

Data and Algorithms of the Web

Link Analysis Algorithms Page Rank

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- Page Rank
- Hubs and Authorities
- Topic-Specific Page Rank
- Spam Detection Algorithms
- Other interesting topics we won't cover
 - Detecting duplicates and mirrors
 - Mining for communities

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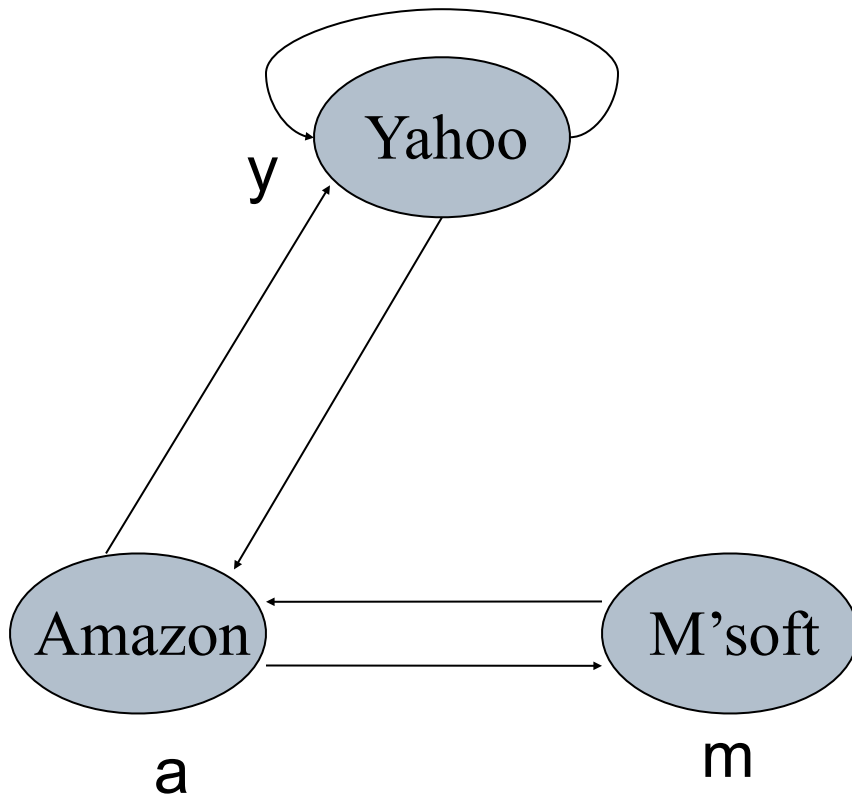
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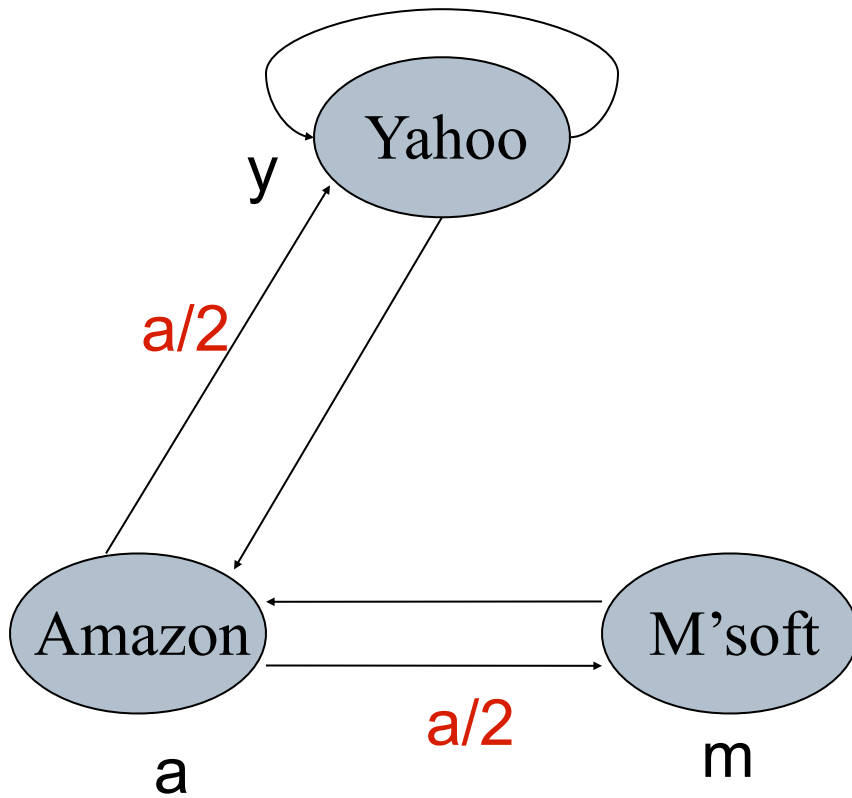
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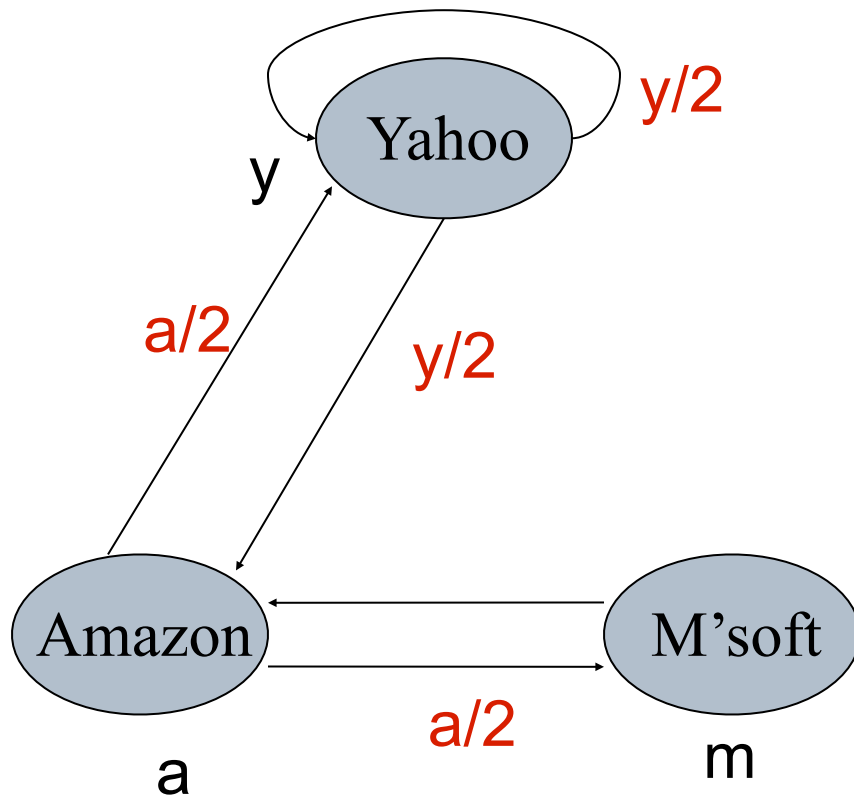
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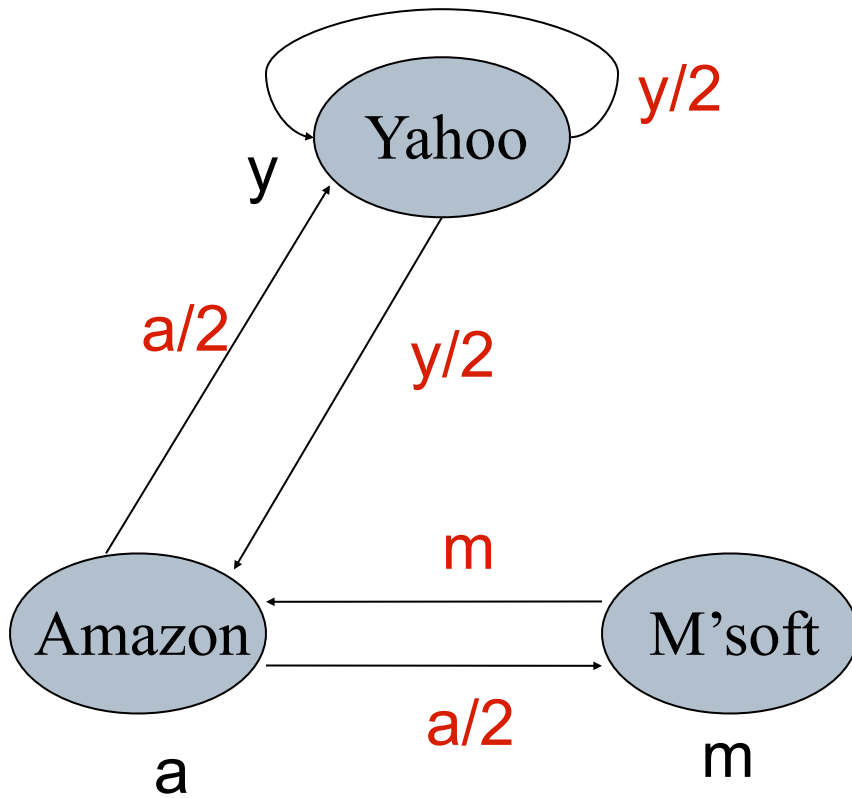
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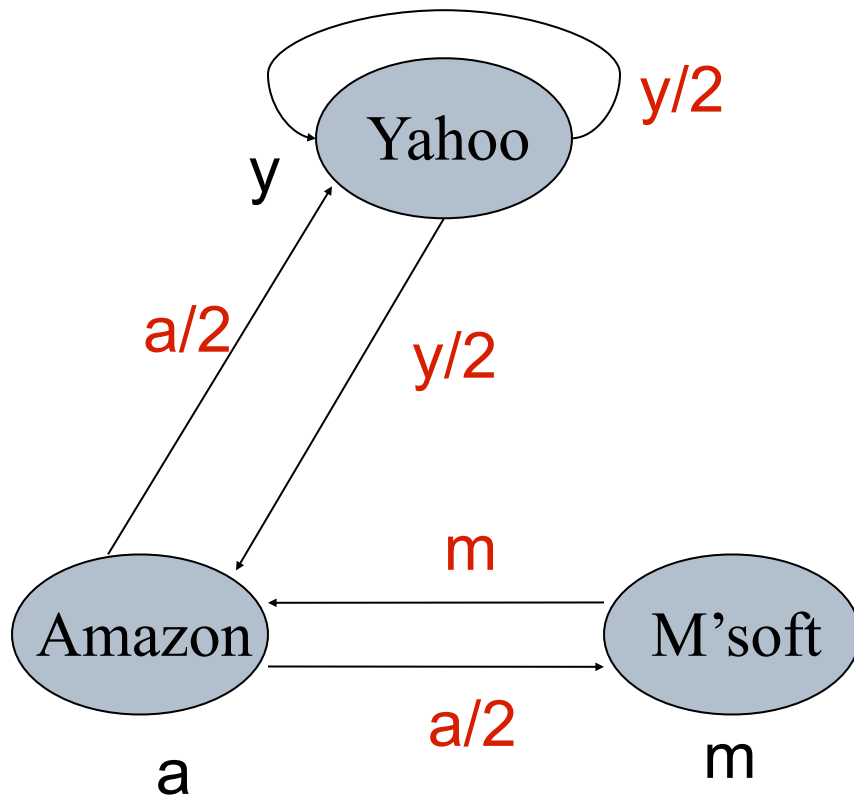
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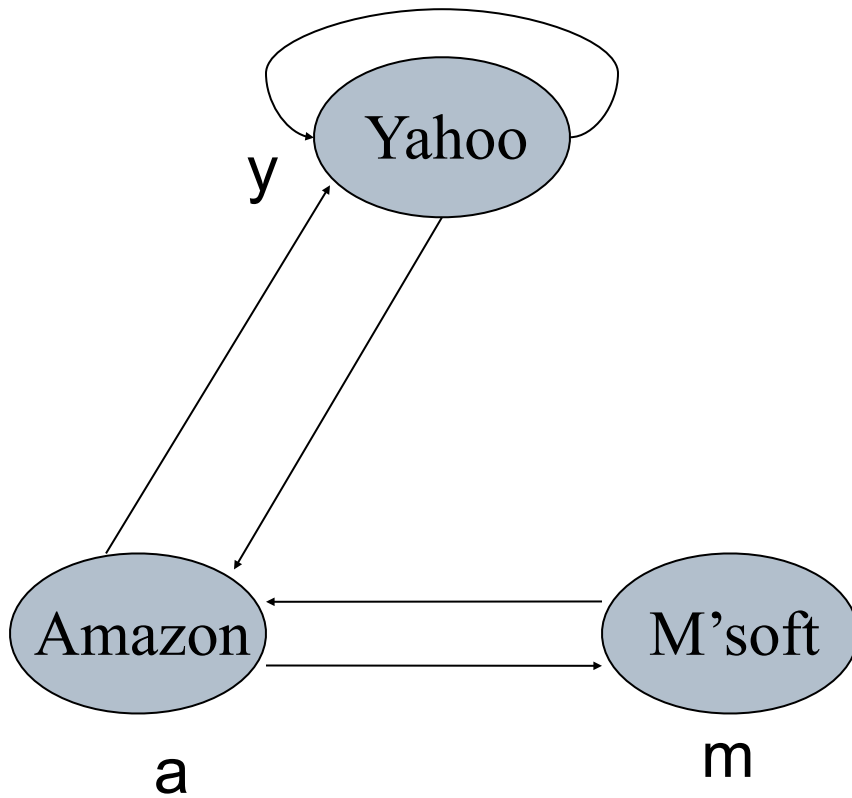


