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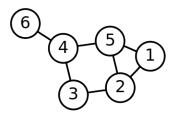
Week 6: Graph Data and Neo4j Introduction

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Graphs

- A graph is just a collection of vertices and edges
 - ▶ Vertex is also called Node
 - ► Edge is also called Arc/Link



Outline

Brief Review of Graphs

- **▶** Examples of Graph Data
- ► Modelling Graph Data
- Property Graph Model
- Cypher Query

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Type of Graphs

- Undirected graphs
 - ► Edges have no orientation (direction)
 - ► (a, b) is the same as (b, a)



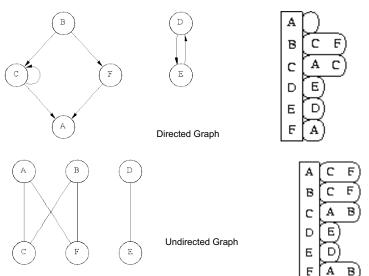
- Directed graphs
 - ► Edges have orientation (direction)
 - ▶ (a, b) is not the same as (b, a)



Representing Graph Data

- Data structures used to store graphs in programs
 - ► Adjacency list
 - ► Adjacency matrix

Adjacency List

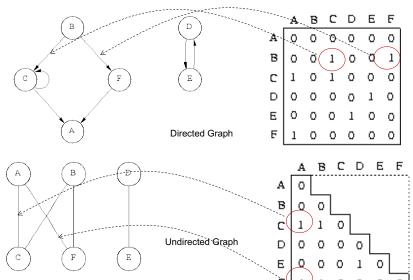


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Adjacency matrix



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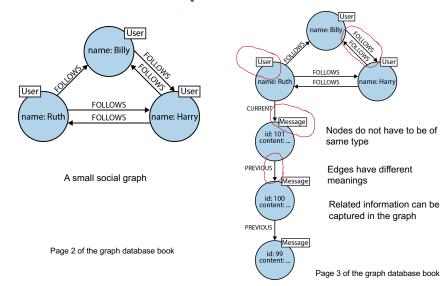
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Examples of graphs

- Social graphs
 - ► Organization structure
 - Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.
- Computer Network topologies
 - ▶ Data centre layout
 - Network routing tables
- Road, Rail and Airline networks



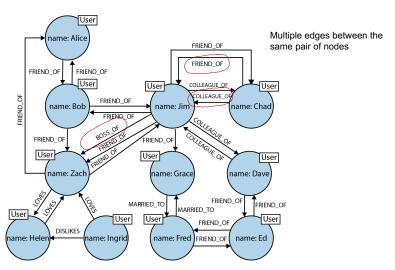
Social Graphs and extension



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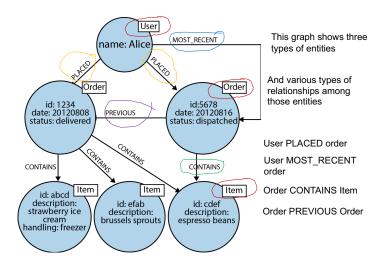
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Social Graph with Various Relationships



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Transaction information

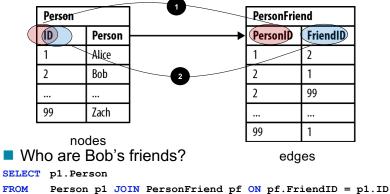


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RDBMS to store graph

JOIN Person p2 ON pf.PersonID = p2.ID

WHERE p2.Person = "Bob"

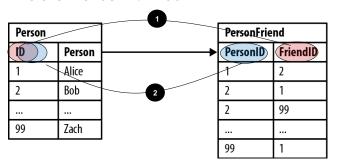
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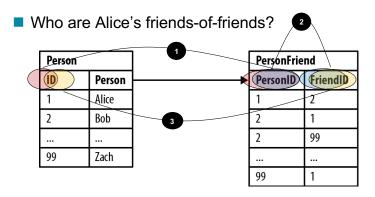
RDBMS to store Graphs

Who are friends with Bob?



