

High-Performance Matrix Computations

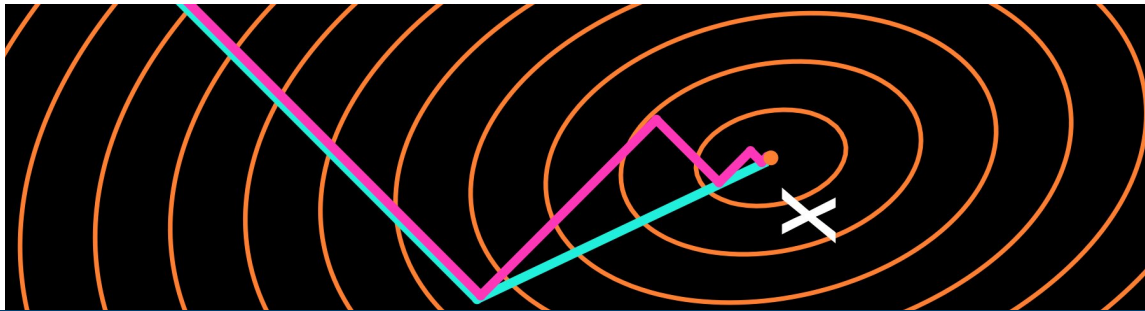
# Sparse Matrix Applications: CG & PageRank

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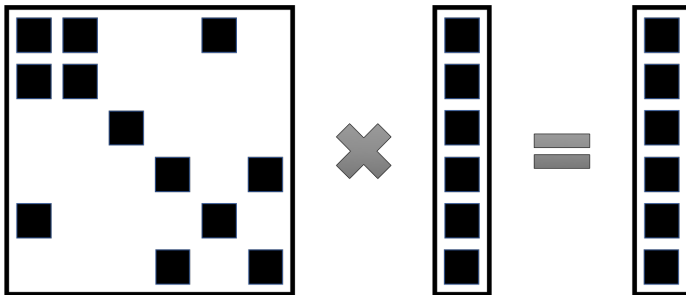
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## Part I: Conjugate Gradient Method

# Sparse Linear Solvers

- Solve sparse linear system ( $Ax = b$ ) in which  $A$  is a sparse matrix
- Variety of direct and iterative methods



# Three classes of linear solvers

The methods to solve linear system  $Ax = b$ , with  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  can be split into three classes

- dense direct solver
  - factor-solve method
  - runtime depends on size; independent of  $A$  and  $b$ , and structure of  $A$
  - work well for  $n$  up to  $10^4$
- sparse direct solver
  - factor-solve based
  - runtime depends on size, sparsity pattern of  $A$ ; (almost) independent of data
  - can work well for  $n$  up to  $10^5$  (or more).
  - requires good heuristic for ordering
- indirect (iterative methods)
  - runtime depends on data ( $A$  and  $b$ ), size, sparsity, desired accuracy
  - requires tuning, preconditioning, . . .
  - good choice in many cases; only chose for  $n = 10^6$  or larger

# Direct solvers vs Iterative solvers

## Direct Solver

- Robust
- Black-box operation
- Difficult to parallelize
- Memory consumption
- Limited scalability

## Iterative Solver

- Breakdown issues
- lots of parameters
- easy to parallelize
- low memory footprint
- scalable

# Some Iterative Solvers

To solve  $Ax = b$  with splitting  $A = L + D + U$ , with a iterate such that  $x_{t+1} = Gx_t + f$ , it converges only with the spectrum radius  $\rho(G) < 1$ .

