

CS 212

# Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science

## Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

# Transpose

- **Transpose of a matrix:** Given  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , the transpose

$M^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  has  $i, j$  entry equal to the  $j, i$  entry of  $M$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

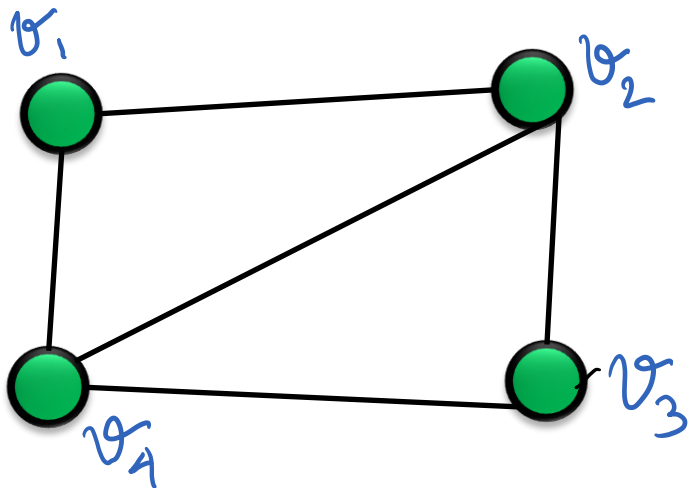
- $M$  is **symmetric** if  $M = M^T$

# Adjacency Matrices

Graph G with n vertices.

The adjacency matrix is the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A=[a_{ij}]$  with:

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (v_i, v_j) \text{ is an edge} \\ 0 & \text{if } (v_i, v_j) \text{ is not an edge} \end{cases}$$



# Walks in a Graph

$A(i, j)$  tells us if there is an edge between vertex  $i$  and  $j$ .

Can we say something about connectivity? Longer paths?

**Fact:** The number of walks of length  $k$  from node  $i$  to node  $j$  is the entry in position  $(i, j)$  in the matrix  $A^k$

**Proof.** By induction on length of walk. (Base case  $k=1$ ).

$$A^k = A^{k-1} \times A \Rightarrow A^k(i, j) = \sum_{\ell=1}^n A^{k-1}(i, \ell)A(\ell, j)$$

$$A^{k-1}(i, \ell) = \text{\#walks from vertex } i \text{ to } \ell$$

$$\text{\#walks } k \text{ length walks from } i \text{ to } j$$

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$$= \sum_{\ell=1}^n A^{k-1}(i, \ell)A(\ell, j) = A^k(i, j)$$

# Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors



# Refresher: Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors

Given any matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $e \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is an **eigenvector** iff for some scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  **$Me = \lambda e$** .

**$(\lambda, e)$**  is called an eigenvalue, eigenvector pair.

- An eigenvector  **$e$**  is vector that  **$M$**  does not change the direction of.  $M$  just scales  **$e$**  by  **$\lambda$** .
- An eigenvector  **$e$**  is a vector on which  **$M$**  acts as scalar multiplication.

# Whats the big deal?

Roughly: Eigenvalues and eigenvectors are the building blocks that make up matrices

**Spectral Thm.** For any  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix  $M$  (over reals)

1. All its eigenvalues are real.

2. Further, there are  $n$  real eigenvalues (and eigenvectors)

$$(\lambda_1, e_1), (\lambda_2, e_2) \dots (\lambda_n, e_n),$$

such that every pair of eigenvectors is orthogonal i.e.

$$\langle e_i, e_j \rangle = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j.$$

3. In addition,

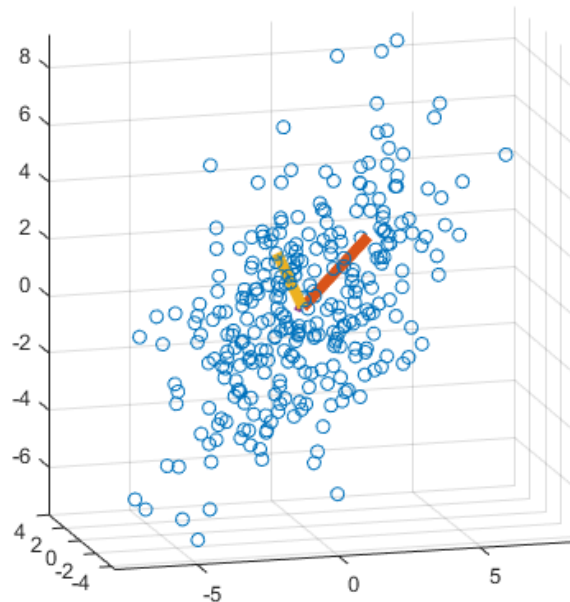
$$M = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i e_i e_i^T$$

