


SPARQL query performance

But first, SHACL demo

BGP (Basic Graph Pattern)

```
PREFIX foaf:    <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE {
  ?x foaf:name ?name .
  ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .
}
```



Get all triples from the database that match

```
?x1 foaf:name ?name .
```

And all triples that match


```
?x2 foaf:mbox ?mbox .
```

Then join them together where $?x^1 == ?x^2$



Filters

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE {
  ?x foaf:name ?name .
  ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .
  FILTER(?name == "Håvard")
}
```



Get all triples from the database that match

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?x1 foaf:name ?name .
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?x2 foaf:mbox ?mbox .
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Then join them together where $?x^1 == ?x^2$

Then filter that result so that $?name == \text{“Håvard”}$



Filter rewrite

- Move filter as close to the part of the BGP where it applies.
- Reduce the amount of data early
- Common rewrite
- Haven't found any triples stores with function indexes

Filter rewrite

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    ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .
}
```



Get all triples from the database that match

```
?x1 foaf:name ?name .
```

Filter those triples so that ?name == “Håvard”

And all triples that match

```
?x2 foaf:mbox ?mbox .
```

Then join them together where ?x¹ == ?x²



Indexes

- Triple: S (subject) P (predicate) O (object)
- `?x foaf:name ?name .`
 - We only know P
- We need a PSO index

RDF

ex:Håvard foaf:name "Håvard"

ex:Håvard foaf:mbox "haavard.ottestad@acando.no"

ex:Veronika foaf:name "Veronika"

ex:Veronika foaf:mbox "veronika.heimsbakk@acando.no"



PSO Index

| P | S | O |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| foaf:mbox | ex:Håvard | “haavard.ottestad@acando.no” |
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```



Join on ?x

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Indexes

- B+ tree
 - Common for disk based indexes
 - Sorted
 - Supports range queries
- Indexes are usually for quads
 - PSOC (context/graph)
- 24 possible indexes (4!)



Access patterns

| No | Access pattern | No | Access pattern |
|----|----------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | (?:?:?:?) | 9 | (s?:o:c) |
| 2 | (s?:?:?) | 10 | (?:?:o:c) |
| 3 | (s:p?:?) | 11 | (?:?:o:?) |
| 4 | (s:p:o:?) | 12 | (?:?:?:c) |
| 5 | (s:p:o:c) | 13 | (s?:?:c) |
| 6 | (?:p?:?) | 14 | (s:p?:c) |
| 7 | (?:p:o:?) | 15 | (?:p?:c) |
| 8 | (?:p:o:c) | 16 | (s?:o:?) |

