

# Web graph and PageRank algorithm

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# Basic terminology of graph theory. I

## Definition (Directed graph)

A **directed graph**  $G$  is a pair  $G = (V, E)$ , where  $V$  is a set of any nature, elements of which is called nodes,  $E$  is a set of ordered pairs  $(u, v)$  called arcs.

## Definition (In-degree and out-degree)

The **out-degree** of a node  $u$  is the number of distinct arcs  $(u, v) \in E$ , and the **in-degree** is the number of distinct arcs  $(v, u) \in E$ .

# Basic terminology of graph theory. II

## Definition (Path)

A **path** from node  $u$  to node  $v$  is a sequence of arcs  $(u, u_1), (u_1, u_2), \dots, (u_k, v)$ , where  $(u, u_1), (u_i, u_{i+1}), (u_k, v) \in E, \forall i = 1, k-1$ .

## Definition (Strongly connected component)

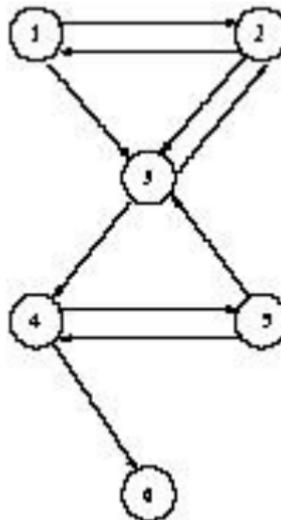
A **strongly connected component** (strong component for brevity) of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a set of nodes such that for any pair of nodes  $u$  and  $v$  in the set there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$ .

## Definition (Diameter)

A **diameter** of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is the maximum over all ordered pairs  $(u, v)$  of the shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$ .

# Definition of the Web graph.

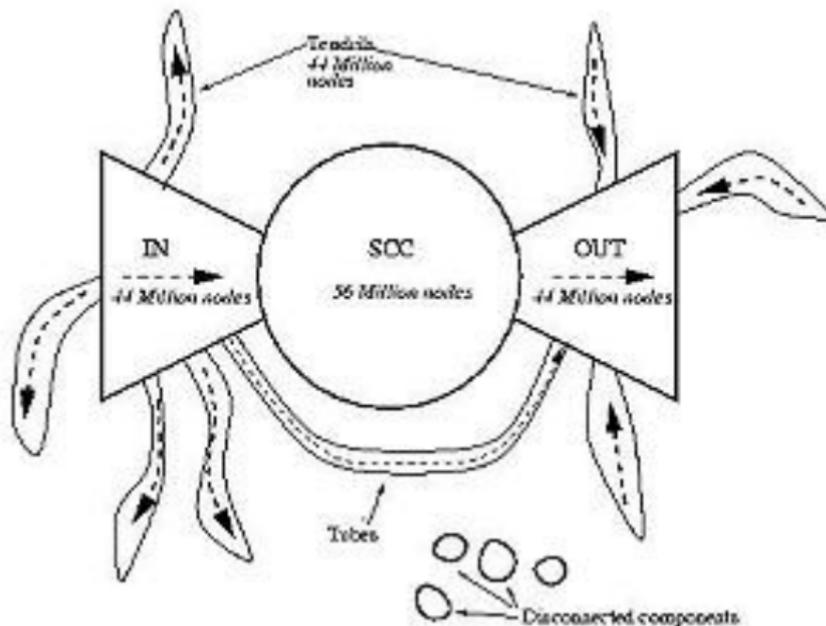
- We consider pages in the Web as nodes.
- Links between pages are arcs.
- We obtain graph called the Web graph.



