



# **Large Graph Mining: Power Tools and a Practitioner's guide**

**Task 4: Center-piece Subgraphs**  
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# Outline

- Introduction – Motivation
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## Detailed outline

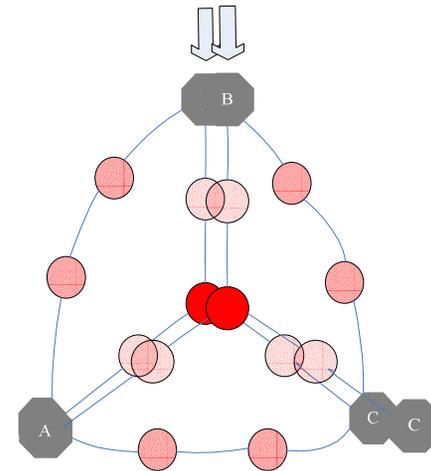
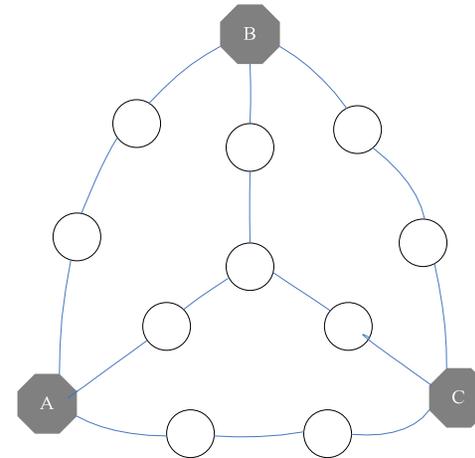
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H. Tong & C. Faloutsos *Center-piece subgraphs: problem definition and fast solutions*. In KDD, 404-413, 2006.



# Center-Piece Subgraph(Ceps)

- Given  $Q$  query nodes
- Find Center-piece ( $\leq b$  )
- Input of **Ceps**
  - $Q$  Query nodes
  - Budget  $b$
  - $k$  softAnd number
- App.
  - Social Network
  - Law Enforcement
  - Gene Network





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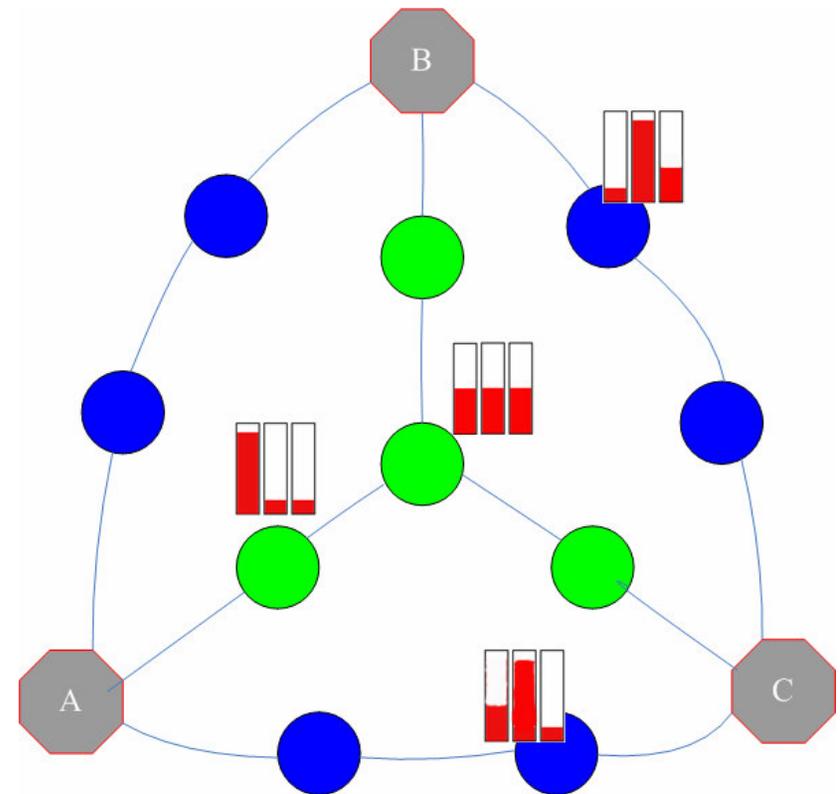
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- **(Q2: How to extract connection subgraph?)**
- **Q3: How to do it efficiently?)**



