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## Abstract

**TODO** **Przetłumaczyć** W pracy przedstawiono implementację narzędzia, będącego rozszerzeniem do platformy Apache Spark, służącej do wykonywania rozproszonych obliczeń. Prezentowane rozszerzenie umożliwia wykonywanie na Apache Spark zapytań zapisanych w deklaratywnym języku, opartym o Datalog i jego późniejsze rozszerzenia. Takie podejście pozwala na wykonywanie obliczeń na istniejących architekturach do obliczeń rozproszonych za pomocą deklaratywnego języka zapytań, ze swojej natury dostępnego dla szerszego grona użytkowników niż typowe języki programowania. Szczególny nacisk położono na zastosowanie takich deklaratywnych zapytań do wykonywania obliczeń na bardzo dużych grafach.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

In recent years, the humanity has created many graph datasets much larger than those available ever before. Those graphs became a very popular object of research. Most notable examples are *the Web graph* – a graph of Internet websites and links between them, and all kinds of social networks. Other interesting graphs include transportation routes, similarity of scientific articles or citations among them.

The graphs mentioned can be a source of a huge amount of useful information. Hence, there is an increasing number of practical computational problems. Some of the analyses carried out are ranking of the graph nodes, e.g. importance of a Web page, determining most influential users in a given group of people, detecting communities with clustering, computing metrics for the whole graph or some parts of it and connection predictions. Usually, such analyses are built on top of standard graph algorithms, such as variations of PageRank [5], shortest paths or connected components.

When dealing with such a large graph, distribution of the computations among many machines is inevitable. The graph size is often too large to fit in one computer's memory. At the same time, performing useful computations on a single machine would take too much time for it to be a feasible solution. Size of the data is growing faster than the computational power of computers, and so is the need for distributing the computations.

In the past, we have seen many tools for efficient distributed large dataset computations, such as Google's MapReduce [6] and its widely used open source counterpart, Apache's Hadoop [33], as well as higher-level languages such as PigLatin [39] and Hive [40]. However, those are not well suited for graph computations, as they do not support iteration well.

Recently, there is an outbreak of frameworks and languages for large graphs processing, including industrial systems such as Google's Pregel [7] and its open-source version Apache Giraph [31], Graph Processing System [9], GraphLab [17, 19, 18], Apache Spark with GraphX library [21, 32] and Giraph++ [8].

In the frameworks currently available one needs to implement a graph algorithm in a specified model, for example Pregel's "think like a vertex", using a programming language like Java, Scala or Python. On the other hand, query languages, such as SQL, are a bad fit for graph data because of limited support of iteration. Yet, one of the advantages of query languages over general-purpose programming languages is that they are available for a much broader group of users: they are used not only by programmers, but also by analysts and data scientists. Queries are often optimized by query engines automatically. With the rise of graph computational problems, we need an easier way to extract information from graphs: a query language for effectively expressing data queries typical for graphs.

The Socialite [1, 2] language is one of the most interesting propositions. It is based

on a classical query language — Datalog [3]. In Datalog, the problem is expressed in a declarative way as a set of rules. Declarative semantics makes it easy to distribute the computations, since no execution flow is embedded in the program code. It also gives many possibilities for optimizations and approximate evaluation. At the same time, Datalog’s support for recursion is crucial, since most graph algorithms have iterative nature. However, most practical graph algorithms cannot be expressed efficiently in Datalog because of the language limitations. With a few extensions to original Datalog, the most important of which is recursive aggregation, Socialite makes it easy to write intuitive programs which can be executed very efficiently.

Unfortunately, there is no solid implementation of Socialite available. The interpreter published by the authors is undocumented and contains many bugs. It is hard to imagine it being adopted in the industry in the foreseeable future. At the same time, papers [1] and [2] which introduced Socialite contain certain simplifications and are not specific about some important details in definitions and proofs.

The goal of this thesis is to bridge the gap between the theoretical idea for Socialite and a practical implementation and to draw a path towards its usage in the industry. We show how to translate Socialite declarative programs into Pregel “think-like-a-vertex” programs and introduce a compiler that enables Socialite programs to be executed on existing infrastructure. This allows its users to write and execute Socialite programs without any additional effort to build a dedicated server infrastructure for that.

We present an experimental implementation of the Socialite language on the Apache Spark platform. Spark [21] is an open-source project which provides a general platform for processing large datasets which has gained a huge momentum since the initial white paper in 2010 [20] and inclusion into Apache Incubator in June 2013. Distinctive features of Spark are the ability to keep cached data in node’s memory, which gives impressive speedups over other environments like Hadoop MapReduce, and a powerful API allowing for various usages including MapReduce, machine learning, computations on graphs and stream data processing. In February 2014 Spark became a top-level project of the Apache Foundation, and in July 2014 it is included in the Cloudera CDH, a popular enterprise platform for Hadoop deployment. Spark is already a stable, well-tested platform which is being intensively developed and can be expected to become a new industry standard in large datasets processing. For these reasons, it has been chosen as the most promising implementation platform for the S2P compiler.

The thesis consists of six chapters. In Chapter 2 we recall definitions of Datalog and its evaluation methods while Chapter 3 contains an introduction to the Pregel computation model. In Chapter 4 we describe the extensions introduced by Socialite and provide formal definitions and general-case proofs which the original papers lack. Chapter ?? shows the translation procedure from Socialite to Pregel programs implemented in the S2P compiler, which is described in Chapter 5. In Chapter 6 we sketch the possible future work and the path to industrial implementation of the language using the S2P compiler.

## 1.1. Basic definitions

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We start by giving some basic definitions which will be used in this paper.

The languages considered in the paper operate on databases, which consist of facts over relations identified by relation names, for example  $R$ ,  $P$ ,  $TC$ ,  $PATH$  or  $EDGE$ .

The relations contain facts, which are tuples of values from a countable infinite set **dom**



called the *domain*. The programs that we will consider use variables from a set **var**, which is disjoint from **dom**.

Elements of **dom** are called *constants*, whereas elements of **var** are called (*free*) *variables*. In examples and definitions we will use strings starting with a lowercase letter as variables, for example:  $a, b, x, length, dist$ . We will use numbers and strings starting with an uppercase letter as constants, for example 1, 2,  $A, B, Alice$  and  $Bob$ .

**Definition 1.1.1.** A *database schema* is a tuple  $(N, ar)$ , where  $N$  is the set of *relation names* and  $ar : N \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$  assigns *arities* to relation names.

For a database schema  $\sigma = (N, ar)$  and a relation name  $R$  we will write  $R \in \sigma$  as a shorthand for  $R \in N$ . If  $R \in \sigma$ , we say that  $R$  is a relation name in  $\sigma$  with arity  $ar(R)$ .

Given a database schema  $\sigma$ , let  $R$  be a relation name in  $\sigma$  with arity  $n$ . A *fact* over  $R$  is an expression  $R(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , where each  $x_i \in \mathbf{dom}$ . A fact is sometimes written in the form  $R(v)$  where  $v \in \mathbf{dom}^n$  is a tuple.

A *relation* or *relation instance* over  $R$  is defined as a finite set of facts over  $R$ .

A *database* or *database instance* over database schema  $\sigma$  is a union of relations over  $R$ , where  $R \in \sigma$ . We typically use bold uppercase letters for databases, for example **I**, **J** or **K**.

We denote the set of all possible relations over a relation name  $R$  by  $inst(R)$ . Similarly, we denote the set of all possible databases over a database schema  $\sigma$  by  $inst(\sigma)$ .

**Definition 1.1.2** (Valuation). For a given set  $V \subseteq \mathbf{var}$  of free variables, a function  $\nu : V \rightarrow \mathbf{dom}$  is called a *valuation* of  $V$ . Valuation is naturally extended to  $\mathbf{dom} \cup \mathbf{var}$  as an identity function on constants. It is also extended to a function from tuples over  $\mathbf{dom} \cup \mathbf{var}$  to tuples over  $\mathbf{dom}$  by applying the valuation to each element of the tuple.

**Example 1.1.1.** Let  $\sigma = (\{EDGE, PARENT\}, ar)$  be a database schema such that  $ar(EDGE) = 3, ar(PARENT) = 2$ .

$EDGE(1, 2, 17)$  and  $EDGE(1, 3, 5)$  are facts over  $EDGE$ , whereas  $PARENT(Alice, Bob)$  and  $PARENT(Bob, Chris)$  are facts over  $PARENT$ .

$I = \{EDGE(1, 2, 17), EDGE(1, 3, 5)\}$  is a relation instance over  $EDGE$ .

$K = \{EDGE(1, 2, 17), PARENT(Alice, Bob), PARENT(Bob, Chris)\}$  is a database instance over  $\sigma$ .

For variables  $x, y, z \in \mathbf{var}$ ,  $\nu$  such that  $\nu(x) = 1, \nu(y) = 7, \nu(z) = Alice$  is a valuation of  $\{x, y, z\}$ . For constants  $\nu$  is identity:  $\nu(Bob) = Bob, \nu(7) = 7$ .  $\nu$  can be applied to tuples:  $\nu(x, Bob, 9, z) = (1, Bob, 9, Alice)$ .

**Definition 1.1.3** (Fix-point). If  $f$  is a function  $f : D \rightarrow D$  and  $f(x) = x$  for an  $x \in D$ , then  $x$  is called a *fix-point* of  $f$ .

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**Definition 1.1.4** (Monotonicity). Function  $f : D \rightarrow C$  is monotone with respect to pre-order  $\sqsubseteq$  if  $x \sqsubseteq y \rightarrow f(x) \sqsubseteq f(y)$  for each  $x, y \in D$ .



## Chapter 2

# Datalog

In this chapter we describe the basic Datalog language and its typical extended versions.

Languages based on relational algebra and relational calculus, like SQL, are widely used and researched as query languages for relational databases. This dates back to Edgar F. Codd's relational model [12] introduced in 1970. Unfortunately, such languages leave some simple operations that they cannot handle. Examples of such problems are transitive closure of a graph or distances from a vertex to all other vertices. Although new implementations of SQL permit recursion, it is usually not suitable for expressing complex graph algorithms in an easy and succinct way.

Datalog [3] is a language that enhances relational calculus with recursion, which allows for solving those problems. It appeared around 1978 and is inspired by the logical programming paradigm. Recently, there is an increasing interest in Datalog research as well as its implementations in industry. Datalog is typically extended with negation and simple, non-recursive aggregation.

Let us begin with an example of a problem which cannot be solved in relational calculus, but can easily be solved in Datalog.

Let us suppose that we have a database with a binary relation `EDGE`. The database represents a graph  $G$ : `EDGE( $a, b$ )` means that there is an edge in  $G$  between vertices  $a$  and  $b$ . Given a selected vertex  $s$ , we would like to find all vertices in  $G$  that are reachable from  $s$ .

Unfortunately, unless we have some additional assumptions about  $G$ , it can be proven that this kind of query is not expressible in relational calculus [3]. Intuitively, what is necessary to answer such queries is some kind of conditional iteration or recursion, which is the most important feature of Datalog.

### 2.1. History

Datalog is not credited to any particular researchers since it originated as an extension or restriction of various other languages, including logic programming languages. It emerged as a separate area of research around 1977. It is believed that professor David Maier is the author of the name *Datalog*.

