



# Repairing Entities using Star Constraints in Multi-relational Graphs

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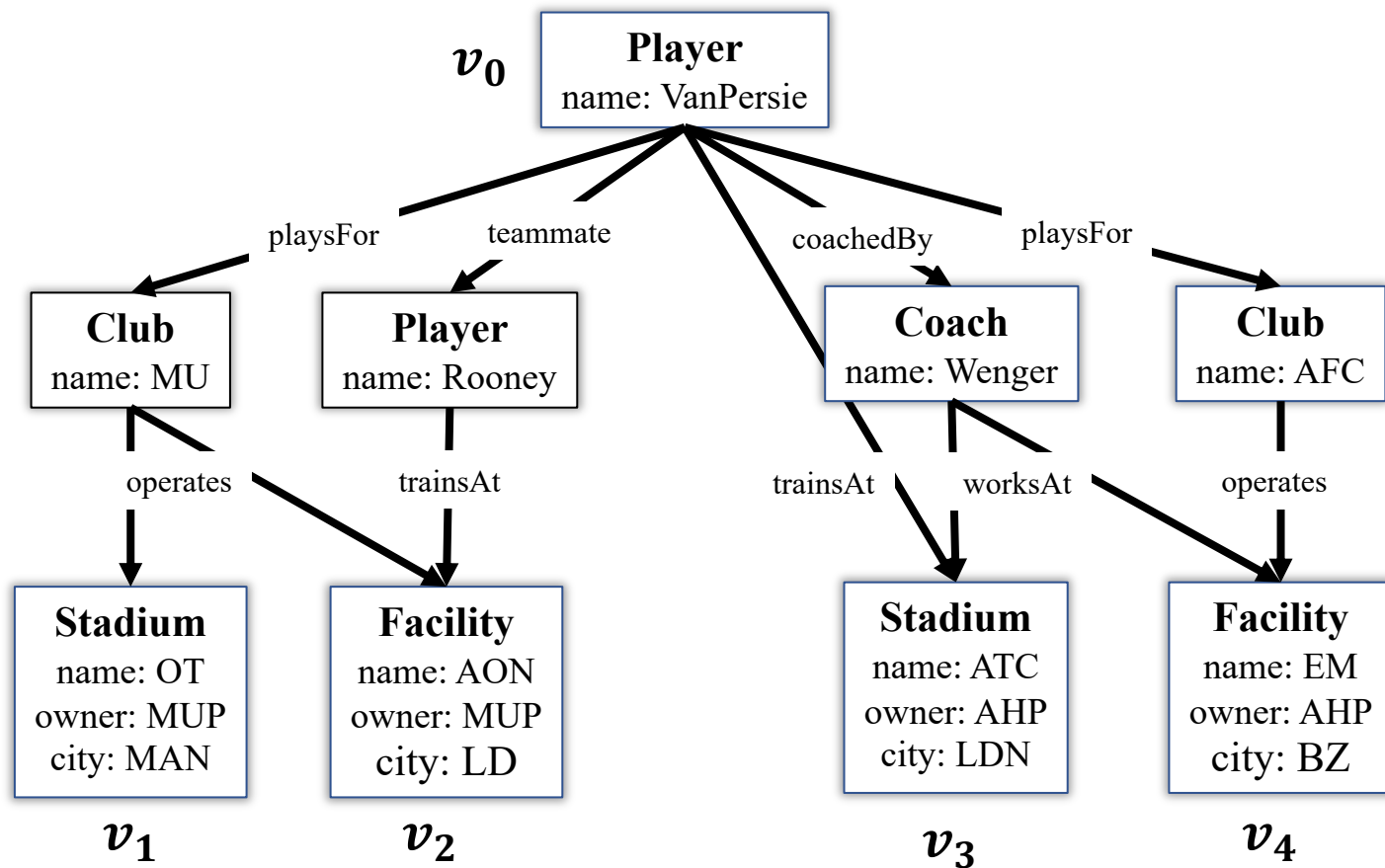
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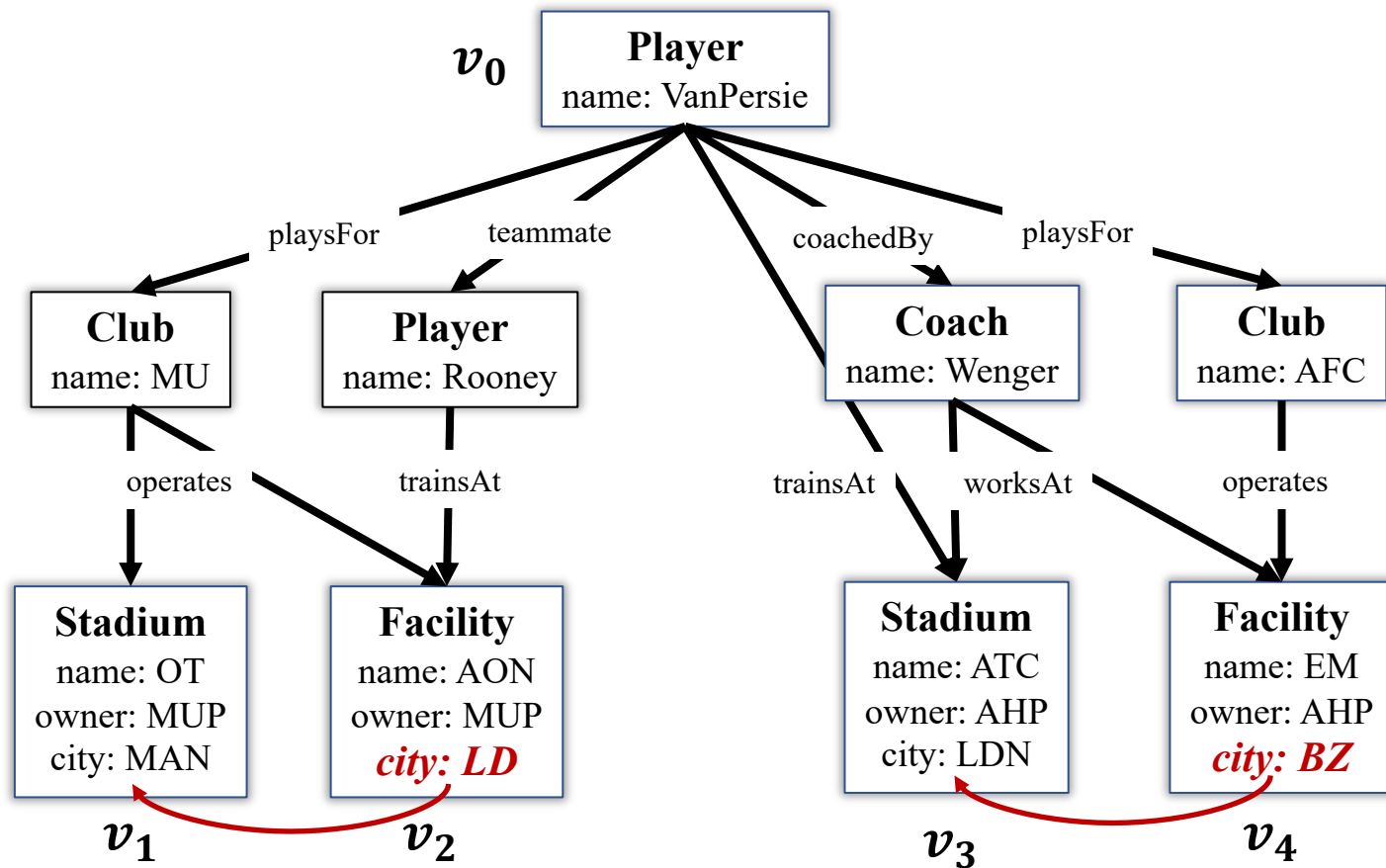
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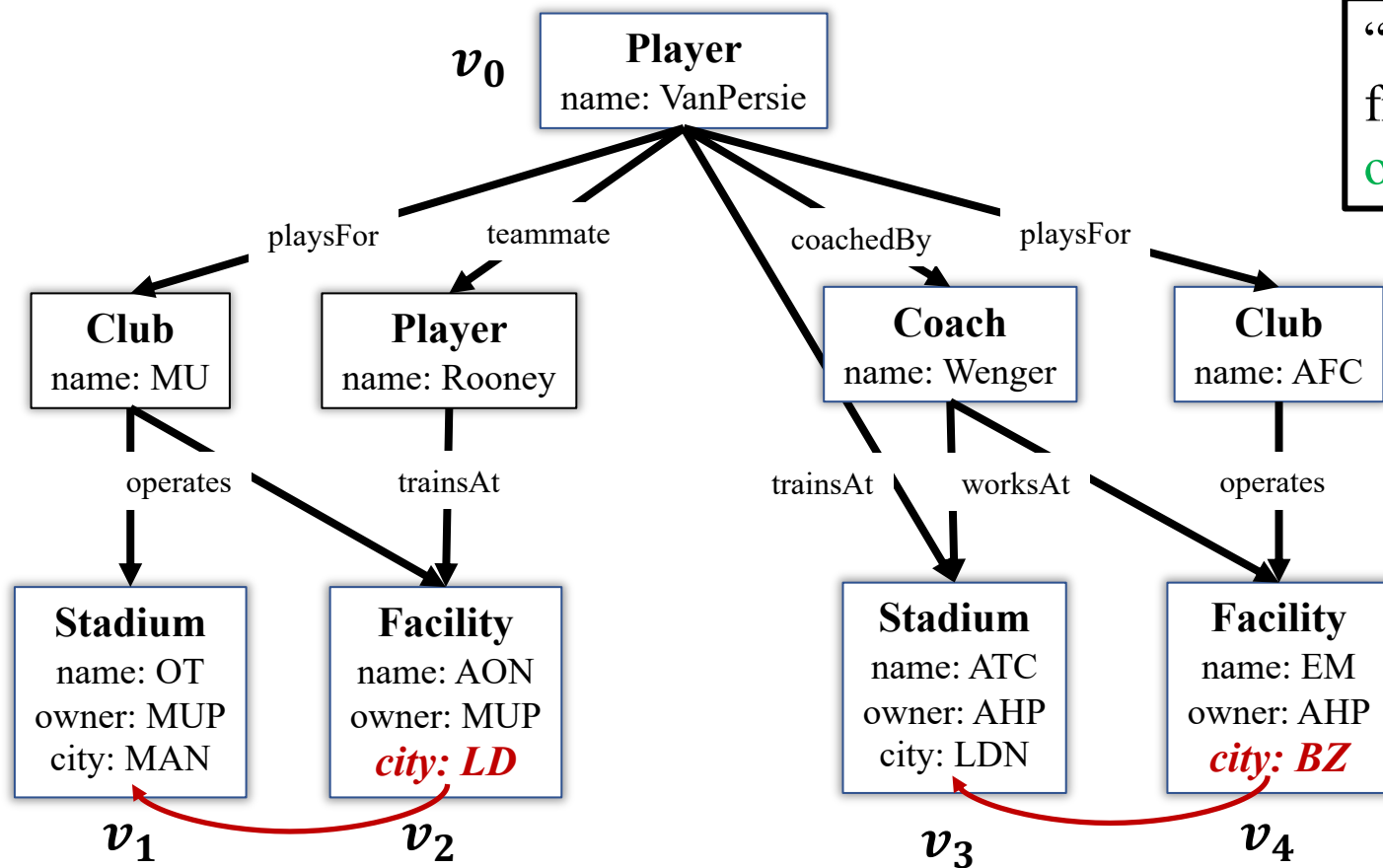
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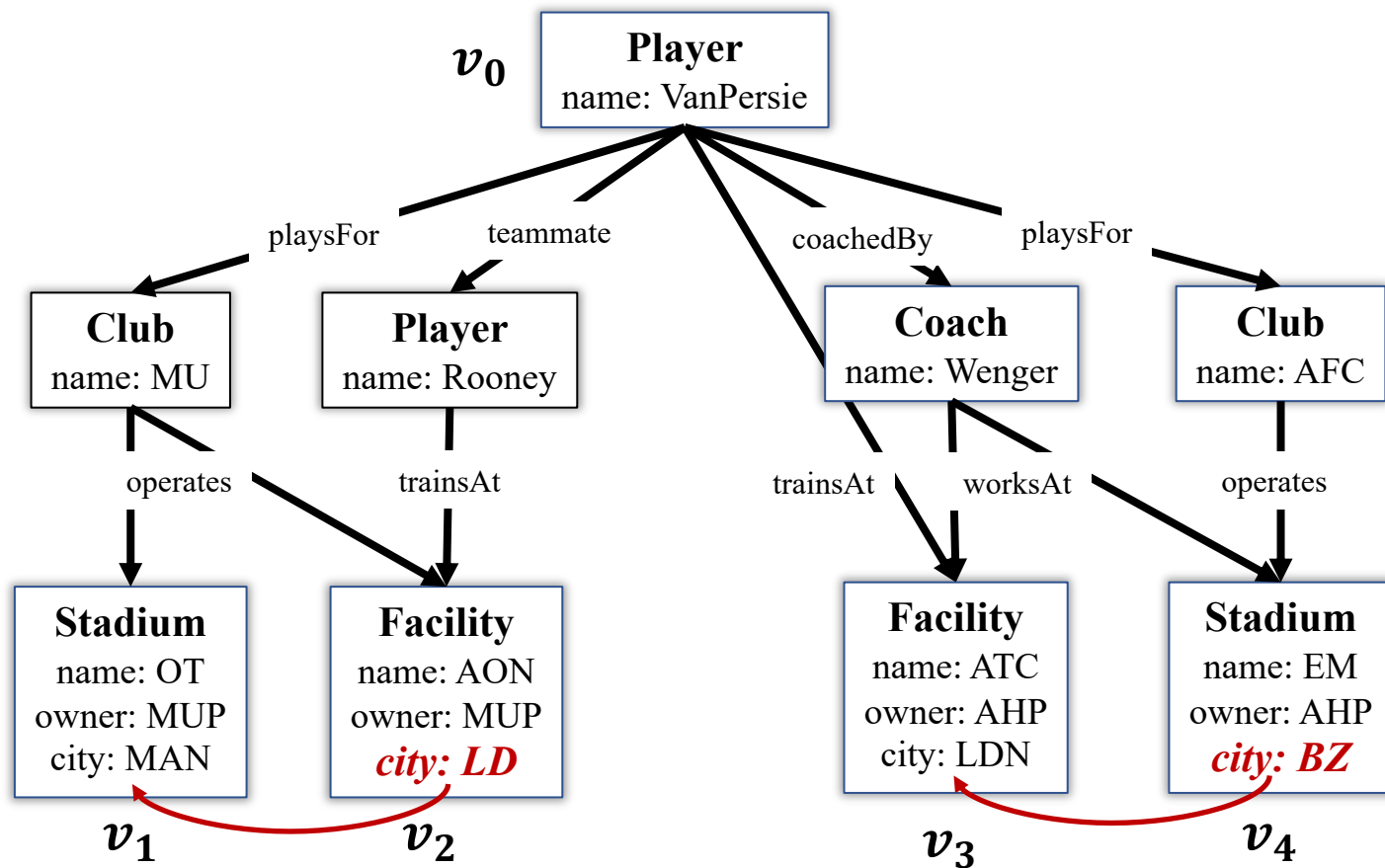
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- Semantics: *relevant paths from a center node*



