

<sup>1</sup>Specification of regular constraints in SPARQL propert paths: <https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-property-paths/>. Access date: 07.07.2020.

problem nowadays, and new algorithms and solutions are being created [18, 23].

At the same time, utilization of more powerful languages, namely context-free languages, gain popularity in the last few years. *Context-Free Path Querying* problem (CFPQ) was introduced by Mihalis Yannakakis in 1990 in [24]. A number of different algorithms was proposed since that time, but recently, in [15] Jochem Kuijpers et al. show that state-of-the-art CFPQ algorithms are not performant enough to be used in practice. This fact motivates to find new algorithms for CFPQ.

One of the promising ways to achieve high-performance solutions for graph analysis problems is to reduce graph algorithms to linear algebra. This way, the description of basic linear algebra primitives, the GraphBLAS [13] API, was proposed. Solutions that use libraries that implement this API, such as SuiteSparse [9] and CombBLAS [7], show that reduction to linear algebra is a way to utilize high-performance parallel and distributed computations for graph analysis.

Rustam Azimov in [3] shows how to reduce CFPQ to matrix multiplication. Later, in [17] and [21], it was shown that utilization of appropriate libraries of linear algebra for Azimov's algorithm implementation allows one to get practical solution for CFPQ. But Azimov's algorithm requires transforming the input grammar to Chomsky Normal Form, which leads to the grammar size increase, thus worsen performance especially for regular queries and complex context-free queries.

To solve these problems, recently, an algorithm based on automata intersection was proposed [?]. This algorithm is based on linear algebra and does not require the input grammar transformation. In this work we improve it. First of all, we reduce it to operations over Boolean matrices, thus simplify its description and implementation. Also, we show that this algorithm is performant enough for regular queries, so it is a good candidate for integration with real-world query languages: we can use one algorithm to evaluate both regular and context-free queries.

Moreover, we show that this algorithm is a way to attack a long-standing problem of subcubic CFPQ. The best-known result for the general case is an  $O(n^3/\log n)$  algorithm of Swarat Chaudhuri [8]. Also, there are solutions for partial cases. For example, there is a truly subcubic algorithm for 1-Dyck language proposed by Phillip Bradford [6]. But this solution cannot be generalized to arbitrary CFPQs. So, in our knowledge, there is no truly subcubic general algorithm for CFPQs. In this work we show that incremental transitive closure is a bottleneck on the way to get subcubic time complexity for CFPQ.

To summarize, we make the following contributions in this paper.

- (1) We rethink and improve tensor-product-based algorithm for CFPQ. First of all, we reduce this algorithm to operations over Boolean matrices. All paths semantics. Previous matrix-based solution only single path. For both regular and context-free path queries. Correctness and time complexity.
- (2) We demonstrate interconnection between CFPQ and incremental transitive closure. Conjecture on sublinear incremental transitive closure and subcubic CFPQ. We show that incremental transitive closure is a bottleneck on the way to get subcubic CFPQ algorithm.
- (3) By using existing results we show how to get slightly subcubic algorithm for general case, and subcubic combinatorial algorithm for partial cases. This criterion is output-sensitive, so it is not practical, but open a theoretical way to find more subclass with subcubic complexity.
- (4) We implement the described algorithm and evaluate it on real-world data. RPQ, CFPQ. Results show that !!!

## 2 PRELIMINARIES

In this section we introduce basic notation and definitions from graph theory and formal language theory which are used in our work.

### 2.1 Language-Constrained Path Querying Problem

We use a directed edge-labeled graph as a data model. To introduce the *Language-Constraint Path Querying Problem* [?] over directed edge-labeled graphs we should give both language and grammar definitions.

First of all, we introduce edge-labeled digraph  $\mathcal{G} = \langle V, E, L \rangle$ , where  $V$  is a finite set of vertices,  $E \subseteq V \times L \times V$  is a finite set of edges,  $L$  is a finite set of edge labels. Note that one can always introduce bijection between  $V$  and  $Q = \{0, \dots, |V| - 1\}$ , thus in our work we guess that  $V = \{0, \dots, |V| - 1\}$ .

The example of a graph which we will use in further examples is presented in Figure 1.

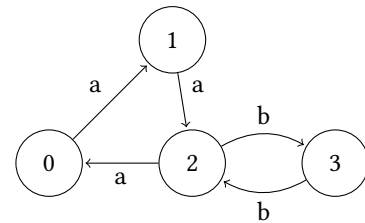


Figure 1: The example of input graph  $\mathcal{G}$

Each edge-labeled graph can be represented as an adjacency matrix  $M$ : square  $|V| \times |V|$  matrix, such that  $M[i, j] = \{l \mid e = (i, l, j) \in E\}$ . Adjacency matrix  $M_2$  of the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  is

$$M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \{a\} & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \{a\} & \cdot \\ \{a\} & \cdot & \cdot & \{b\} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \{b\} & \cdot \end{pmatrix}.$$

In our work we use decomposition of the adjacency matrix to a set of Boolean matrices:

$$\mathcal{M} = \{M^l \mid l \in L, M^l[i, j] = 1 \iff l \in M[i, j]\}.$$

Matrix  $M_2$  can be represented as a set of two Boolean matrices  $M_2^a$  and  $M_2^b$  where

$$M_2^a = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}, M_2^b = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

In this way we reduce operations which are necessary for our algorithm from operations over custom semiring (over edge labels) to operations over a Boolean semiring.

Also, we should define the path in the graph and the word formed by the path.

**Definition 2.1.** Path  $\pi$  in the graph  $(G) = \langle V, E, L \rangle$  is a sequence  $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}$ , where  $e_i = (v_i, l_i, u_i) \in E$  and for any  $e_i, e_{i+1}$   $u_i = v_{i+1}$ . We denote path from  $v$  to  $u$  as  $v\pi u$ .

**Definition 2.2.** The word formed by a path

$$\pi = (v_0, l_0, v_1), (v_1, l_1, v_2), \dots, (v_{n-1}, l_{n-1}, v_n)$$

is a concatenation of labels along the path:  $\omega(\pi) = l_0 l_1 \dots l_{n-1}$ .

The next part is a definitions from the formal language theory.

**Definition 2.3.** A language  $\mathcal{L}$  over a finite alphabet  $\Sigma$  is a subset of all possible sequences formed by symbols from the alphabet:  $\mathcal{L}_\Sigma = \{\omega \mid \omega \in \Sigma^*\}$ .

Now we are ready to introduce CFPQ problem for the given graph  $\mathcal{G} = \langle V, E, L \rangle$  and the given language  $\mathcal{L}$  with reachability and all paths semantics.

**Definition 2.4.** To evaluate context-free path query with reachability semantics is to construct a set of pairs of vertices  $(v_i, v_j)$  such that there exists a path  $v_i \pi v_j$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  which forms the word from the given language:

$$R = \{(v_i, v_j) \mid \exists \pi : v_i \pi v_j, \omega(\pi) \in \mathcal{L}\}$$

**Definition 2.5.** To evaluate context-free path query with all paths semantics is to construct a set of path  $\pi$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  which forms the word from the given language:

$$\Pi = \{\pi \mid \omega(\pi) \in \mathcal{L}\}$$

Note that  $\Pi$  can be infinite, thus in practice, we should provide a way of enumerating such paths with reasonable complexity, instead of explicit construction of the  $\Pi$ .

