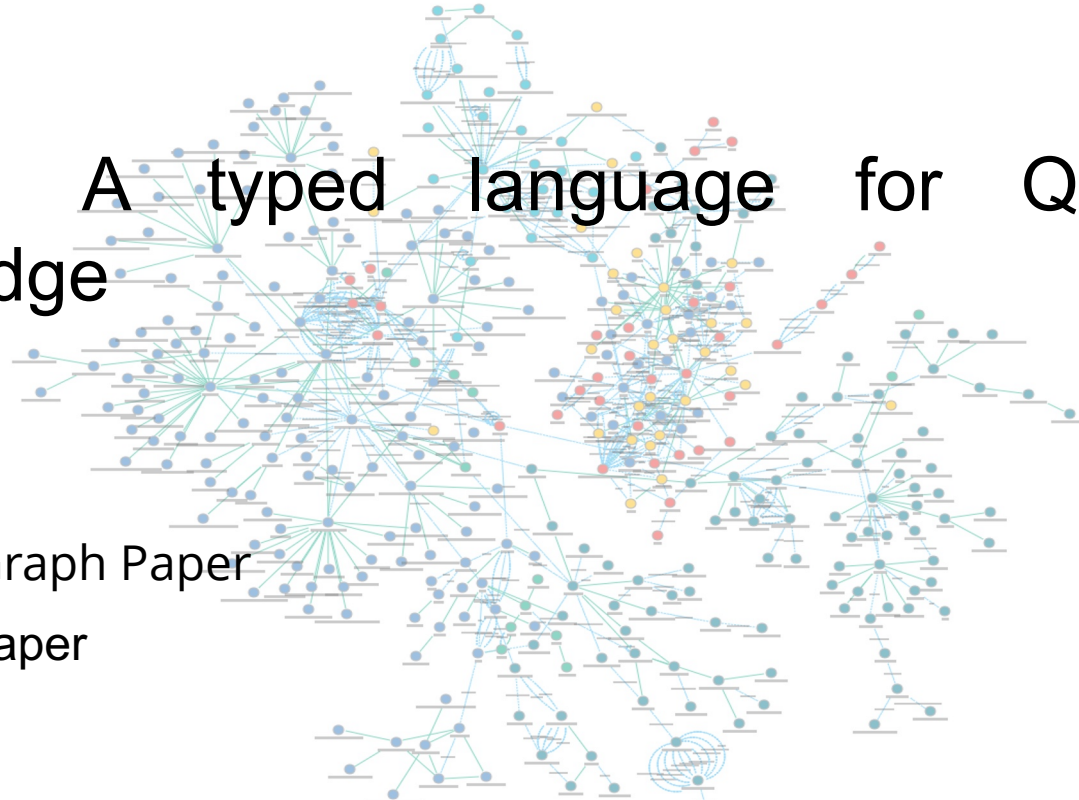


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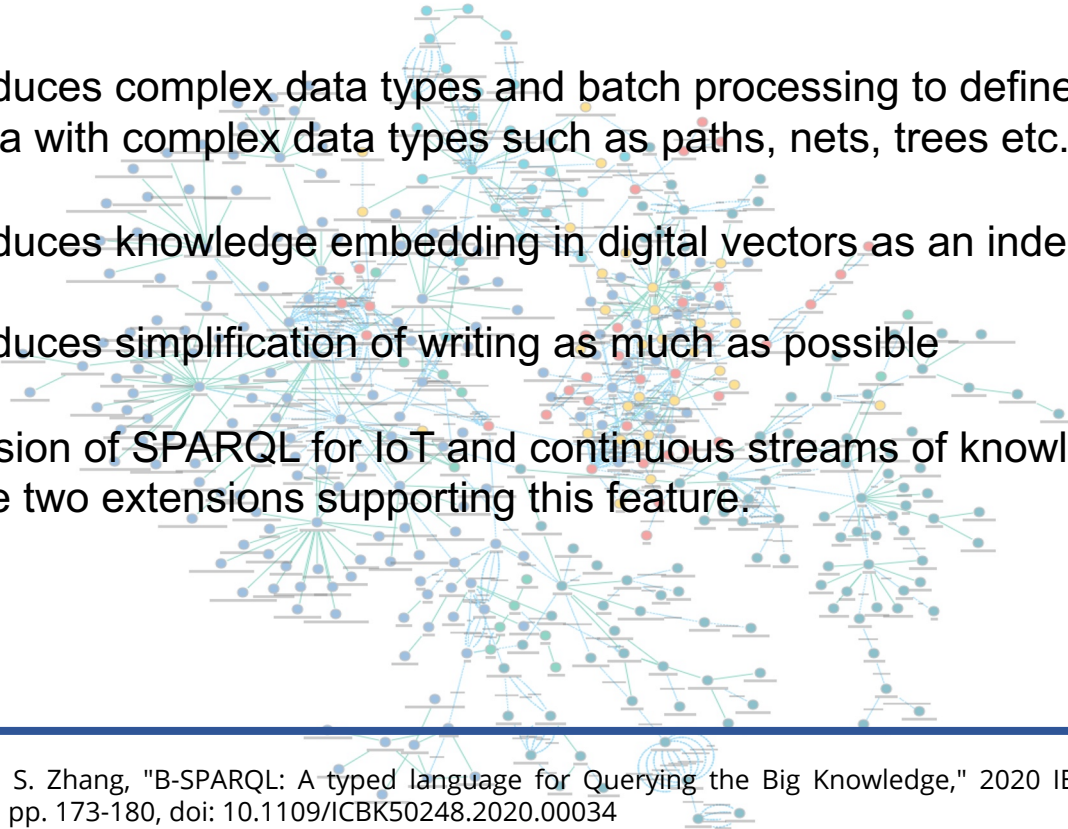


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Area/Motivation

- i. Under the background of BK and BD, SPARQL is not powerful enough to meet growing requirements
- ii. B-SPARQL introduces complex data types and batch processing to define, operate and query massive size data with complex data types such as paths, nets, trees etc.
- iii. B-SPARQL introduces knowledge embedding in digital vectors as an independent data type
- iv. B-SPARQL introduces simplification of writing as much as possible
- v. Discusses extension of SPARQL for IoT and continuous streams of knowledge. C-SPARQL and DESERT are two extensions supporting this feature.