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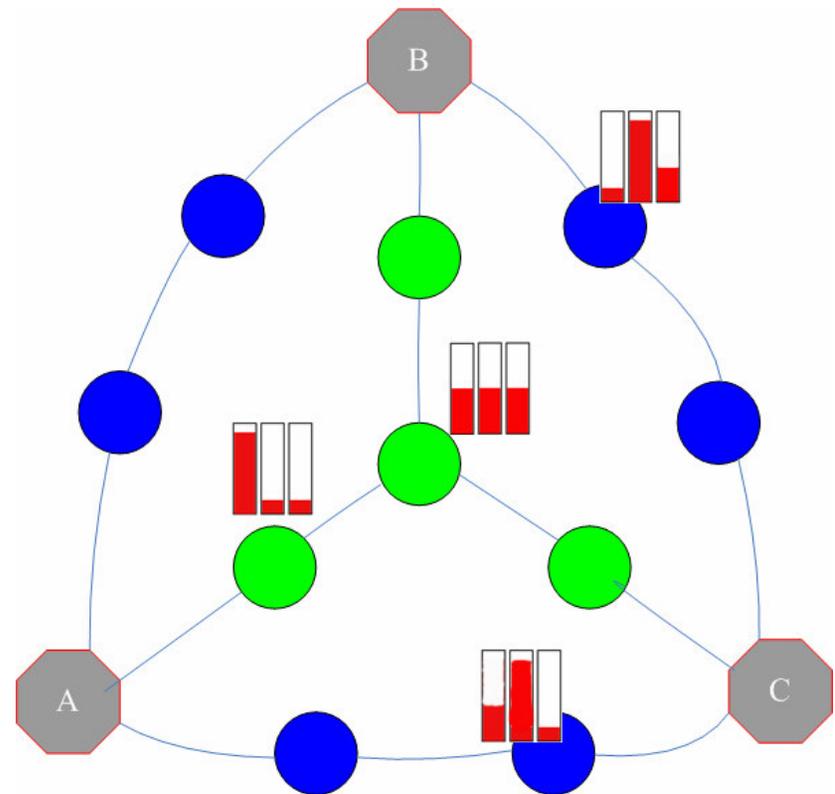
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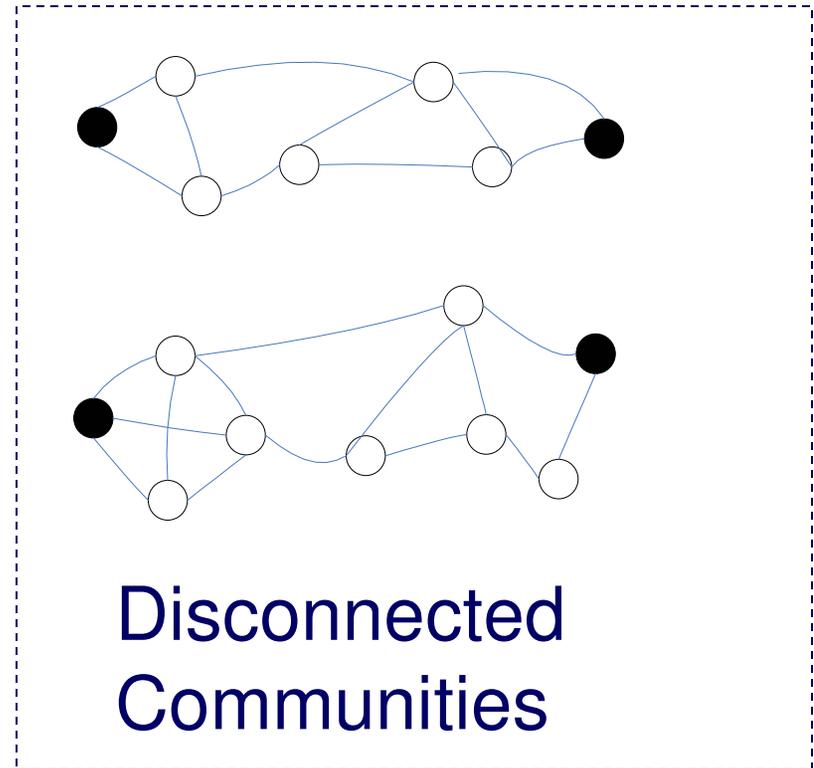
