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## ABSTRACT

In the mediation approach for data integration, domain rules [2, 3] were previously proposed to deal with access limitations (aka access patterns). For data integration systems (e.g., DaWeS [6, 5]) that use domain rules, we study an upper bound on the possible number of accesses implied by the evaluation of an executable query (expressed with relations having access patterns). Indeed it allows to compare various evaluation algorithms, to schedule API operation calls and meet the service level agreements (SLA) of the service providers.

## 1. BOUNDING THE NUMBER OF ACCESSSES FOR $DATALOG^{\alpha LAST}$ QUERIES

Web service providers introduce access patterns in a manner that a complete query response isn't obtained in a single operation call, but rather it mandates multiple operation calls (accesses). For our previous work DaWeS (Data Warehouse fed with Web Services) ([6, 5]), it is important to optimize (i.e. reduce) the number of accesses prior to actually making them. In our work, we introduce  $Datalog^{\alpha Last}$  (datalog query with access pattern on the last atom in bodies of rules) similar to the one found in [2, 3], study its operational semantics and compute the upper bound on the number of accesses. Classical inverse query rewriting algorithm doesn't take into consideration data dependencies existing among the web service API operations (relations with access patterns). In DaWeS, we explore such dependencies and study the upper bound defined in terms of source relations to com-

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pare various optimization heuristics.

Consider for example, a  $Datalog^{\alpha Last}$  query  $\Phi$  ( $q$  is the query predicate):

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 &: dom_{X_1}(X_1) \leftarrow r_2^o(X_1) \\ \phi_2 &: dom_{X_2}(X_2) \leftarrow r_1^o(X_2) \\ \phi_3 &: dom_{X_3}(X_3) \leftarrow dom_{X_1}(X_1), dom_{X_2}(X_2), \\ & \quad r_3^{iioo}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \\ \phi_4 &: dom_{X_4}(X_4) \leftarrow dom_{X_1}(X_1), dom_{X_2}(X_2), \\ & \quad r_3^{iioo}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \\ \phi_5 &: dom_{X_5}(X_5) \leftarrow dom_{X_4}(X_4), r_4^{iioo}(X_4, X_5, X_1) \\ \phi_6 &: dom_{X_1}(X_1) \leftarrow dom_{X_4}(X_4), r_4^{iioo}(X_4, X_5, X_1) \\ \phi_7 &: rr_1(X_2) \leftarrow r_1^o(X_2) \\ \phi_8 &: rr_2(X_1) \leftarrow r_2^o(X_1) \\ \phi_9 &: rr_3(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \leftarrow dom_{X_1}(X_1), dom_{X_2}(X_2), \\ & \quad r_3^{iioo}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \\ \phi_{10} &: rr_4(X_4, X_5, X_1) \leftarrow dom_{X_4}(X_4), r_4^{iioo}(X_4, X_5, X_1) \\ \phi_{11} &: q(X_1, X_3, X_5) \leftarrow rr_1(X_2), rr_2(X_1), \\ & \quad rr_3(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4), rr_4(X_4, X_5, X_1) \end{aligned}$$

A naive datalog query evaluation of the above program  $\Phi$  will iterate through every  $\phi_j, 1 \leq j \leq 11$  until a fixpoint is obtained.  $\mathcal{D}_0$  is the initial database and  $\mathcal{D}_i, 1 \leq i \leq n_0$  is the new database obtained after every iteration. For web services API,  $|r_3^{iioo}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)|$  or  $|r_3^{iioo}(\mathcal{D}_0)|$  can be obtained (e.g., total number of search results) but  $|r_3^{iioo}[X_4]|$ , (i.e., the number of  $X_4$  attributes in  $r_3$ ) cannot be obtained. We compute the total number of accesses for all iterations and all queries  $\phi_j$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} |Accesses(\Phi, \mathcal{D}_0)| &= \sum_{i=0}^{n_0} \sum_{j=1}^{11} |Accesses(\phi_j, \mathcal{D}_i)| \\ &\leq 4n_0 + 3n_0^3 \times (|r_2^o(\mathcal{D}_0)| + |r_4^{iioo}(\mathcal{D}_0)|) \times |r_1^o(\mathcal{D}_0)| + 3 \times n_0^2 \times \\ & \quad |r_3^{iioo}(\mathcal{D}_0)| \end{aligned}$$

where  $n_0$  is the number of the last iteration (during which the fixpoint is generated). If we consider  $n_0$  as a parameter, we can conclude that:

$$|Accesses(\Phi, \mathcal{D}_0)| = \mathcal{O}((|r_2^o(\mathcal{D}_0)| + |r_4^{iioo}(\mathcal{D}_0)|) \times |r_1^o(\mathcal{D}_0)| + |r_3^{iioo}(\mathcal{D}_0)|) \blacksquare$$

**Discussion:** Web service API operation calls are expensive and must be reduced. An upper bound as shown above is useful to compare various optimization [3, 1] techniques on a  $Datalog^{\alpha Last}$  program. For example, with cache rules [3] optimization, same accesses are not repeated again, as seen in the following excerpt (after transforming the above program):

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \\ \phi_9 &: rr_3(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \leftarrow dom_{X_1}(X_1), dom_{X_2}(X_2), \\ & \quad r_3^{iioo}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \\ \phi_3 &: dom_{X_3}(X_3) \leftarrow rr_3(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_4 : \text{dom}_{X_4}(X_4) \leftarrow \text{rr}_3(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)$$

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The total number of accesses in this case is given by:

$$|\text{Accesses}(\Phi, \mathcal{D}_0)| \leq 2n_0 + n_0^3 \times (|r_2^o(\mathcal{D}_0)| + |r_4^{ioo}(\mathcal{D}_0)|) \times |r_1^o(\mathcal{D}_0)| + n_0^2 \times |r_3^{ioo}(\mathcal{D}_0)|.$$

$n_0$  as a parameter is a safe assumption for two reasons. Firstly the overall goal is to recognize the products in the bound since they are usually responsible for the majority of accesses. Secondly in our tests, for different relation sizes and randomly generated data,  $n_0$  generally stayed constant (3 for above e.g.).

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## APPENDIX

### Une Borne Supérieure sur le Nombre d'accès pour les Requêtes *Datalog*<sup>Last</sup>

#### A. RÉSUMÉ

Dans l'approche médiation pour l'intégration de données les règles de domaine ont été proposées [2, 3] pour prendre en compte ces sources. Pour les systèmes d'intégration qui utilisent les règles de domaine (par exemple DaWeS [6, 5]), il est utile de pouvoir calculer une borne supérieure du nombre d'accès impliqués par l'évaluation d'une requête exécutable (exprimée avec des relations limitées en accès). Ainsi cette borne supérieure permet de comparer les différents algorithmes d'évaluation de requêtes exécutables. Ceci permet une meilleure planification des appels de service et donc une plus grande facilité pour gérer les contraintes de qualité de service (service level agreements, SLA) imposées par leurs fournisseurs.