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Supplementary Material for: Network analysis of the NetHealth data: Exploring co-evolution of individuals' social networks and physical activities

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S1

We filter out users who formally dropped out of the study or became completely inactive (i.e., did not send or receive any SMSs) within the first year period. This leaves us with 576 study participants as our user pool for constructing the network. We denote this pool of users as NetU. Here, we evaluate SMS activities of users in NetU by checking the number of weeks in which a given user is active (i.e., send or receive at least one SMS in a given week). We find that most users in NetU are active in most of the weeks during the first year period (Figure S2). This means that instead of sending/receiving SMSs occasionally for a short period then disappear, most NetU users are constantly active throughout the study period, especially during school weeks. Thus, our user pool is of good quality in terms of long-term SMS activities.

S2

We vary values of the two parameters, time interval Δt and link threshold w , in order to empirically choose for constructing the network. We expect our network to be sparse (i.e., low density) and has large LCCs, which resembles many real-world networks. By examining different combinations of Δt and w , we choose $\Delta t = 1$ week and $w = 1$. With this choice, LCC sizes of school weeks are high (above 0.9), and LCC sizes of break weeks are significantly lower than school weeks (Figure S3). In addition, The densities of snapshots are low, and densities of break weeks are significantly lower than school weeks (Figure S3). Thus, network snapshots we constructed resemble real-world networks in terms of density and LCC size. Moreover, they capture valuable temporal information (e.g., fluctuations in break weeks) from the data.

S3

As explained in Section [Studying the evolution of global properties of network snapshots](#) in the main paper, we analyze commonly used global network properties of each network snapshot. Definitions of these properties are as follows.

- Degree distribution is the probability distribution of degrees of nodes over the whole network

- Average clustering coefficient is the average of the clustering coefficients of all the nodes in the network. The clustering coefficient of a node is the proportion of edges between the nodes within its neighbourhood divided by the number of edges that could possibly exist between them ;
- Clustering spectrum is the distribution of average clustering coefficient for nodes with each degree k ;
- Average shortest path length is the average of shortest path lengths for all possible pairs of nodes in the network;
- Shortest path length distribution is the distribution of shortest path lengths for all possible pairs of nodes in the network.
- Modularity is the fraction of the edges that fall within the given groups minus the expected fraction if edges were distributed at random [1].

S4

As explained in Section [Local network centralities](#) in the main paper, we measure social network positions of all nodes in each snapshot via 10 centrality measures, each of which aims to capture the importance of a node in a network, often from a complementary perspective compared to others. Definitions of traditional network centrality measures are as follows.

- Degree centrality (DEGC) measures the degree of a node in the network, i.e. the number of the node's neighbors. The higher the degree of a node, the more central the node according to DEGC. Most real-world networks have 'power-law' degree distributions, with many low degree nodes and few high-degree nodes (hubs) [2].
- K-core of a network is a maximal subset of nodes in the network such that each node is connected to at least k others in the subset. K-coreness centrality (KC) of a node is k if the node is in k -core.
- Graphlet degree centrality (GDC) measures how many graphlets a node participates in, for all 2–5-node graphlets [3]. Intuitively, the more graphlets a node touches, the more central the node is according to GDC. Because it captures the extended network neighborhood of a node, GDC is a highly sensitive measure of network topology.
- Eigenvector centrality (EIGENC) is an extension of degree centrality. A node with high eigenvector centrality score means that a node is connected to many nodes who themselves have high cores.
- Betweenness centrality (BETWC) measures the involvement of a node in the shortest paths in the network. Intuitively, nodes that occur in many shortest paths have high centrality according to BETWC.
- Closeness centrality (CLOSEC) measures the 'closeness' of a node to all other nodes in the network. Intuitively, nodes with small shortest path distances to all other nodes have high centrality according to CLOSEC.
- Eccentricity centrality (ECC) is related to CLOSEC, except that it measures the 'closeness' of a node only to the farthest node in the network [4]. Intuitively, nodes with small shortest path distances to the furthest node in the network have high centrality according to ECC.

- Clustering coefficient centrality (CLUSC) measures, for a given node, how many pairs of neighbors of the node are connected by an edge, out of all pairs of the node's neighbors. Intuitively, the more interconnected the neighborhood of the node, the more central the node is according to CLUSC.