Person pl JOIN PersonFriend pf ON pf.PersonID = pl.ID JOIN Person p2 ON pf.FriendID = p2.ID WHERE p2.Person = "Bob"

RDBMS to store Graphs



p1.Person AS PERSON, p2.Person AS FRIEND OF FRIEND PersonFriend pf1 JOIN Person p1 ON pf1.PersonID = p1.ID JOIN PersonFriend pf2 ON pf2.PersonID = pf1.FriendID JOIN Person p2 ON pf2.FriendID = p2.ID p1.Person = "Alice" AND pf2.FriendID <> p1.ID

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MongoDB to store Graph

persons collection

```
{ _id: 1, person: "Alice", friends:[2] }

{ _id: 2, person: "Beb", friends:[1,99) }

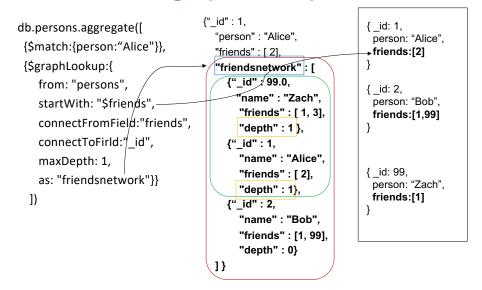
{ _id: 99, person: "Zach", friends:[1] }
```

- Who are Bob's friends?
 - ► Find out Bob's friends' ID
 - db.persons.find({person:"Bob"},{friends:1})
 - ▶ For each id, find out the actual person
 - db.persons.find({_id: 1},{person:1}),
 db.persons.find({_id: 99},{person:1}),
 - db.persons.find({_id:{\$in:[1,99]}}, {person:1})
- Who are friends with Bob?
 - ▶ Find out Bob's id
 - db.persons.find({person:"Bob"})
 - ▶ Find out the persons that are friends with Bob
 - db.persons.find({friends: 2}, {person:1})
- Who are Alice's friends-of-friends?
 - ▶ Find out Alice's friends ID
 - db.persons.find({person:"Alice"},{friends:1})
 - ▶ For each id, find out the friends ID again
 - db.persons.find({_id:{\$in:[2]}}, {friends:1}
 - ▶ For each id, find out the actual person
 - db.persons.find({_id:{\$in:[1,99]}}, {person:1})
- The MongDB 3.4 and later has a new aggregation stage called \$graphLookup



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\$graphLookup



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In Summary

- It is possible to store graph data in various storage systems
 - Shallow traversal
 - Relatively easy to implement
 - Performance OK
 - ▶ Deep traversal or traversal in other direction
 - Complicated to implement
 - · Multiple joins or multiple queries or full table scan
 - Less efficient
 - Error prone

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Graph Technologies

- Graph Processing
 - take data in any input format and perform graph related operations
 - OLAP OnLine Analysis Processing of graph data
 - ► Google Pregel, Apache Giraph
- Graph Databases
 - manage, query, process graph data
 - support high-level query language
 - ▶ native storage of graph data
 - ▶ OLTP OnLine Transaction Processing possible
 - ▶ OLAP also possible

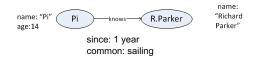


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Property Graph Model

- Proposed by Neo technology
- No standard definition or specification
- Both Node and Edges can have property
 - RDF model cannot express edge property in a natural and easy to understand way
- The actual storage varies
- The query language varies



Graph Data Models

- RDF (Resource Description Framework) Model
 - ► Express node-edge relation as "subject, predicate, object" triple (RDF statement)
 - ► SPARQL query language
 - Examples: AllegroGraph, Apache Jena
- Property Graph Model
 - Express node and edge as object like entities, both can have properties
 - Various query language
 - Examples
 - Apache Titan
 - · Support various NoSQL storage engine: BerkeleyDB, Cassandra, HBase
 - · Structural query language: Gremlin
 - Neo4j
 - Native storage manager for graph data (Index-free Adjacency)
 - · Declarative query language: Cypher query language



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Neo4j

- Native graph storage using property graph model
- Index-free Adjacency
 - ▶ Nodes and Edges are stored based on graph structure
- Supports indexes
- Cypher query language
- Replication
 - ▶ Traditional master/slave replication mechanism
- Neo4j also introduced a sharded graph mechanism since 4.0
 - ▶ Neo4j Fabric

Property Graph Model as in Neo4j

- Property graph has the following characteristics
 - ▶ It contains <u>nodes</u> and <u>relationships</u>
 - ► Nodes contain properties
 - Properties are stored in the form of key-value pairs
 - A node can have <u>labels</u> (classes)
 - ► Relationships connect nodes
 - Has a direction, an optional type, a source node and a target node
 - No dangling relationships (can't delete node with a relationship)
 - Properties
 - Both nodes and relationships have properties
 - Useful in modeling and querying based on properties of relationships

https://neo4j.com/developer/guide-data-modeling/



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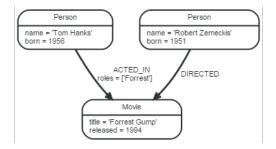
Property Graph Model: Nodes

