DATA MINING LINK ANALYSIS RANKING

PageRank – Random walks HITS

Network Science

- A number of complex systems can be modeled as networks (graphs).
 - The Web
 - (Online) Social Networks
 - Biological systems
 - Communication networks (internet, email)
 - The Economy
- We cannot truly understand such complex systems unless we understand the underlying network.
 - Everything is connected, studying individual entities gives only a partial view of a system
- Data mining for networks is a very popular area
 - Application to the Web is one of the success stories for network data mining.

A case study: Searching the web

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A case study: Searching the web

- Second try: Web Search
 - Information Retrieval investigates:
 - Find relevant docs in a small and trusted set e.g., Newspaper articles, Patents, etc. ("needle-in-a-haystack")
 - Limitation of keywords (synonyms, polysemy, etc)
 - But: Web is huge, full of untrusted documents, random things, web spam, etc.
 - Everyone can create a web page of high production value
 - Rich diversity of people issuing queries
 - Dynamic and constantly-changing nature of web content

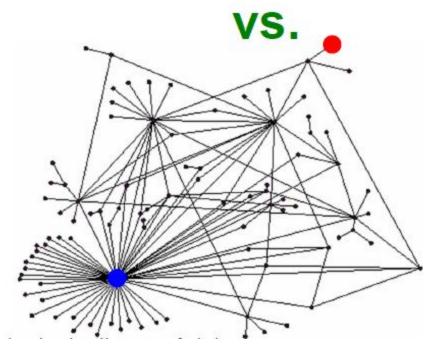
A case study: Searching the web

- Third try (the Google era): using the web graph
 - Sift from relevance to authoritativeness
 - It is not only important that a page is relevant, but that it is also important on the web

 For example, what kind of results would we like to get for the query "game of thrones"?

Link Analysis Ranking

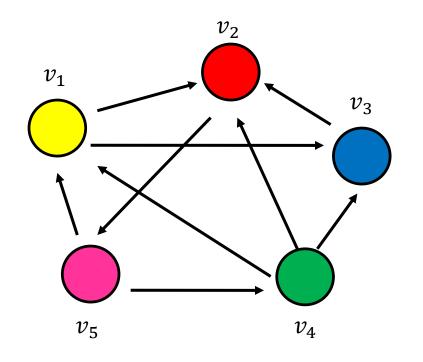
- Use the graph structure to determine the relative importance of the nodes
 - Applications: Ranking on graphs (Web, Twitter, FB, etc)
- Intuition: An edge from node p to node q denotes endorsement
 - Node p endorses/recommends/confirms the authority/centrality/importance of node q
 - Use the graph of recommendations to assign an authority value to every node



What is the simplest way to measure importance of a page on the web?

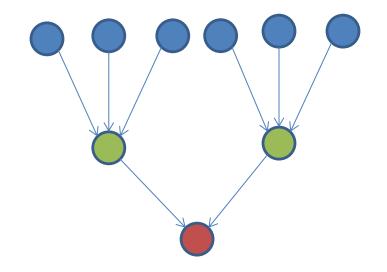
Rank by Popularity

 Rank pages according to the number of incoming edges (indegree, degree centrality)



- 1. Red Page
- 2. Yellow Page
- 3. Blue Page
- 4. Purple Page
- 5. Green Page

Popularity



- It is not important only how many link to you, but how important are the people that link to you.
- Good authorities are pointed by good authorities
 - Recursive definition of importance

PAGERANK

PageRank

- Good authorities should be pointed by good authorities
 - The value of a node is the value of the nodes that point to it.

• How do we implement that?

- Assume that we have a unit of authority to distribute to all nodes.
- Node *i* gets a fraction w_i of that authority weight
- Each node distributes the authority value they have to their neighbors
- The authority value of each node is the sum of the authority fractions it collects from its neighbors.

$$w_i = \sum_{j \to i} \frac{1}{|N_{out}(j)|} w_j$$

Recursive definition

$$w_i = \sum_{j \to i} \frac{1}{|N_{out}(j)|} w_j$$

$$w_{1} = 1/3 w_{4} + 1/2 w_{5}$$

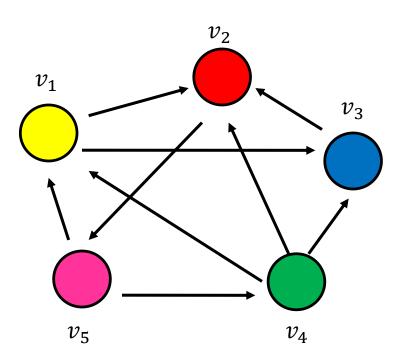
$$w_{2} = 1/2 w_{1} + w_{3} + 1/3 w_{4}$$

$$w_{3} = 1/2 w_{1} + 1/3 w_{4}$$

$$w_{4} = 1/2 w_{5}$$

$$w_{5} = w_{2}$$

 $w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4 + w_5 = 1$



We can obtain the weights by solving this system of equations

Computing PageRank weights

- A simpler way to compute the weights is by iteratively updating the weights using the equations
- PageRank Algorithm

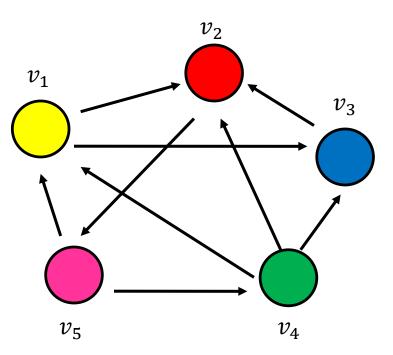
Initialize all PageRank weights to $w_i^0 = \frac{1}{n}$ Repeat: $w_i^t = \sum_{j \to i} \frac{1}{|N_{out}(j)|} w_j^{t-1}$ Until the weights do not change

This process converges

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t=0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
t=1	0.16	0.36	0.16	0.1	0.2
t=2	0.13	0.28	0.11	0.1	0.36
t=3	0.22	0.22	0.1	0.18	0.28
t=4	0.2	0.27	0.17	0.14	0.22

