# Question 7: Cypher querying / MongoDB CRUD

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Explain the clauses of the Cypher language and demonstrate how it is used for querying data

## Clauses of the Cypher language

- The Cypher language enables users to perform standard database operations by using clauses.
- There are a total of 13 categories for all clauses.

- · Reading clauses
- Projecting clauses
- · Reading sub-clauses
- Reading hints
- Writing clauses
- · Reading/Writing clauses
- Set operations
- Subquery clauses
- Multiple graphs
- Importing data
- · Listing functions and procedures
- Transaction commands
- Administration clauses

## Clauses of the Cypher language

#### • Most important clauses are:

- . CREATE creates new nodes and relationships
- DELETE deletes nodes and relationships
- . LOAD CSV loads data from CSV file
- . MATCH searches for patterns
- . MERGE creates patterns if they don't exist
- OPTIONAL MATCH behaves the same as MATCH, but when it fails to find the pattern it fills missing parts of the pattern with null values
- . REMOVE removes labels and properties
- RETURN defines what will be presented to the user in the result set.
- . SET adds new or updates existing labels and properties
- UNION and UNION ALL combines results from multiple queries
- UNWIND unwinds a list of values as individual rows
- . WHERE filters the matched data
- . WITH combines multiple reads and writes

## Querying in Cypher language

• The following diagram shows a graphic representation of nodes and relationship types in the Movies dataset using Tom Hanks, both an actor and director, as an example:

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• Working with Cypher and the Movies Graph (combridgesemantics.com)

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### Querying in Cypher language

- In this example, the MATCH pattern identifies and returns all the directors of Movies in which Tom Hanks acted:
- MATCH (actor:Person)-[:ACTED\_IN]-(film:Movie),
   (director:Person)-[:DIRECTED]-(film:Movie)
- WHERE actor.name='Tom Hanks'
- RETURN actor.name, film.title, director.name;

Present your hand-in to course assignment 2 with a focus on updating the data