

Exercises to
Swarm Intelligence
Summer 2022
Sheet 6

These problems are for the meetings on June 21st/24th and on June 28th/July 1st. Please start implementing your solutions at home before visiting the meetings. The room will always be 0.157-115 – CIP Pool EEI, the times will be the regular exercise times.

Problem 16:

- (a) Implement Kleinberg’s HITS algorithm presented in the lecture and apply it to the graph $S_\sigma = (V_{S_\sigma}, E_{S_\sigma})$, which is given as XML-file *graph.xml*¹ available on the StudOn page for the course in the directory “Exercises/Sheet 06.”

This can be interpreted as the query with $\sigma = \textit{Algorithmus}$.

What hub weight and authority weight do you get for each chapter?

Note:

– HITS-Algorithm:

- 1: Initialize hub weights $y^{(p)}$ and authorities $x^{(p)}$ of all chapters p to 1
- 2: **while** maximum number of iterations not reached **do**
- 3: **for all** chapters p **do**
- 4: $x^{(p)} = \sum_{q:(q,p) \in E_{S_\sigma}} y^{(q)}$
- 5: **end for**
- 6: **for all** chapters p **do**
- 7: $y^{(p)} = \sum_{q:(p,q) \in E_{S_\sigma}} x^{(q)}$
- 8: **end for**
- 9: Normalize such that $\sum_{p \in V_{S_\sigma}} (x^{(p)})^2 = 1$ and $\sum_{p \in V_{S_\sigma}} (y^{(p)})^2 = 1$
- 10: **end while**

– Simple XML parsers that you can use to read in the input graph are given on the StudOn page in the directory “Exercises/Sheet 06”:

* *DumbXMLParser.java*, *DumbXMLParser2.m*, *DumbXMLParser3.cpp*

- (b) Compare the ranking determined by the HITS algorithm with the output of the PageRank algorithm you implemented for Sheet 5.²

¹The book graph (“which chapter refers to which?”) of the *Taschenbuch der Algorithmen (engl.: Algorithms Unplugged)*, Springer, 2008. (doi:10.1007/978-3-540-76394-9)

²The PageRank results are available on the StudOn page for the course in the directory “Exercises/Sheet 06”

What similarities and differences do you notice? Can you explain them? Which output would you prefer when searching for $\sigma = \textit{Algorithmus}$?

- (c) Analyze the speed of convergence experimentally. After how many iterations do you have a result that matches the result after 1000 iterations to within 5 digits?
- (d) How does the initialization of the hub weights and authority weights affect your result?
- (e) What happens if you do not normalize the weights (i.e., if you remove line 9 from the algorithm)?
- (f) Using the HITS algorithm, determine which chapters contain relevant information related to the chapter *Traveling Salesman Problem* (“similarity query”).

Problem 17:

While we are at it, which one is the “central chapter” of the *Taschenbuch der Algorithmen*? Calculate the three indicators of centrality you learned about in Problem 15 on Sheet 5.

- Note that the book graph is directed. Do you adjust the measures to the directed case, or do you take the direction from the edges? Discuss both approaches.
- The Floyd-Warshall algorithm for calculating the lengths of all the shortest paths in a graph can be extended to compute their number as well.

The non-extended algorithm can be found on:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Floyd-Warshall_algorithm