

# Link Analysis II

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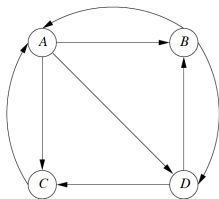


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# LEARNING GOALS TODAY

- ▶ PageRank Reality: Structure of the Web
- ▶ Topic-Sensitive PageRank: Classify Pages by Topics
- ▶ Link Spam and TrustRank: Fight Advanced Spammer Strategies
- ▶ Hubs and Authorities: Alternative, Non-PageRank Approach

# PAGERANK: REMINDER



Hypothetical web with four pages

Adopted from [mmds.org](http://mmds.org)

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

Transition matrix for web from slides before

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# PAGERANK: REMINDER

- ▶ Let  $p^0$  be a start distribution for a “random web surfer” over all web pages
  - ▶ If  $n$  is number of web pages, then usually  $p^0 = (1/n, \dots, 1/n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- ▶ Random steps of the surfer are reflected by repeated application of the web transition matrix  $M$  to the distribution over the pages of the surfer:

$$M^t p^0 \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \bar{p}$$

- ▶ The limiting distribution  $\bar{p}$ , for which  $M\bar{p} = \bar{p}$ , expresses the importance of web pages

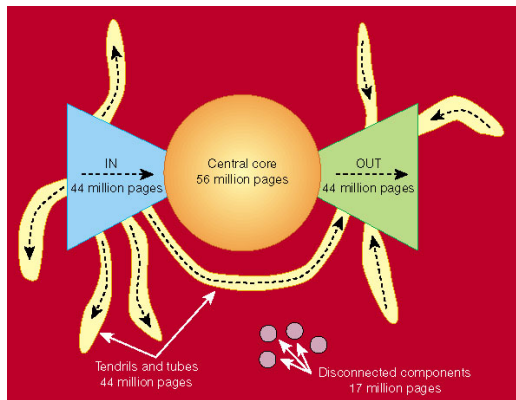
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Convergence to limiting distribution for four-node web graph

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*PageRank Reality*  
*Dead Ends and Spider Traps*

# STRUCTURE OF THE WEB



Bowtie picture of the web

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# WEB BOWTIE: SUMMARY

- ▶ *Strongly connected component (SCC)*: core of the web
- ▶ *In-component (IC)*:
  - ▶ One can reach SCC from IC
  - ▶ but not return to IC once left
- ▶ *Out-component (OC)*:
  - ▶ Can be reached from SCC
  - ▶ but no longer be left
- ▶ *Tendrils*:
  - ▶ *First type*: reachable from IC, but can no longer be left
  - ▶ *Second type*: can reach OC, but cannot be returned to
- ▶ *Tubes*:
  - ▶ Can be reached from IC
  - ▶ Can only reach OC
- ▶ *Isolated components* are not reachable from and cannot reach other components

# BOWTIE AND MARKOV CHAINS

## *Issue: Limiting Distribution*

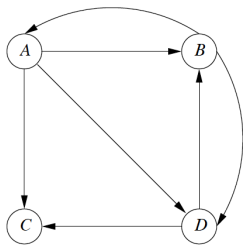
- ▶ Random surfers will inevitably wind up in out-component
- ▶ Limiting distribution has probability 0 on IC and SCC
  - ☞ No page in IC or SCC of importance

## *PageRank Modification*

- ▶ Avoid *dead ends*, single pages with no outlinks
- ▶ Avoid *spider traps*, sets of pages without dead ends, but no arcs out
- ▶ *Solution: Taxation*
  - ▶ Assume random surfer has small probability to leave the web
  - ▶ Instead, new surfer starts at random node of the web



# DEAD ENDS



Web graph with dead end (node C)

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- ▶ Dead end = columns of all zeroes in the web transition matrix  $M$
- ▶  $M$  then is *substochastic* (= column sums at most 1)
- ▶  $M^i v$  yields vector with zeroes for certain components
- ▶ Dead ends *drain out* the web

# DEAD ENDS

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

Transition matrix for web with dead end (node C)

Adopted from `mmds.org`

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3/24 \\ 5/24 \\ 5/24 \\ 5/24 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5/48 \\ 7/48 \\ 7/48 \\ 7/48 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 21/288 \\ 31/288 \\ 31/288 \\ 31/288 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corresponding limiting distribution

