Parsing Techniques for Contex-Free Path Querying

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- Path querying problem: $Q = \{p \mid \omega(p) \in \mathcal{L}\}$
  - Single path, all paths, shortest path ...

Context-Free path querying

- $\mathcal{L}$ is a context-free language
- $G_{\mathcal{L}} = (N, \Sigma, R, S)$
- Reachability problem: $Q = \{(v_i, v_j) \mid \exists p = v_i \dots v_j, S \xrightarrow[G_L]{*} \omega(p)\}$
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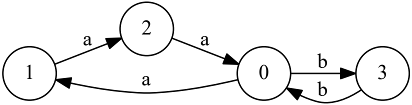
Example of CFPQ



Input graph

$0: \quad S \to a\ S\ b$

$1: \quad S \to Middle$

$2: \quad Middle \to a\ b$

Query: language $\{a^n b^n \mid n > 0\}$

Paths:

$2 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \xrightarrow{b} 3$

$1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \xrightarrow{b} 3 \xrightarrow{b} 0$

$p_1 = 0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \xrightarrow{b} 3 \xrightarrow{b} 0 \xrightarrow{b} 3$

$p_2 = 0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \xrightarrow{b} 3 \xrightarrow{b} 0 \xrightarrow{b} 3 \xrightarrow{b} 0 \xrightarrow{b} 3 \xrightarrow{b} 0$

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Applications

- Graph data bases querying
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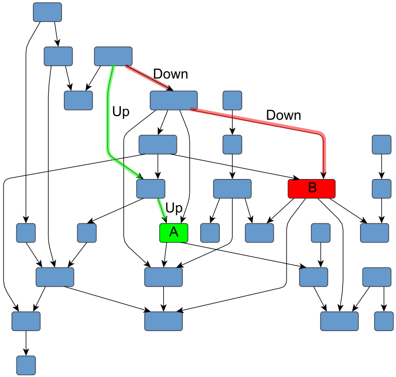
- Static code analysis
  Reps CFL reachability
- ...

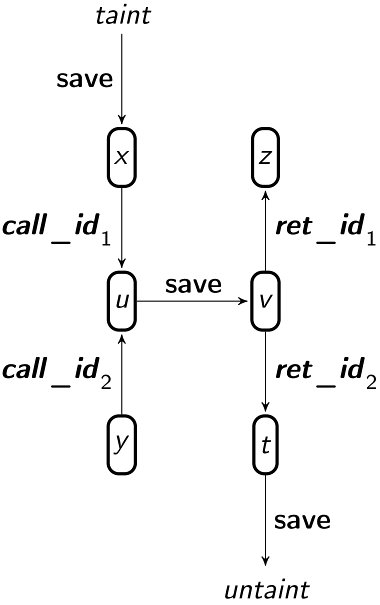
Graph data bases querying



Navigation through a graph

- Are nodes A and B on the same level of hierarchy?
- Is there a path of form **Up**^{n} **Down**^{n}?
- Find all paths of form **Up**^{n} **Down**^{n} which start from the node A

```
int id(int u)
{
  v = u;
  return v;
}
int main()
{
  //taint
  int x;
  int z, y;
  //untaint
  int t;
  z = id(x);
  t = id(y);
}
```



Parsing algorithms for CFPQ

- Structural representation of results
- Number of algorithms with different properties
- Number of theoretical results

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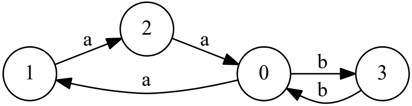

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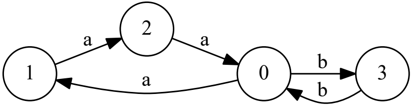

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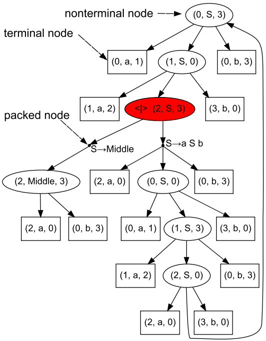

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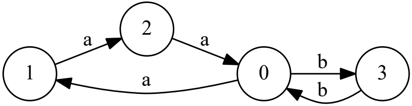

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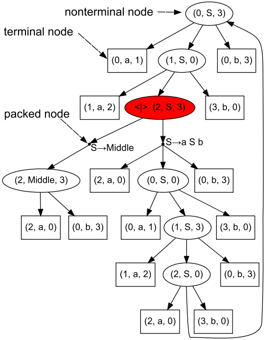

