

Lazega Judges C:\French Judges. Horizontal. Judges in each year (columns of golden nodes) are assigned to courts in the next column. Differing numbers of judges per court are distinguished by size and color of the node. The blue lines show how judges from one year are reshuffled for assignments in the next year.

1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005

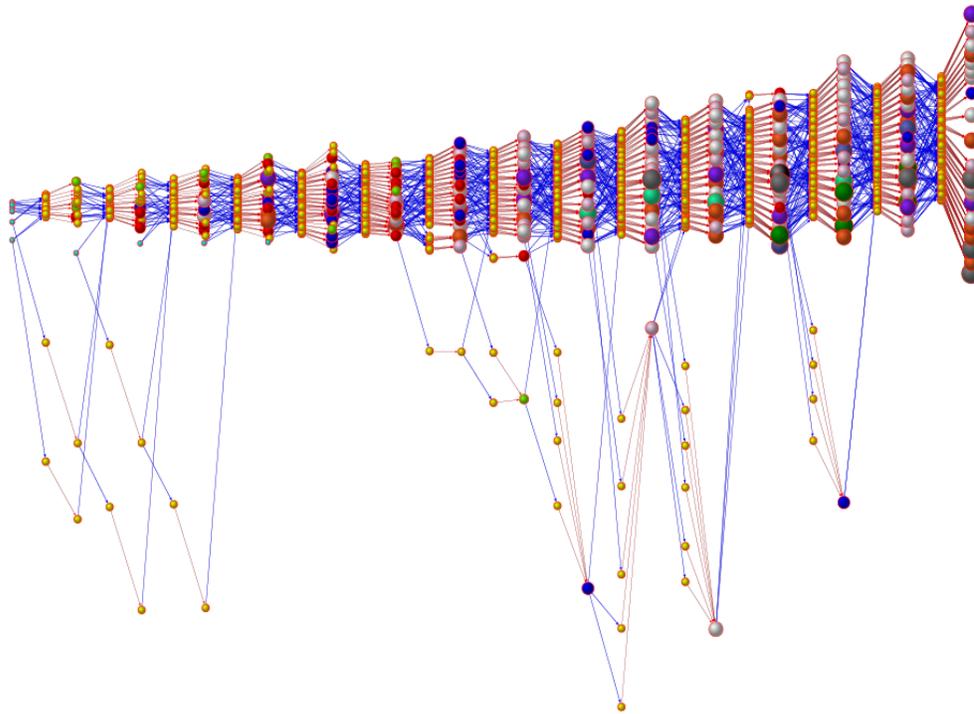


Fig. 1. Bicomponent of the graph of Judges (alternating yellow nodes in successive years) as assigned to Courts

