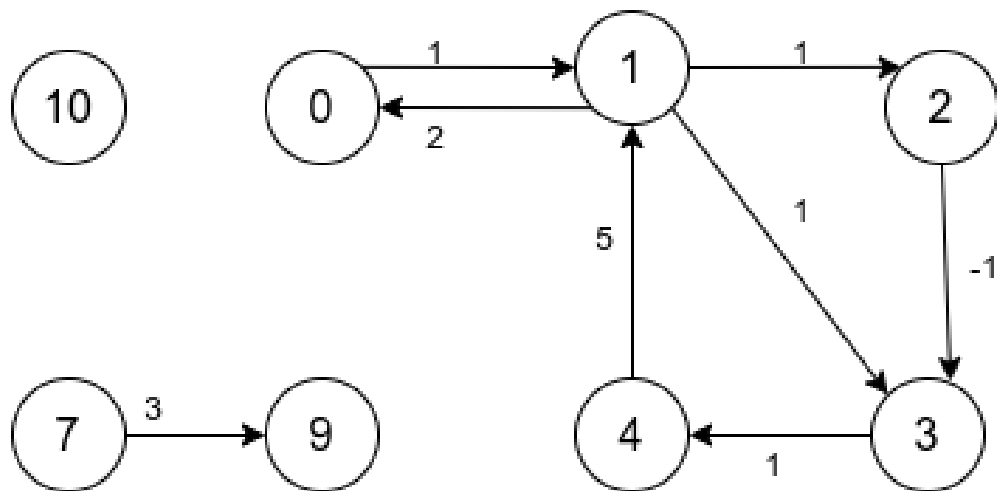


Locality Optimization for traversal-based Queries on Graph Databases

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Graphs



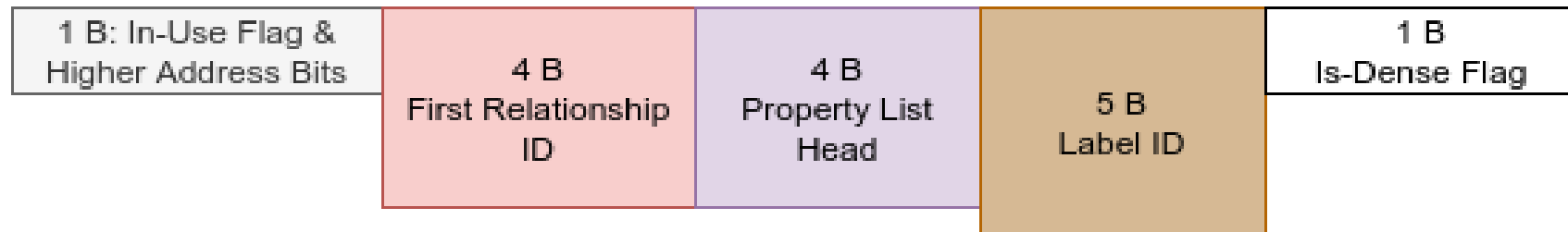
Data Structures I

Two essential record structures:

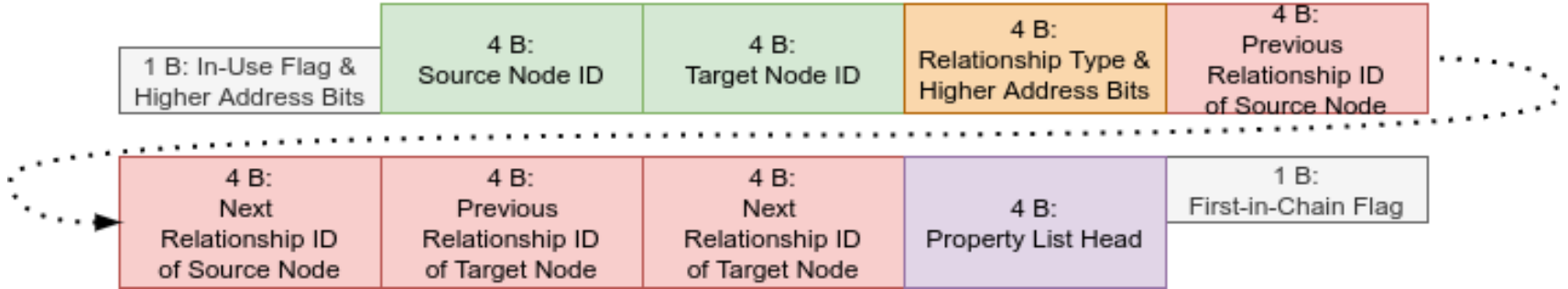
1. Node records
2. Relationship records

Inspired by Neo4J [1], [2].