# Which parts are important

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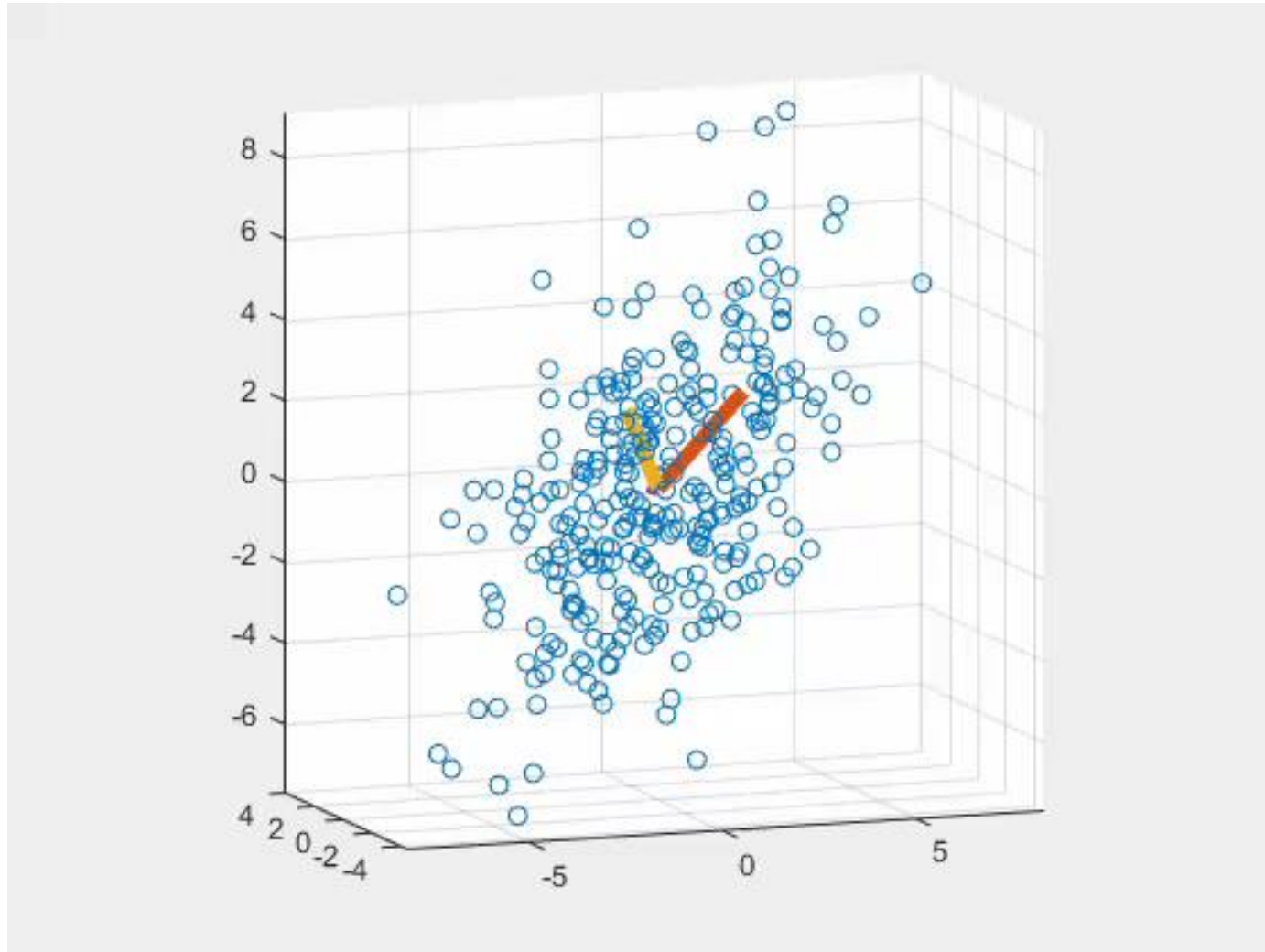
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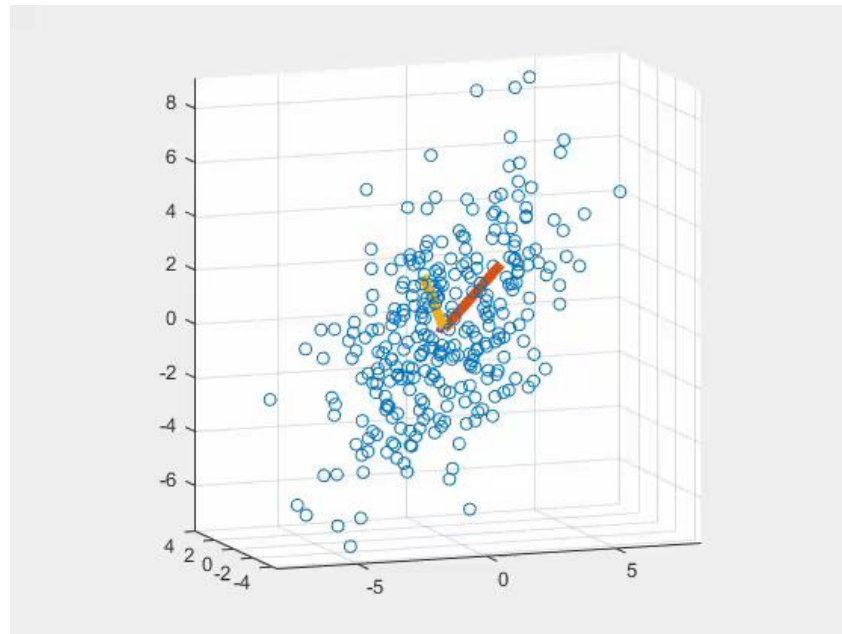