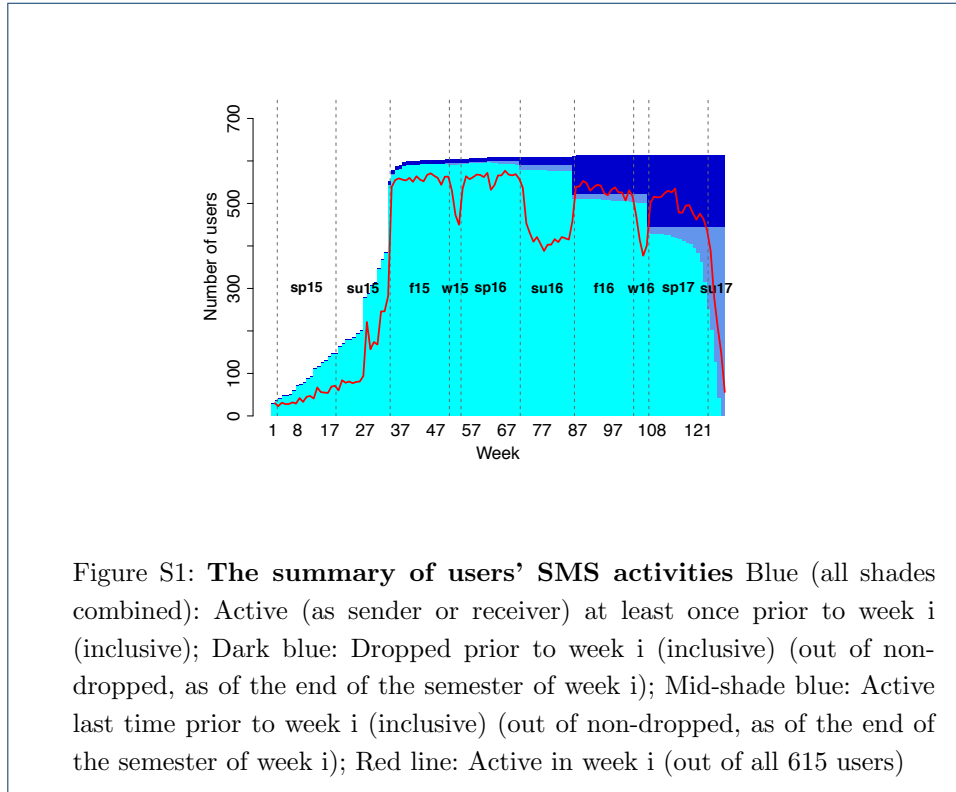
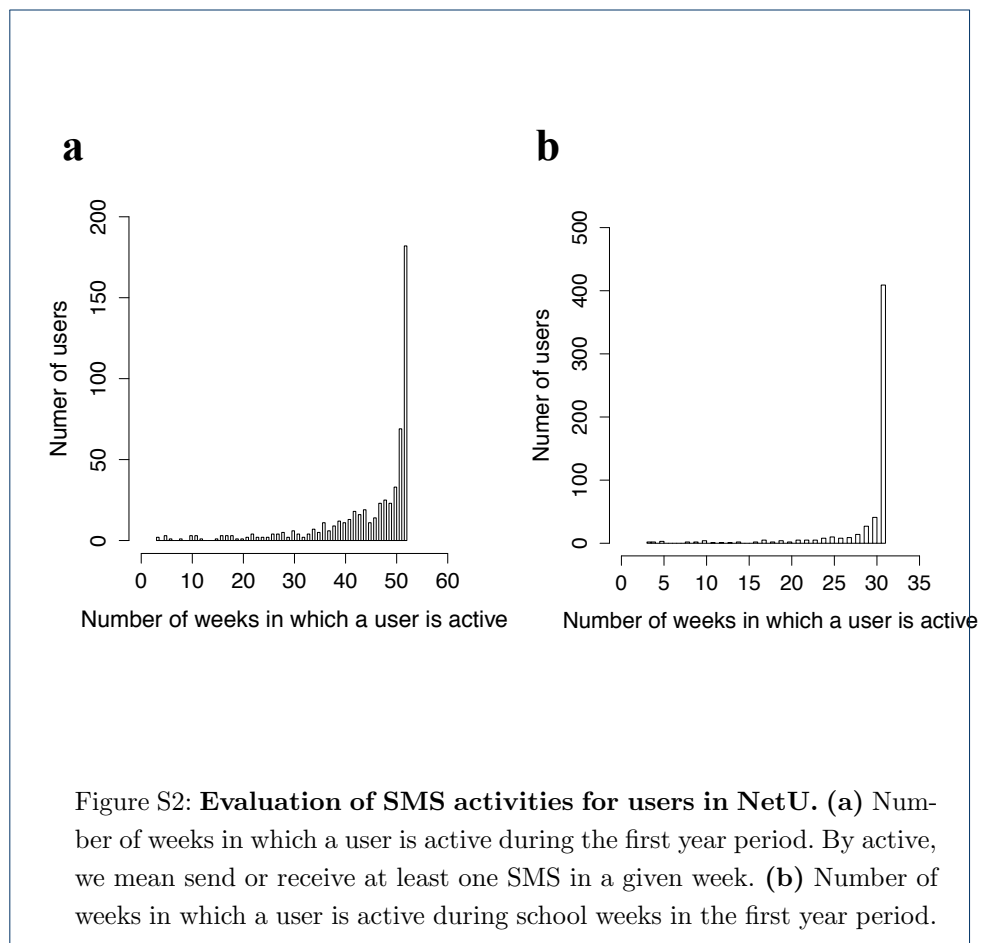
