# **Bitcoin Transactions Network Analysis : Actors Identification and Predictions**

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# **Import packages**

### In [4]: **import** os **import** pandas **as** pd **import** numpy **as** np **import** networkx **as** nx **from** networkx **import** read\_graphml **import** matplotlib.pyplot **as** plt **import** seaborn **as** sns **from** operator **import** itemgetter **import** random **import** datetime **from** matplotlib.pyplot **import** figure **from** numpy **import** mean **from** cdlib **import** algorithms, viz, NodeClustering, evaluation

# **Import data**

http://cazabetremy.fr/Teaching/bitcoinClass/time\_split/year=2014/month=2/day=7/ [\(http://cazabetremy.fr/Teaching/bitcoinClass/time\\_split/year=2014/month=2/day=7/\)](http://cazabetremy.fr/Teaching/bitcoinClass/time_split/year=2014/month=2/day=7/)

The file imported corresponds to 7 February 2014. Format is "parquet".

- value: value in satoshi.
- time: timestamp of the transaction.
- src\_identity: source of the transaction.
- dst\_identity: destination of the transaction.
- PriceUSD: Value of a bitcoin in USD for that day.

The id of actors can be: a name (known actor), an integer (group of addresses, "wallet"), a bitcoin address (address belongs to no cluster).

7 February 2014 :

- Hacking day
- The victim of a massive hack, Mt. Gox lost about 740,000 bitcoins (6% of all bitcoin in existence at the time), valued at the equivalent of €460 million

#### **Setting our directory**

Muge directory

```
In [7]:
os.chdir(r'/Users/mugefirsat/Downloads')
        data = pd.read_parquet("7fev2014.parquet",engine='pyarrow')
```
Chloe directory

```
In [2]:
os.chdir(r'/Users/Daudenthun/Documents/M2/Network analysis/Data')
        data = pd.read_parquet("7fev2014.parquet",engine='pyarrow')
```
Louis directory

```
In [97]:
os.chdir(r'/Users/Louis/Downloads')
         data = pd.read_parquet("7fev2014.parquet",engine='pyarrow')
```
## **Data preparation**



```
Out[98]: (207116, 5)
```
The initial dataset is composed of 207 116 rows (transactions) and 5 columns (value, time, source, destination, priceUSD).

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For convinience, we reduce the length of addresses.

In [105]: data['Destination'] **=** data['Destination'].apply(**lambda** x: x[:20])

# **Data informations**

#### **Description of the transactions amount in dollar**



The average amount sent by transaction is 2 979 dollars with a median of 35 dollars, the minimal amount sent is 0 dollars and the maximal amount sent is 14 299 594 dollars. Just to recall that at this date, a bitcoin was worth 711.57 dollars.

#### **Sorted by amount**



Above, we can see the five most important transactions by amount. It's interesting to highlight that a transaction from Bitstamp.net-old to the public adsress "1GTPMZyBZidSwifYcdzHZhNzyMkJi7FZgy" and this same public adress send a large amount to another public address "1Gm8Ag9aVujX28Yc6mm5b8eNJKp5KjD6e".

#### **Distribution of values of transaction**

```
In [108]:
          ax = data["Dollar"].plot.hist(stacked=True, bins=100, color = "royalblue"
          ax.set_yscale("log") 
          plt.title("Distribution of transactions amount", size=15)
```
Out[108]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Distribution of transactions amount')



Distribution of transactions amount

Here we can see the distribution of the dollar amount for the transactions of the 7th of febuary 2014. They are concentrated between 0 and 2 000 000 dollars.

**Evolution of the number of transaction per hour**



Out[109]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Evolution of the number of Bitcoin transactions in tra day on 7 February 2014')



In [110]: print(data.groupby(data["Hour"])["Montant"].sum().describe().apply(**lambda**



The graphic below shows us the evolution of the number of Bitcoin intra day transactions on the 7 Feburary 2014.

Between 5am and 6am (between 05:00-06:59), the number of transactions skyrockets. At 6 am (between 06:00-06:59), a pick can be seen. Between 6 am and 9 am (between 06:00-09:59), the number of transactions increases and at 9am (between 09:00-09:59), one of the lowest transactions number is observed.

The avarage intra day transaction number is arround  $3.61 \times 10^{4}$ .

The lowest intra day transaction number that is  $1.29 \times 10^{6}$  and is observed at between 01:00-01:59.

