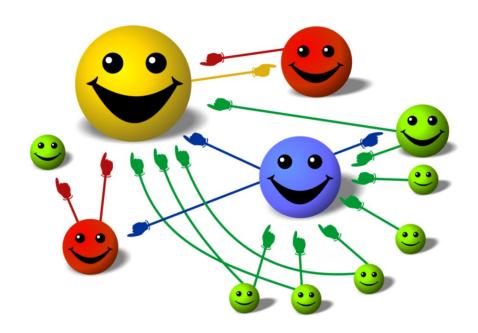
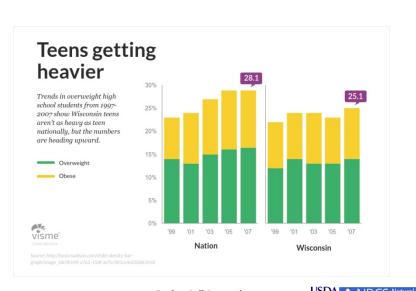
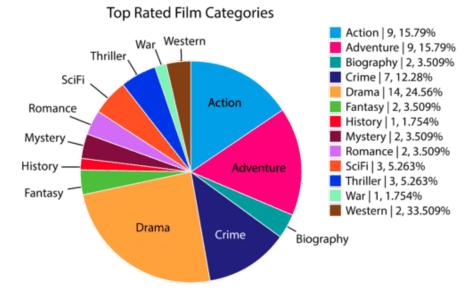
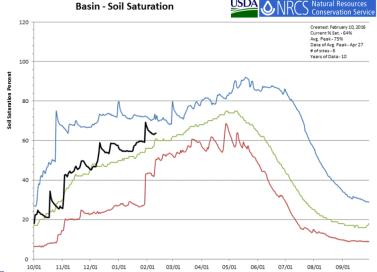
# CS5344 Analyzing Large Graphs



#### What is a Graph?





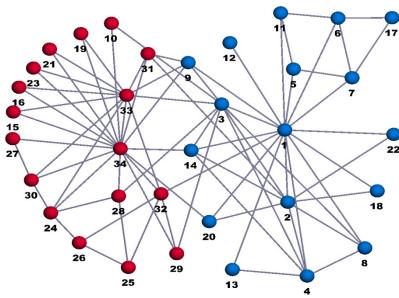


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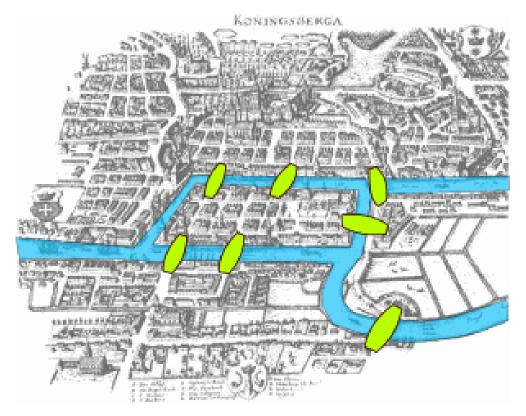
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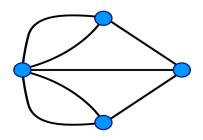
- Objects (nodes): {1, 2, 3, ...}
- Relationships (edges): { {1,2}, {2,3}... }
- Graph analytics aim to understand and visualize relationships that exist between objects, to uncover insights about the structures and patterns of objects relationships

Community structure in the social network of Zachery Karate Club



#### **Example: Technological Networks**



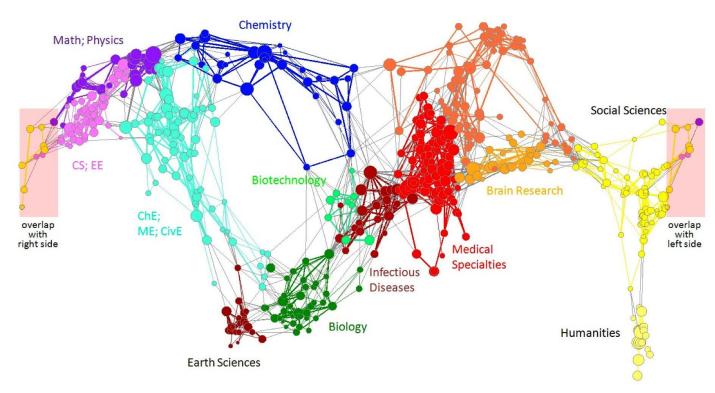


Seven Bridges of Königsberg

[Euler, 1735]

 Return to the starting point by traveling each link of the graph once and only once.

#### **Example: Information Nets**



**Citation Networks and Maps of Science** 

[Borner et. al, 2012]

- Links denote citations between papers in journal
- Visualize how different disciplines relate to each other

#### **Example: Social Networks**



**Facebook Social Graph** 

4-degrees of separation [Backstrom-Boldi-Rosa-Ugander-Vigna, 2011]

- Links denote social interactions e.g. friendship
- Identify groups (communities) and group interactions
- Find key influencers in community
- Extract topic interests

#### **Community Detection**

 Partition the network into groups such that the inter-group edges are sparse while the intra-group edges are dense.

Example with 3 communities

- Non-randomness (locality)
  - Relationship tend to cluster
  - If entity P is related to both Q and R, then there is a higher probability than average that Q and R are related

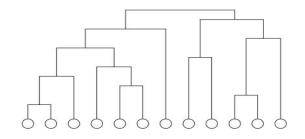
#### **Hierarchical Clustering Approach**

- Define notion of similarity/affinity between nodes
  - sim(x,y) = # node-disjoint paths between x and y
  - sim(x,y) = # edge-disjoint paths between x and y
  - sim(x,y) = weighted sum of all paths, with longer paths weighted down e.g. Katz

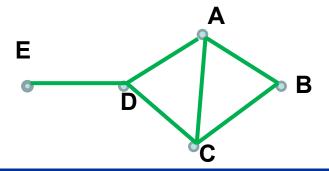
$$Katz(x,y) = \sum_{k>0} \alpha^k \# Paths_k(x,y)$$
 where  $0 < \alpha < 1$ 

How to compute the node similarities quickly?