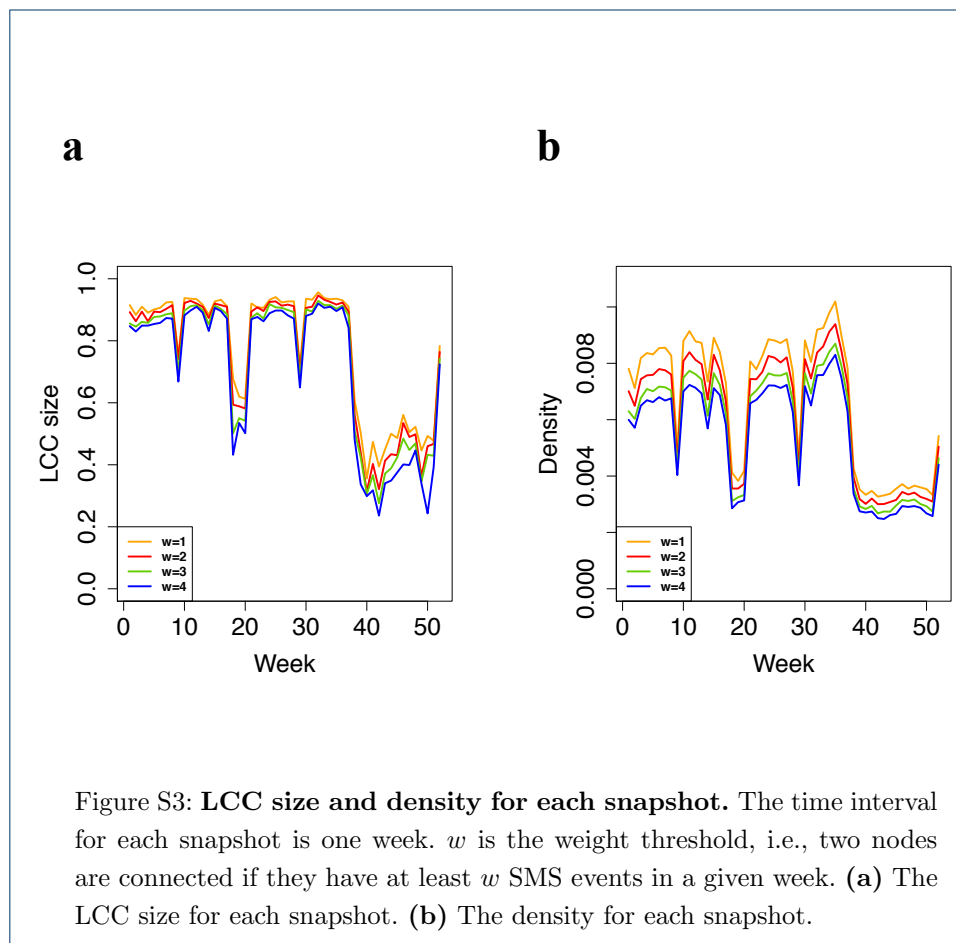