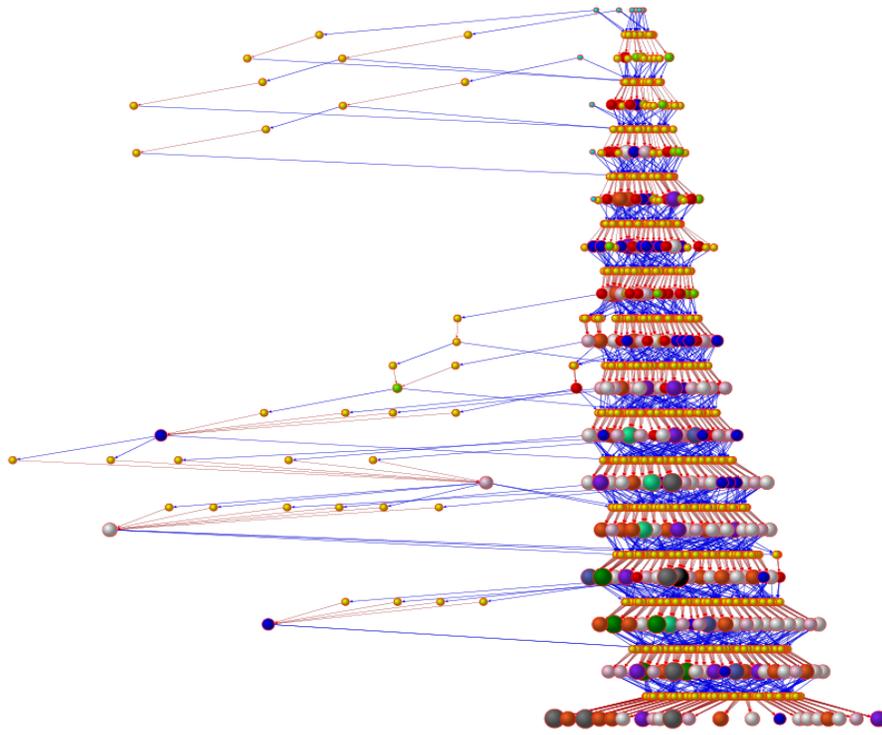


 Fig. 2. Vertical view of Fig. 1.

NEXT YEAR

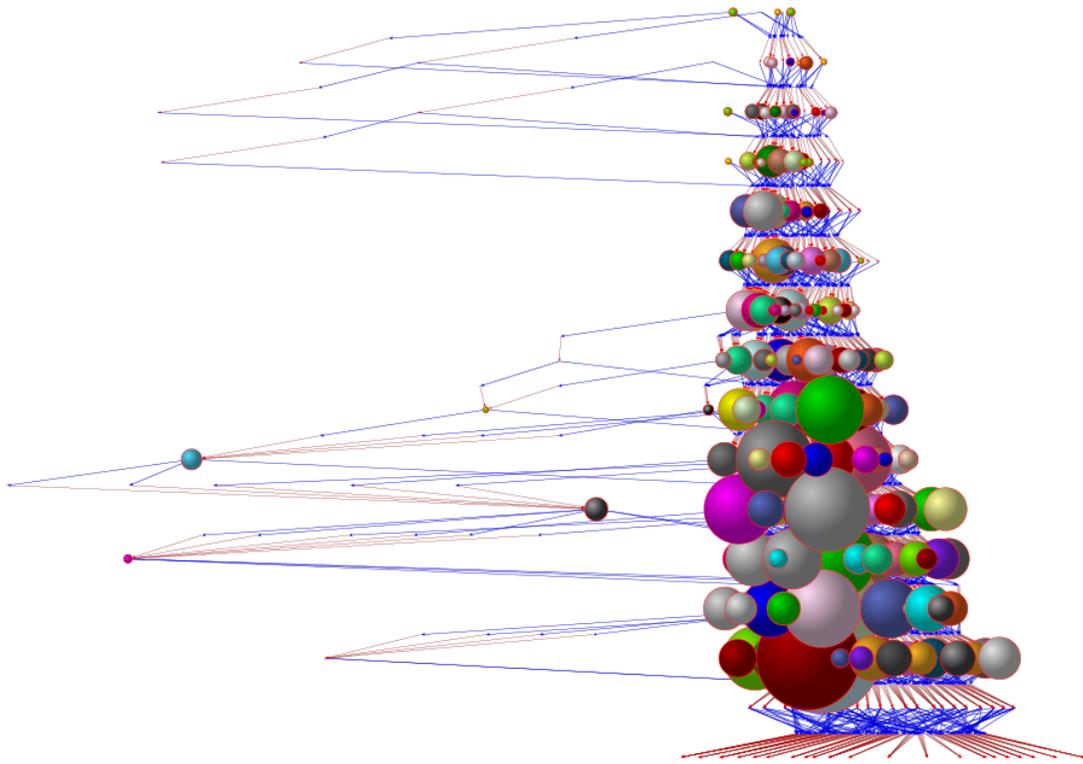


Fig. 3. Sample results for relinking: Fragment search for relinkings after 2 years (judges appear again in the same chamber), with size of nodes augmented by fragment frequency).

