

Exercise Sheet 5: Datalog in Theory & Practice
Maximilian Marx, Markus Krötzsch
Knowledge Graphs, 2025-12-03, Winter Term 2025/2026

Exercise 5.1. Consider the Datalog program P

$\text{Parent}(x, y) :- \text{father}(x, y)$
 $\text{Parent}(x, y) :- \text{mother}(x, y)$
 $\text{Ancestor}(x, y) :- \text{Parent}(x, y)$
 $\text{Ancestor}(x, z) :- \text{Parent}(x, y), \text{Ancestor}(y, z)$
 $\text{Result}(y) :- \text{Ancestor}(\text{alice}, y)$

and the facts

$\text{mother}(\text{alice}, \text{barbara})$	$\text{father}(\text{alice}, \text{bob})$
$\text{mother}(\text{barbara}, \text{christine})$	$\text{father}(\text{barbara}, \text{charles})$
$\text{mother}(\text{dave}, \text{emmy})$	$\text{father}(\text{bob}, \text{dave})$

Compute all query results for $\langle P, \text{Result} \rangle$.

Exercise 5.2. Show that D_P^∞ is the least fixed point of the T_P operator.

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

Exercise 5.3. Consider databases that encode a labelled, directed graph by means of a ternary EDB predicate e (“edge”). The two parameters are the source and target nodes of the edge, while the third parameter is its label. For example, the edge $n_1 \xrightarrow{a} n_2$ would be represented by the fact $e(n_1, n_2, a)$. 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?”
8. “Which pairs of nodes are connected by a path with the same number of a and b labels?”
9. “Is there a pair of nodes that is connected by two distinct paths?”

Exercise 5.4. Solve Exercise 2.5 using Nemo¹: Write a Datalog program extracting, from the `coauthors.nt.gz` graph², the *connected component* containing `<http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/s/Studer:Rudi>`, i.e., extract the induced subgraph that

- contains `<http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/s/Studer:Rudi>`,
- contains all nodes reachable from `<http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/s/Studer:Rudi>` by some path, and
- contains all edges that are present in the full graph between these nodes.

Note that, while an RDF graph is inherently directed, edges in `coauthors.nt.gz` are symmetric, i.e., the graph is essentially undirected.

Hint: `authorship-snippet.nt.gz`² contains `<http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/s/Studer:Rudi>` and can be used for testing.

Hint: You can use, e.g., <https://media.githubusercontent.com/media/knownsys/Course-Knowledge-Graphs/refs/heads/main/data/dblp/authorship-snippet.nt.gz> as the resource in the Nemo web UI to avoid downloading the graph onto your computer.

Exercise 5.5. DBpedia is a knowledge graph based on information extracted from Wikipedia. Use Nemo¹ and the Wikidata^{??} and DBpedia³ SPARQL endpoints to integrate and compare the *parent* relations from DBpedia and Wikidata: Use SPARQL queries to fetch both *parent* relationships (for Wikidata, you can restrict to items with articles on English Wikipedia). Make sure your queries include a common feature that can be used for integration, e.g., the URL of the related Wikipedia article.⁴ Lastly, use rules to compute the total number of (unique) relations found in both graphs, in Wikidata only, and in DBpedia only.

¹<https://tools.iccl.inf.tu-dresden.de/nemo/next>

²<https://github.com/knownsys/Course-Knowledge-Graphs/tree/main/data/dblp>

³<https://dbpedia.org/sparql>

⁴DBpedia still stores `http` URLs, whereas Wikidata uses `https`. You can use `SUBSTR` and `BIND` in your SPARQL queries to align such URLs.