# **Hierarchical Clustering**

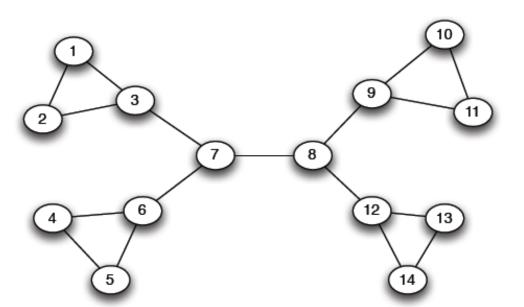


- Compute all pairwise node similarities for every edge
- Repeatedly add edges with largest similarity, leads to a tree or dendrogram
- A slice through the dendogram represents a clustering or community structure
- Problem: "Misplaces" nodes in the periphery
  - Which community should node E belong to?



#### **Girvan-Newman Algorithm**

- Hierarchical divisive method
  - Start with the whole graph
  - Find edges whose removal "partitions" the graph
  - Repeat with each subgraph until single vertices



Which edge to remove?

#### **Edge Importance**

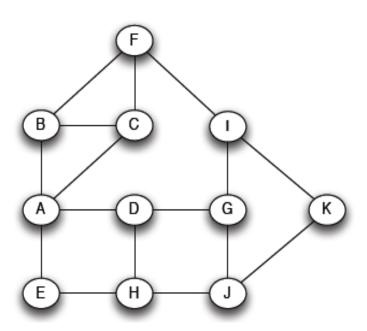
- Need a measure of how important an edge is in keeping the graph connected
- Edge betweenness: Number of shortest paths that pass through the edge
- Betweenness of an edge (a,b)B(a,b)
  - For each pair of nodes (x, y), compute number of shortest paths that include (a,b)
  - May have multiple shortest paths between (x,y)
     SP(x,y)
    - Compute the fraction of those that pass through (a,b)

$$B(a,b) = \sum_{x,y \in V} \frac{|SP(x,y)| that include (a,b)|}{|SP(x,y)|}$$

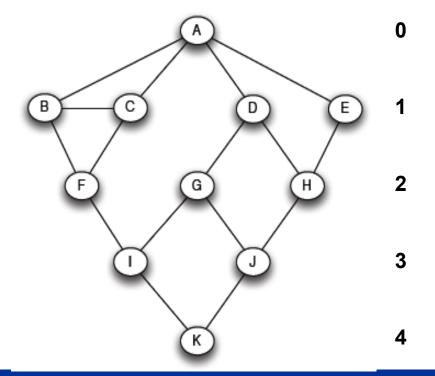
#### **Edge Betweenness**

- An inter-community edge has a higher betweenness compared to an intra-community edge, i.e., more paths between node pairs pass through it.
- Basic algorithm
  - Start with graph G.
  - Repeatedly remove edge with highest betweenness until <some stopping criterion>
  - Communities = resulting components

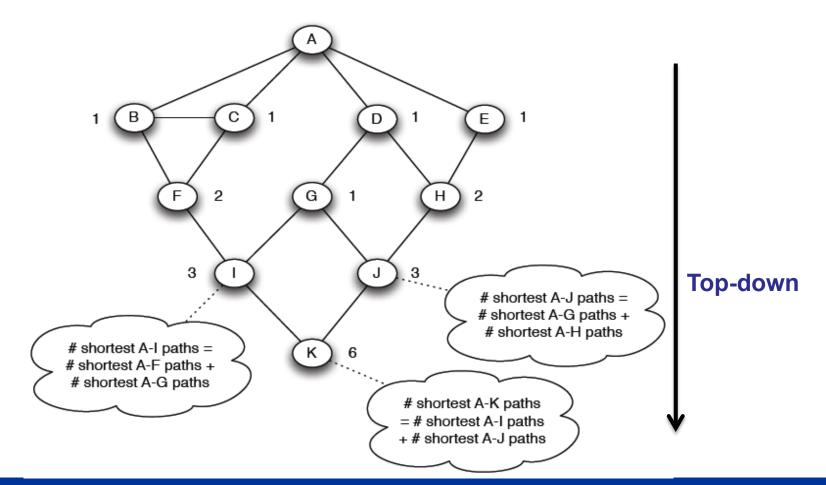
 Want to compute betweenness of paths starting at node A



- Breadth first search starting from A
- Level gives the length of shortest path from A Level



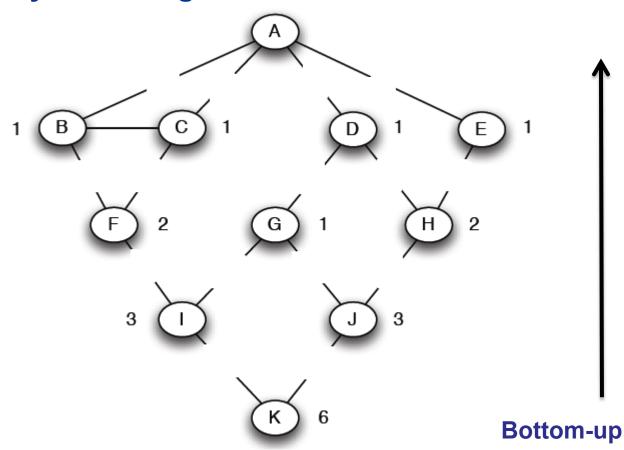
 Determine the number of shortest paths from A to all other nodes of the network



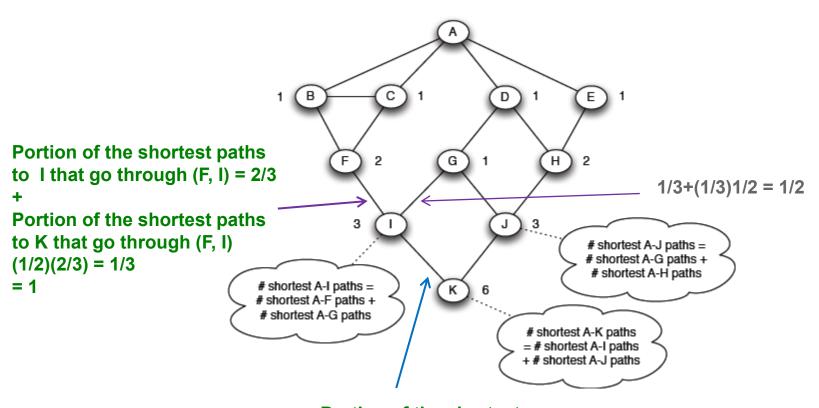
- Compute edge flows by working up the tree
- For every node there is a unit of flow to that node that is divided fractionally to the edges that reach that node

