PROJECT PRESENTATION

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

- We have in a database all transactions between addresses and all transactions between actors from the beginning of bitcoin to the beginning of 2021 (We can get 2022)
- Choose and obtain a small subset of this network that you consider interesting
 - Around a particular transaction (illegal activity ...)
 - About some actors
 - About a period
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PROJECT OBJECTIVE

- Apply tools your learned about during the class to better understand this network
- Write a report about what you learnt, and what you could learn with more time/data
 - If possible, a single Jupyter notebook with code and text
 - A separate report in PDF is also possible if relevant

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

- Recommendations:
- I recommend to limit yourself to a few thousand nodes, and less than 10.000 edges (filtering). Comparing a few graphs of this size can be relevant.
- The goal of the project is to interact!
 - Ask me if something is possible, how to do it... we are doing the project together.

DATA DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY OFTHE PROCESS

- I. Run a Bitcoin Node to download the full Blockchain
 - =>January 2021: **366 Go**
- 2. Use a tool (bitcoin-etl) to extract transactions as .json files
 - =>Until January 2018: **862G**
 - =>Total: **1.5 To**
- 3. Use co-spending heuristic to identify clusters
- 4. Use <u>walletexplorer.com</u> data to identify clusters of large actors
- 5. Create an Actor to Actor transaction records

ACTOR TO ACTOR TRANSACTION RECORDS

- Each transaction has a single actor in input
- It can have one or several actors in output.
 - Actors are identified by their names
 - Clusters are identified by an integer
 - Singleton addresses are identified by their address

SOME IDEAS

ONCHAIN ACTIVITY ANALYSIS EXAMPLE

Transfer (€)

Traditional Bank

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	deposited	processed 2/10/20	17		
	Operations				
	Account	Name	Amount	Date	2
	available	operation	+75.00 €	2/10/2017 - 3:28 PM	
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2) Initial Bitcoin purchase (trading)

📀 bought	0.05423052 btc for	r	921.99€	average	filled	2/10/2017

"Trading"

🔮 sold	0.07130000 btc	for	1,059.00€	average	filled	2/22/2017
✤ bought	0.07136414 btc	for	1,008.91€	average	filled	2/18/2017
✤ sold	0.07400000 btc	for	980.17 €	average	filled	2/18/2017
o bought	0.05076142 btc	for	985.00€	average	filled	2/17/2017
🔮 sold	0.02600000 btc	for	975.01€	average	filled	2/16/2017

Offchain

How it works (probably)

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- The exchange company owns a stock of Bitcoin
- It maintains a list of customer accounts, and how much each customer owns at time t
- When customer c1 buys btc to a customer c2, change in the internal database of the company (scripture)
 - Goal: no transaction fees, easier to manage
- The company itself certainly buy and sell on the market to ensure liquidity
 - Success=more customers who want to buy=>need to provide fresh coins
 - Need of buying/selling on the blockchain
- The company needs enough reserve since customers can order bitcoin transactions from their (*virtual*) account to a *real bitcoin wallet*

