



Enforcing Katz and PageRank Centrality Measures in Complex Networks

Computational Aspects of Complex Networks

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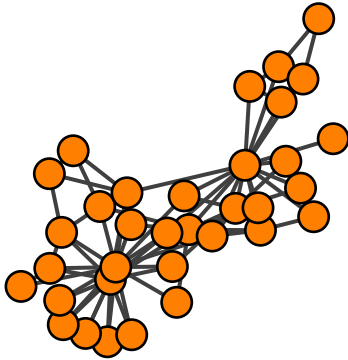
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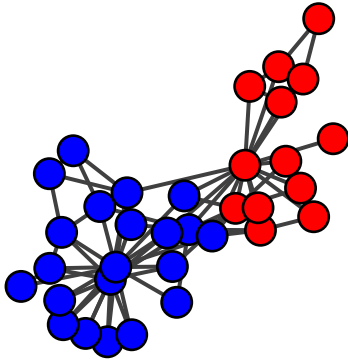
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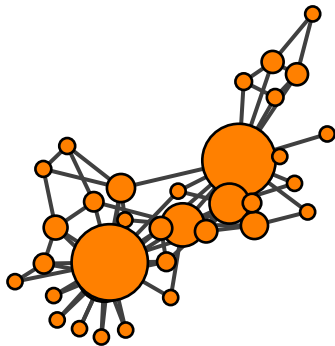
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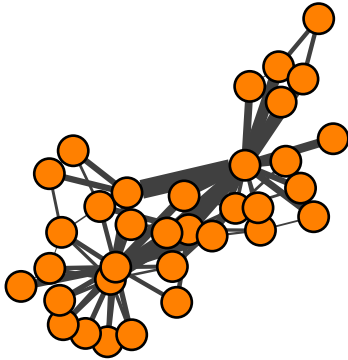
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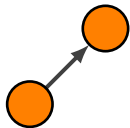
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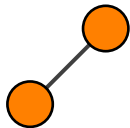
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Directed/Undirected

If $\forall (i, j) \in E$ then $(j, i) \in E$ the network is said to be *undirected* is *directed* otherwise.



Directed



Undirected



Loop

An edge from a node to itself is called a *loop*.

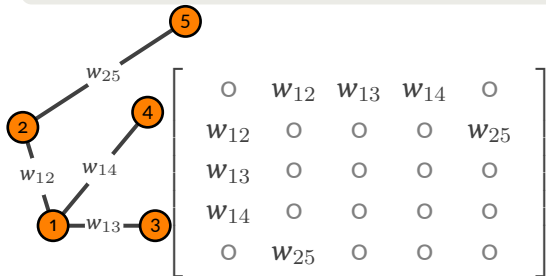


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Adjacency Matrix

We represent a Network via its *adjacency matrix* $A = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, entrywise defined as

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} w_{ij} & \text{if } (i, j) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $w_{ij} > 0$ is the weight of edge (i, j) .

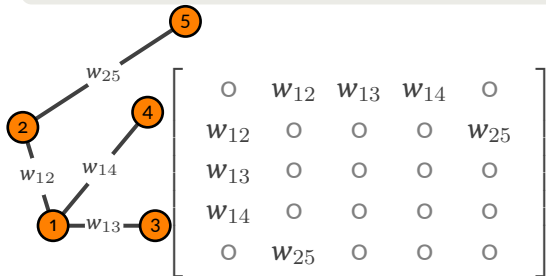


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Degree Matrix

We call degree matrix the diagonal matrix

$$D = \text{diag}(A\mathbf{1}),$$

where $\mathbf{1} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^T$.

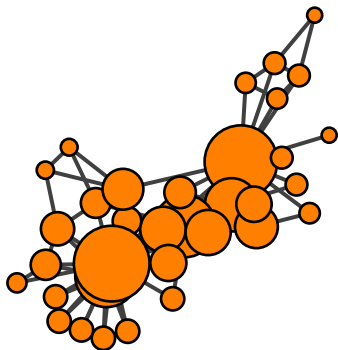


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Given $\alpha > 0$ such that $0 < \alpha\rho(A) < 1$, the **Katz centrality** of node v_i is the i th entry of the vector $\mu = (I - \alpha A)^{-1} \mathbf{1}$.