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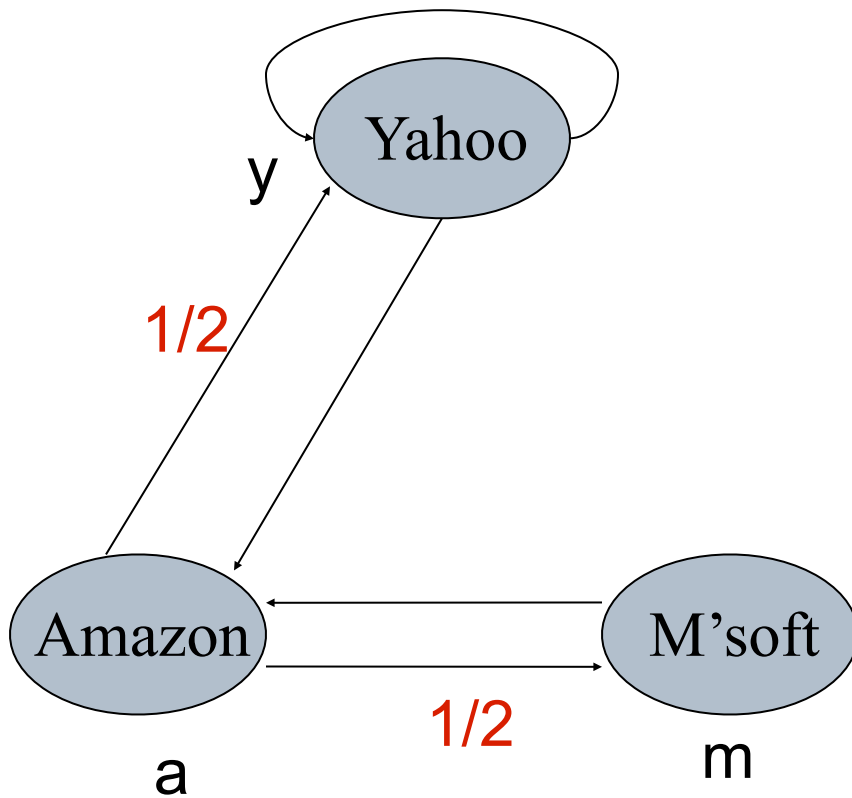
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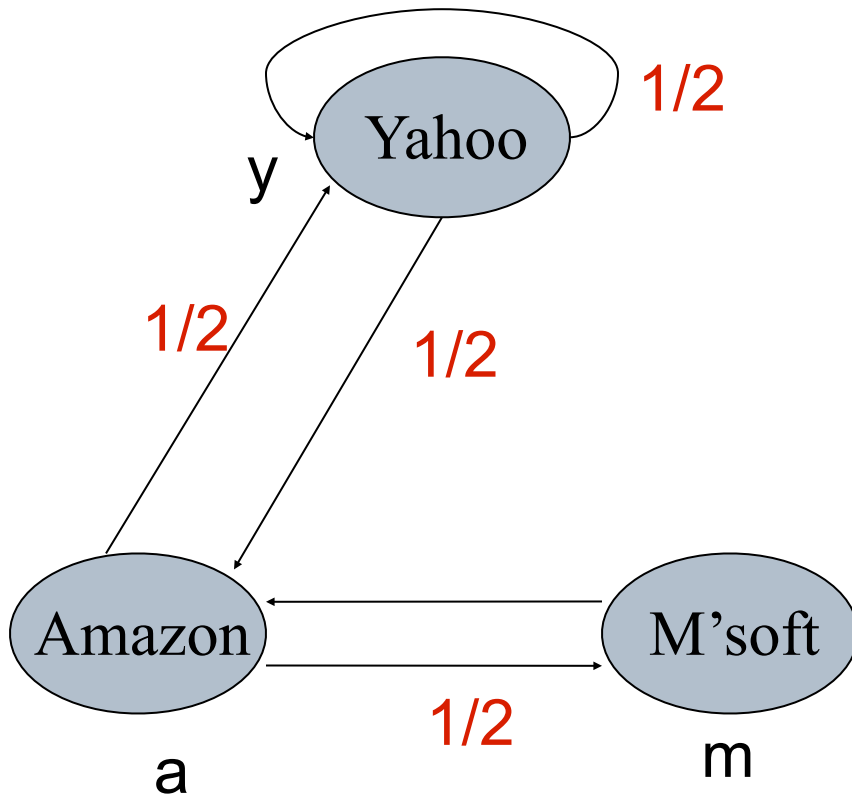
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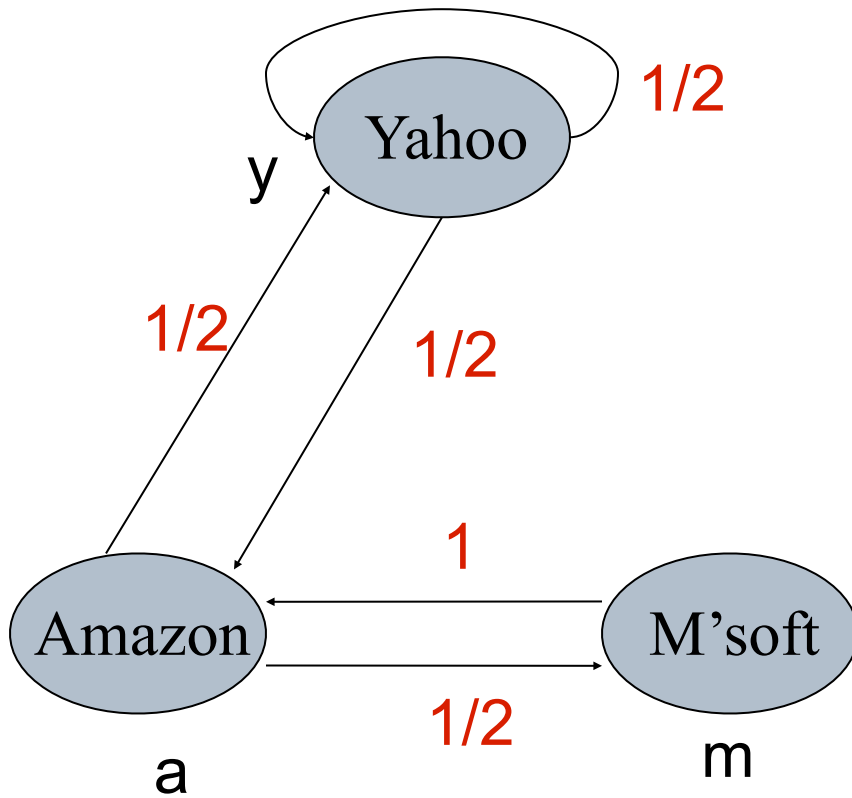
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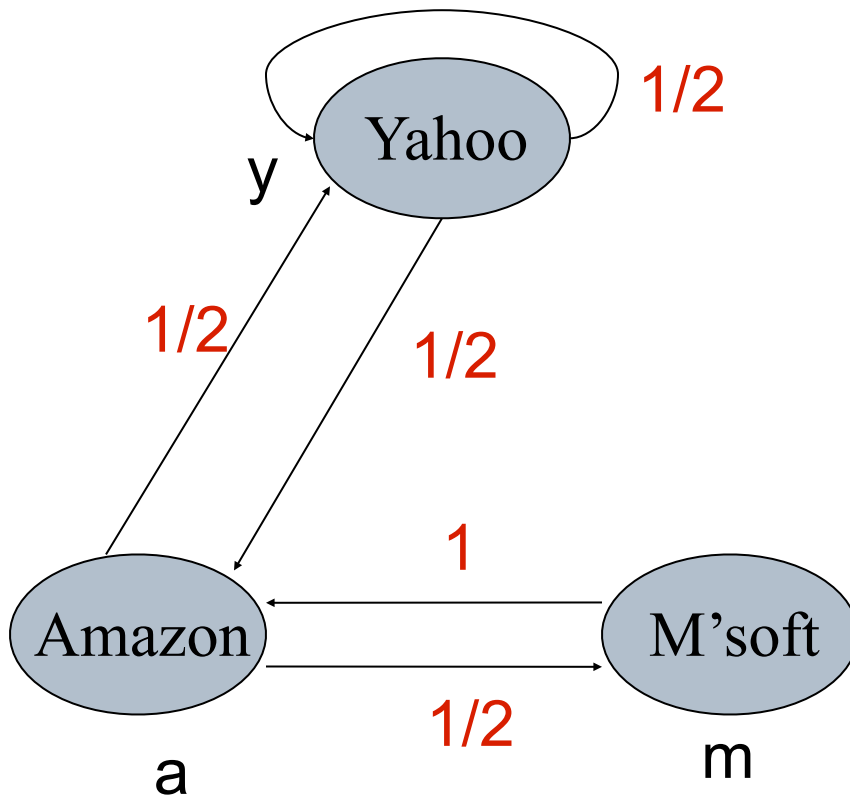
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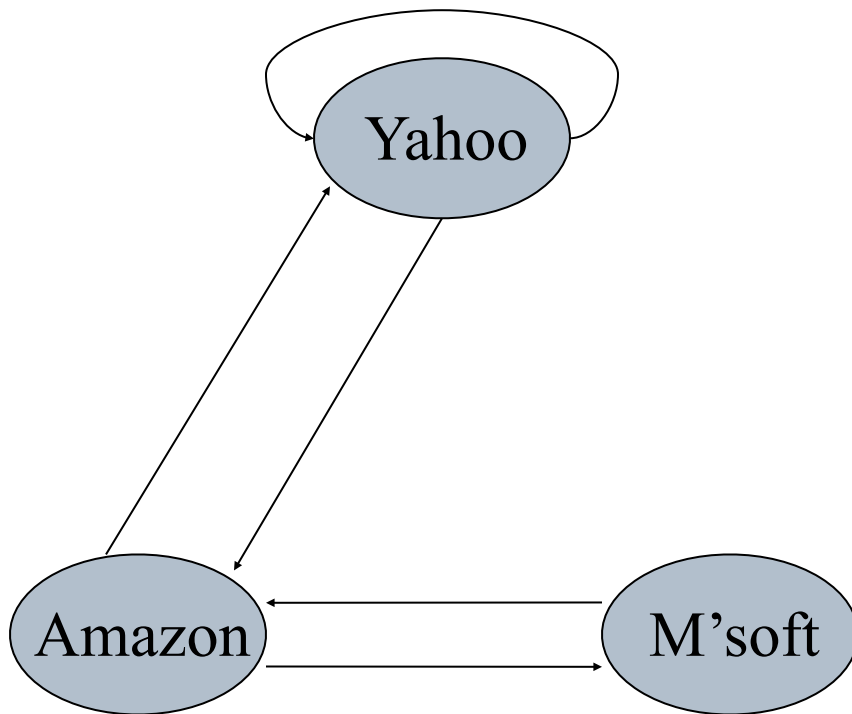


