# DATA MINING LECTURE 11 

## Classification

Naïve Bayes

Supervised Learning
Graphs And Centrality

## Bayes Classifier

- A probabilistic framework for solving classification problems
- A, C random variables
- Joint probability: $\operatorname{Pr}(\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{c})$
- Conditional probability: $\operatorname{Pr}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{c} \mid \mathrm{A}=\mathrm{a})$
- Relationship between joint and conditional probability distributions

$$
\operatorname{Pr}(C, A)=\operatorname{Pr}(C \mid A) \times \operatorname{Pr}(A)=\operatorname{Pr}(A \mid C) \times \operatorname{Pr}(C)
$$

- Bayes Theorem:

$$
P(C \mid A)=\frac{P(A \mid C) P(C)}{P(A)}
$$

## Bayesian Classifiers

- How to classify the new record $\mathrm{X}=$ ('Yes', 'Single', 80K)

| Tid | Refund | Marital | Taxable | Evade |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Status | Income |  |
| 1 | Yes | Single | 125K | No |
| 2 | No | Married | 100K | No |
| 3 | No | Single | 70K | No |
| 4 | Yes | Married | 120K | No |
| 5 | No | Divorced | 95K | Yes |
| 6 | No | Married | 60K | No |
| 7 | Yes | Divorced | 220K | No |
| 8 | No | Single | 85K | Yes |
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Find the class with the highest probability given the vector values.

## Maximum Aposteriori Probability

 estimate:- Find the value c for class C that maximizes $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{c} \mid \mathrm{X})$

How do we estimate $P(C \mid X)$ for the different values of C ?

- We want to estimate $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{Yes} \mid \mathrm{X})$
- and $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{No}$ | X$)$


## Bayesian Classifiers

- In order for probabilities to be well defined:
- Consider each attribute and the class label as random variables
- Probabilities are determined from the data

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## Evade C

Event space: $\{Y e s$, No\}
$\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{C})=(0.3,0.7)$
Refund $\mathrm{A}_{1}$
Event space: \{Yes, No\}
$P\left(A_{1}\right)=(0.3,0.7)$
Martial Status $\mathrm{A}_{2}$
Event space: \{Single, Married, Divorced\}
$P\left(A_{2}\right)=(0.4,0.4,0.2)$
Taxable Income $\mathrm{A}_{3}$
Event space: R
$\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{A}_{3}\right) \sim \operatorname{Normal}\left(\mu, \sigma^{2}\right)$
$\mu=104:$ sample mean, $\sigma^{2}=1874:$ sample var

## Bayesian Classifiers

- Approach:
- compute the posterior probability $\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C} \mid \mathrm{A}_{1}, \mathrm{~A}_{2}, \ldots, \mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)$ using the Bayes theorem

$$
P\left(C \mid A_{1} A_{2} \ldots A_{n}\right)=\frac{P\left(A_{1} A_{2} \ldots A_{n} \mid C\right) P(C)}{P\left(A_{1} A_{2} \ldots A_{n}\right)}
$$

- Maximizing

$$
P\left(C \mid A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots, A_{n}\right)
$$

is equivalent to maximizing

$$
P\left(A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots, A_{n} \mid C\right) P(C)
$$

- The value $P\left(A_{1}, \ldots, A_{n}\right)$ is the same for all values of $C$.
- How to estimate $P\left(A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots, A_{n} \mid C\right)$ ?


## Naïve Bayes Classifier

- Assume conditional independence among attributes $A_{i}$ when class C is given:
- $P\left(A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots, A_{n} \mid C\right)=P\left(A_{1} \mid C\right) P\left(A_{2} \mid C\right) \cdots P\left(A_{n} \mid C\right)$
- We can estimate $P\left(A_{i} \mid C\right)$ from the data.
- New point $X=\left(A_{1}=\alpha_{1}, \ldots A_{n}=\alpha_{n}\right)$ is classified to class c if

$$
P(C=c \mid X)=P(C=c) \prod_{i} P\left(A_{i}=\alpha_{i} \mid c\right)
$$

is maximum over all possible values of C .

