

# A Compilation Technique for Interactive Ontology-mediated Data Exploration

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# Motivation

- **Ontologies on top of data** extensively considered in recent years, they offer many advantages
- **Ontology-based Data Access** [PLC<sup>+</sup>08] ontologies mediate the access to the data
- **Ontology-mediated Query Answering** evaluating a query in presence of an ontology
  - central problem in OBDA
  - representation of data abstracted away
- **Interactive query answering not supported by any OMQA systems**  
all engines answer queries **one-at-a-time**

# Motivation

- **We focus on** how to efficiently answer slightly modified versions of a query
- **Compiling data** we observe the need to compile relevant information in a meaningful way
- **Data exploration neglected so far**
  - data analysis taken for granted in relational database systems
  - however in ontology-mediated context not tackled before
- **OMQA Interface systems** focus on helping users build queries *Quelo* [FGTT11], *SemFacet* [ACGK<sup>+</sup>14]
  - construct the type of queries we consider

# Problem Description

- **Considering**
  - ontologies formalized in *DL-Lite*[CGL<sup>+</sup>07]
  - tree-shaped conjunctive queries with one answer variable
- **Assuming** two upper- and -lower bound queries given
  - helping the user target the objects of interest
- **Goal** build a compilation for supporting *interactive query answering* and *query modifications*
- we expect a **trade-off** between expensive offline compilation and efficient online evaluation

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# Description Logics

- we consider ontologies formalized using  $DL\text{-Lite}_{\mathcal{R}}$  [CGL<sup>+</sup>07]

Construct	Syntax	Example	Semantics
Atomic role	$P$	worksFor	$P^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
Inverse role	$P^{-}$	teacherOf <sup>-</sup>	$\{(o, o') \mid (o', o) \in P^{\mathcal{I}}\}$
Role negation	$\neg R$	$\neg$ memberOf	$(\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}) \setminus R^{\mathcal{I}}$
Atomic concept	$A$	Employee	$A^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
Existential restriction	$\exists R$	$\exists$ advisor	$\{o \mid \exists o' \text{ s.t. } (o, o') \in R^{\mathcal{I}}\}$
Concept negation	$\neg B$	$\neg \exists$ advisor <sup>-</sup>	$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \setminus B^{\mathcal{I}}$
Top concept	$\top$		$\top^{\mathcal{I}} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
Individual	$a$	Prof1	$a^{\mathcal{I}} \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$

Table: Syntax and semantics for allowed constructs of concepts and roles



# Description Logics

$$B := A \mid \exists R \quad C := B \mid \neg B \quad R := P \mid P^- \quad E := R \mid \neg R$$

Axiom	Syntax	Example	Semantics
Concept inclusion	$B \sqsubseteq C$	Employee $\sqsubseteq \exists$ worksFor	$B^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq C^{\mathcal{I}}$
Role inclusion	$R \sqsubseteq E$	worksFor $\sqsubseteq$ memberOf	$R^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq E^{\mathcal{I}}$
Concept assertion	$A(a)$	Student(Stud1)	$a^{\mathcal{I}} \in A^{\mathcal{I}}$
Role assertion	$P(a, b)$	teacherOf(Prof1, GradCourse1)	$(a^{\mathcal{I}}, b^{\mathcal{I}}) \in P^{\mathcal{I}}$
Negated concept assertion	$\neg A(a)$	$\neg$ Professor(Stud1)	$a^{\mathcal{I}} \notin A^{\mathcal{I}}$
Negated role assertion	$\neg P(a, b)$	$\neg$ worksFor(Stud1, Dep1)	$(a^{\mathcal{I}}, b^{\mathcal{I}}) \notin P^{\mathcal{I}}$

Table: Syntax and semantics for allowed axioms and assertions

## Definition

- An **ABox** is a finite set of *assertions*
- A **TBox** is a finite set of *concept or role inclusions*
- A **knowledge base (KB)**  $\mathcal{K} = \langle \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{T} \rangle$  consists of an ABox  $\mathcal{A}$  and a TBox  $\mathcal{T}$ .

