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IIR 21: Link Analysis

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Applications of clustering in IR

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Application	What is clustered?	Benefit	Example
Search result clustering	search results	more effective infor- mation presentation to user	
Scatter-Gather	(subsets of) collection	alternative user inter- face: "search without typing"	
Collection clustering	collection	effective information presentation for ex- ploratory browsing	McKeown et al. 2002, news.google.com
Cluster-based retrieval	collection	higher efficiency: faster search	Salton 1971

K-means algorithm

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K-MEANS(\{\vec{x}_1,\ldots,\vec{x}_N\},K)
   1 (\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \dots, \vec{s}_K) \leftarrow \text{SELECTRANDOMSEEDS}(\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_N\}, K)
  2 for k \leftarrow 1 to K
   3 do \vec{\mu}_k \leftarrow \vec{s}_k
         while stopping criterion has not been met
   5
         do for k \leftarrow 1 to K
   6
               do \omega_k \leftarrow \{\}
               for n \leftarrow 1 to N
   8
               do j \leftarrow \operatorname{arg\,min}_{i'} |\vec{\mu}_{i'} - \vec{x}_n|
                     \omega_i \leftarrow \omega_i \cup \{\vec{x}_n\} (reassignment of vectors)
   9
               for k \leftarrow 1 to K
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               do \vec{\mu}_k \leftarrow \frac{1}{|\omega_k|} \sum_{\vec{x} \in \omega_k} \vec{x} (recomputation of centroids)
 11
         return \{\vec{\mu}_1, \dots, \vec{\mu}_K\}
 12
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Initialization of K-means

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- Random seed selection is just one of many ways K-means can be initialized.
- Random seed selection is not very robust: It's easy to get a suboptimal clustering.
- Better heuristics:
 - Select seeds not randomly, but using some heuristic (e.g., filter out outliers or find a set of seeds that has "good coverage" of the document space)
 - Use hierarchical clustering to find good seeds (next class)
 - Select i (e.g., i = 10) different sets of seeds, do a K-means clustering for each, select the clustering with lowest RSS

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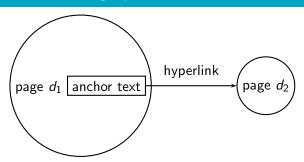
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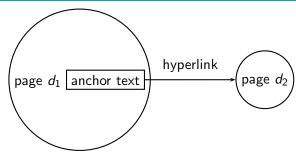
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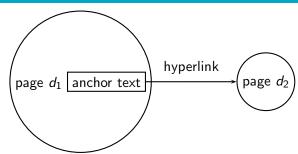


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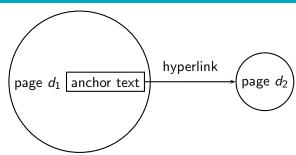
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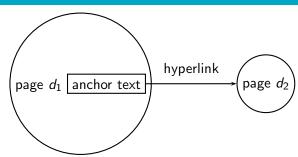


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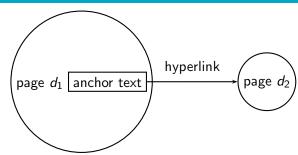
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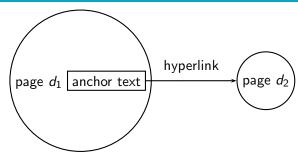
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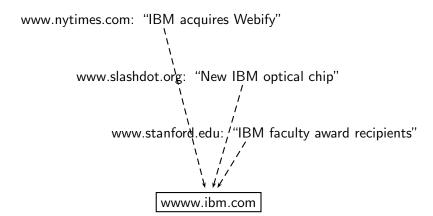
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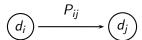
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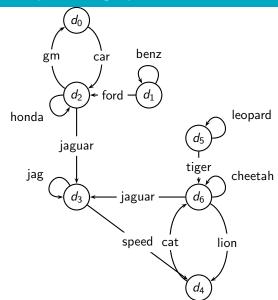
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- Clearly, for all i, $\sum_{i=1}^{N} P_{ii} = 1$



Example web graph



Link matrix for example

	d_0	d_1	d_2	d_3	d_4	d_5	d_6
d_0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
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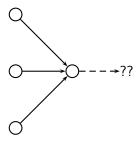
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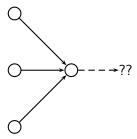
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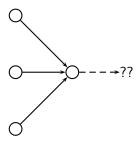


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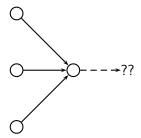
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- More generally, we require that the Markov chain be ergodic.

