = oldsymbol{B}oldsymbol{y}_{t-1} + arepsilon$$

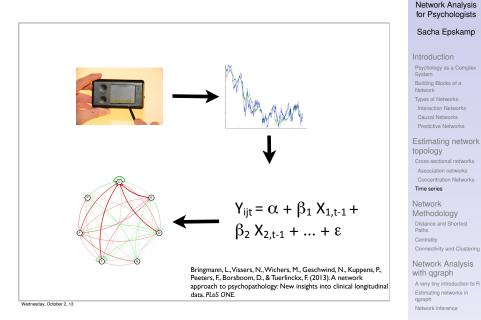
In **qgraph** the VARglm() function can be used to estimate the regression parameters. The transpose of the estimates correspond to the graph structure (for now). Model selection and LASSO can be used, but have not yet been implemented automatically in **qgraph**

VAR network



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	Cross-sectional	Time-series
Association	Correlations	Partial correlations*
Concentration	Lag-1 correlations	VAR*

* model selection / LASSO can be used to estimate sparse structure

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Distance

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 - How well are nodes connected?

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- In weighted networks the absolute value of edge weights is used in computing the length

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Amsterdam is much farther from San Francisco:



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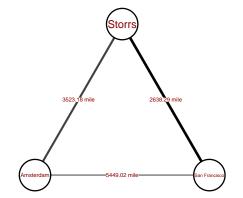
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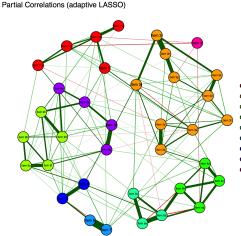
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Which node is the most influential?



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General health Physical functioning Mental health

- Role limitations physical
- Role limitations emotional
- Bodily pain
- Social functioning
- Vitality
- No dimension

A node is central/important/influential if...

...it has many connections

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- ...it connects other nodes
 - Betweenness

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- ...it connects other nodes
 - Betweenness
- ...it is connected to other important nodes

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 - Eigenvector centrality

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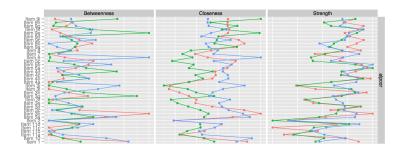
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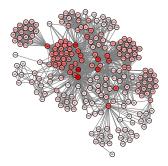
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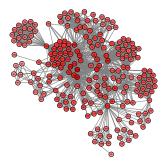
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Small world

The famous paper of Watts and Strogatz (1998)—already cited 22691 times—describes the "small world" principle that frequently occurs in natural graphs.

- "Six degrees of separation"
- High clustering and low average path length

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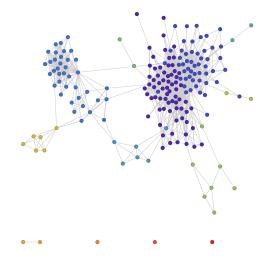
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(based on data from 190 of 203 friends)

Small world

A graph exhibits a small world if it has both high clustering and a short average path length. This information can be summarized in a *small-world index*, which should be higher than 3.

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What is **R**?

► **R** is a statistical programming language

- Statistical analysis
- Data visualization
- Data mining
- General programming

► It is open-source

- ► Free as in "free beer" and "free speech"
- Large active community around R
- Many contributed packages

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What is **R**?

R can be downloaded from

http://cran.r-project.org/. A good environment
for R is RStudio which can be downloaded from
https://www.rstudio.com/. Some good links to
start learning R are:

- http://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/ Torfs+Brauer-Short-R-Intro.pdf
- https://www.codeschool.com/courses/ try-r

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R uses functions, such as rnorm(), which take some arguments between the parantheses. All these functions are documented using ?. For example, rnorm generates random numbers:

rnorm samples random normal numbers:
rnorm(3)

[1] 1.59291 0.04501 -0.71513

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Multiple arguments can be used. They can also be named. See the documentation for a list of arguments! ?rnorm

Using arguments we can change its behavior. e.g.,
rnorm(3, mean = 100, sd = 15)
442 442 2 112 1 102 1

[1] 113.0 116.1 128.4

The <- symbol can be used to store results and reuse them later.

```
# We can use '<-' to store the result:
result <- rnorm(3)
result
## [1] -0.6030 -0.3909 -0.4162
# Reuse:
mean(result)
## [1] -0.47
```

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Packages

- Packages are extensions contributed to R containing extra functions
- They can be installed using install.packages()
- ► Afterwards they can be loaded using library()

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Install package install.packages("qgraph", dep = TRUE)

Load package
library("qgraph")

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Load data into **R**

- There are many ways to load data into R
- The most common way is to read a plain text file (which can be exported from excel for instance) using read.table or read.csv (see their help files for how to do this)
- Because psychologists often use SPSS, it is useful to directly import data from SPSS
- This can be done using read.spss() in the foreign package.
- file.choose() can be used to select a file (it might be opened in the background of RStudio)

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Load SPSS data into R

Load package "foreign": library("foreign")

