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## Algorithms for massive data

«Link analysis»

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# 1 Dataset

In my analysis, I used the «Amazon US Customer Review» dataset, published on Kaggle under the amazon.com conditions of use. The selected category is “Books”. Originally dataset consists of 15 columns:

```
{marketplace, customer_id, review_id, product_id, product_parent,
product_title, product_category, star_rating, helpful_votes, total_votes,
vine, verified_purchase, review_headline, review_body, review_date}
```

	marketplace	customer_id	review_id	product_id	product_parent	product_title	product_category	star_rating	helpful_votes	total_votes	vine	verified_purchase	review_headline	review_body	review_date
0	US	12076615	RQ38W7SMO911M	0385730586	122662979	Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (Book 1)	Books	4.0	2.0	3.0	N	N	this book was a great learning novel	this book was a great one that you could learn...	2005-10-14
1	US	12703090	RF6IUKMGL8SF	0811828964	56191234	The Bad Girl's Guide to Getting What You Want	Books	3.0	5.0	5.0	N	N	Fun Fluff	If you are looking for something to stimulate...	2005-10-14
2	US	12257412	R1DOSH6A622S	1844161560	253182049	Eisenhorn (A Warhammer 40,000 Omnibus)	Books	4.0	1.0	22.0	N	N	this isn't a review	never read it-a young relative idicated he lik...	2005-10-14
3	US	50732546	RATOTLA3OF7DO	0373836635	348672532	Colby Conspiracy (Colby Agency)	Books	5.0	2.0	2.0	N	N	fine author on her A-game	Though she is honored to be Chicago Woman of L...	2005-10-14
4	US	51964897	R1TNWRKIVHVYOV	0262181533	598678717	The Psychology of Proof: Deductive Reasoning I...	Books	4.0	0.0	2.0	N	N	Excellent cursor examination	Review based on a cursory examination by Unive...	2005-10-14

Since I don't need all variables for my research, I drop 13 columns and keep only customer ID and product ID. The number of records in the chosen category – 3 105 372. Total number of reviews, customers, and products:

```
print("\nTotal # of Reviews :",books_data.shape[0])
print("Total # of Users  :", (len(books_data['customer_id'].value_counts()))
print("Total # of Products  :", (len(books_data['product_id'].value_counts()))
```

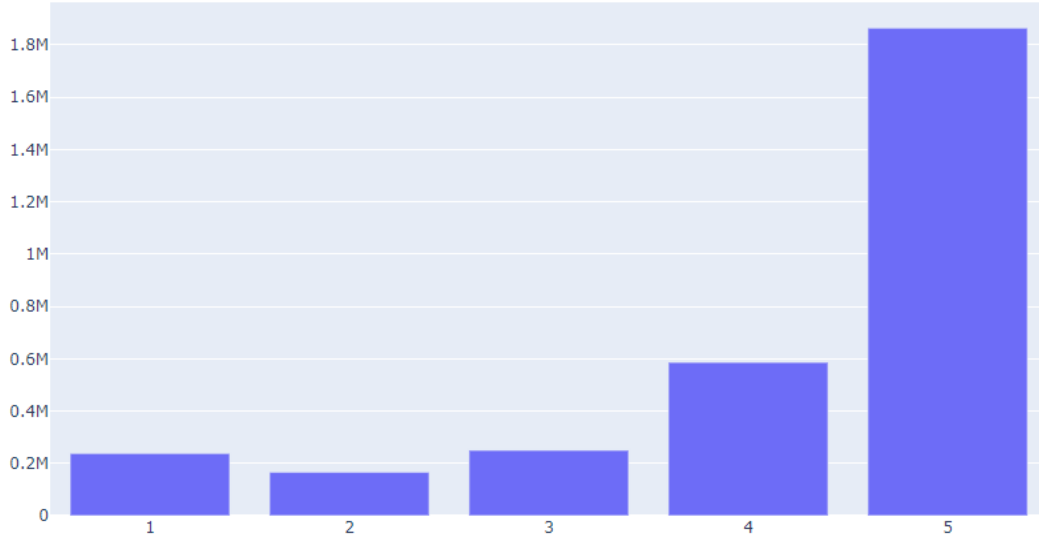
```
Total # of Reviews : 3105370
Total # of Users   : 1502331
Total # of Products : 779714
```

