TOWARDS A CONCURRENT IMPLEMENTATION OF KEYWORD SEARCH OVER RELATIONAL DATABASES

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Abstract

Traditional relational database systems offer powerful data modelling and querying capabilities. Unfortunately a relational database does not permit users to perform natural (keyword) queries. We present a system for automatic mapping of a relational schema into a document schema in order to facilitate fast and powerful full-text (keyword) search. By providing a facility for users to conduct keyword searches, we improve accessibility and decrease search time complexity. In addition, we explore further improvements to time complexity by utilizing concurrent implementations of our search algorithms.

Keywords relational database; full-text search

Preface

Background and Motivation

The introduction of keyword search has revolutionized how we find information. Over the years, numerous techniques have been developed which make searching through large amounts of information for one or more keywords extremely fast. With the advent of faster computer hardware, we are able to not only search through small attributes of a document (eg. Title, synopsis, etc.) but rather the entirety of the document itself.

An example of an early system which utilized keyword search would be a library catalogue. Such a system would allow a user to search, by keyword, for the title of a book, manuscript, etc. The results would show item titles matching the keyword(s), as well as other information such as whether or not the item is in circulation, as well as where it is located within the library. This information would come from a relational database.

With the rise of the World Wide Web, much information was placed online. This information would be easy to access if one knew how to locate it. Unfortunately, over time, so much information existed on the World Wide Web that it became difficult to keep track of it all. There was a need to index all of this information and make it accessible. This need was filled by a Web search engine.

Initial Web search engines comprised of simple scripts that gathered listings of files on FTP servers; they were essentially link farms. A few short years later, the first full-text (keyword) search engine, WebCrawler, was released.

While full-text search engines provided an excellent means for locating information, as the

Web grew larger, the volume of noise also grew larger. In addition, every Web page could be structured in a different way; the Web was largely a collection of unstructured documents. That is, there were few obvious links between them.

Search engines such as Google attempted to solve this problem by introducing new algorithms, such as PageRank, to rank Web pages on both the relevance of their content as well as their reputation. The idea was if a page is linked to often, it is considered to be more authoritative on a subject than a page with fewer links. This allowed the relevance of a page to be computed based on not only its contents, but its artificial importance.

Molly attempts to avoid some of the issues plaguing search engines. It deals primarily with structured, filtered data. This allows us to provide results with less noise. In addition, the fact that it deals with structured data means links between documents are explicitly stated. Rather than inferring a link between documents based on hyperlinks, we know when two documents are linked together.

This thesis provides an overview of the Molly system.

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Definitions

1.1 Data Representation & Notation

The data from the database is represented in various data structures. There are separate representations for each type of data: values, entities, and entity groups.

Value

Definition 1. A **Value** represents a single piece of information. To avoid repetition, each value is unique. That is, $\exists! \ v \in V$, where v is a value in the set V of all values.

Entity

Definition 2. An **Entity** is a collection of attributes, a_n , each mapped to a single value, v_n . An entity also includes additional information such as a unique identifier.

 $\begin{array}{ccc}
id & T_n | v_{id} \\
a_1 & v_1 \\
a_2 & v_2 \\
\vdots & \vdots \\
a_n & v_n
\end{array}$

Figure 1.1: The structure of an entity

Entities are analogous to rows in a database table. Thus, the unique identifier is generated based on the table name, T_n , as well as unique key in the table, v_{id} . The unique key identifies the row, and the table name identifies the table. Together they uniquely identify the entity within the entire database. Attributes are analogous to columns in a database table.

 $\exists ! e_{id} \in E$, where E is the set of all entities.

Entity Group

Definition 3. An **Entity Group** joins together two or more entities. These entity groups can also have attributes, a_n , and values, v_n , associated with them much like entities.

$$e_{L} \quad [e_{1}, e_{2}, \dots, e_{n}]$$

$$a_{1} \quad v_{1}$$

$$a_{2} \quad v_{2}$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots$$

$$a_{n} \quad v_{n}$$

Figure 1.2: The structure of an entity group

RDBMS to Document Store

Figure 2.1: Determining whether or not a field is classified as "special."

Figure 2.2: Unique identifier generation.

Figure 2.3: Creation of a field.

Figure 2.4: Creation of a document.

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Figure 3.8: Discovers new nodes along the frontier and updates the state accordingly.

Figure 3.9: Implements a concurrent version of BFS using references.

Theoretical

The problem of efficiently searching through a graph is the subject of countless articles and journal papers. Numerous algorithms have been proposed to perform graph search in an efficient manner. Many of these algorithms build upon their predecessors, making assumptions and changing aspects to better suit a particular problem area.

The applications of efficient graph search algorithms are endless. Algorithms such as Dijkstra's are used heavily in path finding, for example in a portable GPS unit. A* Search is used in the area of computer vision to approximate the best path to take. Companies such as Amazon make use of graph search algorithms in order to find related products for consumers to purchase.

This thesis concentrates on building a system which can be utilized in order to discover related information. The system that was built is capable of finding not only related information from neighbouring nodes, but also the best path between two arbitrary nodes.

Section 4.1 provides an overview of how the data is represented in the system. It also defines notation to represent this data. Section 4.2 outlines how the relational database is related to the data in the system. Section 4.3 provides an example data corpus which is utilized throughout this thesis. It details the "mycampus" dataset. Finally, Section 4.4 provides justification for the algorithm chosen to perform the graph search. It discusses multiple different graph search algorithms, as well as why the one used in this thesis was chosen.

4.1 Data Representation & Notation

The data from the database is represented in various data structures. There are separate representations for each type of data: values, entities, and entity groups.

Value

Definition 4. A **Value** represents a single piece of information. To avoid repetition, each value is unique. That is, $\exists ! v \in V$, where v is a value in the set V of all values.

Entity

Definition 5. An **Entity** is a collection of attributes, a_n , each mapped to a single value, v_n . An entity also includes additional information such as a unique identifier.

id $T_n|v_{id}$ $a_1 \quad v_1$ $a_2 \quad v_2$ $\vdots \quad \vdots$ $a_n \quad v_n$

Figure 4.1: The structure of an entity

Entities are analogous to rows in a database table. Thus, the unique identifier is generated based on the table name, T_n , as well as unique key in the table, v_{id} . The unique key identifies the row, and the table name identifies the table. Together they uniquely identify the entity within the entire database. Attributes are analogous to columns in a database table.

 $\exists ! e_{id} \in E$, where E is the set of all entities.

Entity Group

Definition 6. An **Entity Group** joins together two or more entities. These entity groups can also have attributes, a_n , and values, v_n , associated with them much like entities.

$$e_{L} \quad [e_{1}, e_{2}, \dots, e_{n}]$$

$$a_{1} \quad v_{1}$$

$$a_{2} \quad v_{2}$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots$$

$$a_{n} \quad v_{n}$$

Figure 4.2: The structure of an entity group

4.2 Relational Database Abstraction

4.3 Data Corpus

For illustrative purposes, the mycampus dataset will be used. This data comes from UOIT's course registration system.

There are several different entities which comprise the mycampus dataset:

- Courses
- Instructors
- Schedules
- Sections
- Teaches

The **Courses** entity represents a course. A course has an individual code, along with a title and a description (See Table 4.1). The code uniquely identifies the course.