# **Overall network**

Create an empty graph

In [195]: G **=** nx.Graph() Define edges and nodes In [196]: G **=** nx.from\_pandas\_edgelist(data, 'Source','Destination',["Dollar"]) Descriptive Informations In [197]: n **=** G.number\_of\_nodes() In [201]: print("Number of nodes :", str(n)) Number of nodes : 94539 Number of edges : 139161 Number of connected components : 4329 Density : 3.114082557957132e-05 avg degree: 2.943991368641513 Transitivity : 0.0012238298379050325 m **=** G.number\_of\_edges() print("Number of edges :", str(m)) print("Number of connected components :", str(nx.number connected com print('Density :', nx.density(G)) print ("avg degree: "+str(mean([n for n in dict(nx.degree(G)).value print('Transitivity :', nx.transitivity(G))

On the 7th of febraury 2014, there were 94 539 nodes and 139 161 edges on the bitcoin network. Recall that in our bitcoin network representation, an edge represents a trasaction. Moreover, a Bitcoin holder can send his/her Bitcoin(s) to multiple receviers. In that case, one transaction can generate multiple edges. In addition, people can make reccurent transactions or also multiple receivers transactions. For instance, if Alice sends x Bitcoin to Bob at 6am and Bob sends Alice z Bitcoin at 10pm, thiw will generate 2 transactions but only 1 edge, this is a recurrent transaction. If Bob sends x Bitcoin to Alice, Chloé, Louis and Müge at once, this will generate 5 transactions (1 change and 4 sending) but only 4 edges. Thus, if one trasaction had had only one sender and one recevier and a couple of sender/receiver would have realised only one transaction which each other, this would have lead to 94 539 (nodes)  $* 2 = 189 078$  edges. The fact that the number of edges are less than 189 078 underlines that there are transactions with multiple receviers and/or reccurent transactions.

The density which is the fraction of pairs of nodes connected by an edge was equal to 0,0000311.

The average degree was 2.94, in other words, on average one person has 2.94 neighbors.

The transitivity, or clustering coefficient, is the overall probability for the network to have adjacent nodes interconnected, thus revealing the existence of tightly connected communities, in our network this value was equal to 0.0012, which is close to 0.

--> The network is too heavy to plot, we will need to apply some filters to be able to plot it.

## **Filtrer le network**

In [202]: data.shape

Out[202]: (207116, 9)

**Study the network for different hours intervals**



Above we can see different caracteristics (nodes, edges, density, average degree etc...) of the network for different time slopes. For the folowing analysis we have decided to focus on the transactions that occur between 5:00am and 10:00am (not included) as it represented a peak of activity.

During the interval 5am to 10am, the network has 17 978 nodes and 23 105 edges. The density (fraction of pairs of nodes connected by an edge) was at his higher value, 0.000143.

# **Filters to apply (focus on 5am - 10am slope)**

As mentionned previously we need to apply some filters in order to reduce the size of the network.

#### **Filter to remove transactions with the same adress as source and destination**

With this filter we want to remove transactions that have the same adress as source and destination, which might be the change.

```
In [206]:
def filter_out_self_spending(data):
               return data[data["Source"]!=data["Destination"]]
          Data5_9 = filter_out_self_spending(Data5_9)
          Data5_9.shape
```

```
Out[206]: (25623, 9)
```
### **Filter to remove adresses which belong to no cluster**

We made the hypothesis taht people steal from known adresses but send to unkown addresses. Thus, we want to remove address that have a lenght superior to 20 characters but keep addresses with lenth superior to 20 characters (dst = false, because we do not want to remove unknown destination).

```
In [207]:
def filter_out_unique(data,src=True,dst=True):
               if src:
                   data = data[data["Source"].str.len()<20]
               if dst:
                   data = data[data["Destination"].str.len()<20]
               return data
          Data5_9 = filter_out_unique(Data5_9,src=True,dst=False)
          Data5_9.shape
```
Out[207]: (15242, 9)

#### **Filter to remove the integers which represent a group of adresses.**

With this filter we want to remove all transactions that belong to a group of addresses.

```
In [208]:
def filter_out_anonym_cluster(data,src=True,dst=True):
               if src:
                   data = data[~data["Source"].astype(str).str.isnumeric()]
               if dst:
                   data = data[~data["Destination"].astype(str).str.isnumeric()]
               return data
          Data5_9 = filter_out_anonym_cluster(Data5_9,src=True,dst=True)
          Data5 9.shape
```

```
Out[208]: (1276, 9)
```
#### **Filter to keep transactions with large amount**

With this filter we want to remove transactions where the amount sent is inferior to the median value (percentile  $= 50$ ).

```
In [209]:
def filter_out_trasactionD_percentile(data,percentile):
Out[209]: (638, 9)
               data = data[data['Dollar'] > np.percentile(data['Dollar'], percentile(data]
                return data
          Data5 9 = filter out trasactionD percentile(Data5 9.50)
          Data5 9.shape
```
#### **Filter to keep recurrent recipient**

