

# Spectral properties of Google matrix

## Lecture 1

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# Perron-Frobenius operators

Consider a physical system with  $N$  states  $i = 1, \dots, N$  and probabilities  $p_i(t) \geq 0$  evolving by a discrete **Markov process**:

$$p_i(t + 1) = \sum_j G_{ij} p_j(t)$$

The transition probabilities  $G_{ij}$  provide a **Perron-Frobenius** matrix  $G$  such that:

$$\sum_i G_{ij} = 1 \quad , \quad G_{ij} \geq 0 .$$

Conservation of probability:

$$\|G v\|_1 = \|v\|_1 \text{ if } v_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } v_i \geq 0 \Rightarrow \|p(t + 1)\|_1 = \|p(t)\|_1 = 1 .$$

$$\|G v\|_1 \leq \|v\|_1 \text{ for any other (complex) vector}$$

where  $\|v\|_1 = \sum_i |v_i|$  is the usual 1-norm.

In general  $G^T \neq G$  and eigenvalues  $\lambda$  may be complex.

If  $v$  is a (right) eigenvector of  $G$ :  $G v = \lambda v \Rightarrow |\lambda| \leq 1$ .

The vector  $e^T = (1, \dots, 1)$  is left eigenvector with  $\lambda = 1$ :

$$e^T G = 1 e^T$$

$\Rightarrow$  existence of (at least) one right eigenvector  $P$  for  $\lambda = 1$  also called **PageRank** in the context of Google matrices:

$$G P = 1 P$$

Biorthogonality between left and right eigenvectors:

$$G v = \lambda v \text{ and } w^T G = \tilde{\lambda} w^T \Rightarrow w^T v = 0 \text{ if } \lambda \neq \tilde{\lambda}.$$

## Expansion in terms of eigenvectors:

$$p(0) = \sum_j C_j v^{(j)} \Rightarrow p(t) = \sum_j C_j \lambda_j^t v^{(j)}$$

with  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $v^{(1)} = P$ . If  $C_1 \neq 0$  and  $|\lambda_j| < 1$  for  $j \geq 2$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p(t) = P.$$

$\Rightarrow$  **Powermethod** to compute  $P$

Rate of convergence:

$$\sim |\lambda_2|^t = e^{t \ln(1 - (1 - |\lambda_2|))} \approx e^{-t(1 - |\lambda_2|)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Problem if  $1 - |\lambda_2| \ll 1$  or even if  $|\lambda_2| = 1$ .

# Complications if $G$ is not diagonalizable

The eigenvectors do not constitute a full basis and further **generalized eigenvectors** are required:

$$\begin{aligned}(\lambda_j \mathbf{1} - G) v^{(j,0)} &= 0 \\(\lambda_j \mathbf{1} - G) v^{(j,1)} &= v^{(j,0)} \\(\lambda_j \mathbf{1} - G) v^{(j,2)} &= v^{(j,1)} \\&\vdots\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Contributions  $\sim t^l \lambda_j^t$  with  $l = 0, 1, \dots$  in  $p(t)$  expansion.

However, for  $\lambda_1 = 1$  only  $l = 0$  is possible since otherwise:

$$\|p(t)\|_1 \approx \text{const. } t^l \rightarrow \infty .$$

# “Analogy” with hamiltonian quantum systems

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(t) = H \psi(t)$$

where  $\psi(t)$  quantum state and  $H = H^\dagger$  is a hermitian (or real symmetric) operator.

Expansion in terms of eigenvectors:  $H \varphi^{(j)} = E_j \varphi^{(j)}$

$$\psi(t) = \sum_j C_j e^{-i E_j t / \hbar} \varphi^{(j)}$$

- $H$  is always diagonalizable with  $E_j \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(\varphi^{(k)})^T \varphi^{(j)} = \delta_{kj}$ .
- Eigenvectors  $\varphi^{(j)}$  are valid *physical states* while for PF operators only real vectors with positive entries are physical states and most eigenvectors are complex.

## Example hamiltonian operators:

- Disorder Anderson model in 1 dimension:

$$H_{jk} = -(\delta_{j,k+1} + \delta_{j,k-1}) + \varepsilon_j \delta_{j,k}$$

with random on-site energies  $\varepsilon_j \in [-W/2, W/2] \Rightarrow$   
localized eigenvectors  $\varphi_l \sim e^{-|l-l_0|/\xi}$  with localization length  
 $\xi \sim W^{-2}$ . General measure of localization length by **inverse participation ratio** :

$$\frac{1}{\xi_{\text{IPR}}} = \frac{\sum_l \varphi_l^4}{(\sum_l \varphi_l^2)^2} \sim \frac{1}{\xi}$$

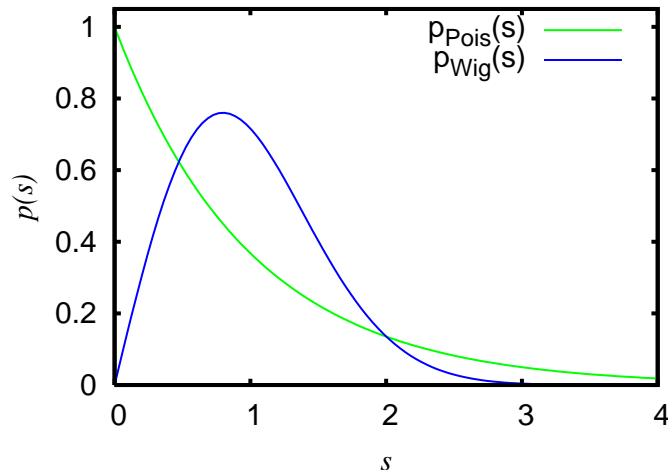
- Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble (GOE):  $H_{jk} = H_{kj} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $H_{jk}$  independent random gaussian variables with:

$$\langle H_{jk} \rangle = 0 \quad , \quad \langle H_{jk}^2 \rangle = (1 + \delta_{jk})\sigma^2.$$