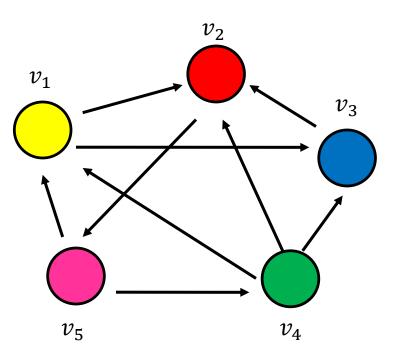


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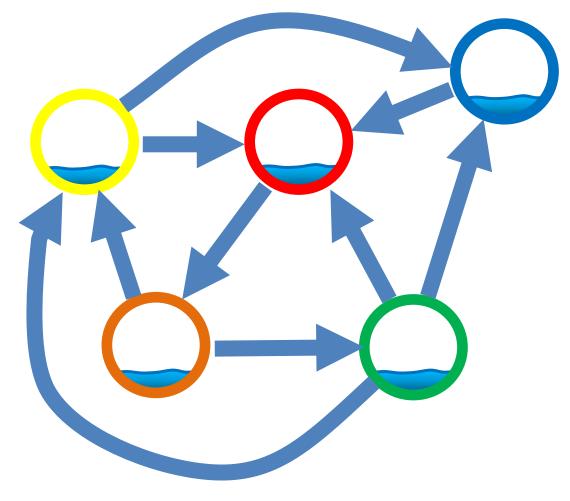
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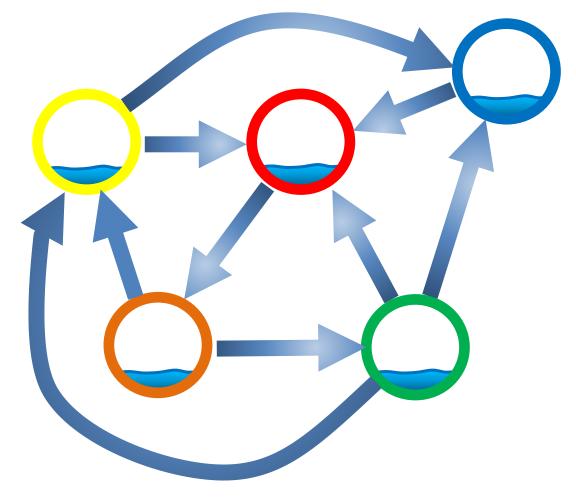
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Think of the nodes in the graph as containers of capacity of 1 liter.

We distribute a liter of liquid equally to all containers

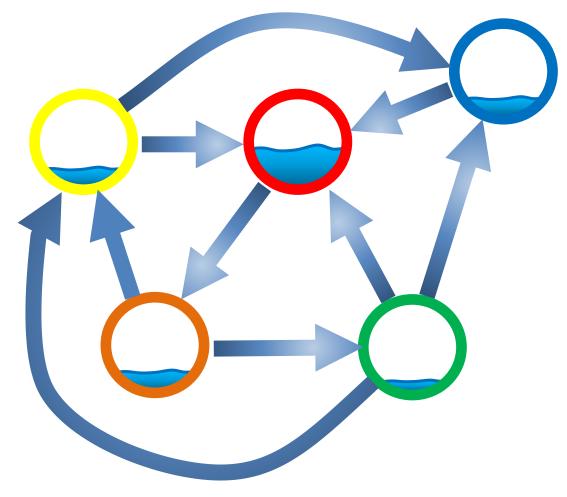


The edges act like pipes that transfer liquid between nodes.



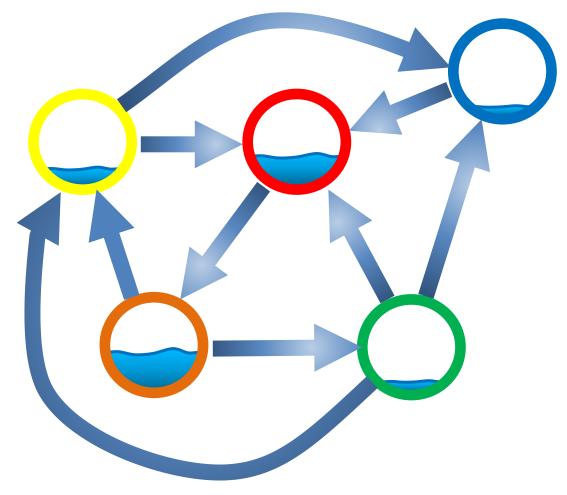
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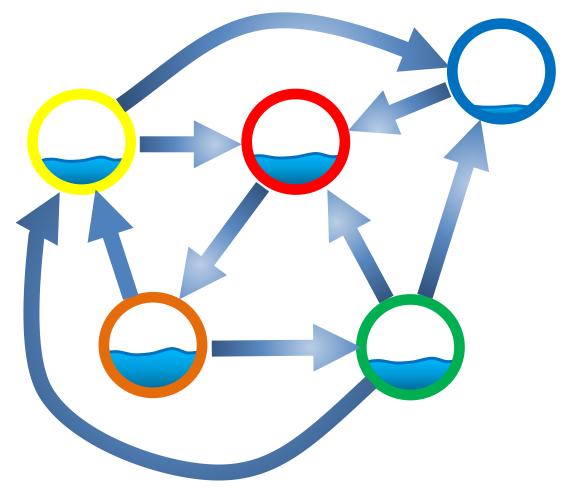
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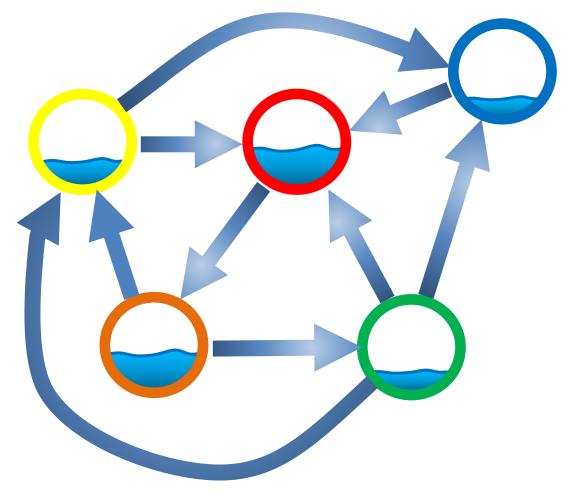


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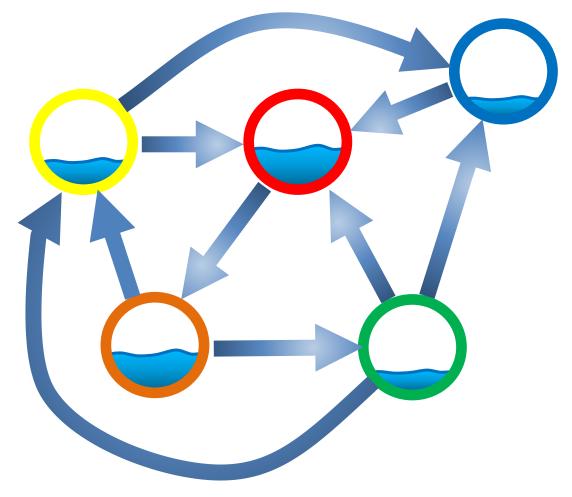


The system will reach an equilibrium state where the amount of liquid in each node remains constant.



The amount of liquid in each node determines the importance of the node.

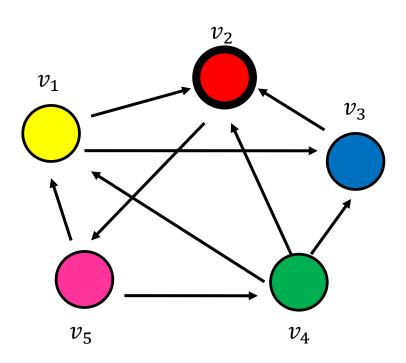
Large quantity means large incoming flow from nodes with large quantity of liquid.



