

Exercise Sheet 10: Cypher

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Exercise 10.1. Download and install Neo4j¹, or use the Neo4j Sandbox².

Use the `:play movies` command to load the movie example data set. Write Cypher queries that find

1. all actors who have co-starred in two movies,
2. for every actor, the length of the shortest path (along any **relationship type**) connecting this actor to Kevin Bacon,
3. pairs of persons and movies where the person has at least two **relationships** of distinct **relationship types** to the movie, and
4. the number of undirected triangles along any **relationship type**. How often is each triangle counted?

Exercise 10.2. Consider the following cypher query from example 11.17:

```
MATCH (prof {occupation: "Professor" }) -[:SPOUSE] -()  
MATCH (prof) -[:HAS_CHILD] ->(child)  
RETURN prof, count(child)
```

Do the query results change if `count(DISTINCT child)` is used instead?

Exercise 10.3. Which of the following graph patterns are expressible in Cypher? Explain your answer by either giving a Cypher query or by arguing why there is none.

1. Find nodes that are connected by an `:EDGE` path of length ≥ 100
2. Find nodes that are connected by an `:EDGE` path of length ≤ 100
3. Find nodes that are connected by an `:EDGE` path of length $\neq 100$
4. Find nodes that are not connected by an `:EDGE` path of length 100
5. In a graph with a `:PARENT` **relationship type**, find nodes with a common ancestor
6. In a graph with a `:PARENT` **relationship type**, find nodes that are cousins (of any degree)
7. Find nodes that are connected by `:PROP_A` but not by `:PROP_B`
8. Find nodes that are connected by a `:PROP_A` path, but not by a `:PROP_B` path
9. Find nodes that are connected by a path of nodes as in 7.
10. Find nodes connected by an arbitrary path
11. Find nodes connected by an arbitrary path of even length

¹<https://neo4j.com/download/>

²<https://neo4j.com/sandbox-v3/>

12. Check if the graph contains an even number of nodes

Exercise 10.4. Neo4j provides numerous extension over the openCypher language, including the list predicate functions `all`³ and `any`⁴, that check whether a condition is true for all elements (or any element, respectively) of a list.

Show that these two functions are sufficient to encode **TRUEQBF** in a Cypher query. What can you say about the complexity of answering Cypher queries?

Exercise 10.5. Wikidata Property Constraints³ are a mechanism to specify how properties should be used on Wikidata. As an example, an Inverse Constraint⁴ specifies that every statement for a given property must have a matching statement in the reverse direction using some other property (e.g., every “mother” statement must have a matching “child” statement).

Use the Rulewerk client⁵ and the Wikidata Query Service⁵ to find statements violating an Inverse Constraint:

- write a SPARQL query to find all Inverse Constraints and the related properties,
- write a SPARQL query that finds violating statements for a given pair of forward and inverse properties,
- write a rules program that combines these two SPARQL data sources to obtain all statements violating Inverse Constraints.

Hint: Finding all violations for all inverse constraints might take a long time. For testing, limit your queries to, e.g., 10 pairs of properties. To achieve that for Rulewerk data sources, note that you can nest a subquery inside a graph pattern.

³<https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-manual/current/functions/predicate/#functions-all>

⁴<https://neo4j.com/docs/cypher-manual/current/functions/predicate/#functions-any>

³https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Help:Property_constraints_portal

⁴https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Help:Property_constraints_portal/Inverse

⁵<https://github.com/knowsys/rulewerk/wiki/Standalone-client>

⁵<https://query.wikidata.org>