SDM Project

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In this document, we will be discussing about the Semantic Data Management part for the Joint Project in BDMA. First of all, we came up with a business idea that we would expand on in our VBP course. For BDM, we extracted and managed data that we would need to develop this project. And finally, in SDM course we want to integrate and improve with the use of semantics. Code and Data are provided in our Github repository¹

M1. Purpose Statement

Our business idea consists of generating personalised recommendations to users based on tags extracted from people's experiences in restaurants, bars and cafes in Barcelona. These recommendations will have a high affinity with the user once they start interacting with the app, so that they match their personal preferences.

In our BDM course, we focused on extracting reviews from different sources to obtain the mentioned tags to get our app started. This means that once the app would be launched, our users would start creating their own tags. So, unlike our proof of concept in BDM, where we used data from TripAdvisor, Google Maps and Yelp, in the future, we would only have one source: ForMe App.

Based on the above information, we believe graph-based analytics is the most appropriate approach for our data. The ultimate goal would be to create a recommendation system with which to suggest relevant establishments for each user of our app.

M2. Graph Family

After extracting the tags from establishments and users, this data would be stored in a property graph, where some analytics (e.g., recommendation system) could be performed to improve the functionalities of the application. Moreover, as mentioned before, we would have only one source of data input. This means that data integration performed with knowledge graph wouldn't be necessary.

Regarding the language that will be used to query the property graph, this will be Cypher on top of Neo4j graph database. This is a suitable option for us since it was already studied in this course and implemented in Lab 1. This way, we will have the opportunity to expand our knowledge using this technology and language in our own entrepreneurial idea.

M3. Graph Design

Making use of the extracted data from TripAdvisor, Yelp and Google Maps, we have designed the following graph, which we think would give us the change to use its topology and exploit it in a convenient way for our business idea.

 $^{^{1}} https://github.com/yanjianzhang/FIB-Course-Project/tree/master/Semantic_Data_Management/Final_PJ$

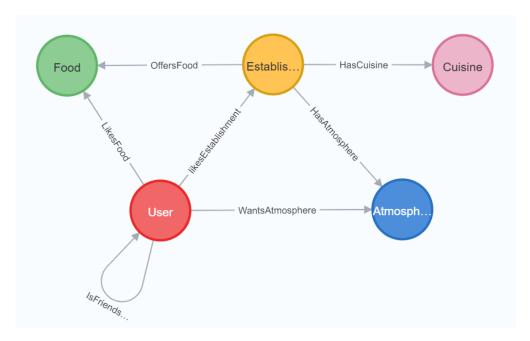


Figure 1: Graph Design

M4. Populate the graph

Before creating and populating the graph, we had to make sure that our data had the right format for it.

In BDM Part 2 we extracted relevant tags using Named-entity recognition (NER), AutoPhrase and TF-IDF algorithms. However, semantics need to go beyond that: tags must be grouped by meaning. Extracting only meaningful words is not so straightforward. We have therefore decided to use datasets that are available in: data world² and kaggle³. The former one was used to create the node named food, the latter for cuisine (see Figure 1). These sources were used as dictionaries as "right" options. We then joined our original table (having merged the tags obtained from the three algorithms previously mentioned), with these dictionaries, keeping only those present in the latter.

Moreover, to create the edge named :likesEstablishment we assumed that only those reviews with a rating of exactly 5 were "liked" by a user. Following this logic, the edges named :WantsAtmosphere and :LikesFood were derived from that subset of reviews.

Finally, in order to create all 5 nodes and 7 edges, one csv was generated for each. If any of these did not have a unique identifier, one was randomly created. All edges could be successfully created with the information retrieved from BDM Project, except for *IsFriendsWith*, since Google Maps does not link users' profiles. In this case, relationships were synthetically generated.

We used R to do this formatting. Code is available in the R script named *create_csvs*.

 $^{^2} https://data.world/kgarrett/whats-on-the-menu/workspace/query?queryid=5d1d1edb-5e6c-4bc7-bf9e-b128f846b959$

³https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/ngshiheng/michelin-guide-restaurants-2021

M5. Exploit the graph

Outdegree

We believe it would be interesting to know which users are interacting the most with the app; this means adding tags, liking establishments, uploading images, etc. Since our aim is to make our recommendations as accurate as possible, we have to encourage users to give feedback. If we can find those who are posting the most, we would be able to give them rewards like getting the add-free version of the app, unlocking premium avatars, etc.