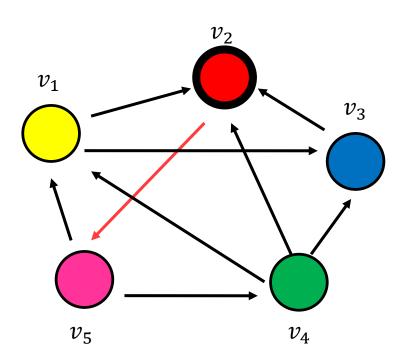
Random Walks on Graphs

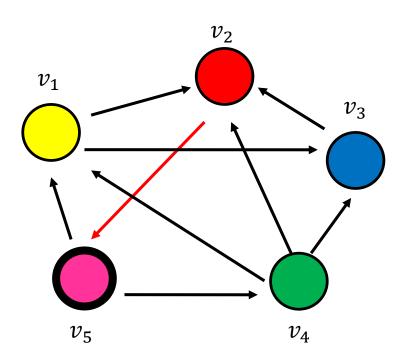
- The algorithm defines a random walk on the graph
- Random walk:
 - Start from a node chosen uniformly at random with probability $\frac{1}{n}$.
 - Pick one of the outgoing edges uniformly at random
 - Move to the destination of the edge
 - Repeat.

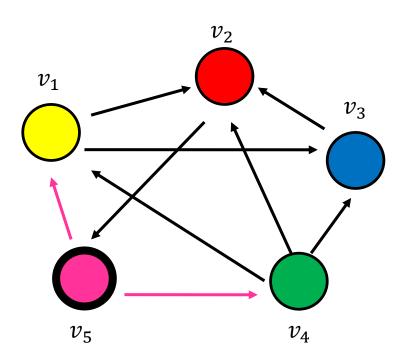
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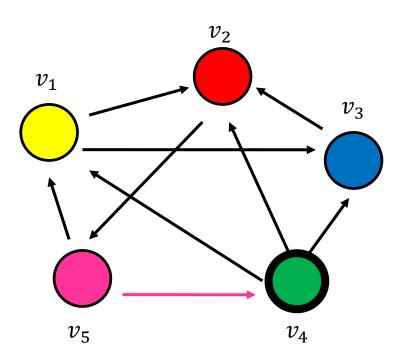


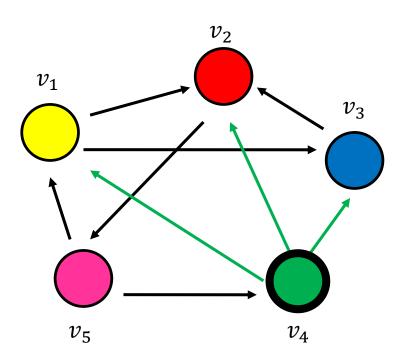
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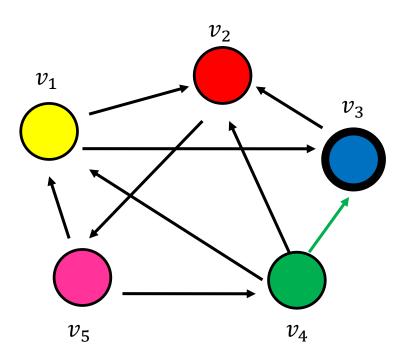


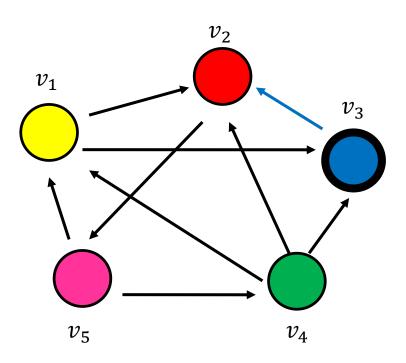




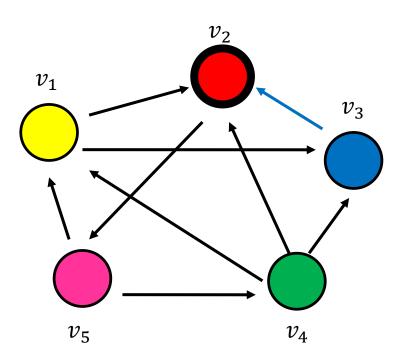






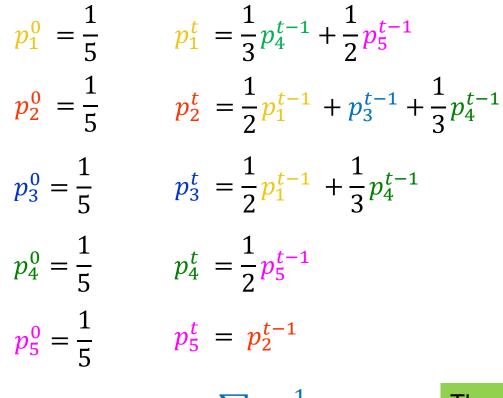


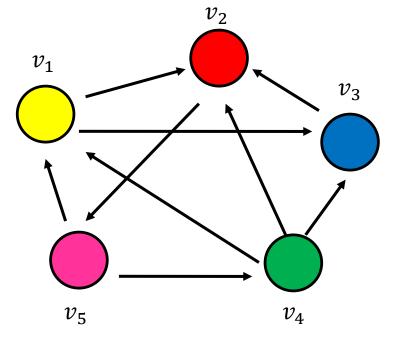
• Step 4…



Random walk

• Question: what is the probability p_i^t of being at node *i* after *t* steps?



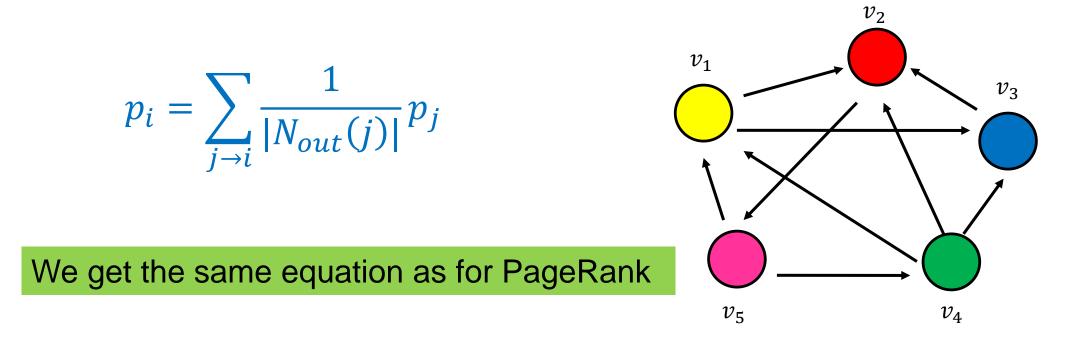


 $p_i^t = \sum_{j \to i} \frac{1}{|N_{out}(j)|} p_j^{t-1}$

The equations are the same as those for the PageRank iterative computation

Random walk

• At convergence:



The PageRank of node *i* is the probability that the random walk is at node *i* after a very large (infinite) number of steps

Markov chains

 A Markov chain describes a discrete time stochastic process over a set of states

 $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$

according to a transition probability matrix $P = \{P_{ij}\}$

- P_{ij} = probability of moving from state *i* to state *j*
- Matrix P has the property that the entries of all rows sum to 1

 $\sum_{j} P[i,j] = 1$

A matrix with this property is called stochastic

Markov chains

- The stochastic process proceeds in steps and moves between the states:
 - State probability distribution: The vector $p^t = (p_1^t, p_2^t, ..., p_n^t)$ that stores the probability distribution of being at state s_i after t steps
- Memorylessness property: The next state of the chain depends only on the current state and not on the past of the process (first order MC)
 - Higher order MCs are also possible
- We can compute the vector p^t at step t using a vector-matrix multiplication

$$p^t = p^{t-1}P$$

Stationary distribution

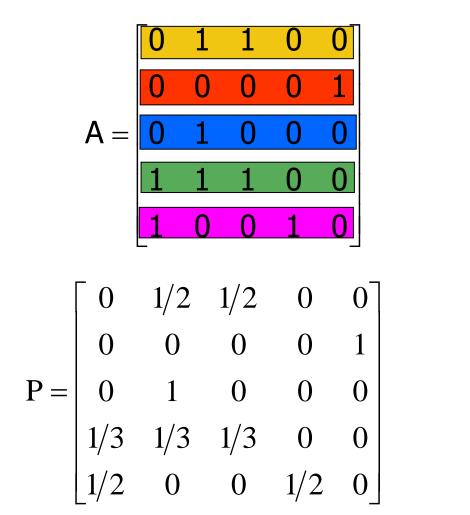
- The stationary distribution of a random walk with transition matrix P, is a probability distribution π , such that $\pi = \pi P$
- The stationary distribution is an eigenvector of matrix P
 - the principal left eigenvector of P stochastic matrices have maximum eigenvalue 1
- Markov Chain Theory: The random walk converges to a unique stationary distribution independent of the initial vector under some conditions

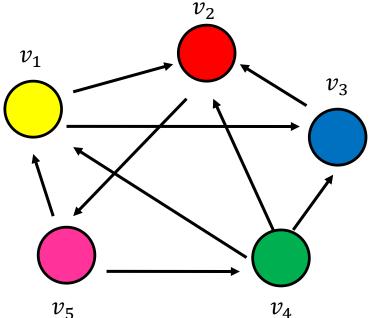
Random walks

- Markov Chains are equivalent to random walks
 - The set of states S is the set of nodes of the graph G
 - The transition probability matrix is the probability that we follow an edge from one node to another

$$P[i,j] = \frac{1}{|N_{out}(i)|}$$

The Pagerank random walk and Markov Chain





The Pagerank random walk and Markov Chain

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

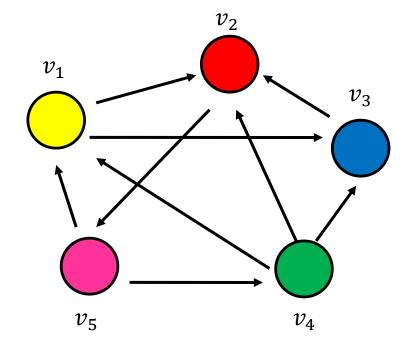
$$p_{1}^{t} = \frac{1}{3}p_{4}^{t-1} + \frac{1}{2}p_{5}^{t-1}$$

$$p_{2}^{t} = \frac{1}{2}p_{1}^{t-1} + p_{3}^{t-1} + \frac{1}{3}p_{4}^{t-1}$$

$$p_{3}^{t} = \frac{1}{2}p_{1}^{t-1} + \frac{1}{3}p_{4}^{t-1}$$

$$p_{4}^{t} = \frac{1}{2}p_{5}^{t-1}$$

$$p_{5}^{t} = p_{2}^{t-1}$$



$$p^t = p^{t-1}P$$

Computing the stationary distribution

• The Power Method, same as the PageRank computation

Initialize p^0 to some distribution Repeat $p^t = p^{t-1}P$ Until convergence

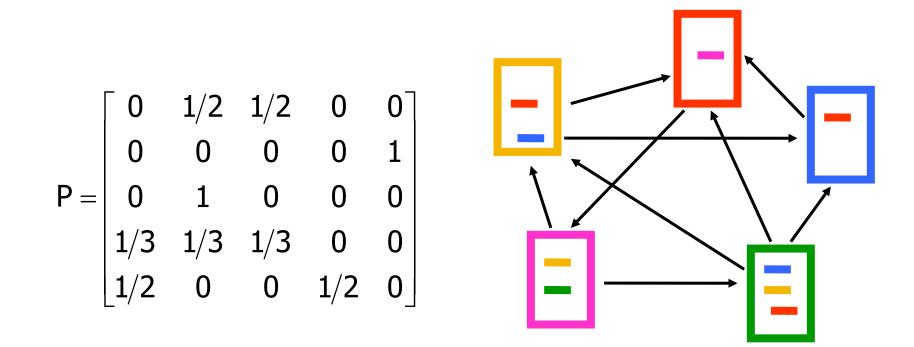
- After many iterations $p^t \rightarrow \pi$ regardless of the initial vector p^0 if the graph is strongly connected, and not bipartite.
- Power method because it computes $p^t = p^0 P^t$

• The rate of convergence is determined by the second eigenvalue λ_2

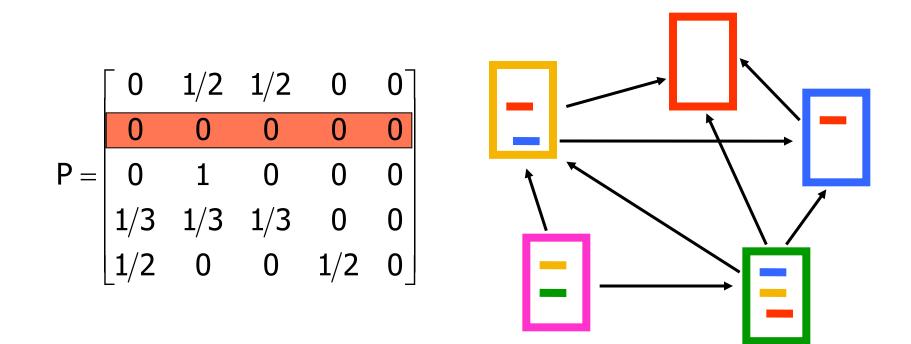
The stationary distribution

- π is the left eigenvector of transition matrix P
- $\pi(i)$: the probability of being at node *i* after very large (infinite) number of steps
- $\pi(i)$: the fraction of times that the random walk visited state *i* as $t \rightarrow \infty$
- $\pi = p^0 P^\infty$, where P is the transition matrix, p^0 the original vector
 - P(i, j): probability of going from i to j in one step
 - P²(*i*, *j*): probability of going from *i* to *j* in two steps (sum of probabilities of all paths of length 2)
 - $P^{\infty}(i,j) = \pi(j)$: probability of going from *i* to *j* in infinite steps starting point does not matter.