# Properties of the Web graph.

- 1 Macroscopic structure of the Web graph
- 2 Diameter of the Web graph
- 3 In- and out-degree distributions

# Macroscopic structure of the Web graph.



# In- and out-degree distributions.

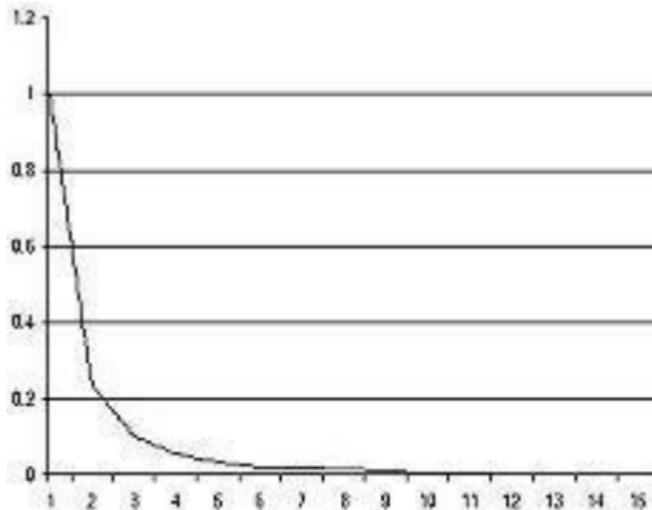
- It is turned out that in- and out-degree are distributed according to power law.
- the probability that a node has in-degree (out-degree)  $i$  is proportional to
- $(x > 1)$

$$\left( \frac{1}{i} \right)^x$$

# In- and out-degree distributions.

In-degree: the exponent of the power law is around 2.1

Out-degree: the exponent of the power law is around 2.72



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# Markov processes.

## Definition (Markov process)

An  $S$ -valued **Markov process** is an infinite sequence of random variables  $X_k = X_0, X_1, \dots \in S$  if  $S$  is finite and the probability function  $P$  satisfies:

$P(X_{k+1} = b | X_0 = a_0, \dots, X_k = a_k) = P(X_{k+1} = b | X_k = a_k)$  is the same for all  $k \geq 0$ .

Its **transition function** is  $\omega(a, b) = P(X_{k+1} = b | X_k = a)$ .

Its **initial distribution** is  $\sigma(a) = P(X_0 = a)$ .

In the Stochastic processes literature, this is technically called a homogeneous, discrete time, finite space Markov process. In applications of the theory, they are often simply called Markov processes or Markov chains.

# Convergence of Markov processes. I

## Definition (Period of state)

Let  $\{X_k\}$  be an  $S$ -valued Markov process. The **period** of a state  $a \in S$  is the largest  $d$  satisfying:  $(\forall k, n \in \mathbb{N})$

$$P(X_{n+k} = a | X_k = a) > 0 \Rightarrow d \text{ divides } n$$

If  $d = 1$ , then the state  $a$  is **aperiodic**.

## Definition (Ergodic Markov process)

An **ergodic** Markov process is a Markov process  $\{X_k\}$  that is both

- **irreducible**: every state is reachable from every other state.
- **aperiodic**: the greatest common divisor of the states' periods is 1.

# Convergence of Markov processes. II

## Lemma (Ergodic Condition)

*An irreducible  $S$ -valued Markov process with transition function  $\omega$  that has  $\omega(a, a) > 0$  for some state  $a \in S$  is aperiodic, and hence ergodic.*

## Theorem (Ergodic Convergence)

*If  $\{X_k\}$  is an ergodic  $S$ -valued Markov process, then the probability function converges for all  $a \in S$ :*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P(X_k = a) = p_a$$

# Transition matrix and stationary distribution.

- If the set of states is finite we can define transition matrix.
- If the Markov chain is ergodic, then it has unique stationary probability distribution

$$P_{ij} = \omega(a_i, a_j), \forall a_i, a_j \in S$$

$$\pi P = \pi \quad \pi e = 1$$

# Power method.

- $\|\pi\|_1 = \pi e$
- $v$  is the first approximation
- $\varepsilon$  is an accuracy
- rate of convergence  $\frac{|\lambda_2|}{|\lambda_1|}$
- If  $P$  is row-stochastic matrix then  
 $\lambda_1 = 1, 1 \geq |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n| \geq 0$

$$\pi^{(k+1)} = \pi^{(k)} P$$

*function*  $\pi^{(m)} = \text{PowerMethod}(P, v, \varepsilon)$

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$$\pi^{(0)} = v;$$

$$k = 1;$$

**repeat**

$$\pi^{(k)} = \pi^{(k-1)} P;$$

$$\delta = \|\pi^{(k)} - \pi^{(k-1)}\|_1;$$

$$k = k + 1;$$

**until**  $\delta < \varepsilon;$

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# Defining of PageRank.