# Universal level statistics

Distribution of rescaled nearest level spacing  $s = (E_{j+1} - E_j)/\Delta$  with average level spacing  $\Delta$ :



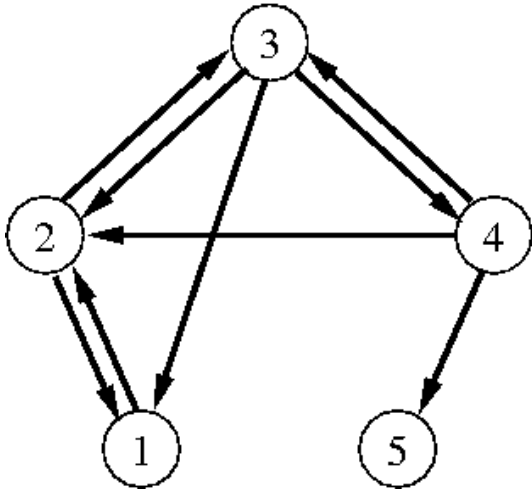
- **Poisson statistics:**  $P_{\text{Pois}}(s) = \exp(-s)$   
Anderson model with  $\xi \ll L$  ( $L =$  system size), integrable systems, ...
- **Wigner surmise:**  $P_{\text{Wig}} = (\pi s/2) \exp(-\pi s^2/4)$   
GOE, Anderson model with  $\xi \gtrsim L$ , generic (classically) chaotic systems, ...

# PF Operators for directed networks

Consider a directed network with  $N$  nodes  $1, \dots, N$  and  $N_\ell$  links.

- Define the adjacency matrix by  $A_{jk} = 1$  if there is a link  $k \rightarrow j$  and  $A_{jk} = 0$  otherwise. In certain cases, when explicitly considering multiple links, one may have  $A_{jk} = m$  where  $m =$  multiplicity of a link (e. g. Network for integer numbers).
- Define a matrix  $S_0$  from  $A$  by sum-normalizing each non-zero column to one and keeping zero columns.
- Define a matrix  $S$  from  $S_0$  by replacing each zero column with  $1/N$  entries.
- Same procedure for inverted network:  $A^* \equiv A^T$  and  $S^*$  is obtained in the same way from  $A^*$ . Note: in general:  $S^* \neq S^T$ . Leading (right) eigenvector of  $S^*$  is called **CheRank**.

## Example:



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

$$S_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

The nodes with no out-going links, associated to zero columns in  $A$ , are called **dangling nodes**. One can formally write:

$$S = S_0 + \frac{1}{N} e d^T$$

with  $d$  = dangling vector with  $d_j = 1$  for dangling nodes and  $d_j = 0$  for other nodes and  $e$  = uniform unit vector with  $e_j = 1$  for all nodes.

## Damping factor

Define for  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , typically  $\alpha = 0.85$ , the matrix:

$$G(\alpha) = \alpha S + (1 - \alpha) \frac{1}{N} e e^T$$

- $G$  is also PF operator with columns sum normalized.
- $G$  has the eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 1$  with multiplicity  $m_1 = 1$  and other eigenvalues are  $\alpha\lambda_j$  (for  $j \geq 2$ ) with  $\lambda_j =$  eigenvalues of  $S$ . The right eigenvectors for  $\lambda_j \neq 1$  are not modified (since they are orthogonal to the left eigenvector  $e^T$  for  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ).
- Similar expression for  $G^*(\alpha)$  using  $S^*$ .

# Numerical diagonalization

- Powermethod to obtain  $P$ : rate of convergence for  $G(\alpha)$  is better than  $\sim \alpha^t$ .
- Full “exact” diagonalization: possible for  $N \lesssim 10^4$ :  
memory usage  $\sim N^2$  and computation time  $\sim N^3$ .
- Arnoldi method to determine largest  $n_A \sim 10^2 - 10^4$  eigenvalues:  
memory usage  $\sim N n_A + C_1 N_\ell + C_2 n_A^2$  and  
computation time  $\sim N n_A^2 + C_3 N_\ell n_A + C_4 n_A^3$ .
- Strange numerical problems to determine accurately “small” eigenvalues, in particular for (nearly) triangular network structure due to large Jordan-blocks ( $\Rightarrow$  3<sup>rd</sup> lecture).

# Arnoldi method

to (partly) diagonalize large sparse non-symmetric  $N \times N$  matrices  $G$  such that the product “ $G \times \text{vecteur}$ ” can be computed efficiently ( $G$  may contain some constant columns  $\sim e$ ):

- choose an initial normalized vector  $\xi_0$  (random or “otherwise”)
- determine the **Krylov space** of dimension  $n_A$  (typically:  $1 \ll n_A \ll N$ ) spanned by the vectors:  $\xi_0, G \xi_0, \dots, G^{n_A-1} \xi_0$
- determine by **Gram-Schmidt** orthogonalization an orthonormal basis  $\{\xi_0, \dots, \xi_{n-1}\}$  and the representation of  $G$  in this basis:

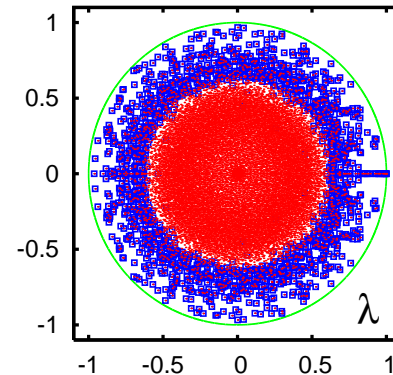
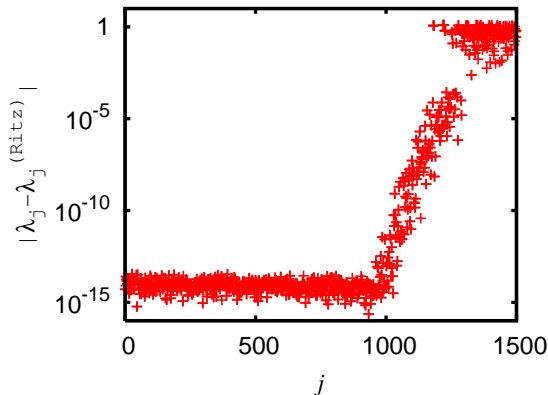
$$G \xi_k = \sum_{j=0}^{k+1} H_{jk} \xi_j$$

Note: if  $G = G^T \Rightarrow H =$  tridiagonal symmetric and the **Arnoldi method** is identical to the **Lanczos method**.

- diagonalize the **Arnoldi matrix**  $H$  which has **Hessenberg** form:

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & \dots & * & * \\ * & * & \dots & * & * \\ 0 & * & \dots & * & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & * & * \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$$

which provides the **Ritz eigenvalues** that are very good approximations to the “largest” eigenvalues of  $G$ .



Example: PF Operator for Ulam-Map ( $\Rightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> lecture)

$N = 16609$ ,  $N_\ell = 76058$ ,  $n_A = 1500$

# Invariant subspaces

In realistic WWW networks invariant subspaces of nodes create large degeneracies of  $\lambda_1$  (or  $\lambda_2$  if  $\alpha < 1$ ) which is very problematic for the Arnoldi method.

Therefore determine the ***invariant subspaces*** as follows:

Let  $N_c = bN$  a certain fraction of the network size  $N$  (e.g.  $b = 0.1$ ).

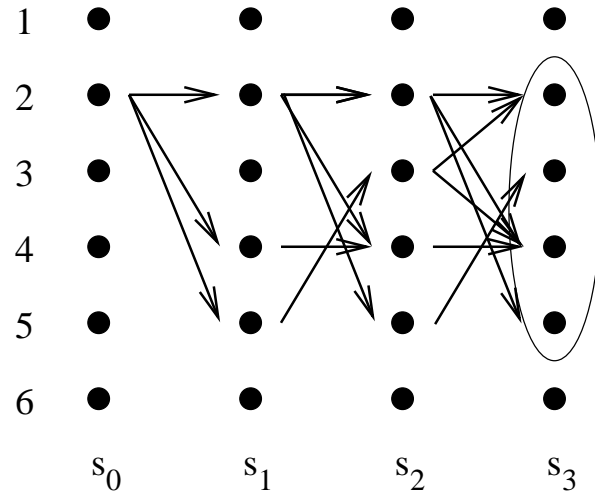
- For a given initial node  $i_0$  determine a sequence of node sets  $s_n$  by  $s_0 = \{i_0\}$  and  $s_{n+1}$  is the set containing all nodes of  $s_n$  and those which can be reached by a link from a node in  $s_n$ .
- If  $s_n = s_{n+1}$  with at most  $N_c$  elements for some  $n \Rightarrow s_n$  is an ***invariant subspace***.



- If for some  $n$  the set  $s_n$  contains a dangling node (connected by construction to any other node) or if  $s_n$  contains more than  $N_c$  elements  $\Rightarrow i_0$  is identified as a node belonging to the **core space** (space of nodes not belonging to an invariant subspace).
- Repeat the procedure for every network node as potential initial node except for those nodes which are already identified as subspace nodes. If for some  $n$  the set  $s_n$  contains a previously found core space node  $\Rightarrow i_0$  also belongs to the core space.
- Merge all subspaces with common members. In this way one obtains a decomposition of the network in many **separate subspaces** with  $N_s$  nodes and a “big” **core space**.

This procedure can be efficiently implemented as a computer program. It turns out that for most networks the exact choice of  $b$  is not important (e.g.  $b = 0.1$  or  $b = 0.9$ ) as long as  $b = \mathcal{O}(1)$ . Note that a core space node may have a link to an invariant subspace but a subspace node may not have a link to another subspace or the core space.

# Example:



$$s_0 = \{2\}$$

$$s_1 = \{2, 4, 5\}$$

$$s_2 = \{2, 3, 4, 5\} = s_3 = \text{invariant subspace}$$

The decomposition in subspaces and a core space implies a block structure of the matrix  $S$ :

