

Relational
 relations ~ table
 relation ~ row (tuple)
 on write
 declarative QL

users (u164 str) first_name / second_name born

user_id	first_name	second_name	born
251	Bill	Gates	USA, ...

positions

comp_id	user_id	job	company
400	251	co-chair	Bill Gates Foundation
401	251	co-founder	Microsoft

education

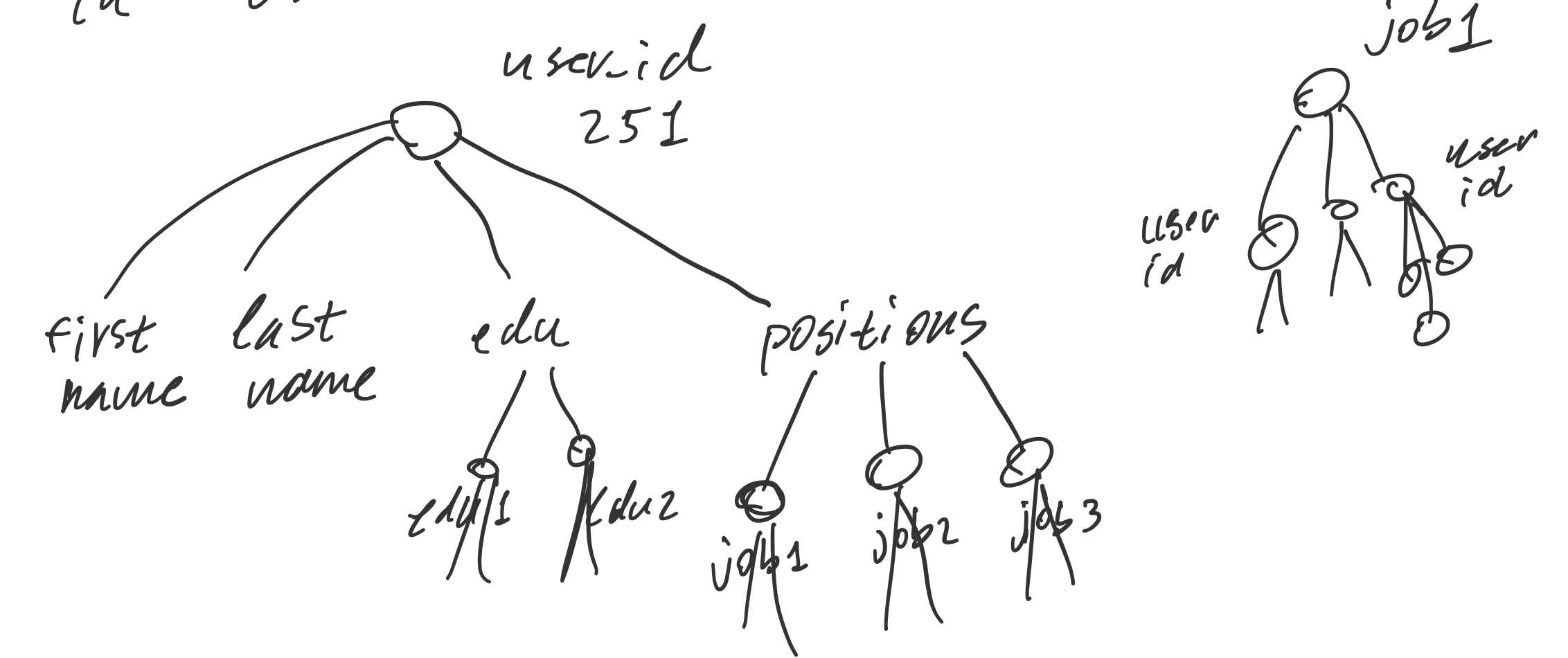
id	user_id	name	start	end
138	251			

object-relation mismatch
 ORM
 object-relation mapping

Schema on write
Schema on read
 JSON
 {
 "user_id": 251,
 "first_name": "Bill",
 }