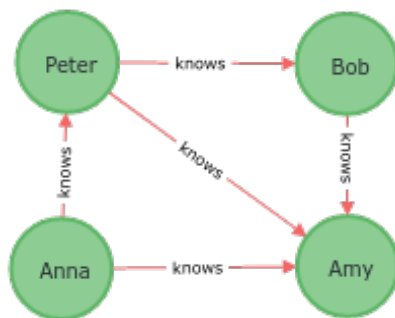
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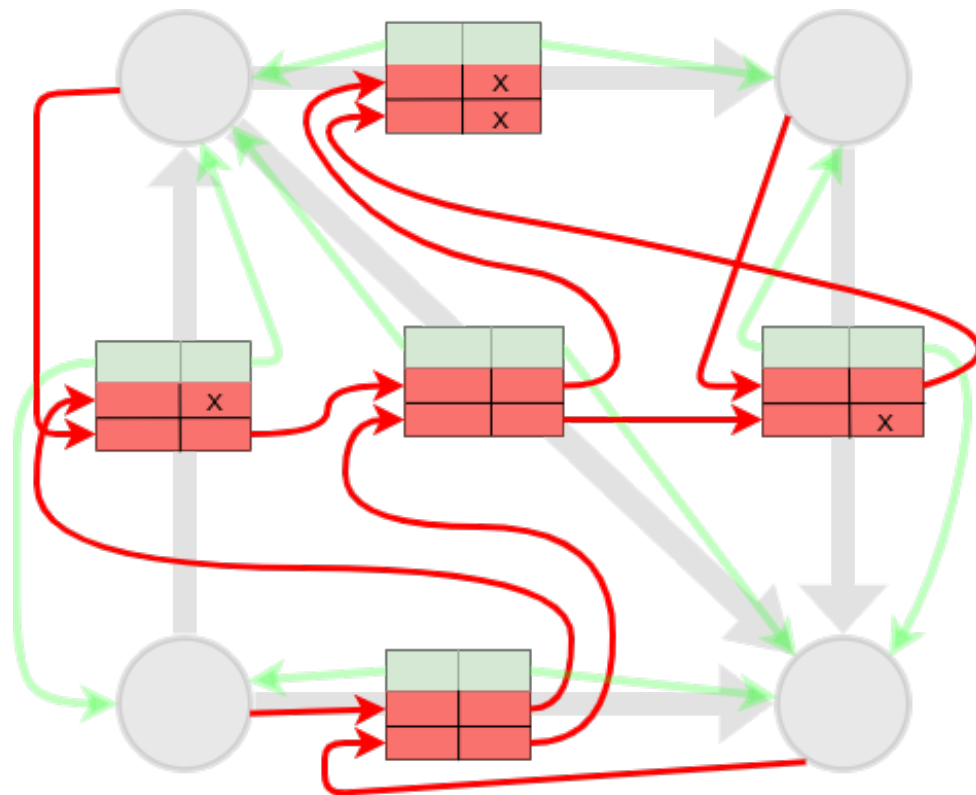
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Data Structures – Example

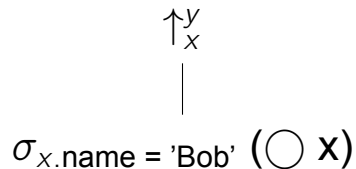


1 Introduction



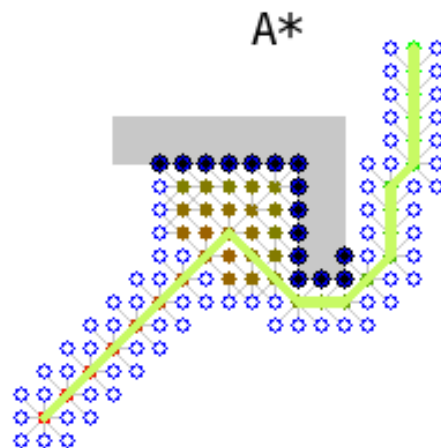
Example Query

Show me all people that Bob knows:



⇒ Scanning and filtering read sequential.

