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## IXPert: a platform to analyze the network benefits of connecting to IXPs

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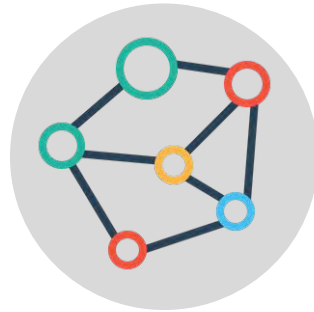


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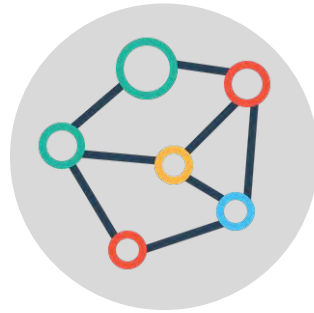


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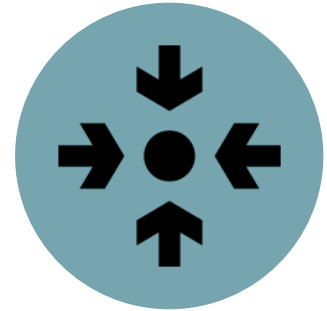
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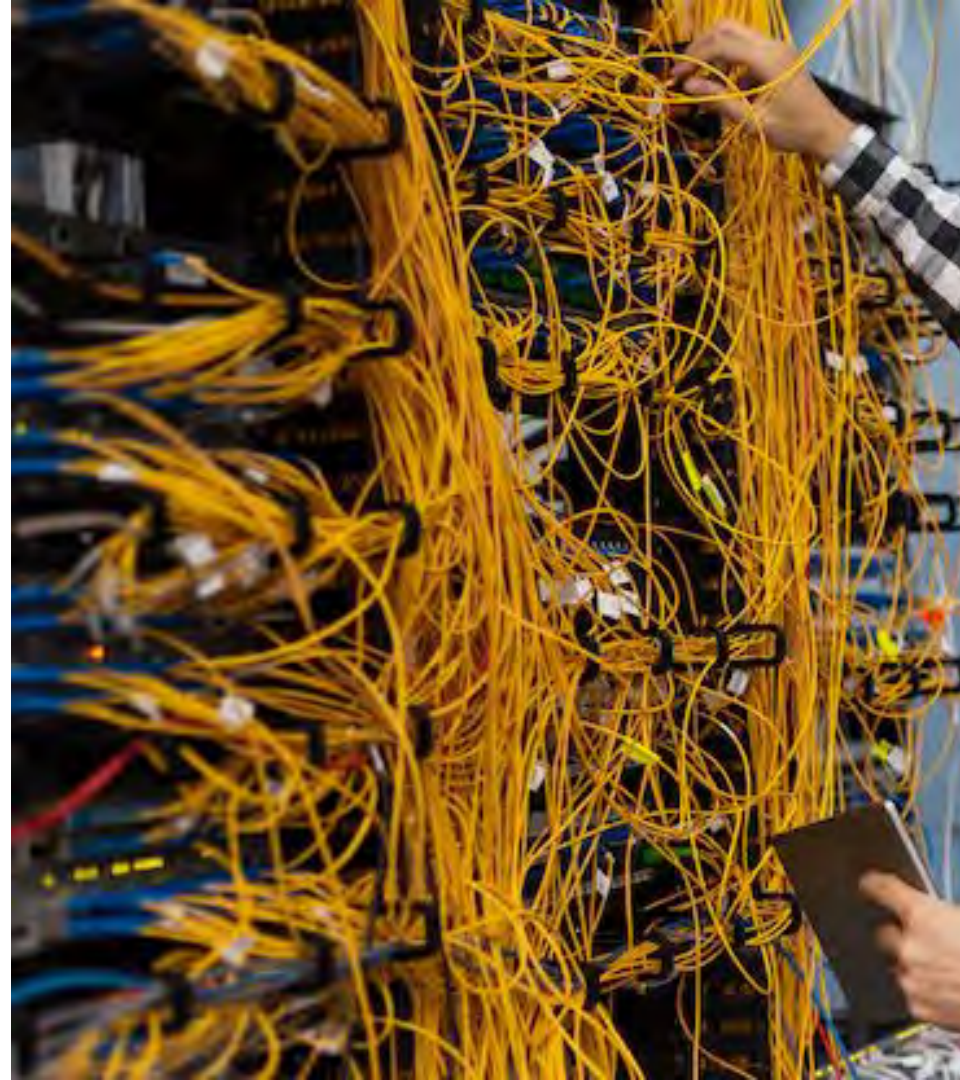


