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# Weakest link clusters and convex geometries: an ordinal framework

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# Historic Intro to weakest link clusters

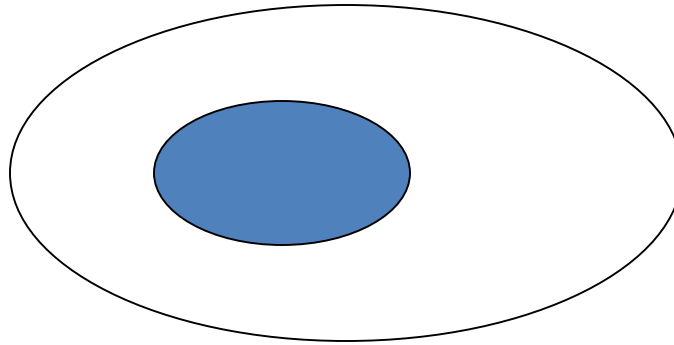
- **Joseph Mullan** (1976 in Russian)
- **Ilya Muchnik and Co (1980-1990 in Russian)**  
applied to organization structure, to consensus ordering etc.
- **Boris Mirkin, Ilya Muchnik (1997, 2002) –**  
some mathematics
- Similar work:
  - **Vladimir Batagelj (2002 and later – a special case, package Pajek for graph structure analysis)**
  - others

# Outline: 1<sup>st</sup> part, 2d part

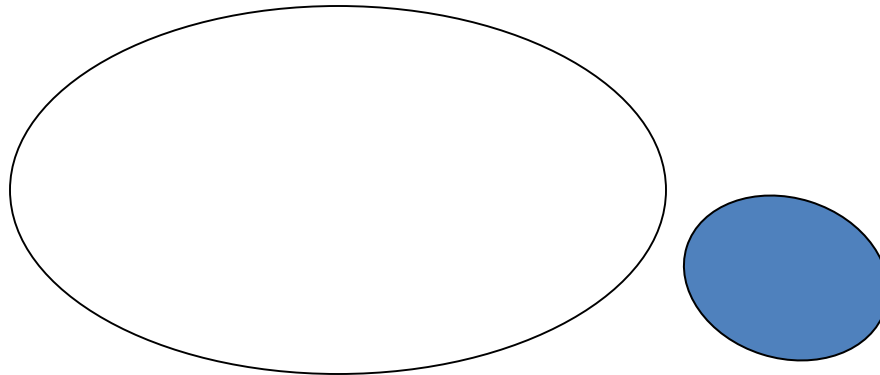
- Monotone linkage and tightness functions
- Shell layered clusters
- Serial partitioning algorithm
- Constrained shell layered clusters
- Monotone linkage and hereditary set-to-subset mapping
- Interior set system and Convex geometry
- Conclusion

# Single cluster

- Core: **today**



- Anomalous: **yesterday**



# Monotone linkage function $\pi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{S})$

Inner:  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{S}$

- $\text{in}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{S}) = \sum_{j \in \mathbf{S}} g_{kj}$  – incidence number [ $G = (g_{kj})$  square graph incidence or rectangular context 1/0 matrix]
- $\text{in2}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{S}) = \sum_{j \in \mathbf{S}} g_{kj} \sum_{t \in I} g_{jt}$  – second degree incidence number
- $\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{S}) = |\cup_{j \in \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{k}} \Gamma_j - \Gamma_k|$  – # complementary attributes/control functions

**Monotone increasing:**

$$\pi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{S}) \leq \pi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{S} \cup \mathbf{T})$$