⇒ Expand does not necessarily.



Motivation

- Expand's access pattern depends on the query, record and incidence list order.
- When these factors are not considered, access is random.

Potentially leads to

- ⇒ hard-to-predict access patterns.
- ⇒ cache & prefetch misses, thrashing and pollution.
- ⇒ inadequate page eviction behavior.

Traversals rely primarily on `expand`!

Locality I

- “memory references tend to be localized in time and space” [3].
- Tendency to access nearby memory locations based on previous accesses [4].

Locality II

Temporal locality based on blocks

$$P(X_{t+\Delta} = B | X_t = B)$$

Spatial locality in the same sense

$$P(X_{t+\Delta} = B \pm \varepsilon | X_t = B)$$

with $\varepsilon = \lceil \frac{p}{b} \rceil$ [5].

⇒ The more localized the access, the less IO ops are necessary [5].

Problem Definition

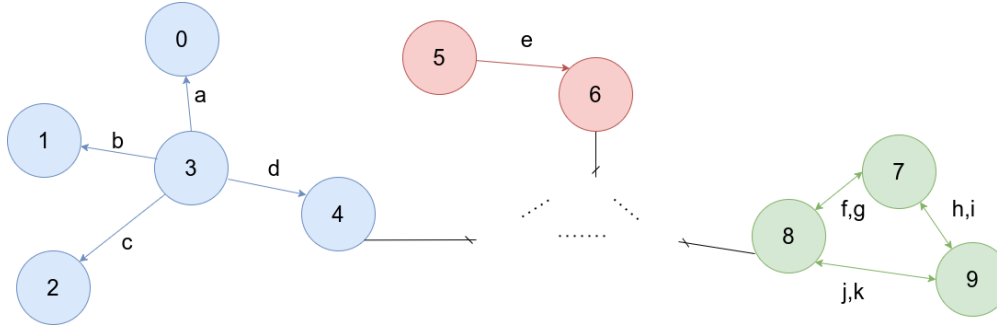
Given a graph G , logical block size b , page size p .

Desired is

1. A partition of G into blocks of size b ,
2. permutations π_v, π_e of the blocks,

such that locality is as high as possible for traversal-based queries.

Example: Block Formation and Order



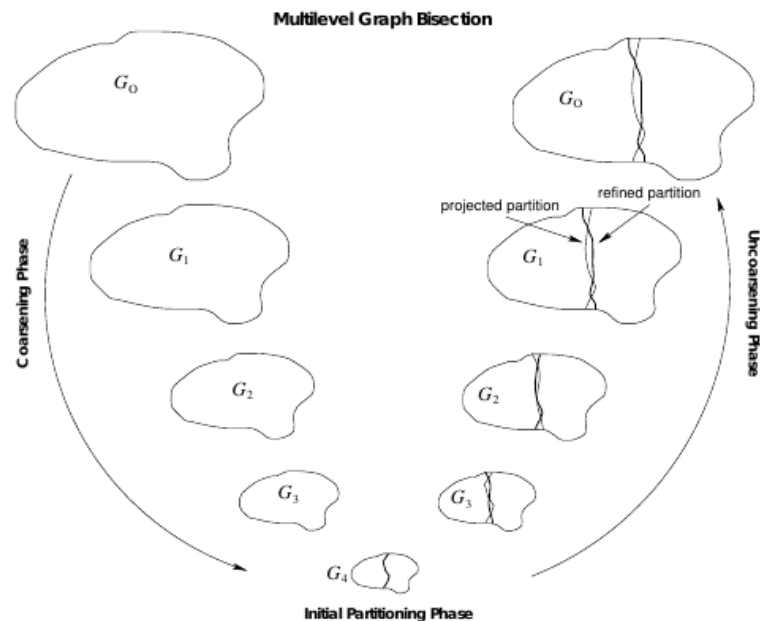
node.db	0, 5, 7	1, 4, 9	2, 6, 8	3		
edge.db	a, f	b, g	c, h	d, i	e, j	k

node.db	7, 8, 9	0, 1, 3	2, 4, 5	6		
edge.db	f, h	g, k	i, j	a, b	c, d	e

Record Layout Methods: Overview

- Existing methods
 - G-Store [6]
 - ICBL [7]
- Our approach
 - Community detection — Louvain method [8].
 - Incidence list reordering