# 2 Data analysis

The maximum number of reviews was made by customer 50122160. The product which received the maximum number of reviews is 043935806X (“Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (Book 5)”).

customer_id	product_id
50122160 21922	043935806X 4625
50732546 9963	0439139597 3739
52615377 2664	0525947647 2665
45041039 2215	0895260174 2615
50776149 1797	0385504209 2583
Name: star_rating, dtype: int64	Name: star_rating, dtype: int64

Ratings distribution:



Most of the reviews are positive: 1.86 million reviews are “5 stars”, and 0.586 million are “4 stars”.

### 3 PageRank Algorithm

PageRank is a web page ranking algorithm developed in 1996 by founders of Google: Larry Page and Sergey Brin. According to PageRank important pages are likely to receive more links from other pages. It is a kind of “voting” pages for each other. However, the importance of each page is taken into account based on its own importance and the number of links it gives to other pages. Thus, PageRank considers not only the number of links, but also their quality. The algorithm works by assigning a numerical weight, called the PageRank score, to each page in the graph. The PageRank score represents the probability that a random surfer, following links on the web, will land on a particular page.

The PageRank score for a page is calculated by the following formula:

$$PR(page) = (1 - d) + d \cdot \sum_i \left( \frac{PR(t_i)}{C(t_i)} \right)$$

where:

- $PR(page)$  is the PageRank score of the page
- $d$  is the damping factor: probability that a random surfer will continue clicking on links rather than jumping to a random page (typically set to 0.85)
- $PR(t_i)$  is the PageRank score of a page  $t_i$  that links to the current page
- $C(t_i)$  is the total number of outgoing links on page  $t_i$

## 4 Algorithm implementation

The goal of this project is to implement a ranking system based on the PageRank index to Amazon reviews dataset. The entities could be ranked either customers (link between two customers if they have reviewed at least a same product) or products (two products will be linked if they have been reviewed at least by a same customer).

For both cases necessary steps are:

1. Create an empty graph
2. Add edges between customers who reviewed the same product or between products reviewed by the same customer
3. Calculate PageRank
4. Sort customers/products by PageRank

### 4.1 Customer-based Ranking System

The dataset contains reviews of 1,502,331 customers. I faced a problem trying to execute the PageRank algorithm on the whole dataset. Therefore, to reduce computational complexity I will be focused on Top N customers (who gave the most reviews). It allows me to rely on qualitative reviews sent by customers who regularly use the Amazon platform and give feedback.

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1 customer_review_counts = books_df['customer_id'].value_counts()
2 top_n_customers = N
3 top_customers = customer_review_counts.head(top_n_customers).index.tolist()
4 filtered_df = books_df[books_df['customer_id'].isin(top_customers)]
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In general, the algorithm is:

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```
1 G = nx.Graph()
2 for _, row in filtered_df.iterrows():
3     product_id = row['product_id']
4     customers = filtered_df[filtered_df['product_id'] == product_id]['
        customer_id'].values
5     for i in range(len(customers)):
6         for j in range(i + 1, len(customers)):
7             G.add_edge(customers[i], customers[j])
8 page_rank = nx.pagerank(G)
9 sorted_customers = sorted(page_rank, key=page_rank.get, reverse=True)
10 for customer_id in sorted_customers:
11     page_rank_value = page_rank[customer_id]
12     print(f"Customer id: {customer_id}, PageRank: {page_rank_value}")
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I have implemented this algorithm for N=10, N=100 and N=500. In Top 500 there are customers who reviewed more than 190 products, in Top 100 - users who gave more than 470 reviews. Below you can see the results given for N=100 and N=500.

