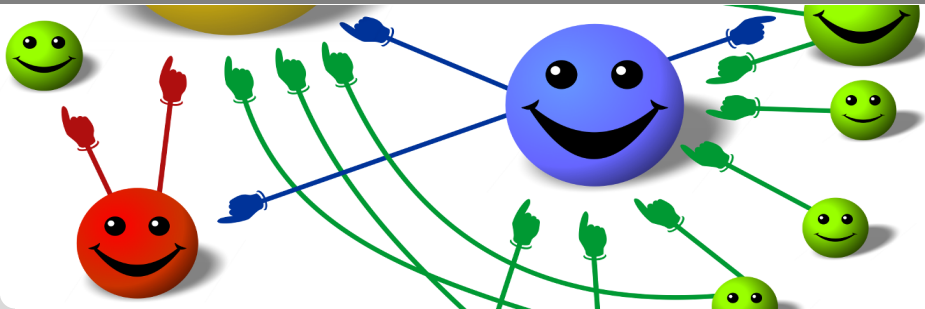


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History of searching and the PageRank algorithm

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Sergey Brin



Larry Page

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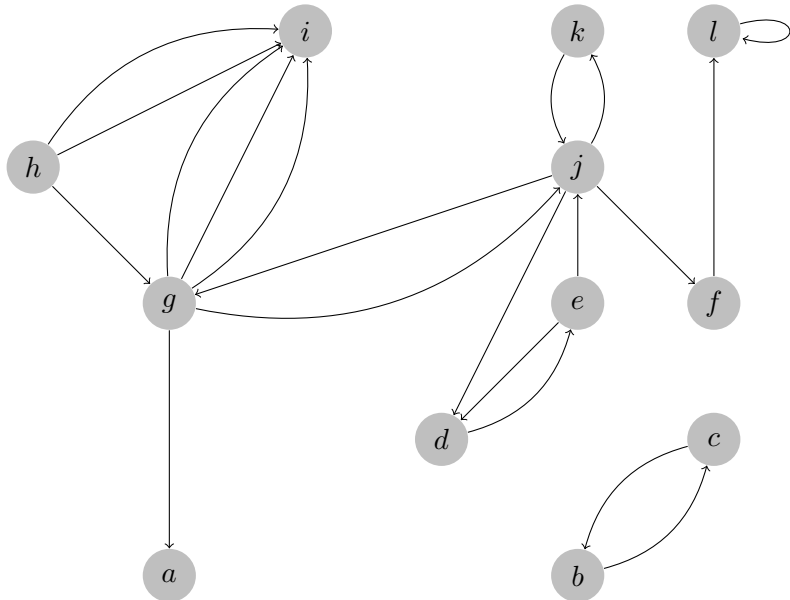
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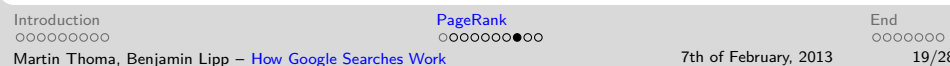
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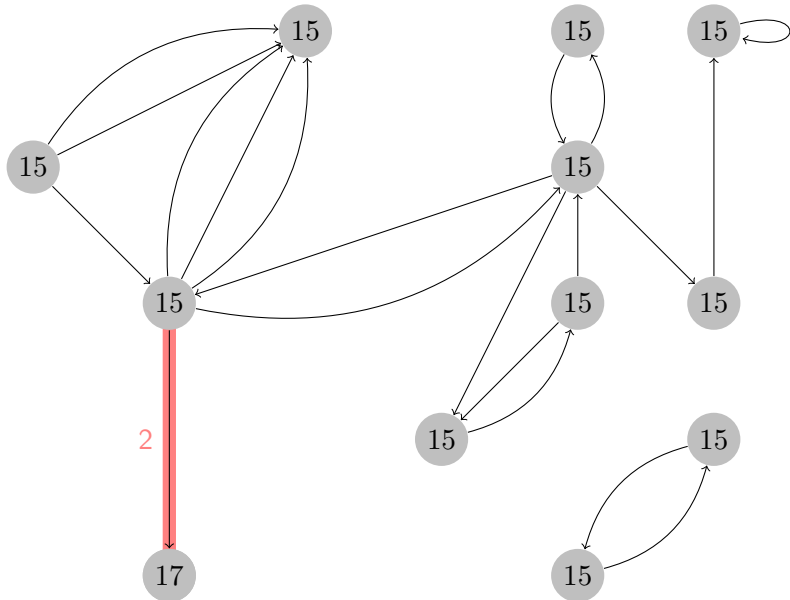
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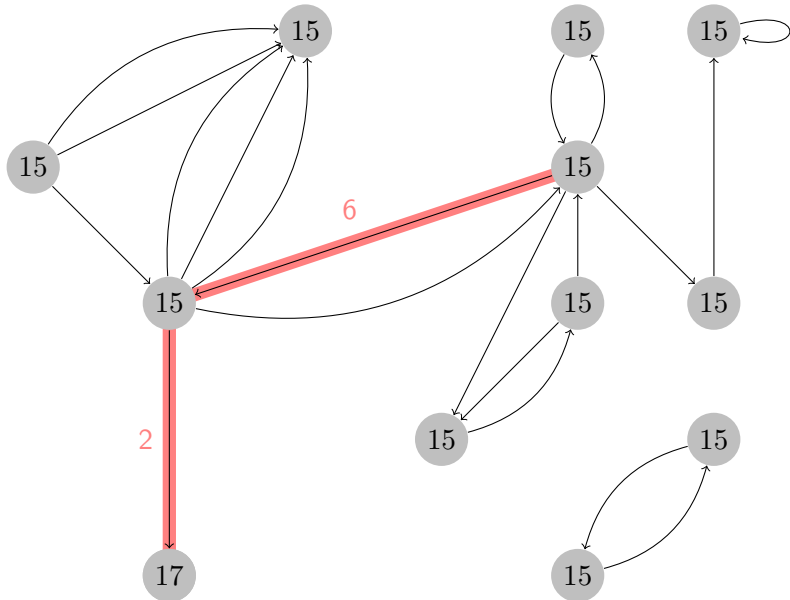