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# AVOIDING DEAD ENDS

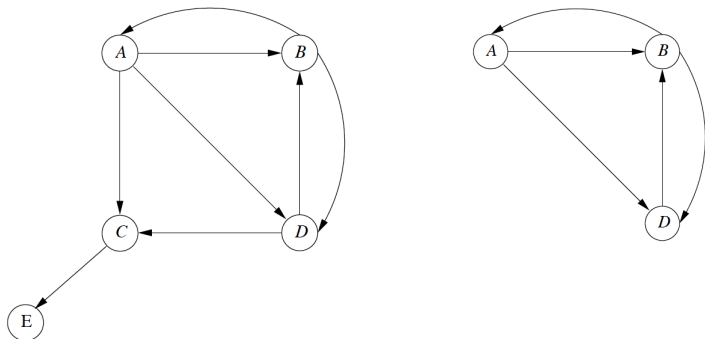
## *Dropping dead ends: Procedure*

- ▶ Drop dead ends from graph, and corresponding edges
- ▶ Dropping dead ends may create more dead ends
- ▶ Keep dropping dead ends iteratively

## *Dropping dead ends: Consequences*

- ▶ Removes parts of out-component, tendrils and tubes
- ▶ Leaves SCC and in-component

# AVOIDING DEAD ENDS



Graph before (left) and after iterative removal of dead ends (right)

# DROPPING DEAD ENDS: PAGERANK COMPUTATION

1. After iterative removal of dead ends, compute PageRank for remaining core nodes
2. Re-introduce nodes iteratively, in reverse order relative to their removal
3. PageRank for re-introduced node: sum over all predecessors, PageRank of predecessor  $p$  divided by the number of successors of  $p$

# DEAD ENDS

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

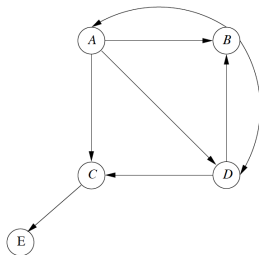
Transition matrix after removal of dead ends

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1/6 \\ 3/6 \\ 2/6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3/12 \\ 5/12 \\ 4/12 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5/24 \\ 11/24 \\ 8/24 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 2/9 \\ 4/9 \\ 3/9 \end{bmatrix}$$

PageRank(A) = 2/9, PageRank(B) = 4/9, PageRank(D) = 3/9

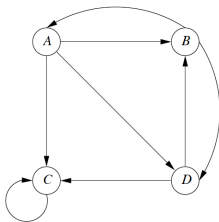
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# DEAD ENDS: PAGERANK COMPUTATION



1. From core:  $\text{PageRank}(A) = 2/9$ ,  $\text{PageRank}(B) = 4/9$ ,  $\text{PageRank}(D) = 3/9$
2. Re-introduce node C first:  
$$\text{PageRank}(C) = 1/3 \times \text{PageRank}(A) + 1/2 \times \text{PageRank}(D) = \frac{13}{54}$$
3. Then re-introduce node E:  $\text{PageRank}(E) = 1 \times \text{PageRank}(C) = \frac{13}{54}$

# SPIDER TRAPS



Web graph with spider trap (set containing single node C)

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- ▶ (Small) group of nodes with no dead ends, but no arcs out
- ▶ Can appear intentionally or unintentionally
- ▶ “Soak up” all PageRank



# SPIDER TRAPS

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

Transition matrix for web with single node spider trap (third column)

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3/24 \\ 5/24 \\ 11/24 \\ 5/24 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5/48 \\ 7/48 \\ 29/48 \\ 7/48 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 21/288 \\ 31/288 \\ 205/288 \\ 31/288 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corresponding limiting distribution

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# SPIDER TRAPS: TAXATION

- ▶ Allow the random surfer to get *teleported* to a random page
- ▶ *Notation:*
  - ▶ Let  $n$  be the total number of web pages
  - ▶ Let  $\mathbf{e} := (1, \dots, 1)$  be the vector of length  $n$  with all entries one
  - ▶ Let  $\beta$  be a small constant; usually  $0.8 \leq \beta \leq 0.9$
- ▶ *Taxation:* In each matrix-vector multiplication iteration, instead of just computing  $\mathbf{v}' = M\mathbf{v}$ , compute

$$\mathbf{v}' = \beta M\mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{n}(1 - \beta)\mathbf{e} = \beta M\mathbf{v} + (1 - \beta)\left(\frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}\right)^T \quad (1)$$

to obtain a new vector  $\mathbf{v}'$  from the actual one  $\mathbf{v}$

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- ▶ *Interpretation:*
  - ▶ With probability  $\beta$ , the surfer follows an out-link
  - ▶ With probability  $1 - \beta$ , the surfer get teleported to a random page
  - ▶ In dead ends, surfer disappears with probability  $\beta$
  - ▶ So if there are dead ends, sum of entries in  $\mathbf{v}'$  less than one
    - ☞ So remove dead ends first

