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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. <u>Due: In class, April 22, 2015</u>.

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?:

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.)