## Example

- Record

X $=$ (Refund $=$ Yes, Status $=$ Single, Income $=80 \mathrm{~K}$ )

- For the class C = 'Evade', we want to compute:
$P(C=Y e s \mid X)$ and $P(C=N o \mid X)$
- We compute:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { - } \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{Yes} \mid \mathrm{X})=\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{Yes})^{*} \mathrm{P}(\text { Refund }=\text { Yes } \mid \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{Yes}) \\
& \text { *P(Status = Single |C = Yes) } \\
& \text { *P(Income }=80 \mathrm{~K} \mid \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{Yes}) \\
& \text { - } P(C=N o \mid X)=P(C=N o) * P(\text { Refund }=Y e s \mid C=N o) \\
& \text { *P(Status = Single } \mid \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{No} \text { ) } \\
& \text { *P(Income =80K |C= No) }
\end{aligned}
$$

## How to Estimate Probabilities from Data?

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Class Prior Probability:
$P(C=c)=\frac{N_{C}}{N}$
$\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{c}}$ : Number of records with class C
$\mathrm{N}=$ Number of records
$\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{No})=7 / 10$
$P(C=Y e s)=3 / 10$

## How to Estimate Probabilities from Data?

## Discrete attributes:

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$$
P\left(A_{i}=a \mid C=c\right)=\frac{N_{a, c}}{N_{c}}
$$

$N_{a, c}$ : number of instances having attribute $A_{i}=a$ and belong to class $c$
$N_{a, c}$ : number of instances of class $c$

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$P($ Status $=$ Single $\mid$ Yes $)=2 / 3$

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- Normal distribution:

$$
P\left(A_{i}=a \mid c_{j}\right)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi \sigma_{i j}^{2}}} e^{-\frac{\left(a-\mu_{j}\right)^{2}}{2 \sigma_{i j}^{2}}}
$$

- One for each $\left(a_{i}, c i\right)$ pair
- For Class=No
- sample mean $\mu=110$
- sample variance $\sigma^{2}=2975$
- For Income = 80

$$
P(\text { Income }=80 \mid \text { No })=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi}(54.54)} e^{-\frac{(80-110)^{2}}{2(2975)}}=0.0062
$$

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- One for each $\left(a_{i}, c i\right)$ pair
- For Class=Yes
- sample mean $\mu=90$
- sample variance $\sigma^{2}=2975$
- For Income = 80

$$
P(\text { Income }=80 \mid \text { Yes })=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi}(5)} e^{-\frac{(80-90)^{2}}{2(25)}}=0.01
$$

## Example

- Record

X $=$ (Refund $=$ Yes, Status $=$ Single, Income $=80 \mathrm{~K}$ )

- We compute:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { - } \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{Yes} \mid \mathrm{X})=\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{Yes})^{*} \mathrm{P}(\text { Refund }=\text { Yes } \mid \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{Yes}) \\
& \text { *P(Status = Single |C = Yes) } \\
& \text { *P(Income }=80 \mathrm{~K} \mid \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{Yes}) \\
& =3 / 10^{*} 0 \text { * } 2 / 3 \text { * } 0.01=0 \\
& \text { - } P(C=N o \mid X)=P(C=N o)^{*} P(\text { Refund }=Y e s \mid C=N o) \\
& \text { *P(Status = Single } \mid \mathrm{C}=\text { No) } \\
& \text { *P(Income }=80 \mathrm{~K} \mid \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{No}) \\
& =7 / 10 \text { * } 3 / 7 \text { * } 2 / 7 \text { * } 0.0062=0.0005
\end{aligned}
$$

## Example of Naïve Bayes Classifier

## - Creating a Naïve Bayes Classifier, essentially means to compute counts:

Total number of records: $\mathrm{N}=10$

| Class No: |
| :--- |
| Number of records: 7 |
| Attribute Refund: |
| Yes: 3 |
| No: 4 |
| Attribute Marital Status: |
| Single: 2 |
| Divorced: 1 |
| Married: 4 |
| Attribute Income: |
| mean: |
| variance: 2975 |


| Class Yes: |
| :--- |
| Number of records: 3 |
| Attribute Refund: |
| Yes: 0 |
| No: 3 |
| Attribute Marital Status: |
| Single: 2 |
| Divorced: 1 |
| Married: 0 |
| Attribute Income: |
| mean: 90 |
| variance: 25 |