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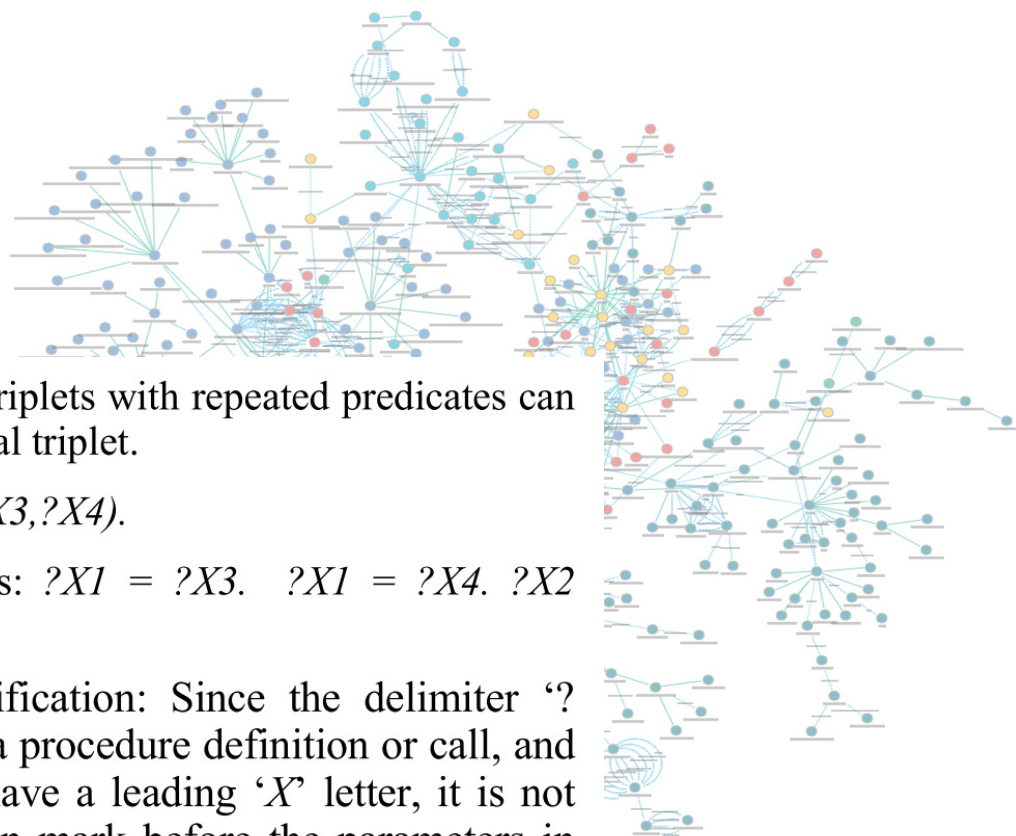
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- $?Xany$ means querying an entity $Xany$;
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- $?UPR(Xany1, XAny2)$ means querying an unordered pair $Xany$ of entities;
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Eg: $?S(S(T(X)))$

Area/Motivation

B-SPARQL introduces simplification of writing as much as possible



Triplet simplification: Triplets with repeated predicates can be saved. Following is a legal triplet.

all (?X1, ?X2) = *all* (?X3, ?X4).

It equals to four triplets: ?X1 = ?X3. ?X1 = ?X4. ?X2 = ?X3. ?X2 = ?X4.

Procedure head simplification: Since the delimiter ‘?’ Select’ is always heading a procedure definition or call, and since all variable names have a leading ‘X’ letter, it is not necessary to put a question mark before the parameters in procedure head.

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Overview of the Solution Proposed

B-Spa1.0 is the first implementation of B-SPARQL

Written in Python, extends open-source library RDFLib

Syntax -> B-SPARQL's query clause identical to SPARQL, B-SPARQL's concise representation,
New Semantic primitives

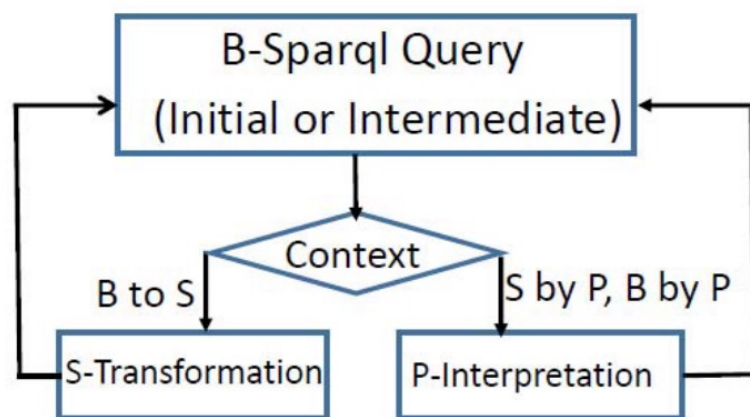


Fig. 1 Transformational Semantics of B-Sparql

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Example 3.1.1

Example 3.1.1: Find K most frequent predicates from M largest knowledge areas:

```
Select ?KMmost(S(OPR(XPre, Ynum)); Yk, Ym, S(S(T(Ygl))))  
Where{Call select ?Mmost(S(S(T(Ypart))); Ym, S(S(T(Ygl))))  
S(S(T(Ygl))))}.
```

```
Call select ?Kmost(S(OPR(XPre, Ynum)); Yk, S(T(Yloc)))  
where {?S(T(Yloc)) in ?S(S(T(Ypart)))}.}
```

Group by ?XPre.