- Nodes are often used to represent entities, e.g. objects
 - ▶ It has properties
 - It can have <u>labels</u>
- A label is a way to group similar nodes
 - ▶ It acts like the 'class' concept in programming world
- Label is a dynamic and flexible feature
 - It can be added or removed during run time
 - It can be used to tag node temporarily
 - E.g. :Suspend, :OnSale, etc



A node with two labels and two properties

Property Graph Model Example



It models a graph with three entities: two **person** and one **movie**, each with a set of properties; It also models the relationship among them: one person

It also models the relationship among them: one persor acted in the movie with a role, another person directed the movie



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Property Graph Model: Relationships

- A relationship connects two nodes: source node and target node
 - ▶ The source and the target node can be the same one
- It always has a direction
 - ▶ But traversal can happen in either direction



- It can have <u>a</u> type
- It can have properties



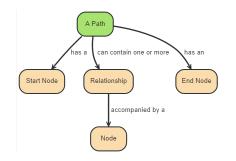
Property Graph Model: Properties

- A property is a pair of property key and property value
- The property value can be of simple type:
 - ► Number: Integer and Float
 - String
 - Boolean
 - ► Spatial Type: Point
 - ▶ Temporal Type
- The property value can also have homogeneous list of simple types as type
 - ▶ e.g. a list of integers or strings
- It cannot have heterogeneous list or other complex types with many levels of embedding

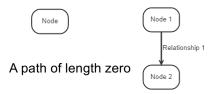


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Property Graph Model: Paths



A path is one or more nodes with connecting relationships, typically retrieved as a query or traversal result.

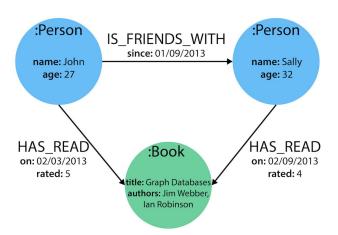


A path of length one

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Another Example



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- Cypher Query
 - Patterns and basic clauses
 - ► Subclause, subquery and functions

Cypher

- Cypher is a query language specific to Neo4j
- Easy to read and understand
- It uses patterns to represent core concepts in the property graph model
 - ► E.g. a pattern may represent that a user node is having a transaction with the item "formula" in it.
 - ▶ There are basic pattern representing nodes, relationships and path
- It uses clauses to build queries; Certain clauses and keywords are inspired by SQL
 - ► A query may contain multiple clauses
- Functions can be used to perform aggregation and other types of analysis



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Cypher patterns: relationships

- Relationship is expressed as a pair of dashes (--)
 - Arrowhead can be added to indicate direction
 - ▶ Relationship always need a source and a target node.
- Basic Relationships
 - ▶ Directions are not important: (a)--(b)
 - ► Named relationship: (a)-[r]->(b)
 - ▶ Named and typed relationship: (a)-[r:REL_TYPE]->(b)
 - Specifying Relationship that may belong to one of a set of types: (a)-[r:TYPE1|TYPE2]->(b)
 - ► Typed but not named relationship: (a)-[:REL TYPE]->(b)
- Whether to not to name a node/relation depends on if we want to refer to them later in the query

Cypher patterns: node

- A single node
 - ► A node is described using a pair of parentheses, and is typically given an identifier (variable)
 - ► E.g.: (n) means a node n
 - ▶ The variable's scope is restricted in a single query statement
- Labels
 - ► Label(s) can be attached to a node
 - ► E.g.: (a:User) or (a:User:Admin)
- Specifying properties
 - ▶ Properties are a list of name value pairs enclosed in a curly brackets
 - ► E.g.: (a { name: "Andres", sport: "Brazilian Ju-Jitsu" })

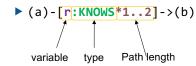
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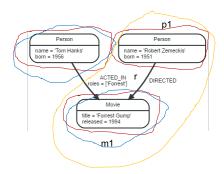
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Relationship of variable lengths

- (a)-[*2]->(b) describes a path of length 2 between node a and node b
 - ► This is equivalent to (a)-->()-->(b)
- (a)-[*3..5]->(b) describes a path of minimum length of 3 and maximum length of 5 between node a and node b
- Either bound can be omitted (a)-[*3..]->(b), (a)-[*..5]->(b)
- Both bounds can be omitted as well (a)-[*]->(b)
- They can be named and typed as well



