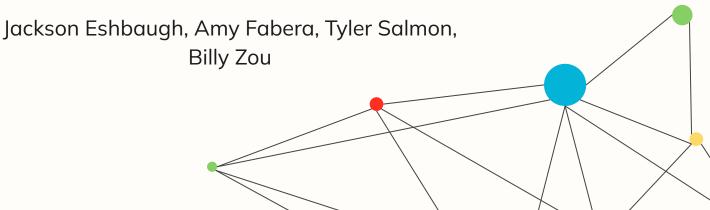
Network Dilemma: an analysis of six network configurations



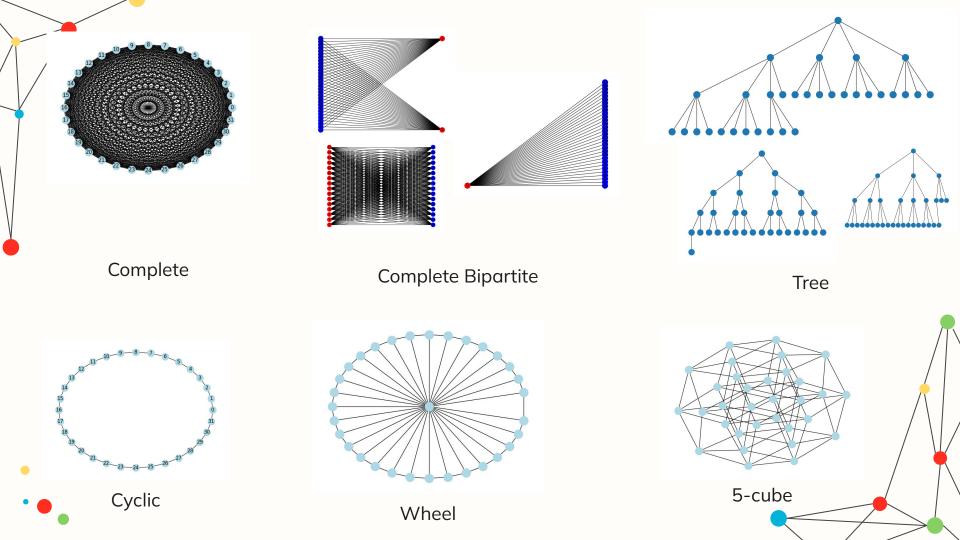
What's the deal with networks?

- Society relies on the internet and other internal networks (intranets) for work, school, entertainment, and more.
- How networks are configured can impact speed and reliability, among other things.
 - Each configuration has its pros and cons, and no two configurations are the same for any two use cases.

Criteria

- Cost
 - count of edges
- Speed
 - network diameter
- Edge & vertex reliability
 - worst case analysis

- Hamilton cycles & Euler tours
 - presence of both is preferred.
- Extensibility
 - to expand the network to a size of 64 nodes, how many additional edges are needed?



| Config | Cost | Speed | Edge | Vertex | Hamilton | Euler | Expand |
|------------------|------|-------|------|--------|----------|-------|--------|
| Complete | 496 | 1 | 32 | 31 | YES | NO | 1,520 |
| [31, 1] | 31 | 2 | 31 | 1 | NO | NO | 32 |
| [30, 2] | 60 | 2 | 32 | 31 | NO | YES | 64 |
| [16, 16] | 256 | 2 | 32 | 31 | YES | YES | 768 |
| 5-cube | 80 | 5 | 32 | 31 | YES | NO | 112 |
| Binary Tree | 31 | 5 | 16 | 15 | NO | NO | 32 |
| Ternary Tree | 31 | 3 | 19 | 5 | NO | NO | 32 |
| 4-degree Tree | 31 | 3 | 16 | 5 | NO | NO | 32 |
| Cyclic | 31 | 16 | 32 | 31 | YES | YES | 32 |
| Wheel | 62 | 2 | 32 | 31 | YES | NO | 64 |

Conclusions

- Most suitable network configurations
 - Complete Bipartite[30, 2]
 - o 5-cube
 - Wheel

- Reasonable cost
- Reasonable speed
- Reliable

Use Cases

- Complete Bipartite [30, 2]
 - Master-Slave Configuration
 - Great for parallel processing—can access every other machine via master node (which has a backup in case of failure)
- 5-cube & Wheel
 - Hivemind setup
 - Choice of which one to use depends on data size.
 - Can save money, so real value in making a decision between these two.