There is a unit of flow to K that reaches K through edges (I,K) and (J,K)

Since there are 3 paths from I to K and 3 paths from J, each edge gets ½ of the flow



Count the flow through each edge



Portion of the shortest paths to K that go through (I, K) = 3/6 = 1/2

- Repeat the process for all nodes
- Edge betweenness is given by the sum of the flows computed for each edge

$$B(a,b) = \sum_{x,y \in V} \frac{|SP(x,y)| that include (a,b)|}{|SP(x,y)|}$$

#### Scalability Issues

- m edges and n nodes
- For each target node X, BFS gives the betweenness of every edge w.r.t X in O(m) time
- Final betweenness score for every edge is computed in time O(mn)
- Recalculation takes O(m<sup>2</sup>n), not feasible for large networks

#### Repeat

- Calculate betweenness of all edges;
- Remove edge with highest betweenness, break ties arbitrarily;

Until <some stopping criterion>

#### Scaling up CD Algorithm

- Determine which edges need their betweenness recalculated, when an edge is removed.
  - When e is removed, betweenness(e') needs to be recalculated only if e' is in the same connected component as e.
  - Not much pruning if a component is large
- Perhaps it's only important to determine the edge with the next highest betweenness
- Can we maintain enough "state" so that when e is removed, we can recalculate betweenness(e') incrementally?

# Web as a Graph

Nodes: Webpages

Edges: Hyperlinks

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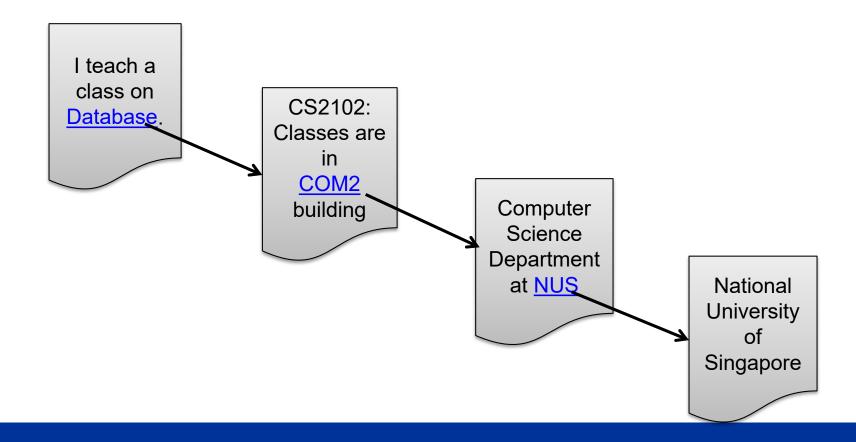
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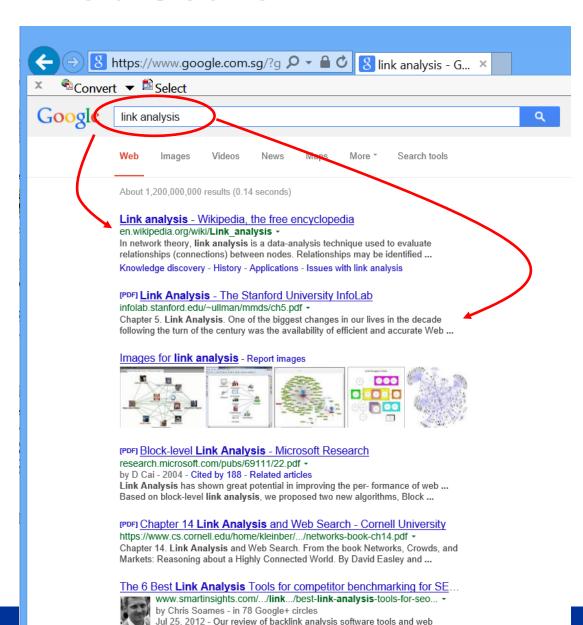
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#### Web Search



How does the search engine decide which page should be ranked higher?

# Web Search - Challenges

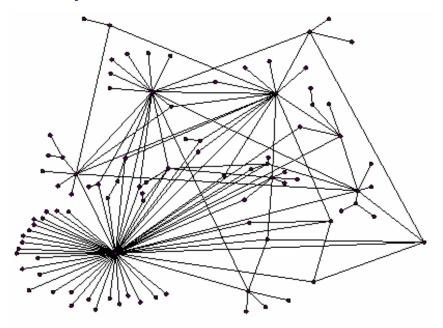
- Web contains many sources of information.
  - Who to "trust"?
- What is the "best" answer to query "newspaper"?
  - No single right answer

# **Link Analysis**

- The Web is not just a collection of documents
  - The hyperlinks are important
- A link from page A to page B may indicate
  - A is related to B, or
  - A is recommending, citing, voting for, or endorsing B
- Types of links:
  - Referential click here and get back home
  - Informational click here to get more detail
- Links influence the ranking of web pages and thus have commercial value

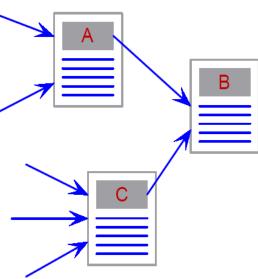
# Importance of Web Pages

- Not all web pages are equally important
- A page is important if it is pointed to by other important pages (recursion)

