

Transportation Network Analysis

Connectivity Index

Connectivity – the relative degree of connectedness within a transportation network.

- High connectivity = low isolation, high accessibility.
- Low connectivity = high isolation, low accessibility.

Connectivity is a measure of accessibility *without* regard to distance.

- Places with high connectivity are often considered *important* since they are the best connected.

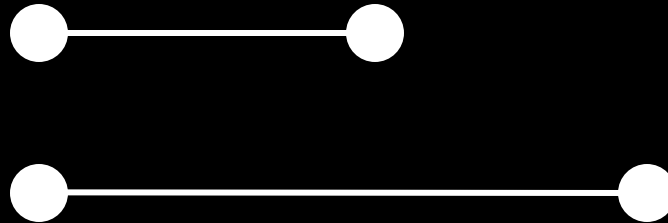
Connectivity Matrix

First must reduce the transportation network to a matrix consisting of ones (1) and zeros (0).

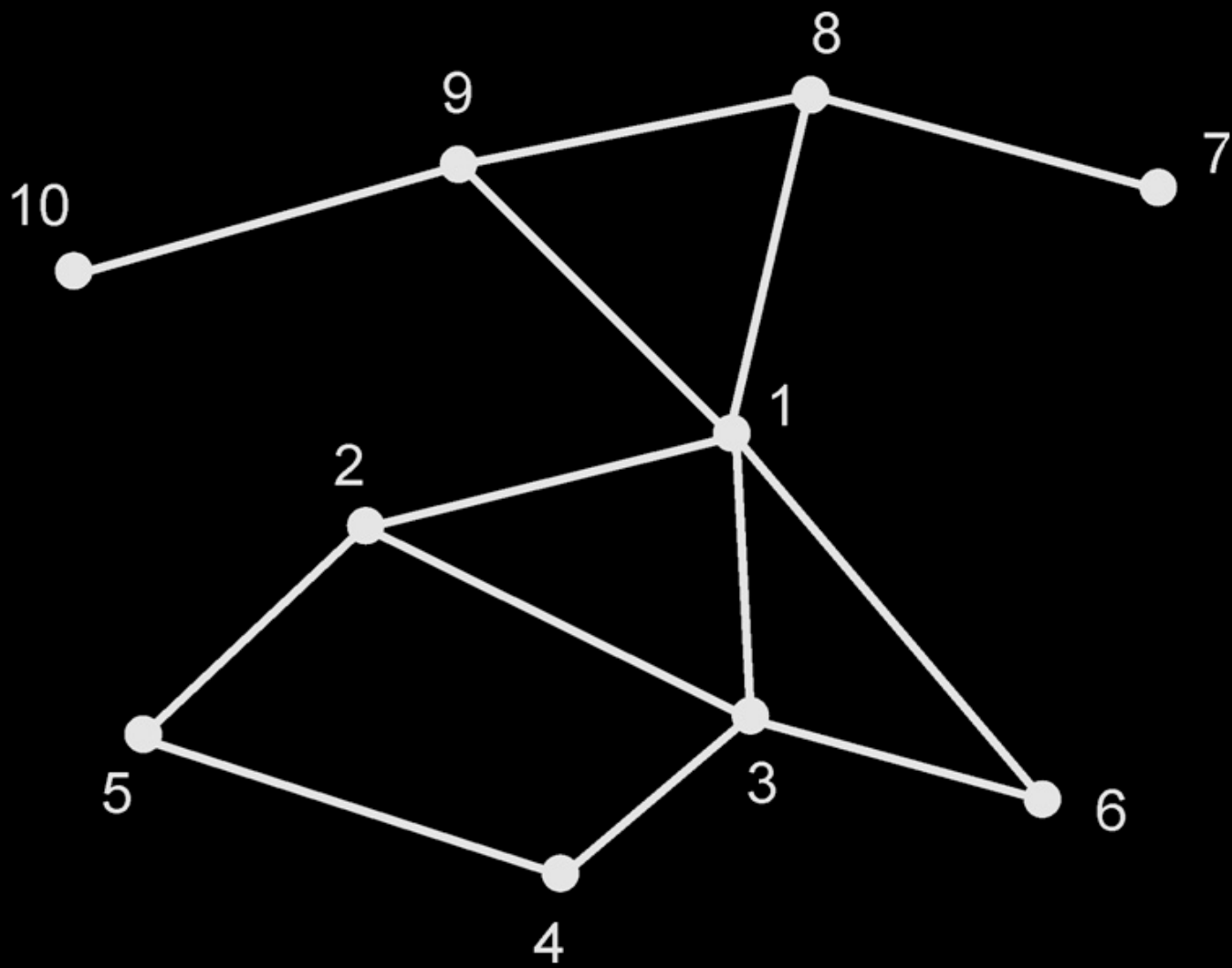
- If two locations (vertices) are directly connected by a link (edge), code with a 1.
- If two locations (vertices) are NOT directly connected by a link (edge), code with a 0.