- $A \geq 0 \Rightarrow \mu \geq \mathbf{1}$.



📄 Katz, L. A new status index derived from sociometric analysis. *Psychometrika*. **18**, 39 - 43 (1953)

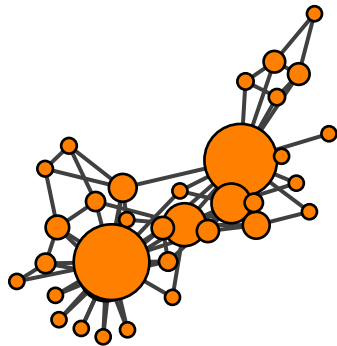


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Given $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ a *teletransportation parameter*, and given $\mathbf{v} > 0$ a *personalization vector* such that $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{1} = 1$, the **PageRank centrality** of node v_i is the i th entry of the stationary vector π of the stochastic matrix G^T , where $G = \alpha(D^{-1}A)^T + (1 - \alpha)\mathbf{v}\mathbf{1}^T$.

- $G\pi = \pi, \quad \pi^T \mathbf{1} = 1,$
- $(I - \alpha(D^{-1}A)^T)\pi = (1 - \alpha)\mathbf{v}.$



- Page, L. & Brin, S. The anatomy of a large-scale hypertextual Web search engine. *Computer Networks*. **30**, 107 - 117 (1998)
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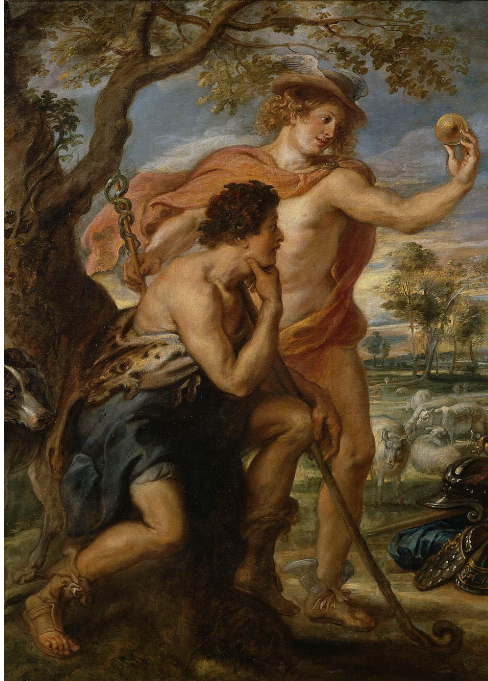
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ἐνθ' ἄλλοις μὲν πᾶσιν ἔην δαίμων, οὐδέ ποθ' Ἥρη
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καὶ Πρίαμος καὶ λαὸς Ἀλεξάνδρου ἔνεκ' ἄτης,
ὅς νέκενσε θεάς, ὅτε οἱ μέσον αὐλὸν ἴκοντο,
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Homer, Iliad 24.25

- ❓ Can we **change the outcome** of the judgment given by the **centrality measure**?





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And this was pleasing to all the others, but never to Hera nor to Poseidon, nor to the flashing-eyed maiden, but they remained hostile to sacred Ilios as in the beginning, and to Priam and to his people, because of Alexander's folly, he who insulted the goddesses when they came to his inner courtyard and praised her who provided his grievous lust.

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- 🍏 We want to find a **small perturbation** Δ of the matrix A that transforms μ and π into two vectors of our choice.

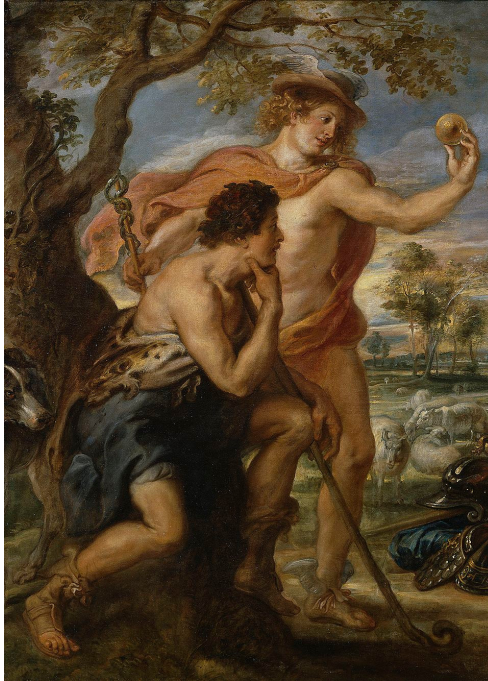




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- First we **vectorize everything**

