Link Analysis

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Structured v.s. unstructured data

• Our claim before
  – IR v.s. DB = unstructured data v.s. structured data
• As a result, we have assumed
  – Document = a sequence of words
  – Query = a short document
  – Corpus = a set of documents

However, this assumption is not accurate...
A typical web document has

**Title**

Windows Phone, The PC Market, And Global Smartphone Shipments

**Body**

Windows Phone sales aren't doing well. According to the [latest IDC data](#), 7.4 million Windows Phone units shipped in the second quarter of 2014. That's down from 8.2 million in the year-ago quarter.

Microsoft's smartphone platform saw its market share fall from 3.4 percent to 2.5 percent in the year period. In comparison, the larger smartphone market grew from 240.5 million units in the second quarter of 2013, to 301.3 million units in the second quarter of 2014.

So, as the smartphone market grew, Windows Phone shrunk.

The 300 million smartphone number is interesting, as the 300 million unit mark is a notable milestone for something else: yearly PC shipments. As PC sales have declined, the market for the computing segment has reached something akin to stability at the 300 million per year rate. This means that smartphones are now about
How does a human perceive a document’s structure
Intra-document structures

- Title
- Concise summary of the document
- Paragraph 1
- Likely to be an abstract of the document
- Paragraph 2
- ... They might contribute differently for a document’s relevance!
- Images
- Visual description of the document
- Anchor texts
- References to other documents
Exploring intra-document structures for retrieval

Intuitively, we want to give different weights to the parts to reflect their importance.

In vector space model? Weighted TF

Think about query-likelihood model…

Select \( D_j \) and generate a query word using \( D_j \)

\[
p(Q \mid D, R) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(w_i \mid D, R)
\]

\[
= \prod_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{k} s(D_j \mid D, R) p(w_i \mid D_j, R)
\]

“part selection” prob. Serves as weight for \( D_j \)

Can be estimated by EM or manually set
Inter-document structure

- Documents are no longer independent

Source: https://wiki.digitalmethods.net/Dmi/WikipediaAnalysis
What do the links tell us?

• Anchor
  – Rendered form
    
    Barack Hussein Obama II (US /ˈbærək hooˈsərn əˈbaːma/; UK / ˈbærək hooˈsərn əˈbaːma/; born August 4, 1961) is the 44th and current President of the United States, and the first African American to hold the office. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Obama is a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School, where he served as president of the Harvard Law Review. He was a community organizer in Chicago before earning his law degree. He worked as a civil rights attorney and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School from 1992 to 2004. He served three terms representing the 13th District in the Illinois Senate from 1997 to 2004, running unsuccessfully for Illinois Senate career of Barack Obama in 2000.
  
  – Original form
    
    " from 1992 to 2004. He "
    
    <a href="/wiki/Illinois_Senate_career_of_Barack_Obama" title="Illinois Senate career of Barack Obama">served three terms</a> representing the 13th District in the "
    
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What do the links tell us?

• Anchor text
  – How others describe the page
    • E.g., “big blue” is a nick name of IBM, but never found
      on IBM’s official web site
  – A good source for query expansion, or can be
directly put into index
What do the links tell us?

• Linkage relation
  – Endorsement from others – utility of the page

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Analogy to citation network

• Authors cite others’ work because
  – A conferral of authority
    • They appreciate the intellectual value in that paper
  – There is certain relationship between the papers

• Bibliometrics
  – A citation is a vote for the usefulness of that paper
  – Citation count indicates the quality of the paper
    • E.g., # of in-links
Situation becomes more complicated in the web environment

• Adding a hyperlink costs almost nothing
  – Taken advantage by web spammers
    • Large volume of machine-generated pages to artificially increase “in-links” of the target page
    • Fake or invisible links

• We should not only consider the count of in-links, but the quality of each in-link
  – PageRank
  – HITS
Link structure analysis

• Describes the characteristic of network structure

• Reflect the utility of web documents in a general sense

• An important factor when ranking documents
  – For learning-to-rank
  – For focused crawling
Recall how we do web browsing

1. Mike types a URL address in his Chrome’s URL bar;
2. He browses the content of the page, and follows the link he is interested in;
3. When he feels the current page is not interesting or there is no link to follow, he types another URL and starts browsing from there;
4. He repeats 2 and 3 until he is tired or satisfied with this browsing activity
PageRank