Datalog is described in detail in classical books on databases theory, such as *Foundations of Databases* [3].

The language has been proven to be useful in various fields like program analysis [22], network systems [23, 24]. It is also used to formally define computational problems which can be solved with different models and frameworks, allowing for comparison of those frameworks and their optimizations [11].

Some of the most important fields of research concerning Datalog are optimizations in programs evaluation, e.g. magic sets [44] and subsumptive queries [45], and extensions to the language [41, 42, 43].

Recently there is also an increasing interest in applications of Datalog in industry. Two examples worth mentioning are LogicBlox and Datomic. LogicBlox [29] delivers a high performance database which can be queried with a Datalog variant called LogiQL. Datomic [30] is a distributed database with an innovative architecture featuring immutable records and temporal queries, which uses Datalog as a query language.

## 2.2. Introduction to Datalog

Before we formally define Datalog syntax and semantics in the following sections, let us take a look at an example program in this language.

As before, let us assume that the database contains a relation `EDGE` representing a graph and `EDGE(a, b)` means that there is an edge between vertices *a* and *b*. The following program computes relation `TC` containing a transitive closure of relation `EDGE`.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{TC}(a, b) & : - & \text{EDGE}(a, b). \\ \text{TC}(a, b) & : - & \text{TC}(a, c), \text{EDGE}(c, b). \end{array}$$

Figure 2.1: Datalog query for computing transitive closure of a graph

This program contains two rules. The first one states that if there is an edge between *a* and *b*, then also there is such edge in the transitive closure. The second rule says that if there is a connection in the transitive closure between *a* and some *c* and at the same time there is an edge between *c* and *b* in the original graph, then there also exists a connection in transitive closure between *a* and *b*. This is where recursion is used: `TC` appears on both sides of the second rule.

For example, let `EDGE` contain the following tuples:

EDGE
(1, 2)
(2, 3)
(3, 4)
(2, 5)

The result of the program is:

TC
(1, 2)
(1, 3)
(1, 4)
(1, 5)
(2, 3)
(2, 4)
(2, 5)
(3, 4)

As we can see, the program defines a function from an instance of relation `EDGE` into an instance of relation `TC`.

### 2.2.1. Differences between Datalog and Prolog

Datalog was largely inspired by logic programming languages such as Prolog. Datalog's and Prolog's syntax are very similar. Despite the close relation between Datalog and logic programming languages, there are some significant differences:

- In Prolog, one can use complex terms as arguments to predicates, for example  $p(s(x), y)$ , which is not permitted in Datalog, where the only allowed arguments are constants and variables.
- One of the important language constructs in Prolog is the cut operator “!”, which allows to express negation. There is no such operator in Datalog. While some versions of Datalog have the notion of negation, it is still different than the cut operator known from Prolog.
- Datalog requires the rules to be *safe*, which means that every variable mentioned in a rule must be also mentioned at least once in a non-negated, non-arithmetic sense.

## 2.3. Datalog syntax

Let us define Datalog programs and rules.

**Definition 2.3.1** (Rule). A *rule* is an expression of the form:

$$R(x) : -R_1(x_1), \dots, R_n(x_n).$$

where  $n \geq 1$ ,  $R, R_1, \dots, R_n$  are names of relations and  $x, x_1, \dots, x_n$  are tuples of free variables or constants. Each tuple  $x, x_1, \dots, x_n$  must have the same arity as its corresponding relation.

The sign  $:-$  splits the rule into two parts: the leftmost part, i.e.  $R(x)$ , is called the *head* of the rule, while the rightmost part, i.e.  $R_1(x_1), \dots, R_n(x_n)$ , is called the *body* of the rule. The elements of the body separated by commas are called *subgoals*. The head and subgoals are called *atoms*. Each atom consists of a *predicate*, i.e. the relation name and *arguments*.

Intuitively, if there is a free variable in the head, it should also appear in at least one of the subgoals, so that the value for that variable can be determined by matching the corresponding subgoal. Rules satisfying this property are called *safe*.

**Definition 2.3.2** (Rule safety). A rule is *safe* if the each free variable appearing in its head also appears in at least one of the subgoals.

A program in Datalog consists of some number of rules, all of which are required to be safe. Order of the rules is irrelevant.

**Definition 2.3.3** (Program in Datalog). A *program* in Datalog is a finite set of safe rules.

By  $atom(P)$  we denote the set of constants appearing in the rules of  $P$ .

The *schema* of program  $P$  is the set of all relation names occurring in  $P$  and is denoted by  $sch(P)$ .

**Definition 2.3.4** (Extensional and intensional relations). The rules of a Datalog program  $P$  divide the relations into two disjoint classes:

- *extensional* relations, i.e. relations that occur only in the subgoals, but never in the head of the rules in  $P$ ,
- *intensional* relations occurring in the head of at least one of the rules in  $P$ .

The set of extensional relations is called the *extensional database* or the *edb*, whereas the set of intensional relations is called the *intensional database* or the *idb*. For a program  $P$ , the *extensional database schema*, denoted by  $edb(P)$ , is the set of all extensional relation names. Similarly, the *intensional database schema*, denoted by  $idb(P)$ , is the set of all intensional relation names.

**Example 2.3.1.** As an example, let us consider the following program  $P$ :

MOTHER( <i>parent, child</i> )	: –	PARENT( <i>parent, child</i> ), WOMAN( <i>parent</i> )
FATHER( <i>parent, child</i> )	: –	PARENT( <i>parent, child</i> ), MAN( <i>parent</i> )
ANCESTOR( <i>ancestor, child</i> )	: –	PARENT( <i>ancestor, child</i> )
ANCESTOR( <i>ancestor, child</i> )	: –	ANCESTOR( <i>ancestor, parent</i> ), PARENT( <i>parent, child</i> )

Assuming that PARENT( $p, c$ ) means that  $p$  is  $c$ 's parent and WOMAN( $x$ ) and MAN( $x$ ) tell whether person  $x$  is a woman or a man, respectively, this program computes child's father, mother and all its ancestors that can be derived.

*edb* and *idb* for  $P$  are the following:

$$edb(P) = \{\text{PARENT, MAN, WOMAN}\}$$

$$idb(P) = \{\text{MOTHER, FATHER, ANCESTOR}\}$$

PARENT, WOMAN and MAN are *edb* relations, because there are no rules for these relations. All of their contents must be provided as an input. On the other hand, MOTHER, FATHER and ANCESTOR are *idb* relations, since there are rules for computing them. Only one of them, ANCESTOR, is recursively defined.

## 2.4. Datalog semantics

A Datalog program is essentially a function from database instances over  $edb(P)$  into database instances over  $sch(P)$ . *Czy to znaczy że idb zawsze są puste przed uruchomieniem programu? Tak. Czy powinienem to jakoś dodatkowo zaznaczyć?* The exact semantics of a Datalog program can be defined using one of three equivalent approaches.

In the *model theoretic* definition, we consider the rules of program  $P$  to be logical properties of the desired solution. From all possible instances of the intensional database we choose those, which are a *model* for the program, i.e. satisfy all the rules. The smallest such model is defined to be the semantics of  $P$ .

The second approach is *proof theoretic*, in which a fact is included in the result if and only if it can be derived, or proven using the rules. There are two strategies for obtaining proofs for facts: *bottom up*, in which we start from all known facts and incrementally derive all provable facts, and *top down*, which starts from a fact to be proven and seeks for rules and facts that can be used to prove it.

The third approach, on which we focus in this thesis is the *least fix-point semantics*, which defines the result of a program as a least fix-point of some function. In this definition, a program is evaluated by iteratively applying a function until a fix-point is reached. This is very similar to the bottom-up evaluation strategy of the proof-theoretic approach.

### 2.4.1. Fix-point semantics

In this section we show the fix-point semantics for Datalog programs. A central notion in this definition is the *immediate consequence* operator. Intuitively, that operator adds to the database new facts that could be immediately derived using one of the rules. In order to define the immediate consequence operator, let us first introduce the notion of an instantiation of a rule.

**Definition 2.4.1** (Instantiation). Given a rule  $R(x) : -R_1(x_1), \dots, R_n(x_n)$ , if  $\nu$  is a valuation of variables appearing in this rule, then we obtain an *instantiation* of this rule by replacing each tuple in the rule by its value  $\nu(t)$ :

$$R(\nu(x)) : -R_1(\nu(x_1)), \dots, R_n(\nu(x_n)).$$

**Example 2.4.1.** If *Anna*, *Chris*, *Patrick* are some values in the domain,

$$\text{ANCESTOR}(\textit{Anna}, \textit{Chris}) : -\text{ANCESTOR}(\textit{Anna}, \textit{Patrick}), \text{PARENT}(\textit{Patrick}, \textit{Chris}).$$

is an instantiation of the rule

$$\text{ANCESTOR}(\textit{ancestor}, \textit{child}) : -\text{ANCESTOR}(\textit{ancestor}, \textit{parent}), \text{PARENT}(\textit{parent}, \textit{child}).$$

### Immediate consequence operator

Given some database  $\mathbf{K}$  and a program  $P$ , we can infer facts using the rules in  $P$  and the contents of  $\mathbf{K}$ . This procedure is formally defined using the *immediate consequence operator*.

**Definition 2.4.2** (Immediate consequence operator). Given a Datalog program  $P$ , let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a database instance over  $\text{sch}(P)$ .

We say that a fact  $R(v)$  is an *immediate consequence* for  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $P$ , if  $R(v) \in \mathbf{K}$  or there exists an instantiation  $R(v) : -R_1(v_1), \dots, R_n(v_n)$  of a rule in  $P$  such that  $R_i(v_i) \in \mathbf{K}$  for each  $i = 1 \dots n$ .

The *immediate consequence operator* for a Datalog program  $P$  is a function  $T_P : \text{inst}(\text{sch}(P)) \rightarrow \text{inst}(\text{sch}(P))$ :

$$T_P(\mathbf{K}) = \{R(v) : R(v) \text{ is an immediate consequence for } \mathbf{K} \text{ and } P\}$$

**Lemma 2.4.1.** Operator  $T_P$  for any Datalog program  $P$  is a monotone function with respect to inclusion order.

*Proof.* Given any  $\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{J} \in \text{inst}(\text{sch}(P))$  such that  $\mathbf{I} \subseteq \mathbf{J}$ , let  $R(v)$  be a fact in  $T_P(\mathbf{I})$ . By definition,  $R(v)$  is an immediate consequence for  $\mathbf{I}$  and  $P$ , so either  $R(v)$  is in  $\mathbf{I}$  or there exists an instantiation  $R(v) : -R_1(v_1), \dots, R_n(v_n)$  of a rule in  $P$  such that  $R_i(v_i) \in \mathbf{I}$  for each  $i = 1 \dots n$ . In the first case  $R(v) \in \mathbf{I} \subseteq \mathbf{J}$ , so  $R(v) \in \mathbf{J}$ . In the second case, each  $R_i(v_i) \in \mathbf{I} \subseteq \mathbf{J}$ , so the instantiation also exists in  $\mathbf{J}$ . Hence,  $R(v)$  is also an immediate consequence of  $\mathbf{J}$ , and thus  $R(v) \in T_P(\mathbf{J})$ . Since  $R(v)$  was arbitrarily chosen, we have that  $T_P(\mathbf{I}) \subseteq T_P(\mathbf{J})$  and  $T_P$  is a monotone function with respect to  $\subseteq$ .