-  $\text{vec}(\cdot)$ stacks the column of its matrix argument,
-  \otimes is the Kronecker product and $\text{vec}(AXB) = (B^T \otimes A) \text{vec}(X)$,
-  \circ is the Hadamard product.



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Which finally brings us to the QP problem in standard form:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{3n_{PM}}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T Q \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & L \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

with:

$$Q = \text{blkdiag}(2I, 0, 0), \quad \mathbf{c} = (-2P_M \text{vec}(A); \tau \mathbf{1}; \tau \mathbf{1}),$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^T \otimes I) P_M^T & 0 & 0 \\ -I & I & -I \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} - \mathbf{1}) - A \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} + (\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^T \otimes I) P_M^T P_M \text{vec}(A); -P_M \text{vec}(A) \right),$$

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🔑 We make the **simplifying assumption** that $\Delta \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}$.

And solve the problem in **two steps**, first we solve

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\Delta \in \mathbb{S}(A+I)} \quad & \beta \|\Delta\|_F^2 + (1 - \beta) \|\text{off-diag}(\Delta)\|_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \left(I - \alpha (\text{diag}(A \mathbf{1})^{-1} (A + \Delta))^T \right) \hat{\pi} = (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{v}, \quad \alpha \in (0, 1), \\ & \Delta \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0} \\ & \text{off-diag}(A + \Delta) \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (\Delta_1)$$



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⚠ This formulation of the problem is **not linear** in Δ like the one for Katz centrality!

🔑 We make the **simplifying assumption** that $\Delta \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}$.

And solve the problem in **two steps**, first we solve

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_{\Delta \in \mathbb{S}(A+I)} \quad \beta \|\Delta\|_F^2 + (1 - \beta) \|\text{off-diag}(\Delta)\|_1 \\
& \text{s.t.} \quad \left(I - \alpha (\text{diag}(A \mathbf{1})^{-1} (A + \Delta))^T \right) \hat{\pi} = (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{v}, \quad \alpha \in (0, 1), \\
& \quad \Delta \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0} \\
& \quad \text{off-diag}(A + \Delta) \geq 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

Then we use the Δ obtained from (4.1) to compute $\hat{\alpha} \in (0, 1)$ and a stochastic $\hat{P} \in \mathbb{S}(A + I)$ such that $\hat{G}^T \hat{\pi} = \hat{\pi}$, where $\hat{G} = \hat{\alpha} \hat{P} + (1 - \hat{\alpha}) \mathbf{1} \mathbf{v}^T$.



Why this complication?

4 Enforcing PageRank Centrality

Proposition (Cipolla, D., Meini) - Δ

Given $A \geq 0$ irreducible, $\mathbf{v} \geq 0$ such that $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{1} = 1$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, $\hat{\boldsymbol{\pi}} \geq 0$ such that $\hat{\boldsymbol{\pi}}^T \mathbf{1} = 1$, then the set of matrices $\Delta \in \mathbb{S}(A + I)$ such that:

- $\Delta \mathbf{1} = 0$,
- the off-diagonal entries of $A + \Delta$ are nonnegative,
- $\tilde{G}^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\pi}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\pi}}$, where $\tilde{G} = \alpha D^{-1}(A + \Delta) + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{1} \mathbf{v}^T$ and $D = \text{diag}(A \mathbf{1})$,

is non-empty.

- ✓ We can prove that the optimization problem (Δ) is feasible.
- 👁 The assumptions on the pattern can be slightly generalized to $\Delta \in \mathbb{S}(M + I)$, and M any non-negative irreducible matrix such that $M \mathbf{1} = A \mathbf{1}$.