# Canonical Model

For a  $DL\text{-Lite}_{\mathcal{R}}$  KB  $\langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A} \rangle$  an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}}$  such as the domain  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}}}$  consists of all words  $aR_1 \dots R_n$  ( $n \geq 0$ ), where  $a \in \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $R_i$  - atomic or inverse role. Let  $\mathbf{Anon\_Obj} := \Delta^{\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}}} \setminus \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A})$  to be the **set of anonymous objects**. The interpretation function,  $\cdot^{\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}}}$  is defined as follows:

- $a^{\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}}} = a$  for all  $a \in \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A})$
- $A^{\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}}} = \{a \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A} \models A(a)\} \cup \{aR_1 \dots R_n \mid n \geq 1 \text{ and } \exists R_n^- \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} A\}$
- $P^{\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}}} = \{(a, b) \mid R(a, b) \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } R \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} P\} \cup \{(b, a) \mid R(a, b) \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } R \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} P^-\} \cup \{(w_1, w_2) \mid w_2 = w_1 S \text{ and } S \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} R\} \cup \{(w_2, w_1) \mid w_2 = w_1 S \text{ and } S \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} R^-\}$

The following result is standard:

## Theorem (Canonical model existence [CGL<sup>+</sup>07])

For any given consistent  $DL\text{-Lite}_{\mathcal{R}}$  KB  $\langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A} \rangle$   $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}}$  can be constructed and is a model of the KB, called **canonical model**.

# Query answering in $DL\text{-Lite}_{\mathcal{R}}$

## ■ Queries

- A **conjunctive query** (CQ)

$$q(\vec{x}) \text{ :- } \varphi(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$$

where  $\varphi$  is constructed using  $\wedge$  from atoms of the form  $A(t)$  and  $R(t, t')$ , where  $t, t'$  are *terms* ( *individuals* or *variables* from  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}$ ).

- $\vec{x}$  - *answer variables*,  $\vec{y}$  - *bound variables*

- **Certain answers semantics** the retrieved answers are those that hold in every model
- $\mathbf{cert}(q, \mathcal{K}) = \mathbf{ans}(q, \mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{A}})$ , for every CQ  $q$  [CGL<sup>+</sup>07]
- let  $\mathcal{K}'$  be the result of removing all negative inclusions and assertions from KB  $\mathcal{K}$ 
  - $\mathbf{cert}(q, \mathcal{K}) = \mathbf{cert}(q, \mathcal{K}')$ , if  $\mathcal{K}$  consistent

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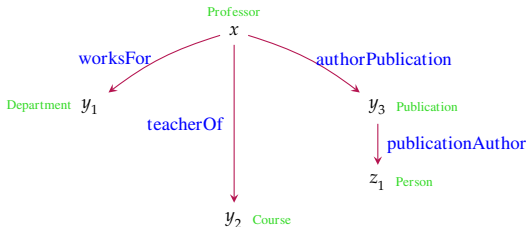
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# Tree-shaped CQs

- we call  $q$  a **tree-shaped** CQ if its primal graph is a tree
- A CQ  $q$  is called **1treeCQ** if it is tree-shaped and has *exactly one answer variable*

## Example

$q(x) : -$  Professor( $x$ ), worksFor( $y_1$ ), Department( $y_1$ ),  
 teacherOf( $x$ ,  $y_2$ ), Course( $y_2$ ),  
 authorPublication( $x$ ,  $y_3$ ), Publication( $y_3$ ),  
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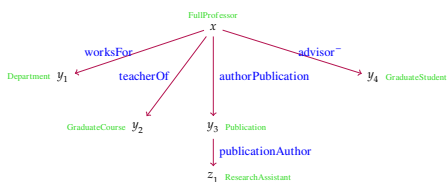


# Related Queries

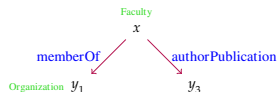
Given a  $DL\text{-Lite}_{\mathcal{R}}$  TBox  $\mathcal{T}$  and two 1treeCQs  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ , we call  $q_1$  **subquery** of  $q_2$  (w.r.t.  $\mathcal{T}$ ), written  $q_1 \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} q_2$ , iff  $\mathbf{term}(q_1) \subseteq \mathbf{term}(q_2)$  and

- for each atom  $R_1(t_1, t_2) \in q_1$  there exists  $R_2(t_1, t_2)$  or  $R_2^-(t_2, t_1) \in q_2$  such that  $R_2 \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} R_1$  and
- for each atom  $C_1(t) \in q_1$  there exists  $C_2(t) \in q_2$  such that  $C_2 \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} C_1$ .

