Page Rank

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Abstract

A page rank results form a mathematical algorithm based on the webgraph, created by all Internet sites as nodes and hyper-links as edges. This rank value indicates an importance of a particular page where a hyper-link to a page counts as a vote of support. The page rank is then defined recursively and depends on the number and page rank metric of all pages that link to it - "incoming links." ie. a page that is linked to by many pages with high page rank receives a high rank itself.

Algorithm 1 PageRank Algorithm

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1: procedure PageRank(G, iteration)
                                        ▷ G: in-link file, iteration: number of iteration
 2:
        d \leftarrow 0.85
        oh \leftarrow G
                                                                      ▷ damping factor: 0.85
 3:
        ih \leftarrow G
                                                                  ⊳ get in-link hash from G
 4:
        N \leftarrow G
                                                            ⊳ get number of pages from G
 5:
        for all p in the graph do
 6:
             opg[p] \leftarrow \frac{1}{N}
 7:
                                                                       ⊳ initialize PageRank
        end for
 8:
        while iteration > 0 do
 9:
             dp \leftarrow 0
10:
             for all p that has no out-links do
11:
                 dp \leftarrow dp + d * \frac{opg[p]}{N} \triangleright \text{get PageRank from pages without out-links}
12:
             end for
13:
             for all p in the graph do
14:
                 npg[p] \leftarrow dp + \frac{1-d}{N} for all ip in ih[p] do
                                                     ⊳ get PageRank from random jump
15:
16:
                     npg[p] \leftarrow npg[p] + \frac{d*opg[ip]}{oh[ip]}
                                                             ⊳ get PageRank from in-links
17:
18:
                 end for
             end for
19:
                                                                          ⊳ update PageRank
             opg \leftarrow npg
20:
             iteration \leftarrow iteration - 1
21:
        end while
22:
23: end procedure
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1 Does the algorithm always terminate?

Page rank will stop iterating when convergence is reached. The algorithm actively checks for and stops on convergence by keeping track of the difference in value between each iteration. After many iterations the algorithm reaches a "steady state" where the page rank of all the pages in the indexed converged. Once this happens the algorithm terminates.