## Semantics of a Datalog program

The output of a Datalog program  $P$  on some input  $\mathbf{K}$ , denoted by  $P((K))$ , is defined as the minimum fix-point of  $T_P$  that contains  $\mathbf{K}$ .

**Theorem 2.4.2.** *For any Datalog program  $P$  and an instance  $\mathbf{K}$  over  $edb(P)$ , there exists a finite minimum fix-point of  $T_P$  containing  $\mathbf{K}$ .*

*Proof.* The definition of  $T_P$  implies that  $\mathbf{K} \subseteq T_P(\mathbf{K})$ . Because of monotonicity of  $T_P$ , we have inductively that  $T_P^i(\mathbf{K}) \subseteq T_P^{i+1}(\mathbf{K})$ . Hence, we have that:

$$\mathbf{K} \subseteq T_P(\mathbf{K}) \subseteq T_P^2(\mathbf{K}) \subseteq T_P^3(\mathbf{K}) \subseteq \dots$$

As it holds that  $adom(P) \cup adom(\mathbf{K})$  and the database schema  $sch(P)$  of  $P$  are all finite, there is a finite number  $n$  of database instances over  $sch(P)$  that can be reached by iteratively applying  $T_P$  to  $\mathbf{K}$ . Hence, the sequence  $\{T_P^i(\mathbf{K})\}_i$  reaches a fix-point:  $T_P^n(\mathbf{K}) = T_P^{n+1}(\mathbf{K})$ . Let us denote this fix-point by  $T_P^*(\mathbf{K})$ .

We will now prove that this is the minimum fix-point of  $T_P$  containing  $\mathbf{K}$ . Let us suppose that  $\mathbf{J}$  is a fix-point of  $T_P$  containing  $\mathbf{K}$ :  $\mathbf{K} \subseteq \mathbf{J}$ . By applying  $T_P$   $n$  times to both sides of the inequality, we have that  $T_P^n(\mathbf{K}) = T_P^n(\mathbf{K}) \subseteq T_P^n(\mathbf{J}) = \mathbf{J}$ . Hence,  $T_P^*(\mathbf{K})$  is the minimum fix-point of  $T_P$  containing  $\mathbf{K}$ .

**Example 2.4.2.** Let us recall the example program  $P$  from the previous section:

MOTHER( <i>parent, child</i> )	: -	PARENT( <i>parent, child</i> ), WOMAN( <i>parent</i> )
FATHER( <i>parent, child</i> )	: -	PARENT( <i>parent, child</i> ), MAN( <i>parent</i> )
ANCESTOR( <i>ancestor, child</i> )	: -	PARENT( <i>ancestor, child</i> )
ANCESTOR( <i>ancestor, child</i> )	: -	ANCESTOR( <i>ancestor, parent</i> ), PARENT( <i>parent, child</i> )

Given the following *edb* database instance  $\mathbf{K}$ :

PARENT( <i>Anna, Bill</i> )	WOMAN( <i>Anna</i> )
PARENT( <i>Bill, Chris</i> )	WOMAN( <i>Eva</i> )
PARENT( <i>Anna, David</i> )	MAN( <i>Bill</i> )
PARENT( <i>Chris, Eva</i> )	MAN( <i>Chris</i> )
	MAN( <i>David</i> )

The minimal fix-point of  $T_P$  containing  $\mathbf{K}$  is:

PARENT( <i>Anna, Bill</i> )	MAN( <i>Bill</i> )	ANCESTOR( <i>Anna, Bill</i> )
PARENT( <i>Bill, Chris</i> )	MAN( <i>Chris</i> )	ANCESTOR( <i>Bill, Chris</i> )
PARENT( <i>Anna, David</i> )	MAN( <i>David</i> )	ANCESTOR( <i>Anna, David</i> )
PARENT( <i>Chris, Eva</i> )	MOTHER( <i>Anna, Bill</i> )	ANCESTOR( <i>Chris, Eva</i> )
WOMAN( <i>Anna</i> )	MOTHER( <i>Anna, David</i> )	ANCESTOR( <i>Anna, Chris</i> )
WOMAN( <i>Eva</i> )	FATHER( <i>Bill, Chris</i> )	ANCESTOR( <i>Anna, Eva</i> )
	FATHER( <i>Chris, Eva</i> )	



## 2.5. Evaluation of Datalog programs

The most straightforward evaluation algorithm for Datalog programs is the iterative evaluation derived from the fix-point definition of semantics. While being having very simple formulation, this method is not efficient in a typical case due to excessive redundant computation. The most basic optimization addressing this problem is *semi-naive* evaluation, which tries to avoid computations that cannot bring any new facts. Naive and semi-naive evaluations are examples of the bottom-up strategy, where new facts are inferred based on the facts currently known.

There are also other, more optimized evaluation methods, such as Magic Sets and Subsumptive queries as well. A top-down strategy is also possible, where queries are answered by making an attempt to prove a fact using available rules.

This section briefly describes the ways to evaluate Datalog programs.

### 2.5.1. Naive evaluation

In naive evaluation, the computation starts with the initial database containing the *edb* relations and repeatedly applies all the rules, until a fixpoint is reached.

In pseudocode, if  $T_P$  is the immediate consequence operator, the algorithm for evaluation of a program  $P$  on an input  $\mathbf{K}$  can be written as:

```

 $P(\mathbf{K}) = \{$ 
   $I_0 \leftarrow K$ 
   $i \leftarrow 0$ 
  do
     $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
     $I_i \leftarrow T_P(I_{i-1})$ 
  while  $I_i \neq I_{i-1}$ 
  return  $I_i$ 
 $\}$ 

```

**Example 2.5.1.** As an example, let us consider the following program, which computes a transitive closure of a binary relation  $R$ :

$$\text{TC}(x, y) : \neg R(x, y). \quad (2.1)$$

$$\text{TC}(x, y) : \neg \text{TC}(x, z), \text{TC}(z, y). \quad (2.2)$$

Given  $K = \{R(1, 2), R(2, 3), R(3, 4), R(4, 5)\}$ , the values produced in subsequent iterations are:

$$I_1 \leftarrow \{R(1, 2), R(2, 3), R(3, 4), R(4, 5), \text{TC}(1, 2), \text{TC}(2, 3), \text{TC}(3, 4), \text{TC}(4, 5)\}$$

$$I_2 \leftarrow \{R(1, 2), R(2, 3), R(3, 4), R(4, 5), \text{TC}(1, 2), \text{TC}(2, 3), \text{TC}(3, 4), \text{TC}(4, 5), \\ \text{TC}(1, 3), \text{TC}(2, 4), \text{TC}(3, 5)\}$$

$$I_3 \leftarrow \{R(1, 2), R(2, 3), R(3, 4), R(4, 5), \text{TC}(1, 2), \text{TC}(2, 3), \text{TC}(3, 4), \text{TC}(4, 5), \\ \text{TC}(1, 3), \text{TC}(2, 4), \text{TC}(3, 5), \text{TC}(1, 4), \text{TC}(2, 5)\}, \text{TC}(1, 5)\}$$

### 2.5.2. Datalog is inflationary

A simple observation is that the immediate consequence operator  $T_P$  for any program  $P$  is *inflationary*, i. e. it possibly adds facts to the database, but can never remove any fact. In other words,  $T_P(\mathbf{I}) \supseteq \mathbf{I}$  for any  $I$ . As a consequence, in an iterative evaluation which uses  $T_P$ , the database instance  $\mathbf{I}_i$  inferred in step  $i$  is a superset any of the database instance  $\mathbf{I}_j$  that was derived in a previous step  $j < i$ . To name this property, we say that such semantics is *inflationary*.

### 2.5.3. Semi-Naive evaluation

A straightforward implementation of  $T_P$  definition is to perform a natural join on subgoal relations and a projection to head variables. Example 2.5.1 shows that such implementation may be inefficient, because most of the facts is computed more than once.

*Semi-naive evaluation* is the most basic optimization used in Datalog evaluation, in which  $T_P$  in an optimized way. It comes from the following observation: in a Datalog program, if some rule  $Q$  produced a fact  $R(t)$  based on database instance  $I_i$  in the  $i$ -th iteration of the naive evaluation algorithm, then this rule will produce this fact in each subsequent iteration, because of the inflationary semantics of the language. The goal of this optimization is to avoid those computations after producing the fact for the first time. This is achieved by joining only subgoals in the body of each rule which have at least one new answer produced in the previous iteration.

Let  $T_P^\Delta$  denote a function that evaluates rules of program  $P$  so that at least one new fact is used in application of a rule. This function needs to know which facts are the new ones, so it takes two arguments:  $I$ , the full database instance and  $\Delta$ , a database instance containing the facts that were added in the last iteration. Note that this function does not necessarily return facts from  $I$ , so we will need to add them to the facts newly computed to get the same result as  $T_P$ :  $T_P(I_i) = I_i \cup T_P^\Delta(I_i, \Delta_i)$  for each  $i$ . The following pseudocode presents the algorithm for semi-naive evaluation:

```

 $P(\mathbf{K}) = \{$ 
   $I_0 \leftarrow K \quad \Delta_0 \leftarrow K$ 
   $i \leftarrow 0$ 
  do
     $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
     $C_i \leftarrow T_P^\Delta(I_{i-1}, \Delta_{i-1})$ 
     $I_i \leftarrow C_i \cup I_{i-1}$ 
     $\Delta_i \leftarrow I_i - I_{i-1}$ 
  while  $\Delta_i \neq \emptyset$ 
  return  $I_i$ 
 $\}$ 

```

**Example 2.5.2.** Let us consider the program and input from Example 2.5.1. The facts computed by the Semi-naive evaluation in subsequent iterations would be:

$$\begin{aligned}
C_1 &\leftarrow \{\text{Tc}(1, 2), \text{Tc}(2, 3), \text{Tc}(3, 4), \text{Tc}(4, 5)\} \\
C_2 &\leftarrow \{\text{Tc}(1, 3), \text{Tc}(2, 4), \text{Tc}(3, 5)\} \\
C_3 &\leftarrow \{\text{Tc}(1, 4), \text{Tc}(2, 5), \text{Tc}(1, 5)\} \\
C_4 &\leftarrow \{\text{Tc}(1, 5)\}
\end{aligned}$$

Semi-naive evaluation does assure that each fact will be computed once, e.g.  $\text{TC}(1, 5)$  was computed more than once, but it eliminates a significant portion of redundant computation.

#### 2.5.4. Other strategies

Naive evaluation and semi-naive evaluation are examples of the bottom-up approach, where we start with the initial database instance and gradually extend it with facts that can be inferred until a fix-point is reached.

An opposite approach is possible as well. In top-down evaluation which originates in logic programs evaluation, we start with the query. For example, we would like to find all values of  $x$ , for which  $\text{TC}(3, x)$  is true. We can use the first rule: for  $\text{TC}(3, x)$  we would need  $\text{R}(3, x)$ . The only such fact is  $\text{R}(3, 4)$  for  $x = 4$ . We can also use the second rule, which leaves us with finding  $y$  such that  $\text{TC}(3, y)$ , which yields  $y \in \{4\}$  by the first rule. Then we need find  $x$  such that  $\text{TC}(4, x)$ , which by the first rule yields  $x \in \{5\}$ . The final result is thus  $x \in \{4\}$ .