- A random surfing model of web
  1. A surfer begins at a random page on the web and starts random walk on the graph
  2. On current page, the surfer uniformly follows an out-link to the next page
  3. When there is no out-link, the surfer uniformly jumps to a page from the whole collection
  4. Keep doing Step 2 and 3 forever
PageRank

A measure of web page popularity
- Probability of a random surfer who arrives at this web page
- Only depends on the linkage structure of web pages

Transition matrix
\[ M = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix} \]

Random walk
\[ p_t(d) = \alpha M^T p_{t-1}(d) + \frac{(1 - \alpha)}{N} p_{t-1}(d) \]

\( \alpha \): probability of random jump
\( N \): # of pages
Theoretic model of PageRank

- Markov chains
  - A discrete-time stochastic process
    - It occurs in a series of time-steps in each of which a random choice is made
  - Can be described by a directed graph or a transition matrix

\[
M = \begin{pmatrix}
0.6 & 0.2 & 0.2 \\
0.3 & 0.4 & 0.3 \\
0 & 0.3 & 0.7
\end{pmatrix}
\]

A first-order Markov chain for emotion
Markov chains

• Markov property
  
  - $P(X_{n+1} | X_1, \ldots, X_n) = P(X_{n+1} | X_n)$
  - Memoryless (first-order)

• Transition matrix
  
  - A stochastic matrix
    
    - $\forall i, \sum_j M_{ij} = 1$
    
    - Key property
      
      - It has a principal left eigenvector corresponding to its largest eigenvalue, which is one

Idea of random surfing

Mathematical interpretation of PageRank score
Theoretic model of PageRank

- Transition matrix of a Markov chain for PageRank

\[ A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \]

1. Enable random jump on dead end

\[ A' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \]

2. Normalization

\[ A'' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \]
Steps to derive transition matrix for PageRank

1. If a row of $A$ has no 1’s, replace each element by $1/N$.
2. Divide each 1 in $A$ by the number of 1’s in its row.
3. Multiply the resulting matrix by $1 - \alpha$.
4. Add $\alpha/N$ to every entry of the resulting matrix, to obtain $M$.

$A$: adjacent matrix of network structure; $\alpha$: dumping factor
PageRank computation becomes

- \( p_t(d) = M^T p_{t-1}(d) \)
  - Assuming \( p_0(d) = \left[ \frac{1}{N}, \ldots, \frac{1}{N} \right] \)
  - Iterative computation (forever?)
    - \( p_t(d) = M^T p_{t-1}(d) = \cdots = (M^T)^t p_0(d) \)
  - Intuition: after enough rounds of random walk, each dimension of \( p_t(d) \) indicates the frequency of a random surfer visiting document \( d \)
  - Question: will this frequency converges to certain fixed, steady-state quantity?
Stationary distribution of a Markov chain

• For a given Markov chain with transition matrix $M$, its stationary distribution of $\pi$ is

$$\forall i \in S, \pi_i \geq 0$$
$$\sum_{i \in S} \pi_i = 1$$

$\pi = M^T \pi$

A probability vector

Random walk does not affect its distribution

– Necessary condition

• Irreducible: a state is reachable from any other state
• Aperiodic: states cannot be partitioned such that transitions happened periodically among the partitions
Markov chain for PageRank

• Random jump operation makes PageRank satisfy the necessary conditions
  1. Random jump makes every node is reachable from any other nodes
  2. Random jump breaks potential loop in a sub-network

• What does PageRank score really converge to?
Stationary distribution of PageRank

• For any irreducible and aperiodic Markov chain, there is a unique steady-state probability vector $\pi$, such that if $c(i, t)$ is the number of visits to state $i$ after $t$ steps, then

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{c(i, t)}{t} = \pi_i$$

– PageRank score converges to the expected visit frequency of each node
Computation of PageRank

• Power iteration
  
  \[ p_t(d) = M^T p_{t-1}(d) = \cdots = (M^T)^t p_0(d) \]
  
