# How do we really compute the PageRank?

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# Computing Page Rank

- Key step is matrix-vector multiplication
  - $r^{\text{new}} = A \cdot r^{\text{old}}$
- Easy if we have enough main memory to hold A, r<sup>old</sup>, r<sup>new</sup>
- Say N = 1 billion pages
  - We need 4 bytes for each entry (say)
  - 2 billion entries for vectors, approx 8GB
  - Matrix A has N<sup>2</sup> entries
    - 10<sup>18</sup> is a large number!

$$\mathbf{A} = \beta \cdot \mathbf{M} + (\mathbf{1} \cdot \beta) \left[ \mathbf{1} / \mathbf{N} \right]_{\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = 0.8 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0.2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **Matrix Formulation**

- Suppose there are N pages
- Consider page j, with  $d_i$  out-links
- We have  $M_{ij} = 1/|d_j|$  when  $j \rightarrow i$  and  $M_{ij} = 0$  otherwise
- The random teleport is equivalent to:
  - Adding a **teleport link** from j to every other page and setting transition probability to  $(1-\beta)/N$
  - Reducing the probability of following each out-link from  $1/|d_i|$  to  $\beta/|d_i|$
  - Equivalent: Tax each page a fraction  $(1-\beta)$  of its score and redistribute evenly

# Rearranging the Equation

• 
$$r=A\cdot r$$
, where  $A_{ij}=\beta M_{ij}+\frac{1-\beta}{N}$ 
•  $r_i=\sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij}\cdot r_j$ 
•  $r_i=\sum_{j=1}^N \left[\beta M_{ij}+\frac{1-\beta}{N}\right]\cdot r_j$ 
 $=\sum_{j=1}^N \beta M_{ij}\cdot r_j+\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1-\beta}{N}r_j$ 
 $=\sum_{j=1}^N \beta M_{ij}\cdot r_j+\frac{1-\beta}{N} \quad \text{since } \sum r_j=1$ 
• So we get:  $r=\beta M\cdot r+\left[\frac{1-\beta}{N}\right]_N$ 

**Note:** Here we assumed **M** has no dead-ends.

 $[x]_N$  ... a vector of length N with all entries x

# Sparse Matrix Formulation

We just rearranged the PageRank equation

$$r = \beta M \cdot r + \left[\frac{1-\beta}{N}\right]_N$$

- where  $[(1-\beta)/N]_N$  is a vector with all N entries  $(1-\beta)/N$
- M is a sparse matrix! (with no dead-ends)
  - 10 links per node, approx 10N entries
- So in each iteration, we need to:
  - Compute  $r^{\text{new}} = \beta M \cdot r^{\text{old}}$
  - Add a constant value (1- $\beta$ )/N to each entry in  $r^{\text{new}}$ 
    - Note if M contains dead-ends then  $\sum_i r_i^{new} < 1$  and we also have to renormalize  $r^{\text{new}}$  so that it sums to 1

### PageRank: The Complete Algorithm

- Input: Graph G and parameter β
  - Directed graph G with spider traps and dead ends
  - Parameter  $\beta$
- Output: PageRank vector r
  - Set:  $r_i^{(0)} = \frac{1}{N}$ , t = 1
  - do:

$$\forall j \colon r'_j^{(t)} = \sum_{i \to j} \beta \frac{r_i^{(t-1)}}{d_i}$$
 
$$r'_j^{(t)} = \mathbf{0} \text{ if in-deg. of } j \text{ is } \mathbf{0}$$

Now re-insert the leaked PageRank:

$$\forall j: r_j^{(t)} = r_j^{(t)} + \frac{1-S}{N}$$
 where:  $S = \sum_j r_j^{(t)}$ 

- t = t + 1
- while  $\sum_{j} \left| r_{j}^{(t)} r_{j}^{(t-1)} \right| > \varepsilon$ (Stanford University) Mining of Massive Da