

Lecture 14:
CS 5306 / INFO 5306:
Crowdsourcing and
Human Computation

Course Project: Milestones

1. Fr 3/18: Initial proposal ideas (nothing to submit in CMS)
2. Tu 3/22: Comments on classmates' ideas (nothing to submit in CMS)
Submit as follow-ups, not as replies to others' follow-ups
3. Th 3/24: Revise your ideas (nothing to submit in CMS)
4. Th 4/7: Project proposal **(submit using CMS)**
5. Th 4/21: Status report 1 (submit to TA)
6. Th 5/5: Status report 2 (submit to TA)
7. Tu 5/17: Project report (group) **(submit using CMS)**
Project report (individual) **(submit using CMS)**

Revised handout on website

Homework 1

- Galaxy Zoo task for those who couldn't get Amazon Mechanical Turk accounts
- Those who did get AMT accounts do assignment as planned
- Revised assignment will go out tomorrow

Types of Crowdsourcing

- “Overt” vs “Covert”: Are human participants explicitly participating to achieve the collective outcomes, or is some form of mining of human activity achieving the collective outcomes
 - Overt: Amazon reviews, Wikipedia
 - Covert (“Crowd Mining”): Google, Amazon recommendations
 - (Subvert: reCAPTCHA, Duolingo)

Types of Crowdsourcing

- Overt
 - Collecting



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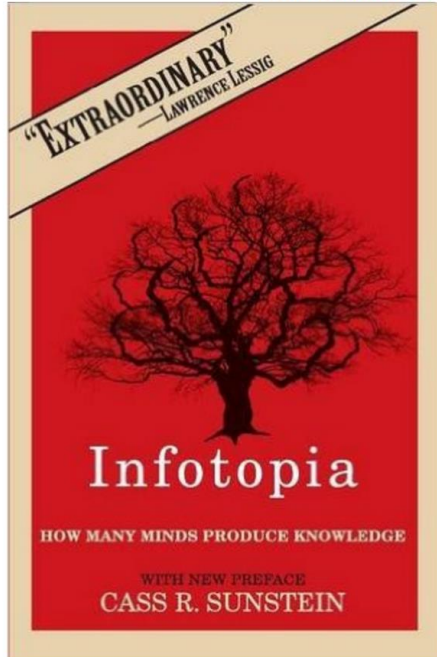
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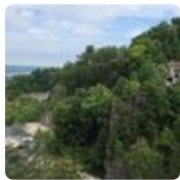
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2. Just A Taste

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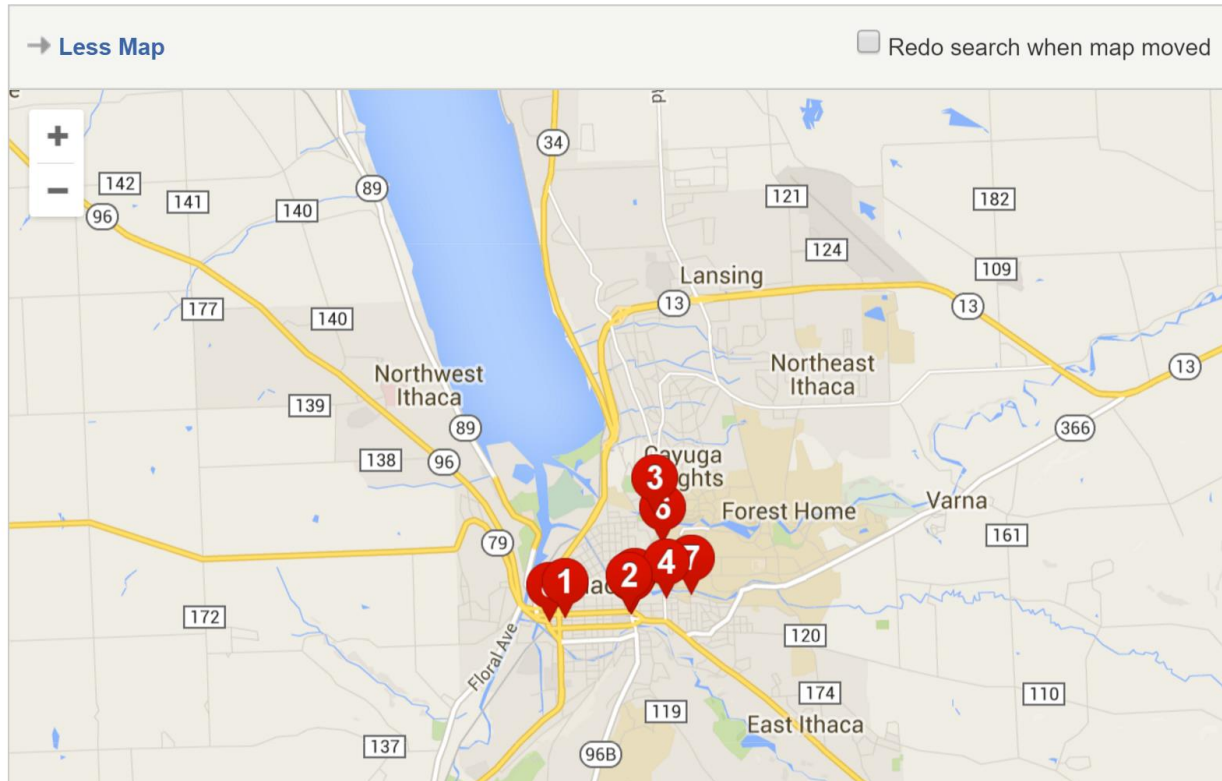
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3. Ithaca Falls

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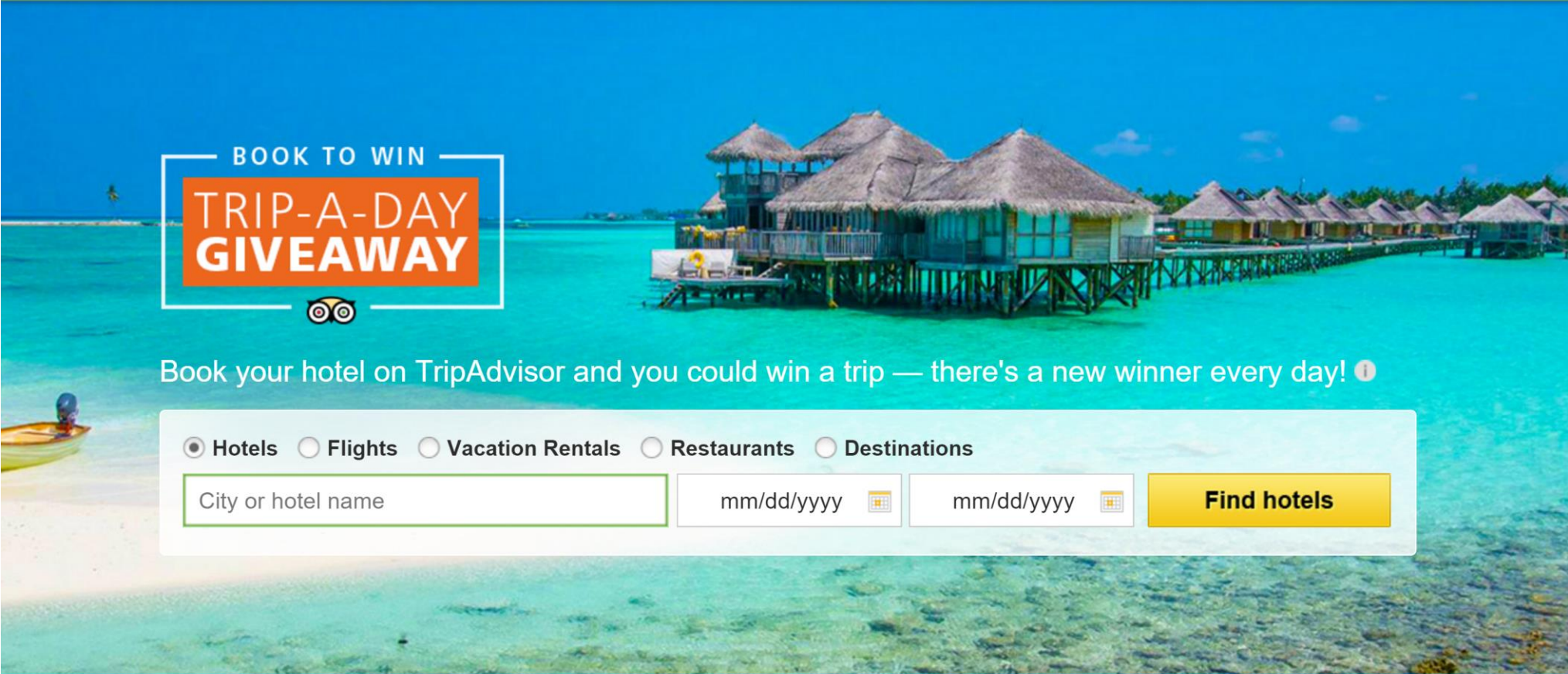
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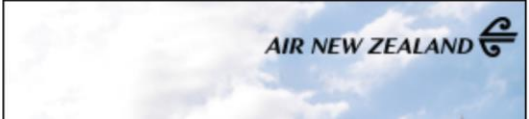
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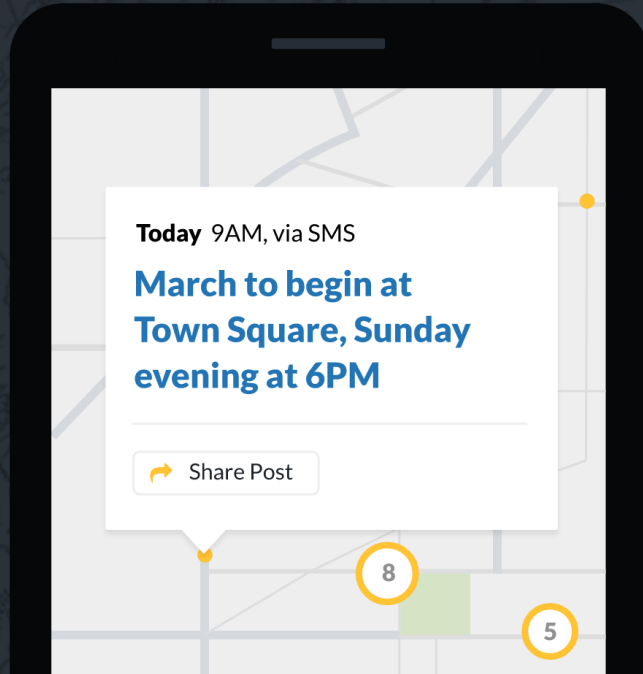
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What travelers are talking about