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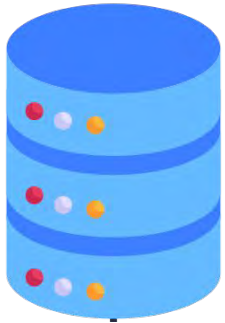
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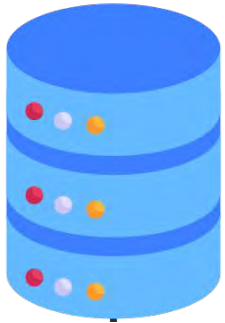
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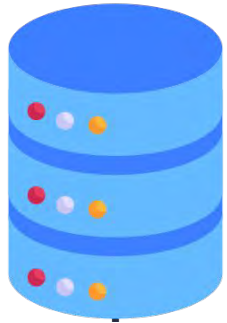


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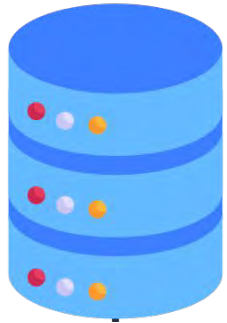


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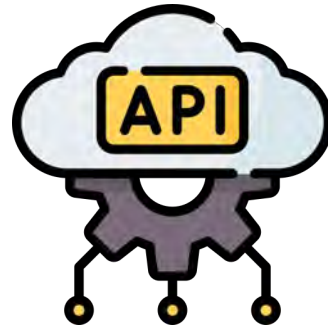
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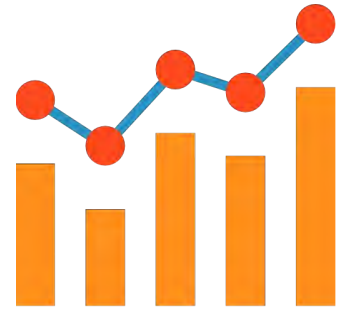
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# Possible use cases



## Use case #1

An AS needs to find better connectivity to a given AS or prefix

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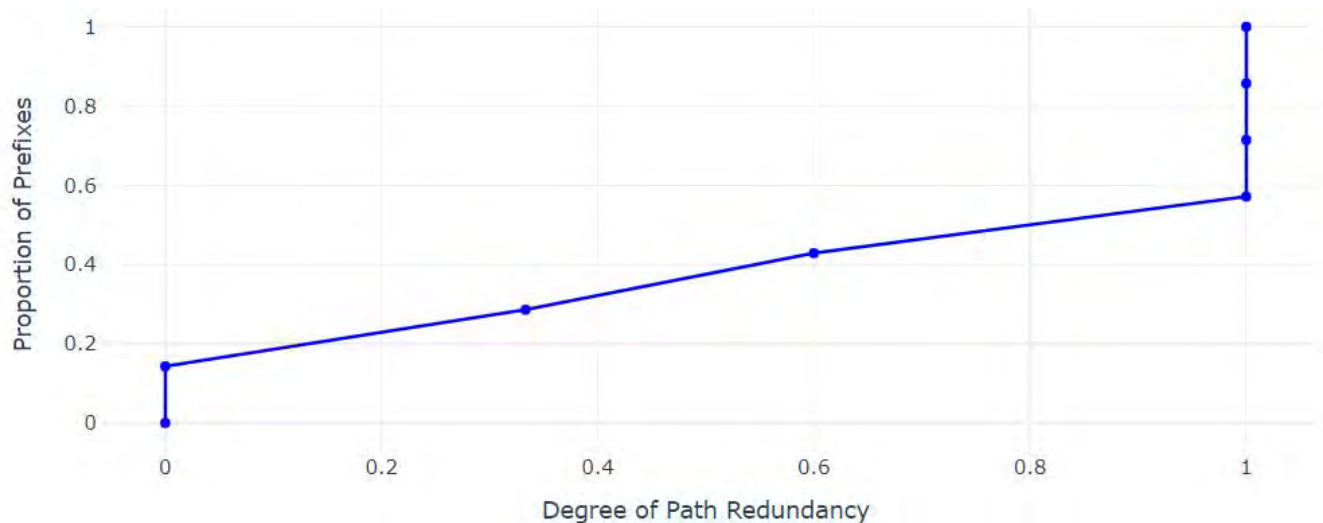
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## Prefixes - Path Redundancy