Column	Type	Description
code	VARCHAR	Unique course code
title	VARCHAR	Title of the course
description	TEXT	A brief description

Table 4.1: Courses entity schema

The **Instructors** entity represents an individual instructor. Each instructor has a unique identifier, as well as a name (See Table 4.2). An instructor can be a Professor, Lecturer, Sessional Instructor, or Teaching Assistant.

Column	Туре	Description
id	INT	Unique identifier
name	VARCHAR	The instructor's name

Table 4.2: Instructors entity schema

The **Sections** entity represents a section of a course. Courses may have many sections. For example, one section could be a lecture, while another is a lab. Some courses may have over a dozen sections, depending on the associated term.

Each section contains a unique identifier, capacity information (students enrolled, spots open, etc.), when registration is open for the section, how many credits it is worth, what level (eg. undergraduate or graduate), and what year the section is offered in (See Table 4.3).

Column	Type	Description
id	INT	Unique identifier
actual	INT	Number of people enrolled in the course
campus	VARCHAR	String uniquely identifying the campus
capacity	INT	Maximum number of people that may be enrolled in the section
credits	FLOAT	Number of credits awarded upon successful completion
levels	VARCHAR	The level of the course (eg. undergraduate, graduate, etc.)
registration_start	DATE	Date registration for the section opens
registration_end	DATE	Date registration for the section ends
semester	VARCHAR	String that uniquely identifies the semester
sec_code	INT	Unique section code (called a CRN)
sec_number	INT	Sequential number identifying the number of the section
year	INT	The year the section is offered in

Table 4.3: Sections entity schema

The **Schedules** entity represents a scheduled meeting of a section. A section may have many schedules. For example, a lecture section may meet twice a week.

Each schedule has a unique identifier, a date range in which the schedule is active, the time of the schedule, the type, location, and the day which the class takes place (See Table 4.4).

Column	Type	Description
id	INT	Unique identifier
date_start	DATE	First day of class
date_end	DATE	Last day of class
day	VARCHAR	Single character representing the day of the week
schedtype	VARCHAR	Lecture, tutorial, lab, etc.
hour_start	INT	Hour the class starts at
hour_end	INT	Hour the class ends at
min_start	INT	Minute the class starts at
min_end	INT	Minute the class ends at
classtype	VARCHAR	The type of class
location	VARCHAR	Unique location name where class is held

Table 4.4: Schedules entity schema

A **Teaches** entity is used to link together an instructor and a schedule. Each link has a unique identifier along with the instructor's position (eg. Teaching Assistant, Lecturer, etc.) (See Table 4.5).

Column	Туре	Description
id	INT	Unique identifier
position	VARCHAR	Position of the Instructor with regard to a Schedule

Table 4.5: Teaches entity schema

4.4 Graph Search Algorithms

Careful consideration was given to which graph search algorithm was to be used. Among the choices were:

- Breadth-First
- Bellman-Ford
- Dijkstra
- A*

The first choice, Breadth-First Search, is among the simplest of the algorithms. It has the advantage of being simple to implement. It can only handle fixed costs for travelling between nodes, which can be a disadvantage.

Bellman-Ford is similar to BFS. It has the ability to deal with variable cost. This comes at the cost of increased difficulty in implementation. When the cost between nodes is fixed, Bellman-Ford essentially becomes BFS.

A greedy version of BFS is Dijkstra's Algorithm. It utilizes a priority queue rather than a regular queue, allowing it to be faster. As it is a greedy algorithm, Dijkstra's Algorithm may not return the optimal result.

An extension to Dijkstra's is A* search. Graph search spaces can be rather large. A* attempts to prune the search space based on a heuristic. A* is a natural choice to perform graph search in certain areas such as computer vision where an obvious heuristic exists. It has a disadvantage of consuming large amounts of memory (though IDA* attempts to limit memory consumption).

There are many more graph search algorithms. The above were primarily considered as many of the other algorithms are simple extensions with different data structures.

For this application, there is no obvious heuristic. This eliminates A*. There is also no obvious cost function. This eliminates Dijkstra's Algorithm. Bellman-Ford is very similar to BFS with the added ability to deal with variable cost. As the cost function is not obvious and thus constant, Bellman-Ford essentially reverts back to BFS.

For these reasons, BFS was chosen as the graph search algorithm. While the other candidates and others provide numerous advantages over BFS in many situations, this is not one of them.

Implementation

5.1 Functional vs. Procedural Programming of Algorithms

Functional and procedural programming languages are entirely different paradigms. In functional programming, data is immutable. Functions must be pure and predictable (free of "side effects"). Loops and control flow are accomplished with recursion and pattern matching.

Procedural languages allow for more flexibility at a cost of unpredictability.

Key differences between FP and procedural (for algorithms)

5.1.1 Functional Data Structures

Clojure immutable data structures, versioning (persistent data structures), STM vs. locking

5.2 Tuneable Parameters

Tuneable parameters

System Implementation

6.1 Technology Selection

6.1.1 Programming Language

Numerous programming languages were considered for the implementation. Among them were: Ruby, Python, and Clojure. Each of the languages presented both pros and cons. Ruby and Python are rather similar object oriented languages. Clojure is a functional language.

Ruby features a clean syntax and is very object oriented. Its object model was inspired by that of Smalltalk. It has a very active web development community and numerous web frameworks (eg. Rails, Sinatra, Padrino, etc.). In contrast to Python, it features a lean core, instead choosing to depend on third party libraries.

Python also features clean syntax and is object oriented. It embraces a "batteries included" philosophy to its standard library, featuring libraries for everything from serial communications to importing/exporting CSV files. It too has a strong web development community and numerous web frameworks (eg. Django, Flask, web2py, etc.).

Python is used extensively by scientists. As such, it has numerous plotting, computation, and simulation libraries. Examples include Matplotlib, SciPy, NumPy, and NetworkX.

Both of the above languages embrace functional programming elements. Python has filter, reduce, and map. Ruby's collections are also capable of performing filter (select), reduce (inject),

and map. They both lack an important aspect of functional programming: immutable objects.

Clojure is a purely functional language built on top of the JVM. Like Python and Ruby, it is dynamically typed. Unlike Python and Ruby, it is a Lisp dialect and as such features macros and code-as-data.

As it runs on the JVM, Clojure allows us to utilize existing Java languages. Using Java libraries through Python or Ruby requires using their respective native code interfaces to Java's JNI. This process is typically automated through a tool such as SWIG.

Clojure was chosen as the implementation language for a number of reasons. First of all, as it is built on top of the JVM, it can utilize JDBC for database access. It can also make use of several other useful libraries. Secondly, its dynamic Lisp nature is a natural way of processing data. Clojure allows us to model our data structures directly after the data. In a language such as Python, one would need to make use of classes.

6.1.2 Relational Database

Several relational database management engines (RDBMS) were evaluated for this project. Key requirements were SQL support, and JDBC driver availability.

SQL, or Structured Query Language, is a powerful way to make complex queries. It is loosely based on Relational Algebra (RA)[3, p. 243]. In addition to being a data-manipulation language (similar to Relational Algebra), it is also a data-definition language.