Pattern Examples

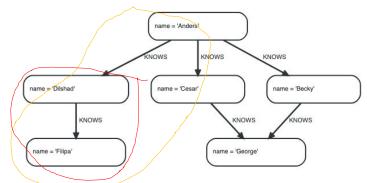


- Pattern: (n)
- Matches all nodes in the graph
- Pattern: (m:Movie)
- Matches the movie node in the graph
- Pattern: (p:{name: 'Tom Hanks'})
- Matches the person node with name 'Tom Hanks' in the graph
- Pattern: (p1)-[r:DIRECTED]->(m1)
- Matches the path from person Robert Zemeckis to movie "Forrest Gump"



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Pattern Examples



- Pattern: (p1{name: 'Filipa'})<-[r:KNOWS*1..2]-()</pre>
- Matches
 - ▶ the path from Dilshad to Filipa (length 1)
 - ▶ The path from Anders to Filipa (length 2)

https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-manual/4.1/syntax/patterns/

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Create Clause

- **CREATE** pattern
 - ▶ Create nodes or relationships with properties
- Create a node matrix1 with the label Movie

We give the node an identifier so we can refer to the particular node later in the same query

Create a node keanu with the label Actor

CREATE (keanu:Actor {name:'Keanu Reeves', born:1964})

Create a relationship ACTS IN

CREATE (keanu) -[:ACTS IN {roles:'Neo'}] -> (matrix1)

The identifier "Keanu" and "matrixl" are used in the this create clause.

We did not give the relationship a name/identifier.

We need to write the three clauses in a single query statement to be able to use those variables

Read Clause

■ MATCH pattern

RETURN var-expression

- ▶ MATCH is the main reading clause
- ► RETURN is a projecting clause
- ▶ They are chained to make a query
- Return all nodes:

MATCH (n) RETURN n

- Return all nodes with a given label: select * from movie

 MATCH (MOVIE: MOVIE) RETURN MOVIE
- Return all actors' name in the movie "The Matrix"

We give the Actor node an identifier "a" so we can use refer to in the RETURN sub-clause

MATCH (a Actor) -[:ACTS_IN] -> (:Movie{title: "The Matrix"})
RETURN a.name

We do not need to return the relationship so we did not give an identifier to it.

We do not need to give an identifier to the Movie node too,

Update Clause

■ MATCH pattern **SET/REMOVE** properties/labels

Set the age property for all actor nodes

MATCH (n:Actor) SET n.age = 2014 - n.born RETURN n

Remove a property

MATCH (n:Actor) REMOVE n.age RETURN n

Remove a label

MATCH (n:Actor{name: "Keanu Reeves"}) REMOVE n:Actor RETURN n

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Example Graph

```
MERGE (charlie { name: 'Charlie Sheen', age: 10 })
          RETURN Charlie
                                                      Person
                                                      name="Chaile Sheen"
                                                       age = 10
                                                                              Person
hornin = 'New York'
                                                         chauffeurName = 'John Brown
                                                                                                                        ACTED_IN
                                                                                                                                              hornIn = 'Ohio
name = 'Oliver Stone'
chauffeurName = 'Bill White'
                                                         bornin = 'New Jersey'
name = 'Michael Douglas
                                                                       ACTED IN
                                                                                               ACTED IN
                                                                                  title = "Wall Street
```

MERGE Clause: basic form

- MERGE clause acts like an upsert:
 - ▶ updating an existing pattern when there is a match or create a new one when there is no match
- Simplest form is
 - ► MERGE pattern
 - Example:
 - ▶ MERGE (charlie { name: 'Charlie Sheen', age: 10 }) RETURN Charlie
 - ► Create a new node if we could not find a node with all matching properties in the current graph

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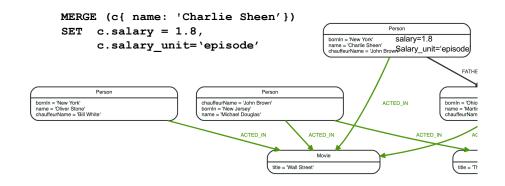


