

the stochastic, primitive matrix  $\mathbf{G}$  is

$$\mathbf{G} = .9\mathbf{H} + (.9 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + .1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}) \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1/60 & 7/15 & 7/15 & 1/60 & 1/60 & 1/60 \\ 1/6 & 1/6 & 1/6 & 1/6 & 1/6 & 1/6 \\ 19/60 & 19/60 & 1/60 & 1/60 & 19/60 & 1/60 \\ 1/60 & 1/60 & 1/60 & 1/60 & 7/15 & 7/15 \\ 1/60 & 1/60 & 1/60 & 7/15 & 1/60 & 7/15 \\ 1/60 & 1/60 & 1/60 & 11/12 & 1/60 & 1/60 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Google's PageRank vector is the stationary vector of  $\mathbf{G}$  and is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}^T = \begin{matrix} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \begin{pmatrix} .03721 & .05396 & .04151 & .3751 & .206 & .2862 \end{pmatrix}. \end{matrix}$$

The interpretation of  $\pi_1 = .03721$  is that 3.721% of the time the random surfer visits page 1. Therefore, the pages in this tiny web can be ranked by their importance as (4 6 5 2 3 1), meaning page 4 is the most important page and page 1 is the least important page, according to the PageRank definition of importance.

#### 4.6 COMPUTATION OF THE PAGERANK VECTOR

The PageRank problem can be stated in two ways:

1. Solve the following *eigenvector* problem for  $\boldsymbol{\pi}^T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\pi}^T &= \boldsymbol{\pi}^T \mathbf{G}, \\ \boldsymbol{\pi}^T \mathbf{e} &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

2. Solve the following *linear homogeneous system* for  $\boldsymbol{\pi}^T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\pi}^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{G}) &= \mathbf{0}^T, \\ \boldsymbol{\pi}^T \mathbf{e} &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

In the first system, the goal is to find the normalized *dominant left-hand eigenvector* of  $\mathbf{G}$  corresponding to the *dominant eigenvalue*  $\lambda_1 = 1$ . ( $\mathbf{G}$  is a stochastic matrix, so  $\lambda_1 = 1$ .) In the second system, the goal is to find the normalized left-hand null vector of  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{G}$ . Both systems are subject to the normalization equation  $\boldsymbol{\pi}^T \mathbf{e} = 1$ , which insures that  $\boldsymbol{\pi}^T$  is a probability vector. In the example in section 4.5,  $\mathbf{G}$  is a  $6 \times 6$  matrix, so we used Matlab's `eig` command to solve for  $\boldsymbol{\pi}^T$ , then normalized the result (by dividing the vector by its sum) to get the PageRank vector. However, for a web-sized matrix like Google's, this will not do. Other more advanced and computationally efficient methods must be used. Of course,  $\boldsymbol{\pi}^T$  is the stationary vector of a Markov chain with transition matrix  $\mathbf{G}$ , and much research has been done on computing the stationary vector for a general Markov chain. See William J. Stewart's book *Introduction to the Numerical Solution of Markov Chains* [154], which contains over a dozen methods for finding  $\boldsymbol{\pi}^T$ . However, the specific features of the