

Example-driven Search: a New Frontier for Exploratory Search

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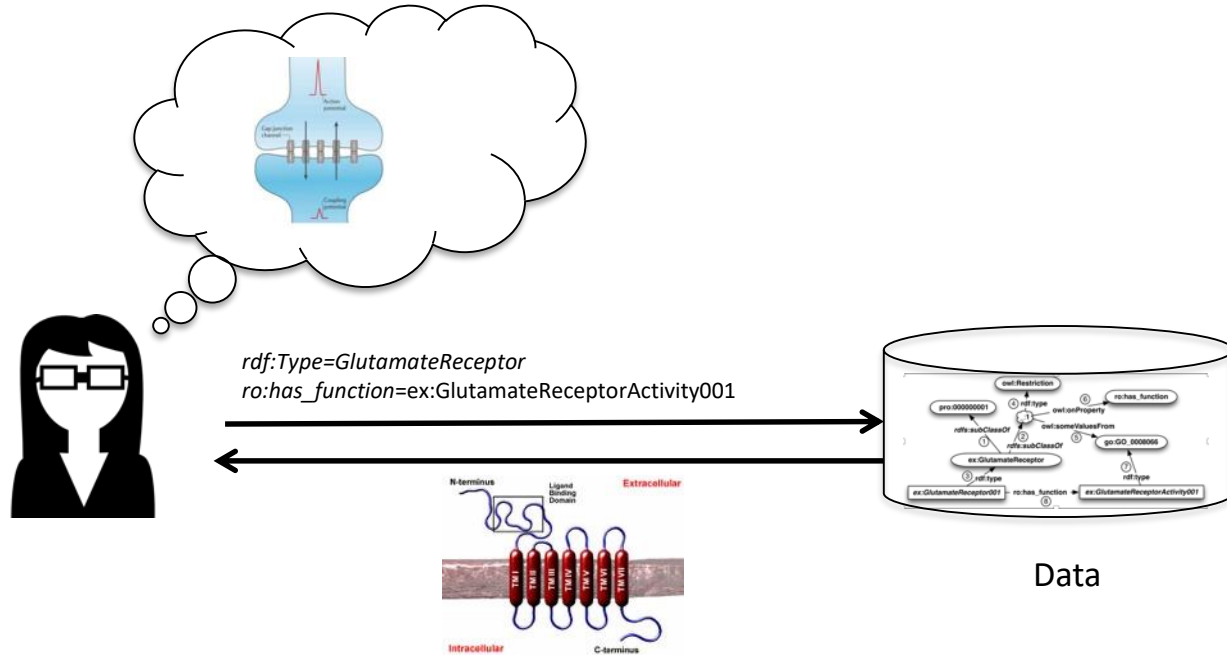
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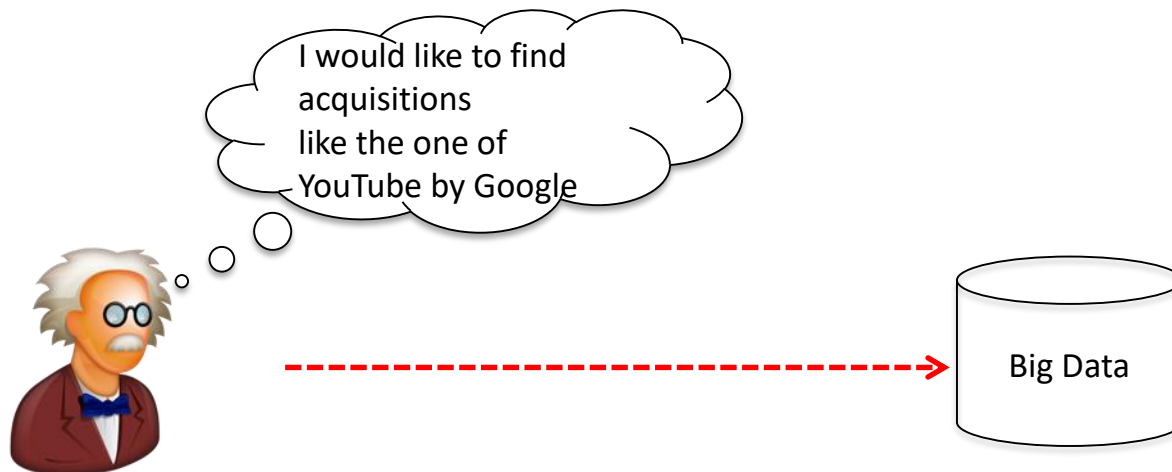
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Traditional Data Management Systems



Modern Data Management Systems

Not clear what we are looking for



Exploration

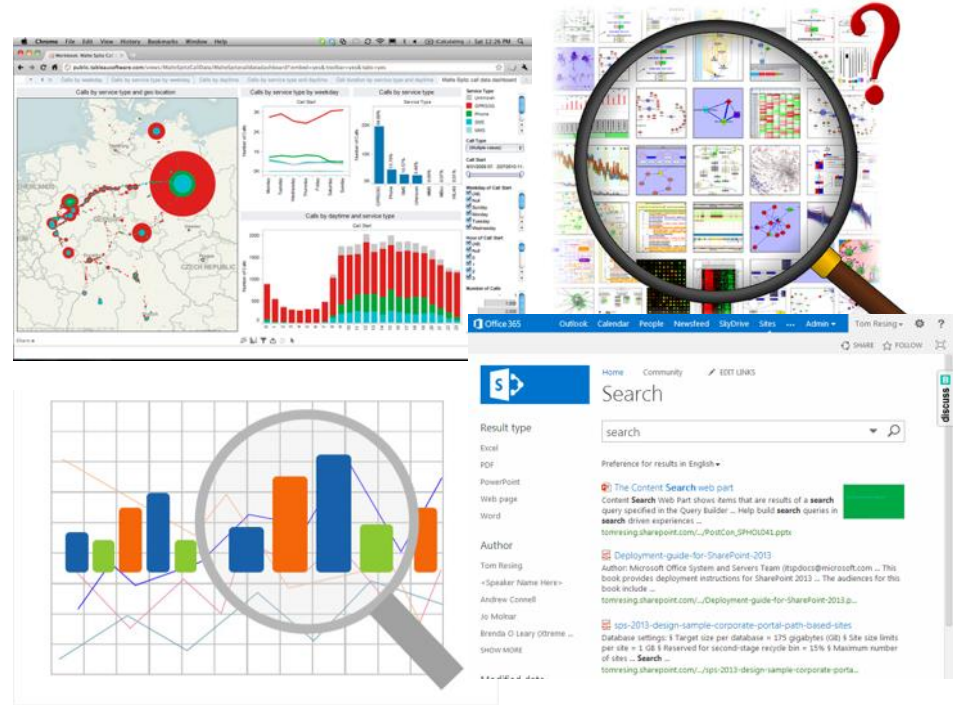
*We know where we start
we don't know what we'll find*



Exploration



Traditional



On data

Data exploration



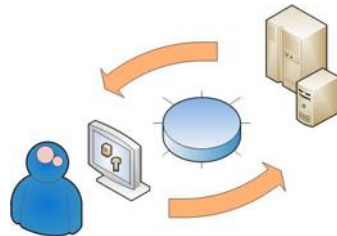
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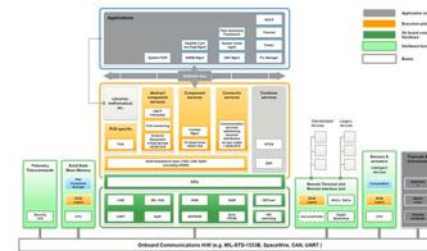
Visualization



Analysis

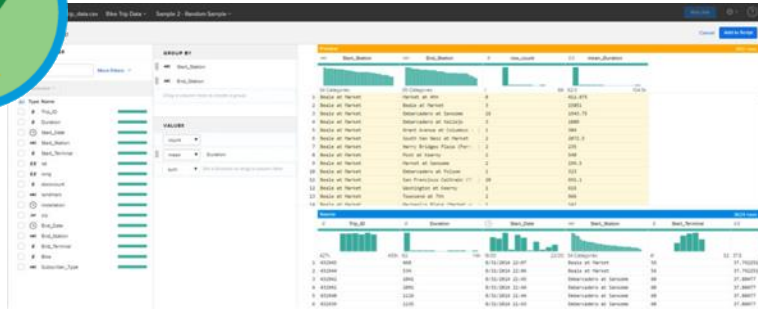


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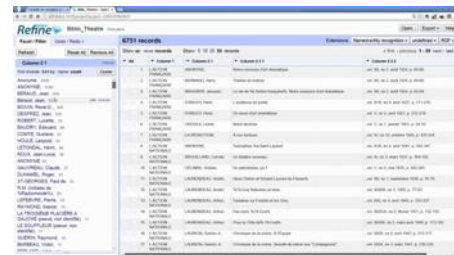


Architectures

Data exploration software



Trifacta: data preparation



OpenRefine: data preparation and cleanup

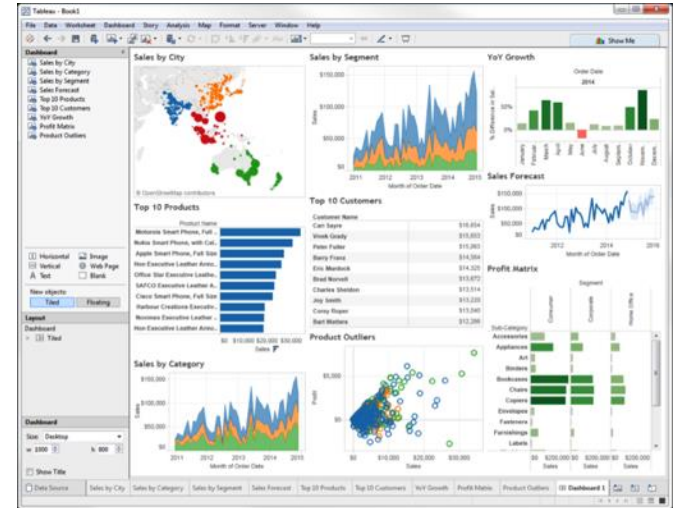


Tableau: analysis and statistics

Traditional data exploration methods

[Idreos et al., 2015]

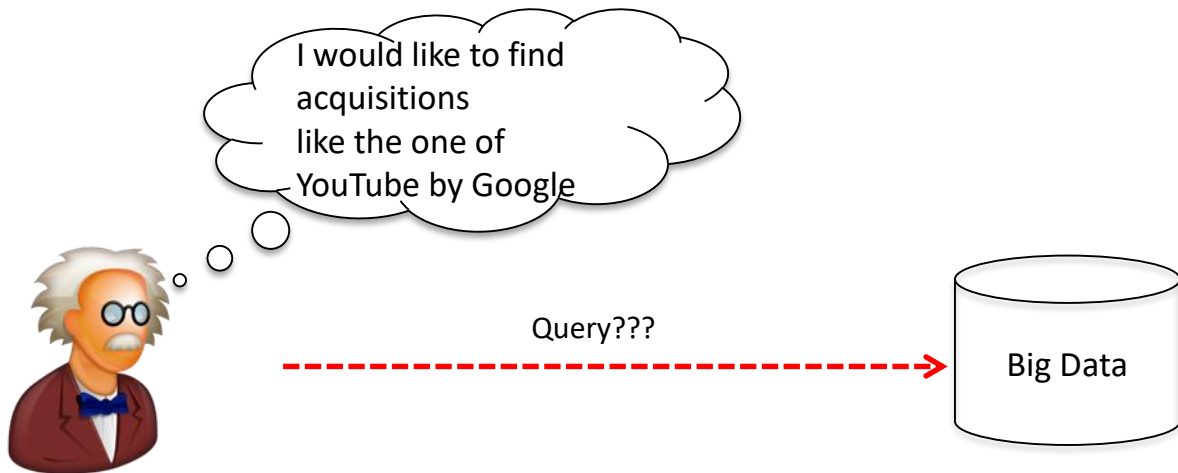
Efficiently extracting knowledge from data
even if we do not know exactly what we are looking for

```
SELECT avg(system-stars)
FROM Universe
WHERE system-stars > 10
GROUP BY galaxy
```



Modern Data Management Systems

How do we describe what we are looking for?



Declarative Exploratory methods

```
SELECT galaxy_name  
FROM Universe.Galaxy
```

Simple query (exploratory)

Over generic
100 billions results

```
SELECT g.galaxy_name, SUM(s.stars) as st_s  
FROM Universe.Galaxy AS g  
JOIN Universe.Systems AS s  
ON g.galaxy_name = s.galaxy_name  
WHERE  
    g.st_s > 100B  
    AND diameter > 100k AND diameter > 180k  
    AND has_black_hole = TRUE  
GROUP BY g.galaxy_name
```

Complex query
(for data experts)

Specific
Few results

Examples as Exploratory Methods

Example is always more efficacious than precept

Samuel Johnson, Rasselas (1759), Chapter 29.



Answers



Tutorial's goals

Techniques, Algorithms, Applications for using Examples to support Exploratory

- Exploratory methods using examples
- Algorithms for retrieving data without using query languages
- Interactive methods and user-in-the-loop feedback
- Machine learning for adaptive, online methods

But NOT

- Declarative query methods
- User interfaces and visualization
- Optimizations for fast data access
- Dynamic data

Our book on Example-based methods



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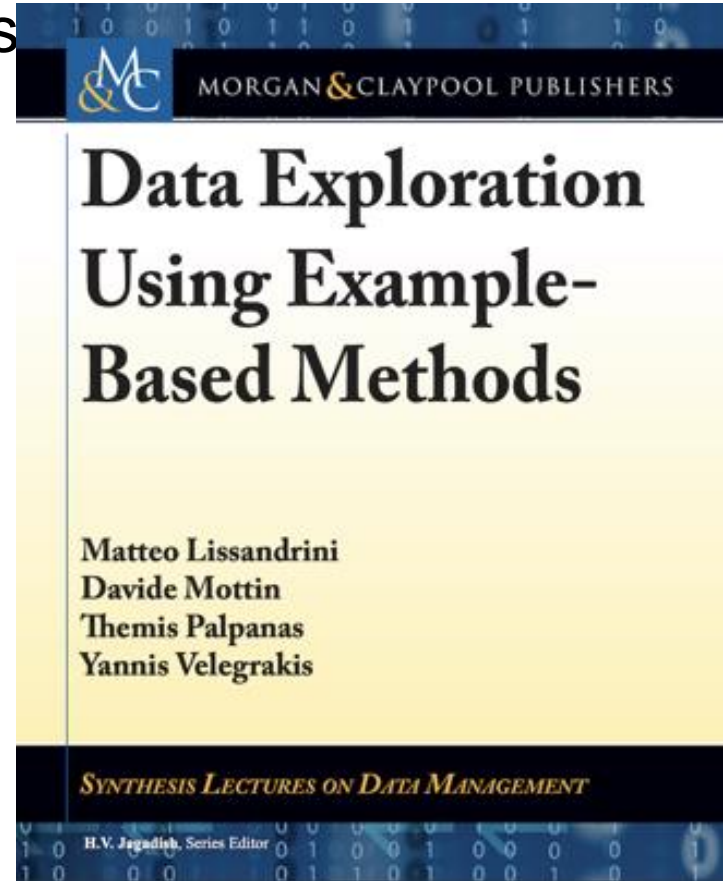
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Historical perspective: Query-by-example [Zloof et al. 1975]

Specify a query by example tables, or skeletons.

Name	Stars	Diameter	Black_hole	Color	Life
P._	> 10B	>100k	TRUE	*	*
*	*	<180k	*	*	*

Incomplete values

Unspecified values

Value conditions

Intuitive interface for simple queries

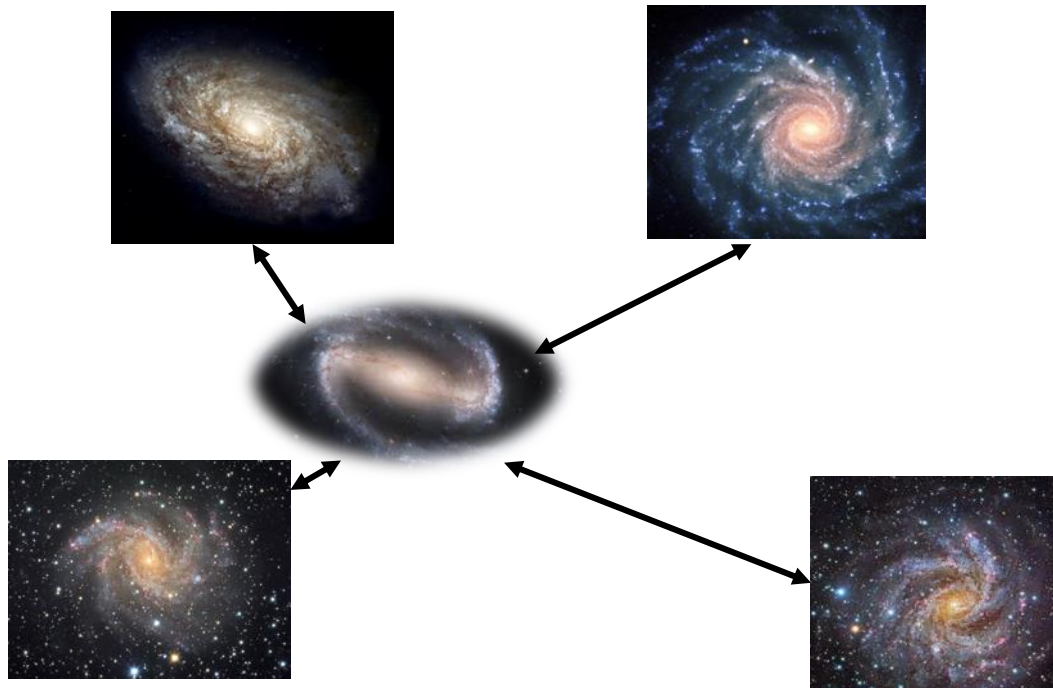
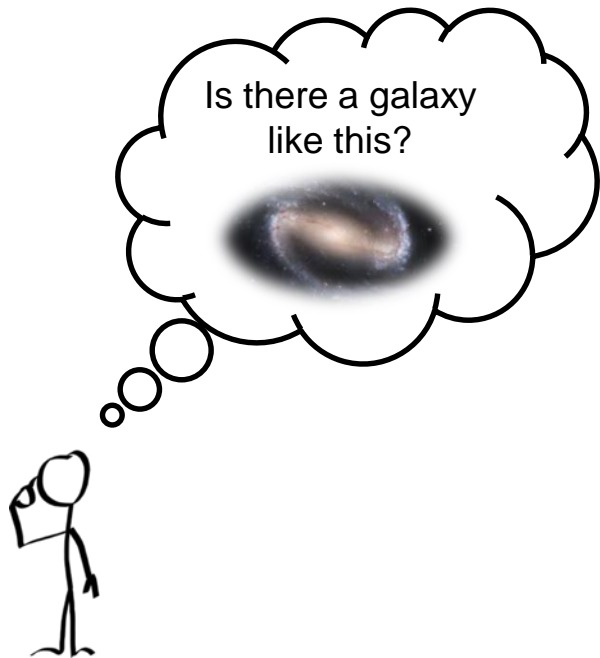
Restricted to SQL syntax but not explicitly

SQL not required

Not example-based

Similarities are the key ...

If we knew how similar each item is with respect to any other for **each** user, we would know the answer to



Similarities are the key ...

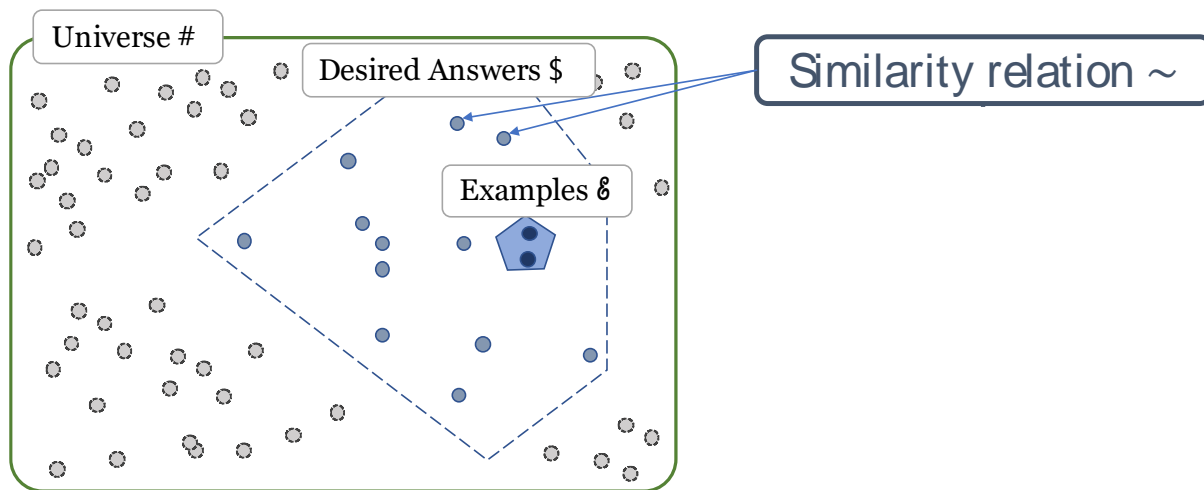
We define:

A universe \mathcal{U} of items

A similarity among items \sim

A set of **input** examples \mathcal{E}

A set of **output** user desired answers \mathcal{A}



The example-based problem

Given

a set of examples \mathcal{E} from a universe \mathcal{U}

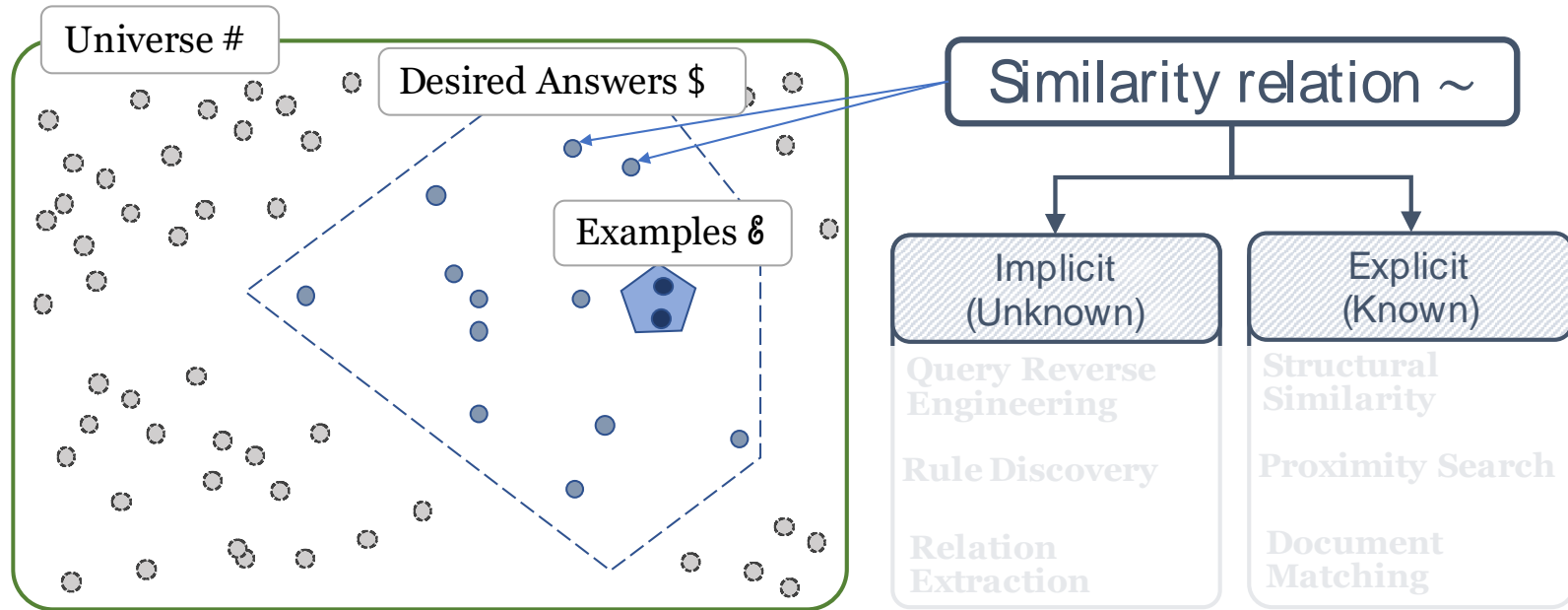
Find

a similarity \sim such that

1. \mathcal{E} is part of the answers \mathcal{A} partially or totally
2. The answers in \mathcal{A} are the **most similar** to the examples in \mathcal{E} according to \sim

How do we find \sim for each user?
Do we need to know exactly \sim ?

Example-based methods



Example-based methods

Relational

Reverse engineering queries

Example-driven schema mapping

Interactive data repairing



Textual

Entity extraction by example text

Web table completion using examples

Search by example



Graph

Community-based Node-retrieval

Entity Search

Path and SPARQL queries
Graph structures as Examples



Tutorial structure



Relational databases



Textual data



Graph and networks

Machine learning

Challenges and Remarks

Where we are



Relational databases

Textual data

Graphs and networks

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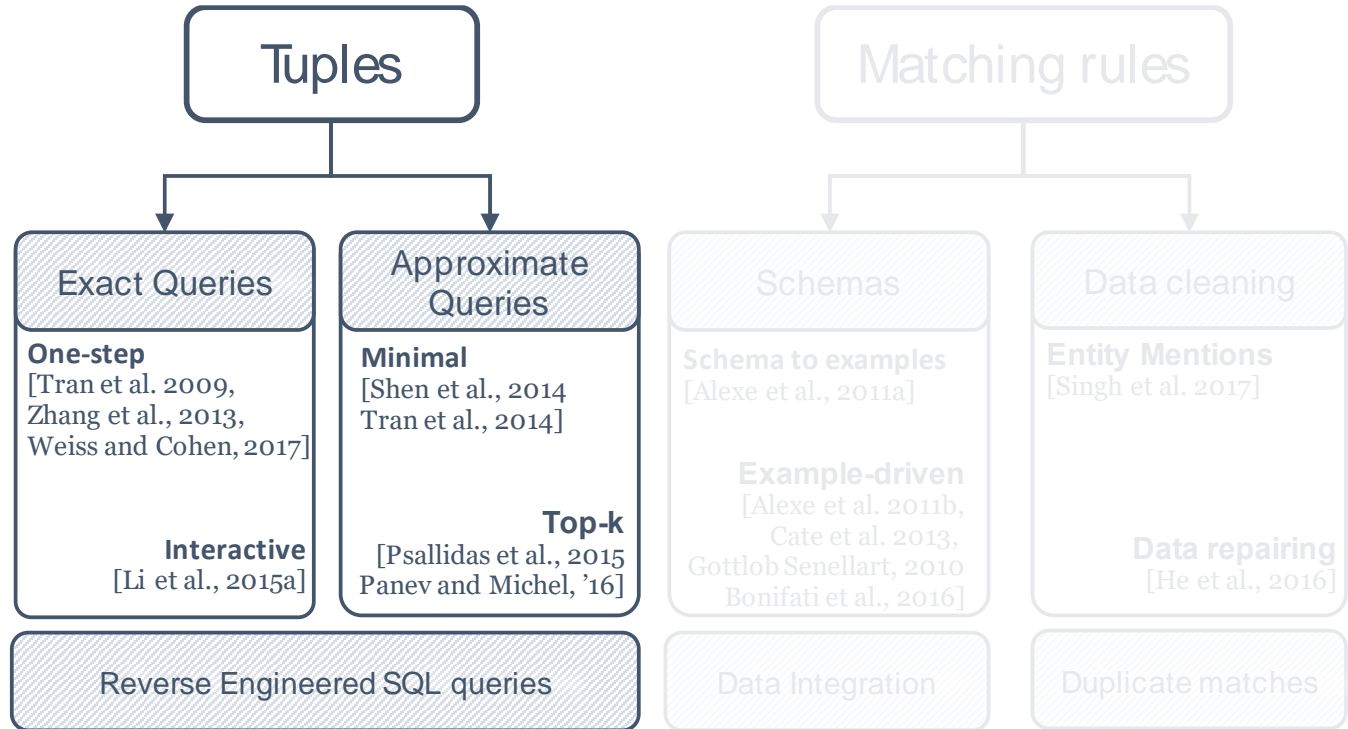
Searching for ...

SEARCHING FOR

BY FOCUSING ON

APPLYING

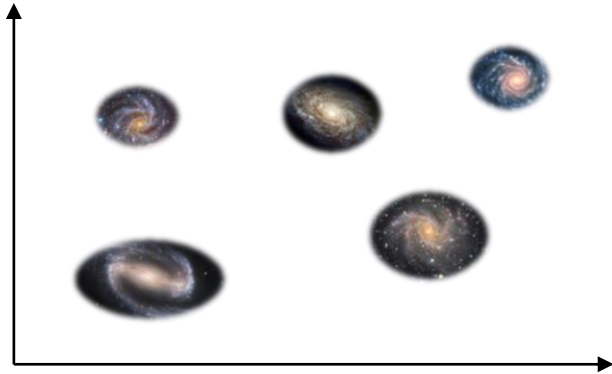
PRODUCES



Reverse engineering queries (REQ)

Given a set of examples, find the query that generated that set of tuples

Example tuples



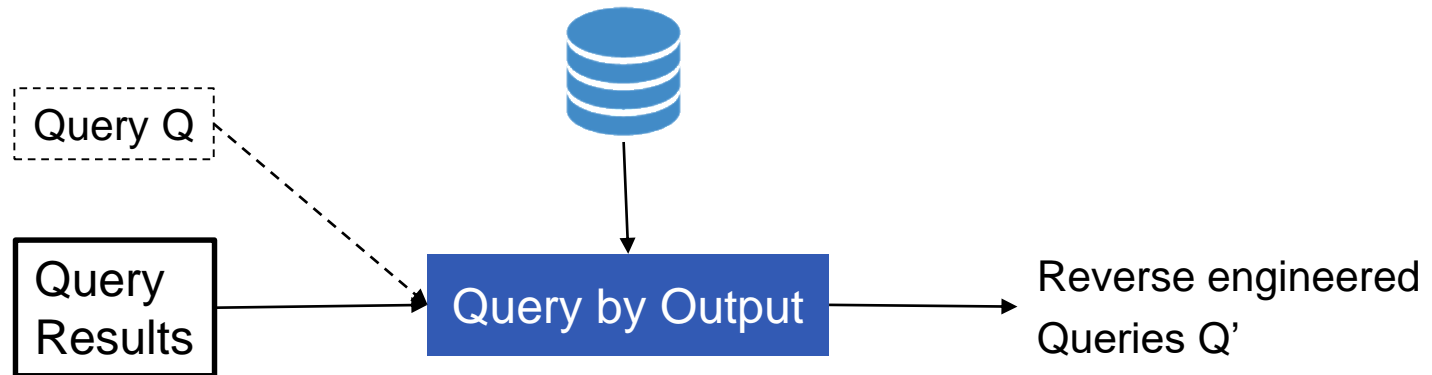
How do you find such queries?

```
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WHERE
    g.st_s > 100B
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GROUP BY g.galaxy_name
```

```
SELECT galaxy_name
FROM Universe.Galaxy
```

Query by Output – TALOS (classification-based) [Tran et al. 2013]

Main idea: Find the set of queries that exactly return a set of examples



Two queries Q and Q' are instance equivalent on a database D , if the results of Q are the same of the results of Q'

How many reverse engineered queries?

Master

	name	bat	throw	stint	weight	team
t_1	A	L	R	2	40	PIT
t_2	A	L	R	2	50	MT1
t_3	C	R	L	2	35	CHA
t_4	D	L	R	3	30	PIT
t_5	B	R	R	1	73	PIT
t_6	B	R	R	1	40	PIT
t_7	E	R	R	3	60	CHA

r_1	B	PIT
r_2	E	CHA

$Q(D)$

What queries generated $Q(D)$?

Q1 = SELECT name, team FROM Master WHERE bat = 'R' AND throw = 'R'

Q2 = SELECT name, team FROM Master WHERE bat = 'R' AND weight > 35

Q3 = SELECT name, team FROM Master WHERE bat = 'R' AND stint <> 2

...

Instance
Equivalent
Queries

TALOS

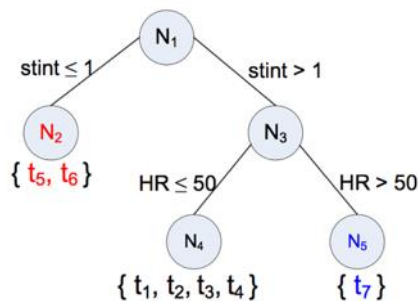
B	PIT
E	CHA

[Tran et al. 2013]

	name	bat	throw	stint	HR	team	
t_1	A	L	R	2	40	PIT	X
t_2	A	L	R	2	50	MT1	X
t_3	C	R	L	2	35	CHA	X
t_4	D	L	R	3	30	PIT	X
t_5	B	R	R	1	73	PIT	✓
t_6	B	R	R	1	40	PIT	✓
t_7	E	R	R	3	60	CHA	✓

Idea: treat the problem as a binary classification

1. **Strict:** all tuples must be captured
2. **At-Least-one:** one tuple for example must be captured



Decision tree

$$Gini(S_1, S_2) = \frac{(|S_1|Gini(S_1) + |S_2|Gini(S_2))}{|S_1| + |S_2|}$$

How complex is exact REQ?

[Weiss et al., 2017]



Relational Operators:

σ selection $\{=, \neq, \geq, \leq\}$

π projection

\bowtie natural join

E^+ Positive examples
 E^- Negative examples



Q such that results contain

- All positive examples
- No negative example

How difficult is to find:
A bounded size Q ? an unbounded Q ?

Complexity - No parameters

[Weiss et al., 2017]

Operator	Unbounded Queries	Bounded Queries
π	P	P
\bowtie	P	NPC
σ	P	NPC
σ, \bowtie	P	NPC
π, σ	NPC	NPC
σ, \bowtie	DP	DP
π, σ, \bowtie	DP	DP

Only projections: **Easy**

Unbounded selections: **Easy**

Bounded selections: **HARD**

Combination of operators: **HARD!!!**

Reduction from SAT

Unbounded Select

[Weiss et al., 2017]

	A	B	C	D	E
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	2	3	4	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	3	2	3	4
	2	4	4	1	3
	5	3	2	4	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	2	3	1	2
	2	2	4	3	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	1	2	1	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	5	4	2	3

Possible queries?

- A = 1 AND
- B ≥ 1 AND B ≤ 5 AND
- C ≥ 2 AND C ≤ 4 AND
- D ≥ 1 AND D ≤ 4 AND D ≠ 3
- E ≥ 3 AND E ≤ 5 AND E ≠ 4

Bounded select

Reduction from
Set Cover

NP-C

INPUT: Database D, Examples E, Query size k

OUTPUT: Does there exist a query satisfying D and E, of size at most k?