# Monotone linkage function $\pi(k, S)$

Outer:  $k \notin S$

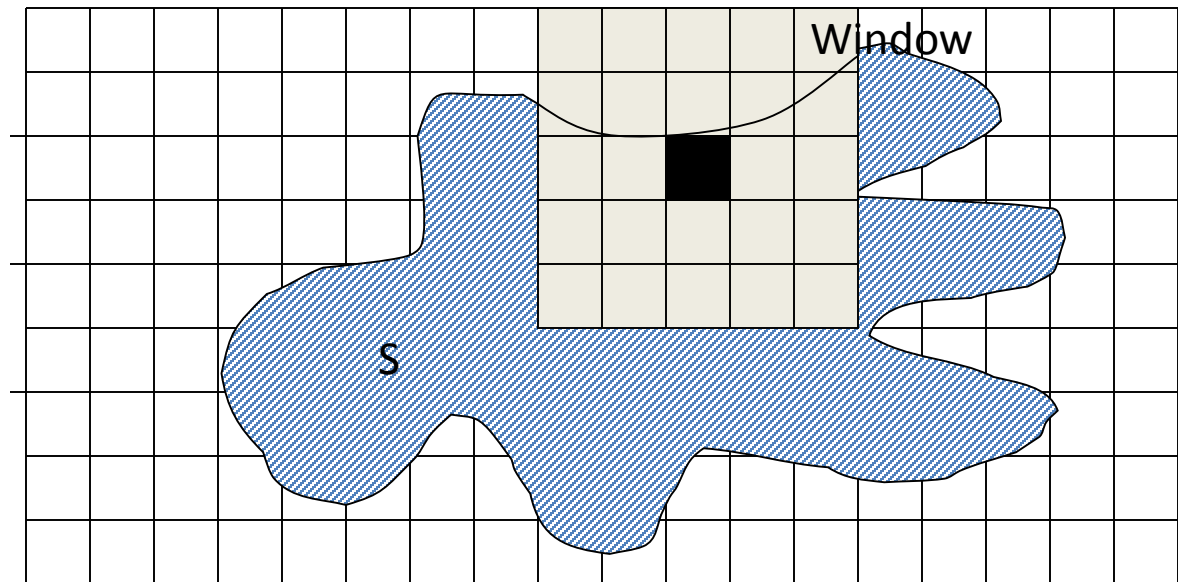
- $L(k, S) = \min_{j \in S} d_{kj}$  single linkage
- $MI(k, S) = \sum_{v \in V} \min_{j \in S} |x_{kv} - x_{jv}| / |V|$  - average minimum difference

Monotone decreasing:

$$\pi(k, S) \geq \pi(k, S \cup T)$$

# Linkage function at an image

Linkage: count of pixels in  $S \cap \text{Window}$





# Four monotonicity classes

Range Monotonicity	Inner	Outer
Growing	I stick to	
Falling		

Define  $G(S)=F(I-S)$ : dual  
inner- outer properties

# Tightness function

- Given a monotone increasing  $\pi(k, S)$ , its **Tightness (Weakest Link)** function

$$F_{\pi}(S) = \min_{k \in S} \pi(k, S)$$

**Quasi-Convexity property**

$$F_{\pi}(S \cup T) \geq \min [F_{\pi}(S), F_{\pi}(T)]$$

# Tightness function and quasi-convexity

$$F(S \cup T) \geq \min [F(S), F(T)]$$

Given a quasi-convex set function  $F(S)$ , define

$$\pi_F(k, S) = \max_{k \in T \subseteq S} F(T)$$

which is monotone increasing

**Theorem (A. Malishevski 1986, 1998).**

**Duality:**  $F_{\pi_F} = F$

**Weakest link mechanism to generate all the quasi-convex functions: but HOW? No generator is known.**

# Weakest link core cluster

Given a monotone increasing  $\pi(k, S)$ ,

its **Weakest Link** cluster is **S** maximizing

$$F_{\pi}(S) = \min_{k \in S} \pi(k, S)$$

**Not practical:** Given a quasi-convex  $F(S)$ , its maximizer is a Weakest Link cluster

Define  $P_A(S) = 1$  if  $S = A$ ,  $P_A(S) = 0$ , otherwise:

$P_A(S \cup T) \geq \min [P_A(S), P_A(T)]$ . **Yet HOW can one find the maximizer of  $P_A$  without enumerating all?**

# Shelled core cluster

- **F-Pattern S definition:**

$$F(S) > F(S') \text{ if } S' \cap I-S \neq \emptyset$$

- **Patterns are chain nested**
- **If F is a tightness function, its minimum pattern is the largest maximizer of F**