## Example of Naïve Bayes Classifier

Given a Test Record:

$$
\text { X = (Refund = Yes, Status = Single, Income =80K })
$$

naive Bayes Classifier:

```
P(Refund=Yes |No) = 3/7
P(Refund=No|No) = 4/7
P(Refund=Yes |Yes) = 0
P(Refund=No|Yes)= 1
P(Marital Status=Single |No) = 2/7
P(Marital Status=Divorced|No)=1/7
P(Marital Status=Married|No) = 4/7
P(Marital Status=Single|Yes)=2/7
P(Marital Status=Divorced|Yes)=1/7
P(Marital Status=Married|Yes)=0
For taxable income:
If class=No: sample mean=110
    sample variance=2975
If class=Yes: sample mean=90
    sample variance=25
```

- $P(X \mid C l a s s=N o)=P($ Refund $=$ Yes $\mid$ Class=No $)$
$\times \mathrm{P}$ (Married| Class=No)
$\times$ P(Income=120K| Class=No)

$$
=3 / 7 * 2 / 7 * 0.0062=0.00075
$$

- $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid$ Class $=\mathrm{Yes})=\mathrm{P}($ Refund $=$ No| Class=Yes $)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \times \mathrm{P}(\text { Married } \mid \text { Class }=\text { Yes }) \\
& \times \mathrm{P}(\text { Income }=120 \mathrm{~K} \mid \text { Class }=\text { Yes }) \\
= & 0 * 2 / 3 * 0.01=0
\end{aligned}
$$

- $P(N o)=0.3, P(Y e s)=0.7$

Since $P(X \mid N o) P(N o)>P(X \mid Y e s) P(Y e s)$
Therefore $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{No} \mid \mathrm{X})>\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{Yes} \mid \mathrm{X})$
$=>$ Class $=\mathrm{No}$

## Naïve Bayes Classifier

- If one of the conditional probability is zero, then the entire expression becomes zero


## - Laplace Smoothing:

$$
P\left(A_{i}=a \mid C=c\right)=\frac{N_{a c}+1}{N_{c}+N_{i}}
$$

- $N_{i}$ : number of attribute values for attribute $A_{i}$


## Example of Naïve Bayes Classifier

Given a Test Record:

$$
\text { X = (Refund = Yes, Status = Single, Income =80K })
$$

naive Bayes Classifier:

```
P(Refund=Yes |No) = 4/9
P(Refund=No|No) = 5/9
P(Refund=Yes |Yes) = 1/5
P(Refund=No|Yes) = 4/5
P(Marital Status=Single |No) = 3/10
P(Marital Status=Divorced|No)=2/10
P(Marital Status=Married|No) = 5/10
P(Marital Status=Single |Yes)=3/6
P(Marital Status=Divorced|Yes)=2/6
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    sample variance=2975
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    sample variance=25
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```

- $P(X \mid C l a s s=N o)=P($ Refund=No|Class=No $)$
$\times \mathrm{P}$ (Married| Class=No)
$\times$ P(Income=120K| Class=No)

$$
=4 / 9 \times 3 / 10 \times 0.0062=0.00082
$$

- $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid$ Class $=\mathrm{Yes})=\mathrm{P}($ Refund=No| Class=Yes $)$
$\times \mathrm{P}$ (Married| Class=Yes)
$\times$ P(Income=120K| Class=Yes)
$=1 / 5 \times 3 / 6 \times 0.01=0.001$
- $P(N o)=0.7, P(Y e s)=0.3$
- $P(X \mid N o) P(N o)=0.0005$
- $P(X \mid Y e s) P(Y e s)=0.0003$
=> Class = No


## Implementation details

- Computing the conditional probabilities involves multiplication of many very small numbers
- Numbers get very close to zero, and there is a danger of numeric instability
- We can deal with this by computing the logarithm of the conditional probability

$$
\begin{gathered}
\log P(C \mid A) \sim \log P(A \mid C)+\log P(A) \\
=\sum_{i} \log \left(A_{i} \mid C\right)+\log P(A)
\end{gathered}
$$

## Naïve Bayes for Text Classification

- Naïve Bayes is commonly used for text classification
- For a document with k terms $d=\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{k}\right)$

- $P\left(t_{i} \mid c\right)=$ Fraction of terms from all documents in c that are $t_{i}$. Number of times $t_{i}$

- Easy to implement and works relatively well
- Limitation: Hard to incorporate additional features (beyond words).
- E.g., number of adjectives used.


## Multinomial document model

- Probability of document $d=\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{k}\right)$ in class c :

$$
P(d \mid c)=P(c) \prod_{t_{i} \in d} P\left(t_{i} \mid c\right)
$$

- This formula assumes a multinomial distribution for the document generation:
- If we have probabilities $p_{1}, \ldots, p_{T}$ for events $t_{1}, \ldots, t_{T}$ the probability of a subset of these is

$$
P(d)=\frac{N}{N_{t_{1}}!N_{t_{2}}!\cdots N_{t_{T}}!} p_{1}^{N_{t_{1}}} p_{2} N_{t_{2}} \cdots p_{T}{ }^{N_{t_{T}}}
$$

- Equivalently: There is an automaton spitting words from the above distribution