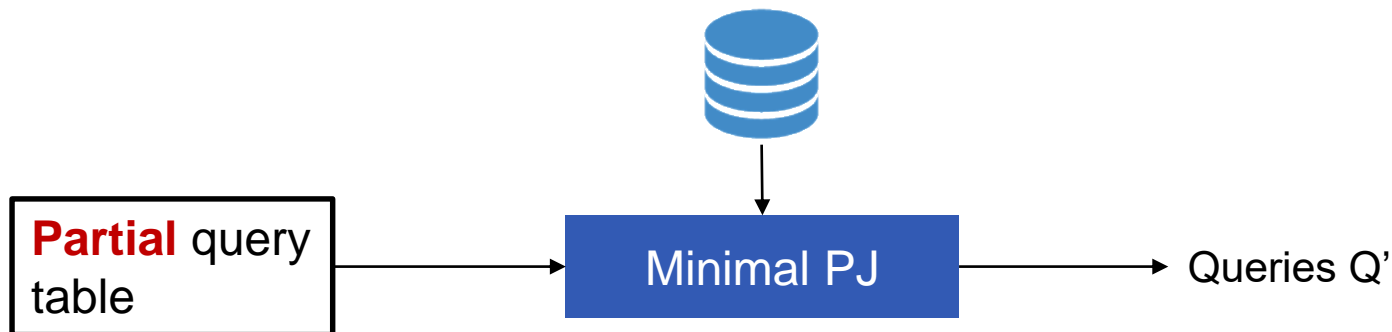
$$U = \{1,2,3,4,5\} \quad S = \{ \{1,2,3\}, \{2,4\}, \{3,4\}, \{4,5\} \}$$

	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	0	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	1	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	1	1	1

Minimal Project Join REQ

[Shen et al., 2014]

Main idea: Find the set of queries that **approximately** return a set of examples



	A	B	C
1	Mike	ThinkPad	Office
2	Mary	iPad	
3	Bob		Dropbox

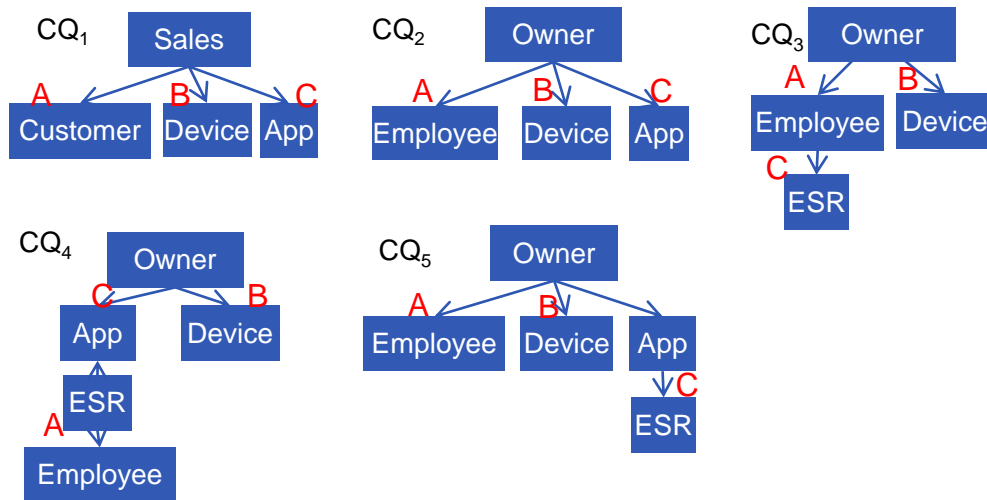
- **valid:** every tuple is present in query results
- **minimal:** any removal in query tree gets to an invalid query

Candidate Query Generation

[Shen et al., 2014]

- Use candidate network generation algorithm (Hristidis 2002)

	A	B	C
1	Mike	ThinkPad	Office
2	Mary	iPad	
3	Bob		Dropbox



1. Generate join tree J
2. Generate mapping ϕ
3. Check minimal:
 - Every leaf node contains a column that is mapped by an input column

Validity verification

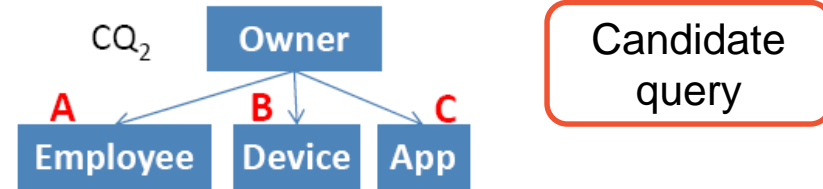
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Naïve: check all candidate queries singularly if they return ALL examples

Better: exploit substructures in candidate queries for pruning

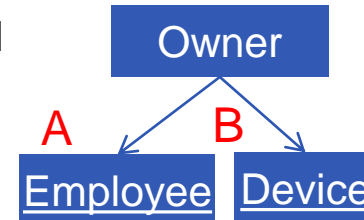
Best: adaptively select the substructures to have the min number of evaluations

NP-hard



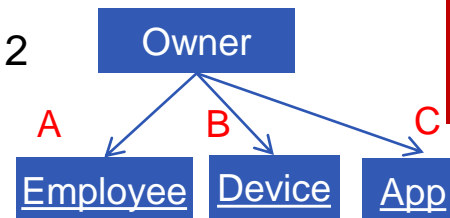
Substructures

Sub 1



Sub 1 fails =>
 CQ_2 invalid

Sub 2

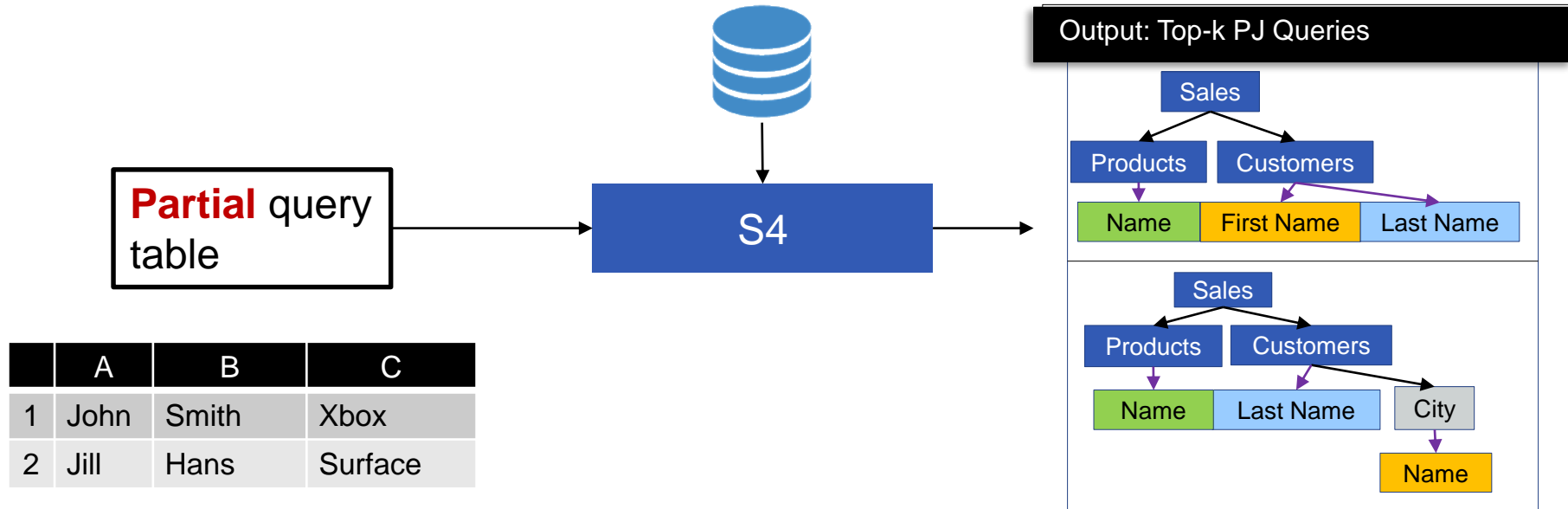


Sub 1 fails =>
Sub 2 fails

Minimal Project Join REQ

[Psallidas et al., 2015]

Main idea: Allow missing rows/columns and rank the k best queries



Ranking score

[Psallidas et al., 2015]

Linear combination of row score and column score

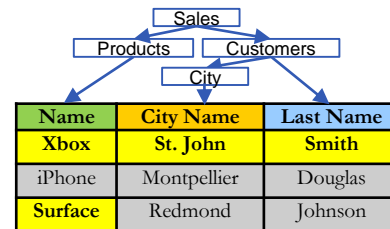
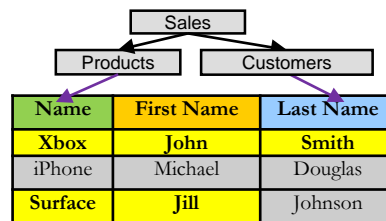
(Overlapping with the example table)

$$\frac{\alpha * score_{row}(Q) + (1 - \alpha) * score_{col}(Q)}{|Q|}$$

- $\alpha = 1$ penalizes missing rows
- $\alpha = 0$ penalizes missing columns

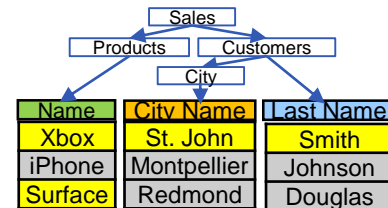
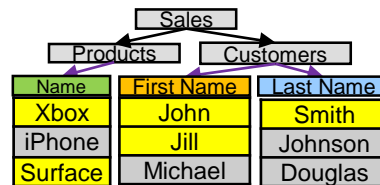
Row score

			Row Score	
John	Smith	Xbox	3	3
Jill	Hans	Surface	2	1
			5	4



Column score

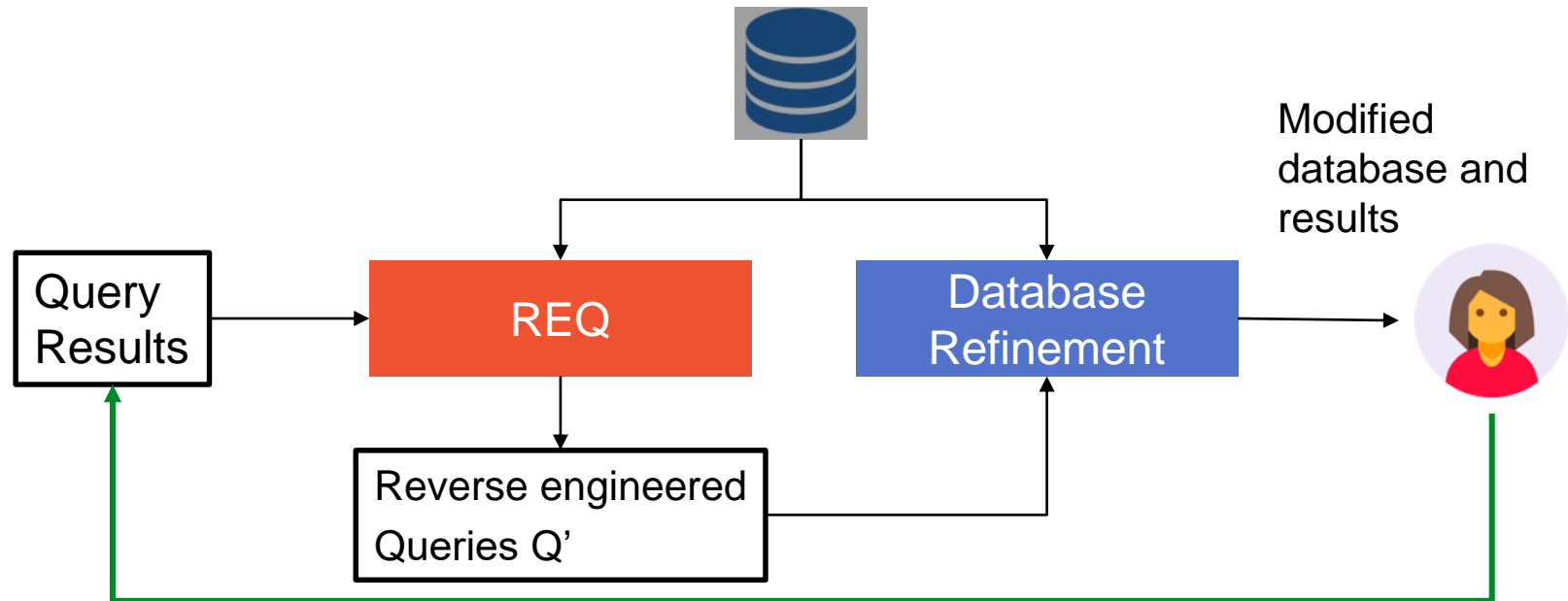
		John	Smith	Xbox	
Column Score	John	2	1	2	5
	Jill	2	1	1	4
	Surface	2	1	1	4



Interactive REQ – Query from Examples (cost model)

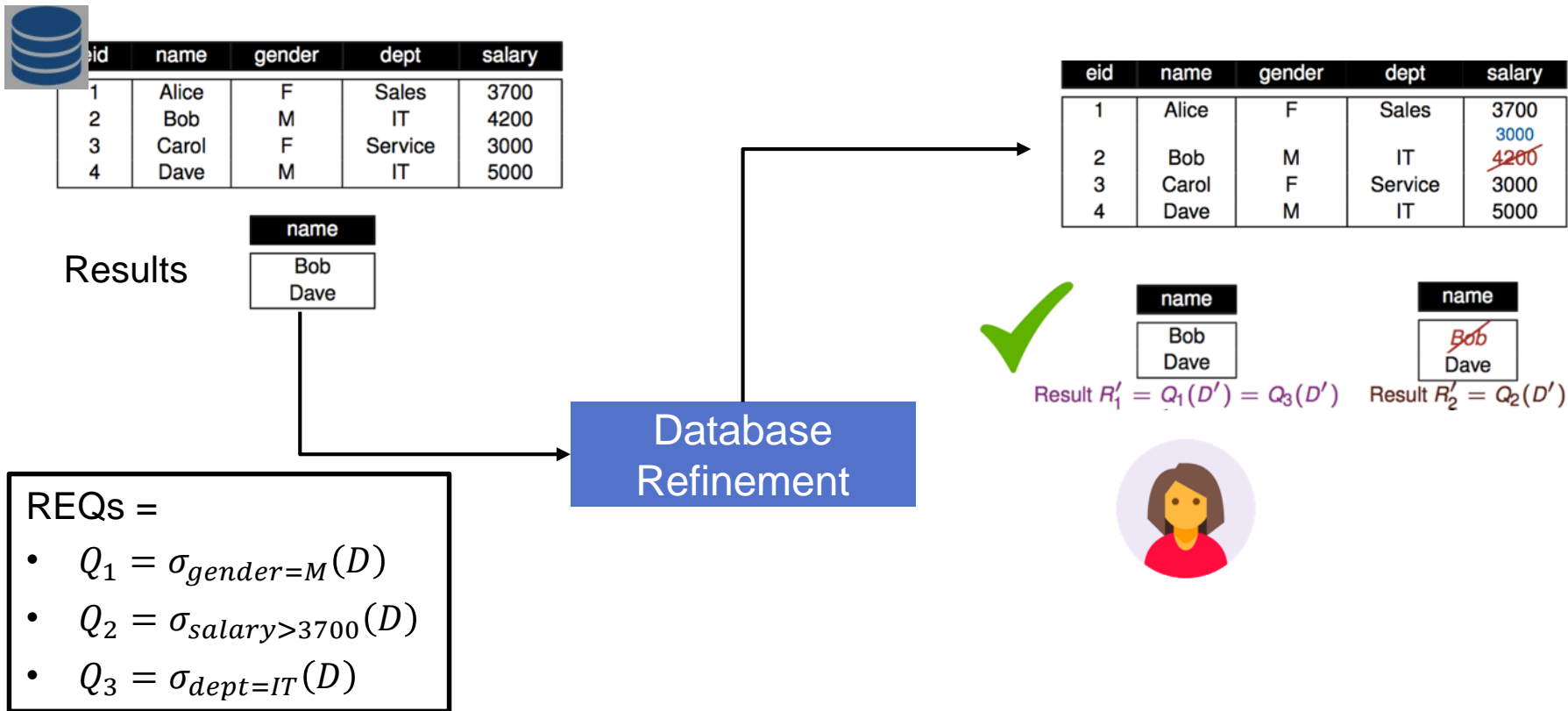
[Li et al., 2015]

Main idea: Interactively remove candidate queries proposing a new set of query results from a modified database



Database Refinement

[Li et al., 2015]



Cost model

[Li et al., 2015]

$$\text{cost}(D') = \underbrace{\text{edit}(D, D') + \beta \cdot n}_{\text{DB cost}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k \text{edit}(R, R_i)}_{\text{Results cost}} + \underbrace{N \cdot \frac{\text{edit}(D, D')}{\mu} + \beta}_{\text{Effort to examine } D'} + \underbrace{\frac{2}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \text{edit}(R, R_i)}_{\text{Effort to examine new results}}$$

Number of modified tables

Choice to go with the max tuples modified

Number of new result sets

Current cost

Residual cost

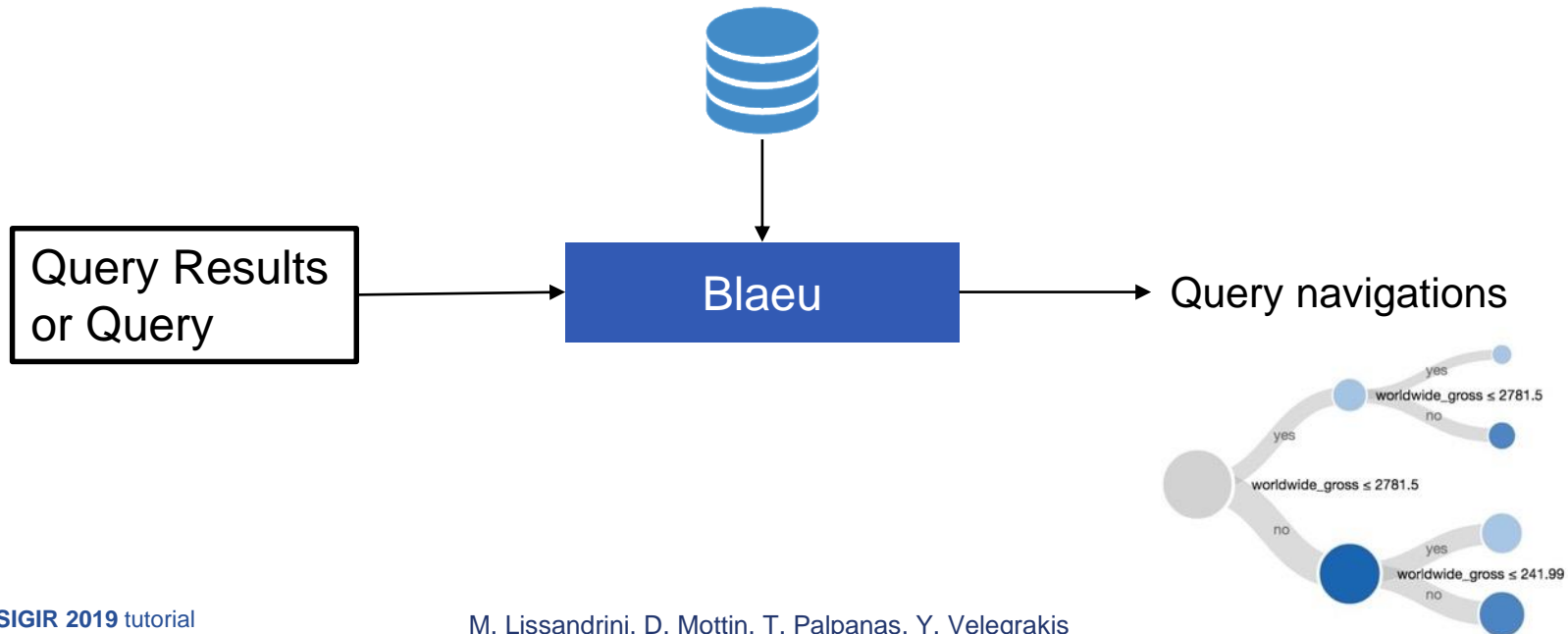
Main idea: Find a refined db D' and results R_1, \dots, R_k with:

1. Minimum number of results k
2. Minimum differences in the database
3. The query are balanced (less interactions)

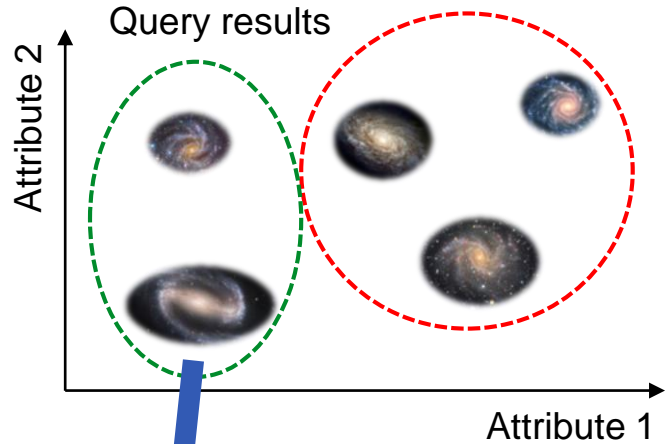
Examples for query suggestion: Blaeu [Sellam et al., 2016]

(Clustering)

Main idea: Allow interactive navigation of the query space in a hierarchy



Examples for query suggestion: Blaeu [Sellam et al., 2016]



$$u: DB \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}, U(Q) = \sum_{t \in Q} u(t)$$

User utility

Given a result of an example query Q , explore the data through data maps = partitions

Output: Set of query refinements

Problem: User utility is unknown

- Cluster analysis for result exploration
- Zoom and projection operations
- User model

Examples for query suggestion: Blaeu [Sellam et al., 2016]

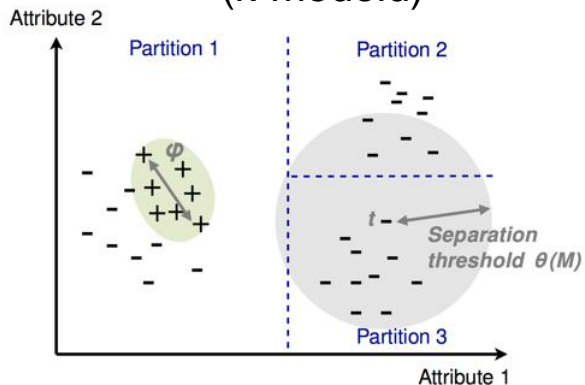
$$u: DB \rightarrow \{-1,1\}, U(C) = \sum_{t \in C} u(t)$$

Unknown User utility

Find the partition $\mathcal{C} = \{C_1, \dots, C_n\}$ of the results of Q such that exists $C_j \in \mathcal{C}: U(C_j) > U(Q)$

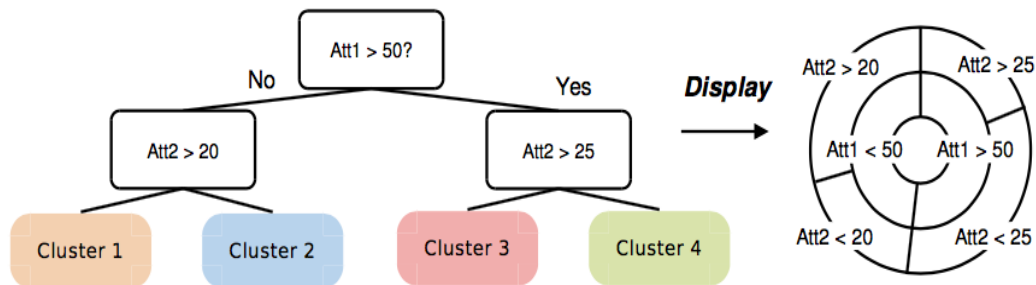
Solution: interesting tuples are close to each other within a maximum separation threshold $\theta(\mathcal{C})$

Detect clusters
(k-medoid)

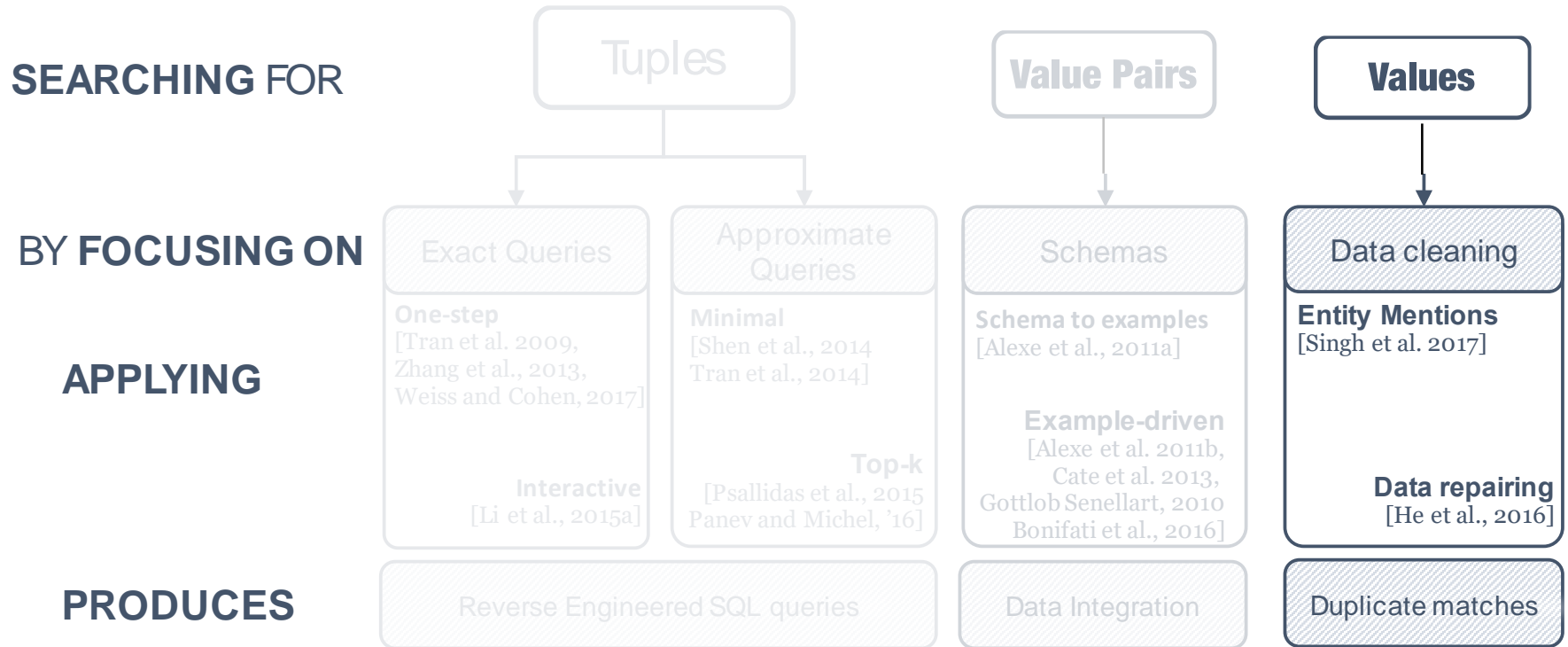


Inference

Organize clusters



Searching for ...



Data Cleaning

- Often data have redundancy, wrong values, and missing values
- Different values can represent the same object (e.g., N.Y. and New York)
- Values can be simply wrong

Data cleaning refers to ways of making the data consistent and correct

<u>tid</u>	Date	Molecule	Laboratory	Quantity
<u>t1</u>	11 Nov	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl	Austin	200
<u>t2</u>	12 Nov	statin	Austin	100
<u>t3</u>	12 Nov	C ₂₄ H ₇₅ S ₆	N.Y.	100
<u>t4</u>	12 Nov	statin	Boston	200
<u>t5</u>	13 Nov	statin	Austin	200
<u>t6</u>	15 Nov	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ N	Dubai	1000



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<u>t1</u>	11 Nov	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl	Austin	200
<u>t2</u>	12 Nov	C ₂₂ H ₂₈ F	Austin	100
<u>t3</u>	12 Nov	C ₂₄ H ₇₅ S ₆	New York	100
<u>t4</u>	12 Nov	statin	Boston	200
<u>t5</u>	13 Nov	C ₂₂ H ₂₈ F	Austin	200
<u>t6</u>	15 Nov	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ N	Dubai	100

Data repairing: rules

[He, J. et al. 2016]

A **rule** is a logical formula which determines how to change the value in a cell or a group of cells.

IF $[X_1 = C_1 \dots X_n = C_n]$ UPDATE X_i to some value

- The update $t_3[\text{Laboratory}] \leftarrow \text{"New York"}$ can be obtained by the rule
- IF $[\text{Laboratory} = \text{"N.Y."}]$ UPDATE Laboratory to "New York"
- UPDATE Table
SET Laboratory='New York'
WHERE tid=t3

BUT it needs to be done for each cell!!!

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<u>t4</u>	12 Nov	statin	Boston	200
<u>t5</u>	13 Nov	C ₂₂ H ₂₈ F	Austin	200
<u>t6</u>	15 Nov	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ N	Dubai	100

Discovering rules

[He, J. et al. 2016]

UPDATES:

Δ_1 : t3[Laboratory] \leftarrow "New York"

Δ_2 : t6[Quantity] \leftarrow 100

Δ_3 : t2[Molecule] \leftarrow "C₂₂H₂₈F"

Some rules for Δ_1 :

1. Change all Laboratory values to "New York" (t1 – t6)
2. Reformatting all "N.Y" to "New York"(t3)

Some rules for Δ_2 :

1. Update the quantity to 100 if the molecule is C₁₇H₂₀N and the date is 15 Nov (t6)

Some rules for Δ_3 :

1. Update to "C₂₂H₂₈F" if molecule is statin (t2,t4,t5)
2. Update to "C₂₂H₂₈F" if molecule is statin and Laboratory Austin (t2,t5)
3. Update to "C₂₂H₂₈F" if molecule is statin and lab is Austin and date is 12 Nov and quantity is 100 (t2)

<u>tid</u>	Date	Molecule	Laboratory	Quantity
<u>t1</u>	11 Nov	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl	Austin	200
<u>t2</u>	12 Nov	C ₂₂ H ₂₈ F	Austin	100
<u>t3</u>	12 Nov	C ₂₄ H ₇₅ S ₆	New York	100
<u>t4</u>	12 Nov	statin	Boston	200
<u>t5</u>	13 Nov	C ₂₂ H ₂₈ F	Austin	200
<u>t6</u>	15 Nov	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ N	Dubai	100

Interactive data cleaning: problem

User validates rules, but has no capacity to validate all rules for each update.

- **Budget Repair Problem:** Given a set Q of rules, a table T and a budget B , **find B rules from Q to maximize the number of repairs over T**
- Budget repair problem is an *online problem*

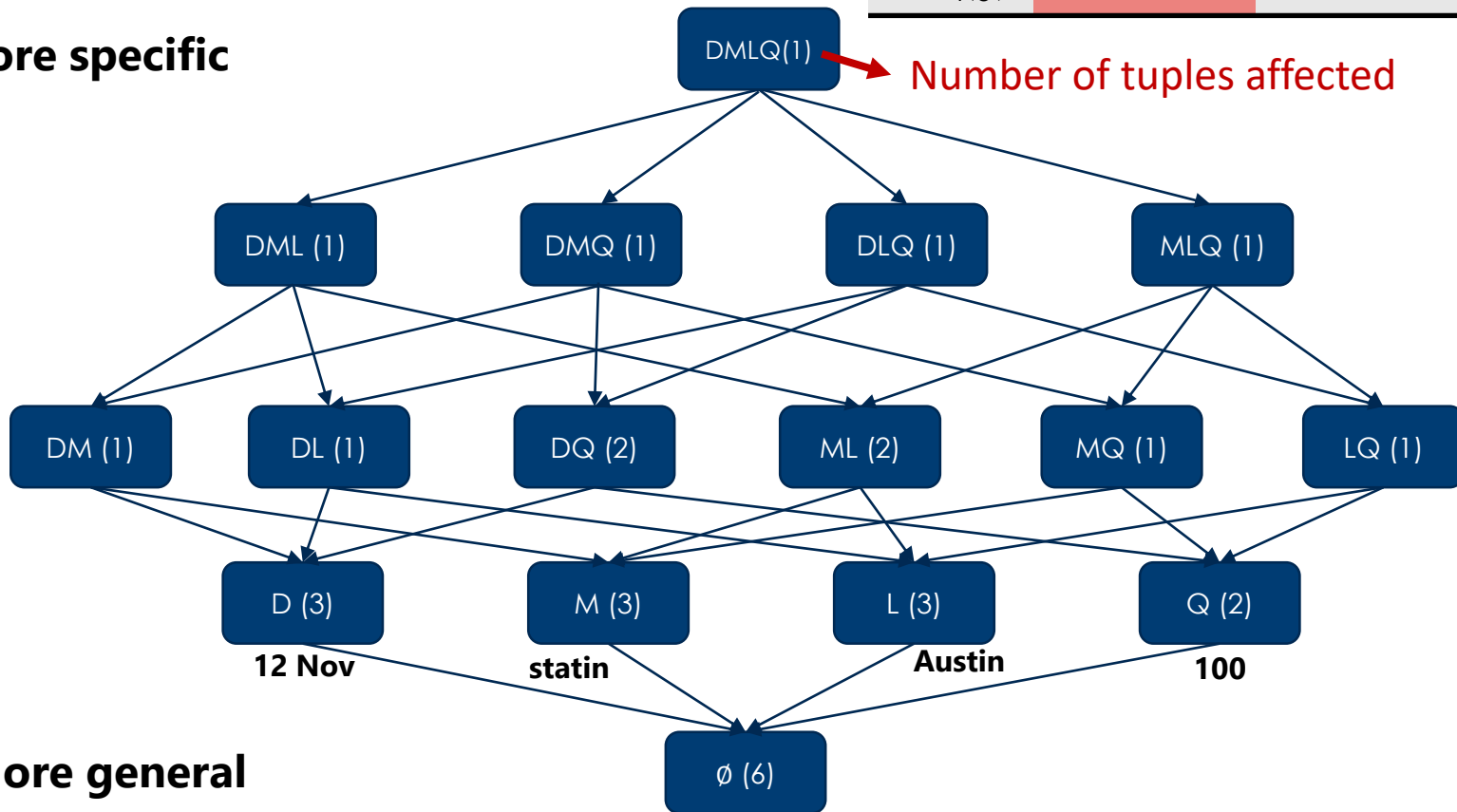
Corresponding *offline problem* is: given as input Q rules where validity of each rule is known, select B rules from Q to maximize the number of repairs over T . (NP-Hard)

Rule lattice

More specific



More general

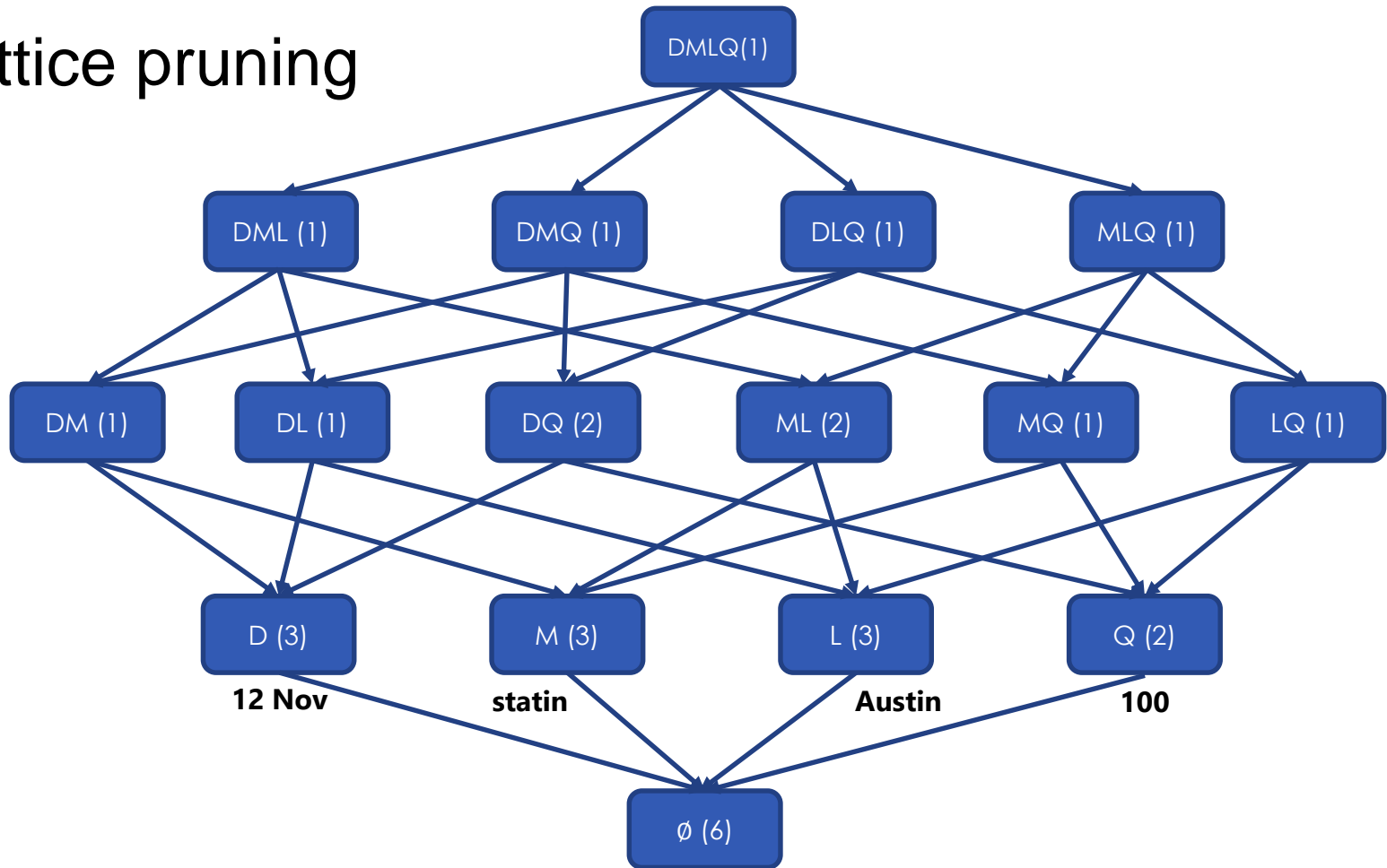


<u>tid</u>	Date	Molecule	Laboratory	Quantity
t2	12 Nov	statin→C ₂₂ H ₂₈ F	Austin	100

Lattice pruning

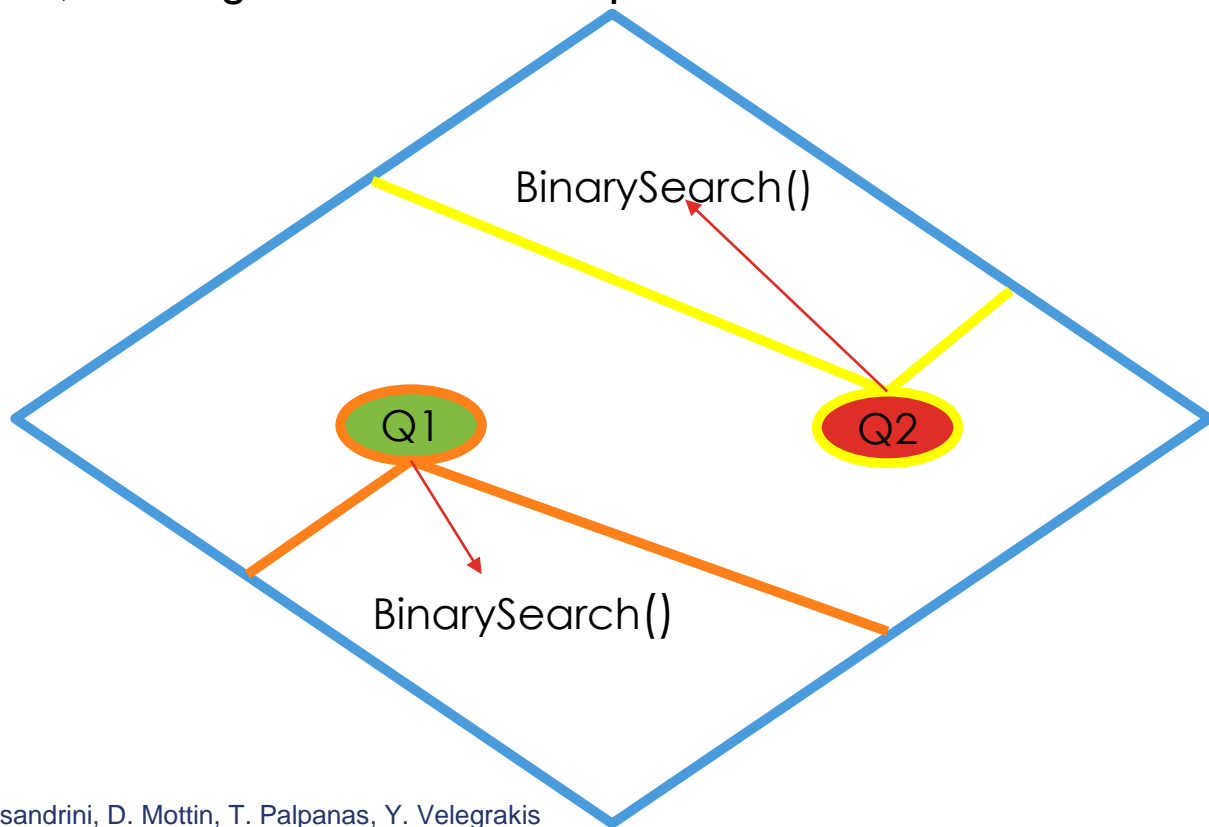
1. If Q is valid, Q' is also valid if $Q' \preceq Q$
2. If Q is invalid, Q'' is also invalid if $Q \preceq Q''$
3. If Q is valid, all Q' such that $Q' \preceq Q$ are valid.
4. If Q is invalid, all Q'' such that $Q \preceq Q''$ are invalid.