Select a SPSS file: file <- file.choose()</pre>

Read data: Data <- read.spss(file,to.data.frame=TRUE)</pre>

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Rather than using a file as data, we will use a dataset already included in R via the **psysch** package (Revelle, 2010):

library("psych")
data(bfi)
bfi <- bfi[,1:25]</pre>

str(bfi)

##	'data.frame':				2800 obs.				of		25 variables:			
##	\$	A1:	int	2	2	5	4	2	6	2	4	4	2	
##	\$	A2:	int	4	4	4	4	3	6	5	3	3	5	
##	\$	A3:	int	3	5	5	6	3	5	5	1	6	6	
##	\$	A4:	int	4	2	4	5	4	6	3	5	3	6	
##	\$	A5:	int	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	1	3	5	
##	\$	C1:	int	2	5	4	4	4		5	3	6	6	
##	\$	C2:	int	3	4	5	4	4	6	4	2	6	5	
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##	\$	C4:	int	4	3	2	5	3	1	2	2	4	2	
##	\$	C5:	int	4	4	5	5	2	3	3	4	5	1	
##	\$	E1:	int	3	1	2	5	2	2	4	3	5	2	
##	\$	E2:	int	3	1	4	3	2	1	3	6	3	2	
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##	\$	E4:	int	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	2	4	5	

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This is a dataset measuring the big 5 personality traits using an ordinal scale. The **qgraph** function cor_auto() can be used to compute an appropriate correlation matrix. In this case, polychoric correlations:

cor_bfi <- cor_auto(bfi)

Variables detected as ordinal: A1; A2; A3; A4; A5; C1; C2; C3; C4; C5; E1; E2; E3; E4; E5; N1; N2; N3; N4; N5; O1; O2; O3; O4; O5

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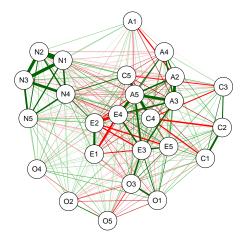
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We can send this correlation matrix to <code>ggraph()</code> to plot the association network. To use a force-embedded algorithm we set the layout argument to "spring"

graph_cor <- qgraph(cor_bfi, layout = "spring")</pre>



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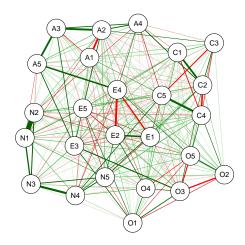
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The partial correlation graph can be plotted by setting the graph argument to "concentration"

graph pcor <- ggraph(cor bfi, graph = "concentration",</pre>



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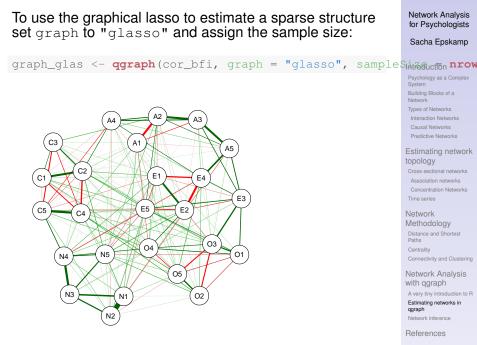
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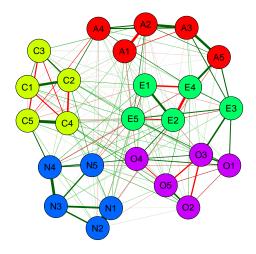
With legend:

Names <- scan("http://sachaepskamp.com/files/BFIitems.txt", what = "character", sep = "\n")
Groups <- rep(c('A','C','E','N','O'), each=5)
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With legend:

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qgraph(cor_bfi, graph = "glasso", sampleSize = nrow(bfi)Sacha Epskamp layout = "spring", nodeNames = Names, legend.cex =0.6, groups = Groups)



A1: Am indifferent to the feelings of or A2: Inquire about others' well-being. A3: Know how to comfort others A4. Love children A5: Make people feel at ease. C1: Am exacting in my work. C2: Continue until everything is perfe-C3: Do things according to a plan. C4: Do things in a half-way manner. C5: Waste my time. E1: Don't talk a lot. E2: Find it difficult to approach others E3: Know how to captivate people. E4: Make friends easily. E5: Take charge. N1: Get angry easily. N2: Get irritated easily. N3: Have frequent mood swings. N4: Often feel blue. N5: Panic easily. O1. Am full of ideas O2: Avoid difficult reading material. O3: Carry the conversation to a highe O4: Spend time reflecting on things. O5: Will not probe deeply into a suble

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A graph can be saved using filetype and filename.

sampleSize = nrow(bfi), layout = "spring", filetype = "pdf", filename = "glasso")

PDF files produce the best results:

qqraph(cor_bfi, graph = "glasso",

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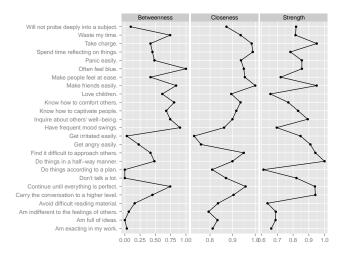
The centrality_auto() function automatically computes centrality measures and shortest path lengths:

```
cent <- centrality_auto(graph_glas)
names(cent)</pre>
```