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Proposition (Cipolla, D., Meini) - Δ

Given a matrix Δ satisfying the conditions of Proposition Δ , define $\theta = \min_i ([D^{-1}(A + \Delta)]_{i,i})$. If $\theta \geq 0$, then $D^{-1}(A + \Delta)$ is stochastic. Otherwise, if $\theta < 0$, by setting $\hat{r} = 1 - \alpha\theta$, then for any $r \geq \hat{r}$ we have $\hat{G}^T \hat{\pi} = \hat{\pi}$, where

$$\hat{G} = \hat{\alpha} \hat{P} + (1 - \hat{\alpha}) \mathbf{1v}^T,$$

and

$$\hat{\alpha} = 1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{r}, \quad \hat{P} = \frac{1}{r - 1 + \alpha} (\alpha D^{-1}(A + \Delta) + (r - 1)I),$$

with \hat{P} stochastic.

- ✓ We can then **obtain a solution to the initial problem** under the assumption that we (may) need to **modify the teleportation parameter**.



An example where things go wrong

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To understand where the problem lies, let's look at a small example and look for a feasible Δ of the form $\Delta = D_{\sigma}(A - D)$:

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we have to determine a σ for which the perturbed matrix has the given $\hat{\pi}$, equivalently,

$$D^{-1}A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = 1/4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (I - D^{-1}A + \mathbf{1}\mathbf{w}^T)^{-1} = 1/8 \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 6 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

 For $\sigma = \alpha^{-1} D_{\hat{\pi}}^{-1} (I - D^{-1}A + \mathbf{1}\mathbf{w}^T)^{-T} ((1 - \alpha)\mathbf{v} - (I - \alpha D^{-1}A)^T \hat{\pi}) + \gamma D_{\hat{\pi}}^{-1} \mathbf{w}$.



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Formulation as Quadratic Programming problem

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Where we first define

$$\begin{aligned} K &: K \text{vec}(\Delta) = \text{vec}(\Delta^T), \\ \widehat{\mathcal{F}} &= \{\bar{k}_i \in \{k_i = i + (i-1)n\}_{i=1}^n : (P_{M+I} \text{vec}(\Delta))_{\bar{k}_i} = \Delta_{ii}\}, \\ \widehat{\mathcal{C}} &= (\{1, \dots, n_{p_{M+I}}\} \setminus \mathcal{F}) \cup \{n_{p_{\Delta}} + 1, \dots, 3n_{p_{\Delta}} - 2n\} = \mathcal{C} \cup \{n_{p_{\Delta}} + 1, \dots, 3n_{p_{\Delta}} - 2n\}, \\ \mathbf{a} &= P_{M+I} \text{diag}(\text{vec}(\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T - I \circ \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T)) \text{vec}(A). \end{aligned}$$



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Where

$$Q = \text{blkdiag}(2I, 0, 0), \quad \mathbf{c} = (-2\mathbf{a}; \tau \mathbf{1}_{|C|}; \tau \mathbf{1}_{|C|}), \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} (((\text{diag}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{1})^{-1} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\pi}})^T \otimes I) K P_{M+I}^T) & 0 & 0 \\ (\mathbf{1}^T \otimes I) P_{M+I}^T & 0 & 0 \\ -I_{|C| \times n_{PM+I}} & I_{|C|} & -I_{|C|} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\alpha} (\widehat{\boldsymbol{\pi}} - (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{v}) - A^T \text{diag}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{1})^{-1} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\pi}} + (((\text{diag}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{1})^{-1} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\pi}})^T \otimes I) K P_{M+I}^T \mathbf{a}) \\ (\mathbf{1}^T \otimes I) P_{M+I}^T \mathbf{a} \\ -\mathbf{a}_C \end{bmatrix}.$$



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- 👁 If we don't use the *Primal-Dual regularization*, i.e., $\rho = \delta = 0$, then the $L(Q + \Theta^{-1})L^T$ matrices have diverging condition numbers as we reach convergence.

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🔴 We currently **solve** these **linear systems** with a direct method: **Cholesky**.