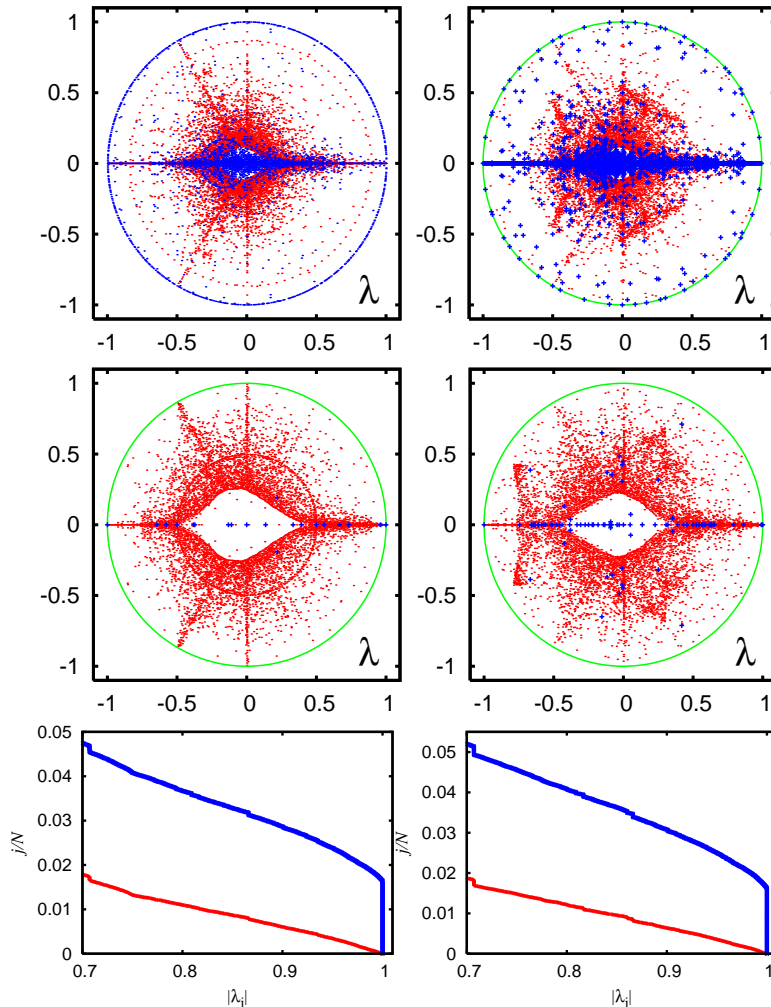
$$S = \begin{pmatrix} S_{ss} & S_{sc} \\ 0 & S_{cc} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $S_{ss}$  is block diagonal according to the subspaces. The subspace blocks of  $S_{ss}$  are all matrices of PF type with at least one eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 1$  explaining the high degeneracies.

To determine the spectrum of  $S$  apply:

- Exact (or Arnoldi) diagonalization on each subspace.
- The Arnoldi method to  $S_{cc}$  to determine the largest core space eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$  (note:  $|\lambda_j| < 1$ ). The largest eigenvalues of  $S_{cc}$  are no longer degenerate but other degeneracies are possible (e.g.  $\lambda_j = 0.9$  for Wikipedia).

# University Networks



Cambridge 2006 (left),  
 $N = 212710$ ,  $N_s = 48239$

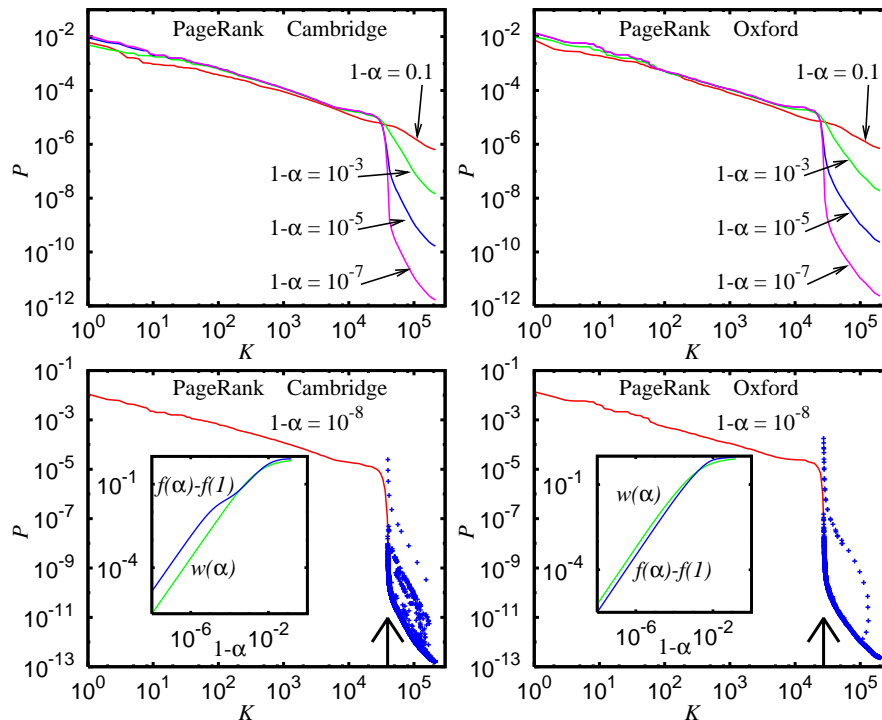
Oxford 2006 (right),  
 $N = 200823$ ,  $N_s = 30579$

Spectrum of  $S$  (upper panels),  $S^*$  (middle panels) and dependence of rescaled level number on  $|\lambda_j|$  (lower panels).

