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title	Transitive friends with certain name

pattern	

desc.	Given a start Person, find Persons with a given first name (firstName) that the start Person is connected to (excluding start Person) by at most 3 steps via the knows relationships. Return Persons, including the distance (1..3), summaries of the Persons workplaces and places of study.

params			
	1	personId	ID
	2	firstName	String

result					
	1	otherPerson.id	ID	R	
	2	otherPerson.lastName	String	R	
	3	distanceFromPerson	32-bit Integer	C	
	4	otherPerson.birthday	Date	R	
	5	otherPerson.creationDate	DateTime	R	
	6	otherPerson.gender	String	R	
	7	otherPerson.browserUsed	String	R	
	8	otherPerson.locationIP	String	R	
	9	otherPerson.email	{Long String}	R	
	10	otherPerson.speaks	{String}	R	
	11	locationCity.name	String	R	
	12	universities	{<String, 32-bit Integer, String>}	A	{‹university.name, studyAt.classYear, universityCity.name›}
	13	companies	{<String, 32-bit Integer, String>}	A	{‹company.name, workAt.workFrom, companyCountry.name›}

sort			
	1	distanceFromPerson	↑
	2	otherPerson.lastName	↑
	3	otherPerson.id	↑

limit	20
CPs	2.1, 5.3, 8.2

relevance	This query is a representative of a simple navigational query. It looks for paths of length 1..3 through the knows relation, starting from a given Person and ending at a Person with a given first name. It is interesting for several aspects. (1) It requires for a complex aggregation for returning the concatenation of universities, companies, languages and email information of the Person. (2) It tests the ability of the optimizer to move the evaluation of sub-queries functionally dependant on the Person, after the evaluation of the top-k. (3) Its performance is highly sensitive to properly estimating the cardinalities in each transitive path, and paying attention not to explore already visited Persons.