Order by desc(?Ynum).

Limit ?Yk.

```
Select ?Kmost(S(OPR(XPre, Ynum)); Yk, S(T(Yloc)))
```

```
Where {{?Xa ?XPre ?Xb.} in ?S(T(Yloc)).}
```

Group by ?XPre.

Order by desc (count(?XPre)).

Limit ?Yk.

?Ynum := count(?XPre).

```
Select ?Mmost(S(S(T(Ypart))); Ym, S(S(T(Yglob))))
```

```
Where { ?S(S(T(Ypart))) subsetOf ?S(S(T(Yglob))).}
```

Order by desc(count(anyof(?S(S(T(Ypart)))))).

Limit ?Ym.

The call statement is:

```
Call select ?KMmost(S(OPR(XPre, Ynum)); 10, 3,  
{DBpedia, YAGO, Wikidata}).
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Where{

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Call select ?Kmost(S(OPR(XPre, Ynum)); Yk, S(T(Yloc)))

where { S(T(Yloc)) in ?S(S(T(Ypart))) }. }

Group by ?XPre.

Order by desc(?Ynum).

Limit ?Yk.

Select ?Mmost(S(S(T(Ypart))); Ym, S(S(T(Yglob))))

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Order by desc(count(anyof(?S(S(T(Ypart))))).

Limit ?Ym.

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Group by ?XPre.

Order by desc (count(?XPre)).

Limit ?Yk.

?Ynum := count(?XPre).

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Call **select ?KMmost(S(OPR(XPre, Ynum)); 10 ,3, {DBpedia, YAGO, Wikidata})**.

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Where{

Call select **?Mmost(S(S(T(Ypart))); Ym, S(S(T(Ygl))))**.

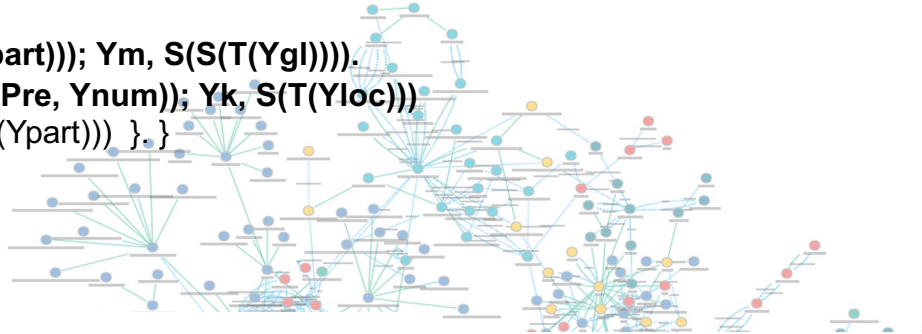
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Order by desc(?Ynum).

Limit ?Yk.



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Experiment VII.1 (Example 3.1.1)

In Table II we only list three most frequent predicates of each KG. The global result is (W1, W2, W3, Y1, Y2, D1, Y3, D2, D3). Roughly Wikidata > YAGO > DBpedia, except that D1 > Y3.

TABLE II. THREE MOST FREQUENT PREDICATES AND THEIR FREQUENCIES OF 3 KGs

DBpedia	YAGO	Wikidata
http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type 113715836	http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#comment 139236795	http://schema.org/description 2205858413
http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#sameAs 33623686	http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#label 137296236	http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type 1155990655
http://purl.org/dc/terms/subject 23990492	http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type 55748756	http://wikiba.se/ontology#rank 1049614942



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Example 3.3.1