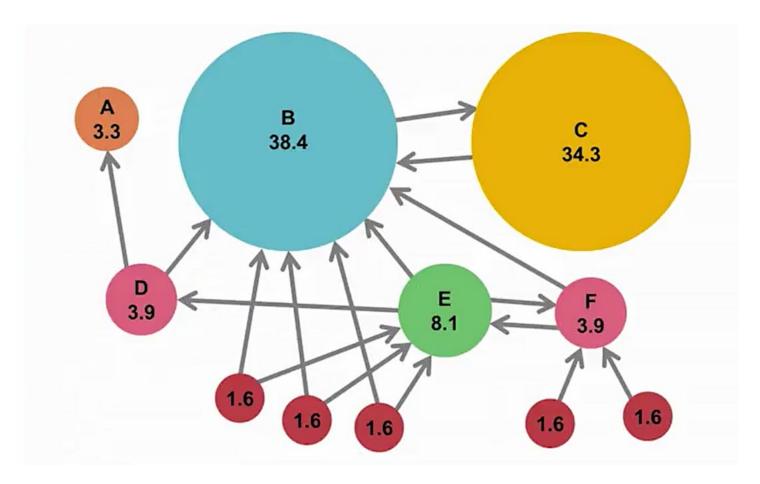


# **PageRank**

- Idea: Links as votes
  - A page is more important if it has more links
- Incoming links to a page is a measure of importance and authority of the page
  - www.stanford.edu has 23,400 in-links
  - www.joe-schmoe.com has 1 in-link
- Are all incoming links equal?
  - Links from important pages count more



#### **Example PageRank Scores**



- A "vote" from an important page is worth more
- A page is important if it is pointed to by other important pages

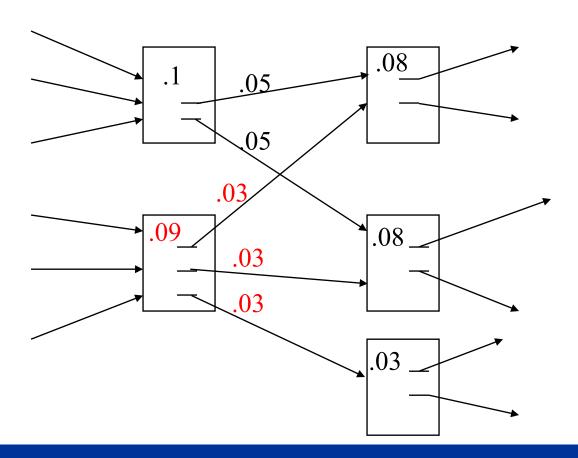
#### **Recursive Formulation**

- A link's vote is proportional to the importance of its source page
- If page j with importance  $r_j$  has n out-links, each link gets  $r_i/n$  votes
- Page j's own importance is the sum of the votes on its in-links

$$r_j = r_i/3 + r_k/4$$

#### Flow Model

 Can view it as a process of PageRank "flowing" from pages to the pages they point to



#### Flow Model

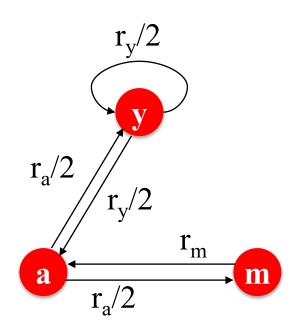
Define a rank r<sub>i</sub> for page j

$$r_j = \sum_{i \to j} \frac{r_i}{d_i}$$

 $d_i$  is the out-degree of node i

Flow Equations

$$r_y = r_y/2 + r_a/2$$
  
 $r_a = r_y/2 + r_m$   
 $r_m = r_a/2$ 



#### **Matrix Formulation**

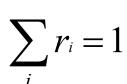
- Stochastic adjacency matrix M
  - Let page i has d<sub>i</sub> outlinks
  - If  $i \rightarrow j$ , then  $M_{jj} = 1/d_i$  else  $M_{jj} = 0$

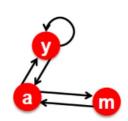






- Vector with one entry per page
- $r_i$  is the importance score of page i



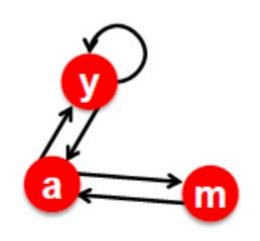


$$\begin{array}{c|ccccc} & y & a & m \\ y & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ a & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \\ m & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{array}$$

• Flow equations can be written in matrix form  $r = M \cdot r$ 

$$r_j = \sum_{i \to j} \frac{r_i}{d_i}$$

#### Example Flow Equations and M



	y	a	m
y	1/2	1/2	0
a	1/2	0	1
m	0	1/2	0

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
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 a \\
 m
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 \begin{bmatrix}
 \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\
 \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \\
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 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **Power Iteration Method**

- Given a web graph with n nodes, where the nodes are pages and edges are hyperlinks
- Power iteration simple iterative scheme
  - Suppose there are N web pages
  - Initialize  $\mathbf{r}^{(0)} = [1/N, ...., 1/N]^T$
  - Iterate:  $r^{(t+1)} = M \cdot r^{(t)}$

- $r_j^{(t+1)} = \sum_{i \to j} \frac{r_i^{(t)}}{d_i}$
- d<sub>i</sub> .... out-degree of node i

- Stop when  $|\mathbf{r}^{(t+1)} \mathbf{r}^{(t)}|_1 < \varepsilon$ 
  - $|\mathbf{x}|_1 = \sum_{i \in [1,N]} |x_i|$  is the L<sub>1</sub> norm
  - Can use any other vector norm e.g., Euclidean

#### **Example**

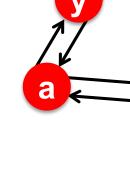
#### Power Iteration:

Set 
$$r_i = 1/N$$

1: 
$$r'_j = \sum_{i \to j} \frac{r_i}{d_i}$$

**2**: 
$$r = r'$$

Goto 1



	у	а	m
у	1/2	1/2	0
а	1/2	0	1
m	0	1/2	0

$$r_y = r_y/2 + r_a/2$$

$$r_a = r_y/2 + r_m$$

$$r_m = r_a/2$$

#### Example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_{y} \\ \mathbf{r}_{a} \\ \mathbf{r}_{m} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1/3}{1/3} \frac{5/12}{5/12} \frac{9/24}{9/24} \frac{6/15}{1/3}$$

Iteration 0, 1, 2, ...

#### **PageRank**

$$r_j^{(t+1)} = \sum_{i \to j} \frac{r_i^{(t)}}{\mathbf{d_i}}$$
 or equivalently  $r = Mr$ 

#### • Questions:

- 1. Does this converge?
- 2. Does it converge to what we want?