G-Store I

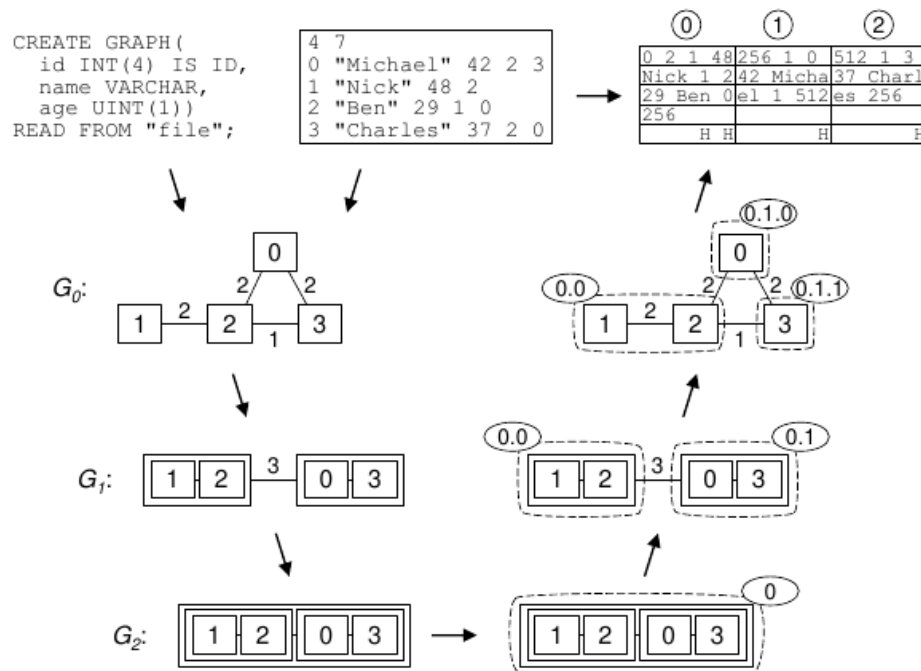


G-Store II

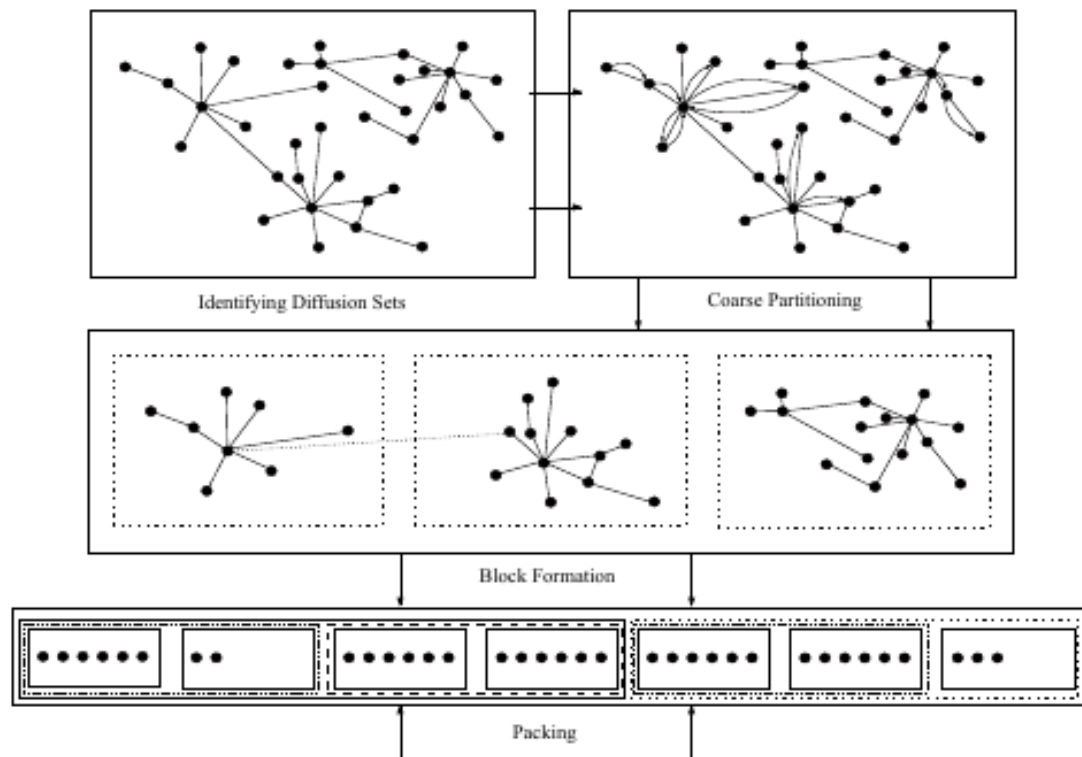
1. Coarsening: Heavy-Edge Matching [9]
2. Turn-around
3. Uncoarsening
 - 3.1 Project
 - 3.2 Reorder
 - 3.3 Refine