## 2.2 Regular Path Queries and Finite State Machine

The first case of language-constrained path querying is *Regular Path Querying* (RPQ): the language  $L$  is a regular language. This case is widely spread in practice [?].

Usual way to specify regular languages is *regular expressions*. We use the following definition of regular expressions.

**Definition 2.6.** Regular expression (and regular language) over alphabet  $\Sigma$  can be inductively defined as follows.

- $\emptyset$  (empty language) is regular expression
- $\varepsilon$  (empty string) is regular expression
- $a_i \in \Sigma$  is regular expression
- if  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are regular expressions, then  $R_1 \mid R_2$  (alternation),  $R_1 \cdot R_2$  (concatenation),  $R_1^*$  (Kleene star) are also regular expressions.

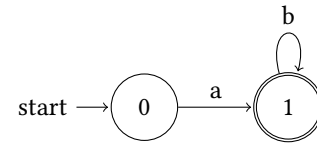
For example, one can specify regular expression  $R_1 = ab^*$  to find paths in the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  (fig. 1). Expected result is set of paths which start with  $a$ -labeled edge and contain zero or more  $b$ -labeled edges after that.

In this work we use the notion of *Finite-State Machine* (FSM) or *Finite-State Automaton* (FSA) for RPQs.

**Definition 2.7.** Deterministic Finite-State Machine  $T$  is a tuple  $\langle \Sigma, Q, Q_s, Q_f, \delta \rangle$  where

- $\Sigma$  is an input alphabet,
- $Q$  is a finite set of states,
- $Q_s \subseteq Q$  is a set of start (or initial) states,
- $Q_f \subseteq Q$  is a set of final states,
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$  is a transition function.

It is well known, that every regular expression can be converted to deterministic FSM without  $\varepsilon$ -transitions. To do it one can use [11]. In our work we use FSM as a representation of RPQ. FSM can be naturally represented by a directed edge-labeled graph:  $V = Q, L = \Sigma, E = \{(q_i, l, q_j) \mid \delta(q_i, l) = q_j\}$ , where some vertices have special markers to specify start and final states. Example of graph-style representation of FSM  $T_1$  for the regular expression  $R_1$  is presented in Figure 2.



**Figure 2: The example of graph representation of FSM for the regular expression  $ab^*$**

As a result, FSM also can be represented as a set of Boolean adjacency matrices  $\mathcal{M}$  with additional information about

start and final vertices. Such representation of  $T_1$  is

$$M^a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, M^b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note, that the edge-labeled graph is an FSM: edges are transitions, all vertices should be both start and final at the same time. Thus RPQ evaluation is an intersection of two FSMs, and the result also can be represented as FSM, because regular languages are closed under intersection.

### 2.3 Context-Free Path Querying and Recursive State Machines

An even more general case, than RPQ, is a *Context-Free Path Querying Problem (CFPQ)*, where one can use context-free languages as constraints. These constraints are more expressive than the regular ones, for example, one can express classical same-generation query using context-free language, but not a regular one.

**Definition 2.8.** Context-free grammar  $G = \langle \Sigma, N, S, P \rangle$  where  $\Sigma$  is a finite set of terminals (or terminal alphabet),  $N$  is a finite set of nonterminals (or nonterminal alphabet),  $S \in N$  is a start nonterminal, and  $P$  is a finite set of productions (grammar rules) of form  $N_i \rightarrow \alpha$  where  $N_i \in N$ ,  $\alpha \in (\Sigma \cup N)^*$ .

**Definition 2.9.** The sequence  $\omega_2 \in (\Sigma \cup N)^*$  is derivable from  $\omega_1 \in (\Sigma \cup N)^*$  in one derivation step, or  $\omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2$ , in the grammar  $G = \langle \Sigma, N, S, P \rangle$  iff  $\omega_1 = \alpha N_i \beta$ ,  $\omega_2 = \alpha \gamma \beta$ , and  $N_i \rightarrow \gamma \in P$ .

**Definition 2.10.** Context-free grammar  $G = \langle \Sigma, N, S, P \rangle$  specifies a *context-free language*:  $\mathcal{L}(G) = \{\omega \mid S \xrightarrow{*} \omega\}$ , where  $(\xrightarrow{*})$  denotes zero or more derivation steps  $(\rightarrow)$ .

Thus, one can use the grammar  $G_1 = \langle \{a, b\}, \{S\}, S, \{S \rightarrow a b; S \rightarrow a S b\} \rangle$  to find paths which form words in the language  $\mathcal{L}(G_1) = \{a^n b^n \mid n > 0\}$  in the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  (fig. 1).

Regular expressions can be transformed to a FSM, and a context free grammar can be transformed to *Recursive State Machine (RSM)* (also known as recursive networks [? ], recursive automata [? ], !!!) in the similar way. In our work we use the following definition of RSM.

**Definition 2.11.** A recursive state machine  $R$  over a finite alphabet  $\Sigma$  is defined as a tuple of elements  $(M, m, \{C_i\}_{i \in M})$ , where:

- $M$  is a finite set of labels of boxes.
- $m \in M$  is an initial box label.
- Set of *component state machines* or *boxes*, where  $C_i = (\Sigma \cup M, Q_i, q_i^0, F_i, \delta_i)$ :
  - $\Sigma \cup M$  is a set of symbols,  $\Sigma \cap M = \emptyset$
  - $Q_i$  is a finite set of states, where  $Q_i \cap Q_j = \emptyset, \forall i \neq j$
  - $q_i^0$  is an initial state for  $C_i$

- $F_i$  is a set of final states for  $C_i$ , where  $F_i \subseteq Q_i$
- $\delta_i : Q_i \times (\Sigma \cup M) \rightarrow Q_i$  is a transition function

RSM behaves as a set of finite state machines (or FSM). Each FSM is called a *box* or a *component state machine* [1]. A box works almost the same way as a classical FSM, but it also handles additional *recursive calls* and employs an implicit *call stack* to *call* one component from another and then return execution flow back.

The execution of an RSM could be defined as a sequence of the configuration transitions, which are done on input symbols reading. The pair  $(q_i, S)$ , where  $q_i$  is current state for box  $C_i$  and  $S$  is stack of *return states*, describes execution configurations.

The RSM execution starts from configuration  $(q_m^0, \langle \rangle)$ . The following list of rules defines the machine transition from configuration  $(q_i, S)$  to  $(q', S')$  on some input symbol  $a$  from input sequence, which is read as usual for FSA:

- $(q_i^k, S) \rightsquigarrow (\delta_i(q_i^k, a), S)$
- $(q_i^k, S) \rightsquigarrow (q_j^0, \delta_i(q_i^k, j) \circ S)$
- $(q_j^k, q_i^t \circ S) \rightsquigarrow (q_i^t, S)$ , where  $q_j^k \in F_j$

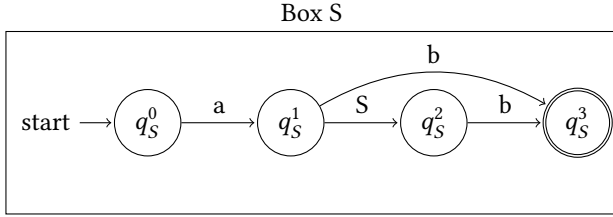
Some input sequence of the symbols  $a_1 \dots a_n$ , which forms some input word, is accepted, if machine reaches configuration  $(q, \langle \rangle)$ , where  $q \in F_m$ . It is also worth noting that the RSM makes nondeterministic transitions, without reading the input character when it *calls* some component or makes a *return*.

