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Analysis of Large Graphs: Link Analysis, PageRank

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New Topic: Graph Data!

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Apps

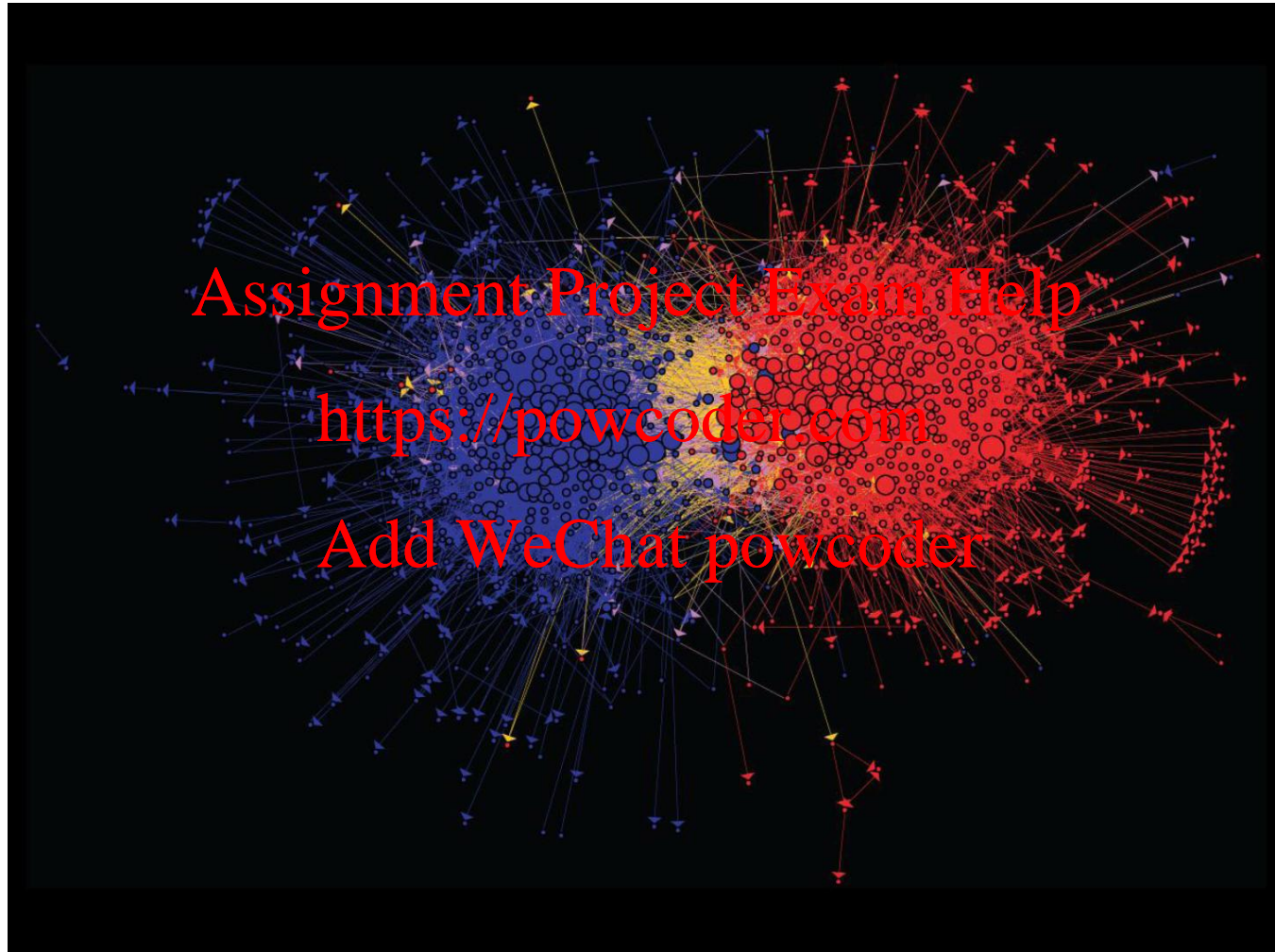
Graph Data: Social Networks



Facebook social graph

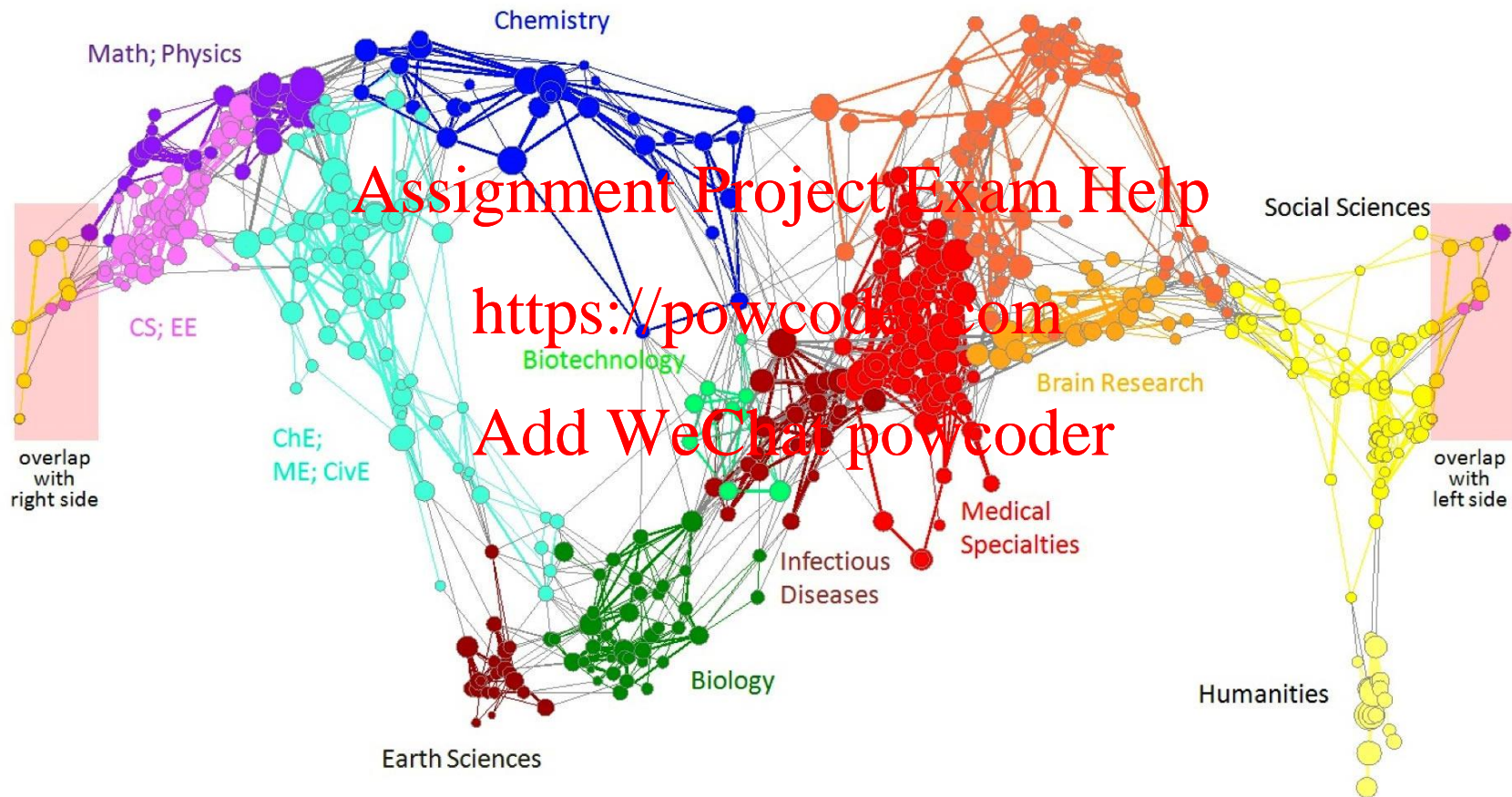
4-degrees of separation [Backstrom-Boldi-Rosa-Ugander-Vigna, 2011]

