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Preparation and Algorithm

The first step in analysing the graph is to obtain the Markov transition graph. The Markov transition matrix for the graph is as follows:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We need to run the following power iteration algorithm on the above Markov transition matrix:

```
Initialise a random vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^{(0)}$  such that  $\|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^{(0)}\|_2 = 1$ 
for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  do
     $\tilde{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^{(k-1)}$ 
     $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^{(k)} = \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{w}}}{\|\tilde{\mathbf{w}}\|_2}$ 
     $\lambda^{(k)} = (\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^{(k)}$ 
end for
```

The series of steps followed by the Python program is:

1. Build the Markov transition graph \mathbf{M} , using the nodes in the graph.
2. Run the power iteration for a maximum of 100 iterations. Stop the loop if the iteration converges before this. Convergence is measured by taking the 2-norm of the difference of the eigenvectors of successive iterates, i.e. $\|\mathbf{v}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{v}^{(k)}\|_2$.¹
3. The highest and lowest PageRank and their respective nodes are identified and output.
4. The required plots are saved.

Results

Performing power iterations on this matrix, we obtain the following results:

Number of iterations required: 40
Highest PageRank: Node 2 (PageRank: 0.4685)
Lowest PageRank: Node 3 (PageRank: 0.0000)

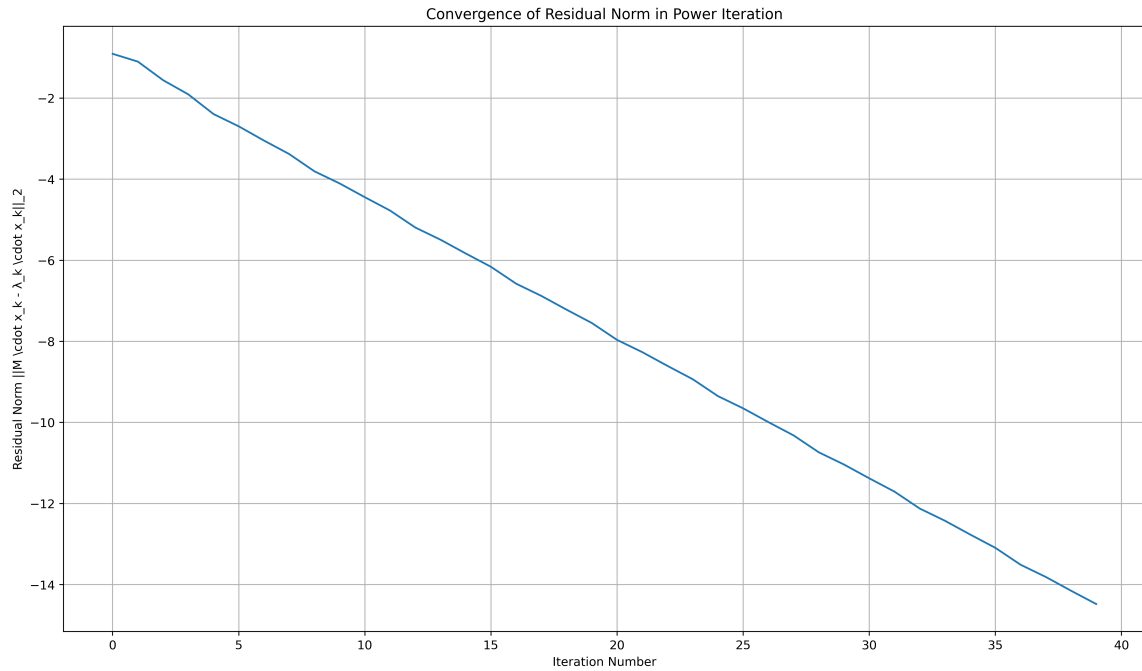
¹For this question, as no tolerance was specified, I decided to use 10^{-6} .