Blue: subspace eigenvalues

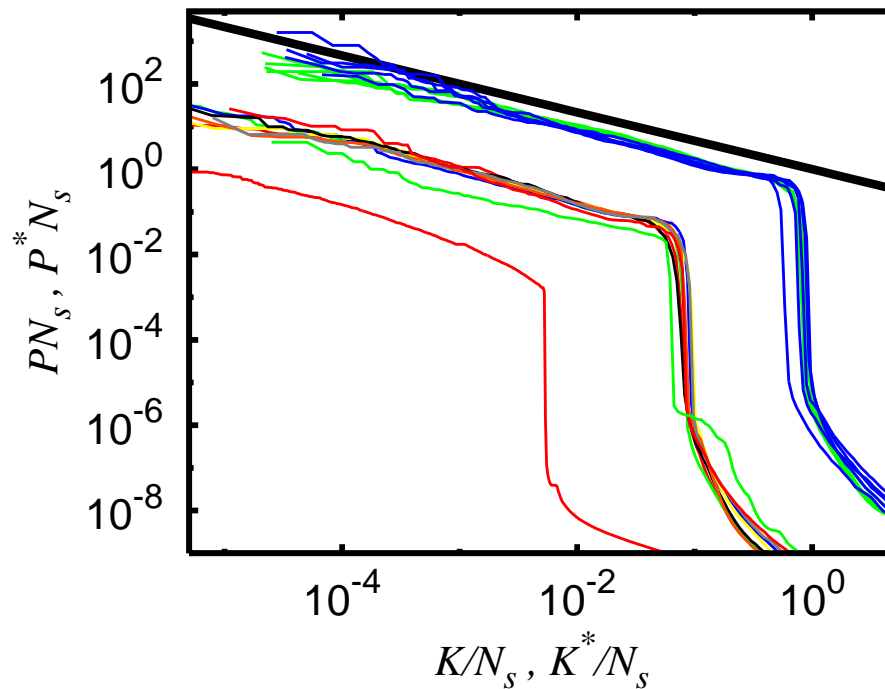
Red: core space eigenvalues (with Arnoldi dimension  $n_A = 20000$ )

# PageRank for $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ :



$$P = \underbrace{\sum_{\lambda_j=1} c_j \psi_j}_{\text{subspace contributions}} + \sum_{\lambda_j \neq 1} \frac{1-\alpha}{(1-\alpha) + \alpha(1-\lambda_j)} c_j \psi_j .$$

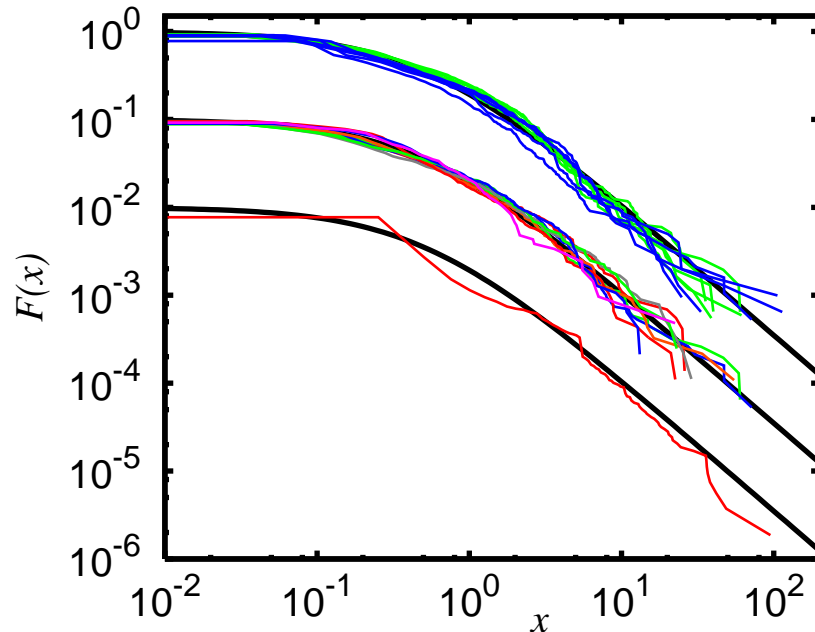
Rescaled PageRank at  $\alpha = 1 - 10^{-8}$  :



Top: Cambridge, Oxford 2002-2006; middle: other universities; bottom: Wikipedia\*;  
 black line  $\propto K^{-2/3}$ ;  $N_s$  = sum of all subspace dimensions.

# Distribution of dimensions of invariant subspaces

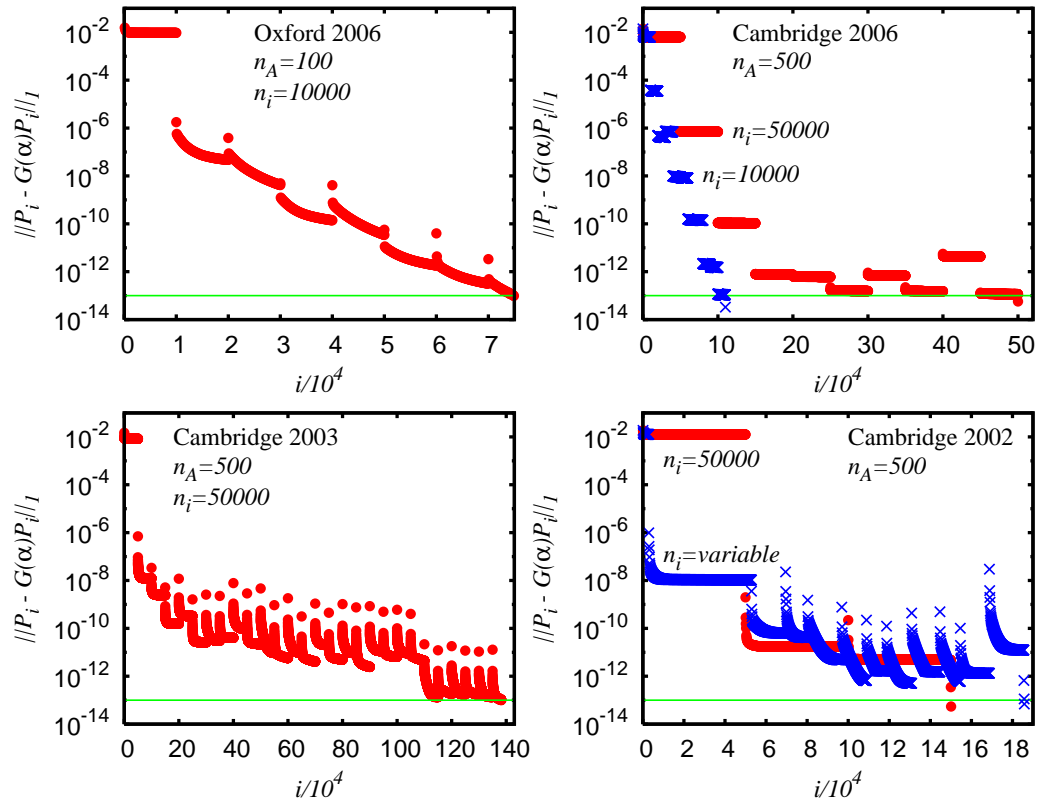
$F(x)$  = fraction of invariant subspaces with dimension larger than  $x\langle d \rangle$  where  $\langle d \rangle$  = average subspace dimension.