JDBC, or Java Database Connectivity, was required in order for our application to access the database. JDBC is an API which allows us to access a database using a standard interface. It is the responsibility of the JDBC Driver to translate the API calls into the correct syntax for the database engine.

Any RDBMS that supports SQL-92 or higher and has a JDBC driver for it should be usable in this system. For testing purposes, we chose to use SQLite. SQLite provided a SQL interface, had a stable JDBC driver, and is ubiquitous. SQLite is an embedded database, allowing for local development without running a separate daemon process.

6.1.3 Full-Text Search Database

Two full-featured full-text search databases (FTSDB) were evaluated. The first, Xapian, is written as a C++ library. It features a rich query language, high performance, and a scalable design[5]. Bindings for Java are made available via a simple JNI library.

The second, Lucene, is a pure-Java library. It too features a rich query language and reasonable performance. Lucene also forms the basis of the Apache Solr search platform. As it is written in Java, Lucene runs natively on the JVM.

Both choices provided plenty of features, Java interfaces, and excellent performance. Ultimately Lucene was chosen. As it ran on the JVM, interfacing with the Lucene library from our Clojure code was simple. The fact that it was written in pure-Java and required no native libraries meant the entire project could be bundled as a Java Archive (JAR).

6.1.4 Web Stack

Clojure is a young language. As such, few web frameworks exist specifically for it (it can, however, interface with any Java web framework).

Clojure web frameworks are built on top of Ring, itself an HTTP abstraction layer with adapters for Java servlets as well as the Jetty web server. Ring is similar to WSGI in Python, or Rack in Ruby.

The web framework chosen for this project was Noir. Noir provided a simple Clojure API for building the JSON API to allow for client-side querying of the project's API.

6.2 System Design

The system is split into numerous components.

A configuration file is used to describe the entities and entity groups. It defines the relationship between entities, as well as their attributes and values. This configuration file is used by the crawler and indexer in order to retrieve data from the relational database and index it in a full-text search database.

Once the index is built, another component provides an internal API for querying the full-text search database. It is a thin Clojure wrapper over the Lucene API which provides the basis for search and retrieval of results. This wrapper is utilized by the system to discover relationships among entities.

Finally, the system can be interfaced with via a JSON API. The JSON API provides a simple HTTP wrapper around the search and discovery features of the system. The use of JSON allows client-side JavaScript to send and receive queries with XMLHttpRequest.

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6.2.1 Configuration

Configuration files are simply Clojure code that follow a well-defined protocol. The protocol defines three main components of the system:

connection The relational database connection. It must be an instance of the Database protocol.

index The path to the full-text search database index file.

schema A definition of the database schema. The definition includes both the definition of entities, as well as the definition of entity groups. The schema is a list of instances of the Schema protocol.

Database Protocol

The Database protocol is defined as follows.

```
(defprotocol Database
    ^^I(execute-query [this query f]))
```

Each database instance must provide a function which accepts a query and function as arguments. It must execute the query provided and call function f on each row returned.

Schema Protocol

The Schema protocol is defined as follows.

```
(defprotocol Schema
  (crawl [this db-conn idx-w])
  (klass [this])
  (schema-map [this]))
```

A schema consists of the following information:

- A symbol (typically the name of the table).
- A hash map containing the structure of the schema.

Schemas are also responsible for populating the full-text search index with data from the relational database.

A concrete implementation for this protocol is provided by the EntitySchema type.

6.3 Implementation Issues

Performance & Evaluation

7.1 Environment

All benchmarks were run on the same machine using the same software versions. The machine has the following specs.

Item	Description
	Dell PowerEdge 2950 2 x Quad-Core Intel® Xeon™ 5300 3.0GHz 8 GB DDR2 ECC RAM 667 MHz

Along with the following software versions.

Item	Description
Operating System	GNU/Linux Ubuntu 10.04.4 LTS
Kernel	2.6.32-28-generic
Java™ SE Runtime Environment	1.6.0_26-b03
Java HotSpot™ 64-Bit Server VM	20.1b02

7.2 Methodology

Evaluating the performance of code is a difficult problem at best. It is difficult to determine the impact on performance of various uncontrollable factors. Virtual Machines add another layer of abstraction which introduces even more factors.

As this project runs a top of the Java Virtual Machine (JVM), there are many factors to consider with regard to performance. In addition to uncontrollable events such as garbage collection, the JVM's behaviour can differ based on the operating system (OS) it is running on.

7.2.1 Pitfalls of the Java Virtual Machine

Reliable benchmarking on the JVM is a difficult problem. The standard HotSpot VM utilizes a non-deterministic garbage collector (GC). In addition, the JIT is also non-deterministic. These two problems combine into a larger issue.

Timing Execution

There are two methods provided by the JVM for getting a precise time from the OS;

System.currentTimeMillis() and System.nanoTime(). The former returns the "wall" time. It is possible for time to leap forward or backward using this method. If daylight savings time occurs between calls to System.currentTimeMillis(), it can result in a negative time.

The latter uses a variety of methods in order to obtain the precise time. The method it uses depends on both the OS and the hardware itself. Under Windows, System.nanoTime() makes use of the QueryPerformanceCounter(QPC) call. This call may make use of the "programmable-interval-timer (PIT), or the ACPI power management timer (PMT), or the CPU-level timestamp-counter (TSC)." [4] Accessing the PIT and PMT is a slow operation. Accessing the TSC is a very fast operation, but may result in varying numbers [2].

Linux attempts to use the TSC when possible. If it finds the values to be unreliable (eg. different cores vary too much), it makes use of the High Precision Event Timer (HPET) [2].

Platform	Resolution (ms)
Windows 95/98	55
Windows NT, 2000, XP (single processor)	IO
Windows XP (multi processor)	15.625
Linux 2.4 Kernel	IO
Linux 2.6 Kernel	I

Table 7.1: Reported resolutions of currentTimeMillis() by platform [1].

The JVM's timing functions are one area where the JVM's behaviour differs based on the OS.

Different operating systems provide varying degrees of time resolution. The speed at which the

OS-level calls to these timing functions return can even differ.

Garbage Collection

Just-in-Time Compilation

A typical JVM only loads classes when they're first used [1]. This task typically involves disk I/O,

along with extra processing. As a result, the initial run of a task may only...