Lattice pruning



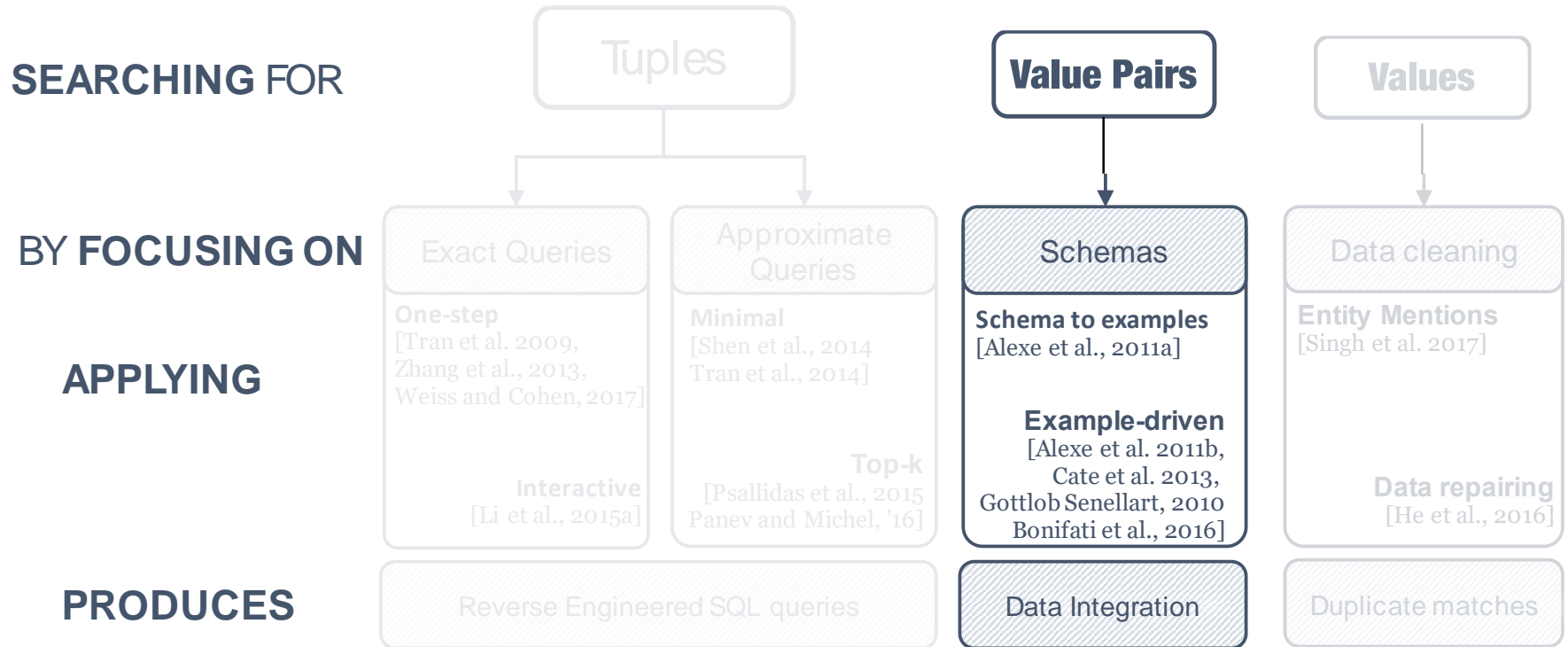
Dive search

- Binary Search over the lattice ,ordering with #affected tuples
- If **T** \rightarrow BinarySearch(Q_{\wedge})
- If **F** \rightarrow BinarySearch(Q_{\vee})



Algorithm complexity
 $\mathcal{O}(B|Q| \log|Q|)$

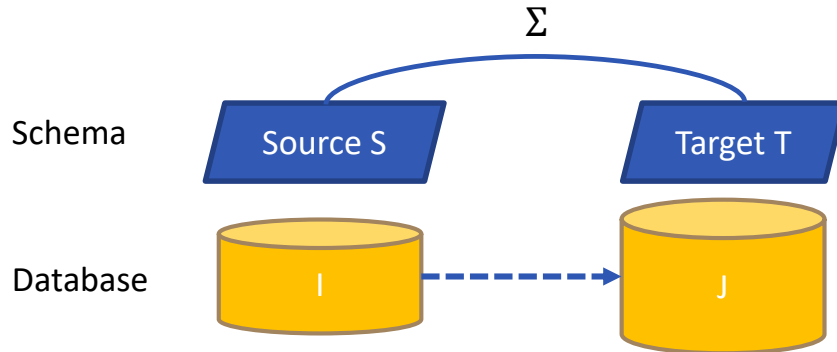
Searching for ...



Schema mapping

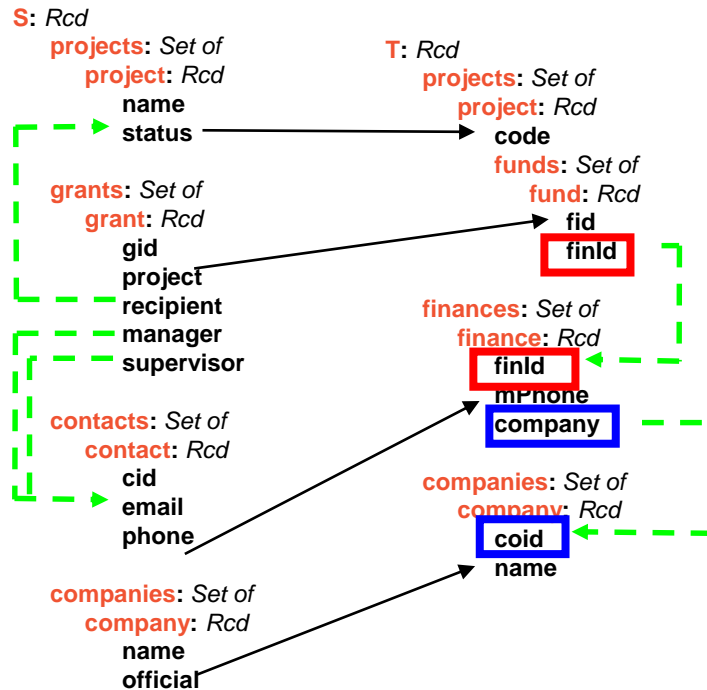
- **Schema mapping** finds a way to represent items on one database to items on another database
- Finds a mapping Σ between two schemas such that a query on one database can be converted to a query on the other database
- Schema mappings in Σ are **rules in** first-order logic that specifies the relationships between schema S and T

$$\forall x \forall y S(x, y) \wedge U(x, z) \rightarrow \exists v T(v, y) \wedge T'(v, z)$$



A Data Exchange Example

[Popa et al. 2001]



Projects

code: **E-services**

fid	finId
g3	???

code: **PIX**

fid	finId
g1	???
g2	???

Finances

finId	mPhone	company
???	3608679	???
???	3608776	???
???	3608600	???

Companies

coid	name
???	AT&T
???	Lucent

Target instance

project(na,st), grant(gid,na,re,ma,su), contact(ma,em,ph) →

project(na,FUND), fund(gid,finId), finance (finId,ph,company),

company(company, name)

Mapping generation

[Bonifati et al. 2017]

E_S :

Company		
<i>IdCompany</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Town</i>
'C1'	'AA'	'Paris'
'C2'	'Ev'	'Lyon'

Flight		
<i>Departure</i>	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>IdCompany</i>
'Lyon'	'Paris'	'C1'
'Paris'	'Lyon'	'C2'

Travel Agency		
<i>IdAgency</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Town</i>
'A1'	'TC'	'L.A.'

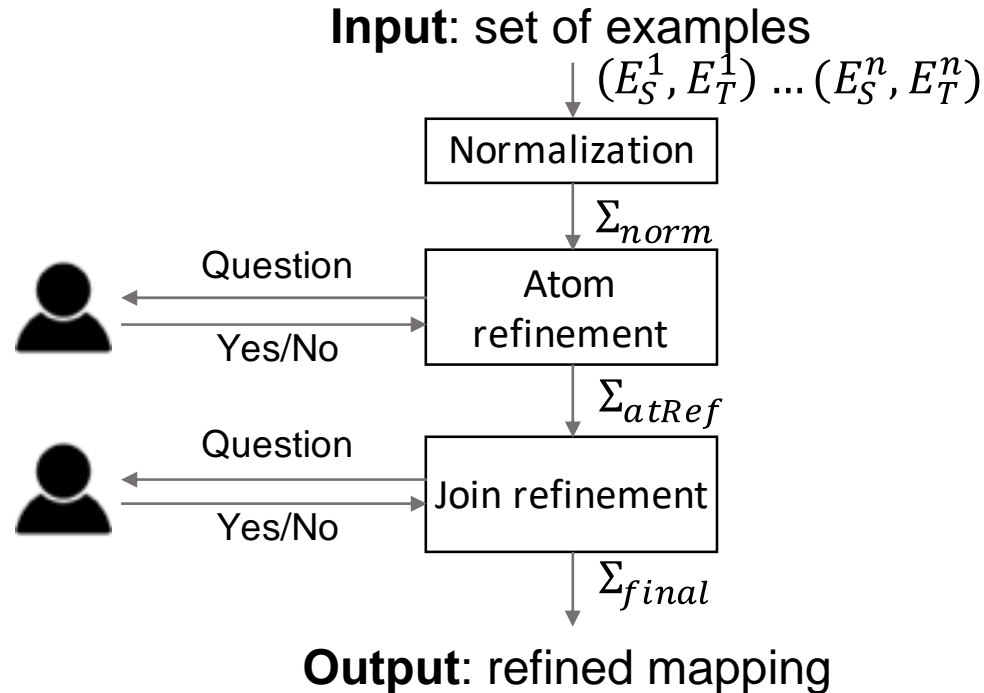
E_T :

Firm		
<i>Id</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Town</i>
'Id1'	'AA'	'Paris'
'Id2'	'Ev'	'Lyon'
'Id3'	'TC'	'L.A.'

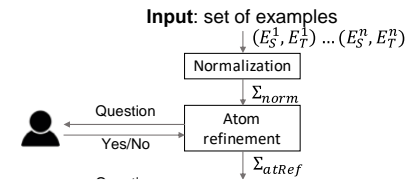
Departure	
<i>Town</i>	<i>IdFirm</i>
'Lyon'	'Id1'
'Paris'	'Id2'

Arrival	
<i>Town</i>	<i>IdFirm</i>
'Paris'	'Id1'
'Lyon'	'Id2'

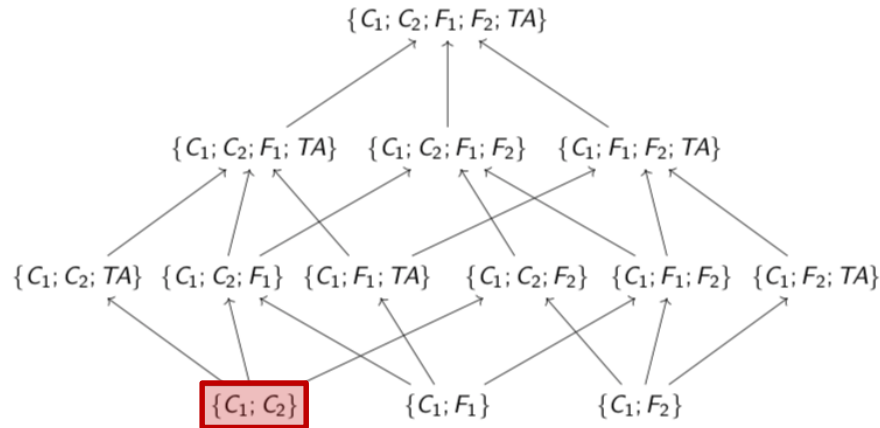
$m : \text{Company}(c1, aa, paris) \wedge \text{Company}(c2, ev, lyon) \wedge \text{TravelAgency}(a1, tc, la)$
 $\wedge \text{Flight}(lyon, paris, c1) \wedge \text{Flight}(paris, lyon, c2)$
 $\rightarrow \exists id1, id2, id3, \text{Firm}(id1, aa, paris) \wedge \text{Departure}(lyon, id1) \wedge \text{Arrival}(paris, id1)$
 $\wedge \text{Firm}(id2, ev, lyon) \wedge \text{Departure}(paris, id2) \wedge \text{Arrival}(lyon, id2) \wedge \text{Firm}(id3, tc, la)$



Atom Refinement

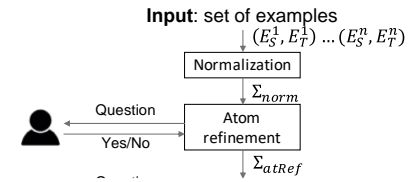


Ask the user and refine the left part of the rule

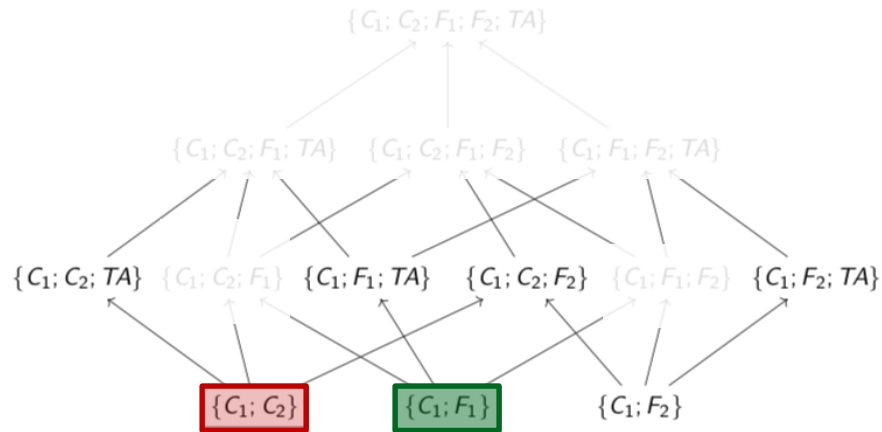


Are the tuples $\text{Company}(c1, aa, \text{paris})$; $\text{Company}(c2, ev, \text{lyon})$ enough to produce $\text{Firm}(\text{id}, aa, \text{Paris})$; $\text{Departure}(\text{Lyon}, \text{id})$; $\text{Arrival}(\text{Paris}, \text{id})$?

Atom Refinement



Ask the user and refine the left part of the rule



Are the tuples Company(c1,aa,paris); Flight (lyon, paris, c1) enough to produce Firm(id, aa, Paris); Departure (Lyon, id); Arrival(Paris, id)?

Where we are

Relational databases



Textual data



Graphs and networks

Challenges and Remarks

Machine learning

SIMILARITY for DOCUMENTS

Unstructured

Semi-Structured

☆☆☆☆☆ Super Mario Bros The Movie

By Kay E. Platt on February 23, 2009

Hello People, I am going to be reviewing a Movie that ruined my school reputation.... The Movie

☆☆☆☆☆

September 21, 2018

Format: Prime Video

Maybe don't name your musical "Rent" if you don't even have a single song about leasing law, property management procedures, or net lease calculations. As a real estate professional I am very disappointed and feel I was misled.

complete as
recommend
of 10, if you
so you don't

☆☆☆☆☆ There are no magicians in this movie

May 26, 2018

Format: DVD

I don't mean to give any spoilers away, but there are no magicians in this movie. Don't let the title fool you.

☆☆☆☆☆ Don't be gullible

January 9, 2019

Format: Prime Video

This movie is dumb. Neil Armstrong was not very smart at all and Ryan playing him is just wrong. This guy (Armstrong) was not a successor at all. I believe that there are some critical information

add up to whether there was a d especially since what more then can't accomplish again. Why is is quite advanced today. I feel possible to reach something that is moon and Mars when technology overall I do not give Armstrong many millions of Americans do.

helpful

HR Information		Contact	
Position	Salary	Office	Extn.
Accountant	\$162,700	Tokyo	5407
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	\$1,200,000	London	5797
Junior Technical Author	\$88,000	San Francisco	1562
Software Engineer	\$1		
Software Engineer	\$2		
Integration Specialist	\$3		
Software Engineer	\$1		
Pre-Sales Support	\$1		
Sales Assistant	\$1		
Senior Javascript Developer	\$4		

Category	Structure	Country	City	Height (metres)	Height (feet)	Year built	Coordinates
Mixed use	Burj Khalifa	United Arab Emirates	Dubai	828.1	2,717	2010	25°11'30.0"N 55°16'26.8"E
Self-supporting tower	Tokyo Skytree	Japan	Tokyo	634	2,080	2011	35°42'36.5"N 139°48'39"E
Guyed steel lattice mast	KVLY-TV mast	United States	Blanchard, North Dakota	628.8	2,063	1963	47°20'32"N 97°17'25"W
Clock building	Abraj Al Bait Towers	Saudi Arabia	Mecca	601	1,972	2011	21°28'08"N 39°49'35"E
Mixed use	Lotte World Tower	South Korea	Seoul	555.7	1,823	2017	37°30'45"N 127°8'10"E
Office	One World Trade Center	United States	New York, NY	541	1,776	2013	40°42'46.8"N 74°0'48.6"W
Military structure	Large masts of INS Kattabomman	India	Trunelveli	471	1,545	2014	8°22'30.13"N 77°45'21.03"E
		United States	Lualaba, Hawaii	458	1,503	1972	21°28'11.87"N 150°08'33.87"W ; 21°25'13.38"N 150°09'14.35"W
		Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	452	1,482	1998	3°09'27.45"N 101°42'40.7"E ; 3°09'29.45"N 101°42'43.4"E
		United States	New York	425.5	1,396	2015	

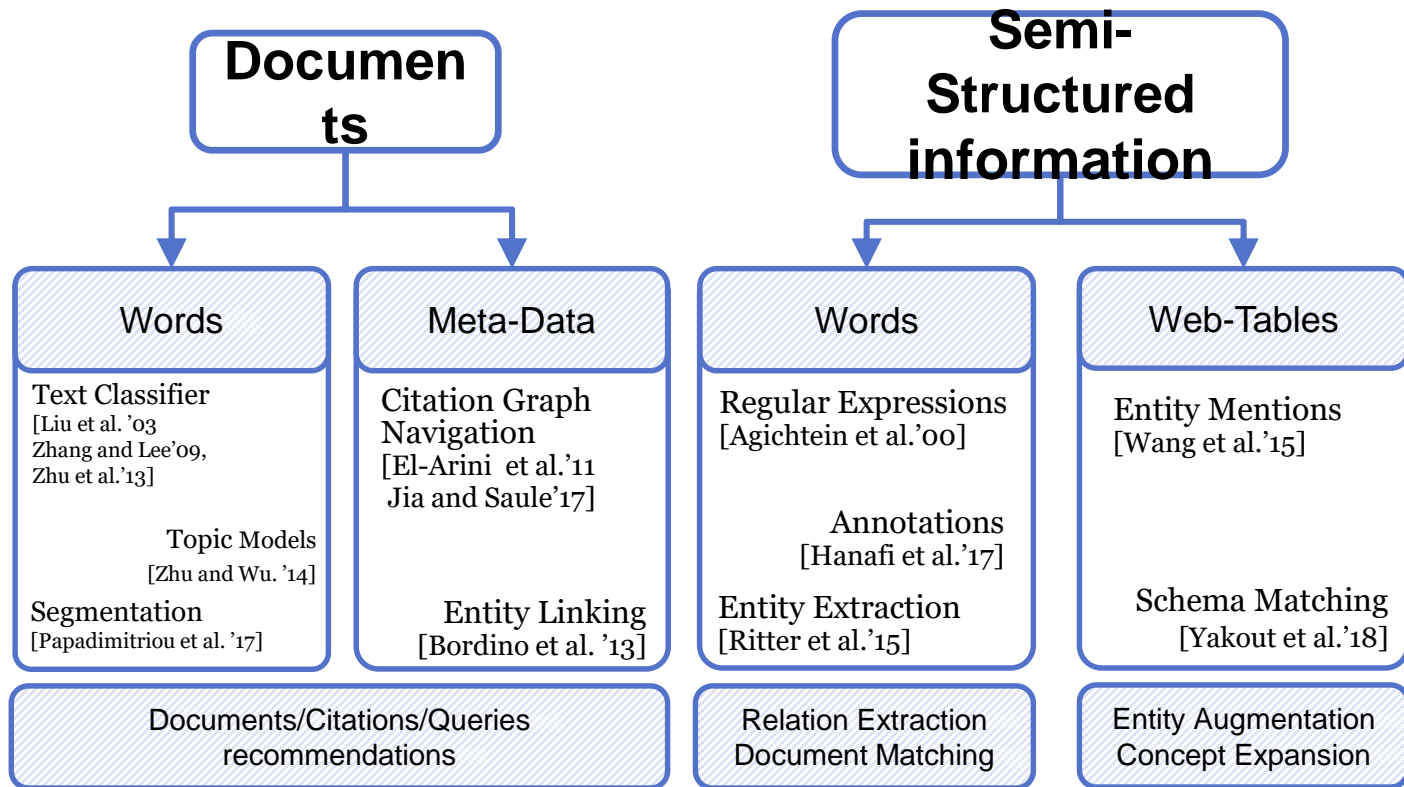
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Launch Pad	Maria Anders	Germany
Pay Talk	Francisco Chang	Mexico
Earn More	Roland Mendel	Austria
Island Trading	Helen Bennett	UK

SEARCHING FOR

BY LOOKING AT

APPLYING

PRODUCES



Document Search

Keyword Queries
& Relevance



Keyword query: search text with text

“Action movie with magic”

Search documents containing those exact words

- ... a live action movie...
- there is plenty of action...
- ... packed with action...
- ... Magic Mike is comedy movie ...
- ... in Harry Potter magic is everywhere..

A collage of five overlapping IMDb movie review snippets. The reviews are for 'Super Mario Bros The Movie', 'There are no magicians in this movie', 'Don't be gullible', 'pokemon', and 'Rent'. Each snippet shows a star rating, title, author, date, format, and a short paragraph of text.

Is this enough?
**Identify “relevant words”
and “relevant documents”**

Document Search

Relevant Keywords

Relevance: which keywords are more helpful in describing the content of the document?

Relevance \neq Frequency

What keywords are more likely to be used to describe the document we want and not other documents

1. Term-frequency: how many times the term appears in the document
2. Document-frequency: In how many documents the term appears

TF-IDF: Term Frequency
Inverse Document Frequency



MOANA

Frequent	TF - IDF
film	maui
moana	te
the	moana
million	fiti
disney	cravalho
maui	goddess



THE INCREDIBLES

Frequent	TF - IDF
film	parrs
the	syndrome
incredibles	violet
bird	omnidroid
pixar	parr
release	mirage



MONSTERS INC.

Frequent	TF - IDF
film	sulley
sulley	waternoose
monsters	boo
the	cda
mike	randall
monster	scarer

**FEW SELECTED
KEYWORDS
IN THE USER QUERY**

What keywords to choose?



**TRADITIONAL
SEARCH**



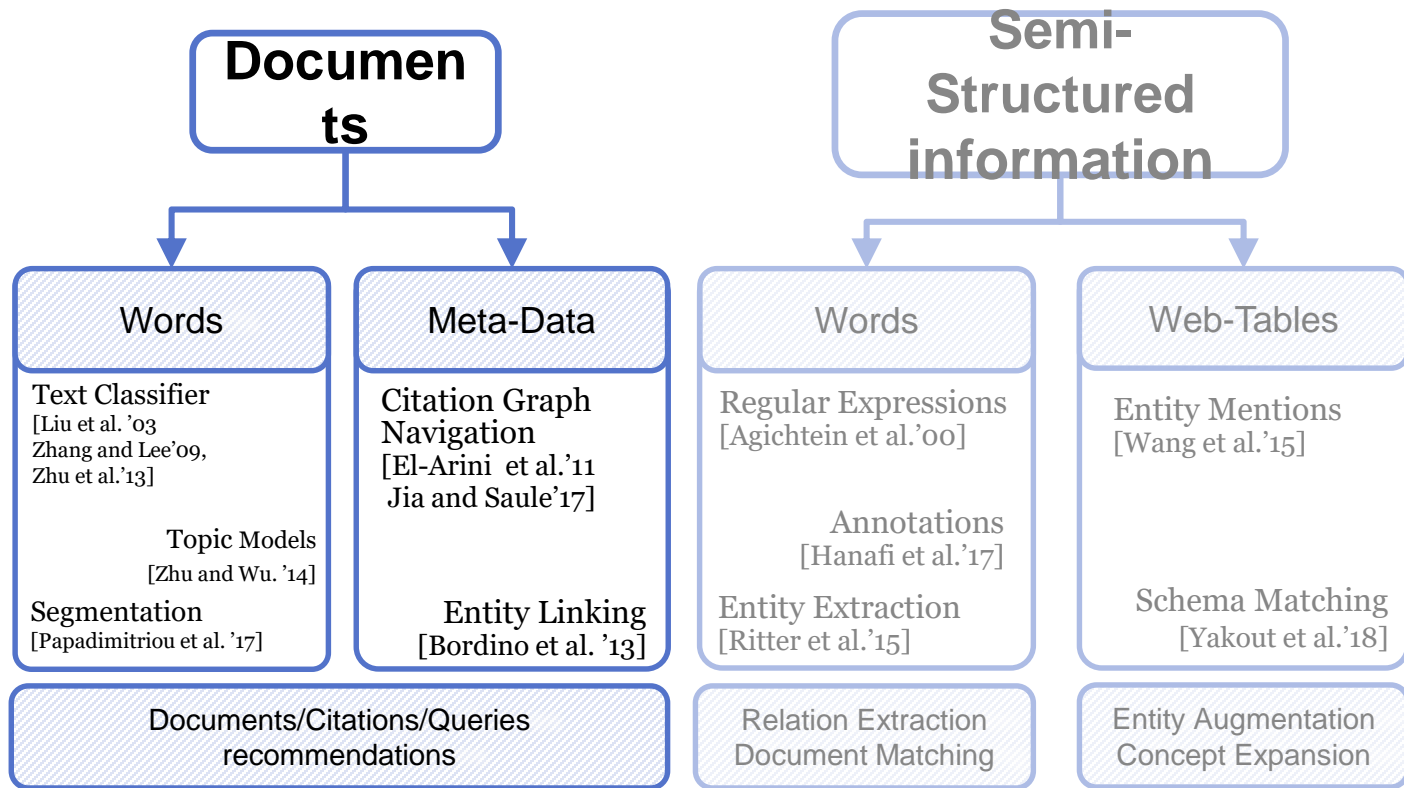
**EXPLORATORY
SEARCH**

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Documents as Examples

Liu et al. [2003]

Exemplar documents

Set of exemplar documents
rather than a set of keywords.

**An entire document may contain
more information!**

It also contains more noise

Identify what makes them special, i.e., relevant

Example-based Document Search

Given a corpus of documents D ,
and a small set of relevant documents (D_{rel}),
identify a set of answer documents D_A
such that $D_{rel} \subseteq D_A \subseteq D$.

Model as a classification problem

Find me movies like these:



Monsters, Inc. ←

2001 · Fantasy/Adventure · 1h 32m

Monsters Incorporated is the largest scare factory in the monster world, and James P. Sullivan (John Goodman) is one of its top scarers. Sullivan is a huge, intimidating monster with blue fur, large purple spots and horns. His scare assistant, best friend and roommate is Mike Wazowski (Billy Crystal), a green, opinionated, feisty little one-eyed monster. Visiting from the human world is Boo (Mary Gibbs), a tiny girl who goes where no human has ever gone before.



The Incredibles ←

2004 · Action/Adventure · 1h 56m

In this lauded Pixar animated film, married superheroes Mr. Incredible (Craig T. Nelson) and Elastigirl (Holly Hunter) are forced to assume mundane lives as Bob and Helen Parr after all super-powered activities have been banned by the government. While Mr. Incredible loves his wife and kids, he longs to return to a life of adventure, and he gets a chance when summoned to an island to battle an out-of-control robot. Soon, Mr. Incredible is in trouble, and it's up to his family to save him.

PROBLEM: MISSING NEGATIVE CLASS

*Few positive examples and
a large set of unknown.*

What features can discriminate relevant and irrelevant?
Would be better to have some negative examples

Text Classifiers

Liu et al. [2003]

Using Positive and Unlabeled Examples

Positive Unlabeled learning

- a corpus of documents D ,
- 2 Classes: relevant T & irrelevant \perp
- relevant documents (D_{rel})
 $\forall d \in D_{rel}. \text{class}(d) = T$
- Unlabeled documents $U = D - D_{rel}$

Goal:

train a classifier $C : D \rightarrow \{T, \perp\}$,
to predict $\text{class}(u) \forall u \in U$.

Missing:

To train C we need examples
for the negative class \perp

Algorithm 4.9 Document Classification with Positive and Unlabeled Data

Input: Relevant Documents $D_{rel} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, Unlabeled Documents $U \subseteq \mathcal{D}$

Output: Classifier \mathbb{C}

- 1: $D_{neg} \leftarrow \text{getNegativeSample}(U)$ \triangleright See [Li and Liu \[2003\]](#), [Liu et al. \[2002\]](#), [Yu et al. \[2002\]](#)
 - 2: $\mathbb{C} \leftarrow \text{trainClassifier}(D_{rel}, D_{neg}, U \setminus D_{neg})$ \triangleright E.g., Expectation Maximization, SVM, or Rocchio
 - 3: **return** \mathbb{C}
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Inferring Negative Examples

Liu et al. [2003]

(I)

Assign a label to Unlabeled data:

how to determine a negative sample set without asking the user

4 Alternative approaches

- **Naïve Bayes** (McCallum et al. [1998])
 - All unlabeled data are assumed negatives
 - NB-Classifier estimates $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{d})$ based on $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{c})$ with $\mathbf{c} \in \{\top, \perp\}$, $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbf{D}$, and words $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{W}$
- The **Rocchio** technique (Raskutti et al. [2002])
 - $\forall d \in \mathbf{D}$ \vec{d} is the TF-IDF vector representation
 - Build prototype vectors \vec{c}_{\top} for documents in \mathbf{D}_{rel}
 - and \vec{c}_{\perp} for documents in \mathbf{U}
 - Compare each $\forall d \in \mathbf{U}$ with \vec{c}_{\top} and \vec{c}_{\perp}
 - assign the class of the most similar vector

Goal:

Determine set of elements to be regarded as reliable negatives (RN)

Train a “simplistic” classifier

$$\vec{c}_{\top} = \alpha \frac{1}{|\mathbf{D}_{rel}|} \sum_{d \in \mathbf{D}_{rel}} \frac{\vec{d}}{\|\vec{d}\|} - \beta \frac{1}{|\mathbf{U}|} \sum_{d \in \mathbf{U}} \frac{\vec{d}}{\|\vec{d}\|}$$

Inferring Negative Examples (II)

Liu et al. [2003]

Assign a label to Unlabeled data:

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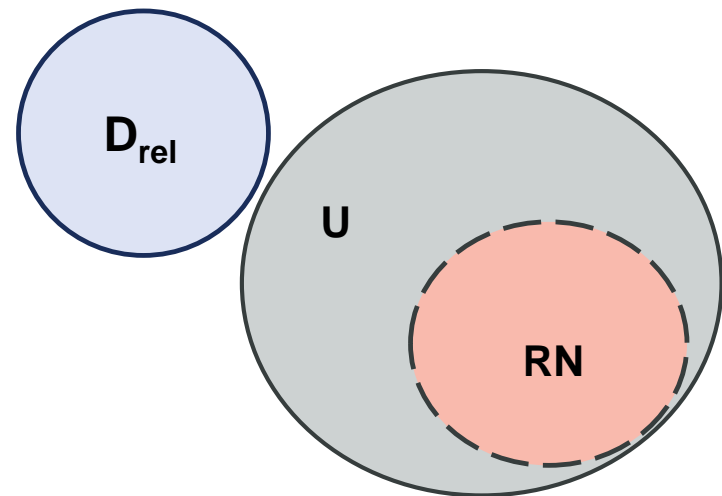
4 Alternative approaches

- The **Spy** technique (Liu et al. [2002])
 - Extract a sample S from the positive example
 - Merge S in U (deploy the spies!)
 - Build NB classifier with EM
 - Determine threshold t such that all spies are correctly classified
 - Document above the threshold are considered negative
- **1-DNF*** technique (Yu et al. [2002]).
 - *Disjunctive Normal Form*
 - *Positive Example Based Learning*
 - Get words $W_f \subset W$. $\text{freq}(w, D_{\text{rel}})/|D_{\text{rel}}| > \text{freq}(w, U)/|U|$
 - Remove from U all documents containing any word in W_f

Goal:

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Training the Expert Classifier

Exploit the partial-supervision

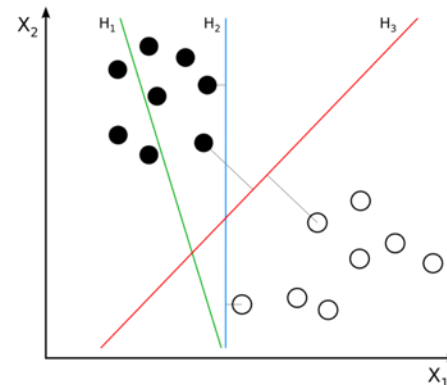
Liu et al. [2003]

Expert Classifier

Builds on the result of the first step to train a much more sophisticated and precise classifier.