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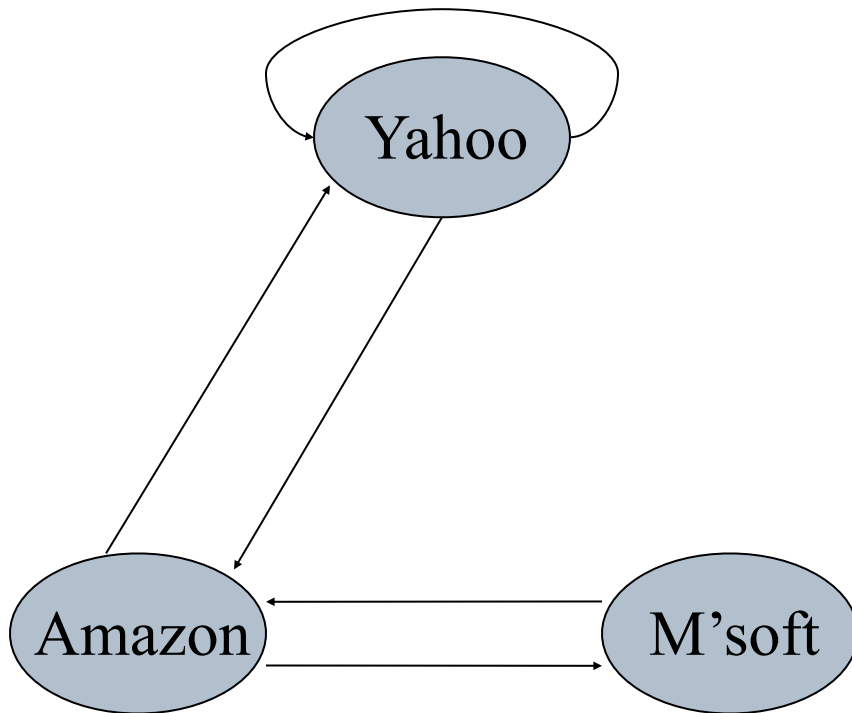
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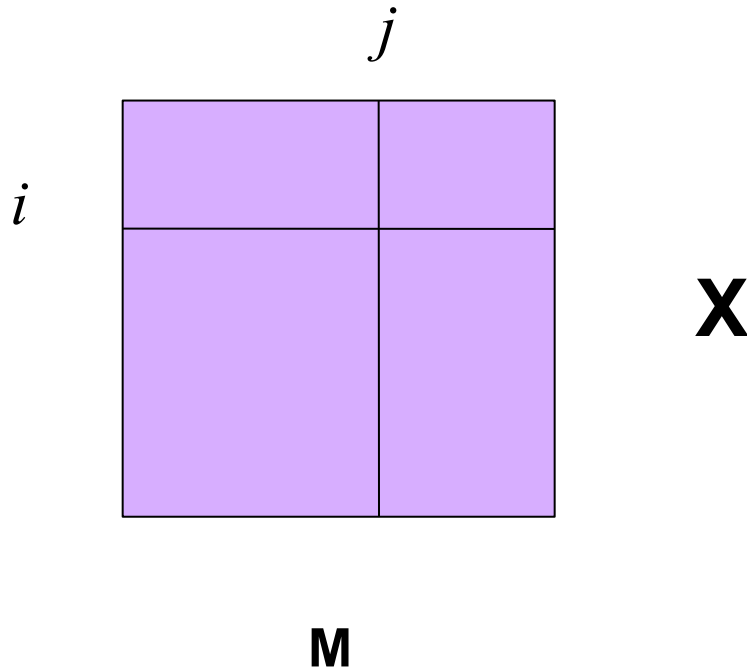
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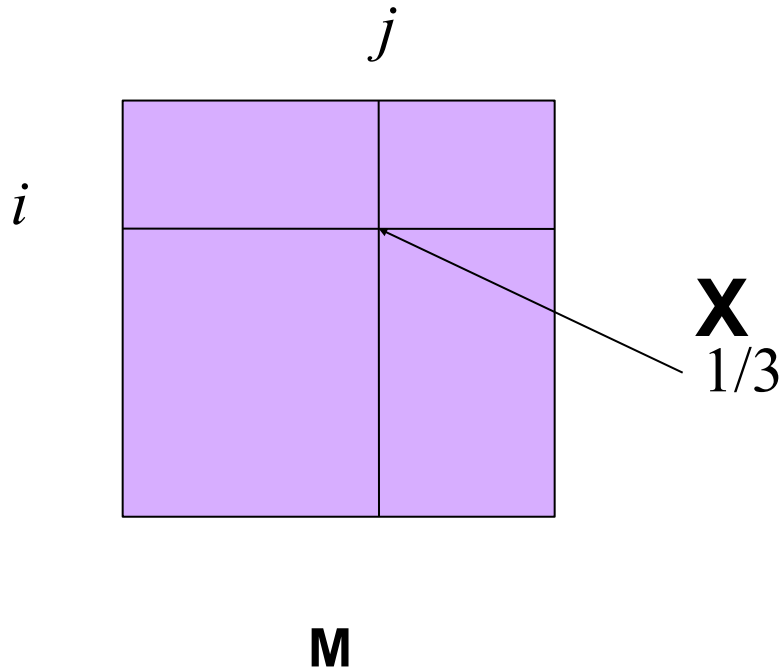
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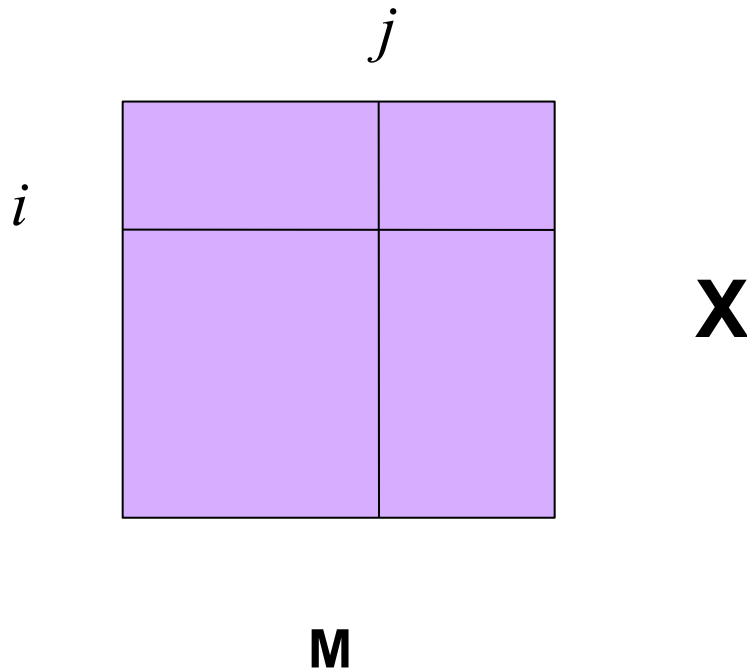
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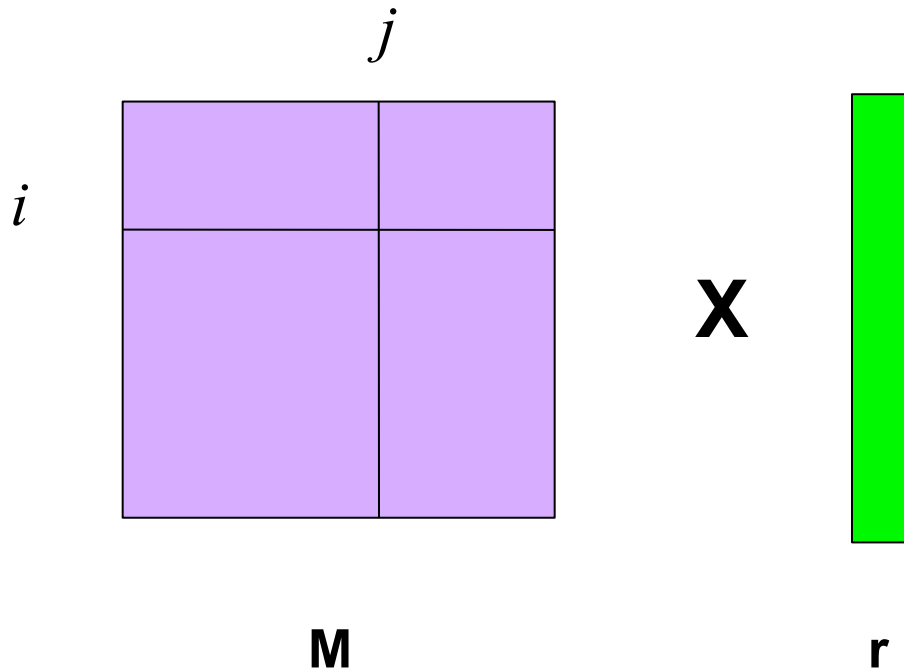
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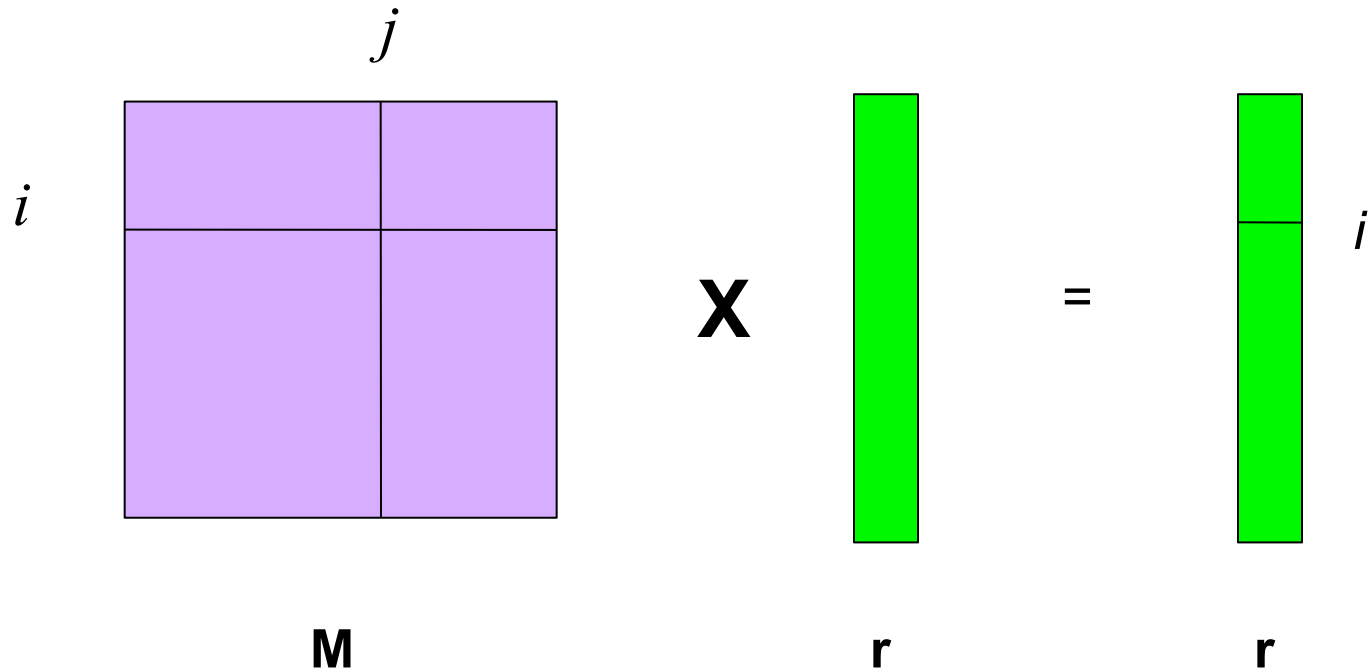
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The diagram illustrates the calculation of r_i as the dot product of the i -th row of matrix M and vector r . On the left, a purple square matrix M is shown, with its dimensions labeled as i (rows) and j (columns). A horizontal line divides the matrix into two equal vertical sections. In the center, a large black 'X' represents multiplication. To the right of the 'X' is a green vertical rectangle representing vector r . An equals sign follows, leading to another green vertical rectangle representing the result vector. A horizontal line divides this result vector into two equal vertical sections, with the label i to its right, indicating the specific element being calculated.

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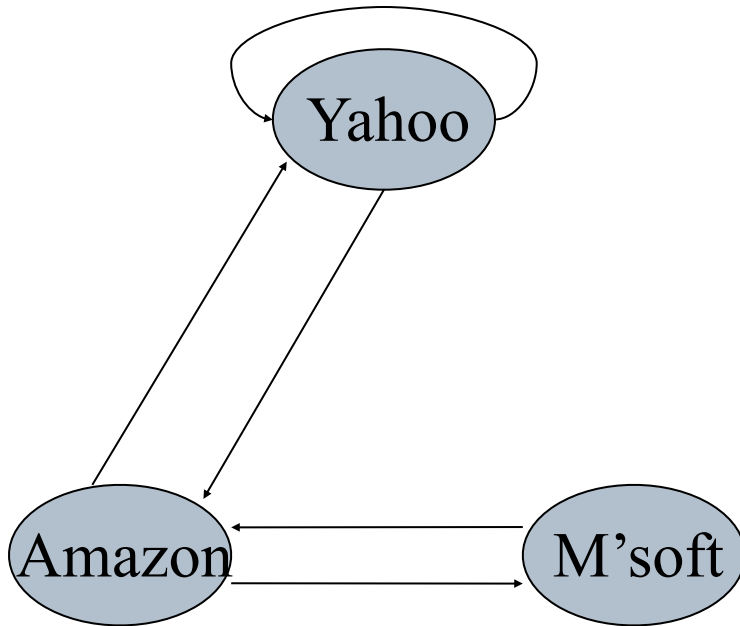
- The system of linear eq. can be written

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- So the rank vector is an eigenvector of the stochastic web matrix
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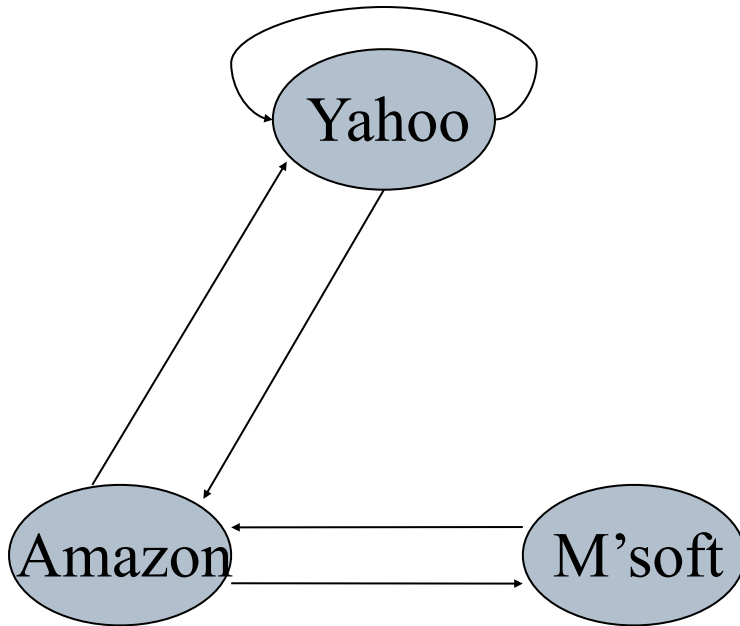
Definition. The vector \mathbf{x} is an eigenvector of the matrix A with eigenvalue λ (lambda) if the following equation holds: $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$.

