

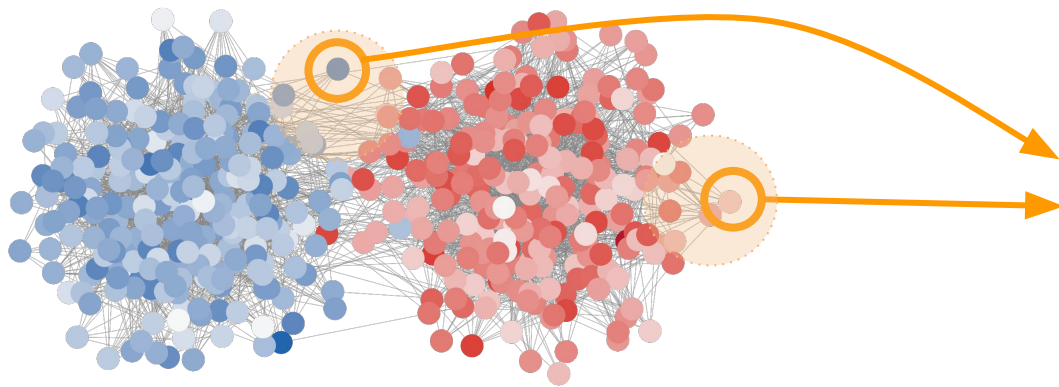


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POLARIZATION

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BACKGROUND



Objective polarization

Perceived polarization



RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

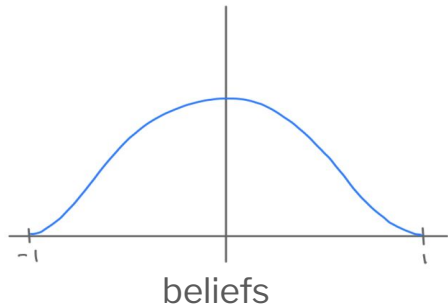
Can we measure perceived polarization?
How does network structure affect it?



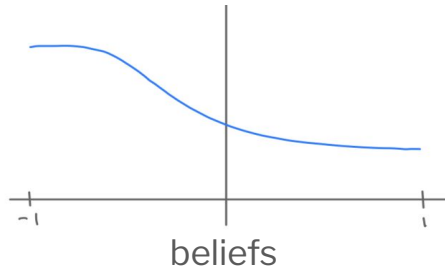
CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



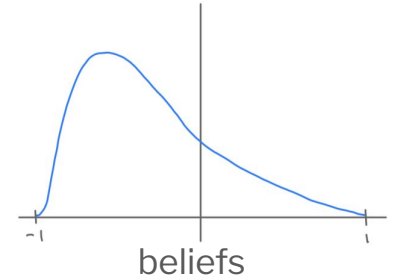
1) Distribution of beliefs



2) Loudness as a function of belief



Perception of the distribution of beliefs



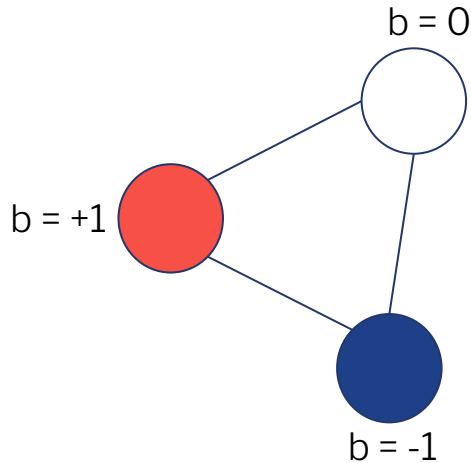
Use this to measure perceived polarization



A SIMPLE MODEL



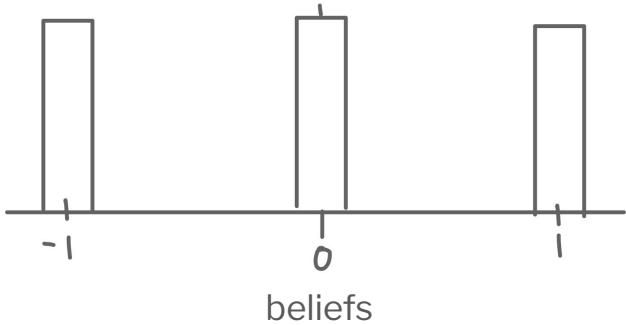
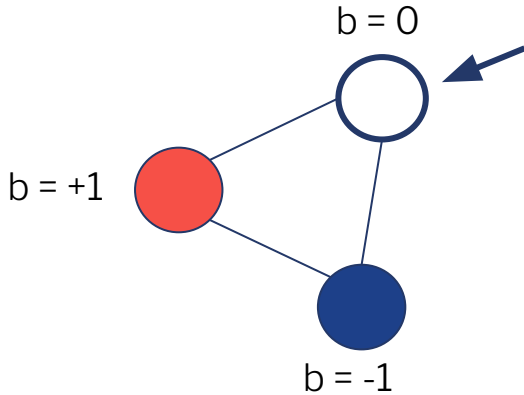
Everyone has the same “loudness”



