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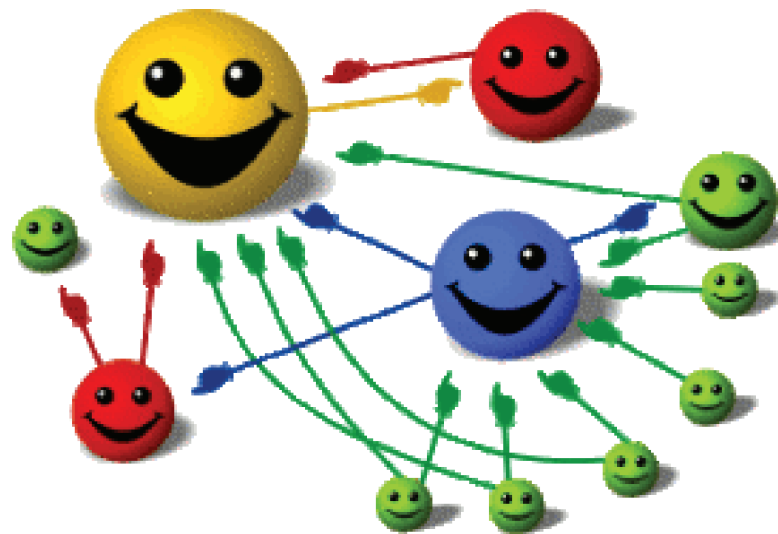
# The Linear Algebra Aspects of PageRank

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Thanks to Teresa Selee and Rebecca Wills

# More PageRank More Visitors

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# Two Factors

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Determine **where** Google displays a web page on the *Search Engine Results Page*:

1. **PageRank (links)**

A page has **high** PageRank if **many** pages with **high** PageRank link to it

2. **Hypertext Analysis (page contents)**

Text, fonts, subdivisions, location of words, contents of neighbouring pages

# PageRank

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*An objective measure of the citation importance of a web page* [Brin & Page 1998]

- Assigns a rank to every web page
- Influences the order in which Google displays search results
- Based on link structure of the web graph
- Does not depend on contents of web pages
- Does not depend on query

# PageRank

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*... continues to provide the basis for all of our web search tools*      <http://www.google.com/technology/>

- “Links are the currency of the web”
- **Exchanging & buying** of links
- BO (backlink obsession)
- Search engine **optimization**

# Overview

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- Mathematical Model of Internet
- Computation of PageRank
- Sensitivity of PageRank to Rounding Errors
- Addition & Deletion of Links
- Web Pages that have no Outlinks
- Is the Ranking Correct?

# Mathematical Model of Internet

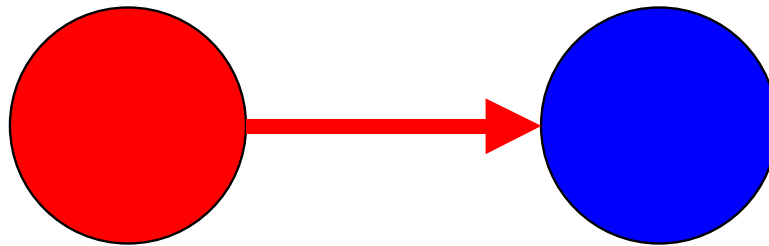
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1. Represent internet as graph
2. Represent graph as stochastic matrix
3. Make stochastic matrix more convenient  
⇒ Google matrix
4. dominant eigenvector of Google matrix  
⇒ PageRank

# The Internet as a Graph

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Link from one web page to another web page



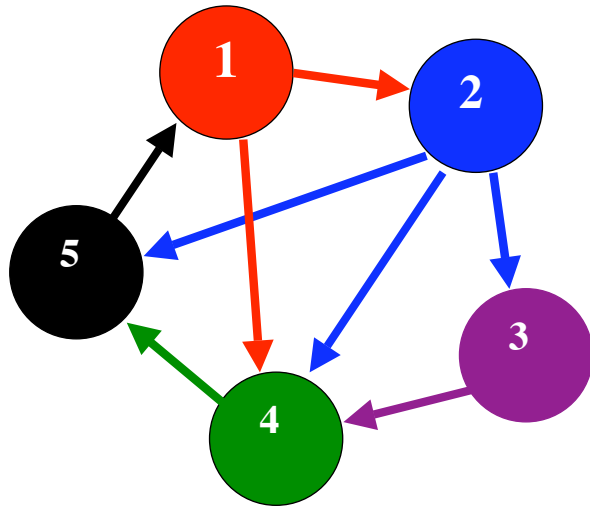
Web graph:

Web pages = nodes

Links = edges



# The Web Graph as a Matrix



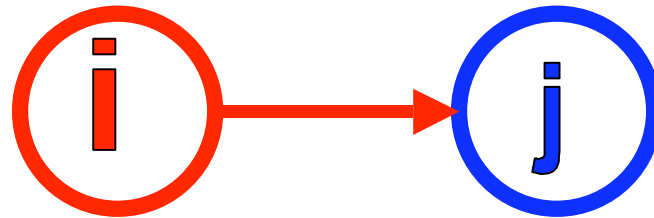
$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Links = nonzero elements in matrix

# Elements of Matrix $S$

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Assume: every page  $i$  has  $l_i \geq 1$  outlinks



