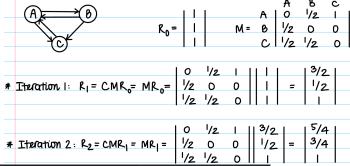
1. Given the following three web pages A, B, and C, with the corresponding links.



1) How many backlinks and forward links does each web page (A, B, C) have?

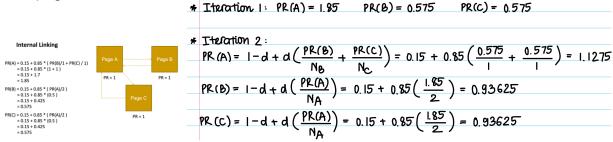
	Α	В	C
Backlinks	2 (from B and C)	1 (from A)	2 (from A and C)
Forward links	2 (to B and C)	2 (to A and C)	1 (to A)

2) Using the simplified version of the PageRank algorithm, assume C=1, calculate the page ranks of each web page (A, B, C). How many iterations does it take for the page ranks to converge? Show your work. (Note: Show your work manually for the 1st and 2nd iterations. Then write a program to do all iterations and print out the converged value of each web page).



3) Using the modified version of the PageRank algorithm, manually calculate the page rank of each webpage for the 1st iteration (assuming d=0.8, initially the PageRank rating for each page is 1). (Note: you may use the following equation.) PR(A) = (1-d) + d (PR(T1) / C(T1) + ..... + PR(Tn) / C(Tn))

2. The following figure is an example we explained in class. The page rank values of each web page after the 1st iteration are given in the figure (PR(A), PR(B), and PR(C). Please continue to calculate the page rank values of these three web pages for the 2nd iteration manually. Write a program to do all iterations and print out the converged value of each web page.



- 3. Explain dangling links and how to prevent the negative effect of them.
- Definition: Dangling links (or dangling nodes) are links that point to any page with no outgoing links. They act like "rank sinks" when the random surfer reaches these pages, the PageRank score gets trapped and isn't distributed further, which can distort the overall PageRank calculations.
- Resolution:
  - i. Add virtual links from dangling nodes to all other pages with equal probability
  - ii. Add a link from the dangling node back to itself
  - iii. Remove pages without outbound links until the PageRank values are computed