1 Business Intelligence Workload

The draft BI workload was published at the GRADES-NDA workshop at SIGMOD 2018 [2]. Version 1.0 of the workload is currently being prepared.

The LDBC SNB BI workload consists of two sets of operations:

- Read queries. Complex read queries touching a significant portion of the data. See Section 1.4.
- **Microbatches of refresh operations.** A set of insert and delete operations, batched for a given time period (e.g. an hour, a day, etc.). See Section 1.5.

1.1 Benchmark scenario

1.2 Parameter selection

During data generation, a sequence of *substitution parameters* (??) is generated. Similarly to the Interactive workload, the parameter generation of the BI workload uses *parameter curation* [1] to ensure that the query runtimes are predictable (to some extent).

Several queries use multiple variants with different sets of input parameters. E.g. for $\boxed{\text{BI } 14}$, 14(A) uses close countries while 14(B) uses countries that are far from each other.

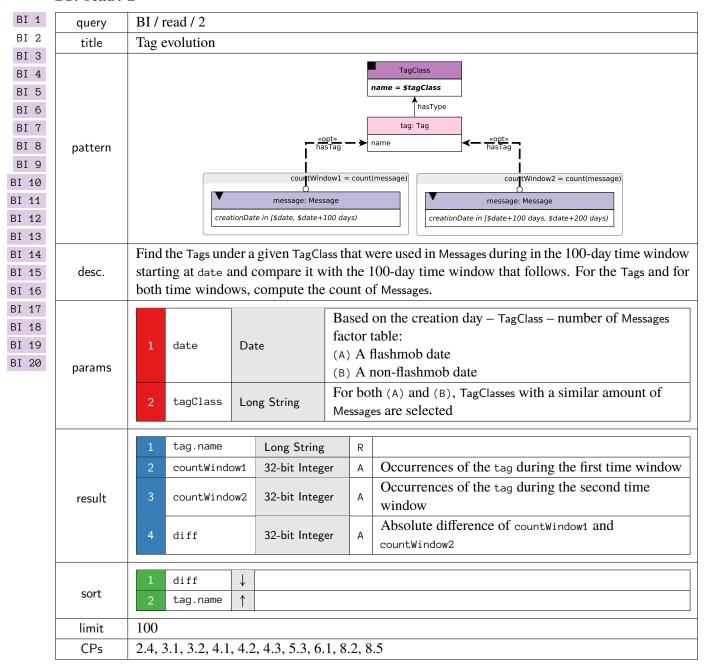
In principle, query parameters are selected so that the query touches on a similar amounts of data. For queries which are only constrained by one parameter, we select ranges in the distribution where the starting node has a similar amount of neighbours. For example, if the query looks for Messages with a given Tag: (1) the Datagen computes the frequency of Messages per Tags as a factor table, (2) for each Tag, we compute its distance (absolute difference) from a given percentile of the distribution is selected (e.g. the Tag on the 75th percentile), (3) we pick the k parameters with the lowest distance.

1.3 Target metric

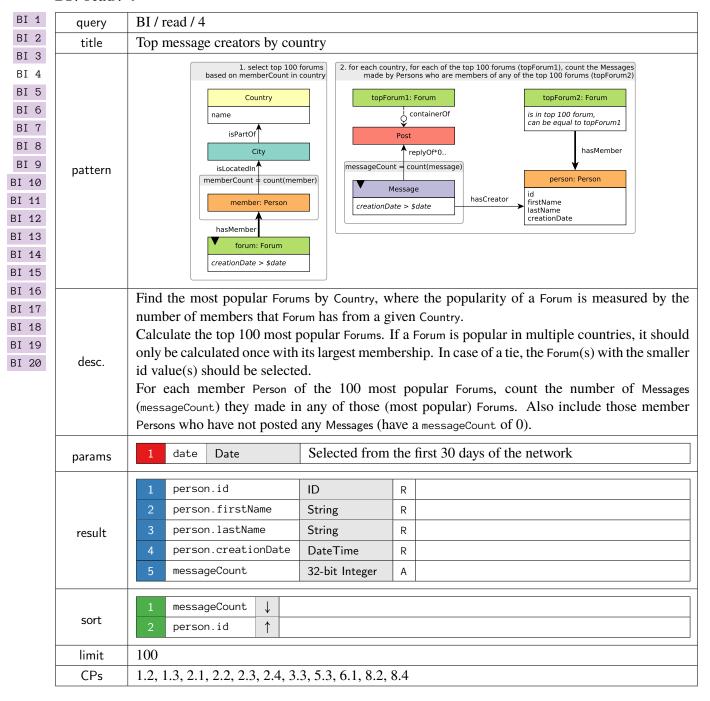
The performance of a system is characterized by two metrics: the geometric mean of the read query execution times and the geometric mean of the time required to load daily batches.