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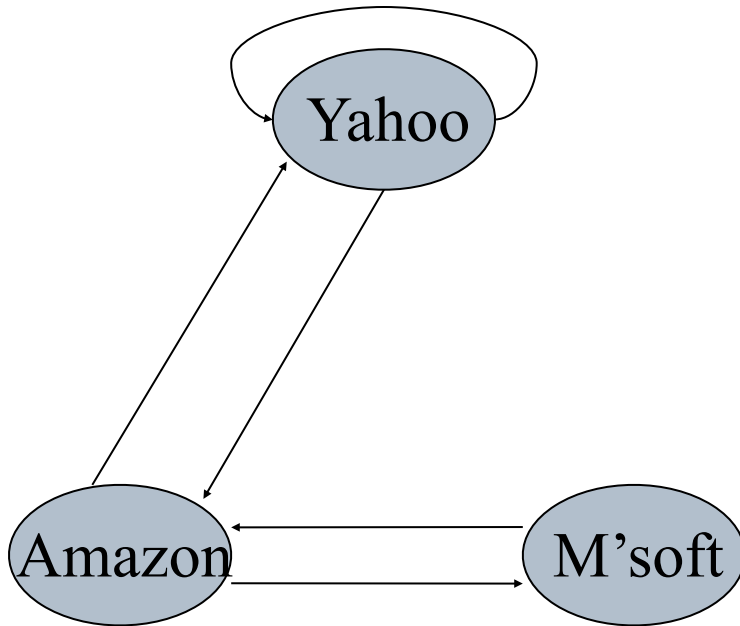