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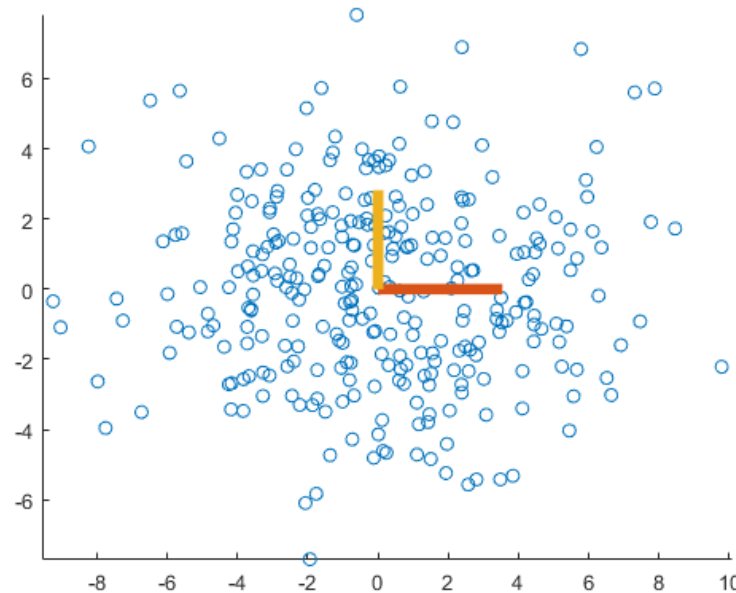


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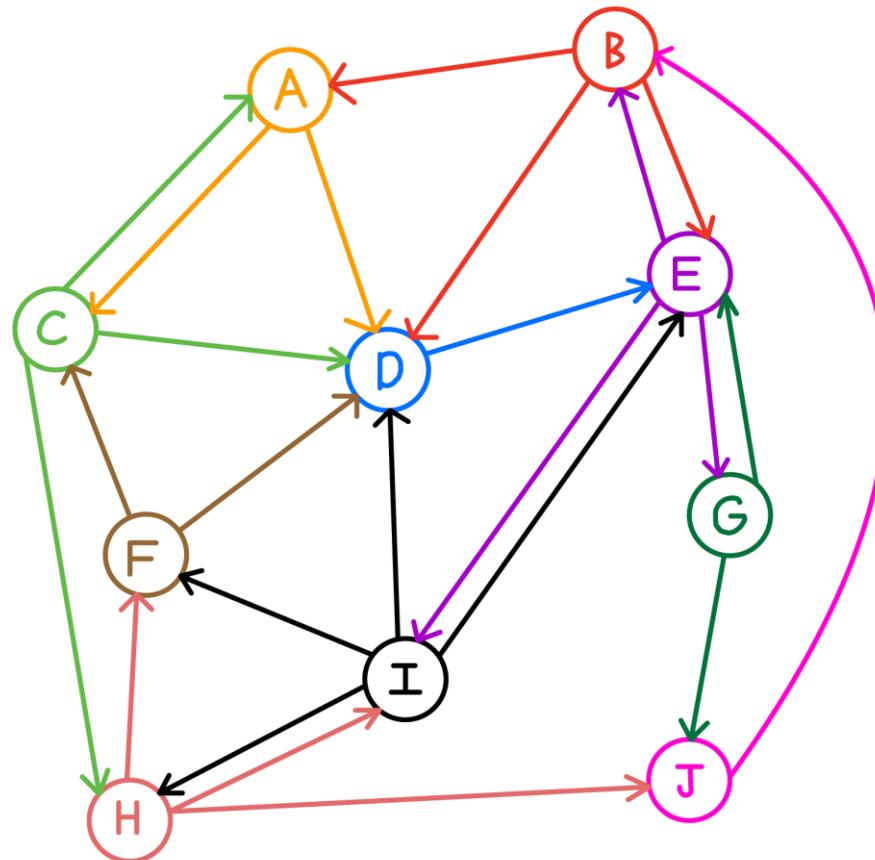
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Can reduce to two dimensions!



