



# FOCUSING ON SPECIFIC FACTORS. WHAT INFLUENCES AND OUTCOMES ARE CONNECTED TO A SPECIFIC FACTOR ?

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Focus on a particular **element of your project** to understand the **direct and indirect influences leading to a specific factor** and all **outcomes it contributes to**. This helps in exploring the role of the factor as both an outcome and an influence within the causal system.

To get this view, filter all the links in your map to show only links connected to this factor.

Asking about all the immediate causes and/or effects of a particular factor or set of factors produces the local neighbourhood or "ego network". What are the immediate causes and effects of traffic accidents? Of melting glaciers?

By default we usually filter for the *immediate* causes and effects of one factor. But we can extend this:

- Show causes and/or effects more than one step removed.
- Suppress causes and show only effects, or vice-versa. This idea then overlaps with .
- Use a more strict algorithm to avoid the [The transitivity trap](#) as described here: .

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