7.2.2 Mitigating JVM Pitfalls

JIT Compilation

Figure 7.1: core.clj

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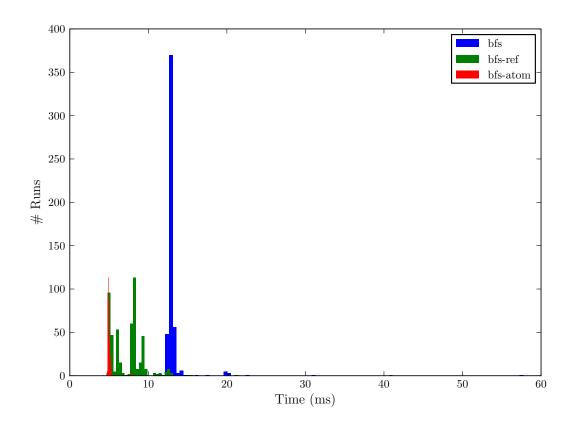


Figure 7.2: 1 Hop

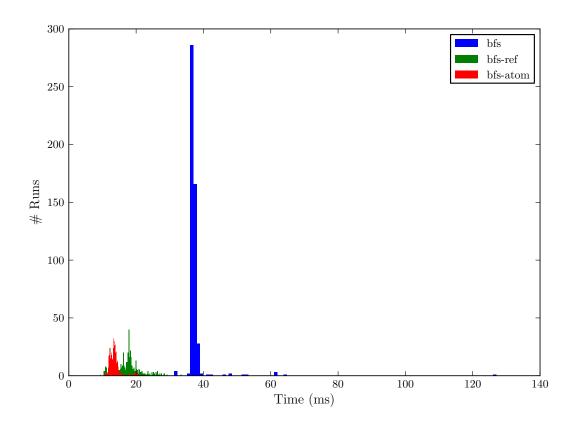


Figure 7.3: 2 Hops

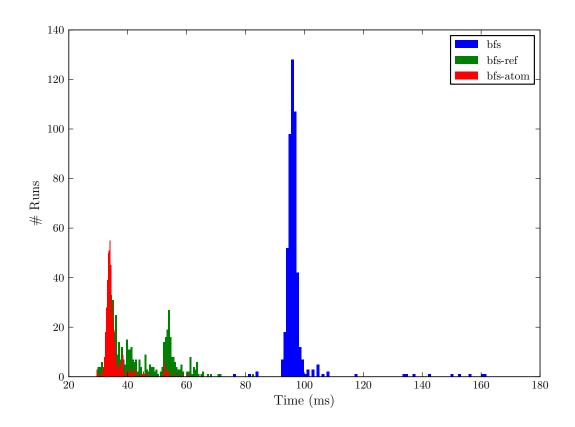


Figure 7.4: 3 Hops

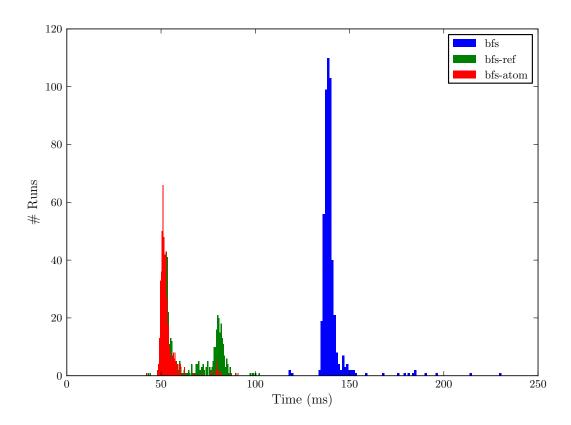


Figure 7.5: 4 Hops

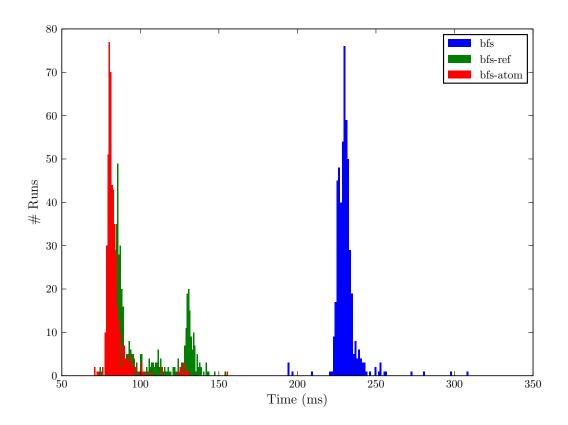


Figure 7.6: 5 Hops

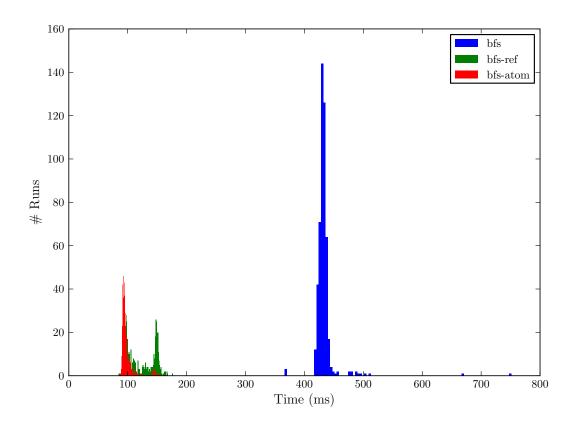


Figure 7.7: 6 Hops

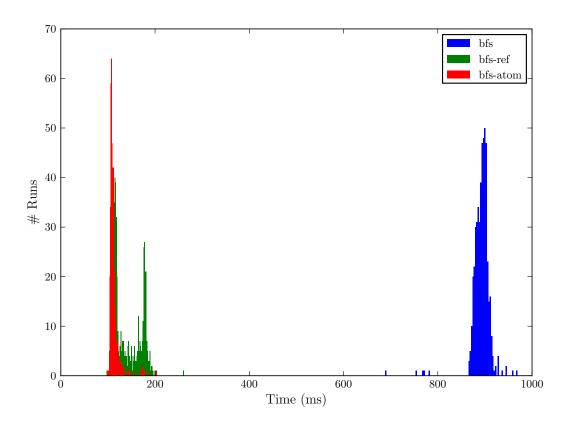


Figure 7.8: 7 Hops

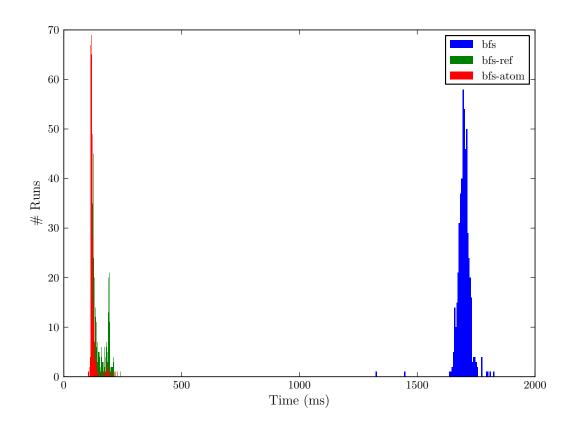


Figure 7.9: 8 Hops

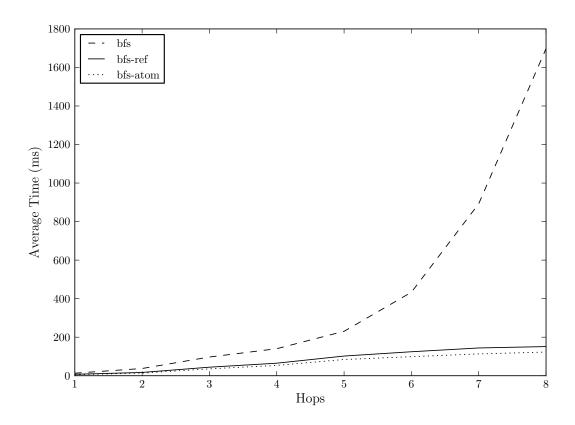


Figure 7.10: Comparison between single threaded and concurrent graph search

Chapter 8

Conclusion

[1]

Appendix A

Source Code

Each namespace in the code is divided into sections in the thesis document.