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MERGE Clause: property

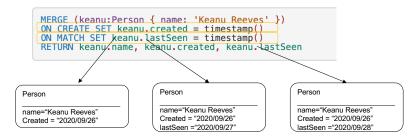
■ MERGE pattern

SET properties/labels



MERGE Clause: property

Specifying different actions on insert and update





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Example Graph

```
MATCH (person:Person)
                                                                          (city:City { name: person.bornIn })
(person)-[r:BORN IN]->(city)
                                                               RETURN person name, person bornIn, city
                                                                City
              City
                                                                 name="New York"
              name="New Jersey"
                                                                                                   BORN IN
                                                                                                                      bornin = 'New York
                                                                                                                       name = 'Charlie Sheer
                                                                                                                       chauffeurName = 'John Brown
                                                   BÒŖN_IN
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                                                                                                                                                                     bornIn = 'Ohio
  bornin = 'New York'
  name = 'Oliver Stone'
chauffeurName = 'Bill White'
                                                                    bornIn = 'New Jersey'
name = 'Michael Douglas
                                                                                                                                                                     name = 'Martir
chauffeurNam
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                                                                                                title = 'Wall Street'
MATCH (charlie:Person { name: 'Charlie Sheen' }),(wallStreet:Movie { title: 'Wall Street' })
MERGE (charlie)-[r:ACTED_IN]->(wallStreet)
RETURN charlie.name, type(r), wallStreet.title
```

MERGE Clause: relationship

- MATCH node_pattern(s)
 MERGE relationship_pattern
- Example:

```
MATCH (charlie:Person { name: 'Charlie Sheen' }),(wallStreet:Movie { title: 'Wall Street' })
MERGE (charlie)-[r:ACTED_IN]->(wallStreet)
RETURN charlie.name, type(r), wallStreet.title
```

MATCH node_pattern
MERGE node_pattern
MERGE relationship pattern

```
MATCH (person:Person)
MERGE (city:City { name: person.bornIn })
MERGE (person)-[r:BORN_IN]->(city)
RETURN person.name, person.bornIn, city
```

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MERGE Clause: Usage and Performance

- One major use case of MERGE is to create graph model from source data
 - ► CSV, JSON, XML, ..
- There are always gaps between source data format and the desirable graph model
 - ▶ Properties need to be extracted from columns and assigned
 - ▶ Relationships need to be built across different lines
- MERGE will be called repeatedly in building graph from raw data
 - Call MERGE multiple times per line of source data
- It is very important to build index before bulk loading with MERGE

Cypher - Delete

- MATCH pattern DELETE var-expression
- Delete relationship

```
MATCH (n{name:"Keanu Reeves"})-[r:ACTS_IN]->()
DELETE r
```

Delete a node and all possible relationship

```
MATCH (m{title:'The Matrix'})-[r]-()
DELETE m,r
```

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 - Subclause, function and Suqueries



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MATCH: sub-clauses

- The WHERE sub clause can be used to specify various query conditions
 - ▶ Boolean operators AND, OR, NOT, XOR can be used

```
MATCH (n)
WHERE n.age <30 AND n.employ>=3
RETURN n.name
```

▶ It can be used to chain an existential sub queries, but you may find an easier way of writing the same query

```
MATCH (person:Person)
WHERE EXISTS {
    MATCH (person)-[:HAS_DOG]->(dog :Dog)
    WHERE person.name = dog.name
}
RETURN person.name as name
```

```
1 MATCH (person:Person)-[:HAS_DOG]→(dog :Dog)
2 WHERE person.name = dog.name
3 RETURN person.name as name
```

Functions

- Functions may appear in various clauses
 - ▶ Build-in and user-defined functions
- Build-in functions
 - ► Predicate functions
 - Scalar functions
 - ► Aggregation functions
 - List functions
 - Mathematical functions
 - String functions
 - ► Temporal functions
 - Spatial Functions

Predicate Functions

- They are boolean functions that return true or false for a given set of non-null input. They are most commonly used to filter out subgraphs in the WHERE part of a query.
 - ▶ all(), any(), exists(), none(), single()
- all() usage
 - ▶ all(variable IN list WHERE predicate)

```
Assign a variable to the entire path

MATCH p = (a) - [*1..3] -> (b)
WHERE a.name = 'Alice' AND b.name = 'Daniel' AND ALL (x IN nodes(p)) WHERE x.age > 30)
RETURN p
```

- ► All nodes in the returned paths should have an age property of at least '30'.