# Which Vertex is most important?



# Applications of eigenvectors include



1. Graph theory
2. Page rank
3. Principal component analysis
4. Machine Learning
5. Convex optimization
6. Quantum mechanics
7. Control Theory
8. Infectious disease
9. Differential equations

# Back to the start



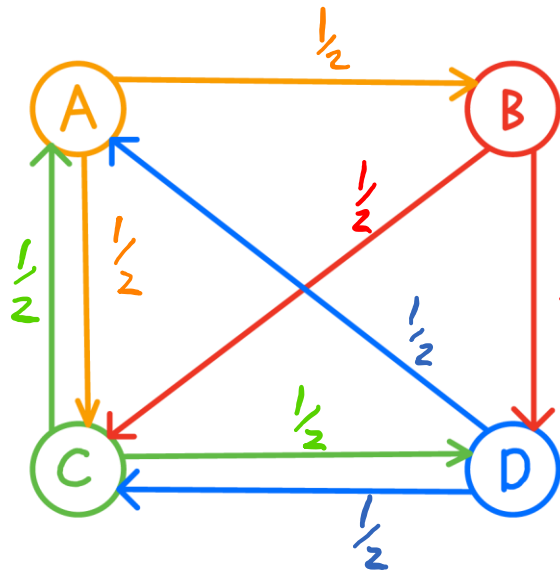
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If  $e$  is an eigenvector of  $M$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $ce$  is an eigenvector!

To check if a vector  $e$  is an eigenvector of  $M$ , just check if there  
is a  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  so that  **$Me = \lambda e$** .

Is  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  an eigenvector of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

# Page rank: Where do people spend the most time



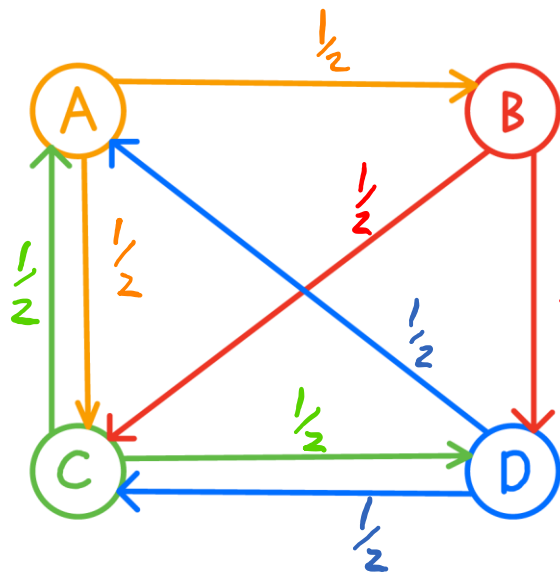
$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & .5 & .5 \\ .5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ .5 & .5 & 0 & .5 \\ 0 & .5 & .5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$M(M^n v) \approx M^n v$  for large  $n$ . Solve  $Me = e$ !

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A	1	0	.25	.375	.25	.281	.297	.281
B	0	.5	0	.125	.188	.125	.141	.148
C	0	.5	.25	.375	.312	.344	.328	.336
D	0	0	.5	.125	.25	.25	.234	.242
$e$	$Me$	$M^2e$	$M^3e$	$M^4e$	$M^5e$	$M^6e$	$M^7e$	

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Solution to  $Me = e$  is

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & .5 & .5 \\ .5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ .5 & .5 & 0 & .5 \\ 0 & .5 & .5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