- **Jacobi method:**  $x_{i+1} = -D^{-1}(L + U)x_t + D^{-1}b$
- **Gauss-Seidel method:**  $x_{i+1} = -(D + L)^{-1}Ux_t + (D + L)^{-1}b$
- **Successive over-relaxation (SSOR):**  
 $x_{i+1} = (D + \omega L)^{-1}[(1 - \omega)D - \omega U]x_t + (D + \omega L)^{-1}(D + L)^{-1}\omega b$

**Krylov Subspace Methods:** CG, GMRES, BiCGstab ...

$$\mathcal{K}_r(A, b) = \text{span}(b, Ab, A^2b, \dots, A^{r-1}b)$$

# Symmetric Positive Definite (s.p.d.) Linear Systems

s.p.d. linear systems

$$Ax = b, \quad A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}, \quad A = A^T, \quad \text{and } x^T Ax > 0 \text{ for all non-zero } x \in \mathcal{R}^n$$



# CG overview

- invented by Hestenes and Stiefel in 1952 as a direct method
- Solve s.p.d. linear system
- Theoretically, converge in  $n$  iterations
- Each iteration includes a matrix-vector multiply and a few inner products
- If  $A$  is dense, each step costs  $n^2$ , so total cost is  $n^3$ , same as direct method
- get advantage over dense with a cheaper matrix-vector product operation (SpMV)
- It can work poorly in reality due to round-off error
- for "good" linear systems, can get approximation in far less than  $n$  iterations.

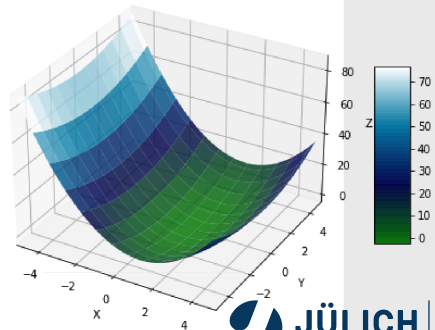
# CG methodology

## Idea

- $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x$
- $r = b - Ax$
- $-\nabla f = Ax - b = r$  with  $A$  s.p.d.

→ Find  $x$  s.t  $Ax = b \Leftrightarrow$  Find  $x$  s.t  $f(x)$  is minimum

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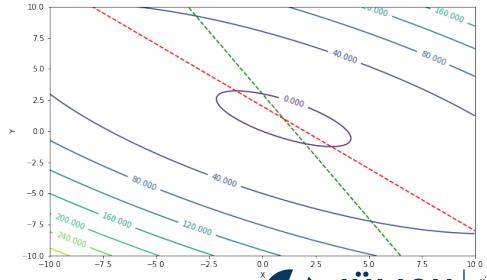
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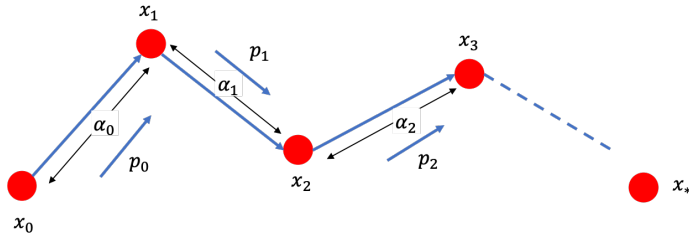


# CG methodology

## Method

Given  $x_0$  as a starting point:

- **Searching iterate:**  $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$
- **Search direction:**  $p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots$
- **Step length:**  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$



# How to determine step length $\alpha_k$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$$

For a given  $x_k$  and a given direction  $p_k$ , find  $\alpha$  s.t  $f(x)$  is minimized

$$\frac{df(x_{k+1})}{d\alpha} = [\nabla f(x_{k+1})]^T \frac{dx_{k+1}}{d\alpha} = -r_{k+1}^T \frac{dx_{k+1}}{d\alpha} = -r_{k+1}^T p_k \Rightarrow -r_{k+1}^T p_k = 0$$

$$-r_{k+1}^T p_k = 0 \Rightarrow (b - Ax_{k+1})^T p_k = 0 \Rightarrow (b - A(x_k + \alpha p_k))^T p_k = 0 \Rightarrow (r_k - \alpha A p_k)^T p_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_k = \frac{r_k^T p_k}{p_k^T A p_k}$$