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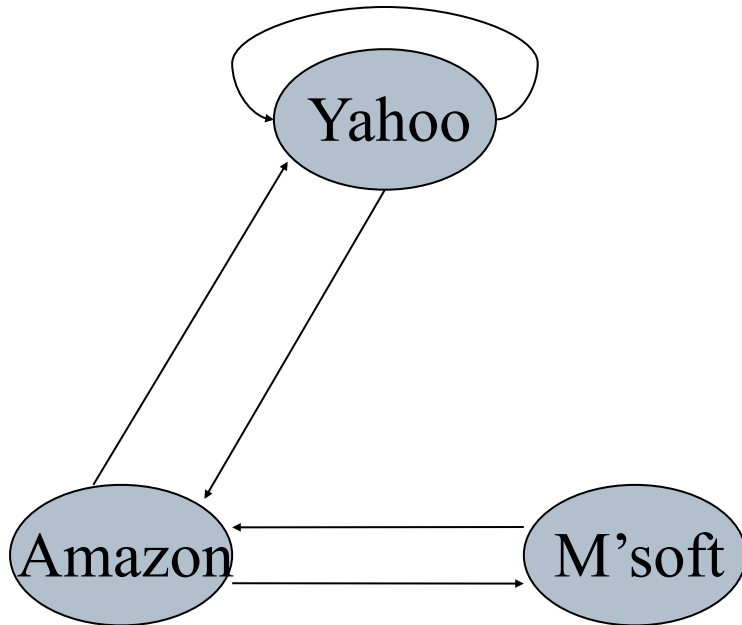
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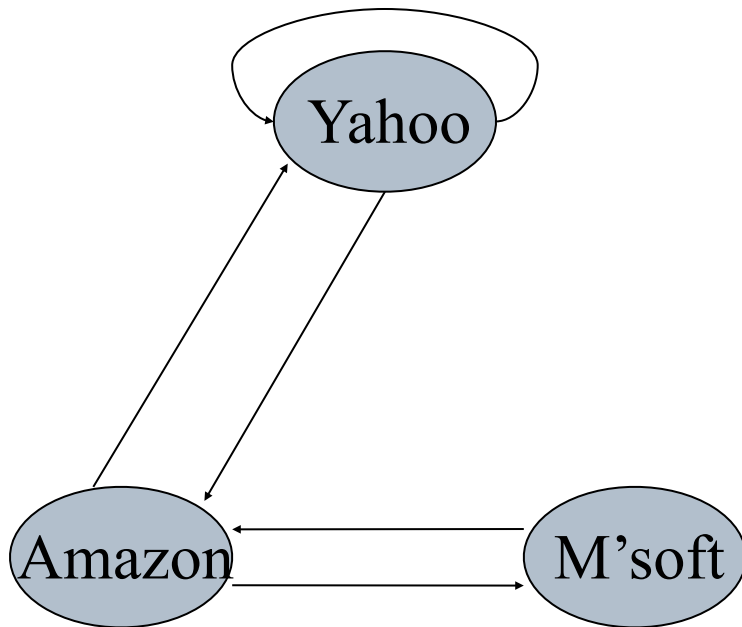
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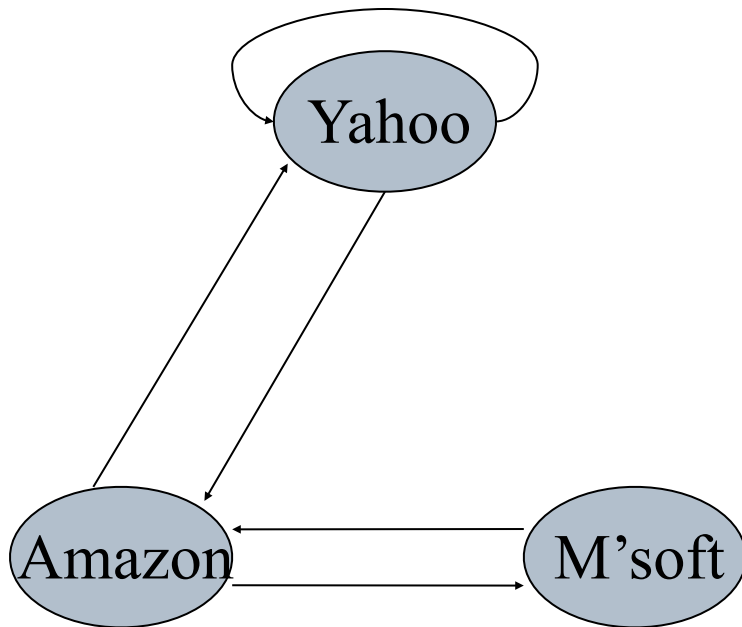
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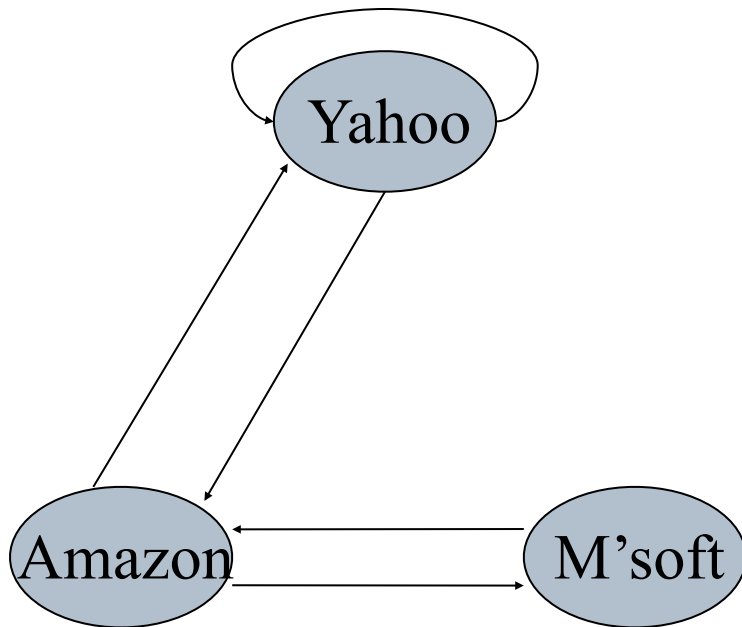
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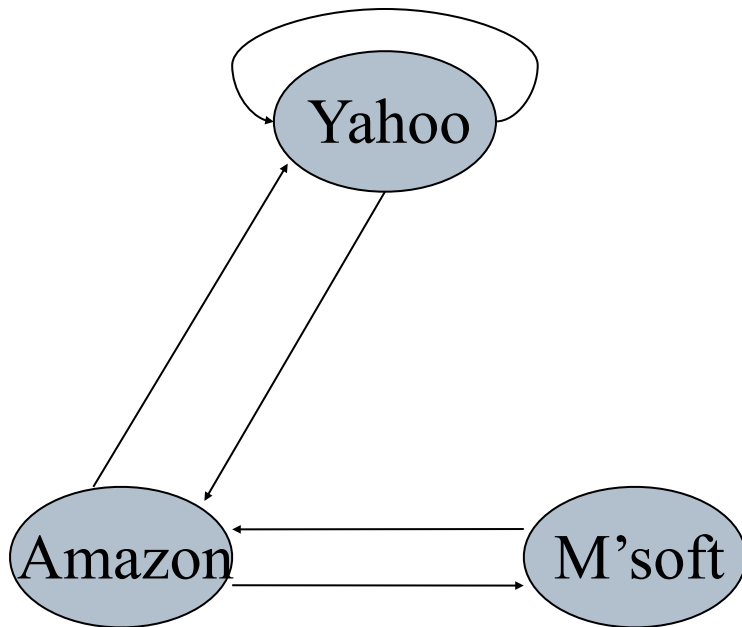
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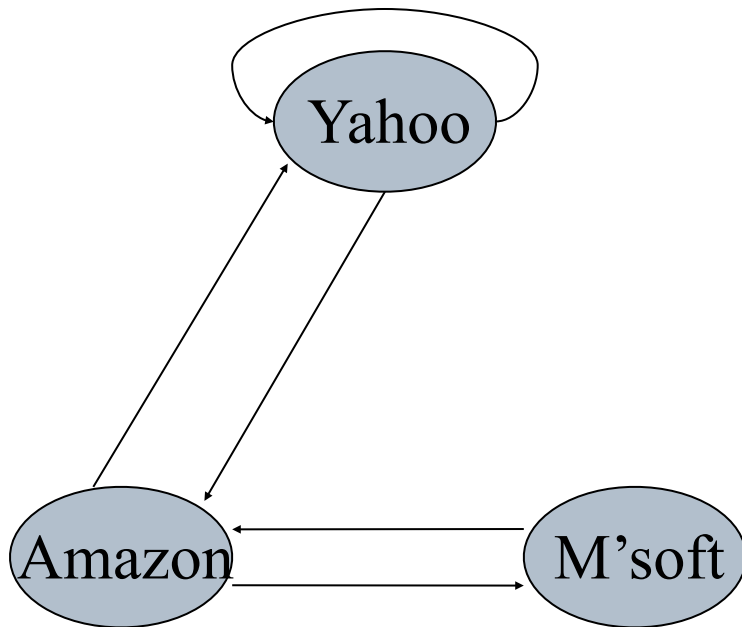
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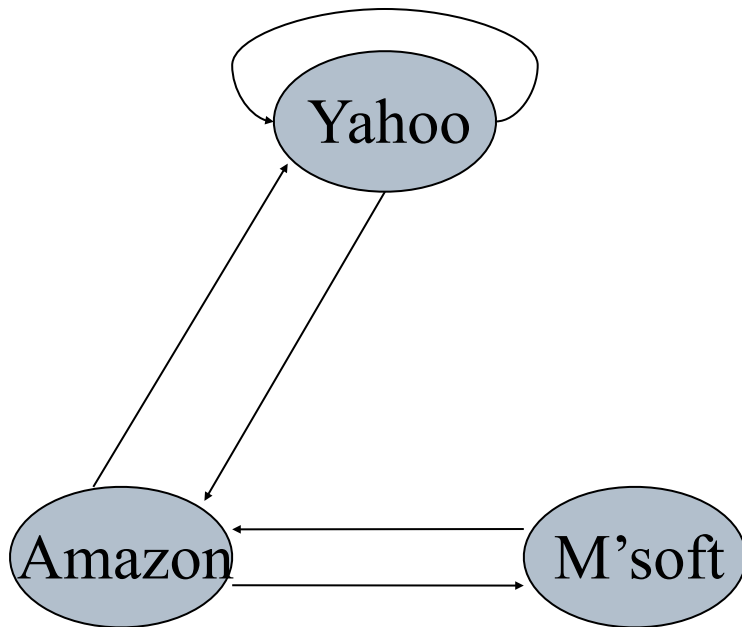
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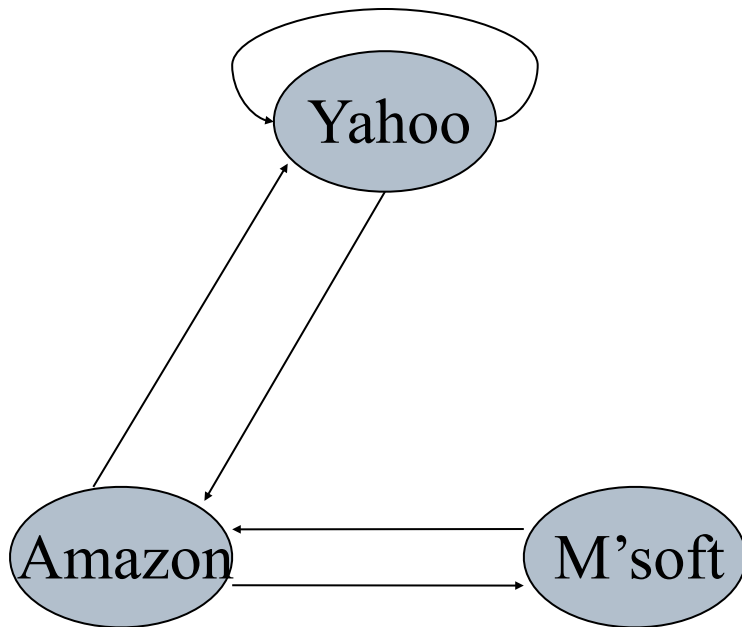
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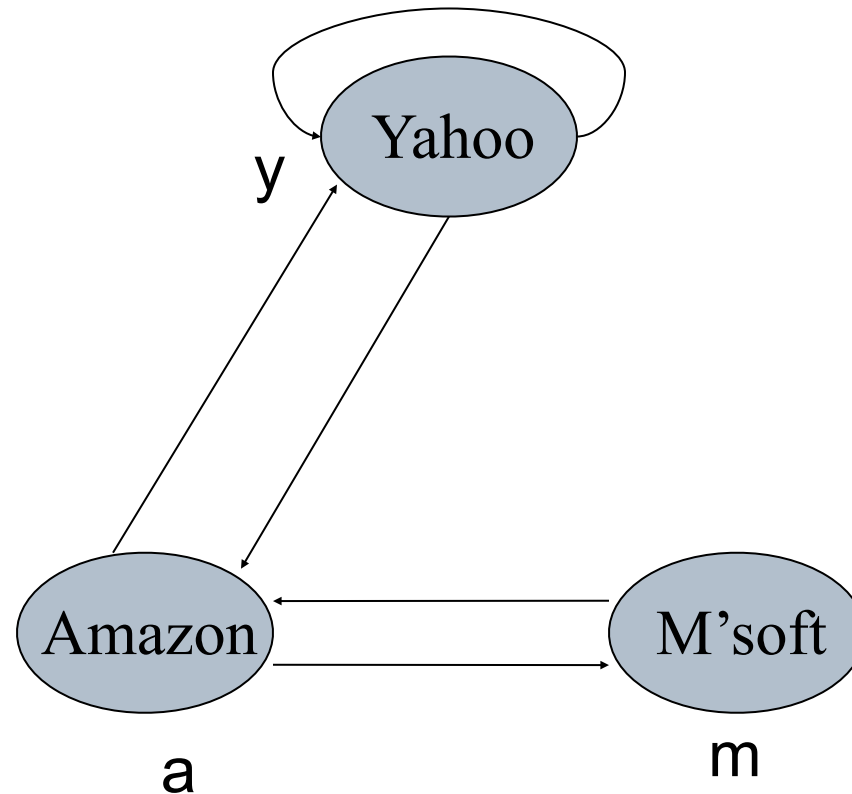
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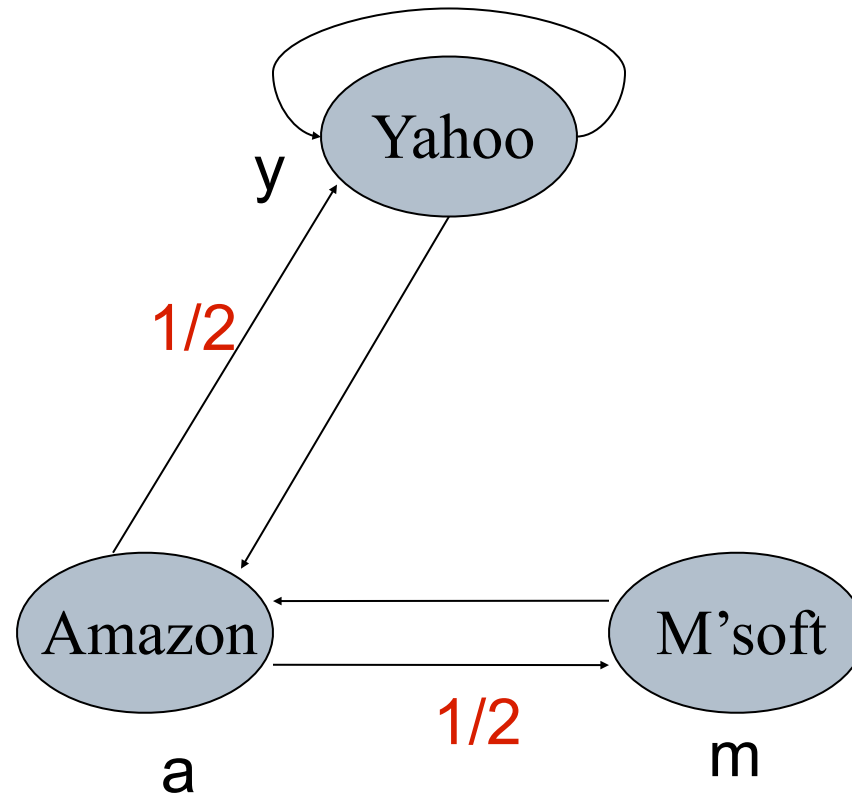
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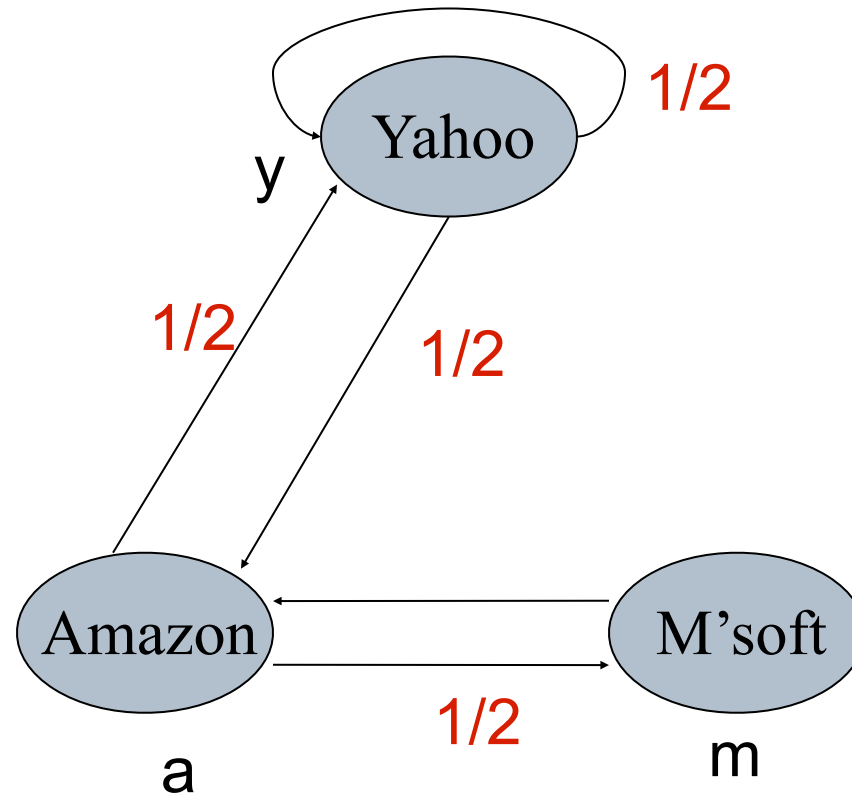
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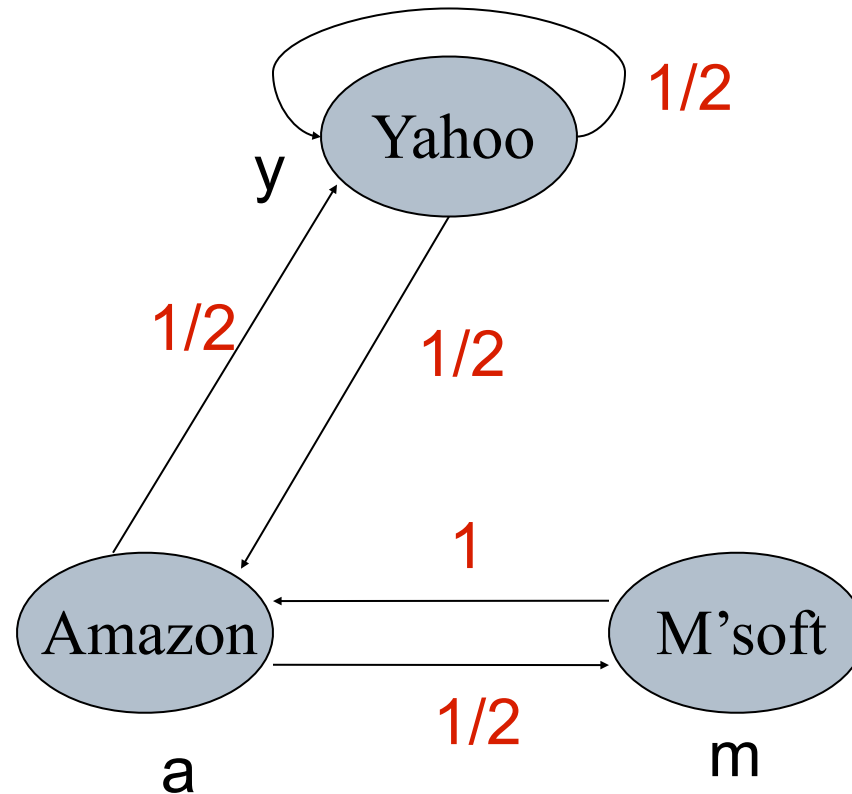
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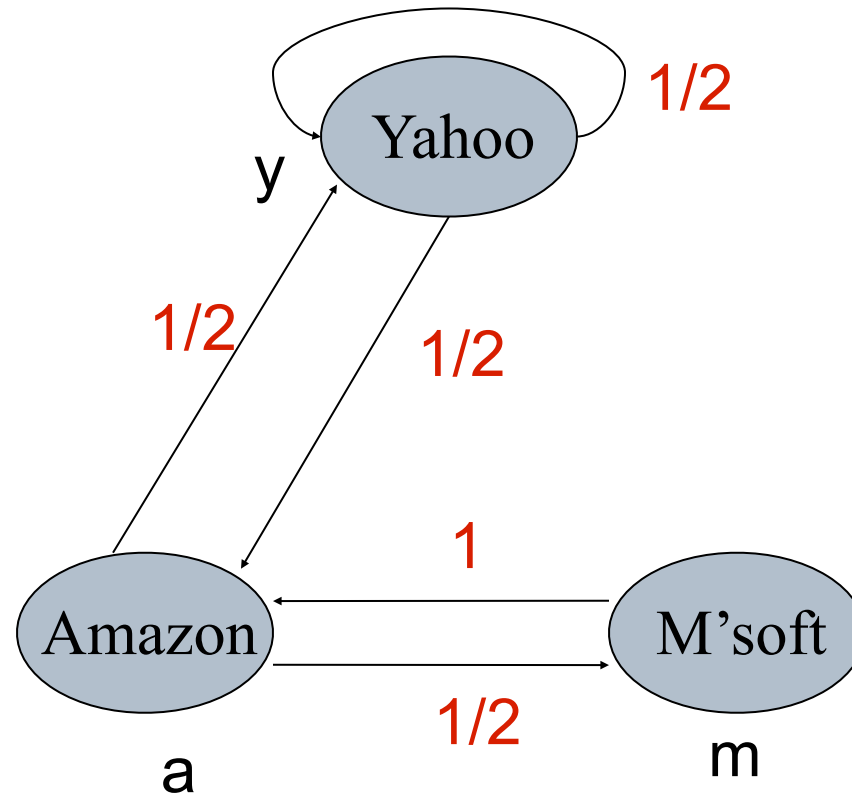
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Existence and Uniqueness

A central result from the theory of random walks (aka Markov processes):

For graphs that satisfy certain conditions, the stationary distribution is unique and eventually will be reached no matter what the initial probability distribution at time $t = 0$.