Graph Data: Media Networks



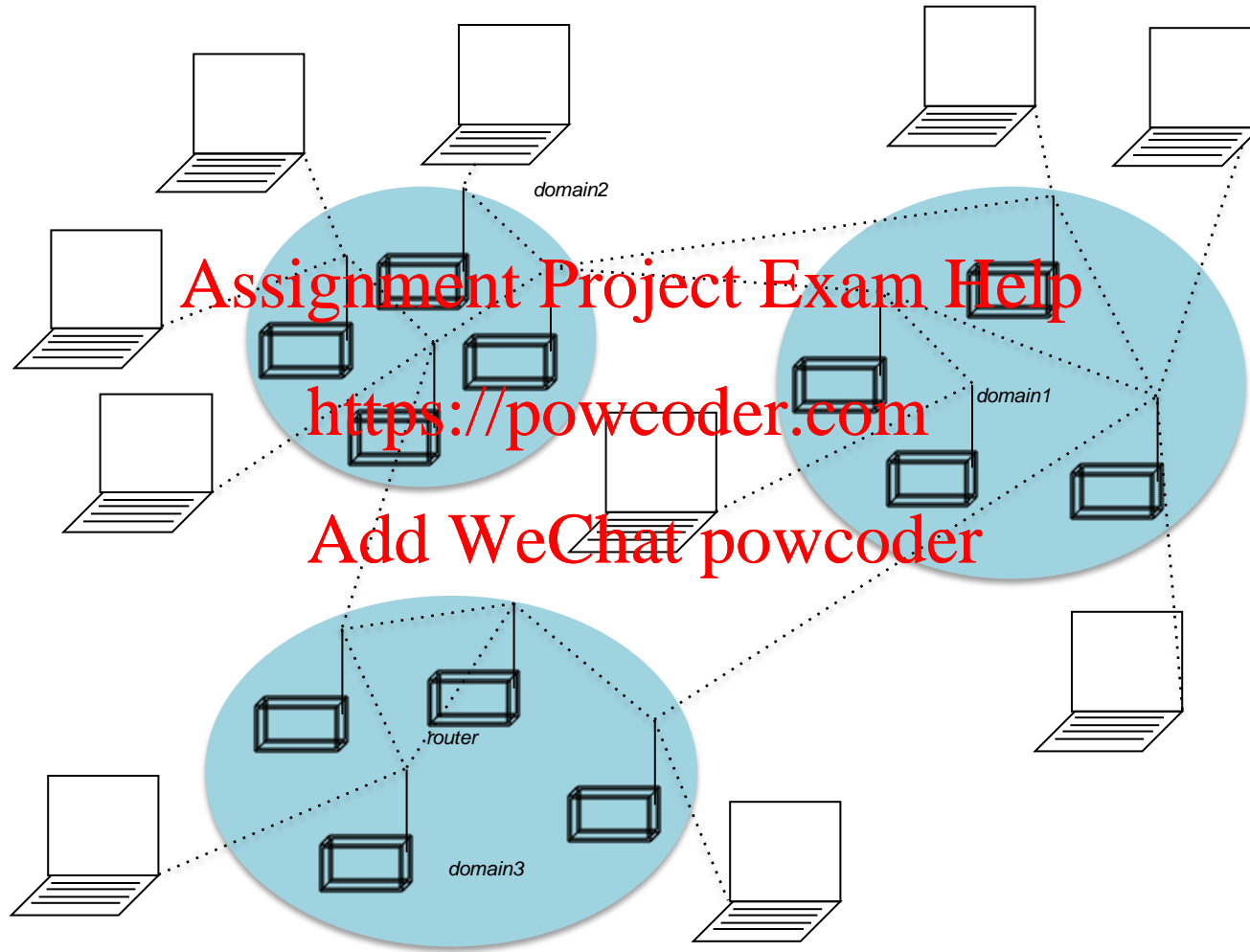
Connections between political blogs
Polarization of the network [Adamic-Glance, 2005]