- **1-shot approach**
 - Use D_{rel} and RN and train a classifier (SVM or EM)
- **Iterative approach**
 - Use D_{rel} and RN and train a classifier C_i
 - Use C_i and extract new negative documents Q
 - Add Q to RN, train a new classifier C_{i+1}
 - Continue until no more negative documents are retrieved

[*Optionally*] evaluate the last trained classifier over D_{rel} and discard it if it performs poorly



Methods perform **poorly** when **the initial set of documents is very small**

The Rocchio approach + EM is best for this case

Advanced models with TF-IDF or Topic models
Zhu et al. [2013] - Zhu and Wu [2014]

Beware of Class Imbalance!
SMOTE: Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique

Document Segmentation

Papadimitriou et al. [2017]

Intention-based relatedness

Model documents as Composite Objects

Do not perform matching across the posts as a whole but across **fragments** of them that are **written for the same intention**

Intuition:

Different parts of the document

Have different Purposes:

- Provide background information
- Describe Problem
- Ask question...

I have an HP system with a RAID 0 controller and 4 disks in form of a JBOD. I would like to install Hadoop with a replication 4 HDFS and only 320GB of disk space used from every disc. **Do you know whether it would perform ok or whether the partial use of the disk would degrade performance.** Friends have downloaded the Cloudera distribution but it didn't work. It stopped since the web site was suggesting to have 1TB disks. I am asking because I do not want to install Linux and then realize that my **hardware configuration is not the right one.**

Doc A

Extra RAID disk drives seem to be the solution to my problem but does adding RAID drives requires a **reformat and rebuild of the system to improve performance?**

Doc C

My boss gave me yesterday an HP Pavilion computer with Intel Matrix Storage System, a 320GB drive and Linux pre-installed. **I am thinking to add an extra disk drive using a RAID 0 or 1. Can I do it without having to rebuild the entire system?** I have already looked at the HP official web site for how to use a JBOD. But I have not found anything related to it.

Doc B

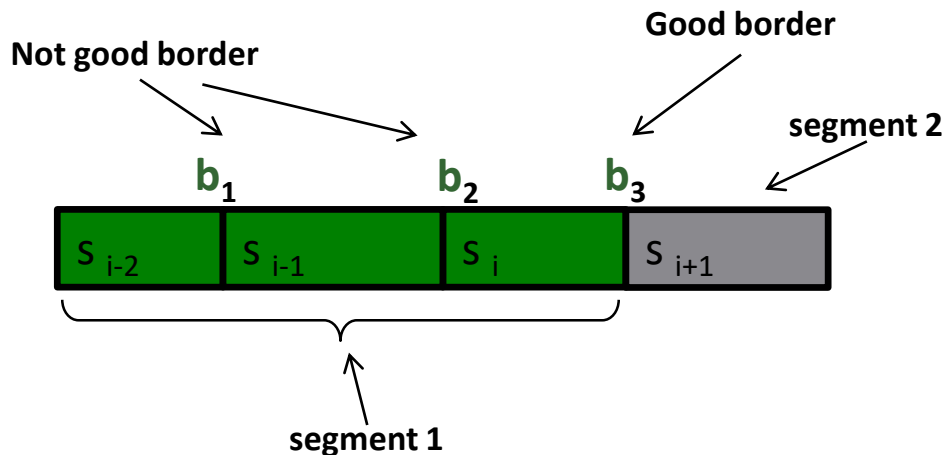
My HP Pavilion stops working after 15 min of activity. I called our technical department but no luck. Despite the many calls, I did not manage to find **a person with adequate knowledge to find out what is wrong.** All they said is bring it to up and we will see, which frustrated me. At the end I had the brilliant idea to move it to a cooler place and voila. No more p

Doc D

Segmentation

Boundaries

Use text characteristics and identify points in which a significant variation of these characteristics occurs, and place a segmentation border there.



Communication means & Text Features

Tense(CM_{tense})	present	past	future
Subject (CM_{subj})	I/we	you	it/they/(s)he
Style (CM_{qneg})	interrog.	negative	affirmative
Status (CM_{pasact})	passive	active	
Part of Speech(CM_{pos})	verb	noun	adj./adverb

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Bottom-up approach

1. Start with single words as segments
2. Compute a **Diversity Index** in each segment
3. Merge segments with low diversity

Intention Clustering & Matching

Papadimitriou et al. [2017]

Clusters are based on intention

Given a document d_q ,

1. the system will **segment** d_q ,
2. identify for each segment the **segments in the same cluster**
3. **aggregate the similarity** of those segments into a score for each document.

C1

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<https://data-exploration.ml>

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C3

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Do you know whether it would perform ok or whether the

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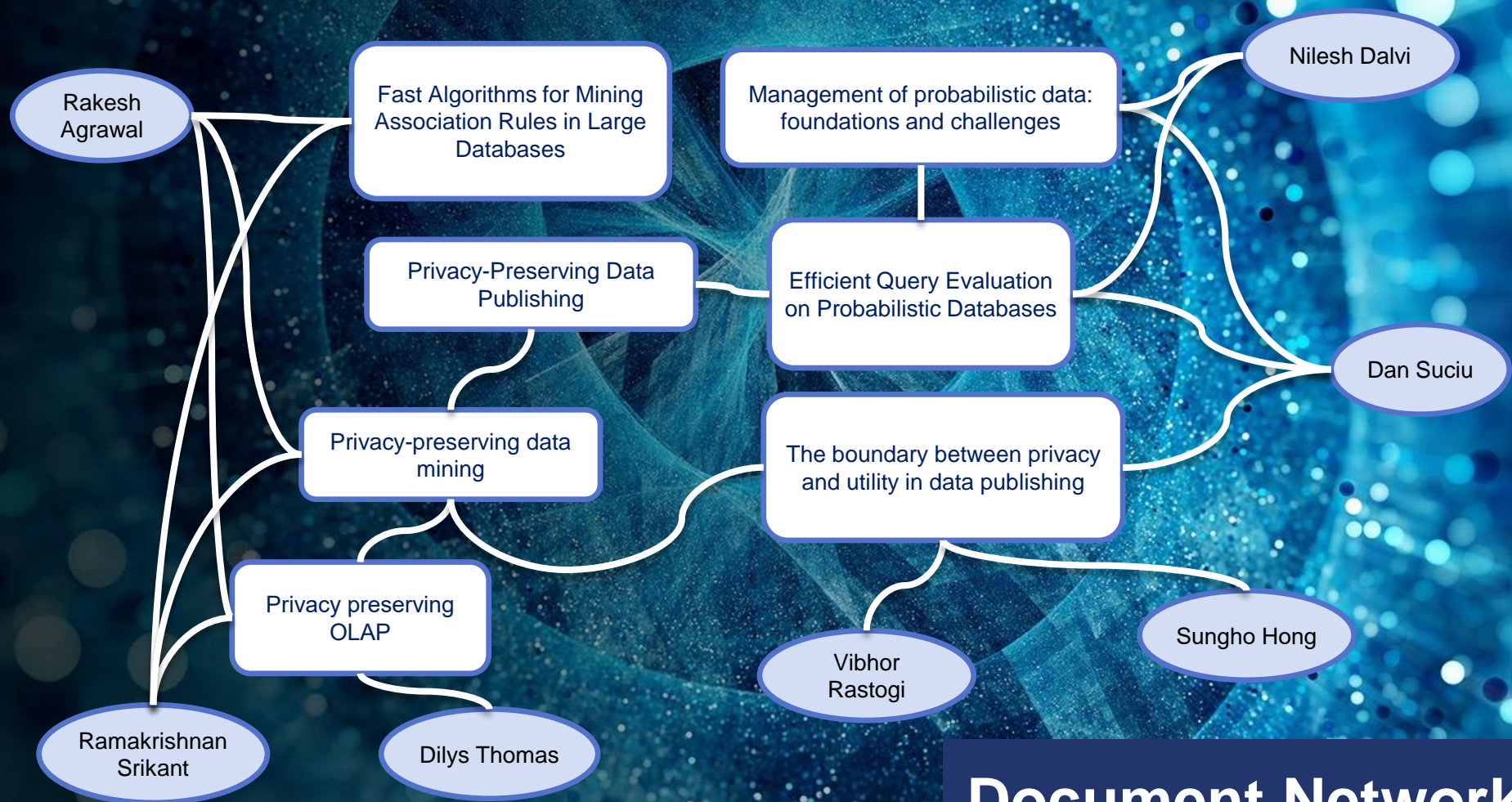
Explore based on related topics linked to common goals

C2

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Linux pre-installed.



Document Networks

Influence in Citation Networks

El-Arini and Guestrin [2011]
Jia and Saule [2017]

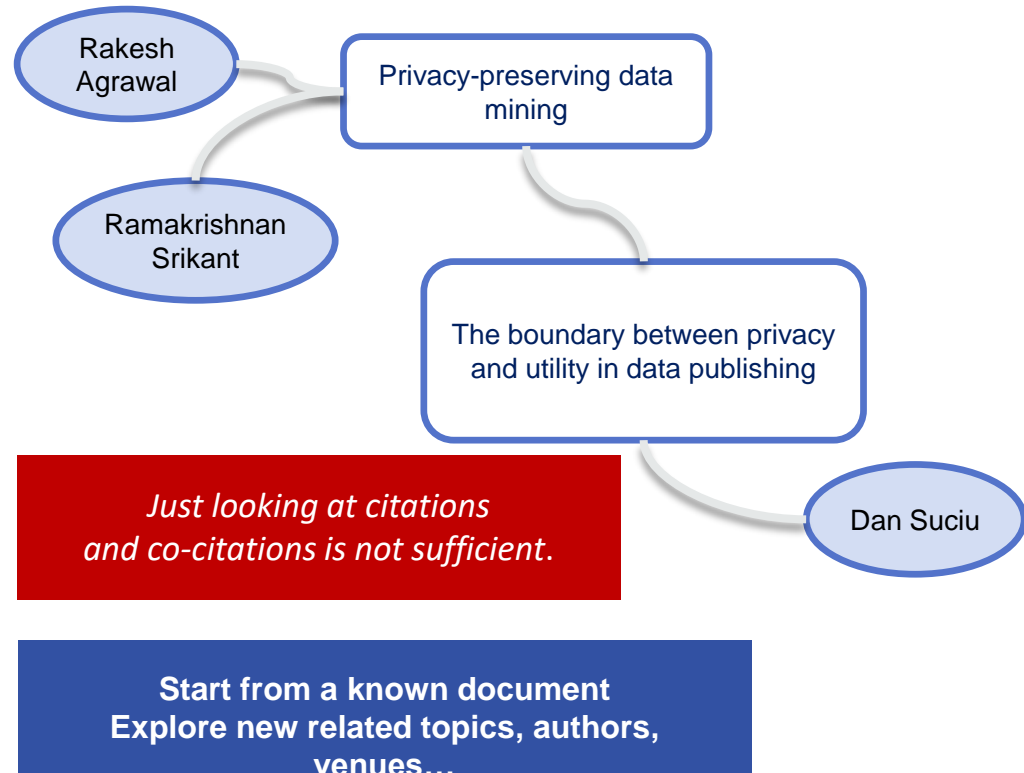
Document relevance based on influence

Citation Network

- Nodes are Authors and Papers
- Edges are Authorship and Citations
- Influence is based on connecting Paths

Advance Models

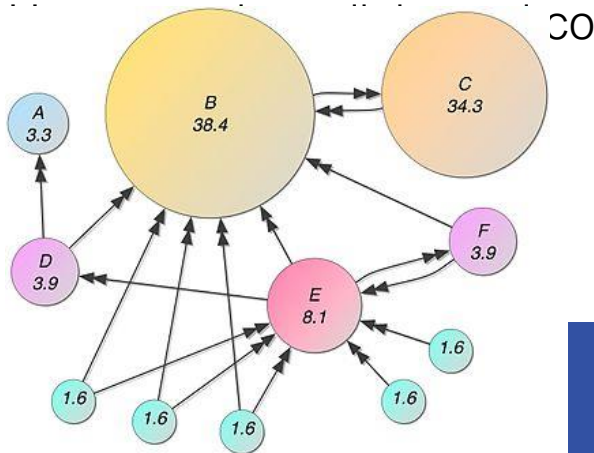
- El-Arini and Guestrin [2011]:
 - Condition influence on topics
Iterate for each topic T: Select topic T, keep only papers relevant for T, compute connecting Paths.
 - Weight edges with Influence-Probability
- Jia and Saule [2017]
 - Enrich graph with Keywords & Venues



Traverse (Document) Networks

El-Arini and Guestrin [2011]

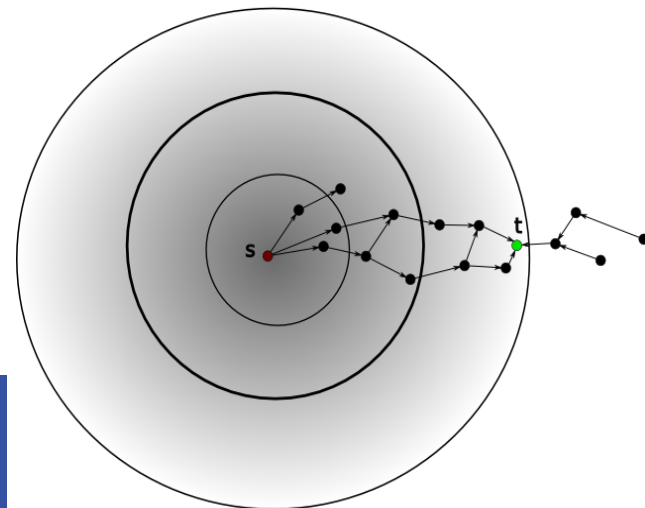
Jia and Saule [2017]



Personalized Page Rank

- Start from seed nodes, i.e. the documents D_{rel}
- Navigate towards locally connected nodes

Example based Exploration implies locality



Personalized Page Rank

Starting from a **limited set of nodes**, traversing randomly, restart point is one in **the initial set**.
Bound not to travel too far

Global Page Rank

Starting from a random node, traversing randomly, **random restart point** anywhere in the graph

CHALLENGE:

Identify meaningful transition probabilities

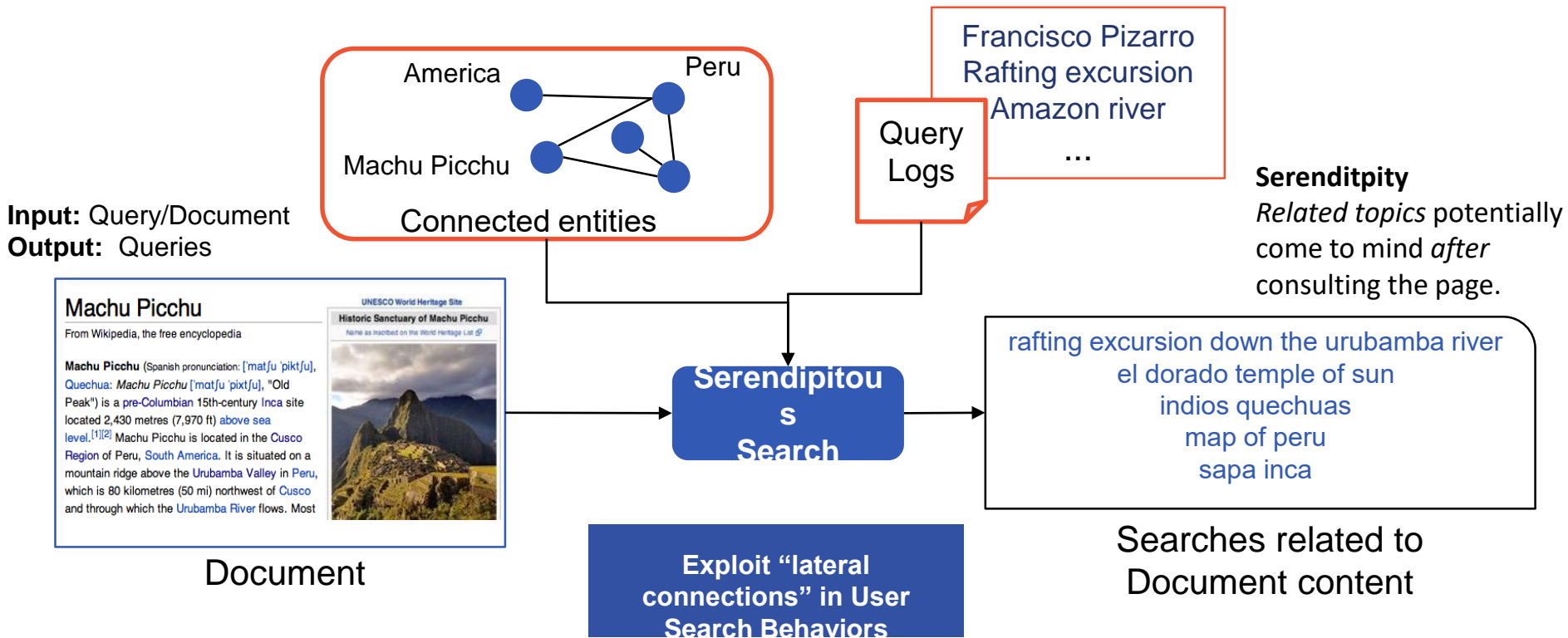
E.g., El-Arini and Guestrin [2011]

M. Lissandrini, D. Mottin, T. Palpanas, Y. Velegrakis

Serendipitous Search

Bordino et al. [2013]

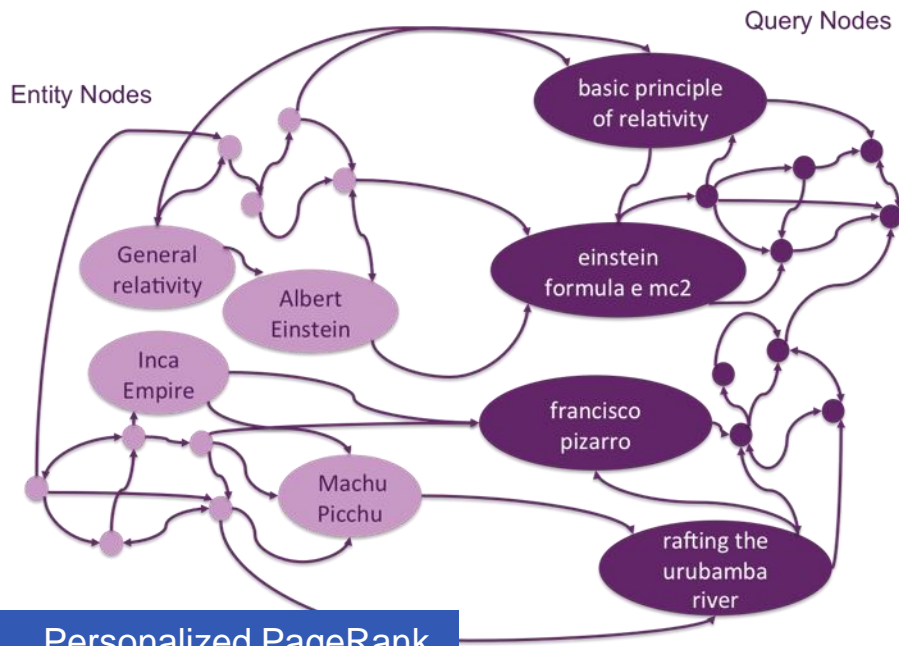
Enhance document links with Entities and Query-logs



Entity Query Graph

Bordino et al. [2013]

Entity-Query graph from queries to entities and back



Personalized PageRank
to score suggested queries

EQGraph Weighted Edges

Queries in the same session

1. query to query:

$$w_Q(q_i \rightarrow q_j) = w_{QFG}(q_i \rightarrow q_j)$$

Frequency-based approach

2. entity to query

$$w_{EQ}(e \rightarrow q) = \frac{f(q)}{\sum_{q_i | e \in X_E(q_i)} f(q_i)}$$

The more queries entities share the higher the probability

3. entity to entity

$$w_E(e_u \rightarrow e_v) = 1 - \prod_{i=1, \dots, r} (1 - p_{q_{i_s} \rightarrow q_{i_t}}(e_u \rightarrow e_v))$$

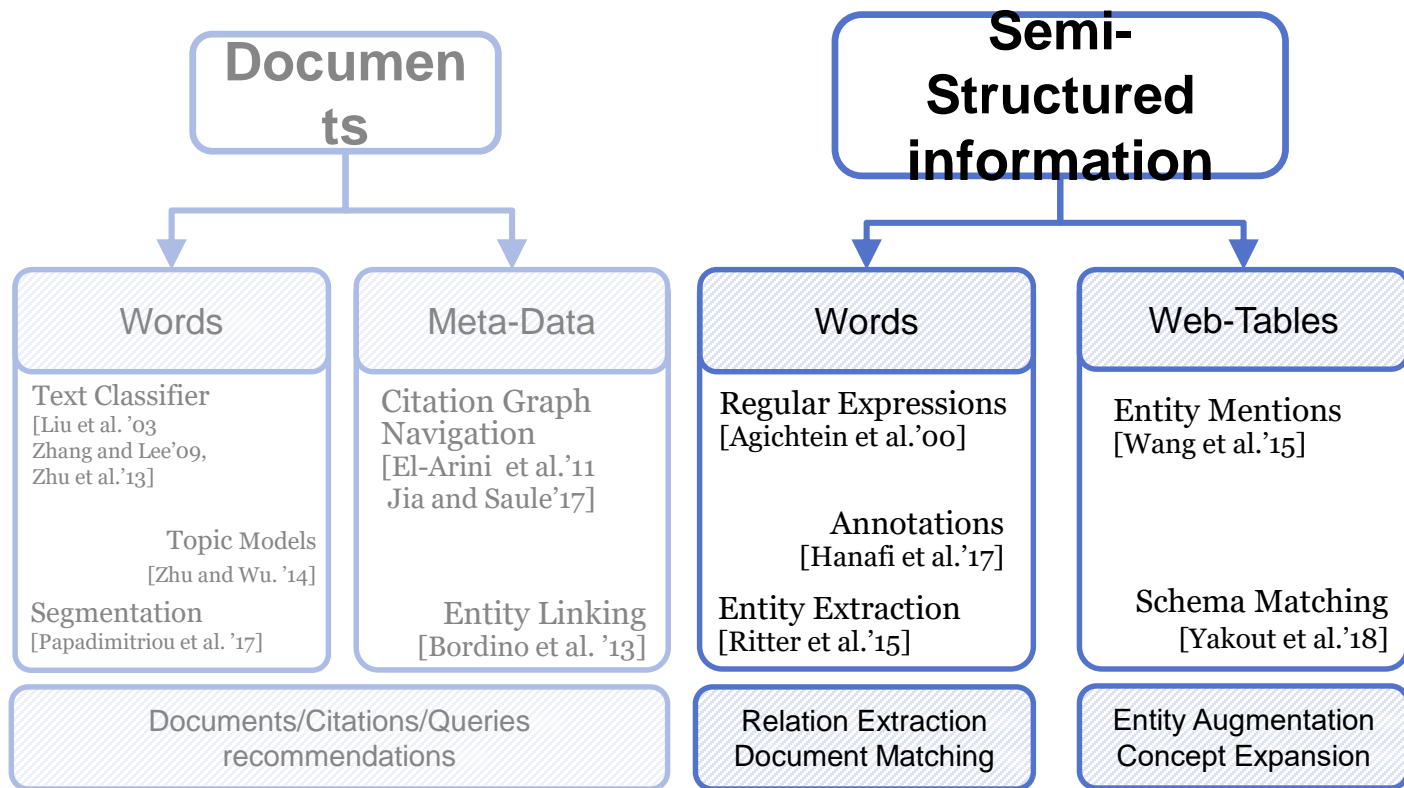
Based on query to query edges

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Entity Mentions & Web-Tables

Documents & semi-structured information

In fact, the **Chinese** market has the **three** most influential names of the retail and tech space – **Alibaba**, **Baidu**, and **Tencent** (collectively touted as **BAT**), and is betting big in the global **AI** in retail industry space. The **three** giants which are claimed to have a cut-throat competition with the **U.S.** (in terms of resources and capital) are positioning themselves to become the future **AI** platforms'. The trio is also expanding in other **Asian** countries and investing heavily in the **U.S.** based **AI** startups to leverage the power of **AI**. Backed by such powerful initiatives and presence of these conglomerates, the market in APAC AI is forecast to be the fastest-growing **one**, with an anticipated **CAGR** of **45%** over **2018 - 2024**.

To further elaborate on the geographical trends, **North America** has procured **more than 50%** of the global share in **2017** and has been leading the regional landscape of **AI** in the retail market. The **U.S.** has a significant credit in the regional trends with **over 65%** of investments (including M&As, private equity, and venture capital) in artificial intelligence technology. Additionally, the region is a huge hub for startups in tandem with the presence of tech titans, such as **Google**, **IBM**, and **Microsoft**.

HR Information		Contact	
Position	Salary	Office	Extn.
Accountant	\$162,700	Tokyo	5407
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	\$1,200,000		
Junior Technical Author	\$86,000		
Software Engineer	\$132,000		
Software Engineer	\$206,850		
Integration Specialist	\$870,000		

State	Capital	Population	Largest City	Population
Alaska	Juneau	31,275	Anchorage	291,826
Alabama	Montgomery	205,764	Birmingham	212,237
California	Sacramento	466,488	Los Angeles	3,792,621
Connecticut	Hartford	124,775	Bridgeport	144,229
Delaware	Dover	36,047	Wilmington	70,851
Florida	Tallahassee	181,376	Jacksonville	821,784
Illinois	Springfield	116,250	Chicago	2,695,598
Kansas	Topeka	127,473	Wichita	382,368

Structure	Country	City	Height (metres)	Height (feet)	Year built	Coordinates	
Burj Khalifa	United Arab Emirates	Dubai	828.1	2,717	2010	25°11'50.0"N 55°16'26.6"E	8,337
Tokyo Skytree	Japan	Tokyo	634	2,080	2011	35°42'36.5"N 139°48'39"E	8,829
KVLY-TV mast	United States	Bianchard, North Dakota	628.8	2,063	1963	47°20'32"N 97°17'25"W	9,961
Abraj Al Bait Towers	Saudi Arabia	Mecca	601	1,972	2011	21°25'08"N 39°49'35"E	8,194
Lotte World Tower	South Korea	Seoul	555.7	1,823	2017	37°30'45"N 127°6'10"E	8,777
One World Trade Center	United States	New York, NY	541	1,776	2013	40°42'46.8"N 74°0'48.6"W	8,578
Large masts of INS Kattabomman	India	Tirunelveli	471	1,545	2014	8°22'42.52"N 77°44'38.45"E ; 8°22'30.13"N 77°45'21.07"E	8,787
Lualualei VLF transmitter	United States	Lualualei, Hawaii	458	1,503	1972	21°25'11.87"N 158°08'53.67"W ; 21°25'13.38"N 158°09'14.35"W	8,170
	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	452	1,482	1998	3°09'27.45"N 101°42'40.7"E ; 3°09'29.45"N 101°42'43.4"E	8,424
	Germany	New York	425.5	1,396	2015		8,549

	Country	
Pay Talk	Francisco Chang	Mexico
Earn More	Roland Mendel	Austria
Island Trading	Helen Bennett	UK

State	Capital	Population	Largest City	Population
Texas	Austin	790,390	Houston	2,099,451
Virginia	Richmond	204,214	Virginia Beach	437,994
Vermont	Montpelier	7,855	Burlington	42,417
Washington	Olympia	46,478	Seattle	608,660
Wisconsin	Madison	233,209	Milwaukee	594,833

Entity-relation tuples

Brin [1998]

Agichtein and Gravano [2000]

Example-based extraction of Entity mentions and Relations

Search for Information WITHIN Documents

Explore new Entities
and new ways to express relations

Works bests with Binary relation
Can work with multiple mentions:

Bob born in U.S.A. in 1978

1. Example

(Google ; Menlo Park)

2. Match

Google founded in Menlo Park...

3. Extract Pattern

... [X] founded in [Y] ...

4. Extract New Mentions & Patterns

Apple founded in Cupertino ...

Apple headquarters in Cupertino

Exemplar
Tuples

Find Occurences of
Exemplar Tuples

Generate
New Exemplar Tuples

Snowball

Tag
Entities

Augment
Table

Generate Extaction
Patterns

Entity-relation tuples

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How to validate the new rules extracted automatically?

1. Compare extracted rules with known tuples: confidence of R is based on how many known tuples extracts

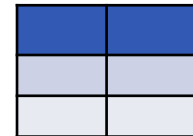
2. Compare extracted tuples with known rules: confidence of T is based on how many known rules also extract T

New extracted Rules and Tuples should not create contradictions



Exemplar Tuples

This approach has no "human in the loop"



Augment Table

Generate New Exemplar Tuples

Find Occurrences of Exemplar Tuples

Snowball

Tag Entities

Generate Extraction Patterns

IN MY DEFENSE I WAS LEFT UNSUPERVISED



Entity-extraction by Example

Hanafi et al., [2017]

Learn extraction rules from example

Allow to match from text both Positive and Negative examples



Goal: Supervised Extraction

definition) increased 9.6 percent, the number of murders increased 6.2 percent, aggravated assaults increased 2.3 percent, the number of rapes (revised definition) rose 1.1 percent, and robbery violations were up 0.3 percent.
Violent crime increased in all but two city groupings. In cities with populations from 50,000 to 99,999 inhabitants, violent crime was down 0.3 percent, and in cities with 500,000 to 999,999 in population, violent crime decreased 0.1 percent. The largest increase in violent crime, 5.3 percent, was noted in cities with 250,000

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Output: Extraction rules

P: Percentage = 1.0 = 1.0

D: {5, 6} = 0.4 D: {percent, %} = 0.4 = 0.4

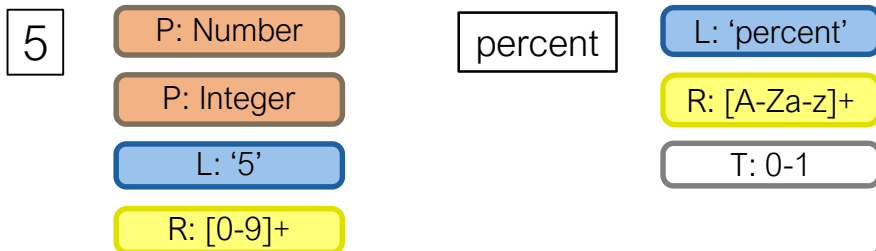
R: [0-9]+ = 0.2 D: {percent, %} = 0.4 = 0.3

Matching Rules

From string tokens to “semantics”

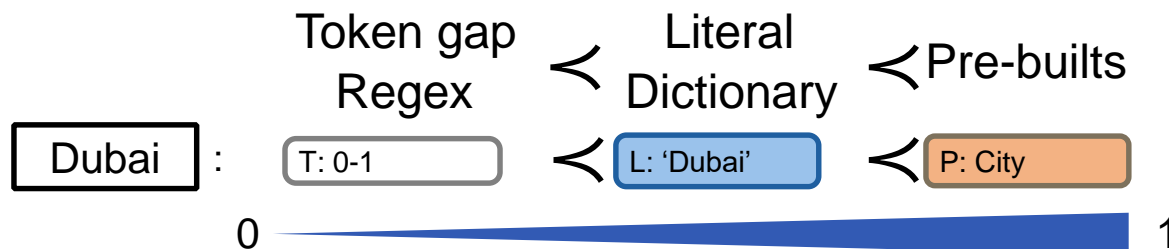
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Example: 5 percent up in Dubai



Each rule has a “class” and a preference score

Each token may have different candidate “matching rules”

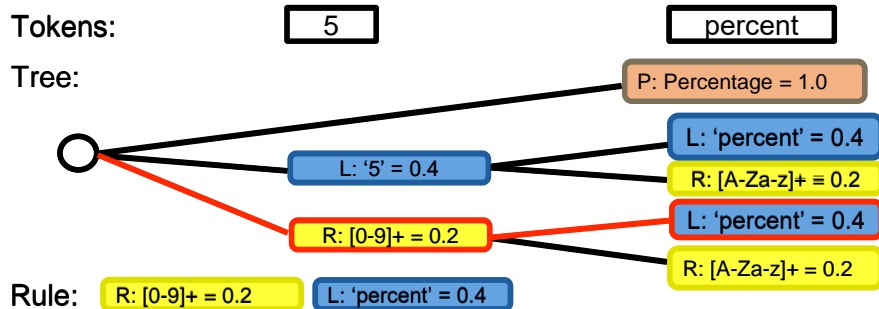


Merging Rules

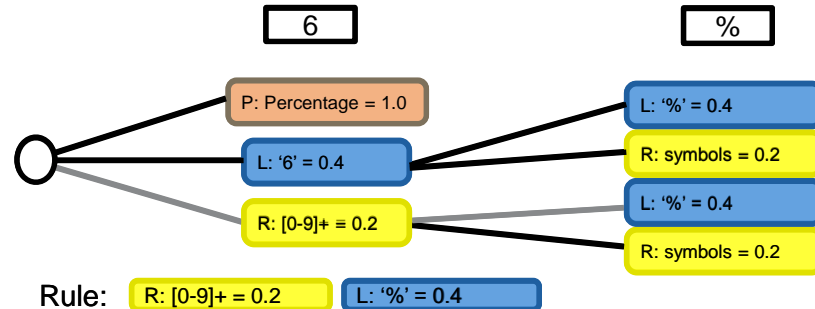
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Reconcile multiple interpretations

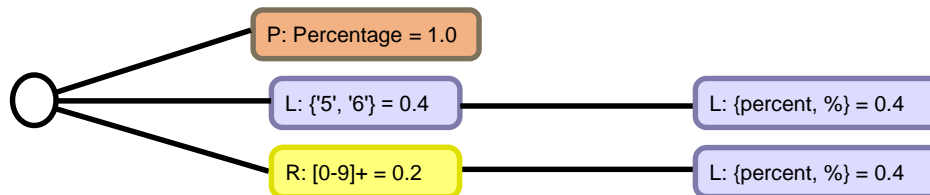
Example: 5 percent



Example: 6 %



Intersection: [5 percent, 6%]



Consider also Negative Examples to prune candidates



<https://vimeo.com/208729128>

Web Tables

Semi-structured data on the web

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denmark#Regions>

Regions

The governing bodies of the regions are the [regional councils](#), each with forty-one councillors elected for four-year terms. The council headed by regional district chairmen (*regionsrådsformanden*), who are elected by the council.^[79] The areas of responsibility for the regions are the [national health service](#), [social services](#) and [regional development](#).^{[79][80]} Unlike the counties they replaced, the regions are allowed to levy taxes and the health service is partly financed by a national health care contribution until 2018 (*sundhedsbidrag*), partly from both government and municipalities.^[18] From 1 January 2019 this contribution will be abolished, as it is being replaced by higher tax instead.