Connectivity is based on topologic distance.

Topological distance – the number of direct connections or steps separating two nodes.

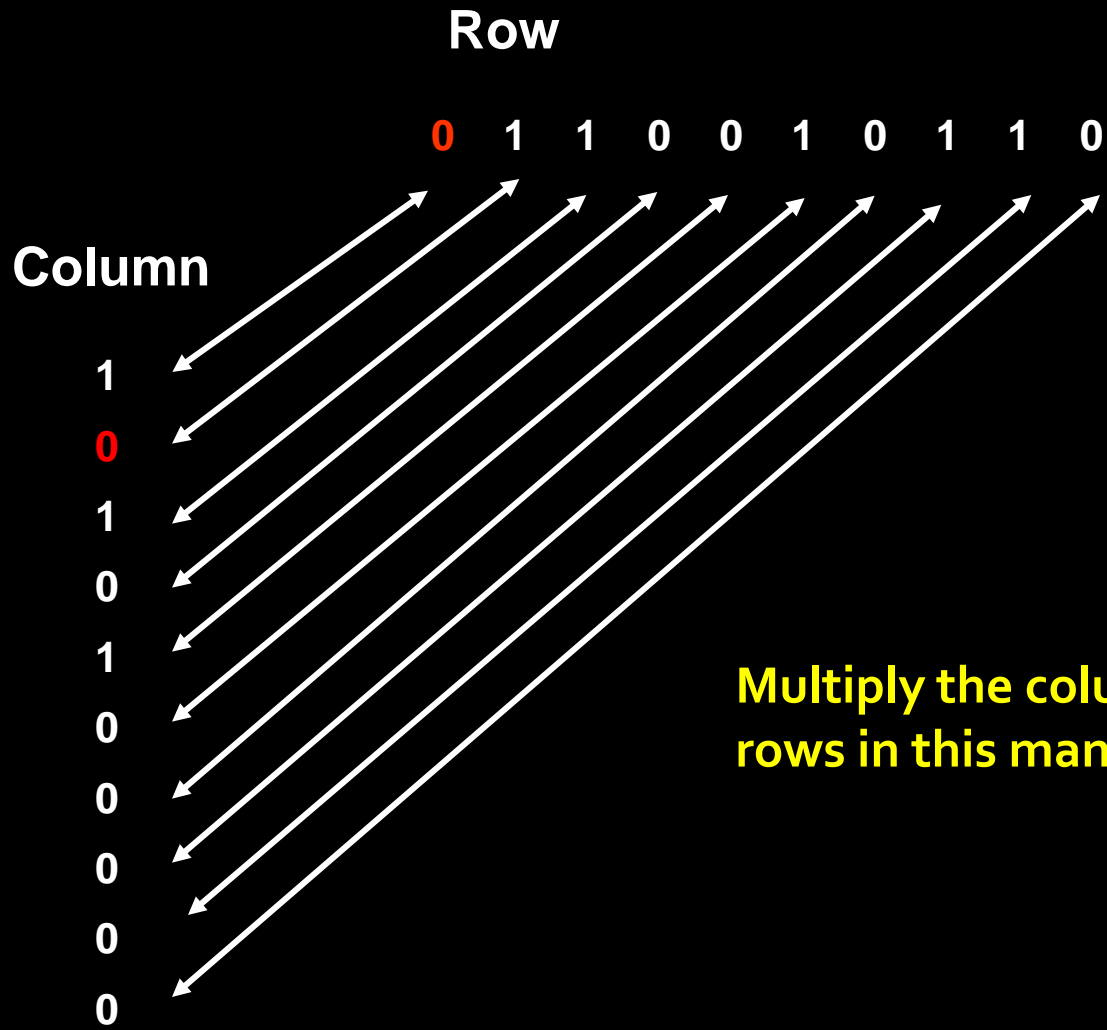


Both of these have a topological distance of **1**.