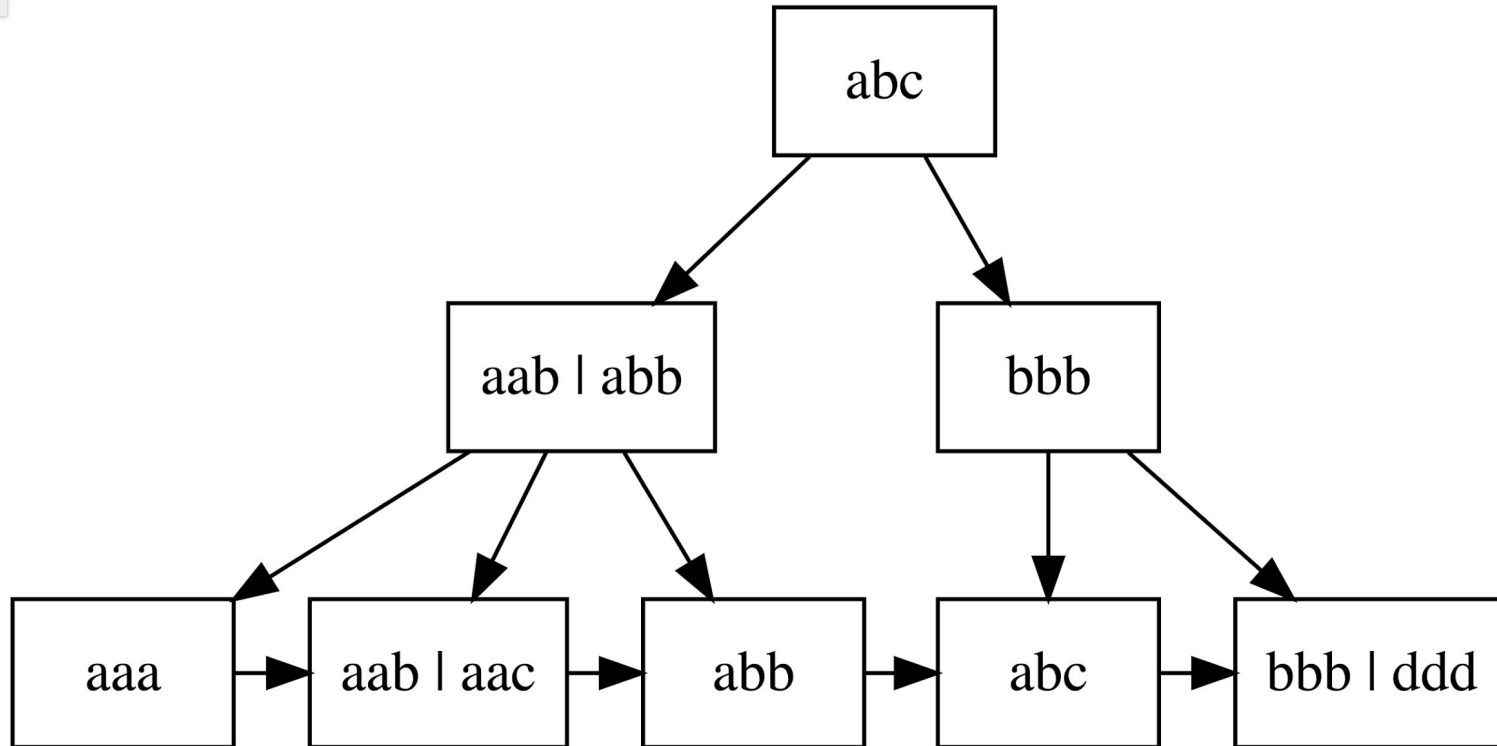
6 required indexes

| spoc | poc | ocs |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (?:?:?:?) | (?:p:?:?) | (?:?:o:?) |
| (s?:?:?) | (?:p:o:?) | (?:?:o:c) |
| (s:p:?:?) | (?:p:o:c) | (s?:o:c) |
| (s:p:o:?) | | |
| (s:p:o:c) | | |

| csp | cp | os |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| (?:?:?:c) | (?:p:?:c) | (s?:o:?) |
| (s?:?:c) | | |
| (s:p:?:c) | | |

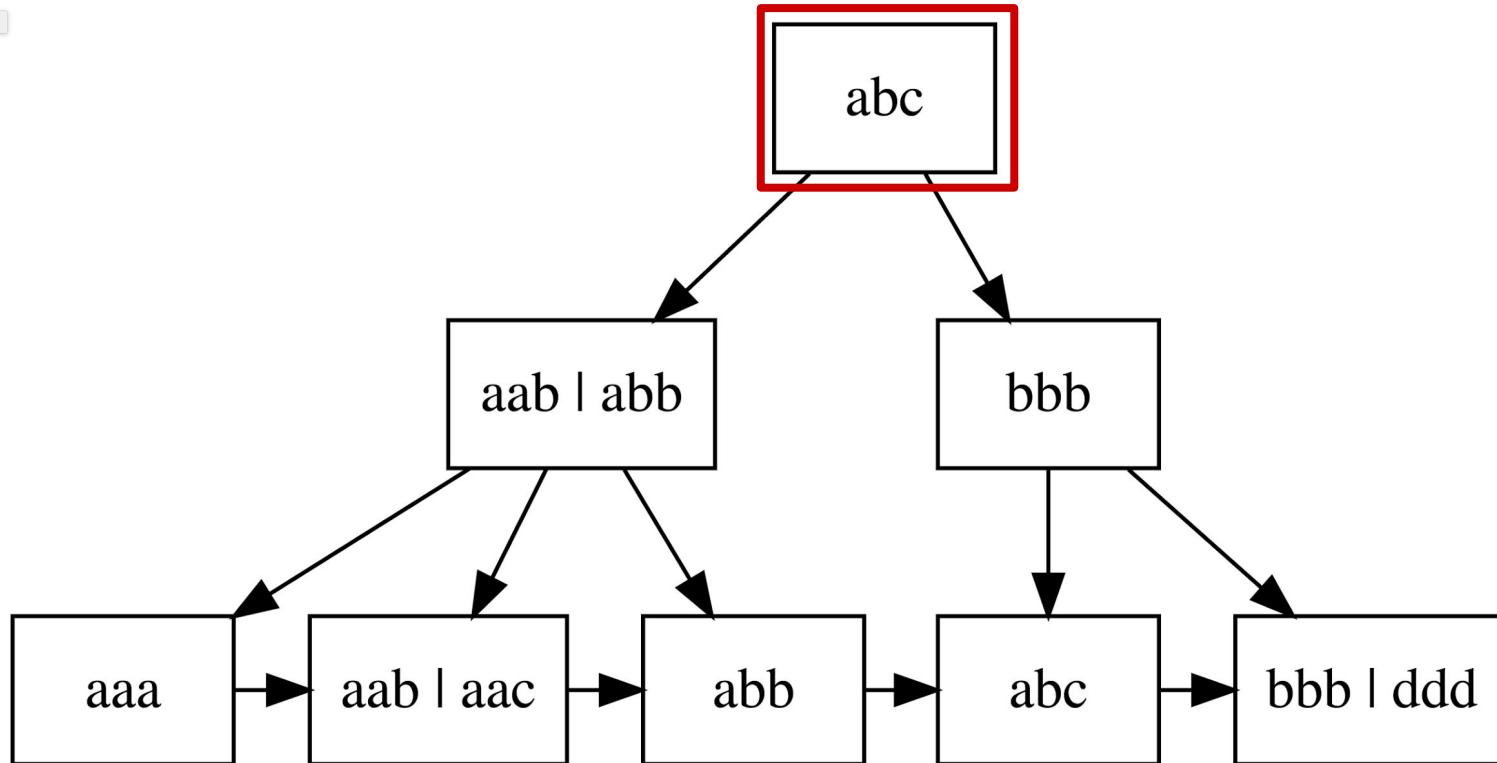
Range queries in B+ trees - **aac** → **abc**

