CS520: KNOWLEDGE GRAPHS

Data Models, Knowledge Acquisition, Inference, Applications

Lectures and Invited Guests

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Learn about the basic concepts, latest research & applications

What are some Knowledge Graph Data Models?

Outline

- Two Popular Knowledge Graph Data Models
  - Resource Description Framework (RDF) (Query language: SPARQL)
  - Property Graphs (Query language: Cypher)
- Comparison of RDF and Property Graphs
- Comparison of Graph Models with Relational Model
- Limitations of Graph Data Models
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Resource Description Framework

- Designed to represent information on the web
- Standardized by World Wide Web (W3C) Consortium

RDF Data Model

- Triple is the basic unit of representation
  - Consists of subject, predicate, and object

art knows bob

RDF Data Model

- The nodes can be of three types
  - Internationalized Resource Identifiers (IRI)
    - Uniquely identifies resources on the web
  - Literals
    - A value of certain type (integer, string, etc.)
  - Blank nodes
    - A node with no identifier (anonymous)

Internationalized Resource Identifiers

URL: http://www.wikipedia.org

URI: www.wikipedia.org

IRI: https://hi.wikipedia.org/हिन्दी_विकिपीडिया

Internationalized Resource Identifiers

- Generalization of Uniform Resource Identifiers
  - URIs sequence of characters chosen from a limited subset of the repertoire of US-ASCII
    - Uniform Resource Locator (URL) is a URI that also specifies the method of access
  - IRIs use characters chosen from Universal Character Set (UCS)

Examples:

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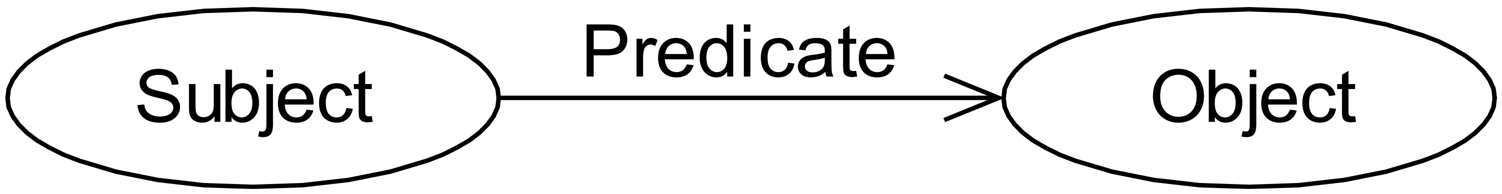

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We can define prefixes

@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/>

ex:art foaf:knows ex:bob

Literal

- A value of certain type

Examples:

ex:bea foaf:age 23

"1"^^xsd:integer
"01"^^xsd:integer

Blank Nodes

- Used for representing structured information

exstaff:85740   exterms:address   "1501 Grant Avenue, Bedford, Massachusetts 01730" .

exstaff:85740   exterms:address   _:art_address

_:art_address exterms:street “1501 Grant Avenue”

_:art_address exterms:city “Bedford”

_:art_address exterms:state “Massachusetts”

_:art_address exterms:zip “01730”

RDF Vocabulary

- A set of IRIs to be used in describing the data
- RDF graphs are static
  - By providing suitable vocabulary extension dynamics of data may be captured

RDF Dataset

- A collection of RDF graphs with
  - Exactly one default graph
  - One or more named graphs
    - Name can be a blank node or an IRI

Query Language: SPARQL

- Simple Protocol and Query Language (pronounced “sparkl”)
- Queries can go across multiple sources
  - Show me on a map the birthplace of people who died in Winterthour
- Full-featured query language
  - Required/optional parameters
  - Filtering the results
  - Results can be graphs

Query Language: SPARQL

- Example: Who are the persons that art knows?

Graph Pattern

SELECT ?person

WHERE

<http://example.org/art> <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/knows> ?person

?person1
<http://example.org/bob>
<http://example.org/bea>

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Basic graph pattern match

Query Language: SPARQL

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@prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
@prefix :    <http://example.org/book/> .
@prefix ns:  <http://example.org/ns#> .