Symmetrically, we call  $q_2$  **superquery** of  $q_1$  (w.r.t.  $\mathcal{T}$ ).



(a) Superquery for  $q$



(b) Subquery for  $q$

FullProfessor  $\sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}}$  Professor    Professor  $\sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}}$  Faculty    worksFor  $\sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}}$  memberOf

# 1treeCQs Family

- For a given  $DL\text{-Lite}_{\mathcal{R}}$  KB  $\mathcal{K} := \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A} \rangle$ , let  $q_L$  - **the lower bound query** and  $q_U$  - **the upper bound query** be two 1treeCQs such that  $q_L \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} q_U$
- any 1treeCQ  $q$  such that  $q_L \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} q \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} q_U$  is called **in-between query**
- **1treeCQs family** is the set of 1treeCQs containing  $q_L, q_U$  together with all the in-between queries.

## Corollary

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a given  $DL\text{-Lite}_{\mathcal{R}}$  KB. For any two given 1treeCQs  $q_1, q_2$  such that  $q_1 \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} q_2$ , the following holds:

$$\mathbf{cert}(q_2, \mathcal{K}) \subseteq \mathbf{cert}(q_1, \mathcal{K})$$

$\Rightarrow$  for a given 1treeCQs family, if an individual is an answer to some in-between query, then it must be an answer to  $q_L$

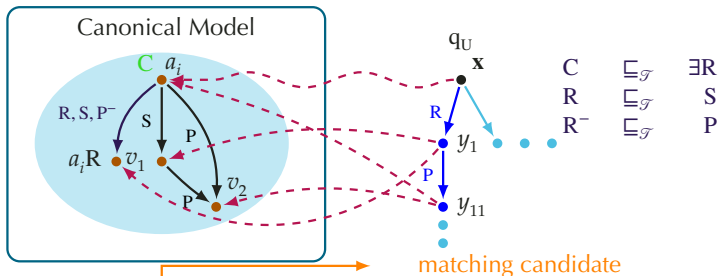
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# General Idea

- **Goal** compiling information relevant for 1 treeCQs family
- **possible answers** -  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  where each  $a_i \in \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ 
  - **storing the relevant information** **matching witness** -  $w_v^t$



$$w_{a_i}^x := \langle [\langle \emptyset, \{R\} \rangle a_iR, \langle \emptyset, \{R\} \rangle v_1]^{y_1}, \dots \rangle$$

$$w_{a_iR}^{y_1} := \langle [\langle \emptyset, \{P\} \rangle v_2, \langle \{C\}, \{P\} \rangle a_i]^{y_{11}}, \dots \rangle$$

associated labels string

# Most Specialized Concepts and Roles

Given a  $DL\text{-Lite}_{\mathcal{R}}$  KB  $\mathcal{K} := \langle \cdot, \mathcal{A} \rangle$  and any  $a \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}}}$ , we define:

$$MS_{concept}(a, \mathcal{K}) := \{A \mid \mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}} \models A(a) \text{ and for each } A' \text{ s.t. } A' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} A, \text{ with } A' \neq A, \text{ we have that } \mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}} \not\models A'(a)\}$$

to be **the set of all most specialized concepts** satisfied by  $a$  w.r.t.  $\mathcal{K}$ .  
Respectively, for any  $a, b \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}}}$ , we define:

$$MS_{role}(a, b, \mathcal{K}) := \{R \mid \mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}} \models R(a, b) \text{ and for each } R' \text{ s.t. } R' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} R, \text{ with } R' \neq R, \text{ we have that } \mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}} \not\models R'(a, b)\}$$

to be **the set of all most specialized roles** satisfied by  $(a, b)$  w.r.t.  $\mathcal{K}$ .

# Matching Candidates

Let  $\{t_1, t_2\} \subseteq \mathbf{term}(q_U)$  such that there is some  $R(t_1, t_2)$  of  $q_U$ , and  $v_1 \in \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A}) \cup \mathbf{Anon\_Obj}$ . The set of **matching candidates** for  $t_2$  relative to  $t_1 \mapsto v_1$  is

I if  $t_2 \in \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A})$  then

- $\mathbf{MC}^{t_1 \mapsto v_1}(t_2) := \{t_2\}$ , if there exists  $R \in \mathbf{MS}_{role}(v_1, t_2, \mathcal{K})$  s.t.  $R' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} R$  or  $R \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} R'$  for some  $R'(t_1, t_2) \in q_U$
- $\mathbf{MC}^{t_1 \mapsto v_1}(t_2) := \emptyset$ , otherwise.