$$\min \sum_{(u,v) \in E} |\phi(u) - \phi(v)|$$

G-Store III



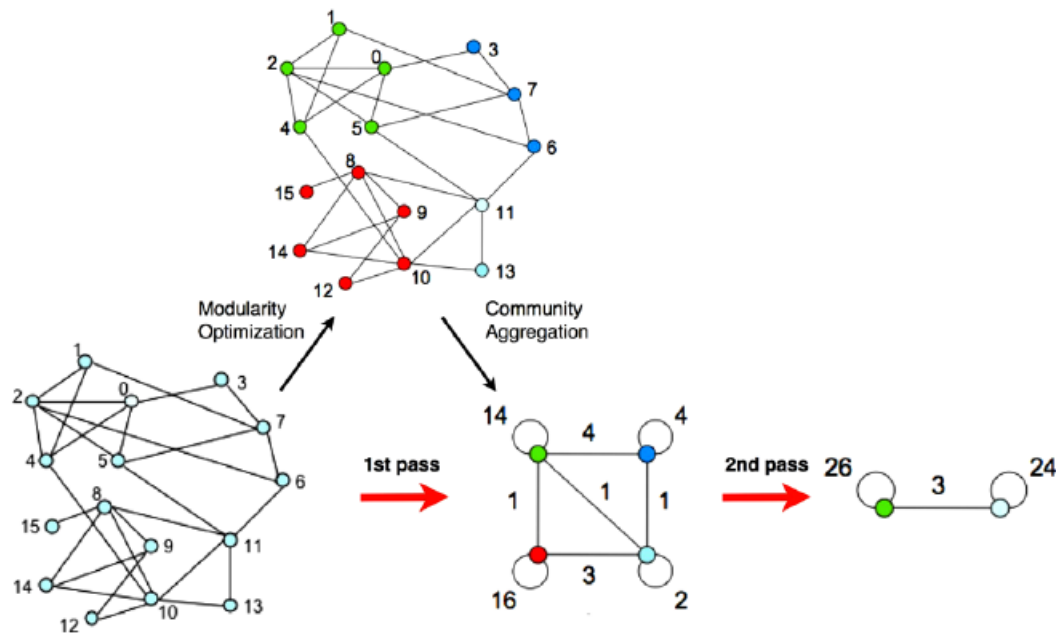
ICBL I



ICBL II

- I Feature extraction: Do t random walks [10] of length l .
- C Coarse clustering: Adapted K-Means [11].
- B Block Formation: Agglomerative hierarchical clustering [12].
- L Layout Blocks: Sort blocks and subgraphs