 A function returns all nodes of a path
- any(),single(), and none() have similar signature but different meanings

Predicate Functions

- exists() usage
 - exists(pattern-or-property)

```
MATCH (n)
WHERE EXISTS (n.name)
RETURN n.name AS name, EXISTS ((n)-[:MARRIED]->()) AS is_married
```

- ▶ The names of all nodes with the name property are returned, along with a boolean true / false indicating if they are married.
- ► The first EXISTS() function <u>does</u> filtering because it is used in WHERE clause
- ▶ The second EXISTS() does not filter anything because it is used in the return clause, it only computes and returns value



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Aggregating Functions

- GROUP BY feature in Neo4j is achieved using aggregating functions
 - ► E.g. count(), sum(), avg(), max(), min() and so on
- The grouping key is implied in the RETURN clause
 - ▶ None aggregate expression in the return clause is the grouping key
 - RETURN n, count(*)
 - n is a variable declared in a previous clause, and it is the grouping key
 - ► MATCH(n:Person) RETURN n.gender, COUNT(*)
 - Count the number of nodes representing each gender in the graph
 - A person's gender is the grouping key
- A grouping key is not always necessary, the aggregation function can apply to all results returned
 - ► MATCH (n:Person) RETURN COUNT(*)
 - To count the number of Person nodes in the graph

Aggregation Examples

To find out the earliest year a Person was born in the data set

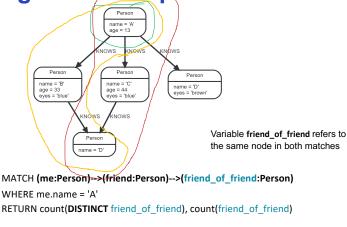
```
MATCH (n:Person) RETURN min (n.born)
```

■ To find out the distribution of relationship types belonging to nodes with certain feature

```
MATCH (n { name: 'A' })-[r]->()
RETURN type(r), count(*)
```

The grouping key is type(r) which is a scalar function, returns the type of relationship in the matching results

Aggregation Examples: DISTINCT



count(DISTINCT friend_of_friend)	count(friend_of_friend)
1	2
1 row	



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Dealing with Array type

- Array literal is written in a similar way as it is in most programming languages
 - examples
 - An array of integer: [1,2,3]
 - An array of string: ["Sydney", "University"]
- Both node and relationship can have property of array type
 - Example: create an relationship with array property create (Keanu)-[:ACTED_IN {roles:['Neo']}]->(TheMatrix)
 - ► Example: update an existing node with array property MATCH (n:Person{name: "Tom Hanks"})

```
set n.phone=["0123456789","93511234"]
```

MATCH: subqueries

- The WITH clause can chain different query parts together in a pipeline style
 - Used to apply conditions on aggregation result
 - Used to modify (order, limiting, etc) the results before collecting them as a list
- Examples
 - ▶ Find the person who has directed 3 or more movies

```
MATCH (p:Person)-[r:DIRECTED]->(m:Movie)
WITH p, count(*) as movies
WHERE movies >= 3
RETURN p.name, movies
```

Return the oldest 3 person as a list

MATCH (n:Person)
WITH n
ORDER by n.age DESC LIMIT 3
RETURN collect(n.name)

MATCH (n:Person)
RETURN n.name
ORDER by n.age DESC LIMIT
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Dealing with Array type (cont'd)

- Querying array property
 - ► The IN operator: check if a value is in an array
 - Example: find out who has played 'Neo' in which movie

MATCH (a:Person) -[r:ACTED_IN]->(m:Movie)
WHERE 'Neo' IN r.roles
RETURN a , m

- The UNWIND operator: flatten an array into multiple rows
 - Example: find all the movies released in 1999 or in 2003

UNWIND [1999,2003] as year
MATCH (m: Movie)
WHERE m.released = year
RETURN m.title, m.released
This is equivalent to
MATCH(m: Movie)
WHERE m.released IN [1999,2003]
RETURN m.title, m.released



Dealing with Array Type (cont'd)

- A relatively complex query
 - ▶ Update another node

```
MATCH (n:Person{name: "Meg Ryan"}) set n.phone=["0123456789"]
```

▶ Run a query to see who shares any phone number with Tom Hanks

```
MATCH (n:Person{name: "Tom Hanks"})
WITH n.phone as phones, n
UNWIND phones as phone
MATCH (m:Person)
WHERE phone in m.phone and n<>m
RETURN m.name
```

Where to find more about cypher query:

Developer's guide: http://neo4j.com/docs/developer-manual/current/cypher/

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Indexing

- Neo4j supports index on properties of labelled node
- Index has similar behaviour as those in relational systems
- Create Index
 - ► CREATE INDEX ON :Person(name)
- Drop Index
 - ► DROP INDEX ON :Person(name)
- Storage and guery execution will be covered in week 7

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