According to [1], recursive state machines are equivalent to pushdown systems. Since pushdown systems are capable of accepting context-free languages [11], it is clear that RSMs are equivalent to context-free languages. Thus RSMs suit to encode query grammars. Any CFG can be easily converted to an RSM with one box per nonterminal. The box which corresponds to a nonterminal  $A$  is constructed using the right-hand side of each rule for  $A$ .

An example of such RSM  $R$  constructed for the grammar  $G$  with rules  $S \rightarrow aSb \mid ab$  is provided in Figure 3. For a given example of the grammar and the RSM consider the following sequence of the machine configuration transitions, in case, where one want to determine, if input word  $aabb$  belongs to the language  $L(G)$ . The RSM execution starts from configuration  $(q_S^0, \langle \rangle)$ , reads symbols  $a$  and goes to  $(q_S^1, \langle \rangle)$ . Then, in the nondeterministic manner it tries to read  $b$  but fails, and in the same time tries to derive  $S$  and goes to configuration  $(q_S^0, \langle q_S^2 \rangle)$ , where  $q_S^2$  is *return* state. Then machine reads  $a$  and goes to  $(q_S^1, \langle q_S^2 \rangle)$ . In this case, in the nondeterministic choice it fails to derive  $S$ , but successfully reads  $b$  and goes to configuration  $(q_S^3, \langle q_S^2 \rangle)$ . Since  $q_S^3$  is final state for the box  $S$ , the RSM tries to make *return* and goes to  $(q_S^2, \langle \rangle)$ . Then it reads  $b$  and transits to  $(q_S^3, \langle \rangle)$ . Since  $q_S^3 \in F_S$

and the *return* stack is empty, the machine accepts the input sequence *aabb*.

Since  $R$  is a set of FSMs, it is useful to represent  $R$  as an adjacency matrix for the graph where vertices are states from  $\bigcup_{i \in M} Q_i$  and edges are transitions between  $q_i^a$  and  $q_i^b$  with label  $l \in \Sigma \cup M$ , if  $\delta_i(q_i^a, l) = q_i^b$ . An example of such adjacency matrix  $M_R$  for the machine  $R$  is provided in section ??.



**Figure 3: The recursive state machine  $R$  for grammar  $G$**

Similarly to a FSM, an RSM can be represented as a graph and, hence, as a set of Boolean adjacency matrices. For our example,  $M_1$  is:

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \{a\} & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \{S\} & \{b\} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \{b\} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix  $M_1$  can be represented as a set of Boolean matrices as follows:

$$M_1^S = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}, M_1^a = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}, M_1^b = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly to an RPQ, a CFPQ is the intersection of the given context-free language and a FSM specified by the given graph. As far as every context-free language is closed under intersection with regular languages, such intersection can be represented as an RSM. Also, one can look at the RSM as a FSM over  $\Sigma \cup N$ . In this work we use this point of view to propose unified algorithm for evaluation both regular and context-free path queries with zero overhead for regular ones.

## 2.4 Graph Kronecker Product and Automata Intersection

First of all, we introduce classical Kronecker product definition, describe graph Kronecker product and its relation to Boolean matrices algebra, RSM and FSM intersection.

**Definition 2.12.** Given two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  of sizes  $m_1 \times n_1$  and  $m_2 \times n_2$  respectively, with element-wise product operation  $\cdot$ . The Kronecker product of these two matrices is a new matrix  $C = A \otimes B$ , where:

- $C$  has size  $m_1 * m_2 \times n_1 * n_2$
- $C[u * m_1 + v, n_1 * p + q] = A[u, p] \cdot B[v, q]$

It is worth mention, that Kronecker product produces blocked matrix  $C$ , with total number of the blocks  $m_1 * n_1$ , where each block has size  $m_2 * n_2$  and is defined as  $A[i, j] \cdot B$  (scalar to matrix).

**Definition 2.13.** Given two edge-labeled directed graphs  $\mathcal{G}_1 = \langle V_1, E_1, L_1 \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2 = \langle V_2, E_2, L_2 \rangle$  the Kronecker product of these two graphs is a edge-labeled directed graph  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_1 \otimes \mathcal{G}_2$ , where  $\mathcal{G} = \langle V, E, L \rangle$ :

- $V = V_1 \times V_2$
- $E = \{((u, v), l, (p, q)) \mid (u, l, p) \in E_1 \wedge (v, l, q) \in E_2\}$
- $L = L_1 \cap L_2$

The above definition of the Kronecker product for directed graphs can be easily described as the Kronecker product of the corresponding adjacency matrices of graphs, which gives us the following definition:

**Definition 2.14.** Given two adjacency matrices  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  of sizes  $m_1 \times n_1$  and  $m_2 \times n_2$  respectively, for some directed graphs  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2$ . The Kronecker product of these two adjacency matrices is the adjacency matrix  $M$  of a some graph  $\mathcal{G}$ , where:

- $M$  has size  $m_1 * m_2 \times n_1 * n_2$
- $M[u * m_1 + v, n_1 * p + q] = M_1[u, p] \cap M_2[v, q]$

By the definition, the Kronecker product for adjacency matrices gives an adjacency matrix with the same set of edges as in the resulting graph in the Def. 2.13. Thus,  $M(\mathcal{G}) = M(\mathcal{G}_1) \otimes M(\mathcal{G}_2)$ , where  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_1 \otimes \mathcal{G}_2$ .

**Definition 2.15.** Given two FSMs  $T_1 = \langle \Sigma, Q^1, Q_S^1, S_F^1, \delta^1 \rangle$  and  $T_2 = \langle \Sigma, Q^2, Q_S^2, S_F^2, \delta^2 \rangle$ . The intersection of this two machines is a new FSM  $T = \langle \Sigma, Q, Q_S, S_F, \delta \rangle$ , where:

- $Q = Q^1 \times Q^2$
- $Q_S = Q_S^1 \times Q_S^2$
- $Q_F = Q_F^1 \times Q_F^2$
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q, \delta(\langle q_1, q_2 \rangle, s) = \langle q'_1, q'_2 \rangle,$   
if  $\delta(q_1, s) = q'_1$  and  $\delta(q_2, s) = q'_2$

Accordingly to [11], the above definition of the FSM intersection allows to construct the new machine with the following property:  $L(T) = L(T_1) \cap L(T_2)$ . Since a directed graph could be interpreted as an FSM, and an RSM is composed as set of FSMs, one could employ the idea of the Def. 2.15 to intersect the RSM and the graph.

Using adjacency matrices decomposition for FSMs we can reduce the intersection to the Kronecker product of such matrices over Boolean semiring at some extent, since the transition function  $\delta$  of the machine  $T$  in matrix form is exactly the same as the product result. More precisely:

*Definition 2.16.* Given two FSMs  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  with matrices  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . The intersection machine  $T$  with matrix  $M$  defined as follows:

- $M = \{M_1^a \otimes M_2^a \mid a \in \Sigma\}$
- The element-wise operation is *and* over Boolean values

As mentioned earlier, an RSM is composed as set of FSMs. From matrix point of the view, there is no matter to use as an input adjacency matrix  $M$  for the FSM or the RSM, since it is transitions matrix, with only difference in the alphabet of the symbols, where  $\Sigma$  is used for FSM and  $\Sigma \cup N$  is used for the RSM respectively. Thus, the given Def. 2.16 is valid for RSM and FSM intersection.