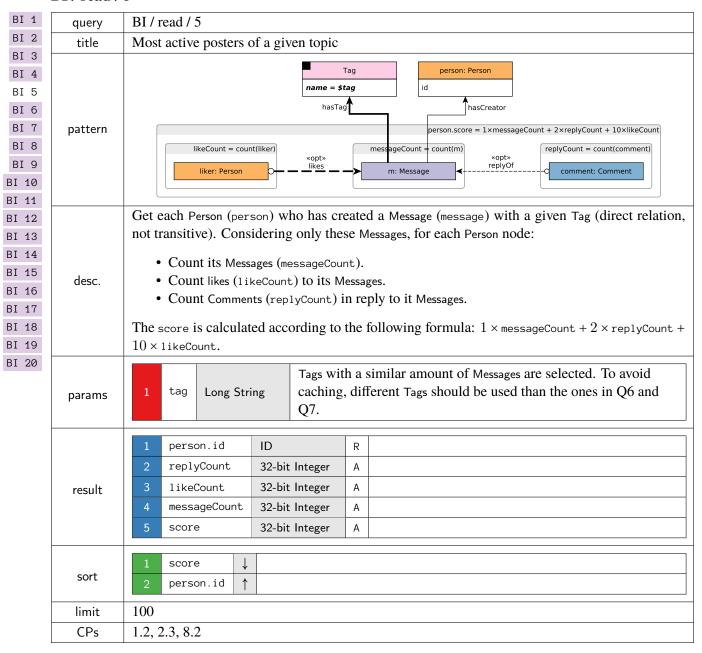
1.4 Reads

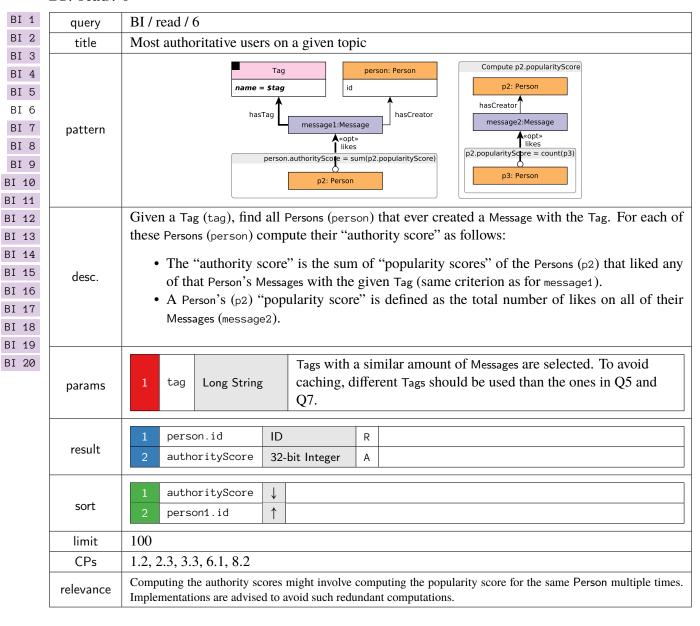
BI 1	query	BI / read / 1				
BI 2	title	Posting summary				
BI 3 BI 4 BI 5 BI 6	pattern	reationDate < \$datetime length year(creationDate)				
BI 7 BI 8 BI 9 BI 10 BI 11 BI 12 BI 13 BI 14 BI 15 BI 16 BI 17 BI 18	desc.	Given a datetime, find all Messages created before that moment. Group them by a 3-level grouping: 1. by year of creation 2. for each year, group into Message types: is Comment or not 3. for each year-type group, split into four groups based on length of their content				
BI 19 BI 20	params	Tor later microbatches, later datetime parameters are selected keep the variance low (<0.5%)				
	result	1 year 32-bit Integer R year(message.creationDate) 2 isComment Boolean M True for Comments, False for Posts 3 lengthCategory 32-bit Integer C for short, 1 for one-liner, 2 for tweet, 3 for long 4 messageCount 32-bit Integer A Total number of Messages in that group 5 averageMessageLength 32-bit Float A Average length of the Message content in that group 6 sumMessageLength 32-bit Integer A Sum of all Message content lengths 7 percentageOfMessages 32-bit Float A Percentage of all messages created before the given date				
	sort	<pre>1 year</pre>				
	limit CPs	n/a 1.2, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 8.5				