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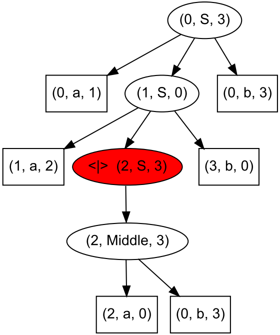

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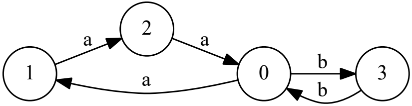

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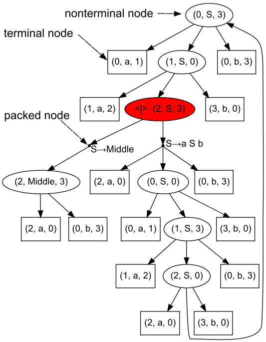

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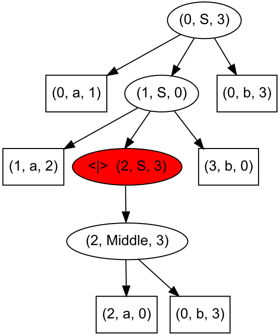

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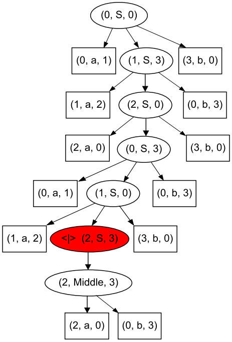
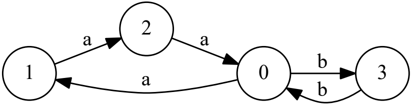


Tree for p_2

Paths extraction



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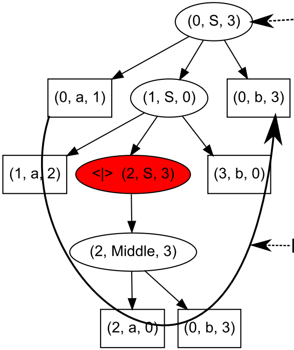

There exists a path p from vertex 0 to vetex 3 such that $\omega(p)$ is derivable from S. Subtree which is rooted by this node is a derivation tree of $\omega(p)$.

Path is a seqence of leafs

Path: $0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \xrightarrow{b} 3 \xrightarrow{b} 0 \xrightarrow{b} 3$

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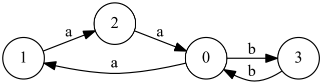

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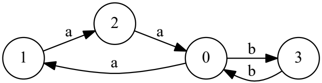

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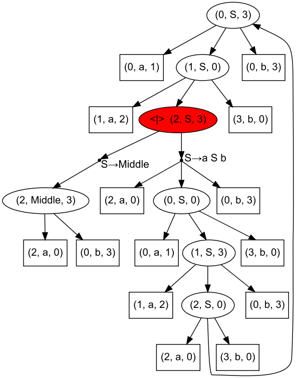

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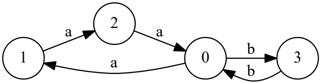

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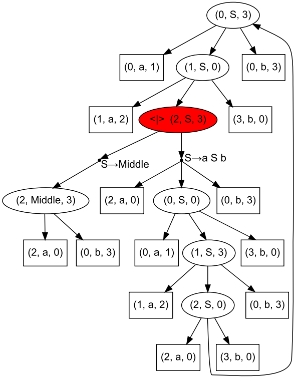

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\begin{aligned}
(0, S, 3) &\to (0, a, 1)\ (1, S, 0)\ (0, b, 3) \\
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- String-embedded languages
- ORMs
- Combinators

Combinators for CFPQ

- Implemented in Scala
- Based on Meerkat parser combinator library: *Anastasia Izmaylova, Ali Afroozeh, and Tijs van der Storm.* "Practical, general parser combinators" 2016
- *Ekaterina Verbitskaia, Ilya Kirillov, Ilya Nozkin, Semyon Grigorev.* "Parser Combinators for Context-Free Path Querying" 2019

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A set of functions for edges and vertices values handling.

```
def LV(labels: String*) =
  V(e => labels.forall(e.hasLabel))
def outLE(label:String) = outE(_.label() == label)
def inLE (label:String) = inE (_.label() == label)
```

Basic example

Is there a path from vertex 0 to vertex 3 which has form $a^n b^n$?

```
val Query : Nonterminal
    = syn (LV("0") ~ S ~ LV("3"))

val S: Nonterminal
    = syn ( "a" ~ S ~ "b"
          | "a" ~ "b"
          )
```

