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Homework Assignment #1
Reading a Patent

This assignment asks you to read and review the attached patent (the “Google PageRank Patent”) in order to better understand a patent document. Due: In class, April 22, 2015.

1. What is the subject matter of the patent?:

2. What’s the Patent Number?:

3. Who is the Inventor(s):

4. What’s the Application No.:

5. Filing Date?:

6. Priority Filing Date: ___________ because:

7. Government Support?:

8. What prior art was considered by the Examiner?: (Just count and list the number of “U.S. Patent Documents” and the number of “Other Publications.”)

9. Expiration Date of the Patent?:

10. What claims are independent claims?:

11. What claims are dependent claims?:

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12. What does this patent protect?

13. If you were trying to "design around" this patent, what would you do? (To make this a little easier, just focus on independent claim 1.)