Relational
 + general-purpose optimizer
 + joins
 - ORM
 • normalization
 - joins + writes
 • denormalization
 - update + read several places

Hierarchical
 on write
 imperative QL



Network
 on write

CODASYL model

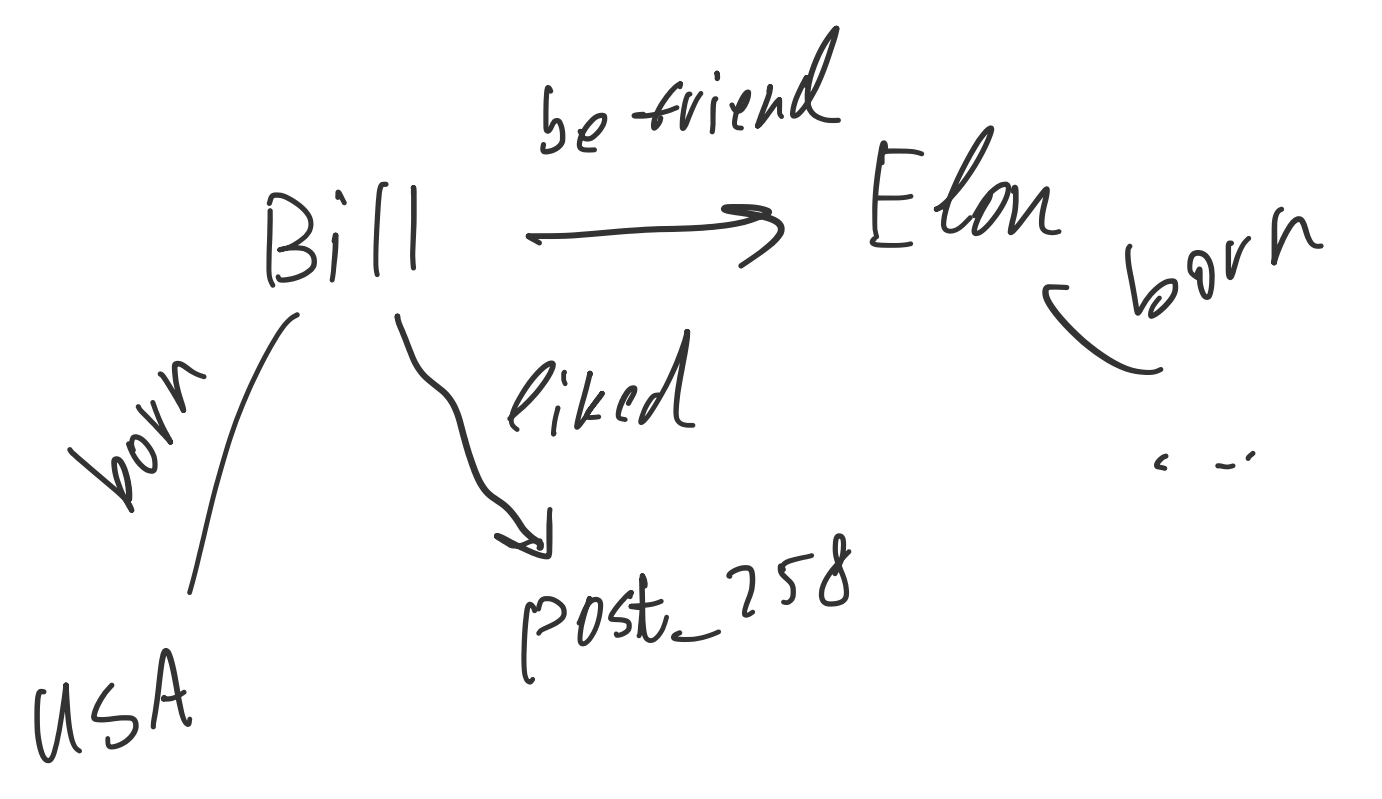
foreign key ~ links

access path
 imperative QL

Document
 on read
 imperative QL

profile {
 "user_id": 251,
 "first_name": "Bill",
 "positions": [{ "job": "co-founder", "company": "Microsoft" },
 { "job": "...", "company": "..." }],
 "education": [...]
 }