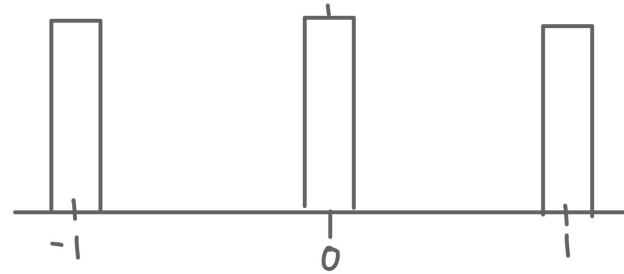
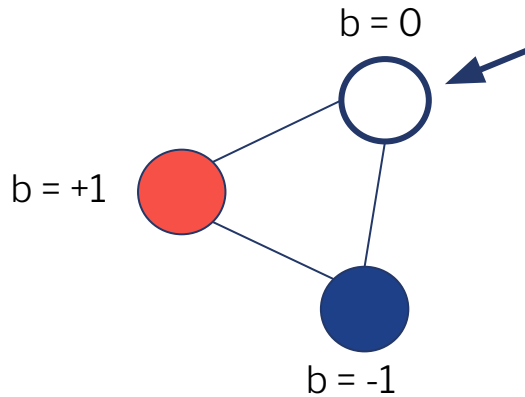
Perception:

1. Distribution of neighboring beliefs
2. Your position in that distribution

Developing a “simple” measure for perceived polarization is difficult!

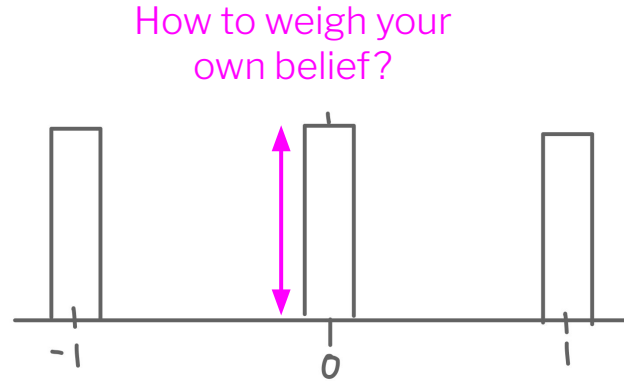
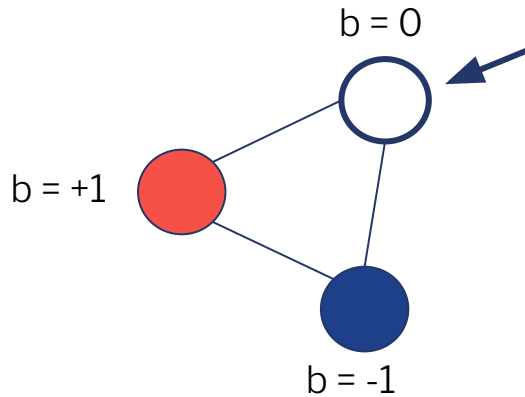


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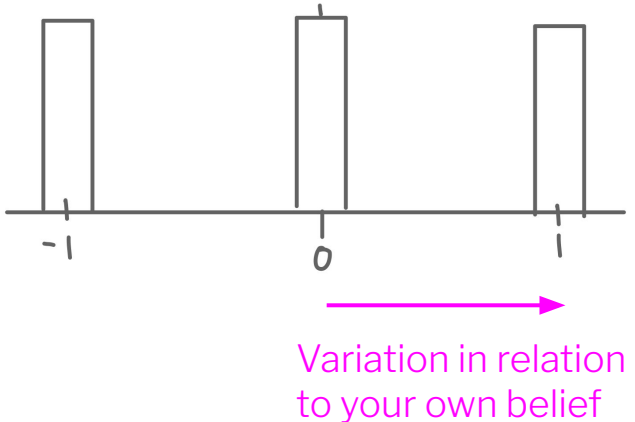
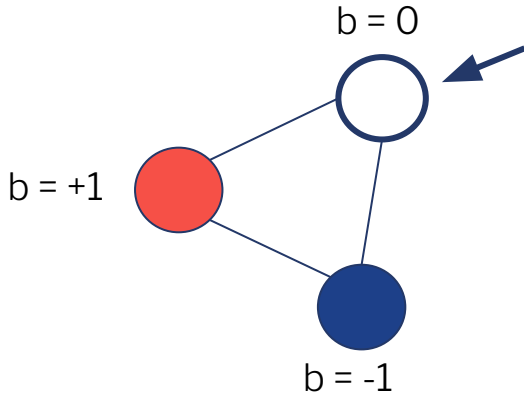