# SPIDER TRAPS

$$\mathbf{v}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2/5 & 0 & 0 \\ 4/15 & 0 & 0 & 2/5 \\ 4/15 & 0 & 4/5 & 2/5 \\ 4/15 & 2/5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/20 \\ 1/20 \\ 1/20 \\ 1/20 \end{bmatrix}$$

Iteration with taxation, with spider trap (third column)

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9/60 \\ 13/60 \\ 25/60 \\ 13/60 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 41/300 \\ 53/300 \\ 153/300 \\ 53/300 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 543/4500 \\ 707/4500 \\ 2543/4500 \\ 707/4500 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 15/148 \\ 19/148 \\ 95/148 \\ 19/148 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corresponding limiting distribution

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# PAGERANK: EFFICIENT COMPUTATION

- ▶ PageRank virtually is matrix-vector multiplication
  - ▶ Consider MapReduce techniques (originally motivated by PageRank)
- ▶ *Caveats*, however:
  - ▶ Transition matrix  $M$  is very sparse; consider appropriate representation of  $M$
  - ▶ To reduce communication cost, use combiners
  - ▶ Earlier striping technique not sufficient
- ▶ So, additional techniques necessary:

see <https://mmds.org>, section 5.2

# *Topic-Sensitive PageRank*

# TOPIC-SENSITIVE PAGERANK: MOTIVATION

- ▶ Different people have different interests, but ...
- ▶ ... different interests are expressed by identical terms
  - ▶ E.g. `jaguar` may refer to animal, automobile, operating system, game console
- ▶ *Ideally*: Each user has private PageRank vector that measures individual importance of pages
- ▶ *But*: It is not feasible to store a vector of length many billions for one billion users

# TOPIC-SENSITIVE PAGERANK: BASIC IDEA

- ▶ Identify a (rather small) number of topics
- ▶ Compute topic specific PageRank vectors
  - ▶ Store topic vectors ...
  - ▶ ... instead of individual user vectors
  - ▶ There are much less topic vectors
  - ▶ *Example for useful topics:* See <https://www.curlie.org/> (new) or <https://www.dmoz-odp.org> for top-level categories
- ▶ Assign users to (weighted combination of) topic vectors
- ▶ *Drawback:* Looses accuracy
- ▶ *Benefit:* Saves massive amounts of space



# TOPIC-SENSITIVE PAGERANK: COMPUTATION

## *Idea: Biased Random Walks*

- ▶ Simulate random surfers that are to prefer pages adhering to particular topics
- ▶ Random surfers start at approved topic-specific pages only
- ▶ When surfing, they will preferably visit pages linked from topic-specific pages
- ▶ Such pages are likely to deal with topic as well
- ▶ When being re-introduced (to avoid dead ends, spider traps), surfers again start at approved pages

## TOPIC-SENSITIVE PAGERANK: DEFINITION

- ▶ Let  $S$  be the *teleport set*, i.e. the pages that are approvedly topic-specific
- ▶ Let  $n, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}', M, \beta$  be as before
- ▶ Let  $\mathbf{e}_S \in \{0, 1\}^n$  be a bit vector of length  $n$  such that

$$\mathbf{e}_S[i] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{-th page belongs to } S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

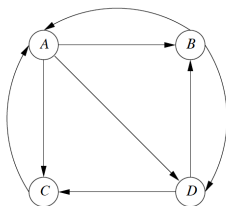
DEFINITION [TOPIC-SENSITIVE PAGERANK]

The *topic-sensitive PageRank* for  $S$  is the limit of the iteration

$$\mathbf{v}' = \beta M \mathbf{v} + (1 - \beta) \frac{\mathbf{e}_S}{|S|} \quad (3)$$

where  $|S|$  is the cardinality (size) of  $S$ .