II if  $t_2 \in \mathbf{vars}(q_U)$  then

$$\mathbf{MC}^{t_1 \mapsto v_1}(t_2) := \mathit{cand}_{\mathcal{A}} \cup \mathit{cand}_{vR} \cup \mathit{cand}_{wRS} \cup \mathit{cand}_w$$

# Matching Candidates

Where:

1 if  $v_1 \in \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A})$  then

- (i)  $cand_{\mathcal{A}} := \{v_2 \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A} \models R(v_1, v_2) \text{ where } R' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} R, \text{ for some } R'(t_1, t_2) \in q_U\}$
- (ii)  $cand_{vR} := \{v_1 R \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A} \models \exists R(v_1) \text{ where } R \in MS_{role}(v_1, v_1 R, \mathcal{K}) \text{ s.t. } R' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} R \text{ or } R \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} R', \text{ for some } R'(t_1, t_2) \in q_U\}$

2 if  $v_1 := wR \in \mathbf{Anon\_Obj}$  then

- (i)  $cand_{wRS} := \{wRS \mid \mathcal{T} \models \exists R^- \sqsubseteq \exists S, \text{ where } S \in MS_{role}(wR, wRS, \mathcal{K}) \text{ s.t. } R' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} S \text{ or } S \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} R', \text{ for some } R'(t_1, t_2) \in q_U\}$
- (ii)  $cand_w := \{w \mid \mathcal{T} \models R^- \sqsubseteq S, \text{ where } R' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} S, \text{ for some } R'(t_1, t_2) \in q_U\}$

# Labels String

For a partial match  $\pi$ , we define **the associated labels string** as follows:

- I if  $\pi$  is of the form  $[t \mapsto v]$ , where  $t \in \mathbf{term}(q_U)$  and  $v \in \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A}) \cup \mathbf{Anon\_Obj}$  then

$$\mathit{labels}(t \mapsto v) := \langle \{C \mid C \in MS_{concept}(v, \mathcal{K}) \text{ s.t. } C' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{G}} C \text{ or } C \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{G}} C', \\ \text{for some } C'(t) \in q_U \} \rangle$$

- II if  $\pi$  is of the form  $[t_1 \mapsto a, t_2 \mapsto b]$ , where  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbf{term}(q_U)$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A}) \cup \mathbf{Anon\_Obj}$ , such that  $b \in \mathbf{MC}^{t_1 \mapsto a}(t_2)$  then

$$\mathit{labels}(t_1 \mapsto a, t_2 \mapsto b) := \langle \mathbb{R}_{Labels}, \mathbb{C}_{Labels} \rangle$$

where  $\mathbb{C}_{Labels} := \{C \mid C \in MS_{concept}(b, \mathcal{K}) \text{ s.t. } C' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{G}} C \text{ or } C \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{G}} C', \\ \text{for some } C'(t_2) \in q_U\}$

- (a) if  $a, b \in \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A})$  or  $a := bR$  then

$$\mathbb{R}_{Labels} := \{R \mid R \in MS_{role}(a, b, \mathcal{K}) \text{ s.t. } R' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{G}} R \text{ or } R \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{G}} R', \text{ for some } \\ R'(t_1, t_2) \in q_U\}$$

- (b) if  $b := aR$  then

$$\mathbb{R}_{Labels} := \{R\}$$

# Matching Witness

## Definition

For a given  $DL\text{-Lite}_{\mathcal{R}}$  KB, lower bound 1treeCQ  $q_L$  and upper bound 1treeCQ  $q_U$  (rooted in  $\mathbf{x}$ ), we define the **root matching witness**

$$w_{root} := \langle [labels(\mathbf{x} \mapsto a_1)a_1, \dots, labels(\mathbf{x} \mapsto a_n)a_n] \rangle,$$