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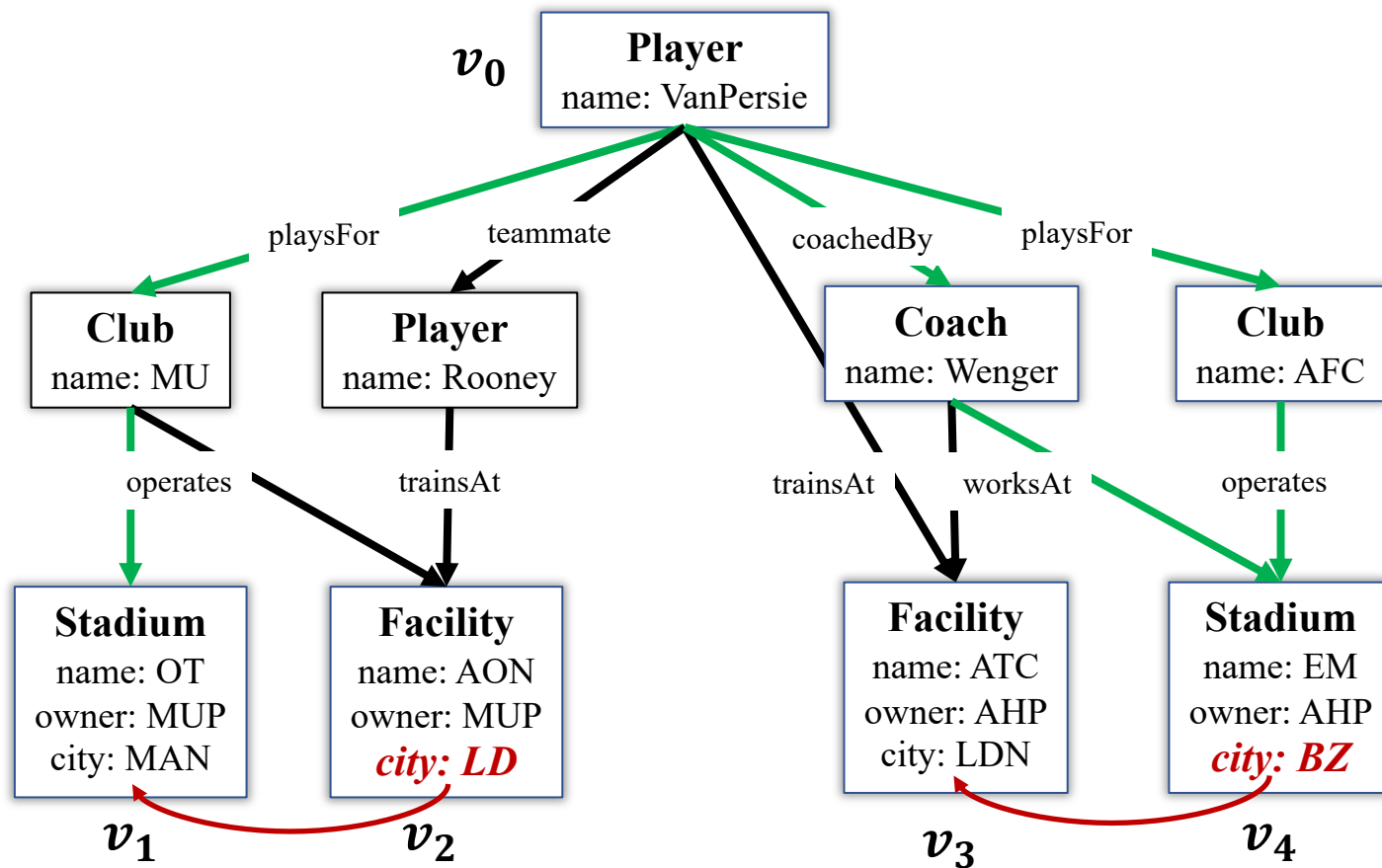
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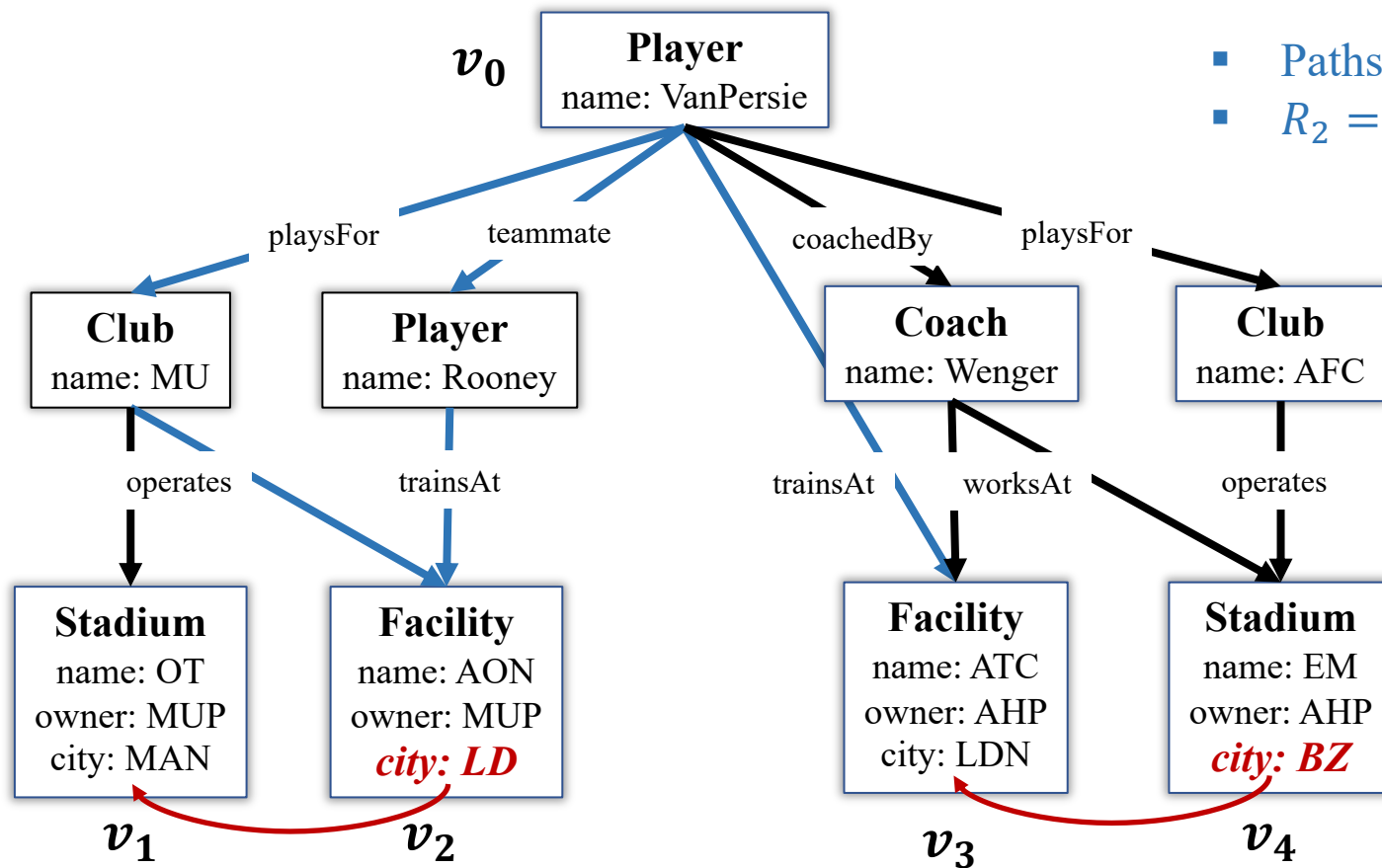
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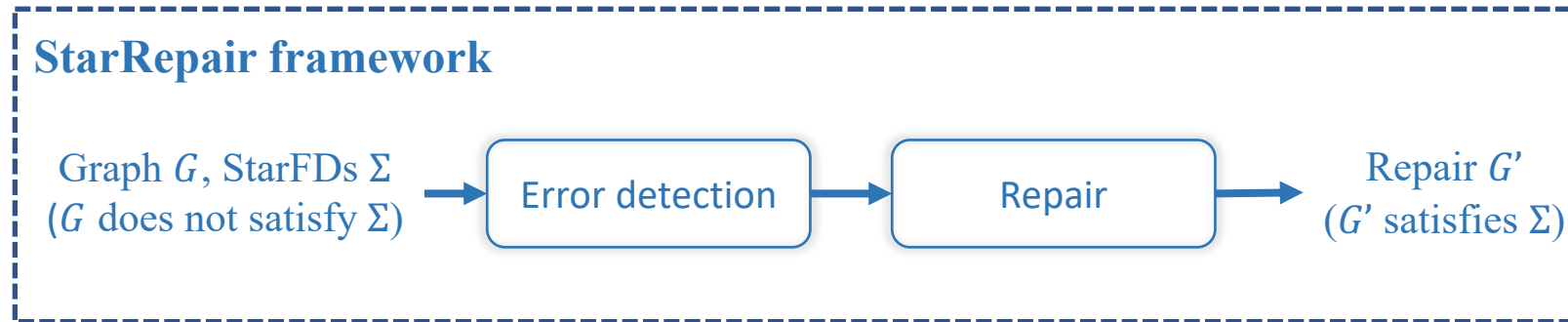
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( $G$  does not satisfy  $\Sigma$ )

