

Knowledge Base Curation using Constraints

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Knowledge base graph structure

A knowledge base is a repository of structured information.

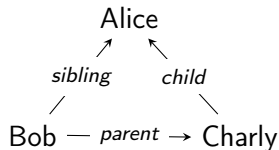


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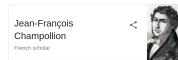
Knowledge base

Knowledge bases can be used to:

- Display key facts
- Answer questions
- Suggest
- Detect patterns

Some knowledge bases are:






- Wikidata
- YAGO
- Google Knowledge Graph
- Facebook Social Graph
- ...








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Died: March 4, 1832, Paris, France
Place of burial: Père Lachaise Cemetery, Paris, France
Known for: Decipherment of ancient Egyptian scripts
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Jean-François Champollion



Jean-François Champollion, by Léon Cogniet

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Died 4 March 1832 (aged 41)
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Citizenship French

Alma mater Collège de France
Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales

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Scientific career

Fields Egyptian hieroglyphs

Knowledge base problems

Knowledge bases are affected by two types of problem:

- Incompleteness: missing facts
- Errors: wrong facts

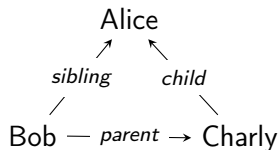


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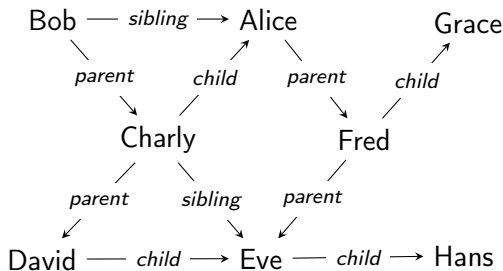
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- 1 Knowledge Base Completion
- 2 Knowledge Base Correction
- 3 Knowledge Base Creation and Querying

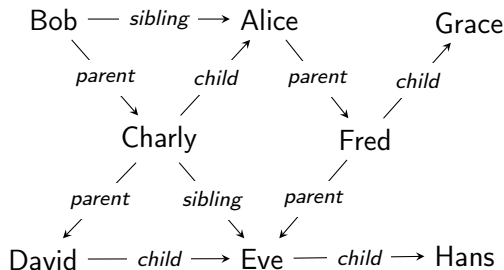
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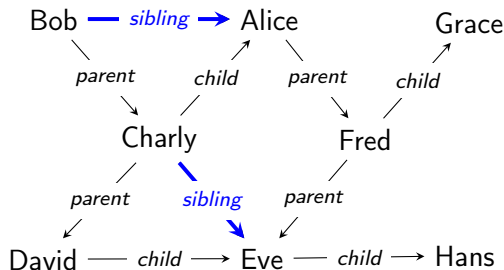