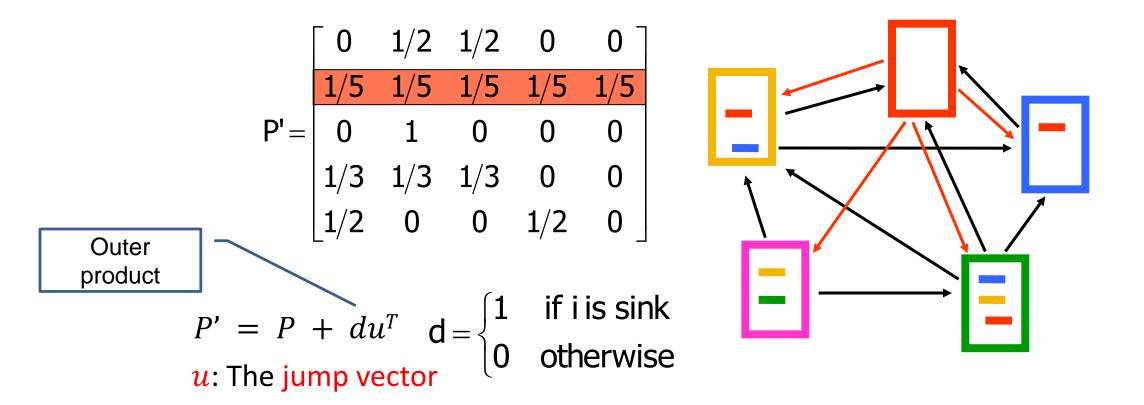
- Vanilla random walk
 - make the adjacency matrix stochastic and run a random walk



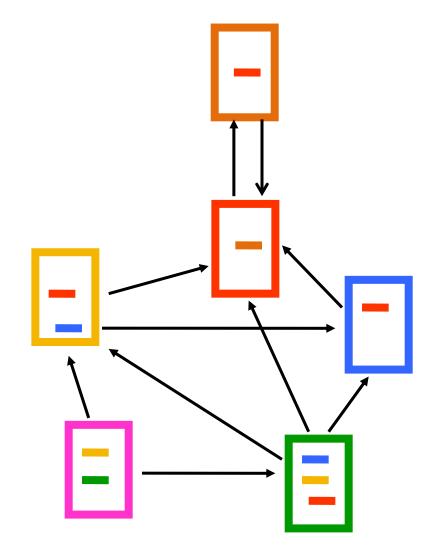
- What about sink nodes?
 - what happens when the random walk moves to a node without any outgoing inks?



- Replace these row vectors with a vector \boldsymbol{u}
 - typically, the uniform vector



- What about loops?
 - Spider traps



- At every step with (fixed) probability α perform a random jump to a node selected according the distribution vector u
 - Typically, to a uniform vector
- You can think of the random jump as a restart of the random walk

$$\mathsf{P''} = (1 - \alpha) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 \\ 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 \\ 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 \\ 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 \\ 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $P'' = (1 - \alpha)P' + \alpha \mathbf{1}u^T$, where **1** is the vector of all 1s

a: jump/restart probability

The PageRank weights

• For the PageRank weights we have

$$p_i = (1 - \alpha) \sum_{j \to i} \frac{1}{|N_{out}(j)|} p_j + \alpha u_i$$

• $\alpha = 0.15$ in most cases

• In matrix-vector terms, if p is the stationary distribution: $p^T = p^T (1 - \alpha)P + \alpha u^T$

• Solving for *p*:

$$p^T = \alpha u^T (I - (1 - \alpha)P)^{-1}$$

Stationary distribution with random jump

• If *u* is the jump vector

$$p^{0} = u$$

$$p^{1} = (1 - \alpha)p^{0}P + \alpha u = (1 - \alpha)uP + \alpha u$$

$$p^{2} = (1 - \alpha)p^{1}P + \alpha u = (1 - \alpha)^{2}uP^{2} + (1 - \alpha)\alpha uP + \alpha u$$

$$p^{3} = (1 - \alpha)p^{2}P + \alpha u = (1 - \alpha)^{3}uP^{3} + (1 - \alpha)^{2}\alpha uP^{2} + (1 - \alpha)\alpha uP + \alpha u$$

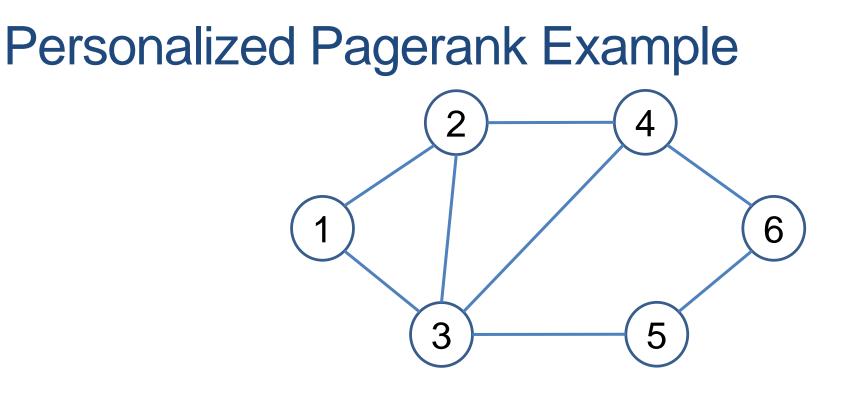
$$p^{k} = (1 - \alpha)^{k}uP^{k} + (1 - \alpha)^{k-1}\alpha uP^{k-1} + \dots + (1 - \alpha)\alpha uP + \alpha u$$

$$p^{\infty} = \alpha u + (1 - \alpha)\alpha uP + (1 - \alpha)^{2}\alpha uP^{2} + \dots = \alpha (I - (1 - \alpha)P)^{-1}u$$