# How to pick search direction $p$

Gradient Descent Method:  $p_k = -\nabla f(x_k) = r_k$

## Gradient Descent Algorithm

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for  $k = 0, \dots, \text{maxIter} - 1$  do  
   $r = b - Ax$   
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    exit loop  
  end if  
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## Conjugate Gradient Method

given  $x_0$ ,  $p_0 = -\nabla f = r$  ( $r$  is the gradient of  $f$ )

given  $x_k$ ,  $p_{k+1} = r_{k+1} + \beta_k p_k$ , in which  $p_{k+1}$  and  $p_k$  are A-conjugate ( $p_{k+1}^T A p_k = \langle p_{k+1}, p_k \rangle_A = 0$ )

$$\langle p_{k+1}, p_k \rangle_A = p_{k+1}^T A p_k = (r_{k+1} + \beta_k p_k)^T A p_k = 0$$

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- $r_0, r_1, r_2, \dots$ : Orthogonal
- $p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots$ : A-orthogonal
- $\text{span}(r_0, \dots, r_{k-1}) = \text{span}(p_0, \dots, p_{k-1}) = K(A, r_0)$

# CG algorithm: preliminary version

```

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$$p_0 = r_0$$
for  $k = 0, \dots, \text{maxIter} - 1$  do  
     $\omega_k = Ap_k$   
     $\alpha_k = \frac{r_k^T p_k}{p_k^T \omega_k}$   
     $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$   
     $r_{k+1} = b - Ax_{k+1}$   
    if  $\|r_{k+1}\| < \text{tol}$  then  
        break  
    end if  
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# CG algorithm: economical version

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$$p_0 = r_0$$
for  $k = 0, \dots, \text{maxIter} - 1$  do  
     $\omega_k = Ap_k$   
     $\alpha_k = \frac{r_k^T r_k}{p_k^T \omega_k}$   
     $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$   
     $r_{k+1} = r_k - \alpha_k \omega_k$   
    if  $\|r_{k+1}\| < \text{tol}$  then  
        break  
    end if  
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# CG: $4 \times 4$ matrix

Example: Solve

Exact solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 12 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 14 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 9 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 31 \\ -10 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