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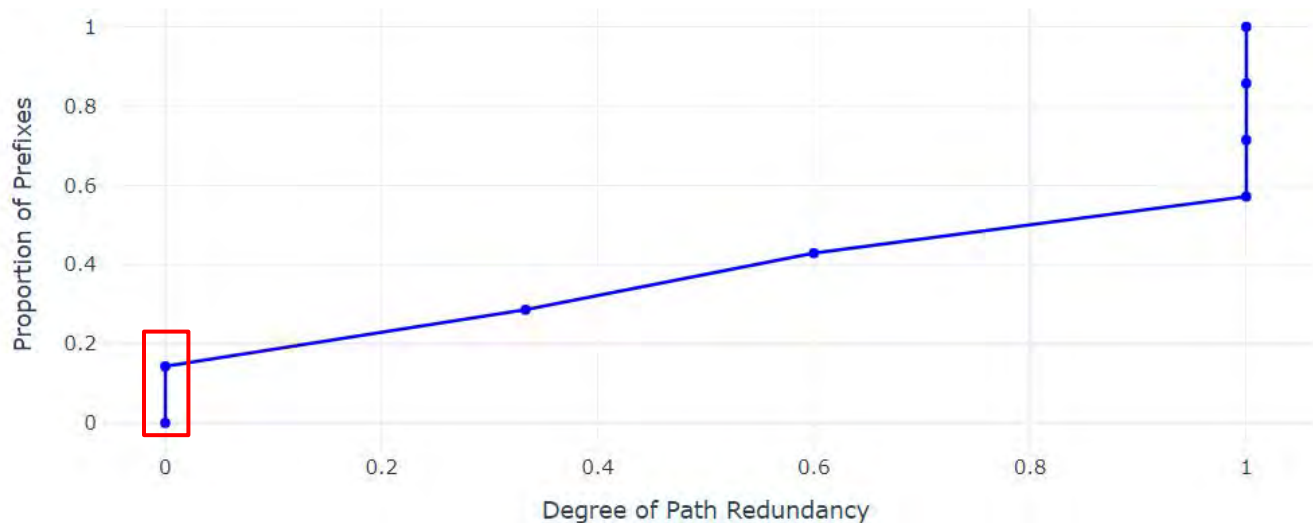
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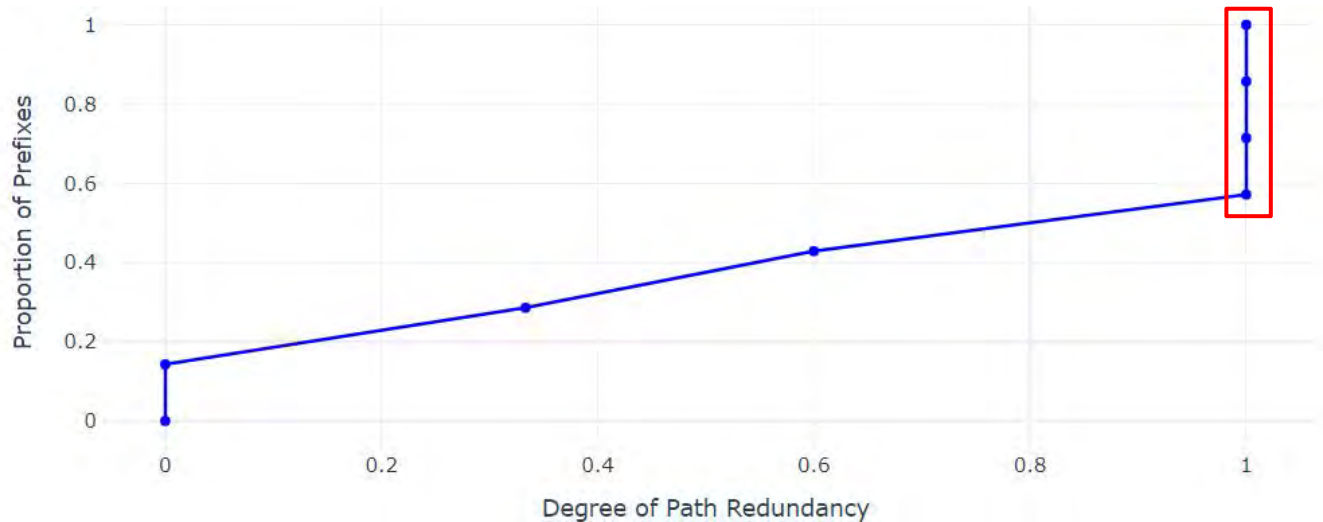