Error detection

Repair

Repair  $G'$   
( $G'$  satisfies  $\Sigma$ )

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## Repair workflow

Is approximable?

Yes

No

Is optimal repairable?

Heuristic solution

Yes

No

Optimal solution

Approximation solution

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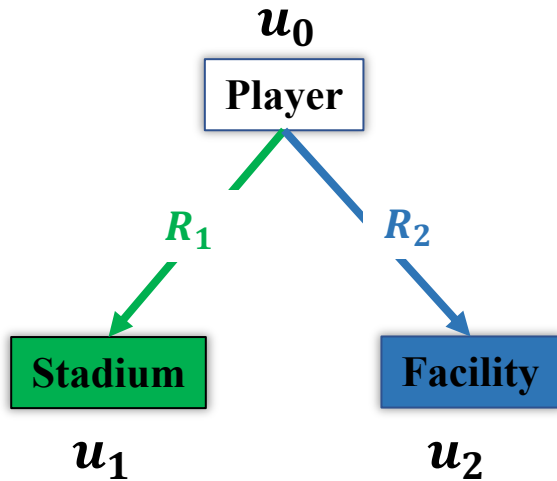
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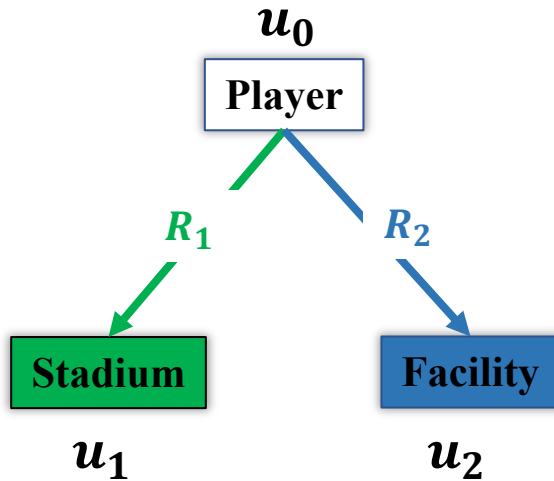
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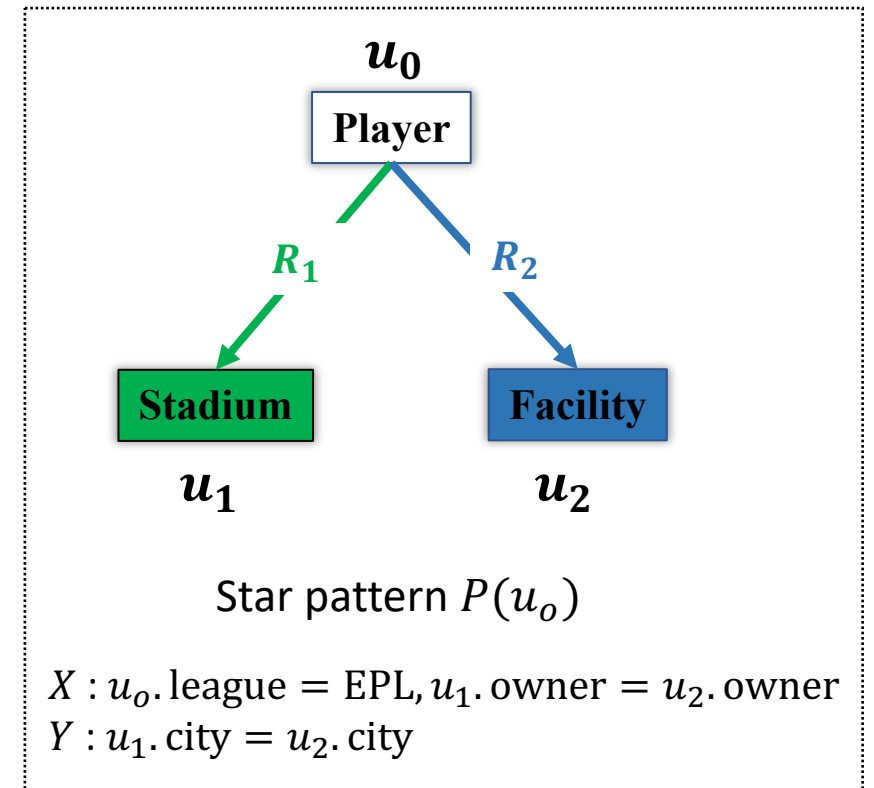
- $X$  and  $Y$  are two sets of literals
- Literals:  $u.A = c$ , or  $u.A = u'.A'$