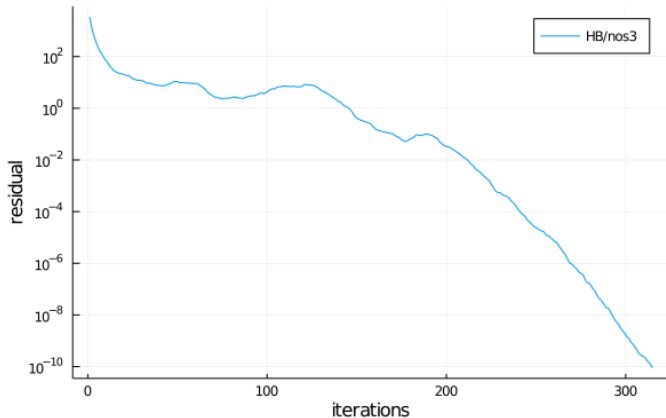
$$x^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

	k=0	k=1	k=2	k=3	k=4
$x_0$	0	0.545014	1.007874	1.000058	1.000000
$x_1$	0	2.111929	2.008764	1.999956	2.000000
$x_2$	0	-0.681267	-0.984438	-1.000113	-1.000000
$x_3$	0	1.021901	1.026010	1.000067	1.000000
$  r_k  $	36.742346	5.553680	0.328046	0.001235	0.000000

# CG example 1: HB/nos3

960 × 960 symmetric matrix, FE for Biharmonic operator on Plate

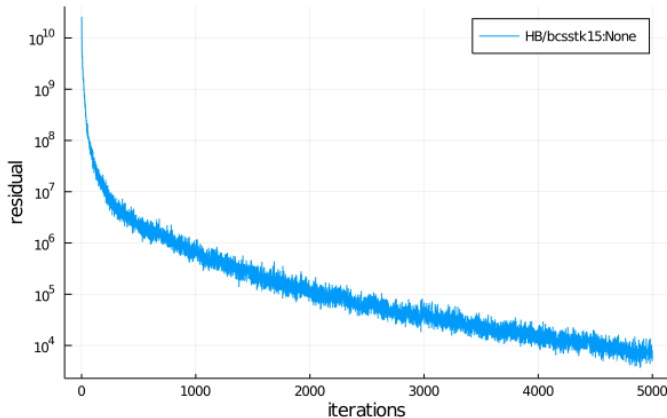
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# CG example 2: HB/bcsstk15

3948 × 3948 matrix - module of an offshore platform

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# Convergence Bounds of CG

Let  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$  be the ordered eigenvalues of a s.p.d.  $A$ :

- $\|X_{t+1} - x_*\|_A^2 \leq \left(\frac{\lambda_{n-t} - \lambda_1}{\lambda_{n-t} + \lambda_1}\right)^2 \|x_0 - x_*\|_A^2$
- $\|X_{t+1} - x_*\|_A^2 \leq 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{\kappa(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa(A)} + 1}\right)^t \|x_0 - x_*\|_A^2$ ,  
where  $\kappa(A) = \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_1}$  is the condition number of  $A$ .

## Important messages:

- Roughly speaking, if the eigenvalues of  $A$  occur in  $r$  distinct clusters, the CG iterates will approximately solve the problem after  $\mathcal{Q}(r)$  steps.
- $A$  with a small condition number (a single cluster of eigenvalues) converges fast
  - e.g., condition number of *nos3* matrix is 37723.6, and the one of *bcsstk15* is  $6.53819e + 09$ .



# Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient algorithm (PCG)

- idea: apply CG after linear change of coordinates  $x = Ty$ , with  $\det(T) \neq 0$
- use standard CG to solve  $T^T A T y = T^T b$ , then  $x^* = T^{-1} y^*$
- $M = T T^T$  is called a preconditioner
- can re-arrange computation so each iteration requires one multiply by  $M$  (and  $A$ ), and no final solve  $x^* = T^{-1} y^*$
- if spectrum of  $T^T A T$  (which is the same as the one of  $MA$ ) is clustered or  $\kappa(A)$  is small, PCG converges fast
  - extreme case:  $M = A^{-1}$ , which makes  $MA$  an identity matrix