If page  $i$  has link to page  $j$  then  $s_{ij} = 1/l_i$   
else  $s_{ij} = 0$

Probability that surfer moves from page  $i$  to page  $j$

# Properties of Matrix $S$

- Stochastic:  $0 \leq s_{ij} \leq 1$     $S\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$
- Dominant left eigenvector:

$$\omega^T S = \omega^T \quad \omega \geq 0 \quad \|\omega\|_1 = 1$$

- $\omega_i$  is probability that surfer visits page  $i$

But:  $\omega$  not unique

if  $S$  has several eigenvalues equal to 1

Remedy: Make the matrix more convenient

# Google Matrix

Convex combination

$$G = \alpha S + \underbrace{(1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1} v^T}_{\text{rank 1}}$$

- Stochastic matrix  $S$
- Damping factor  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$   
e.g.  $\alpha = .85$
- Column vector of all ones  $\mathbf{1}$
- Personalization vector  $v \geq 0$      $\|v\|_1 = 1$   
Models teleportation

# Properties of Google Matrix $G$

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$$G = \alpha S + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1} v^T$$

- Stochastic, reducible
- Eigenvalues of  $G$ :

$$1 > \alpha \lambda_2(S) \geq \alpha \lambda_3(S) \geq \dots$$

- Unique dominant left eigenvector:

$$\pi^T G = \pi^T \quad \pi \geq 0 \quad \|\pi\|_1 = 1$$

# PageRank

Google Matrix

$$G = \underbrace{\alpha S}_{\text{Links}} + \underbrace{(1 - \alpha) \mathbb{1} v^T}_{\text{Personalization}}$$

$$\pi^T G = \pi^T \quad \pi \geq 0 \quad \|\pi\|_1 = 1$$

$\pi_i$  is PageRank of web page  $i$

PageRank  $\doteq$  dominant left eigenvector of  $G$

# How Google Ranks Web Pages

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- Model:  
Internet  $\rightarrow$  web graph  $\rightarrow$  stochastic matrix  $G$
  - Computation:  
PageRank  $\pi$  is eigenvector of  $G$   
 $\pi_i$  is PageRank of page  $i$
  - Display:  
If  $\pi_i > \pi_k$  then  
page  $i$  may\* be displayed before page  $k$
- \* depending on hypertext analysis

# History

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- The anatomy of a large-scale hypertextual web search engine  
Brin & Page 1998
- US patent for PageRank granted in 2001
- Eigenstructure of the Google Matrix  
Haveliwala & Kamvar 2003  
Eldén 2003  
Serra-Capizzano 2005



# Statistics

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- Google indexes 10s of billions of web pages
- “3 times more than any competitor”
- Google serves  $\geq 200$  million queries per day
- Each query processed by  $\geq 1000$  machines
- All search engines combined serve a total of  $\geq 500$  million queries per day

[Desikan, 26 October 2006]

# Computation of PageRank

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*The world's largest matrix computation*  
[Moler 2002]

- Eigenvector
- Matrix dimension is 10s of billions
- The matrix changes often  
250,000 new domain names every day
- **Fortunately:** Matrix is sparse

# Power Method

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Want:  $\pi$  such that  $\pi^T G = \pi^T$

Power method:

Pick an initial guess  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$

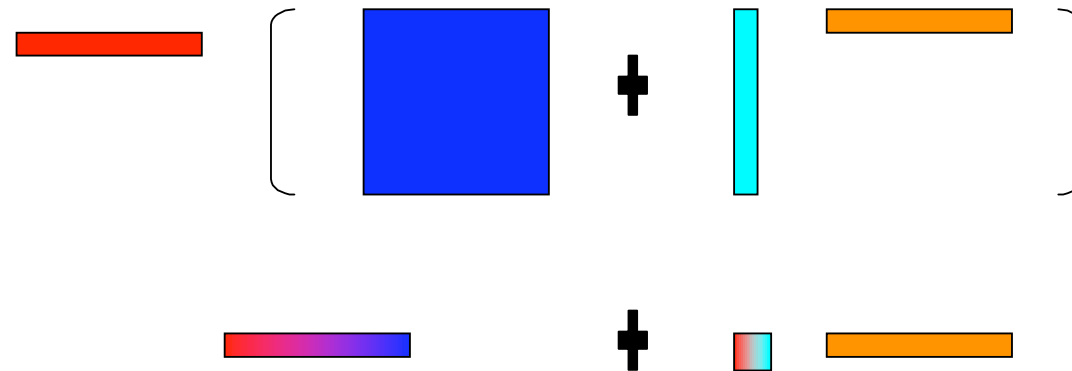
Repeat

$$[\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)}]^T := [\mathbf{x}^{(k)}]^T G$$

Each iteration is a matrix vector multiply

# Matrix Vector Multiply

$$x^T G = x^T [\alpha S + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1} v^T]$$



# An Iteration is Cheap

Google matrix  $G = \alpha S + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1} v^T$

Vector  $x \geq 0$   $\|x\|_1 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} x^T G &= x^T [\alpha S + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1} v^T] \\ &= \alpha x^T S + (1 - \alpha) \underbrace{x^T \mathbf{1}}_{=1} v^T \\ &= \alpha x^T S + (1 - \alpha) v^T \end{aligned}$$