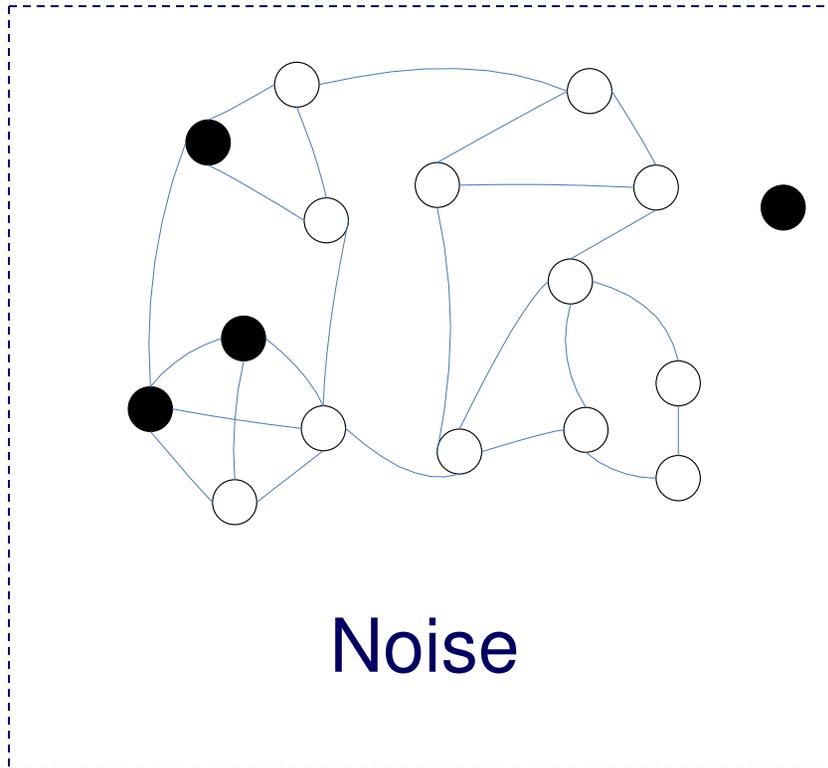
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- Q: How to combine scores?
- A: Multiply
- ... = prob. 3 random particles coincide on node  $j$