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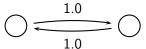
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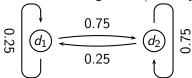
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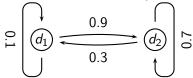
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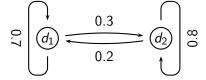
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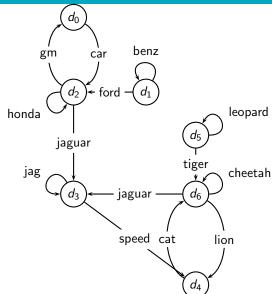
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d_3	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.45	0.45	0.02	0.02
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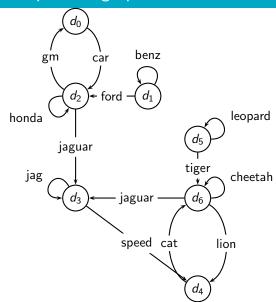
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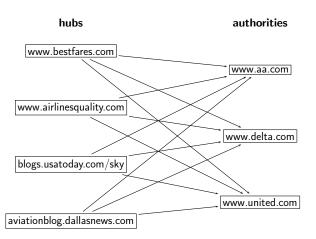
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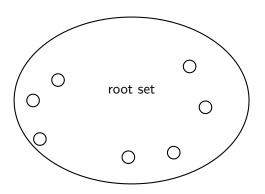
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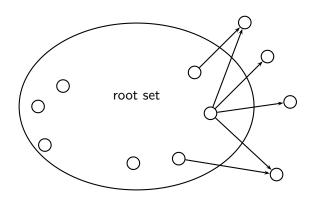
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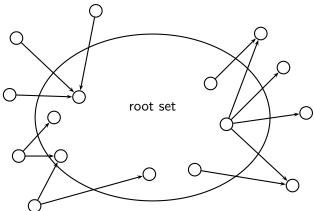
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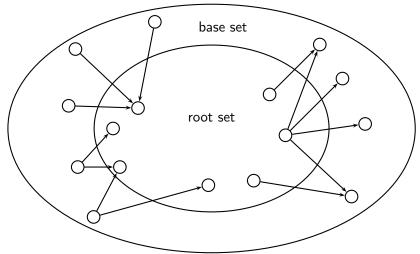
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- www.webring.org/cgi-bin/webring?ring=chbulls 1.24 "Erin's Chicago Bulls Page"
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- www.nobull.net/web_position/kw-search-15-M2.htm 0.52 "Excite Search Results: bulls"
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Official Website Links:

Chicago Bulls (official site) http://www.nba.com/bulls/

Fan Club - Fan Site Links:

Chicago Bulls

Chicago Bulls Fan Site with Bulls Blog, News, Bulls Forum, Wallpapers and all your basic Chicago Bulls essentials!!

http://www.bullscentral.com

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The place to be for news and views on the Chicago Bulls and NBA Basketball! http://chi-bulls.blogspot.com

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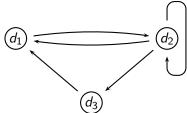
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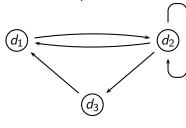
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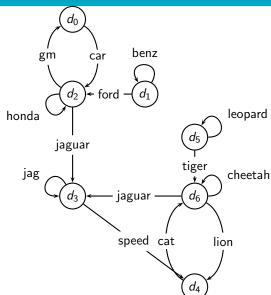
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- HITS and PageRank both formalize link analysis as eigenvector problems.

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Raw matrix A for HITS

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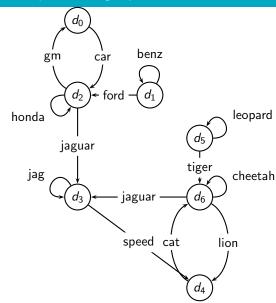
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d_0	0.14	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
d_1	0.14	0.08	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04
d_2	0.14	0.28	0.32	0.33	0.33	0.33
d_3	0.14	0.14	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.18
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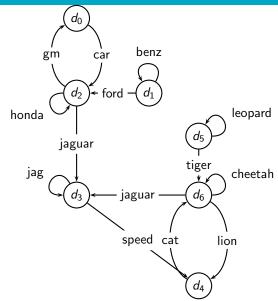
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Take-away today

- Anchor text: What exactly are links on the web and why are they important for IR?
- Citation analysis: the mathematical foundation of PageRank and link-based ranking
- PageRank: the original algorithm that was used for link-based ranking on the web
- Hubs & Authorities: an alternative link-based ranking algorithm

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Resources

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- Chapter 21 of IIR
- Resources at http://cislmu.org
 - American Mathematical Society article on PageRank (popular science style)
 - Jon Kleinberg's home page (main person behind HITS)
 - A Google bomb and its defusing
 - Google's official description of PageRank: PageRank reflects our view of the importance of web pages by considering more than 500 million variables and 2 billion terms. Pages that we believe are important pages receive a higher PageRank and are more likely to appear at the top of the search results.