# Serialization algorithm for pattern finding I

$$M(S) = \{k: \pi(k, S) = \min_{j \in S} \pi(j, S)\}$$

$$T := 0; M := \emptyset$$

$$1. T := T + 1, I := I - M$$

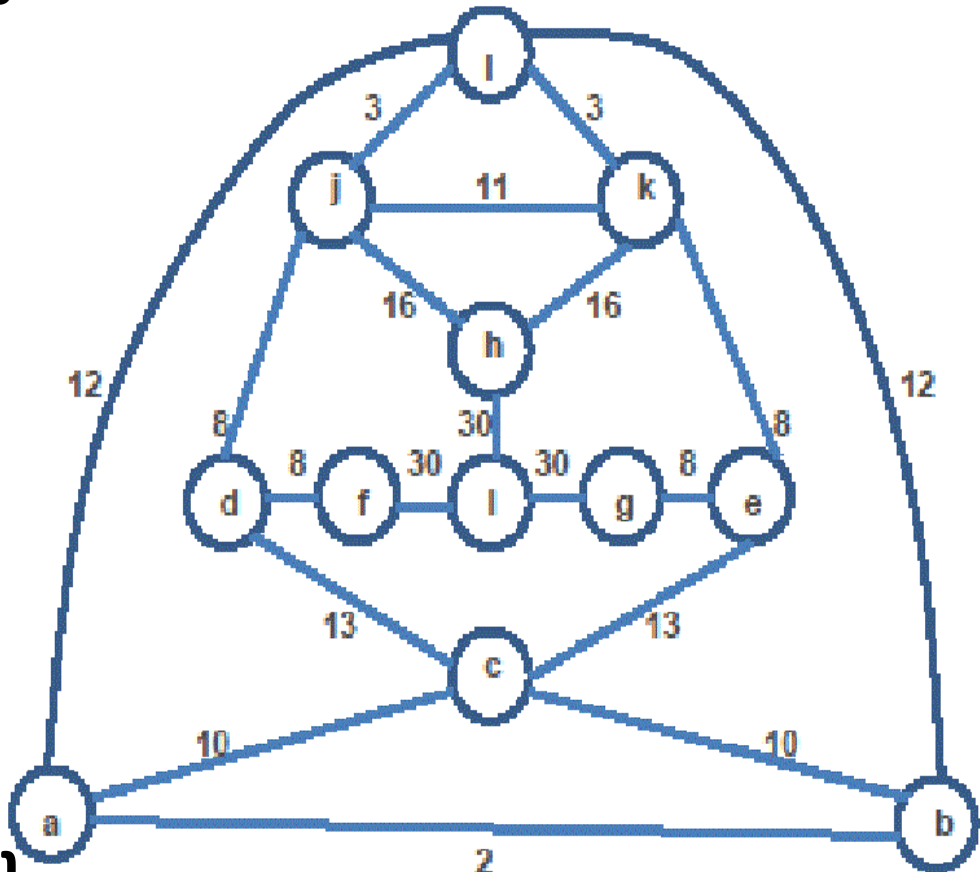
$$2. S_T = M(I);$$

$$M := M(I); I := I - M$$

3. If  $I = \emptyset$ , end;  
else go to 1

**Output:**

series  $SS = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_K\}$



**PATTERN = Final\_SS\_Fragment\_At\_Max\_π\_Value**

# Serialization algorithm for pattern finding II

$$\pi(k,S) = \sum_{j \in S} A(k,j)$$

$$S_1 = M(I_1) = \{a, b\} \text{ at } \pi = 24$$