An advantage of the top-down approach is that it does not have to compute the whole database. Instead, it computes only the facts actually necessary.

This can be also achieved in bottom-up evaluation by using optimization techniques such as *Magic sets* [44, 3] and *Subsumptive queries* [45]. They involve transforming the relations and rules into a new program, which evaluation using the bottom-up approach essentially simulates evaluation using a top-down algorithm. Magic sets is a classical technique, while subsumptive queries is an example of a new development in the field, published in 2011.

## 2.6. Typical extensions

Despite recursion, pure Datalog's expressive power is still not enough for many practical applications. Datalog is often extended with:

- arithmetic predicates, such as  $\leq$
- arithmetic functions, like addition and multiplication
- negation
- non-recursive aggregation

In this section we will briefly describe these extensions.

### 2.6.1. Arithmetic predicates

If we assume that all values in a selected column of a relation are numeric, it may be often useful to write Datalog programs that incorporate arithmetic comparisons between such values.

Let us consider a following example. We have a database of employees consisting of two relations **BOSS** and **SALARY**:  $\text{BOSS}(a, b)$  means that employee  $a$  is a direct boss of employee  $b$  and  $\text{SALARY}(a, s)$  means that salary of employee  $a$  is  $s$ . We assume that all values in the second column of relation **SALARY** are numeric. We would like to find all employees that earn more than their direct boss.

BOSS	SALARY
(a, b)	(a, 10)
(b, c)	(b, 15)
(b, d)	(c, 5)
	(d, 20)

The following query with arithmetic comparisons solves this problem:

EARNSMORETHANBOSS(*employee*) : –  
 BOSS(*boss*, *employee*), SALARY(*boss*, *bs*), SALARY(*employee*, *es*), *es* > *bs*.

We can think of arithmetic comparisons as a new kind of predicates, which are infinite built-in relations. Since we introduced implicit infinite relations, we need to adjust the definition of rule safety 2.3:

**Definition 2.6.1** (Rule safety). A rule with arithmetic comparisons is *safe* if each free variable appearing in its head or in any of the comparisons also appears in at least one of the non-comparison subgoals.

This version of the requirement assures that comparisons do not introduce any new values into the database.

### 2.6.2. Arithmetic functions

Addition of arithmetic functions is a next step after arithmetic comparisons. In this extension, there is a new kind of subgoal, an *assignment subgoal*, in the form of:

$$x = y \diamond z$$

where  $x, y, z$  are free variables or constants and  $\diamond$  is a binary arithmetic operation like addition, subtraction, multiplication, division etc.

An adjusted version of definition of rule safety 2.6.1 is:

**Definition 2.6.2** (Rule safety). A rule in Datalog with arithmetic comparisons and assignments is *safe* if each free variable appearing in:

- its head,
- any of the comparisons
- or on the right side of any of the assignment subgoals

also appears in at least one of the relational subgoals or on the left side of an assignment subgoal.

**Example 2.6.1.** As an example, let us suppose we have a graph  $G$  defined by a relation EDGE where  $\text{EDGE}(v, u, l)$  means that  $G$  has an edge from  $v$  to  $u$  of length  $l > 0$ . There is also a distinguished source vertex  $s$ . An interesting question is what are the minimal distances from  $s$  to all other vertices of  $G$ . We will come back to this question in section 2.6.4. For now, let us answer a simpler question: supposing that  $G$  is a directed acyclic graph, for each vertex  $v$  in  $G$ , what are the lengths of paths between  $s$  and  $v$ ?

The following program answers this question using a straightforward rule of edge relaxation:

As we can see, arithmetic addition is crucial in this program – it would not be possible to determine the possible path lengths without being able to generate new distance values. We can see that both rules satisfy the updated safety definition.

$$\begin{array}{lll}
\text{PATH}(v, d) & : - & \text{EDGE}(s, v, d) \\
\text{PATH}(v, d) & : - & \text{PATH}(t, d'), \text{EDGE}(t, v, l), d = d' + l.
\end{array}$$

Figure 2.2: Datalog query for computing all path lengths from a given source

Introduction of arithmetic functions significantly changes the semantics. Similarly to arithmetic comparisons, arithmetic functions can be interpreted as built-in infinite relations. The difference is that we do not forbid those relations to introduce new values into the database. Given a program  $P$  and a database instance  $\mathbf{K}$  over  $\text{sch}(P)$ , rules with arithmetic functions can produce new values, i.e. values that were not present in  $\text{adom}(P) \cup \text{adom}(\mathbf{K})$ . In our example, such situation happens if there is a cycle in  $G$  reachable from the source. There is an infinite number of paths from the source to the vertices on the cycle, and thus  $\text{PATH}$  would be infinite.

There are different approaches to address this problem, including *finiteness dependencies* and syntactic requirements that imply safety of Datalog programs with arithmetic conditions [13, 14, 15, 16].

For the purpose of this paper, we can simply define semantics for Datalog programs that have a finite fixed point. The updated version of Theorem 2.4.1 is as follows.

**Theorem 2.6.1.** *For any  $P$  and an instance  $\mathbf{K}$  over  $\text{edb}(P)$ , if there exists  $n \geq 0$  such that  $T_P^n(\mathbf{K})$  is a fix-point of  $T_P$ , then is it the minimal fix-point of  $T_P$  containing  $\mathbf{K}$ .*

*Proof.* See second part of the proof for Theorem 2.4.1.

### 2.6.3. Datalog with negation

Pure version of Datalog permits recursion, but provides no negation. Negation allows to answer queries such as "which pairs of the nodes in graph are not connected?". There are several ways of adding negation to Datalog. One of the most prominent of them is the *stratified semantics*, which we will present in this section.

In Datalog with negation, or  $\text{Datalog}^-$ , each relational subgoal may be negated, i. e. preceded with the negation symbol  $!$ . The negated subgoals are called *negative* subgoals, and the rest of the subgoals is called *positive* subgoals. Arithmetic comparisons and assignments are not allowed to be negated.

**Example 2.6.2.** Let us consider the program for computing transitive closure  $\text{TC}$  of a relation  $R$  from example 2.5.1. A following rule computes the pairs of nodes which are indirectly connected, i.e. are in  $\text{TC}$ , but not in  $R$ :

$$\text{INDIRECT}(x, y) : -R(x, y), !\text{TC}(x, y).$$

When negative subgoals are permitted, we need to include them in the definition of rules safety.

**Definition 2.6.3** (Rule safety). A rule in  $\text{Datalog}^-$  with arithmetic comparisons and arithmetic assignments is *safe* if each free variable appearing in:

- its head,
- any of the comparisons,
- on the right side of any of the assignment subgoals
- or in any of its negated subgoals

also appears in at least one of the non-negated relational subgoals or on the left side of an assignment subgoal.

We will first consider a certain class of Datalog<sup>−</sup> programs, called semi-positive programs, for which semantics of negation is straightforward. We will then move on to a more general version.

**Definition 2.6.4** (Semi-positive program). A Datalog<sup>−</sup> program  $P$  is *semi-positive* if for each rule in  $P$ , all its negated subgoals are over  $edb(P)$ .

For a semi-positive program, any relation used in a negative sense is an *edb* relation, so it is constant during the evaluation of  $P$ . Negation could be eliminated from  $P$  by introducing artificial negated *edb* relations. Thus, semi-positive programs can be evaluated using the fix-point semantics just like positive Datalog programs.

The situation is different when *idb* relations are used in negative subgoals. Let us assume that we use the naive evaluation. In classical Datalog, all tuples added to the database during the evaluation remain there until its end. However, when negation is allowed, it is not true in general. Let us consider a program which has a rule with a negated subgoal  $\neg R(u)$ . Such rule might produce a tuple  $t$  in iteration  $i$  because some  $t'$  is not in  $R$  and thus  $\neg R(t')$  is true. When  $t'$  is added to relation  $R$  in a subsequent iteration though, the rule can no longer produce  $t$ . Some versions of negation semantics in Datalog allow for removing tuples from relations during the evaluation [3].

In stratified semantics, we do not allow tuples to be removed from relations. Consequently, the inflationary semantics of Datalog is preserved. To achieve that, we require that if there is a rule for computing relation  $R_1$  that uses  $R_2$  in a negated subgoal, then relation  $R_2$  can be fully computed before evaluation of relation  $R_1$ . Intuitively, this order of computation is possible if there is no direct or indirect dependency on  $R_1$  in any of the rules for  $R_2$ , i. e.  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are not recursively dependent from each other. This is formalized this by the notion of strata.

**Definition 2.6.5** (Stratification). Let  $P$  be a program in Datalog<sup>−</sup> and  $n = idb(P)$  be then number of *idb* relations in  $P$ . A function  $\rho : sch(P) \rightarrow 1, \dots, n$  is called *stratification* of  $P$  if such that for each rule  $\phi$  in  $P$  with head predicate  $T$ , the following are true:

1.  $\rho(R) \leq \rho(T)$  for each positive relational subgoal  $R(u)$  of  $\phi$
2.  $\rho(R) < \rho(T)$  for each negative relational subgoal  $\neg R(u)$  of  $\phi$ .

A program that has stratification is called *stratifiable*. For each relation  $R \in idb(P)$ ,  $\rho(R)$  is called its *stratum number*.

$\rho$  corresponds to a partitioning of  $P$  into several subprograms  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$ . Each of those programs is called a *stratum* of  $P$ . The  $i$ -th stratum consists of the rules from  $P$  which have a relation with stratum number  $i$  in their head. We say that those relations are *defined* in  $P_i$ .

Stratification assures that if a relation  $R$  is used in rules of stratum  $P_i$ , then  $R$  must be defined in this stratum or one of the previous strata. Additionally, if a relation is used in stratum  $P_i$  in a negated subgoal, then it must be defined in an earlier stratum. It is worth noting that this allows for recursive rules, unless the recursive subgoal is negated.

For each  $P_i$ ,  $idb(P_i)$  consists of the relations defined in this stratum, while  $edb(P_i)$  may contain only relations defined in earlier strata or relations from  $edb(P)$ . By definition of stratification, the negative subgoals in rules of  $P_i$  use only relations in  $edb(P_i)$ . Hence, each  $P_i$  is a semi-positive program and as such, it may be evaluated using the fix-point semantics.

We require the programs in  $\text{Datalog}^\neg$  to be stratifiable. If  $P$  can be stratified into  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$ , then the output of program  $P$  on input  $\mathbf{I}$  is defined by applying programs  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  in a sequence:

$$P(\mathbf{I}) = P_n(\dots, P_2(P_1(\mathbf{I})) \dots)$$

A program can have multiple stratifications, but it can be shown that  $P(\mathbf{I})$  does not depend on which of them is chosen.