A.1 molly

A.1.1 molly.core

```
(ns molly.core
     (:gen-class)
     (:use molly.conf.config
3
            molly.index.build
            molly.search.lucene
5
            [clojure.tools.cli :only (cli)]
6
            [molly.algo.bfs-atom :only (bfs-atom)]
7
            [molly.algo.bfs-ref :only (bfs-ref)]
8
            [molly.algo.bfs :only (bfs)]
9
            [molly.algo.ford-fulkerson :only (ford-fulkerson)]
10
            [molly.bench.benchmark :only (benchmark-search)]))
11
12
   (defn parse-args
13
     [args]
14
     (cli args
15
           ["-c" "--config" "Path to configuration (properties) file"]
16
           ["--algorithm"
                             "Algorithm to run"]
17
           ["-s" "--source" "Source node"]
18
           ["-t" "--target" "Target node"]
19
           ["--max-hops"
                             "Maximum number of hops before stopping"]
20
                             "Build an index of the database"
           ["--index"
21
            :default false
22
            :flag true]
23
                             "Run benchmarks"
           ["--benchmark"
24
            :default false
25
            :flag true]
26
```

```
["-d" "--debug" "Displays additional information."
27
            :default false
28
            :flag true]
29
           ["-h" "--help"
                              "Show help"
30
            :default false
31
            :flag true]))
32
33
   (defn -main
34
     [& args]
35
     (let [[opts arguments banner] (parse-args (flatten args))]
36
        (when (or (opts :help) (not (opts :config)))
37
          (println banner)
38
          (System/exit 0))
39
40
                           (load-props (opts :config))
        (let [properties
41
              max-hops
                            (if (opts :max-hops)
42
                              (Integer. (opts :max-hops))
43
                              (properties :max-hops))]
44
          (if (opts :index)
45
            (let [database
                              (properties :database)
46
                              (properties :index)]
                   index
47
              (build database index))
48
            nil)
49
          (if (opts :algorithm)
50
            (let [searcher
                              (idx-searcher
51
                                (idx-path
52
                                  (properties :index)))
53
                              (opts :source)
                   source
54
                              (opts :target)
                   target
55
                              (condp = (opts :algorithm)
56
                                "bfs"
                                                    bfs
57
                                "bfs-atom"
                                                    bfs-atom
58
                                "bfs-ref"
                                                    bfs-ref
59
                                "ford-fulkerson" ford-fulkerson
60
                                (throw
61
                                  (Exception.
62
                                    "Not a valid algorithm choice.")))]
63
              (if (opts :debug)
64
                (let [[marked dist prev] (f searcher
65
                                                source
66
                                               target
67
                                               max-hops)]
68
                   (println marked)
69
                   (println dist)
70
                   (println prev))
71
```

```
(benchmark-search f searcher source target max-hops))
(shutdown-agents))
nil))))
```

A.2 molly.conf

A.2.1 molly.conf.config

```
(ns molly.conf.config
     (:require clojure.java.io))
2
   (defn load-props
4
     ([])
5
      (load-props ".properties"))
6
     ([file-name]
7
      (let [res (clojure.java.io/resource file-name)]
        (if (nil? res)
9
           (throw
10
             (IllegalArgumentException. "Unable to load properties."))
11
           (with-open [^java.io.Reader reader
12
                       (clojure.java.io/reader res)]
13
             (let [props (java.util.Properties.)]
14
               (.load props reader)
15
               (into {}
16
                     (for [[k v] props] [(keyword k)
17
                                           (read-string v)])))))))
18
19
   (defprotocol IConfig
20
     (connection [this])
21
     (schema [this])
22
     (index [this]))
23
```

A.2.2 molly.conf.mycampus

```
(ns molly.conf.mycampus
     (:use molly.conf.config
            molly.datatypes.database
3
            molly.datatypes.schema
            korma.core
5
            korma.db)
     (:import (molly.datatypes.database Sqlite)
7
               (molly.datatypes.schema EntitySchema)))
8
9
   (declare Campus Course Subject Term Section Schedule
10
             Location Instructor db-conn)
11
12
   (defentity Campus
13
               (has-many Location))
14
15
   (defentity Location
16
               (belongs-to Campus))
17
18
   (defentity Subject
19
               (has-many Course))
20
21
   (defentity Course
22
               (pk :code)
23
               (belongs-to Subject)
24
               (has-many Section))
25
26
   (defentity Instructor
27
               (has-many Schedule))
28
29
   (defentity Term
30
               (has-many Section))
31
32
   (defentity Section
33
               (pk:crn)
34
               (has-many Schedule)
35
               (belongs-to Term)
36
               (belongs-to Course {:fk :course_code}))
37
38
   (defentity Schedule
39
               (belongs-to Section)
40
               (belongs-to Instructor)
41
               (belongs-to Location))
42
```

```
43
   (def mycampus-schema
44
      [(EntitySchema.
45
         {:T
                    :entity
46
           :C
                    :course
47
           :sql
48
                    Course
           :ID
                    :code
49
                    [:code :title]
           :attrs
50
           :values [:code :title]})
51
       (EntitySchema.
52
         T:}
                    :entity
53
           :C
                    :instructor
54
           :sql
                    Instructor
55
           :ID
                    :id
56
           :attrs
                    [:name]
57
           :values [:name]})
58
       (EntitySchema.
59
         {:T
                    :entity
60
           :C
                    :location
61
           :sql
                    Location
62
           :ID
                    :id
63
           :attrs
                    [:name]
64
           :values [:name]})
65
       (EntitySchema.
66
         {:T
                    :entity
67
           :C
                    :subject
68
           :sql
                    Subject
69
                    :id
           :ID
70
           :attrs [:id :name]
71
           :values [:id :name]})
72
       (EntitySchema.
73
         {:T
                    :entity
74
           :C
75
                    :campus
           :sql
                    Campus
76
           :ID
                    :id
77
                    [:name]
           :attrs
78
           :values [:name]})
79
       (EntitySchema.
80
         {:T
                    :entity
81
           :C
82
                    :term
           :sql
                    Term
83
                    :id
          :ID
84
           :attrs [:id :name]
85
           :values [:id :name]})
86
       (EntitySchema.
87
```

```
T:}
                    :entity
88
           :C
                    :section
89
           :sql
                    Section
90
           :ID
                    :crn
91
                    [:crn :reg start :reg end :credits
           :attrs
92
                     :section num :levels]
93
           :values [:crn]})
94
        (EntitySchema.
95
          {:T
                    :entity
96
           :C
                    :schedule
97
           :sql
                    Schedule
98
                    :id
           :ID
99
                    [:days :sch type :date start :date end
           :attrs
100
                     :time_start :time_end :week]
101
           :values []})
102
        (EntitySchema.
103
          {:T
                    :group
104
                    "Instructor schedule"
           :C
105
           :sql
                    (->
106
                      (select* Schedule)
107
                      (with Instructor))
108
                    [[:instructor :instructor_id
                                                      "Instructor ID"]
           :ID
109
                     [:schedule
                                    :id
                                                      "Schedule ID"]]
110
           :attrs
                    111
           :values []})
112
        (EntitySchema.
113
          {:T
                    :group
114
           :C
                    "Course schedule"
115
           :sql
                    (->
116
                      (select* Schedule)
117
                      (with Section
118
                             (with Course)))
119
                                  :crn "CRN"]
           :ID
                    [[:section
120
                                  :code "Code"]
                     [:course
121
                                        "Schedule ID"]]
                     [:schedule :id
122
           :attrs
123
           :values []})
124
        (EntitySchema.
125
          {:T
                    :group
126
                    "Schedule location"
           :C
127
           :sql
                    (->
128
                      (select* Schedule)
129
                      (with Location
130
                             (with Campus)))
131
           :ID
                    [[:campus
                                  :campus id
                                                  "Campus ID"
132
```

```
[:location :location id "Location ID"]
133
                     [:schedule :id
                                                 "Schedule ID"]]
134
           :attrs []
135
           :values []})
136
        (EntitySchema.
137
          {:T
                    :group
138
           : C
                    "Course subject"
139
           :sql
140
                      (select* Course)
141
                      (with Subject))
142
                                               "Course"]
143
           :ID
                    [[:course
                                  :id
                                  :subject id "Subject"]]
                     [:subject
144
           :attrs
                   []
145
           :values []})
146
        (EntitySchema.
147
          {:T
                   :group
148
           :C
                   "Section term"
149
                   (->
           :sql
150
                     (select* Section)
151
                     (with Term))
152
                   [[:section :id
                                            "Section"]
           :ID
153
                                 :term_id "Term"]]})
                    [:term
154
       ])
155
156
    (deftype Mycampus [db-path idx-path]
157
      IConfig
158
      (connection
159
         [this]
160
         (defdb db-conn (sqlite3 {:db db-path}))
161
         (Sqlite. db-conn))
162
      (schema
163
         [this]
164
        mycampus-schema)
165
      (index
166
         [this]
167
         idx-path))
168
```