Top: Cambridge, Oxford 2002-2006; middle: other universities; bottom: Wikipedia\*;  
black line:  $F(x) = 1/(1 + 2x)^{3/2}$ .

# Numerical PageRank method for $\alpha \rightarrow 1$

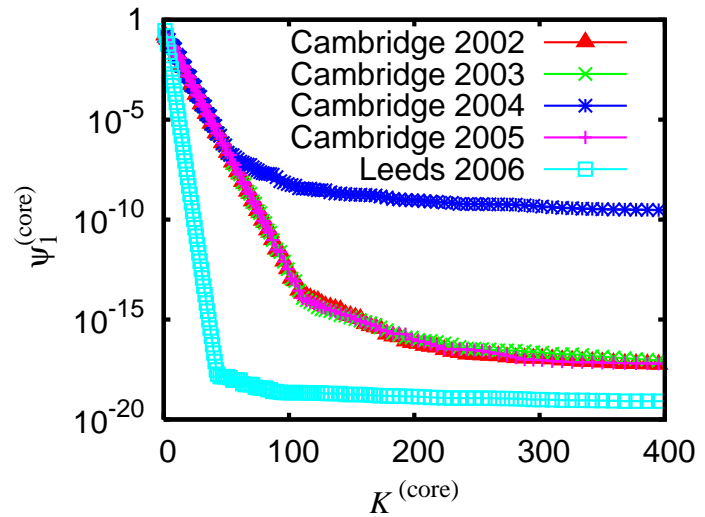
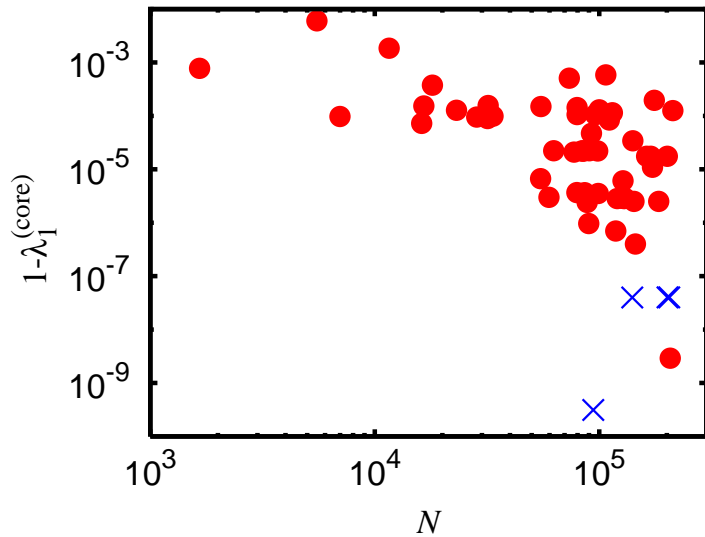
Combination of power method and Arnoldi diagonalization :



Here:  $\alpha = 1 - 10^{-8}$



# Core space gap and quasi-subspaces



Left: Core space gap  $1 - \lambda_1^{(\text{core})}$  vs  $N$  for certain british universities.

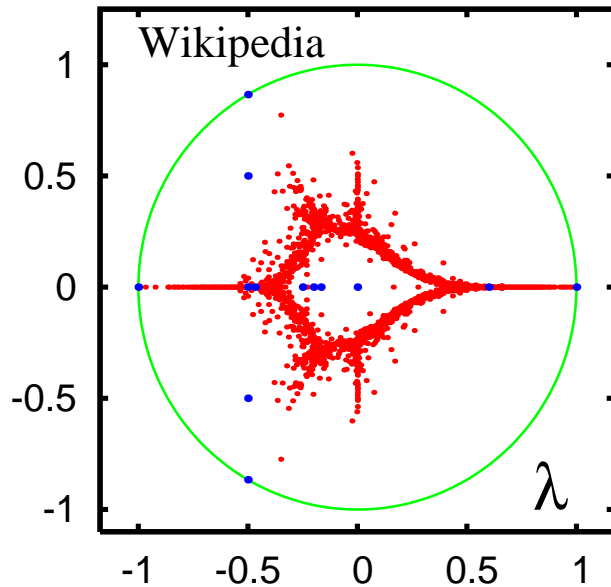
Red dots for gap  $> 10^{-9}$ ; blue crosses (moved up by  $10^9$ ) for gap  $< 10^{-16}$ .