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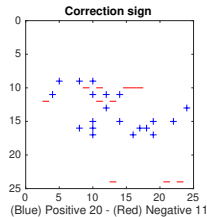
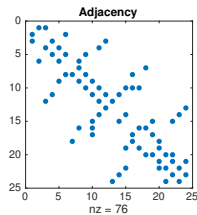
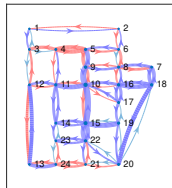
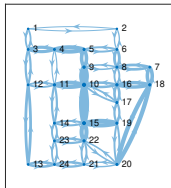
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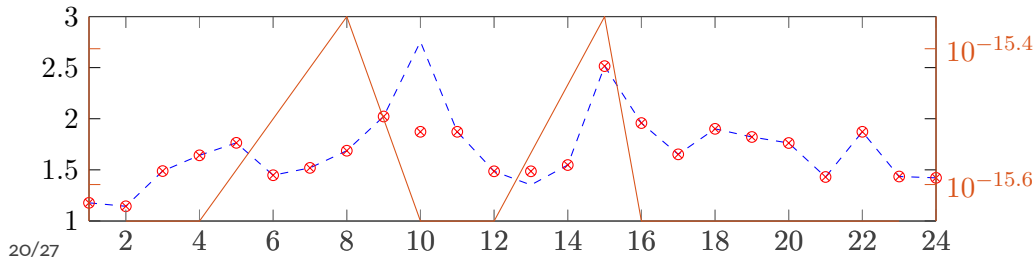


A small example with Katz: Sioux Falls road network

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--- Katz × Desired Katz ○ Obtained Katz — Error





A larger set of experiments

6 Numerical Examples

We look at two scenarios:

- S1:** $\hat{\mu}/\hat{\pi}$ puts the top 10, 20, 30, 40, 50% of the nodes to their averaged value in μ/π ;
- S2:** $\hat{\mu}/\hat{\pi}$ reverts the rank of the top 10% of nodes in μ/π .

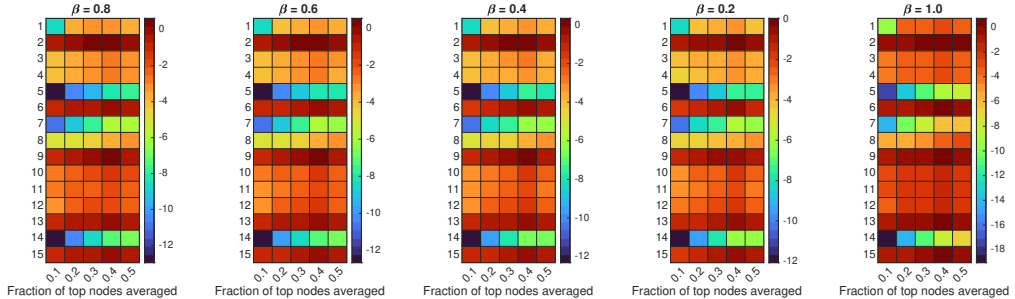
On the following test networks:

	Name	Type	n	nnz		Name	Type	n	nnz
1	EX5	comb. prob.	6545	295680	9	de2010	undir. wtd.	24115	116056
2	PGPgiantcompo	undir. multigr.	10680	48632	10	delaunay_n16	undir.	65536	393150
3	cage10	dir. wtd.	11397	150645	11	fe_4elt2	undir.	11143	65636
4	cage11	dir. wtd.	39082	559722	12	gre_1107	dir. wtd.	1107	5664
5	cs4	undir.	22499	87716	13	nh2010	undir. wtd.	48837	234550
6	ct2010	undir. wtd.	67578	336352	14	uk	undir.	4824	13674
7	cti	undir.	16840	96464	15	vt2010	undir. wtd.	32580	155598
8	data	undir.	2851	30186					



Enforcing Katz in S1

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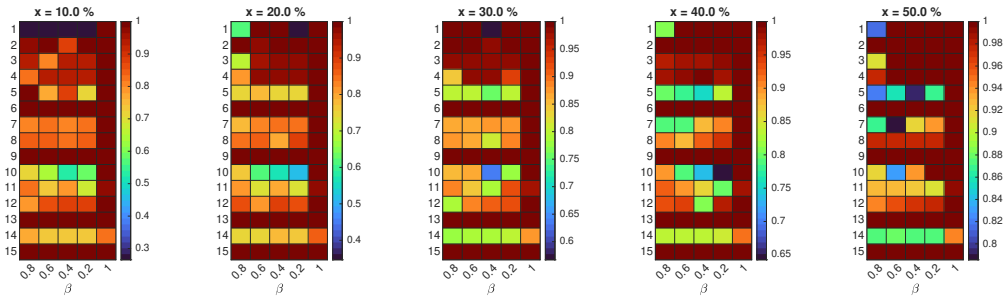


Value in \log_{10} -scale of the relative objective function $J(\Delta)/J(A)$. On the columns, we read the fraction of equalized vertices in increasing order, on the rows, the different test cases.