$X : u_o.\text{league} = \text{EPL}, u_1.\text{owner} = u_2.\text{owner}$

$Y : u_1.\text{city} = u_2.\text{city}$

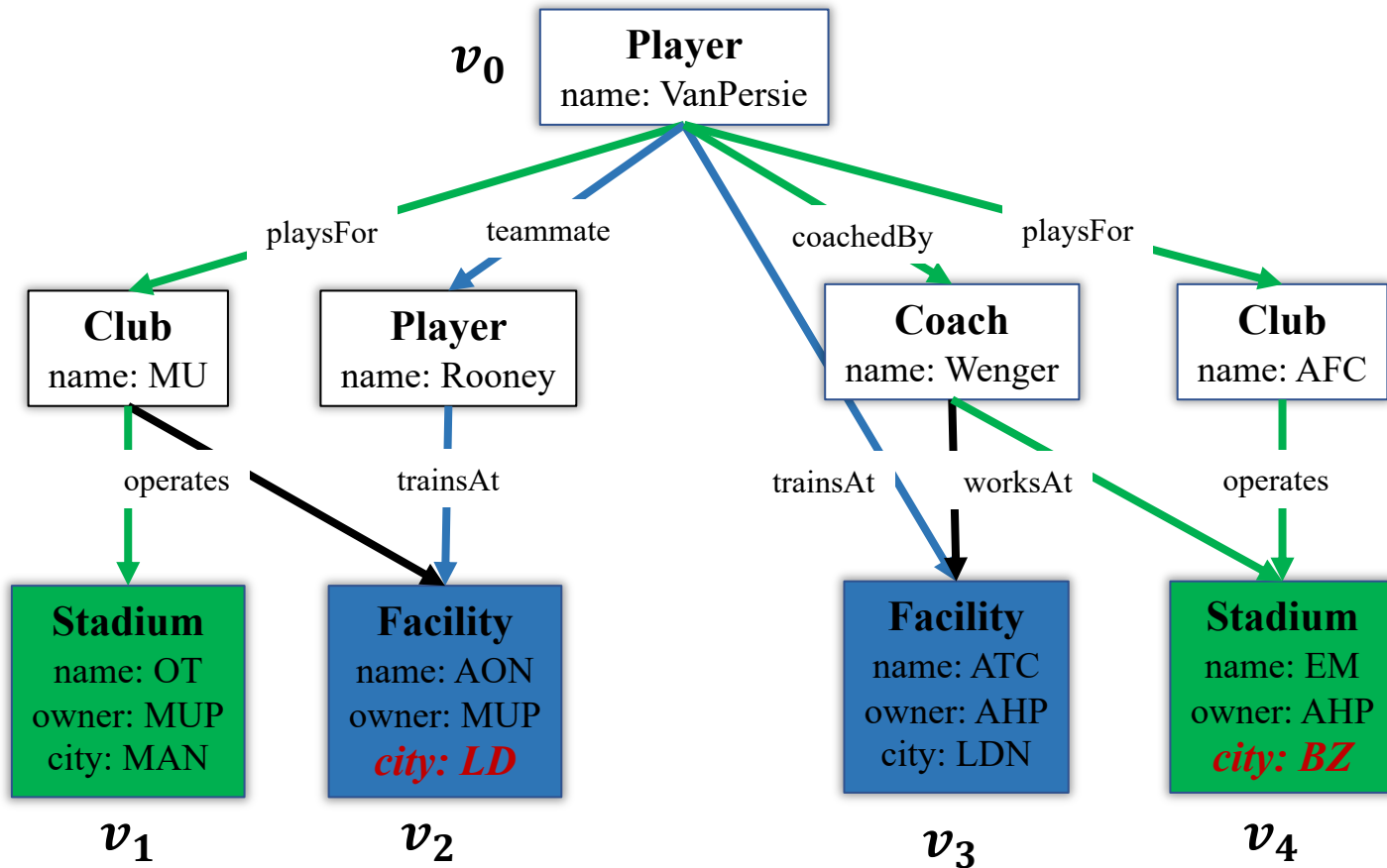
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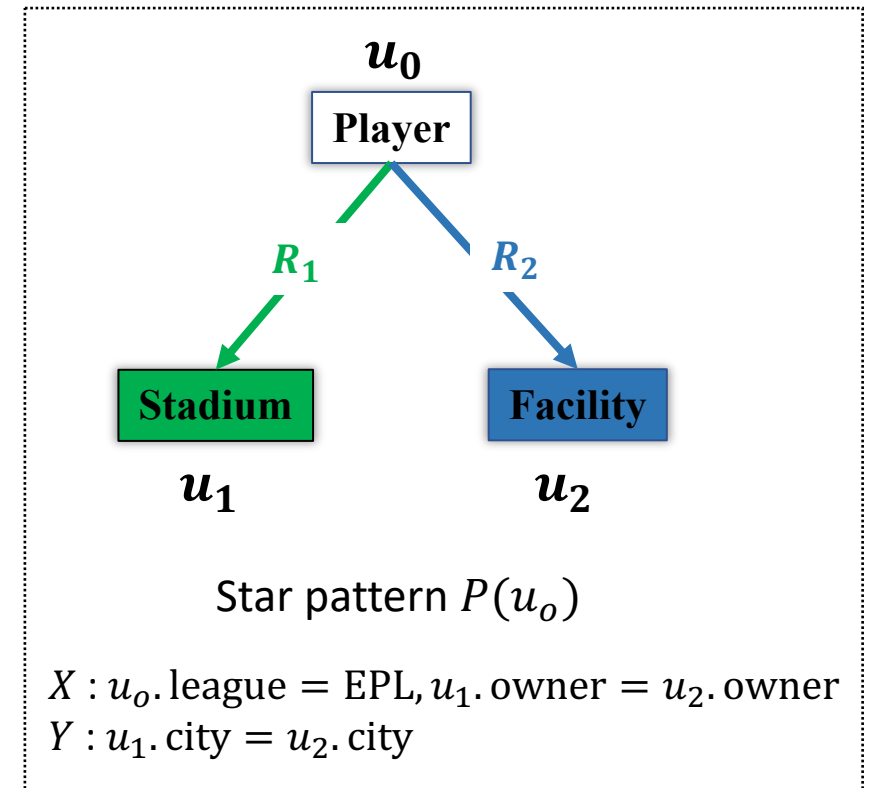