# K\_SoftAnd: Relaxation of AND



What if AND query → No Answer?

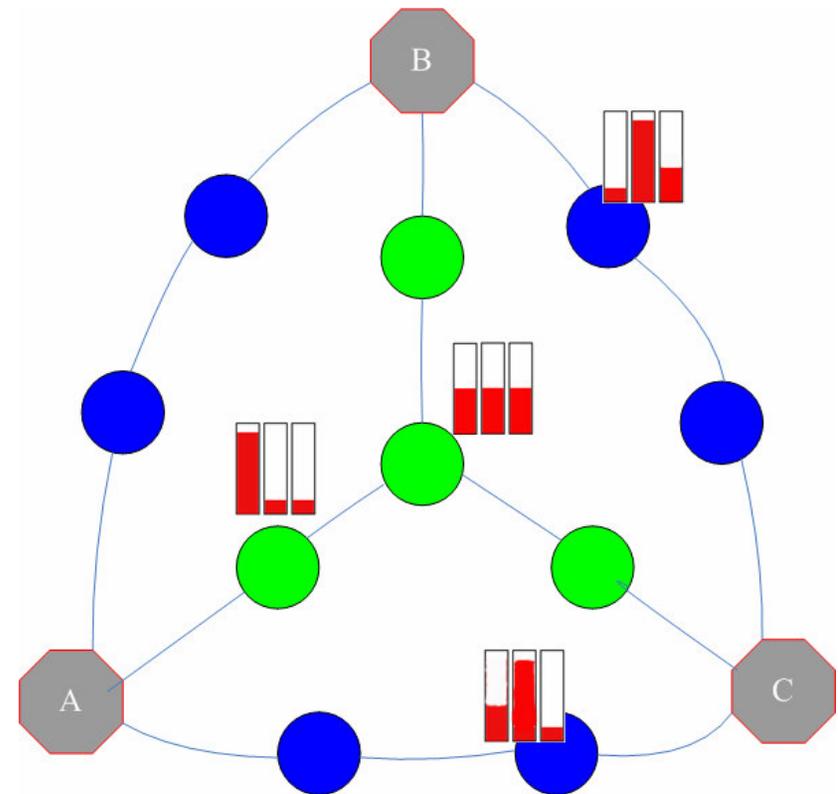


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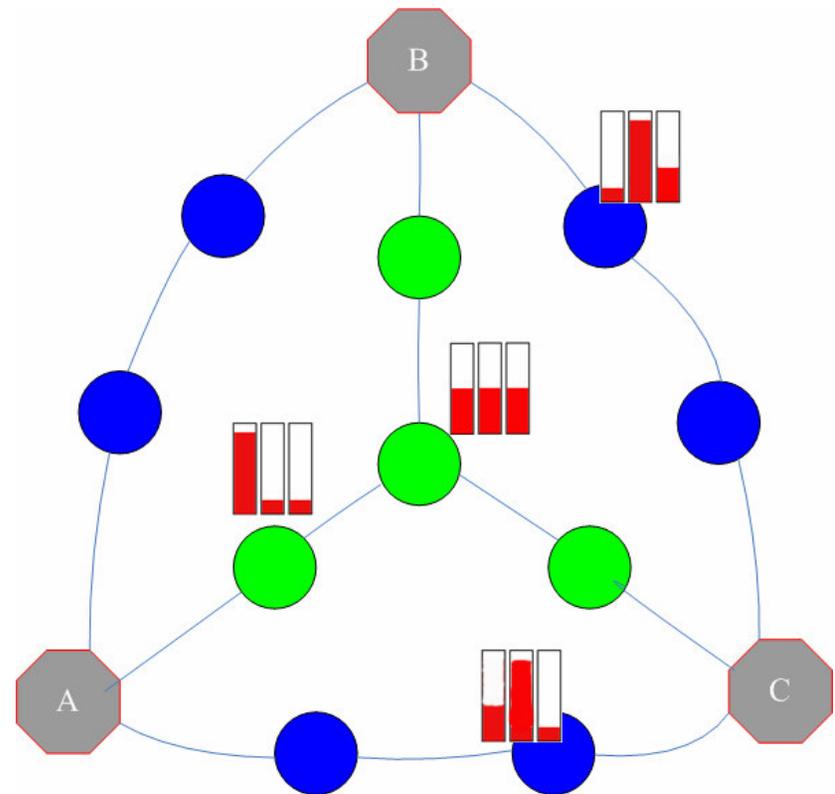
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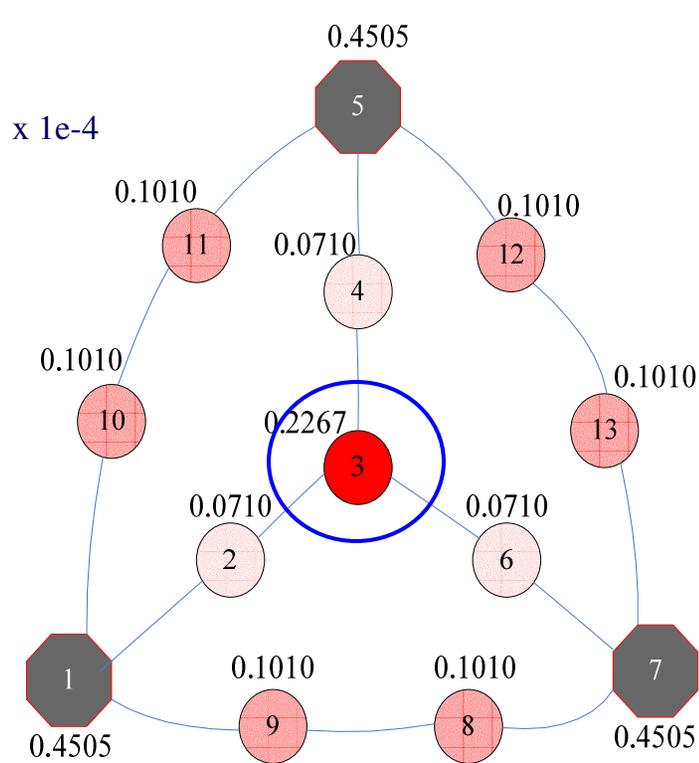
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A: Prob(at least  $k$ -  
out-of- $Q$  will meet  
each other at  $j$ )