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#### 2.6.4. Datalog with non-recursive aggregation

Datalog with negation and arithmetics is already a useful language, but for some queries one more feature is necessary: aggregation using a certain function  $f$ . Aggregation works similarly to GROUPBY clause in SQL: when aggregation is applied to  $i$ -th column of a relation, all the facts in the relation are grouped by their values in the remaining columns and for each group the value in  $i$ -th column is obtained by applying the aggregation function. Let us consider the following example of relation REL:

REL
(1, 5, 5)
(1, 5, 3)
(1, 5, 4)
(2, 3, 4)
(2, 3, 5)
(2, 4, 6)

If aggregation with function MIN is applied to the last column of this relation, the result is a new relation AGGREGATED-REL

AGGREGATED-REL
(1, 5, 3) = (1, 5, min {5, 3, 4})
(2, 3, 4) = (2, 3, min {4, 5})
(2, 4, 6) = (1, 5, min {6})

A simple version of aggregation can be introduced in Datalog by allowing the rules for aggregated relations to use only  $edb$  relations in subgoals. The semantics and evaluation is then straightforward: such rules can be evaluated within a single application of the  $T_P$  operator, and the aggregation can be applied immediately.

This definition can be extended in a simple way using the stratification method described in the previous section. Semantics for a program is defined if it can be stratified in such a way that each aggregation rule uses in its subgoals only relations defined in preceding strata.

Aggregation of a relation from the same stratum, i. e. recursive aggregation, is much more complicated and is discussed in Chapter 4.

For an example, let us recall the program from example 2.2, which computes for a given graph the lengths of all existing paths from source to other vertices. An interesting question is often what is the shortest path to each vertex. This question can be answered using aggregation, by computing the minimum of distances for each vertex:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{PATH}(v, d) & : - \text{EDGE}(s, v, d) \\ \text{PATH}(v, d) & : - \text{PATH}(t, d'), \text{EDGE}(t, v, l), d = d' + l. \\ \text{MINPATH}(t, \text{MIN}(d)) & : - \text{PATH}(t, d). \end{array}$$

Figure 2.3: Datalog query for computing all path lengths from a given source

This syntax means that after inferring all possible facts using the rule for MINPATH, this relation should be aggregated using the minimum function. If there is aggregation used in a rule for some relation, there can be no other rules for this relation.

In this example, there are two strata: EDGE is an *edb* relation, PATH belongs to the first stratum and MINPATH belongs to the second stratum. Hence, MINPATH can be computed after computation of PATH is finished.



## Chapter 3

# The Pregel model for graph computations and its implementations

Pregel is a computational model designed for large graph computations, introduced in 2010 by Google engineers [7]. Its goal is to streamline implementation of graph algorithms by providing a framework which lets the programmer forget about distributing the computation, implementing the graph topology and addressing fault tolerance issues and instead focus on the problem at hand.

Previously available were graph algorithm libraries such as BGL[26] and GraphBase [28] designed for a single computer, and this limited in the scale of problems they could solve, and parallel graph frameworks such Parallel BGL [27], which did not address issues crucial in large data processing, such as fault-tolerance. Graph algorithms also used to be expressed as a series of MapReduce iterations, but this adds a significant overhead because of the need to dump the state of computation to disk after each iteration.

Since introduction of Pregel, there have been many systems developed based on this model, most notably Apache Giraph, the open source implementation of the Pregel model. Pregel has been included in other, more general frameworks such as Spark as one of the available APIs. There have also been extensions to the model, such as Giraph++ [8].

In the first section of this chapter, the Pregel model is described. The subsequent sections cover the most important open-source implementations of the model: Apache Giraph and Apache Spark's GraphX.

### 3.1. Pregel model and its original implementation

The name of the Pregel model comes from its initial proprietary implementation by Google and honors Leonard Euler, a famous Swiss mathematician and physicist and also a pioneer of the graph theory. In 1735, he formulated the first theorem in graph theory: a solution to an old question whether a Königsberg citizen could take a walk around the city so that he crossed each of the seven city's bridges exactly once. Euler concluded that it is impossible, because the graph bridges form is not what we today call an Euler graph — a graph in which every vertex has an even degree. The name of river that flows through Königsberg and which the famous bridges spanned is Pregel.

The model of computation in Pregel is based on the L. Valiant's Bulk Synchronous Parallel model. The computation is performed in a sequence of *supersteps*. In each superstep,

the framework executes on each vertex a *vertex program* provided by the user. Vertices communicate by messages: a message sent by a vertex in superstep  $S$  is delivered to its recipient in superstep  $S + 1$ .

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The main concept in implementing algorithms on Pregel is to "think like a vertex". User is required to express the algorithm as a function executed locally on each vertex, where communication between vertices is allowed only across supersteps. Those local functions are then combined by the framework in an efficient way to perform the whole computation. This approach, similar to what happens in the MapReduce model, is well suited for distributed computations, since all local functions can be executed completely independently. At the same time, the synchronous structure of computation makes it easier to reason about the semantics of a program than in asynchronous systems and allows for fault-tolerance mechanisms.

A Pregel program takes a directed graph as an input and performs computations that are allowed to modify this graph. Each vertex of the graph has a unique, constant *vertex identifier* and is associated with some *vertex data*, which can be modified during the computation, and *outgoing edges*. Each such edge has a target vertex and some modifiable *edge data*. The algorithm logic is described using the *vertex program*.

A computation is performed as a sequence of *supersteps*. In each superstep the vertex program is concurrently executed on each vertex. The program is the same for each vertex, but can depend on the vertex identifier. The program executed on vertex  $V$  receives messages sent to  $V$  in the previous superstep. It can modify the vertex data and the data of its outgoing edges, send messages to other vertices to be delivered in the next superstep and change the topology of graph by adding or removing vertices or edges. A vertex can send messages not only to its neighbors, but also to other vertices if it knows their identifiers.

The termination criterion is distributed. A vertex may *vote to halt*. Initially, all vertices are in the *active* state. If a vertex votes to halt, its state changes to *inactive*. If an inactive vertex receives a message from another vertex, it is moved back to the active state. The vertex program is executed only on the active vertices. The computation is terminated when all vertices are in the inactive state.

According to the original definition, the result of a computation are the values explicitly output by the vertices, but in most scenarios the graph state after the last superstep is assumed to be the output of the algorithm.

In practice, computations are performed on a number of workers much smaller than the number of vertices in the graph. This allows distributing the vertices between workers in a workload-balanced manner.

Let us consider the following example: for a strongly connected graph with an integer value assigned to each node, compute the minimum of those values. This can be implemented in Pregel using the following vertex program:

In the first superstep, a vertex sends its value to all neighbors, and votes to halt. Upon reception of any new values, a vertex is activated and if the received values are greater than the value stored in the vertex, it is updated, and messages with the new value are sent. An example computation is presented on figure 3.1. This figure comes from the original white paper about Pregel [7].

For another example, let us see how single source shortest paths can be computed using Pregel. We assume that the value for each vertex is initially set to  $\infty$ . In the first superstep the source vertex updates its value to 0 and sends messages to its neighbors with a new distance. In the following supersteps, other vertices update their distances and send messages to their

```

vertexProgram(vertex, superstepNumber, incomingMessages){
  newValue ← min(incomingMessages ∪ {vertex.value});
  if superstepNumber = 0 or newValue < vertex.value then
    foreach edge ∈ vertex.outgoingEdges do
      sendMessage(edge.targetVertex, newValue);
      vertex.value ← newValue;
  else
    voteToHalt();
}

```

Figure 3.1: Pregel vertex program for computing maximum value among graph nodes

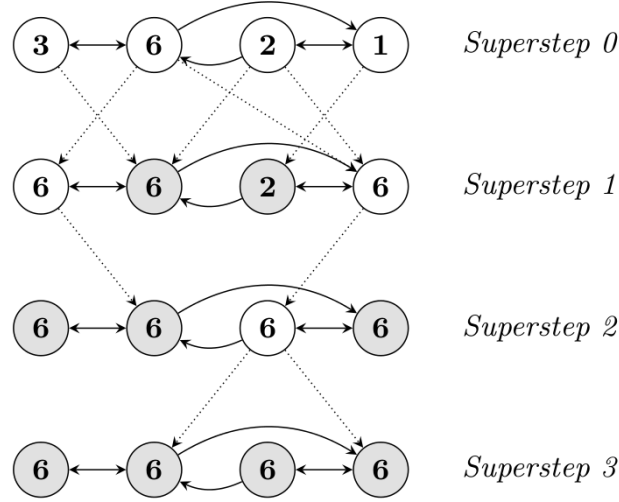


Figure 3.2: Example Pregel computation of maximum value among the nodes. Nodes that voted to halt are marked gray. Source: [7]

neighbors with a new possible distance. Each vertex votes to halt in each superstep, so when no more messages with distance updates are sent, the algorithm terminates. This will always happen in a finite number of supersteps, as long as all edges have non-negative lengths. At the end of computation, each vertex has its minimum distance from *SOURCE* associated with it, or  $\infty$  if it is not reachable.

```

vertexProgram(vertex, superstepNumber, incomingMessages){
  initialDistance ← if (vertex.id = SOURCE) 0 else ∞
  minDistance ← min(incomingMessages ∪ {initialDistance});
  if newValue < vertex.value then
    vertex.value ← minDistance
    foreach edge ∈ vertex.outgoingEdges do
      sendMessage(edge.targetVertex, minDistance + edge.length);
  voteToHalt();
}

```

Figure 3.3: Pregel vertex program for shortest paths from *SOURCE* to all other vertices

An important goal in large dataset computations is to achieve fault-tolerance, so the computation can be continued in case of a failure of some of the machines in the cluster. In Pregel, this is achieved by *checkpointing*. Once in a few supersteps, the workers are required to save their state to the disk. When any of the workers fails, the computation is resumed from the last checkpoint.

In addition to the general model, Pregel also has some additional features enhancing usability and efficiency, such as *aggregators* for efficiently gathering and broadcasting global values and *combiners* which can reduce the network bandwidth used by merging messages sent from vertices placed on a given node.

The original implementation by Google engineers is proprietary and was never released to the public. It is written entirely in C++ and tightly connected to the internal Google infrastructure, including the distributed file systems and execution environment.

## 3.2. Giraph

Giraph [31] is an open-source implementation of the Pregel model. It implements the original Pregel loosely, adding a few extensions to the version originally described by Google. Those extensions include introducing a possibility to perform computations on the master node, capabilities to work with a support of external memory and removing the single-point-of-failure (SPoF) by adding spare master nodes, which can become active when the primary master node fails.

Giraph is built on top of Hadoop [33], the widely-adopted framework for large datasets processing. Hadoop is a platform for big datasets computing at scale, consisting of HDFS — distributed file system, YARN — framework for managing the cluster and scheduling tasks, Hadoop MapReduce — an open implementation of the MapReduce model and libraries for using these elements in other projects.

Development of Giraph was started by Yahoo!. The project was donated to the Apache Foundation as an incubator project in 2011. It became a Top Level Project of the Apache Foundation in 2012. A stable version 1.0 was released in 2013. There are several large companies including Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn using the project extensively and engaged in the development. The most active user is Facebook, which executes Giraph programs on social graphs with up to  $10^{12}$  edges [34]. In 2013, Facebook published an article [34] stating that analyzing so large graphs was impossible with the software available in 2012. The article describes the optimizations and enhancements made in Giraph to be able to run jobs with this amount of data on their infrastructure:

- Flexible graph input: vertices and edges can be loaded from several sources and the framework takes care of distributing them correctly before the start of computation. This eliminates the need for preprocessing the graph with a MapReduce job so that each vertex data is in the same place as all its edges.
- Multithreaded execution of on a single machine, which allows for better resource sharing than in case of workers distributed across different machines.
- Memory usage optimization: by serializing the data using primitive types instead of Java objects, the memory usage was significantly reduced, resulting in 10 times lower execution time.
- Sharded aggregators: instead of aggregators being stored and distributed by the master node, they are stored in a distributed way, which scales better for very large datasets.