$$S_2 = M(I_2) = \{l\} \text{ at } \pi = 6$$

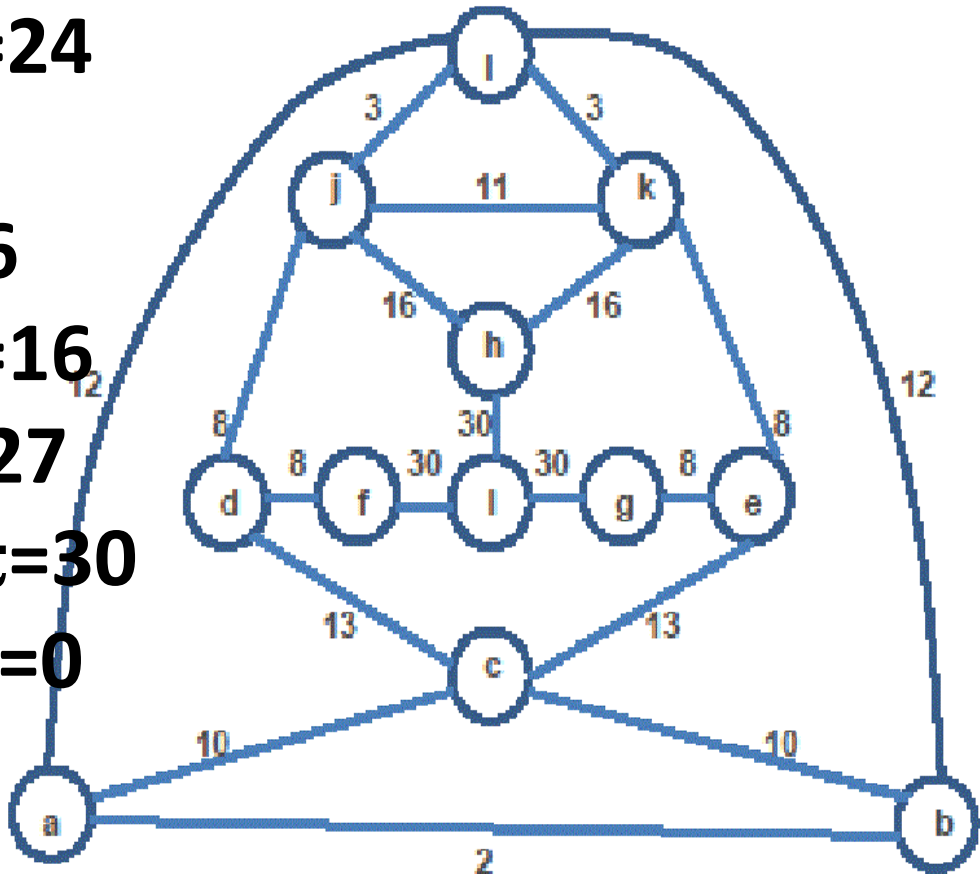
$$S_3 = M(I_3) = \{c\} \text{ at } \pi = 26$$

$$S_4 = M(I_4) = \{d, e\} \text{ at } \pi = 16$$

$$S_5 = M(I_5) = \{j, k\} \text{ at } \pi = 27$$

$$S_6 = M(I_6) = \{f, g, h\} \text{ at } \pi = 30$$

$$S_7 = M(I_7) = \{i\} \text{ at } \pi = 0$$



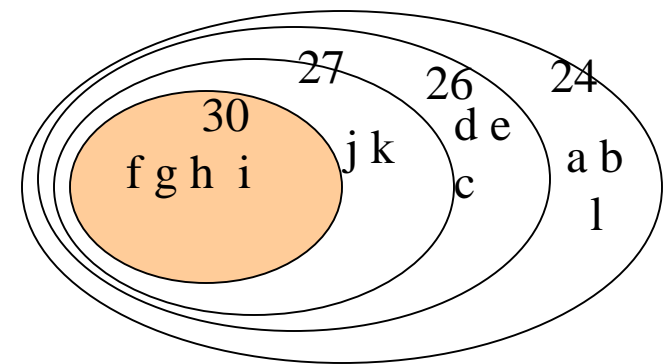
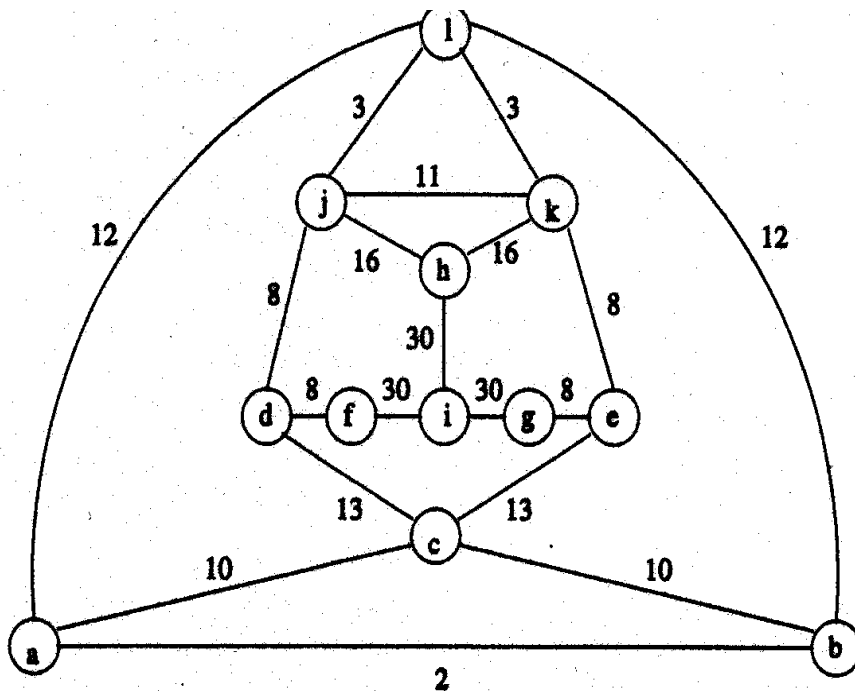
Shelled core cluster

$$P1 = fghi^{30}; \quad P2 = fghijk^{27}; \quad P3 = fghijkdec^{26}; \quad P4 = i^{24}$$