```
TrainMultinomialNB(C,D)
    1 V}\leftarrow\mathrm{ ExtractVocabulary(D)
    2 N\leftarrowCOUNTDOCS(D)
    3 for each c\inC
    4 do N}\mp@subsup{N}{c}{}\leftarrow\mathrm{ COUNTDOCSINClass( }\mathbb{D},c
        prior[c]}\leftarrow\mp@subsup{N}{c}{}/
        textc
        for each t\inV
        do Tct }\leftarrow\mathrm{ COUNTTOKENSOFTERM (textc, t)
        for each t\inV
        do condprob[t][c]}\leftarrow\frac{\mp@subsup{T}{ct}{}+1}{\mp@subsup{\Sigma}{\mp@subsup{t}{}{\prime}}{\prime}(\mp@subsup{T}{c\mp@subsup{t}{}{\prime}}{}+1)
        return V, prior,cond prob
ApplyMultinOmiAlNB(C,V,prior,condprob,d)
1 W\leftarrow ExtractTokensFromDoc ( }V,d
2 for each c}\in
    do score [c]}\leftarrow\operatorname{log}\mathrm{ prior [c]
        for each t\inW
        do score [c] += log condprob[t][c]
    return arg max c\inC Score[c]
```

- Figure 13.2 Naive Bayes algorithm (multinomial model): Training and testing.


## Example

News titles for Politics and Sports

| Politics |  | Sports |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| documents | "Obama meets Merkel" <br> "Obama elected again" <br> "Merkel visits Greece again" | "OSFP European basketball champion" "Miami NBA basketball champion" "Greece basketball coach?" |
|  | $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{p})=0.5$ | $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{s})=0.5$ |
| terms <br> Vocabulary size: 14 | obama:2, meets:1, merkel:2, elected:1, again:2, visits:1, greece:1 | OSFP:1, european:1, basketball:3, champion:2, miami:1, nba:1, greece:1, coach:1 |
|  | Total terms: 10 | Total terms: 11 |
| New title: | $\mathrm{X}=$ "Obama likes basketball" |  |
| $\begin{aligned} P(\text { Politics } \mid X) & \sim P(p) * P(\text { obama\|p })^{*} * P(\text { likes } \mid p)^{*} P(\text { basketball\|\|p) } \\ & =0.5 * 3 /(10+14) * 1 /(10+14) * 1 /(10+14)=0.000108 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} P(\text { Sports } \mid X) & \sim P(s) * P(\text { obama\|s }) * P(\text { likes } \mid s) * P(\text { basketball\|\|s }) \\ & =0.5 * 1 /(11+14) * 1 /(11+14) * 4 /(11+14)=0.000128 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |

## Naïve Bayes (Summary)

- Robust to isolated noise points
- Handle missing values by ignoring the instance during probability estimate calculations
- Robust to irrelevant attributes
- Independence assumption may not hold for some attributes
- Use other techniques such as Bayesian Belief Networks (BBN)
- Naïve Bayes can produce a probability estimate, but it is usually a very biased one
- Logistic Regression is better for obtaining probabilities.


## SUPERVISED LEARNING

## Learning

- Supervised Learning: learn a model from the data using labeled data.
- Classification and Regression are the prototypical examples of supervised learning tasks. Other are possible (e.g., ranking)
- Unsupervised Learning: learn a model - extract structure from unlabeled data.
- Clustering and Association Rules are prototypical examples of unsupervised learning tasks.
- Semi-supervised Learning: learn a model for the data using both labeled and unlabeled data.


## Supervised Learning Steps

- Model the problem
- What is you are trying to predict? What kind of optimization function do you need? Do you need classes or probabilities?
- Extract Features
- How do you find the right features that help to discriminate between the classes?
- Obtain training data
- Obtain a collection of labeled data. Make sure it is large enough, accurate and representative. Ensure that classes are well represented.
- Decide on the technique
- What is the right technique for your problem?
- Apply in practice
- Can the model be trained for very large data? How do you test how you do in practice? How do you improve?


## Modeling the problem

- Sometimes it is not obvious. Consider the following three problems
- Detecting if an email is spam
- Categorizing the queries in a search engine
- Ranking the results of a web search