Graph Data: Information Nets



Citation networks and Maps of science
[Börner et al., 2012]

Graph Data: Communication Nets



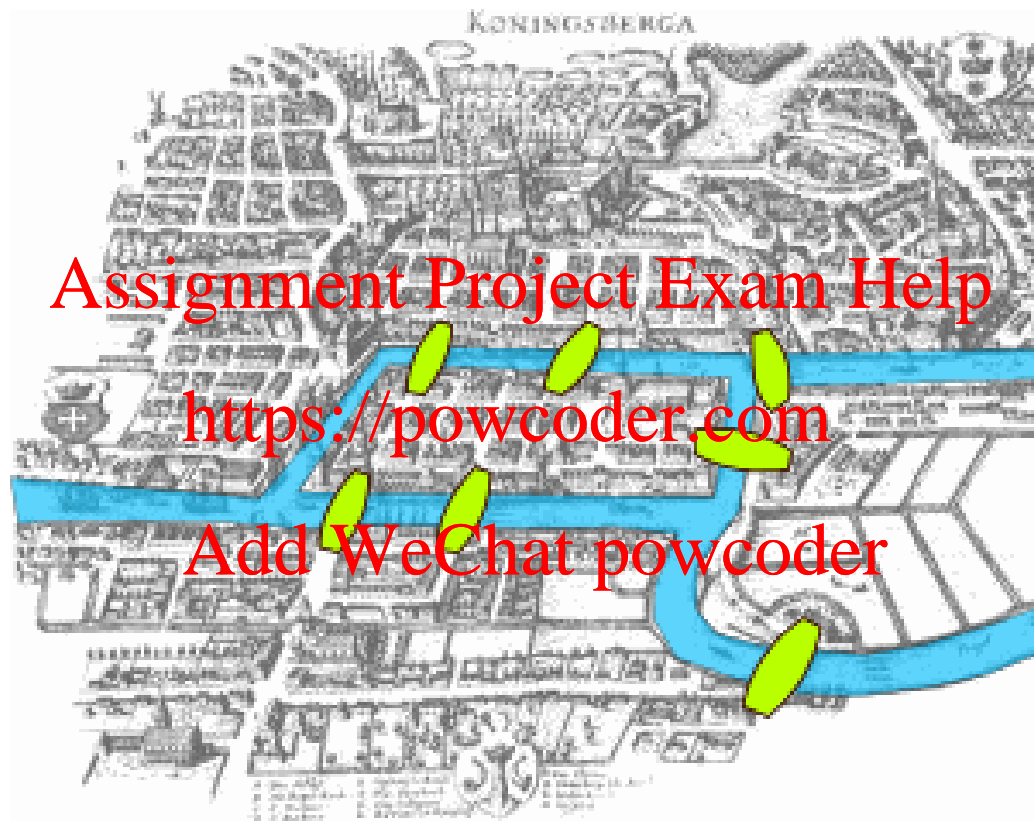
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Graph Data: Technological Networks