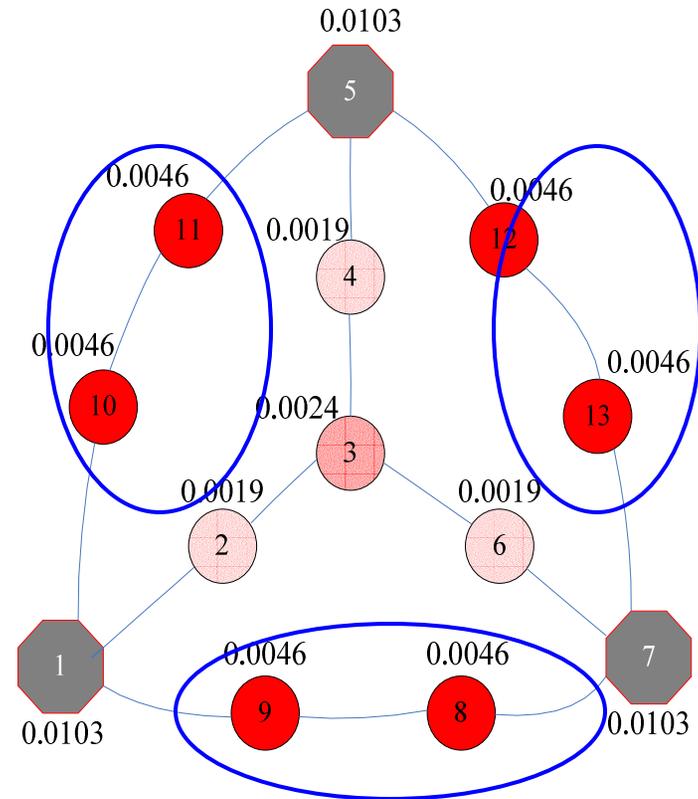




# AND query vs. K\_SoftAnd query



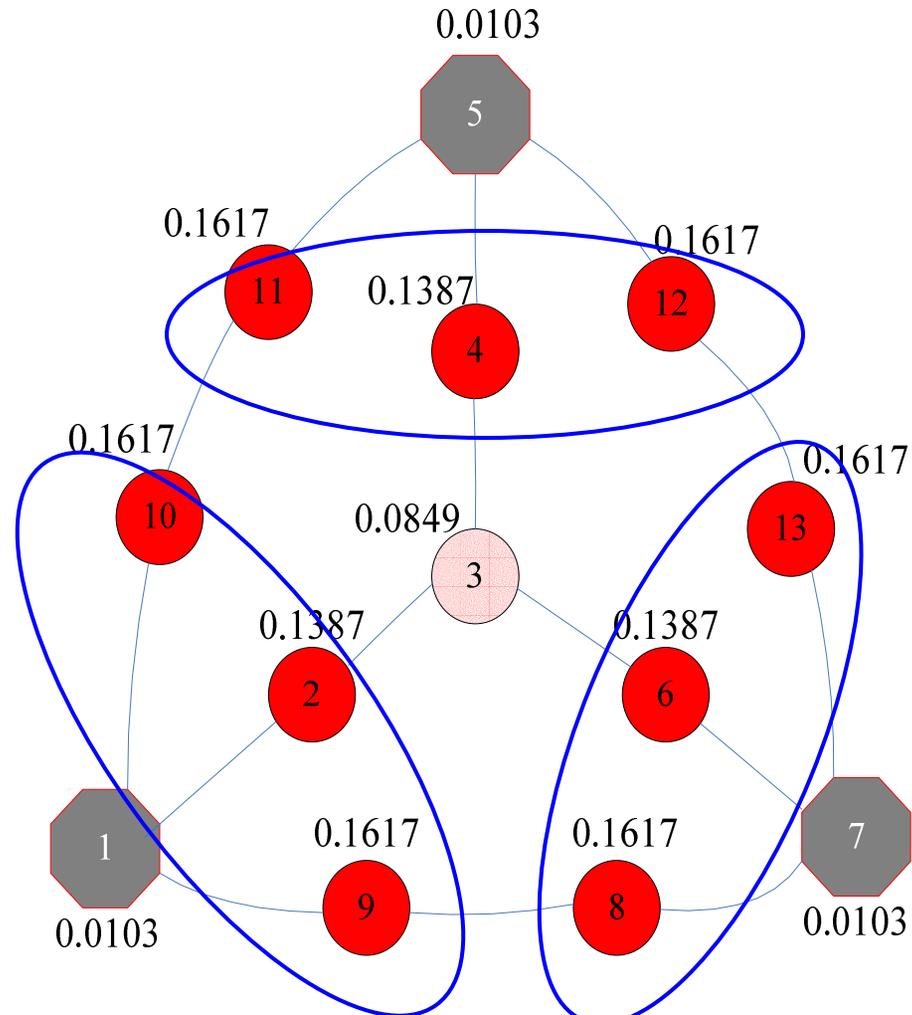
