Network analysis with Pajek

Short description:

This is a short (10 hours) introductory course to Network analysis with freely available computer program Pajek. It will include both theoretical concepts and practical exercise. The following topics will be covered: Introduction to networks, network analysis and Pajek software; Explorations and decompositions of networks, identifying important vertices, Community detection, Blockmodeling. Due to the short nature of the course, all topics will covered on a very introductory level, but nevertheless, after the course, students will be able to perform basic network analysis.

Prerequisites:

- No prior knowledge is assumed
- For the practical part, students should have computers with Pajek installed. Pajek can be downloaded from: http://mrvar.fdv.uni-lj.si/pajek/
- Pajek is a Windows program. For instructions on installing it on running it on linux or mac see:
 - o Running Pajek on MAC
 - o Running Pajek on Linux
 - o Running Pajek on Linux64

Book:

de Nooy, W., Mrvar, A., and Batagelj, V. (2018): Exploratory Social Network Analysis with Pajek: Revised and Expanded Edition for Updated Software. Third Edition. New York: Cambridge University Press. http://mrvar.fdv.uni-lj.si/pajek/be3.htm

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