  • Normalize \( p_t(d) \) in each iteration
  
  • Convergence rate is determined by the second largest eigenvalue

  – Random walk becomes series of matrix multiplication

  – Alternative interpretation of PageRank score

  • Principal left eigenvector corresponding to its largest eigenvalue, which is one

\[ M^T \times \pi = 1 \times \pi \]
Computation of PageRank

- An example from Manning’s text book

\[ M = \begin{pmatrix} 1/6 & 2/3 & 1/6 \\ 5/12 & 1/6 & 5/12 \\ 1/6 & 2/3 & 1/6 \end{pmatrix} \]

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Variants of PageRank

• Topic-specific PageRank
  – Control the random jump to topic-specific nodes
    • E.g., surfer interests in Sports will only randomly jump to Sports-related website when they have no out-links to follow

\[- p_t(d) = \left[ \alpha M^T + (1 - \alpha) \tilde{e} \rho^T(d) \right] \rho_{t-1}(d) \]

  • \( \rho(d) > 0 \) iff \( d \) belongs to the topic of interest
  • \( \tilde{e} \) is a column vector of ones
Variants of PageRank

• Topic-specific PageRank
  – A user’s interest is a mixture of topics

**User’s interest:** 60% Sports, 40% politics
**Damping factor:** 10%

\[
\pi = \sum_k p(T_k | \text{user}) \pi_{T_k}
\]

Compute it off-line

Manning, “Introduction to Information Retrieval”, Chapter 21, Figure 21.5
Variants of PageRank

• LexRank
  – A sentence is important if it is similar to other important sentences
  – PageRank on sentence similarity graph
Variants of PageRank

- SimRank
  - Two objects are similar if they are referenced by similar objects
  - PageRank on bipartite graph of object relations

![Graphs](image)

Measure similarity between objects via their connecting relation

Glen & Widom, KDD'02
HITS algorithm

• Two types of web pages for a broad-topic query
  – Authorities – trustful source of information
    • UVA-> University of Virginia official site
  – Hubs – hand-crafted list of links to authority pages for a specific topic
    • Deep learning -> deep learning reading list

  • The monograph or review paper Learning Deep Architectures for AI (Foundations & Trends in Machine Learning, 2009).
  • The ICML 2009 Workshop on Learning Feature Hierarchies webpage has a list of references.
  • The LISA public wiki has a reading list and a bibliography.
  • Geoff Hinton has readings from last year's NIPS tutorial.
HITS algorithm

- **Intuition**
  - Using hub pages to discover authority pages

- **Assumption**
  - A good hub page is one that points to many good authorities
  - A good authority page is one that is pointed to by many good hubs

- **Recursive definition indicates iterative algorithm**

*HITS=Hyperlink-Induced Topic Search*
Computation of HITS scores

• Two scores for a web page for a given query
  – Authority score: $a(d)$
  – Hub score: $h(d)$

$\sum_{v \rightarrow d} h(v) \leftarrow a(d)$

$v \rightarrow d$ means there is a link from $v$ to $d$

$\sum_{d \rightarrow v} a(v) \leftarrow h(d)$

Important HITS scores are query-dependent!

With proper normalization ($L_2$-norm)
Computation of HITS scores

• In matrix form
  - \( \vec{a} \leftarrow A^T \vec{h} \) and \( \vec{h} \leftarrow A\vec{a} \)
  - That is \( \vec{a} \leftarrow A^T A\vec{a} \) and \( \vec{h} \leftarrow AA^T \vec{h} \)
  - Another eigen-system

\[
\begin{align*}
\vec{a} &= \frac{1}{\lambda_a} A^T A\vec{a} \\
\vec{h} &= \frac{1}{\lambda_h} AA^T \vec{h}
\end{align*}
\]

Power iteration is applicable here as well
Constructing the adjacent matrix

• Only consider a subset of the Web

  1. For a given query, retrieve all the documents containing the query (or top $K$ documents in a ranked list) – root set

  2. Expand the root set by adding pages either linking to a page in the root set, or being linked to by a page in the root set – base set

  3. Build adjacent matrix of pages in the base set
Constructing the adjacent matrix

• Reasons behind the construction steps
  – Reduce the computation cost
  – A good authority page may not contain the query text
  – The expansion of root set might introduce good hubs and authorities into the sub-network
Sample results

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Today’s reading

• Introduction to information retrieval
  – Chapter 21: Link Analysis
References