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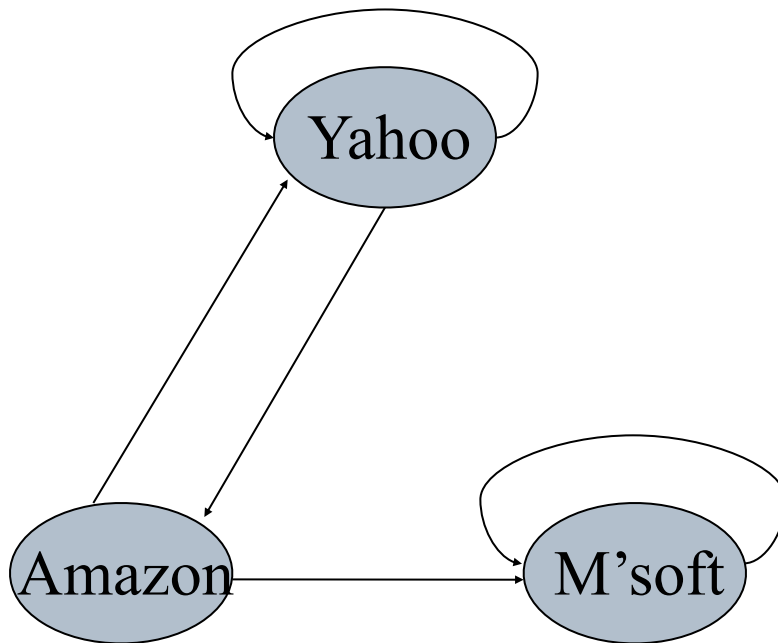
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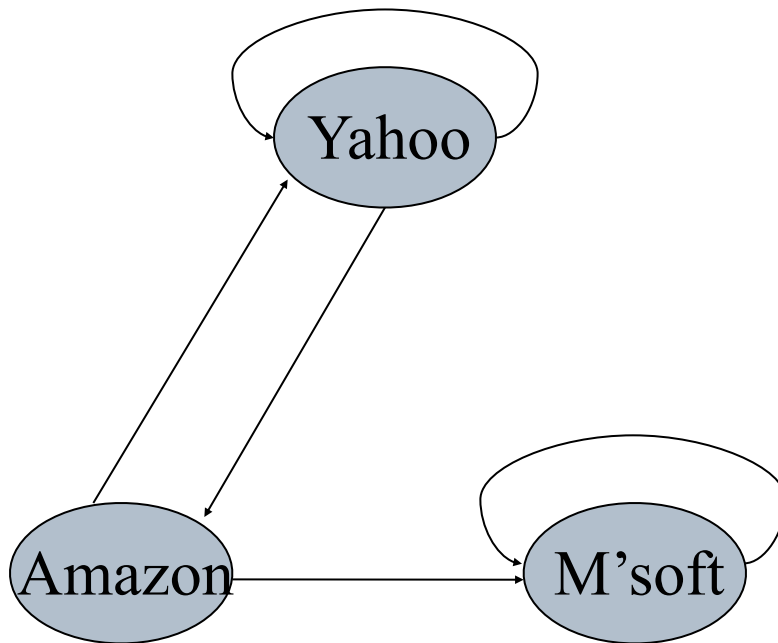
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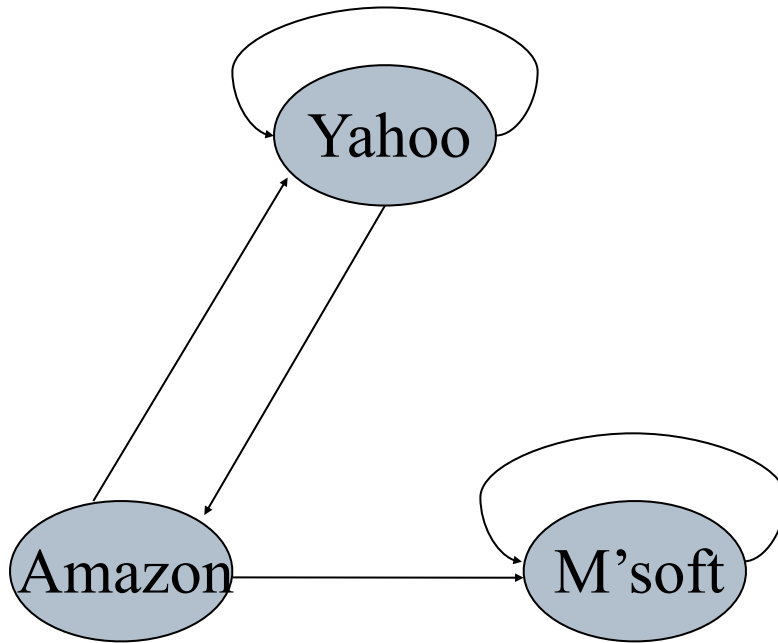
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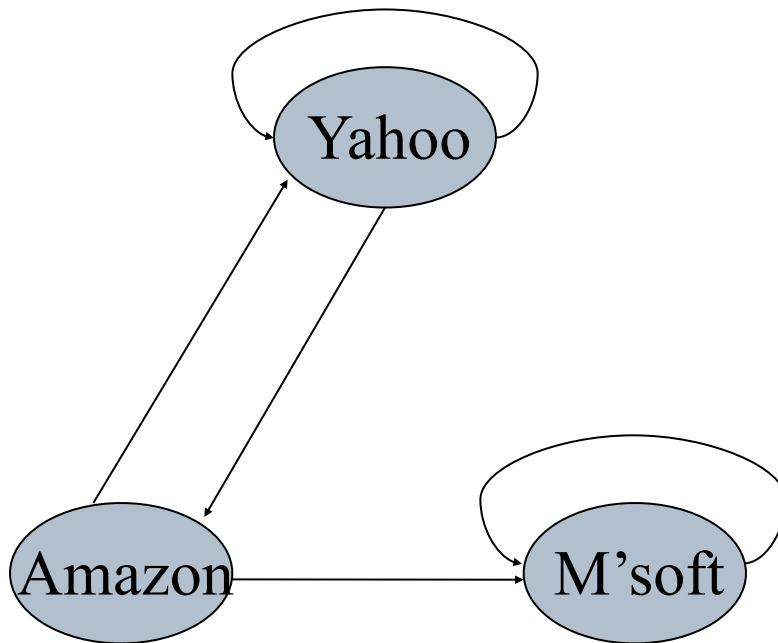
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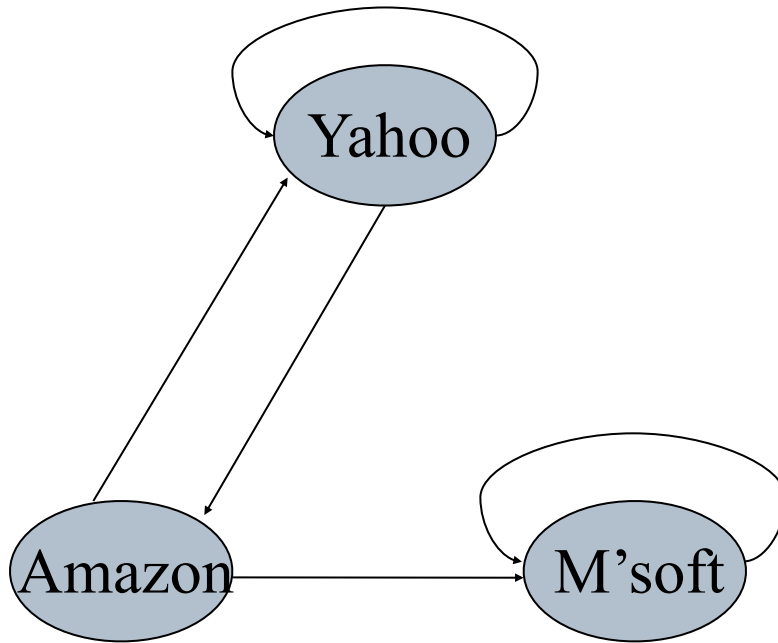
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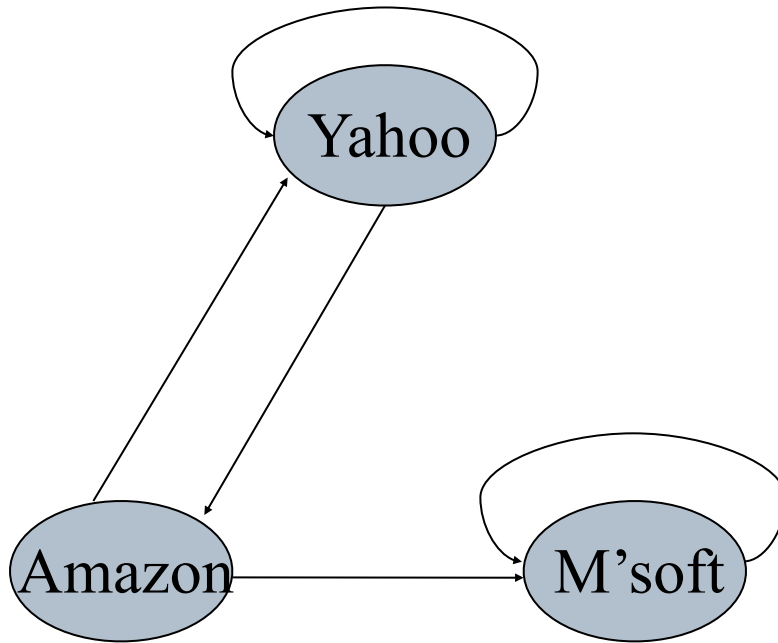
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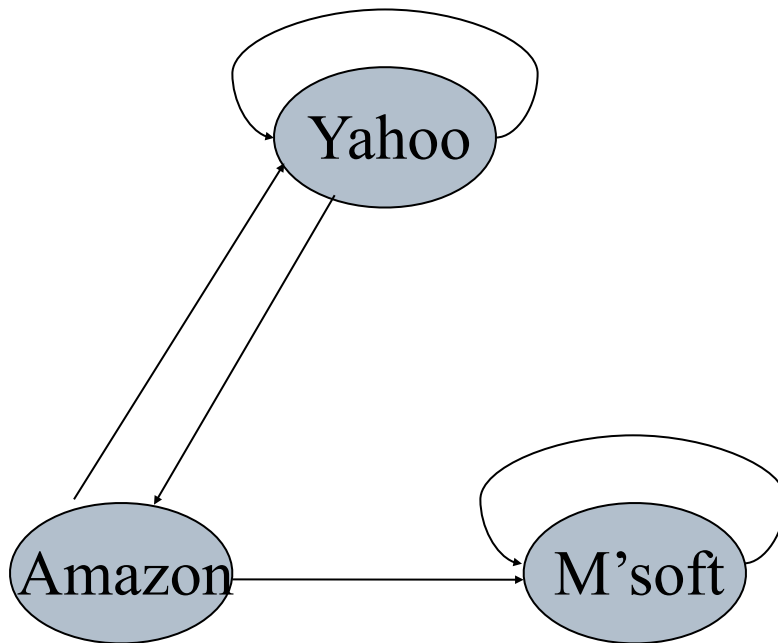
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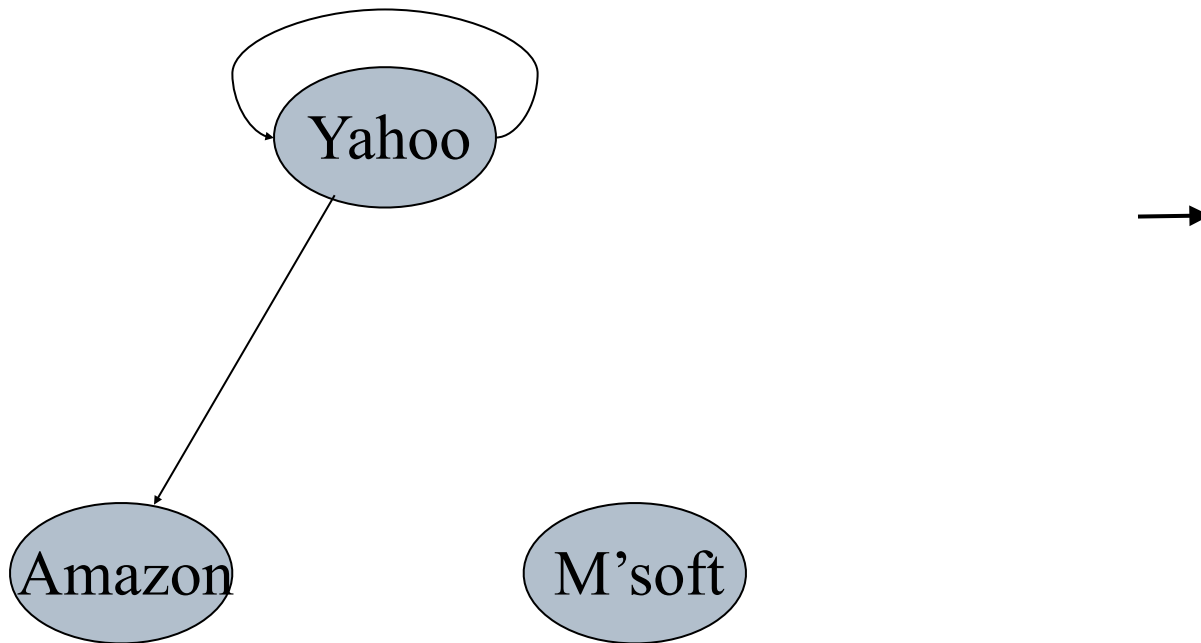
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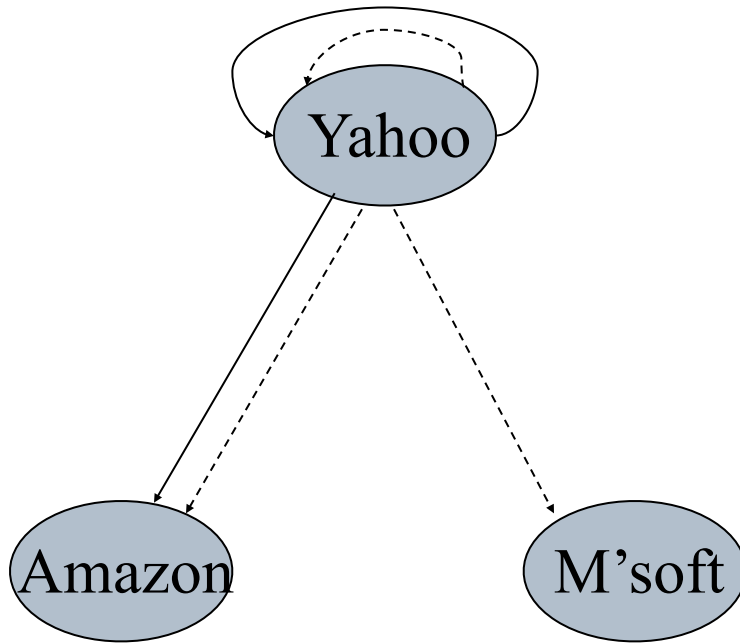
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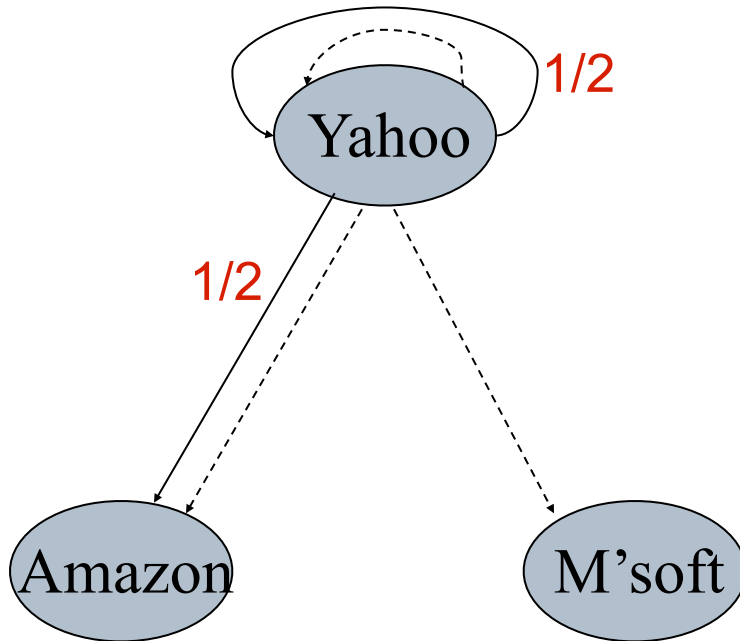
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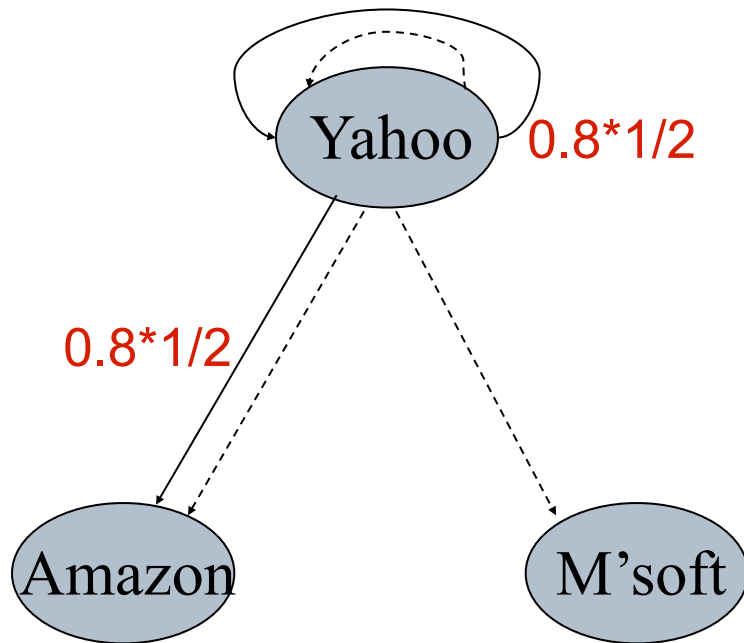
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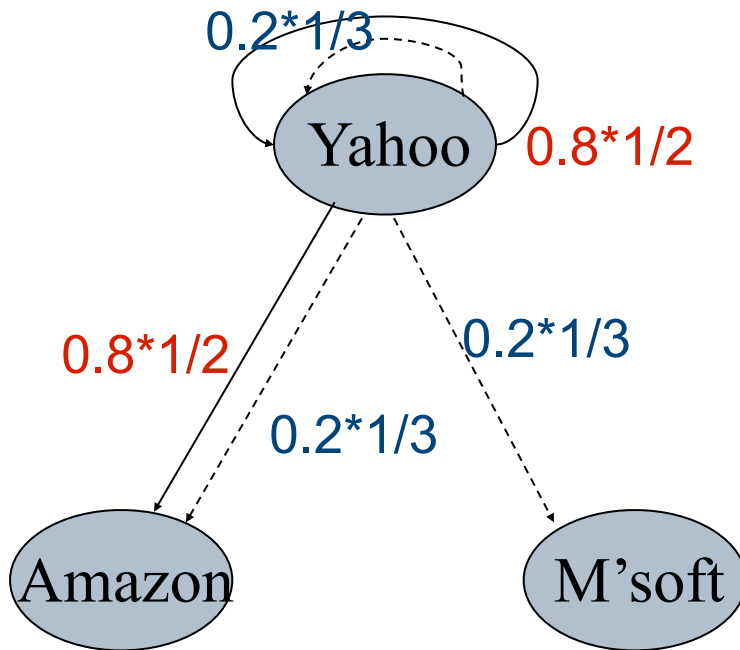
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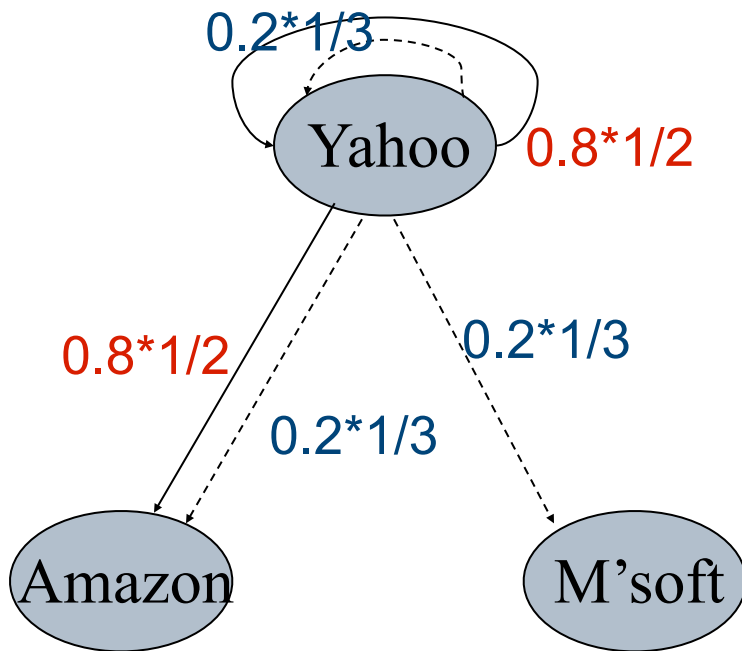
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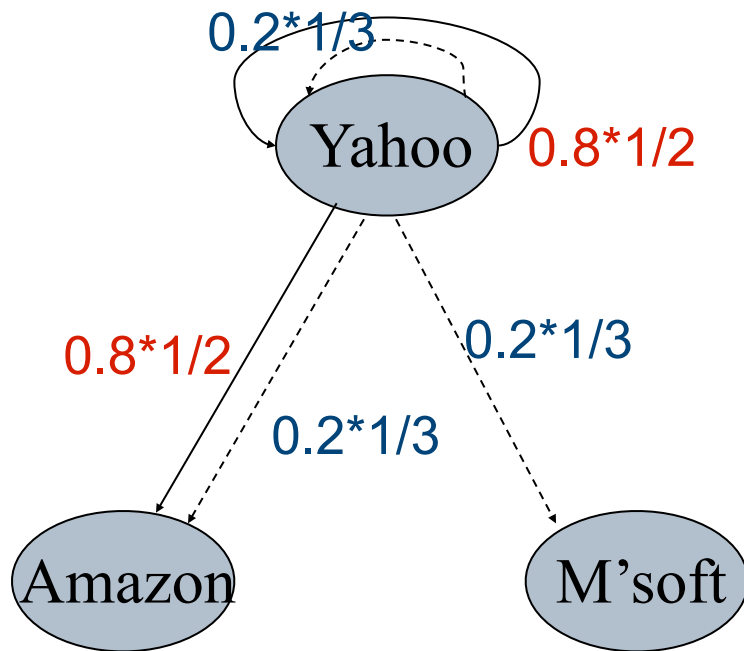


