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In a first stage of the project on Theban witnesses in Demotic documents, we illustrated social network analysis and data visualisation as a technique for identifying and disambiguating historic actors in a large dataset. This next phase will present you with an example of how historical research can evolve after having used the identification method. Inspired by Padgett and Ansell's seminal paper on the Medici: "Robust Action and the Rise of the Medici 1400-1434", we now aim to explore different types of relationships attested in the Theban sources and compare the resulting networks.