And Query



2\_SoftAnd Query



# 1\_SoftAnd query = OR query



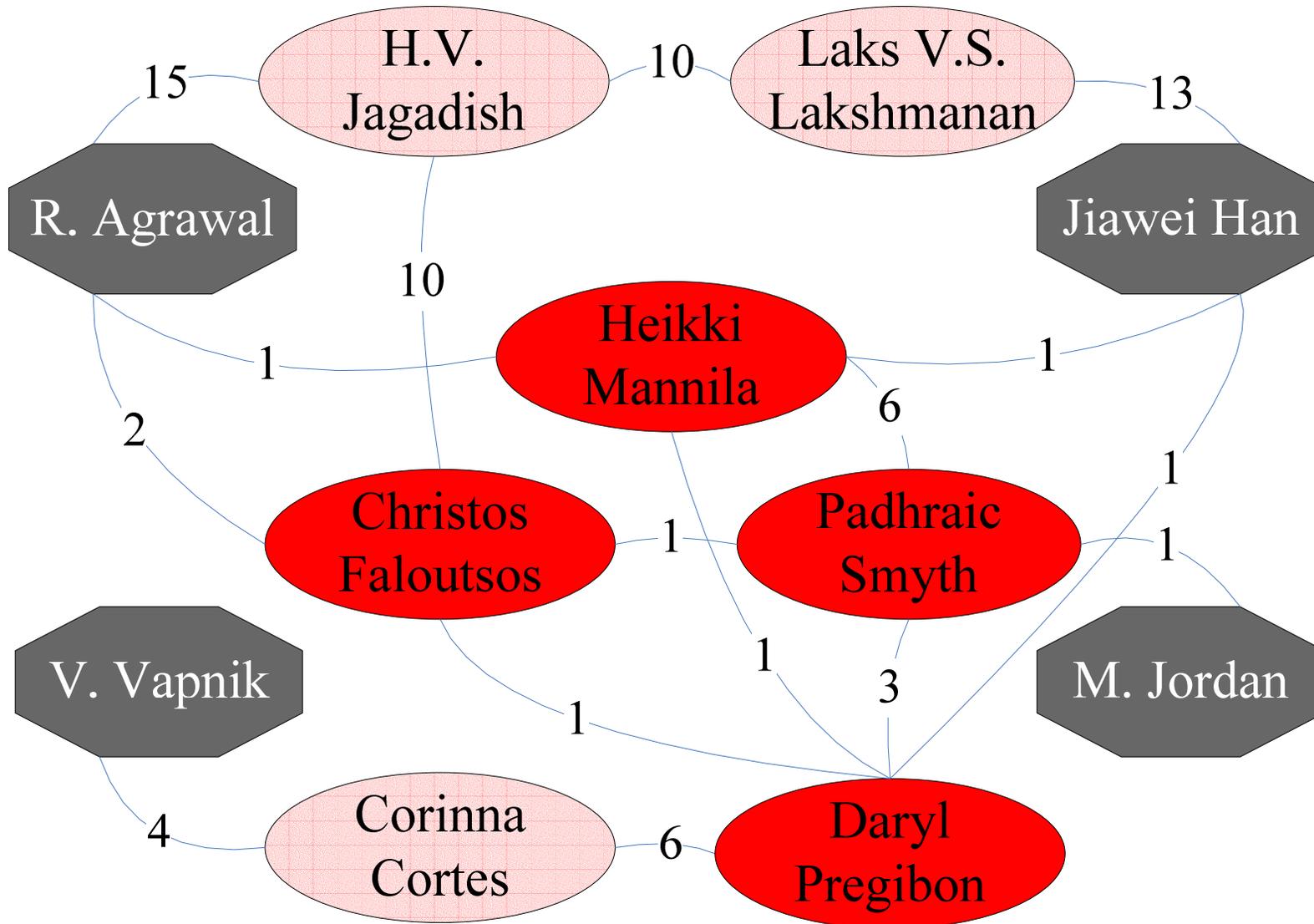


