

Pseudocode of the Simulation Program

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FIRST PROCEDURE (Populate Model, Initialize Parameters)

- Select and create a number of agents (**N**)
 - where $\mathbf{N} \in [100, \infty)$ and $\{\mathbf{N} : \mathbf{N} \in (\mathbb{Z}^+)\}$
- Select a level of Consolidation (**C**)
 - where $\mathbf{C} \in [0, 1]$ and $\{\mathbf{C} : \mathbf{C} \in (\mathbb{R}^+ \cup [0])\}$
- Select a level of Homophily Bias (**H**)
 - where $\mathbf{H} \in [0, 1]$ and $\{\mathbf{H} : \mathbf{H} \in (\mathbb{R}^+ \cup [0])\}$
- Select a number of Groups or Communities (**G**)
 - where $2 \leq \mathbf{G} \leq x$ with $\{x : x \in [3, \infty)$ and $x \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ and $\{\mathbf{G} : \mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$
- Select a number of secondary boundaries (**B**)
 - where $2 \leq \mathbf{B} \leq n$ with $\{n : n \in [3, \infty)$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ and $\{\mathbf{B} : \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$.
- Select a margin of error for (**F**)
 - where $\mathbf{F} \in [0.01, 0.05]$ and $\{\mathbf{F} : \mathbf{F} \in (\mathbb{R}^+ \cup [0])\}$
- Select a mean degree (**Z**)
 - where $\mathbf{Z} \in [4, 10]$ and $\{\mathbf{Z} : \mathbf{Z} \in (\mathbb{Z}^+)\}$
- Select a number of iterations (**Q**)
 - where $\mathbf{Q} \in [100, \infty)$ and $\{\mathbf{Q} : \mathbf{Q} \in (\mathbb{Z}^+)\}$
- Select the population mean for the adoption thresholds (**T_{mean}**)
 - where $0 \leq \mathbf{T}_{\text{mean}} \leq 1$ where $\{\mathbf{T}_{\text{mean}} : \mathbf{T}_{\text{mean}} \in (\mathbb{R}^+ \cup [0])\}$
- Select the population standard deviation for the adoption thresholds (**T_{sd}**)
 - where $0 \leq \mathbf{T}_{\text{sd}} \leq 1$ where $\{\mathbf{T}_{\text{sd}} : \mathbf{T}_{\text{sd}} \in (\mathbb{R}^+ \cup [0])\}$

SECOND PROCEDURE (Consolidation)

- For agent *i* to agent **N**:
 - Randomly assign agent *i* to one, and only one, of the possible values of **G** (i.e. group membership).
 - Call this distribution of agents within groups the primary boundary (**PB**)
- Create **B** copies of **PB**
 - Induce a **C** level of correlation between each **B** and **PB** by partially reshuffling the secondary boundaries
 - Stop if the average pair-wise Pearson correlation coefficient between all the boundaries is equal to **C** +/- **F**

THIRD PROCEDURE (Homophily Bias)

- While **Z** has not been reached:
 - Ask a randomly selected agent *i* to:

- Select a social boundary at random (any of the secondary boundaries or the **PB** can be selected). Call the selected boundary **b**
- Draw a random number **r** from the unit interval ($\mathbf{r} \in [0,1]$ and $\{\mathbf{r} : \mathbf{r} \in (\mathbb{R}^+ \cup [0])\}$)
- If-else $\mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{H}$
 - Create an undirected tie with a random alter **j** that has the same value (i.e. group membership) in **b**
 - Create an undirected tie with a random an alter **j** that has a different value (i.e. group membership) in **b**

FOURTH PROCEDURE (Diffusion)

- For agent **i** to agent **N**:
 - Compute agent's **i** degree (**D_i**) intercultural capacity for brokerage (**IB_i**), and betweenness centrality (**BE_i**)
 - Create a variable **A_i** to indicate if the agent has adopted the innovation. Initially, no agent is an adopter (i.e. **A_i = 0**)
 - Calculate similarity to all other agents in the society using the simple matching coefficient (SMC), see equation 3 in the article.
 - Generate a random number (**T_i**), where $\mathbf{T}_i \sim \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{T}_{\text{mean}}, \mathbf{T}_{\text{sd}})$
 - Rank-order agents based on **D_i**, **IB_i**, and **BE_i**. There is one unique ranking per measure.
 - Select one of three rules to pick the seed agent: IB, degree, betweenness. or random
 - Based on the previous step, select the agent with highest **D_i** or **IB_i** or **BE_i** or select an agent at random. Call the selected agent **seed**.
 - Ask agent **seed** and all her immediate neighbors to become adopters (i.e. **A_i = 1**). Call this set the seed neighborhood (**s**)
 - Repeat **Q** times:
 - Ask a randomly selected non-adopter (i.e. **A_i = 0**) agent **i** to:
 - Randomly select one of her neighbors **j**
 - Adopt the innovation (i.e. **A_i = 1**) if **j** has already adopted the innovation (i.e. **A_j = 1**) and the similarity to agent **j** (i.e. SMC_{ij}) is $\geq \mathbf{T}_i$

FIFTH PROCEDURE (Compute Dependent Variables)

- Compute the following quantities:
 - $\mathbf{A}_{\text{overall}} = \frac{\sum_i^{N_{ns}} \mathbf{A}_i}{N_{ns}}$
 - $\mathbf{A}_{\text{in}} = \frac{\sum_i^{N_{ns}} \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{G}_{i,\text{seed}}}{\sum_i^{N_{ns}} \mathbf{G}_{i,\text{seed}}}$
 - $\mathbf{A}_{\text{out}} = \frac{\sum_i^{N_{ns}} \mathbf{A}_i | \mathbf{G}_{i,\text{seed}} - 1 |}{\sum_i^{N_{ns}} | \mathbf{G}_{i,\text{seed}} - 1 |}$

Where **N_{ns}** is the set of all agents that are not part of the seed neighborhood, and **G_{i,seed}** = 1 if the **i**th agent has the same group membership in the primary boundary that the seed agent, 0 otherwise.