- $A$  is a page
- $c$  is a damping factor
- $T_i$  is a page, linking to the page  $A$
- $\pi(A)$  is PageRank of a page  $A$
- $l(T_i)$  is the number of outgoing link from  $T_i$

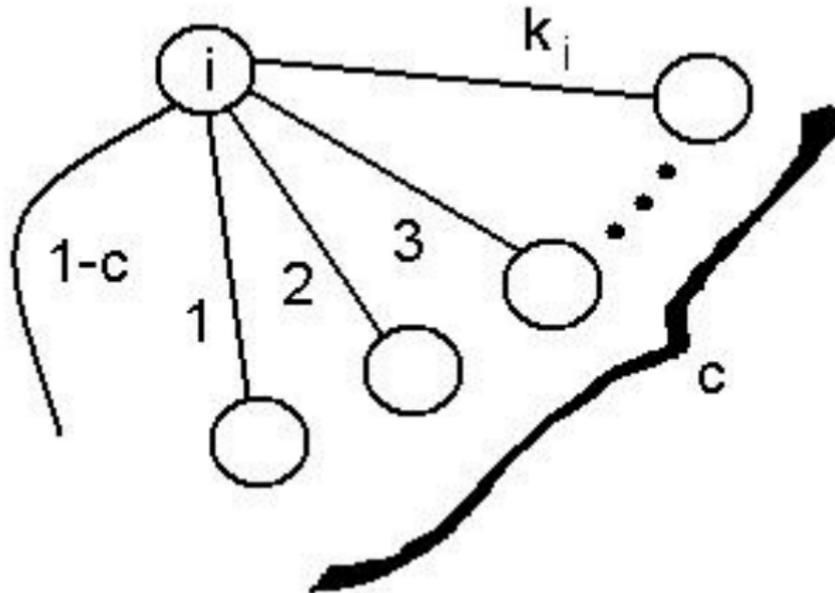
$$\pi(A) = \frac{(1 - c)}{n} + c(\pi(T_1)/l(T_1) + \dots + \pi(T_m)/l(T_m))$$

# PageRank vector.

- If we number all pages we can define a PageRank vector as row vector whose every entry is PageRank of some page.
- The PageRank vector is a stationary distribution of specially formed Markov chain

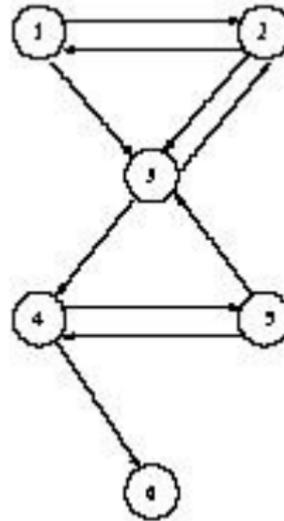
$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &\rightarrow \pi_1, \\ p_2 &\rightarrow \pi_2, \\ \dots &\dots \dots, \\ p_n &\rightarrow \pi_n. \end{aligned}$$

# Defining Markov chain.



# Transition matrix.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Google matrix and PageRank.

$$G = cP + (1 - c)1/nE$$

$$\pi = \pi G$$

$$\pi e = 1$$

- Google:  $c = 0.85$
- About 6 clicks before going to arbitrary page

$$\pi = \frac{1 - c}{n} e^t (I - cP)^{-1}$$

# Power method for PageRank.

- $v = (1/n, 1/n, \dots, 1/n)$  is the first approximation
- $\varepsilon$  is an accuracy
- $PowerMethod(G, v, \varepsilon)$
- Rate of convergence =  $c$
- $c = 0.85 \Rightarrow$  about 100 iterations
- $c = 0.99 \Rightarrow$  about 1000 iterations