# TOPIC-SENSITIVE PAGERANK: EXAMPLE



Example web graph

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$$\beta M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2/5 & 4/5 & 0 \\ 4/15 & 0 & 0 & 2/5 \\ 4/15 & 0 & 0 & 2/5 \\ 4/15 & 2/5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corresponding weighted web transition matrix

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## TOPIC-SENSITIVE PAGERANK: EXAMPLE II

$$\mathbf{v}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2/5 & 4/5 & 0 \\ 4/15 & 0 & 0 & 2/5 \\ 4/15 & 0 & 0 & 2/5 \\ 4/15 & 2/5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/10 \\ 0 \\ 1/10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Topic sensitive PageRank computation iteration for teleport set {B,D}

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 0/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2/10 \\ 3/10 \\ 2/10 \\ 3/10 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 42/150 \\ 41/150 \\ 26/150 \\ 41/150 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 62/250 \\ 71/250 \\ 46/250 \\ 71/250 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} 54/210 \\ 59/210 \\ 38/210 \\ 59/210 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corresponding limiting distribution

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# TOPIC-SENSITIVE PAGERANK: PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Pick an appropriate set of topics
- ▶ For each topic selected, determine teleport set
- ▶ *Classifying documents by topic*
  - ▶ Has been studied in great detail
  - ▶ Topics are characterized by words relating to topic
  - ▶ Such words appear surprisingly often in topic-specific pages
  - ▶ Determine such words from pages known to relate to topic beforehand
  - ▶ Remember the TF.IDF measure (first lecture)

# TOPIC-SENSITIVE PAGERANK: PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ When confronted with search query, decide on related topics
- ▶ *Determining user-specific topics:*
  - ▶ Allow user to choose from menu
  - ▶ Infer topics from words appearing in recent queries
  - ▶ Infer topics from information on user (bookmarks, stated interests in social media,...)
- ▶ Use corresponding topic-sensitive PageRank vectors for ranking responses

*Link Spam*

# LINK SPAM: INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Google rendered *term spam ineffective*
- ▶ Spammers developed *link spam* as a technique to artificially increase PageRank
- ▶ In the following, understand how to
  - ▶ create link spam
  - ▶ and how to fight it



# SPAMMER VIEW OF WEB

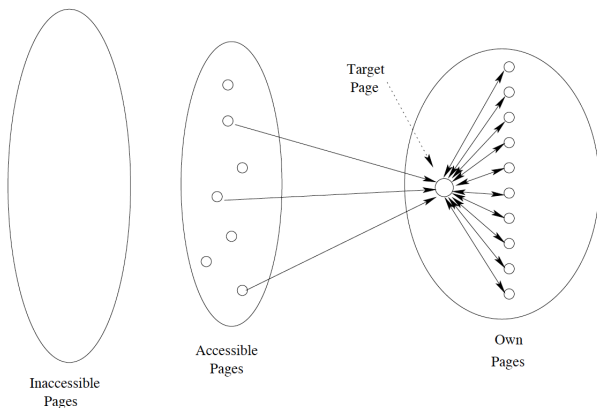
## *Types of pages*

- ▶ *Inaccessible pages*: cannot be accessed by spammer; majority of pages
- ▶ *Accessible pages*: not owned, but can be accessed (manipulated)
  - ☞ Blogs, newspapers, forums allow leaving comments with links
- ▶ *Own pages*: owned and fully controlled by spammer

## *Spam farm*

- ▶ Part of own pages with
  - ▶ *target page  $t$* , for which maximum PageRank is to be achieved
  - ▶ *supporting pages  $m$* , with links from and to  $t$
- ▶ Note that without links from outside, spam farm would be useless

# SPAMMER VIEW OF WEB



Spammer view: types of pages and spam farm

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# SPAM FARM: ANALYSIS

- ▶ Let there be  $n$  web pages overall
- ▶ Let  $\beta \in [0.8, 0.9]$  be the taxed fraction of PageRank
- ▶ Let there be a spam farm with target page  $t$  and  $m$  supporting pages
- ▶ Let  $\text{In}(t)$  be all pages with a link to  $t$ ;  $\text{PR}(p)$  be the PageRank for a page  $p$ ;  $\text{Out}(p)$  be all successors of  $p \in P$
- ▶ Let

$$x = \beta \sum_{p \in \text{In}(t)} \frac{\text{PR}(p)}{|\text{Out}(p)|}$$

be the PageRank provided to  $t$  by accessible pages

- ▶ Let  $y = \text{PR}(t)$  be the unknown PageRank of  $t$
- ▶ The PageRank of each supporting page is

$$\beta \frac{y}{m} + \frac{(1-\beta)}{n}$$

where  $\beta \frac{y}{m}$  is due to  $t$  and  $\frac{(1-\beta)}{n}$  is due to random teleporting