# Preconditioned CG: algorithm

with preconditioner  $M \approx A^{-1}$  (hopefully)

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    **break**

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# Some generic preconditioners

For a symmetric positive definite matrix  $A$ , some generic preconditioners are:

- **Jacobi**:  $M = D^{-1}$ , with  $D$  is the diagonal of matrix  $A$
- **SSOR**<sup>1</sup>:  $M = P^{-1}$ , with  $P = (D + L)D^{-1}(D + L)^T$ 
  - $D$  refers to the diagonal of  $A$
  - $L$  refers to the lower triangular part of  $A$
- **Incomplete Cholesky factorization**: use  $M = \hat{A}^{-1}$ , where  $\hat{A} = \hat{L}\hat{L}^T$  is an approximation of  $A$  with cheap Cholesky factorization
  - Compute  $\hat{A} = \hat{L}\hat{L}^T$ 
    - $\hat{A}$  can be central  $k$  wide band of  $A$
    - $\hat{L}$  obtained by sparse Cholesky factorization of  $A$ , ignoring small elements in  $A$ , or refusing to create excessive fill-in.
  - at each iteration, compute  $Mz = \hat{L}^{-T}\hat{L}^{-1}z$  with forward/backward substitution

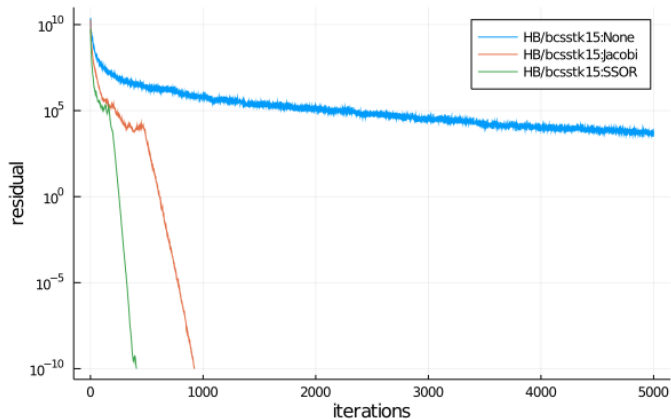
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<sup>1</sup>Symmetric successive over-relaxation

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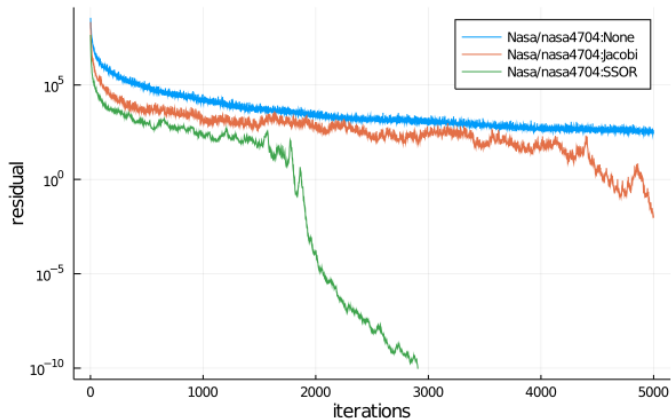
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# PCG example 2: Nasa/nasa4704

4704  $\times$  4704 matrix - from NASA Langley

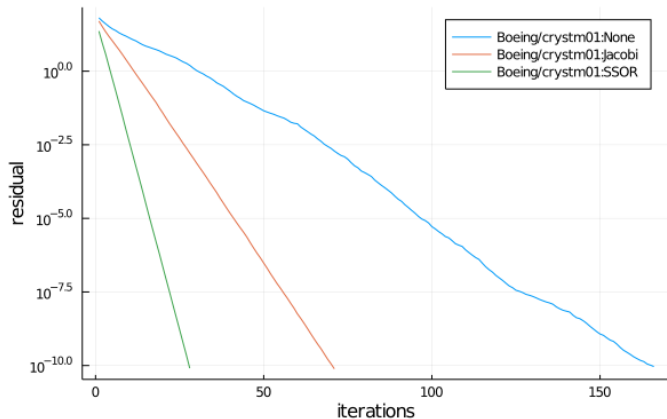
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# PCG example 3: Boeing/crystm01

4875 × 4875 FEM Crystal free vibration mass matrix

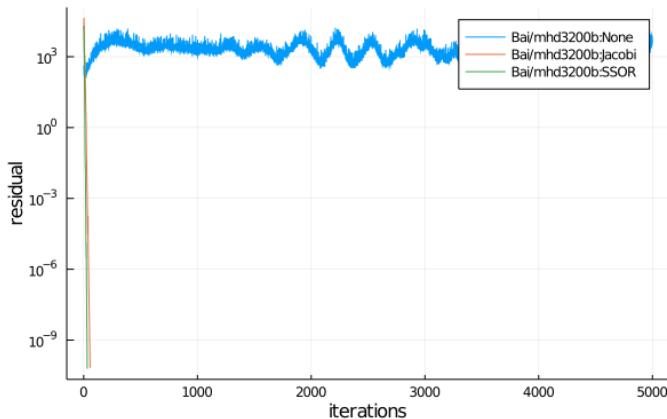
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# PCG example 4: Bai/mhd3200b

$3200 \times 3200$  matrix for Alfvén spectrum in Magnetohydrodynamics

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# Choice of preconditioner

- trade-off between enhanced convergence, and extra cost of multiplication by  $M$  at each step
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This strategy of this trade-off will be demonstrated in **homework 1** by exercises

# (P)CG summary

- in theory (with exact arithmetic) converges to solution in  $n$  steps
  - the bad news: due to numerical round-off errors, can take more than  $n$  steps (or fail to converge)