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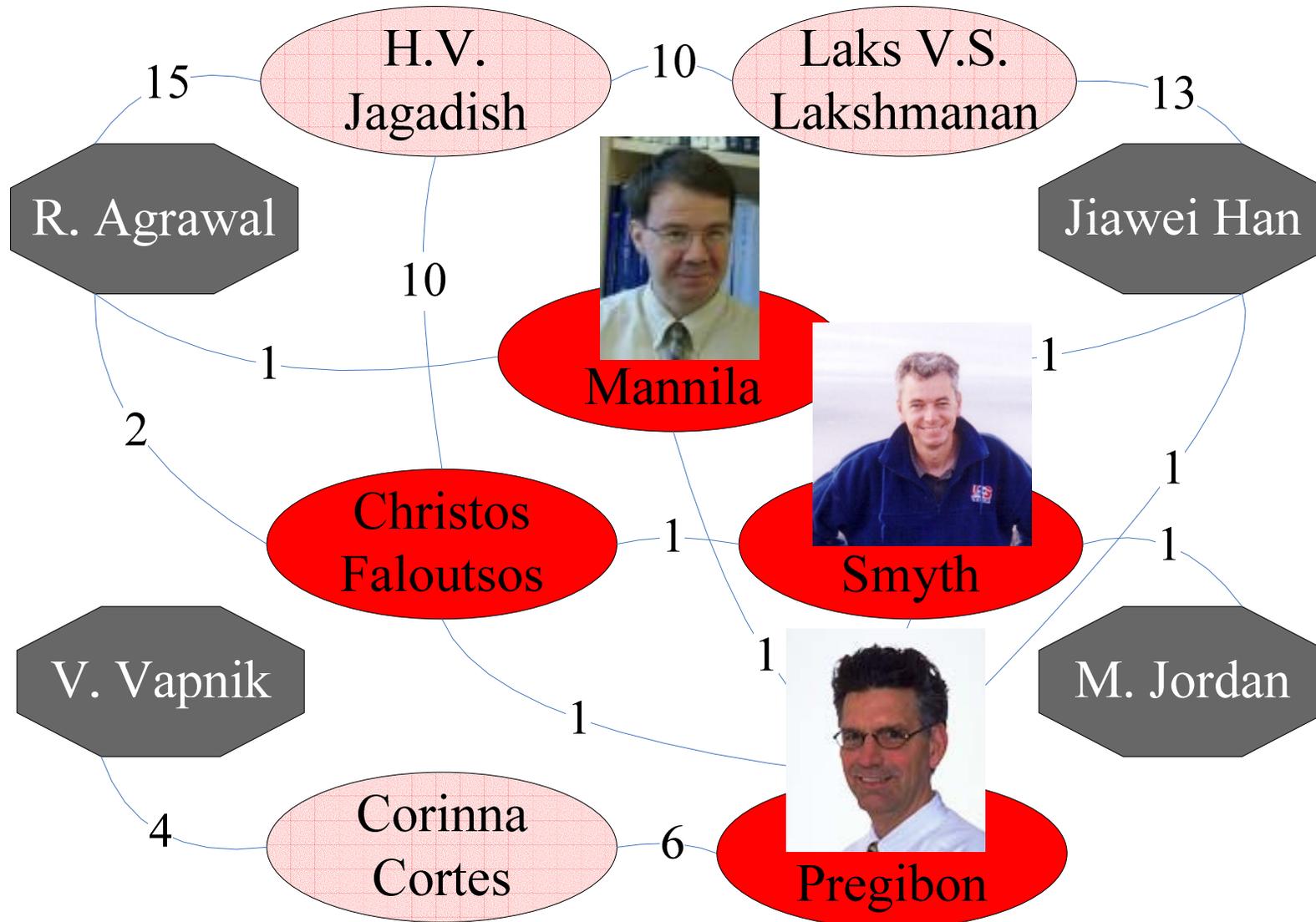