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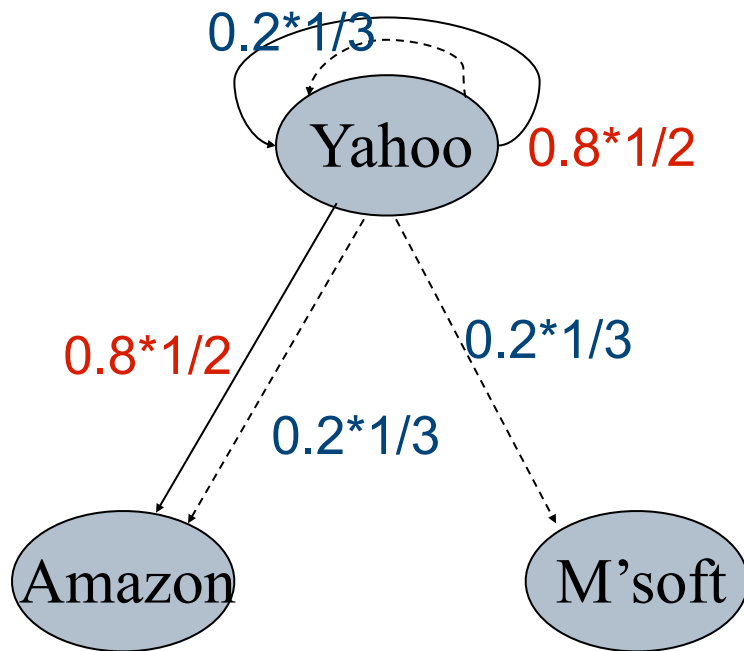
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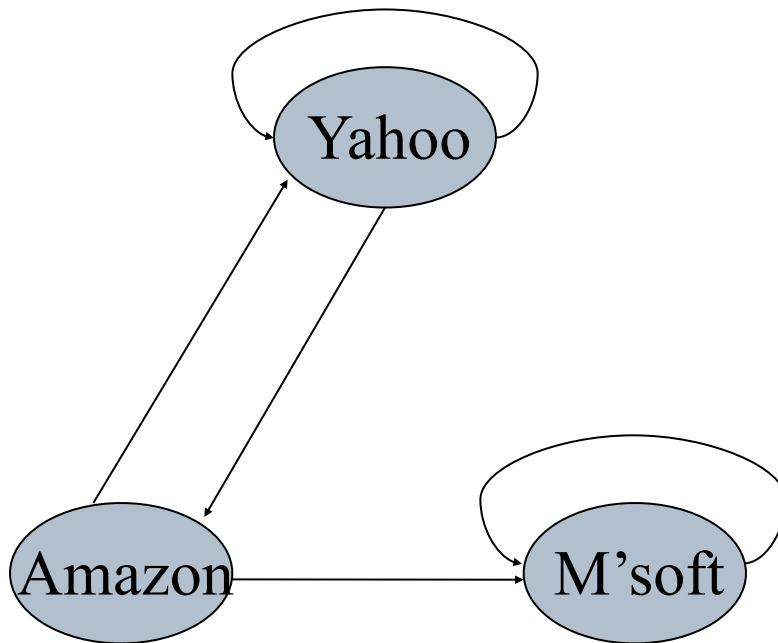


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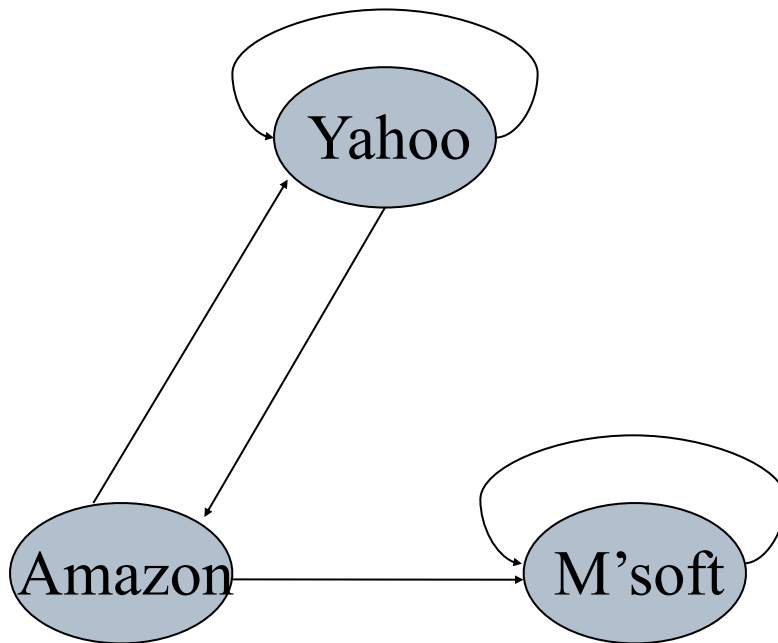