The [area](#) and populations of the regions vary widely; for example, the [Capital Region](#), which encompasses the [Greater Copenhagen](#) with the exception of the subtracted province East Zealand but includes the [Baltic Sea](#) island of [Bornholm](#), has more area than that of [North Denmark Region](#), which covers the more sparsely populated area of northern Jutland. Under the [2007 municipal reform](#), densely populated municipalities, such as [Copenhagen Municipality](#) and [Frederiksberg](#), had been given a status making them first-level administrative divisions. These *sui generis* municipalities were incorporated into the new regions during the reforms.

Danish name	English name	Admin. centre	Largest city (populous)	Population (January 2017)	Total area (km ²)
Hovedstaden	Capital Region of Denmark	Hillerød	Copenhagen	1,807,404	2,568.29
Midtjylland	Central Denmark Region	Viborg	Aarhus	1,304,253	13,095.80
Nordjylland	North Denmark Region	Aalborg	Aalborg	587,335	7,907.09
Sjælland	Region Zealand	Sorø	Roskilde	832,553	7,268.75
Syddanmark	Region of Southern Denmark	Vejle	Odense	1,217,224	12,132.21

Source: [Regional and municipal key figures](#)

Google country capitals

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According to [countries-of-the-world.com](#) View 40+ more

Albania	Tirana	Algeria	Algiers	Andorra	Andorra la Vella	Angola

List of world capitals

Country	Capital city
Albania	Tirana
Algeria	Algiers
Andorra	Andorra la Vella
Angola	Luanda

109 more rows

Google food calories

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Food Group	Carbohydrates (Grams)	Calories
Milk (higher % of simple carbohydrates; less nutrient dense)		
Chocolate milk (1 cup)	26	208
Low fat (2%) milk	12	121
Pudding (any flavor) (1/2 cup)	30	161

67 more rows

[Carbohydrate and Calorie Content of Foods By Item | MomsTeam](#)
<https://www.momsteam.com/nutrition/.../carbohydrate-and-calorie-content-of-foods>

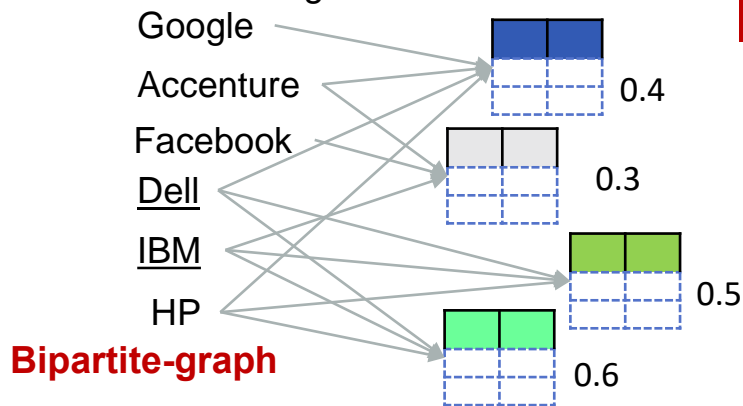
Entity List Expansion

Wang et al. [2015]

Augmentation: identify entities to complete the list

1. Input: Incomplete list + Keyword query
2. Retrieve tables from pages based on the keyword query
3. Assign Score to tables based on relevance
4. Extract entity mentions from tables
5. Analyze Entity mention co-occurrence
6. Pick "co-occurring" Entities

Goal: Given some seed entity mentions, retrieve more entities of the same type



Problem: entities may appear together for different reasons

Score Propagation

Problem: Here PPR Causes concept drift

Heuristic Propagation

Incomplete table

IT Company
Dell
IBM
Lenovo
....?

Augmented table

IT Company
Dell
IBM
Lenovo
Apple
Samsung
HP
Acer

Web-Table Completion

Yakout et al. [2012]

Identify relevant content, retrieve missing information

Goal: Retrieve missing attribute values

Intuition: If there is a structure, we can match it!

Model	Brand
S80	Benq
A10	
GX-1S	
T1460	

Incomplete table

Model	Brand	Part No	Mfg
S80	Nikon	DSC W570	Sony
Easyshare CD44	Kodak	T1460	Benq
DSC W570	Pentax	Optio E60	Pentax
Optio E60	Nikon	S8100	Nikon

Web tables

InfoGather

Problem: entities may appear together for different reasons

Extra Input: table header
target attribute name or example of completing attribute

Model	Brand
S80	Benq
A10	InnoStream
GX-1S	Samsung
T1460	Benq

Complete table

Table Correlation Graph

Schema matching for web-page and web-tables
Binary-relations only

Goal: Retrieve missing attribute values

Determine Table Match

Direct Match between $Q(K,A)$ and $T(K,B)$
 K =entity names in a column
 A,B = attribute column name (headers)

Can use approximate matching and thesaurus

$$S_{DMA}(T) = \begin{cases} \frac{|T \cap_K Q|}{\min(|Q|, |T|)} & \text{if } Q.A \approx T.B \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Problem: considers only direct links between Q and T

Query

Name	Developer
SQL Server	Microsoft
MySQL	
Teradata	
Firebird	

T1

Product	Vendor
MySQL	Oracle corp.
PostgreSQL	PostgreSQL Grp
MongoDB	MongoDB inc.
Berkley DB	Oracle corp.

List of Open Source **database software**

T2

Name	Max Row Size
MySQL	64Kb
Oracle	8Kb
Firebird	64Kb
Berkley DB	8kb

Information about **database size limits**

T3

Name	Developer
MySQL	Oracle
SQL Server	Microsoft
Office	Micrsoft
Photoshop	Adobe

Best selling **software** in 2010

T6

Vendor	Software
Oracle corp.	Oracle DB
IBM	DB2
Teradata	Teradata Corp.

Companies developing **database software**

T5

Vendor	Revenue
Oracle	11787M
IBM	4870M
Microsoft	4098M
Teradata	882M

Database software, 2011 revenue by vendor

T4

Name	Windows	Linux
Oracle	Yes	Yes
MySQL	Yes	Yes
SQL Server	Yes	No
PostgreSQL	Yes	Yes

OS support for top **database software**

Table Correlation Graph

Yakout et al. [2012]

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Goal: Retrieve missing attribute values

Determine Table Match

Holistic Match

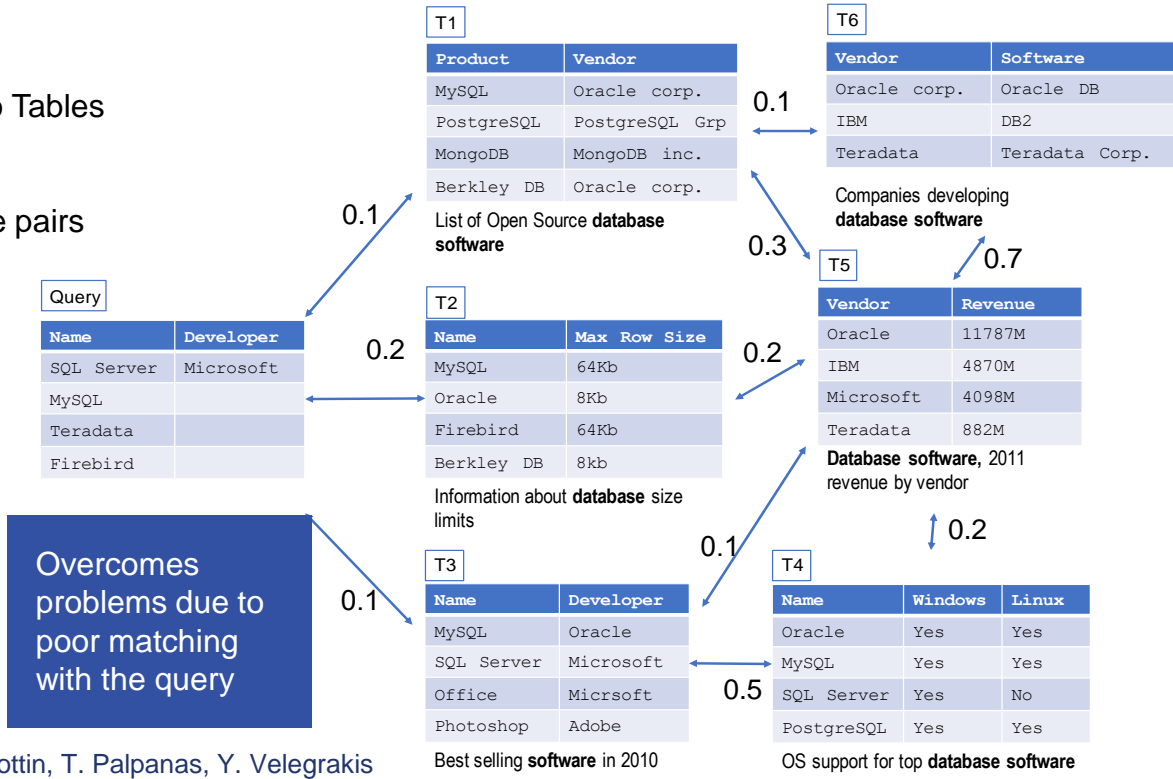
1. Assign Direct Match Score from Query to Tables
2. Scores >0 are starting nodes
3. Use classifier to add weight to other table pairs

Build Classifier using

- Context similarity
- Table-to-content similarity
- URL similarity
- Tuples Similarity

the model predicts the match between two tables with a probability

4. Use starting node and execute PPR
5. Use PPR scores to rank matching tables

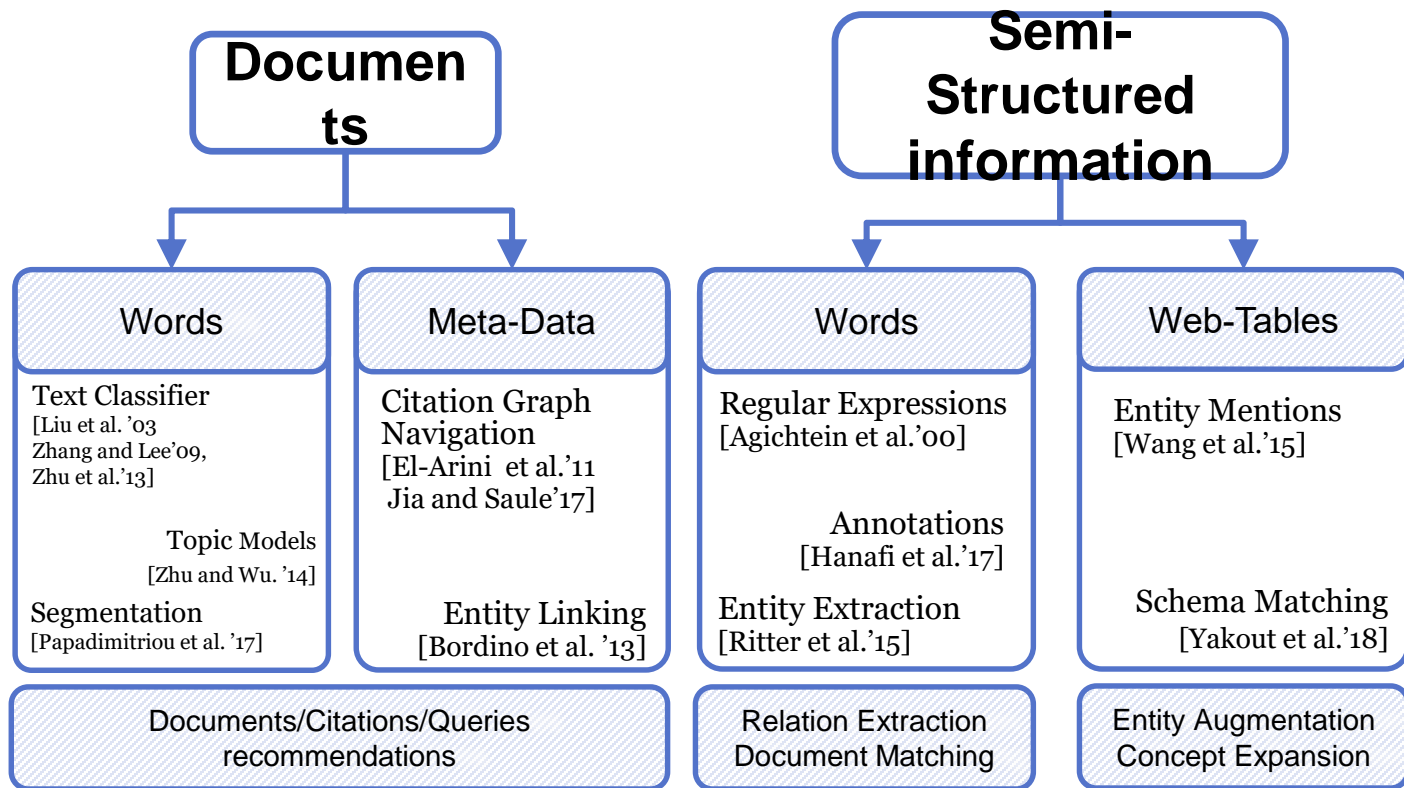


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Where we are

Relational databases

Textual data

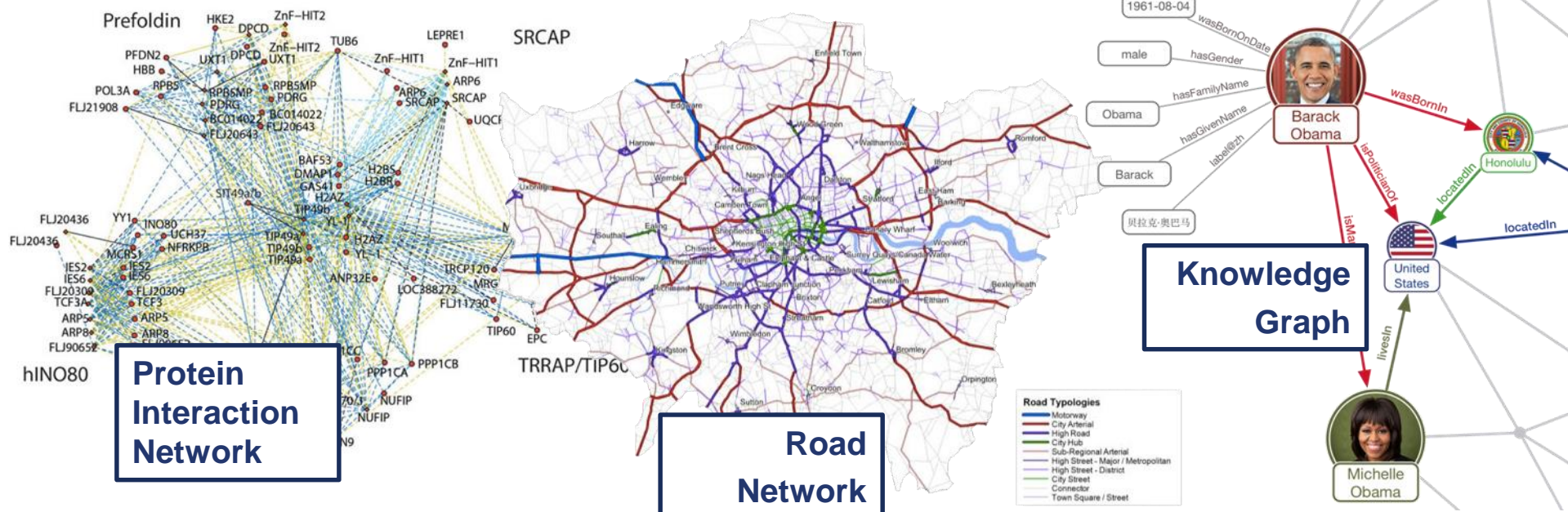


Graphs and networks



Challenges and Remarks

Machine learning



Graphs *are* Everywhere

Social Network



Graphs

Connected Data

A graph is a graph is a graph

Edge-labelled
Multigraphs

$G: \langle V, E, L, \ell \rangle$

Attributes:

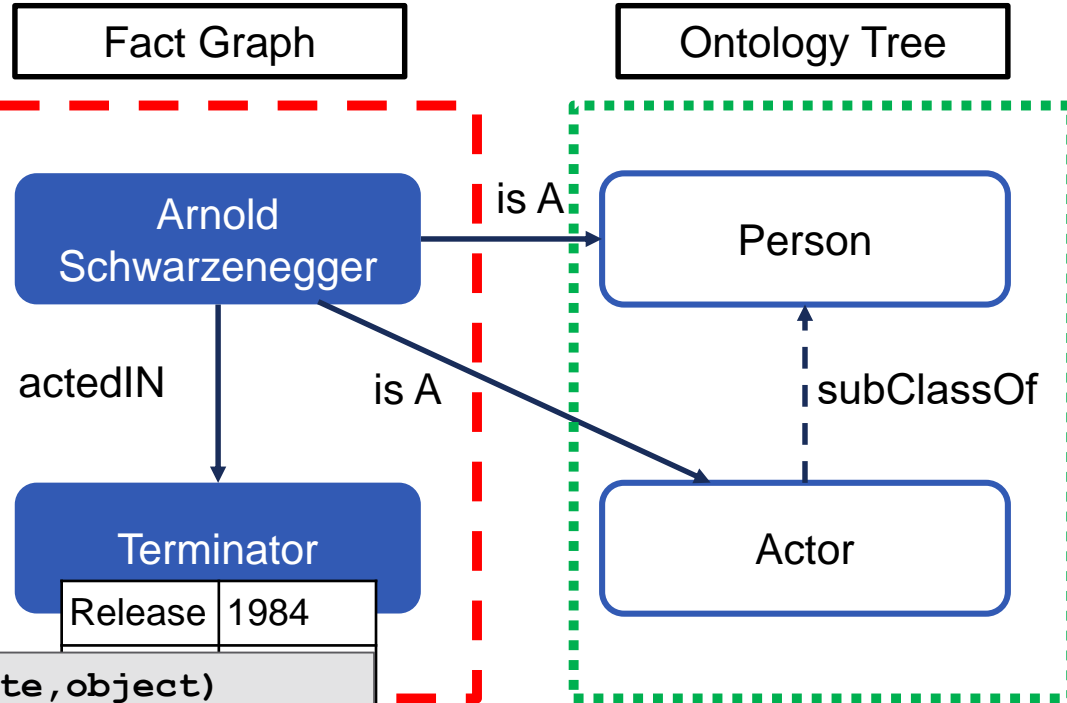
$V/E: \langle \text{key}, \text{value} \rangle$

RDF (subject, predicate, object)

(Arnold_Schwarzenegger, isA, Person)

(Actor, subClassOf, Person)

(Arnold_Schwarzenegger, actedIn, Terminator)



The Structure of the Graph
is as important as the Data-values

Exemplar Queries

Mottin et al. [2014,2016]

Example-driven graph search

Input: Q_e , an example element of interest

Output: set of elements in the desired result set

Nodes/Entities
Edges/Facts
Structures

Exemplar Query Evaluation

- **evaluate** Q_e in a database D , finding a sample S
- find the set of elements A **similar** to S given a **similarity relation**
- [*OPTIONAL*] return only the subset A^R that are relevant

Usually requires an intermediate step:
User input (keywords) → Element in the graph

SIMILARITY for GRAPHS

Nodes

Structures

Connectivity

Properties

Queries

(Edge-)Labels

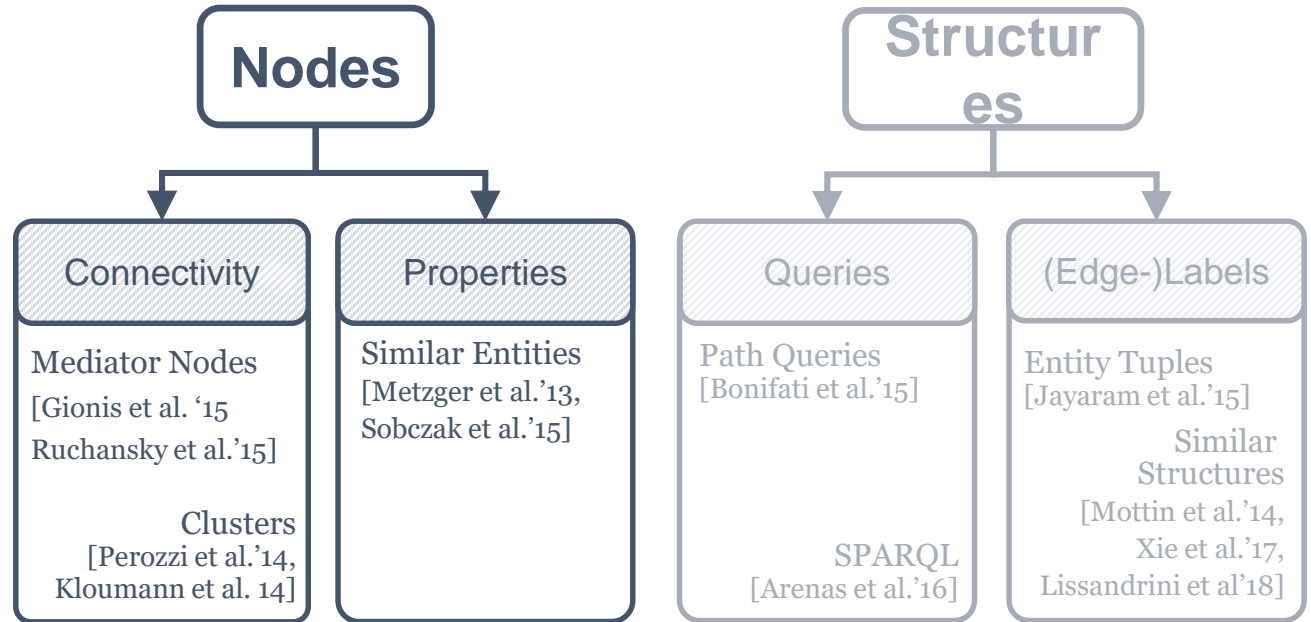
CHALLENGE: DISCOVER USER PREFERENCE

CHALLENGE: EFFICIENT SEARCH

SEARCHING FOR

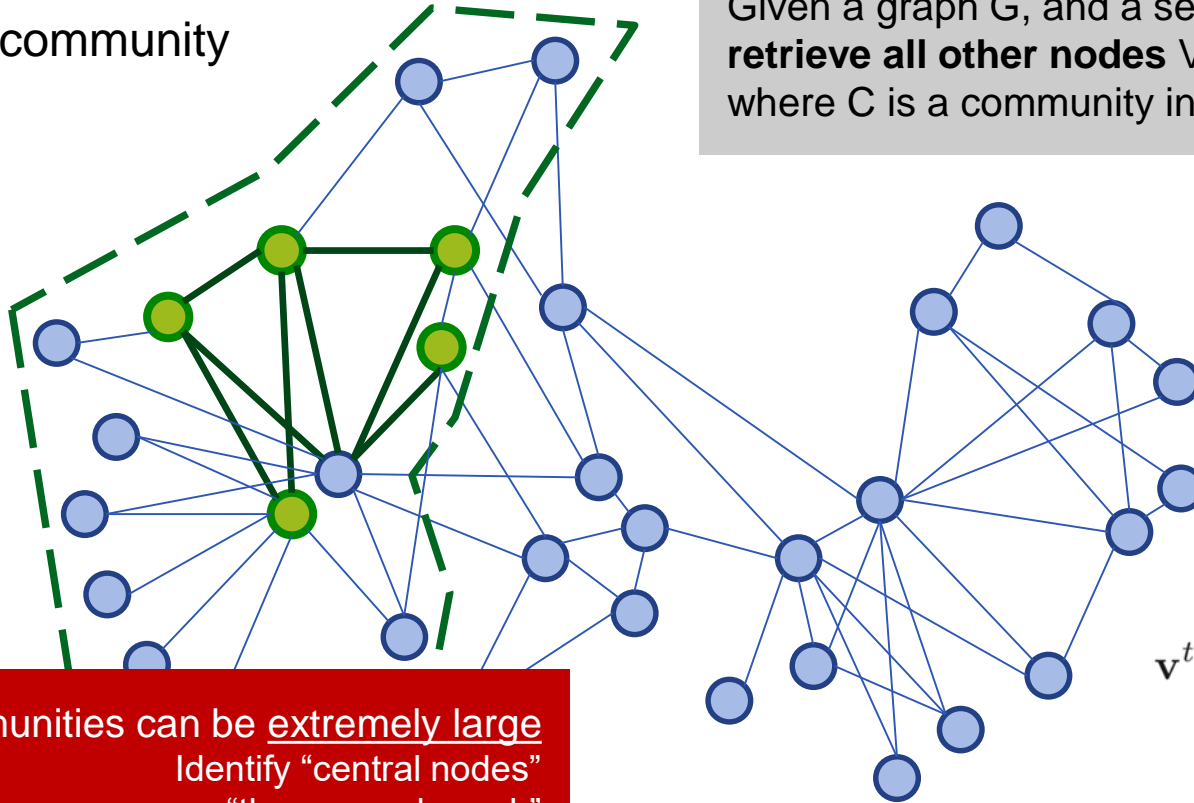
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Seed Set Expansion

Nodes connected
by a community



Given a graph G , and a set of **query nodes** $V_Q \subseteq V_G$,
retrieve all other nodes $V_C \subseteq V_G$,
where C is a community in G , and $V_Q \subseteq V_C$.

Solution: PPR

$$\mathbf{v}^{t+1} = (1 - \alpha)\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{v}^t + \alpha \mathbf{v}^0$$

Communities can be extremely large
Identify “central nodes”
or “the core subgraph”

The Minimum Wiener Connector Problem

Ruchansky et al. [2015]

Model: Unlabeled Undirected Graph

Query: A set of Nodes Q

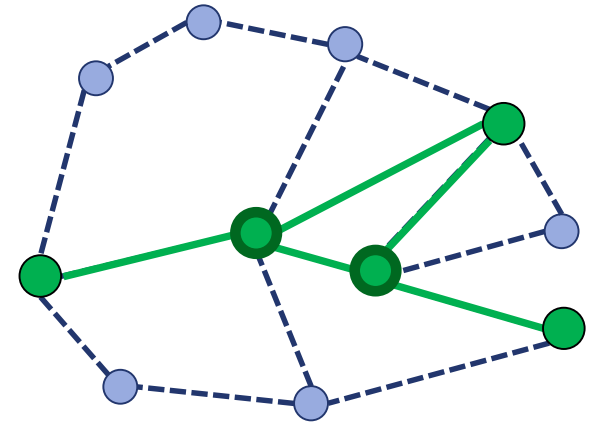
Similarity: Shortest-Path distance

Output: A Set of Connector Nodes H

“explains” connections in Q

Connectors:
Nodes with HIGH closeness
to ALL the inputs

Similar to a Steiner-Tree but
overall pairwise distances are optimized



Case: Infected Patients
→ Culprit/Other Infected

Case: Target Audience
→ Influencers

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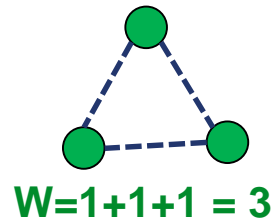
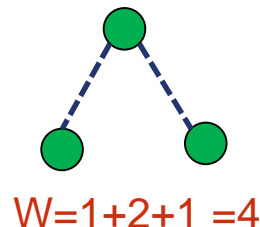
Output: A Set of Connector Nodes H

“explains” connections in Q

minimize the sum of pairwise
shortest-path-distances
between nodes in the connector H

Called: Wiener Index.

tradeoff between size
and average distance



Sometimes The Best
Solution is
NOT A Tree

NP-Hard

$$\min \sum_{(u,v) \in H} d(u,v)$$

$d(u,v)$ is the shortest-path distance

Approximate minimum Wiener Index Connector

Ruchansky et al. [2015]

CHOOSE $r \in Q$ & $\lambda \in [1, \log_{(1+\beta)} |V|]$

All Pairwise Distances

↳ Distances from a root r

Measure distance in H (i.e., subgraph-induced)

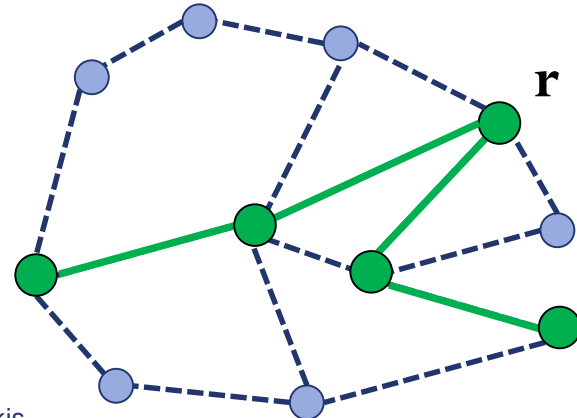
↳ Precomputed distance in G

Edge Weights

$$w(u, v) = \lambda + \frac{\max\{d_G(r, u), d_G(r, v)\}}{\lambda}$$

Approximated with
Edge-Weighted SteinerTree

Enumerate Candidate Solutions
for $r \in Q$ & λ
and keep best tree



Focused Clustering and Outlier Detection

Similarity based on attributes

Model: Unlabeled Undirected Graph with Node Attributes

Query: A set of Nodes Q

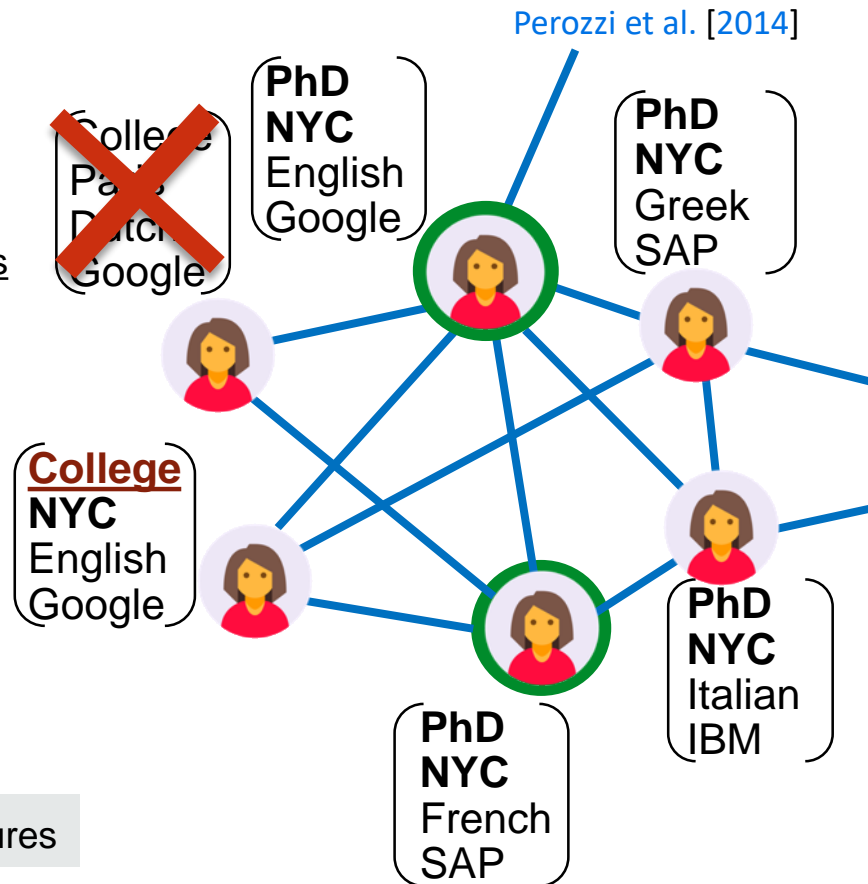
Similarity: To Be Inferred

based on Attribute Values & Connectivity

Output: Clusters of Nodes: Dense & Coherent
+ Outliers

Case: Target Users → Community with same interests

Case: Products → Co-purchased products with similar features



Focused Clustering

Infer User Focus

TASK: Infer “**FOCUS**”, important attributes

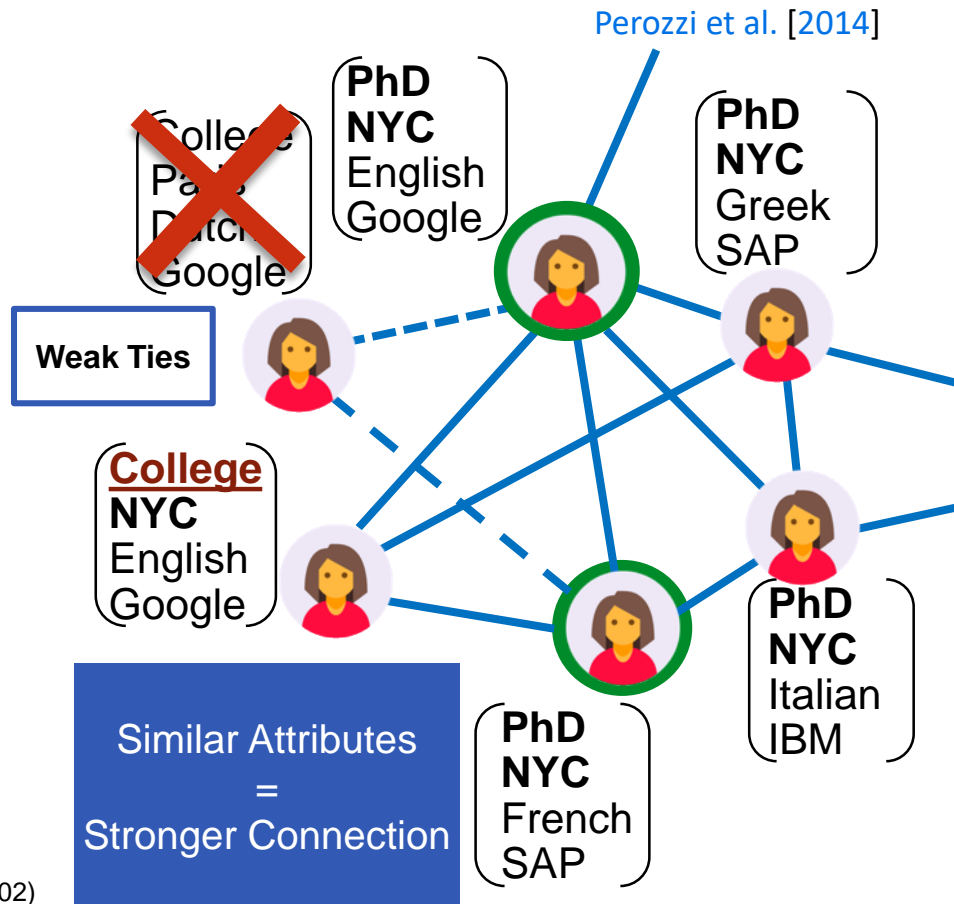
attribute weights β



1. Set of similar pairs, PS (from Q)
2. Set of dissimilar pairs, PD (random sample)
3. Learn a distance metric between PS and PD

$$\min_A \sum_{(u,v) \in P_S} (f_i - f_j)^T \mathbf{A} (f_i - f_j) - \gamma \log \left(\sum_{(u,v) \in P_D} \sqrt{(f_i - f_j)^T \mathbf{A} (f_i - f_j)} \right)$$

(Distance Metric Learning, inverse Mahalanobis distance: Xing, et al 2002)



Focused Clustering

Perozzi et al. [2014]

Prune the Graph and keep dense communities

TASK: Extract Clusters on Focused Graph

attribute weights $\beta \rightarrow$ Edge Weight

1. Find Starting Set of Small Candidate Clusters

1.a Drop low-weight edges

1.b Extract Strongly Connected Component C_1, C_2, \dots

2. Grow Clusters around Candidates

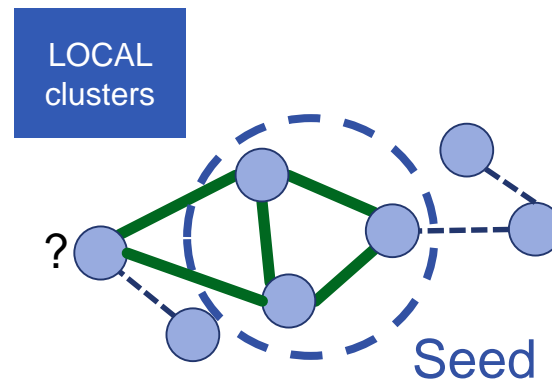
2.a Compute conductance of C : $\phi^{(w)}(C, G)$

2.b Select node to add to C' : best improvement to $\Delta\phi^{(w)}(C, C')$ (greedy)

2.c Prune Underperforming nodes

3. Detect Outliers: High unweighted conductance

w.r.t. low weighted conductance



Weighted Conductance:

ratio between the weighted sum of edges crossing the boundaries of the cluster and the weighted sum of those residing within it.