Louvain Method I

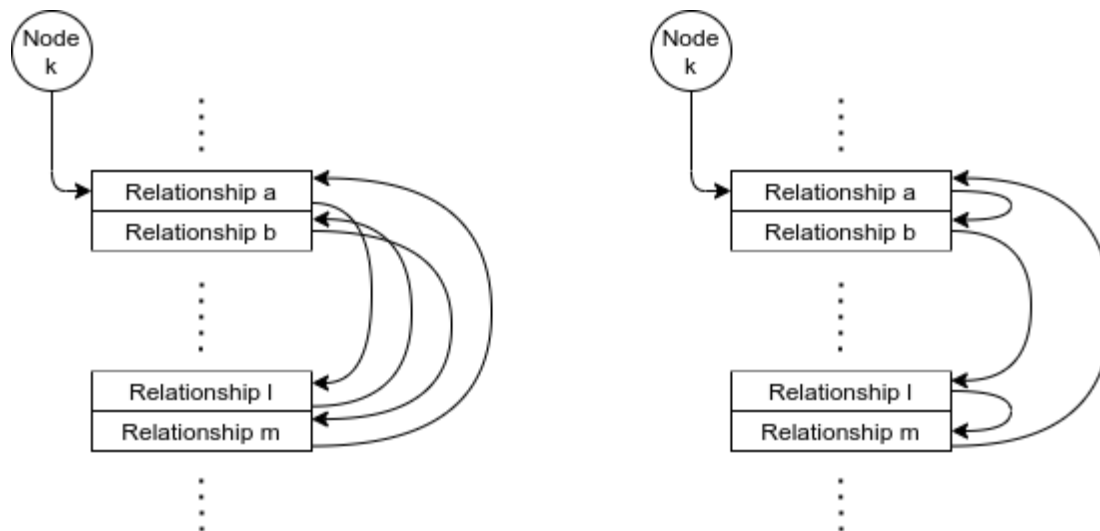


Louvain Method II

1. Initialize all nodes in singleton community.
2. Merge community into a neighboring community where modularity gain is maximal, until modularity gain is below threshold.
3. Construct new graph from aggregated communities and go to 1.

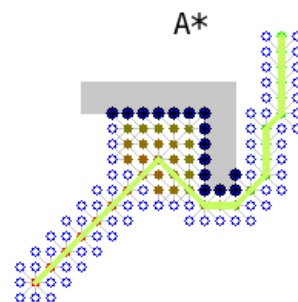
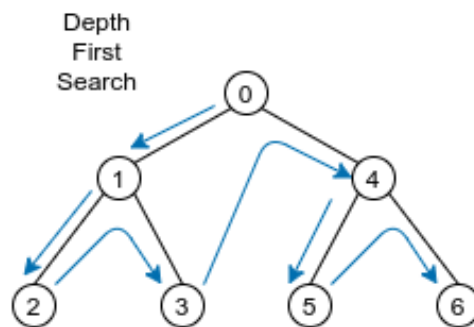
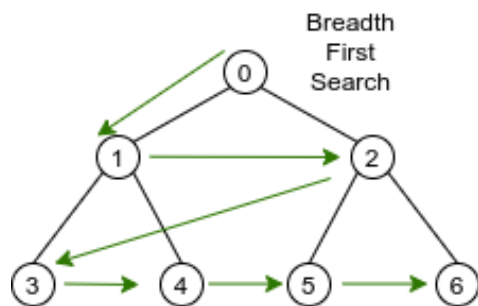
$$\frac{1}{2m} \sum_{u,v \in V} \left(w_{(u,v)} - \frac{w_u w_v}{2m} \right) \cdot \delta(c_u, c_v)$$

Incidence List Rearrangement



Setup I

- Queries: BFS, DFS, Dijkstra, A*, ALT.



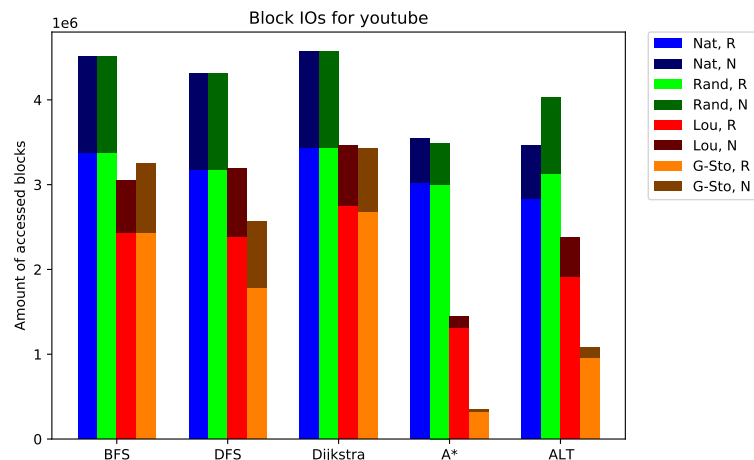
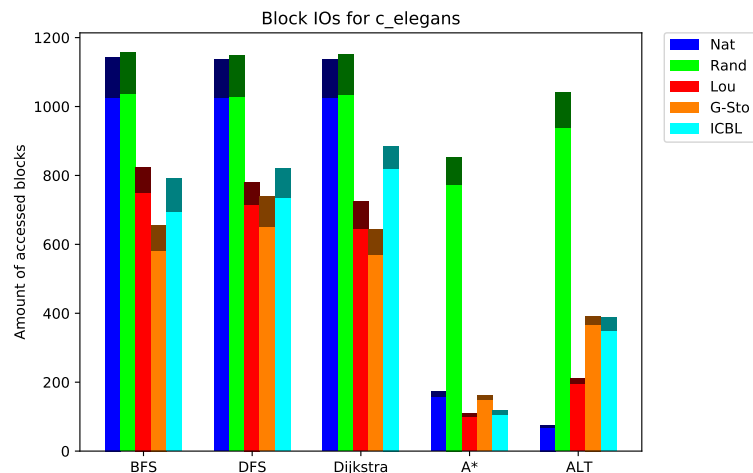
Setup II