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Number of nonzero entries scaled by the number of nonzero entries of the original adjacency matrix. On the columns we read the value of the β parameter, on the rows, the different test cases. Each block is obtained for a different percentage of the averaged nodes.



Enforcing Katz in S2 - $\beta = 1$

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	$\text{cond}(LL^T)$	Iter	T (s)	$\ \Delta\ _F/\ A\ _F$	+	-	nnz Chol.	κ_T
1]	1.199e+00	5	0.94	1.802e-02	146886	101416	6545	1.00
2]	5.889e+02	15	0.63	1.591e+00	24314	7828	10680	1.00
3]	5.673e+00	12	1.09	1.907e-02	9923	7698	11397	1.00
4]	1.137e+01	12	3.78	1.901e-02	33462	31160	39082	1.00
5]	2.169e+00	5	0.32	6.483e-02	17526	14068	22499	1.00
6]	5.723e+01	24	4.26	3.822e-01	111141	116710	67578	1.00
7]	3.447e+00	5	0.36	2.978e-02	8688	5453	16840	1.00
8]	1.037e+01	5	0.12	8.773e-02	2013	1578	2851	1.00
9]	4.786e+01	21	1.56	5.465e-01	42497	43350	24115	1.00
10]	1.169e+01	6	1.43	1.015e-01	100320	85616	65536	1.00
11]	6.158e+00	5	0.23	1.247e-01	7251	6783	11143	1.00
12]	7.461e+00	10	0.07	9.505e-02	991	2714	1107	1.00
13]	8.208e+01	23	2.95	4.453e-01	89297	92063	48837	1.00
14]	5.676e+00	6	0.08	4.968e-02	1002	669	4824	1.00
15]	8.338e+01	21	1.91	5.337e-01	46689	50026	32580	1.00



Enforcing Katz in S2 - $(1 - \beta)/\beta = 100$

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	$\text{cond}(LL^T)$	Iter	T (s)	$\ \Delta\ _F/\ A\ _F$	+	-	nnz Chol.	κ_τ
1]	1.512e+02	22	15.23	2.485e+01	26476	18341	597905	1.00
2]	1.838e+03	24	2.84	3.576e+02	2994	4411	107944	1.00
3]	9.129e+01	17	5.45	2.678e+00	1330	2041	312687	1.00
4]	1.176e+02	20	28.98	5.288e+00	3961	7646	1158526	1.00
5]	1.522e+01	18	3.72	2.588e+01	10566	8091	197931	1.00
6]	2.242e+02	32	23.96	1.251e+07	84844	86183	740282	1.00
7]	2.212e+01	17	3.88	1.288e+01	7671	4061	209768	1.00
8]	5.358e+01	14	1.05	2.125e+01	743	637	63223	1.00
9]	1.884e+02	31	8.02	1.244e+07	35519	36245	256227	1.00
10]	8.551e+01	18	17.32	1.073e+02	25598	23428	851836	1.00
11]	4.505e+01	17	2.79	4.766e+01	3149	2935	142415	1.00
12]	4.178e+01	15	0.26	2.683e+00	116	167	12435	1.00
13]	3.151e+02	33	16.85	1.894e+07	60963	61177	517937	1.00
14]	1.896e+01	16	0.65	6.828e+00	799	541	32172	1.00
15]	3.026e+02	29	9.28	2.274e+07	25824	27907	343776	1.00



PageRank and the Target Stationary Distribution Problem

6 Numerical Examples

For the PageRank problem there exists an alternative procedure² that finds

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\Delta \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} \quad & \|\Delta\|_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \Delta \mathbf{1}_n = \mathbf{0}_n, \\ & \hat{\pi}^\top \Delta = \hat{\pi}^\top (I - G), \\ & \Delta + G \geq 0, \\ & \Delta_{i,j} = 0 \quad \text{for } (i,j) \notin \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