- Hotel Reviews
- Photos 51,795
- Forums 157,911





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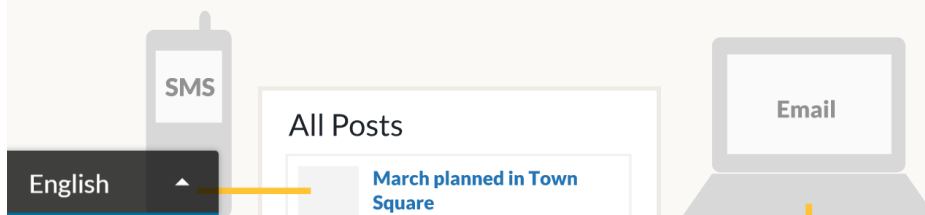
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Collect meaningful data



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 - Labor Markets

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 - Collaborative Decisions

KASPAROV AGAINST THE WORLD

THE STORY OF THE GREATEST ONLINE CHALLENGE



WORLD CHESS CHAMPION
GARRY KASPAROV
with Grandmaster Daniel King

BBC



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The Iowa Electronic Market is a futures market run for research and teaching purposes. Traders can buy and sell real-money contracts based on their belief about the outcome of an election or other event. Using this "wisdom of crowds," the price of a contract at any given time is a forecast of the outcome.

2016 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION MARKETS

This is a real-money futures market where contract payoffs will be determined by outcomes in the 2016 Presidential Nomination process.

There are two markets in this set:

Democratic Nomination

A winner-take-all market based on the outcome of the 2016 Democratic National Convention. Prices reflect the

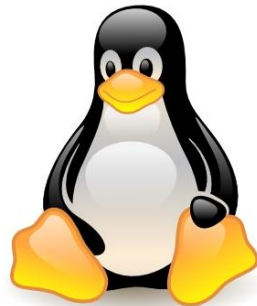
Republican Nomination

A winner-take-all market based on the outcome of the 2016 Republican National Convention. Prices reflect the

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 - Collaborative Creation





A NEW PROOF OF THE DENSITY HALES-JEWETT THEOREM

D. H. J. POLYMATH

ABSTRACT. The Hales–Jewett theorem asserts that for every r and every k there exists n such that every r -colouring of the n -dimensional grid $\{1, \dots, k\}^n$ contains a combinatorial line. This result is a generalization of van der Waerden’s theorem, and it is one of the fundamental results of Ramsey theory. The theorem of van der Waerden has a famous density version, conjectured by Erdős and Turán in 1936, proved by Szemerédi in 1975, and given a different proof by Furstenberg in 1977. The Hales–Jewett theorem has a density version as well, proved by Furstenberg and Katznelson in 1991 by means of a significant extension of the ergodic techniques that had been pioneered by Furstenberg in his proof of Szemerédi’s theorem. In this paper, we give the first elementary proof of the theorem of Furstenberg and Katznelson, and the first to provide a quantitative bound on how large n needs to be. In particular, we show that a subset of $\{1, 2, 3\}^n$ of density δ contains a combinatorial line if n is at least as big as a tower of 2s of height $O(1/\delta^2)$. Our proof is surprisingly simple: indeed, it gives arguably the simplest known proof of Szemerédi’s theorem.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. **Statement of our main result.** The purpose of this paper is to give the first elementary proof of the density Hales–Jewett theorem. This theorem, first proved by Furstenberg and Katznelson [FK89, FK91], has the same relation to the Hales–Jewett theorem [HJ63] as Szemerédi’s theorem [Sze75] has to van der Waerden’s theorem [vdW27]. Before we go any further, let us state all four theorems. We shall use the notation $[k]$ to stand for the

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 - Games with a Purpose
- Covert / Crowd Mining
 - Web page linkage, search logs, social media, collaborative filtering

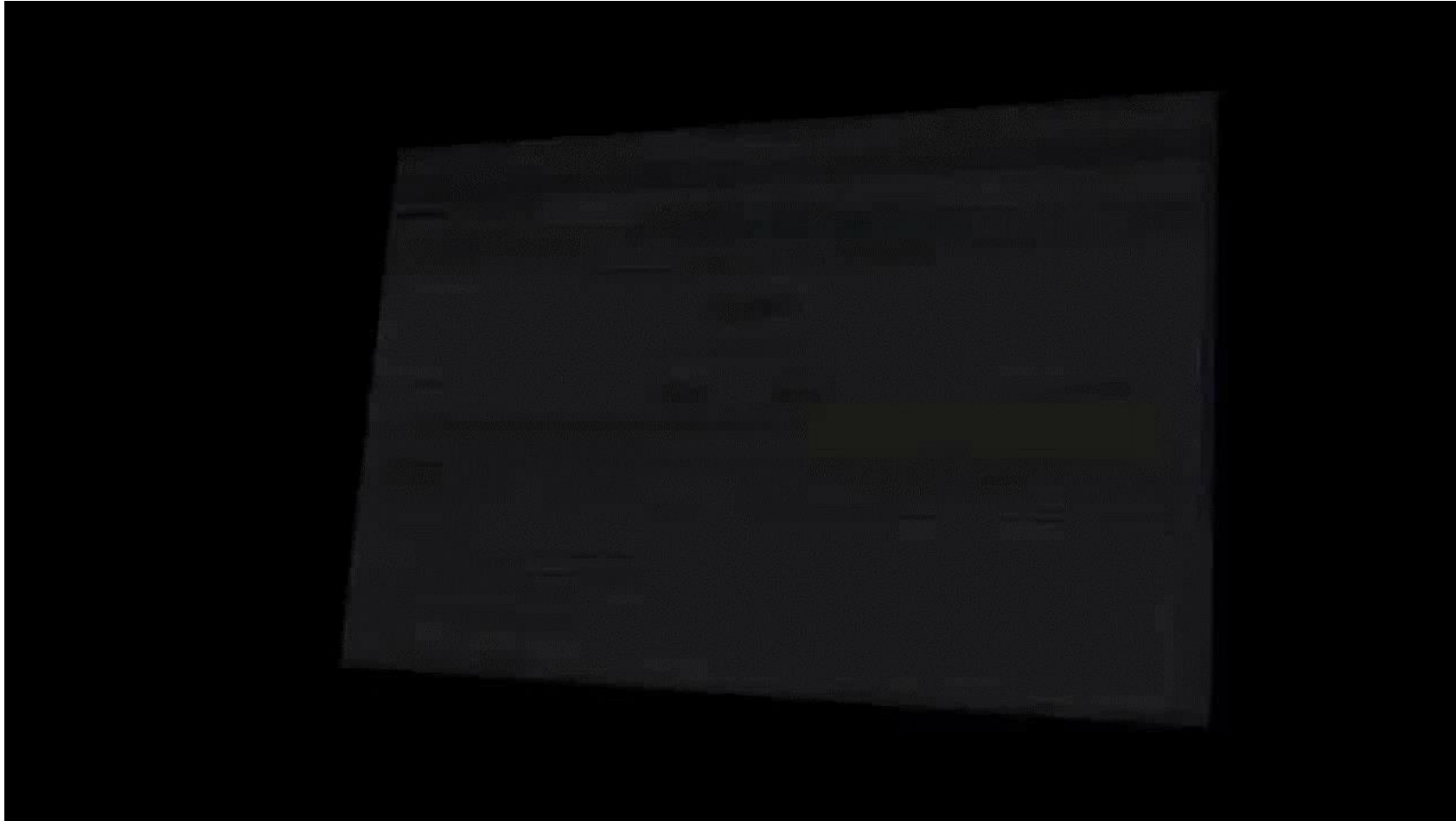
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Use Examples of Labor Markets: Ten Thousand Cents