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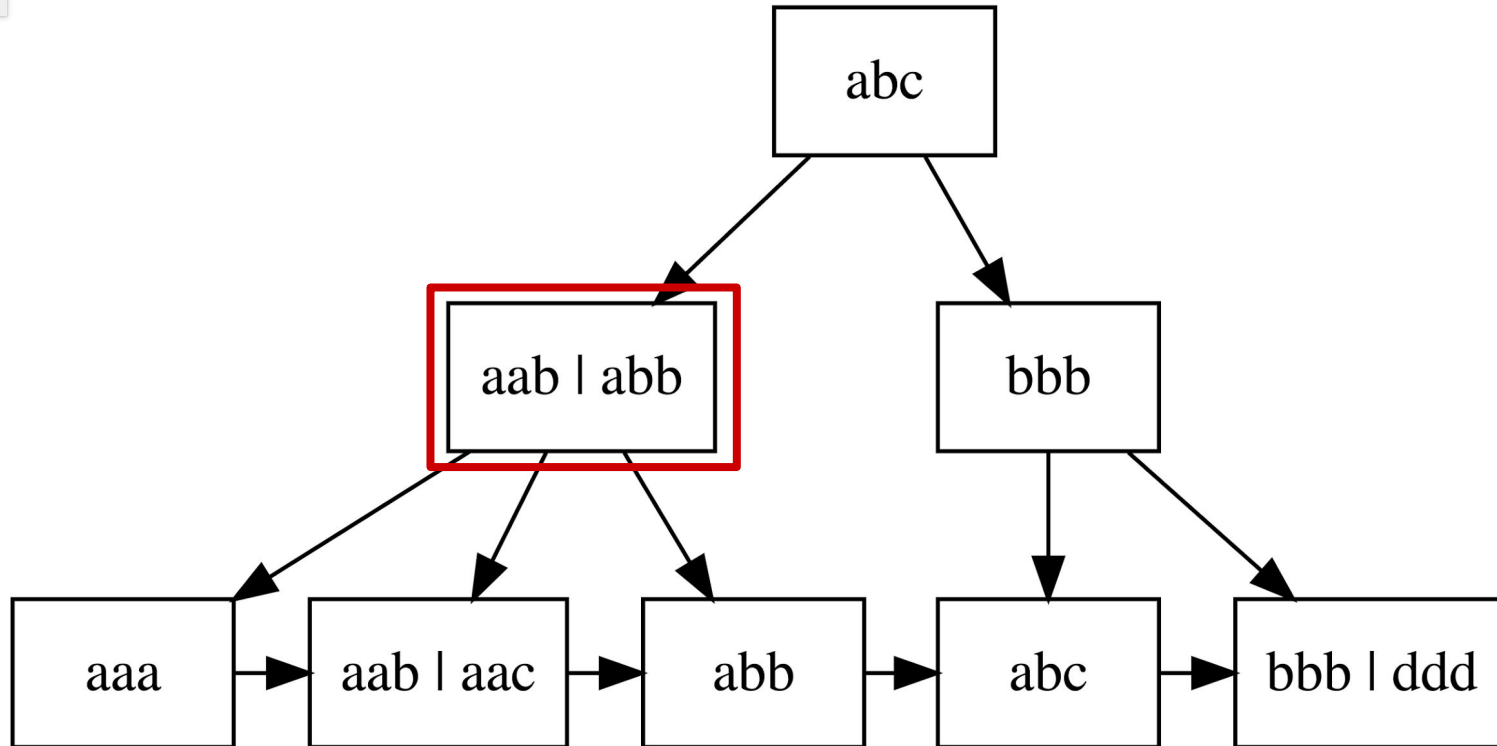
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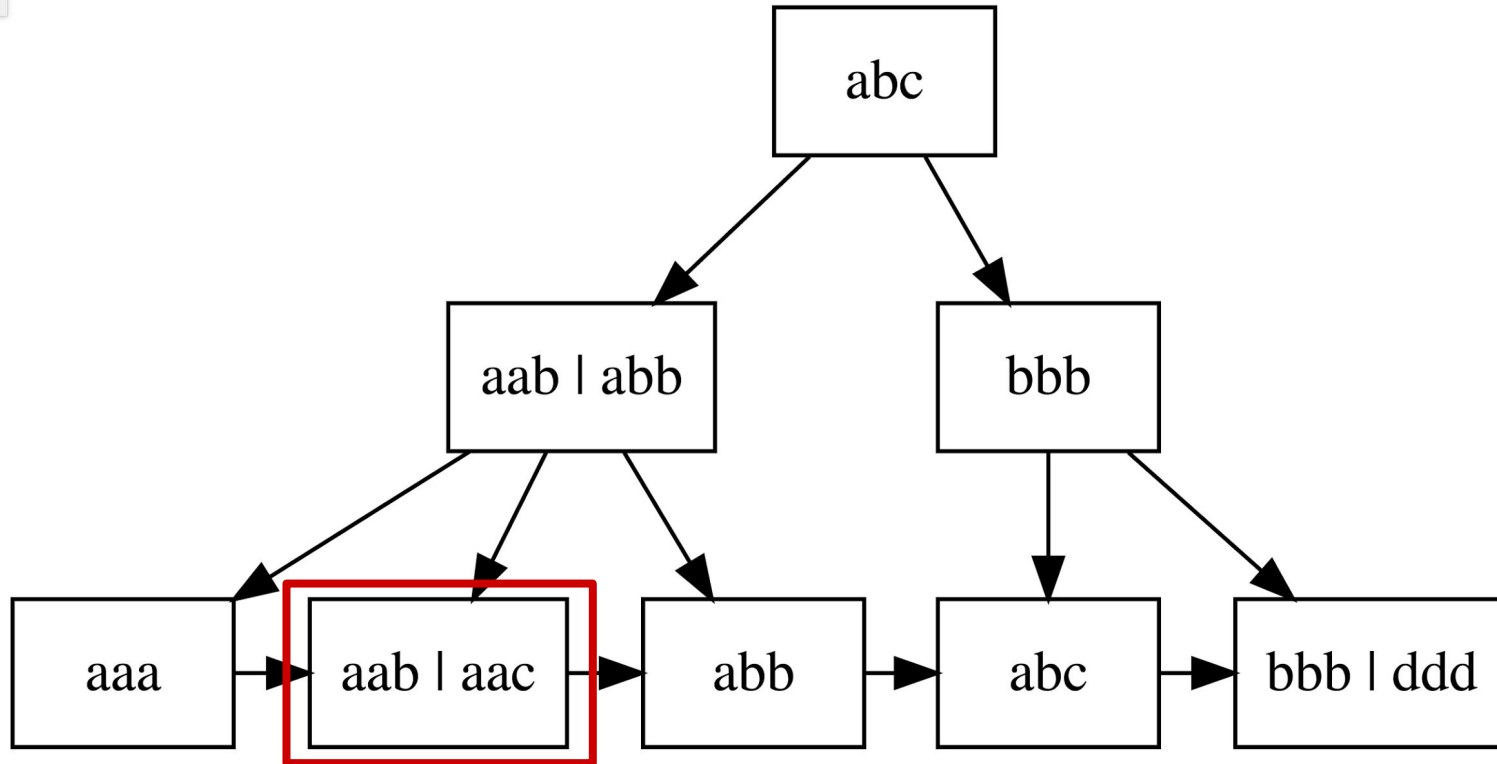