Example of generalization

```
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val query2 = syn(
  sameGen(List((p1, p2),("(",")"))) ~ p3)
```

Example of values handling

Actors who played in some film

In Cypher

```
MATCH (m:Movie {title: 'Forrest␣Gump'})
      <-[:ACTS_IN]-(a:Actor)
RETURN a.name, a.birthplace;
```

In Meerkat

```
val query =
  syn((
    (LV("Movie")::V(_.title == "Forrest␣Gump")) ~
    inLE("ACTS_IN") ~
    syn(LV("Actor") ^
          (e => (e.name, e.birthplace)))) &&)
executeQuery(query, input)
```

Limitations

- Overhead for the regular constraints
- Not exactly clear how to compute arbitrary semantics for the paths
  - Paths can be lazily extracted, but in what order?
  - Is it possible to compute some semantics in case of cycles?

Boolean Matrix Multiplication for CFPQ

Transitive Closure

- Subset multiplication, $N_1, N_2 \subseteq N$
  - $N_1 \cdot N_2 = \{A \mid \exists B \in N_1, \exists C \in N_2 \text{ such that } (A \to BC) \in P\}$
- Subset addition: set-theoretic union.
- Matrix multiplication
  - Matrix of size $|V| \times |V|$
  - Subsets of N are elements
  - $c_{i,j} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{n} a_{i,k} \cdot b_{k,j}$
- Transitive closure
  - $a^{cf} = a^{(1)} \cup a^{(2)} \cup \cdots$
  - $a^{(1)} = a$
  - $a^{(i)} = a^{(i-1)} \cup (a^{(i-1)} \times a^{(i-1)}),\ i \geq 2$

The algorithm

Algorithm Context-free recognizer for graphs

function CONTEXTFREEPATHQUERYING(D, G)
    $n \leftarrow$ the number of nodes in D
    $E \leftarrow$ the directed edge-relation from D
    $P \leftarrow$ the set of production rules in G
    $T \leftarrow$ the matrix $n \times n$ in which each element is $\varnothing$
    for all $(i, x, j) \in E$ **do** ▷ Matrix initialization
        $T_{i,j} \leftarrow T_{i,j} \cup \{A \mid (A \rightarrow x) \in P\}$
    while matrix T is changing **do**
        $T \leftarrow T \cup (T \times T)$ ▷ Transitive closure T^{cf} calculation
    return T

Boolean Matrix Multiplication for CFPQ

- The matrix for nonterminal is a set of boolean matrices
- Matrices multiplication can be implemented efficiently by using modern harware and high-performance libraries

Performance comparison setup

We use graphs from the classical set of ontologies: *skos, foaf, univ-bench, wine, pizza, etc.*

Queries are classical variants of the same-generation query

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{S} &\to \mathit{subClassOf}^{-1}\ \mathbf{S}\ \mathit{subClassOf} \\
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\end{aligned}$$

Query 1

$$\begin{aligned}
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\end{aligned}$$

Query 2

Performance comparison results

№	#V	#E	Query 1 (ms)			Query 2 (ms)	
			CYK[1]	GLL	GPGPU	GLL	GPGPU
1	144	323	1044	10	12	1	1
2	129	351	6091	19	13	1	0
3	131	397	13971	24	30	1	10
4	179	413	20981	25	15	11	9
5	337	834	82081	89	32	3	6
6	291	685	515285	255	22	66	2
7	341	711	420604	261	20	45	24
8	671	2604	3233587	697	24	29	23
9	733	2450	4075319	819	54	8	6
10	6224	11840	–	1926	82	167	38
11	5864	19600	–	6246	185	46	21
12	5368	20832	–	7014	127	393	40

[1] Zhang, et al. "Context-free path queries on RDF graphs."

Performance comparison results

Graph	Scipy	M4RI	GPU4R	GPU_N	GPU_Py	CuSprs
G5k-0.001	10.352	0.647	0.113	0.041	0.216	5.729
G10k-0.001	37.286	2.395	0.435	0.215	1.331	35.937
G10k-0.01	97.607	1.455	0.273	0.138	0.763	47.525
G10k-0.1	601.182	1.050	0.223	0.114	0.859	395.393
G20k-0.001	150.774	11.025	1.842	1.274	6.180	-
G40k-0.001	-	97.841	11.663	8.393	37.821	-
G80k-0.001	-	1142.959	88.366	65.886	-	-

Directions for research

- Develop parallel and distributed algorithms
- Adopt other parsing algortihms
- Utilize other classes of languages for constraints specification
- Investigate incremental queryes evaluation