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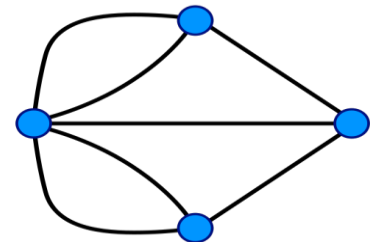
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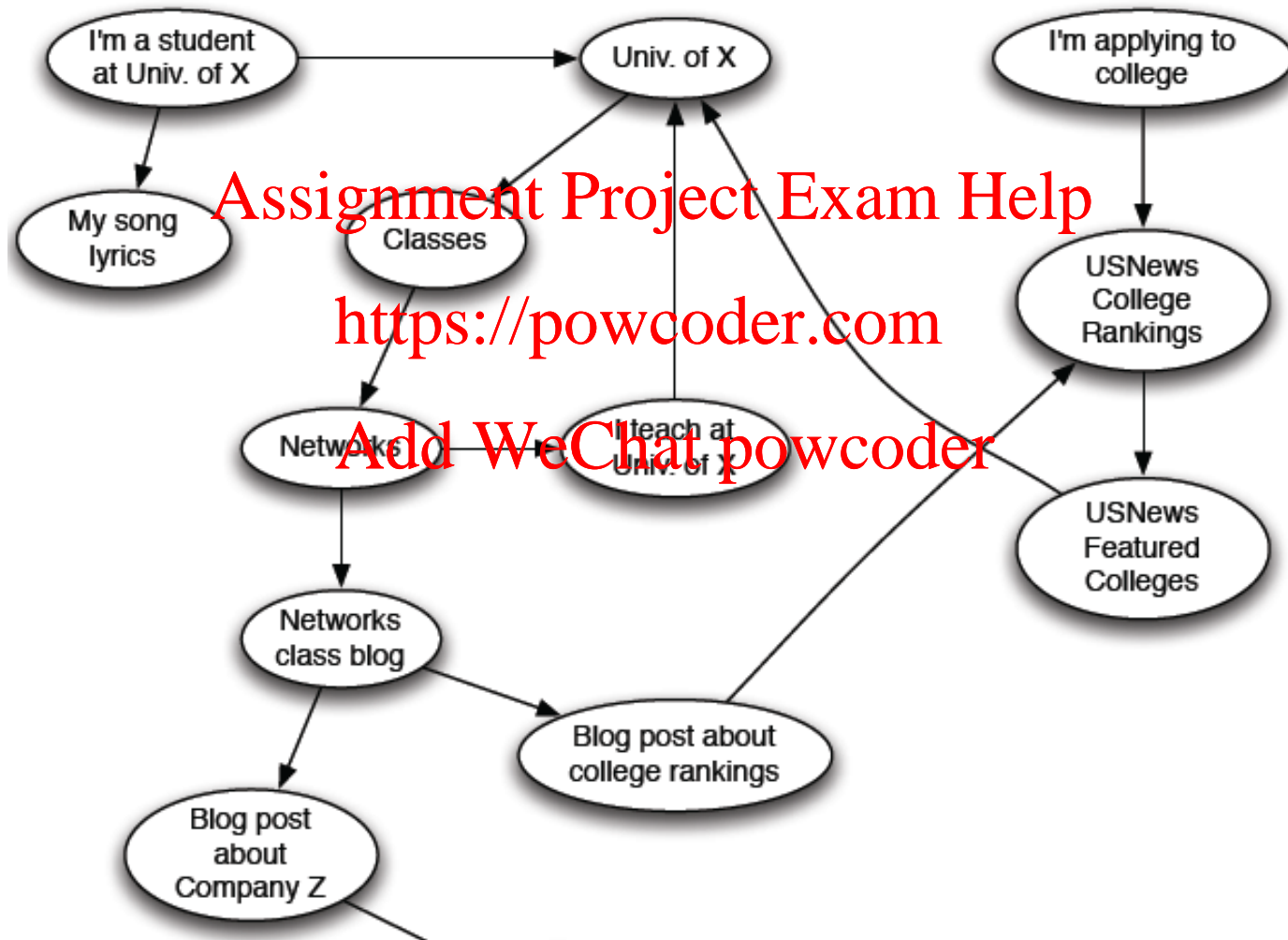
Seven Bridges of Königsberg

[Euler, 1735]

Return to the starting point by traveling each link of the graph once and only once.



Web as a Directed Graph



Broad Question

- **How to organize the Web?**

- **First try: Human curated**

Web directories

- Yahoo, DMOZ, LookSmart

- **Second try: Web Search**

- **Information Retrieval** investigates:

Find relevant docs in a small
and trusted set

- Newspaper articles, Patents, etc.

- **But:** Web is **huge**, full of untrusted documents, random things, web spam, etc.



Web Search: 2 Challenges

2 challenges of web search:

- (1) Web contains many sources of information

Who to “trust”?

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- **Trick:** Trustworthy pages may point to each other!

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- (2) What is the “best” answer to query “newspaper”?