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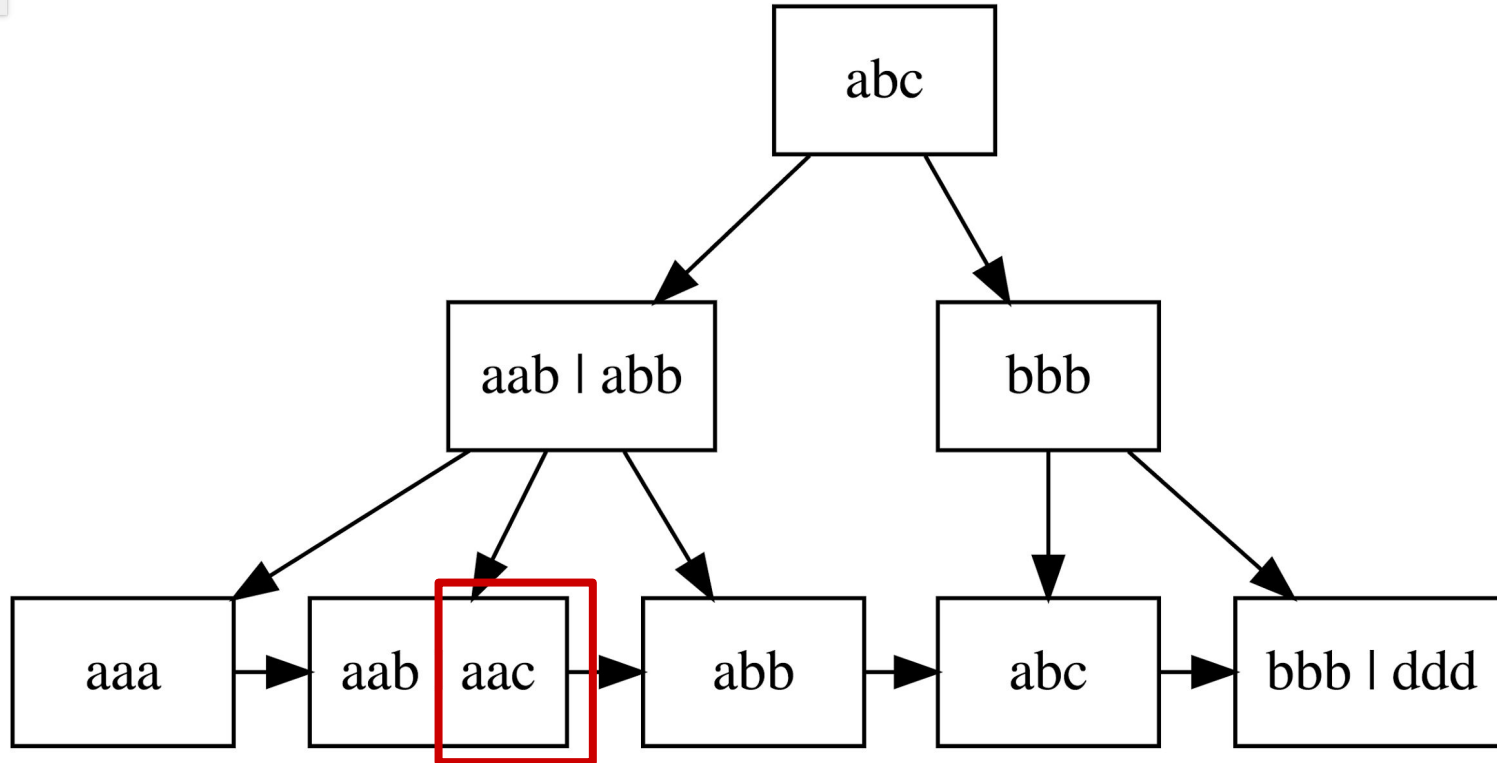
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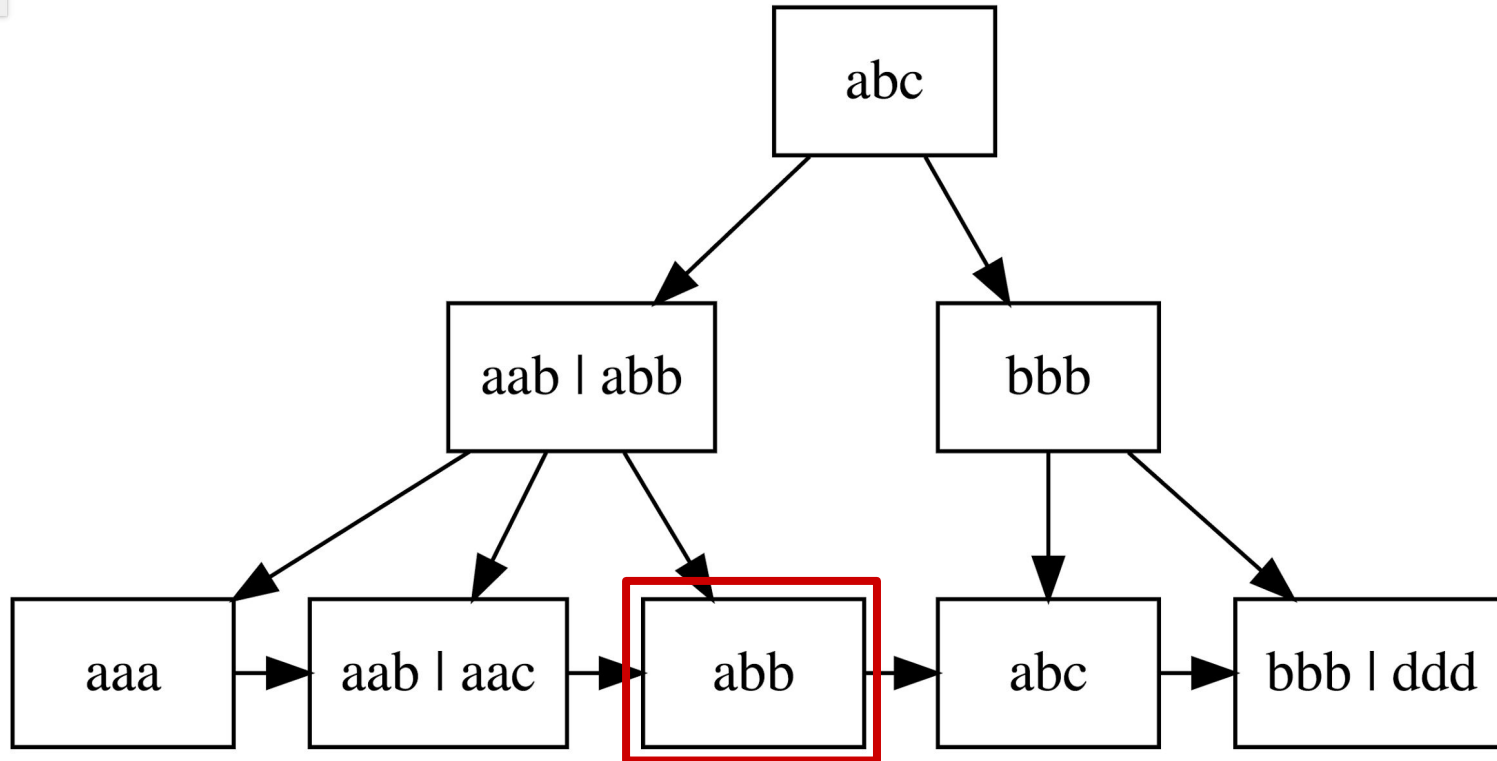