Cost: # non-zero elements in  $S$

# Error in Power Method

$$\pi^T G = \pi^T \quad G = \alpha S + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1}v^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} [x^{(k+1)} - \pi]^T &= [x^{(k)}]^T G - \pi^T G \\ &= \alpha [x^{(k)}]^T S - \alpha \pi^T S \\ &= \alpha [x^{(k)} - \pi]^T S \end{aligned}$$

$$\underbrace{\|x^{(k+1)} - \pi\|}_{\text{iteration } k+1} \leq \alpha \underbrace{\|x^{(k)} - \pi\|}_{\text{iteration } k}$$

Norms: 1,  $\infty$

# Error in Power Method

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$$\pi^T G = \pi^T \quad G = \alpha S + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1}v^T$$

Error after  $k$  iterations:

$$\|x^{(k)} - \pi\| \leq \alpha^k \underbrace{\|x^{(0)} - \pi\|}_{\leq 2}$$

Norms: 1,  $\infty$

[Bianchini, Gori & Scarselli 2003]

Error bound does not depend on matrix dimension

# Iteration Counts for Different $\alpha$

bound:  $k$  such that  $2 \alpha^k \leq 10^{-8}$

Termination based on residual norms vs bound

$\alpha$	$n = 281903$	$n = 683446$	bound
.85	69	65	119
.90	107	102	166
.95	219	220	415
.99	1114	1208	2075

Fewer iterations than predicted by bound



# Advantages of Power Method

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- Converges to unique vector
- Convergence rate  $\alpha$
- Convergence independent of matrix dimension
- Vectorizes
- Storage for only a single vector
- Sparse matrix operations
- Accurate (no subtractions)
- Simple (few decisions)

**But: can be slow**

# PageRank Computation

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- Power method

Page, Brin, Motwani & Winograd 1999

Bianchini, Gori & Scarselli 2003

- Acceleration of power method

Kamvar, Haveliwala, Manning & Golub 2003

Haveliwala, Kamvar, Klein, Manning & Golub 2003

Brezinski & Redivo-Zaglia 2004, 2006

Brezinski, Redivo-Zaglia & Serra-Capizzano 2005

- Aggregation/Disaggregation

Langville & Meyer 2002, 2003, 2006

Ipsen & Kirkland 2006

# PageRank Computation

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- **Methods that adapt to web graph**

Broder, Lempel, Maghoul & Pedersen 2004 Kamvar,

Haveliwala & Golub 2004

Haveliwala, Kamvar, Manning & Golub 2003

Lee, Golub & Zenios 2003

Lu, Zhang, Xi, Chen, Liu, Lyu & Ma 2004

Ipsen & Selee 2006

- **Krylov methods**

Golub & Greif 2004

Del Corso, Gullí, Romani 2006

# PageRank Computation

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- Schwarz & asynchronous methods  
Bru, Pedroche & Szyld 2005  
Kollias, Gallopoulos & Szyld 2006
- Linear system solution  
Arasu, Novak, Tomkins & Tomlin 2002  
Arasu, Novak & Tomkins 2003  
Bianchini, Gori & Scarselli 2003  
Gleich, Zukov & Berkin 2004  
Del Corso, Gullí & Romani 2004  
Langville & Meyer 2006

# PageRank Computation

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- Surveys of numerical methods:  
Langville & Meyer 2004  
Berkhin 2005  
Langville & Meyer 2006 (book)

# Sensitivity of PageRank

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How **sensitive** is PageRank  $\pi$  to small perturbations, e.g. **rounding errors**

- Changes in matrix  $S$
- Changes in damping factor  $\alpha$
- Changes in personalization vector  $v$

# Perturbation Theory

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## For Markov chains

Schweizer 1968, Meyer 1980

Haviv & van Heyden 1984

Funderlic & Meyer 1986

Golub & Meyer 1986

Seneta 1988, 1991

Ipsen & Meyer 1994

Kirkland, Neumann & Shader 1998

Cho & Meyer 2000, 2001

Kirkland 2003, 2004

# Perturbation Theory

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## For Google matrix

Chien, Dwork, Kumar & Sivakumar 2001

Ng, Zheng & Jordan 2001

Bianchini, Gori & Scarselli 2003

Boldi, Santini & Vigna 2004, 2005

Langville & Meyer 2004

Golub & Greif 2004

Kirkland 2005, 2006

Chien, Dwork, Kumar, Simon & Sivakumar 2005

Avrechenkov & Litvak 2006



# Changes in the Matrix $S$

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Exact:

$$\pi^T G = \pi^T \quad G = \alpha S + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1} v^T$$

Perturbed:

$$\tilde{\pi}^T \tilde{G} = \tilde{\pi}^T \quad \tilde{G} = \alpha(S + E) + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1} v^T$$

Error:

$$\tilde{\pi}^T - \pi^T = \alpha \tilde{\pi}^T E (I - \alpha S)^{-1}$$

$$\|\tilde{\pi} - \pi\|_1 \leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \|E\|_\infty$$

# Changes in $\alpha$ and $v$

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- Change in amplification factor:

$$\tilde{G} = (\alpha + \mu)S + (1 - (\alpha + \mu)) \mathbf{1}v^T$$

**Error:**  $\|\tilde{\pi} - \pi\|_1 \leq \frac{2}{1-\alpha} |\mu|$

[Langville & Meyer 2004]