  - the good news: with luck (i.e., good spectrum of  $A$ ), can get good approximate solution in  $\ll n$  steps
- each step requires  $v \rightarrow Av$  multiplication
  - can exploit a variety of structure in  $A$
  - in many cases, never form or store the matrix  $A$  explicitly
- A good choice of preconditioner will significantly speedup the solving procedure
- compared to direct (factor-solve) methods, CG is less reliable, data dependent; often requires good (problem-dependent) preconditioner
- but, when it works, can solve extremely large systems



## Part II: PageRank Method

# Problem Statement

Not all web pages are equally "important".

- <https://www.bbc.com> (BBC)

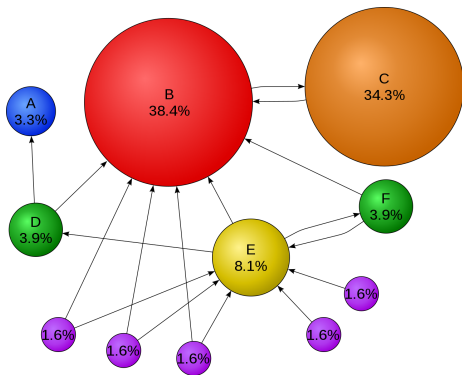
vs

- <https://brunowu.github.io> (My personal webpage)

PageRank (PR):

- an algorithm used by Google Search to rank web pages in their search engine results
  - measuring the importance of webpages..
- introduced by Larray Page. the co-founder of Google.

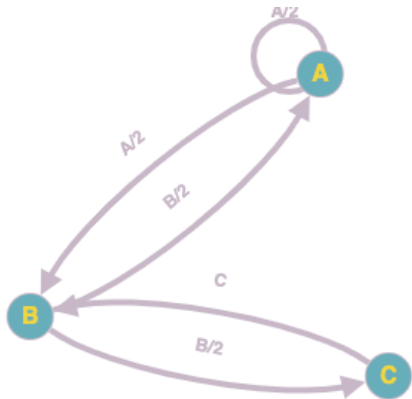
# PageRank: Links as votes



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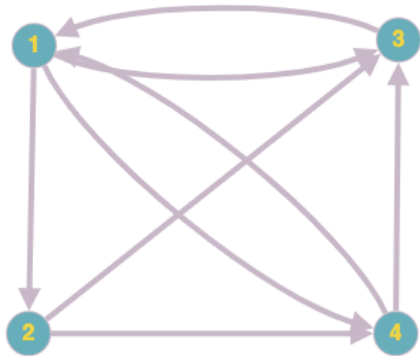
- Links as votes
- In-links as votes
- In-links are not equal:
  - Links from important pages count more
  - Recursive definition

# PageRank: Links as votes



- Each link's vote is proportional to the importance of its source page
- Page  $j$  with importance  $r_j$  has  $n$  outlinks, each link gets  $\frac{r_j}{n}$
- Page's own importance is the sum of the votes on its in-links
  - a "rank"  $r_j$  for page  $j$  is  $r_j = \sum_{i \rightarrow j} \frac{r_i}{d_i}$
  - additional constraint  $\sum_j r_j = 1$

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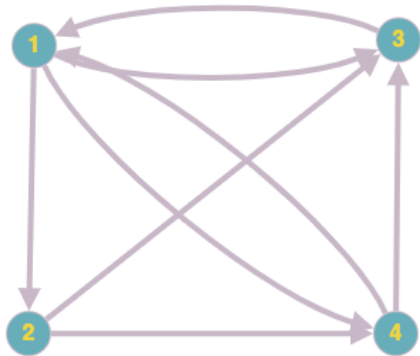


For a stochastic adjacency matrix  $M$

- Page  $i$  has  $d_i$  out-links
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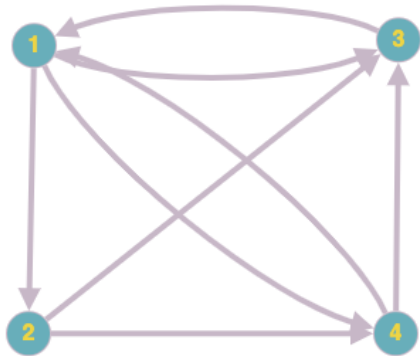
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Adjacency Matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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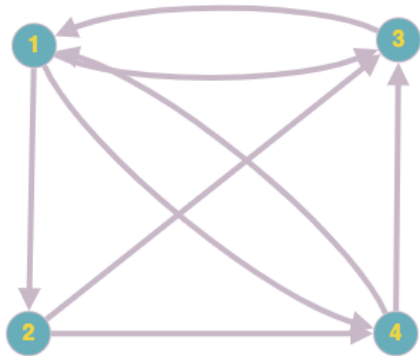
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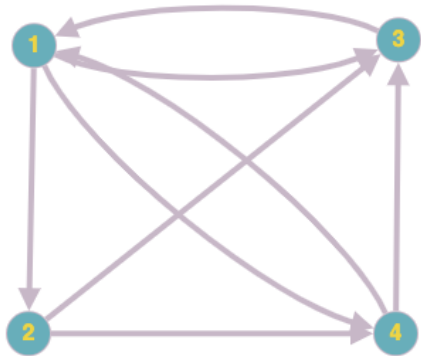