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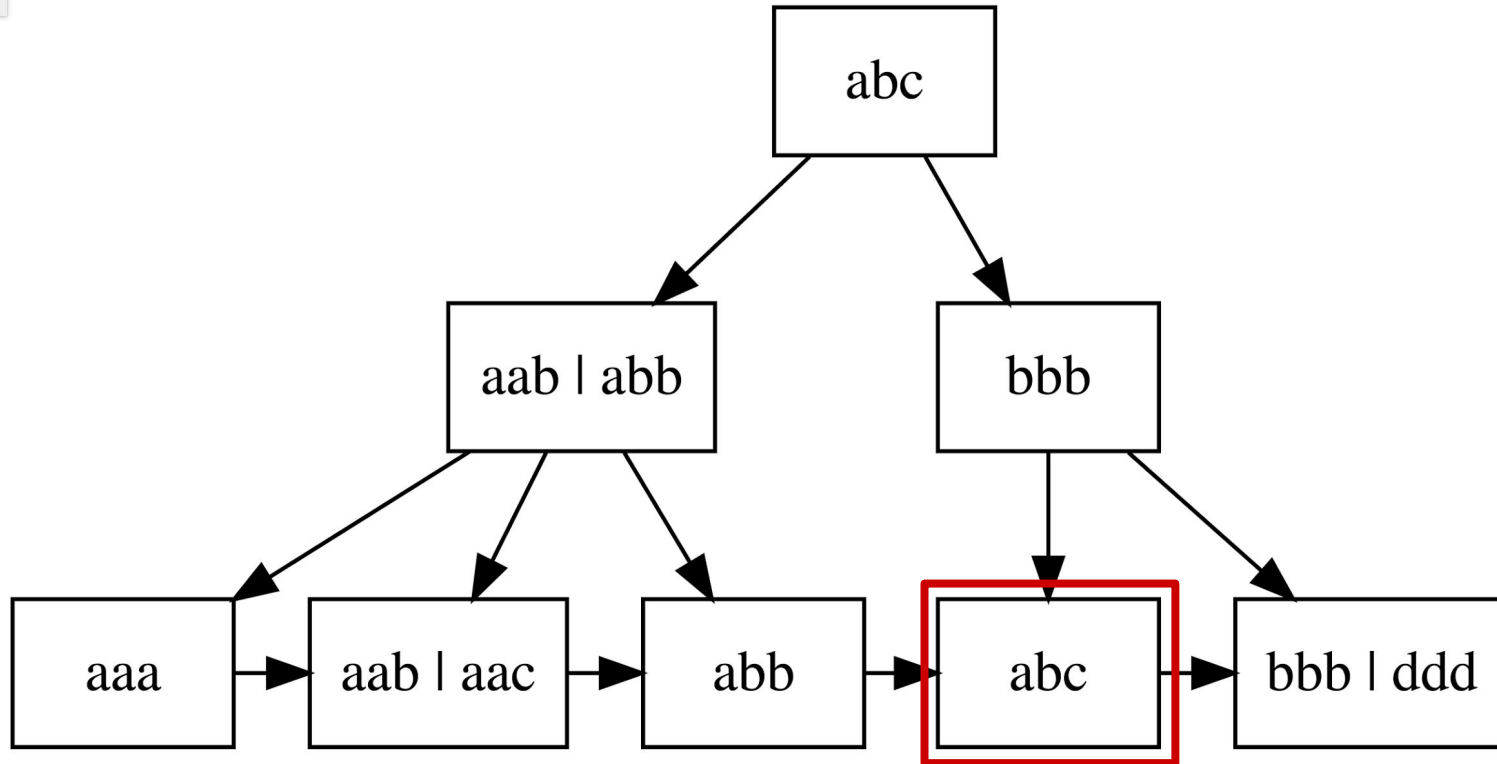
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Stats