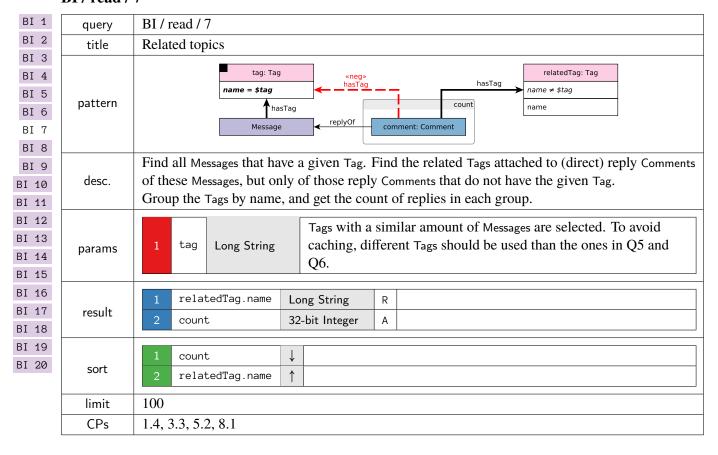


BI 1	query	BI / read / 3					
BI 2	title	Popular topics in a country					
BI 3 BI 4 BI 5 BI 6 BI 7 BI 8 BI 9 BI 10 BI 11 BI 12 BI 13 BI 14	pattern	Country name = \$country isPartOf City Tag hasType City Tag hasTag count(message) id message: Message replyOf*0					
BI 15 BI 16 BI 17 BI 18 BI 19 BI 20	desc.	Given a TagClass and a Country, find all the Forums created in the given Country, containing at least one Message with Tags belonging directly to the given TagClass, and count the Messages by th Forum which contains them. The location of a Forum is identified by the location of the Forum's moderator. 1 tagClass Long String TagClasses with a similar amount of Messages are selected					
	parailis	2 country Long String Big Countries are selected					
	result	1 forum.id ID R 2 forum.title Long String R 3 forum.creationDate DateTime R 4 person.id ID R 5 messageCount 32-bit Integer A					
	sort	1 messageCount ↓ 2 forum.id ↑					
	limit	20					
	CPs	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 3.3, 8.2					









BI 1	query	BI / read / 8			
BI 2	title	Central person for a tag			
BI 3 BI 4 BI 5 BI 6 BI 7 BI 8 BI 9 BI 10 BI 11 BI 12	pattern	For each person with a matching hasInterest and/or hasCreator edge, compute person.score = (if hasInterest edge exists then 100 else 0) + count(message) Tag			
BI 13		person: Person friend: Person			
BI 14 BI 15 BI 16 BI 17 BI 18 BI 19 BI 20	or Comment) with a creationDate after a given date and that has a given Tag. For each compute the score as the sum of the following two aspects:				
	params	1 tag Long String Tags with a similar amount of Messages are selected (A): A range during which a flashmob event happened (it should yield at least a 5× difference) (B): A regular range (does not include a flashmob event) 3 endDate Date			
	result	1 person.id ID R 2 score 32-bit Integer A 3 friendsScore 32-bit Integer A The sum of the score of the person's friends			
	sort	1 score + friendsScore ↓ 2 person.id ↑			
	limit	100			
	CPs	1.2, 2.1, 2.3, 3.2, 5.3, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5			
	relevance	Similarly to BI 16, there are two major ways to compute this query: (1) creating an induced subgraph of the interested Persons and their friends and performing the scoring on this graph or (2) performing the scoring without creating an induced subgraph and scoring the friends of a Person on-the-fly. The first approach is more efficient as it avoids redundant computations, however, specifying it needs support for composable graph queries.			