Transposing the matrix is done to account for flow in both directions.

- **A \longrightarrow B and B \longrightarrow A**



Multiply the columns and rows in this manner.

0
0
1
0
0
0
0
0
0
0

Then sum the column.

Sum = 1

This process is done for every dyad (cell) in the matrix.

The resulting matrix represents all possible 2-step combinations.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	3	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	0
3	2	1	4	0	2	1	0	1	1	0
4	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
6	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0
7	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
8	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	1
9	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	3	0
10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

The powered and original matrix are then added.

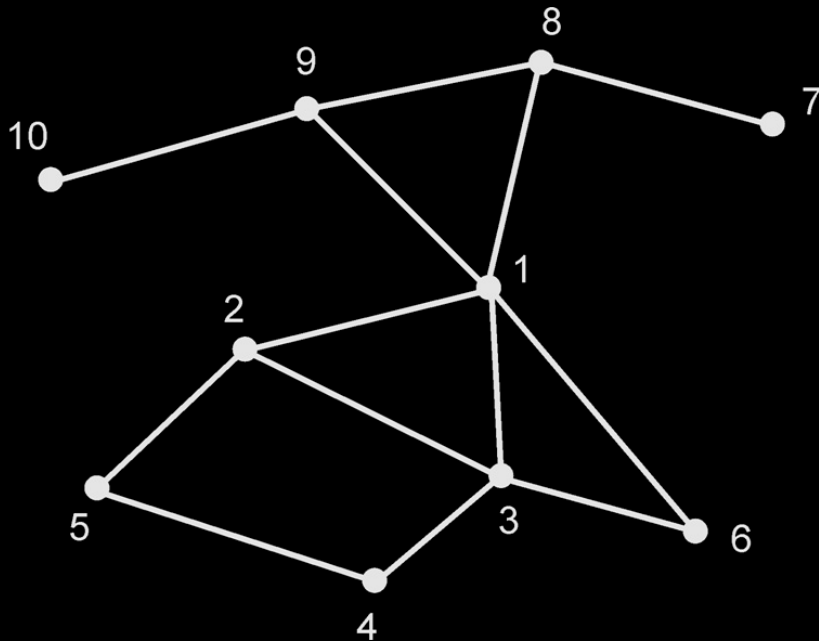
C¹ Matrix (Original)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
8	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

C² Matrix

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	3	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	0
3	2	1	4	0	2	1	0	1	1	0
4	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
6	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0
7	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
8	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	1
9	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	3	0
10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

This matrix now represents all ONE and TWO step routes. The new matrix is then powered again and the whole process is repeated.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	5	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	2	1
2	1	3	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	0
3	3	2	4	1	2	2	0	1	1	0
4	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
5	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
6	2	2	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	0
7	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
8	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	2	1
9	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	1
10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1

- The diagonal represents all routes from a vertex back to itself.
- **Matrix redundancy** – accounting for all routes with a matrix. Tends to inflate connectivity results and favors central positions.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	5	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	2	1
2	1	3	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	0
3	3	2	4	1	2	2	0	1	1	0
4	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
5	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
6	2	2	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	0
7	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
8	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	2	1
9	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	1
10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1

The powering and adding procedures continue until ALL zero (0) cells are filled.

The number of powering procedures needed to do this is termed the *diameter*.