In this work we show how to express RSM and FSM intersection in terms of Kronecker product and transitive closure over Boolean semiring.

### 3 CONTEXT-FREE PATH QUERYING BY KRONECKER PRODUCT

In this section, we introduce the algorithm for CFPQ which is based on Kronecker product of Boolean matrices. The algorithm provides the ability to solve all-pairs CFPQ in all-paths semantics (according to Hellings [? ]) and consists of two the following parts.

- (1) Index creation. In the first step, the algorithm computes an index which contains information which is necessary to restore paths for specified pairs of vertices. This index can be used to solve the reachability problem without paths extraction. Note that this index is finite even if the set of paths is infinite.
- (2) Paths extraction. All paths for the given pair of vertices can be enumerated by using the index computed at the previous step. As far as the set of paths can be infinite, all paths cannot be enumerated explicitly, and advanced techniques such as lazy evaluation are required for implementation. Anyway, a single path can be always extracted by using standard techniques.

We describe both these steps, prove correctness, and provide time complexity estimations. For the first step we firstly introduce naïve algorithm. After that we show how to achieve cubic time complexity by using dynamic transitive closure algorithm and demonstrate that this technique allow us to get truly subcubic CFPQ algorithm for planar graphs.

After that we provide step-by-step example of query evaluation by using the proposed algorithm.

#### 3.1 Index Creation Algorithm

In this section, we introduce the algorithm for context-free path querying. The algorithm determines the existence of a path, which forms a sentence of the language defined by the input RSM  $R$ , between each pair of vertices in the directed

edge-labeled graph  $\mathcal{G}$ . The algorithm is based on the generalization of the FSM intersection for an RSM, and an input graph. Since a graph can be interpreted as a FSM, in which transitions correspond to the labeled edges between vertices of the graph, and an RSM is composed of a set of FSMs, the intersection of such machines can be computed using the classical algorithm for FSM intersection, presented in [11]. Such a way of generalization leads to zero-overhead algorithm for RPQ, contrary to other algorithms which require regular expression to context-free grammar transformation.

The intersection can be computed as a Kronecker product of the corresponding adjacency matrices for an RSM and a graph. Since we are only determining the reachability of vertices, it is enough to represent intersection result as a Boolean matrix. It simplifies the algorithm implementation and allows one to express it in terms of basic matrix operations.

*3.1.1 Naïve Version.* Listing 1 shows main steps of the algorithm. The algorithm accepts context-free grammar  $G = (\Sigma, N, P)$  and graph  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E, L)$  as an input. An RSM  $R$  is created from the grammar  $G$ . Note, that  $R$  must have no  $\varepsilon$ -transitions.  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are the adjacency matrices for the machine  $R$  and the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  correspondingly.

Then for each vertex  $i$  of the graph  $\mathcal{G}$ , the algorithm adds loops with non-terminals, which allows deriving  $\varepsilon$ -word. Here the following rule is implied: each vertex of the graph is reachable by itself through an  $\varepsilon$ -transition. Since the machine  $R$  does not have any  $\varepsilon$ -transitions, the  $\varepsilon$ -word could be derived only if a state  $s$  in the box  $B$  of the  $R$  is both initial and final. This data is queried by the *getNonterminals()* function for each state  $s$ .

The algorithm terminates when the matrix  $M_2$  stops changing. Kronecker product of matrices  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is evaluated for each iteration. The result is stored in  $M_3$  as a Boolean matrix. For the given  $M_3$  a  $C_3$  matrix is evaluated by the *transitiveClosure()* function call. The  $M_3$  could be interpreted as an adjacency matrix for an directed graph with no labels, used to evaluate transitive closure in terms of classical graph definition of this operation. Then the algorithm iterates over cells of the  $C_3$ . For the pair of indices  $(i, j)$ , it computes  $s$  and  $f$  — the initial and final states in the recursive automata  $R$  which relate to the concrete  $C_3[i, j]$  of the closure matrix. If the given  $s$  and  $f$  belong to the same box  $B$  of  $R$ ,  $s = q_B^0$ , and  $f \in F_B$ , then *getNonterminals()* returns the respective non-terminal. If the condition holds then the algorithm adds the computed non-terminals to the respective cell of the adjacency matrix  $M_2$  of the graph.

The functions *getStates* and *getCoordinates* (see listing 2) are used to map indices between Kronecker product arguments and the result matrix. The Implementation appeals

to the blocked structure of the matrix  $C_3$ , where each block corresponds to some automata and graph edge.

The algorithm returns the updated matrix  $M_2$  which contains the initial graph  $\mathcal{G}$  data as well as non-terminals from  $N$ . If a cell  $M_2[i, j]$  for any valid indices  $i$  and  $j$  contains symbol  $S \in N$ , then vertex  $j$  is reachable from vertex  $i$  in grammar  $G$  for non-terminal  $S$ .

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**Listing 1** Kronecker product based CFPQ

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1: function CONTEXTFREEPATHQUERYING( $G, \mathcal{G}$ )
2:    $R \leftarrow$  Recursive automata for  $G$ 
3:    $M_1 \leftarrow$  Adjacency matrix for  $R$ 
4:    $M_2 \leftarrow$  Adjacency matrix for  $\mathcal{G}$ 
5:   for  $s \in 0..dim(M_1) - 1$  do
6:     for  $i \in 0..dim(M_2) - 1$  do
7:        $M_2[i, i] \leftarrow M_2[i, i] \cup getNonterminals(R, s, s)$ 
8:   while Matrix  $M_2$  is changing do
9:      $M_3 \leftarrow M_1 \otimes M_2$  ▷ Evaluate Kroncker product
10:     $C_3 \leftarrow transitiveClosure(M_3)$ 
11:     $n \leftarrow dim(M_3)$  ▷ Matrix  $M_3$  size =  $n \times n$ 
12:    for  $(i, j) \in [0..n - 1] \times [0..n - 1]$  do
13:      if  $C_3[i, j]$  then
14:         $s, f \leftarrow getStates(C_3, i, j)$ 
15:        if  $getNonterminals(R, s, f) \neq \emptyset$  then
16:           $x, y \leftarrow getCoordinates(C_3, i, j)$ 
17:           $M_2[x, y] \leftarrow M_2[x, y] \cup getNonterminals(R, s, f)$ 
18:  return  $M_2$ 

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**Listing 2** Help functions for Kronecker product based CFPQ

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1: function GETSTATES( $C, i, j$ )
2:    $r \leftarrow dim(M_1)$  ▷  $M_1$  is adjacency matrix for automata  $R$ 
3:   return  $\lfloor i/r \rfloor, \lfloor j/r \rfloor$ 
4: function GETCOORDINATES( $C, i, j$ )
5:    $n \leftarrow dim(M_2)$  ▷  $M_2$  is adjacency matrix for graph  $\mathcal{G}$ 
6:   return  $i \bmod n, j \bmod n$ 

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LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E, L)$  be a graph and  $G = (\Sigma, N, P)$  be a grammar. Let  $\mathcal{G}_k = (V, E_k, L \cup N)$  be graph and  $M_k$  its adjacency matrix of the execution some iteration  $k \geq 0$  of the algorithm. Then for each edge  $e = (m, S, n) \in E_k$ , where  $S \in N$ , the following statement holds:  $\exists m\pi n : S \rightarrow_G l(\pi)$ .*

PROOF. (Proof by induction)

**Basis:** For  $k = 0$  and the statement of the lemma holds, since  $M_0 = M$ ,  $M$  where is adjacency matrix of the graph  $G$ . Non-terminals, which allow to derive  $\varepsilon$ -word, are also added at algorithm preprocessing step, since each vertex of the graph is reachable by itself through an  $\varepsilon$ -transition.