- Statistics about the data
- How many triples with foaf:name?
- How many with foaf:mbox?
- How many instances of a class?

How does it look

```
(prefix ((: <http://example/))
  (stats
    (meta
      ... metadata here ...
    )
    (foaf:name 2)
    (foaf:mbox 2)
  ))
```

Predicate: foaf:mbox

Two triples with this predicate



Our query

```
PREFIX foaf:    <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE {
    ?x foaf:name ?name .
    ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .
}
```



Stats based rewrite

```
(prefix ((: <http://example/))
  (stats
    (meta
      ... metadata here ...
    )
    (foaf:name 999999)
    (foaf:mbox 2)
  ))
```



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| ?x | ?name | ?mbox |
|-----------|----------|--------------|
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Stats based rewrite

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WHERE {
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    ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox .
}
```



Stats based rewrite

```
PREFIX foaf:    <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
SELECT ?name ?mbox
WHERE {
    ?x foaf:mbox ?mbox . # moved up
    ?x foaf:name ?name .
}
```



Stats based rewrite

- Reorder BGP
- Find the most selective patterns
- Move the most selective to top of query
- Join on those first
- Reduces number of triples joined
- Downside:
 - Stats could be wrong
 - Stats need to be maintained



Jena and stats based rewrite

- Jena TDB
 - Simple stats and rewrite
 - Manual maintenance of stats
- Jena in-memory
 - No stats
 - Manual rewrites are useful
 - Jena in-memory databases are used frequently
 - Even in production
 - Our query from before
 - foaf:name, then foaf:mbox: 8310 ms
 - foaf:mbox, then foaf:name: 7 ms



Query plan

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| foaf:name | 100001 |
| foaf:mbox | 70001 |
| foaf:age | 59999 |
| foaf:knows | 269488 |

Query plan

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| foaf:knows | 4.9 |
| foaf:mbox | 1 |
| foaf:name | 1 |
| foaf:age | 1 |

Query plan