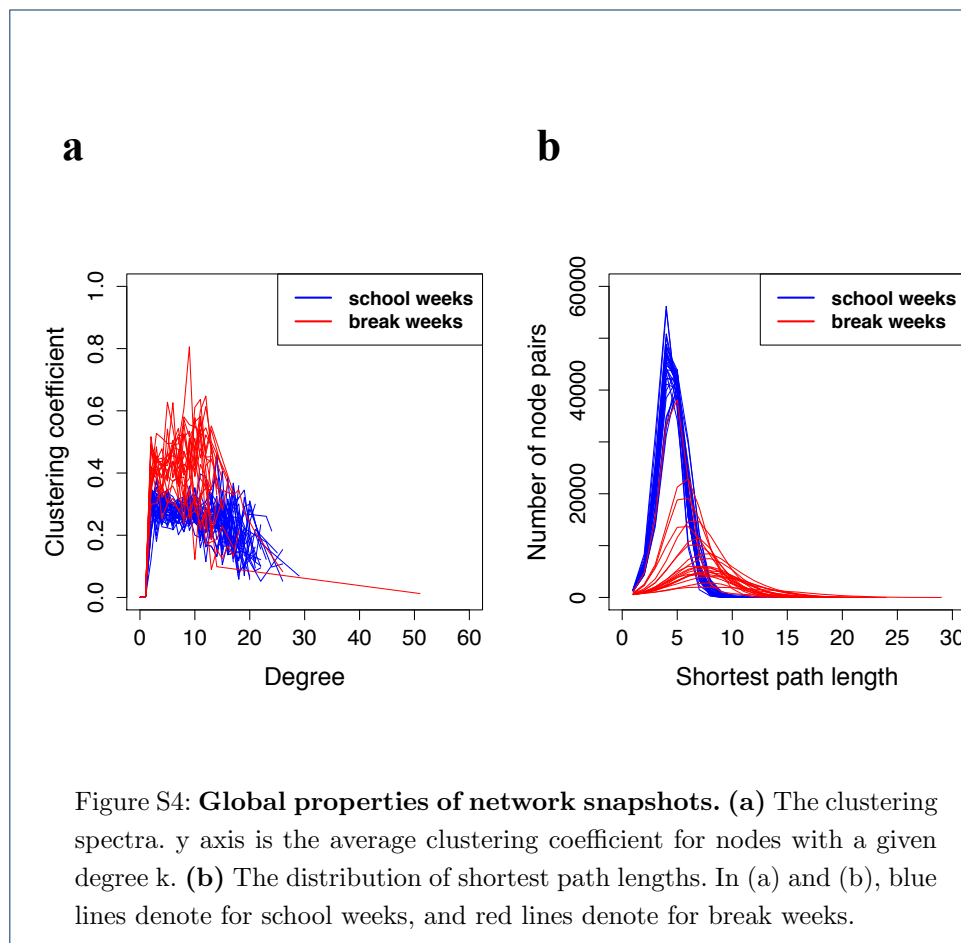
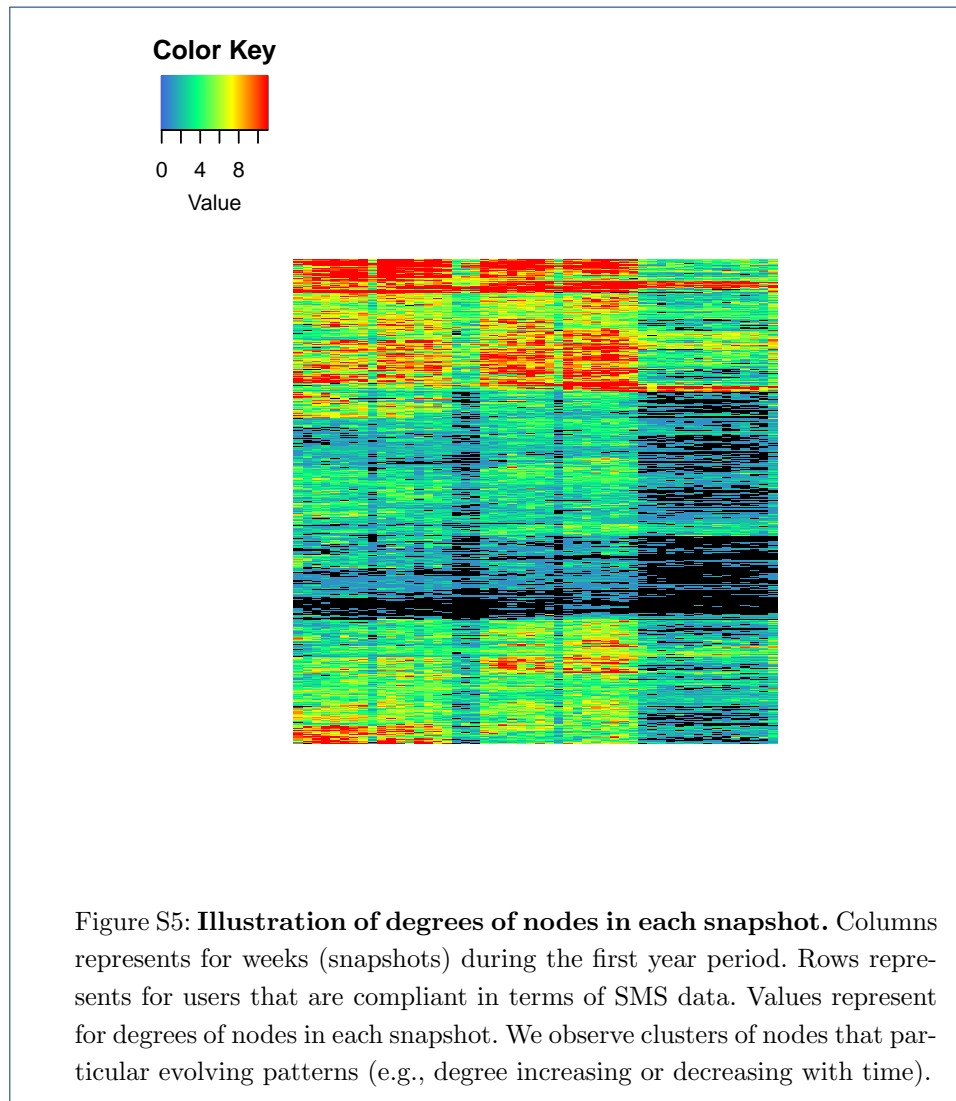


