Weekly exercises IN3020&4020 (2026)
Week 13: Graph Databases

1 Graph Databases/Knowledge Graphs Intro

1. What is a knowledge graph?
2. Give examples of knowledge graphs technologies?

2 RDF graphs

1. What are some of the W3C certified standards for semantic technologies?
2. What is RDF?
3. What is an RDF triple?
4. What is an RDF graph?
5. An RDF graph is often visualized as a directed graph. It is, however, not really a graph. Why?
6. Why do you think we use URIs to represent concepts in RDF?
7. What is a literal in an RDF graph?
8. Why do you think we need blank nodes?
9. How would you express the following statements in RDF (using any syntax, for example our toy syntax in lectures)?
   (a) IN3020 is a university course
   (b) IN3020 has a lecturer
   (c) IN3020 has a lecturer with the name "Egor", and he is a person.
10. Draw a graph representing the following RDF graph in turtle syntax:

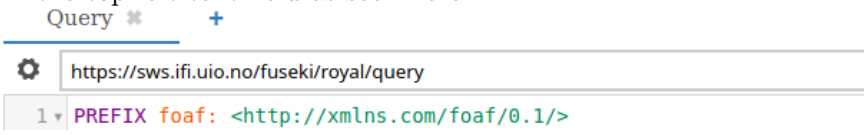
```
_:x rdf:type foaf:Person ;
    foaf:name ‘‘Bob’’ ;
```

```
        foaf:age    38 .
```

11. What is the idea of reification?

3 SPARQL

1. Go to: `https://sws.ifi.uio.no/yasgui/`.
2. Enter `https://sws.ifi.uio.no/fuseki/royal/query` in the top left text field as seen here:



Now you should be able to query a small RDF dataset with some information about the norwegian royal family. The graph is described in more detail in Appendix A on page 9. You will need the following prefixes for these queries:

```
PREFIX fam: <http://www.ifi.uio.no/IN3020/family#>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
```

3.1 URI of Haakon Magnus

Find the URI of a person (a `foaf:Person`) with the name (`foaf:name`) `"Haakon Magnus"`.

3.2 Sonja's age

Find the age (`foaf:age`) of a person (`foaf:Person`) with the name (`foaf:name`) "Sonja".

3.3 Young family members

Find name and age of all persons that have age below 18. You need the datatype propery `foaf:age`, the class `foaf:Person`.

3.4 The name of of Haakon Magnus' spouse

Find the name (`foaf:name`) of the spouse of (`fam:hasSpouse`) a person (a `foaf:Person`) with the name (`foaf:name`) "Haakon Magnus".

3.5 The parents of Olav V

Find the name of both the parents of Olav V. E.g., A person (`foaf:Person`) with the name (`foaf:name`) "Olav V". Two different properties connect a person to his/her parents: `fam:hasFather` and `fam:hasMother`.

3.6 URI, name and homepage

Find the URI, the name and the homepage (if they have one) of all persons in the dataset. You will need the class `foaf:Person` and the properties `foaf:name` and `foaf:homepage`.

3.7 DBPedia

It is possible to query large knowledge graphs online with SPARQL. Examples of such datasets are Wikidata and DBPedia.

Change the SPARQL endpoint to `https://dbpedia.org/sparql`. You need the following prefixes:

```
PREFIX dbp: <http://dbpedia.org/property/>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
```

Find the population of the capital of a country called (`rdfs:label`) "Norway"@en. Where `dbo:Country` is the class of countries. `dbp:capital` is the relation between a country and its capital. `dbp:populationTotal` is the total population.

4 Neo4j and Cypher

1. Describe the data model of Neo4j
2. Go to `https://neo4j.com/sandbox` and create an account. Choose the *Movie* dataset and work through the Movies Project Tutorial.

A Excerpt RDF graph

Below is a short excerpt from the royal family graph. It consists of persons with names, spouses, ages, homepages, fathers and mothers:

```
fam:Sonja    a  foaf:Person ;
    fam:hasSpouse  fam:haraldv ;
    foaf:age       83 ;
    foaf:name      "Sonja" ;
    foaf:homepage
        <https://www.kongehuset.no/seksjon.html?tid=27197&sek=26953> .

fam:haakonmagnus    a   foaf:Person ;
    fam:hasFather  fam:haraldv ;
    fam:hasMother  fam:Sonja ;
    fam:hasSpouse  fam:mettemarit ;
    foaf:age       47 ;
    foaf:name      "Haakon Magnus" ;
    foaf:homepage
        <https://www.kongehuset.no/seksjon.html?tid=27658&sek=27226> .
```