# Structural model: shelled core

- Shelled core:

$$(ab)^{24}(l)^6(c)^{26}(de)^{16}(jk)^{27}(fgh)^{30}(i)^0$$





# Added constraints brought in by external forces

- Monotone linkage function  $\pi(k, S)$
- Monotone external force linkage function  $d(k, S)$
- ◆ Constraint  $d(k, S) \leq u$  (“oversensitive” are not feasible) brings forth mapping

$$\psi_u(S) = \{ k : d(k, S) \leq u \} \text{ (assume not empty!)}$$

- ◆ Tightness constrained:

$$F_{\pi u}(S) = \min_{k \in \psi_u(S)} \pi(k, S)$$

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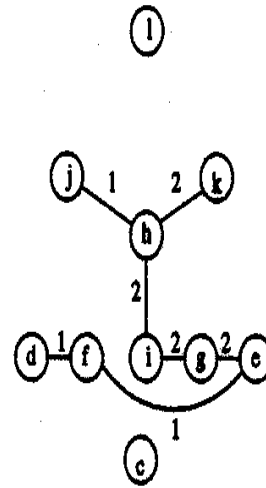
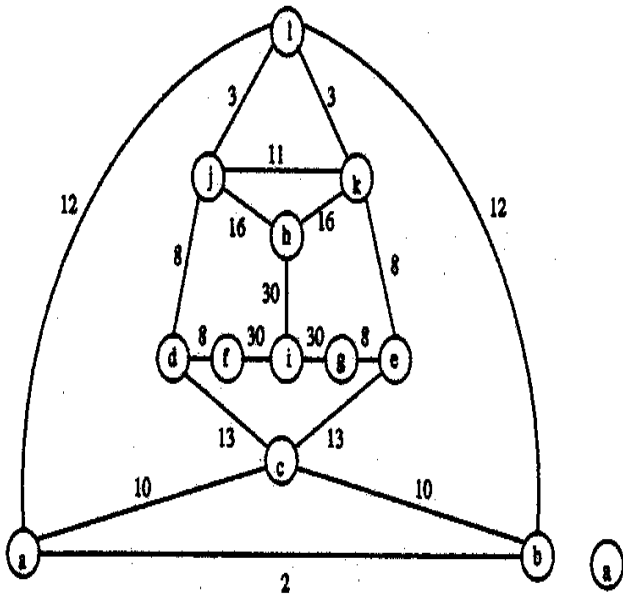
◆ Change  $\pi(k, S)$ :

$$\pi'(k, S) = \begin{cases} \pi(k, S) & \text{if } d(k, S) \leq u \\ \pi(k, S) + C & \text{if } d(k, S) > u \end{cases}$$

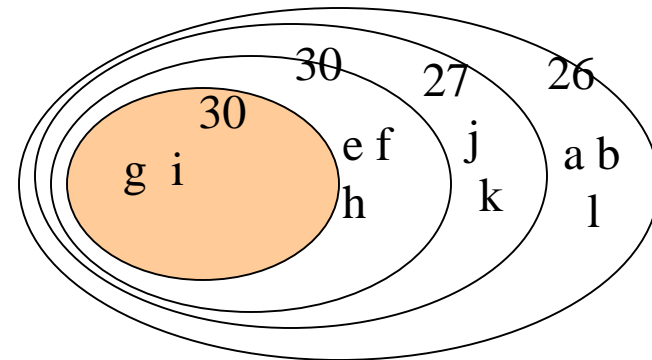
◆  $F_{\pi_u}(S) = F_{\pi'}(S)$

# Added constraints brought in by

external forces:  $d(k,S) = \sum_{j \in S} h_{kj} \leq 2$



(b)



◆ Shelled core under the constraint

# Conclusion 1

## Concepts considered

- Monotone linkage function:  $I \times 2^I \Rightarrow R$
- Tightness function/Weakest link:  $2^I \Rightarrow R$
- Quasi-convexity property
- Greedy-wise finding the shelled core
- Constraints defined by another monotone linkage function