**Inductive step:** Assume that the statement of the lemma holds for any  $k \leq (p - 1)$  and show that it also holds for  $k = p$ , where  $p \geq 1$ .

For the algorithm iteration  $p$  the Kronecker product  $K_p$  and transitive closure  $C_p$  are evaluated as described in the

algorithm. By the properties of this operations, some edge  $e = ((s, m), (f, n))$  exists in the directed graph, represented by adjacency matrix  $C_p$ , if and only if  $\exists s\pi'f$  in the RSM graph, represented by matrix  $M_r$ , and  $\exists m\pi n$  in graph, represented by  $M_{p-1}$ . Concatenated symbols along the path  $\pi'$  form some derivation string  $v$ , composed from terminals and non-terminals, where  $v \rightarrow_G l(\pi)$  by the inductive assumption.

The new edge  $e = (m, S, n)$  will be added to the  $E_p$  only if  $s$  and  $f$  are initial and final states of some box  $B$  of the RSM corresponding to the non-terminal  $S_B$ . In this case, the grammar  $G$  has the derivation rule  $S_B \rightarrow_G v$ , by the inductive assumption  $v \rightarrow_G l(\pi)$ . Therefore,  $S_B \rightarrow_G l(\pi)$  and this completes the proof of the lemma. □

LEMMA 3.2. *Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E, L)$  be a graph and  $G = (\Sigma, N, P)$  be a grammar. Let  $\mathcal{G}_k = (V, E_k, L \cup N)$  be graph and  $M_k$  its adjacency matrix of the execution some iteration  $k \geq 1$  of the algorithm. For any path  $m\pi n$  in graph  $\mathcal{G}$  with word  $l = l(\pi)$  if exists the derivation tree of  $l$  for the grammar  $G$  and starting non-terminal  $S$  with the height  $h \leq k$ , then  $\exists e = (m, S, n) : e \in E_k$ .*

PROOF. (Proof by induction)

**Basis:** Show that statement of the lemma holds for the  $k = 1$ . Matrix  $M$  and edges of the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  contains only labels from  $L$ . Since the derivation tree of height  $h = 1$  contains only one non-terminal  $S$  as a root and only symbols from  $\Sigma \cup \varepsilon$  as leaves, for all paths, which form a word with derivation tree of the height  $h = 1$ , the corresponding nonterminals will be added to the  $M_1$  via preprocessing step and first iteration of the algorithm. Thus, the lemma statement holds for the  $k = 1$ .

**Inductive step:** Assume that the statement of the lemma hold for any  $k \leq (p - 1)$  and show that it also holds for  $k = p$ , where  $p \geq 2$ .

For the algorithm iteration  $p$  the Kronecker product  $K_p$  and transitive closure  $C_p$  are evaluated as described in the algorithm. By the properties of this operations, some edge  $e = ((s, m), (f, n))$  exists in the directed graph, represented by adjacency matrix  $C_p$ , if and only if  $\exists s\pi_1f$  in the RSM graph, represented by matrix  $M_{RSM}$ , and  $\exists m\pi n$  in graph, represented by  $M_{p-1}$ .

For any path  $m\pi n$ , such that exist derivation tree of height  $h < k$  for the word  $l(\pi)$  with root non-terminal  $S$ , there exists edge  $e = (m, S, n) : e \in E_k$  by inductive assumption.

Suppose, that exists derivation tree  $T$  of height  $h = p$  with the root non-terminal  $S$  for the path  $m\pi n$ . The tree  $T$  is formed as  $S \rightarrow a_1..a_d, d \geq 1$  where  $\forall i \in [1..d]$   $a_i$  is sub-tree of height  $h_i \leq p - 1$  for the sub-path  $m_i\pi_i n_i$ . By inductive hypothesis, there exists path  $\pi_i$  for each derivation sub-tree, such that  $m = m_1\pi_1 m_2..m_d\pi_d m_{d+1} = n$  and concatenation of

these paths forms  $m\pi n$ , and the root non-terminals of this sub-trees are included in the matrix  $M_{p-1}$ .

Therefore, vertices  $m_i \forall i \in [1..d]$  form path in the graph, represented by matrix  $M_{p-1}$ , with complete set of labels. Thus, new edge between vertices  $m$  and  $n$  with the respective non-terminal  $S$  will be added to the matrix  $M_p$  and this completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E, L)$  be a graph and  $G = (\Sigma, N, P)$  be a grammar. Let  $\mathcal{G}_R = (V, E_R, L)$  be a result graph for the execution of the algorithm  $??$ . The following statement holds:  $e = (m, S, n) \in E_R$ , where  $S \in N$ , if and only if  $\exists m\pi n : S \rightarrow_G l(\pi)$ .*

**PROOF.** This theorem is a consequence of the Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.2.  $\square$

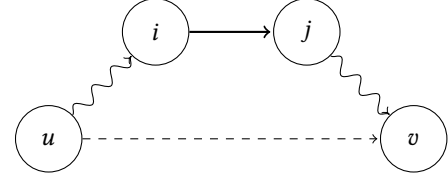
**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E, L)$  be a graph and  $G = (\Sigma, N, P)$  be a grammar. The algorithm  $??$  terminates in finite number of steps.*

**PROOF.** The main algorithm *while-loop* is executed while graph adjacency matrix  $M$  is changing. Since the algorithm only adds the edges with non-terminals from  $N$ , the maximum required number of iterations is  $|N| \times |V| \times |V|$ , where each component has finite size. This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**3.1.2 Application of Dynamic Transitive Closure.** In this subsection we show how to reduce the time complexity of the Algorithm 1 by avoiding redundant calculations.

It is easy to see that the most time-consuming steps in the Algorithm 1 are the Kronecker product and transitive closure computations. Recall that the matrix  $M_2$  is always changed in incremental manner i. e. elements (edges) are added to  $M_2$  (and are never deleted from it) on every iteration of the Algorithm 1. So one does not need to recompute the whole product or transitive closure if an appropriate data structure is maintained.

To deal with the Kronecker product computation, we use the left-distributivity of the Kronecker product. Let  $A_2$  be a matrix with newly added elements and  $B_2$  be a matrix with the all previously found elements, such that  $M_2 = A_2 + B_2$ . Then by the left-distributivity of the Kronecker product we have  $M_1 \otimes M_2 = M_1 \otimes (A_2 + B_2) = M_1 \otimes A_2 + M_1 \otimes B_2$ . Notice that  $M_1 \otimes B_2$  is known and is already in the matrix  $M_3$  and its transitive closure also is already in the matrix  $C_3$ , because it was calculated on the previous iterations, so it is left to update some elements of  $M_3$  by computing  $M_1 \otimes A_2$ , which can be done in  $O(|A_2||M_1|)$  time, where  $|A|$  denotes the number of non-zero elements in a matrix  $A$ .