For a given term  $t \in \mathbf{term}(q_U)$  and  $o \in \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A}) \cup \mathbf{Anon\_Obj}$ , a **matching witness** for  $t$  and  $o$  is defined:

$$w_o^t := \langle values_{t_1}, \dots, values_{t_k} \rangle,$$

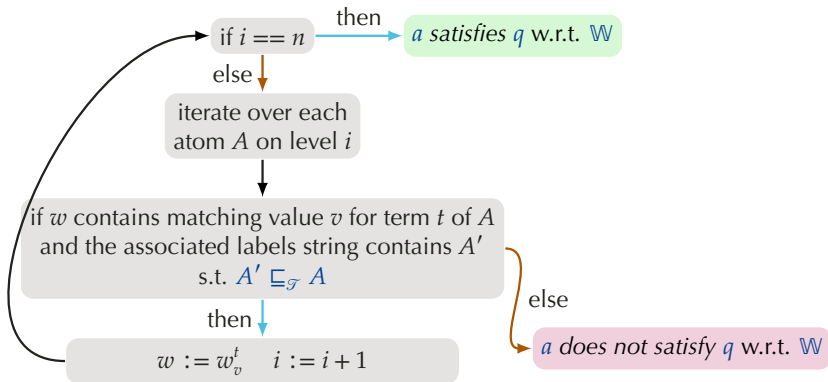
where  $\{t_1, \dots, t_k\} = \{t' \mid \text{there exists } R(t, t') \in q_U\}$ , and  $values_{t_i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , is constructed as follows:

1.  $values_{t_i} := [\varepsilon]$ , if  $\mathbf{MC}^{t \mapsto o}(t_i) = \emptyset$
2.  $values_{t_i} := [\phi_1 b_1, \dots, \phi_m b_m]$ , where  $b_j \in \mathbf{MC}^{t \mapsto o}(t_i)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , and  $\phi_j := labels(t \mapsto o, t_i \mapsto b_j)$ .

# Compilation-based Query Answering

- For a given  $DL\text{-Lite}_{\mathcal{R}}$  KB and two 1treeCQs as  $q_L, q_U$  the offline compilation represents the construction of  $\mathbb{W}$  - set of all matching witnesses
- **Answering** any query in the 1treeCQs family based on  $\mathbb{W}$  **no longer accessing the ABox  $\mathcal{A}$** 
  - **Input**  $q$  such that  $q_L \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} q \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} q_U, \mathbb{W}$
  - **Procedure's starting values**  $i := 0, n$  is the number of levels in (the tree-structure of)  $q, w := w_a^{\mathbf{x}}$  where  $a$  is a possible answer and  $\mathbf{x}$  is the answer variable of  $q$

# Compilation-based Query Answering



## Theorem

Given an in-between query  $q$ ,  $a \in \mathbf{Ind}(\mathcal{A})$  is an answer for  $q$  over the KB iff  $a$  satisfies  $q$  w.r.t.  $\mathbb{W}$ .



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# Maximal Queries

$q$  is **maximal** for  $a$  (possible answer) if:

- (i)  $a$  **satisfies**  $q$  w.r.t.  $\mathbb{W}$
- (ii) for each  $q'$  s.t.  $q \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} q' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} q_U$   $a$  **does not satisfy**  $q'$  w.r.t.  $\mathbb{W}$

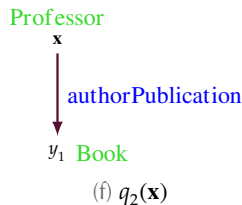
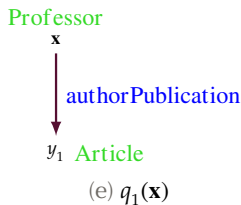
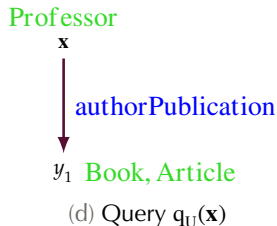
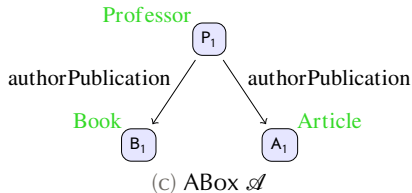


Figure: Queries  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are maximal for individual  $P_1$

