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This dissertation contains four independent studies on applications of social and economic networks. Social connections between agents are represented as links between nodes in a network structure, which is taken as given in each study. We investigate various effects caused by the interaction of decision makers, including non-monotonic dynamics of adopting behavior of innovation, coordination under restricted communication, wisdom of crowds with structural variability, and cost sharing of cleaning a polluted river among regions in the basin of the river network.

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