- Change in personalization vector:

$$\tilde{G} = \alpha S + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1}(v + f)^T$$

**Error:**  $\|\tilde{\pi} - \pi\|_1 \leq \|f\|_1$

# Sensitivity of PageRank $\pi$

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$$\pi^T G = \pi^T \quad G = \alpha S + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1} \mathbf{v}^T$$

Changes in

- $S$ : condition number  $\alpha / (1 - \alpha)$
- $\alpha$ : condition number  $2 / (1 - \alpha)$
- $v$ : condition number  $1$

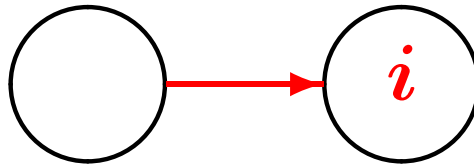
$\alpha = .85$ : condition numbers  $\leq 14$

$\alpha = .99$ : condition numbers  $\leq 200$

PageRank insensitive to rounding errors

# Adding an In-Link

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$$\tilde{\pi}_i > \pi_i$$

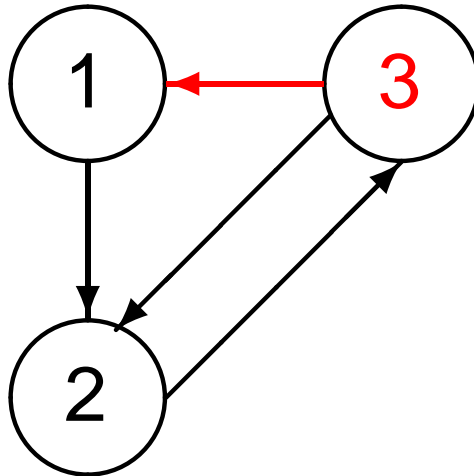
Adding an in-link **increases** PageRank  
(monotonicity)

Removing an in-link decreases PageRank

[Chien, Dwork, Kumar & Sivakumar 2001]

[Chien, Dwork, Kumar, Simon & Sivakumar 2005]

# Adding an Out-Link



$$\tilde{\pi}_3 = \frac{1 + \alpha + \alpha^2}{3(1 + \alpha + \alpha^2/2)} < \pi_3 = \frac{1 + \alpha + \alpha^2}{3(1 + \alpha)}$$

Adding an out-link may **decrease** PageRank

# Justification for TrustRank

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Adjust personalization vector to combat **web spam**  
[Gyöngyi, Garcia-Molina, Pedersen 2004]

Increase  $v$  for page  $i$ :  $v_i := v_i + \phi$

Decrease  $v$  for page  $j$ :  $v_j := v_j - \phi$

PageRank of page  $i$  increases:  $\tilde{\pi}_i > \pi_i$

PageRank of page  $j$  decreases:  $\tilde{\pi}_j < \pi_j$

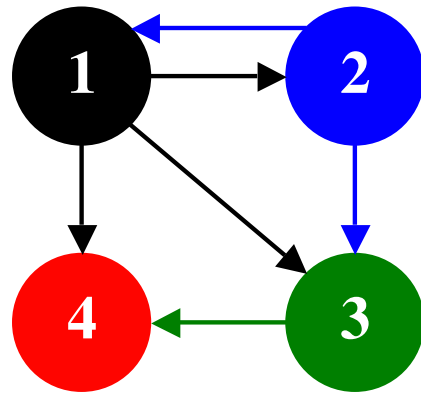
Total change in PageRank  $\|\tilde{\pi} - \pi\|_1 \leq 2\phi$

# Web Pages that have no Outlinks

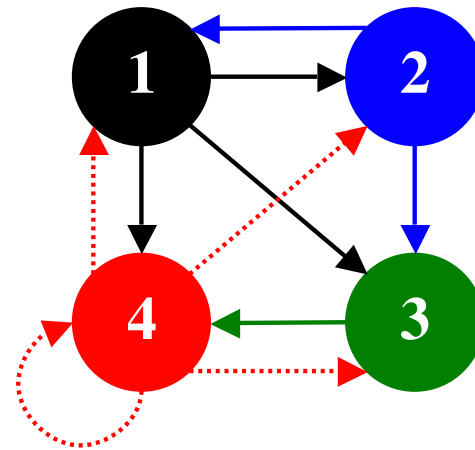
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- Technical term: **Dangling Nodes**
- **Examples:**
  - Image files
  - PDF and PS files
  - Pages whose links have not yet been crawled
  - Protected web pages
- **50%-80%** of all web pages
- **Problem:** zero rows in matrix
- **Popular fix:** Insert artificial links

# Dangling Node Fix



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 & w_4 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Inside the Stochastic Matrix $S$

Number pages so that dangling nodes are last

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} H \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{1} w^T \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{rank 1}}$$