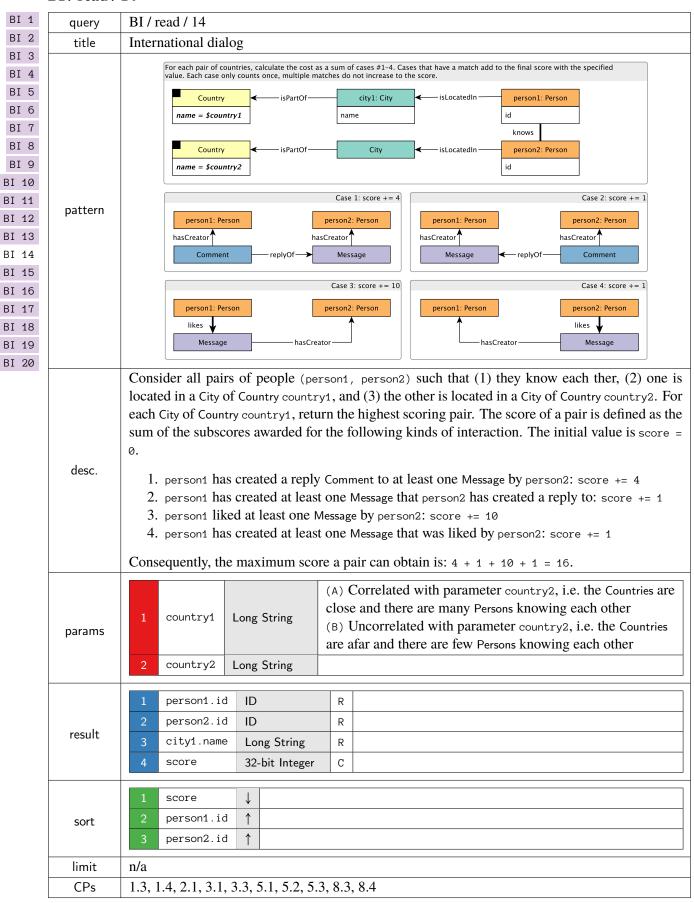
BI 1	query	BI / read / 9
BI 2	title	Top thread initiators
BI 3 BI 4 BI 5 BI 6 BI 7	pattern	threadCount = count Person id firstName lastName threadCount = count Post creationDate in [\$startDate, \$endDate] [\$startDate, \$endDate]
BI 8 BI 9 BI 10 BI 11 BI 12 BI 13	desc.	For each Person, count the number of Posts they created in the time interval [startDate, endDate] (equivalent to the number of threads they initiated) and the number of Messages in each of their (transitive) reply trees, including the root Post of each tree. When calculating Message counts only consider Messages created within the given time interval. Return each Person, number of Posts they created, and the count of all Messages that appeared in the reply trees (including the Post at the root of tree).
BI 14 BI 15 BI 16	params	1 startDate Date Selected around the same date 2 endDate Date 80-100 days after the startDate
BI 17 BI 18 BI 19 BI 20	result	1 person.id ID R 2 person.firstName String R 3 person.lastName String R 4 threadCount 32-bit Integer A The number of Posts created by that Person (the number of threads initiated) 5 messageCount 32-bit Integer A The number of Messages created in all the threads this Person initiated
	sort	1 messageCount ↓ 2 person.id ↑
	limit CPs	100 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 3.2, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 8.1, 8.5