Use Examples of Labor Markets: Soylent

“Soylent: A Word Processor with a Crowd Inside”

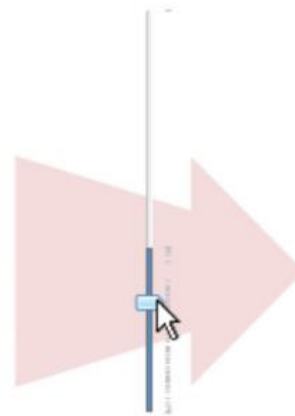
Michael S. Bernstein, Greg Little, Robert C. Miller, Björn Hartmann, Mark S. Ackerman,
David R. Karger, David Crowell, and Katrina Panovich

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Use Examples of Labor Markets: Soylent

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Automatic clustering generally helps separate different kinds of records that need to be edited differently, but it isn't perfect. Sometimes it creates more clusters than needed, because the differences in structure aren't important to the user's particular editing task. For example, if the user only needs to edit near the end of each line, then differences at the start of the line are largely irrelevant, and it isn't necessary to split based on those differences. Conversely, sometimes the clustering isn't fine enough, leaving heterogeneous clusters that must be edited one line at a time. One solution to this problem would be to let the user rearrange the clustering manually, perhaps using drag-and-drop to merge and split clusters. Clustering and selection generalization would also be improved by recognizing common text structure like URLs, filenames, email addresses, dates, times, etc.




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Crowdproof

While GUIs  le computers more intuitive and easier to learn, they didn't let people be able to control computers efficiently.



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'Be able to' is unnecessary.: let people be able...

allow people to control

Error Descriptions ▶

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The Human Macro	
Title	What do
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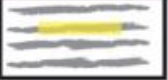
Mechanical Turk Worker Preview	
Advertisement	
Find Creative Commons figure for paragraph	
I need a creative commons licensed image to	
Instructions	
I need a creative commons licensed image to under Creative Commons.	
Here is the text:	
When I first visited Yosemite State Park in Cal rocks were big, the trees were big, the animals the granite mountain that looks like it was shea	

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Mechanical Turk

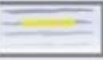
Javascript, Java and TurKit

Find
"Identify at least one area that can be shortened without changing the meaning of the paragraph."



Find overlapping areas (patches)

Fix
"Edit the highlighted section to shorten its length without changing the meaning of the paragraph."



Soylent, a prototype...

Randomize order of suggestions

Verify
"Choose at least one rewrite that has significant style errors in it. Choose at least one rewrite that significantly changes the meaning of the sentence."

- Soylent ~~is~~, a prototype...
- Soylent ~~is-a~~ prototypes...
- Soylent is a ~~prototypetest~~...

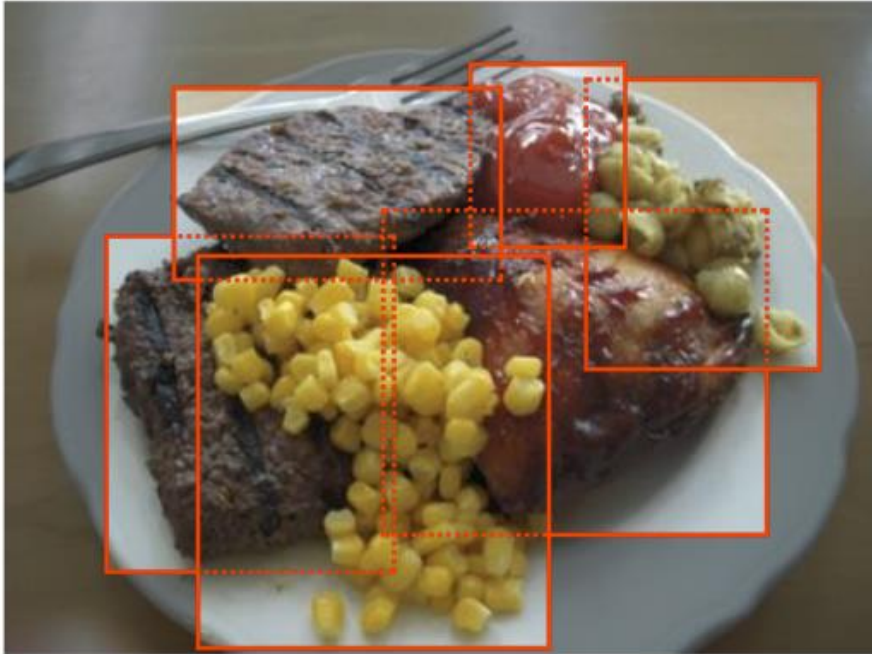
Use Examples of Labor Markets: PlateMate

“PlateMate: Crowdsourcing Nutritional Analysis
from Food Photographs”