A.3 molly.datatypes

A.3.1 molly.datatypes.database

```
(ns molly.datatypes.database
     (:use korma.core
           korma.db))
3
4
   (defprotocol Database
5
     (execute-query [this query f]))
6
7
  (deftype Sqlite [conn]
     Database
9
     (execute-query
10
       [this query f]
11
       (with-db conn
12
                 (doseq [result (-> query (select))]
13
                   (f result)))))
14
```

A.3.2 molly.datatypes.entity

```
(ns molly.datatypes.entity
     (:use molly.util.nlp)
     (:import
3
       [clojure.lang IPersistentMap IPersistentList]
       [org.apache.lucene.document
5
        Document Field
        Field$Index Field$Store]))
8
   (defn special?
9
     [field-name]
10
     (and (.startsWith field-name "__") (.endsWith field-name "__")))
11
12
   (defn uid
13
     "Possible inputs include:
14
       row:T:ID
15
       row [[:T :ID] [:T :ID]]
16
       row [[:T :ID :desc] [:T :ID :desc]]"
17
     ([row C id]
18
         (if (nil? (row id))
19
           (throw
20
             (Exception.
21
               (str "ID column " id " does not exist in row " row ".")))
22
           (str (name C)
23
                יי ויי
24
                (clojure.string/replace (row id) #"\s+" ""))))
25
     ([row Tids]
26
      (clojure.string/join " " (for [[C id] Tids]
27
                                    (uid row C id)))))
28
29
   (defn field
30
     [field-name field-value]
31
     (Field. field-name
32
              field-value
33
              Field$Store/YES
34
              Field$Index/ANALYZED))
35
36
   (defn document
37
     [fields]
38
     (let [doc (Document.)]
39
       (do
40
          (doseq [[field-name field-value] fields]
41
            (.add doc (field (name field-name) (str field-value))))
42
```

```
doc)))
43
44
   (defn row->data
45
     ^{:doc "Transforms a row into the internal representation."}
46
     [this schema]
47
     (let [T
                       (schema :T)
48
                       (schema :C)
49
            attr-cols (schema :attrs)
50
                       (if (nil? attr-cols)
            attrs
51
                         this
52
                         (select-keys this attr-cols))
53
            meta-data {:type T :class C}
54
                       (schema :ID)]
            id-col
55
        (with-meta (if (= T :group)
56
                      (conj attrs {:entities (uid this id-col)})
57
                      attrs)
58
                    (condp = T)
59
                      :value
                                (assoc meta-data
60
                                        :class
61
                                        (clojure.string/join "|"
62
                                           (map name
63
                                                [C (first attr-cols)])))
                      :entity (assoc meta-data :id
65
                                        (if (coll? id-col)
66
                                          (uid this id-col)
67
                                          (uid this C id-col)))
68
                                (assoc meta-data
69
                      :group
                                        :entities
70
                                        (uid this id-col))
71
                      (throw
72
                        (IllegalArgumentException.
73
                          "I only know how to deal with types :value,
74
                          :entity, and :group"))))))
75
76
   (defn doc->data
77
     ^{:doc "Transforms a Document into the internal representation."}
78
     [this]
79
     (let [fields
                           (.getFields this)
80
                           (fn [x] [(keyword (clojure.string/replace
            extract
81
                                                 (.name x) " " ""))
82
                                     (.stringValue x)])
83
            check-special (fn [x] (special? (.name x)))
84
            filter-fn
                           (fn [f] (apply hash-map
85
                                            (flatten
86
                                              (map extract
87
```

```
(filter f fields)))))]
88
        (with-meta (filter-fn (fn [x] (not (check-special x))))
89
                    (filter-fn check-special))))
90
91
    (defn data->doc
92
      ^{:doc "Transforms the internal representation into a Document."}
93
      [this]
94
      (let [int-meta
                       (meta this)
95
                        (int-meta :type)
96
                        (clojure.string/lower-case
            all
97
                          (clojure.string/join " "
98
                                                (if (= T :entity)
99
                                                   (conj (vals this)
100
                                                         (name
101
                                                           (int-meta :class)))
102
                                                   (vals this))))
103
            luc-meta
                       [[:__type__ (name T)]
104
                        [:__class__ (name (int-meta :class))]
105
                         [:__all__
                                      (if (= T :value)
106
                                          (q-gram all)
107
                                          all)]]
108
                       (concat luc-meta
            raw-doc
109
                                this
110
                                (condp = (int-meta :type)
111
                                   :value
                                            [[:value all]]
112
                                  :entity [[:__id__ (int-meta :id)]]
113
                                  :group
                                            []))]
114
        (document raw-doc)))
115
```

A.3.3 molly.datatypes.schema

```
(ns molly.datatypes.schema
     (:use molly.datatypes.database
            molly.datatypes.entity
3
            molly.search.lucene
            molly.util.nlp
5
            korma.core))
7
   (defprotocol Schema
8
     (crawl [this db-conn idx-w])
9
     (klass [this])
10
     (schema-map [this]))
11
12
   (deftype EntitySchema [S]
13
     Schema
14
     (crawl
15
        [this db-conn idx-w]
16
        (let [sql (S :sql)]
17
          (execute-query db-conn sql
18
                           (fn [row]
19
                             (add-doc idx-w
20
                                       (data->doc (row->data row S)))))
21
22
          (if (= (S :T) :entity)
            (doseq [value (S :values)]
24
              (let [query (->
25
                              sql
26
                              (modifier "DISTINCT")
                              (fields value)
28
                              (group value))]
29
                (execute-query db-conn query
30
                                 (fn [row]
31
                                   (add-doc idx-w (data->doc
32
                                      (row->data row
33
                                                  (assoc S
34
                                                          :T :value))))))))))
35
     (klass
36
        [this]
37
        ((schema-map this) :C))
38
     (schema-map
39
        [this]
40
        S))
41
```