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- ▶ Let  $\beta \frac{y}{m} + \frac{(1-\beta)}{n}$  be the PageRank of each supporting page

*Solving for  $y$*

1. We compute

$$y = x + \beta m \left( \frac{\beta y}{m} + \frac{1-\beta}{n} \right) = x + \beta^2 y + \beta(1-\beta) \frac{m}{n} \quad (4)$$

2. This yields

$$y = \frac{x}{1-\beta^2} + c \frac{m}{n} \quad (5)$$

where  $c = \beta(1-\beta)/(1-\beta^2) = \beta/(1+\beta)$

*Example:*  $\beta = 0.85$ , so  $1/(1-\beta^2) = 3.6$  and  $c = 0.46$ ; spam farm has amplified external contribution to  $t$  by 360%;  $t$  also obtains 46% of the fraction  $m/n$

# COMBATING LINK SPAM

## *War on spam farms*

- ▶ Search engines identify spam farm structures and eliminate pages from their index
- ▶ Spammers create alternative structures that raise PageRank of target pages
- ▶ Search engines in turn eliminate those structures, too
- ▶ ...
- ▶ Endless war between search engines and spammers

## *Systematic approaches*

- ▶ *TrustRank*: Variation on topic-sensitive PageRank to lower score of spam pages
- ▶ *Spam mass*: Calculation that identifies pages likely to be spam
  - ✎ Eliminate such pages or lower their PageRank substantially

# TRUSTRANK

- ▶ *TrustRank* is like topic-sensitive PageRank where the “topic” are pages believed to be “trustworthy”
  - ▶ Inaccessible pages belong to the topic
  - ▶ Accessible pages like blogs or newspapers are only borderline trustworthy
- ▶ Choosing trustworthy pages:
  1. Human picked pages, or pages of highest PageRank (not achievable by link spam)
  2. Pick pages trustworthy by domain, such as .edu, .ac.uk, .gov and so on

# SPAM MASS

## DEFINITION [SPAM MASS]

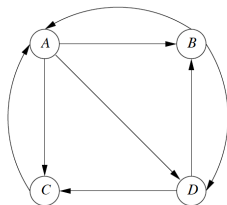
- ▶ For a page  $p$ , let  $r(p)$  and  $t(p)$  be its PageRank and its TrustRank
- ▶ The *spam mass* of  $p$  is defined to be

$$\frac{(r(p) - t(p))}{r(p)}$$

## EXPLANATION

- ▶ Negative or small spam mass indicates that  $p$  is not spam
- ▶ Spam mass close to 1 indicates that  $p$  is likely to be spam

# SPAM MASS: EXAMPLE



Example web graph; B and D are trusted pages

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Node	PageRank	TrustRank	Spam Mass
<i>A</i>	3/9	54/210	0.229
<i>B</i>	2/9	59/210	-0.264
<i>C</i>	2/9	38/210	0.186
<i>D</i>	2/9	59/210	-0.264

Corresponding page rank, trust rank and spam mass

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# *Hubs and Authorities*

# HUBS AND AUTHORITIES: INTRODUCTION

- ▶ The hubs-and-authorities algorithm, also called *HITS* (*hyperlink-induced topic search*), is an alternative to PageRank
- ▶ *Similarities:*
  - ▶ Quantifies importance of pages
  - ▶ Involved fixedpoint computation by iterative matrix-vector multiplication
- ▶ *Differences:*
  - ▶ Divides pages into hubs and authorities
  - ▶ Not a preprocessing step: ranks importance of responses to query

# HITS: INTUITION

- ▶ Importance is twofold
- ▶ *Authorities* are pages deemed to be valuable because they provide information on a topic
  - ▶ E.g. course website at university
- ▶ *Hubs* are pages deemed to be valuable because of providing directions about topics
  - ▶ E.g. department directory providing links to all course websites
- ▶ Mutually recursive definition:
  - ▶ *Good hub* links to good authorities
  - ▶ *Good authority* is linked to by good hubs

# HUBBINESS AND AUTHORITY: DEFINITION

## DEFINITION [HUBBINESS, AUTHORITY]

- ▶ Let the number of webpages be  $n$
- ▶ Let  $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be two vectors where
  - ▶  $\mathbf{h}_i$  quantifies the goodness of page  $i$  as a hub
  - ▶  $\mathbf{a}_i$  quantifies the goodness of page  $i$  as an authority
- ▶  $\mathbf{h}_i$  is also referred to as *hubbiness* of page  $i$