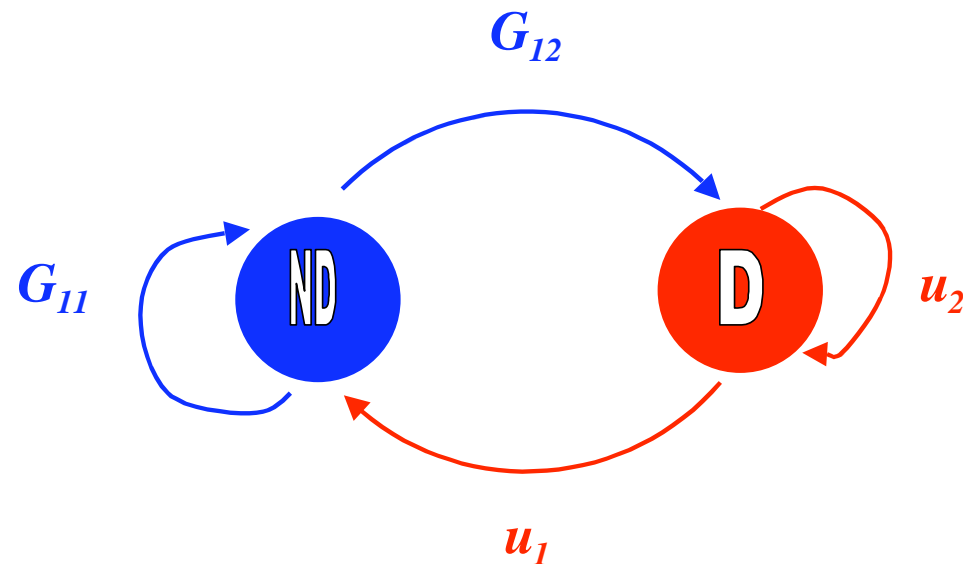
Links from nondangling nodes:  $H$

Dangling node vector  $w \geq 0 \quad \|w\|_1 = 1$

Google matrix  $G = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} H \\ \mathbf{1} w^T \end{pmatrix} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1} v^T$

# Partitioning the Google Matrix

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ \mathbb{1} u_1^T & \mathbb{1} u_2^T \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1^T & u_2^T \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\alpha w^T}_{\text{dangling nodes}} + \underbrace{(1 - \alpha) v^T}_{\text{personalization}}$$

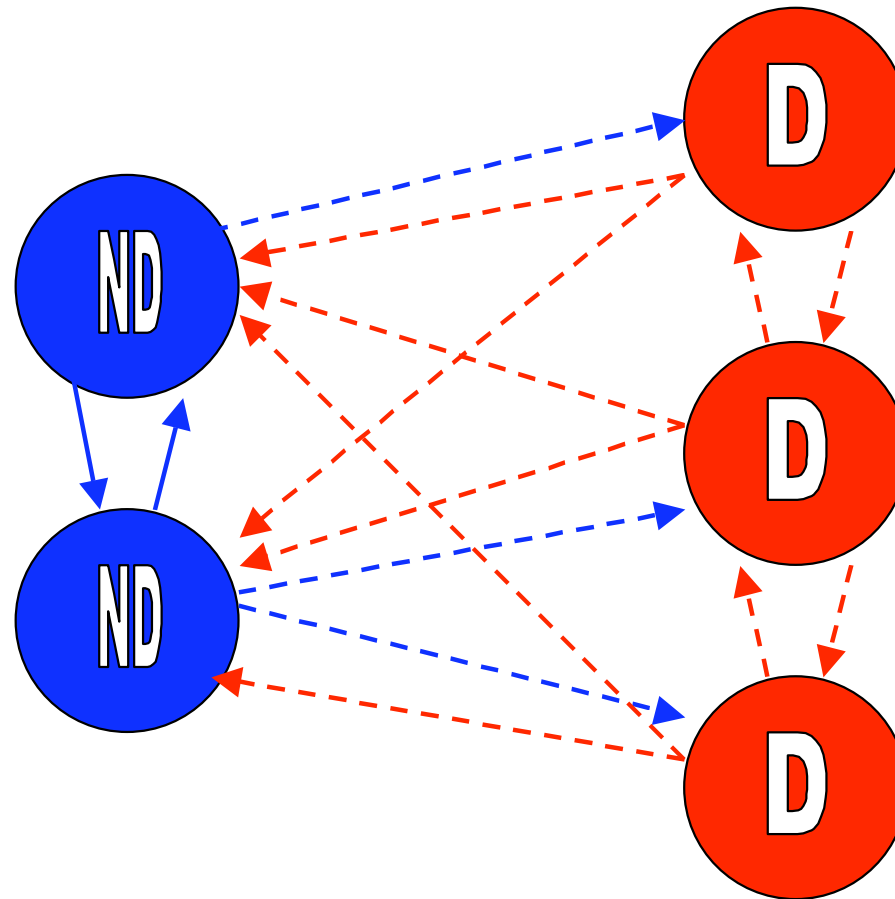
# Lumping

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Separate dangling and **nondangling** nodes  
“**Lump**” all dangling nodes into **single** node

- **Stochastic matrices:**  
Kemeny & Snell 1960  
Dayar & Stewart 1997  
Jernigan & Baran 2003  
Gurvits & Ledoux 2005
- **Google matrix:**  
Lee, Golub & Zenios 2003  
Ipsen & Selee 2006