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# Decomposition a Google matrix.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & \cdots & P_{1N} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & \cdots & P_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ P_{N1} & P_{N2} & \cdots & P_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $N < n$ . The PageRank vector is

$$\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_N)$$

where  $\pi_l$  is row vector with  $\dim(\pi_l) = n_l$  and

$$\sum_{l=1}^N n_l = n$$

# Block-diagonal case.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} P_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & P_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & P_N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G_I = cP_I + (1 - c)1/n_I E$$

$$\pi_I = \pi_I G_I$$

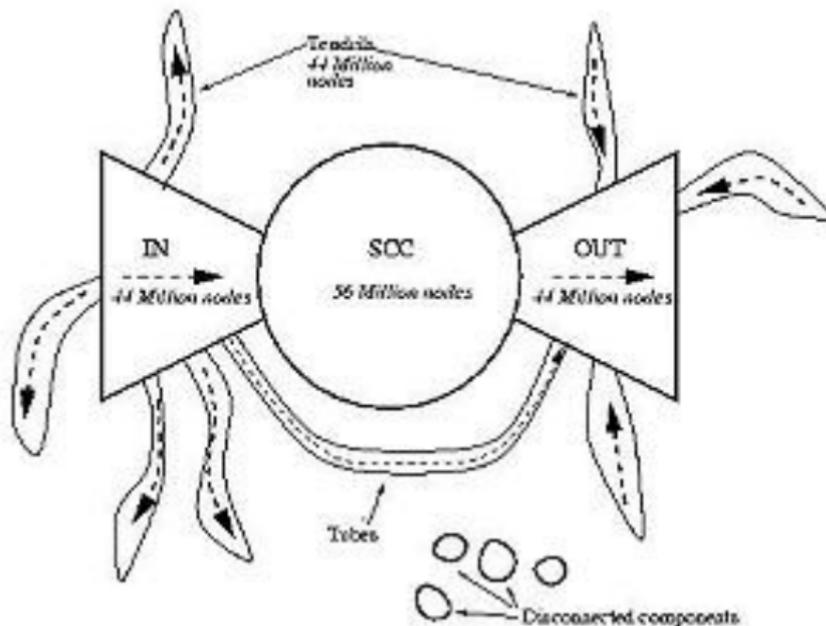
$$\pi_I e = 1$$

## Theorem

The PageRank  $\pi$  is given by

$$\pi = \left( \frac{n_1}{n} \pi_1, \frac{n_2}{n} \pi_2, \dots, \frac{n_N}{n} \pi_N \right)$$

# Macroscopic structure of the Web graph.



## $2 \times 2$ case.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2)$$

$$\pi(I - P) = 0.$$

$$I - P = LDU$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -P_{21}(I - P_{11})^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} I - P_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & I - S \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} I & -(I - P_{11})^{-1}P_{12} \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S = P_{22} + P_{21}(I - P_{11})^{-1}P_{12}$$

$$\pi L D = 0$$

$$\pi_2 S = \pi_2 \quad \pi_1 = \pi_2 P_{21}(I - P_{11})^{-1}$$

$$\sigma S = \sigma, \quad \sigma \mathbf{e} = 1$$

$$\pi_2 = \rho \sigma \quad \pi \mathbf{e} = 1$$

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# Aggregation/Disaggregation methods.