Performant Strategy:

Start with local solution and expand around them to avoid complete scans of the graph

iQBEEES: Entity Search by Example

Knowledge Graph Search

Model: Knowledge Graph (Edge-labels)

Query: A set of Entities Q

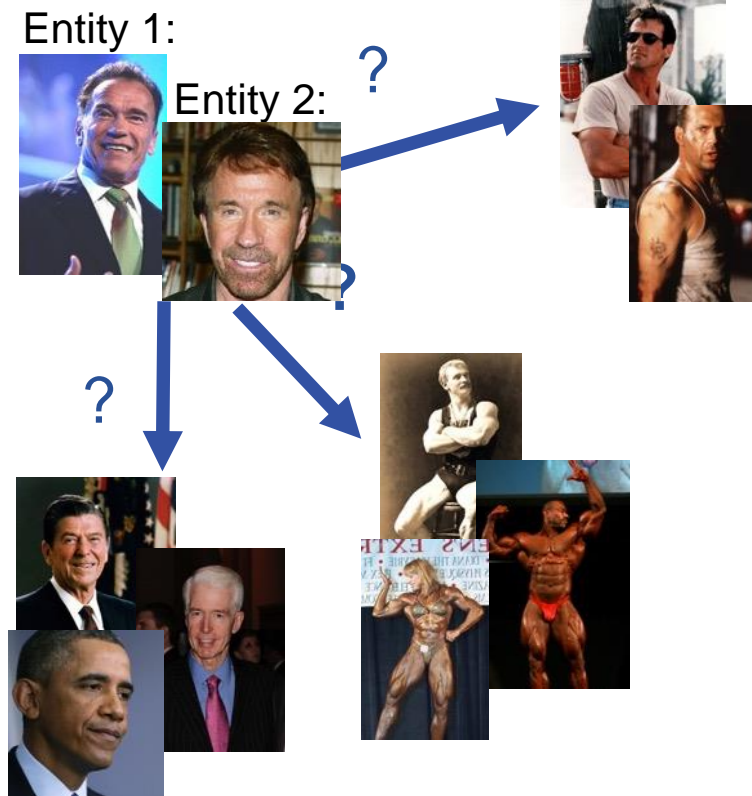
Similarity: Shared semantic properties

Output: A Set of Similar Entities (ranked)

Case: Products → Products with similar aspects

Case: Social Media → User recommendation

Metzger et al. [2013]
Sobczak et al. [2015]



Maximal Aspects

Selecting Features of Entity Similarity

Metzger et al. [2013]

Sobczak et al. [2015]



?x sport BodyBuilding

?x type AmericanActor



Is not maximal if
Adding any aspect
→ $E(A) = \{\text{Arnold}\}$

?x type AmericanActor

?x governorOf California



Include
Typical Types

1. Prune
generic
aspects

?x hasHeight 1.88m

?x type Entity



Use most
Specific Type

2. Rank
Set of
aspects

?x type AmericanActor

?x actedIn TheExpendables

?x type ActionActor



REPEATABLE
Update Q

SIMILARITY for GRAPHS

Nodes

Structures

Connectivity

Properties

Queries

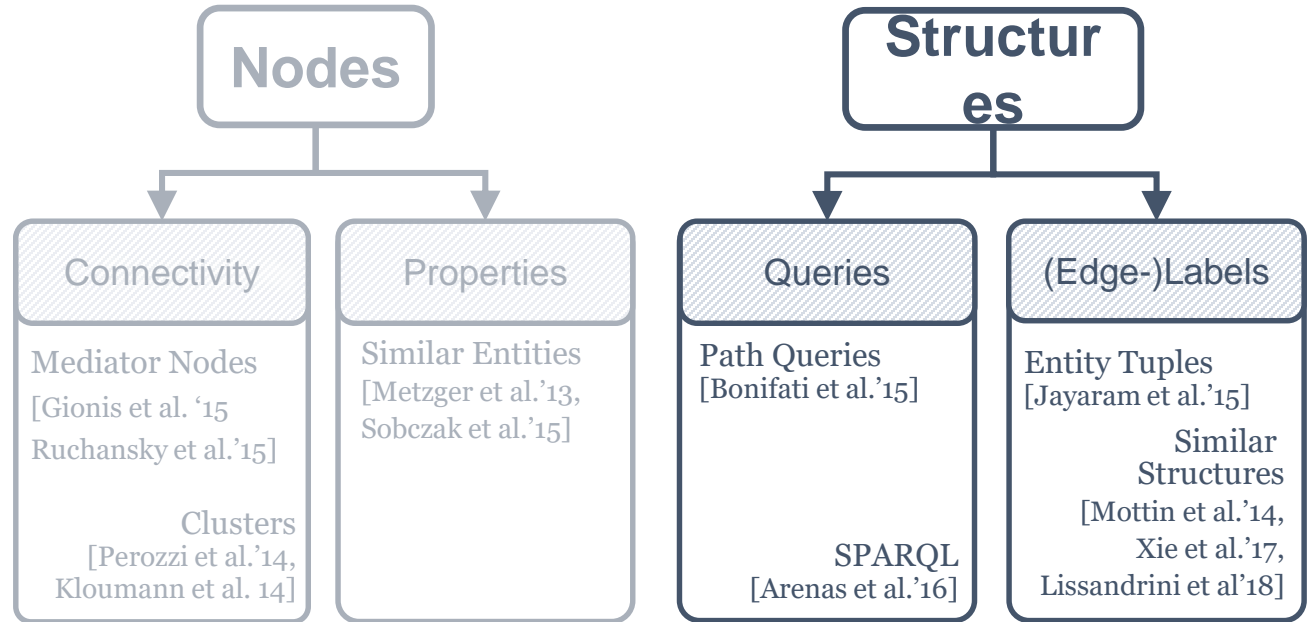
(Edge-)Labels

**Queries can retrieve
both Nodes and Structures**

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Learning Path Queries on Graphs

Bonifati et al. [2015]

Queries from Examples

Model: Edge based Graph

Query: 2 sets of Entities Q^+ , Q^-
Positive, Negative

Negative Examples to disambiguate intention

Similarity: Common Path Query (RegExp)

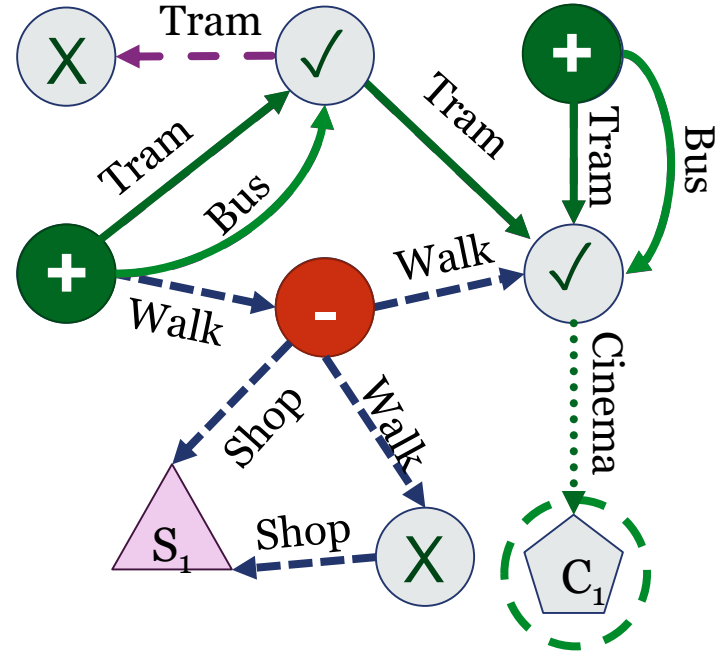
$$q := \epsilon \mid a(a \in \Sigma) \mid q_1 + q_2 \mid q_1 \cdot q_2 \mid q^*$$

(bus|tram)*+ Cinema

Output: Set of Nodes satisfying paths for Q^+
 but not paths for Q^-

Case: Proteins → Similar interactions/co-expression

Case: Tasks Initiator → Similar Processes/Behaviours



MONADIC: only starting nodes
 extensible to
 BINARY/ N-ARY : path from X to Y

Learnability of Path Queries

Bonifati et al. [2015]

When is possible and How

Query: 2 sets of Entities Q^+ , Q^-

Sometimes Positive & Negative Examples Cannot be reconciled!

Consistency:

1. Select Smallest Consistent Path

$$\forall v \in Q^+. \text{paths}_G(v) \not\subseteq \text{paths}_G(Q^-)$$

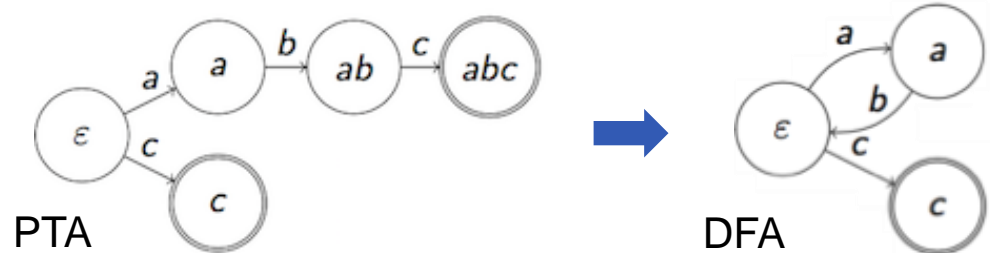
2. Loops cause infinite paths? Fix Maximal Length K

When to use Kleene star * ?

$$C \mid (A \cdot B \cdot C) \rightarrow (A \cdot B)^* \cdot C$$

3. Generalize SCP

- Construct Prefix Tree Acceptor
- Generalize into DFA with Merge



Can be INTERACTIVE! The system presents to the user nodes to label as Positive/Negative

Reverse engineering SPARQL queries

Arenas et al. [2016]

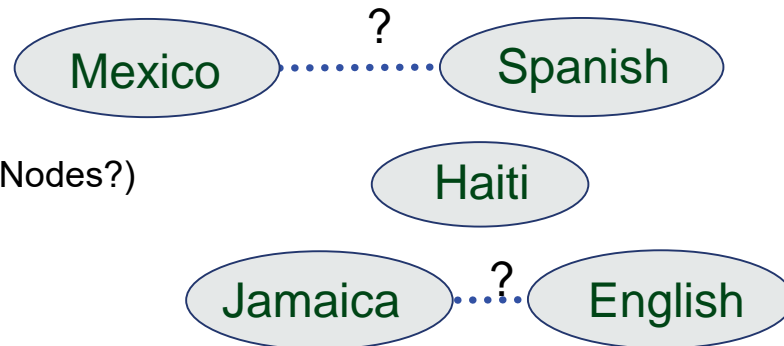
Knowledge Graph Search

Model: Knowledge Graph (Edge-labels)

Query: Set of Answers → Not Graphs but Tuples (of Nodes?)

Similarity: common AND/OPT/FILTER query

Output: a SPARQL query / query results



Case: Open Data → Query Unknown Schema

Case: Novice User → Avoid SPARQL

	?e1	?e2
M1	Mexico	Spanish
M2	Haiti	
M3	Jamaica	English

MATCH (?X, is_a, Country)

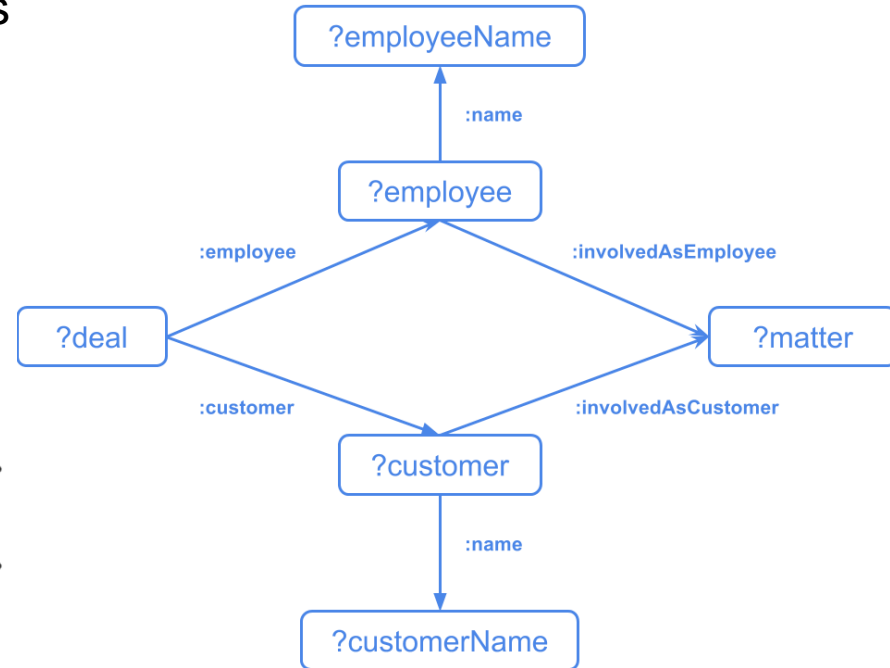
OPT (?X, has_language, ?Y)

Complex SPARQL queries

A quick-peek to the complex pattern queries

<https://www.stardog.com/blog/7-steps-to-fast-sparql-queries/>
<https://medium.com/wallscope/constructing-sparql-queries-ca63b8b9ac02>

```
SELECT * WHERE {  
  ?deal a :Deal ;  
    :employee ?employee ;  
    :customer ?customer .  
  ?employee :name ?employeeName ;  
    :involvedAsEmployee ?matter .  
  ?customer :name ?customerName ;  
    :involvedAsCustomer ?matter .  
}
```



Variables start with ?

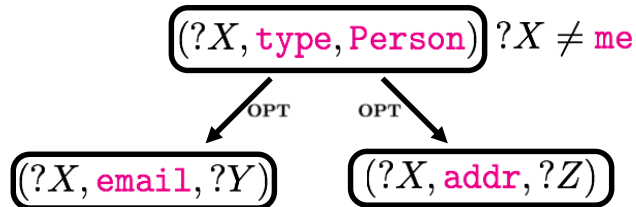
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Challenges and Complexity

Query: Set of Variable Mappings

	?X	?Y	?Z
M1	John		
M2	Mary	mary@email.eu	
M3	Lucy		Roses Street



Incomplete Mappings are treated as OPTIONAL
Typical of RDF queries

Enumerate all possible SPARQL queries satisfied by the mappings

INTRACTABLE
 Σ_2^P -complete

Build tree-shaped SPARQL queries IMPLIED by the mappings

Reverse engineering SPARQL queries

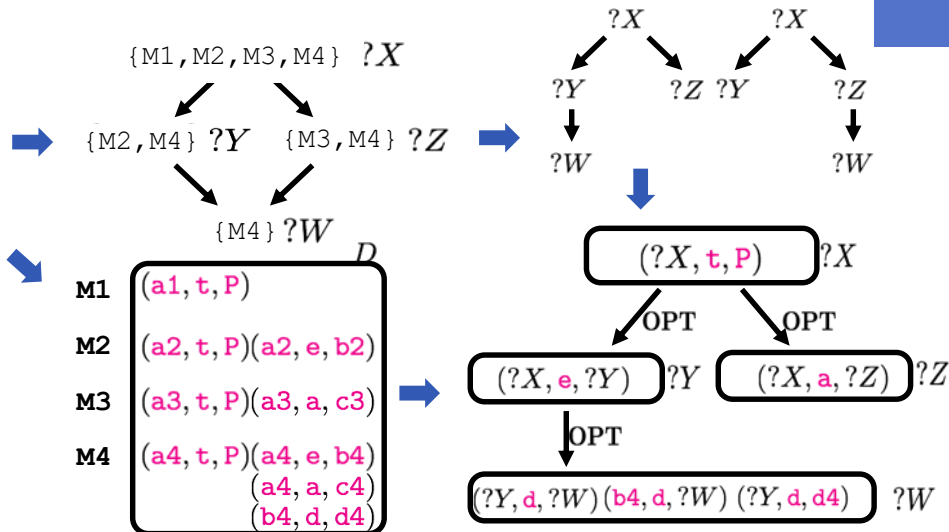
Arenas et al. [2016]

Challenges and Complexity

Query: Set of Variable Mappings Ω

- 3 Instantiations:
1. Only Positive Examples
 2. Positive & Negative
 3. Exact Result only

	Ω			
	?X	?Y	?Z	?W
M1	a1			
M2	a2	b2		
M3	a3		c3	
M4	a4	b4	c4	d4

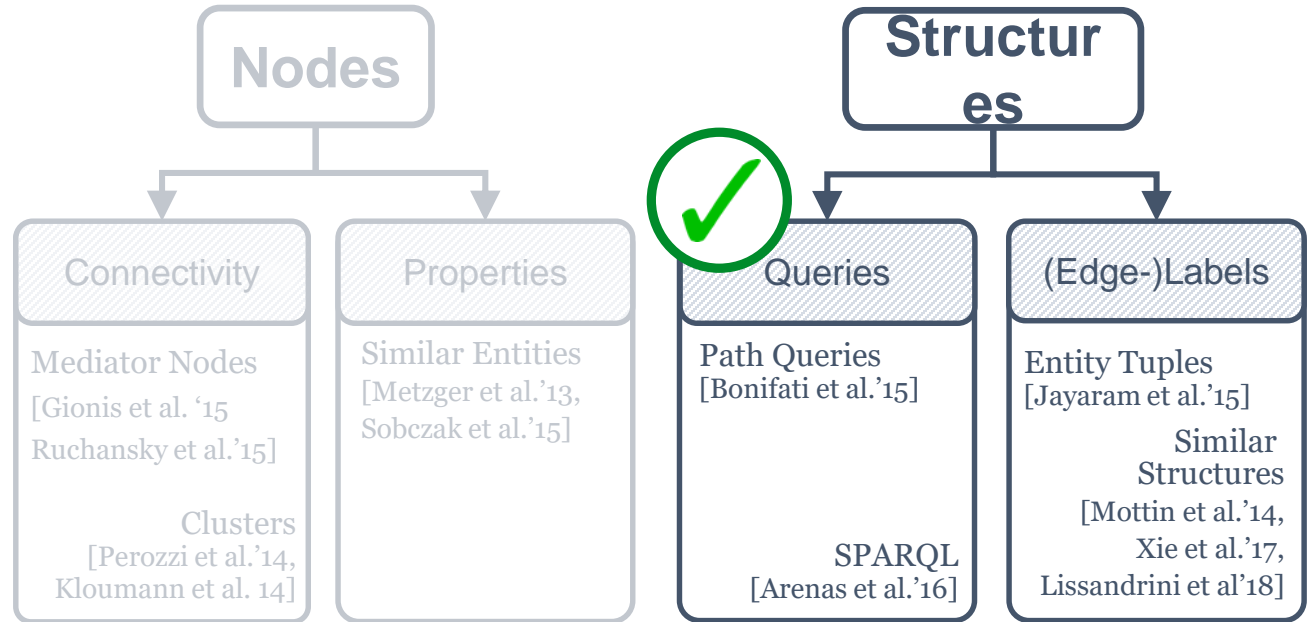


Greedy: keep just enough to cover all variables

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Graph Exemplar Queries

Mottin et al. [2016]

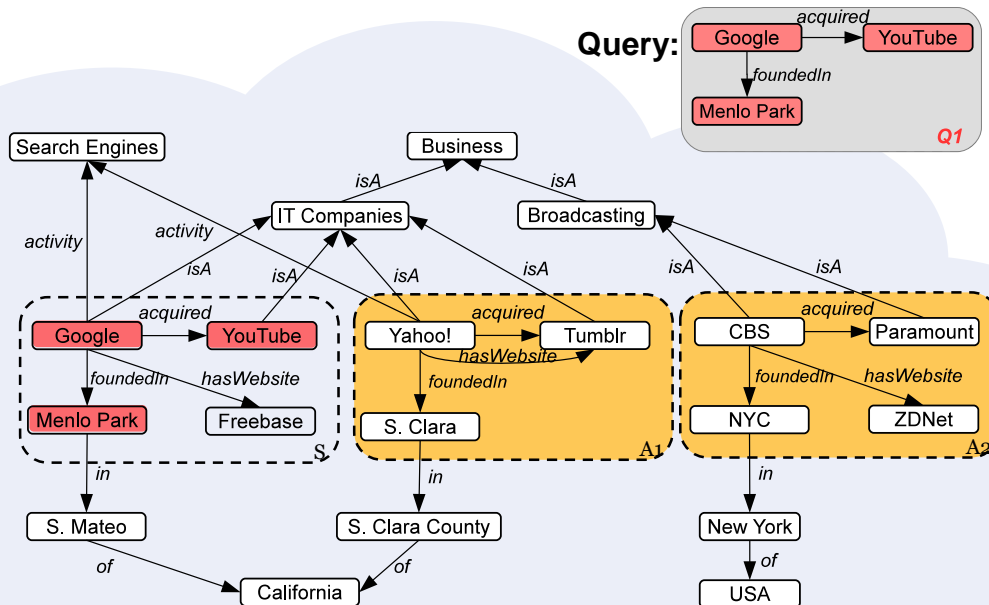
Search for Structures

Model: Knowledge Graph

Query: Example Structure

Similarity: Isomorphism/Simulation

Output: A set of Sub-Graphs



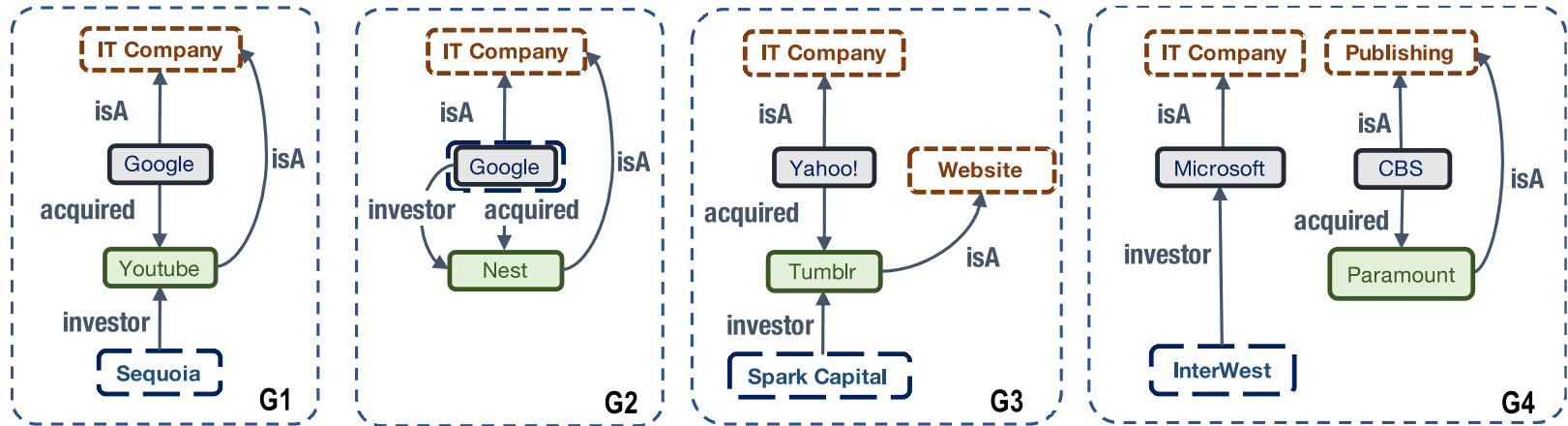
Knowledge
Graph

Case: Rich Schema → Find complex structures

Graph Isomorphism vs. Simulation Variants

Structural Congruence

Isomorphism requires an bijjective function
 Simulation requires only a surjective relation
 Preserves only Parent → Child relationships



Example of **Simulating** ($G1 \sim \{G2, G3, G4\}$) and **Strong-simulating** Graphs ($G1 \approx G2$)

Strong Simulation preserves close connectivity

Strong simulation: Capturing topology in graph pattern matching
 – Shuai Ma et al., 2014

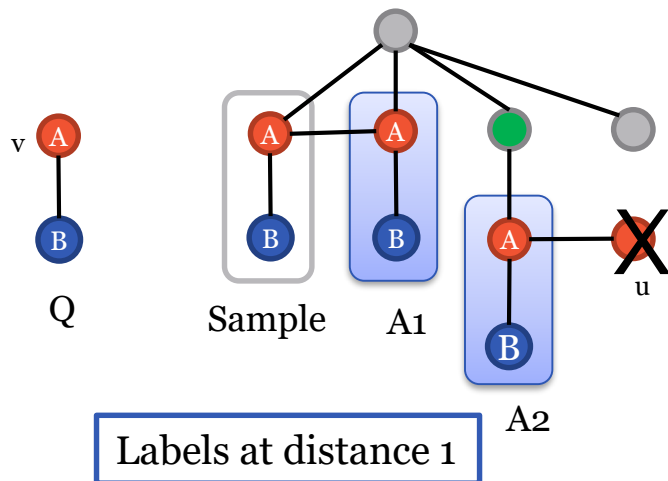
Computing Exemplar Queries (i)

Mottin et al. [2016]

Fast Structure Matching

Reduce Search Space:

Removes nodes that **cannot be part of a solution**



NP-complete
(subgraph isomorphism)

$O(|V|^4)$ (simulation)

Exact Pruning technique:

- Compute the neighbor labels of each node

$$W_{n,a,i} = \{n_1 | l(n_1, n_2) = a \forall n_2 \in N_{i-1}(n)\}$$

- **Prune nodes not matching query nodes neighborhood labels**
- Apply iteratively on the query nodes

neighborhood (v) = {(B,1)}

$\not\subseteq$

neighborhood (u) = {(A,1)}

No Match

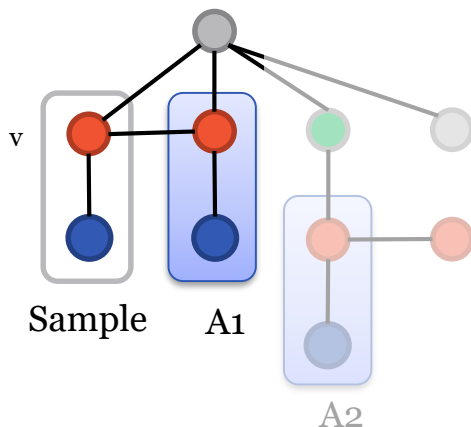
Computing Exemplar Queries (ii)

Mottin et al. [2016]

Prune Irrelevant Answers

Reduce Search Space:

Removes nodes that are likely to be less relevant



NP-complete
(subgraph isomorphism)

$O(|V|^4)$ (simulation)

Approximation:

- Nodes close to the sample are more important
- Use **Personalized PageRank** with a weighted matrix

$$v = (1 - c)Av + cp$$

- Weight edges: frequency of the edge-label

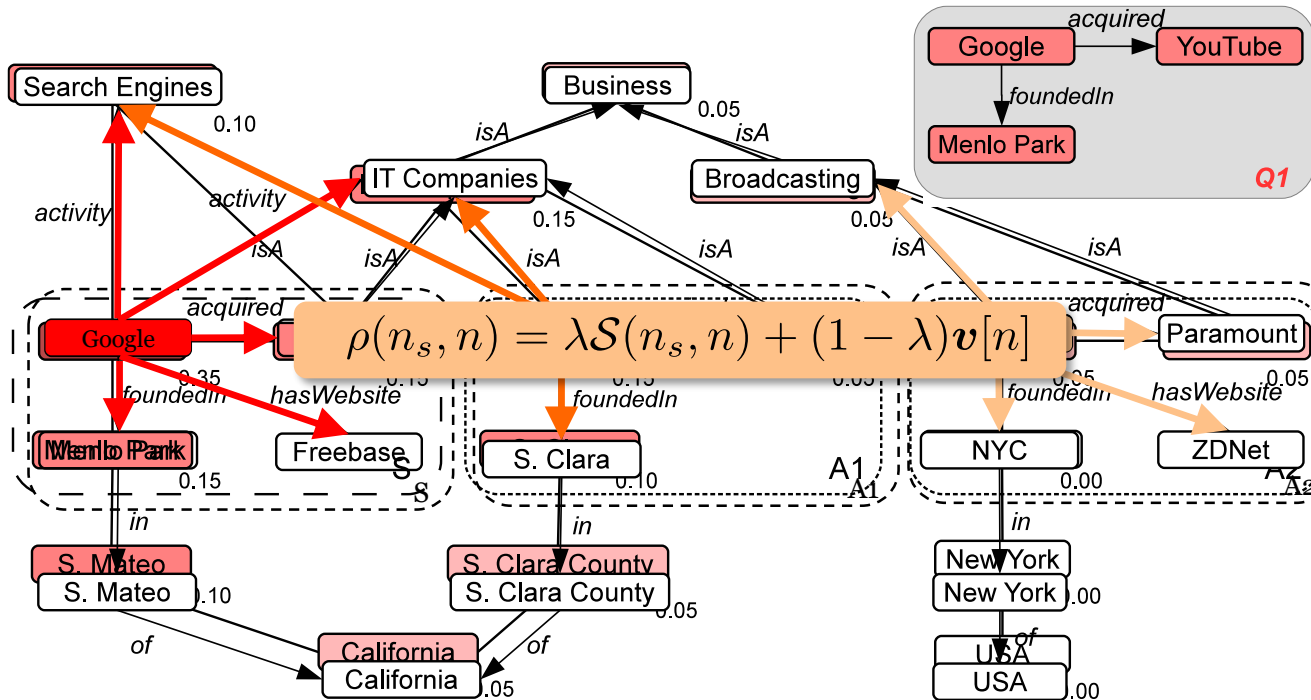
$$I(e_{ij}^\ell) = I(\ell) = \log \frac{1}{P(\ell)} = -\log P(\ell)$$

$$P(\ell) = \frac{|E^\ell|}{|E|}$$

Ranking Results

Score Relevance of Answers

Mottin et al. [2016]



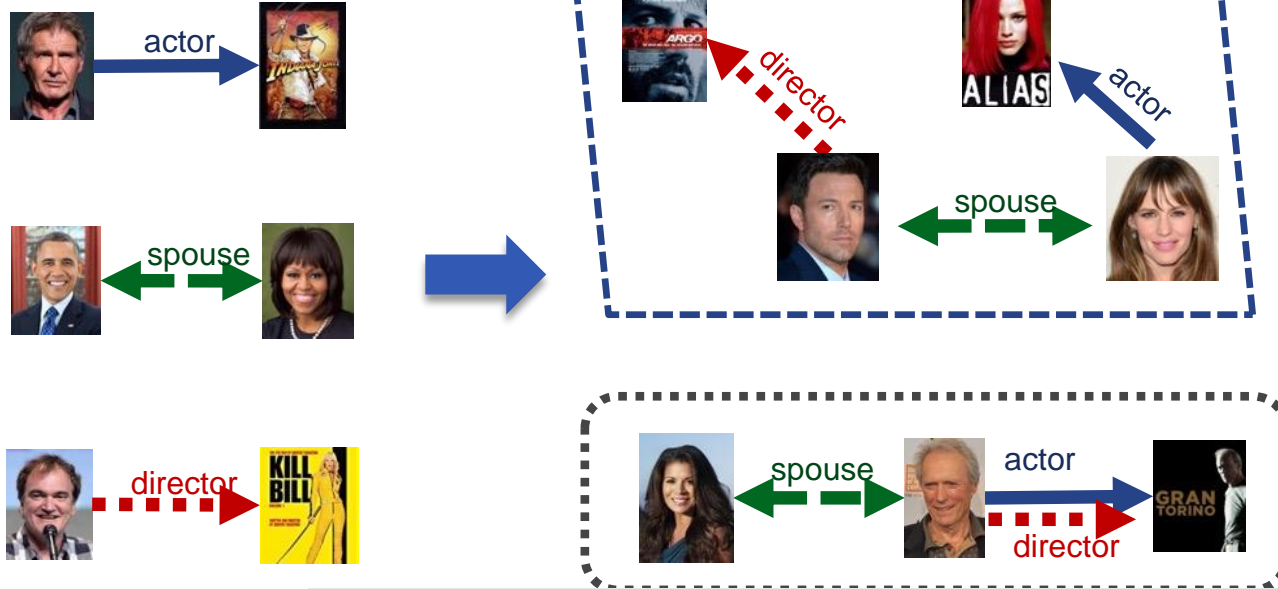
Combination of two factors

1. Structural: similarity of two nodes in terms of neighbor relationships
2. Distance-based: the PageRank already computed

Search with Multiple Examples

Lissandrini et al. [2018]

Combining partial answers



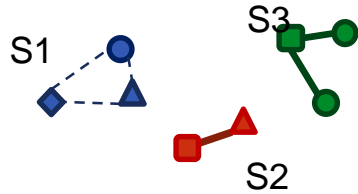
- Multiple Simple Examples
- Each Example describes an Aspect
- Results are Combinations of aspects
- Results have possibly Multiple Structures

Case: Unknown Structures → Find Complex Connections with Simpler Components

Search Framework

Pruning and Partial matching

Lissandrini et al. [2018]



Multi-exemplar Answering

Input: Database $G : \langle V, E, \ell \rangle$

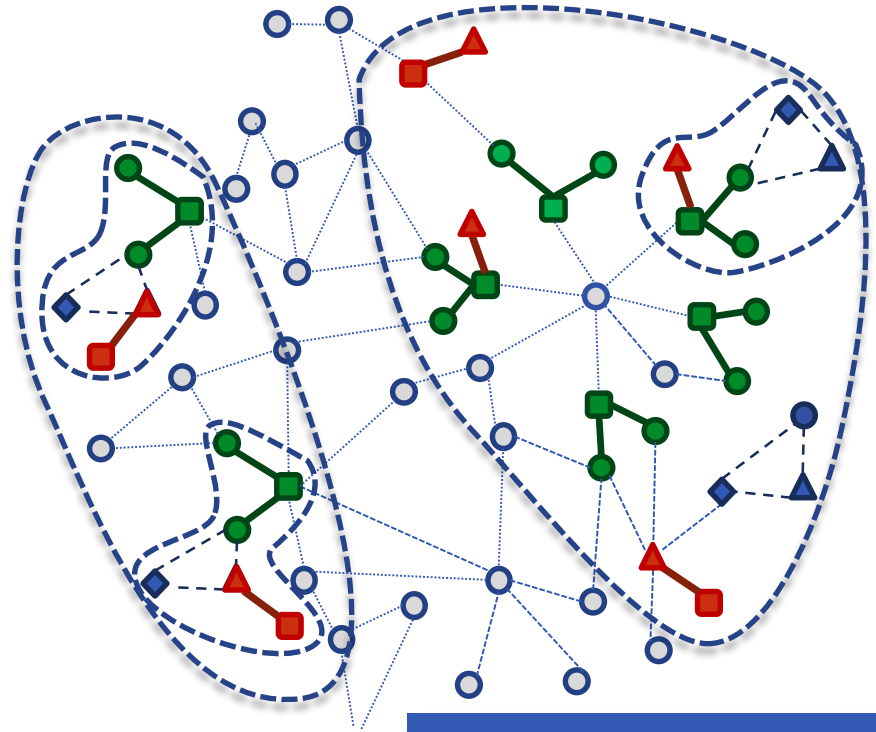
Input: Samples $\mathcal{S} : \langle s_1, \dots, s_m \rangle$