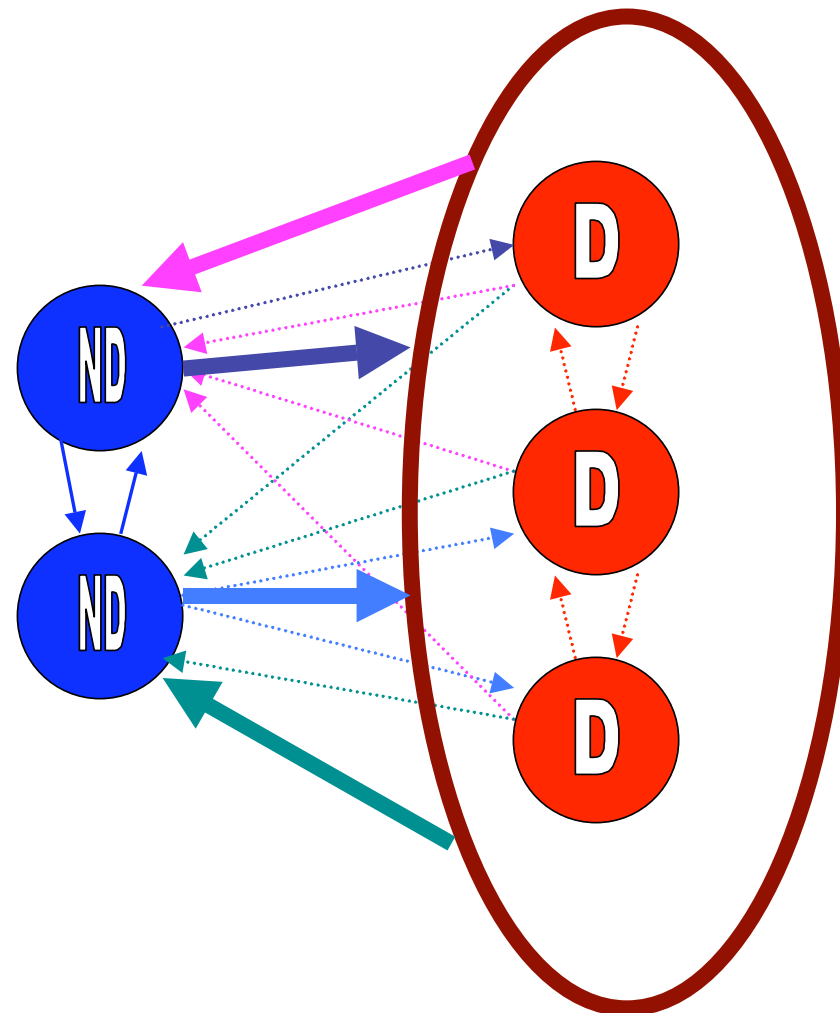
# Example



—→: real links

- - ->: artificial links

# Lumped Example



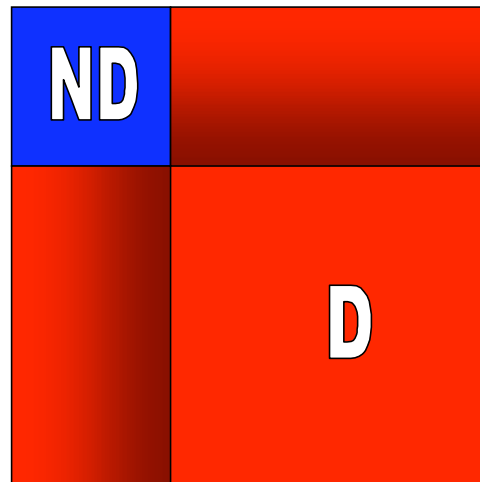
# Google Lumping

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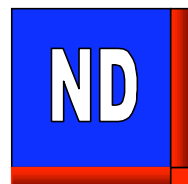
1. “Lump” all dangling nodes into a single node
2. Compute dominant eigenvector of smaller, lumped matrix  
⇒ PageRank of nondangling nodes
3. Determine PageRank of dangling nodes with one matrix vector multiply

# 1. Lump Dangling Nodes

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**Google Matrix G**



**Lumped matrix L**

# 1. Lump Dangling Nodes

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$$G = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ \mathbf{1} u_1^T & \mathbf{1} u_2^T \end{pmatrix}$$

Lump  $n - d$  dangling nodes into a single node

$\implies$  Lumped matrix has dimension  $d + 1$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \mathbf{1} \\ u_1^T & u_2^T \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Stochastic, same nonzero eigenvalues as  $G$



## 2. Eigenvector of Lumped Matrix

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$$L = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \mathbf{1} \\ u_1^T & u_2^T \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Lumped matrix with  $d$  nondangling nodes

Compute eigenvector of lumped matrix

$$\sigma^T L = \sigma^T \quad \sigma \geq 0 \quad \|\sigma\|_1 = 1$$

PageRank of nondangling nodes:  $\sigma_{1:d}$

### 3. Dangling Nodes

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$$G = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ \mathbb{1} u_1^T & \mathbb{1} u_2^T \end{pmatrix} \quad L = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \mathbb{1} \\ u_1^T & u_2^T \mathbb{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvector of lumped matrix:  $\sigma^T L = \sigma^T$

PageRank of dangling nodes:

$$\sigma^T \begin{pmatrix} G_{12} \\ u_2^T \end{pmatrix}$$

One matrix vector multiply

# Summary: Dangling Nodes

$n$  web pages with  $n - d$  dangling nodes

- PageRank  $\sigma_{1:d}$  of  $d$  nondangling nodes:  
from lumped matrix  $L$  of dimension  $d + 1$
- PageRank of dangling nodes:  
one matrix vector multiply
- Total PageRank

$$\pi^T = \left( \underbrace{\sigma_{1:d}^T}_{\text{nondangling}} \quad \underbrace{\sigma^T \begin{pmatrix} G_{12} \\ u_2^T \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{dangling}} \right)$$