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### **Problems on Real Web**

#### Imagine a random web surfer

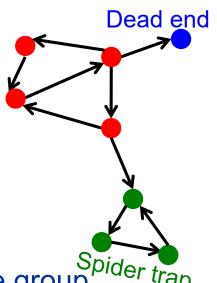
- At any time t, surfer is on some page i
- At time t+1, surfer follows an out-link from i uniformly at random
- Ends up on some page j linked from i

#### Dead ends

- A page has no out-links
- Random walk has "nowhere" to go to
- Such pages cause importance to "leak out"

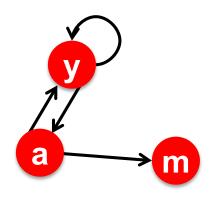
### Spider traps

- A group of pages have no out-links out of the group place training
- Random walk gets "stuck" in a trap
- Eventually spider traps absorb all importance



### **Problem: Dead Ends**

- A page with no out-links
- Random walk has "nowhere" to go to
- All importance "leaks out of" the Web!
- Matrix is not stochastic so initial assumptions are not met



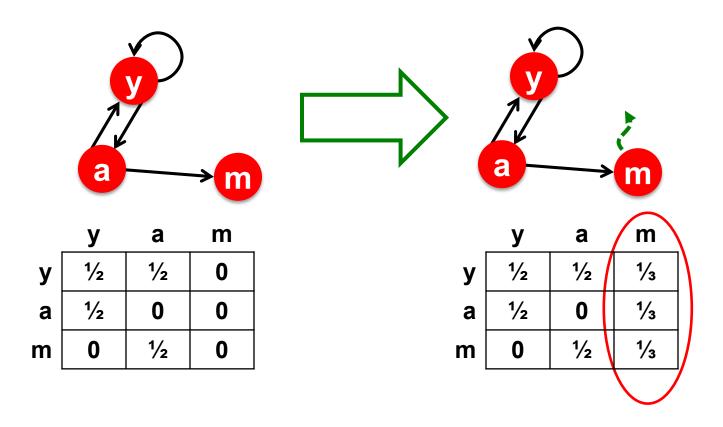
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n	0	1/2	0

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_y \\ r_a \\ r_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/6 \\ 1/6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 \\ 1/6 \\ 1/12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5/24 \\ 1/8 \\ 1/12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Iteration 0, 1, 2, ...

### **Solution: Teleport**

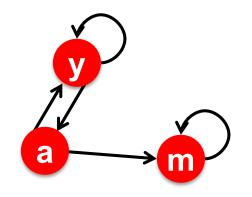
 Adjust the matrix to allow a surfer to jump to some random page from dead ends



### **Problem: Spider Traps**

- A group of pages with no links out of the group
- Random walk gets "stuck" in a trap
- Accumulate all the importance of the Web



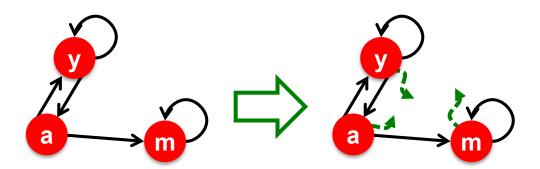


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## **Solution: Teleport**

- At each time step, a random surfer has two options
  - With probability  $\beta$ , follow a link at random
  - With probability 1-β, jump to some random page
  - Common values for  $\beta$  are in the range 0.8 to 0.9
- Surfer will teleport out of spider trap within a few time steps

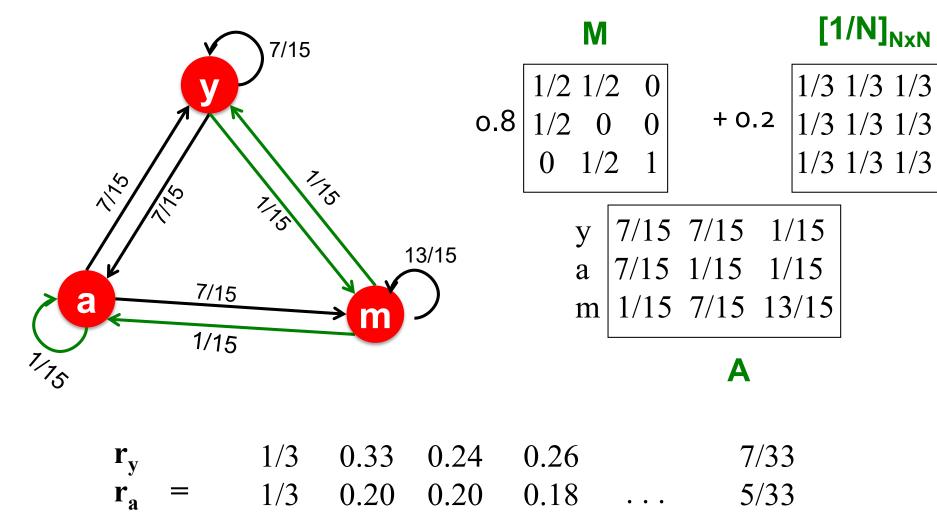


## Random Teleports ( $\beta$ = 0.8)

1/3

 $\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{m}}$ 

0.46



0.52

0.56

21/33

## Limitations of PageRank

- Measures generic popularity of a page
  - Ignore or miss topic-specific authorities
  - Solution: Topic-specific PageRank
- Uses a single measure of importance
  - Other models of importance
  - Solution: Hubs-and-Authorities
- Susceptible to link spam
  - Artificial link topologies created in order to boost page rank
  - Solution: TrustRank

## **Topic-Specific PageRank**

- Instead of generic popularity, can we measure popularity within a topic?
- Goal: Evaluate Web pages not just according to their popularity, but by how close they are to a particular topic, e.g. "sports" or "history"
- Allows search queries to be answered based on interests of the user
  - Example: Is "Jaguar" an animal, the automobile, or a version of MAC OS?