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Plots

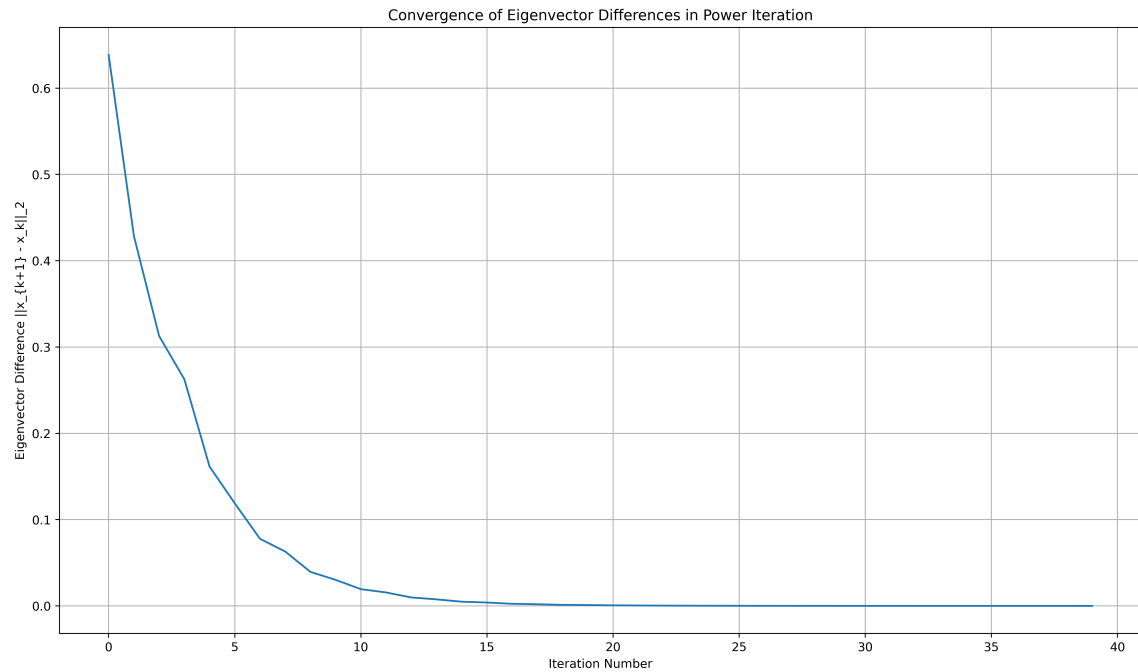
The log plot of the 2-norm of the residual of the eigenvalue problem, i.e. $\log \|\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \lambda^{(k+1)}\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)}\|_2$, is as follows:



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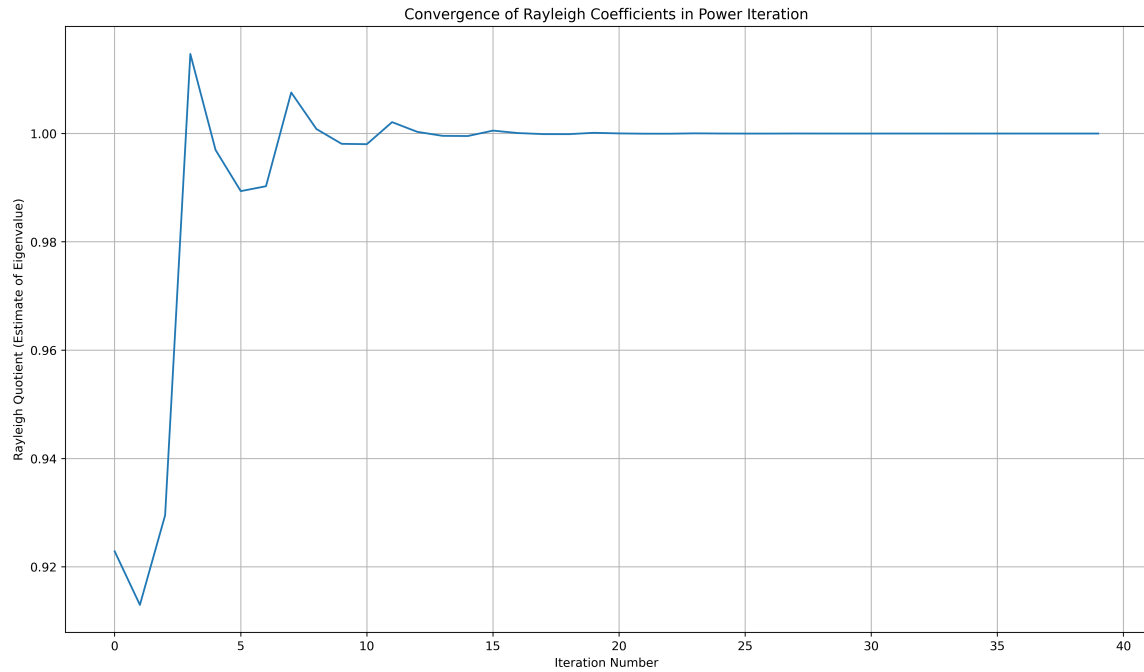
The 2-norm plot of the difference between the vectors of successive iterates, i.e. $\|\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}\|_2$, is as follows:



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The Rayleigh quotient calculated at each stage of the iteration is as follows:



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Code

The Python code is as follows:

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import os
4
5 # --- Build the Markov transition matrix M ---
6 M = np.zeros((10, 10))
7
8 # Outgoing links dictionary: for each node j, list nodes i that j links to.
9 # Interpretation: j -> i for each i in links[j].
10 links = {
11     0: [1, 2], 1: [2, 5], 2: [0, 1], 3: [4], 4: [5, 7],
12     5: [6, 9], 6: [2, 7], 7: [4, 5], 8: [1, 7], 9: [8]
13 }
14
15 # Fill M so each nonzero column j distributes mass uniformly over the
16 # outgoing links of j. For example, if node j points to k_j targets,
17 # each target i receives 1/k_j probability from column j.
18 for j, i_list in links.items():
19     k_j = len(i_list)
20     for i in i_list:
21         M[i, j] = 1.0 / k_j
22
23 # --- Power iteration parameters and initialization ---
24 max_iterations = 100          # hard cap to avoid infinite loops
25 tolerance = 1e-6             # stopping criterion on eigenvector change
26
27 # Random initial vector (nonzero), normalized to unit 2-norm.
28 x_k = np.random.rand(M.shape[0])
29 x_k /= np.linalg.norm(x_k)
30
31 # Containers to store convergence diagnostics for plotting/analysis
32 residuals = []                # ||M x_k - lambda_k x_k||_2
33 eigenvector_differences = []   # ||x_{k+1} - x_k||_2
34 eigenvalues = []              # Rayleigh quotient estimates
35
36 print("Starting power iteration...")
37
38 # --- Power iteration loop ---
39 for k in range(max_iterations):
40     # Apply the matrix and renormalize to keep vector magnitude bounded
41     x_k_plus_1 = M @ x_k
42     x_k_plus_1 /= np.linalg.norm(x_k_plus_1)
43
44     # Rayleigh quotient provides an estimate of the eigenvalue for x_{k+1}
45     eigenval = x_k_plus_1.T @ M @ x_k_plus_1
46     eigenvalues.append(eigenval)
47
48     # Residual norm: measures how well (lambda, x) satisfies the eigen eqn
49     residuals.append(np.log(np.linalg.norm(M @ x_k_plus_1 - eigenval * x_k_plus_1)))
50
51     # Change in eigenvector between iterations (useful stopping metric)
52     eigenvector_differences.append(np.linalg.norm(x_k_plus_1 - x_k))
53
```

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```
54     x_k = x_k_plus_1
55
56     # Check convergence
57     if eigenvector_differences[-1] < tolerance:
58         print(f"\nConverged after {k+1} iterations.")
59         break
60
61     # PageRank interpretation: normalize so components sum to 1 (probability)
62     pagerank_vector = x_k / np.linalg.norm(x_k)
63
64     print(pagerank_vector)
65
66     print(f"Highest PageRank: Node {np.argmax(pagerank_vector)} (Rank:
67     → {np.max(pagerank_vector):.4f})")
68
69     print(f"Lowest PageRank: Node {np.argmin(pagerank_vector)} (Rank:
70     → {np.min(pagerank_vector):.4f})")
71
72     save_dir = r"H:\My Drive\Numerical Linear Algebra\Assignments\Assignment 5"
73     print(f"\nAttempting to save plots to: {save_dir}")
74
75     #Plot 1
76     plt.figure(figsize=(16,9))
77     plt.plot(residuals)
78     plt.title('Convergence of Residual Norm in Power Iteration')
79     plt.xlabel('Iteration Number')
80     plt.ylabel('Residual Norm ||M x_k - lambda_k x_k||_2')
81     plt.grid(True)
82     plt.savefig(os.path.join(save_dir, 'residual_norm.png'), dpi=400)
83
84     #Plot 2
85     plt.figure(figsize=(16,9))
86     plt.plot(eigenvector_differences)
87     plt.title('Convergence of Eigenvector Differences in Power Iteration')
88     plt.xlabel('Iteration Number')
89     plt.ylabel('Eigenvector Difference ||x_{k+1} - x_k||_2')
90     plt.grid(True)
91     plt.savefig(os.path.join(save_dir, 'eigenvector_differences.png'), dpi=400)
92
93     #Plot 3
94     plt.figure(figsize=(16,9))
95     plt.plot(eigenvalues)
96     plt.title('Convergence of Rayleigh Coefficients in Power Iteration')
97     plt.xlabel('Iteration Number')
98     plt.ylabel('Rayleigh Quotient (Estimate of Eigenvalue)')
99     plt.grid(True)
100    plt.savefig(os.path.join(save_dir, 'rayleigh_coefficients.png'), dpi=400)
101
102    print("\nAll plots saved.")
```

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Output

The output of the code is as follows:

```
1 Starting power iteration...
2
3 Converged after 40 iterations.
4 [0.23426054 0.4685212 0.46852117 0.          0.1561738 0.46852112
5  0.23426067 0.31234782 0.23426101 0.23426067]
6 Highest PageRank: Node 1 (Rank: 0.4685)
7 Lowest PageRank: Node 3 (Rank: 0.0000)
8
9 Attempting to save plots to: H:\My Drive\Numerical Linear
  → Algebra\Assignments\Assignment 5
10
11 All plots saved.
```