With this filter we want to remove recipient that received Bitcoin from only source.

```
In [210]:
def filter_out_reccurent_recp(data):
Out[210]: (465, 9)
               grp = data.groupby('Destination')['Source'].count().reset_index()
               grp = grp[grp['Source']>1]
               id_list=list(grp['Destination'].unique())
               data = data[data['Destination'].isin(id_list)]
               return data
          Data5_9 = filter_out_reccurent_recp(Data5_9)
          Data5_9.shape
```
**Filter to remove transaction with a degree of 1**

```
In [211]:
def filter_out_self_spending(data):
               g = nx.Graph()
               g = nx.from_pandas_edgelist(data, 'Source','Destination',['Dollar'
               degree_dict = dict(g.degree(g.nodes()))
               degree_dict = dict(filter(lambda elem: elem[1] != 1, degree_dict
               id_list=list(degree_dict.keys())
               data = data[data['Source'].isin(id_list)]
               return data
```
In [212]: Data5\_9 **=** filter\_out\_self\_spending(Data5\_9) Data5 9.shape

```
Out[212]: (462, 9)
```
## **Define a new network ((focus on 5am - 10am slope)**

In [213]: G **=** nx.Graph() G **=** nx.from\_pandas\_edgelist(Data5\_9, 'Source','Destination',["Dollar"

### **Informations**

```
In [214]:
n = G.number_of_nodes()
          Number of nodes : 45
          Number of edges : 145
          m = G.number_of_edges()
          print("Number of nodes :", str(n))
          print("Number of edges :", str(m))
          print("Number of connected components :", str(nx.number_connected_com
          print ("avg degree: "+str(mean([n for n in dict(nx.degree(G)).value
          print('Density :', nx.density(G))
          print('Transitivity :', nx.transitivity(G))
```

```
Number of connected components : 1
avg degree: 6.444444444444445
Density : 0.14646464646464646
Transitivity : 0.35067437379576105
```
The filtered network has 45 nodes with 145 edges.

The density is equal to 0.1464, largely higher than the one obtain previously with the entire network, suggesting that there are more pairs of nodes connected between them.

The average degree is 6.44, in other words, on average one person has 6.44 neighbors, more than two times the average degree of the entire network.

The transitivity is equal to 0.305, largely higher than the one obtain previously with the entire network.

### **Plot the network**

The reduced network is vizualized below thanks to different methods.

- In  $[215]$ :  $\vert nx \cdot \text{draw\_networkx(G)}$ plt.title('Bitcoin network transaction from 5am to 10am on the 7th
- Out[215]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Bitcoin network transaction from 5am to 10am on th e 7th of february of 2014')

Bitcoin network transaction from 5am to 10am on the 7th of february of 2014





Out[224]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Bitcoin network transaction from 5am to 10am on th e 7th of february of 2014')

Bitcoin network transaction from 5am to 10am on the 7th of february of 2014

EclipseMC.com-old SlushPool.com-old2 KnCMiner.com GHash.io mining BitcoinFog P2uSPZnxxrka1ps29xWPandoraOpenMarket AgoraMarket BitPay.com-old HappyCoins.com BqnBBKJuKRmD1Rttplace BitBargain.co.uk SilkRoad2Market<br>ePay.info **BTCGuild.com** yccigEgnzNWiAU AnxParencem-of Bitcoin.de Vircurex.com Bitcoin de-old '7Z5Nb5J7CwBArx Cavirtex.com OrderBook.net Book.net<br>Bitfinex.**cBill-brockDRP-3RBaRelA**.com Jasim2TaG5HZrr7su Luno.com<br>
Eding Form Hugbi.com<br>
Cryptsy.com-old Cex.io Dagensia.eu Cryptsy.com-old Justcoin.com McxNOW.68fBniex.comptorush.in Crypto-Trade.com 1KW4Wmo2XBw8X2sYtWEq



Out[216]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Bitcoin network transaction from 5am to 10am on th e 7th of february of 2014')

Bitcoin network transaction from 5am to 10am on the 7th of february of 2014



### **Network Influencers**

### **Degree Centrality**

Degree centrality is a measure of the number of connections a particular node has in the network. It is based on the fact that important nodes have many connections.

```
In [217]:
          degree_centrality = nx.degree_centrality(G)
          dc = sorted(degree_centrality, key=degree_centrality.get, reverse=True
          dc
```
Out[217]: ['Bitstamp.net-old', 'AnxPro.com', 'CoinTrader.net', 'BTC-e.com-old',

```
 'ePay.info']
```
### **Eigenvector Centrality**

It not just assess how many addresses one is connected too, but the type of addresses one is connected with that can decide the importance of a node. It decides that a node is important if it is connected to other important nodes.