Graph
 non-homogeneous data
 declarative QL



property graph
 triple-store
 Cypher QL
 SparQL

(subject, predicate, object)
 (lucy, age, 33)
 (lucy, married-to, alan)

Hierarchical
 + easy

- no joins
 - copies of fields

Network
 + fast query
 - complex querying
 - expensive mutations

Document
 + flexibility
 + no mismatch
 + locality
 - no joins

Graph
 + flexibility
 + relational representation
 - work overheads

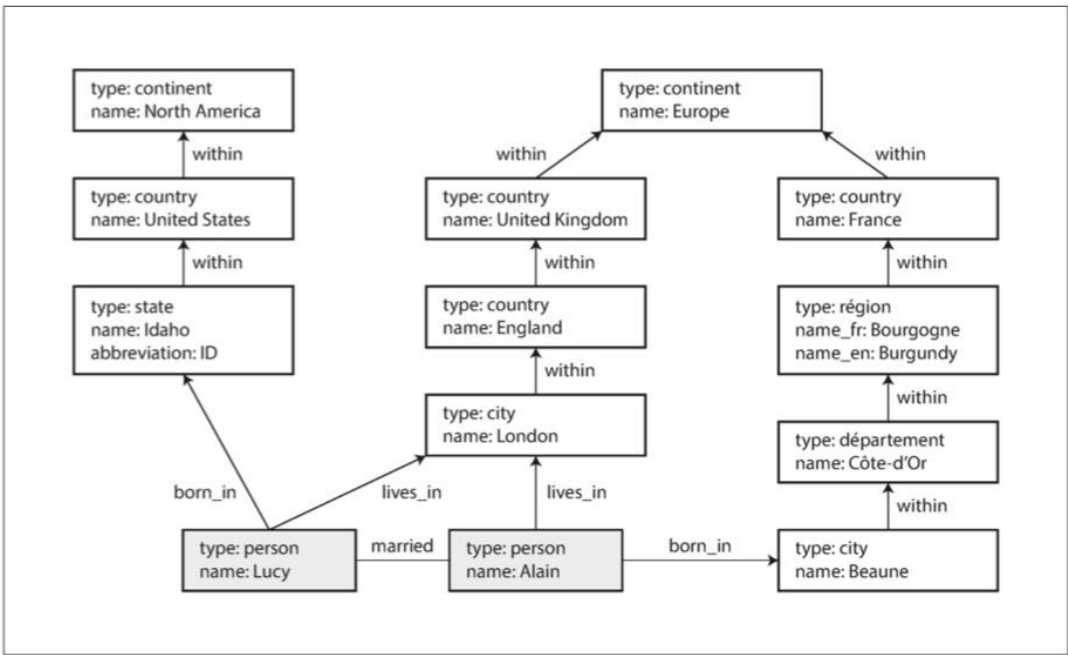


Figure 2-5. Example of graph-structured data (boxes represent vertices, arrows represent edges).

```
CREATE TABLE vertices (  
  vertex_id integer PRIMARY KEY,  
  properties json  
);  
  
CREATE TABLE edges (  
  edge_id integer PRIMARY KEY,  
  tail_vertex integer REFERENCES vertices (vertex_id),  
  head_vertex integer REFERENCES vertices (vertex_id),  
  label text,  
  properties json  
);  
  
CREATE INDEX edges_tails ON edges (tail_vertex);  
CREATE INDEX edges_heads ON edges (head_vertex);  
  
CREATE  
(NAmerica:Location {name:'North America', type:'continent'}),  
(USA:Location {name:'United States', type:'country' } ),  
(Idaho:Location {name:'Idaho', type:'state' } ),  
(Lucy:Person {name:'Lucy' } ),  
(Idaho) -[:WITHIN]-> (USA) -[:WITHIN]-> (NAmerica),  
(Lucy) -[:BORN_IN]-> (Idaho)  
  
MATCH  
  (person) -[:BORN_IN]-> () -[:WITHIN*0..]-> (us:Location {name:'United States'}),  
  (person) -[:LIVES_IN]-> () -[:WITHIN*0..]-> (eu:Location {name:'Europe'})  
RETURN person.name  
  
WITH RECURSIVE  
  
-- in_usa is the set of vertex IDs of all locations within the United States  
in_usa(vertex_id) AS (  
  SELECT vertex_id FROM vertices WHERE properties->>'name' = 'United States' ❶  
  UNION  
  SELECT edges.tail_vertex FROM edges ❷  
    JOIN in_usa ON edges.head_vertex = in_usa.vertex_id  
    WHERE edges.label = 'within'  
),  
  
-- in_europe is the set of vertex IDs of all locations within Europe  
in_europe(vertex_id) AS (  
  SELECT vertex_id FROM vertices WHERE properties->>'name' = 'Europe' ❸  
  UNION  
  SELECT edges.tail_vertex FROM edges  
    JOIN in_europe ON edges.head_vertex = in_europe.vertex_id  
    WHERE edges.label = 'within'  