# Summary: Dangling Nodes, ctd.

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- PageRank of **nondangling** nodes is **independent** of PageRank of dangling nodes
- PageRank of **nondangling** nodes can be computed **separately**
- Power method on lumped matrix  **$L$** :
  - same convergence rate as for  **$G$**
  - but  **$L$  much smaller** than  **$G$**
  - speed increases with # dangling nodes

# Is the Ranking Correct?

$$\pi^T = (.23 \ .24 \ .26 \ .27)$$

- $[x^{(k)}]^T = (.27 \ .26 \ .24 \ .23)$

$$\|x^{(k)} - \pi\|_{\infty} = .04$$

Small error, but **incorrect ranking**

- $[x^{(k)}]^T = (0 \ .001 \ .002 \ .997)$

$$\|x^{(k)} - \pi\|_{\infty} = .727$$

Large error, but **correct ranking**

# Is the Ranking Correct?

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After  $k$  iterations of power method:

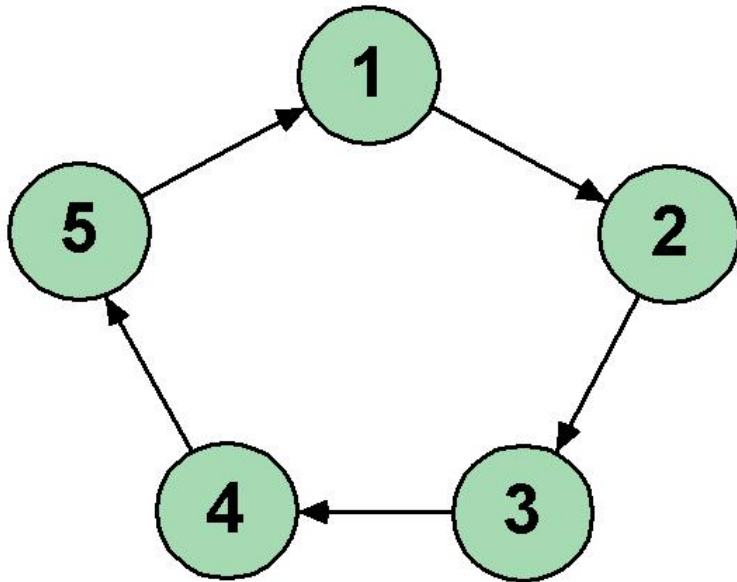
Error:  $\|x^{(k)} - \pi\| \leq 2\alpha^k$

But: Do the components of  $x^{(k)}$  have the same ranking as those of  $\pi$ ?

Rank-stability, rank-similarity: [Lempel & Moran, 2005]

[Borodin, Roberts, Rosenthal & Tsaparas 2005]

# Web Graph is a Ring



$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

[Ipsen & Wills]

# All Pages are Trusted

$S$  is circulant of order  $n$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}$

- PageRank:  $\pi = \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}$

All pages have **same PageRank**

- Power method

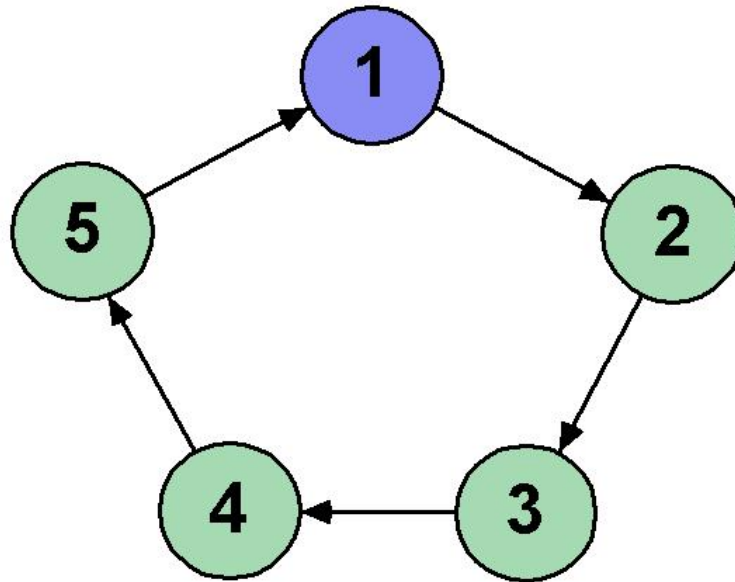
$\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{v}$ :  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \pi$  correct ranking

$\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \neq \mathbf{v}$ :  $[\mathbf{x}^{(k)}]^T \sim \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}^T + \alpha^k ([\mathbf{x}^{(0)}]^T \mathbf{S}^k - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}^T)$