Jon Noronha, Eric Hysen, Haoqi Zhang, Krzysztof Z. Gajos

UIST 2011

Use Examples of Labor Markets: PlateMate

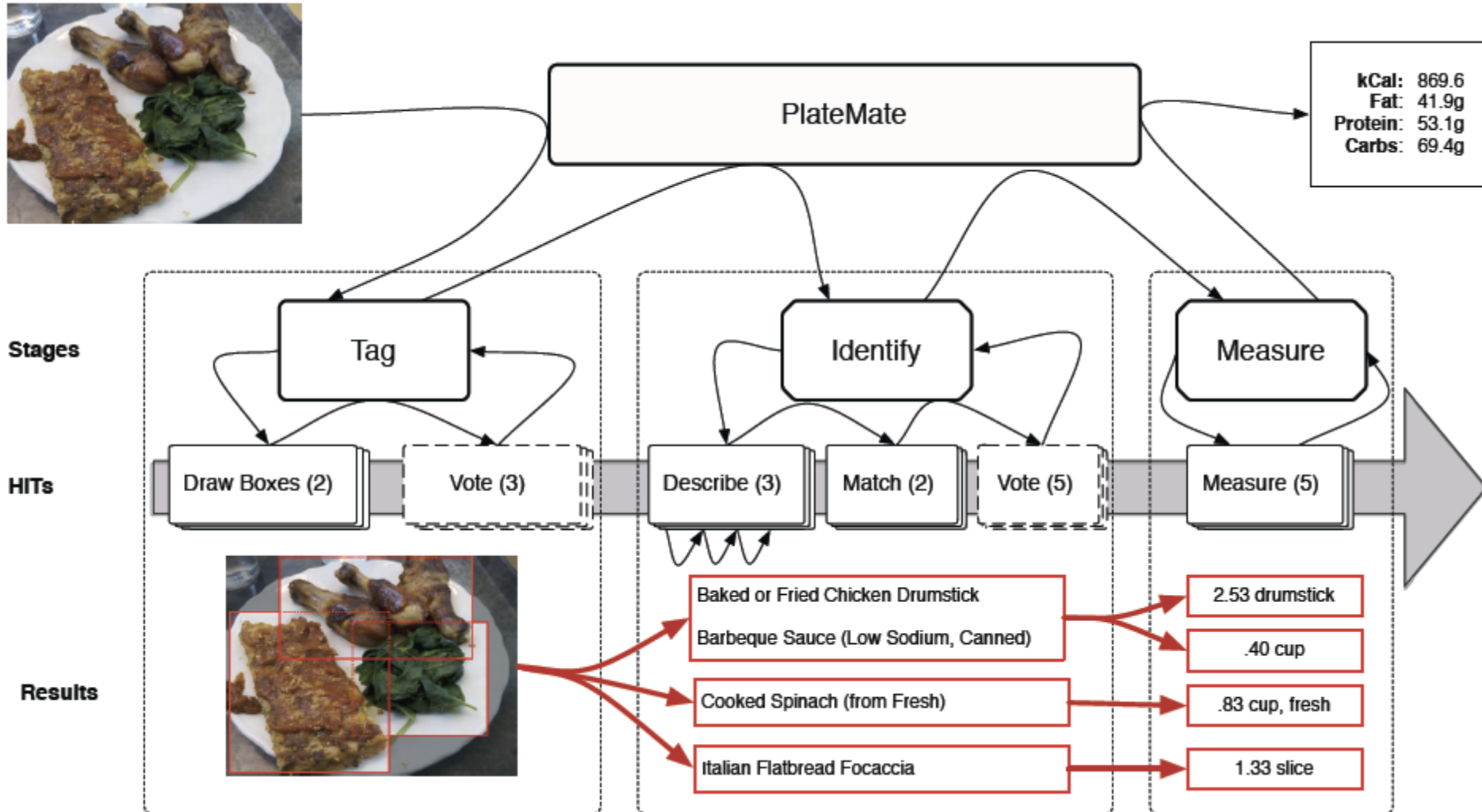


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	1573.2	72.9	84	138.9
Yellow Corn (0.50 cup)	303	3.9	61.6	7.8
<u>barbeque chicken breast</u>				
Chicken Breast Meat and Skin (Broilers or Fryers) (1.00 breast, bone removed)	249	13.4	0	30.2
Barbeque Sauce (Low Sodium, Canned) (0.14 cup)	26.6	0.6	4.5	0.6
Beef Steak (0.92 medium steak (yield after cooking, bone removed))	471.3	28.1	0	51.0
Hominy (White, Canned) (0.44 cup)	52.8	0.6	10.4	1.1
Ketchup (2.00 tbsp)	30	0.1	7.5	0.5
Beef Steak (0.86 medium steak (yield after cooking, bone removed))	440.5	26.2	0	47.7

 **Add Food**

 **Delete this photo**

Use Examples of Labor Markets: PlateMate



Use Examples of Labor Markets: VizWiz

“VizWiz: Nearly Real-time Answers to Visual Questions”

Jeffrey P. Bigham, Chandrika Jayant, Hanjie Ji, Greg Little, Andrew Miller, Robert C. Miller, Robin Miller, Aubrey Tatarowicz, Brandyn White, Samuel White, Tom Yeh

UIST 2010

Use Examples of Labor Markets: VizWiz

What color is this pillow?



(89s) I can't tell.
(105s) multiple shades of soft green, blue and gold

What denomination is this bill?



(24s) 20
(29s) 20

Do you see picnic tables across the parking lot?



(13s) no
(46s) no

What temperature is my oven set to?



(69s) it looks like 425 degrees but the image is difficult to see.
(84s) 400
(122s) 450

Can you please tell me what this can is?



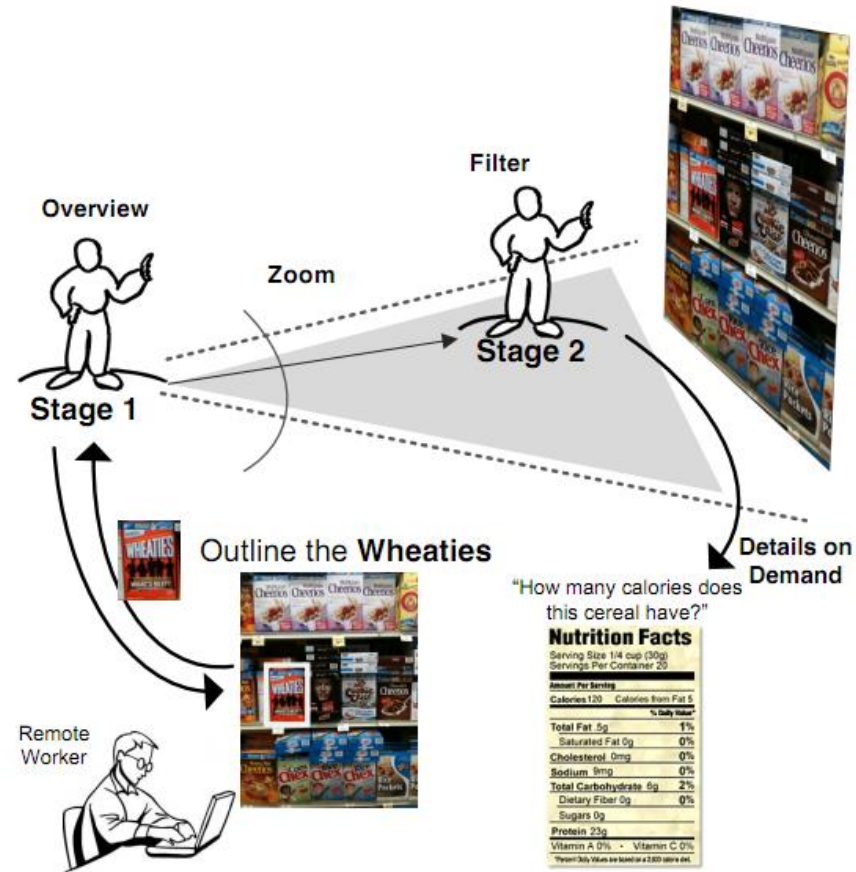
(183s) chickpeas.
(514s) beans
(552s) Goya Beans

What kind of drink does this can hold?



(91s) Energy
(99s) no can in the picture
(247s) energy drink

Use Examples of Labor Markets: VizWiz



Use Examples of Labor Markets: Adreneline

“Crowds in Two Seconds: Enabling Realtime Crowd-Powered Interfaces”

Michael S. Bernstein, Joel Brandt, Robert C. Miller, and David R. Karger

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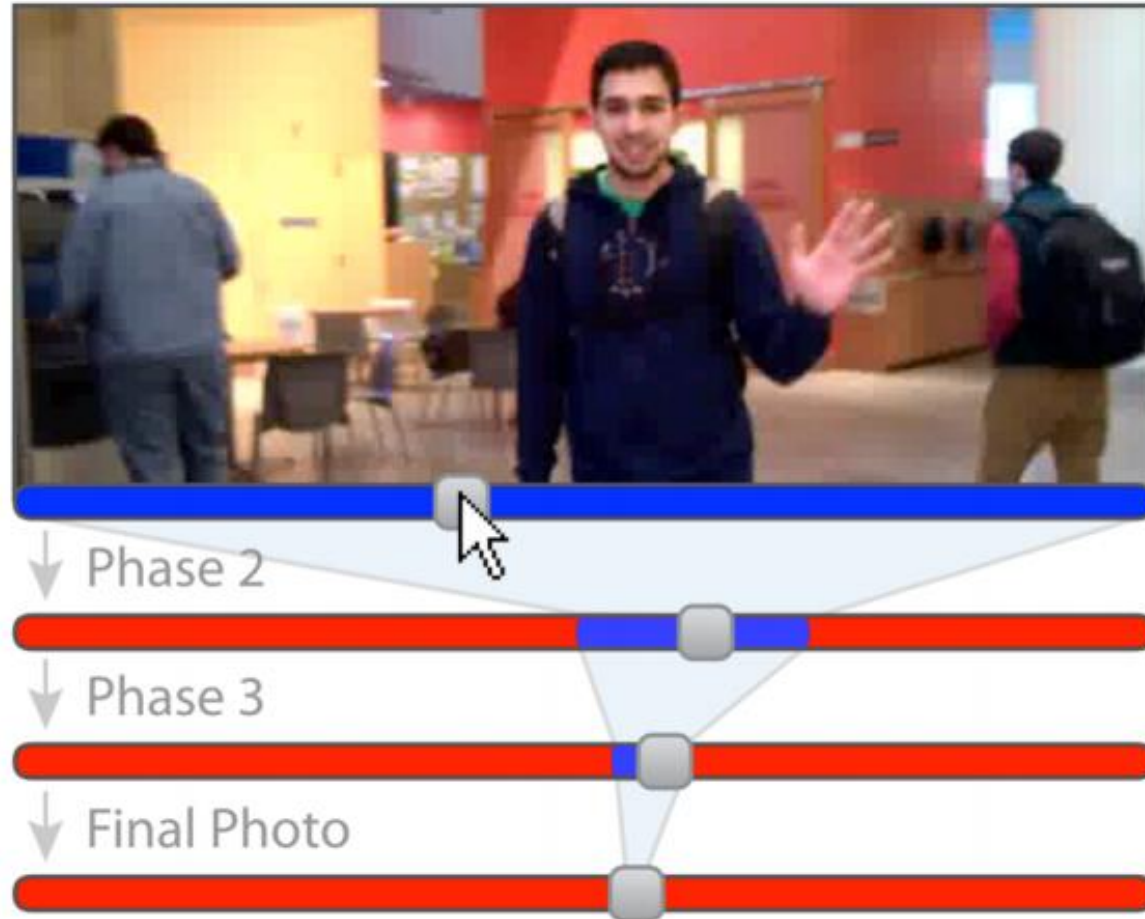
Use Examples of Labor Markets: Adreneline