1,974.99 € average

	timestamp	sender	receiver	value	date	alue_btc
619503540	1495929670	-192947146	Paymium.com	4276511	2017-05-28 00:01:10	0.042765
619622208	1495940615	35172026	Paymium.com	21408870	2017-05-28 03:03:35	0.214089
619627952	1495940615	36676998	Paymium.com	1278580	2017-05-28 03:03:35	0.012786
619641058	1495941084	320110	Paymium.com	2889754	2017-05-28 03:11:24	0.028898
619678 <mark>4</mark> 70	1495946218	234	Paymium.com	5000000	2017-05-28 04:36:58	0.500000
61972 <mark>0</mark> 731	1495953357	21	Paymium.com	50000000	2017-05-28 06:35:57	5.000000
61972 <mark>4</mark> 954	1495954071	Popniex.com	Paymium.com	90000000	2017-05-28 06:47:51	0.900000
6197;4802	1495953492	15195288	Paymium.com	563100	2017-05-28 06:38:12	0.005631
6197 <mark>-</mark> 2071	1495956403	32328334	Paymium.com	30000000	2017-05-28 07:26 43	3.000000
6197 9598	1495956760	Bit tamp.net	Paymium.com	50000000	2017-05-28 07:32 40	5.000000
619773769	1495962103	Poloniex.com	Paymium.com	5990000	2017-05-28 09:01.43	0.059900
6198 <mark>2</mark> 3537	1495968880	Poloniex.com	Paymium.com	299990000	2017-05-28 10:54 40	2.999900
6198 <mark>:</mark> 4805	1495969178	-193097249	Paymium.com	5000000	2017-05-28 10:59 <mark>3</mark> 8	0.050000
6198 <mark>:</mark> 6324	1495969665	-193098289	Paymium.com	501097	2017-05-28 11:07 <mark>:</mark> 45	0.005011
619859643	1495972870	Eittrex.com	Paymium.com	99900000	2017-05-28 12:01:10	0.999000
61987 536	1495971407	-193116479	Paymium.com	4113900	2017-05-28 11:36: 7	0.041139
619874781	1495972455	5224442	Paymium.com	1373550	2017-05-28 11:54:15	0.013735
619877 <mark>.</mark> 24	1495973819	-193121122	Paymium.com	365283	2017-05-28 12:16:5	0.003653
619880471	1495972455	-193122823	Paymium.com	59539	2017-05-28 11:54:15	0.000595
619880482	1495972455	-193122827	Paymium.com	58606	2017-05-28 11:54:15	0.000586
619882043	1495973387	Paymium.com	16096	620000	2017-05-28 12:09:47	0.006200
619882044	495973357	Paymium.com	222	6800000	2017-05-28 12:09:47	0.068000
		(53 to	otal)		V

0.05417748 btc

Paymium on-chain activity on 2017-05-28

5/28/2017

filled

9:23GMT+1

Hard to say what it corresponds too... But my exact transaction is not there

Sending 0.005 btc from Paymium exchange to my personal wallet

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G	transferred	0.00500000 btc	۲	processed	2/10/20
	Hach	1421109bof5645booc667c11f099257202c	2017-02-10 10:49		
	Hash	1431198bet5645bcce667c11f988257292c	2017-02-10 19:48		
		1FNhjTqbogGenAtiVn 0.03000000 BTC 🌐 🔹 🔶	1FBov1eSTzbEWFhNP 0.04811430 BTC		
		1FNhjTqbogGenAtiVn 0.29980000 BTC 🌐	1FnJ7ifPVs6pVzPAHj 0.15385554 BTC		
		1ChT8jHwnu28S8Gse 0.00552015 BTC 🛡	1PLS2uFx9RCXj6y7o 0.03240000 BTC		
		134JTcD1rwYzf3mJh 0.01066365 BTC 🛡	1JPDfDbpYu7ZMN54 0.11000000 BTC 🛡		
		1F2DnSngMqhx3Bc5t 0.00102304 BTC 🖤	1Acehkhv2vRYE8JUY 0.10000000 BTC		
		1PmJouprMuWvnuz1 0.00060627 BTC	125UVAGTHgRpUWu 5.00000000 BTC		
		1CNKsJdKEGAfk7A6 0.02800000 BTC 🖤	1LCy45fGKy5DDyLX7 0.19080000 BTC		
		1Jv324ZskcMwVaHo 0.04971298 BTC 🛡	1JQAJC1as3zqGvh3R 0.10780000 BTC 🛡		
		1Jv324ZskcMwVaHo 0.02700664 BTC 🏶	1uQWT55a31oXbG7y 0.06000000 BTC 🏶		
		1FyJw1oF7ojJVfb 200.00000000 BTC 🌐	1AtG2dZL2QT9Anob 0.26000000 BTC 0		
		Load more inputs (1 remaining)	19P2i6fCFLyhsZWVd 0.05476170 BTC		
			1NAr6doa9jzdAtjfcED 0.00100000 BTC		
			1GZjj8XvbdVvMgiSm 0.21500000 BTC 🛡		
			32SRuobXXWbxRYeLt 0.11180000 BTC		
			1DtnwrYpuj2AviHBKL 0.31386546 BTC 🖤		
			1007416878 BTC		
			1X9rcMVx8SvZ5uPz 0.00500000 BTC 🙂		
			1Hxm69vGPXrGu7kB 0.01000000 BTC		
			1CEoEkc1xzb5mBhpa 0.00547958 BTC 🖤		
			3ErsNJgohjZ9DeJcz 0.56630000 BTC 🖤		
			13sSQcEjasD7S5PZn 0.01185000 BTC 🖤		
			17McVX1jhiEMg5Mnt 0.85516806 BTC 🖤		
			1LHY6mAeqHVYbpZ 0.37096600 BTC 🖤		
			15Gw27cNPkqgUxqe 0.26954988 BTC 🖤		
			15wgdrhi64ZuV8QY 0.26955280 BTC 🖤		
			1KbB2KsEV2wUkAAx 0.10780000 BTC 🖤		
			1Bjkr17q2TF37nvTdC 1.00000000 BTC #		
			16zFtGxAF7RWNpZAy 0.10712284 BTC 🖤		
			14qiXwDXJLUM5P7h 0.04280000 BTC 🖤		
			1FyJw1oF7ojJVfbM 193.37661929 BTC 💭		
	Fee	0.00150000 BTC (55.310 sat/B - 13.827 sat/WU - 2712 bytes)	+0.00500000 BTC		