## Specializations for 1treeCQs

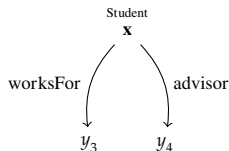
- **query specialization** to refer to any *superquery* of a given  $q$  in a 1treeCQ family.
- **Neutral specialization** for  $q_1$  is a 1treeCQ  $q_2$  such that  $q_1 \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} q_2$  and  $\mathbf{ans}(q_2, \mathbb{W}) = \mathbf{ans}(q_1, \mathbb{W})$ 
  - **maximal neutral specialization** for  $q$  is a neutral specialization  $q'$  and for each superquery  $q''$  such that  $q' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} q''$  we have  $\mathbf{ans}(q'', \mathbb{W}) \neq \mathbf{ans}(q, \mathbb{W})$ .
- **Strict specialization** for  $q_1$  is a 1treeCQ  $q_2$  such that  $q_1 \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} q_2$  and  $\mathbf{ans}(q_2, \mathbb{W}) \subsetneq \mathbf{ans}(q_1, \mathbb{W})$ , with  $\mathbf{ans}(q_2, \mathbb{W}) \neq \emptyset$ 
  - **minimal strict specialization** for  $q$  is a strict specialization  $q'$  such that for each  $q''$ ,  $q \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} q'' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} q'$ , it holds  $q''$  is a neutral specialization of  $q$ .

# Generalizations for 1treeCQs

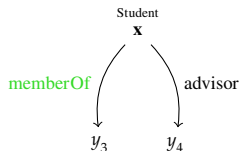
- **query generalization** for  $q_1$  is any  $q_2$  such that  $q_2 \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} q_1$  and  $\mathbf{ans}(q_1, \mathbb{W}) \subsetneq \mathbf{ans}(q_2, \mathbb{W})$
- **Minimal generalization** for  $q$  is a generalization  $q'$  such that for each  $q''$ , that is  $q' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} q'' \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{F}} q$ , it holds that:

$$\mathbf{ans}(q'', \mathbb{W}) = \mathbf{ans}(q, \mathbb{W})$$

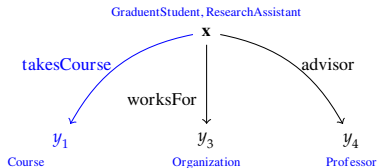
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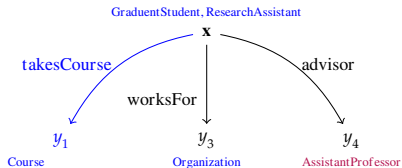
(a) In-between query



(b) Minimal Generalization



(c) Maximal Neutral Specialization



(d) Minimal Strict Specializations

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# Implementation and Evaluation

- use Ontop [RKZ13] for ABox reasoning and Hermit reasoner<sup>1</sup> for TBox reasoning
- As ontology - LUBM over the OWL 2 QL profile, that was used in [KRRM<sup>+</sup>14]

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	<b>#D, #U</b>	<b>Size (MB)</b>
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<b>DS5</b>	31D, 2U	16.8
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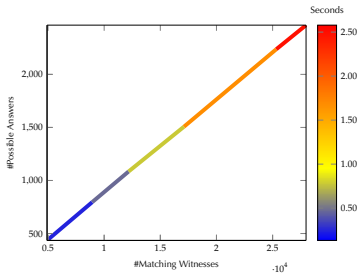
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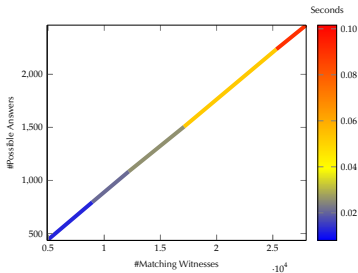
# Batch1

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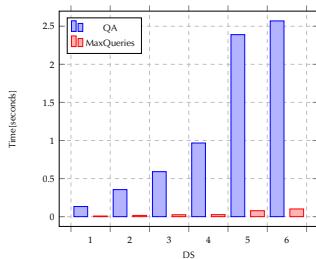
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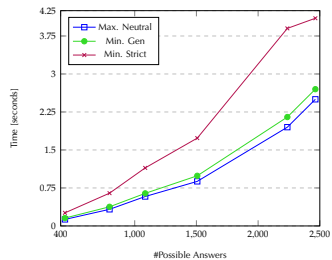
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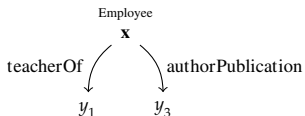


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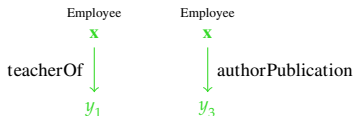