For this task we have decided to use the outdegree algorithm. It is a Centrality algorithm, using adjacency. In this case, we only consider those edges that are leaving the node *User*, which represent the activity of the user.

In order to do this, we perform the following steps inside a query:

- Count the number of edges following the three different paths as when a user interacts with the app (liking, recommending, etc.)
- Aggregate all of them as Outdegree of each user node.

Restaurant similarity

We want to find out the pairs of restaurant that have the similar kind of **Cuisine** and **Atmosphere**. The similarity can be used to recommend restaurants based on user's historical records. We calculate the similarity score based on the following steps:

- Create the similarity graph 1 based on Establishment and Atmosphere over "HasAtmosphere" Relationship.
- Calculate the atmosphere similarity score based on graph 1.
- Create the similarity graph 2 based on Establishment and Cusine over "HasCuisine" Relationship.
- Calculate the cuisine similarity score based on graph 2.
- Sum atmosphere similarity score and cuisine similarity score, ranking the establishment with the highest sum score.

Influential User Finding

For each restaurant, they may want to find the most influential user in the social network who likes them. This information can be further used for advertisement. To find the user, we go with the following steps:

- Run Pagerank inside all the social network, and get the score of each user.
- Matching the restaurant with the user who likes them.
- For each restaurant, find the user with the highest score in Pagerank.

M6. Metadata Description

This section is not applicable for our scenario.

M7. Proof of Concept

Outdegree

The implementation of the outdegree algorithm can be seen in Figure 2 below.

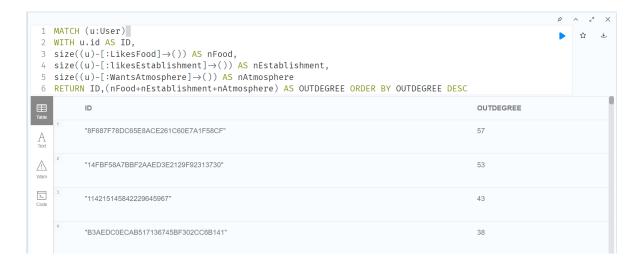


Figure 2: Outdegree Algorithm

Restaurant similarity

The creation of the Graph and the Similartiy Query can be seen from the Figure 3 and Figure 4.

Figure 3: Similarity Graph Initialization

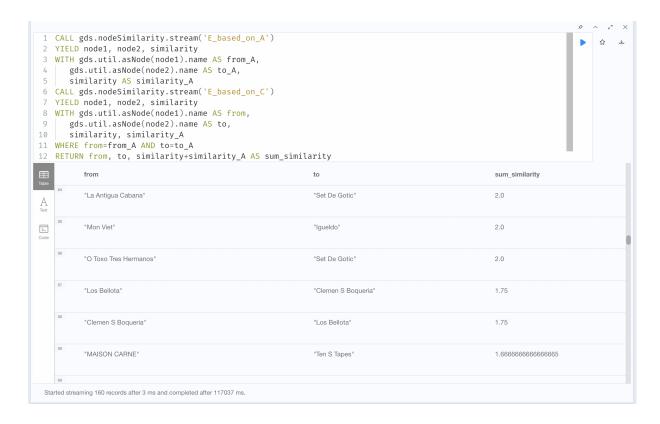


Figure 4: Similarity Graph Query and Result

Influential User Finding

The creation of the Graph and the Query of Influential User Finding can be seen from the Figure 5 and Figure 6.

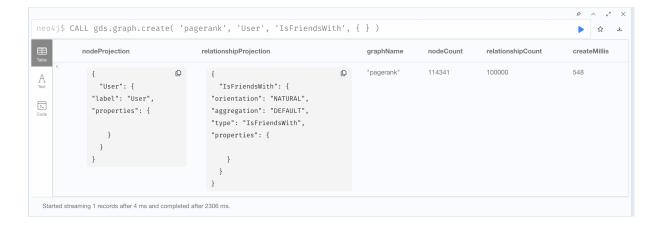


Figure 5: Influential User Finding Initial



Figure 6: Influential User Finding Query