

## Electronic Supplementary Material:







The interplay between social networks and culture: theoretically and among whales and dolphins

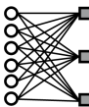



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**Table S1.** Glossary of network terminology and its interpretation in the context of animal societies, based on [1-7].

|   | Definition   | Meaning in the animal social context  |
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| Network, graph<br>       | Collection of points (see “nodes”) joined in pairs by lines (see “edges”) according to a defined relationship.           | Population of individuals represented by nodes and connected by their social relationships represented by edges.  |
| Nodes, vertices<br>     | Points in the network diagram, representing the elements of the studied system. Nodes can have different states.         | Usually represent identified individuals, but can represent higher levels of social structure. States of nodes include sex, age, behaviour types.   |
| Edges, links, ties<br> | Connecting lines between two nodes in the network, representing a relationship between the elements of the system.       | Represents the social relationship between two individuals.   |
| Binary edges<br>       | Edges can be present or absent and represent the presence of a qualitative relationship between two nodes in a network.  | Presence or absence of a social relationship (or social interactions) between two identified individuals.   |
| Weighted edges<br>     | Quantitative relationships between two nodes in a network, whose weights are proportional to the relationship intensity. | Quantitative measure of social relationships. Commonly, weighted edges represent the proportion of time two individuals spend associated, estimated by association indices [7], or the rate at which they interact per unit time. |
| One-mode network<br>   | Networks in which all nodes have the possibility of being connected.   | Animal social networks themselves are examples of one-mode networks: all pairs of individuals may have a relationship.  |

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| Two-mode network  | Networks whose nodes are divided into two distinct sets, with edges only occurring between different sets of nodes.   | Figure 4 is a two-mode network, illustrating individuals connected to the behaviour types that they perform.  |
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| Coevolutionary (or adaptive) network  | Network exhibiting a feedback loop between the local and topological dynamics, i.e. the state of the nodes and the evolution of the network structure.  | We suggest that this feedback loop can represent the interplay between changes in individual behaviour and the social structure, mediated by social learning occurring during social relationships (see Fig. 1b).                   |
| Topology of the network   | The arrangement of the nodes and the pattern of relationships between them; the structure of a network.   | The topology of a social network is an illustration of the social structure of a population.  |
| Modular structure   | Network composed of weakly interlinked groups of nodes, which are strongly internally connected.  | A modular social network depicts sets of individuals that interact or associate at high frequency with each other, and at lower frequency with individuals of other modules.  |
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| Nested structure  | In a nested two-mode network, some nodes have more interactions than others and there is a tendency for interactions of nodes with few interactions to be a proper subset of the interactions of nodes with more interactions | Figure 4 contains a nested individual-strategy network in which individuals that perform few strategies tend to perform a proper subset of the behavioural strategies performed by the individuals that perform several strategies. |
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| Small-world properties  | Networks in which two nodes that are both linked to a third node tend to be themselves linked and in which there is a small average shortest path length between individuals.   | In a small-world network, most individuals are not directly related to each other, but almost everyone can be reached from every other by a small number of relationship steps.   |
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| Shortest path length  | The least number of steps between two connected individuals that separate two nodes in a network.   | Measures the shortest distance between two individuals in a social network, in terms of number of intermediate relationships. It is a measure of the efficiency of information transmission.  |
| Connectance   | The proportion of realized edges in relation to possible edges.   | Total number of dyadic relationships given the total number of possible dyadic relationships.   |

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| Strength               | The sum of the weights of all edges connected to a node.   | Sum of intensity of all social relationships of a given individual, sometimes called gregariousness.   |
| Closeness centrality   | Total distance of a given node to all other nodes in the network, defined by the inverse sum of its shortest distances to all other nodes. | A measure of how related an individual is to all others in the social network.   |
| Betweenness centrality | Measures the degree to which a node lies on the shortest path between two other nodes.   | Measures the number of shortest paths that passes through an individual; thus individuals with high betweenness may funnel and control the flow of information through the social network. |

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