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- To solve it is to find the eigenvectors with corresponding eigenvalue 1
- Luckily, Largest eigenvalue of a stochastic matrix with non-negative entries is 1
- We can use **Power Iteration** method.

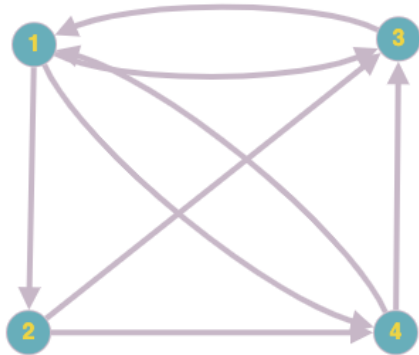
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## Power iteration method to solve PageRank graph

- At  $t = 0$ , an initial probability distribution  $V$  is randomly generated.
- At each time step, the computation,  $r_{t+1} = Mr_t$
- Convergence is assumed when  $|V_{t+1} - V_t| < \epsilon$  for some small  $\epsilon$ .

The most important kernel of this solver is  $r_{t+1} = Mr_t$ , SpMV.

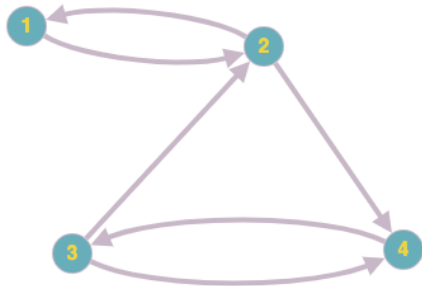
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Try to interpret the result

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.39 \\ 0.13 \\ 0.29 \\ 0.19 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Spider traps

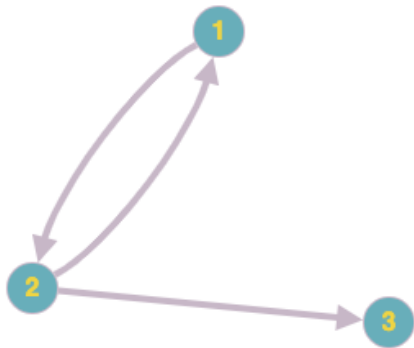


all out-links are within a group

- Random walk gets “stuck” in a trap
- it absorbs all importance

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } \begin{pmatrix} 0.142 \\ 0.286 \\ 0.286 \\ 0.286 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Dead ends



all out-links are within a group

- "No where to go" for some random walk
- "leaking" the importance

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } \begin{pmatrix} 0.0 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Google's solution: introducing a Damping factor

a "rank "  $r_j$  of a webpage  $j$  with a damping factor  $\beta$

$$r_j = \sum_{i \rightarrow j} \beta \frac{r_i}{d_i} + (1 - \beta) \frac{1}{N}$$

At each time step, the random surfer has two options:

- follow a link at random with probability  $\beta$
- jump to some random page with probability  $1 - \beta$
- Common value for  $\beta$  is between 0.8 and 0.9

**Try the PageRank with Damping factor in the homework.**

# PageRank Summary

- "Normal" PageRank
- Topic-specific PageRank (Personalized PageRank)
- Random walk with restarts

# Homework

- CG: `./tasks/homework-1/LinearSolver.ipynb`
- PageRank: `./tasks/homework-2/PageRank.ipynb`