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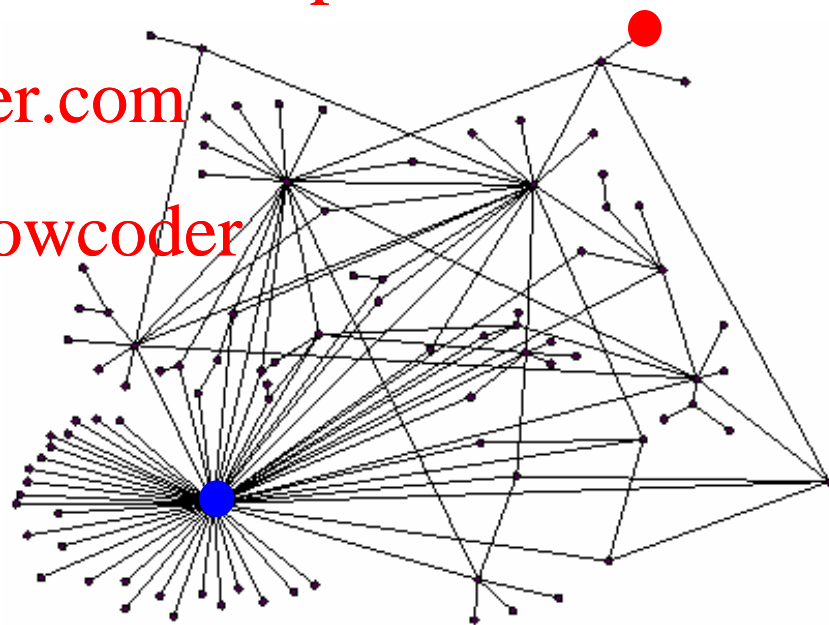
- No single right answer
- **Trick:** Pages that actually know about newspapers might all be pointing to many newspapers

Ranking Nodes on the Graph

- All web pages are not equally “important”

- There is large diversity in the web-graph node connectivity.

Let's rank the pages by the link structure!



Link Analysis Algorithms

- We will cover the following **Link Analysis approaches** for computing **importances of nodes in a graph**

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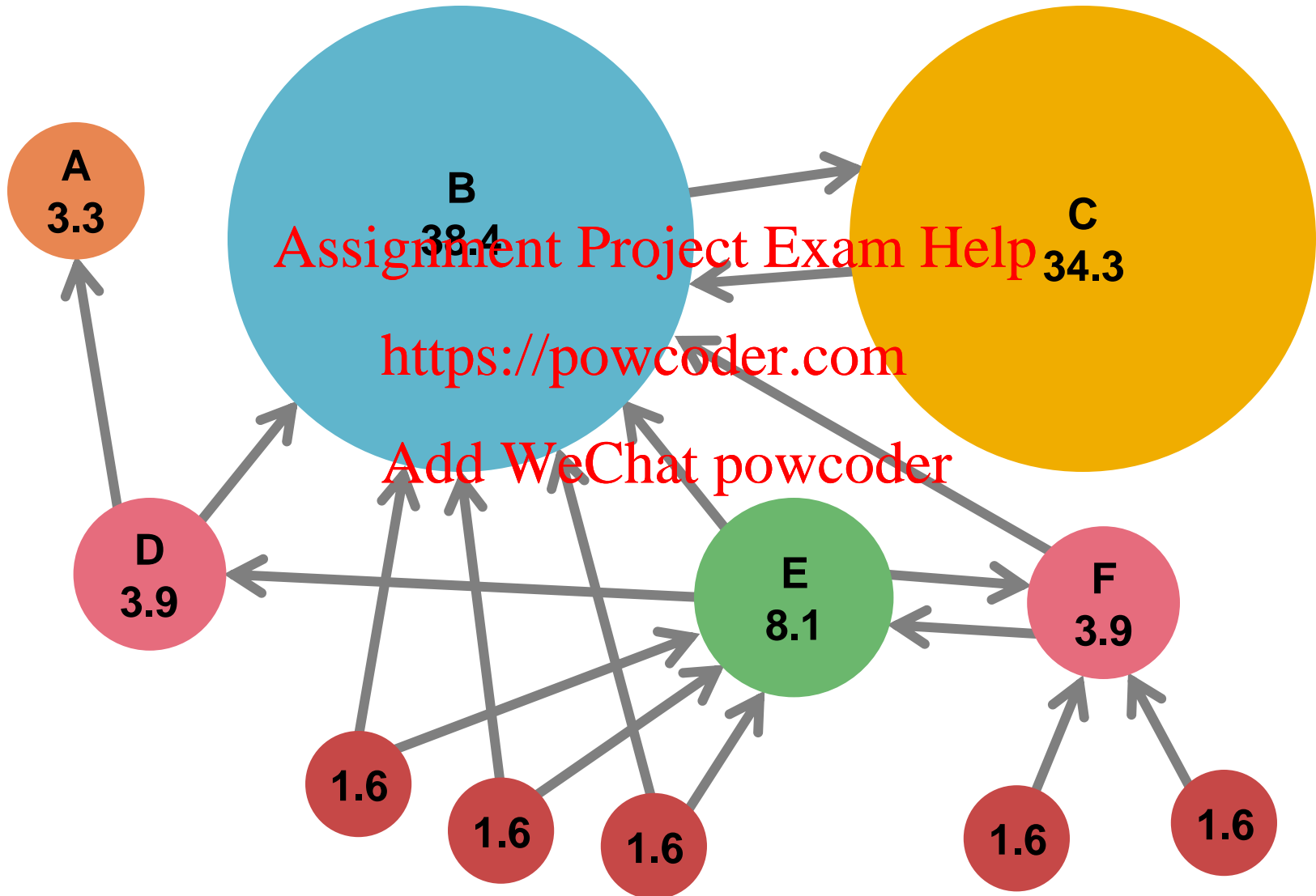
- Page Rank <https://powcoder.com>
- Topic-Specific (Personalized) Page Rank
- Web Spam Detection Algorithms