Right: first core space eigenvector for universities with gap  $< 10^{-16}$  or gap  $= 2.91 \times 10^{-9}$  for Cambridge 2004.

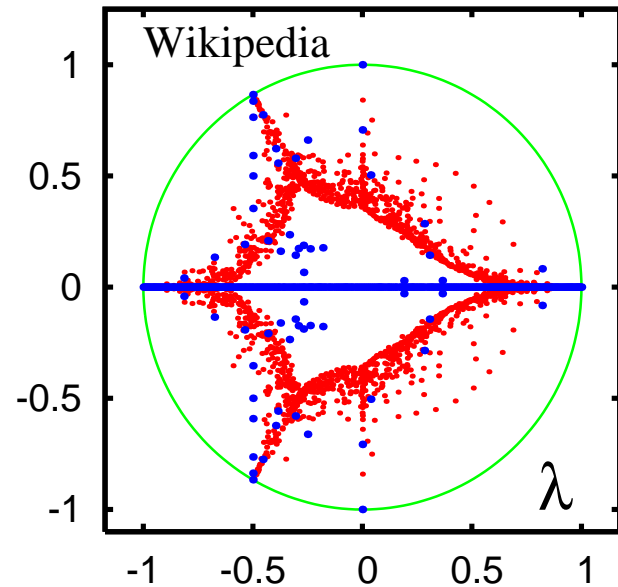
Core space gaps  $< 10^{-16}$  correspond to **quasi-subspaces** where it takes quite many “iterations” to reach a dangling node.

# Spectrum Wikipedia

Wikipedia 2009 :  $N = 3282257$  nodes,  $N_\ell = 71012307$  network links.



spectrum of  $S$ ,  $N_s = 515$

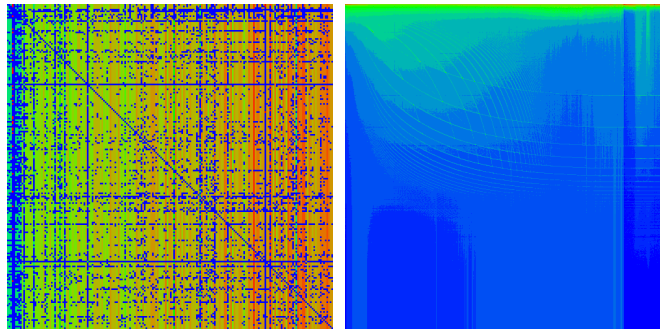


spectrum of  $S^*$ ,  $N_s = 21198$

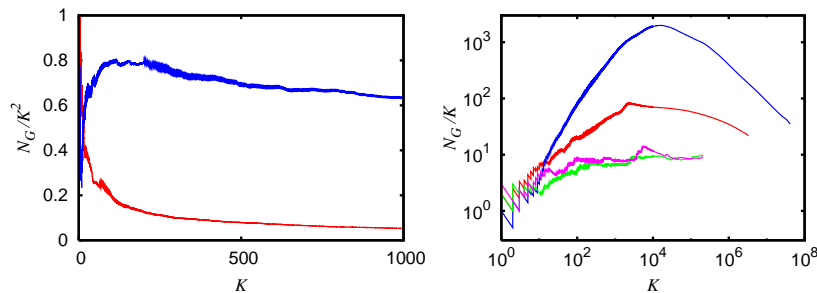
# Twitter network

Twitter 2009 :  $N = 41652230$  nodes,  $N_\ell = 1468365182$  network links.