- Datasets: [131, 1'134'890] nodes, [764, 2'987'624] edges, average degree [2.6, 25.5]
- Domains include biological neural net, e-mails, co-authors, frequent item sets, video channel subscriptions [13].

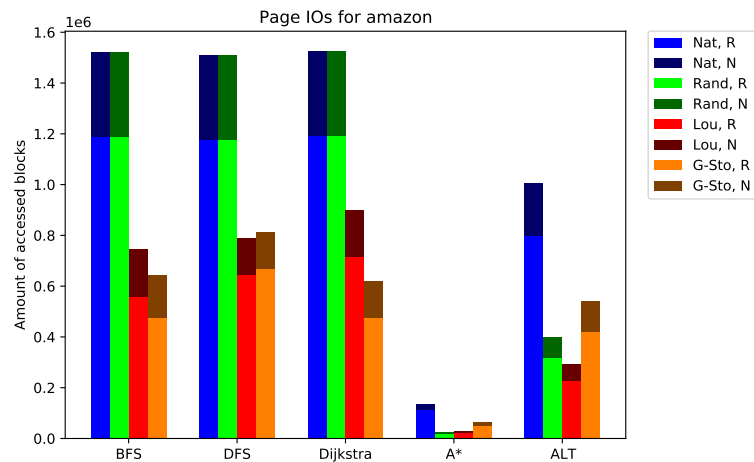
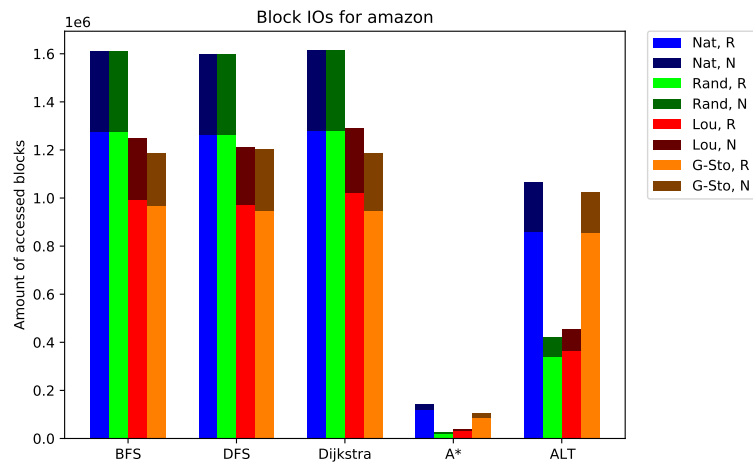
Setup III

- Simulate IOs using in-memory access layer, queries and record IDs.
 - $\text{Block no.} = \text{record ID} \cdot \text{sizeof}(\text{record struct}) / \text{block size}$
 - Buffer of 1 block.
 - Consecutive accesses to same block require no additional IO op.
All other accesses do.
1. Import dataset.
 2. Run query and log IDs of accessed nodes and relationships.
 3. Calculate sequence of block no. from sequence of IDs.
 4. Calculate sequence of page no. from sequence of block no.