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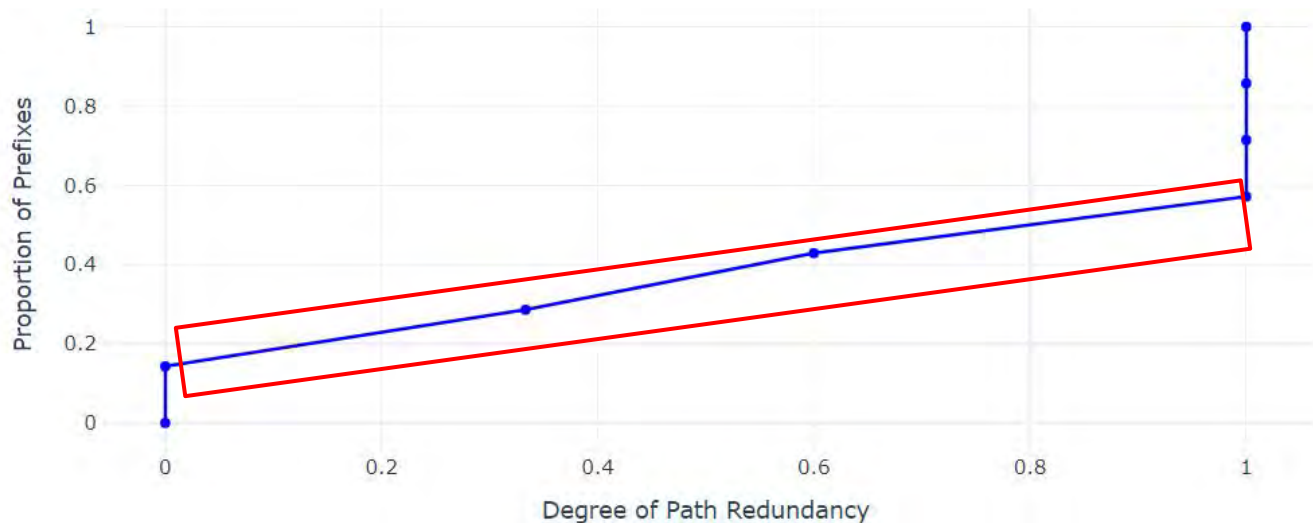
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## Use case #3