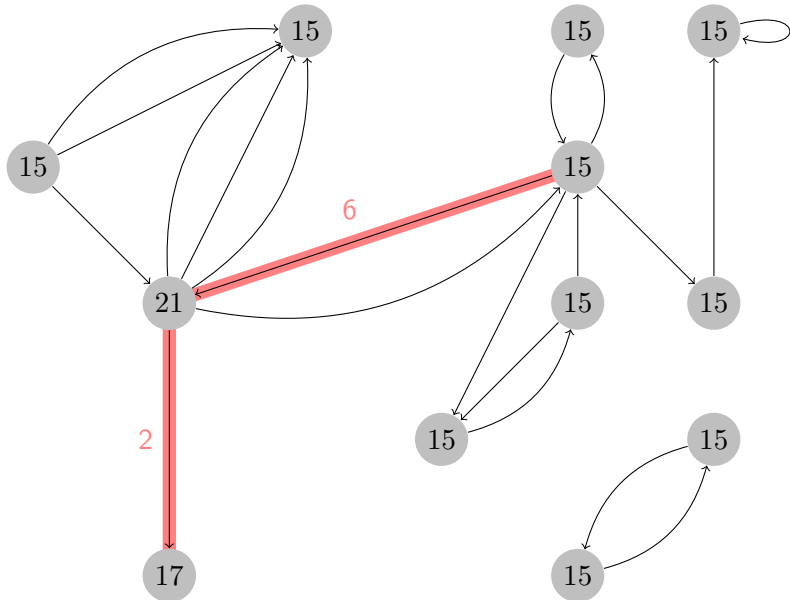






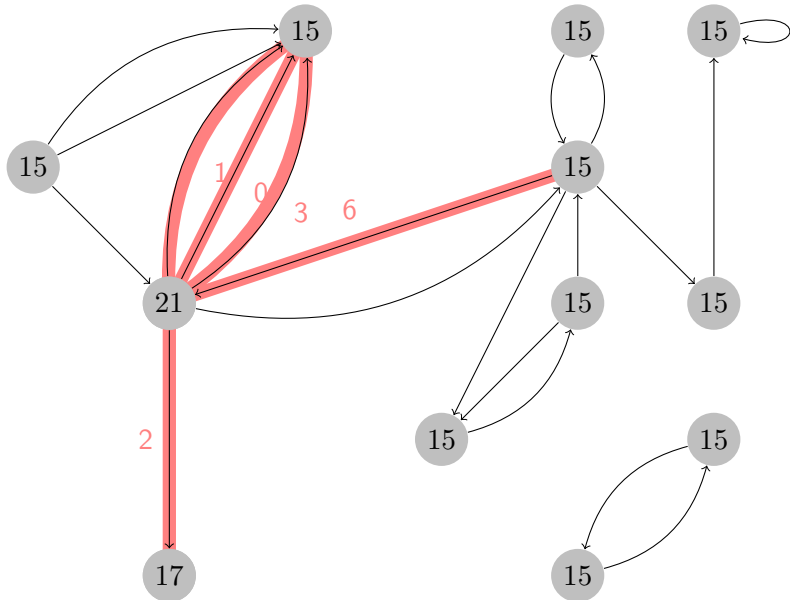


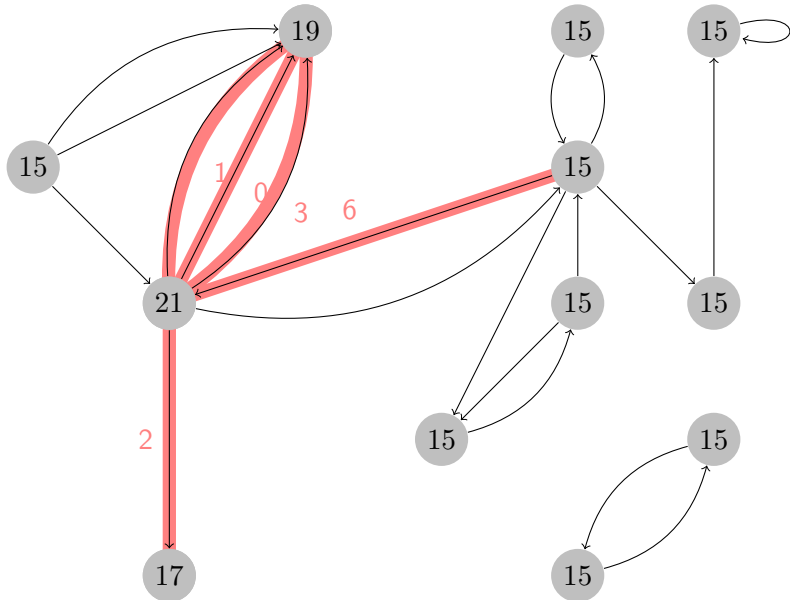












Let  $x$  be a web page. Then

- $L(x)$  is the set of websites that link to  $x$
- $C(y)$  is the out-degree of page  $y$
- $\alpha$  is probability of random jump
- $N$  is the total number of websites

$$PR(x) := \alpha \left( \frac{1}{N} \right) + (1 - \alpha) \sum_{y \in L(x)} \frac{PR(y)}{C(y)}$$

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## Scott gets Egyptian Protests



The screenshot shows a Google search for "Egypt". The search results are filtered to show only news and travel-related content. Two specific results are highlighted with white ovals, indicating they are the most relevant in the user's filter bubble.

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- web directories
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- graph (nodes, edges)
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- PageRank
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# Thanks for Your Attention!

Days 1 - 10  
Teach yourself variables, constants, arrays, strings, expressions, statements, functions,...



Days 11 - 21  
Teach yourself program flow, pointers, references, classes, objects, inheritance, polymorphism, ....



Days 22 - 697  
Do a lot of recreational programming. Have fun hacking but remember to learn from your mistakes.



Days 698 - 3648  
Interact with other programmers. Work on programming projects together. Learn from them.



Days 3649 - 7781  
Teach yourself advanced theoretical physics and formulate a consistent theory of quantum gravity.



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Teach yourself biochemistry, molecular biology, genetics,...



Day 14611  
Use knowledge of biology to make an age-reversing potion.



Day 14611  
Use knowledge of physics to build flux capacitor and go back in time to day 21.



Day 21  
Replace younger self.



As far as I know, this is the easiest way to  
"Teach Yourself C++ in 21 Days".