## REMARK

- ▶ Values of  $\mathbf{h}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}$  are generally scaled such that
  - ▶ *either* the largest component is 1
  - ▶ *or* the sum of components is 1
  - ▶ In the following, first option will be used here

# LINK MATRIX: DEFINITION

## DEFINITION [LINK MATRIX]

- ▶ Let the number of webpages be  $n$
- ▶ The *link matrix*  $L \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times n}$  of the Web is defined by

$$L_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{there is a link from page } i \text{ to page } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

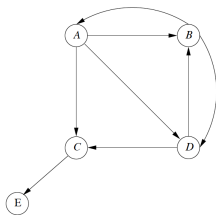
- ▶ Its transpose  $L^T$  is defined by  $L_{ij}^T = L_{ji}$ , that  $L_{ij}^T = 1$  if there is a link from the  $j$ -th to the  $i$ -th page, and zero otherwise

## REMARK

- ▶  $L^T$  is similar to the PageRank web matrix  $M$  insofar as

$$L_{ij}^T \neq 0 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad M_{ij} \neq 0$$

# LINK MATRIX: EXAMPLE



Example web graph

Adopted from [mmds.org](http://mmds.org)

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad L^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corresponding link matrix and its transpose

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# HUBS AND AUTHORITIES: FORMAL RELATIONSHIP

- ▶ Good hub links to good authorities:

$$\mathbf{h}_i = \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n L_{ij} \mathbf{a}_j \quad \text{or, equivalently} \quad \mathbf{h} = \lambda L \mathbf{a} \quad (7)$$

where  $\lambda$  represents the necessary scaling of  $\mathbf{h}$

- ▶ Good authority is linked to by good hubs:

$$\mathbf{a}_i = \mu \sum_{j=1}^n L_{ij}^T \mathbf{h}_j \quad \text{or, equivalently} \quad \mathbf{a} = \mu L^T \mathbf{h} \quad (8)$$

where  $\mu$  represents the necessary scaling of  $\mathbf{a}$ .

# HUBS AND AUTHORITIES: FORMAL RELATIONSHIP

- ▶ Substituting (8) into (7) yields:

$$\mathbf{h} = \lambda\mu LL^T \mathbf{h} \quad (9)$$

- ▶ Substituting (7) into (8) yields:

$$\mathbf{a} = \mu\lambda L^T L \mathbf{a} \quad (10)$$

- ▶  $\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{a}$  can be determined by solving linear equations
- ▶ *However:*  $LL^T, L^T L$  are not sufficiently sparse for their size to allow for solving corresponding linear equations
- ▶ *Solution:* HITS algorithm



# THE HITS ALGORITHM

*Initialization:* Set  $\mathbf{h}_i = 1$  for all  $i$ , that is  $\mathbf{h} = (1, \dots, 1)$

*Iteration:*

1. Compute

$$\mathbf{a} = L^T \mathbf{h}$$

2. Scale such that largest component of  $\mathbf{a}$  is 1

3. Compute

$$\mathbf{h} = L \mathbf{a}$$

4. Scale such that largest component of  $\mathbf{h}$  is 1

5. Repeat until convergence

# HITS ALGORITHM: EXAMPLE

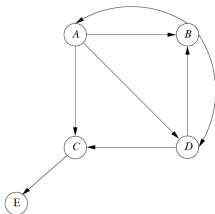
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/6 \\ 2/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{h} & L^T \mathbf{h} & \mathbf{a} & L \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{h} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 5/3 \\ 5/3 \\ 3/2 \\ 1/6 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 3/10 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 9/10 \\ 1/10 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 29/10 \\ 6/5 \\ 1/10 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 12/29 \\ 1/29 \\ 20/29 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ L^T \mathbf{h} & \mathbf{a} & L \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{h} \end{array}$$

First two iterations of HITS algorithm

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# HITS ALGORITHM: EXAMPLE



A and D are good hubs, B and C are good authorities

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$$\mathbf{h} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.3583 \\ 0 \\ 0.7165 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2087 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0.7913 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Limits of  $\mathbf{h}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}$  on graph

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# MATERIALS / OUTLOOK

- ▶ See *Mining of Massive Datasets*, chapter 5.3–5.5
- ▶ As usual, see <http://www.mmds.org/> in general for further resources
- ▶ Next lecture: “Mining Frequent Itemsets”
  - ▶ See *Mining of Massive Datasets*, chapter 6.1, 6.2, 6.3.1, 6.4.1, 6.4.2