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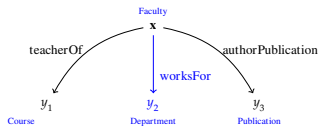
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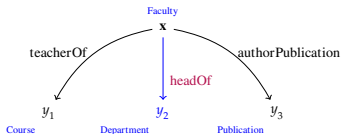
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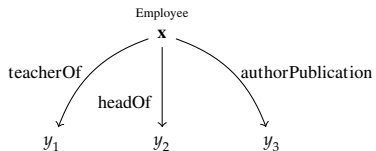


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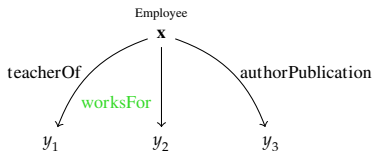


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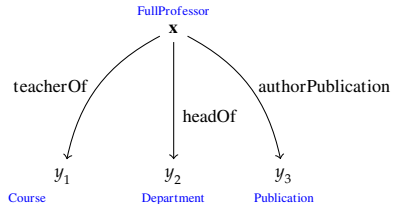
# Query Modifications for Batch1



(m) In-between query



(n) Minimal Generalization

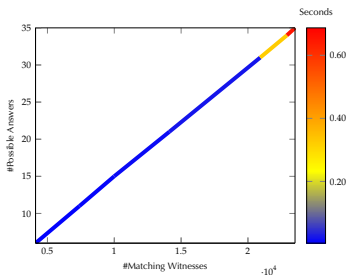


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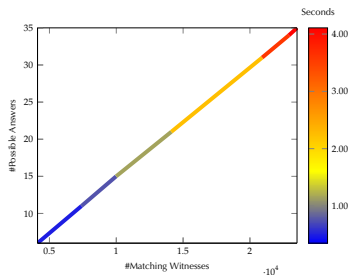
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$q_U(\mathbf{x})$  :  $\neg$ Department( $\mathbf{x}$ ), Institute( $\mathbf{x}$ ), ResearchGroup( $\mathbf{x}$ ), College( $\mathbf{x}$ ),  
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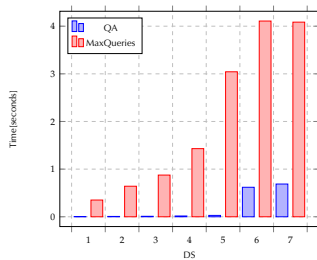


(p) Av. time for QA over Batch2

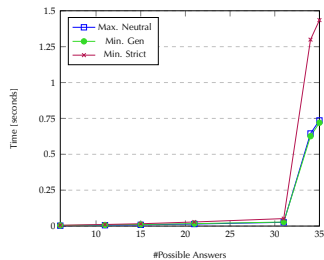


(q) Av. time for computing Maximal Queries over Batch2

# Batch2

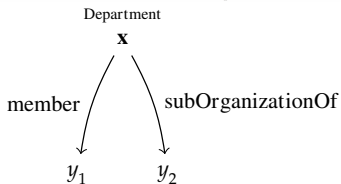


(r) QA and Max. queries performance per Data set for Batch2

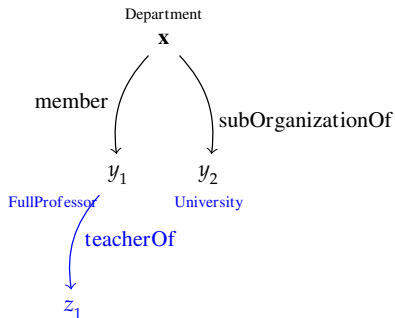


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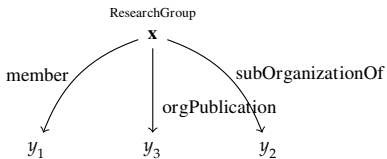
# Query Modifications for Batch2



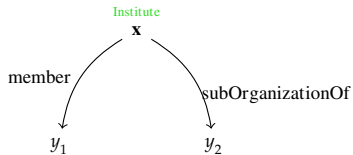
(t) In-between query



(u) Maximal Neutral Specialization



(v) In-between query



(w) Minimal Generalization

# Summary

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# Conclusions

- Implementation can be optimized
- Many questions that remain open
  - extend solution for other DLs
  - extend solution for queries not exactly tree-shaped
  - refocusing - provide the user the possibility to choose a different answer variable
- Key contributions
  - novel perspective on query answering
  - interesting obtained query modifications that offer more insights on the data
  - experiments overall good performance of query answering procedure
  - first steps towards ontology-mediated data exploration



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# Questions?