**Ranking does not converge (in exact arithmetic)**

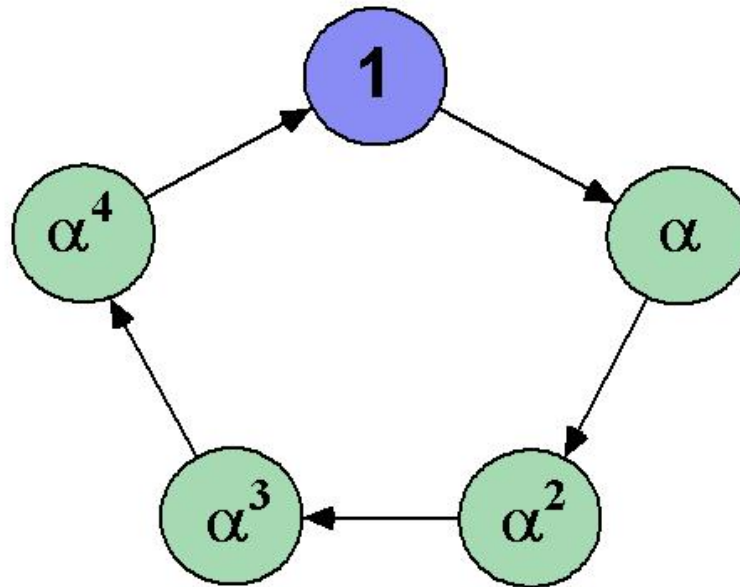


# Only One Page is Trusted



$$v^T = (1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0)$$

# Only One Page is Trusted



$$\pi^T \sim (1 \quad \alpha \quad \alpha^2 \quad \alpha^3 \quad \alpha^4)$$

PageRank decreases with distance from page 1

# Only One Page is Trusted

$S$  is circulant of order  $n$ ,  $v = e_1$

- PageRank:  $\pi^T \sim (1 \ \alpha \ \dots \ \alpha^{n-1})$

- Power method with  $x^{(0)} = v$ :

$$[x^{(k)}]^T \sim \left( 1 \ \alpha \ \dots \ \alpha^{k-1} \ \frac{\alpha^k}{1-\alpha} \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \right)$$

$$[x^{(n)}]^T \sim \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha^n}{1-\alpha} \ \alpha \ \alpha^2 \ \dots \ \alpha^{n-1} \right)$$

Rank convergence in  $n$  iterations

# Too Many Iterations

Power method with  $x^{(0)} = v = e_1$ :

- After  $n$  iterations:

$$[x^{(n)}]^T \sim \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha^n}{1-\alpha} \quad \alpha \quad \alpha^2 \quad \dots \quad \alpha^{n-1} \right)$$

- After  $n + 1$  iterations:

$$[x^{(n+1)}]^T \sim \left( 1 + \alpha^n \quad \alpha + \frac{\alpha^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} \quad \alpha^2 \quad \dots \quad \alpha^{n-1} \right)$$

If  $\alpha = .85$ ,  $n = 10$ :  $\alpha + \frac{\alpha^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} > 1 + \alpha^n$

Additional iterations can destroy  
a converged ranking

# Recovery of Ranking

$S$  is circulant of order  $n$

- After  $k$  iterations:

$$[x^{(k)}]^T = \alpha^k [x^{(0)}]^T S^k + (1 - \alpha) v^T \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha^j S^j$$

- After  $k + n$  iterations:

$$[x^{(k+n)}]^T = \alpha^n [x^{(k)}]^T + (1 - \alpha^n) \pi^T$$

If  $x^{(k)}$  has correct ranking, so does  $x^{(k+n)}$

# Any Personalization Vector

$S$  is circulant of order  $n$

- PageRank:  $\pi^T \sim v^T \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \alpha^j S^j$
- Power method with  $x^{(0)} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}$

$$[x^{(n)}]^T = \underbrace{(1 - \alpha^n)}_{\text{scalar}} \pi^T + \underbrace{\frac{\alpha^n}{n} \mathbf{1}^T}_{\text{constant vector}}$$

For any  $v$ : rank convergence after  $n$  iterations

# Problems with Ranking

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- Ranking may **never** converge
- Additional iterations can **destroy** ranking
- Small error **does not imply** correct ranking
- Rank convergence depends on:  
 $\alpha$ ,  $v$ , initial guess, matrix dimension,  
structure of web graph
- How do we know **when** the ranking is correct?
- Even if **successive** iterates have the **same** ranking, their ranking may **not be correct**

# Summary

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- Google orders web pages according to: **PageRank** and **hypertext analysis**

- **PageRank** = left eigenvector of  $G$

$$G = \alpha S + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1} \mathbf{v}^T$$

- Power method: simple and robust
- Error in iteration  $k$  bounded by  $\alpha^k$
- Convergence rate largely **independent** of dimension and eigenvalues of  $G$



# Summary, ctd

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- PageRank **insensitive** to rounding errors
- Adding in-links **increases** PageRank
- Adding out-links **may decrease** PageRank
- **Dangling nodes = pages w/o outlinks**  
Rank one change to hyperlink matrix
- **Lumping:**  
PageRank of **non**dangling nodes computed **separately** from PageRank of dangling nodes
- Ranking problem: **DIFFICULT**

# User-Friendly Resources

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- **Rebecca Wills:**  
*Google's PageRank: The Math Behind the Search Engine*  
Mathematical Intelligencer, 2006
- **Amy Langville & Carl Meyer:**  
*Google's PageRank and Beyond  
The Science of Search Engine Rankings*  
Princeton University Press, 2006
- **Amy Langville & Carl Meyer:**  
Broadcast of On-Air Interview, November 2006  
Carl Meyer's web page