TWO YEAR RELINKINGS

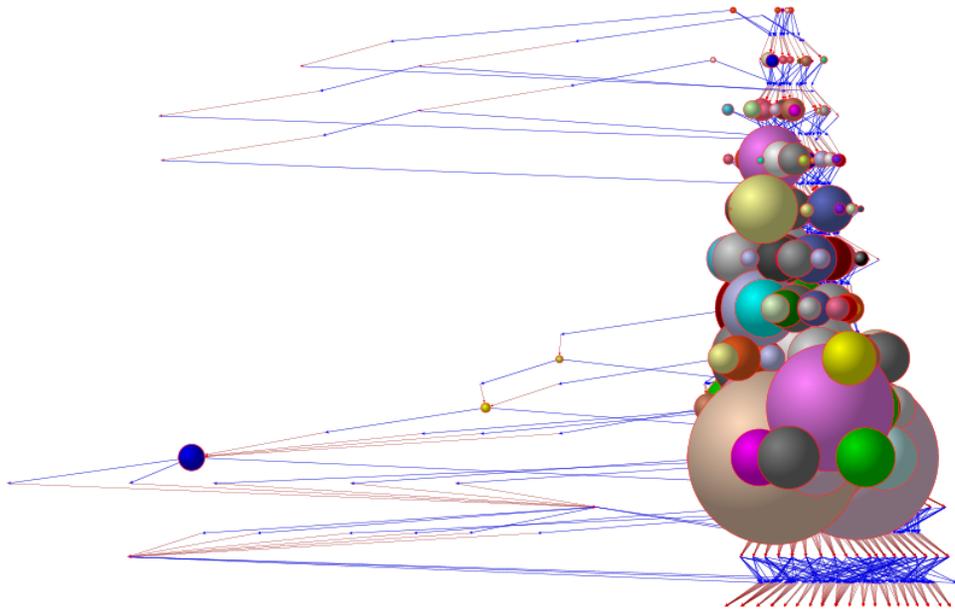


Fig. 4. Sample results for relinking: Fragment search for relinkings after 3 years (judges appear again in the same chamber), with size of nodes augmented by fragment frequency). To accommodate computation of 3-generation relinkings the bottom 3 generations were dropped (there were 720,000+ relinkings. The two largest nodes are in generation 10, court 3 with 6 judges incoming (-12-129-150-188-200-234-) and 7 outgoing (plus 13), and also court 11 with 10 judges incoming and outgoing (-58-81-83-101-135-137-151-209-204-).

THREE YEAR RELINKINGS

Andrej Mrvar: The result of fragment searching is also a partition called 'Ind fragments like...'. Transform this partition to a vector and you can draw network with sizes of vertices proportional to number of times vertices belong to fragments.

G, R, M, C, P are the initials of the Presidents of the whole Court over 15 years. **The real power is with the President of the court.**

Each chamber has a unique acting President of chamber, with some limited power (**reallocating cases** in case of conflict of interest, solving problems in situations of uncertainty, etc.).

After 8 years every judge becomes acting President de chambre at least once (I do not recall anyone becoming President de chambre without the responsibilities. However, you can be president de chambre for one year and then not be actually assigned to the job again. Then you are called *Président de chambre Rattaché* (or *Président rattaché*); a *Président rattaché* is not in charge of the chamber, but was in charge at least once in the past. He/she is not acting president. If you are acting president of chamber and there are presidents of chamber rattachés in your chamber, they have a title but no responsibilities, nor power (but perhaps some prestige nevertheless).

Lise can give us the list of all acting presidents, for each chamber each year.

File:Chamber Relinkings

Relinkings in Chamber membership over 15 years

Dataset Commercial Court of Paris: Chambres__238_corfou.xls

There are 238 judges.

Variables are chamb90 to chamb05, ie chamber membership from 1990 to 2005. Cell contains the number of the chamber in which the judge belongs.

1- There are 3 types of chambers: general litigation chambers, specialized litigation chambers, bankruptcy chambers. Chambers are numbered from 1 to 22. When a chamber is divided into 2, for example Chamber 13A and chamber 13B, they will be numbered 131 and 132. The number of chambers cannot be compared over the years because some disappear and others are created. An exception: chamber 1 is always the most prestigious chamber because the President of the court sits in it.

2- The rule: judges have to change chambers each year. But a look to the data shows it is not the case: some judges can stay for 2 or 3 years in the same chamber, some become president of the chamber. We do not take this variable (president of chamber) into account because judges become automatically “president” after 8 years in the court. The President decides each year about the composition of each chamber.

3- The idea is to look at similarities in rotation trajectories and especially at relinkings.

4- In the period 1990-2005 this commercial court had 5 presidents: it could be interesting to check whether rule transgressions (2) are different depending on who is President.

1990-1991	Prez G.
1992-1995	Prez R.
1996-1999	Prez M.
2000-2003	Prez C.
2004-2005	Prez P.