**Figure 4:** The vertex  $j$  become reachable from the vertex  $u$  after the addition of edge  $(i, j)$ . Then the vertex  $v$  is reachable from  $u$  after inserting the edge  $(i, j)$  if  $v$  is reachable from  $j$ .

The fast computation of transitive closure can be obtained by using incremental dynamic transitive closure technique. We use an approach by Ibaraki and Katoh [12] to maintain dynamic transitive closure. The key idea of their algorithm is to recalculate reachability information only for those vertices, which become reachable after insertion of the certain edge (see Figure 4 for details). The algorithm is presented in Listing 3 (we have slightly modified it to efficiently track new elements of the matrix  $C_3$ ).

#### Listing 3 The dynamic transitive closure procedure

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1: function ADD( $C_3, i, j$ )
2:    $n \leftarrow$  Number of rows in  $C_3$ 
3:    $C'_3 \leftarrow$  Empty matrix of size  $n \times n$ 
4:   for  $u \neq 0 \in \text{checkCondition}(C_3, i, j)$  do
5:      $\text{newReachablePairs}(C_3, C'_3, u, j)$ 
6:   return  $C'_3$ 
7: function CHECKCONDITION( $C_3, i, j$ )
8:    $A \leftarrow$  Empty array of size  $n$ 
9:   for  $u \in 0..n \mid u \neq j$  do  $\triangleright 1 \wedge 1 = 0 \wedge 0 = 1 \wedge 0 = 0; 0 \wedge 1 = 1$ 
10:     $A[u] = C_3[u, j] \wedge C_3[u, i]$ 
11:   return  $A$ 
12: function NEWREACHABLEPAIRS( $C_3, C'_3, u, j$ )
13:    $C'_3[u, v] = C_3[u, v] \wedge C_3[j, v] \quad \triangleright 1 \wedge 1 = 0 \wedge 0 = 1 \wedge 0 = 0;$ 
    $0 \wedge 1 = 1$ 

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Final version of the modified Algorithm 1 is shown in Listing 4.

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E, L)$  be a graph and  $G = (\Sigma, N, P)$  be a grammar. The Algorithm 4 calculates a result graph  $\mathcal{G}_R = (V, E_R, L)$  in  $O(n^3)$  time.*

**PROOF.** Let  $|A|$  be a number of non-zero elements in a matrix  $A$ . Consider the total time which is needed for computing the Kronecker products. The elements of the matrices  $A_2^{(i)}$  are pairwise distinct on every  $i$ -th iteration of the Algorithm therefore we have  $\sum_i T(M_1 \otimes A_2^{(i)}) = |M_1| \otimes \sum_i |A_2^{(i)}| = |M_1|O(n^2)$  operations in total.

Now we derive the time complexity of maintaining the dynamic transitive closure. Notice that  $C_3$  has size of  $O(n^2)$  so no more than  $O(n^2)$  edges will be added during all iterations



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**Listing 4** Kronecker product based CFPQ using dynamic transitive closure
 

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1: function CONTEXTFREEPATHQUERYING( $G, \mathcal{G}$ )
2:    $R \leftarrow$  Recursive automata for  $G$ 
3:    $M_1 \leftarrow$  Adjacency matrix for  $R$ 
4:    $M_2 \leftarrow$  Adjacency matrix for  $\mathcal{G}$ 
5:    $A_2 \leftarrow$  Adjacency matrix for  $\mathcal{G}$ 
6:    $C_3 \leftarrow$  The empty matrix
7:   for  $s \in 0..dim(M_1) - 1$  do
8:     for  $i \in 0..dim(M_2) - 1$  do
9:        $M_2[i, i] \leftarrow M_2[i, i] \cup getNonterminals(R, s, s)$ 
10:  while Matrix  $M_2$  is changing do
11:     $M'_3 \leftarrow M_1 \otimes A_2$ 
12:     $A_2 \leftarrow$  The empty matrix of size  $n \times n$ 
13:    for  $M'_3[i, j] \mid M'_3[i, j] = 1$  do
14:       $C_3[i, j] \leftarrow 1$ 
15:       $C'_3 \leftarrow \bigcup_{(i,j)} add(C_3, i, j) \triangleright$  Updating the transitive closure
16:       $C_3 \leftarrow C_3 + C'_3$ 
17:     $n \leftarrow dim(M_3)$ 
18:    for  $(i, j) \mid C'_3[i, j] \neq 0$  do
19:       $s, f \leftarrow getStates(C'_3, i, j)$ 
20:      if  $getNonterminals(R, s, f) \neq \emptyset$  then
21:         $x, y \leftarrow getCoordinates(C'_3, i, j)$ 
22:         $M_2[x, y] \leftarrow M_2[x, y] \cup getNonterminals(R, s, f)$ 
23:         $A_2[x, y] \leftarrow A_2[x, y] \cup getNonterminals(R, s, f)$ 
24:  return  $M_2$ 

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of the Algorithm. The function *checkCondition* from the Listing 3 takes  $O(n)$  time for every inserted edge  $(i, j)$ . Thus we have  $O(n^2n) = O(n^3)$  operations in total. The function *newReachablePairs* requires  $O(n)$  time for a given vertex  $u$ . This operation is performed for every pair  $(j, v)$  of vertices such that a vertex  $j$  became reachable from the vertex  $u$ . The vertex  $j$  become reachable from the vertex  $u$  (and accordingly the value of the matrix cell  $C_3[u, j]$  becomes 1 from 0) only once during the entire computation, so the function *newReachablePairs* will be executed at most  $O(n^2)$  times for every  $u$  and hence  $O(n^3)$  times in total for all vertices. Therefore  $O(n^3)$  operations are performed to maintain dynamic transitive closure during all iteration of the Algorithm 4.

Notice that the matrix  $C'_3$  contains only new elements, therefore  $C_3$  can be updated directly using only  $|C'_3|$  operations and hence  $O(n^2)$  operations in total. The same holds for cycle in line 18 of the Algorithm 4, because operations are performed only for non-zero elements of the matrix  $|C'_3|$ . Finally, we have that the time complexity of the Algorithm 4 is  $O(n^2) + O(n^3) + O(n^2) + O(n^2) = O(n^3)$ .  $\square$

**3.1.3 Speeding up by a factor of  $\log n$ .** In this subsection we use the Four Russians' trick to speed up the dynamic transitive closure algorithm from the Listing 3.

**THEOREM 3.6.** *The computation of transitive closure matrices can be done in  $O(n^3/\log n)$  time when  $n^2$  edges are added to the graph.*

**PROOF.** Consider the function *checkCondition* from the Listing 3. Its operations are equivalent to the element-wise (Hadamard) product of two vectors of size  $n$ , where multiplication operation is denoted as  $\wedge$  and has the following properties:  $1 \wedge 1 = 0 \wedge 0 = 1 \wedge 0 = 0$  and  $0 \wedge 1 = 1$ . The first vector represents reachability of a given vertex  $i$  from other vertices  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  of the graph and the second vector represents the same for a given vertex  $j$ . The function *newReachablePairs* also can be reduced to the computation of the Hadamard product of two vectors of size  $n$  for a given  $u_k$ . The first vector contains the information whether vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  of the graph are reachable from a given vertex  $u_k$  and the second vector represents the same for a given vertex  $j$ . The element-wise product of two vectors can be calculated naively in time  $O(n)$  which gives the  $O(n^3)$  time for maintaining the transitive closure. Thus, the time complexity of the transitive closure can be reduced by speeding up element-wise product of two vectors of size  $n$ .