A.4 molly.index

A.4.1 molly.index.build

```
(ns molly.index.build
     (:use molly.conf.config
           molly.conf.mycampus
3
           molly.datatypes.database
4
           molly.datatypes.entity
5
           molly.datatypes.schema
           molly.search.lucene)
7
     (:import (molly.conf.mycampus Mycampus)))
9
   (defn build
10
     [db-path path]
11
     (let [conf
                    (Mycampus. db-path path)
12
           db-conn (connection conf)
13
           ft-path (idx-path (index conf))
14
                    (idx-writer ft-path)
            idx-w
15
            schemas (schema conf)]
16
       (doseq [ent-def schemas]
17
          (println "Indexing" (name (klass ent-def)) "...")
18
         (crawl ent-def db-conn idx-w))
19
20
       (close-idx-writer idx-w)))
21
```

A.5 molly.util

A.5.1 molly.util.nlp

```
(ns molly.util.nlp)
   (defn q-gram
3
     ([S])
4
      (q-gram S 3 "$"))
5
     ([S n]
6
      (q-gram S n "$"))
7
     ([S n s]
      (let [padding (clojure.string/join "" (repeat (dec n) s))
9
            padded-S (str padding
10
                           (clojure.string/replace S " " padding)
11
                           padding)]
12
        (clojure.string/join " "
13
                              (for [i (range
14
                                         (+ 1 (- (count padded-S) n)))]
15
                                (. padded-S substring i (+ i n))))))
16
```

A.6 molly.search

A.6.1 molly.search.lucene

```
(ns molly.search.lucene
     (:import
       (java.io File)
3
       (org.apache.lucene.analysis.core WhitespaceAnalyzer)
       (org.apache.lucene.index IndexReader IndexWriter
5
                                  IndexWriterConfig)
       (org.apache.lucene.search IndexSearcher)
7
       (org.apache.lucene.store Directory SimpleFSDirectory)
       (org.apache.lucene.util Version)))
9
10
   (def version
11
        Version/LUCENE 44)
12
   (def default-analyzer
13
     (WhitespaceAnalyzer. version))
14
15
   (defn ^Directory idx-path
16
     [path]
17
     (-> path File. SimpleFSDirectory.))
18
19
   (defn idx-searcher
20
     [^IndexSearcher idx-path]
21
     (-> (IndexReader/open idx-path) IndexSearcher.))
22
23
   (defn ^IndexWriter idx-writer
24
     ([^Directory idx-path analyzer]
25
       (IndexWriter. idx-path (IndexWriterConfig. version analyzer)))
26
     ([^Directory idx-path]
27
       (idx-writer idx-path default-analyzer)))
28
29
   (defn close-idx-writer
30
     [^IndexWriter idx-writer]
31
     (doto idx-writer
32
       (.commit)
33
       (.close)))
34
35
   (defn idx-search
36
     [idx-searcher query topk]
37
     (let [results (. (. idx-searcher search query topk) scoreDocs)]
38
       (map (fn [result] (.doc idx-searcher (.doc result))) results)))
39
40
```

```
41 (defn add-doc
42  [idx doc]
43  (. idx addDocument doc))
```

A.6.2 molly.search.query_builder

```
(ns molly.search.query-builder
     (:import (org.apache.lucene.index Term)
               (org.apache.lucene.search BooleanClause$Occur
3
                                           BooleanQuery
                                           PhraseQuery)))
5
6
   (defn query
7
     [kind & args]
8
     (let [field-name
                           (condp
                                        = kind
9
                             :type
                                          __type__"
10
                                        " class_
                             :class
11
                                        " id "
                             :id
12
                                        " all "
                             :text
13
                             ; Assume "kind" is an attribute name.
14
                             (condp = (type kind)
15
                               clojure.lang.Keyword
                                                       (name kind)
16
                               java.lang.String
                                                       kind))
17
            phrase-query (PhraseQuery.)]
18
       (doseq [arg args]
19
          (. phrase-query add (Term. field-name (name arg))))
20
21
       phrase-query))
22
23
   (defn boolean-query
24
     [args]
25
     (let [query (BooleanQuery.)]
26
       (doseq [[q op] args]
          (. query add q (condp = op
28
                            :and BooleanClause$Occur/MUST
29
                                 BooleanClause$Occur/SHOULD
30
                            :not BooleanClause$Occur/MUST NOT)))
31
32
       query))
33
```

A.7 molly.server

A.7.1 molly.server.serve

```
(ns molly.server.serve
1
     (:use compojure.core
            molly.conf.config
3
            molly.datatypes.entity
4
            molly.search.lucene
5
            molly.search.query-builder
6
            molly.util.nlp
7
            [molly.algo.bfs :only (bfs)]
            [molly.algo.bfs-atom :only (bfs-atom)]
9
            [molly.algo.bfs-ref :only (bfs-ref)])
10
     (:require [noir.response :as response]
11
                [compojure.handler :as handler]
12
                [compojure.route :as route]))
13
14
   (def runtime (Runtime/getRuntime))
15
   (def props (load-props ".properties"))
   (def searcher (idx-searcher (idx-path (props :index))))
17
18
   (defn dox
19
     [q1 field S op topk]
20
     (let [bq
                    (boolean-query
21
                       (concat [[q1 :and]]
22
                               (for [s S]
23
                                 [(query field s) op])))
24
            result
                    (map doc->data (idx-search searcher bq topk))
25
                    (fn [data] {:meta (meta data) :results data})]
            fmt
26
       (map fmt result)))
27
28
   (defn entities
29
     [field q topk]
30
     (dox (query :type :entity)
31
32
           (clojure.string/split q #"\s{1}")
33
           :and
34
           topk))
35
36
   (defn home-page []
37
     (response/redirect "/index.html"))
38
39
   (defn get-value [q]
40
```

```
(response/json
41
        {:result
42
         (dox (query :type :value)
43
              :text
44
              (clojure.string/split (q-gram q) #"\s{1}")
45
46
              :or
              (props :topk_value))}))
47
48
   (defn get-entities [q]
49
     (response/json
50
        {:result
51
         (entities
52
           :text (clojure.string/lower-case q) (props :topk entities))}))
53
54
   (defn get-entity [q]
55
     (response/json
56
        {:result
57
         (entities :id q (props :topk_entity))}))
58
59
   (defn get-span [e0 eL method]
60
     (let [start
                          (System/nanoTime)
61
            [visited dist prev]
62
            (condp = method
63
              "atom"
                       (bfs-atom searcher e0 eL)
64
              "ref"
                       (bfs-ref searcher e0 eL)
65
              (bfs searcher e0 eL))
66
            t
                          (- (System/nanoTime) start)
67
                          (for [[k v] prev] k)
            eids
68
            get-entities (fn [eid]
69
                             {(keyword eid)
70
                              (entities :id eid
71
                                         (props :topk entity))})
72
            entities
                          (into {} (map get-entities eids))]
        (response/json
74
          {:from
                      e0
75
           :to
                      eL
76
                      prev
           :prev
77
           :entities entities
78
           :debug
                      {:time t
79
                                    (.totalMemory runtime)
                       :mem total
80
                       :mem free
                                    (.freeMemory runtime)
81
                                     (- (.totalMemory runtime)
                       :mem_used
82
                                        (.freeMemory runtime))
83
                       :properties props}})))
84
85
```

```
(defroutes app-routes
86
              (GET "/" [] (home-page))
87
              (GET "/value" [q] (get-value q))
88
               (GET "/entities" [q] (get-entities q))
89
               (GET "/entity" [q] (get-entity q))
90
               (GET "/span" [e0 eL method] (get-span e0 eL method))
91
              (route/files "/" {:root "resources/public"}))
92
93
  (def app (handler/site app-routes))
```