It is worth mentioning that one of Google Pregel creators and the primary author of the original white paper about it, Grzegorz Malewicz, is one of the members of Facebook’s data infrastructure graph processing team which develops Giraph [34].

### 3.3. Spark

Apache Spark [20, 21] is an open-source framework for distributed data analytics. It started in 2009 in the AMPLab at University of California, Berkeley. Since that time it has gained a huge momentum and has quickly growing community of users and contributors [36]. Since 2009, over 250 individual developers contributed to Spark, and its permanent contributors come from 12 companies and institutions [32]. Among others, it is being used by companies such as Yahoo, IBM, Intel, Alibaba, Cloudera and Databricks.

Spark’s computational model is able to express programs in more specialized models such as MapReduce and Pregel and is also suitable for new applications that these systems do not support, like interactive data mining and stream data processing.

The two key advantages of Spark are:

- its impressive speed: Spark is in some cases even 100 times faster than equivalent computations in Hadoop MapReduce
- its simplicity and ease of use: it offers APIs in Scala, Java, Python which allow developers to quickly develop programs performing even complicated calculations and a standalone running mode which lets developers set up environment and prototype programs locally without the need to set up Apache Hadoop

Similarly to Apache Giraph, Spark is a Top-Level Project of the Apache Foundation. Previously to promotion as a Top-Level Project in February 2014 [35], it was an in the Apache Incubator program since June 2013.

Spark fits into the Hadoop ecosystem by being able to run on Hadoop clusters without any additional installation and supporting data input from various Hadoop data stores such as HDFS, HBase and Cassandra. It is not tied, however, to Hadoop infrastructure: it can also run as a standalone deployment in a cluster or on other distributed platforms such as Mesos [37] and Amazon EC2 [38].

#### 3.3.1. Resilient Distributed Datasets

The key concept in Spark is the *RDD* or *Resilient Distributed Dataset*. RDDs are an abstraction of distributed memory, which let the programmer perform distributed computations. They are stored in a way that is transparent to the user and assure fault tolerance.

Other distributed memory abstractions, such as distributed key-value stores and databases, provide a fine-grained interface to the memory, like reads and updates of particular cells in a table. In contrast to such systems, RDDs provide only a *coarse-grained* interface: operations that are applied to the whole dataset, such as map, filter and join. This allows for achieving fault-tolerance by storing only the history of operations that were used to build a dataset, called its *lineage*, instead of replicating the data to be able to recover it. An additional advantage is that the RDDs do not need to be materialised, unless it is actually necessary. Since parallel computations generally apply some transformation to multiple elements of a dataset, in most cases they can be expressed easily with coarse-grained operation on datasets.

RDDs can be created only in two ways: loading a dataset from a distributed storage or from another dataset by applying coarse-grained functional operations called *transformations*,

such as *map*, *filter* and *join*. For greater efficiency, the user can also control the *persistence* of an RDD by indicating which RDDs are intended to be used in the future and as such should be materialised in the memory and the *partitioning* of an RDD by indicating the key by which the records of RDD should be partitioned across the machines. Finally, the user can perform *actions* on an RDD. Actions return a value or export the dataset to some persistent storage. Available actions include *count*, which returns the number of elements in the RDD, *collect*, which returns the records from the dataset and *save*, which exports the records to an external storage.

### 3.3.2. Higher level tools

Spark offers a set of high level tools that demonstrate the capabilities of the Resilient Distributed Dataset model. Those tools are implemented as relatively small libraries on top of Spark's core. Currently available tools are:

- Spark SQL, allowing to seamlessly integrate SQL queries into Spark programs,
- Spark Streaming, which supports working on on-line streams of data
- MLlib, which is an implementation of common machine learning algorithms for classification, regression, clustering and dimensionality reduction
- GraphX, providing an interface for creating efficient graph algorithms, integrated with pre- and post- processing with regular Spark transformations

### 3.3.3. Pregel API

One of the elements of the GraphX library is a general Pregel API, which allows for expressing programs written in the Pregel model and working on RDDs. Chapter 5 describes an implementation of a Datalog API for Spark, which employs the method for translating Datalog and Socialite programs to the Pregel model and uses Spark's Pregel API.

## 3.4. Other frameworks

**DO ROZWAŻENIA** Tutaj można by opisać inne frameworki: GPS, GraphLab, Giraph++. Ale może nie potrzeba?

## Chapter 4

# Socialite

While Datalog allows to express some of graph algorithms in an elegant and succinct way, many practical problems cannot be efficiently solved with Datalog programs.

Socialite ([1, 2]) is a graph query language based on Datalog. It allows a programmer to write intuitive queries using declarative semantics, which can often be executed as efficiently as highly optimized dedicated programs. The queries can then be executed in a distributed environment.

Most significant extension over Datalog in Socialite is the ability to combine recursive rules with aggregation. Under some conditions, such rules can be evaluated incrementally and thus as efficiently as regular recursion in Datalog.

[1] introduces *Sequential Socialite*, intended to be executed on one machine. We describe recursive aggregation, which is the most important feature in Sequential Socialite, in Section 4.1.

[2] extends Sequential Socialite to *Distributed Socialite*, executable on a distributed architecture. It introduces a *location operator*, which determines how the data and computations can be distributed. The programmer does not have to think about how to distribute the data between machines or manage the communication between them. He only specifies an abstract *location* for each fact in the data, and the data and computations are automatically sharded. Distributed Socialite is covered in section 4.3

The declarative semantics of Datalog and Socialite does not specify how the programs should be evaluated. This property enables applying various optimizations in the evaluation. An example of such optimization is shown in Section 4.4. TODO To powinno tu zostać tylko jeśli dam radę to zaimplementować w mojej wersji

In distributed computations on large graphs, an approximate result is often enough. Usually we can observe the *long tail* phenomenon in the computation, where a good approximate solution is achieved quickly, but it takes a long time to get to the optimal one. Declarative query language such as Socialite can be easily extended to return approximate results very fast, in a way that is described in Section 4.5.

### 4.1. Datalog with recursive aggregation

In this section we introduce the recursive aggregation extension from Socialite. Since the original Socialite consists of several extensions to Datalog, not only of recursive aggregation, we will call the language defined here *Datalog with recursive aggregation*, abbreviated  $\text{Datalog}^{RA}$ .

#### 4.1.1. Motivation

Most graph algorithms are essentially some kind of iteration or recursive computation. Simple recursion can be expressed easily in Datalog. However, in many problems the computation results are gradually refined in each iteration, until the final result is reached. Examples of such algorithms are the Dijkstra algorithm for single source shortest paths or PageRank. Usually, it is difficult or impossible to express such algorithms in Datalog efficiently, as it would require computing much more intermediate results than it is actually needed to obtain the solution. We will explain that on an example: a simple program that computes shortest paths from a source node.

A straightforward program in Datalog extended with nonrecursive aggregation for computing single source shortest paths (starting from node 1) is presented in Figure ex:ssspsocialite. Due to limitations of Datalog, this program computes all possible path lengths from node 1 to other nodes in the first place, and after that for each node the minimal distance is chosen. Not only this approach results in bad performance, but causes the program to execute infinitely if a loop in the graph is reachable from the source node.

```

PATH(t, d)           : -  EDGE(1, t, d).
PATH(t, d)           : -  PATH(s, d1), EDGE(s, t, d2), d = d1 + d2.
MINPATH(t, MIN(d))  : -  PATH(t, d).

```

Figure 4.1: Datalog query for computing shortest paths from node 1 to other nodes

Datalog<sup>RA</sup> allows aggregation to be combined with recursion under some conditions. This allows us to write straightforward programs for such problems, which finish execution in finite time and often are much more efficient than Datalog programs. An example Datalog<sup>RA</sup> program that computes single source shortest paths is presented below. The relation PATH is declared so that for each *target* the values in *dist* column are aggregated using minimum operator.

```

EDGE(int src, int sink, int len)
PATH(int target, int dist aggregate MIN)

PATH(1, 0).
PATH(t, d)           : -  PATH(s, d1), EDGE(s, t, d2), d = d1 + d2.

```

Figure 4.2: Socialite query for computing shortest paths from node 1 to other nodes

#### 4.1.2. A program in Datalog<sup>RA</sup>

A Datalog<sup>RA</sup> program is a Datalog program, with additional aggregation function defined for selected columns of some relations. This function needs to fulfill requirements that will be stated in the next section.



For each relation name  $R$ , there can be one column  $aggcol_R \in 1, \dots, ar(R)$  chosen for which an aggregation function  $aggfun_R$  is provided. This column is called the *aggregated column*. The rest of the columns are called the *qualifying columns*. Intuitively, after each step of computation, we group the facts in the relation by the qualifying columns and within each group we aggregate the values in the aggregated column using  $aggfun_R$ . Value  $aggcol_R = \mathbf{none}$  means that  $R$  is a regular relation with no aggregation.

To simplify the notation, we assume that if a relation has an aggregated column, then it is always the last one:  $aggcol_R = ar_R$ .

Syntactically, we require that each *idb* relation is declared at the top of the program as on the example below. In declaration of a relation, aggregated column can be specified by adding keyword *aggregate* and name of the aggregate function next to the column declaration. This syntax allows for providing multiple rules for aggregated relation in the program.

An example of a program in Datalog<sup>RA</sup> is shown on Figure 4.1.2.

P(int $a$ , int $b$ aggregate F)	
R(int $src$ , int $sink$ , int $len$ )	
P( $x_1, \dots, x_{ar_P}$ )	: − $Q_{P,1}(x_1, \dots, x_{ar_P})$
	...
P( $x_1, \dots, x_{ar_P}$ )	: − $Q_{P,m}(x_1, \dots, x_{ar_P})$
R( $x_1, \dots, x_{ar_R}$ )	: − $Q_{R,1}(x_1, \dots, x_{ar_R})$
	...
R( $x_1, \dots, x_{ar_R}$ )	: − $Q_{R,m}(x_1, \dots, x_{ar_R})$

Figure 4.3: Structure of a program in Datalog<sup>RA</sup>.

#### 4.1.3. Aggregation-aware order over databases for inflationary Datalog<sup>RA</sup>

While being very useful, recursive aggregation rules not always have an unambiguous solution. This is the case only under some conditions on the rules and the aggregation function itself.

Typically, Datalog programs semantics is defined using the fixed point of the immediate consequence operator  $T_P$ . This definition assumes that  $T_P$  is inflationary with respect to inclusion order on database instances. This requirement means that  $T_P$  only adds facts to the database instance, but never removes facts from it. This is also the reason for which program 4.1 is inefficient: the inflationary semantics forces all suboptimal distances to nodes to be kept in the database and as such, used in subsequent iterations.