10-second video



Use Examples of Labor Markets: Adreneline



Use Examples of Labor Markets: Behavioral Graph Theory

Behavioral Dynamics and Influence in
Networked Coloring and Consensus

Stephen Judd, Michael Kearns, and Yevgeniy Vorobeychik

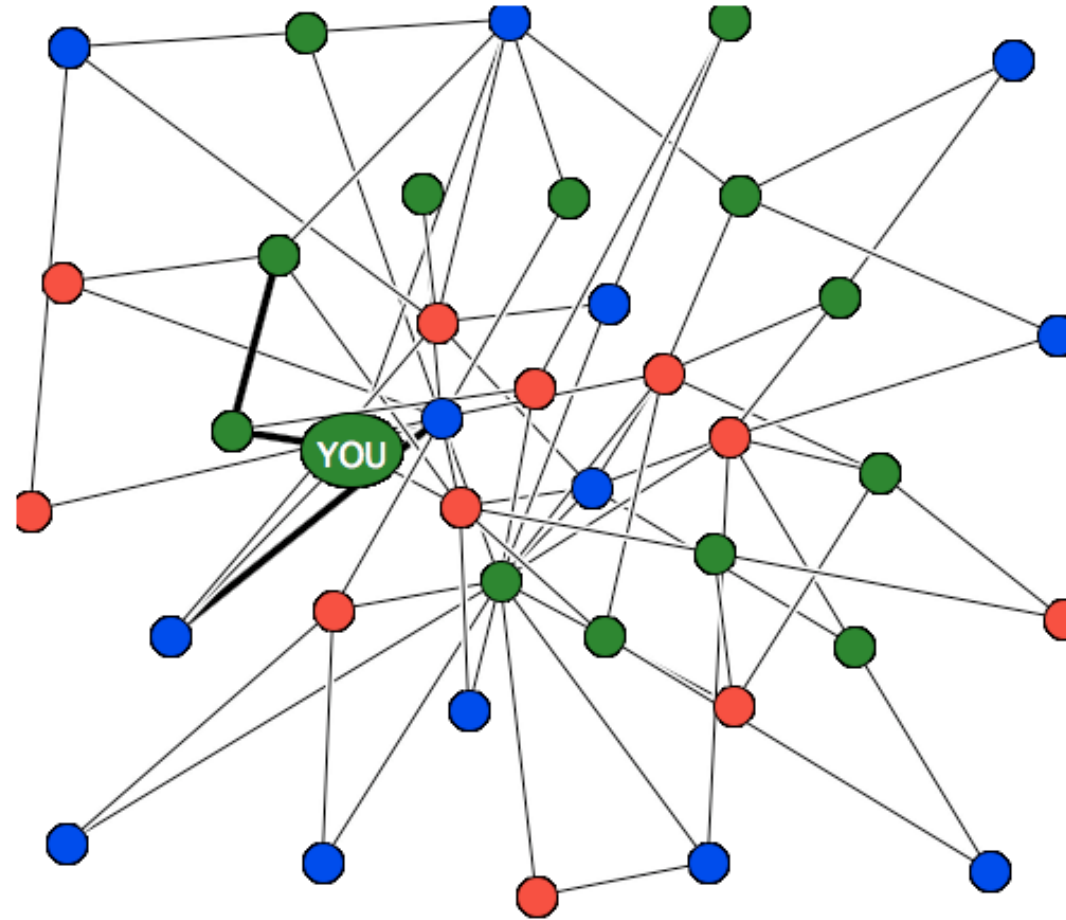
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Behavioral Dynamics and Influence in Networked Coloring and Consensus

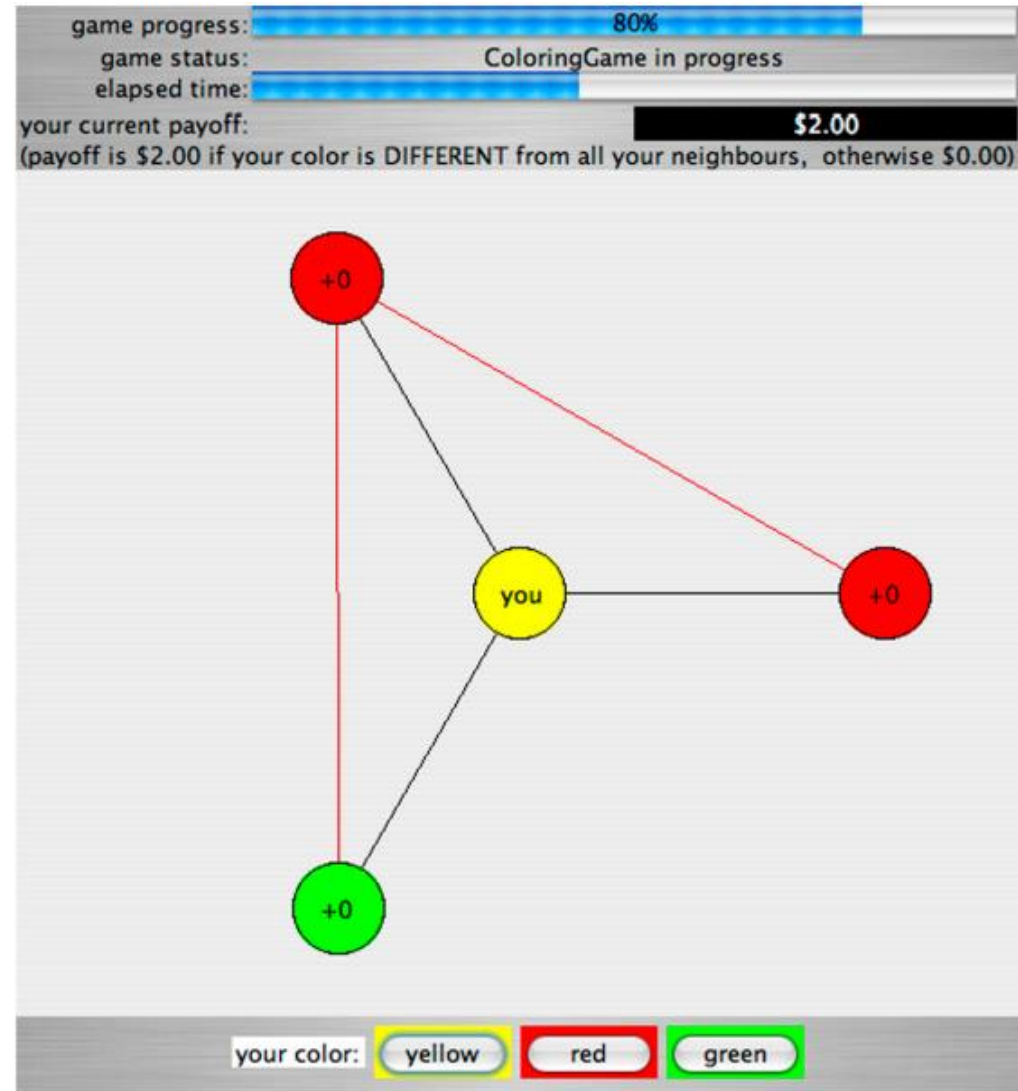
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A Stylized Social Network