```
Select ?count(distinct(?XP1)) as ?Xcomplete
      ?count(distinct(?XP2)) as ?Xtotal    ?Xcomprate
Where{ ?X2 ?XP1 ?Y2.
      Where {?X1 ?XP1 ?Y1. ?X2 ?XP2 ?Y3. sameClass
            (?X1, ?X2) = true }}
Filter( STR(?X1) != STR(?X2) )
      ?Xcomprate = ?Xcomplete/?Xtotal.
```

A. Experiment VII.2 (Example 3.3.1)

The data in Table III is the result of querying the KG NELL [54] for evaluating the degree of its predicate completeness. Table III shows its number of predicates and complete predicates and the completeness rate.

TABLE III. NELL'S COMPLETENESS OF PREDICATES

# predicates	# complete predicates	Completeness rate
828	355	355/828=0.429

```
Select ?count(distinct(?XP1)) as ?Xcomplete
      ?count(distinct(?XP2)) as ?Xtotal ?Xcomprate
```

```
Where{
      ?X2 ?XP1 ?Y2.
      Where {?X1 ?XP1 ?Y1. ?X2 ?XP2 ?Y3. sameClass
            (?X1, ?X2) = true }
      }
Filter( STR(?X1) != STR(?X2) )
      ?Xcomprate = ?Xcomplete/?Xtotal.
```

- T. Mitchell, W. Cohen, E. Hruschka, P. Talukdar, B. Yang, J. Betteridge, A. Carlson, B. Dalvi, M. Gardner, B. Kisiel, J. Krishnamurthy, N. Lao, K. Mazaitis, T. Mohamed, N. Nakashole, E. Platanios, A. Ritter, M. Samadi, B. Settles, R. Wang, D. Wijaya, A. Gupta, X. Chen, A. Saparov, M. Greaves, and J. Welling. 2018. Never-ending learning. *Commun. ACM* 61, 5 (May 2018), 103–115. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3191513>
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Examples 4.1.2 , 5.1

?N (T(X)) ; ?P(T(X)) ; ?C (T(X))

Select ?C(X)

Where {?C(X) terminal e1. ?C(X) terminal e2.}

Following is the same query in detailed form which makes use of query procedure definition and a function ‘undirect’ producing a reversed form of a triplet as its alternative. More exactly, undirect (?X1, ?X2', ?X3) = {?X1, ?X2', ?X3 || ?X3, ?X2', ?X1}.

Select ? minechain (C(X);Y1,Y2)

Where {T1|| T2 T3 || T4 T5 call Select ? minechain (C(X);X2,X3) }

Above we use simplified notation to avoid very tedious writing, where

$T1 = \{?Y1 ?X1' ?Y2.\}$ $T2 = \{?Y1 ?X1' ?X2.\}$ $T3 = \{?X2 ?X4' ?Y2.\}$

$T4 = \{?Y1 ?X1' ?X2.\}$ $T5 = \{?X3 ?X5' ?Y2.\}$

Call Select ? Ave-distance (Y4; 100, 100, 0).

Select ? c-distance (X ;ID(Y1),ID(Y2), X1).