[N=100]	Customer id: 50122160, PageRank: 0.013973212022635819 Customer id: 52615377, PageRank: 0.013554628547745258 Customer id: 50732546, PageRank: 0.013285094404149404 Customer id: 50068216, PageRank: 0.012868633009479703 Customer id: 52564468, PageRank: 0.012758581751213655 Customer id: 52938698, PageRank: 0.012694018407304764 Customer id: 49750558, PageRank: 0.012585099400758469 Customer id: 52706646, PageRank: 0.012556679804090337 Customer id: 52947077, PageRank: 0.012556134969016183 Customer id: 36642996, PageRank: 0.012515826579293194 Customer id: 53016962, PageRank: 0.01232487291339512 Customer id: 52173832, PageRank: 0.01230968425193191 Customer id: 51247650, PageRank: 0.012211613073321777 Customer id: 50913245, PageRank: 0.012179519004106843 Customer id: 50774468, PageRank: 0.012102265636032013 Customer id: 45193257, PageRank: 0.012031756926580265 Customer id: 39569598, PageRank: 0.011926420058779103 Customer id: 52254603, PageRank: 0.011925941172480914 Customer id: 51210331, PageRank: 0.011872438204223436 Customer id: 52496677, PageRank: 0.011831642144839656 Customer id: 35985708, PageRank: 0.011808385441489338 Customer id: 52223435, PageRank: 0.011797439456556027 Customer id: 41012519, PageRank: 0.011792398564791282 Customer id: 52753467, PageRank: 0.0117720366752887 Customer id: 51010391, PageRank: 0.011669123783001382 Customer id: 49042814, PageRank: 0.011638972012240926 Customer id: 53082946, PageRank: 0.01160988465162034 Customer id: 50881246, PageRank: 0.011425189120079641 Customer id: 50941451, PageRank: 0.01135771850673895 Customer id: 50776149, PageRank: 0.011346802905804755 Customer id: 52517734, PageRank: 0.011333996283691779 Customer id: 51325095, PageRank: 0.011285716451932713 Customer id: 53008075, PageRank: 0.011284014750382298 Customer id: 52774618, PageRank: 0.011268795259298515 Customer id: 52697458, PageRank: 0.011249437846544585 Customer id: 49786731, PageRank: 0.011228642732645344 Customer id: 52966385, PageRank: 0.011175466422944326	[N=500] Customer id: 50122160, PageRank: 0.004260285217526671 Customer id: 52615377, PageRank: 0.0039653373756119645 Customer id: 50732546, PageRank: 0.00378846839013077 Customer id: 52938698, PageRank: 0.0035090213028929258 Customer id: 50774468, PageRank: 0.003447792228368533 Customer id: 51247650, PageRank: 0.00342635960868284 Customer id: 52173832, PageRank: 0.00340569993904634 Customer id: 52564468, PageRank: 0.003404065548123945 Customer id: 50068216, PageRank: 0.003386496143865828 Customer id: 52706646, PageRank: 0.0033394143137315947 Customer id: 50913245, PageRank: 0.0033249480578628173 Customer id: 36642996, PageRank: 0.003309474534167919 Customer id: 39366896, PageRank: 0.0032978089233681417 Customer id: 49042814, PageRank: 0.0032941014360703394 Customer id: 52978794, PageRank: 0.0032806237612760165 Customer id: 12598621, PageRank: 0.0032761954939006166 Customer id: 52947077, PageRank: 0.003273741611436947 Customer id: 52254603, PageRank: 0.0032439110821116555 Customer id: 51210331, PageRank: 0.0032397093882870964 Customer id: 53016962, PageRank: 0.00322635570062166 Customer id: 49998206, PageRank: 0.00321952569366829 Customer id: 51325095, PageRank: 0.0031617465437153154 Customer id: 53008075, PageRank: 0.003150618684063551 Customer id: 51152957, PageRank: 0.003142159168567647 Customer id: 50667536, PageRank: 0.003139810773105805 Customer id: 53013845, PageRank: 0.003137548452638447 Customer id: 41012519, PageRank: 0.0031283261501060026 Customer id: 49865122, PageRank: 0.0031227293854953005 Customer id: 51126995, PageRank: 0.0031198653771336857 Customer id: 52294653, PageRank: 0.0031071549382613094 Customer id: 52789100, PageRank: 0.003097107338926266 Customer id: 48135836, PageRank: 0.003086584732333591 Customer id: 50200864, PageRank: 0.0030784553489874773 Customer id: 51214937, PageRank: 0.0030756962984923963 Customer id: 52639757, PageRank: 0.0030665340501377007 Customer id: 49577356, PageRank: 0.0030620487398179417 Customer id: 49750558, PageRank: 0.003060546143820365 Customer id: 50881246, PageRank: 0.0030562723869248824 Customer id: 52161778, PageRank: 0.0030093753470750986 Customer id: 41763380, PageRank: 0.0030058760407867652 Customer id: 52402330, PageRank: 0.003002114211034856 Customer id: 45193257, PageRank: 0.0029909115794332715 Customer id: 43083835, PageRank: 0.002990088334334359 Customer id: 20401140, PageRank: 0.0029717669708974807 Customer id: 52966385, PageRank: 0.0029710915584427334
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According to the results, the most influential customers are 50122160, 52615377, 50732546 (they have the highest PageRank values). In case of N=500 probabilities are very low, and obviously, reducing number of examined nodes, probabilities will increase (as we can see for N=100).