To achieve this goal, we use the Four Russians' trick. Split each vector into  $n/\log n$  parts of size  $\log n$ . Create a table  $S$  such that  $S(a, b) = a \wedge b$  where  $a, b \in \{0, 1\}^{\log n}$ . This takes a time  $O(n^2 \log n)$ , since there are  $2^{\log n} = n$  variants of boolean vectors of size  $\log n$  and hence  $n^2$  pairs of vectors  $(a, b)$  in total, and each component takes  $O(\log n)$  time. With table  $S$ , we can calculate product of two parts of size  $\log n$  in constant time. There are  $n/\log n$  such parts, so the element-wise product of two vectors of size  $n$  can be calculated in time  $O(n/\log n)$  with  $O(n^2 \log n)$  preprocessing. This gives us a dynamic transitive closure algorithm running in time  $O(n^3/\log n)$ : both of the functions *checkCondition* and *newReachablePairs* are evaluated no more than  $O(n^2)$  times during the whole computation, and each function calculates Hadamard product of two vectors in  $O(n/\log n)$  time.  $\square$

Notice that the maintaining of the dynamic transitive closure dominates the cost of the Algorithm 4, therefore we immediately deduce the following.

**COROLLARY 3.7.** *Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E, L)$  be a graph and  $G = (\Sigma, N, P)$  be a grammar. The result graph  $\mathcal{G}_R = (V, E_R, L)$  can be calculated in  $O(n^3/\log n)$  time.*

Subcubic for planar graphs using [20].

Cojecture on sublinear dynamic transitive closure and subcubic CFPQ.

## 3.2 Paths Extraction Algorithm

After index created one can enumerate all paths between specified vertices. Note, that the index stores information about all reachable pairs for all nonterminals. Thus, the most natural way to use this index is to query paths between specified vertices derivable from specified nonterminal.

To do it we provide a function  $\text{GETPATHS}(v_s, v_f, N)$ , where  $v_s$  is a start vertex of the graph,  $v_f$  — the final vertex, and  $N$  is a nonterminal. Implementation of this function is presented in Listing 5.

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**Listing 5** Paths extraction algorithm

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1:  $C_3 \leftarrow$  result of index creation algorithm: final transitive closure
2:  $M_1 \leftarrow$  the set of adjacency matrices of the input RSM
3:  $M_2 \leftarrow$  the set of adjacency matrices of the final graph
4: function  $\text{GETPATHS}(v_s, v_f, N)$ 
5:    $q_N^0 \leftarrow$  Start state of automata for  $N$ 
6:    $F_N \leftarrow$  Final states of automata for  $N$ 
7:    $res \leftarrow \bigcup_{f \in F_N} \text{GETPATHSINNER}((q_N, v_s), (f, v_f))$ 
8:   return  $res$ 
9: function  $\text{GETSUBPATHS}((v_i, s_i), (v_j, s_j), (v_k, s_k))$ 
10:   $l \leftarrow \{(v_i, t, v_k) \mid M_2^t[s_i, s_k] \wedge M_1^t[v_i, v_k]\}$ 
       $\cup \bigcup_{\{N \mid M_2^N[s_i, s_k]\}} \text{GETPATHS}(v_i, v_k, N)$ 
       $\cup \text{GETPATHSINNER}((v_i, s_i), (v_k, s_k))$ 
11:   $r \leftarrow \{(v_k, t, v_j) \mid M_2^t[s_k, s_j] \wedge M_1^t[v_k, v_j]\}$ 
       $\cup \bigcup_{\{N \mid M_2^N[s_k, s_j]\}} \text{GETPATHS}(v_k, v_j, N)$ 
       $\cup \text{GETPATHSINNER}((v_k, s_k), (v_j, s_j))$ 
12:  return  $l \cdot r$ 
13: function  $\text{GETPATHSINNER}((v_i, s_i), (v_j, s_j))$ 
14:   $parts \leftarrow \{(v_k, s_k) \mid C_3[(v_i, s_i), (v_k, s_k)] = 1 \wedge$ 
       $C_3[(v_k, s_k), (v_j, s_j)] = 1\}$ 
15:  return  $\bigcup_{(v_k, s_k) \in parts} \text{GETSUBPATHS}((v_i, s_i), (v_j, s_j), (v_k, s_k))$ 

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Paths extraction is implemented as three mutually recursive functions. The entry point is  $\text{GETPATHS}(v_s, v_f, N)$ . This function returns a set of paths between  $v_s$  and  $v_f$  such that the word formed by the path is derivable from nonterminal  $N$ .

To compute such paths it is necessary to compute paths from vertices of the form  $(q_N^s, v_s)$  to vertices of the form  $(q_N^f, v_f)$  in the result of transitive closure, where  $q_N^s$  is an initial state of RSM for  $N$  and  $q_N^f$  is a final state. To do it  $\text{GETPATHSINNER}((s_i, v_i), (s_j, v_j))$  is used. This function finds all possible vertices  $(s_k, v_k)$  which split path from  $(s_i, v_i)$  to  $(s_j, v_j)$  into two subpaths. After that, function  $\text{GETSUBPATHS}((s_i, v_i), (s_j, v_j), (s_k, v_k))$  is used to compute corresponding subpaths. Each part of the path may be a single edge, or path with length more than one. In the second case  $\text{GETPATHSINNER}$  is used to restore corresponding paths. In the first case, the edge can be labeled by terminal or nonterminal. In the first case corresponding edge should be added to the result. In the second case,  $\text{GETPATHS}$  should be used to restore paths.

Note, that, first of all, we assume that sets are computed lazily. It is necessary to work correctly in the case of an

infinite number of paths. Second, we use a set of path as a result, so we did not check duplicated paths manually.

### 3.3 An example

In this section we introduce detailed example to demonstrate steps of the proposed algorithm. Our example is based on the classical worst case scenario introduced by Jelle Hellings in [? ]. Namely, let we have a graph  $\mathcal{G}$  presented in figure 1 and the RSM  $R$  presented in figure [? ].

First step we represent graph as a set of boolean matrices as presented in 1, and RSM as a set of boolean matrices, as presented in ?? . Note, that we should add new empty matrix  $M_2^S$  to  $M_2$ . After that we should iteratively compute  $M_1$  and  $C$ .

**First iteration.** As far as  $M_2^{S,0}$  is empty (no edges with label  $S$  in the input graph), then correspondent block of the Kronecker product will be empty.

$$M_3^1 = M_1^a \otimes M_2^{a,0} + M_1^b \otimes M_2^{b,0} + M_1^S \otimes M_2^{S,0} =$$

	(0,0)	(0,1)	(0,2)	(0,3)	(1,0)	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(2,0)	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(3,0)	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)
(0,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

Transitive closure calculation introduces one new path of length 2 (respective cell is filled).

$$C_3^1 = tc(M_3^1) =$$

	(0,0)	(0,1)	(0,2)	(0,3)	(1,0)	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(2,0)	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(3,0)	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)
(0,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

This path starts in the vertex (0, 1) and finishes in the vertex (3, 3). We can see, that 0 is a start state of RSM  $R$  and 3 is a final state of RSM  $R$ . Thus we can conclude that there exists a path between vertices 1 and 3 such that respective word is acceptable by  $R$ . As a result we can add the edge (1,  $S$ , 3) to the  $\mathcal{G}$ , namely we should update the matrix  $M_2^S$ .