What You Actually See

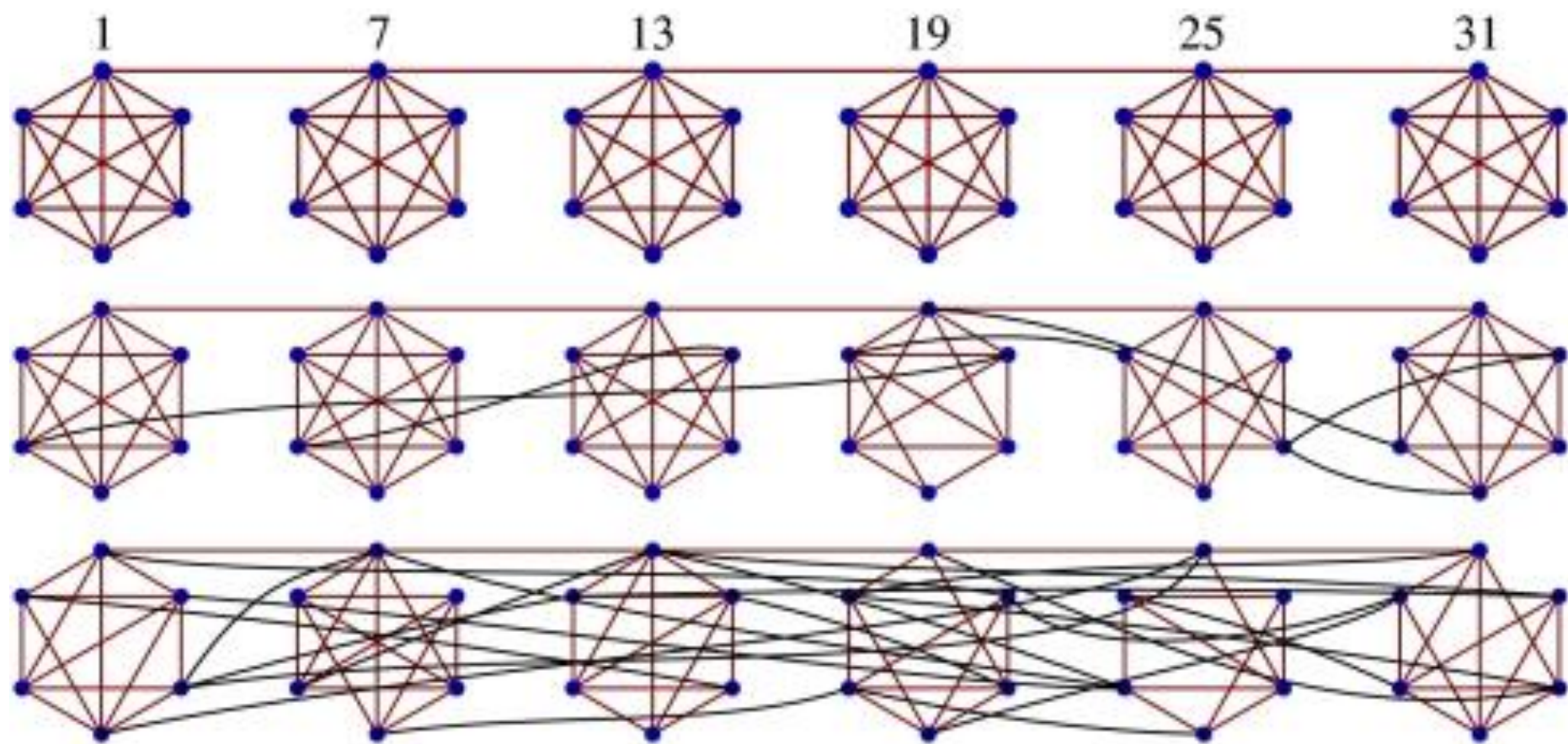


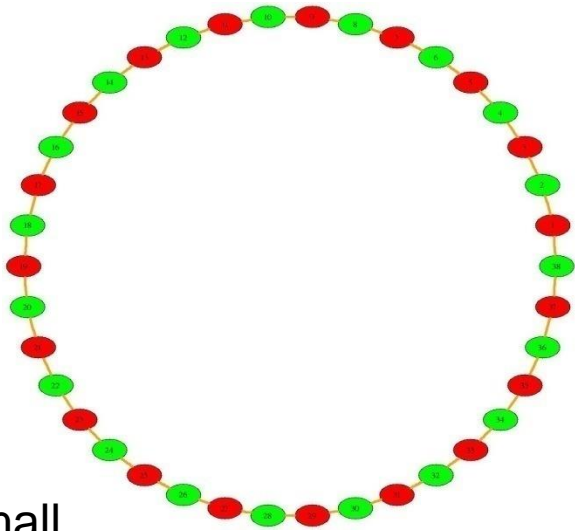
Behavioral Graph Theory Experiments

- Create a graph

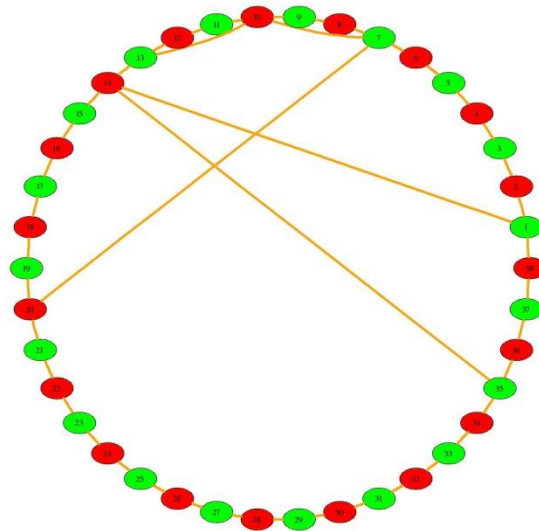
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- Create a graph (with 36 nodes)

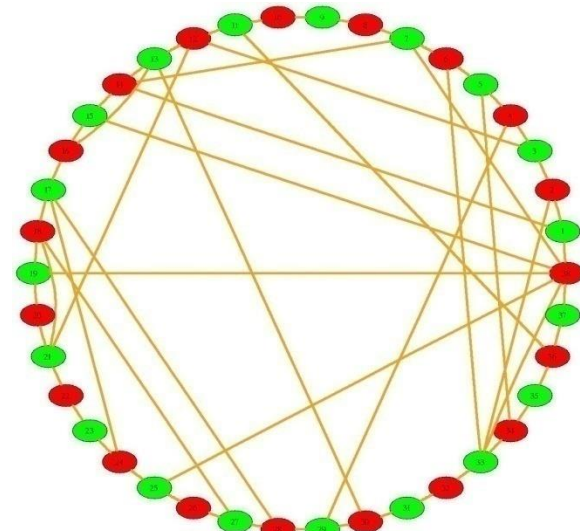




Simple Cycle

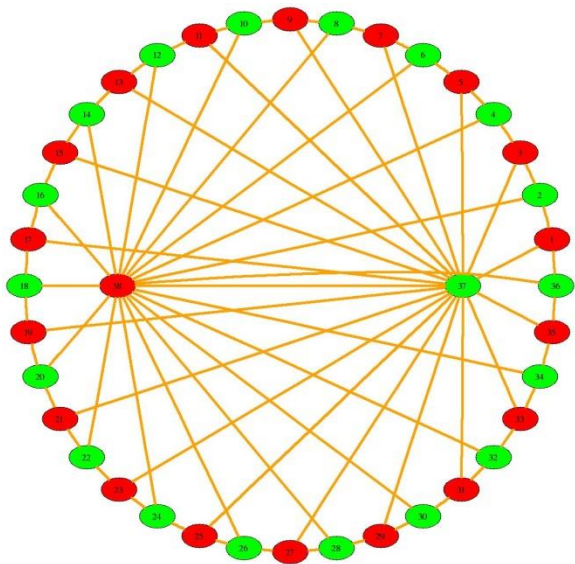


5-Chord Cycle

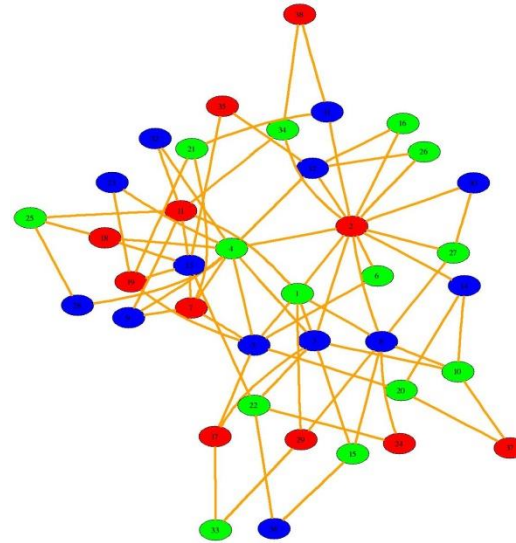


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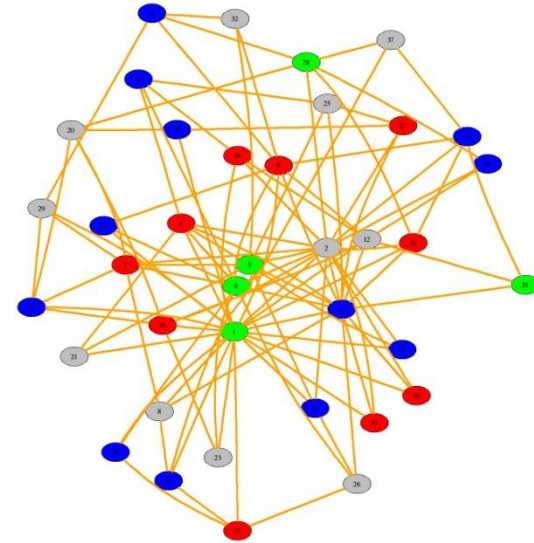
Small
Worlds
Family