# **Topic-Specific PageRank**

- Recall random walker has a small probability of teleporting at any step
  - Standard PageRank: Any page with equal probability
  - Topic Specific PageRank: Teleport set is restricted to a topic-specific set of "relevant" pages
- Idea: Bias the random walk
  - When random walker teleports, pick a page from a set S of web pages
  - S contains only pages that are relevant to the topic
  - Get a different rank vector r<sub>s</sub> for each teleport set S

### **Topic-Specific PageRank**

- Decide on topics to create PageRank vectors
  - Open Directory (DMOZ) (www.dmoz.org)
  - The 16 DMOZ top-level categories: arts, business, sports, ...
- Pick a teleport set for each of these topics, and compute the topic-sensitive PageRank vector for that topic
- Determine the topic that is most relevant for a query
  - User picks from a menu
  - Query context e.g., query from a web page on a known topic
  - User context e.g., user's bookmarks
- Use the PageRank vectors for that topic to order results to the search query

# TrustRank - Combating Web Spam

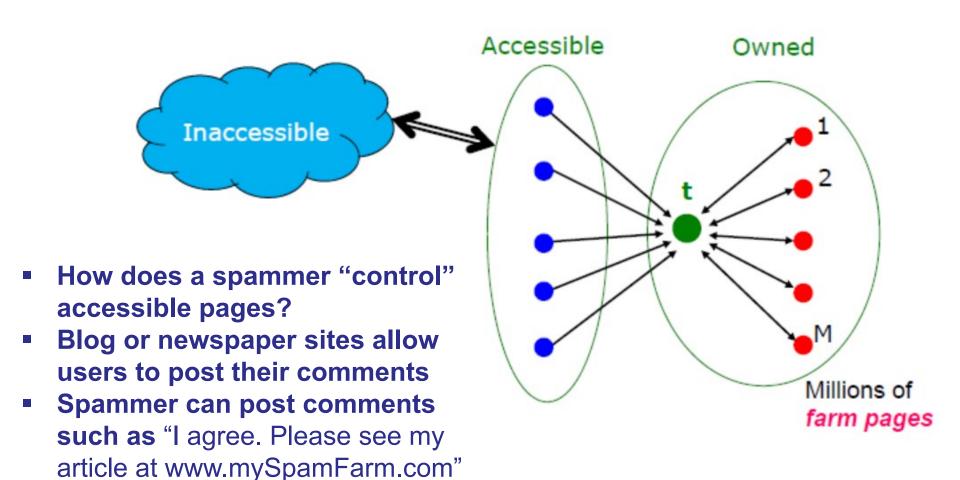
#### Spamming

- Any deliberate action to boost a web page's position in search engine results, incommensurate with page's real value
- Approximately 10-15% of web pages are spam

#### Link Spam

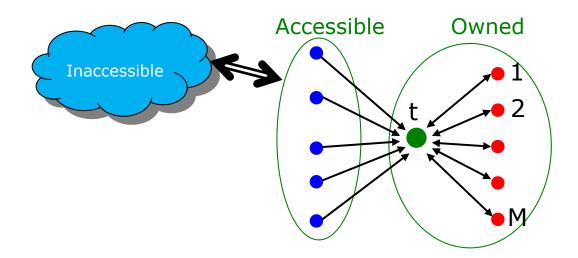
Create link structures that boost the PageRank of a particular page

### Spammer's View of the Web

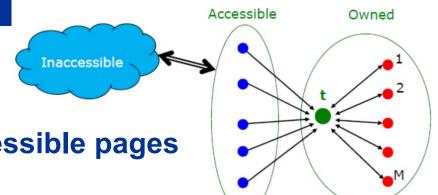


### **Link Farms**

- Spammer's goal is to maximize the PageRank of target page t
- Get as many links from accessible pages as possible to target page t
- Construct "link farm" to get PageRank multiplier effect



### **Analysis**



x: PageRank contributed by accessible pages

y: PageRank of target page t

N: Total number of web pages

Rank of each "farm" page 
$$=\frac{\beta y}{M} + \frac{1-\beta}{N}$$

$$y = x + \beta M \left[ \frac{\beta y}{M} + \frac{1 - \beta}{N} \right] + \frac{1 - \beta}{N}$$

$$y = \frac{x}{1-\beta^2} + c\frac{M}{N}$$
 where  $c = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta}$ 

Let  $\beta$  = 0.85. Then  $1/(1 - \beta^2)$  = 3.6, and c = 0.46

- External PageRank (x) increased by 360%!
- Obtain additional amount of PageRank that is 46% of the fraction of the Web, M/N, that is in the spam farm
- By making M large, we can make y as large as we want

### **How to Combat Link Spam?**

- Detect and blacklist structures that look like spam farms
  - One page links to a very large number of pages, each of which links back to it
  - Leads to more sophisticated way of hiding spam farms, and detecting them...
- TrustRank: Topic-specific PageRank with a teleport set of trusted pages
  - e.g, .edu domains, .gov domains, etc
  - Lower the score of spam pages

### **TrustRank**

- Basic principle: Approximate isolation
  - It is rare for a "good" (trustworthy) page to point to a "bad" (spam) page
- Sample a set of seed pages from the web
- An oracle (human) identifies the good pages and the spam pages in the seed set
  - Expensive task, so keep seed set small
  - Subset of pages in the seed set that are identified as good are called the trusted pages

### **Trust Propagation**

- Perform a topic-sensitive PageRank with the trusted pages as the teleport set
- Propagate trust through links
  - Each page gets a trust value between 0 and 1
- Use a threshold value and mark all pages below the trust threshold as spam

### **Trust Propagation (Simple Model)**

- Set trust of each trusted page to 1
- Suppose trust of page p is t<sub>p</sub>
  - p has a set of out-links  $o_p$
- For each  $q \in o_p$ , p confers the trust to q
  - $\beta t_p / |o_p|$  for  $0 < \beta < 1$
- Trust is additive
  - Trust of p is the sum of the trust conferred on p by all its inlinked pages
- Trust attenuation
  - Degree of trust conferred by a trusted page decreases with the distance in the graph
- Trust splitting
  - The larger the number of out-links, the less scrutiny the page author gives each out-link; trust is split across out-links

# Picking the Seed Set

#### Two conflicting considerations:

- Human has to inspect each seed page → seed set must be small
- Must ensure every good page gets adequate trust rank → need to make all good pages reachable from seed set by short paths

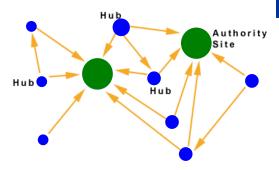
#### 1. Use PageRank to pick the top-k pages