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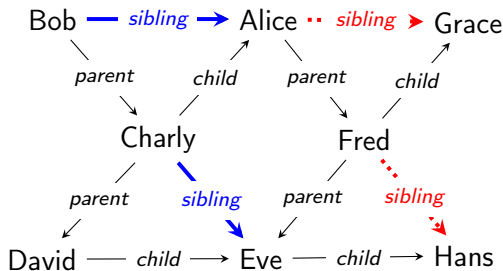
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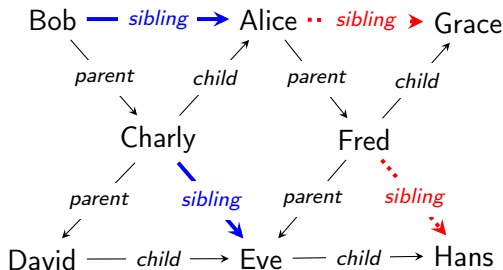
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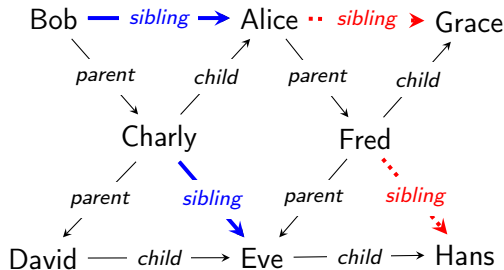
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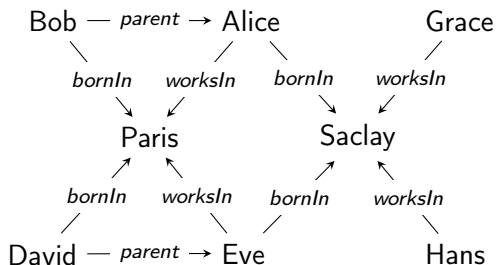
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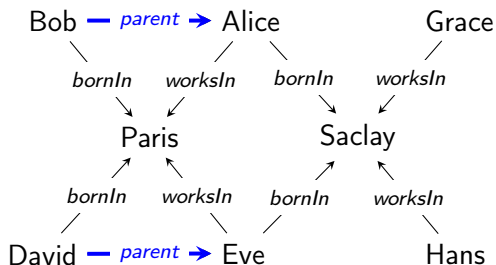
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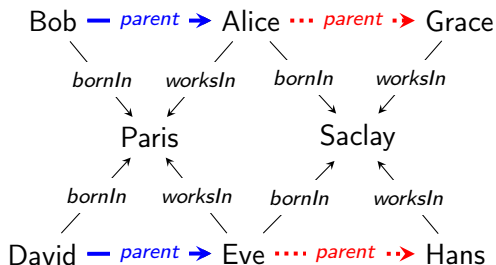
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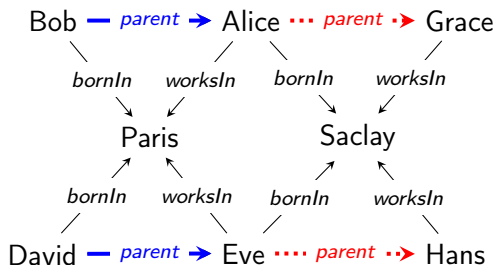
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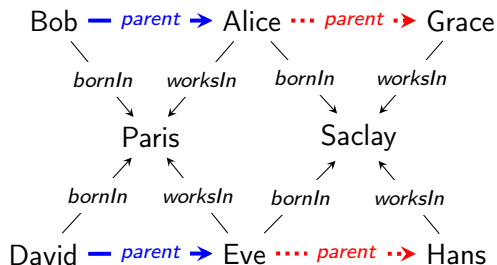
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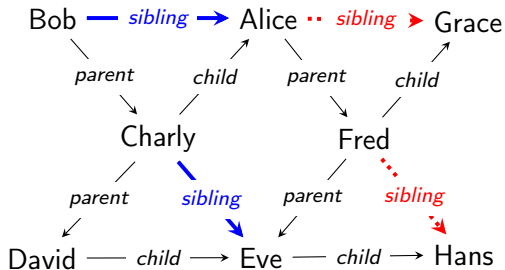
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Partial Completeness Assumption (PCA) (Galárraga et al.)

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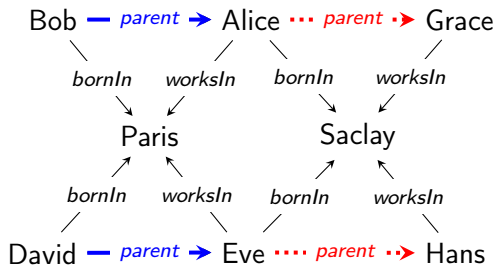
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How to distinguish these two rules?

Paper: “Completeness-Aware Rule Learning from Knowledge Graphs” with Daria Stepanova, Simon Razniewski, Paramita Mirza and Gerhard Weikum

Full paper nominated for the best student paper award at **ISWC 2017**

Invited presentation at **IJCAI 2018**

Additional input: cardinality facts

Number of values for a given (subject, predicate)

- Retrieved from text extraction e.g. “Alice has 3 children”
- Deduced from the ontology (functional relations...)
- Learned from existing cardinalities

Cardinality fact formalization

- $num(p, s)$: Number of outgoing p -edges from s in the real world
- $miss(p, s)$: Number of outgoing p -edges from s missing from the KB