BI 1	query	BI / read / 10									
BI 2	title	Experts in social circle									
BI 3					Count	ry					
BI 5					name = \$count	y					
BI 6					↑ i	sPartO	f				
BI 7					City	,					
BI 8					↑ ,	sLocat	edIn				
BI 9	pattern	startPerson: Persor	knows* \$minPathDist	ance	expertCandidate F	erson	Person		Ta	gClass]
BI 10		id = \$personId	\$maxPathDis	tance	id				name = \$	tagClass]
BI 11					1	hasCre	ator			hasType	
BI 12					count for e	ach (t	ag, person)			Пазтуре	
BI 13		tag: Tag	→ hasTag		Messa	ge		hasTag	>	Tag	
BI 14		name									
BI 15 BI 16		Given a Person (star	rtPerson), fir	nd all	other Perso	ns (expert(CandidatePer	son) that	live in a	given
BI 17		Country and are con	•								_
BI 18		tance, maxPathDista	nce] through	the k	nows relati	on.					
BI 19	desc.	For each of these ex	pertCandidat	ePers	on nodes, r	etrie	eve all	of their Mess	ages that	contain a	at least
BI 20	ucsc.	one Tag belonging t	o a given Ta	gClass	(direct rela	atio	not tr	ansitive). Fo	or each N	Aessage, re	etrieve
		all of its Tags.									
		Group the results by	Persons and	Tags, 1	then count	the I	Message	s by a certain	n Person l	naving a c	certain
-		Tag.									
					(A) Pers	ons	with a	n average de	gree of k	nows edge	es are
				selected							
		1 personId	ID					ave only one			erson
						frie	ends in	total (include	ling the	original	
					Person)						
	params	2 country	String					Countries			
		3 tagClass	Long St	ring	TagClass selected		vith a s	imilar degre	e of hasT	ype edges	s are
		4 minPathDistar	nce 32-bit Ir	nteger	3						
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	result	2 tag.name		LON	g String	K	Num	ber of Messag	aranta	d by that	
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	limit	100									
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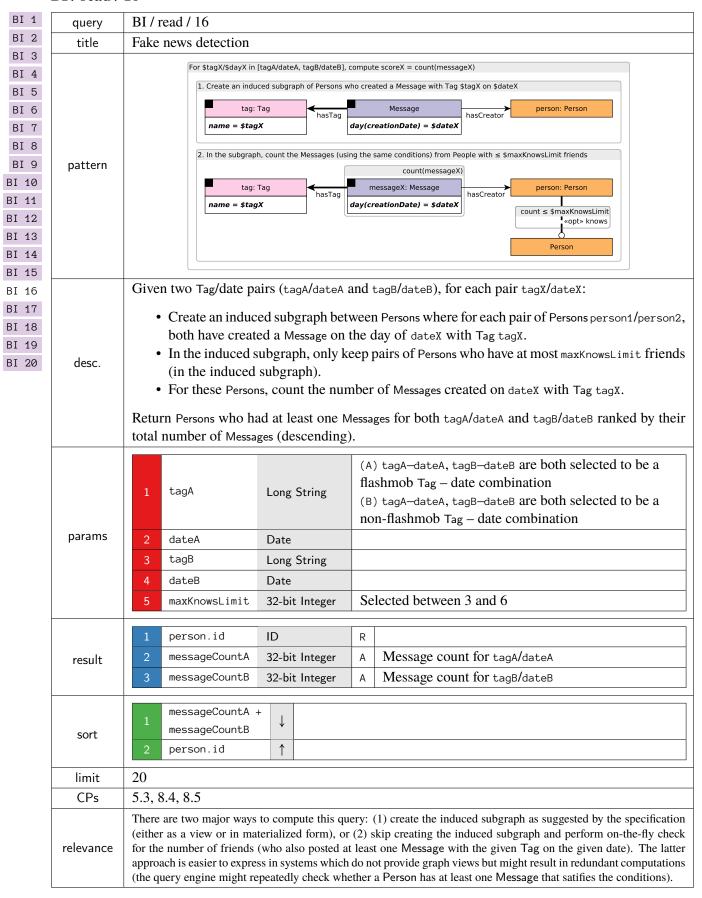
BI 1	query	BI / read / 11			
BI 2	title	Friend triangles			
BI 3 BI 4 BI 5 BI 6 BI 7 BI 8 BI 9 BI 10 BI 11 BI 12 BI 13	pattern	Country name = \$country isPartOf isPartOf isPartOf City City isLocatedIn is			
BI 14 BI 15 BI 16 BI 17 BI 18 BI 19 BI 20	desc.	For a given country, count all the distinct triples of Persons such that: • a is friend of b, • b is friend of c, • c is friend of a, and these friendships were created in the range [startDate, endDate]. Distinct means that given a triple t_1 in the result set R of all qualified triples, there is no triple t_2 in R such that t_1 and t_2 have the same set of elements.			
	params	1 country Long String Selected from the largest Countries (India, China) 2 startDate Date Selected from a 30-day interval towards the end of the simulation time 3 endDate Date Selected to yield around a 100-day interval			
	result	1 count 64-bit Integer A			
	limit	n/a			
	CPs	1.1, 2.3, 2.5			

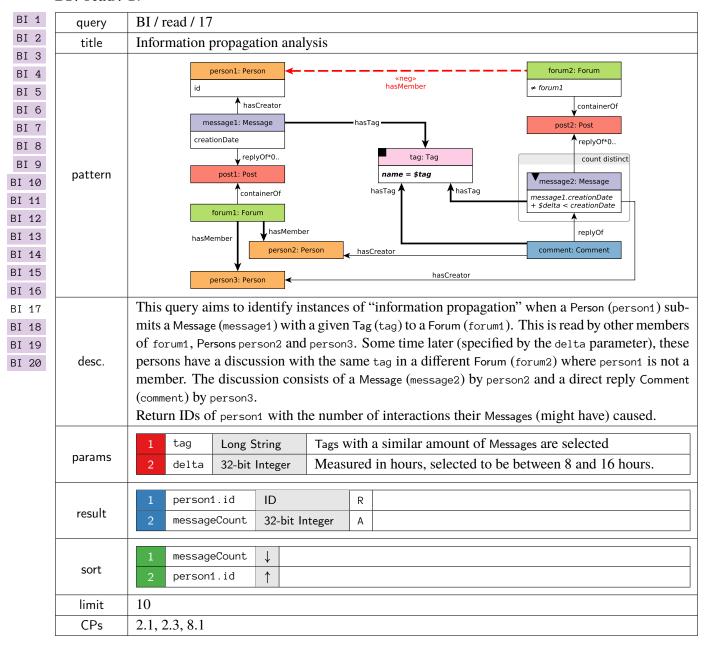
BI 1	query	BI / read / 12
BI 2	title	How many persons have a given number of messages
BI 3 BI 4 BI 5 BI 6 BI 7	pattern	2. personCount = count Person Ascreator Count Persons grouped by messageCount value 1. messageCount = count Message content not empty and length < \$lengthThreshold and \$startDate < creationDate replyOf*0 Ianguage in \$languages
BI 8 BI 9 BI 10 BI 11 BI 12 BI 13 BI 14 BI 15 BI 16 BI 17 BI 18 BI 19 BI 20	desc.	For each Person, count the number of Messages they made (messageCount). Only count Messages with the following attributes: • Its content is not empty (and consequently, the imageFile attribute is empty for Posts). • Its length is below the lengthThreshold (exclusive, equality is not allowed). • Its creationDate is after startDate (exclusive, equality is not allowed). • It is written in any of the given languages. - The language of a Post is defined by its language attribute. - The language of a Comment is that of the Post that initiates the thread where the Comment replies to. The Post and Comments in the reply tree's path (from the Message to the Post) do not have to satisfy the constraints for content, length, and creationDate. For each messageCount value, count the number of Persons with exactly messageCount Messages (with the required attributes).
	params	Selected randomly from a 60-day interval. Balanced against startDate to filter around 30% of the Messages within a language and keep the variance low. The selection of this parameter uses a factor table of bucketed Message lengths and creation dates. 3 languages {String} Only the most frequently used languages
	result	1 messageCount 32-bit Integer A Number of Messages created 2 personCount 32-bit Integer A Number of Persons with messageCount Messages
	sort	1 personCount ↓ 2 messageCount ↓
	limit	n/a
	CPs	1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 3.2, 4.2, 4.3, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5