```
SELECT * WHERE {  
  ?a ?b ?c  
}
```

Projection(?a, ?b, ?c) [#501K]

└─ Scan[SPOC](?a, ?b, ?c) [#501K]

Calculated estimate

Retrieved from stats

Match criteria

Index

Operation



Query plan

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SELECT * WHERE {  
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}
```

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└─ Scan[SPOC](?a, ?b, ?c) [#501K]
```



Query plan

```
SELECT * WHERE {
```

```
  ?a foaf:mbox ?mbox.
```

```
  ?a foaf:name "Håvard".
```

```
}
```

Merge join on ?a. Works great because both indexes return results sorted on ?a

```
Projection(?a, ?mbox) [#10]
```

Calculated estimate is wrong :)

```
`- MergeJoin(?a) [#10]
```

```
+ Scan[POSC](?a, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/name>, "Håvard") [#1]
```

```
`- Scan[PSOC](?a, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/mbox>, ?mbox) [#70K]
```

Two different indexes

Reordered!

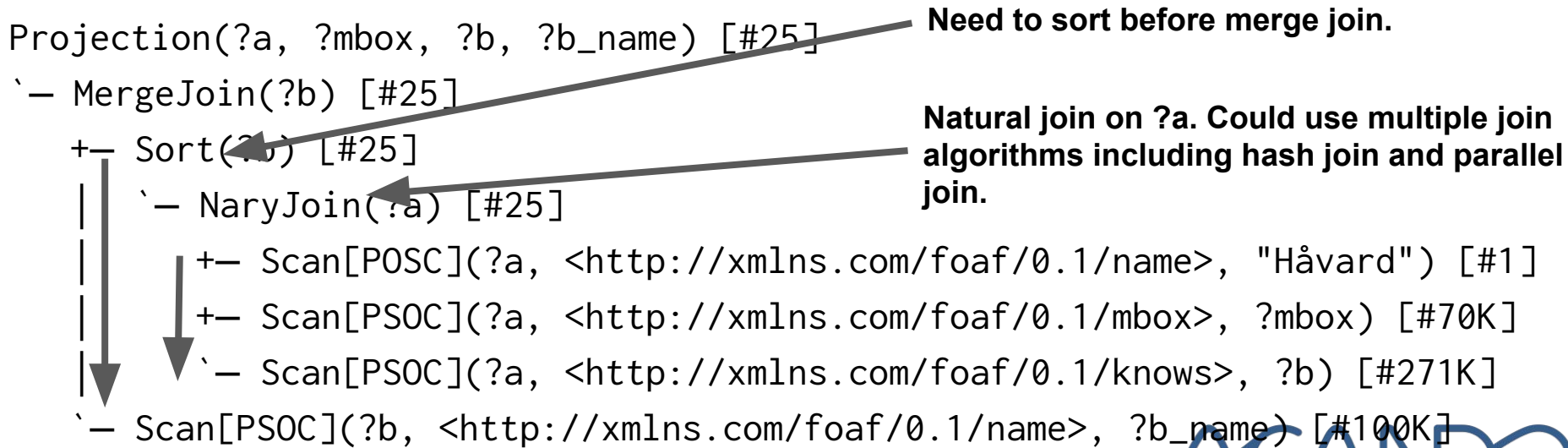


Laziness

- All operations are lazy (if possible)
- Keep as little data in memory as possible
- SCAN operators return iterators
 - Call `.next()` to get next element
- MergeJoin also returns iterator
 - Calling `.next()` will return the next tuple
 - `.next()` may need to call `.next()` on the inner SCANS
 - Maybe multiple times
- Other
 - DirectHashJoin
 - Filter
 - Union



```
SELECT * WHERE {  
  ?a foaf:mbox ?mbox.  
  ?a foaf:name "Håvard".  
  ?a foaf:knows ?b.  
  ?b foaf:name ?b_name.  
}
```



Accumulators

- Not all operations be be streamed
- Some need to keep all results in memory
- Eg.
 - Sorting
 - Group by
 - HashJoin
 - Because it needs to build a hash table
- Sometimes called pipeline breakers



IO bound

- Reading from a spinning disk is very slow
- Moving parts
 - Rotate disk
 - Swing arm
- Seek time is: 4 ms
- Throughput: 250 MB/s

Could be 25 random reads instead!

- Comp
 - A
 - T
- Sortin

```
├─ MergeJoin(?b) [#25]
│   └─ Sort(?b) [#25]
│       └─ NaryJoin(?a) [#25]
│           ├── Scan[POSC](?a, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/name>, "Håvard") [#1]
│           ├── Scan[PSOC](?a, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/mbox>, ?mbox) [#70K]
│           └─ Scan[PSOC](?a, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/knows>, ?b) [#271K]
└─ Scan[PSOC](?b, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/name>, ?b_name) [#100K]
```


Cross product (cartesian)

- If you data has 3 people
- Cross product is $3 \times 3 = 9$
- Grows very quickly
- 1 000 000 things is easy to keep in memory
 - As java integers: 4 MB
 - Cross product 1 000 000 000 000
 - As Java integers: 4 TB



Nested optionals

- Start with a person
- Find any other people they might know
 - But maybe they don't know anyone
- Find out if those people know anyone else
 - Maybe they also don't know anyone



Nested optionals

```
SELECT * WHERE {  
  <http://example.org/18948> foaf:mbox ?mbox;  
  
  OPTIONAL {  
    <http://example.org/18948> foaf:knows ?knows.  
    ?knows foaf:name ?knows_name.  
  