:book1  dc:title  "SPARQL Tutorial" .
:book1  ns:price  42 .
:book2  dc:title  "The Semantic Web" .
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```

```
PREFIX  dc:  <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
SELECT  ?title
WHERE   { ?x dc:title ?title
          FILTER regex(?title, "^SPARQL")
        }
```

title
“SPARQL Tutorial”

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        FILTER (?price < 30.5)
        ?x dc:title ?title . }
```

?title	?price
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Query Language: SPARQL

- Instead of SELECT, we can use CONSTRUCT
  - Returns a graph
- Queries can contain more than one graph pattern
- Eliminate duplicates, total number of results

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Property Graph Data Model

- Used by many graph databases
- General graph data
  - Do not require a predefined schema
- Optimize graph traversals

Property Graph Data Model

- Nodes, relationships and properties
- Each node and a relationship has a label and set of properties
- Properties are key value pairs
  - Keys are strings, values can be any data types
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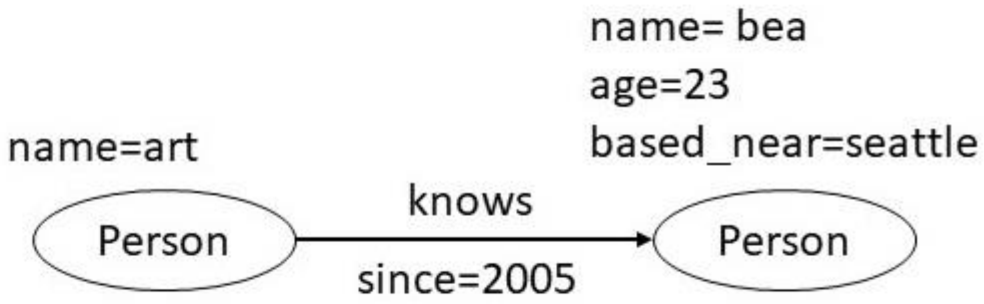

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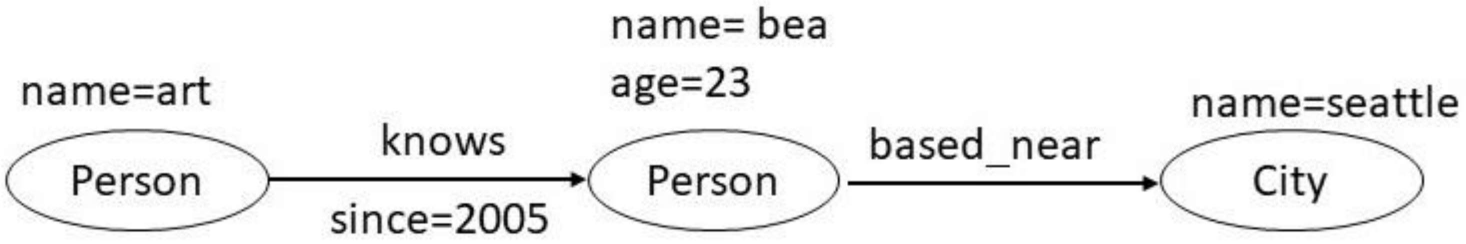

Query Language: Cypher

- Query language for querying graph data
- Being considered for adoption as an ISO Standard
- Supports CRUD operations
  - Create, read, update, delete

Query Language: Cypher

- Which people does art know?

```
MATCH (p1:Person {name: art}) -[:knows]-> (p2: Person)
RETURN p2
```

Query Language: Cypher

- Which people does art know since 2010?