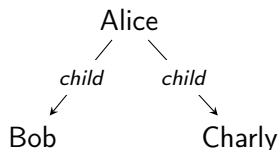
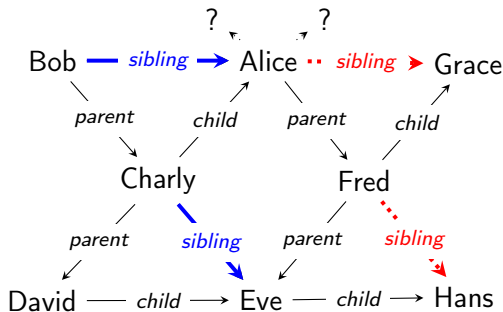


Figure: If $num(child, Alice) = 3$ then $miss(child, Alice) = 1$ in this KB

Completeness-aware confidence

“It is fine to add missing data”



With $num(\text{sibling}, \text{Alice}) = 2$

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Completeness support

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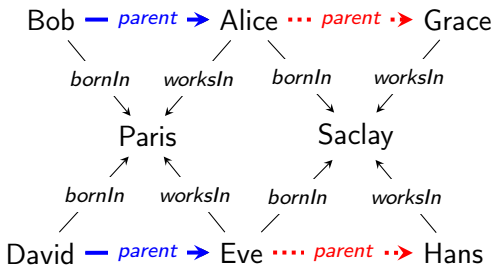
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It generalizes the other confidence metrics

Closed world assumption

$conf(r) = conf_c(r)$ because $npi(p, s) = 0$

Partial completeness assumption

$conf_{pca}(r) = conf_c(r)$ because $npi(p, s) = 0$ in areas with facts and
 $npi(p, s) = supp_b(r) \mid_{p(s,*)}$ elsewhere

Evaluation: Two datasets

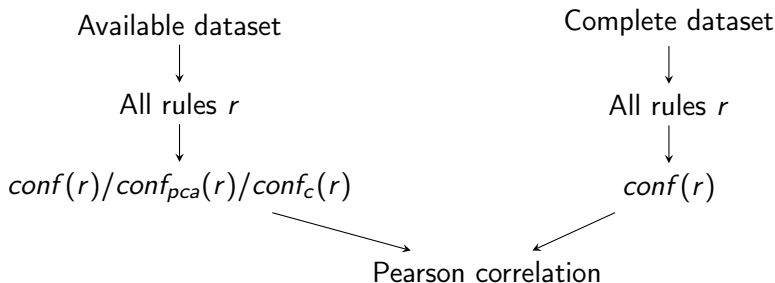
LUBM

- Synthetic dataset with a rich ontology (1.2 M facts)
- We use the ontology to complete the dataset
- We compute cardinalities from the complete dataset
- We remove facts randomly (the % depends on the fact predicate) to create the available dataset

WikidataPeople

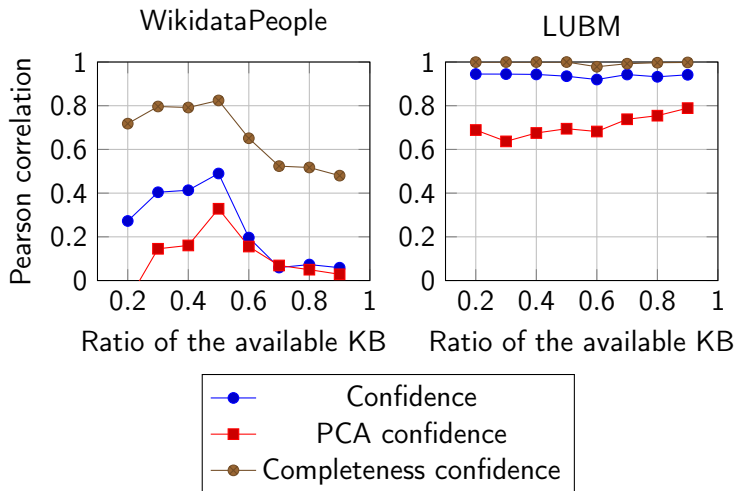
- Subset of Wikidata (2.4M facts over 9 predicates)
- We use manual rules to complete the dataset
- We compute cardinalities from the complete dataset
- We remove facts randomly to create the available dataset

Evaluation: Protocol



Pearson correlation: $\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{cov(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$ with cov the covariance and σ the standard deviation

Evaluation: Results



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Constraint rules

We define constraints on the knowledge base using rules.

