Given adjacency matrix  $Q_{n\times n}$  (square, nonnegative) with rowsums  $\mathbf{L} = [L_1, L_2, L_3, \dots, L_n]$ . Define S to be the augmentation of Q to include the super-node:

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \alpha_1 & q_{11} & q_{12} & q_{13} & & q_{1n} \\ \alpha_2 & q_{21} & q_{22} & q_{23} & & q_{2n} \\ \alpha_3 & q_{31} & q_{32} & q_{33} & & q_{3n} \\ \dots & & & & & \\ \alpha_n & q_{n1} & q_{n2} & q_{n3} & & q_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(1)$$

with  $\beta = [\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \dots, \beta_n] = 1$  and  $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n]$  and Q elements  $q_{ij}$ .

Let  $R = [r_0, r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_n]$  represent the Patent Rank eigenvector (sums to one) based<sup>1</sup> on the row-normalization of S:

$$\mathbf{R} = \hat{S}^T \mathbf{R}$$
 where  $\hat{S} = \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{d})^{-1} \mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{e}$ . (2)

Let  $R' = [r'_1, r'_2, r'_3, \dots, r'_n]$  represent the PageRank eigenvector with<sup>2</sup> damping factor  $(1 - \alpha)$  based on the row-normalization of Q:

$$\mathbf{R'} = \hat{Q}^T \mathbf{R'}$$
 where  $\hat{Q} = \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{d})^{-1} \mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{e}$ . (3)

Given that the matrix Q contains no dangling nodes (L is strictly positive), if we assign augmentation  $\alpha$  elements as follows:

$$\alpha_j = \frac{\alpha L_j}{1 - \alpha},\tag{4}$$

Properties of Equation 4:

• a:

$$\alpha_j = \alpha(L_j + \alpha_j)$$

• b:

$$L_j + \alpha_j = \frac{L_j}{1 - \alpha}$$

• c:

$$\alpha = \frac{\alpha_j}{L_j + \alpha_j}$$

then

$$R' = [(1+\alpha)r_1, (1+\alpha)r_2, (1+\alpha)r_3, \dots, (1+\alpha)r_n].$$
(5)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We denote the vector  $\boldsymbol{e}$  as a unitary vector of length n with all elements equal to one. A matrix that is row-stochastic and row-normalized is scaled so the sum of every row is equal to one (that is,  $\sum_{j} s_{i,j} = 1$ ). The scaling factors  $d_i = \sum_{j} h_{i,j}$  define the vector  $\boldsymbol{d} = (d_i)$ , which satisfies the equation  $\boldsymbol{d} = \boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{e}$ . We denote the diagonal matrix  $\boldsymbol{D}_{n \times n}$  as diag( $\boldsymbol{d}$ ) with diagonal entries composed of vector  $\boldsymbol{d} = (d_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .  $\hat{S}^T$  is the transpose of matrix  $\hat{S}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>For example,  $\alpha = 0.15$  corresponds to a damping factor of (0.85)

*Proof.* From Equation 2, the super-node element  $r_0$  is defined based on multiplication as:

$$r_{0} = \sum_{j=0}^{n} \frac{\alpha_{j}}{L_{j} + \alpha_{j}} r_{j}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{n} \alpha r_{j} \text{ (Substitute Equation 4 c:)}$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{j=0}^{n} r_{j}$$

$$= \alpha (1 - r_{0}) \text{ (eigenvector sums to one)}$$

$$(6)$$

therefore,

$$r_0 = \frac{\alpha}{1+\alpha} \tag{7}$$

and we note  $r_0$ , the value of the super node, is a function of the damping factor.

We also note that we can construct a single element from R:

$$\mathbf{R} = \left[\hat{\mathbf{S}}^T\right] \mathbf{R} \tag{8}$$

as follows:

$$r_{i} = \frac{r_{0}}{n} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j} + \alpha_{j}} r_{j}$$

$$= \frac{r_{0}}{n} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{(1 - \alpha)q_{ji}}{L_{j}} r_{j} \text{ (Substitute Equation 4 b:)}$$

$$= \frac{r_{0}}{n} + (1 - \alpha) \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j}} r_{j}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{n(1 + \alpha)} + (1 - \alpha) \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j}} r_{j} \text{ (Substitute Equation 7)}$$

$$(9)$$

Next, we define the PageRank vector from Equation 3

$$\mathbf{R'} = \left[\hat{Q}^T(1-\alpha) + \frac{\alpha}{n}\mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}^T\right]\mathbf{R'}$$
(10)

Therefore, does  $(1 + \alpha)r_i \stackrel{?}{=} r_i'$ . Consider a single element from Equation 10:

$$r'_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left[ (1 - \alpha) \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j}} + \frac{\alpha}{n} \right] r'_{j}$$

$$= (1 - \alpha) \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j}} r'_{j} + \frac{\alpha}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} r'_{j}$$

$$= (1 - \alpha) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j}} r'_{j} + \frac{\alpha}{n} \text{ (sums to one)}$$

$$(11)$$

Substituting Equations 9 and 11:

$$(1+\alpha)r_{i} \stackrel{?}{=} r'_{i}$$

$$(1+\alpha)\left[\frac{\alpha}{n(1+\alpha)} + (1-\alpha)\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j}}r_{j}\right] \stackrel{?}{=} (1-\alpha)\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j}}r'_{j} + \frac{\alpha}{n}$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{n} + (1-\alpha)\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j}}(1+\alpha)r_{j} \stackrel{?}{=} (1-\alpha)\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j}}r'_{j} + \frac{\alpha}{n}$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{n} + (1-\alpha)\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j}}(1+\alpha)r_{j} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\alpha}{n} + (1-\alpha)\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{q_{ji}}{L_{j}}r'_{j}$$

$$(12)$$