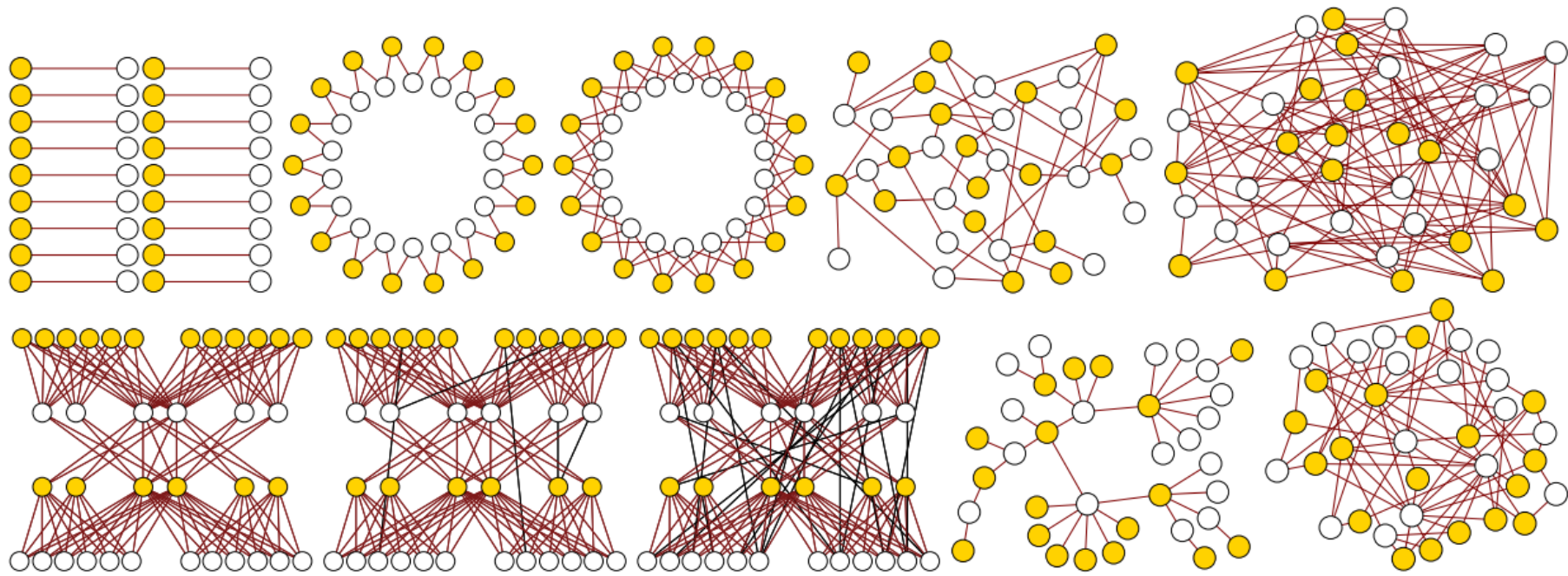
Leader Cycle



Preferential Attachment,
 $v = 2$



Preferential Attachment,
 $v = 3$



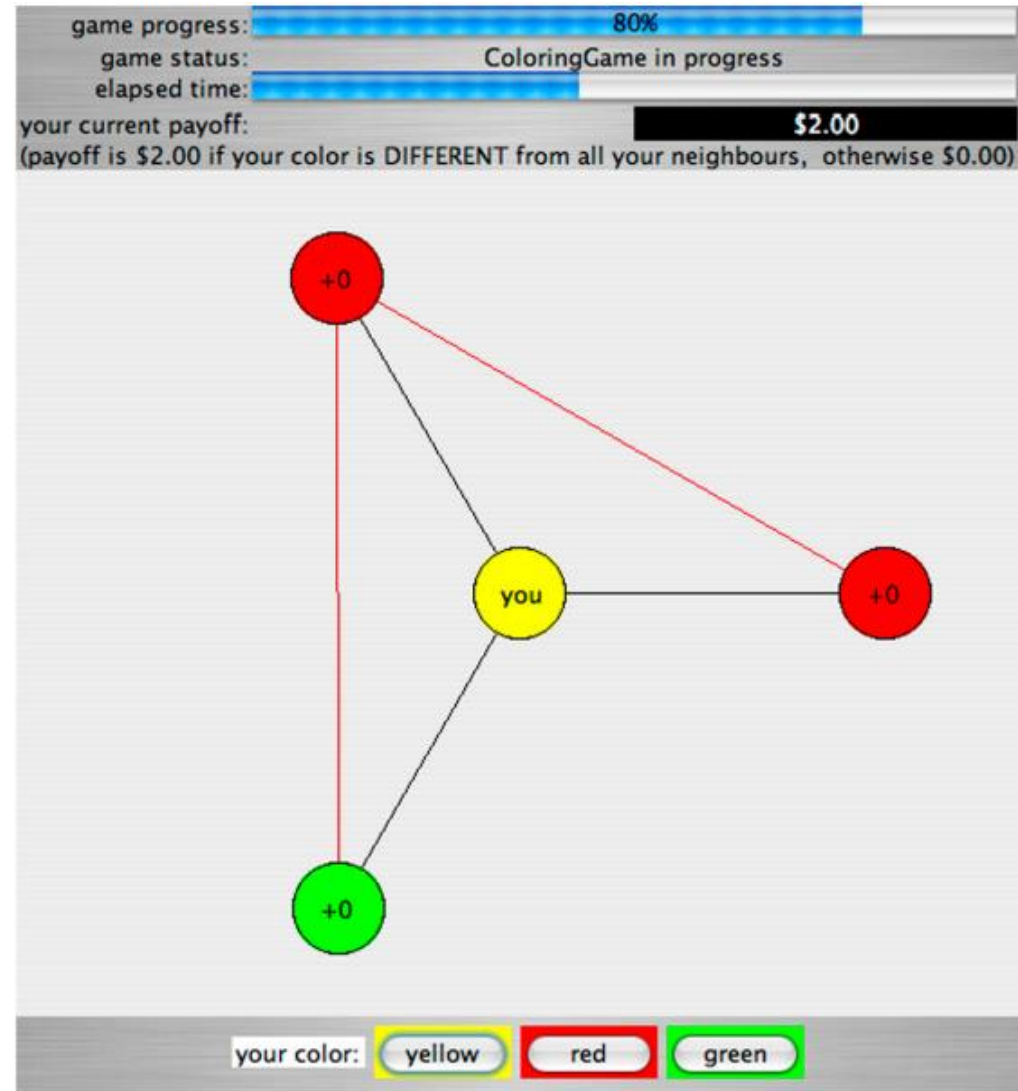
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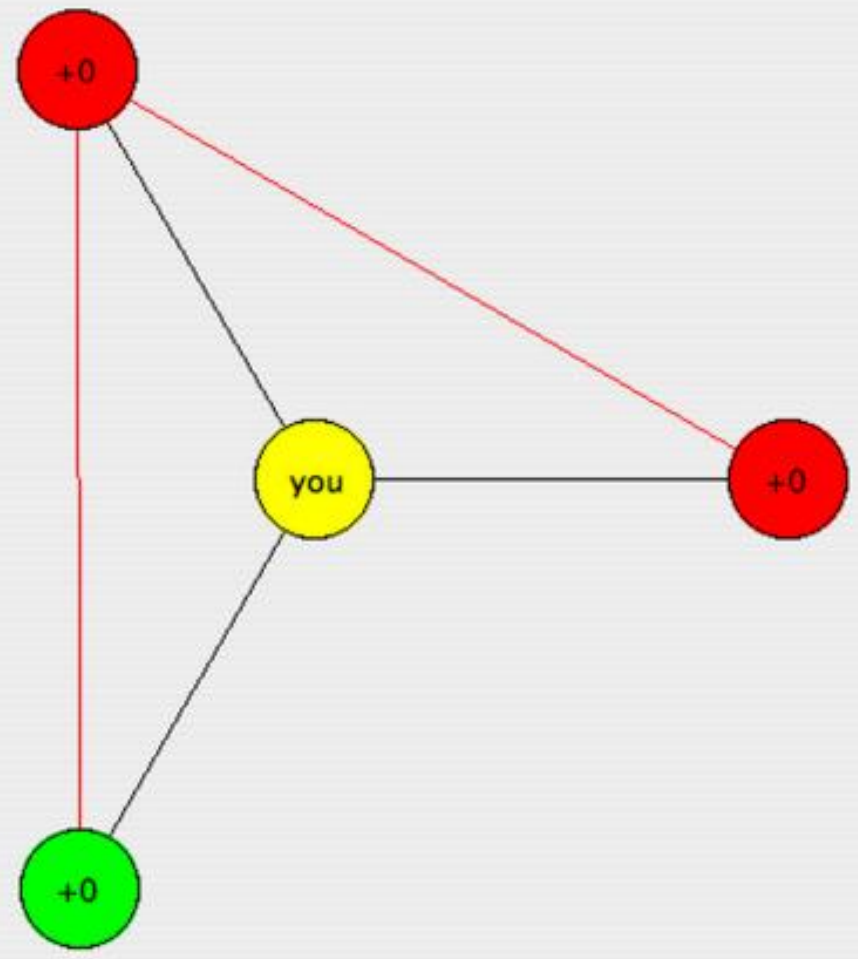
game progress: 80%

game status: ColoringGame in progress

elapsed time:

your current payoff: \$2.00

(payoff is \$2.00 if your color is DIFFERENT from all your neighbours, otherwise \$0.00)



your color: yellow red green

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- Pay everyone money if they achieve some collective result in a given period of time