In [218]: eigenvector\_centrality **=** nx.eigenvector\_centrality(G) evc **=** sorted(eigenvector\_centrality, key**=**eigenvector\_centrality.get, evc

Out[218]: ['Bitstamp.net-old', 'BTC-e.com-old', 'ePay.info', 'AnxPro.com', 'CoinTrader.net']

#### **Betweenness Centrality**

The Betweenness Centrality quantifies how many times a particular node comes in the shortest chosen path between two other nodes. The nodes with high betweenness centrality play a significant role in the communication/information flow within the network. The nodes with high betweennesss centrality can have strategic control and influence on others.

Visualization of the network such that the node color varies with "Degree" and node size with "Betweenness Centrality".



Out[219]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Bitcoin network transaction from 5am to 10am on th e 7th of february of 2014')

Bitcoin network transaction from 5am to 10am on the 7th of february of 2014



We obtain the following labels of nodes with the highest betweenness centrality.



#### **Conclusions : Degree centrality, Eigenvector centrality, Betweenness centrality**



### Out[221]: **Degree centrality Eigenvector centrality Betweenness centrality**



We can see that some nodes are common between Degree Centrality, which is a measure of degree, and Betweenness Centrality which controls the information flow. It is natural that nodes that are more connected also lie on shortest paths between other nodes. The node "Bitstamp.net-old" is an important node as it is crucial according to all three centrality measures that we had considered.

### **Network Structures**

In network theory, a "clique" is essentially defined on the social version of a clique : a set of nodes (addresses) that are completely connected by an edge to every other node in the set. It is then, a completely connected graph.

Simplest clique : an edge is the simplest clique possible

Simplest complex clique : 3 nodes fully connected : a triangle

# **Please do not run !**



```
In [136]:
Image(filename = PATH + "Capture.png", width=100, height=100)
```
Out[136]:



**Triangles**

Triangles correspond to the simplest complex clique.

### *Identify triangle relationships*

In the Bitcoin Transactions Network, each node has an associated address label. One potential application of triangle-finding algorithms is to find out whether a particular type of address is more likely to be in a triangle with one another.

```
In [137]:
from itertools import combinations
          # Define is_in_triangle()
          def is_in_triangle(G, n):
               """
              Checks whether a node `n` in graph `G` is in a triangle relatio
               Returns a boolean.
               """
               in_triangle = False
               # Iterate over all possible triangle relationship combinations
               for n1, n2 in combinations(G.neighbors(n), 2):
                   # Check if an edge exists between n1 and n2
                   if G.has_edge(n1, n2):
                        in_triangle = True
                        break
               return in_triangle
          is_in_triangle(G, "Bitstamp.net-old")
```
Out[137]: True

```
In [138]:
for node in sorted(list(G.nodes())[:10]):
               x = is_in_triangle(G, node)
              if x == True:
                   print(f'\{node\}: \{x\}')
```

```
1P2uSPZnxxrka1ps29xW: True
AnxPro.com: True
BTC-e.com-old: True
Bitstamp.net-old: True
CoinTrader.net: True
Coins-e.com: True
Cryptsy.com-old: True
LocalBitcoins.com-ol: True
Luno.com: True
Poloniex.com: True
```
#### **Find nodes involved in triangles**

We can then use a function to extract all of the nodes involved in a triangle relationship with a given node (address).

```
In [139]: |# Write a function that identifies all nodes in a triangle relation.
         def nodes_in_triangle(G, n):
           """
             Returns the nodes in a graph G that are involved in a triangle
               """
              triangle_nodes = set([n])
              # Iterate over all possible triangle relationship combinations
              for n1, n2 in combinations(G.neighbors(n), 2):
                   # Check if n1 and n2 have an edge between them
                   if G.has_edge(n1, n2):
                      # Add n1 to triangle_nodes
                     triangle nodes.add(n1)
                      # Add n2 to triangle_nodes
                      triangle_nodes.add(n2)
               return triangle_nodes
         nodes in triangle(G, "AgoraMarket")
```
Out[139]: {'AgoraMarket', 'BTC-e.com-old', 'BitcoinFog', 'SilkRoad2Market'}

#### *Find open triangles*

Identify whether a node is present in an open triangle with its neighbors.

```
In [140]:
# Define node_in_open_triangle()
          def node_in_open_triangle(G, n):
              "" "" ""
              Checks whether pairs of neighbors of node `n` in graph `G` are
               """
               in_open_triangle = False
               # Iterate over all possible triangle relationship combinations
               for n1, n2 in combinations(G.neighbors(n), 2):
                   # Check if n1 and n2 do NOT have an edge between them
                   if not G.has_edge(n1, n2):
                        in_open_triangle = True
                       break
               return in_open_triangle
          # Compute the number of open triangles in T
          num_open_triangles = 0
          # Iterate over all the nodes in T
          for n in G.nodes():
               # Check if the current node is in an open triangle
               if node_in_open_triangle(G, n):
                   # Increment num_open_triangles
                   num_open_triangles += 1
          print(f'{num_open_triangles} nodes in graph G are in open triangles
```
28 nodes in graph G are in open triangles.