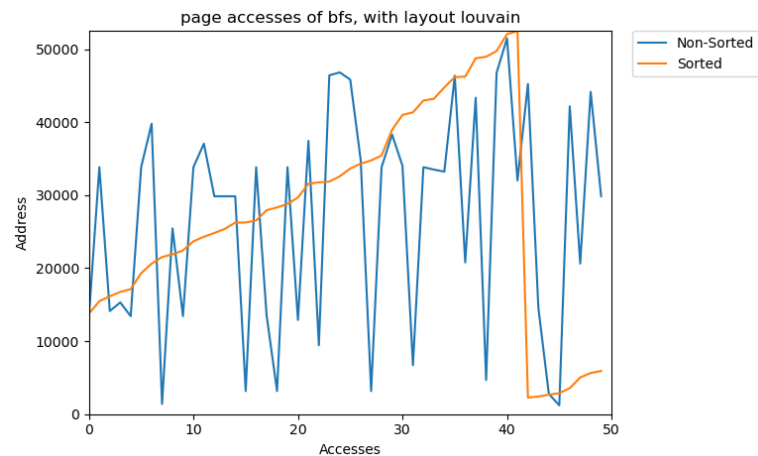
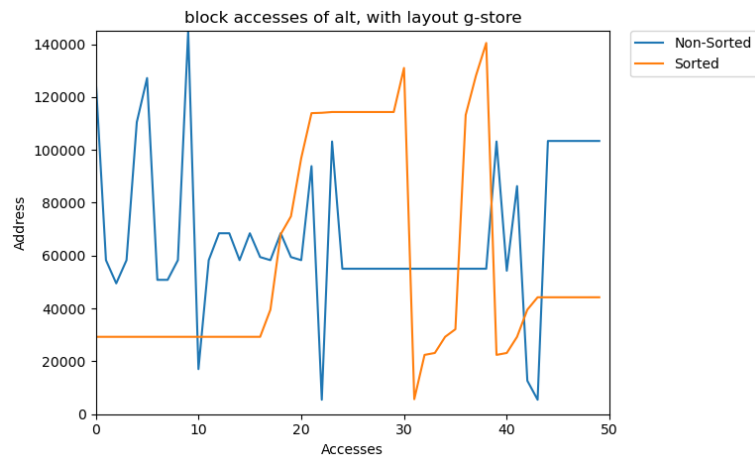
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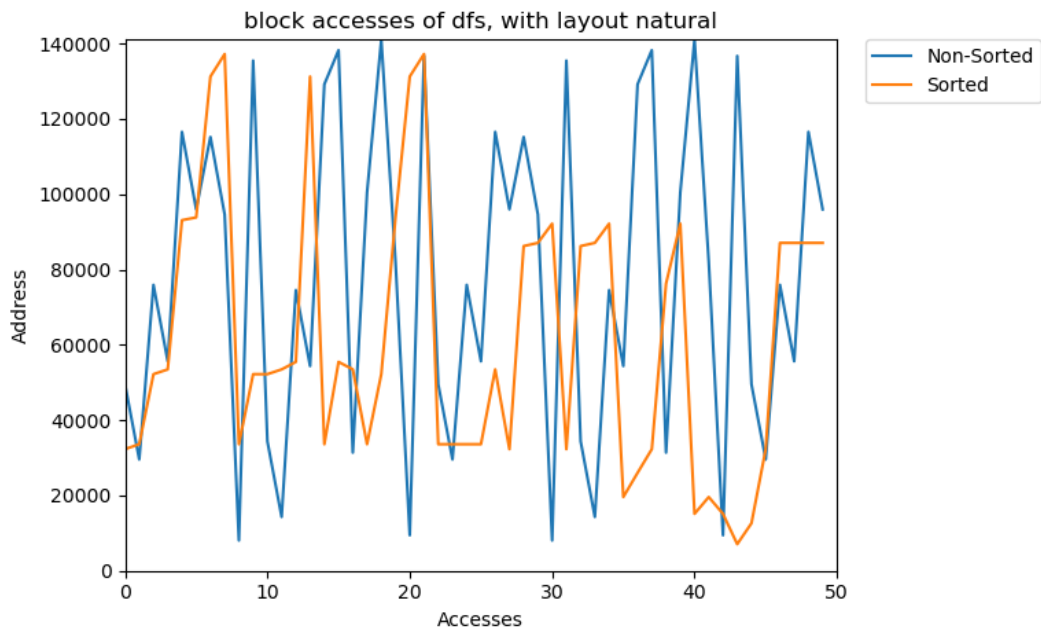
Results II



Results III



Results IV



Summary

- Static rearrangement methods increase locality.
⇒ decrease number of block accesses
- The order of blocks is important for spatial locality
- Sorting the incidence lists leads to more sequential access sequences.
- Results differ between queries

Future Work

- Leiden [14] instead of Louvain
- RCM-based [15] rearrangement
- Dynamic Rearrangement
 - Query-based
 - History-based

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