Variation in the distribution:
standard deviation,
distance between most
extreme neighbors

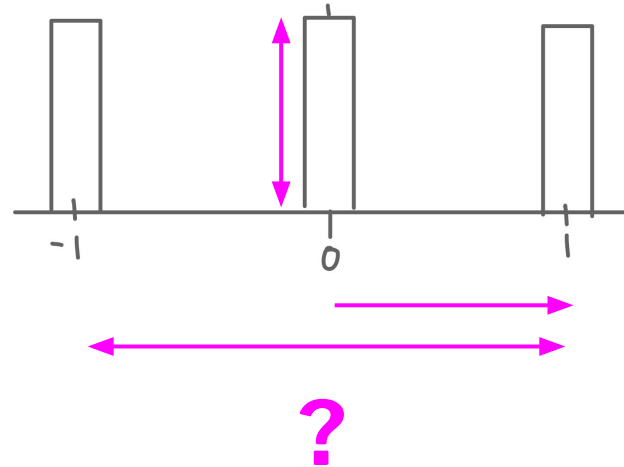
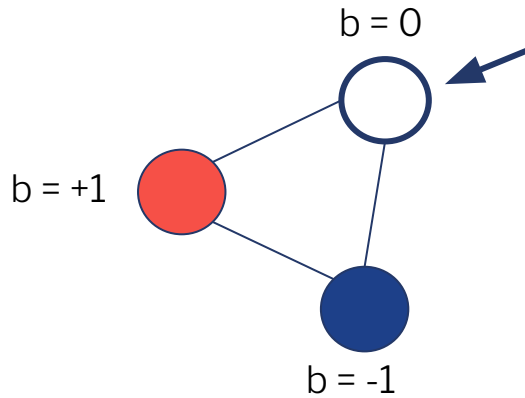
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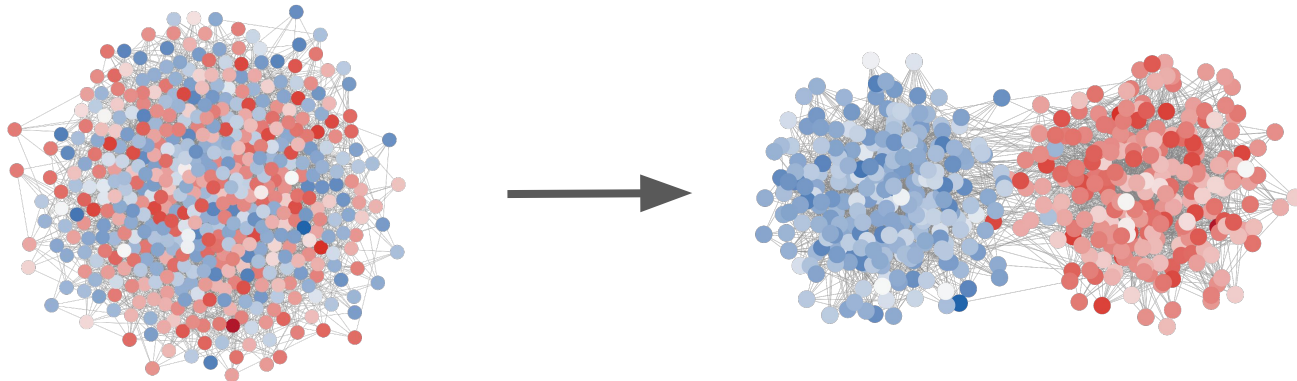


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★ NETWORK STRUCTURES ★

- Classic topologies: Erdős–Rényi, Watts-Strogatz, etc.
- Stochastic Block Model based on opinion distribution

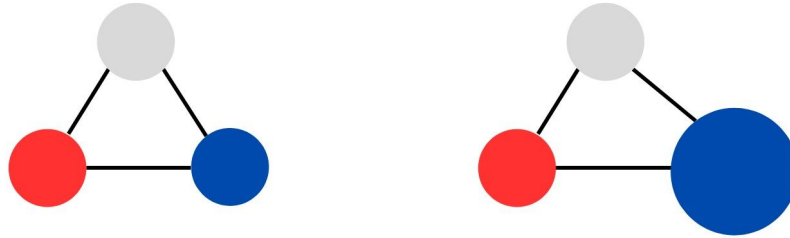


★ NEXT STEPS ★

Perceived polarization



Loudness



Incomplete Information



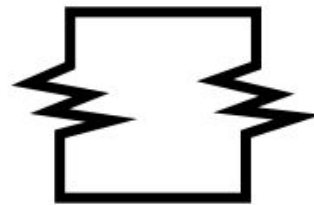
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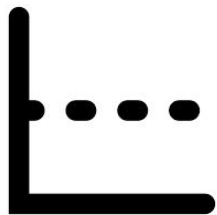
Self-weighting



News media



Distortion over distance



Threshold model



Weighted edges



Sign flip

★ TAKEAWAY ★



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