



# The multiplex and Open Structure of the Italian Interbank Market

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- **In this presentation we look at domestic data**

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# Basic Network Properties of Layers, 2012

Statistics	U*OVN	U*ST	U*LT	S*ST	Total
# of nodes	595	481	444	38	597
# of edges (net)	2,957	1,103	681	45	3,478
# of selfloops	66	34	24	18	72
Density	0.008	0.005	0.003	0.032	0.010
Avg. undir. distance	2.345	3.097	2.785	2.585	2.325
Out-degree est. exponent	1.93	2.30	2.62	2.56	1.81
Out-degree # datapoints in the tail	450	371	224	13	98
In-degree est. exponent	3.02	2.25	2.98	2.01	2.85
In-degree # datapoints in the tail	205	433	407	26	242
Out-weight est. exponent	1.63	1.75	2.22	1.46	2.02
Out-weight # datapoints in the tail	183	138	81	18	183
In-weight est. exponent	2.11	1.82	1.97	1.35	1.96
In-weight # datapoints in the tail	190	120	141	14	257

U = Unsecured ; S = Secured

OVN = Overnight; ST = Short Term; LT = Long Term

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- Strengths and degrees distributions are not stable properties of economic networks, instead they are a function of complex economic interaction, which may change abruptly over time

## Topological properties of the domestic Italian interbank market

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Largest weak component	631	627	616	612	595
Simulation average	603.0	600.7	594.3	589.7	568.7
(p-values)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Largest strong component	445	471	469	472	444
Simulation average	330.5	354.9	353.4	364.0	336.8
(p-values)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Out-degree assortativity	-0.356	-0.383	-0.388	-0.409	-0.429
Simulation average	-0.331	-0.358	-0.363	-0.377	-0.391
(p-values)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
In-degree assortativity	-0.233	-0.234	-0.234	-0.233	-0.219
Simulation average	-0.215	-0.220	-0.219	-0.218	-0.204
(p-values)	(0.000)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Degree reciprocity	0.345	0.381	0.376	0.362	0.345
Simulation average	0.223	0.238	0.231	0.231	0.211
(p-values)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Undirected triangles	18,111	14,760	14,589	14,592	13,713
Simulation average	23,105	20,216	20,044	19,710	18,968
(p-values)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)

Table: Unsecured overnight

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Largest weak component	147	137	393	442	436
Simulation average	124.1	119.3	357.3	388.4	384.5
(p-values)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Largest strong component	24	11	65	173	164
Simulation average	21.2	16.4	38.4	113.3	109.5
(p-values)	(0.230)	(0.129)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Out-degree assortativity	-0.218	-0.213	-0.308	-0.460	-0.442
Simulation average	-0.169	-0.153	-0.290	-0.438	-0.416
(p-values)	(0.052)	(0.042)	(0.213)	(0.043)	(0.043)
In-degree assortativity	-0.298	-0.326	-0.575	-0.682	-0.668
Simulation average	-0.270	-0.231	-0.554	-0.632	-0.612
(p-values)	(0.201)	(0.008)	(0.195)	(0.003)	(0.002)
Degree reciprocity	0.061	0.033	0.114	0.413	0.377
Simulation average	0.064	0.046	0.070	0.215	0.197
(p-values)	(0.448)	(0.260)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Undirected triangles	378	273	258	192	168
Simulation average	576.2	459.5	575.0	966.1	887.0
(p-values)	(0.004)	(0.005)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)

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# Largest weak component of a Random Fermionic Network Realization

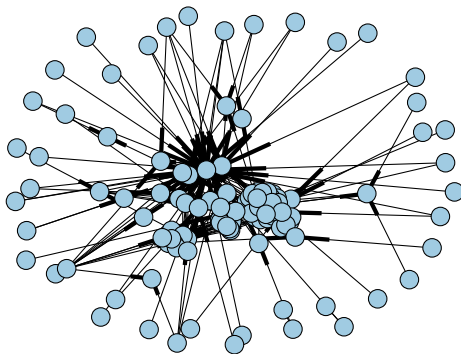


Figure: Unsecured long-term, 2009



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- Alternatively, by using Boltzmann weights, we obtain that links in this model are closely approximated by the product of two independent variables (Bernoulli and Poisson): much easier to estimate

## Strength-related properties of the Italian Interbank market

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Out-weight assortativity	-0.037	-0.043	-0.114	-0.146	-0.140
Simulation average	-0.187	-0.247	-0.207	-0.201	-0.220
(p-values)	(0.000)	(0.006)	(0.000)	(0.028)	(0.000)
In-weight assortativity	-0.027	-0.027	-0.066	-0.082	-0.055
Simulation average	-0.108	-0.117	-0.111	-0.103	-0.028
(p-values)	(0.002)	(0.015)	(0.059)	(0.365)	(0.159)
Weight reciprocity	0.404	0.167	0.186	0.421	0.286
Simulation average	0.047	0.009	0.016	0.0325	0.031
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(p-values)	(0.081)	(0.204)	(0.345)	(0.129)	(0.015)
In-weight assortativity	-0.004	0.042	0.018	-0.016	-0.050
Simulation average	-0.050	-0.013	-0.010	-0.037	-0.209
(p-values)	(0.027)	(0.288)	(0.427)	(0.236)	(0.050)
Weight reciprocity	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.017
Simulation average	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.002
(p-values)	(0.022)	(0.686)	(0.602)	(0.102)	(0.006)

Table: Unsecured short-term

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# Jaccard Similarity within Layers

	2008	2009	2010	2011
2009	0.4227*			
2010	0.4393*	0.4767*		
2011	0.2989*	0.2877*	0.4535*	
2012	0.2143*	0.2909*	0.2951*	0.3438*

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**Table:** Secured short-term (Intersection)

	2008	2009	2010	2011
2009	0.6833*			
2010	0.5674*	0.6531*		
2011	0.5389*	0.5943*	0.7156*	
2012	0.4964*	0.5394*	0.6398*	0.7210*

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**Table:** Unsecured overnight (Intersection)

# Jaccard similarity across Layers

	S*ST	U*OVN	U*LT
U*OVN	0.0096*		
U*LT	0.0112*	0.1906*	
U*ST	0.0067*	0.2060*	0.2255*

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	S*ST	U*OVN	U*LT
U*OVN	0.0872*		
U*LT	0.1429*	0.2486*	
U*ST	0.0745*	0.2424*	0.2969*

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# Jaccard Similarity with the Transpose

	S*ST	U*OVN	U*LT
U*OVN	0.0084*		
U*LT	0.0070*	0.1680*	
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