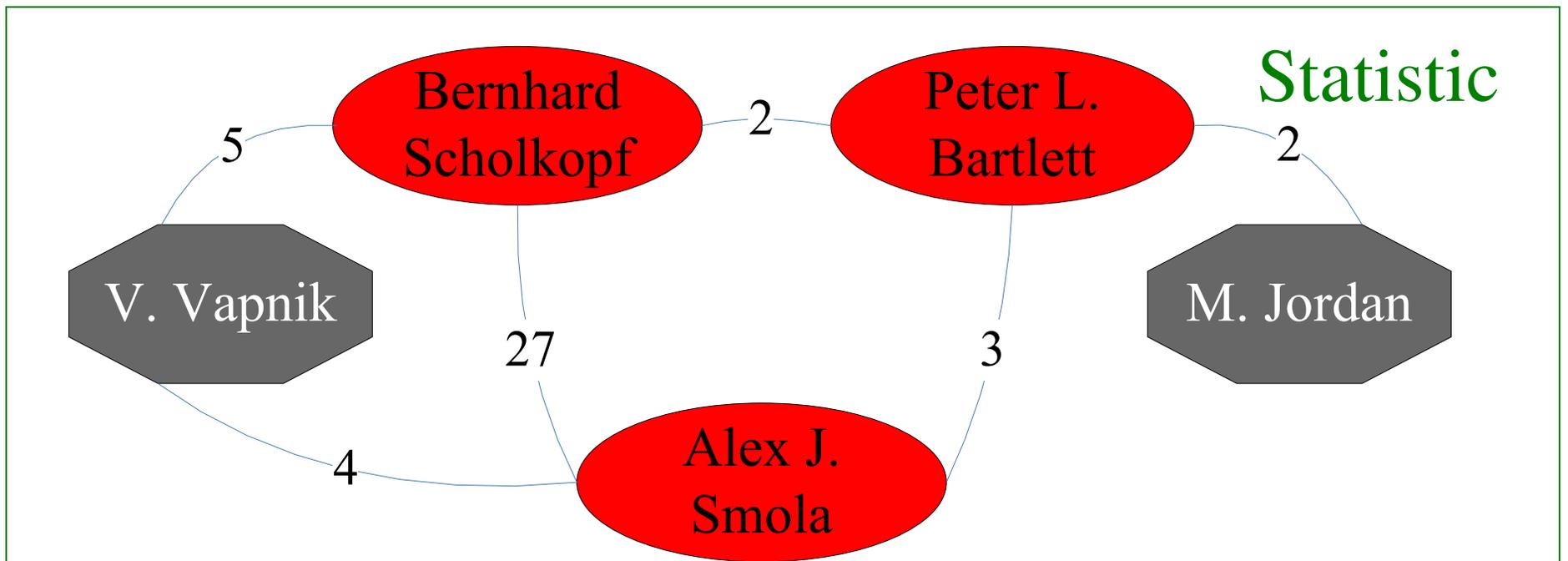
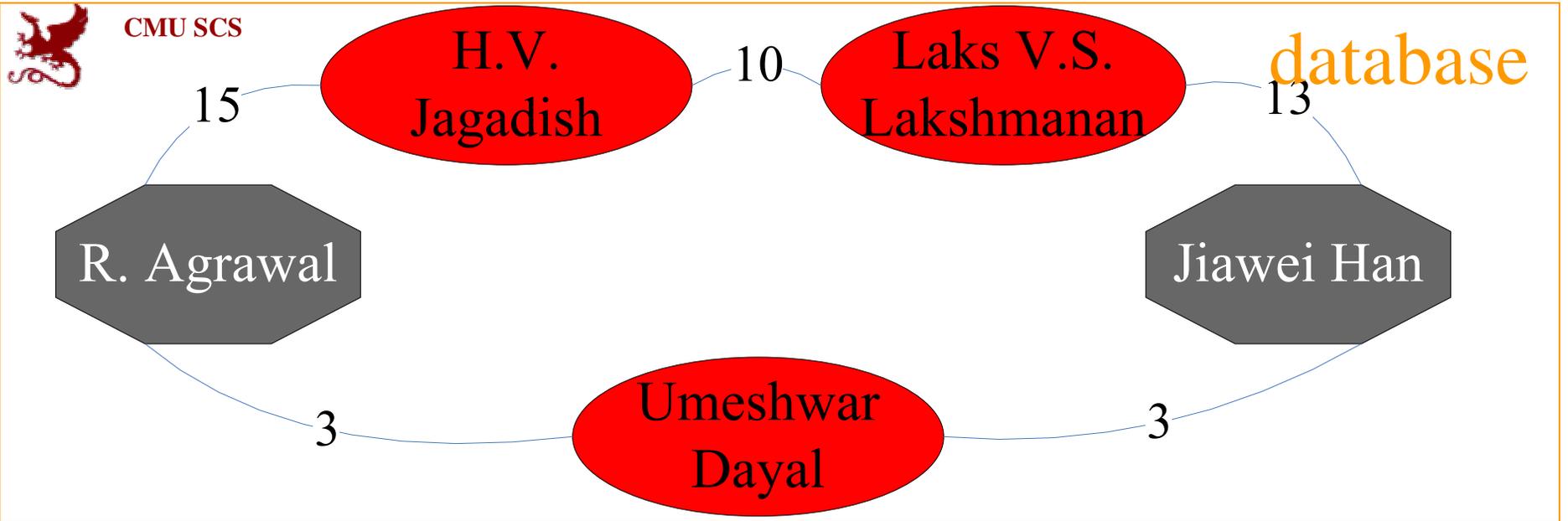
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2\_SoftAnd query



# Conclusions

Proximity (e.g., w/ RWR) helps answer  
'AND' and 'k\_softAnd' queries