

**Topics:** finish the random-surfer model; hubs and authorities (Kleinberg, 1998).

**I. Reminder: The “random surfer” model** At the very beginning ( $i = 0$ ), the user picks uniformly at random some document to start looking at. Upon arriving at a document, the user either chooses to follow an existing hyperlink from it, or to randomly jump to any document on the Web. The two cases have probability  $(1 - \epsilon)$  and  $\epsilon$ , respectively, and in either case, the choice among alternatives that then result is made uniformly at random.

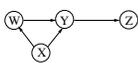
**II. The hubs and authorities algorithm** We consider a simplified<sup>1</sup> and explicitly iterated version here. For a given query, we consider *only* those documents in a *root set*: those documents retrieved by a content-based IR system in response to the query, *plus* those that link to or are linked from the documents that the content-based system produced. We write  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_r$  for the documents in the rootset, so  $r$  is the size of that set. For each  $d_j$  (in the root set), we wish to compute its *authority score*  $A^{(i)}(d_j)$  and its *hub score*  $H^{(i)}(d_j)$ .

1. *Initialization:* For every  $d_j$  in the root set, set  $H^{(0)}(d_j)$  to  $1/r$ .

Let  $i$  be increasing from 1 on, until it's the case that the set of authority and hub scores “converge”:

2. *Compute temporary authority scores:*  
 For every  $d_j$  in the root set, set  $\text{TempA}(d_j)$  to  $\sum_{d_k \text{ in } \text{To}(d_j)} H^{(i-1)}(d_k)$ .
3. *Get the authority scores by sum-normalizing the temporary ones:*  
 Calculate  $\text{authnorm} = \sum_{k=1}^r \text{TempA}(d_k)$ ;  
 then, for every root-set  $d_j$ , set  $A^{(i)}(d_j)$  to  $\text{TempA}(d_j)/\text{authnorm}$ .
4. *Compute temporary hub scores:*  
 For every document  $d_j$  in the root set, set  $\text{TempH}(d_j)$  to  $\sum_{d_k \text{ in } \text{From}(d_j)} A^{(i)}(d_k)$ .
5. *Get the hub scores by sum-normalizing the temporary ones:*  
 Calculate  $\text{hubnorm} = \sum_{k=1}^r \text{TempH}(d_k)$ ;  
 then, for every root-set  $d_j$ , set  $H^{(i)}(d_j)$  to  $\text{TempH}(d_j)/\text{hubnorm}$ .

**III. Example calculations** Convergence has not been reached at the end of the table (you can check).



		W		X		Y		Z	
		auth	(hub)	auth	(hub)	auth	(hub)	auth	(hub)
a.	Init	—	(1/4)	—	(1/4)	—	(1/4)	—	(1/4)
b.	TempAs	1/4	”	0	”	2/4	”	1/4	”
c.	TrueAs	1/4	”	0	”	1/2	”	1/4	”
d.	TempHs	”	(1/2)	”	(3/4)	”	(1/4)	”	(0)
e.	TrueHs	”	(1/3)	”	(1/2)	”	(1/6)	”	(0)
f.	TempAs	1/2	”	0	”	5/6	”	1/6	”
g.	TrueAs	1/3	”	0	”	5/9	”	1/9	”

<sup>1</sup>We're using sum-normalization rather than vector-length-normalization (considering the scores to form the components of a vector) to make (your) calculations a little easier.