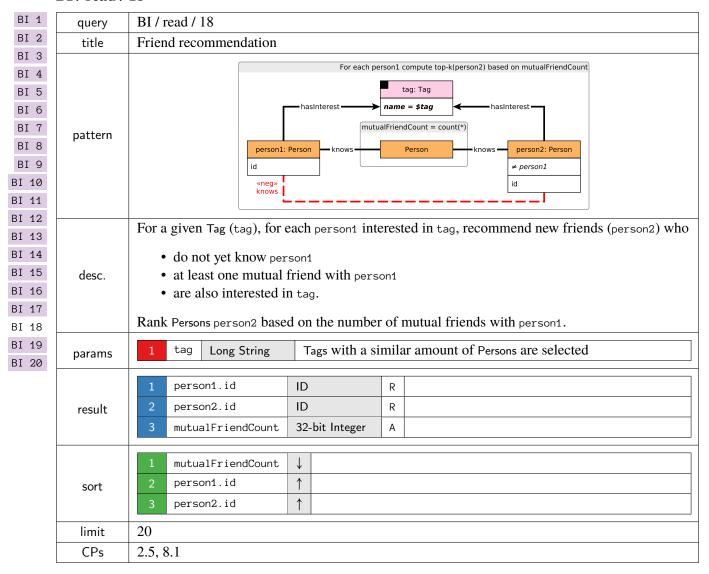
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BI 1	query	BI / read / 15					
BI 2	title	Trusted connection paths through forums created in a given timeframe					
BI 3 BI 4 BI 5 BI 6 BI 7 BI 8 BI 9 BI 10 BI 11 BI 12 BI 13 BI 14 BI 15 BI 16 BI 17	pattern	Enumerate all unweighted shortest paths on knows edges between person1 to person2. person1: Person id = \$person2!d Case 1: Replies on Posts, weight += 1.0 × count(c) personA: Person hasCreator containerOf forum: Forum creationDate in [\$startDate, \$endDate] [\$startDate, \$endDate]					
BI 18 BI 19 BI 20	desc.	Given two Persons, find all (unweighted) shortest paths between these two Persons, in the subgraph induced by the knows relationship. Then, for each path calculate a weight. The nodes in the path are Persons, and the weight of a path is the sum of weights between every pair of consecutive Person nodes in the path. The weight for a pair of Persons is calculated based on their interactions: • Every direct reply (by one of the Persons) to a Post (by the other Person) contributes 1.0. • Every direct reply (by one of the Persons) to a Comment (by the other Person) contributes 0.5. Only consider Messages that were created in a Forum that was created within the timeframe (interval) [startDate, endDate]. Note that for Comments, the containing Forum is that of the Post that the comment (transitively) replies to. Also note that interactions are counted both ways.					
	params	(A) person1Id - person2Id pair with a distance of exactly 4 hops (B) person1Id - person2Id pair with a distance of exactly 2 hops 2					
		4 endDate Date					
	result	1 person.id [ID] C Ordered sequence of the Person IDs in the path 2 weight 32-bit Float C					
	sort	1 weight \ \ \ The order of paths with the same weight is unspecified					
		personIds ↑ The IDs in the paths are used for lexicographical sorting					
	limit	n/a personlds ↑ The IDs in the paths are used for lexicographical sorting					