For example:

- “The possible genders are male, female and non-binary”:
 $\Gamma_1(x, y) : \text{gender}(y, x) \rightarrow x \in \{\text{male, female, nonbinary}\}$
- “The value of the birth place relation should be a place”:
 $\Gamma_2(x, y) : \text{birthPlace}(y, x) \rightarrow \text{type}(x, \text{Place})$

Stats

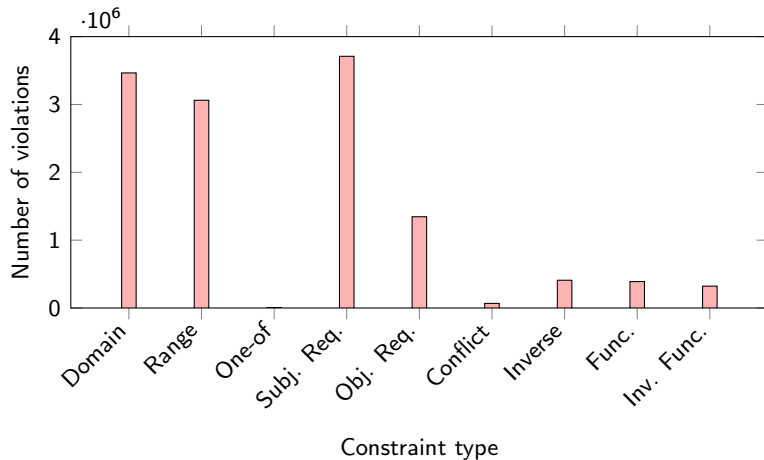


Figure: Wikidata constraint violations (July 2018)

Constraint violation

A violation of a constraint $\Gamma(\vec{x})$ is a minimal subset \mathcal{V} of the KB \mathcal{K} such that there exists \vec{a} with $\mathcal{V} \not\models \Gamma(\vec{a})$ and $\mathcal{K} \models \Gamma(\vec{a})$.

Example

If $gender(Alice, woman) \in \mathcal{K}$
then $\mathcal{V} = \{gender(Alice, woman)\}$ is a violation of
 $\Gamma_1(x, y) : gender(y, x) \rightarrow x \in \{\text{male, female, nonbinary}\}$.

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- but it is often hard:
When a birth place is not a place, should we remove the bad value, insert the “place” type or a subtype “city”, “hospital”...

How to automatically fix constraint violations?

Paper: “Learning How to Correct a Knowledge Base from the Edit History” with Camille Bourgaux and Fabian Suchanek

Full paper at [WWW 2019](#)

Atomic modification

An atomic modification is a tuple $(\mathcal{M}^-, \mathcal{M}^+)$ that is either:

- a fact addition: $(\emptyset, \{p(s, o)\})$
- a fact deletion: $(\{p(s, o)\}, \emptyset)$
- a fact replacement: $(\{p^-(s^-, o^-)\}, \{p^+(s^+, o^+)\})$

Example

$(\{gender(Alice, woman)\}, \{gender(Alice, female)\})$ is an atomic modification that replaces Alice's gender from "woman" to "female".

Solution of a constraint correction

A solution of a constraint violation \mathcal{V} of $\Gamma(\vec{a})$ on \mathcal{K} is an atomic modification $(\mathcal{M}^-, \mathcal{M}^+)$ such that there exists a knowledge base $\mathcal{K}' \subseteq \mathcal{K}$ with $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{K}'$ and $(\mathcal{K}' \cup \mathcal{M}^+) \setminus \mathcal{M}^-$ satisfies $\Gamma(\vec{a})$.

Example

$(\{gender(Alice, woman)\}, \{gender(Alice, female)\})$ is a solution for the violation $\mathcal{V} = \{gender(Alice, woman)\}$ of $\Gamma_1(x, y) : gender(y, x) \rightarrow x \in \{\text{male, female, nonbinary}\}$.

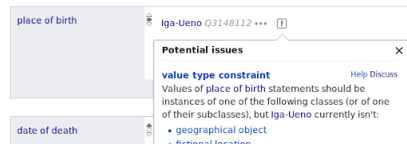
Which solution?