### **Maximal Cliques**

Maximal cliques correspond to clique that cannot be extended by adding another node in the graph.



For example, the sub-clique of the 3 green nodes can be extended by one blue node to form a large clique.

As such, these 3 green nodes do not form a maximal clique in the graph.

The 4 nodes connected as a clique together cannot be extended and still remain a clique, as the remaining node is not fully connected to the other four nodes.

As such, these 4 nodes constitute a maximal clique.

NetworkX provides a function that allows you to identify the nodes involved in each maximal clique in a graph: nx.find cliques(G).

```
In [142]:
# Define maximal_cliques()
Out[142]: [['Bitstamp.net-old',
              'Bitcoin.de',
              'SilkRoad2Market',
              'AnxPro.com',
              'CoinTrader.net',
              'LocalBitcoins.com-ol'],
             ['Bitstamp.net-old',
              'BTC-e.com-old',
              'SilkRoad2Market',
              'AnxPro.com',
              'CoinTrader.net',
              'ePay.info'],
             ['Bitstamp.net-old',
              'BTC-e.com-old',
              'CoinTrader.net',
              'AnxPro.com',
              'Bitfinex.com-old2',
              'ePay.info']]
          def maximal_cliques(G, n):
                """
               Finds all maximal cliques in graph `G` that are of size `size`.
                """
               mcs = [] for clique in nx.find_cliques(G):
                    if len(clique) == n:
                        mcs.append(clique)
                return mcs
          maximal_cliques(G, 6)
```
### **Finding Cliques**

Cliques are "groups of nodes that are fully connected to one another", while a maximal clique is a clique that cannot be extended by adding another node in the graph.



#### **Finding important addresses**

Look at important nodes using of the degree centrality() and betweenness centrality() functions in NetworkX to compute each of the respective centrality scores, and then use that information to find the "important nodes".

In other words, here we investigate the addresses that have collaborated with the most number of addresses.



```
The most prolific address: ['Bitstamp.net-old']
```


Out[147]: 0.5

```
In [148]:
# Degree centrality of the different addresses
          deg_cent
```

```
Out[148]: {'Bitstamp.net-old': 0.5,
             'AnxPro.com': 0.4545454545454546,
             'CoinTrader.net': 0.4545454545454546,
             'BTC-e.com-old': 0.4545454545454546,
             'ePay.info': 0.4318181818181818,
             'Cryptsy.com-old': 0.38636363636363635,
             'LocalBitcoins.com-ol': 0.25,
             'SilkRoad2Market': 0.25,
             'Coins-e.com': 0.2272727272727273,
             'Bitfinex.com-old2': 0.20454545454545456,
             'Cex.io': 0.18181818181818182,
             'Bitcoin.de': 0.18181818181818182,
             'McxNOW.com': 0.1590909090909091,
             'BTCGuild.com': 0.1590909090909091,
             'Huobi.com': 0.1590909090909091,
             'CoinJar.com': 0.13636363636363635,
             'mining': 0.13636363636363635,
             'Poloniex.com': 0.11363636363636365,
           'Luno.com': 0.11363636363636365,
           'Kraken.com': 0.11363636363636365,
```
## **Community**