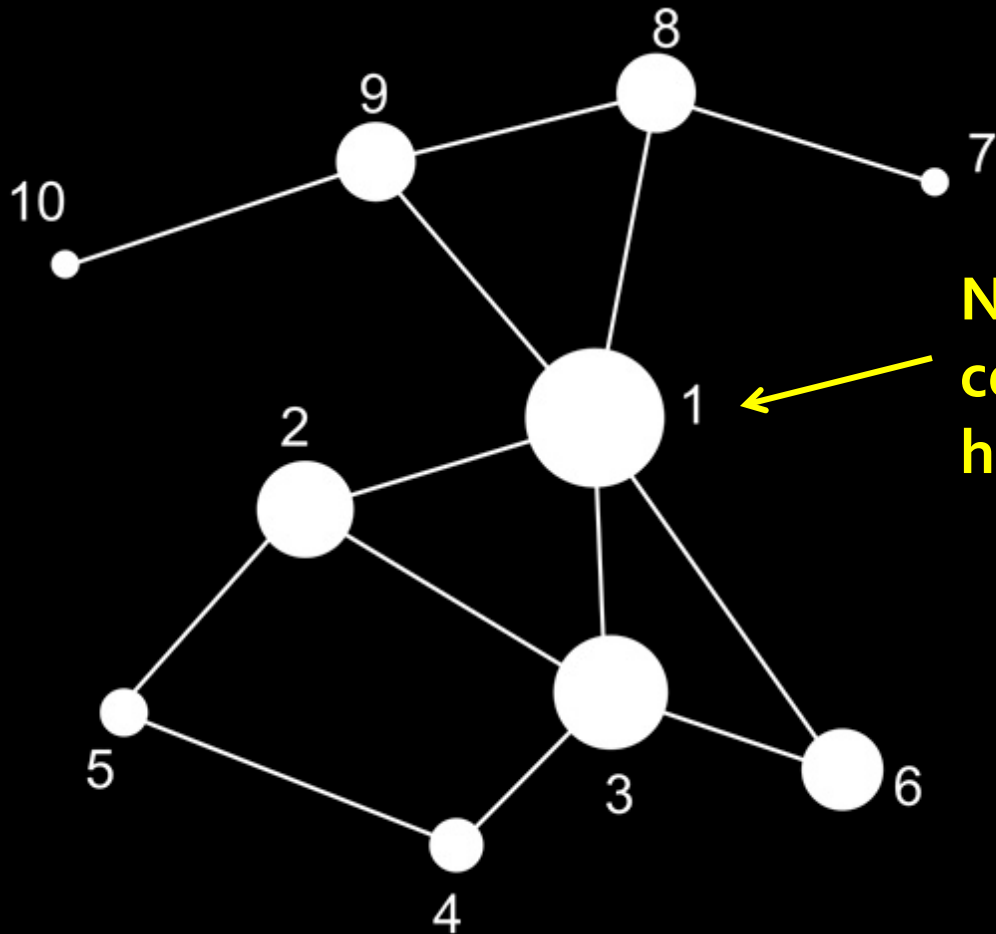
Diameter – the fewest number of step needed to connect the vertices which are the farthest apart topologically.

- Backtracking, detours, or loops are excluded.

The final matrix is termed the total connectivity matrix. Summing the rows gives the total connectivity for each vertex.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1	48	26	35	14	14	23	9	23	23	9	224
2	26	26	23	16	9	20	3	14	14	3	154
3	35	23	36	12	17	20	4	16	16	4	183
4	14	16	12	12	6	11	1	5	5	1	83
5	14	9	17	6	11	6	1	4	4	1	73
6	23	20	20	11	6	17	3	13	13	3	129
7	9	3	4	1	1	3	4	6	7	2	40
8	23	14	16	5	4	13	6	20	17	7	125
9	23	14	16	5	4	13	7	17	20	6	125
10	9	3	4	1	1	3	2	7	6	4	40

The total connectivity values can then be mapped to help determine theoretical isolation or accessibility levels.



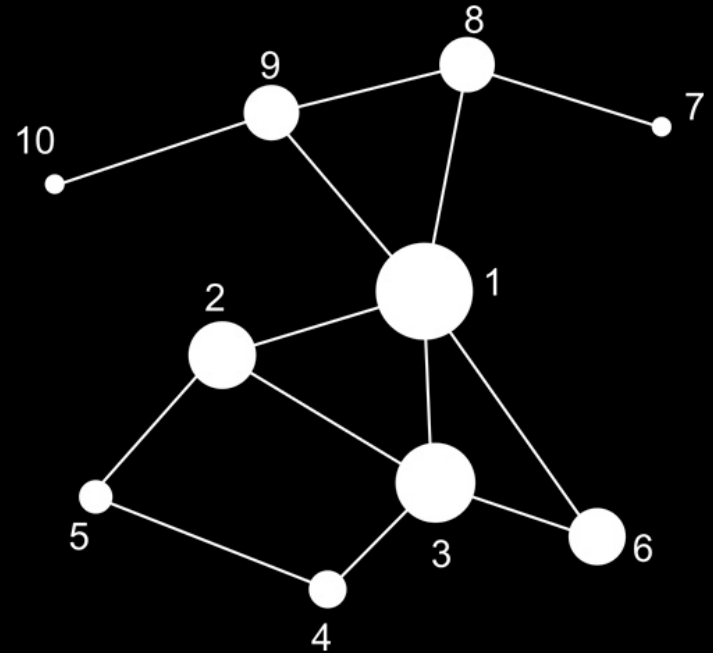
Note how the more central places have higher connectivity.