```
MATCH (p1:Person {name: art}) -[:knows {since: 2010}]-> (p2: Person)
RETURN p1, p2
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```
MATCH (p1:Person) -[:knows {since: Y}]-> (p2: Person)
WHERE Y <= 2010
RETURN p1, p2
```

- WHERE clause can be used to specify a variety of filtering constraints

Query Language: Cypher

- Constructs for
  - Counting
  - Grouping
  - Aggregating
  - Min/Max

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RDF and Property Graphs

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  - RDF Schema, Web Ontology, etc.
- Basic differences
  - Property graph model supports edge properties
  - Property graph model does not require IRIs
  - Property graph model does not support blank nodes

Reification in RDF

- Suppose we wish to specify the provenance of a triple

exproducts:item10245 exterms:weight "2.4"^^xsd:decimal

- We wish to state who took the above measurement
  - In a property graph we would do it using an edge property

Reification in RDF

- Reification Vocabulary
  - *rdf:type, rdf:Statement*
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Translating Property Graphs into RDF

- Property Graph
  - Node properties → Triples
  - Edges → Triples
  - Edge properties → Reified edges + Triples
- RDF
  - Triples
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  - Reified edges + Triples

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  - Subject and object become nodes with predicates as the edges between those nodes
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Translating Property Graphs into RDF

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  - Create new nodes only for those RDF nodes that are IRIs or blank nodes
  - Literals become node properties
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- Similarities
  - Data in one can be inter-converted into the other

Graph Model and Relational Model

- Graphs are easier to understand
  - Relational schemas can be visualized
- Graph queries are more compact and faster
  - Translator from graph queries to relational queries can be written

Example

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id	**name**	**ssn**
e01	alice	...
e02	bob	...
e03	charlie	...
e04	dana	...

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employee id	**department id**
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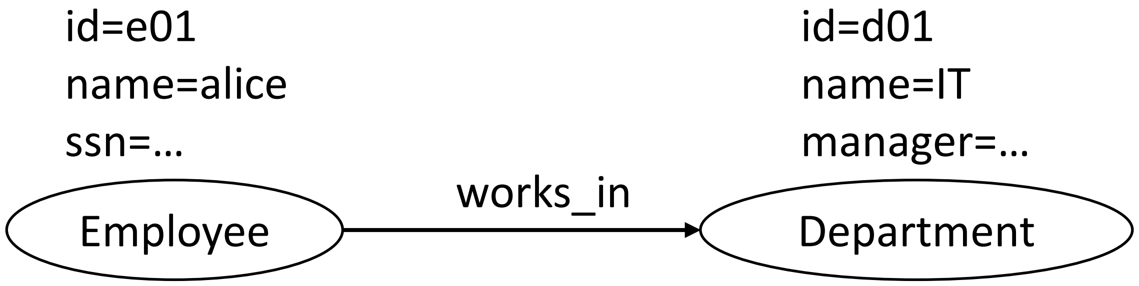

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List the employees in the IT Department

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WHERE Department.name = "IT"
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MATCH (p:Employee) -[:works_in]-> (d:Department)
WHERE d.id = "IT"
RETURN p
```
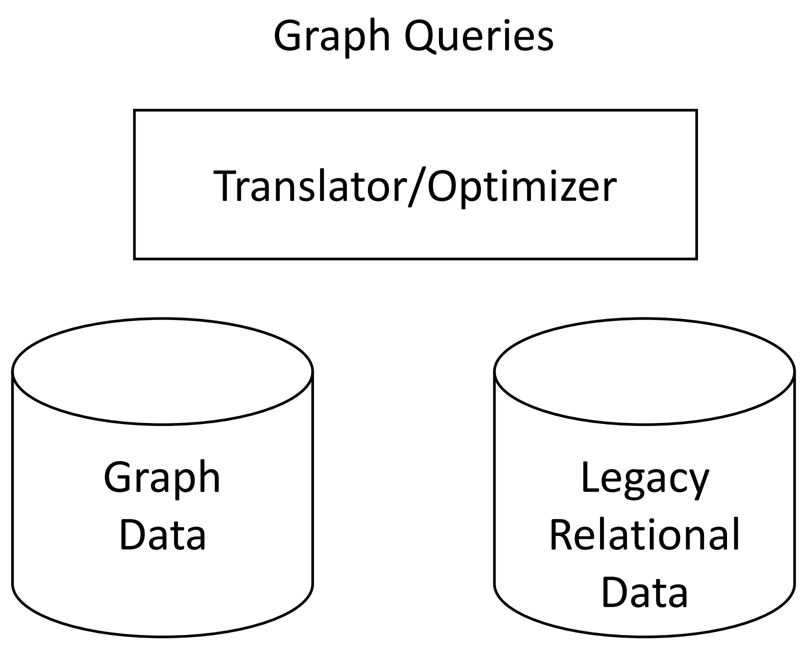

Mapping Graph Model to Relational Model

- Provide two relational tables
  - A table that represents node properties and relationships as riples
  - A table that represents edge properties as four tuples

Mapping Graph Model to Relational Model

- Provide a translator from graph queries to relational queries
    - Incorporate optimizations in the translator
    - Can optimize queries across the graph data and legacy data in relational systems



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Limitations of the Graph Model

- Triples are not always sufficient
  - For example, the ternary relationships such as between
- Time series data is naturally modeled in relations
  - Evolving population of a country over a period of time

Summary

- RDF/SPARQL and Property Graph / Cypher are common graph data models in use today
- RDF addresses the need to model information on the web, while Property Graphs are used as a model in general graph databases
- Translations exist between RDF and property graph models
- Translations also exist from graph models to relations
- Unique features of graph models
  - More compact queries
  - Optimized for traversals
  - Graphical visualization

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Querying Property Graphs with [open]Cypher