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Links as Votes

- **Idea: Links as votes**
 - **Page is more important if it has more links**
 - In-coming links? Out-going links?
- **Think of in-links as votes:**
 - **Are all in-links are equal?**
 - **Links from important pages count more**

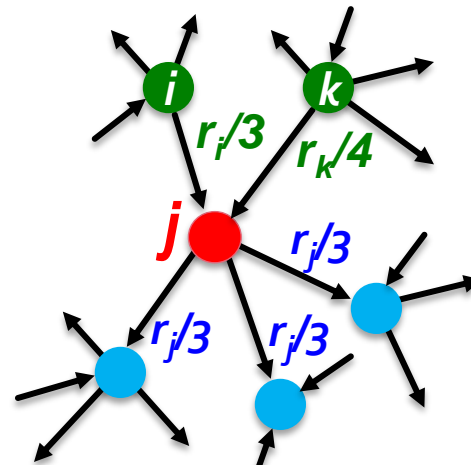
Example: PageRank Scores



Simple Recursive Formulation

- Each link's vote is proportional to the **importance** of its source page
- If page j with importance r_j has n out-links, each link gets r_j/n votes
- Page j 's own importance is the sum of the votes on its in-links

$$r_j = r_i/3 + r_k/4$$

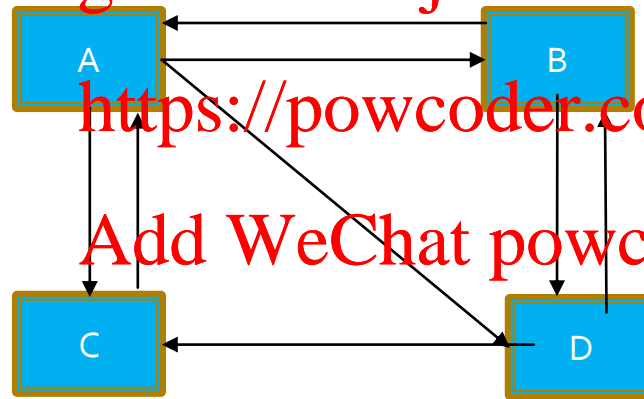


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Link Matrix

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A	0	1	1	0
B	1	0	0	1
C	1	0	0	1
D	1	1	0	0