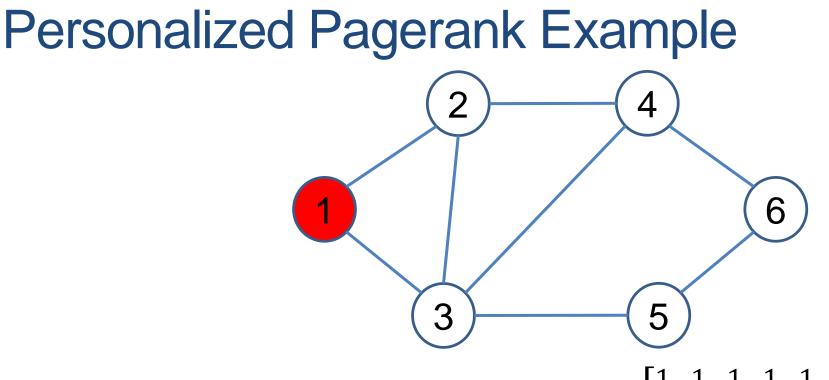
- Explanation: From the last step trace the last restart :
 - With probability α we just restarted in the last step
 - With probability $(1 \alpha)\alpha$ we restarted one step before and then did a random walk step
 - With probability $(1 \alpha)^2 \alpha$ we restarted two steps before and then did two random walk steps
 - Etc...
- Conclusion: you are not likely to walk very far
 - The probability that you did k steps after the last restart $(1 \alpha)^k$ drops exponentially with k
 - When (re)starting from some node x, nodes close to x have higher probability
 - On average the random walk restarts every $1/\alpha$ steps

Random walks with restarts

- Restart vector:
 - If *u* is not uniform, we can bias the random walk towards the nodes that are close to the restart nodes
- Personalized Pagerank:
 - Always restart to some node *x*, e.g., the home page of a user
- Topic-Specific Pagerank
 - Restart to nodes about a specific topic, e.g., Greek pages, University home pages
 - Anti-spam
- Random Walks with restarts is a general technique for measuring closeness on graphs.

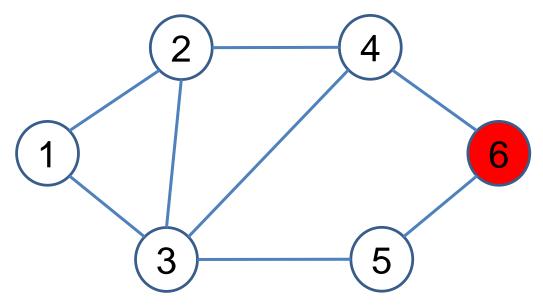


• Global Pagerank vector (uniform jump vector $\left[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}$

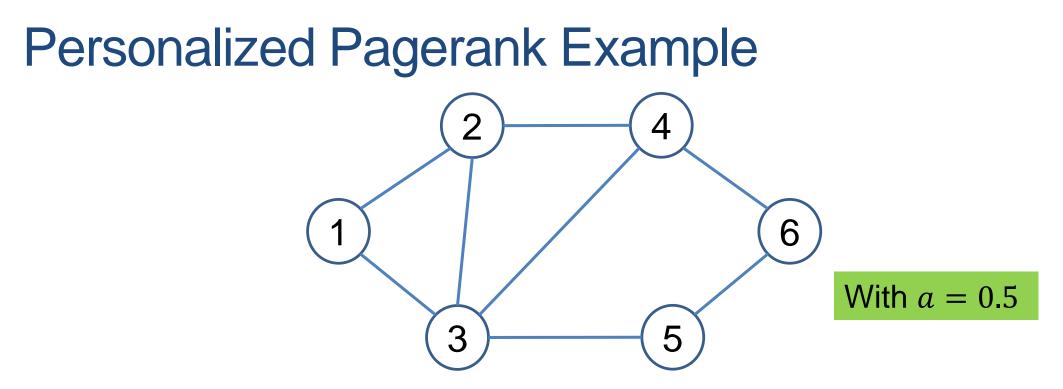


- Global Pagerank vector (jump vector $\left[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right]$) : [0.13, 0.18, 0.24, 0.18, 0.13, 0.13]
- Personalized Pagerank for node 1 (jump vector [1,0,0,0,0,0]): [0.26, 0.20, 0.24, 0.14, 0.08, 0.07]

Personalized Pagerank Example



- Global Pagerank vector (jump vector $\left[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right]$: [0.13, 0.18, 0.24, 0.18, 0.13, 0.13]
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- Global Pagerank vector (jump vector $\left[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right]$ [0.14, 0.17, 0.21, 0.18, 0.15, 0.15]
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Random walks on undirected graphs

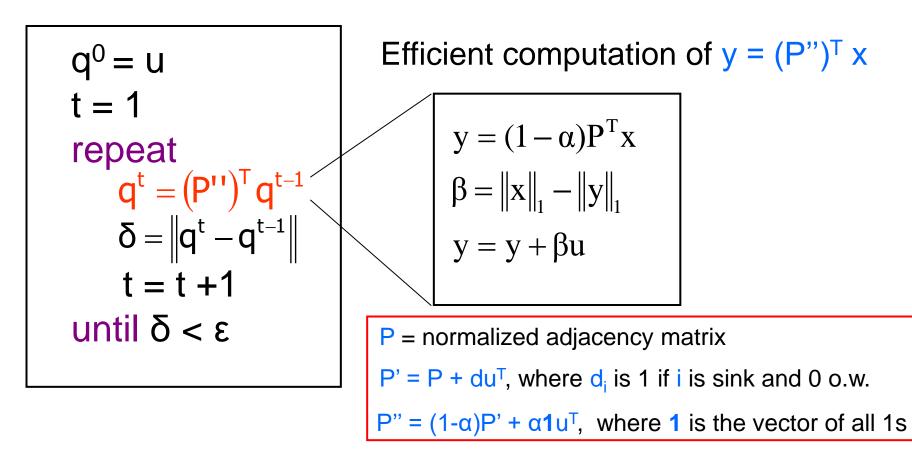
- For undirected graphs, the stationary distribution is proportional to the degrees of the nodes
 - In this case a random walk is the same as degree popularity
- This is no longer true if we do random jumps
 - Now the short paths play a greater role, and the previous distribution does not hold.

Pagerank implementation

- Store the graph in adjacency list, or list of edges
- Keep current pagerank values and new pagerank values
- Go through edges and update the values of the destination nodes.
- Repeat until the difference (L_1 or L_∞ difference) is below some small value ϵ .

A (Matlab/Numpy-friendly) PageRank algorithm

 Performing vanilla power method is now too expensive – the matrix is not sparse



Pagerank history

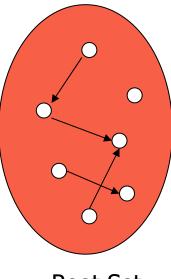
- Huge advantage for Google in the early days
 - It gave a way to get an idea for the value of a page, which was useful in many different ways
 - Put an order to the web.
 - After a while it became clear that the anchor text was probably more important for ranking
 - Also, link spam became a new (dark) art
- Flood of research
 - Numerical analysis got rejuvenated
 - Huge number of variations
 - Efficiency became a great issue.
 - Huge number of applications in different fields
 - Random walk is often referred to as PageRank.

