Exercise 8: Datalog

Database Theory

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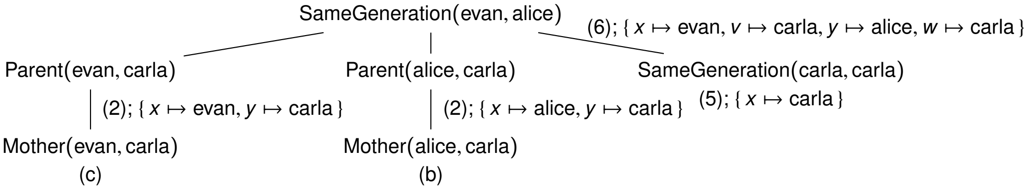

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2. Not expressible, since Datalog is *monotone*: any query that is true for some set of ground facts I is also true for every set of ground facts $J \supseteq I$, but the query is true on $I = \{\mathrm{e}(n, n, a)\}$, but not on $J = I \cup \{\mathrm{e}(m, m, b)\}$.

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Exercise. Consider databases that encode a labelled, directed graph by means of a ternary EDB predicate e ("edge"). The first two parameters are the source and target nodes of the edge, while the third parameter is its label. For example, the edge $m \xrightarrow{a} n$ would be represented by the fact $\mathrm{e}(m, n, a)$. Moreover, assume that only constants a and b are used as labels. Can you express the following queries using Datalog?

1. "Which nodes in the graph are reachable from the node n?"
2. "Are all nodes of the graph reachable from the node n?"
3. "Does the graph have a directed cycle?"
4. "Does the graph have a path that is labelled by a palindrome?"
   (a palindrome is a word that reads the same forwards and backwards)
5. "Is the connected component that contains the node n 2-colourable?"
6. "Is the graph 2-colourable?"
7. "Which pairs of nodes are connected by a path with an even number of a labels?"
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9. "Is there a pair of nodes that is connected by two distinct paths?"

Solution.

9. Not expressible, since Datalog is *homomorphism-closed*; consider $I = \{\, \mathrm{e}(n, 1, a), \mathrm{e}(1, m, a), \mathrm{e}(n, 2, a), \mathrm{e}(2, m, a) \,\}$ and $J = \{\, \mathrm{e}(n, 1, a), \mathrm{e}(1, m, a) \,\}$ and the homomorphism $\varphi : I \to J = \{\, 2 \mapsto 1 \,\}$.

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Exercise. Show that T_P^∞ is the least fixed point of the T_P operator.

1. Show that it is a fixed point, i.e., that $T_P(T_P^\infty) = T_P^\infty$.
2. Show that every fixed point of T_P must contain every fact in T_P^∞.

Solution.

1.
   - We first show that T_P is *extensive*, i.e., that $I \subseteq T_P(I)$ for any set of ground facts I: Clearly $\emptyset \subseteq T_P(\emptyset)$.
   - Assume that $I \subseteq T_P(I)$ for some set of ground facts I, and consider a ground fact $H \in T_P(I)$. Then there is some ground rule $H \leftarrow B_1, \ldots, B_n \in \mathit{ground}(P)$ with $B_1, \ldots, B_n \in I$. Since $I \subseteq T_P(I)$, we have $B_1, \ldots, B_n \in T_P(I)$, and hence $H \in T_P(T_P(I))$.
   - Thus, we have $T_P^{i-1} \subseteq T_P^i$, and, in particular, $T_P(T_P^\infty) \supseteq T_P^\infty$.
   - Assume that we have some ground fact $H \in T_P(T_P^\infty)$, but $H \notin T_P^\infty$.
   - Then there is a ground rule $H \leftarrow B_1, \ldots, B_n \in \mathit{ground}(P)$ with $B_1, \ldots, B_n \in T_P^\infty$.
   - Since $T_P^\infty = \bigcup_{i \geq 0} T_P^i$, there are $i_1, \ldots, i_n$ with $B_{i_j} \in T_P^{i_j}$, and thus $B_1, \ldots, B_n \in T_P^k$ with $k = \max\{ i_1, \ldots, i_n \}$.
   - But then $H \in T_P(T_P^k) = T_P^{k+1} \subseteq T_P^\infty$, which contradicts $H \notin T_P^\infty$.
2.
   - First, note that T_P is clearly *monotone*, i.e., that for sets $I \subseteq J$ of ground facts, we have $T_P(I) \subseteq T_P(J)$.
   - Consider some fixed point F of T_P. We show $T_P^i \subseteq F$ for all $i \geq 0$.
   - Clearly, $T_P^0 = \emptyset \subseteq F$.
   - Assume that $T_P^i \subseteq F$ for some $i \geq 0$. Then $T_P^{i+1} = T_P(T_P^i) \subseteq T_P(F) = F$, by monotonicity and since F is a fixed point.
   - But then $T_P^i \subseteq F$ for all $i \geq 0$, and hence also $T_P^\infty = \bigcup_{i \geq 0} T_P^i \subseteq F$.