You are a network operator or IXP manager and wants to compare the benefits of two IXPs

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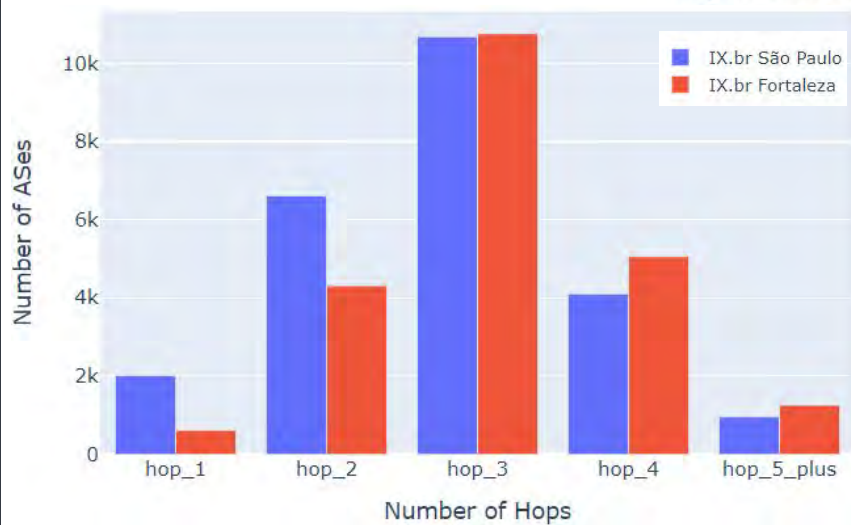
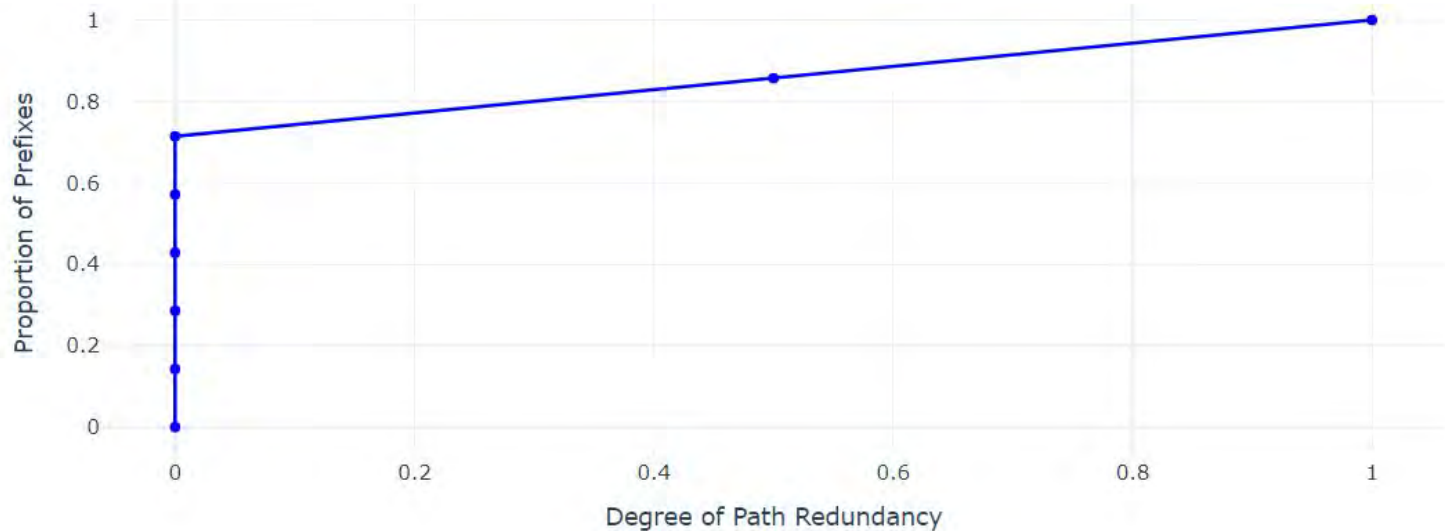