When recursive aggregate functions are allowed, the semantics is not inflationary with respect to the inclusion order. A fact in the database can be replaced with a different one because a new aggregated value appeared. However, an inflationary  $T_P$  operator is necessary for the proof that the fixed point semantics always gives a unique solution. In order to define semantics for Datalog<sup>RA</sup> in terms of fixed point, we need to use a different order on database instances than the regular set inclusion order.

In this section, we will describe the idea introduced in [1]. However, the original description lacks precision and details. Here we give the definitions in a precise way.

First, we will define what a *join operation* is and show the order that it induces. Then we will show that if the aggregation function is a join operation and corresponding rules are monotone with respect to this induced order, then the result of the program is unambiguously defined. We will also show that it can be computed efficiently using the semi-naive evaluation.

### Join operation and induced ordering

We start by recalling the definitions of idempotency, commutativity and associativity for binary operations.

**Definition 4.1.1.** A binary operation  $\odot : X \times X \rightarrow X$  is:

- *idempotent*, if  $x \odot x = x$  for each  $x \in X$ .
- *commutative*, if  $x \odot y = y \odot x$  for each  $x, y \in X$ .
- *associative*, if  $(x \odot y) \odot z = x \odot (y \odot z)$  for each  $x, y, z \in X$ .

A core concept in Datalog<sup>RA</sup> is a *join operation*. Join operations have the basic properties that are necessary for performing unambiguous aggregation.

**Definition 4.1.2** (Join operation). A binary operation is a *join operation* if it is idempotent, commutative and associative. TODO Maybe citation needed?

We usually denote a join operation with the symbol  $\sqcup$ . An example of a join operation is maximum of two numbers.

**Example 4.1.1.**  $\max(a, b)$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  is a join operation; it is:

- idempotent —  $\max(a, a) = a$
- commutative —  $\max(a, b) = \max(b, a)$
- associative —  $\max(a, \max(b, c)) = \max(\max(a, b), c)$

Similarly, minimum of two numbers is a join operation. On the contrary,  $+$  is not a join operation, since it is not idempotent:  $1 + 1 \neq 1$ .

### Order induced by a join operation

A join operation over a set  $P$  induces a partial order on  $P$  that has some useful properties. In particular,  $P$  with this ordering is a semi-lattice. We start by recalling the definitions of partial order and semi-lattice.

**Definition 4.1.3** (Partial order). A binary relation  $\leq$  over a set  $P$  is a *partial order* if it is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive, i. e. for each  $x, y, z \in P$  the following properties are satisfied:

- $x \leq x$
- if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$  then  $x = y$
- if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$  then  $x \leq z$

**Definition 4.1.4** (Join semilattice). A set  $P$  with a partial order  $\leq$  over  $P$  is a *join semilattice* if every two elements of  $P$  have a least upper bound with respect to  $\leq$ . For any two elements, their least upper bound is called a *join* of those elements.

A join operation  $\sqcup$  defines a semi-lattice: it induces a partial order  $\leq_{\sqcup}$  over its domain, such that the result of the operation for any two elements is the least upper bound of those elements with respect to  $\leq_{\sqcup}$ .

For example, the join operation  $\max$  over natural number induces the partial order  $\leq$  — for any two  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\max(a, b)$  is their least upper bound with respect to  $\leq$ .

### Aggregation operator $g_R$

An important step in the evaluation of a Datalog<sup>RA</sup> program is grouping the facts in an instance of each relation and performing the aggregation within each group. We can put that into a formal definition as function  $g_R$ .  $g_R$  takes as an input a relation instance that may contain multiple facts with the same values in qualifying columns and within each such group performs the aggregation on the aggregated column.

**Definition 4.1.5** (Aggregation operator over relations). For a relation  $R$  of arity  $k = ar(R)$ , let us define  $g_R : inst(R) \rightarrow inst(R)$ :

$$g_R(I) = \begin{cases} \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, t) : (x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k) \in I \wedge \right. & \text{if } aggcol_R \neq \mathbf{none} \\ \quad \left. t = aggfun_R(\{y : (x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, y) \in I\}) \right\} & \\ I & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If  $R$  has an aggregated column,  $g_R$  groups the facts in relation instance  $I$  by qualifying parameters and performs the aggregation using  $aggfun_R$ . For non-aggregated relations,  $g_R$  is an identity function.

### Order over relation instances

In Datalog, we can prove that there is a unique least fixed point for any program. The fundamental fact needed for this proof is that it is inflationary: during iterative evaluation of any Datalog program, if the state of a relation is  $I_1$  in some step and  $I_2$  at a later step, we know that  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$ . In Datalog<sup>RA</sup> this property no longer holds: a fact in  $I_1$  can be replaced with different fact with a lower value in the aggregated column. To be able to define semantics of programs in Datalog<sup>RA</sup> using least fixed point, we need to use a custom order on relation instances. This order is built based on the function  $g_R$ .

**Definition 4.1.6.** Let  $R$  be a relation name and  $k = ar(R)$ . Let us define comparison  $\sqsubseteq_R$  on relation instances as follows:

$$I_1 \sqsubseteq_R I_2 \iff \begin{cases} \forall (q_1, \dots, q_{k-1}, v) \in g_R(I_1) \exists (q_1, \dots, q_{k-1}, v') \in g_R(I_2) v \leq_{aggfun_R} v' & \text{if } aggcol_R = k \\ I_1 \subseteq I_2 & \text{if } aggcol_R = \mathbf{none} \end{cases}$$

*Remark.* If  $R$  does not have an aggregated column,  $\sqsubseteq_R$  is simply the inclusion order  $\subseteq$ .

**Example 4.1.2.** Let  $R$  be a relation with arity 3, with the last column aggregated using join operation  $\max$ . We recall that for  $\max$ ,  $\leq_{\max}$  is the usual order  $\leq$ .

- $\{(1, 2, 3)\} \sqsubseteq_R \{(1, 2, 5)\}$ , because  $3 \leq 5$
- $\{(1, 2, 3)\} \sqsubseteq_R \{(1, 2, 5), (1, 7, 2)\}$ , because  $3 \leq 5$
- $\{(1, 2, 3), (1, 2, 8)\} \sqsubseteq_R \{(1, 2, 5)\}$ , because  $g_R(\{(1, 2, 3), (1, 2, 8)\}) = \{(1, 2, 3)\}$  and  $3 \leq 5$

- $\{(1, 2, 3), (2, 8, 1)\}$  and  $\sqsubseteq_R \{(1, 2, 5), (1, 7, 2)\}$  are not comparable
- $\emptyset \sqsubseteq_R \{(1, 2, 3)\}$

We can easily see that for any  $R$  an empty relation instance  $\emptyset$  is smaller under  $\sqsubseteq_R$  than any other relation instance.

$\sqsubseteq_R$  is not necessarily a partial order over the set of all relation instances  $inst(R)$ , because it is not antisymmetric. In example 4.1.3, if  $I = \{(1, 2, 3), (1, 2, 8)\}$  and  $J = \{(1, 2, 3), (1, 2, 7)\}$ , we have that  $I \sqsubseteq_R J$  and  $J \sqsubseteq_R I$ , but clearly  $I \neq J$ . The relation satisfies the two remaining requirements for partial order: reflexivity and transitivity. Such a relation is called a *pre-order*.

**Lemma 4.1.1.** *For any  $R$ ,  $\sqsubseteq_R$  is a pre-order over  $inst(R)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $R$  does not have an aggregated column,  $\sqsubseteq_R$  is the same as inclusion order  $\subseteq$ , which is a partial order.

If  $R$  does have an aggregated column, then:

- $\sqsubseteq_R$  is reflexive: for each  $R$ , we have that  $\forall_{(q_1, \dots, q_{k-1}, v) \in g(R)} \exists_{(q_1, \dots, q_{k-1}, v) \in g(R)} v \leq_{aggfun_R} v$  because  $\leq_{aggfun_R}$  is reflexive. Hence,  $R \sqsubseteq_R R$ .
- $\sqsubseteq_R$  is transitive: if  $A \sqsubseteq_R B$  and  $B \sqsubseteq_R C$ , then by definition of  $\sqsubseteq_R$  we have that:

$$\forall_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, a) \in g(A)} \exists_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, b) \in g(B)} a \leq_{aggfun_R} b$$

$$\forall_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, b) \in g(B)} \exists_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, c) \in g(C)} b \leq_{aggfun_R} c$$

$\leq_{aggfun_R}$  is transitive, because it is a partial order, so  $\forall_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, a) \in g(A)} \exists_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, c) \in g(C)} a \leq_{aggfun_R} c$ , which means that  $A \sqsubseteq_R C$ .

### Order over relation instances after aggregation

We already know that  $\sqsubseteq_R$  is a pre-order over the set of all possible relation instances  $inst(R)$ , but because of lack of antisimmetry, it is not guaranteed to be a partial order. However, if we restrict to the relation instances that are possible after aggregation is applied, the relation is antisymmetric.

For any  $R$  such that  $k = ar(R)$ , let  $Z_R$  denote the set of relation instances that can be obtained by application of  $g_R$ :

$$Z_R = \{g_R(I) : I \in inst(R)\}$$

**Lemma 4.1.2.** *For any  $R$  such that  $k = ar(R)$  and  $aggcol_R \neq \mathbf{none}$ , if  $I \in Z_R$ , then  $g_R(I) = I$  and for each  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  there is at most one  $x_n$  such that  $R(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in I$ .*

*Proof.*  $I = g_R(I')$  for some  $I'$ . By definition of  $g_R$ , there is at most one fact  $R(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  in  $g_R(I')$  for each  $(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ . Hence, in application of  $g_R$  to  $I$  the aggregated value for each  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  is simply  $x_n$ , so  $g_R(I) = I$ .

**Lemma 4.1.3.** *For any  $R$  such that  $k = ar(R)$ ,  $\sqsubseteq_R$  is a partial order over  $Z_R$ .*

*Proof.* If  $R$  does not have an aggregated column,  $\sqsubseteq_R$  is the same as inclusion order  $\subseteq$ , which is a partial order.

If  $R$  does have an aggregated column, then by Lemma 4.1.3 it is a pre-order over  $inst(R) \supseteq Z_R$ , so it only remains to be shown that  $\sqsubseteq_R$  is antisymmetric.

Let  $A, B$  be any relation instances from  $Z_R$ . Let us suppose that  $A \sqsubseteq_R B$  and  $B \sqsubseteq_R A$ . To prove antisymmetry, we need to show that  $A = B$ . By definition of  $\sqsubseteq_R$ , we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, a) \in g(A)} \exists_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, b) \in g(B)} a \leq_{aggfun_R} b \\ \forall_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, b) \in g(B)} \exists_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, a) \in g(A)} b \leq_{aggfun_R} a \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A, B \in Z_R$  we know that there exist  $A', B'$  such that  $A = g_R(A'), B = g_R(B')$ . By Lemma 4.1.3,  $g_R(A) = g_R(g_R(A')) = g_R(A') = A$ , and similarly  $g_R(B) = B$ , so we can formulas above are equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, a) \in A} \exists_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, b) \in B} a \leq_{aggfun_R} b \\ \forall_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, b) \in B} \exists_{(q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, a) \in A} b \leq_{aggfun_R} a \end{aligned}$$

Let  $t = R(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a)$  be any fact in  $A$ . We know that there exists  $b$  such that  $(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, b) \in B$  and  $a \leq_{aggfun_R} b$ . Further, we know that there exists  $(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, a') \in A$  such that  $b \leq_{aggfun_R} a'$ . By Lemma 4.1.3, it must hold that  $a = a'$ . Since  $a \leq_{aggfun_R} b \leq_{aggfun_R} a'$ , we have that  $a = b$ , so  $t \in B$ . Therefore,  $A \subseteq B$ , because  $t$  was chosen as any element of  $A$ . Because of symmetry of the proof, it also holds that  $B \subseteq A$ , so  $A = B$ . This means that  $\sqsubseteq_R$  is indeed antisymmetric.