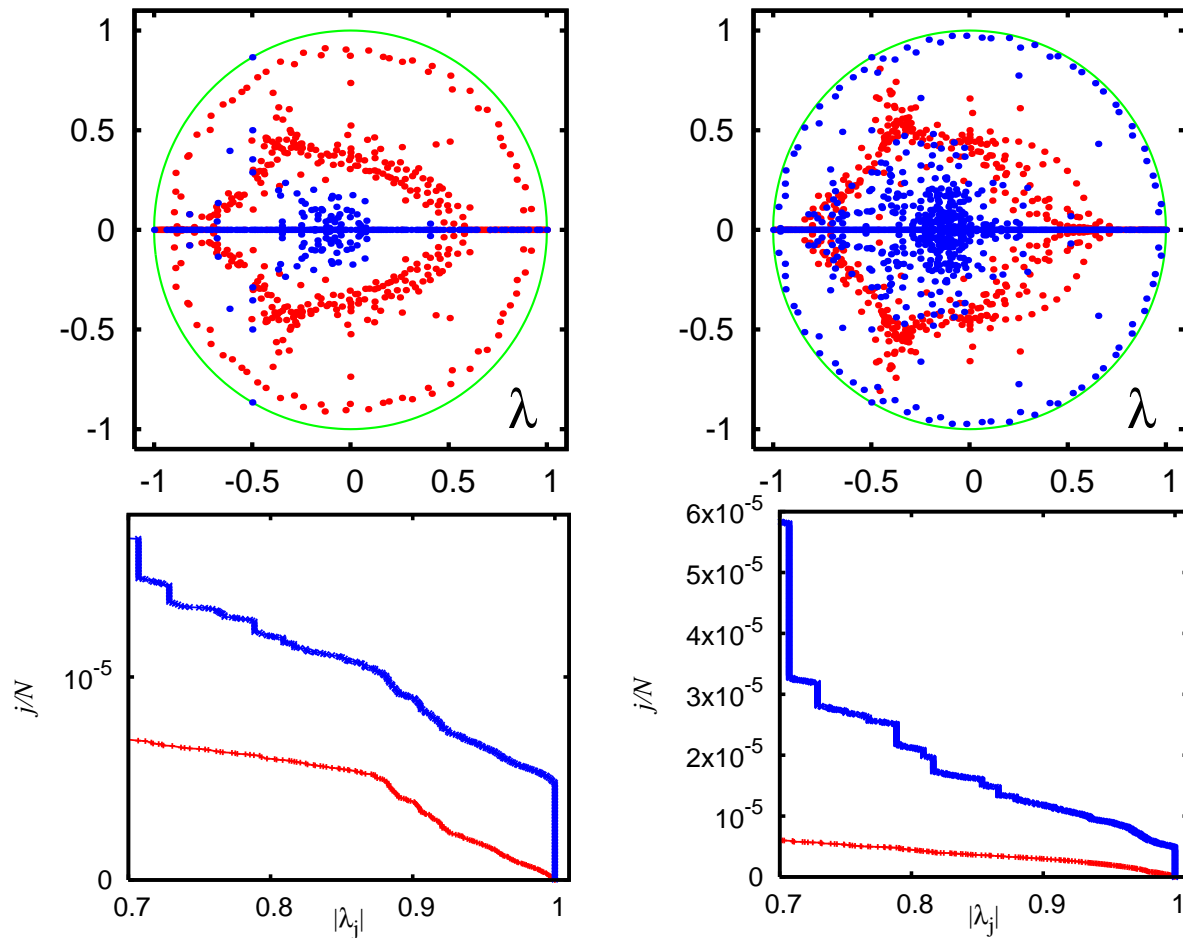
Matrix structure in K-rank order:



Number  $N_G$  of non-empty matrix elements in  $K \times K$ -square:

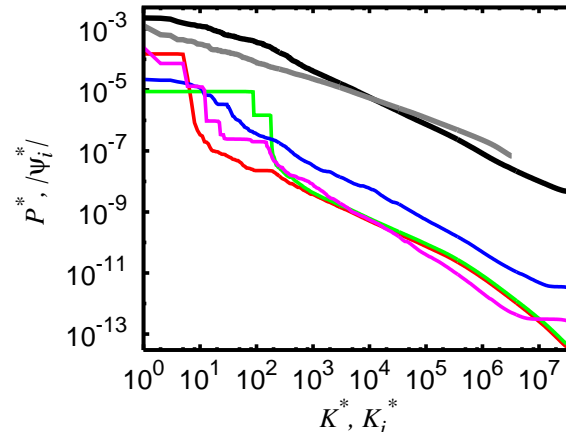
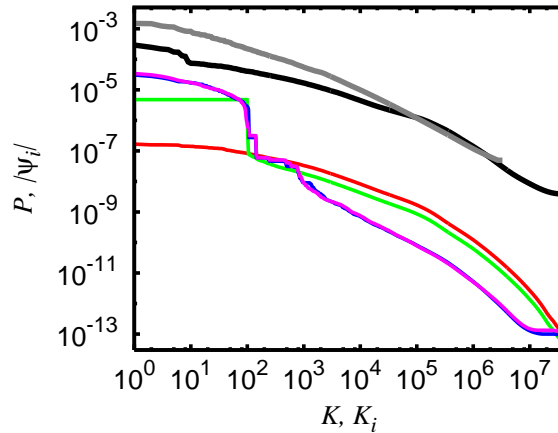


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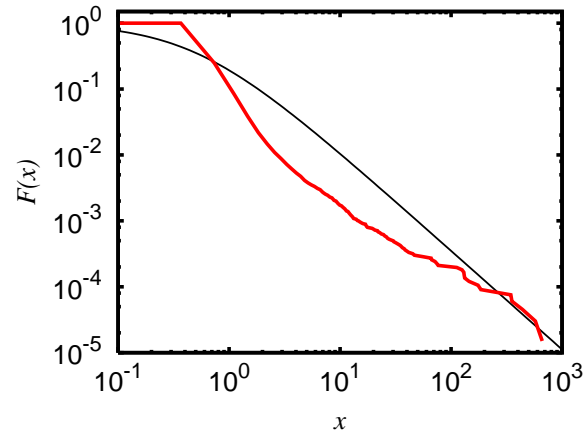
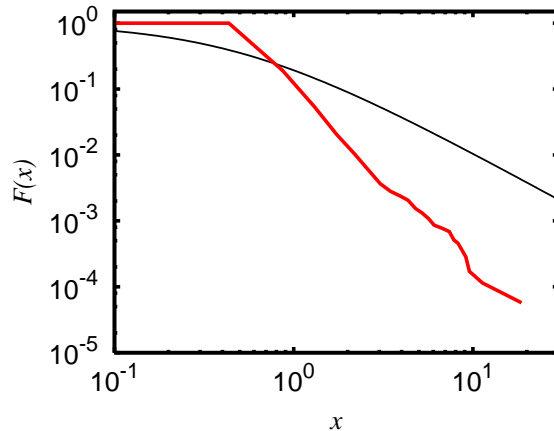


$n_A = 640 \Rightarrow 250$  GB of RAM memory.

# PageRank, CheiRank, eigenvectors



## Subspace distribution



Black line:  $F(x) = 1/(1 + 2x)^{3/2}$ .

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