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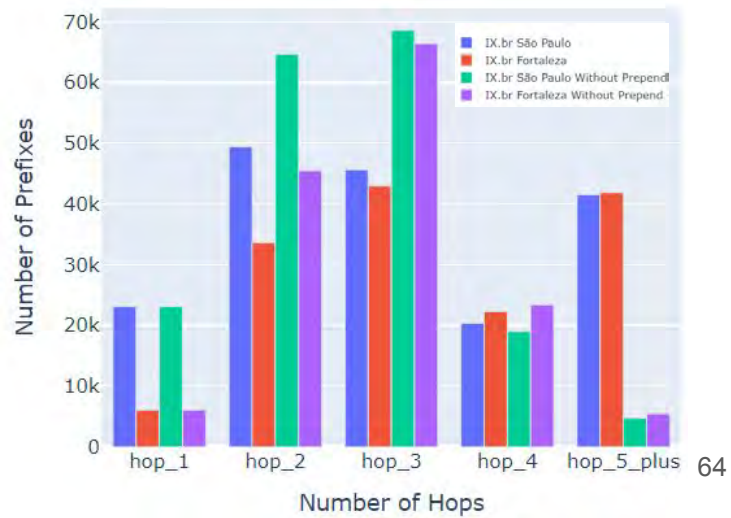
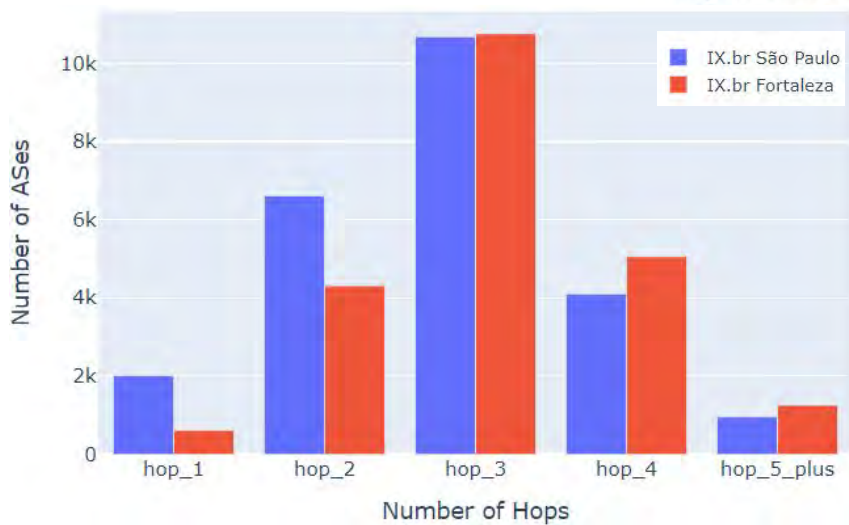
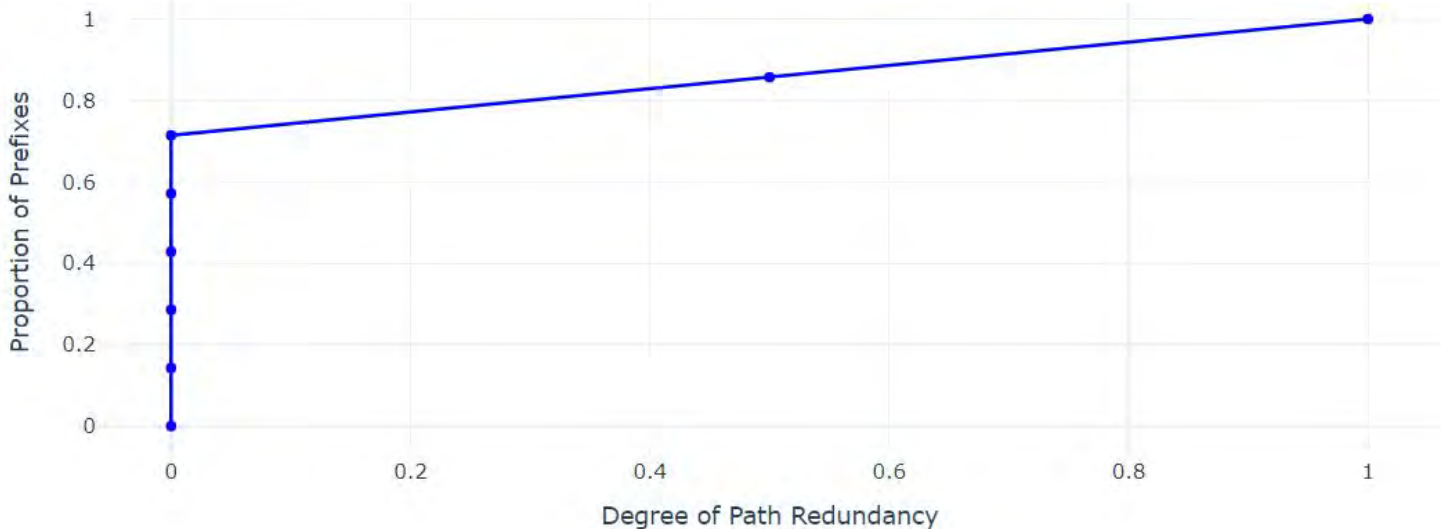
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