- ## [1] "node.centrality"
- ## [2] "edge.betweenness.centrality"
- ## [3] "ShortestPathLengths"

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centralityPlot(graph_glas, labels=Names)



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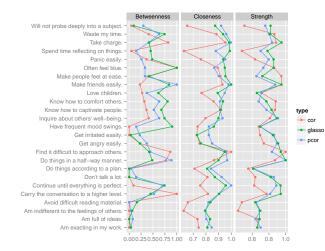
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The smallworldness() function computes the smallworldness index:

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##	averagelength_rnd_up
##	1.3833

smallworldness(graph_glas)

smallworldness

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Concluding comments

More information is on our website:

$\tt http://psychosystems.org/$ and the developmental version of <code>qgraph</code> is on <code>GitHub</code>

https://github.com/SachaEpskamp/qgraph

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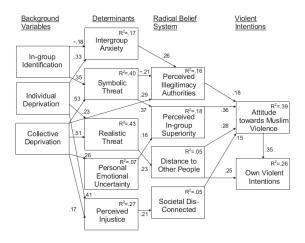
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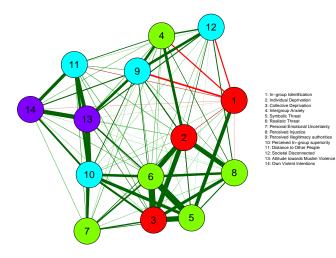
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Table 1. The Means, Standard Deviations, and Inter-Correlations of All the Constructs

Note: 2 = Individual Relative Deprivation, 3 = Collective Relative Deprivation, 4 = Intergroup Anxiety, 5 = Symbolic Threat, 6 = Realistic Threat, 7 = Personal Emotional Uncertainty, 8 = Perceived Procedural Injustice, 9 = Perceived Illegitimacy, 10 = Perceived Ingroup Superiority. *p < .05.

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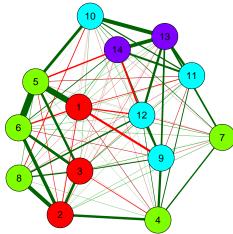
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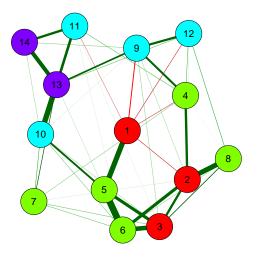
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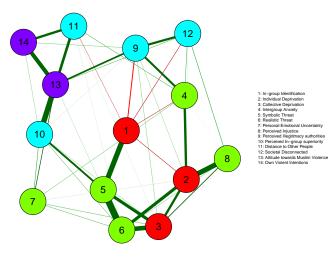
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Extra: Interpreting qgraph

- Under the default coloring scheme, positive edge weights (here correlations) are shown as green edges and negative edge weights as red.
- An edge weight of 0 is omitted. The wider and more colorful an edge the stronger the edge weight.

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To interpret **qgraph** networks, three values need to be known:

Minimum Edges with absolute weights under this value are omitted

Cut If specified, splits scaling of width and color Maximum If set, edge width and color scale such that an edge with this value would be the widest and most colorful

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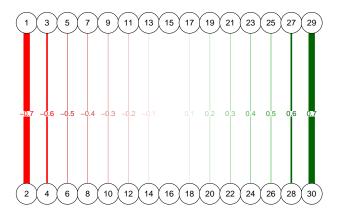
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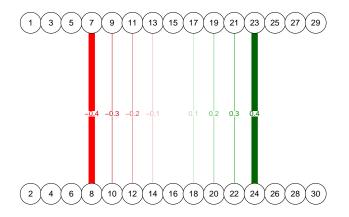
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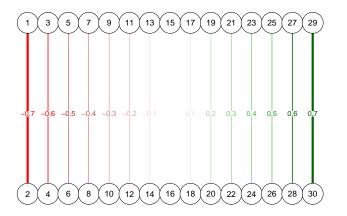
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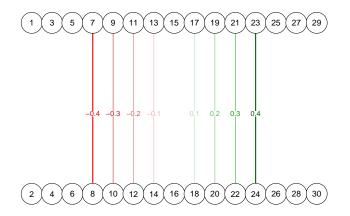
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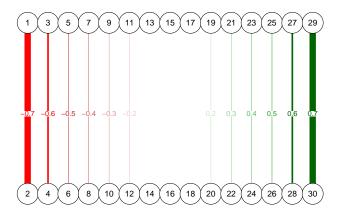
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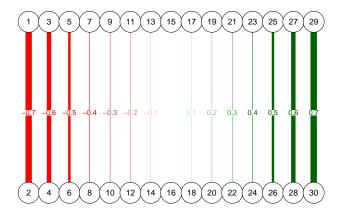
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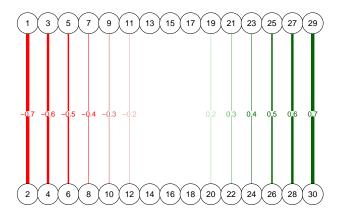
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