    OPTIONAL{  
      ?knows foaf:knows ?knows_knows.  
      ?knows_knows foaf:name ?knows_knows_name.  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Nested optionals

And keep them all in memory

Essentially cross product

```
Projection(?mbox, ?knows, ?knows_name, ?knows_knows, ?knows_knows_name) [#3]
`- LoopJoinOuter(_) [#3]
  +- Scan[SPOC](<http://example.org/18948>, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/mbox>, ?mbox) [#1]
    `- MergeJoinOuter(?knows) [#3]
      +- MergeJoin(?knows) [#3]
        | +- Scan[SPOC](<http://example.org/18948>, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/knows>, ?knows) [#3]
        | | `- Scan[PSOC](?knows, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/name>, ?knows_name) [#100K]
        | `- Sort(?knows) [#271K]
        `- MergeJoin(?knows_knows) [#271K]
          +- Scan[POSC](?knows, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/knows>, ?knows_knows) [#271K]
          `- Scan[PSOC](?knows_knows, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/name>, ?knows_knows_name) [#100K]
```



Nested optionals

- Difficult to implement efficiently
- Some databases can handle this
- Others can't
- Two approaches to optimize by hand
 - Multiple queries
 - Union queries



Nested optionals - multiple queries

```
SELECT * WHERE {  
  <http://example.org/18948> foaf:mbox ?mbox;  
  OPTIONAL {  
    <http://example.org/18948> foaf:knows ?knows.  
    ?knows foaf:name ?knows_name.  
  }  
}
```

| SPARQL Results | | |
|----------------|---|------------|
| mbox | knows | knows_name |
| mbox_18949 |  http://example.org/0 | name_1 |
| mbox_18949 |  http://example.org/4883 | name_4884 |
| mbox_18949 |  http://example.org/42148 | name_42149 |



Nested optionals - multiple queries

```
SELECT * WHERE {
```

```
  VALUES (?knows ){
```

```
    (<http://example.org/0>)
```

```
    (<http://example.org/4883>)
```

```
    (<http://example.org/42148>)
```

```
  }
```

```
  ?knows foaf:knows    ?knows_knows.
```

```
  ?knows_knows foaf:name ?knows_knows_name.
```

```
}
```



Nested optionals - Union

- Joins are slow because of potentially unbound variables
- Force all variables to be bound
- Duplicate up query until all possible optional patterns are hardcoded



Nested optionals - union

```
SELECT * WHERE {  
  {  
    <http://example.org/18948> foaf:mbox ?mbox. # knows no one  
  } UNION {  
    <http://example.org/18948> foaf:mbox ?mbox. # knows someone but they don't know anyone  
    <http://example.org/18948> foaf:knows ?knows.  
    ?knows foaf:name ?knows_name.  
  } UNION {  
    <http://example.org/18948> foaf:mbox ?mbox. # knows someone who knows someone else  
    <http://example.org/18948> foaf:knows ?knows.  
    ?knows foaf:name ?knows_name.  
    ?knows foaf:knows ?knows_knows.  
    ?knows_knows foaf:name ?knows_knows_name.  
  }  
}
```



```
Projection(?mbox, ?knows, ?knows_name, ?knows_knows, ?knows_knows_name) [#7]
`- Union [#7]
  +- Scan[SPOC](<http://example.org/18948>, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/mbox>, ?mbox) [#1]
  +- MergeJoin(?knows) [#6]
    +- Sort(?knows) [#6]
      | `- Union [#6]
      |   +- LoopJoin(_) [#3]
      |     | +- Scan[SPOC](<http://example.org/18948>, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/mbox>, ?mbox) [#1]
      |     | | +- Scan[SPOC](<http://example.org/18948>, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/knows>, ?knows) [#1]
      |     | | `- LoopJoin(_) [#3]
      |     |   +- Scan[SPOC](<http://example.org/18948>, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/mbox>, ?mbox) [#1]
      |     |   `- MergeJoin(?knows_knows) [#3]
      |     |     +- Sort(?knows_knows) [#3]
      |     |       | `- MergeJoin(?knows) [#3]
      |     |       |   +- Scan[SPOC](<http://example.org/18948>, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/knows>, ?knows) [#1]
      |     |       | | `- Scan[PSOC](?knows, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/knows>, ?knows_knows) [#271K]
      |     |       | | `- Scan[PSOC](?knows_knows, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/name>, ?knows_knows_name) [#1]
      |     |       | `- Scan[PSOC](?knows, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/name>, ?knows_name) [#100K]
      |     |       `- Scan[PSOC](?knows_knows, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/name>, ?knows_name) [#100K]
```



Summary

- Basic Graph Pattern
- Indexes
- Statistics
 - Optimisation
- Query plan
 - Selection, join, sort
- Nested optionals

Thank you

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