## 4.2 Product-based Ranking System

In the dataset there are 779,714 products and 3,105,370 reviews. To have more reliable data I take into consideration only reviews from customers who have made more than 10 reviews and products that have received more than 15 reviews. PageRank algorithm will be:

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```
1 G_new = nx.Graph()
2 for _, row in f_df.iterrows():
3     customer_id = row['customer_id']
4     products = f_df[f_df['customer_id'] == customer_id]['product_id'].values
5     for i in range(len(products)):
6         for j in range(i + 1, len(products)):
7             G_new.add_edge(products[i], products[j])
8 page_rank = nx.pagerank(G_new)
9 sorted_products = sorted(page_rank, key=page_rank.get, reverse=True)
10 for product_id in sorted_products:
11     page_rank_value = page_rank[product_id]
12     print(f"Product ID: {product_id}, PageRank: {page_rank_value}")
```

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Results of implementing PageRank algorithm:

```
Product ID: 0385504209, PageRank: 0.0013397845210984538
Product ID: 043935806X, PageRank: 0.0012402108175104663
Product ID: 0316666343, PageRank: 0.0012209168283072707
Product ID: 0671027360, PageRank: 0.0012111726468315505
Product ID: 0786868716, PageRank: 0.001105691150852928
Product ID: 0439784549, PageRank: 0.0010845206061419331
Product ID: 0439139597, PageRank: 0.00107959242160257
Product ID: 0452282152, PageRank: 0.0010793865801233527
Product ID: 0590353403, PageRank: 0.0010713595957378857
Product ID: 0316769487, PageRank: 0.0010598254807176225
Product ID: 0156027321, PageRank: 0.0010307465641058316
Product ID: 0066214122, PageRank: 0.0010304872905069573
Product ID: 0679781587, PageRank: 0.0010225462167747351
Product ID: 0439136350, PageRank: 0.0010222915892761535
Product ID: 0399144463, PageRank: 0.001014998066727039
Product ID: 0060392452, PageRank: 0.0010068641834167474
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The most linked products in category "Books": 0385504209 (The Da Vinci Code), 043935806X (Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (Book 5)), 0316666343 (The Lovely Bones).

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