

# Web Site Ranking

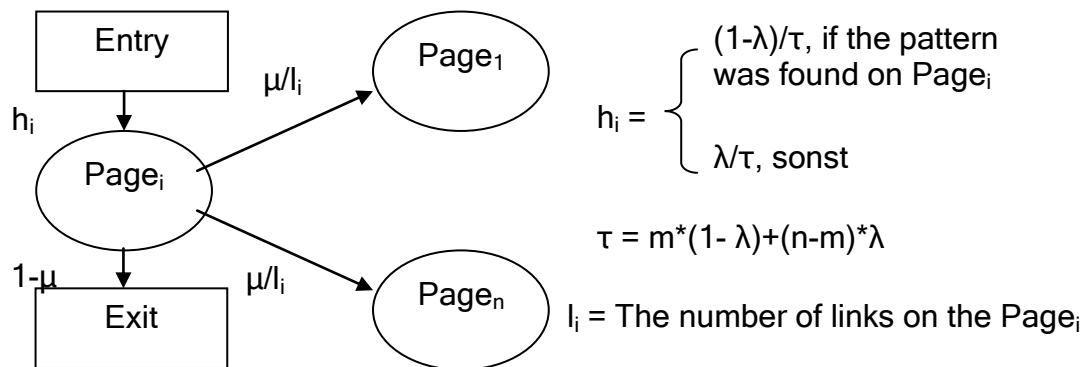
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## 1 Introduction

The main web site [www.herbrand.ai](http://www.herbrand.ai) and its satellite web sites can be searched via text search by typing a search expression into the search box. A result list will be produced from which you can choose a document. The ranking of the results is detailed below.

## 2 Ranking

The ranking measures the hit on the page, as well as the contribution of each other page. Is there a hit on the page, then the contribution is  $(1-\lambda)/\tau$ , otherwise the contribution is  $\lambda/\tau$ . This can be depicted graphically as follows:



By the way that the rank includes also pages without hits, the ranking is a mix of a general weighting of the pages in the whole collection and of a weighting with respect to the pages inside the collection that match the pattern. But because the links between the pages can lead into cycles, the rank becomes a recursive matrix equation:

$$R = L * R + H$$

We solve this equation exactly in that we calculate  $R = (E-L)^{-1} * H$ . The matrix inversion  $(E-L)^{-1}$  is only computed once for the web site and is stored across the pages of the web site. During each search only  $H$  is recomputed and the matrix multiplication is performed. In consequence the method behaves time quadratic on queries, and not cubic.