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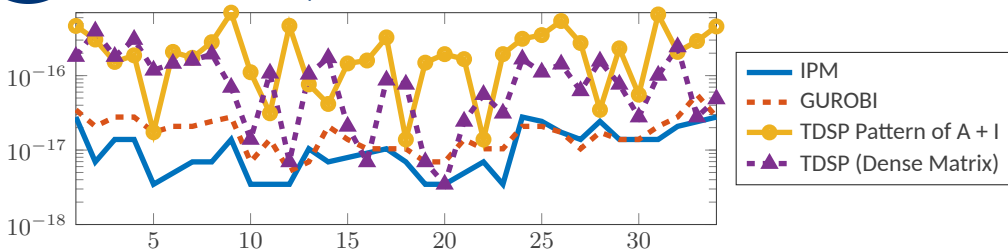
- $G = \alpha(D^{-1}A)^T + (1 - \alpha)\mathbf{v}\mathbf{1}^T$,
- to then try and find from the obtained Δ a perturbation on A .
- **Our approach directly computes the perturbation** for the adjacency matrix of the graph A .

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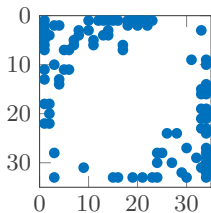


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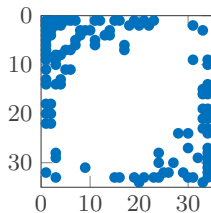


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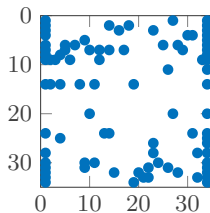
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Gurobi



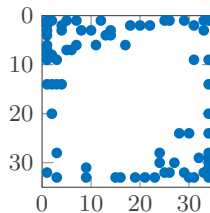
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TDSP (Dense)



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TDSP Pattern of A + I

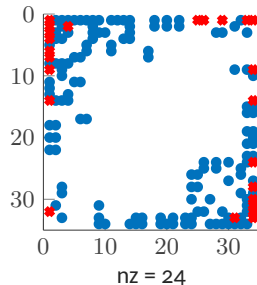
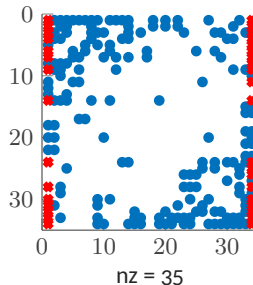
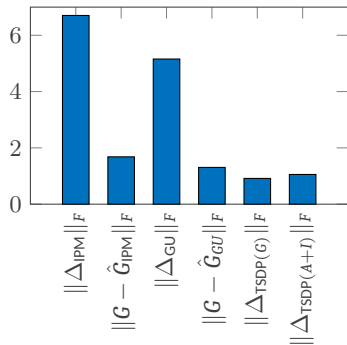


nz = 74



Comparison

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- ✘ If we recover the perturbation of A from the TSDP method we **fail on the nonnegative requirement!**
- 🕒 The small increase in the perturbation norm is repaid by the preservation of the solution properties.



Conclusions

7 Conclusions

- ✓ Proved the existence of network modifications to obtain a given centrality index.
- ✓ Proposed a reliable algorithmic framework for computing such modifications.

What do we want to do in the future?

- 📅 Can we enforce walk-based centralities³, e.g., $f(A + \Delta)\mathbf{1} = \hat{\mathbf{t}}$?
- 📅 Can we *control* centralities of dynamical networks?
- 📅 Finding iterative strategies for linear systems arising in IPMs.

Where to find details and codes:

- 📄 Cipolla, S., D.,F. & Meini, B. Enforcing Katz and PageRank Centrality Measures in Complex Networks. (2024), arXiv:2409.02524.
- 🌐 Code available at: [Cirdans-Home/enforce-katz-and-pagerank](https://github.com/Cirdans-Home/enforce-katz-and-pagerank)

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Enforcing Katz and PageRank Centrality Measures in Complex Networks *Thank you*

for listening!
Any questions?