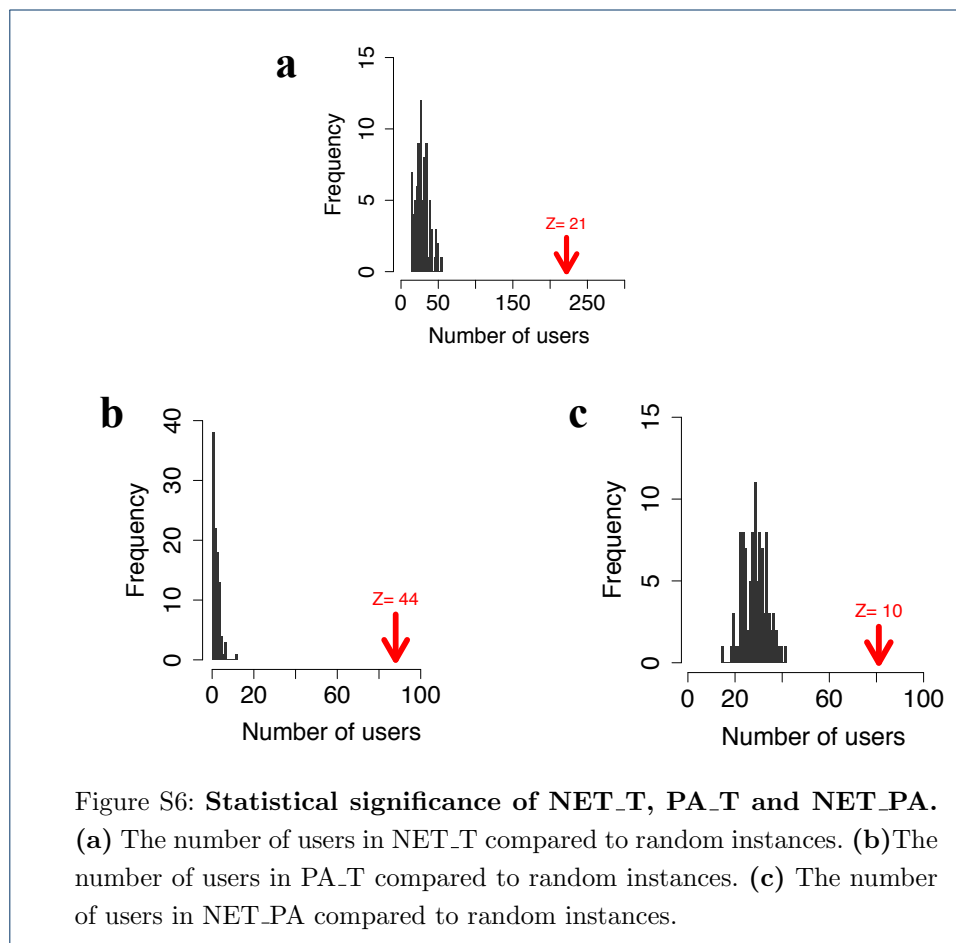
Figure S1: **The summary of users' SMS activities** Blue (all shades combined): Active (as sender or receiver) at least once prior to week i (inclusive); Dark blue: Dropped prior to week i (inclusive) (out of non-dropped, as of the end of the semester of week i); Mid-shade blue: Active last time prior to week i (inclusive) (out of non-dropped, as of the end of the semester of week i); Red line: Active in week i (out of all 615 users)











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