),  
  
-- born_in_usa is the set of vertex IDs of all people born in the US  
born_in_usa(vertex_id) AS ( ❹  
  SELECT edges.tail_vertex FROM edges  
    JOIN in_usa ON edges.head_vertex = in_usa.vertex_id  
    WHERE edges.label = 'born_in'  
),  
  
-- lives_in_europe is the set of vertex IDs of all people living in Europe  
lives_in_europe(vertex_id) AS ( ❺  
  SELECT edges.tail_vertex FROM edges  
    JOIN in_europe ON edges.head_vertex = in_europe.vertex_id  
    WHERE edges.label = 'lives_in'  
)  
  
SELECT vertices.properties->>'name'  
FROM vertices  
-- join to find those people who were both born in the US *and* live in Europe  
JOIN born_in_usa ON vertices.vertex_id = born_in_usa.vertex_id ❻  
JOIN lives_in_europe ON vertices.vertex_id = lives_in_europe.vertex_id;
```

```
@prefix : <urn:example:>.  
_:lucy a :Person.  
_:lucy :name "Lucy".  
_:lucy :bornIn _:idaho.  
_:idaho a :Location.  
_:idaho :name "Idaho".  
_:idaho :type "state".  
_:idaho :within _:usa.  
_:usa a :Location.  
_:usa :name "United States".  
_:usa :type "country".  
_:usa :within _:namerica.  
_:namerica a :Location.  
_:namerica :name "North America".  
_:namerica :type "continent".
```

Example 2-8. The data of Example 2-7, expressed using RDF/XML syntax

```
<rdf:RDF xmlns="urn:example:"  
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#">  
  
  <Location rdf:nodeID="idaho">  
    <name>Idaho</name>  
    <type>state</type>  
    <within>  
      <Location rdf:nodeID="usa">  
        <name>United States</name>  
        <type>country</type>  
        <within>  
          <Location rdf:nodeID="namerica">  
            <name>North America</name>  
            <type>continent</type>  
          </Location>  
        </within>  
      </Location>  
    </within>  
  </Location>  
  
  <Person rdf:nodeID="lucy">  
    <name>Lucy</name>  
    <bornIn rdf:nodeID="idaho" />  
  </Person>  
</rdf:RDF>  
  
PREFIX : <urn:example:>  
  
SELECT ?personName WHERE {  
  ?person :name ?personName.  
  ?person :bornIn / :within* / :name "United States".  
  ?person :livesIn / :within* / :name "Europe".  
}
```