Output: Answers \mathcal{A}

1: $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \text{PARTIAL}(G, \mathcal{S})$ 

2: $\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \text{SEARCH}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{S})$

3: **return** \mathcal{A}

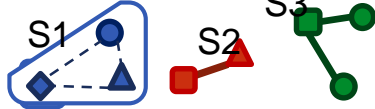


Fast Candidate Region Search

Lissandrini et al. [2018]

Reducing the search space

Identify SEED:



With cardinality Estimation

Select SINGLE NODE

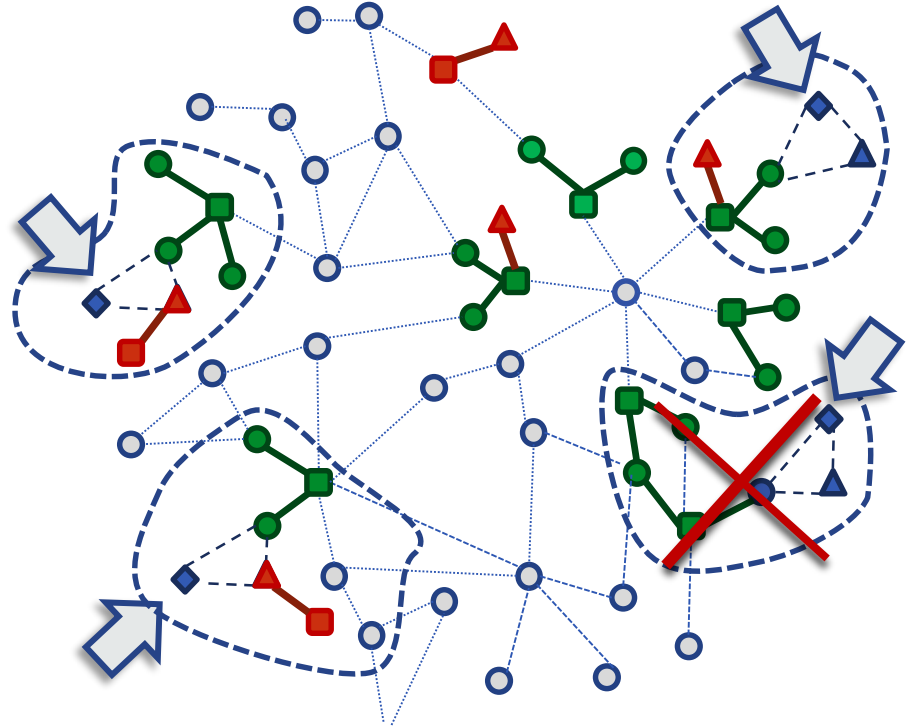
With neighborhood-mapping

EXPAND around each seed:

Retrieve candidate Regions

DISCARD incomplete regions

With neighborhood-mapping & before graph-search





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1_dKvX5ZRk

Graph Query by Example(GQBE)

Jayaram et al. [2015]

Search for example Tuples

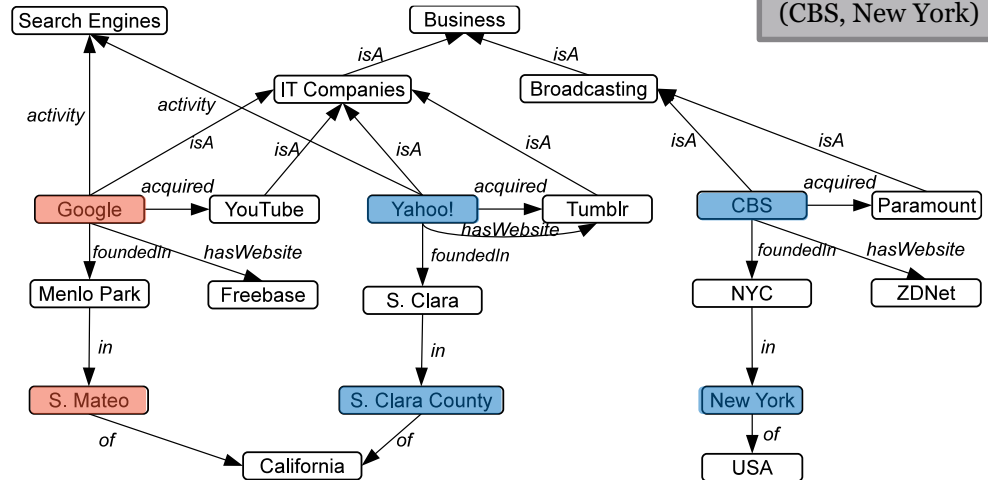
Model: Knowledge Graph

Query: Entity Tuples

Similarity: ~Isomorphism

Output: A set of Tuples

In GQBE Input is a set of (disconnected) entity mention tuples

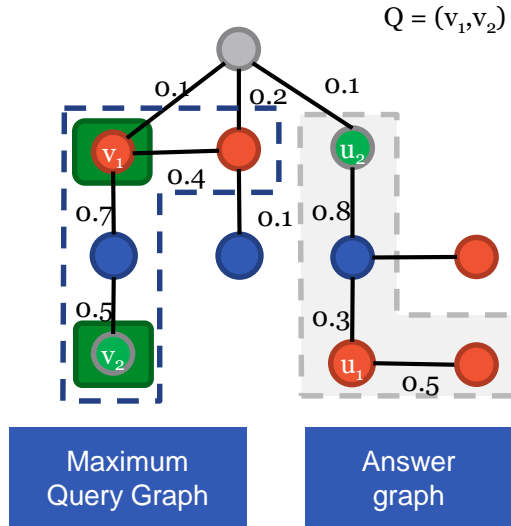


Case: Known Entities+Unknown Connections → Find Complex Connections

GQBE: Maximum Query Graph

Jayaram et al. [2015]

Understand the connections implied by the tuples



1. Find the maximum query graph
 - Graph with M edges having the maximum weight
2. Answers subgraph-isomorphic to the query graph NP-hard
3. Return top-k

Answer score:

- Sum of query graph weights
- Similarity match between edges in the answer and the query (shared nodes take extra credit)

$$\text{match}(e, e') = \begin{cases} \frac{w(e)}{|E(u)|} & \text{if } u=f(u) \\ \frac{w(e)}{|E(v)|} & \text{if } v=f(v) \\ \frac{w(e)}{\min(|E(u)|, |E(v)|)} & \text{if } u=f(u), v=f(v) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

GQBE: Multiple Query Tuples

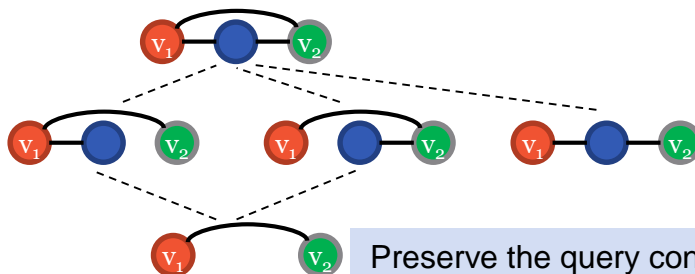
Understand the connections implied by the tuples

Jayaram et al. [2015]

Find answers using a lattice obtained removing edges from the union graph

GQBE finds answers for multiple query tuples
Compute a re-weighted union graph of the individual query graphs

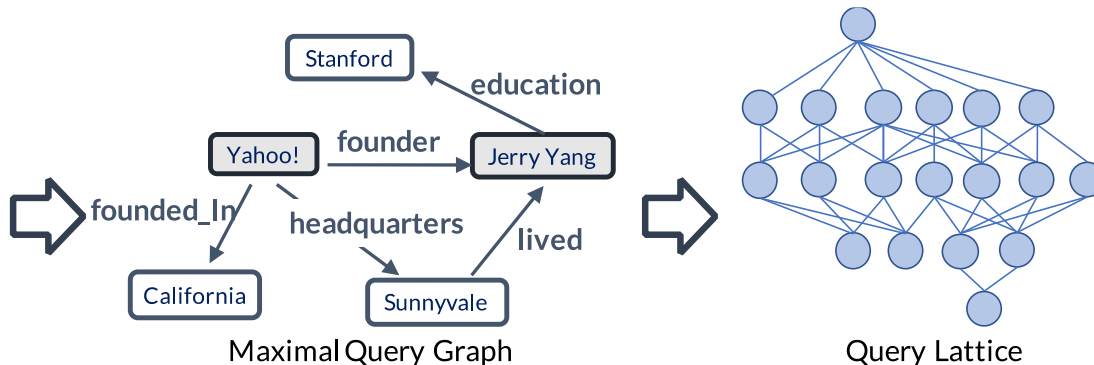
Subgraphs of Maximum Query graph



Maximum Query Graph is Very Large

Full process

(Jerry Yang, Yahoo!)



Entity Tuple

Maximal Query Graph

Query Lattice

Top-k Answers

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Mediator Nodes
[Gionis et al. '15
Ruchansky et al. '15]

Similar Entities
[Metzger et al. '13,
Sobczak et al. '15]

Path Queries
[Bonifati et al. '15]

Entity Tuples
[Jayaram et al. '15]

Clusters
[Perozzi et al. '14,
Kloumann et al. '14]

SPARQL
[Arenas et al. '16]

Similar
Structures
[Mottin et al. '14,
Xie et al. '17,
Lissandrini et al '18]

Few Approaches accept User
Feedback

Where we are

Relational databases

Textual data

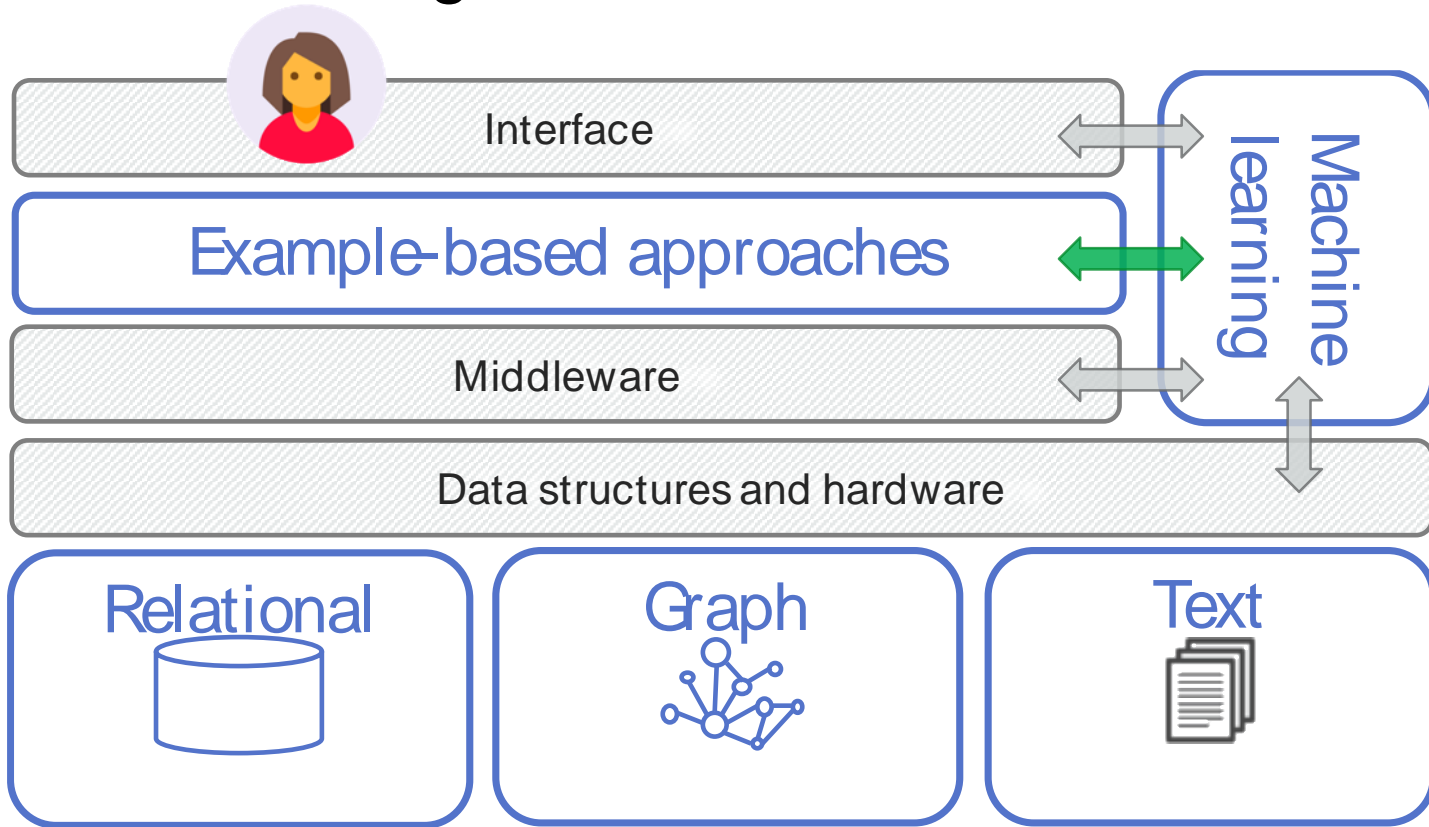
Graphs and networks

Challenges and Remarks



Machine
learning

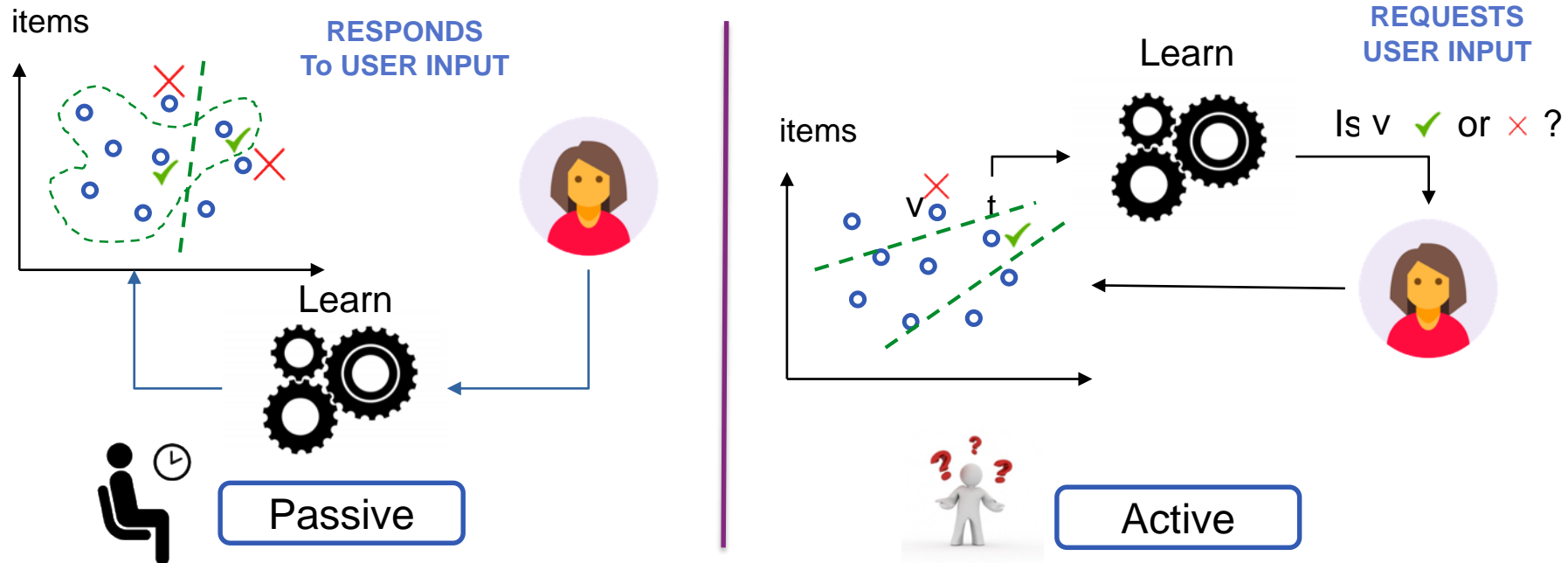
How ML fits the Big Picture



Interactive exploration of datasets

Main idea: Learn the items to show online as more points are acquired

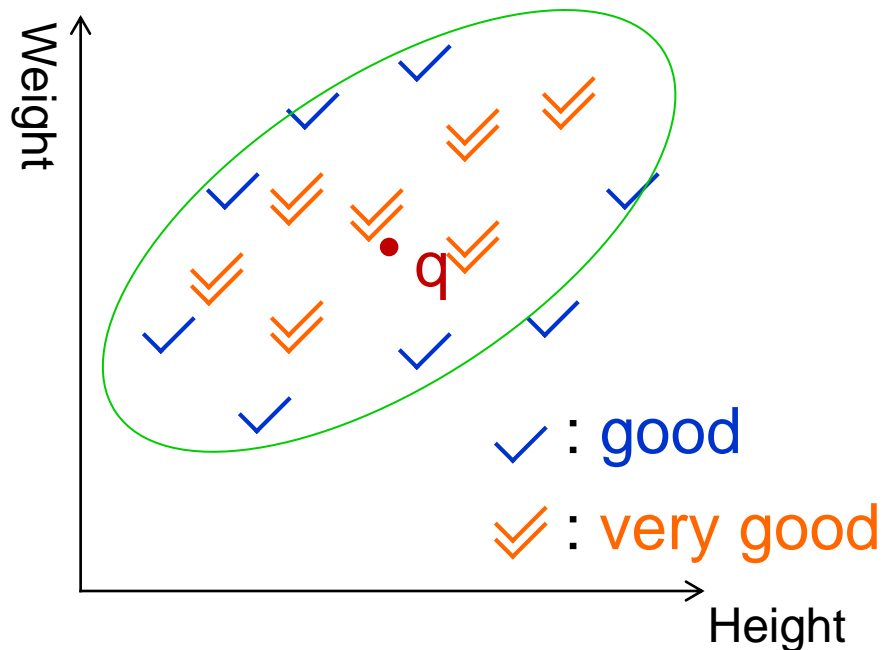
Two ways of learning: passive and active



Main idea: learn an **implicit** query from user examples and optional scores

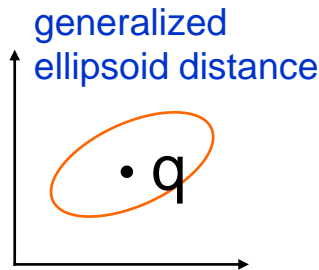
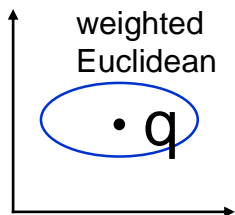
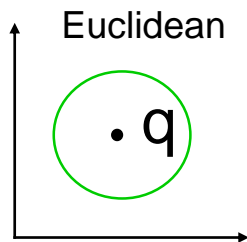
Searching “**mildly overweight**” patients

- The doctor selects examples by **browsing** patient database
- The examples have “**oblique**” correlation
- We can “**guess**” the **implied query**



Learning an ellipsoid distance

[Ishikawa et al., 1999]



Weighted distance matrix

$$D(x, q) = (x - q)^T M (x - q)$$

Implicit query

$$D(x, q) = \sum_j^n \sum_k^n m_{jk} (x_j - q_j)(x_k - q_k)$$

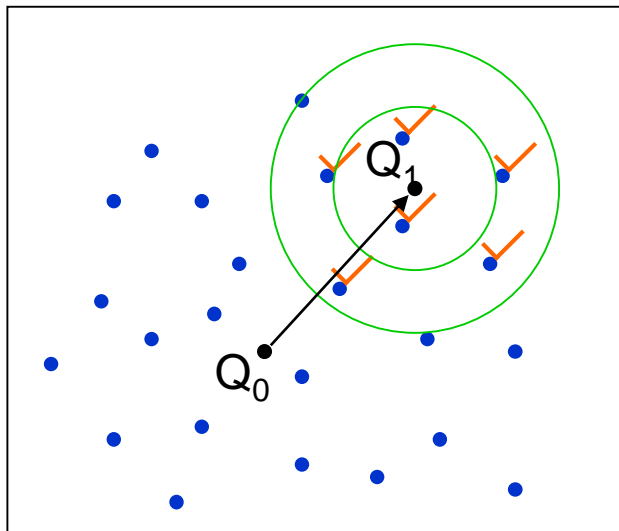
Learn the query minimizing the penalty = weighted sum of distances between query point and sample vectors

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \sum_i (x_i - q)^T M (x_i - q) \\ & \text{subject to } \det(M) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Learning the distance

[Ishikawa et al., 1999]

Query point is moved towards “good” examples — Rocchio formula in IR



Q_0 : query point

● : retrieved data

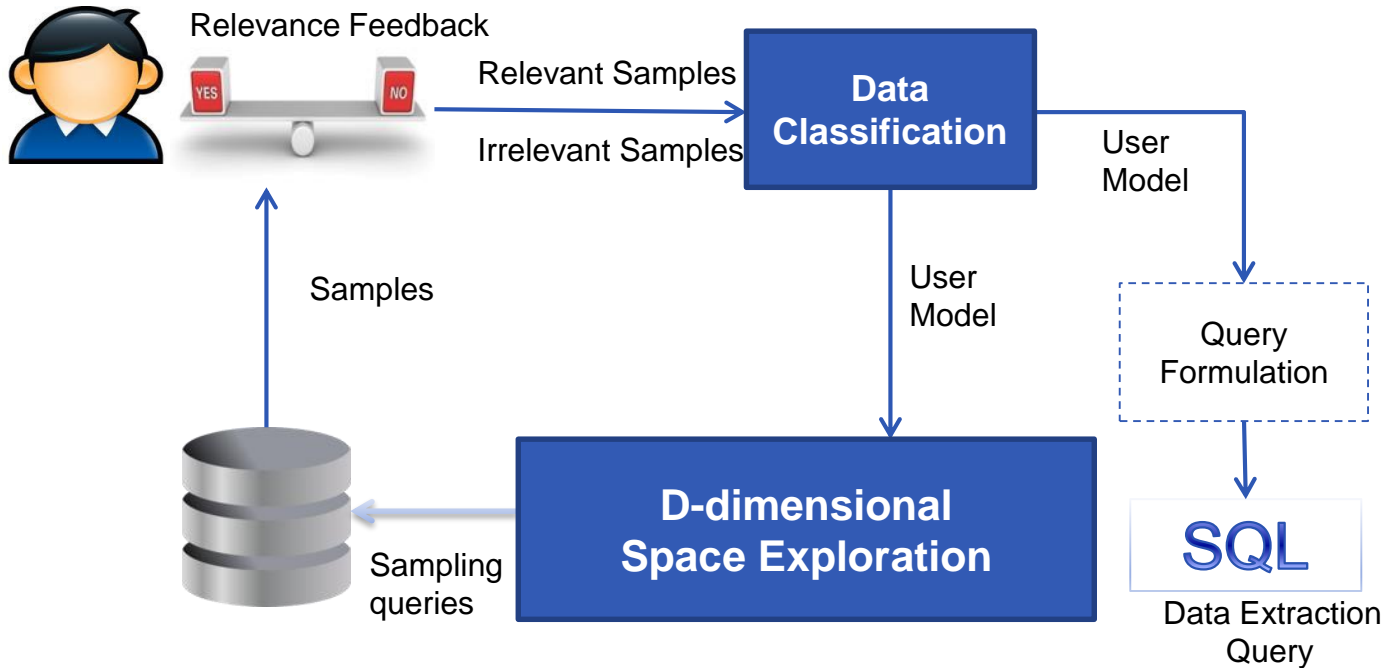
✓ : relevance judgments

Q_1 : new query point

Learning can be done online!!!

Explore-by-Example: AIDE

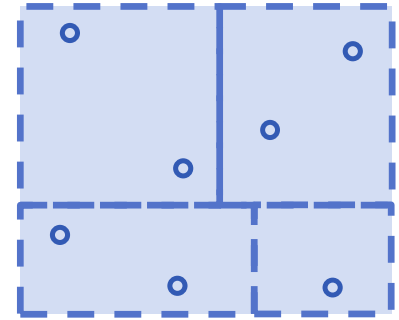
[Dimitriadou et al., 2014,2016]



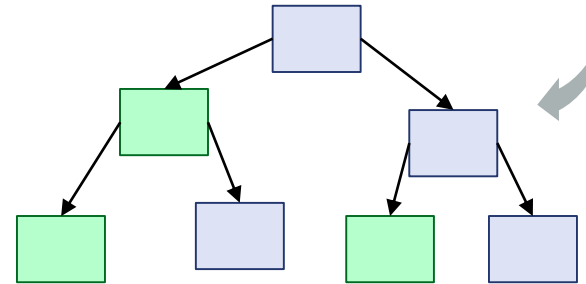
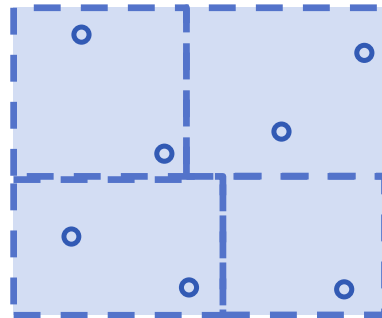
The AIDE algorithm

[Dimitriadou et al., 2014, 2016]

1. Divide the space into d-dimensional cubes
2. Find the sample points in the cubes (medoids)
3. Train the classifier
4. Refine the training sampling from neighbors of misclassified points
5. Boundary refinement



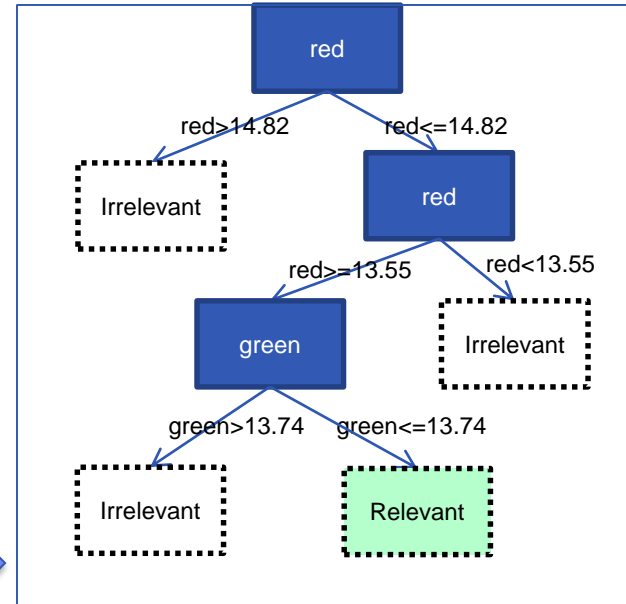
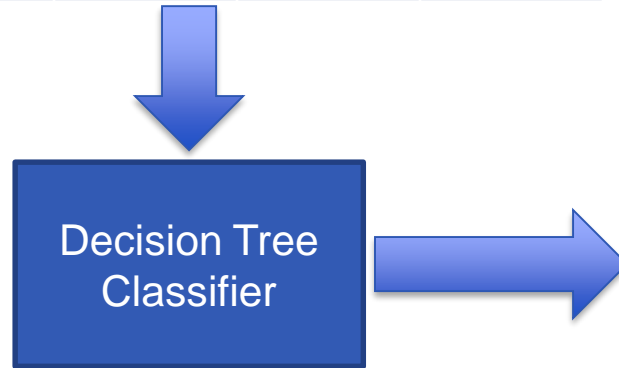
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Classification & Query Formulation

[Dimitriadou et al., 2014, 2016]

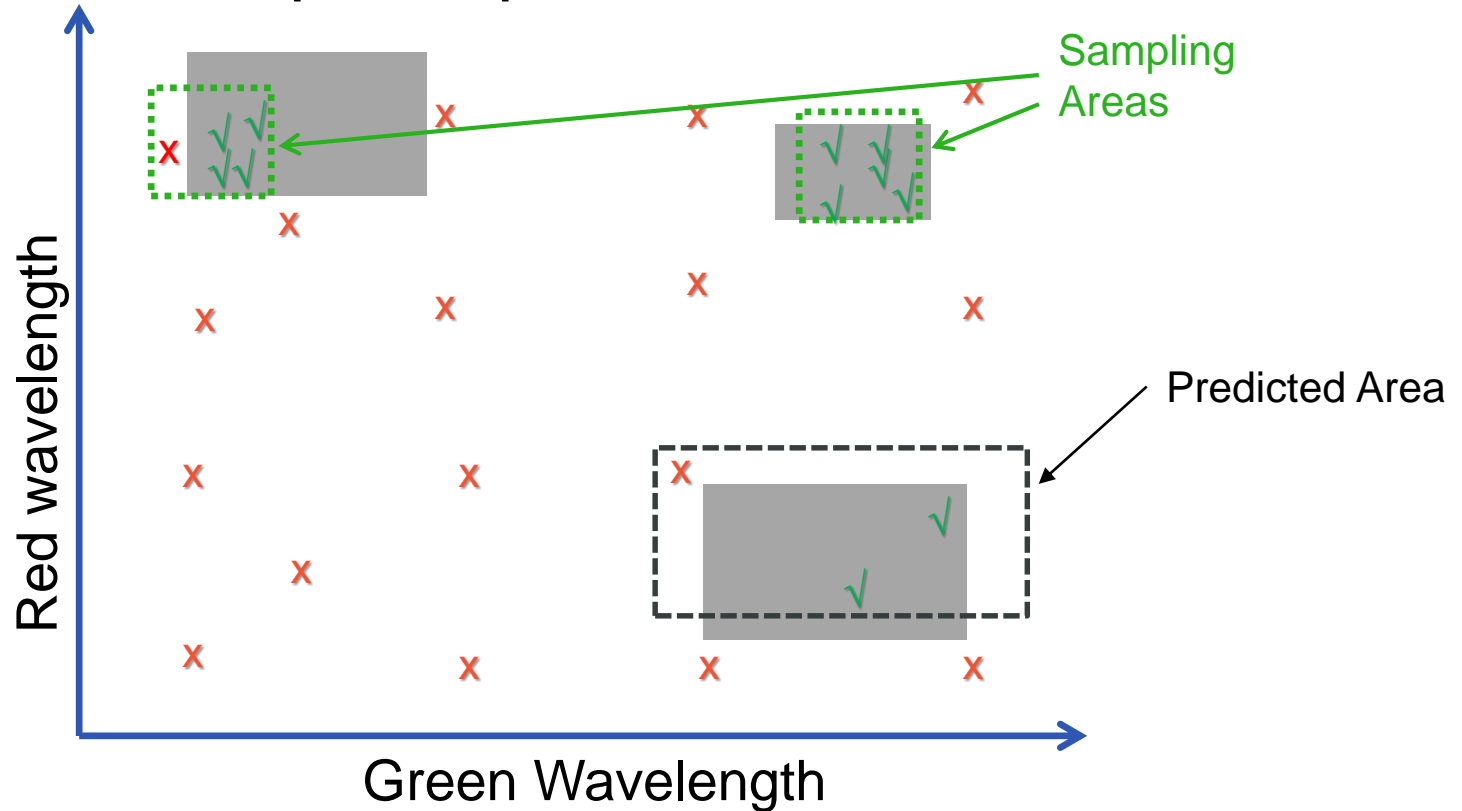
Sample	Red	Green	Relevant
Object A	13.67	12.34	Yes
Object B	15.32	14.50	No
..
Object X	14.21	13.57	Yes



`SELECT * FROM galaxy WHERE red <= 14.82 AND red >= 13.5 AND green <= 13.74`

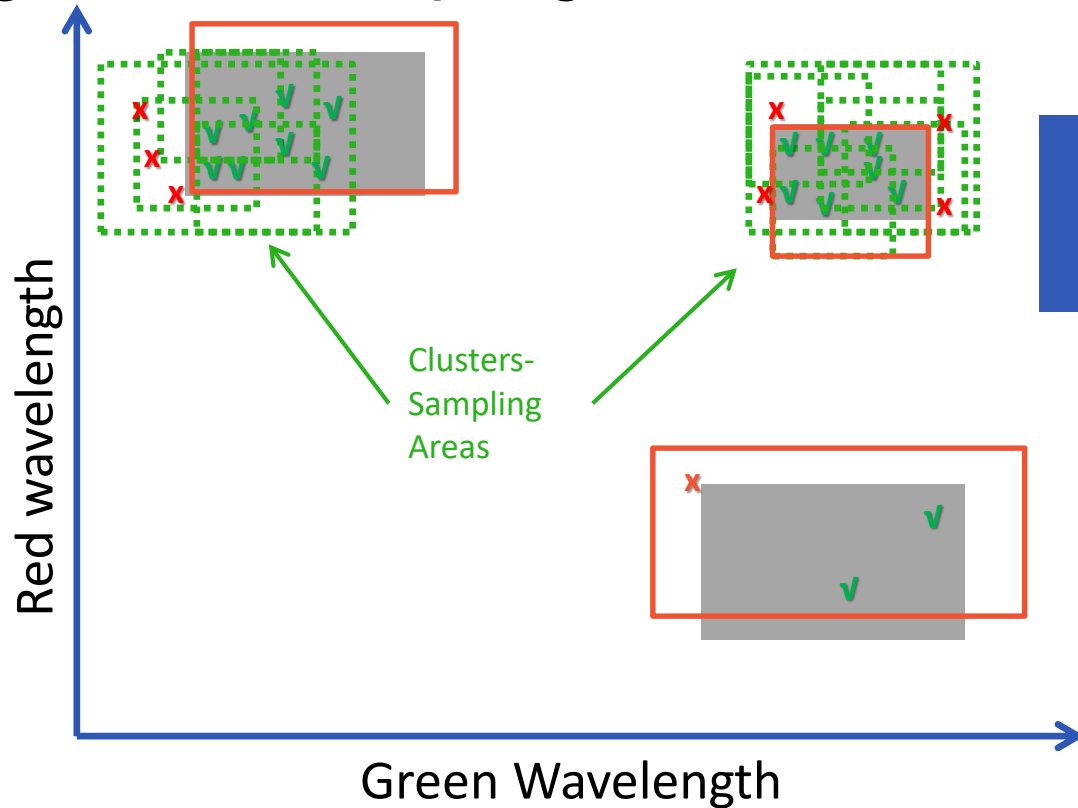
Misclassified Sample Exploitation

[Dimitriadou et al., 2014,2016]



Clustering-based Sampling

[Dimitriadou et al., 2014,2016]

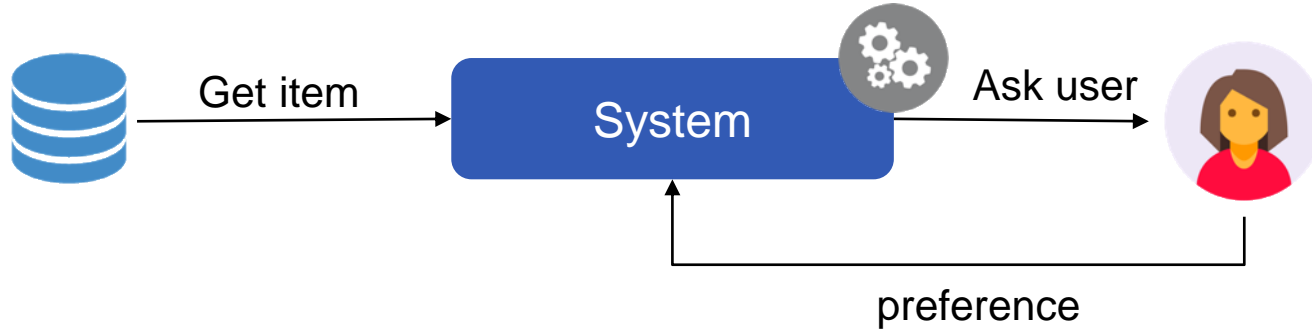


Idea: Use a k-medoid approach to find sampling areas

Iterative approach:
How many samples does it take to reach the desired result?

