

MA4404 Complex Networks

Katz Centrality for directed graphs

Learning Outcomes

- Understand how Katz centrality is an extension of Eigenvector Centrality to directed graphs.
- Compute Katz centrality per node.
- Interpret the meaning of the values of Katz centrality.

Recall: Centralities



Quality: what makes a node important (central)	Mathematical Description	Appropriate Usage	Identification
Lots of one-hop connections from v	The number of vertices that v influences directly	Local influence matters Small diameter	Degree $\text{deg}(i)$
Lots of one-hop connections from v relative to the size of the graph	The proportion of the vertices that v influences directly	Local influence matters Small diameter	Degree centrality $C_i = \frac{\text{deg}(i)}{ V(G) }$
Lots of one-hop connections to high centrality vertices	A weighted degree centrality based on the weight of the neighbors (instead of a weight of 1 as in degree centrality)	For example, when the people you are connected to matter.	Eigenvector centrality (recursive formula): $C_i \propto \sum_j C_j$

What changes in directed graphs?!

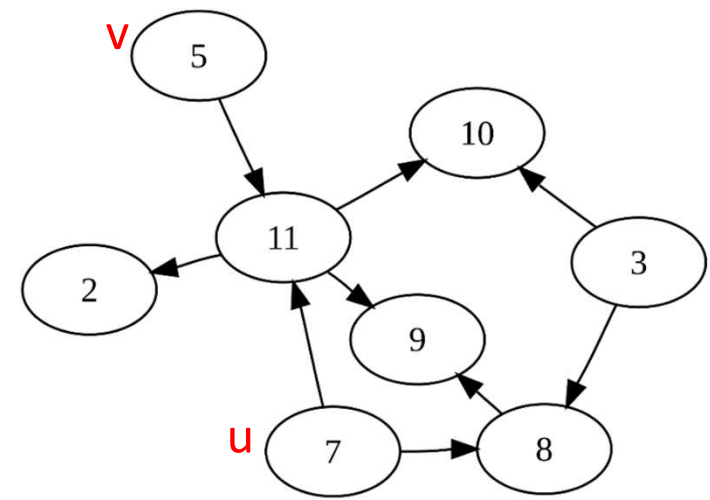


Recall: Strongly connected

Definition: A directed graph $D = (V, E)$ is **strongly connected** if and only if, for each pair of nodes $u, v \in V$, there is a path from u to v .

How do we compute centralities if the graph is not strongly connected?

- For example, the Web graph is not strongly connected since
 - there are pairs of nodes u and v , there is no path from u to v *and* from v to u .
- This presents a challenge for nodes that have an in-degree of zero
 - Why? What is the cascading effect?
 - What is a solution?



Katz Centrality



- Recall that the eigenvector centrality $\mathbf{x}(t)$ is a weighted degree obtained from the leading eigenvector of A : $A \mathbf{x}(t) = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}(t)$, so its entries are

$$x_i = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \sum_j A_{ij} x_j$$

Thoughts on how to adapt the above formula for directed graphs (maybe not all being strongly connected)?

- Katz centrality: $x_i = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \sum_j A_{ij} x_j + \beta$, where β is a **constant** initial weight given **to each vertex** so that vertices with zero in degree (or out degree) are included in calculations.
- After this augmentation, a random surfer on a particular webpage, has two options:
 - ✓ He randomly chooses an out-link to follow (A_{ij})
 - ✓ He jumps to a random page (β)

Does β have to be the same for each vertex?

- An extension: β_i is an initial weight given to vertex i as a mechanism to differentiate vertices using some quality not modeled by adjacencies. Vertices with zero in degree (or out degree) will be included in calculations.

Katz Centrality

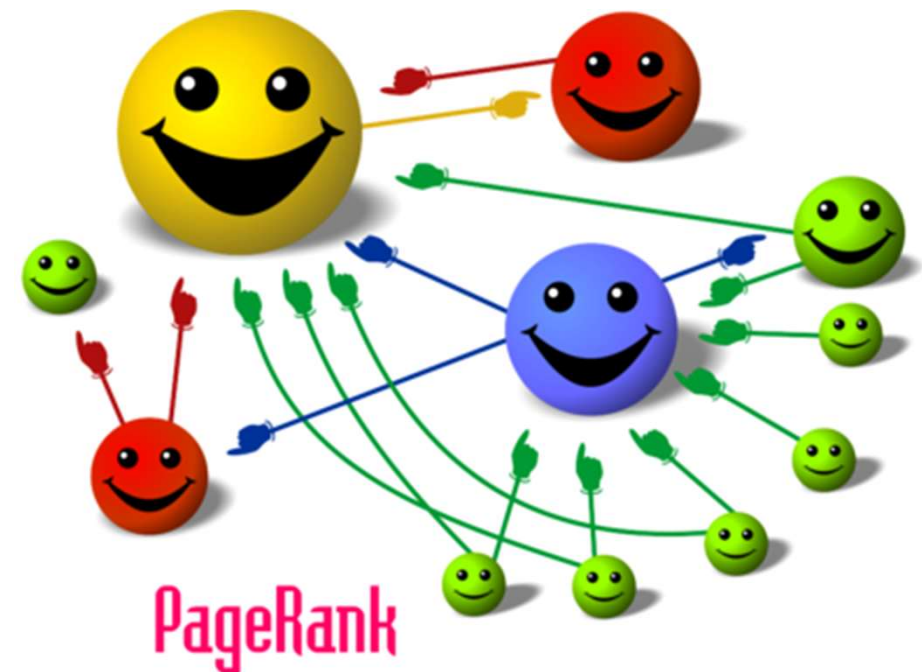


Does

- Generalize the concept of eigenvector centrality to directed networks that are not strongly connected

Does not

- Control for the fact that a high centrality vertex imparts high centrality on those vertices “downstream,” or all those vertices reachable from that high centrality vertex → PageRank



Updated Overview:



Quality: what makes a node important (central)	Mathematical Description	Appropriate Usage	Identification
Lots of one-hop connections relative to the size of the graph	The proportion of the vertices that v influences directly	Local influence matters Small diameter	Normalized degree centrality $C_i = \text{deg}(i)$
Lots of one-hop connections to high centrality vertices	A weighted degree centrality based on the weight of the neighbors	For example when the people you are connected to matter.	Eigenvector centrality $C_i \propto \sum_j C_j$
Lots of one-hop connections to high out-degree vertices (where each vertex has some pre-assigned weight)	A weighted degree centrality based on the out degree of the neighbors	Directed graphs that are not strongly connected	Katz centrality $x_i = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \sum_j A_{ij} x_j + \beta,$ Where β is some initial weight