

COMPUTE YOUR NETWORK

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Knowing your network's dimensions
Has a tangible value today.
To ignore these social statistics, can
Be a source of chagrin and dismay.

There's a new formula to be mastered
That will summarize ego-based ties.
We're proud to announce it in public
And to show where its error bound lies.

First, take the square root of your mom, plus
An elliptical sum of your dad,
Divide through by your phone bills, and raise it
To the power of girl friends you've had.

Count your number of smiles at the postman
Less occasions he doesn't smile back.
Fit the Poisson to deaths of your uncles,
And take out the number you lack.

Sketch the Gaussian plumes of your house pets,
Plus the graphs of the cliques of your friends.
Take away all equivalent others
And all those awaiting amends.

Now send all your data to Breiger,
Who will feed them to CONCOR forthwith.

Be patient – don't change your position;
The result will be back in a jiff.

“Regarding the data you sent me,
I have blocked all the structural forms;
You don't fit the monastical model, but
Comply with the middle-class norms.”