Pay Everyone Money

- Consensus:
 - Each subject gets \$2 if everyone selects the same color within 3 minutes
 - Easy to compute
- Coloring:
 - Each subject gets \$2 if for entire graph no two neighbors share a color
 - (NP) Hard to compute
- 3 minutes per game

Other Papers

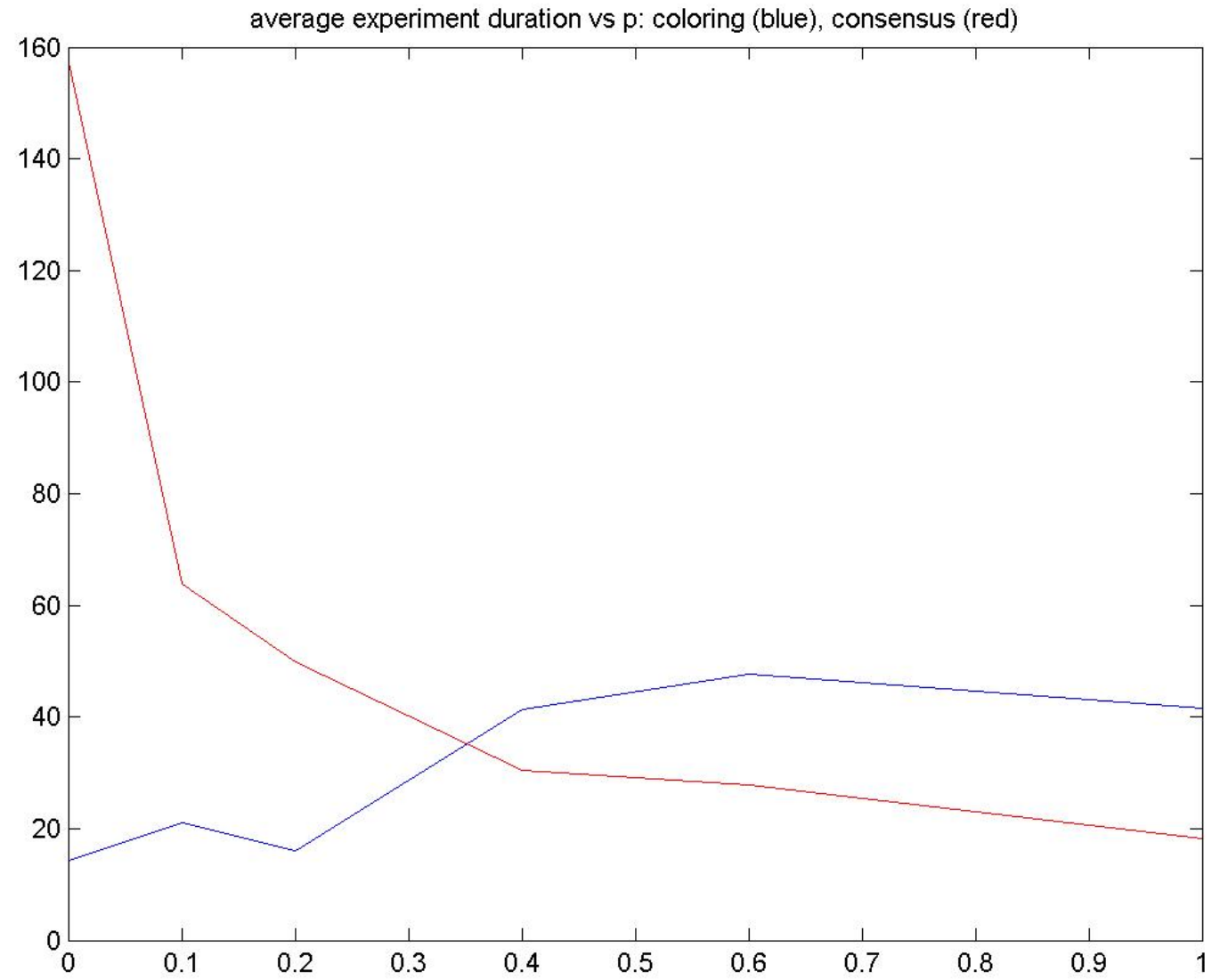
- King / Pawn
 - \$1 per minute for being a King with no neighboring King (“Lone King”)
 - \$0.50 per minute for being a Pawn
 - \$0 per minute for being a King with a neighboring King (“Fighting King”)
 - Games last 2 minutes

Other Papers

- Biased voting
(the “Primary Problem”)
 - Most: \$1.50 blue \$0.50 red (varied)
 - Minority: \$1.50 red \$0.50 blue (varied)

Finding 1:

- Greater connectivity makes consensus easier, coloring harder



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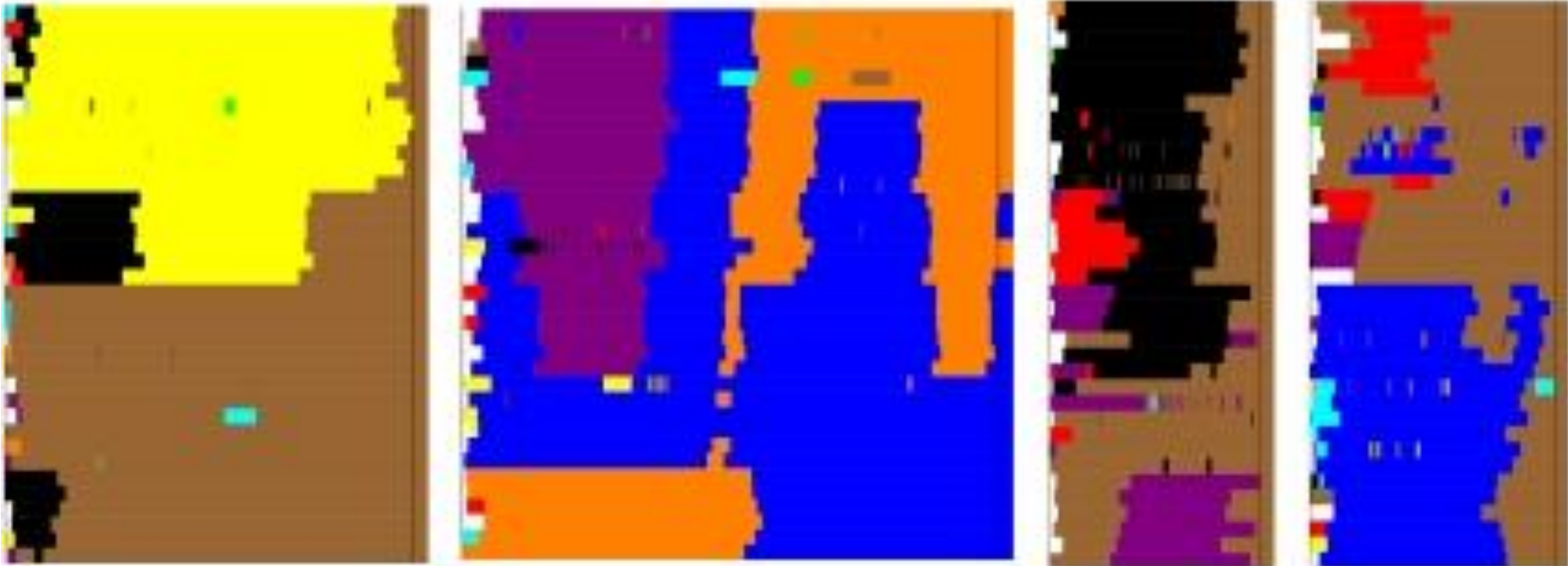
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Finding 1:

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- Implies that *task* interacts with graph structure

Finding 2:

- What is the impact of individual behavior on global outcomes?



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- “Influence”:
 - Neighborhood influence: higher if your neighbors changed colors to the color you’ve selected
 - Outcome influence: how much time before convergence did you select your final color

Finding 2:

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Course Project: Milestones

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2. Tu 3/22: Comments on classmates' ideas (nothing to submit in CMS)
Submit as follow-ups, not as replies to others' follow-ups
3. Th 3/24: Revise your ideas (nothing to submit in CMS)
4. Th 4/7: Project proposal **(submit using CMS)**
5. Th 4/21: Status report 1 (submit to TA)
6. Th 5/5: Status report 2 (submit to TA)
7. Tu 5/17: Project report (group) **(submit using CMS)**
Project report (individual) **(submit using CMS)**

Revised handout on website