THE HITS ALGORITHM

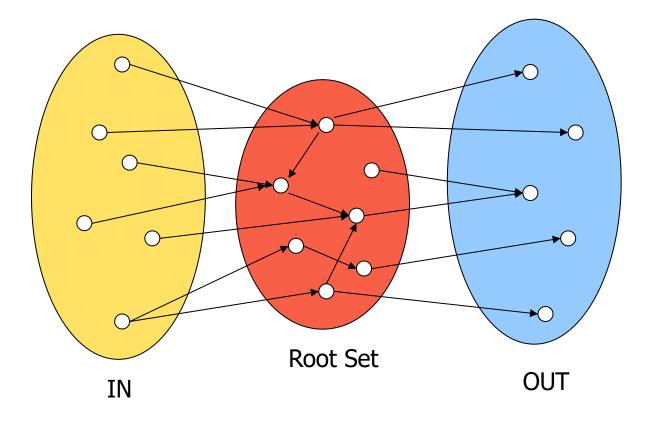
The HITS algorithm

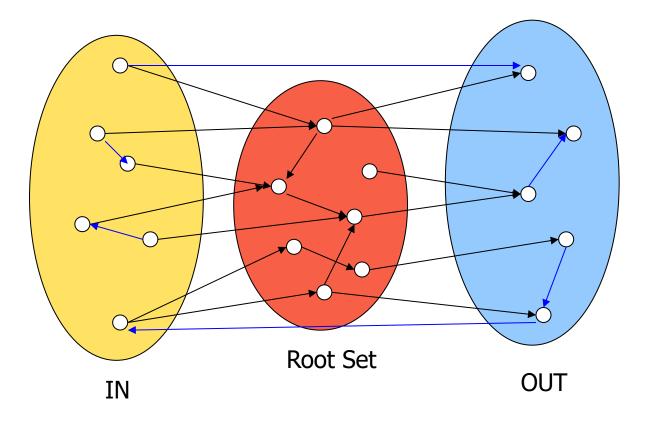
- Another algorithm proposed around the same time as Pagerank for using the hyperlinks to rank pages
 - Kleinberg: then an intern at IBM Almaden
 - IBM never made anything out of it

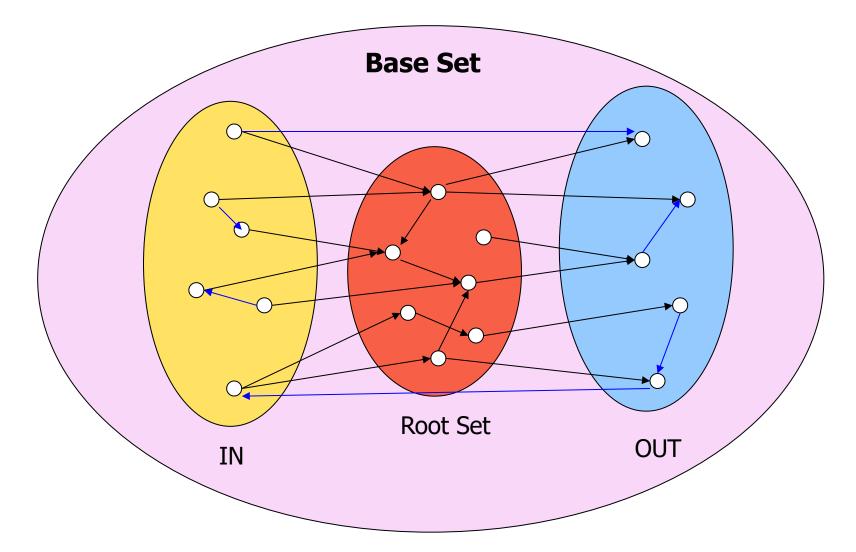
Root set obtained from a text-only search engine



Root Set

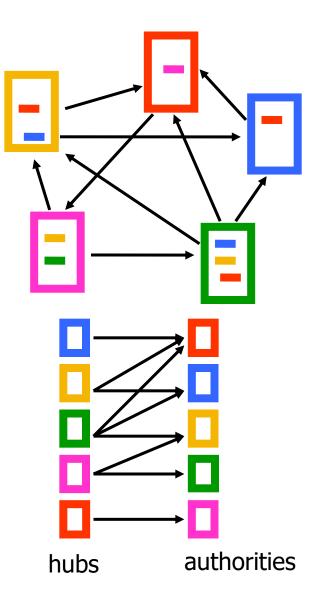






Hubs and Authorities [K98]

- Authority is not necessarily transferred directly between authorities
- Pages have double identity
 - hub identity
 - authority identity
- Good hubs point to good authorities
- Good authorities are pointed by good hubs



Hubs and Authorities

- Two kind of weights:
 - Hub weight
 - Authority weight
- The hub weight is the sum of the authority weights of the authorities pointed to by the hub
- The authority weight is the sum of the hub weights that point to this authority.

HITS Algorithm

- Initialize all weights to 1.
- Repeat until convergence
 - O operation : hubs collect the weight of the authorities

$$h_i^t = \sum_{j:i \to j} a_j^{t-1}$$

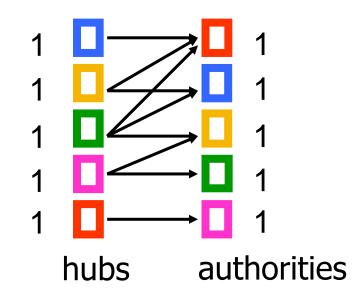
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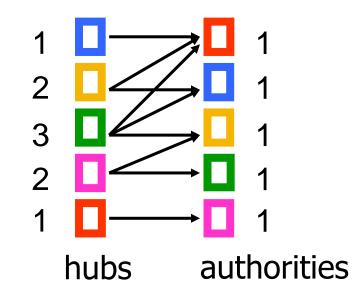
• Normalize weights under some norm

The order of updates does not matter after many iterations.

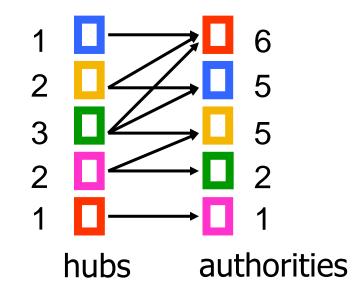
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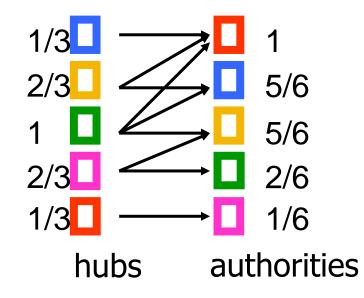
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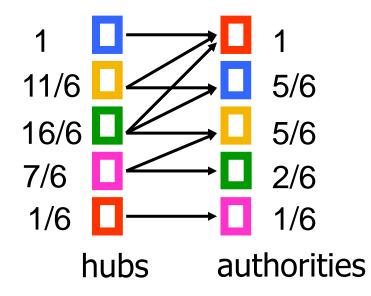
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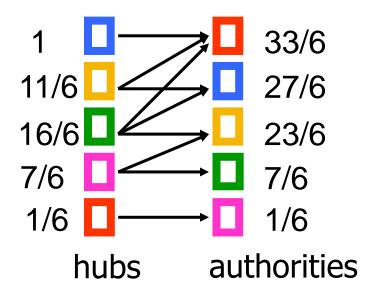
Step 1: Normalization (Max norm)