Example

Let's consider $\Gamma_2(x, y) : birthPlace(y, x) \rightarrow type(x, Place)$. We have a violation $\{birthPlace(y, x)\}$. What is the “good” solution to improve the KB?

- Remove $birthPlace(y, x)$?
- Add $type(x, Place)$?
- Add $type(x, C)$ with $subClassOf(C, Place)$?

Before



After



Edit:



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Extracting past corrections

To solve violations like

The screenshot shows a Wikidata entity page for **Iga-Ueno** (Q3148112). On the left, there are two properties: **place of birth** and **date of death**. A dialog box titled **Potential issues** is open, showing a **value type constraint** violation. The text in the dialog states: "Values of place of birth statements should be instances of one of the following classes (or of one of their subclasses), but Iga-Ueno currently isn't:" followed by a bulleted list:

- geographical object
- fictional location

two solutions:

An addition like

The screenshot shows a Wikidata property page for **geographical object**. It indicates that there are **0 references** for this property.

A deletion of

This screenshot is identical to the one above, showing the Wikidata entity page for **Iga-Ueno** with the **Potential issues** dialog box open, highlighting the **value type constraint** violation on the **place of birth** property.

We look for such edits and check if they correct a violation

There are patterns for finding good solutions

Example

Let's keep considering:

$$\Gamma_2(x, y) : \text{birthPlace}(y, x) \rightarrow \text{type}(x, \text{Place})$$

And a past correction of $\Gamma_2(\text{Matuso Basho}, \text{Iga-Ueno})$:

$$(\emptyset, \{\text{type}(\text{Iga-Ueno}, \text{GeoObject})\})$$

We could generalize this correction by:

$$[\Gamma_2(x, y)] \rightarrow (\emptyset, \{\text{type}(x, \text{GeoObject})\})$$

And refine it with:

$$[\Gamma_2(x, y)] \wedge \text{geoCoordinates}(x, z) \rightarrow (\emptyset, \{\text{type}(x, \text{GeoObject})\})$$

Correction rule mining (CorHist)

- 1 **Generate** simple rules from the past corrections
- 2 **Specialize** the rules using the KB state just before the correction has been done

Using regular rule mining and standard confidence

What about shallow and textual information?

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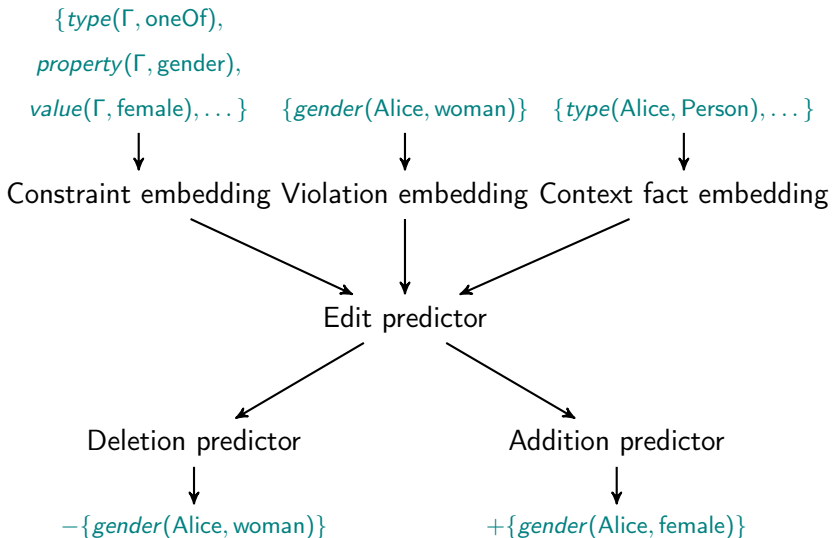
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Idea: use a neural network that predicts the edit using:

- simple learned vector encoding of major entities and relations
- constraint description and entity facts embedding to allow generalization
- textual embedding of literal values (entity labels, literal objects...)

