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1. 7.3

- (a) Consider Katz centrality  $\mathbf{x} = \alpha A \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{1}$ . Solving we get  $(I - \alpha A) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1}$ . If we can take an inverse (which we can with probability 1), we get that  $\mathbf{x} = (I - \alpha A)^{-1} \mathbf{1}$ . We then see we have a geometric series. So

$$\mathbf{x} = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\alpha A)^i \right) \mathbf{1} \quad (1)$$

$$= \mathbf{1} + \alpha A \mathbf{1} + \alpha^2 A^2 \mathbf{1} + \cdots \quad (2)$$

- (b) Recall that  $A \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{k}$ . So we have that  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1} + \alpha \mathbf{k} + \alpha^2 A \mathbf{k} + \cdots$ . Thus, we get that  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1} + (\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha^{i+1} A^i) \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{1} + \alpha (\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha^i A^i) \mathbf{k}$ . Thus, for small  $\alpha$ , we get that  $\mathbf{x} \approx \mathbf{1} + \alpha \mathbf{k}$  since the terms  $\alpha^r \mathbf{k}$  for  $r \geq 2$  go to zero much faster. Adding  $\mathbf{1}$  to  $\mathbf{k}$  does not change the ranking of  $\mathbf{k}$  and multiplying each entry of  $\mathbf{k}$  by the same constant  $\alpha$  does not change the ranking. So  $\mathbf{x}$  gives the same ranking at  $\mathbf{k}$  (i.e. degree centrality) as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ .

- (c) Consider when  $\alpha \rightarrow \frac{1}{\kappa_1}$ . Then by part (a) we have that  $\mathbf{x}$  is approaching

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{1} + \frac{1}{\kappa_1} A \mathbf{1} + \frac{1}{\kappa_2^2} A^2 \mathbf{1} + \cdots \quad (3)$$

This implies that  $\kappa_1 \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \kappa_1 \mathbf{1} + A \mathbf{1} + \frac{1}{\kappa_1} A^2 \mathbf{1} + \cdots$ . Again, evaluating on the dominant terms gives that  $\kappa_1 \mathbf{x} \approx \kappa_1 \mathbf{1} + A \mathbf{1} = (\kappa_1 I + A) \mathbf{1}$ .

This implies that  $(I - \alpha A) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1} \rightarrow (I - \frac{1}{\kappa_1} A) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1}$ .

2. 7.5: Let the center node be defined as  $x_1$ . Then

$$x_1 = \alpha \sum_j A_{1j} \frac{x_j}{k_j^{out}} + \beta.$$

Since we are looking at a tree, we know that  $k_j^{out} = 1$  for all nodes  $x_j$ . So we get that

$$x_1 = \alpha \sum_j A_{1j} x_j + \beta.$$

This is just Katz centrality. Thus by problem 7.3, we see that

$$x_1 = \beta (1 + \alpha \sum_j A_{1j} \mathbf{1} + \alpha^2 \sum_j A_{1j}^2 \mathbf{1} + \cdots).$$

Recall that  $\sum_j A_{1j}^r \mathbf{1}$  counts the number of walks of length  $r$  to 1. Since  $G$  is a tree, we know that the number of walks of length  $r$  to 1 is the number of nodes with  $d_i = r$  (where  $d_i$  is the distance from  $i$  to the center node). This means that  $x_1 = \beta (1 + \sum_i \alpha^{d_i})$ .