Transition Matrix

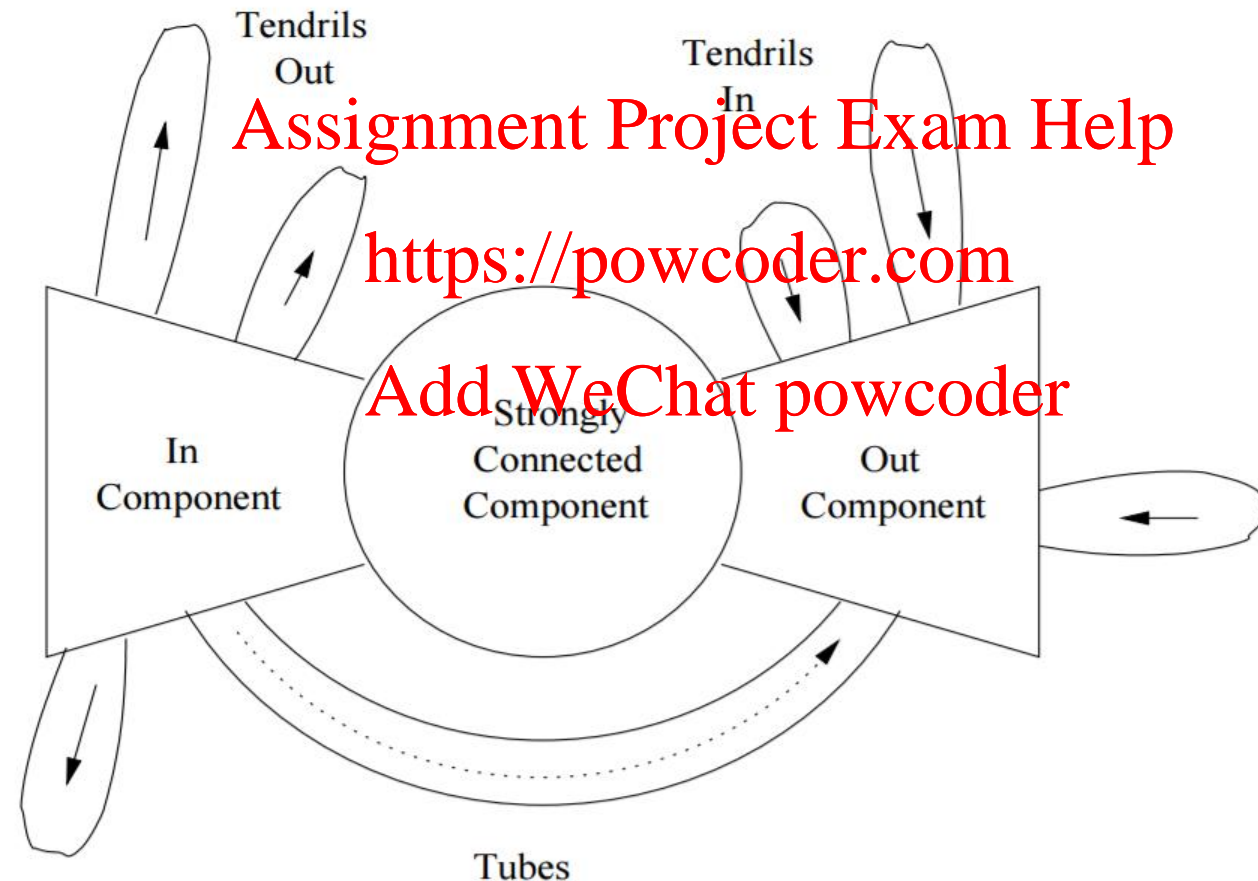
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	A	B	C	D
A	0	1/2	1/1	0
B	1/3	0	0	1/2
C	1/3	0	0	1/2
D	1/3	1/2	0	0

A	0.25
B	0.25
C	0.25
D	0.25

Web structure

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