**Compute communities**

```
In [149]:
coms = algorithms.louvain(G, weight='weight', resolution=1., randomize
Out[149]: defaultdict(list,
                         {'Coins-e.com': [0],
                          'Cryptsy.com-old': [0],
                          'Poloniex.com': [0],
                          'Bitstamp.net-old': [0],
                          'BTC-e.com-old': [0],
                          'CoinJar.com': [0],
                          'McxNOW.com': [0],
                          'Bitfinex.com-old2': [0],
                          'Dagensia.eu': [0],
                          '1KW4Wmo2XBw8X2sYtWEq': [0],
                          'BTCGuild.com': [0],
                          'Cavirtex.com': [0],
                          'OrderBook.net': [0],
                          'Huobi.com': [0],
                          'Cryptorush.in': [0],
                          'Bitcoin.de-old': [0],
                          'Crypto-Trade.com': [0],
                          'Vircurex.com': [0],
                          'Justcoin.com': [0],
                          'AnxPro.com': [1],
                          '1P2uSPZnxxrka1ps29xW': [1],
                          'CoinTrader.net': [1],
                          'LocalBitcoins.com-ol': [1],
                          'Luno.com': [1],
                          'BitBargain.co.uk': [1],
                          'HappyCoins.com': [1],
                          'PandoraOpenMarket': [1],
                          '1H9Ugsim2TaG5HZrr7su': [1],
                          'BlueSkyMarketplace': [1],
                          '1AtEhqyccigEgnzNWiAU': [1],
                          '158dPP7Z5Nb5J7CwBArx': [1],
                          '14o678qnBDKJuKnmD1bt': [1],
                          'Cex.io': [2],
                          'ePay.info': [2],
                          'SilkRoad2Market': [2],
                          'Kraken.com': [2],
                          'Bitcoin.de': [2],
                          'BitPay.com-old': [2],
                          'BitcoinFog': [2],
                          'AgoraMarket': [2],
                          'mining': [3],
                          'EclipseMC.com-old': [3],
                          'SlushPool.com-old2': [3],
                          'KnCMiner.com': [3],
           coms.to_node_community_map()
```
#### **Set node attributes**

'GHash.io': [3]})

#### **Plot the communities**

On the following graph, each color represents a different community in the network.

- In [151]: viz.plot\_network\_clusters(G, coms) plt.title('Bitcoin network communities from 5am to 10am in the 7th
- Out[151]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Bitcoin network communities from 5am to 10am in th e 7th of february of 2014')

Bitcoin network communities from 5am to 10am in the 7th of february of 2014





Bitcoin network communities from 5am to 10am in the 7th of february of 2014



```
In [152]:
#from nxviz import CircosPlot
          #c = CircosPlot(G, node_color='coms', node_grouping='coms')
          #c.draw()
```
# **Betweeness & Page Rank**

### **Betweeness Centrality**

Betweenness is a measure of centrality based on shortest paths. The betweenness centrality for each node is the number of these shortest paths that pass through the node.

In [153]: betweenness\_dict **=** nx.betweenness\_centrality(G) nx.set\_node\_attributes(G, betweenness\_dict, 'betweenness') PageRank is an algorithm used by Google Search to rank web pages in their search engine results. It is a way of measuring the importance of website pages. PageRank works by counting the number and quality of links to a page to determine a rough estimate of how important the website is.

```
In [154]:
pagerank_dict = nx.pagerank(G)
          nx.set_node_attributes(G, pagerank_dict, 'pagerank')
```
#### **Top 5**

Below are the five most important nodes regarding their betweeness measure, suggesting that they are at the heart of the network.

```
In [155]: sorted_betweenness = sorted(betweenness_dict.items(), key=itemgette
         degree dict = dict(G.degree(G.nodes())
```

```
degree_dict = dict(filter(lambda elem: elem[1] != 1, degree_dict.it
```

```
In [156]:
top_betweenness = sorted_betweenness[:5]
```

```
for tb in top_betweenness: 
   degree = degree\_dict[tb[0]] pagerank = pagerank_dict[tb[0]]
   print("Name:", tb[0], "| Betweenness Centrality:", round(tb[1],
```

```
Name: ePay.info | Betweenness Centrality: 0.285989 | Degree: 19 |
Page Rank: 0.061687
Name: Bitstamp.net-old | Betweenness Centrality: 0.177125 | Degree
: 22 | Page Rank: 0.067274
Name: mining | Betweenness Centrality: 0.175476 | Degree: 6 | Page
Rank: 0.039888
Name: AnxPro.com | Betweenness Centrality: 0.151271 | Degree: 20 |
Page Rank: 0.063359
Name: CoinTrader.net | Betweenness Centrality: 0.151271 | Degree:
20 | Page Rank: 0.063359
```
## **Shortest path**

Pathfinding algorithms are important because they provide another way of assessing node importance.

To compute the average shortest path, we need to first compute the largest connected component, otherwise the distance is infinite between some nodes.

```
In [157]:
cc = G.subgraph(sorted(nx.connected_components(G), key=len, reverse=
           On average, the average number of steps along the shortest paths for all possible pairs
           of network nodes is 2.29. Diameter is the maximum distance between any pair of nodes,
           here it is 4.
In [158]:
print("nodes of highest degree:")
           We can see that the highest degree measure is achieved for "Bitstamp.net-old", this
           address is connected to 22 other nodes.
In [159]:
print("nodes of highest PageRank:")
           average shortest parth: 2.294949494949495
           Diameter : 4
           nodes of highest degree:
Out[158]: [('Bitstamp.net-old', 22),
            ('AnxPro.com', 20),
            ('CoinTrader.net', 20),
             ('BTC-e.com-old', 20),
             ('ePay.info', 19),
             ('Cryptsy.com-old', 17),
             ('LocalBitcoins.com-ol', 11),
             ('SilkRoad2Market', 11),
             ('Coins-e.com', 10),
             ('Bitfinex.com-old2', 9)]
           nodes of highest PageRank:
Out[159]: ['Luno.com',
             'Huobi.com',
             'Justcoin.com',
             'Cryptsy.com-old',
             'Kraken.com',
             'OrderBook.net',
             'Cryptorush.in',
             'Crypto-Trade.com',
             'Coins-e.com',
             'Poloniex.com']
           print ("average shortest parth: ", str(nx.average_shortest_path_leng
           print( 'Diameter :', nx.diameter(cc))
           sorted(nx.degree(G), key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)[:10]
           sorted(nx.pagerank(G), key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)[:10]
```
This would be the most popular addresses based on Page Rank algorithm.