Step 2: O step

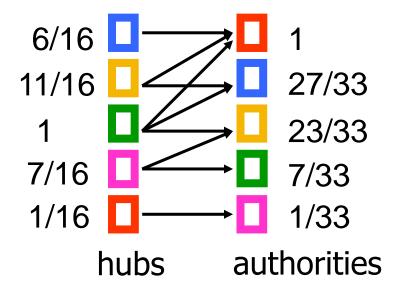


Step 2: I step



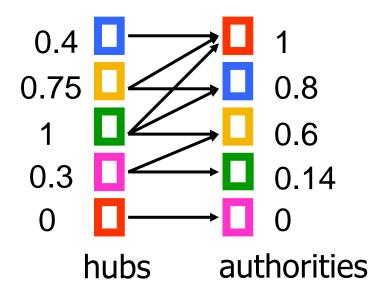
Example

Step 2: Normalization



Example

Convergence



HITS and eigenvectors

- The HITS algorithm is a power-method eigenvector computation
- In vector terms
 - $a^{t} = A^{T} h^{t-1}$ and $h^{t} = A a^{t-1}$
 - $a^t = A^T A a^{t-1}$ and $h^t = A A^T h^{t-1}$
 - Repeated iterations will converge to the eigenvectors
- The authority weight vector a is the eigenvector of $A^T A$
- The hub weight vector h is the eigenvector of AA^T
- The vectors a and h are the singular vectors of the matrix A

Singular Value Decomposition

- r : rank of matrix A
- $\sigma_1 \ge \sigma_2 \ge \dots \ge \sigma_r$: singular values (square roots of eig-vals AA^T, A^TA)
- $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_r$: left singular vectors (eig-vectors of AA^T)
- $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_r$: right singular vectors (eig-vectors of $A^T A$) • $A = \sigma_1 \vec{u}_1 \vec{v}_1^T + \sigma_2 \vec{u}_2 \vec{v}_2^T + \dots + \sigma_r \vec{u}_r \vec{v}_r^T$

Why does the Power Method work?

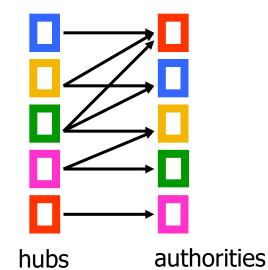
- If a matrix R is real and symmetric, it has real eigenvalues and eigenvectors: (λ_1, w_1) , (λ_2, w_2) , ..., (λ_r, w_r)
 - r is the rank of the matrix
 - $|\lambda_1| \ge |\lambda_2| \ge \cdots \ge |\lambda_r|$
- For any matrix R, the eigenvectors w₁, w₂, ..., w_r of R define a basis of the vector space
 - For any vector x, $Rx = \alpha_1 w_1 + \alpha_2 w_2 + \dots + \alpha_r w_r$
- After t multiplications we have:

 $R^{t}x = \lambda_{1}^{t-1}\alpha_{1}w_{1} + \lambda_{2}^{t-1}a_{2}w_{2} + \dots + \lambda_{2}^{t-1}a_{r}w_{r}$

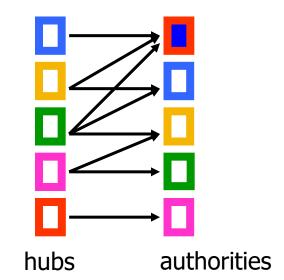
• Normalizing leaves only the term w_1 .

OTHER ALGORITHMS

- Perform a random walk on the bipartite graph of hubs and authorities alternating between the two
- What does this random walk converges to?



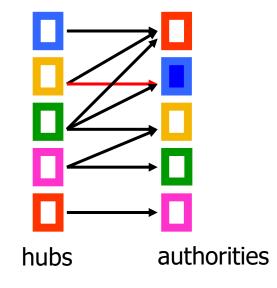
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- Choose one of the out-going links uniformly at random and move to an authority
 - e.g. move to the blue authority with probability 1/2



- Formally we have probabilities:
 - a_i : probability of being at authority *i*
 - h_j : probability of being at hub j
- The probability of being at authority i is computed as:

$$a_i^t = \sum_{j \in N_{in}(i)} \frac{1}{d_{out}(j)} h_j^{t-1}$$

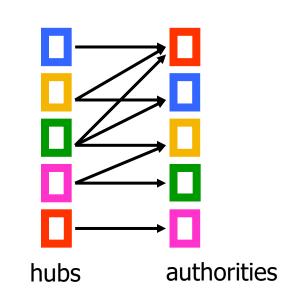
• The probability of being at hub *j* is computed as

$$h_j^t = \sum_{i \in N_{out}(j)} \frac{1}{d_{in}(i)} a_i^{t-1}$$

Repeated computation converges

- In matrix terms
 - A_c = the matrix A where columns are normalized to sum to 1
 - A_r = the matrix A where rows are normalized to sum to 1
- The hub computation
 - $h = A_c a$
- The authority computation
 - $a = A_r^T h = A_r^T A c a$
- In MC terms the transition matrix

• $P = A_r A_c^T$



$$h_2 = 1/3 a_1 + 1/2 a_2$$

 $a_1 = h_1 + 1/2 h_2 + 1/3 h_3$

Social network analysis

- Evaluate the centrality of individuals in social networks
 - degree centrality
 - the (weighted) degree of a node
 - distance centrality
 - the average (weighted) distance of a node to the rest in the graph

$$D_{c}(v) = \frac{1}{\sum_{u \neq v} d(v, u)}$$

- betweenness centrality
 - the average number of (weighted) shortest paths that use node v

$$\mathsf{B}_{\mathsf{c}}(\mathsf{v}) = \sum_{\mathsf{s} \neq \mathsf{v} \neq \mathsf{t}} \frac{\sigma_{\mathsf{st}}(\mathsf{v})}{\sigma_{\mathsf{st}}}$$

Counting paths – Katz 53

- The importance of a node is measured by the weighted sum of paths that lead to this node
- A^m[i,j] = number of paths of length m from i to j
- Compute

$$P = bA + b^2A^2 + \dots + b^mA^m + \dots = (I - bA)^{-1} - I$$

- converges when $b < \lambda_1(A)$
- Rank nodes according to the column sums of the matrix P

Bibliometrics

- Impact factor (E. Garfield 72)
 - counts the number of citations received for papers of the journal in the previous two years
- Pinsky-Narin 76
 - perform a random walk on the set of journals
 - P_{ij} = the fraction of citations from journal i that are directed to journal j