BI 1	query	BI / read / 19				
BI 2	title	Interaction path between cities				
BI 3 BI 4 BI 5 BI 6 BI 7 BI 8 BI 9 BI 10 BI 11 BI 12 BI 13	pattern	Find the shortest paths between all pairs of Persons in city1 and city2 city1: City id = \$city1id isLocatedIn compute weighted shortest paths on person1: Person knows.weight person2: Person Case i1: Reply from personA to Person B's Message personA: Person hasCreator hasCreator c: Comment c: Comment replyOf m: Message The weight of a knows edge is based on the number of interactions between its Persons: knows.weight = 1 / (count(i1)+count(i2)) pl knows px				
BI 13 BI 14 BI 15 BI 16 BI 17 BI 18 BI 19 BI 20	desc.	Given two Cities city1, city2, find Persons person1, person2 living in these Cities (respectively) with the shortest <i>interaction path</i> between them. If there are multiple pairs of people with shortest paths having the same total weight, return all of them. The shortest path is computed using a weight between two Persons defined as the reciprocal of the number of interactions (direct reply Comments to a Message by the other Person). Therefore, more interactions imply a smaller weight. <i>Note:</i> Interactions are counted both ways, i.e. if Alice writes 2 reply Comments to Bob's Messages and Bob writes 3 reply Comments to Alice's Messages, their total number of interactions is 5.				
	params	(A) Small Cities within the same Country with many direct relationships between their inhabitants (B) Small Cities from different Countries with only a few direct relationships between their inhabitants 2 city2Id ID				
	result	1 person1.id ID R 2 person2.id ID R 3 totalWeight 32-bit Float C				
	sort	1 totalWeight ↑ 2 person1.id ↑ 3 person2.id ↑				
	limit	20				
	CPs	3.3, 7.6, 7.7, 8.4, 8.6				
	relevance	Finding shortest paths between pairs of Persons in Cities can be implemented in theory with an <i>all-pairs shortest paths</i> algorithm. However, this needs to be executed on the whole Person-knows-Person graph (with edge weights derived from the number of interactions) so it is expected to be prohibitively expensive. A better approach is using multiple <i>single-source shortest path algorithms</i> (e.g. from the City with fewer inhibitants). Implementations can either pre-compute edge weights or compute them on-the-fly.				

BI 1	query	BI / read / 20
BI 2	title	Recruitment
BI 3 BI 4 BI 5 BI 6 BI 7 BI 8 BI 9	pattern	company: Company name = \$company workAt compute weigted shortest path on knows.weight person1: Person # person2 knows.weight: min(abs(saA.classYear - saB.classYear)) + 1 personA: Person saB: studyAt University
BI 10 BI 11 BI 12 BI 13 BI 14 BI 15 BI 16	desc.	Given a Company company and a Person person2 (who is not working and has not worked at company), find a different Person (person1) who works or at some point worked in company and is reachable by from person2 through people who have studied together. On this path, we only consider edges between Persons who know each other and attended the same University and set the weight of the edge to the absolute difference between the year of enrolment plus 1 (studyAt.classYear + 1). If the Persons attended multiple universities, we select the smallest (min) value. If there are multiple Person person1 nodes with the same shortest path, return all of them.
BI 17 BI 18 BI 19 BI 20	params	Companies with a similar number of employees (former or current) are selected person2Id ID Companies with a similar number of employees (former or current) are selected person2 is selected so that there is no direct (1-hop) path to any person1 working at company
	result	1 person1.id ID R 2 totalWeight 64-bit Integer C
	sort	1 totalWeight ↑ 2 person1.id ↑
	limit	20
	CPs	3.3, 7.6, 7.7, 8.4, 8.6
	relevance	Implementations can either pre-compute edge weights or compute them on-the-fly. To find the (weighted) shortest path efficiently, can use e.g. a bidirectional Dijkstra algorithm.

1.5 Refreshes

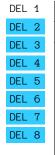
1.5.1 Inserts

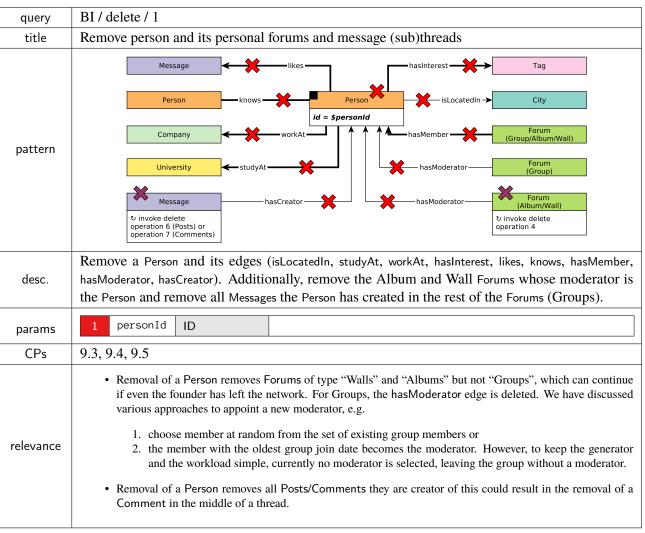
See Interactive Inserts (??).