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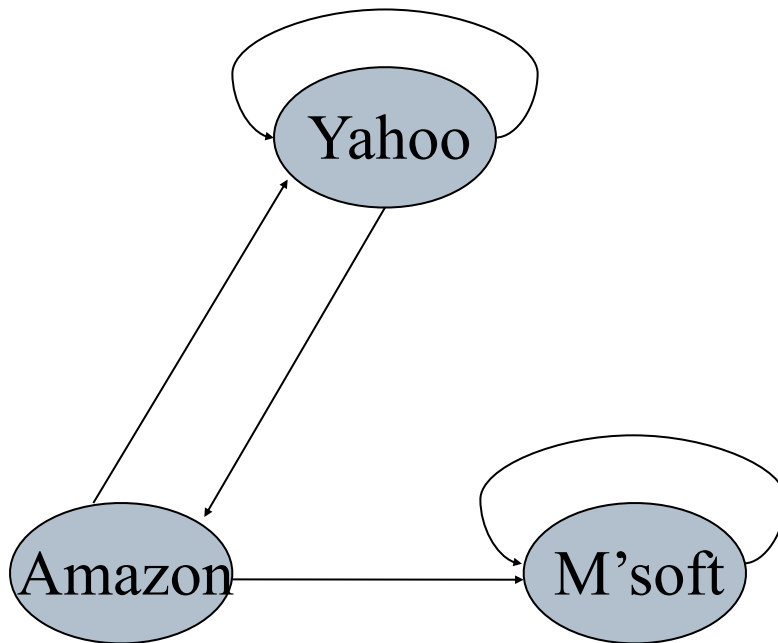


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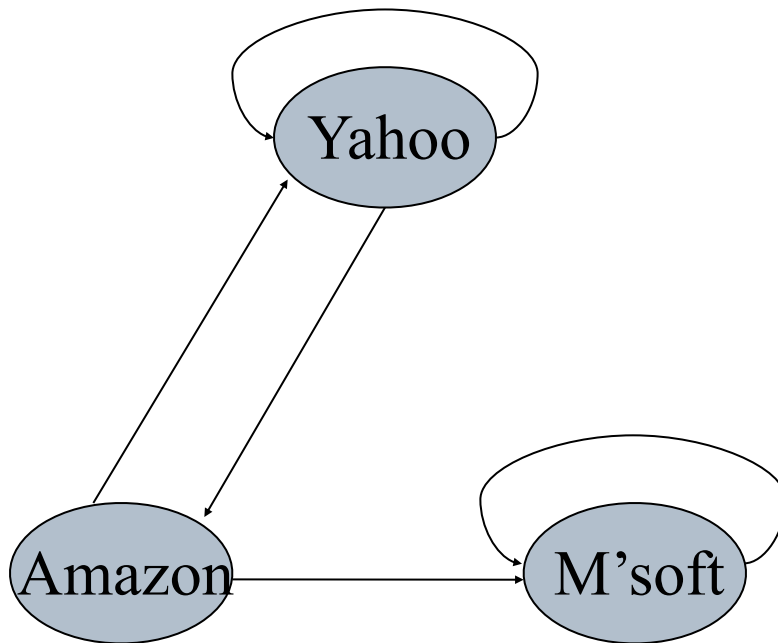


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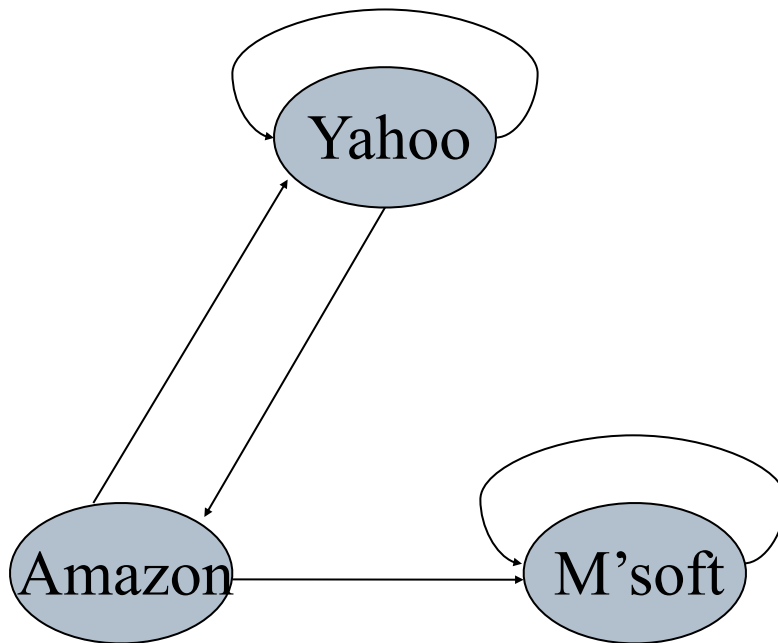


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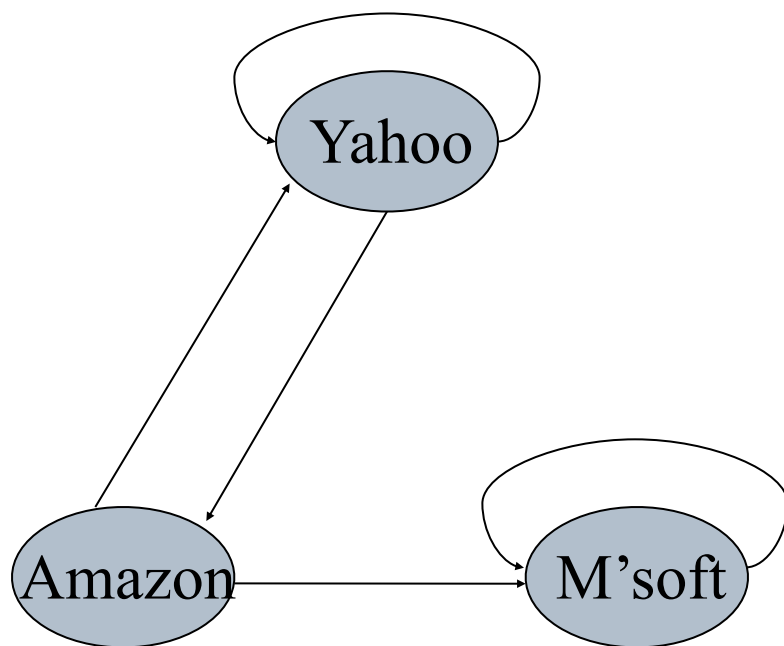


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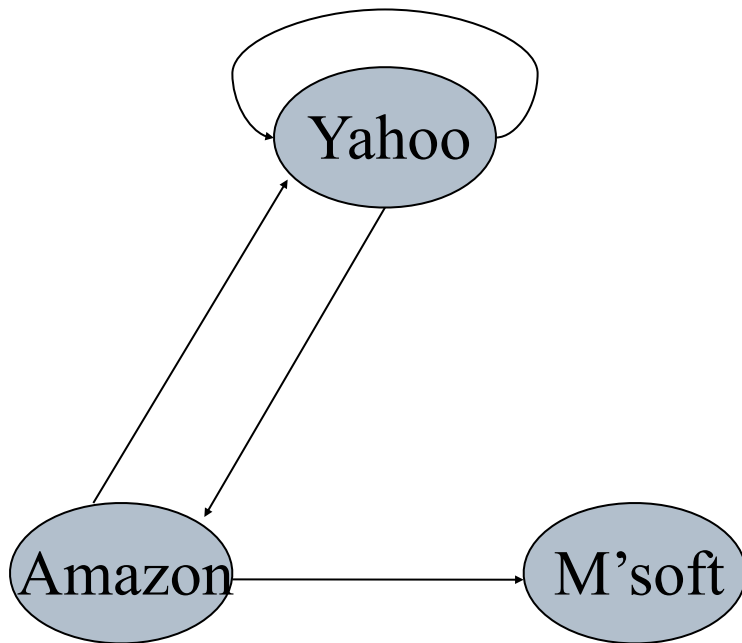
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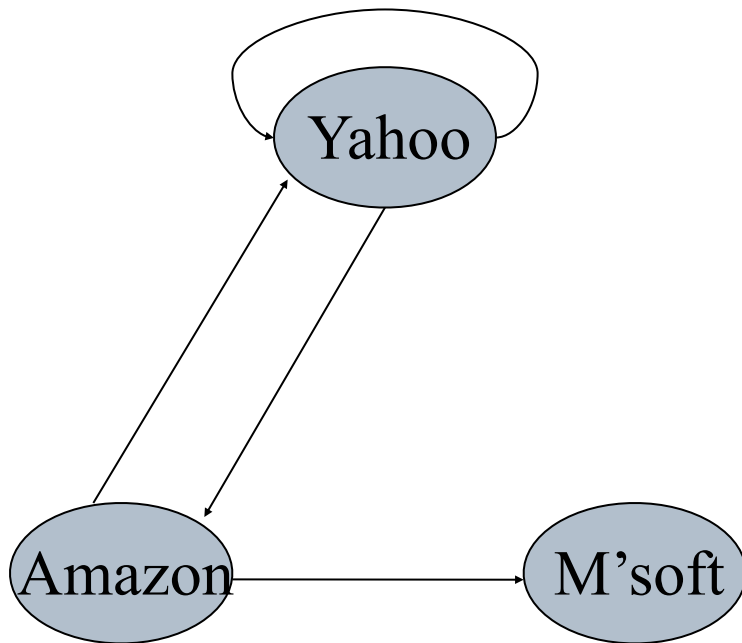


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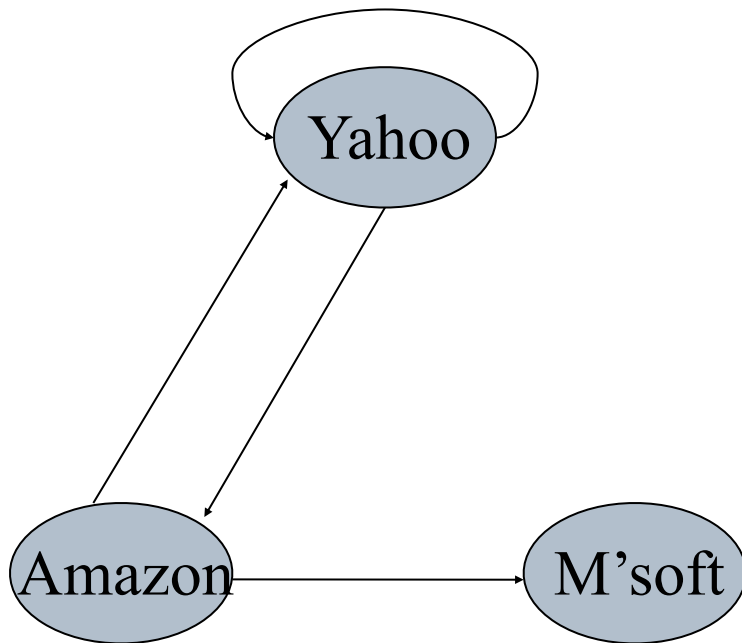
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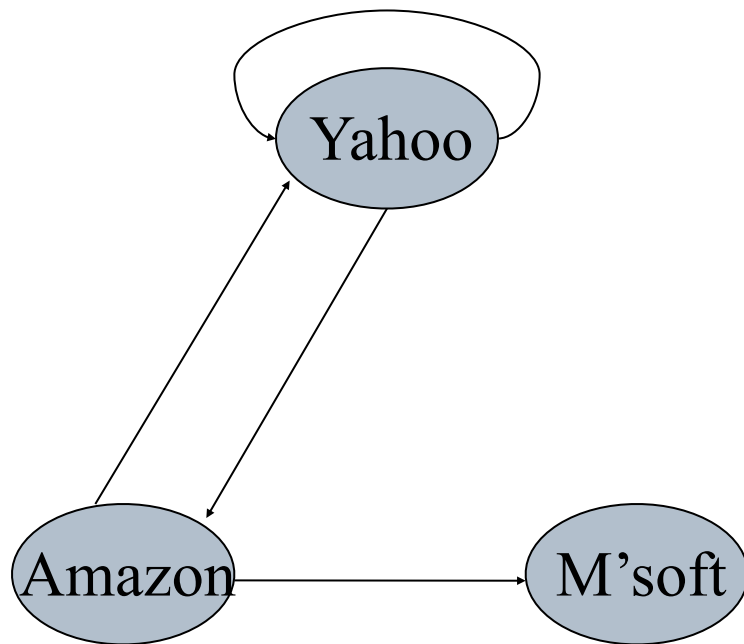
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Sparse matrix encoding

- Encode sparse matrix using only nonzero entries
 - Space proportional roughly to number of links
 - say $10N$, or 4×10^9 billion = 40GB
 - still won't fit in memory, but will fit on disk

source node dest. node probability

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