Theory is a bad page cannot have very high rank

### 2. Use trusted domains with controlled membership

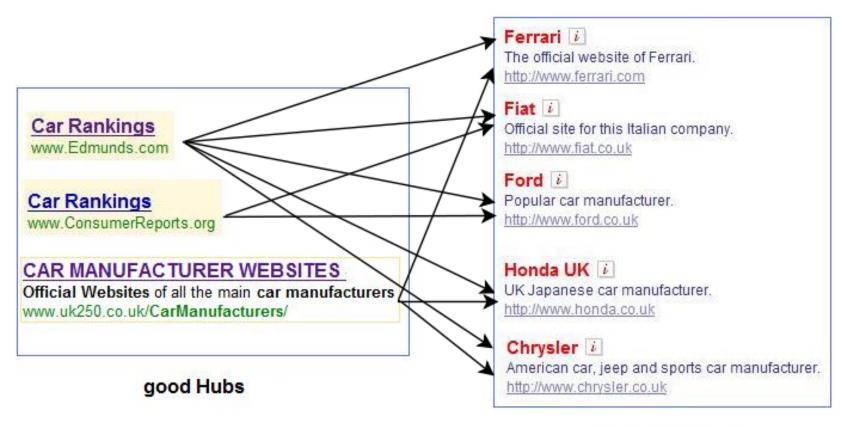
E.g. university pages (.edu)
 or government pages (.gov)

### **Hubs and Authorities**



- HITS (Hypertext-Induced Topic Selection)
  - Originally developed to rank answer pages to a query, same logic can be applied to rank Web pages
  - A measure of importance of pages (similar to PageRank)
- Goal: Don't just find pages with relevant content, find pages that link to these relevant content
  - E.g., don't just find trusted news, find also "experts" that point you to the quality news
- Idea: Links are votes; A page is more important if it has more links
  - In-coming links? Out-going links?

### **Hubs and Authorities**



good Authorities

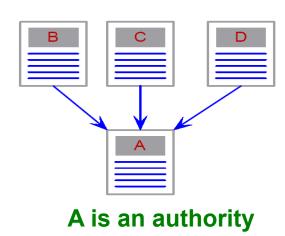
Query: Top automobile makers

### **Hub and Authorities**

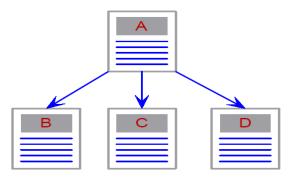
- Each page has 2 roles, hence 2 scores
- (1) Authority
  - Pages that contain useful information (quality in providing content) e.g., course home pages
  - Voted or linked by "experts" (hubs)
  - A good authority is linked from many good hubs

#### (2) Hub

- Pages that link to authorities (quality as an expert) e.g., list of course home pages
- Votes of authorities pointed to
- A good hub links to many authorities



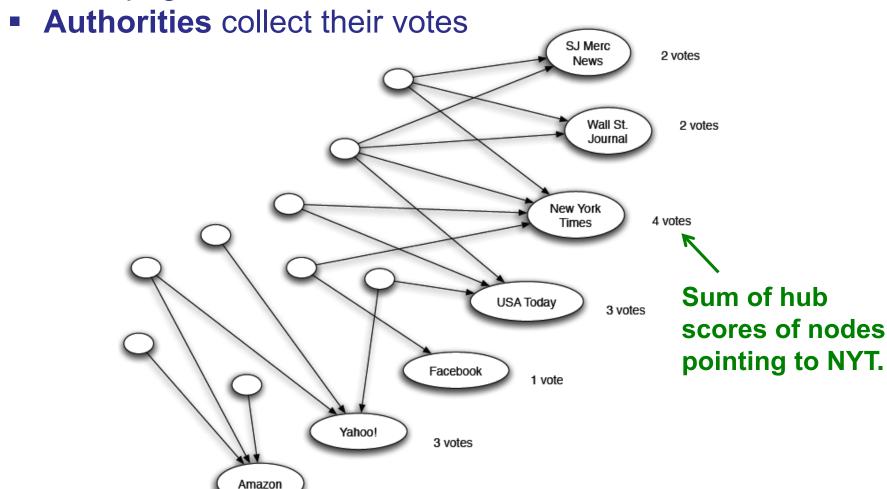
#### A is a hub



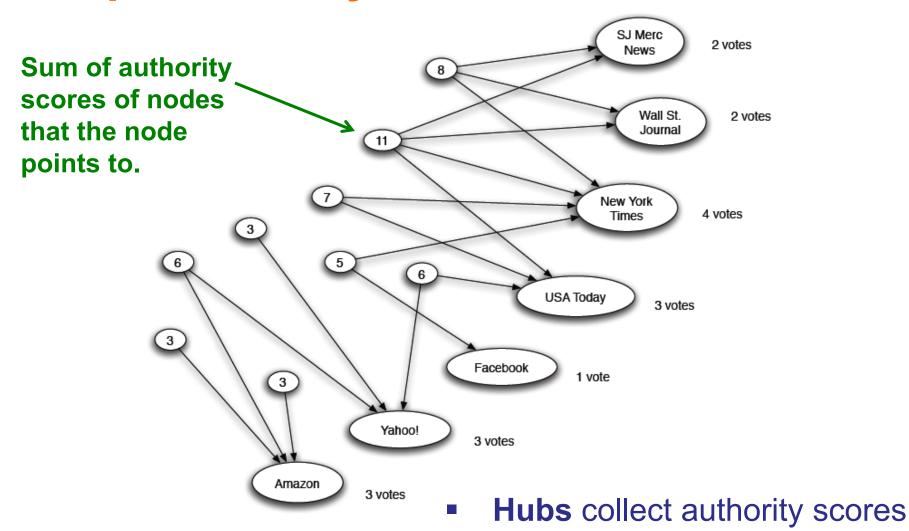
## **Counting in-links: Authority**

3 votes

Each page starts with hub score 1



# **Expert Quality: Hub**

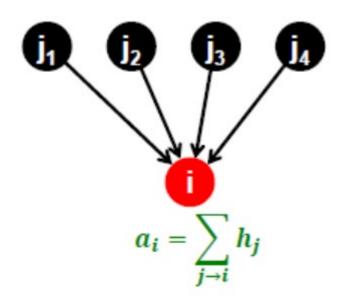


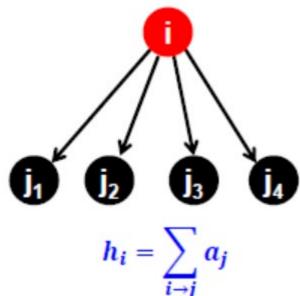
## Mutual (recursive) Reinforcement

Authorities again collect the hub scores SJ Merc new score: 19 News Wall St. new score: 19 Journal 11 New York new score: 31 Times **USA Today** new score: 24 3 Facebook new score: 5 Yahoo! new score: 15 Amazon new score: 12