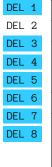
1.5.2 Deletes

Each delete query removes

- 1. a single edge between two existing nodes
- 2. or a node, all incident edges and, in certain cases, nodes and edges that are transitively reachable on a certain path.



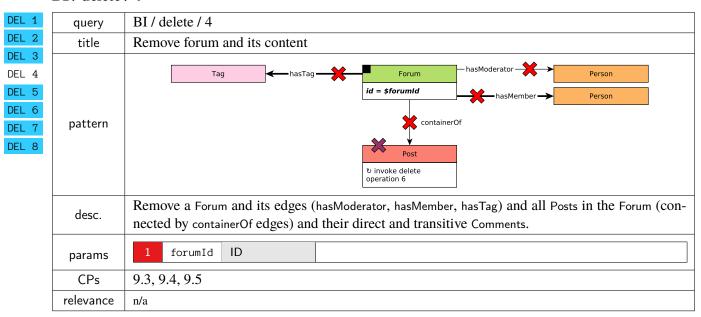


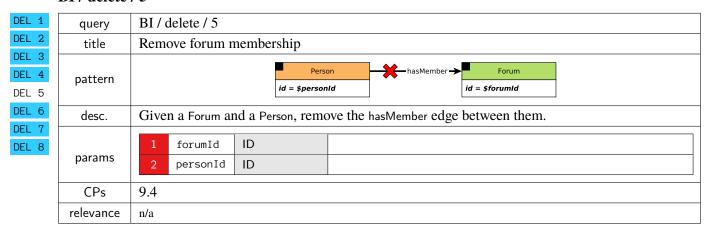


query	BI / delete / 2
title	Remove post like
pattern	Person id = \$personId id = \$postId
desc.	Given a Person and a Post, remove the likes edge between them.
params	1 personId ID 2 postId ID
CPs	9.4
relevance	Removal of a likes edge is a rare event, e.g. people accidently liking a Post, this can be reflected by the relative frequency of the operation.

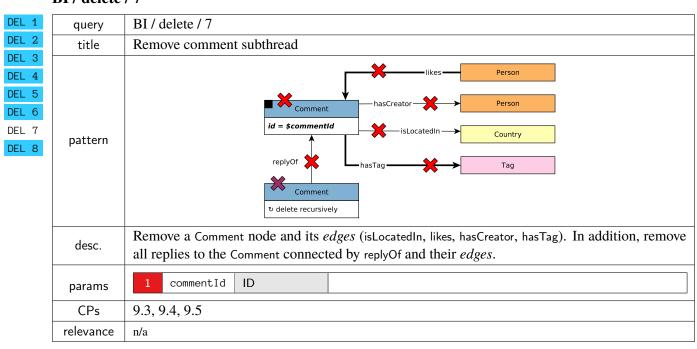
DEL 1	query	BI / delete / 3		
DEL 2	title	Remove comment like		
DEL 3				
DEL 4	pattern	Person Comment Comment		
DEL 5	·	id = \$personId		
DEL 6	desc.	Given a Person and a Comment, remove the likes edge between them.		
DEL 7				
DEL 8		1 personId D		
	params	2 commentId ID		
	CPs	9.4		
	relevance	Removal of a likes edge is a rare event, e.g. people accidently liking a Comment, this can be reflected by the relative frequency of the operation.		

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DEL 1	query	BI / delete / 6
DEL 2	title	Remove post thread
DEL 4 DEL 5 DEL 6 DEL 7 DEL 8	pattern	Forum Forum Country Iikes Person Id = \$postId IsLocatedIn Country Tag Tag
	desc.	Remove a Post node and its edges (isLocatedIn, likes, hasCreator, hasTag, containerOf). Remove all replies to the Post and the connecting replyOf edges. In addition, remove all transitive reply Comments to the Post and their edges.
	params	1 postId ID
	CPs	9.3, 9.4, 9.5
	relevance	n/a



DEL 1	query	BI / delete / 8
DEL 2	title	Remove friendship
DEL 3		
DEL 4	pattern	Person Person
DEL 5	1	id = \$person1ld id = \$person2ld
DEL 6	desc.	Given two Person nodes, remove the knows edge between them.
DEL 7		
DEL 8		1 person1Id ID
	params	2 person2Id D
	CPs	9.4
	relevance	n/a

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