A.8 molly.algo

A.8.1 molly.algo.common

```
(ns molly.algo.common
     (:use molly.datatypes.entity
            molly.search.lucene
3
            molly.search.query-builder))
4
5
   (defn find-entity-by-id
6
     [G id]
7
     (let [query (boolean-query [[(query :type :entity) :and]
8
                                    [(query :id id) :and]])]
9
       (map doc->data (idx-search G query 10))))
10
11
   (defn find-group-for-id
12
     [G id]
13
     (let [query
                    (boolean-query [[(query :type :group) :and]
14
                                      [(query :entities id) :and]])
15
            results (map doc->data (idx-search G query 10))
16
            big-str (clojure.string/join " "
17
                                           (map #(% :entities) results))]
18
       (distinct (clojure.string/split big-str #"\s{1}"))))
19
20
   (defn find-adj
21
     [G v]
22
     (remove #{v} (find-group-for-id G v)))
23
24
   (defn initial-state
25
     [s]
26
     Q:
                (-> (clojure.lang.PersistentQueue/EMPTY) (conj s))
27
                #{s}
      :marked
28
      :dist
                {s 0}
29
      :prev
                {}
30
      :done
                false })
31
32
   (defn update-state
33
     [state u v max-hops]
34
     (let [Q
                     (state :Q)
35
            marked
                    (state :marked)
36
                     (state :dist)
            dist
37
                     (state :prev)
            prev
38
            done
                     (> (dist u) max-hops)]
39
       (assoc state
40
```

```
(if done
               :Q
41
                           Q
42
                           (conj Q v))
43
                         (conj marked v)
               :marked
44
                         (assoc dist v (inc (dist u)))
               :dist
45
               :prev
                         (assoc prev v u)
46
               :done
                         done)))
47
48
   (defn deref-future
49
     [dfd]
50
     (if (future? dfd)
51
       (deref dfd)
52
       dfd))
53
```

A.8.2 molly.algo.bfs

```
(ns molly.algo.bfs
     (use molly.algo.common))
3
   (defn update-adj
     [G marked dist prev u max-hops]
5
                      (find-adj G u)
     (loop [adj
             marked
                      marked
             dist
                      dist
8
             prev
                      prev
9
             frontier []]
10
       (if (or (empty? adj) (>= (dist u) max-hops))
11
         [(conj marked u) dist prev frontier]
12
         (let [v
                      (first adj)
13
                adj'
                      (rest adj)]
14
            (if (marked v)
15
              (recur adj' marked dist prev frontier)
16
              (let [dist'
                              (assoc dist v (inc (dist u)))
17
                               (assoc prev v u)
                    prev
18
                    frontier' (conj frontier v)]
19
                (recur adj' marked dist' prev' frontier')))))))
20
21
   (defn bfs
22
     [G s t max-hops]
23
     (loop [0
                    (-> (clojure.lang.PersistentQueue/EMPTY) (conj s))
24
            marked #{}
25
             dist
                    {s 0}
26
                    {s nil}]
             prev
27
       (if (or (empty? Q)
28
                (some (fn [node] (= node t)) marked))
29
          [marked dist prev]
30
          (let [u
                    (first Q)
31
                0' (rest 0)
32
                [marked' dist' prev' frontier]
33
                (update-adj G marked dist prev u max-hops)]
34
            (recur (concat Q' frontier) marked' dist' prev')))))
35
```

A.8.3 molly.algo.bfs_atom

```
(ns molly.algo.bfs-atom
     (use molly.algo.common))
3
   (defn update-adj
     [state-ref G u max-hops]
5
     (let [marked?
                      (@state-ref :marked)
            deferred
                      (if (>= ((@state-ref :dist) u) max-hops)
                         8
                         (doall
9
                           (for [v (find-adj G u)]
10
                             (if (marked? v)
11
                               nil
12
                               (future
13
                                 (swap!
14
                                   state-ref
15
                                   update-state
16
                                   u
17
18
                                   max-hops))))))]
19
       (doall (map deref-future deferred))))
20
21
   (defn bfs-atom
22
     [G s t max-hops]
23
     (let [state-ref (atom (initial-state s))]
24
       (while (and (not (empty? (@state-ref :Q)))
25
                    (not (@state-ref :done)))
26
                      (first (@state-ref :Q))
          (let [u
                      (pop (@state-ref :Q))]
28
            (swap! state-ref assoc :Q Q')
29
            (if (some (fn [node] (= node t)) (@state-ref :marked))
30
              (swap! state-ref assoc :done true)
31
              (update-adj state-ref G u max-hops))))
32
       [(@state-ref :marked) (@state-ref :dist) (@state-ref :prev)]))
33
```

A.8.4 molly.algo.bfs_ref

```
(ns molly.algo.bfs-ref
     (use molly.algo.common))
3
   (defn update-adj
     [state-ref G u max-hops]
5
     (let [marked?
                      (@state-ref :marked)
           deferred
                      (if (>= ((@state-ref :dist) u) max-hops)
                        8
                         (doall
9
                           (for [v (find-adj G u)]
10
                             (if (marked? v)
11
                               nil
12
                               (future (dosync (alter
13
                                                  state-ref
14
                                                  update-state
15
                                                  u
16
17
                                                  max-hops)))))))]
18
       (doall (map deref-future deferred))))
19
20
   (defn bfs-ref
21
     [G s t max-hops]
22
     (let [state-ref (ref (initial-state s))]
23
       (while (and (not (empty? (@state-ref :Q)))
24
                    (not (@state-ref :done)))
25
          (let [u
                    (first (@state-ref :Q))
26
                    (pop (@state-ref :Q))]
            (dosync (alter state-ref assoc :Q Q'))
28
            (if (some (fn [node] (= node t)) (@state-ref :marked))
29
              (dosync (alter state-ref assoc :done true))
30
              (update-adj state-ref G u max-hops))))
31
        [(@state-ref :marked) (@state-ref :dist) (@state-ref :prev)]))
32
```

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To do...

 \square 1 (p. 16): Add overview diagram of system design.