Active learning for online query systems [Vanchinathan et al., 2015]

Main idea: the system “queries” the user to **understand** their preferences

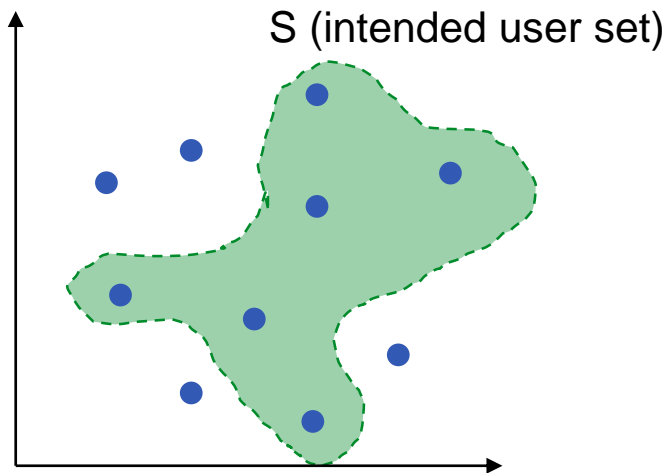


Learn unknown preferences and minimize the number of questions to the user

Learning unknown preferences

[Vanchinathan et al., 2015]

Problem: Find a set S that maximize the unknown user preference within a budget (e.g., number of interactions)



$$\arg \max \sum_{v \in S} \text{pref}(v)$$

subject to $\text{Cost}(S) \leq \text{budget}$

User preferences

Cost for the set S

A step back ...

Learning from an unknown environment ...



Multi-armed bandits

- Maximize the **reward** by successively playing gamble machines (the ‘arms’ of the bandits)
- Invented in **early 1950s** by Robbins for decision making under uncertainty when the environment is unknown
- The reward is unknown ahead of time



Reward X_1



Reward X_2



Reward X_3

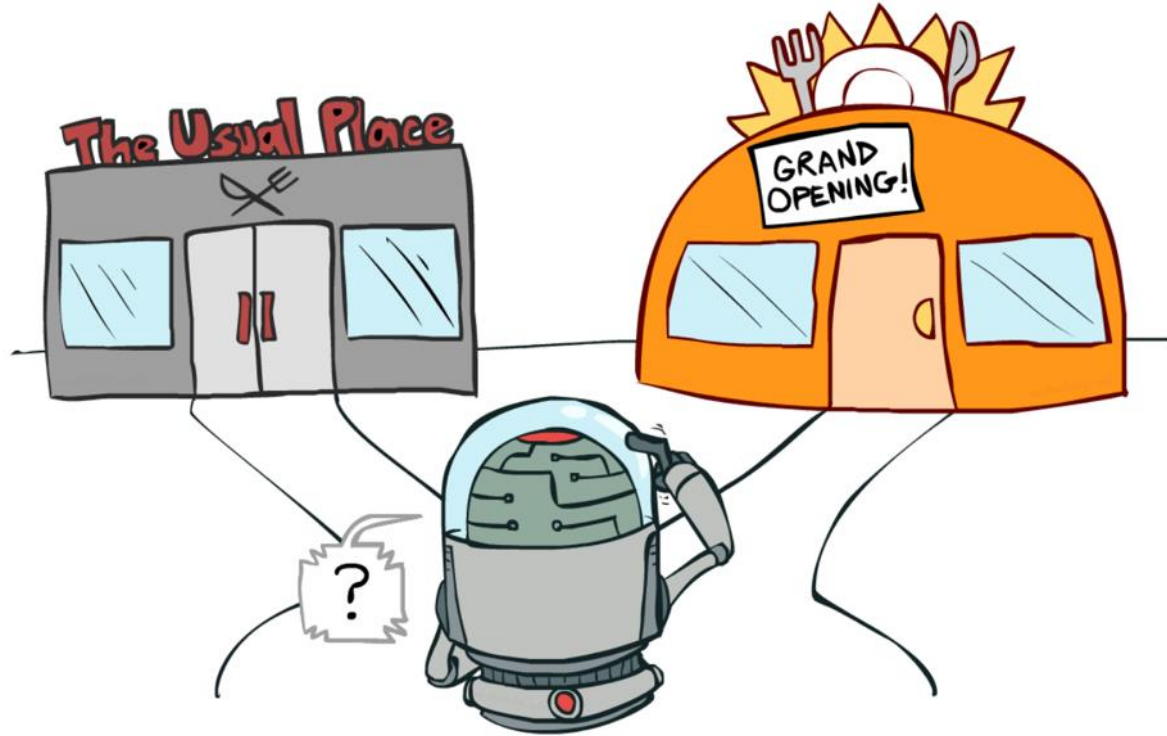
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Multi-armed bandits

- Reward = random variable $X_{i,n}$; $1 \leq i \leq K, n \geq 1$
- i = index of the gambling machine
- n = number of plays
- μ_i = expected reward of machine i .

A policy, or allocation strategy A is an algorithm that chooses the next machine to play based on the sequence of past plays and obtained rewards.

Exploration vs Exploitation



<https://lilianweng.github.io/lil-log/2018/01/23/the-multi-armed-bandit-problem-and-its-solutions.html>

Greedy: A pure exploitation algorithm

Choose the machine with current best expected reward

- **Exploitation vs exploration dilemma:** Should you **exploit** the information you've learned or **explore** new options in the hope of greater payoff?
- In the **greedy case**, the balance is completely towards **exploitation**
- Yet, **only exploitation will not lead to a good solution**

Quality measure - Regret

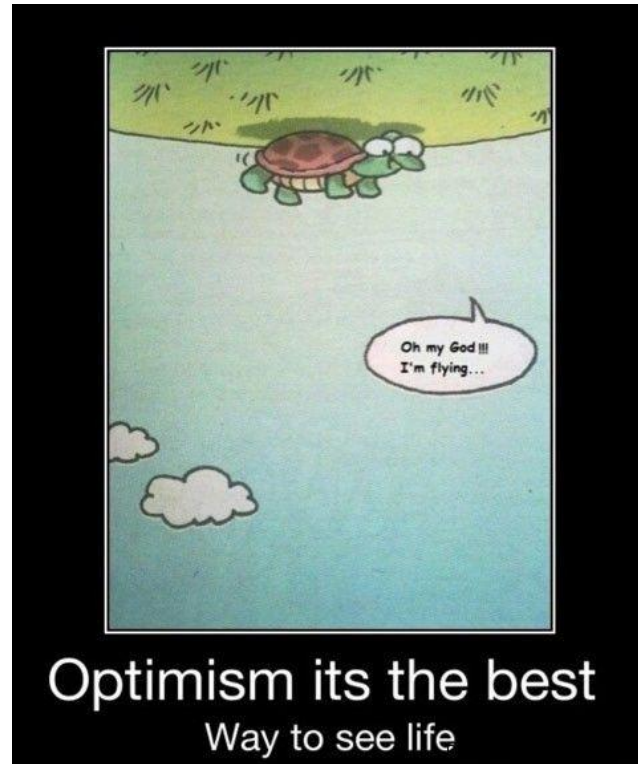
Total expected regret (after T plays):

$$R_T = \mu^* \cdot T - \sum_{i=1}^K \mu_j \cdot \mathbb{E}[N_{i,T}]$$

μ^* : highest expected reward

$\mathbb{E}[N_{i,T}]$: expected number of times machine i is played

An optimistic view



Upper confidence bound (UCB) algorithm

Optimistic estimate of the mean of arm = 'largest value it could plausibly be'

1. Pull at each time t the arm with the maximum probability of being the best

$$\frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{s=1}^{n_j} X_{j,s} + \sqrt{\frac{2 \log(1/t)}{n_j}}$$

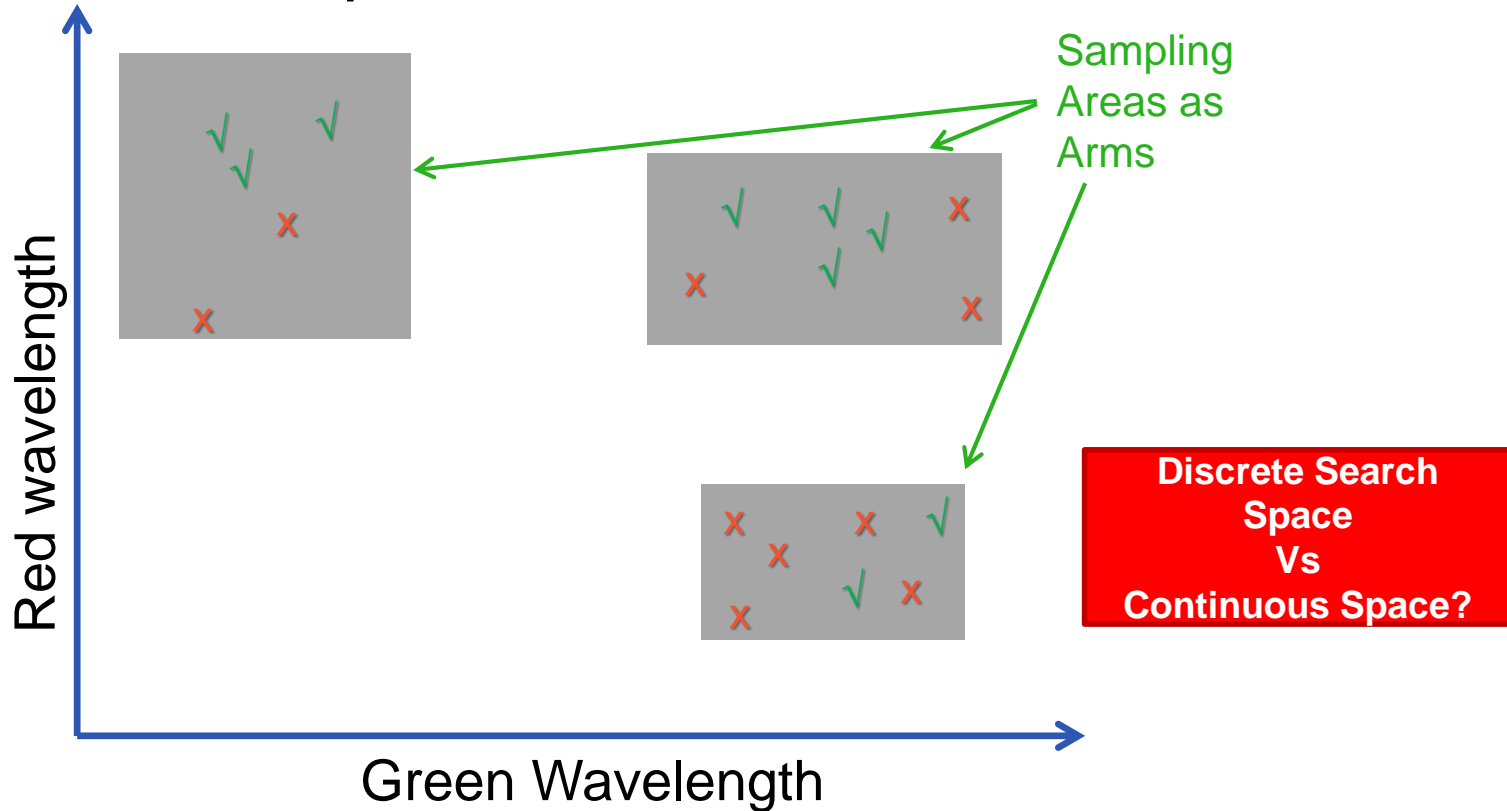
2. Repeat until the budget (number of steps T) is depleted

n_j : number of times the arm j has been pulled

Balance exploration and exploitation: The uncertainty diminishes as the time passes

Back to our problem

Modeling the same problem as a Multi-Armed Bandit



Idea: Model the user preferences as a Gaussian Process

A Gaussian Process (GP) is an infinite set of variables, any subset of this is Gaussian

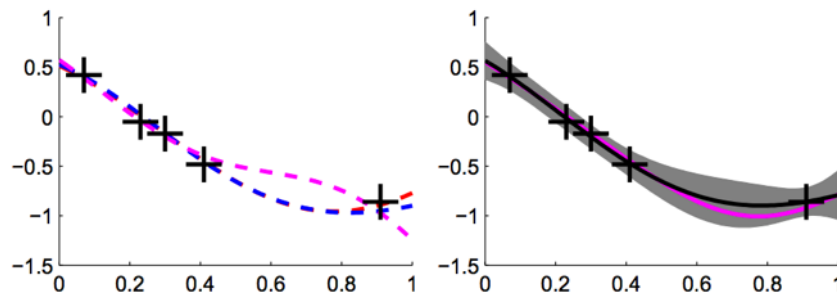
$$P(\mathbf{f}|\Sigma, \mu) = |2\pi\Sigma|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{f} - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{f} - \mu)\right)$$

Gaussian prior

Specified only by mean and covariance

Given observations $\{x, y\}_{i=1}^n$ over an unknown function f drawn from a Gaussian prior, the posterior is Gaussian

$$P(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{y}) \propto \int d\mathbf{x} P(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$



GP-Select

[Vanchinathan et al., 2015]

Algorithm 1 GP-SELECT

Input: Ground Set \mathbf{V} , kernel κ and budget B

Initialize selection set S

for $t = 1, 2, \dots, B$ **do**

Model Update:

$$[\mu_{t-1}(\cdot), \sigma_{t-1}^2(\cdot)] \leftarrow \text{GP-Inference}(\kappa, (S, y_{\{1:t-1\}}))$$

Item Selection:

$$\text{Set } v_t \leftarrow \underset{v \in \mathbf{V} / \{v_{1:t-1}\}}{\text{argmax}} \mu_{t-1}(v) + \beta_t^{1/2} \sigma_{t-1}(v)$$

$S \leftarrow S \cup \{v_t\}$

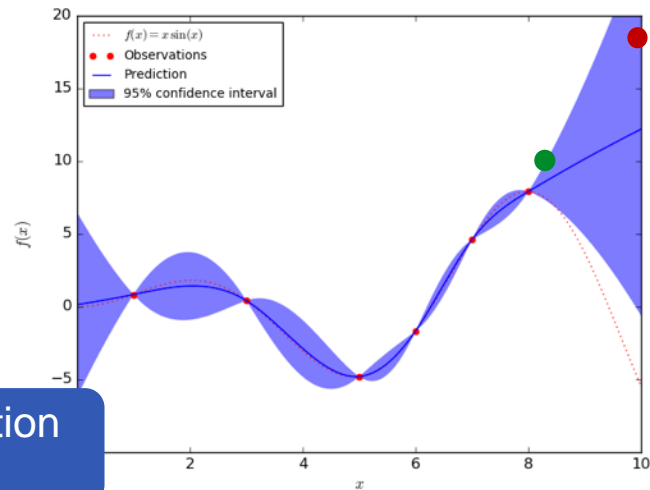
Receive feedback $y_t = f(v_t) + \epsilon_t$

end for

Learn posterior

Trades off exploration
exploitation

Ask user feedback

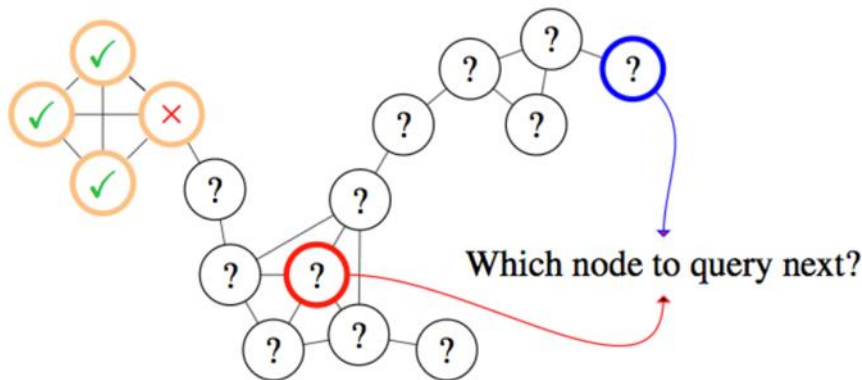


- **Exploration:** select items with high-variance
- **Exploitation:** select items with high-value

Active learning on graphs – which prior?

[Ma et al., 2015]

Idea: Use the graph structure to infer the node classes



Use graph Laplacian as prior
 $L = D - A$, A is the adjacency matrix

$$p(\mathbf{f}) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, L^{-1})$$

Laplacian: higher probability of having the same class if two nodes are connected

Where could Active learning help?

Reverse engineering queries and rules

- Interactive Refinement of example tuples
- Learning the most probable queries from their results



Graph exploration

- Summarization of knowledge graphs with preferences
- Seed set expansion
- Recommendation of relevant nodes

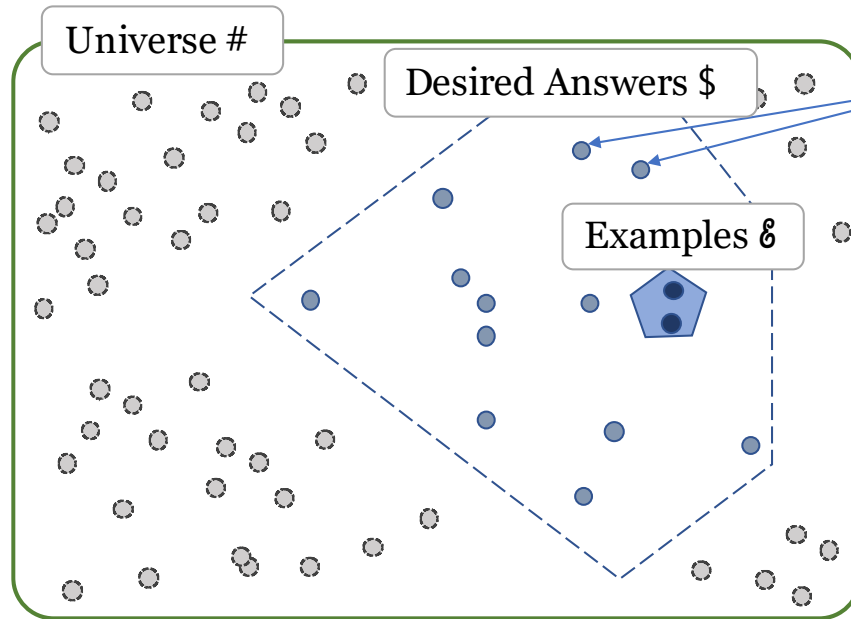


Text processing

- Fast entity matching
- Advertising based on documents search



Example-based methods



Similarity relation \sim

Implicit
(Unknown)

Query Reverse
Engineering

Rule Discovery

Relation
Extraction

Explicit
(Known)

Structural
Similarity

Proximity Search

Document
Matching

NEW GOAL: Learn \sim Interactively!

MAB: good resources

Books and surveys

- <http://slivkins.com/work/MAB-book.pdf>
- <http://downloads.tor-lattimore.com/book.pdf>
- <http://sbubeck.com/SurveyBCB12.pdf>

Tutorials

- Lattimore - AAI 2018: [part 1](#) - [part 2](#)
- [Tutorial on bayesian optimization of expensive cost functions](#)
- Blog on bandits: <http://banditalgs.com/>

Where we are

Relational databases

Textual data

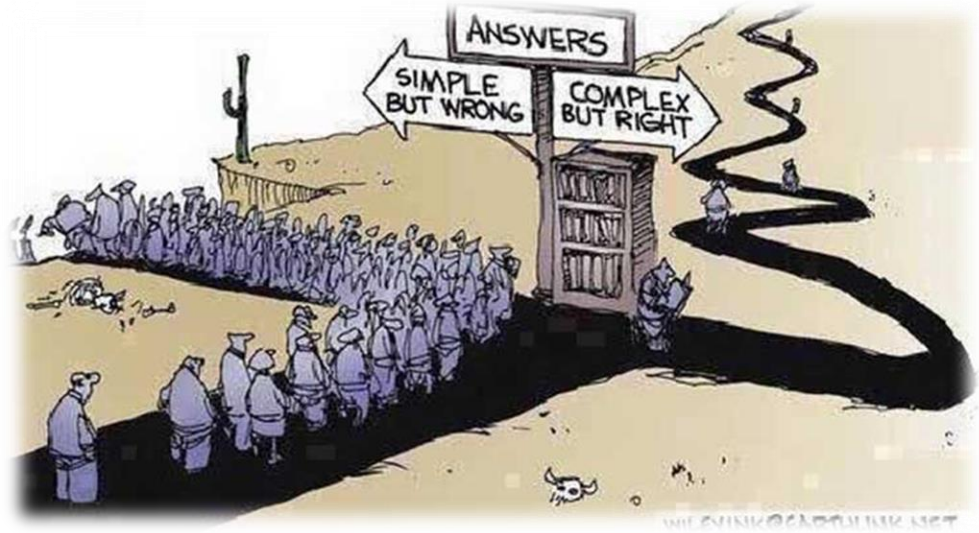
Graphs and networks

Machine learning

Challenges and Remarks



Big data – Easy value?



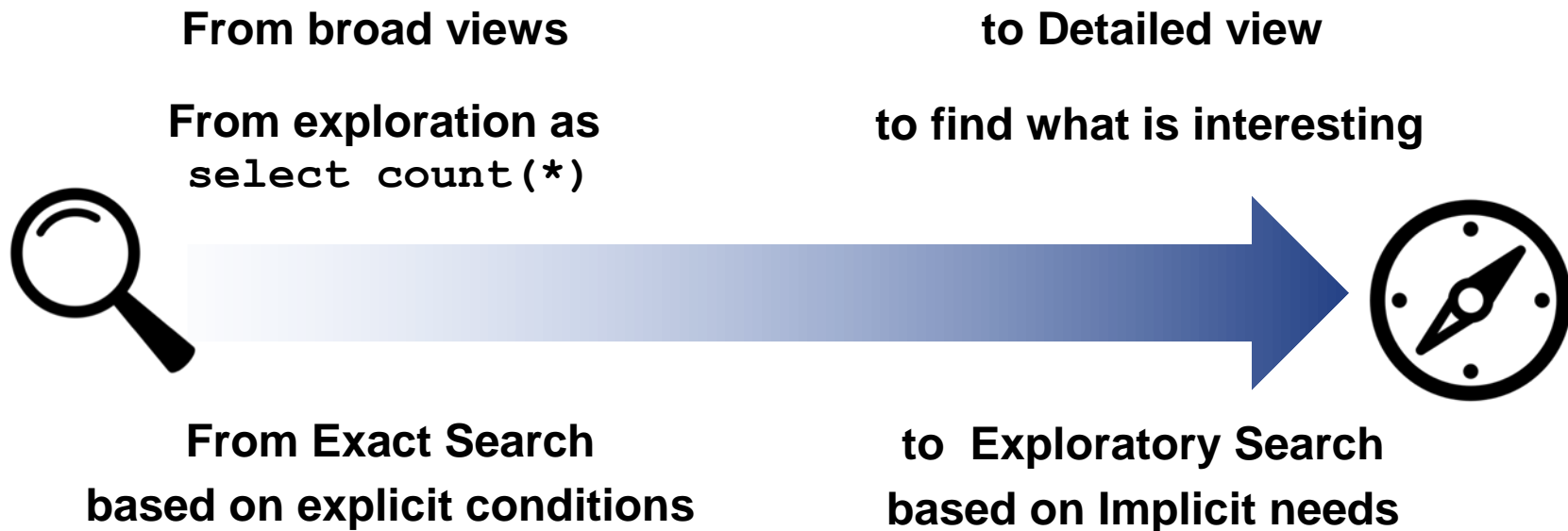
Exploration

*We know where we start
we don't know what we'll find*

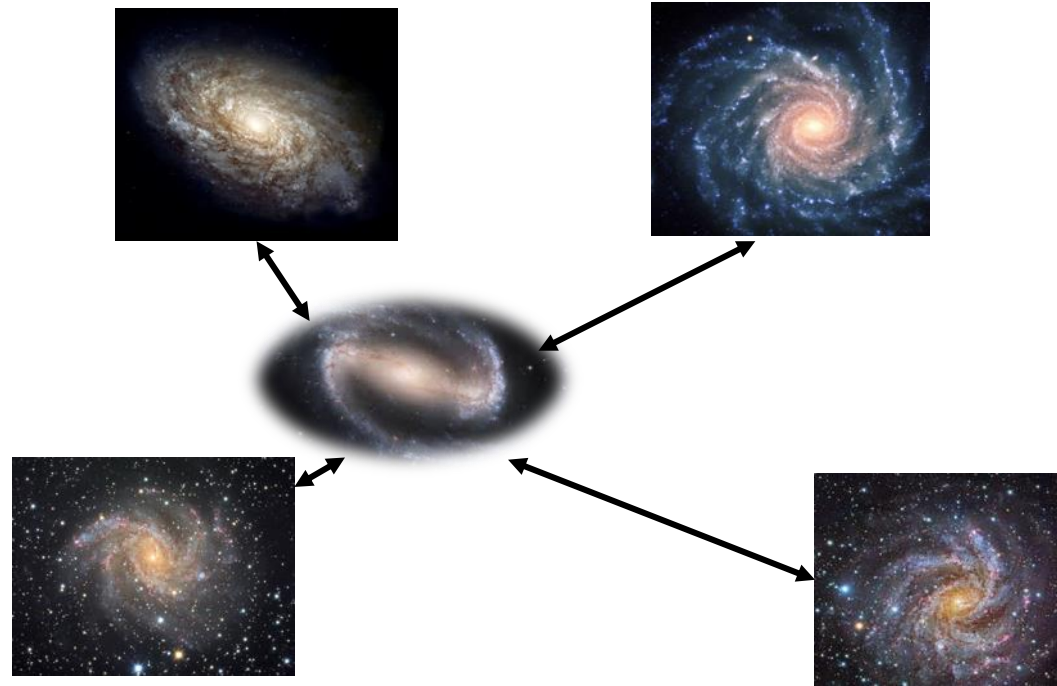
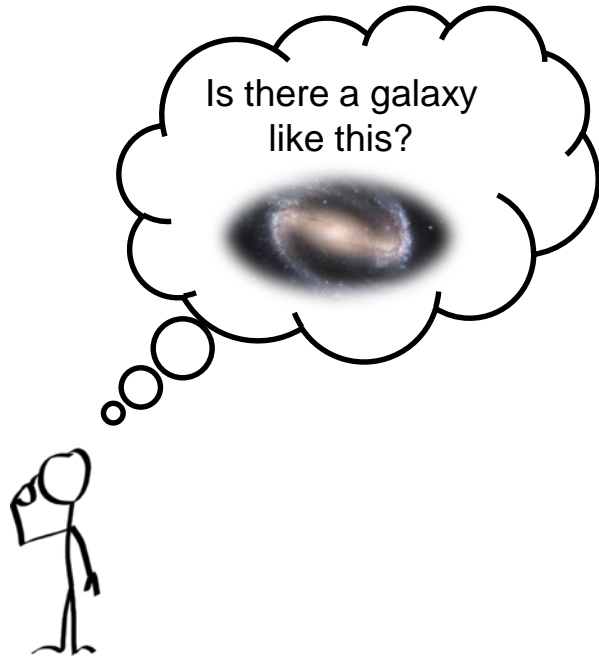


Traditional Search Methods are not Enough

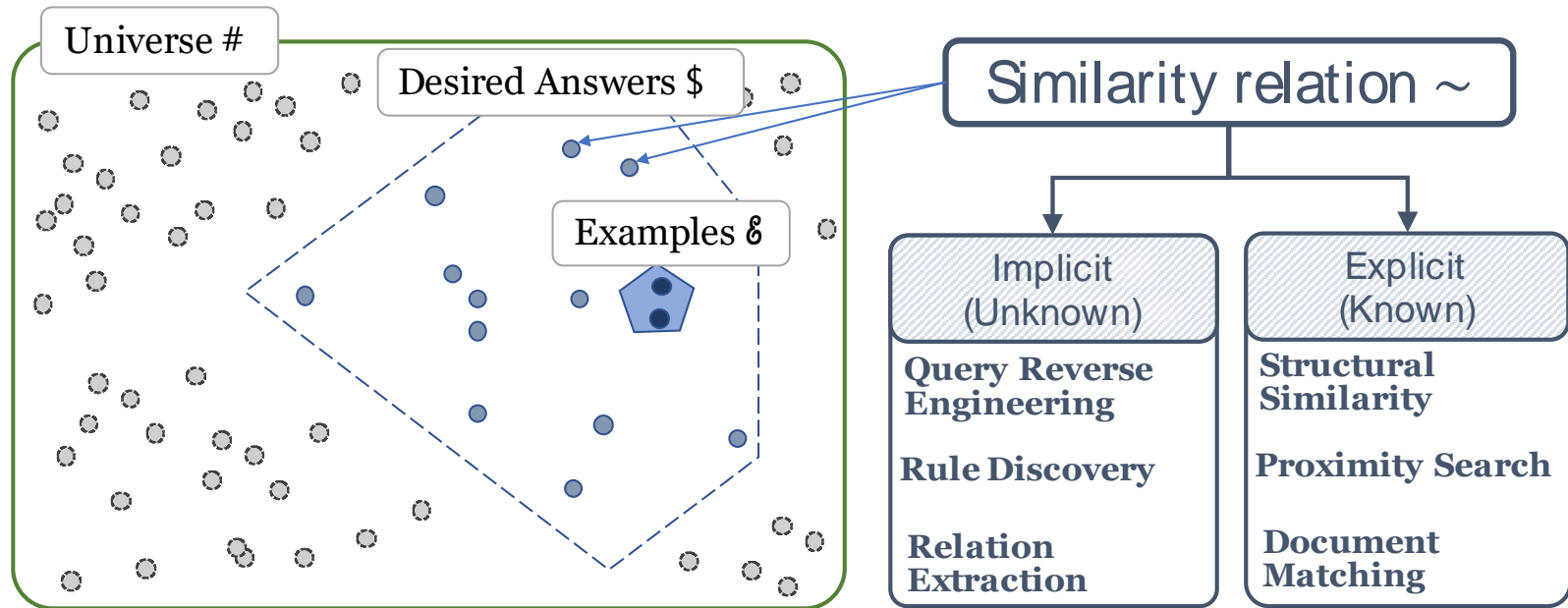
We need Specialized Methods for Data Exploration



Similarities are the key ...



Example-based methods: All You Need is ...



Example-based methods

Relational

- Reverse engineering queries
- Example-driven schema mapping
- Interactive data repairing



Textual

- Search documents by example
- Entity extraction by example text
- Web table completion using examples



Graph

- Community-based Node-retrieval
- Entity Search
- Path and SPARQL queries
- Graph structures as Examples



Example-based methods: takeaways

Relational

- **Complex search space**
- Exact and approximate
- Interactivity can improve the quality
- Limited to query inference



Textual

- **Allows serendipitous search**
- Easier document finding
- Speed up entity matching
- Extract semi-structure data



Graph

- **Heterogenous Structures**
- Exploit locality
- Entity attributes are expressive
- Large result-sets require ranking



The use of examples

Examples can ease data exploration

- ... reduce need for complex queries / simplify user input
- ... require no schema knowledge
- ... allow uncertainty in search conditions
- ... require little data analytics expertise

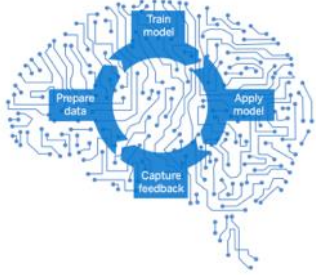


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Where should we invest time?



Machine learning

Approximate Methods



User models

Scalability



Where should we invest time?

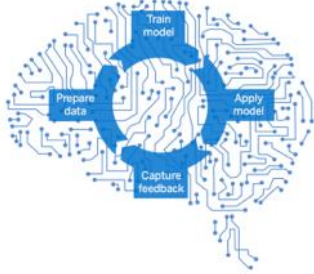


Machine learning

Learn from Examples

- ... Similarity Measures: are often “fuzzy” and “implicit”
- ... New representations of the search space
- Challenge: Scale! Exploration of large search spaces

Where should we invest time?



Machine
learning



User
models



Learn from Examples

- ... Similarity Measures to represent User Interests
- ... User-centric, dynamic, Exploration-strategies: learn as you go
- Challenge: Distinct User have Different Goals! Explore in different ways

We need more data!

Where should we invest time?



Scalability

Scale Example-based search

- ... Huge search space, dynamic data, variety of data models
- ... Exploration is Interactive, requires Interactive response time
- Adaptive Data-structures, localized access, flexible schema, incremental index

Where should we invest time?



Scalability



**Approximate
Methods**



Scale Example-based search

- ... An approximate answer now is better than a precise answer in 1 hour
- ... Approximate answers can provide insights without being accurate

Exploratory queries retrieve large resultsets: the user needs only a glimpse to figure out if they are moving in the right direction!

Features of Exploratory Search Systems

[White and Roth, 2009]

Support querying and rapid query refinement:

- Offer facets and metadata-based result filtering
- Leverage search context

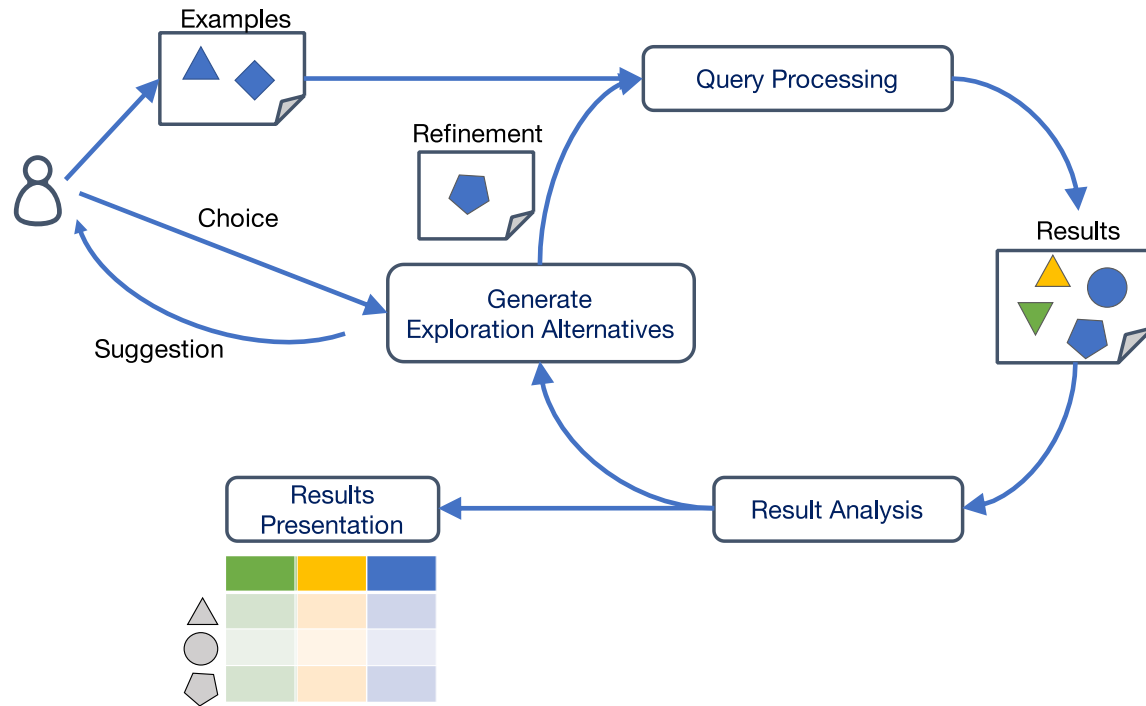
Example-driven

- visualizations, summarizations, and explanations
- paired with methods to suggest further example-based explorations.

**Via Interactivity
&
Personalization!**

Support learning and understanding

Interactive Example Based Exploration System?



Requires:

Fast Query Processing

- Avoid the full recomputation of a query
- Limit the computation to only a sample
- Adaptive query executions
- Adaptive data-structures and indexes,

Automatic Result Analysis

- Automatically identify peculiar characteristics,
- Data-summarization techniques
- Learn user interests automatically



ADOPT HETEROGENEITY

Need for solutions that
**operate across different
models**

**operate on heterogeneous
datastores**

dataset search

Data Lakes??



DEMOCRATIZA TION

**easy access to
data**

Tools that work on
**commodity
hardware, mobile
devices**

Data-exploration for
everyday use-cases

Users want back
the control on their data



NATURAL LANGUAGE INTERFACE

*flexible, vague,
imprecise input*

**Exploration through
conversation**

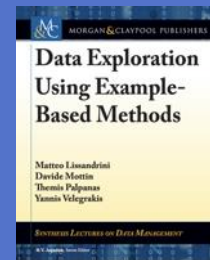
Example is always more efficacious than precept

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