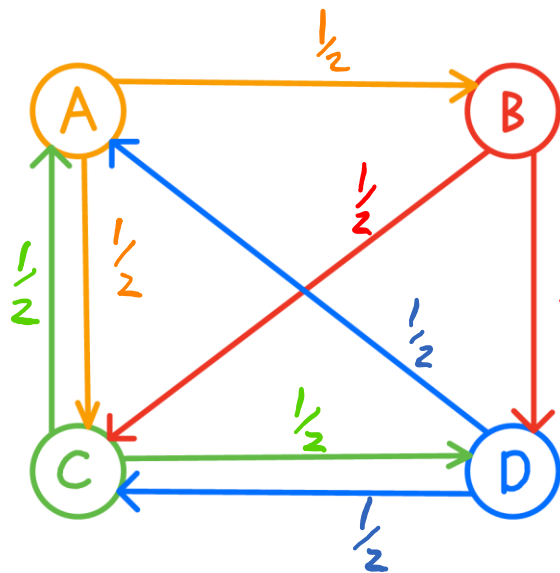
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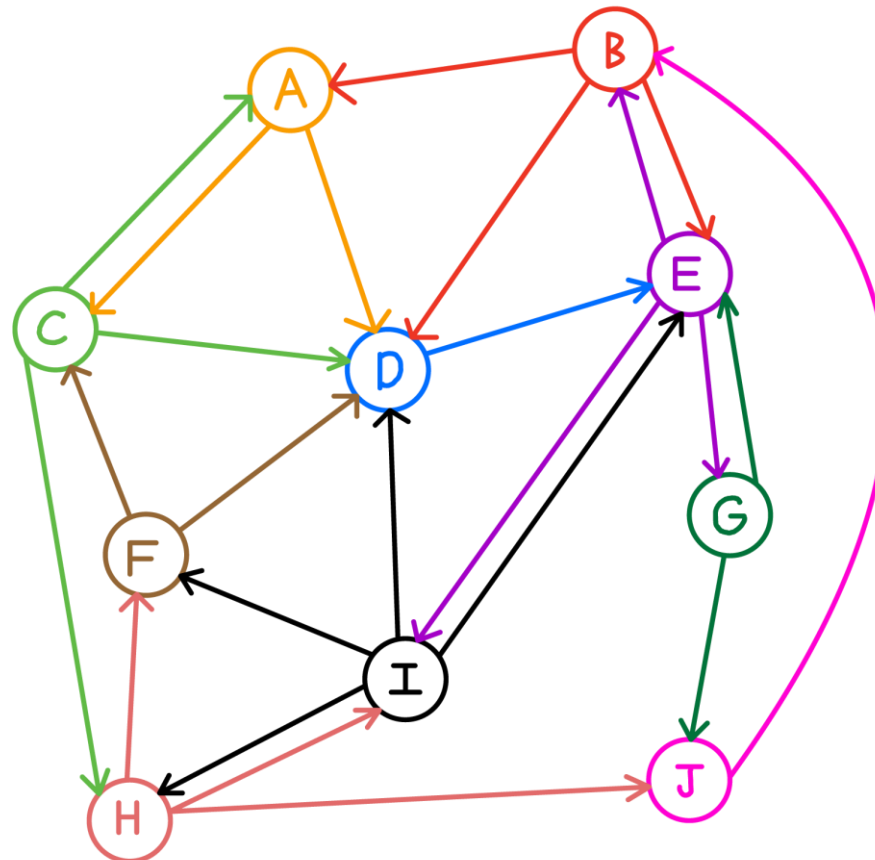
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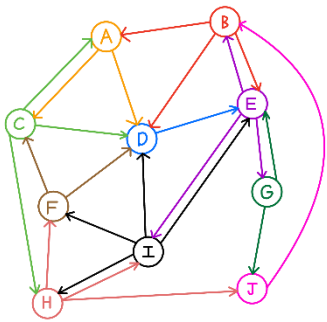
$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 0.286 \\ 0.143 \\ 0.333 \\ 0.238 \end{pmatrix}$$

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	Hr 8	Hr 9	Hr 10	Hr 11	Hr 12	...	Hr $\infty$
A	.285	.287	.285	.286	.286	...	.286
B	.141	.143	.144	.143	.143	...	.143
C	.332	.334	.333	.333	.333	...	.333
D	.242	.236	.238	.238	.238	...	.238
	$M^8 e$	$M^9 v$	$M^{10} v$	$M^{11} v$	$M^{12} v$	...	$Me = e$

# Page rank on our original graph





# Page rank

For this graph, we again find  $e$  so that  $Me = e$ . This time

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad e = \begin{pmatrix} .067 \\ .145 \\ .053 \\ .144 \\ .144 \\ .261 \\ .040 \\ .087 \\ .043 \\ .102 \\ .058 \end{pmatrix}$$

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# Interpretation of the results