# **Explore sub graphs : neighbours**

#### **Top 5 destinations by total amounts**





Nodes with at least 10 neighbors



```
ld', 'AnxPro.com', 'Cryptsy.com-old', 'LocalBitcoins.com-ol', 'BTC
-e.com-old'}
```
#### **BTC-e.com-old**

- In [163]: G\_btc\_old **=** nx.Graph() G\_btc\_old **=** nx.from\_pandas\_edgelist(Data5\_9[Data5\_9['Destination']**==**
- In [164]: nx.draw\_circular(G\_btc\_old, with\_labels**=True**, font\_weight**=**'bold')





In [165]: G\_bitstamp **=** nx.Graph() G\_bitstamp **=** nx.from\_pandas\_edgelist(Data5\_9[Data5\_9['Destination']**==**



# **Visualize network of transaction**

**For the reduced network**



Out[167]: Text(0.5, 0.98, 'Bitcoin Exchange Network')



**For the entire network**



Out[168]: Text(0.5, 0.98, 'Bitcoin Exchange Network')



# **GEPHI graph**

In [3]: **from** IPython.display **import** Image **from** IPython.core.display **import** HTML

Export to excel

In [5]: *# Data5\_9.to\_csv('for\_gephi.csv')*

Import image from gephi

# **Please do not run !**



Out[9]:



The graph above represents the reduced network. Nodes are highlithed regarding their degree. The node with the higher degree is Bitstamp.net-old.

## **Please do not run !**



The graph above represents the reduced network. Nodes are bigger regarding their degree, the color is then determined regarding their connected component. An address is sorted regarding its cluster coefficient, each color represent a different cluster.

# **Graph Learning**

**Link Prediction**

With Link Prediction, given a graph G, we aim to predict new edges. Predictions are useful to predict future relations or missing edges when the graph is not fully observed for example, or when new addresses join the network.

Link prediction for a new address would simple be a suggestion of a destination : addresses pairs.

In link prediction, we simply try to build a "similarity measure" between pairs of nodes and link the most similar nodes.

The question is consequently to identify and compute the right similarity scores.

Adamic-Adar index : for each common neighbor of nodes "i" and "j", we add 1 divided by the total number of neighbors of that node. The concept is that common elements with very large neighborhoods are less significant when predicting a connection between two nodes compared to elements shared between a small number of nodes. AA Intuition:

- A common node with ONLY them in common is worth the most
- A common node connected to everyone is worth the less
- The higher the size of its neighborhood, the lesser its value

Preferential attachment : every time a node join the network, it creates a link with nodes with probability proportional to their degrees. Score not based on common neighbors. PA Intuition:

- Assign different scores to nodes at network distance > 2
- Two nodes with many neighbors more likely to have new ones than nodes with few neighbors

### In [173]: **import** random

```
g = G
```

```
nb edges for training: 48
nb non-edges for training: 48
#We first sample existing edges as training examples 
training_sample_size=int(g.number_of_edges()/3)
all edges = \{frozenset((u,v)) for (u,v) in g.edges}
training_edges = random.sample(list(all_edges),training_sample_size)
#We then sample an equal number of pairs of nodes without edges
all_node_pairs= {frozenset((u,v)) for u in g.nodes for v in g.nodes
non_edges=all_node_pairs-all_edges
training non edges= random.sample(list(non edges),training sample s
print("nb edges for training: ",len(training_edges))
print("nb non-edges for training: ",len(training_non_edges))
```


### **Logistic Classifier**

• Value to predict : • 0 (no edge) • 1 (edge)

Minimize a cost function to find best parameters values.

Predict the most likely edges with the model.