The Power Method converges for components with different rate and we do more then need iteration for the components.

$$\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_N)$$

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} & \dots & G_{1N} \\ G_{21} & G_{22} & \dots & G_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ G_{N1} & G_{N2} & \dots & G_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Blockrank method.

$$\pi_i, i = \overline{1, N}$$

$$\pi_i = \text{PowerMethod}(G_{ij}, \frac{1}{n} e^t, \varepsilon)$$

$$A_{ij} = \pi_i G_{ij} e$$

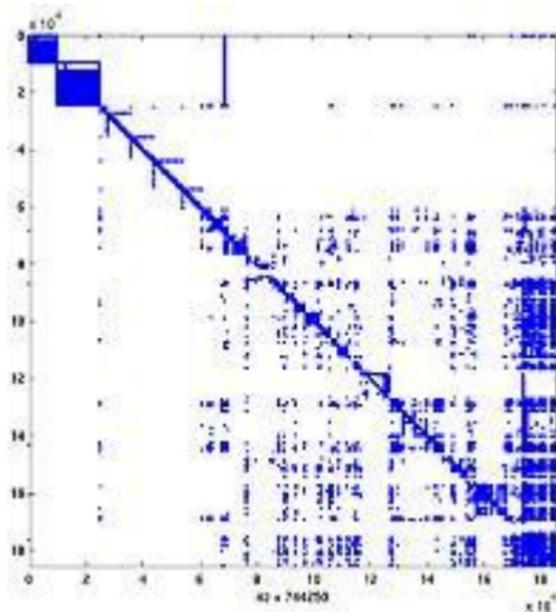
$$\nu A = \nu$$

$$\tilde{\pi} = (\nu_1 \pi_1, \dots, \nu_N \pi_N)$$

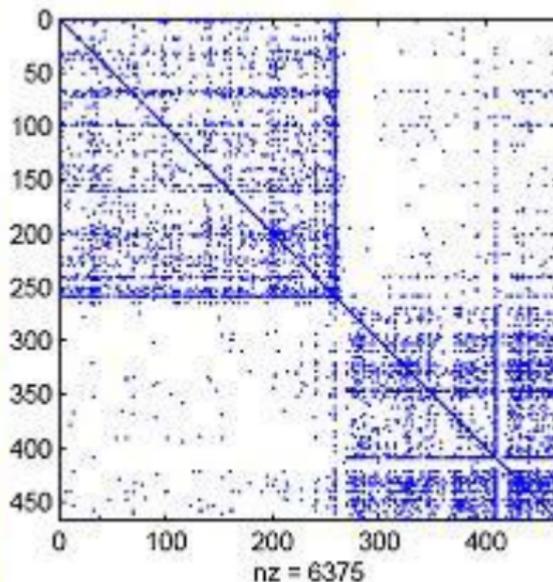
$$\pi = \text{PowerMethod}(G, \tilde{\pi}, \varepsilon)$$

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} & \dots & G_{1N} \\ G_{21} & G_{22} & \dots & G_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ G_{N1} & G_{N2} & \dots & G_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Blockrank method.



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# Iteration aggregation/disaggregation method.

function  $\pi^{(m)} = IAD(G, \nu, \varepsilon)\{$

$$\pi^{(0)} = \nu;$$

$$k = 1;$$

**repeat**

$$A_{ij}^{(k)} = \pi_i^{(k)} G_{ij} \mathbf{e};$$

$$\nu^{(k)} \mathbf{A}^{(k)} = \nu^{(k)};$$

$$\tilde{\pi}^{(k)} = (\nu_1^{(k)} [\pi_1^{(k)}], \dots, \nu_N^{(k)} [\pi_N^{(k)}])$$

$$\pi^{(k+1)} = \tilde{\pi}^{(k)} G^m$$

$$\delta = \|\pi^{(k+1)} - \pi^{(k)}\|_1;$$

$$k = k + 1;$$

**until**  $\delta < \varepsilon;$

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$$[\pi_i] = \frac{\pi_i}{\pi_i \mathbf{e}}$$

$$\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_N)$$

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} & \dots & G_{1N} \\ G_{21} & G_{22} & \dots & G_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ G_{N1} & G_{N2} & \dots & G_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Summary

- The World Wide Web was represented as a directed graph and properties of the Web graph were considered.
- PageRank algorithm and different methods of finding PageRank are discussed.
- Outlook
  - Convergence of Iteration aggregation/disaggregation method will be researched.

Thank you for your patience and attention!

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