Where { ?ID(Y1) = ?ID(Y2). ?X := ?X1.

|| all (?ID(Y1),?ID(Y2)) in ?T(Y). ?X := ?X1 +1.

|| all (?ID(Y1),?ID(Y3)) in ?T(Y). all (?ID(Y2),?ID(Y4)) in ?T(Y).

Call Select ? c-distance (X ;ID(Y3),ID(Y4), X1+2).

Select ? Ave-distance (Y4; Y5, Y6, Y7)

Where { ?Y5 > 0.

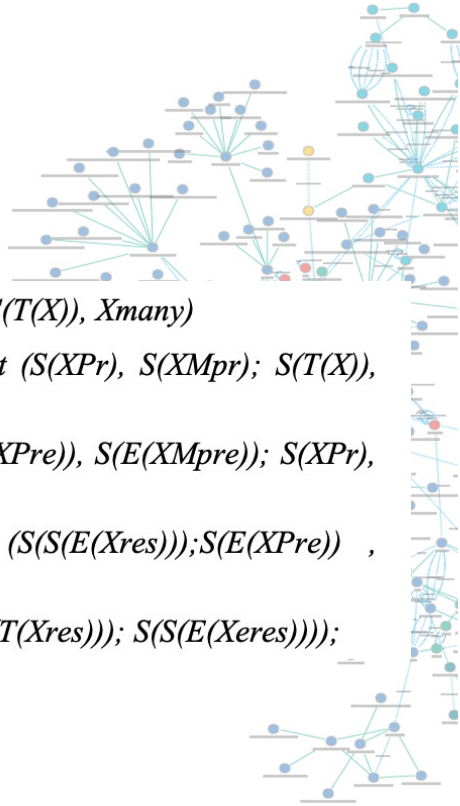
Call Select ? distance (X; Random (ID(Y), Y1) , Random (ID(Y), Y2), 0, Y),

Call Select ? Ave-distance (Y4; Y5-1, Y6, X+Y7, Y){

TABLE IV. SMALL WORLD RATE OF THREE KGs

	DBpedia	Orpha	Rhea
Size	438336346	2296871	3291266
Average distance	3.32	2.24	1.95
S.W. rate	1.807	2.679	3.077

Example 6.1



Select ? Classify (S(S(T(Y)));S(T(X)), Xmany)

Where {Call Select ?Collect (S(XPr), S(XMpr); S(T(X)), Xmany)

Call Select ?Embed (S(E(XPre)), S(E(XMpre))); S(XPr), S(XMpr))

Call Select ? Cluster (S(S(E(Xres)));S(E(XPre)) , S(E(XMpre)),Xmany)

Call Select ? Reverse (S(S(T(Xres))); S(S(E(Xres))));

TABLE V. CLASSIFY DBPEDIA IN THREE CLUSTERS

DBpedia	type	sameAs	subject
# predicates	686	1191	453
# triplets	130107097	59400920	36419711

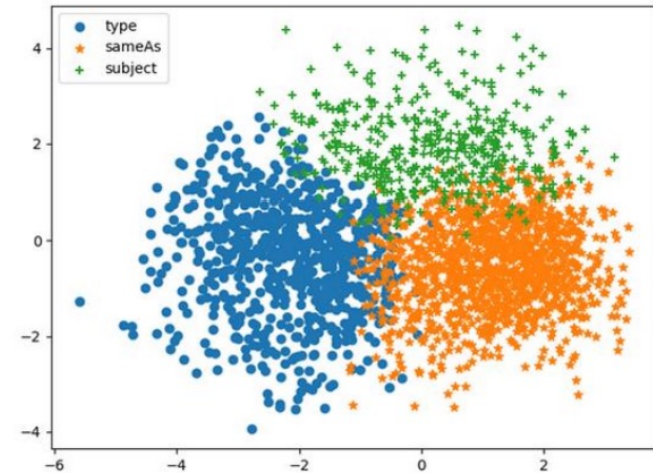


Fig. 2 Distribution of 3 clusters

Reflection

What the authors considered novel or the major contribution?

- a) A new typed query language is introduced and its syntax is discussed
- b) Authors extends RDF Lib and use Python as the programming language
- c) B-SPARQL provides proper embedding and vector translation technique
- d) Different enrichments in SPARQL like P-SPARQL, SPARQLeR, GLEEN, TrQuery, Vec2SPARQL, FunSPARQL, C-SPARQL and DESERT.
- e) Different semantic examples using B-SPARQL

What I considered interesting?

- a) SPARQL paves the way to improving our understanding to deal with Big Knowledge
- b) There are different aspects of data, that stretch the current needs to explore the querying language in other dimensions as well.

What it tells me about the state of knowledge graphs?

- a) Knowledge graphs are growing in size and data diversity
 - b) There are newer ways to compute and mine knowledge from Knowledge Graphs
 - c) There should be an effort to unify the current processes and languages to target the knowledge graphs more wholistically.
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