## Feature extraction

- Feature extraction, or feature engineering is the most tedious but also the most important step
- How do you separate the players of the Greek national team from those of the Swedish national team?
- One line of thought: throw features to the classifier and the classifier will figure out which ones are important
- More features, means that you need more training data
- Another line of thought: Feature Selection: Select carefully the features using various functions and techniques
- Computationally intensive


## Training data

- An overlooked problem: How do you get labeled data for training your model?
- E.g., how do you get training data for ranking?
- Usually requires a lot of manual effort and domain expertise and carefully planned labeling
- Results are not always of high quality (lack of expertise)
- And they are not sufficient (low coverage of the space)
- Recent trends:
- Find a source that generates the labeled data for you.
- Crowd-sourcing techniques


## Dealing with small amount of labeled data

- Semi-supervised learning techniques have been developed for this purpose.
- Self-training: Train a classifier on the data, and then feed back the high-confidence output of the classifier as input
- Co-training: train two "independent" classifiers and feed the output of one classifier as input to the other.
- Regularization: Treat learning as an optimization problem where you define relationships between the objects you want to classify, and you exploit these relationships
- Example: Image restoration


## Technique

- The choice of technique depends on the problem requirements (do we need a probability estimate?) and the problem specifics (does independence assumption hold? do we think classes are linearly separable?)
- For many cases finding the right technique may be trial and error
- For many cases the exact technique does not matter.


## Big Data Trumps Better Algorithms

- If you have enough data then the algorithms are not so important
- The web has made this possible.
- Especially for text-related tasks
- Search engine uses the collective human intelligence


## Google lecture: <br> Theorizing from the Data



Figure 1. Learning Curves for Confusion Set Disambiguation

## Apply-Test

- How do you scale to very large datasets?
- Distributed computing - map-reduce implementations of machine learning algorithms (Mahut, over Hadoop)
- How do you test something that is running online?
- You cannot get labeled data in this case
- A/B testing
- How do you deal with changes in data?
- Active learning

GRAPHS AND LINK ANALYSIS RANKING

## Graphs - Basics

- A graph is a powerful abstraction for modeling entities and their pairwise relationships.
- $G=(V, E)$
- Set of nodes $V=\left\{v_{1}, \ldots, v_{5}\right\}$
- Set of edges $E=\left\{\left(v_{1}, v_{2}\right), \ldots\left(v_{4}, v_{5}\right)\right\}$
- Examples:
- Social network
- Twitter Followers
- Web
- Collaboration graphs



## Undirected Graphs

- Undirected Graph: The edges are undirected pairs - they can be traversed in any direction.
- Degree of node: Number of edges incident on the node
- Path: A sequence of edges from one node to another
- We say that the node is reachable
- Connected Component: A set of nodes such that there is a path between any two nodes in the set



## Directed Graphs

- Directed Graph: The edges are ordered pairs - they can be traversed in the direction from first to second.
- In-degree and Out-degree of a node.
- Path: A sequence of directed edges from one node to another
- We say that the node is reachable
- Strongly Connected Component: A set of nodes such that there is a directed path between any two nodes in the set
- Weakly Connected Component: A set of nodes such that there is an undirected path between any two nodes in the set



## Bipartite Graph

- A graph where the vertex set V is partitioned into two sets $V=\{L, R\}$, of size greater than one, such that there is no edge within each set.



## Mining the graph structure

- A graph is a combinatorial object, with a certain structure.