Therefore, connectivity is not only a measure of relative isolation, but also of *centrality*.

- **Higher connectivity locations are more centrally located.**
- **Remember that the centrality is in terms of topologic and not real-world distance.**

Network Measurements:

Vertices:	10
Edges:	13
Diameter:	4
Cyclomatic number:	4
Alpha:	0.11
Beta:	1.3
Gamma:	54.2



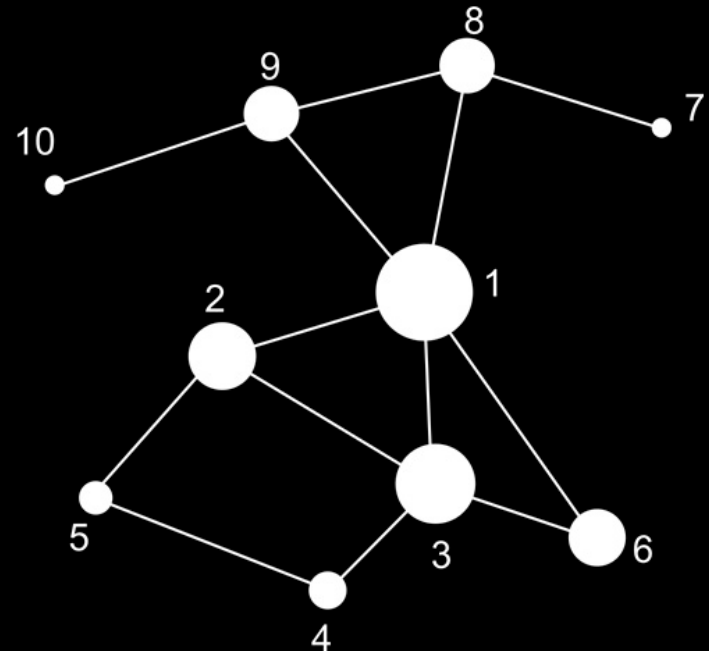
Connectivity Matrix Results:

The least accessible node is 7 with 40 connections.
The most accessible node is 1 with 224 connections.

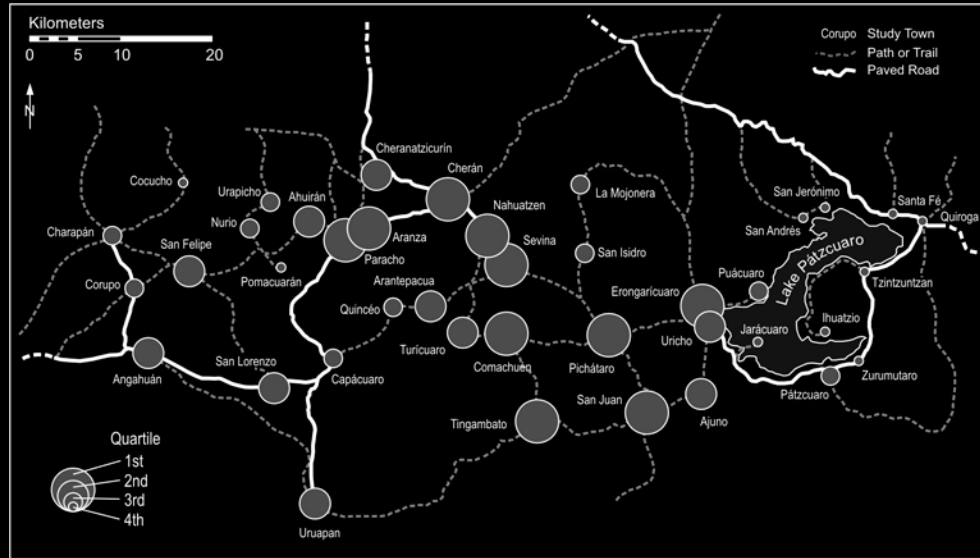
So what do these numbers tell us about this hypothetical network?

Diameter:	4	Takes 4 steps to connect all places.
Cyclomatic number:	4	There are 4 'extra' routes or 4 circuits.
Alpha:	0.11	There are 11% of all possible circuits.
Beta:	1.3	There are 1.3 roads per place.
Gamma:	0.542	There are 54.2% of the possible routes.

This network is about half way to being maximally connected. It is relatively well connected and location 1 is the most central.



1940 connectivity



2000 connectivity