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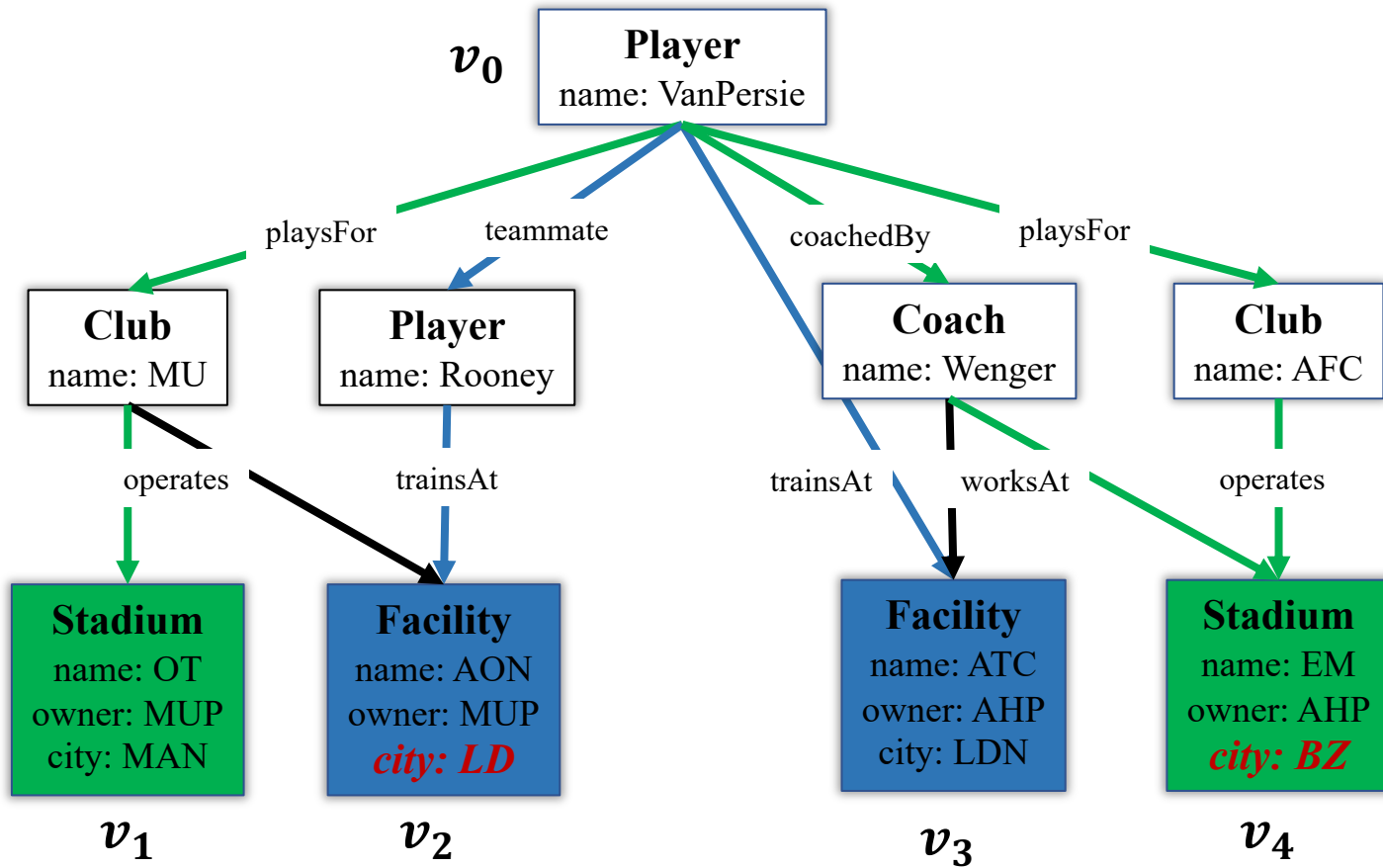


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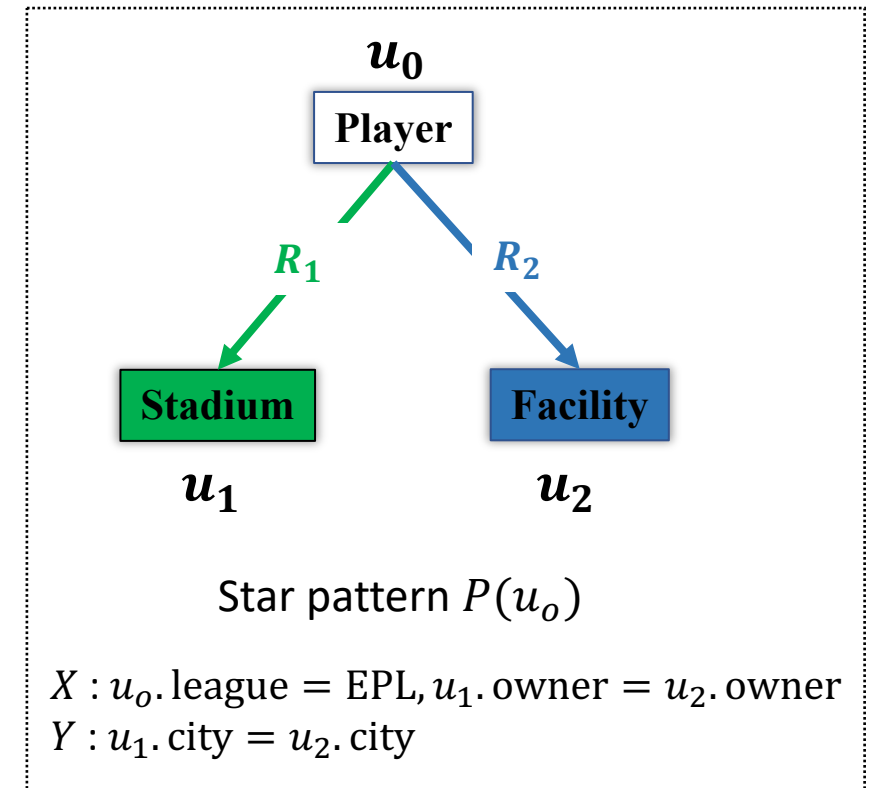


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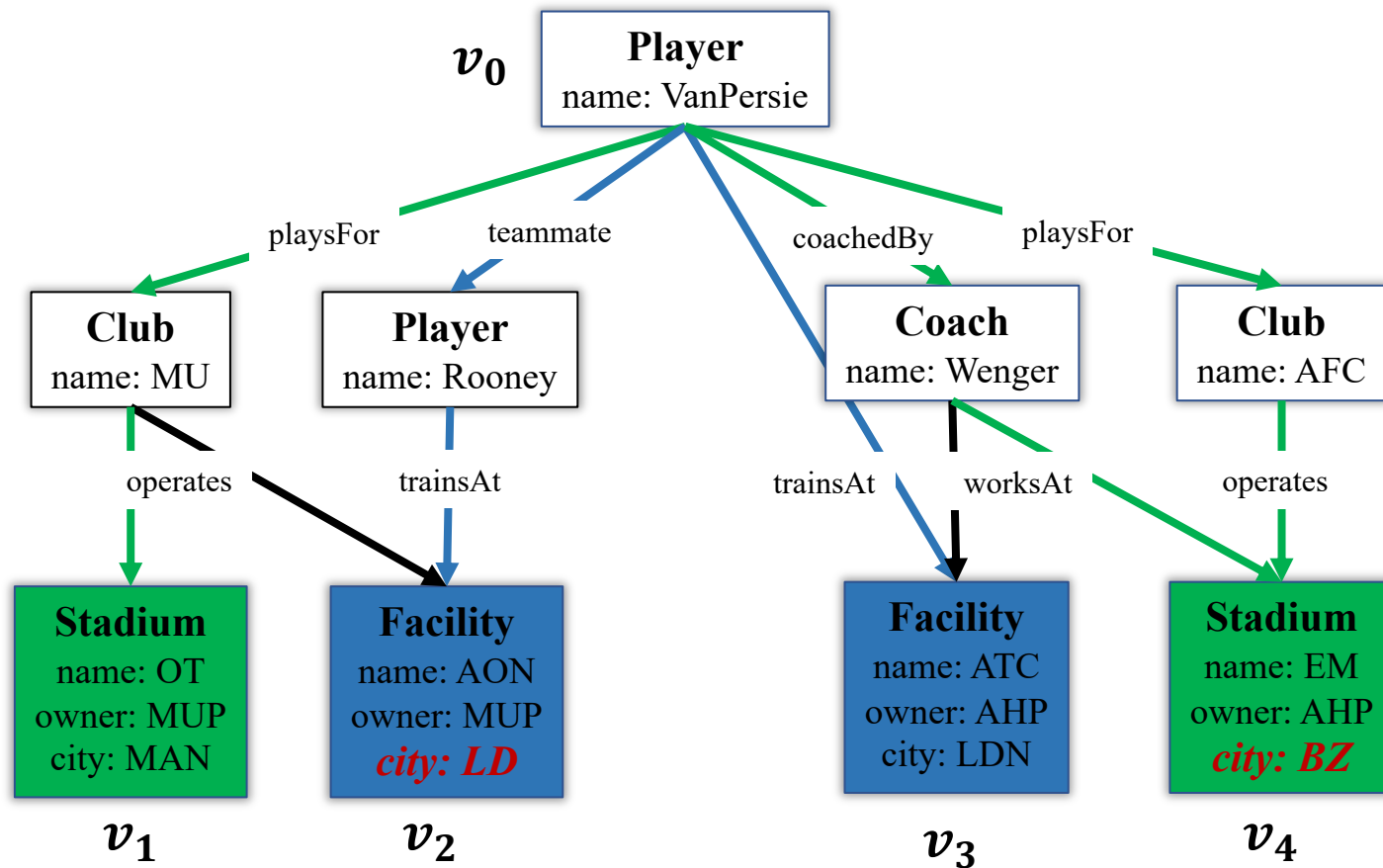
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Two repairs:

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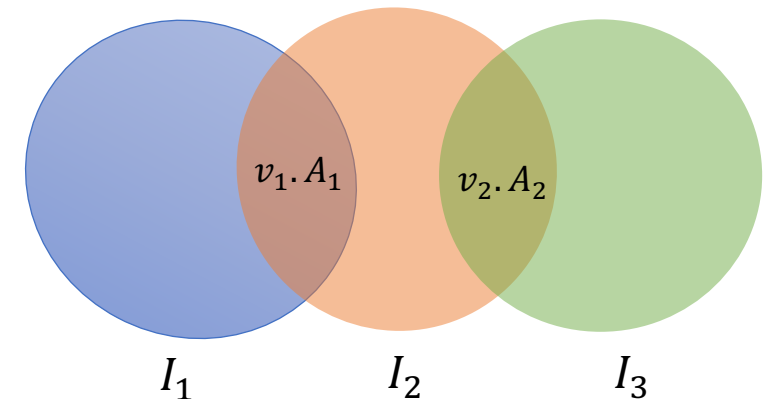
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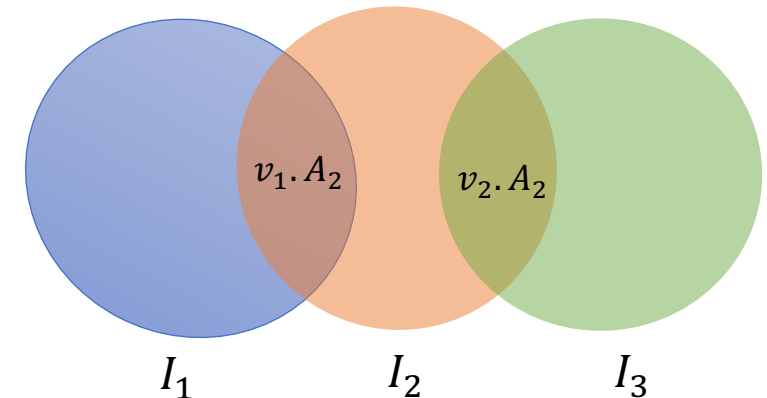
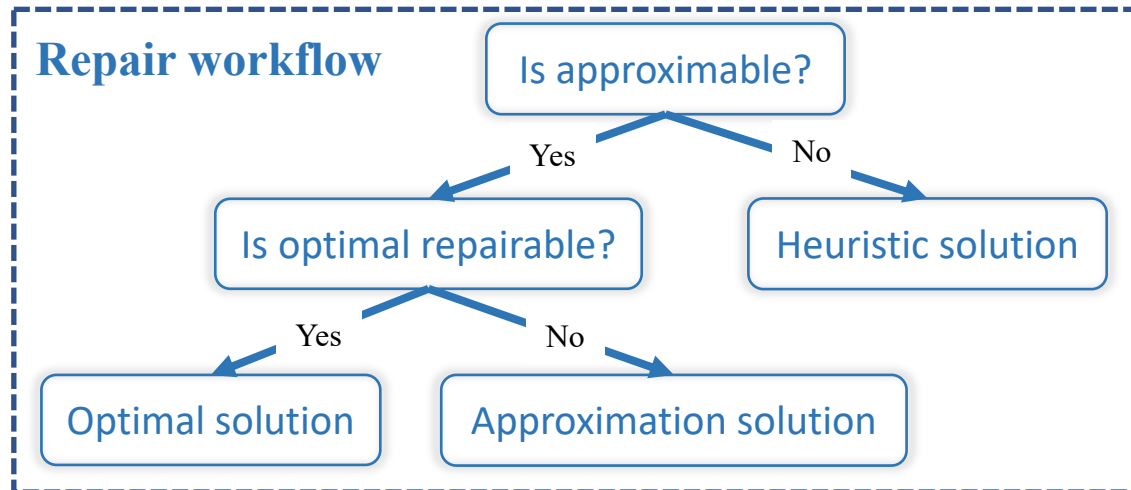
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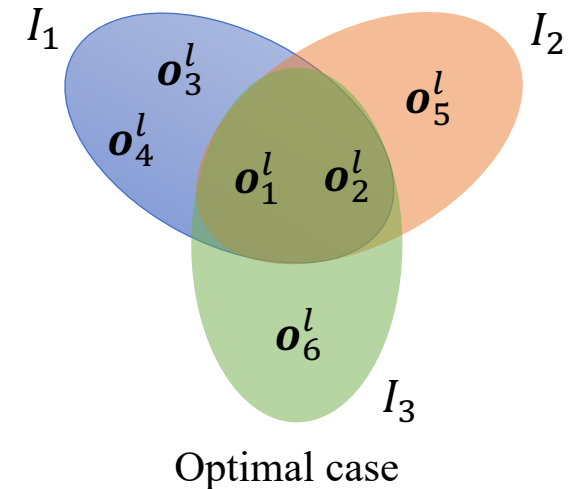
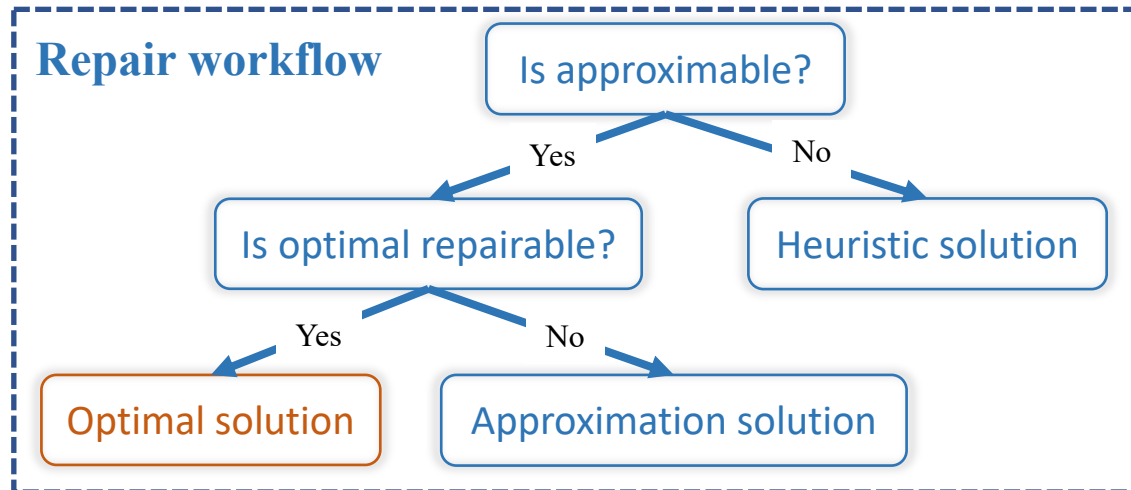


# Optimal case

- Updates  $\mathbf{o}^l$ : flip the condition of a literal  $l$  in  $X \cup Y$
- Optimal solution: hyper star structure
  - Select the  $\mathbf{o}^*$  with least cost in center
  - Select one  $\mathbf{o}$  with least cost in each petal, and induce  $\mathbf{O}$
  - If  $\text{cost}(\mathbf{o}^*) \leq \text{cost}(\mathbf{O})$ , return  $\mathbf{o}^*$ ; otherwise, return  $\mathbf{O}$

Example:

- $\mathbf{o}^* = \mathbf{o}_1^l$
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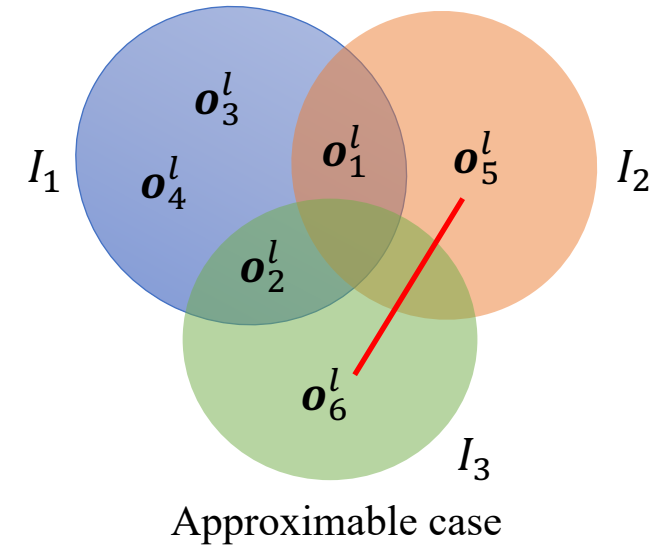
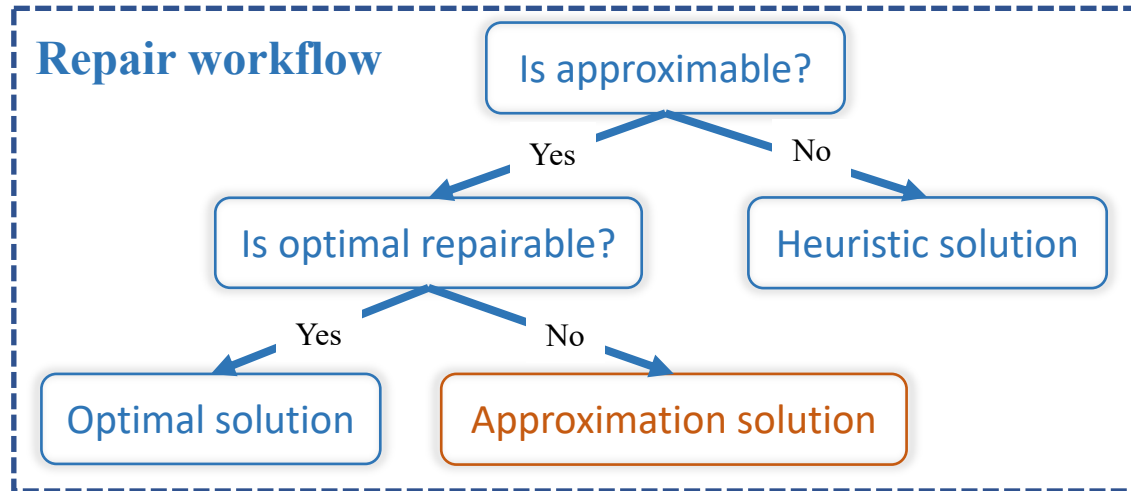