### In [177]: **from** sklearn **import** linear\_model,tree

```
#We can now create and train a Logistic classifier
model = linear_model.LogisticRegression()
predictor = model.fit(features_positive+features_negatives,[1]*len(
```

```
#Let's now predict most likely edges to appear. We use predict_proba to have a score, instead of a simple edges/non -edges binary answer
nodePairs=[frozenset((u,v)) for u in training_graph.nodes for v in training_graph
prediction = predictor.predict_proba([[PA_as_dict[np],AA_as_dict[np]]
```

```
#We sort the predictions from most likely to least likely, and plot
prediction=pd.DataFrame({"nodePair":nodePairs,"score":[x[0] for x in
prediction = prediction.sort_values("score",ascending=False)
```
prediction.head(20)



**Decision Tree Classifier**





- Measure of heterogeneity (Gini, entropy…)
- Split recursively data in 2 to maximize homogeneity in child nodes

A classification tree learns a sequence of if then questions with each question involving one feature and one split point.

Plotting the tree. Can be read as follows (might be different if you re-run the code).

First, we observe at the top 48 positive examples and 48 negative examples. The first criterium is: if PA < 0.27, then predict no link. (44 negative examples, 21 positive ones).

It could potentially makes sense : high PA tends to be correlated with having edges

If PA is > 0.27, we have mostly positive examples, so we would tend to predict an edge.

If PA is  $> 0.7$  but AA  $\leq 1.362$ , then 20 of the training examples are negative, while only 16 are positive.

Although unintuitive, this can be understood as follows: if 2 Addresses are large (high PA) but have a moderate AA, then probably it means that they are not already connected. Thus it is unlikely that they will be connected in the future. We see the importance of Machine Learning here: it can discovert non-intuitive way to predict from data.

### **Graph Embedding**

One of the limitations of graphs is the absence of vector features. However, we can learn an embedding of the graph.

There are several levels of embedding in a graph :

- Embedding graph components (nodes, edges, features…) (Node2Vec)
- Embedding sub-parts of a graph or a whole graph (Graph2Vec)

#### **Node Embedding**

We will follow "Node2Vec", a paper that was published by Aditya Grover and Jure Leskovec from Stanford University in 2016. A. Grover, J. Leskovec. ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), 2016.

According to the authors, "node2vec" is an algorithmic framework for representational learning on graphs. Given any graph, it can learn continuous feature representations for the nodes, which can then be used for various downstream machine learning tasks.

The model learns low-dimensional representations for nodes by optimizing a neighborhood preserving objective, using random walks.

```
In [180]:
import networkx as nx
          from node2vec import Node2Vec
          # Create a graph
          graph = G
          # Precompute probabilities and generate walks
          node2vec = Node2Vec(graph, dimensions=64, walk_length=30, num_walks=
          # Embed nodes
          model = node2vec.fit(window=10, min_count=1, batch_words=4) # Any
```

```
HBox(children=(FloatProgress(value=0.0, description='Computing tra
nsition probabilities', max=45.0, style=Prog…
```
What can we do with this embedding ? One can for example identify the most similar node. It returns a list of the most similar nodes and the corresponding probabilities.

If the nodes have labels, we can train an algorithm based on the embedding and attach a label (node labeling, most similar node…).



#### **Edge Embedding**

Edges can also be embedded, and the embedding can be further used for classification.

```
In [187]:
# Embed edges using Hadamard method
          Generating edge features: 100%|
                  ███████████| 1035/1035.0 [00:00<00:00, 138410.43it/s]
          from node2vec.edges import HadamardEmbedder
          edges_embs = HadamardEmbedder(keyed_vectors=model.wv)
          # Get all edges in a separate KeyedVectors instance - use with caut.
          edges_kv = edges_embs.as_keyed_vectors()
```
Then, retrieve the vectors by specifying the name of the 2 linked nodes.

Again, we can retrieve the most similar edge, which can be used for missing edges prediction for example.



### **Nodes Classification**

Given a graph where some nodes are not labeled, we want to predict their labels. This is in some sense a semi-supervised learning problem.

One common way to deal with such problems is to make the assumption that there is a certain smoothness on the graph. The Smoothness assumption states that points connected via a path through high-density regions on the data are likely to have similar labels. This is the main hypothesis behind the Label Propagation Algorithm.

The Label Propagation Algorithm (LPA) is a fast algorithm for finding communities in a graph using network structure alone as its guide, without any predefined objective function or prior information about the communities.

## **Convolution Neural Networks (CNN)**

These are deep neural networks used to analyze image data. They solve image processing tasks.

CNNs structures share weights, local connections and consist of many layer stacked together. These structural properties of a CNN are also shared within a GNN.

The shared weight property is important in graphs as it leads to a reduction in the computation cost. Many layers stacked together are able to capture meaningful features in graphs networks. The existence of local connections are what graphs networks are all about. They are locally connected structures.