### **Computing Hubs and Authorities**

- Each page i has 2 scores
  - Authority score: a<sub>i</sub>
  - Hub score:  $h_i$





$$h_i = \sum_{i \to j} a_j$$

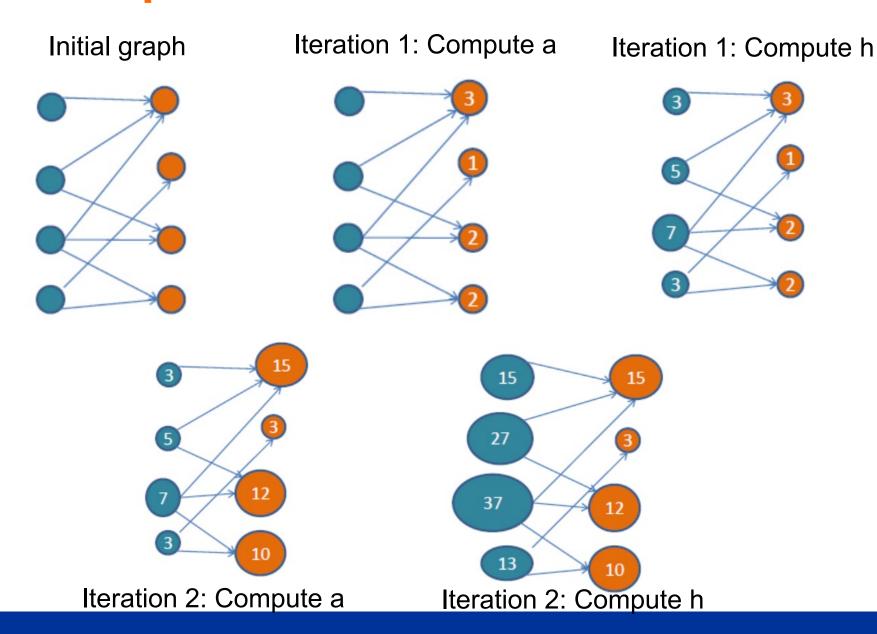
# **Computing Hubs and Authorities**

- HITS is iterative
  - Keep iterating until convergence
  - Mutual reinforcing relationship

$$\forall i$$
: Authority:  $a_i^{(t+1)} = \sum_{j \to i} h_j^{(t)}$ 
 $\forall i$ : Hub:  $h_i^{(t+1)} = \sum_{i \to j} a_j^{(t)}$ 

### **Example**

### What's the problem?



### **Need to Normalize Scores!**

Initialize: 
$$a_j^{(0)} = 1/\sqrt{N}$$
,  $h_j^{(0)} = 1/\sqrt{N}$ 

Iterate till convergence

$$\forall i$$
 compute a and h
 $\forall i$ : Normalize:
$$\sum_{i} \left(a_{i}^{(t+1)}\right)^{2} = 1, \sum_{j} \left(h_{j}^{(t+1)}\right)^{2} = 1$$

### Does HITS converge?

- HITS converges to a single stable point
- Notations:

Vector 
$$\mathbf{a}=(a_1\dots,a_n), \quad \mathbf{h}=(h_1\dots,h_n)$$
  
Adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (NxN):  $\mathbf{A}_{ij}=1$  if  $i\rightarrow j$ , 0 otherwise

- $h_i = \sum_{i \to j} a_j$  can be rewritten as  $h_i = \sum_j A_{ij} \cdot a_j$
- We have  $h = A \cdot a$
- $a_i = \sum_{j o i} h_j$  can be rewritten as  $a_i = \sum_j A_{ji} \cdot h_j = A^T \cdot h$
- We have  $a = A^T \cdot h$

### **Hubs and Authorities**

HITS algorithm in vector notation

Set: 
$$a_i = h_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Repeat until convergence

$$h = A \cdot a$$
 $a = A^T \cdot h$ 
Normalize  $a$  and  $h$ 

Now 
$$a = A^T \cdot (A \cdot a)$$

Convergence criterion:

$$\sum_{i} \left( h_i^{(t)} - h_i^{(t-1)} \right)^2 < \varepsilon$$

$$\sum_{i} \left( a_i^{(t)} - a_i^{(t-1)} \right)^2 < \varepsilon$$

a is updated (in 2 steps):

$$a = A^T(A \ a) = (A^T A) \ a$$

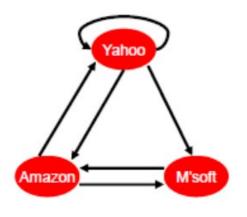
h is updated (in 2 steps):

$$h = A(A^T h) = (A A^T) h$$

# **Example of HITS**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad A^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{T} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$



### PageRank vs HITS

- PageRank and HITS are two solutions to same problem
  - Make use of link structure to rank pages
- Which one is more suitable for large dataset?
  - PageRank computed for all web pages and stored prior to query
  - HITS operates on a (query dependent) small subgraph from web graph
- What is the value of an in-link from u to v?
  - In the PageRank model, the value of the link depends on the links into u
  - In the HITS model, it depends on the value of the other links out of u (vulnerable to spam)

### **Summary**

- Link analysis in social network graphs to find communities
- Girvan-Newman algorithm use edge betweenness measure to separate nodes into communities
- Content of web pages and hyperlinks are important in web search
- Page Rank algorithm determine importance of web pages
- Trust Rank algorithm to overcome link spams