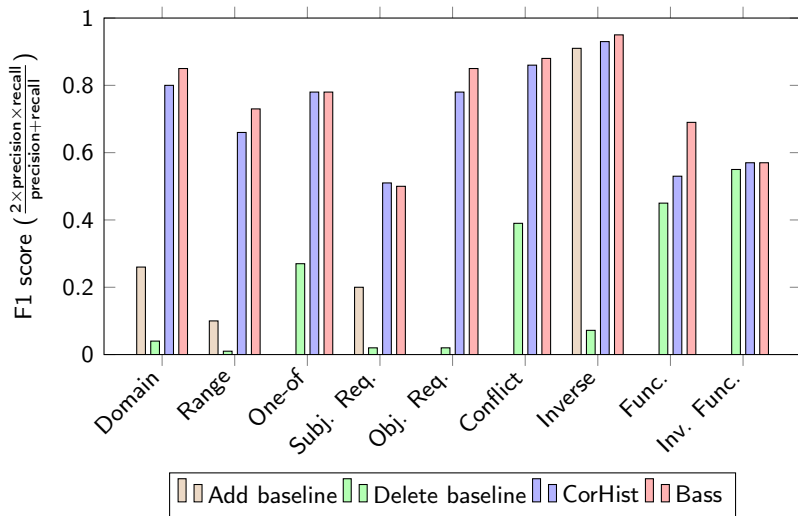
Bass



Evaluation on the past corrections (on Wikidata)

- ① Extract the past corrections
- ② Train CorHist and Bass on a training subset
- ③ Optimize CorHist hyperparameters on a cross-validation subset
- ④ Apply the predictions on a test subset
- ⑤ Compute precision and recall

Wikidata evaluation: Some results



Baselines: remove the violation or add the missing triple if possible

User evaluation: A Wikidata editing “game”

Francesco Belinzeri [Q57082102]

Auto | it

Francesco Belinzeri is a [Italian sculptor](#), [painter](#), and [architect](#).

Violation

An entity should not have a statement for [country of citizenship](#) if it also has [sex or gender](#) with value [male non-human](#)

Possible correction

Edit [statement](#) (Q57082102, [sex or gender](#), [male non-human organism](#)). Setting value to: [male](#)

- 64 users
- >30k actions
- >20k violations fixed on Wikidata

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Wikidata History Query Service

- Allows querying full Wikidata state at any time
- Using SPARQL queries
- Allows querying both content and edit metadata
- Used to extract the past violation corrections for CorHist

Paper: “Querying the Edit History of Wikidata ”, Thomas Pellissier Tanon and Fabian Suchanek, demo paper at **ESWC 2019**

YAGO 4

- New version of the YAGO knowledge base
- Based on Wikidata and schema.org
- Easy to use
- Generic build pipeline that enforces constraints
- Challenges:
 - Enforcing constraints efficiently (billions of facts)
 - Static violation repairs

Paper: “YAGO 4: a Reason-able Knowledge Base”, Thomas Pellissier Tanon, Gerhard Weikum and Fabian Suchanek, resource paper at **ESWC 2020**

Bash Datalog

- Translates Datalog to Bash shell code
- Allows for simple and efficient data preprocessing
- Uses relational algebra internally (my contribution)

Paper: “Bash Datalog: Answering Datalog Queries with Unix Shell Commands”, Thomas Rebele, Thomas Pellissier Tanon and Fabian Suchanek, full paper at **ISWC 2018** (spotlight paper)

And also

- “Property Label Stability in Wikidata”, Thomas Pellissier Tanon and Lucie-Aimée Kaffee, [WikiWorkshop @ WWW 2018](#)
- “Demoing Platypus - A Multilingual Question Answering Platform for Wikidata”, Thomas Pellissier Tanon, Marcos Dias de Assunção, Eddy Caron and Fabian Suchanek, demo at [ESWC 2018](#)
- “Question Answering Benchmarks for Wikidata”, Dennis Diefenbach, Thomas Pellissier Tanon et al., poster at [ISWC 2017](#)

Main contributions

- Rule mining on incomplete data using cardinality information
- Automatically correcting a knowledge base using the edit history
- Contributions to knowledge base creation and knowledge base querying

Future work

- Publish the neural network approach
- Learn rules to fix text instead of fixing the knowledge base
- Learn more cardinalities and numerical values
- New (unrelated) work on SPARQL query compilation

Thank you!

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