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  - Hypergraph vertex cover without forbidden pairs
  - Forbidden pairs
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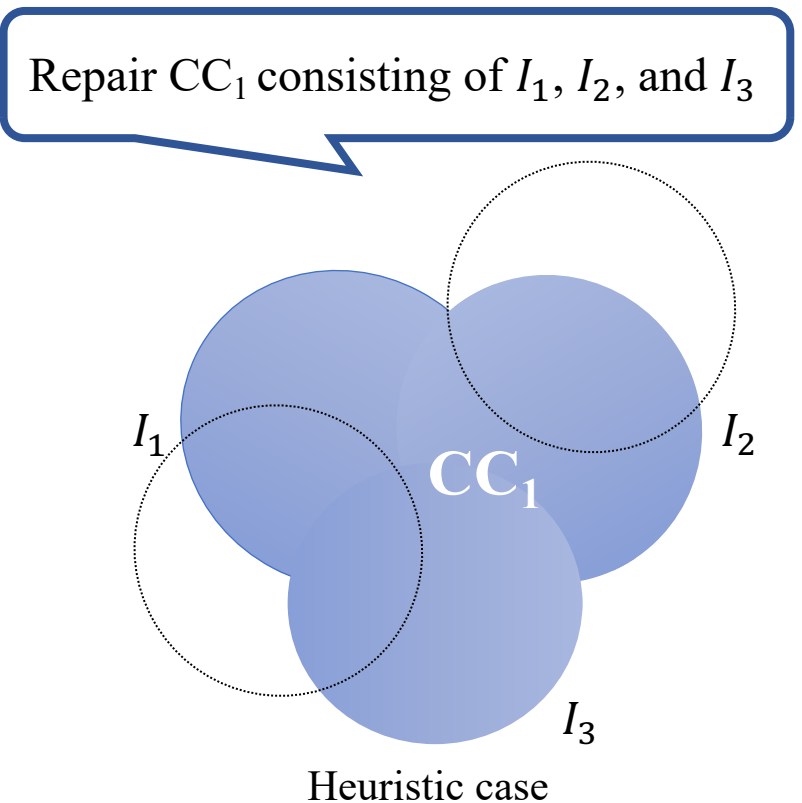
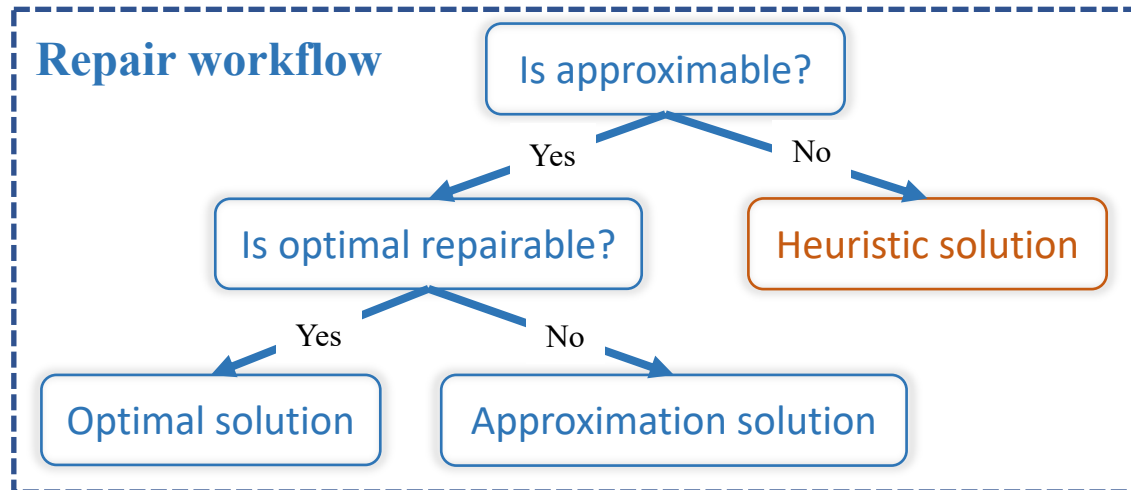
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- $\mathbf{o}_6^l$  is pruned





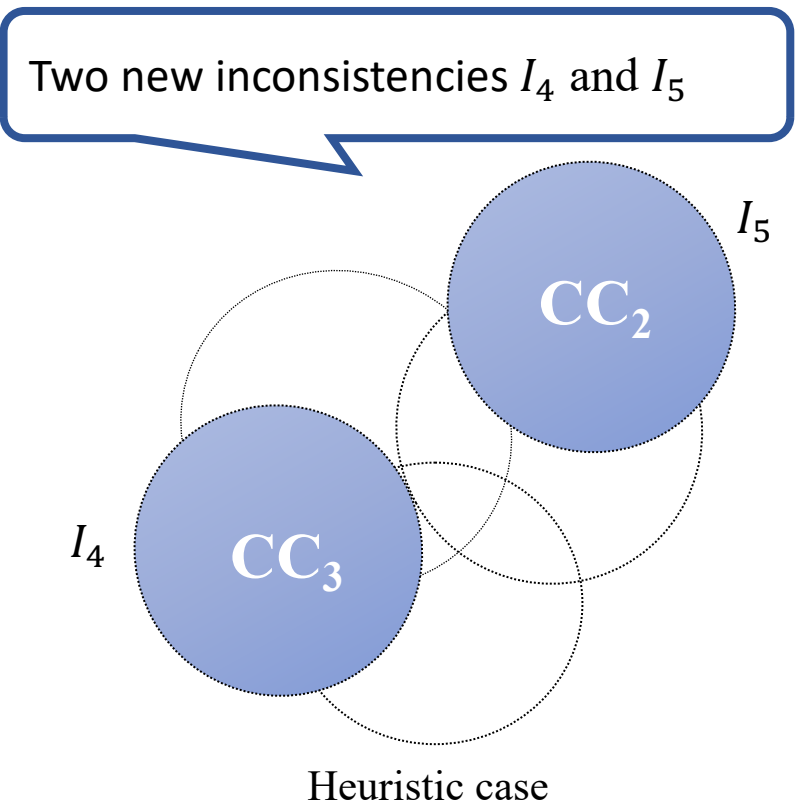
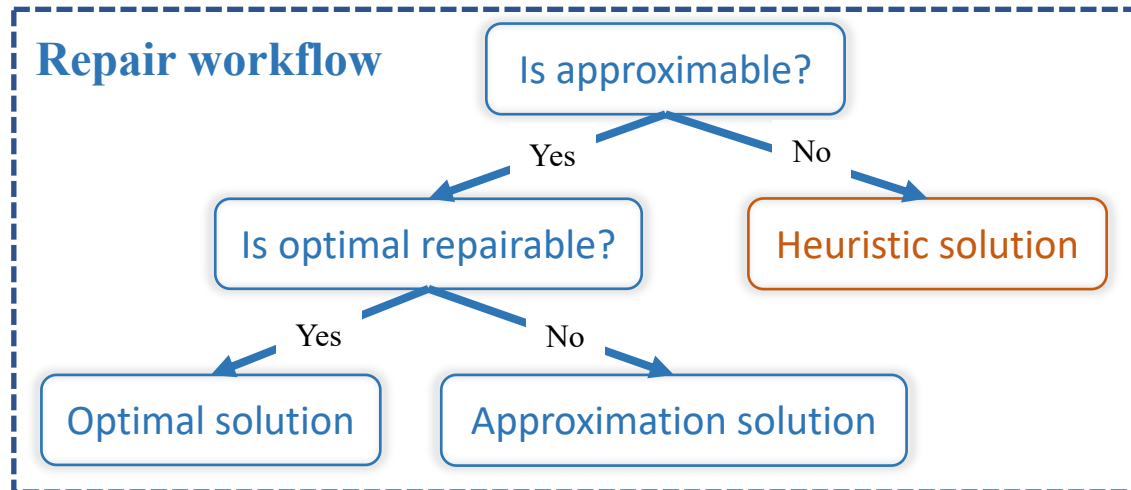
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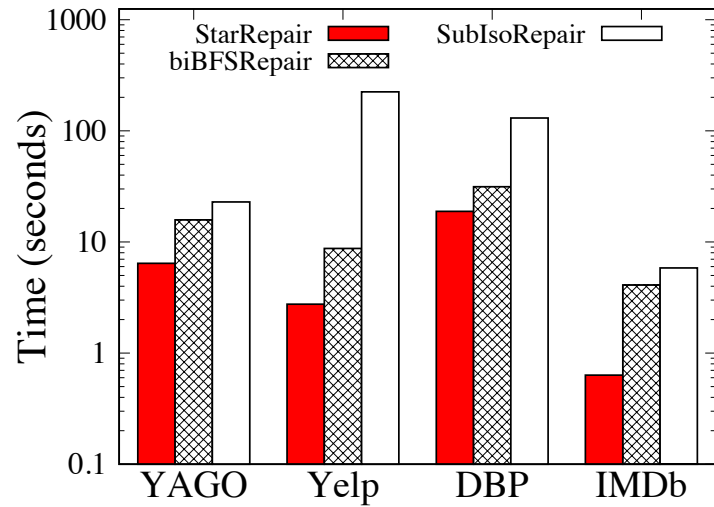
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Data	Description	# of nodes	# of edges	avg. # of attributes per node
Yago	Knowledge graph	2.1M	4.0M	3
DBPedia	Knowledge graph	2.2M	7.4M	4
Yelp	Business reviews	1.5M	1.6M	5
IMDb	Movie network	5.9M	3.2M	3