$\sqsubseteq_R$  is an antisymmetric pre-order over  $Z_R$ , so it is a partial order over this set.

## Order over database instances

In regular Datalog, database instances can be compared using the inclusion order. We can extend the custom order defined on relation instances to an order on database instances in a straightforward way, by comparing the databases relation-by-relation:

**Definition 4.1.7.** Let  $\sigma$  be a database schema and  $\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{L}$  be database instances over  $\sigma$ . Let  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  be relation names in  $\sigma$ . By definition,  $\mathbf{K}$  is a union of relation instances  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  over  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  respectively. Similarly,  $\mathbf{L}$  is a union of relation instances  $J_1, \dots, J_n$  over  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  respectively. Let the order  $\sqsubseteq_\sigma$  on database instances over  $\sigma$  be defined as:

$$\mathbf{K} \sqsubseteq_\sigma \mathbf{L} \iff \forall_{i=1, \dots, n} I_i \sqsubseteq_{R_i} J_i$$

*Remark.* Note that if there is no aggregation, all relation instances are simply compared using the regular inclusion order. Since relation instances for different relation names are always disjoint,  $\sqsubseteq_\sigma$  is the same as  $\subseteq$  in this case.

### 4.1.4. Semantics for Datalog<sup>RA</sup> programs

In this subsection we will show that the semantics of a Datalog<sup>RA</sup> program can be unambiguously defined using least fixed point of the newly introduced order, as long as it satisfies some conditions.

Let  $P$  be a Datalog<sup>RA</sup> program, with  $w$  *idb* relations  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_w$  of arities  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_w$  respectively.  $P$  has the form of:

The program has  $m_i$  rules for computing  $R_i$ , for each  $i$ .  $Q_{1,1}, \dots, Q_{1,m_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, w$  are bodies of these rules, with free variables  $x_1, \dots, x_{k_i}$ . Relation  $R_i$  may have an aggregation

$$R_1(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k \text{ [ aggregate } F_1])$$

$$R_w(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k \text{ [ aggregate } F_w])$$

$$\begin{array}{lll}
R_1(x_1, \dots, x_{k_1}) & : - & Q_{1,1}(x_1, \dots, x_{k_1}) \\
& \dots & \\
R_1(x_1, \dots, x_{k_1}) & : - & Q_{1,m_1}(x_1, \dots, x_{k_1}) \\
& \dots & \\
R_w(x_1, \dots, x_{k_w}) & : - & Q_{w,1}(x_1, \dots, x_{k_w}) \\
& \dots & \\
R_w(x_1, \dots, x_{k_w}) & : - & Q_{w,m_w}(x_1, \dots, x_{k_w})
\end{array}$$

function  $aggfun_{R_i}$  defined for column  $aggcol_{R_i}$ . Each such  $aggfun_{R_i}$  is required to be a join operator.  $aggcol_{R_i}$  is allowed to be any column in  $1, 2, \dots, k_i$ , but to simplify the notation we assume it may be only the last column  $k_i$ .

The subgoals in the rule bodies may refer to any relation of an arbitrary set of *edb* relations  $edb(P)$ , which are constant during the evaluation, and to any of the *idb* relations,  $R_1, \dots, R_w$ .

By definition,  $P$  is a program  $P'$  in regular Datalog, with  $aggcol$  and  $aggfun$  additionally defined.  $P$  can be treated as a triple  $(P', aggcol, aggfun)$ . Hence, exists an immediate consequence operator  $T'_P$  for regular Datalog part of program  $P$ . This operator will be the base for defining  $P$ 's semantics in Datalog<sup>RA</sup>.

Another important building block in Datalog<sup>RA</sup> semantics is an aggregation operator over database instances. Intuitively, it applies of the corresponding aggregation operator  $g_R$  to each relation instance  $I$  of relation  $R$  in a database instance.

**Definition 4.1.8** (Aggregation operator over databases). TODO moze lepiej  $G_P$  ? Let  $\sigma$  be a database schema and  $\mathbf{K}$  be a database instance over  $\sigma$ . Let  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  be relation names in  $\sigma$ . By definition,  $\mathbf{K}$  is a union of relation instances  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  over  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  respectively. Let the *aggregation operator*  $G_\sigma$  for  $\mathbf{K}$  be defined as:

$$G_\sigma(\mathbf{K}) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n g_{R_i}(I_i)$$

We can now define an immediate consequence operator for Datalog<sup>RA</sup> programs.

**Definition 4.1.9** (Immediate consequence operator for Datalog<sup>RA</sup>). The *immediate consequence operator* for a Datalog<sup>RA</sup> program  $P = (P', aggcol, aggfun)$ , where  $P'$  is a program in Datalog, is a function  $T_P : inst(sch(P)) \rightarrow inst(sch(P))$ :

$$T_P = G_{sch(P)} \circ T_{P'}$$

The immediate consequence operator can be used to define semantics for a Datalog<sup>RA</sup> program as its fix-point, similarly to the definition of Datalog's semantics.

**Theorem 4.1.4.** Let  $P$  be a program in Datalog<sup>RA</sup> and  $P = (P', aggcol, aggfun)$  where  $P'$  is a program in Datalog. Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a database instance over  $edb(P)$ . Let  $\sigma = sch(P)$ .

If  $T_{P'}$  is monotone with respect to  $\sqsubseteq_\sigma$ , then there exists a finite minimal fix-point of  $T_P$  containing  $\mathbf{K}$ . We denote this fix-point by  $P(\mathbf{K})$ .

*Proof.*  $G_\sigma$  is monotone with respect to  $\sqsubseteq_\sigma$ . Since we assumed that  $T_{P'}$  is monotone with respect to  $\sqsubseteq_\sigma$ ,  $T_P = G_\sigma \circ T_{P'}$  is also monotone with respect to  $\sqsubseteq_\sigma$  as a composition of two monotone functions.

Because of monotonicity of  $T_P$ , we have inductively that  $T_P^i(\mathbf{K}) \sqsubseteq_\sigma T_P^{i+1}(\mathbf{K})$  for each  $i \geq 0$ . Therefore:

$$\mathbf{K} \sqsubseteq_\sigma T_P(\mathbf{K}) \sqsubseteq_\sigma T_P^2(\mathbf{K}) \sqsubseteq_\sigma T_P^3(\mathbf{K}) \sqsubseteq_\sigma \dots$$

$\text{adom}(P) \cup \text{adom}(\mathbf{K})$  and the database schema  $\text{sch}(P)$  of  $P$  are all finite, so there is a finite number  $n$  of database instances over  $\text{sch}(P)$  using those values. Hence, the sequence  $\{T_P^i(\mathbf{K})\}_i$  reaches a fix-point:  $T_P^n(\mathbf{K}) = T_P^{n+1}(\mathbf{K})$ . Let us denote this fix-point by  $T_P^*(\mathbf{K})$ .

We will now prove that this is the minimum fix-point of  $T_P$  containing  $\mathbf{K}$ . Let us suppose that  $\mathbf{J}$  is a fix-point of  $T_P$  containing  $\mathbf{K}$ :  $\mathbf{K} \sqsubseteq_\sigma \mathbf{J}$ . By applying  $T_P$   $n$  times to both sides of the inequality, we have that  $T_P^*(\mathbf{K}) = T_P^n(\mathbf{K}) \sqsubseteq_\sigma T_P^n(\mathbf{J}) = \mathbf{J}$ . Hence,  $T_P^*(\mathbf{K})$  is the minimum fix-point of  $T_P$  containing  $\mathbf{K}$ .

TODO Przykład: program obliczający najkrótsze ścieżki i dowód monotoniczności  $T_{P'}$

#### 4.1.5. Evaluation

A straightforward way to evaluate  $P(\mathbf{K})$ , i. e. to compute the minimal fix-point of  $T_P$  containing  $\mathbf{K}$ , is to iteratively apply  $T_P$  to  $\mathbf{K}$  until a fix-point is reached. This algorithm, used also in Datalog and described in detail in Section 2.5.1, can be directly applied also in Datalog<sup>RA</sup>. The only difference is the immediate consequence operator which is used: to evaluate Datalog<sup>RA</sup> programs, one needs to use the  $T_P$  operator for Datalog<sup>RA</sup>, which takes into account the aggregation to be applied.

#### Semi-naive evaluation

Semi-naive evaluation, the most basic optimization technique used in Datalog evaluation, can be easily adopted in Datalog<sup>RA</sup>.

In semi-naive evaluation of Datalog, which is described in Section 2.5.3,  $T_P$  in a more efficient way than in the naive evaluation. To achieve this, a  $T_P^\Delta$  function is used.  $T_P^\Delta(I, \Delta)$  evaluates rules of program  $P$  on database instance  $I$  and a set of new facts from last iteration  $\Delta$ , so that at least one new fact is used in application of each rule. Output of  $T_P^\Delta$  is then merged with the current database instance.

In evaluation of a program  $P$  in Datalog<sup>RA</sup>, such that  $P = (P', \text{aggrcol}, \text{aggrfun})$  where  $P'$  is a Datalog program, we can use this technique to efficiently compute  $T_{P'}$ . The full algorithm is presented on the following pseudocode:

```

P(K) = {
  I0 ← K Δ0 ← K
  i ← 0
  do
    i ← i + 1
    Ci ← TPΔ(Ii-1, Δi-1)
    Ii ← Gσ(Ci ∪ Ii-1)
    Δi ← Ii - Ii-1
  while Δi ≠ ∅
  return Ii
}
```

The only difference from the algorithm for Datalog without aggregation described in Section 2.5.3 is that in each step  $G_\sigma$  is applied to the newly computed database instance.

#### 4.1.6. Datalog<sup>RA</sup> with negation

TODO Basically we do the same thing as in regular Datalog – stratification

### 4.2. Tail-nested tables

Another important extension in Socialite are *tail nested tables*, which optimize the memory layout so that it can be accessed in a faster way. While being very useful in practice, this optimization is not crucial for running such programs on distributed architecture. TODO I don't want to have this in the compiler, but maybe describe here?

### 4.3. Distributed Socialite

TODO koniecznie

### 4.4. Delta stepping in Distributed Socialite

TODO moze?

### 4.5. Approximate evaluation in Distributed Socialite

TODO moze?



## Chapter 5

# Datalog on Spark

**TODO** Opis narzędzia

**DO ROZWAŻENIA** typowe problemy na grafach porównamy się z Socialite i Spark  
Pregel API further work: narzędzie pozwalające sprawdzić lub teoretyczny wynik jak sprawdzać,  
czy jest monotoniczność pozwalająca robić rekurencyjną agregację



## Chapter 6

## Summary



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