- Mining the structure of the graph reveals information about the entities in the graph
- E.g., if in the Facebook graph I find that there are 100 people that are all linked to each other, then these people are likely to be a community
- The community discovery problem
- By measuring the number of friends in the facebook graph I can find the most important nodes
- The node importance problem
- We will now focus on the node importance problem


## Importance problem

-What are the most important nodes in the graph?

- What are the most authoritative pages on the web
- Who are the important users in Facebook?
- What are the most influential Twitter accounts?


## Link Analysis

- First generation search engines
- view documents as flat text files
- could not cope with size, spamming, user needs
- Second generation search engines
- Ranking becomes critical
- shift from relevance to authoritativeness
- authoritativeness: the static importance of the page
- use of Web specific data: Link Analysis of the Web graph
- a success story for the network analysis + a huge commercial success
- it all started with two graduate students at Stanford


## Link Analysis: Intuition

- A link from page p to page q denotes endorsement
- page $p$ considers page $q$ an authority on a subject
- use the graph of recommendations
- assign an authority value to every page
- The same idea applies to other graphs as well - Twitter graph, where user p follows user q


## Constructing the graph



- Goal: output an authority weight for each node
- Also known as centrality, or importance


## Rank by Popularity

- Rank pages according to the number of incoming edges (in-degree, degree centrality)


1. Red Page
2. Yellow Page
3. Blue Page
4. Purple Page
5. Green Page

## Popularity



- It is not important only how many link to you, but how important are the people that link to you.
- Good authorities are pointed by good authorities
- Recursive definition of importance


## PageRank

- Good authorities should be pointed by good authorities
- The value of a page is the value of the people that link to you
- How do we implement that?
- Assume that we have a unit of authority to distribute to all nodes.
- Each node distributes the authority value they have to their neighbors
- The authority value of each node is the sum of the authority fractions it collects from its neighbors.
- Solving the system of equations we get the authority values for the nodes
- $w=1 / 2, w=1 / 4, w=1 / 4$

$w+w+w=1$
$\mathrm{w}=\mathrm{w}+\mathrm{w}$
$\mathrm{w}=1 / 2 \mathrm{w}$
$w=1 / 2 w$


## A more complex example

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\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{w}_{1}=1 / 3 \mathrm{w}_{4}+1 / 2 \mathrm{w}_{5} \\
& \mathrm{w}_{2}=1 / 2 \mathrm{w}_{1}+\mathrm{w}_{3}+1 / 3 \mathrm{w}_{4} \\
& \mathrm{w}_{3}=1 / 2 \mathrm{w}_{1}+1 / 3 \mathrm{w}_{4} \\
& \mathrm{w}_{4}=1 / 2 \mathrm{w}_{5} \\
& \mathrm{w}_{5}=\mathrm{w}_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$



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P R(p)=\sum_{q \rightarrow p} \frac{P R(q)}{|O u t(q)|}
$$

## Random Walks on Graphs

- What we described is equivalent to a random walk on the graph
- Random walk:
- Start from a node uniformly at random
- Pick one of the outgoing edges uniformly at random
- Repeat.


## Random walks on graphs

- Question: what is the probability of being at a specific node?
- $p_{i}$ : probability of being at node i at this step
- $p_{i}^{\prime}$ : probability of being at node i in the next step

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\begin{aligned}
& p_{1}^{\prime}=1 / 3 p_{4}+1 / 2 p_{5} \\
& p_{2}^{\prime}=1 / 2 p_{1}+p_{3}+1 / 3 p_{4} \\
& p_{3}^{\prime}=1 / 2 p_{1}+1 / 3 p_{4} \\
& p_{4}^{\prime}=1 / 2 p_{5} \\
& p_{5}^{\prime}=p_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$



- After many steps the probabilities converge to the stationary distribution of the random walk.