- Error generation: adopt silver standard and an error generation benchmark (Arocena et al. 2015)
- StarFD generation: discovered from silver standard (first star patterns and then value constraints)
- Algorithms:
  - **StarRepair:** use bidirectional search for regular path queries with incremental error detection
  - **biBFSRepair:** use bidirectional search *without incremental error detection*
  - **SubIsoRepair:** *use subgraph isomorphism* as matching semantics with incremental error detection

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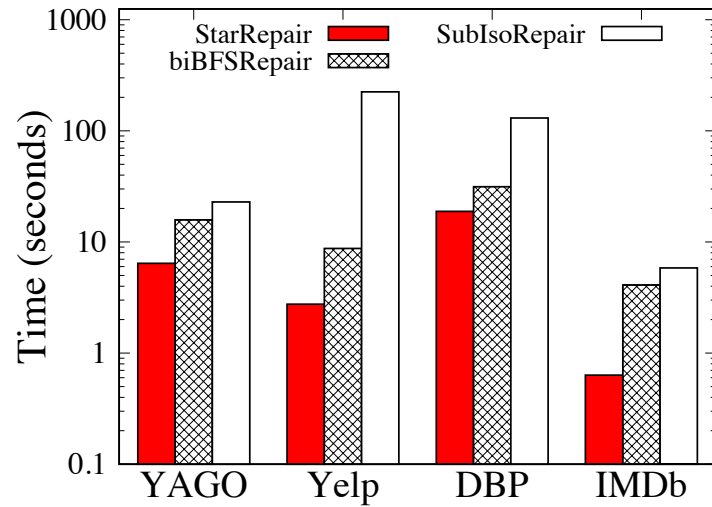


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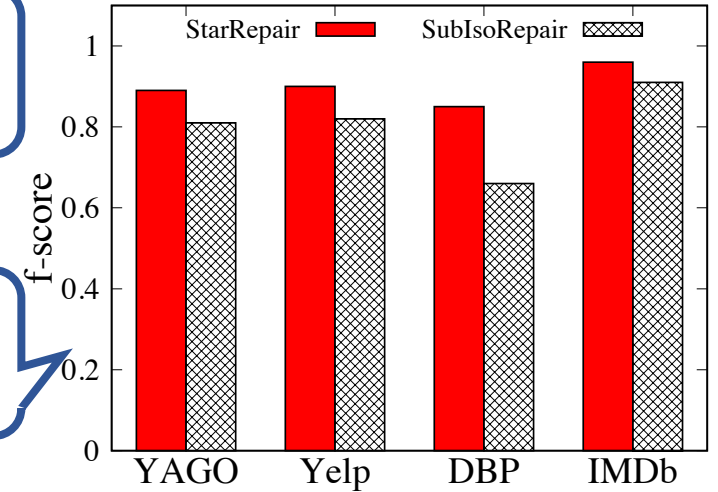
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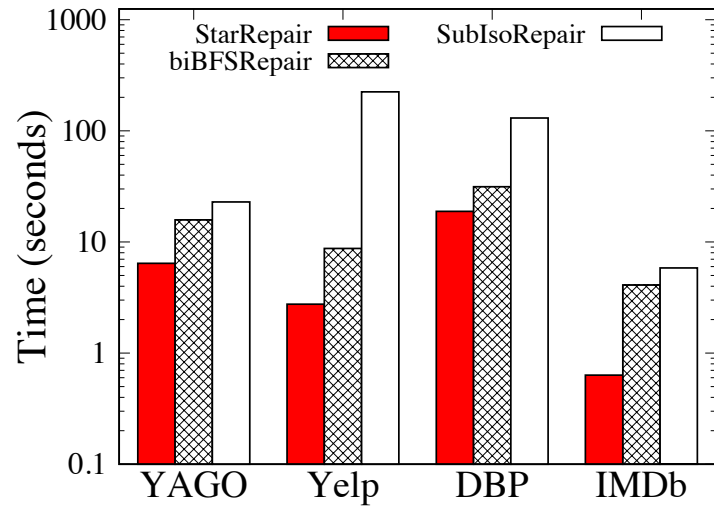
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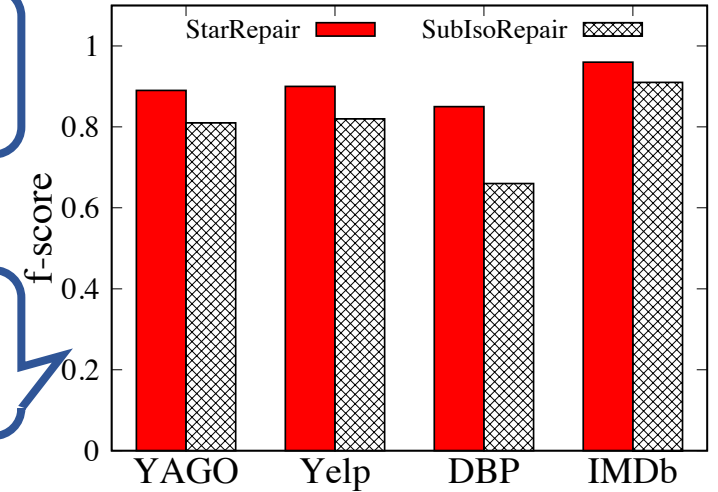
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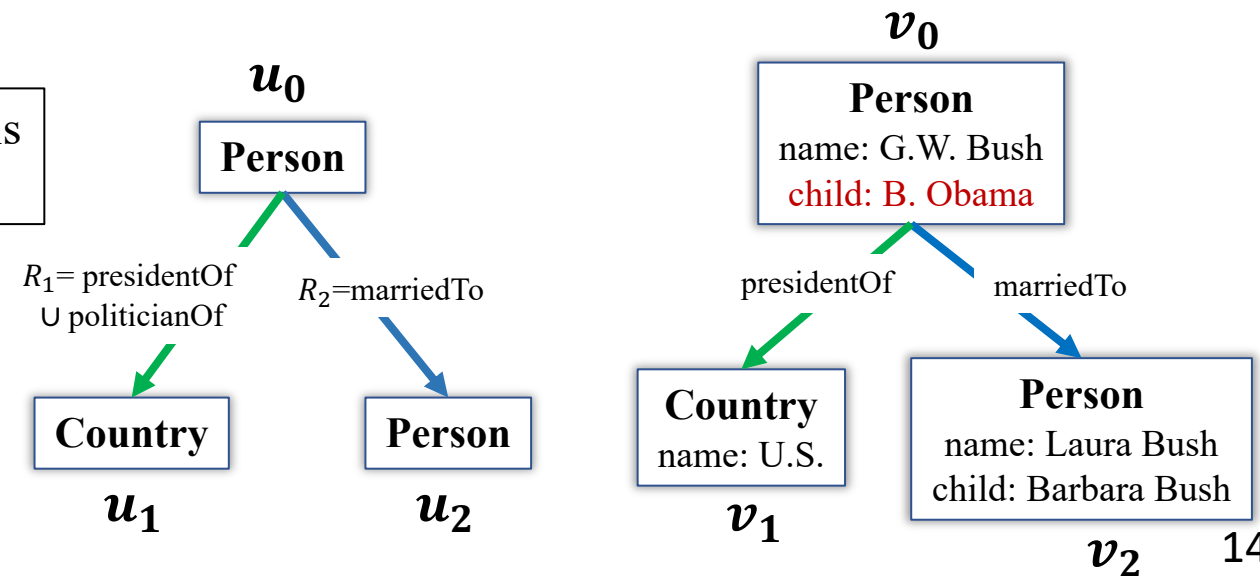
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We found more than 100 such errors in Yago.



# Compare with GFDs (Fan et al. 2016)

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Problem	StarFDs	GFDs
Semantic	star patterns with regex queries	subgraph isomorphism
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