The exchange do not write on-chain transaction for each custom activity, but instead factorize them. It reduces individual transaction fees. Same for inputs. Note the <u>change address</u> with a large amount

Sending back **0.001** from Wallet to Paymium Exchange

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What happens with coins sent at this address?



"My" coins have been spent the same day, and not by me! =>INdh... Is not "my" address, it's paymium's address. It's just that when coins are sent to this address, Paymium *credit* my customer account of the same amount.

Using my wallet coins to buy some real things (Amazon gift card)

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PAYMIUM ACTIVITY

Dayly sent/received amounts in btc



Dayly sent/received amounts in \$



Cumulative of the difference between amounts received and sent (Btc owned)



SILK ROAD

Silk Road was a website infamous for illegal product selling (drugs, etc.)

Daily transactions Amounts (btc)

Top 10 actors who Sent/Received the most to/from Silk-Road



(Mostly	SilkRoadMarketplace ePay.info Instawallet.org Bitcoin.de-old Bitstamp.net-old 10666 89090 363 BTC-e.com-old LocalBitcoins.com-old	6.393444e+06 5.057304e+05 1.785853e+05 6.506796e+04 4.965712e+04 4.130923e+04 3.998100e+04 3.533352e+04 3.511806e+04 3.451882e+04
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Some of the last transactions made by SR2... Same private Wallet, same amounts...

138077500	1415256435	SilkRoad2Market	35339862	1000000000	2014-11-06 06:47:15	2014-11-06
138081140	1415256435	SilkRoad2Market	35339862	1000000000	2014-11-06 06:47:15	2014-11-06
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138082206	1415256435	SilkRoad2Market	35339862	5000000000	2014-11-06 06:47:15	2014-11-06
138082248	1415256435	SilkRoad2Market	35339262	10000000000	2014-11-06 06:47:15	2014-11-06

And then...

	timestamp	sender	receiver	value	date	day
588090783	1492427923	35339862	-177532360	146799545224	2017-04-17 11:18:43	2017-04-17

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EXAMPLES FROM THE SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

EGO-CENTERED NETWORK

Wikileaks



Green in the center : wikileaks

A BITCOIN THEFT



MONEY LAUNDERING





Figure 2. Block diagram of a hypothetical Bitcoin mixing service

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ANALYSIS OF NETWORK PROPERTIES