**Second iteration.** Modified input graph contains edge with label  $S$ . From now !!!

$$M_3^2 = M_1^a \otimes M_2^{a,0} + M_1^b \otimes M_2^{b,0} + M_1^S \otimes M_2^{S,1} =$$

	(0,0)	(0,1)	(0,2)	(0,3)	(1,0)	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(2,0)	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(3,0)	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)
(0,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

$$C_3^2 = tc(M_3^2) =$$

	(0,0)	(0,1)	(0,2)	(0,3)	(1,0)	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(2,0)	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(3,0)	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)
(0,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(0,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(1,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(2,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
(3,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

$$C_3^6 =$$

	0:(0,0)	1:(0,1)	2:(0,2)	3:(0,3)	4:(1,0)	5:(1,1)	6:(1,2)	7:(1,3)	8:(2,0)	9:(2,1)	10:(2,2)	11:(2,3)	12:(3,0)	13:(3,1)	14:(3,2)	15:(3,3)
0:(0,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1:(0,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2:(0,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3:(0,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4:(1,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5:(1,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6:(1,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7:(1,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8:(2,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9:(2,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10:(2,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11:(2,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12:(3,0)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13:(3,1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14:(3,2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15:(3,3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

Result is presented in figure 5. New edges is added to the original graph.

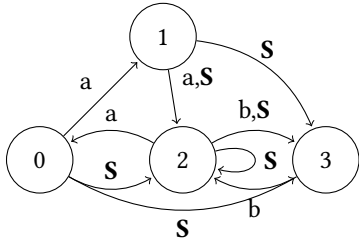


Figure 5: The result graph  $\mathcal{G}$

Index creation is finished. Onw can use it to unswer reachability queries, but for some problems it is necessary to restore paths. One can do it by using index created. Let for example we try to restore path from 2 to 2 derived from  $S$ .

To do it one should call `getPaths(2, 2, s)`. Partial trace of this call is presented below in figure 6. First, we convert vertices from grap to indeces in matrix and call `getPathsInner`. Separation vertex `pats={4}` and try to get patrs of paths going throw vertex with `id = 4`.

```
getPaths(2, 2, S)
└─ getPathsInner(2, 14)
   └─ parts = {4}
      └─ getSubpaths(2, 14, 4)
         └─ l = {2 → 0}
            └─ ...
               └─ getPathsInner(0, 14)
                  └─ parts = {5, 11}
                     └─ getSubpaths(0, 14, 5)
                        └─ ...
                           └─ getPaths(1, 3, S)
                              └─ ...
                                 └─ getSubpaths(1, 15, 6)
                                    └─ l = {1 → 2}
                                       └─ r = {2 → 3}
                                          └─ return {1 → 2 → 3}
                           └─ getSubpaths(0, 14, 11)
                              └─ ...
                                 └─ getPaths(1, 3, S) // An alternative way to get paths
                                    from 1 to 3 which leads to
                                    infinite set of paths
                                       └─ return r_∞^{1→3} // An infinite set of path from 1 to 3
                              └─ ...
                                 └─ return {0 → 1 → 2 → 3 → 2} ∪ ({0 → 1} · r_∞^{1→3} · {3 → 2})
         └─ return {2 → 0 → 1 → 2 → 0 → 1 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → 2} ∪
            {2 → 0 → 1 → 2 → 0 → 1 → 2 → 0 → 1 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → 2} ∪
            {2 → 0 → 1 → 2 → 0 → 1 → 2 → 0 → 1 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → 2} ∪
            {2 → 0 → 1 → 2 → 0 → 1 → 2 → 0 → 1 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → 2}
```

Figure 6: Example of call stack trace

Expected path is returned, other paths calculation  
Lazy evaluation is required.

The paths enumeration problem is actual here: ho can we  
enumerate paths with small delay.

## 4 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

Naïve algorithm is implemented (without dynamic transitive closure).

Linear algebra, GraphBLAS, parallel CPU.

Specific details. Sparsity parameters. How to express some  
steps efficiently.

Integration with RedisGraph.

Grammar is a file.

On paths extraction algorithm. I think that we shuold im-  
plement single path extraction, and paths without recursive  
calls. Lazy evaluation is not good idea for C implementation.

## 5 EVALUATION

Questions.

- (1) Compare classical RPQ algorithms and our algorithm
- (2) Compare other CFPQ algorithms and our algorithms
- (3) Ivestigate effect of grammar optimization

### 5.1 RPQ

In oder to do smthng....

Dataset description, tools selection.

### 5.1.1 Dataset. Dtatset for evalustion

We evaluate our solution on RPQs We choose templates of the most popular RPQs which are presented in table ?? We generate !!! queries for each template.

### 5.1.2 Results. Results of evalustion

Index creation.  
Paths extraction

### 5.1.3 Conclusion.

## 5.2 CFPQ

Comparison with matrix-based algorithm.

### 5.2.1 Dataset. Dtatset for evalustion. It should be CFPQ\_Data<sup>2</sup>. Same-generation queries, memory aliases.

### 5.2.2 Results. Results of evaluation.

Index creation.  
Paths extraction.

### 5.2.3 Conclusion.

## 5.3 Grammar transformation

On query optimization.

Memory aliases.  
Synthetic???

## 6 RELATED WORK

Language constrained path querying is a whide area !!!!

RPQ algorithms: derivatives [? ], Glushkov [? ], etc.!!!! [? ] distributed, not linear algebra.

CFPQ algorithms: Hellings [? ], Bradford [6], Azimov [? ], Verbitskaya [? ], Ciro [? ], form static code analysis [? ],

Subcubic CFPQ: Bradford, Chattergee, For trees — partial cases, RSM-s — 4 Russians method, Smth else?

Dynamic transitive closure [? ] [? ] [? ] [? ] algebraic, combinatorial, special graph types.

Implementation side. Linear algebra based approcges to evaluate queries (datalog, SPARQL, etc) [? ] Not focused ot types of queries. Matrices, !!!! SPARQL !!!! Datalog !!!!

## 7 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

!!!! Was presented. Evaluation demonstartes that!!! The way to solve teoretical problem is provided.

Subcubic CFPQ in general case — sublinear transitive closure.

Properties of graphs and grammars for partial case (planarity, etc).

On RSM optimization and query optimization. RSM minimization, ther transformations.

We evaluate naïve implemantation. Try to use advanced algorithms for dynamic transotive closure [10].

HiCOO format [? ] for distributed processing of huge graphs.

GPGPU-based implementation. Multi-GPU version. Unified memory, etc [? ]

Full integration with Graph DB. For example, with Redis-Graph. SuiteSparse as abse and success of matrix algorithm integration [? ]

Other semantics: shortest path, simple path and so on. Weighted graphs.

Streaming graph querying. Both regular [19] and context-free.

Specialization on query. Algebraic operations specialization (partially static data in Haskell [? ]). Runtime specialization (Posgres) [? ]

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