

Maverick: Discovering Exceptional Facts from Knowledge Graphs

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the context has many entities, including **x**

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x bears a peculiar value w.r.t. the subspace (few in the context have the value)

Exceptional Facts



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This was Brazil's first own goal in World Cup history.



Hillary Clinton becomes first female presidential nominee.

Applications

Computational Journalism

- Fact-finding
- Fact-checking
 - The first female presidential nominee was Victoria Woodhull, not Hillary Clinton (snopes.com)

Data Cleaning

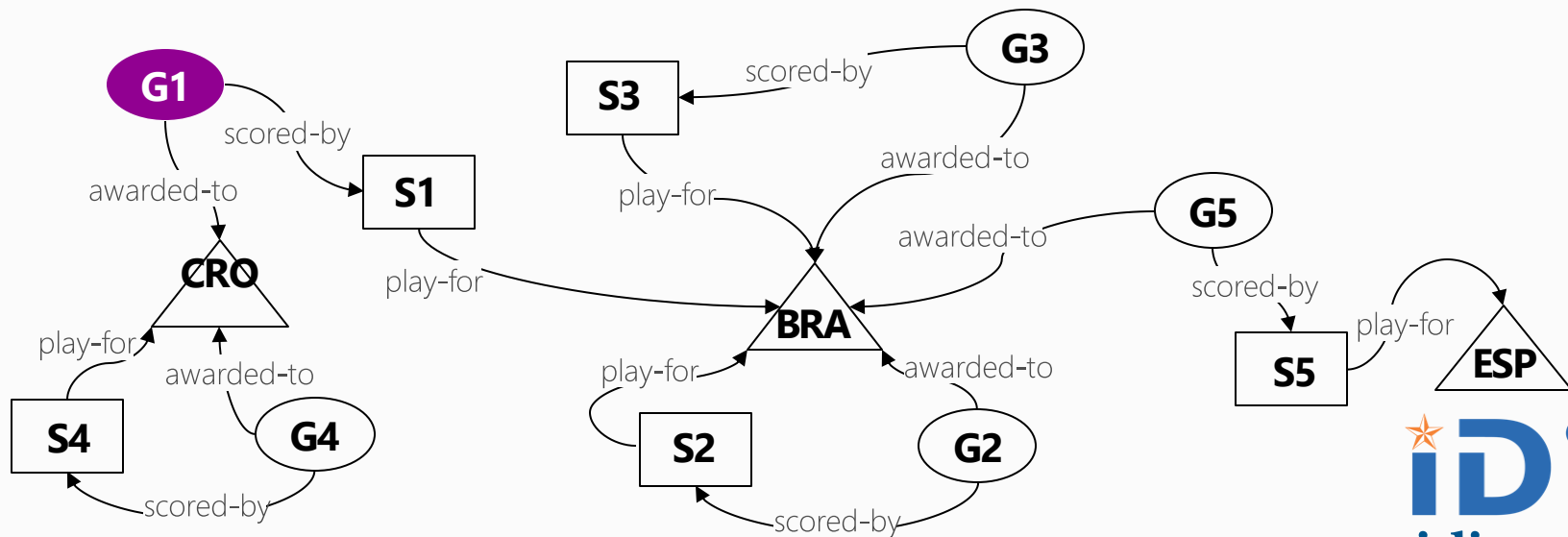
Recommendation Systems

- Friends, news, and product promotion



Exceptional Facts from Knowledge Graphs

What is exceptional about G1?

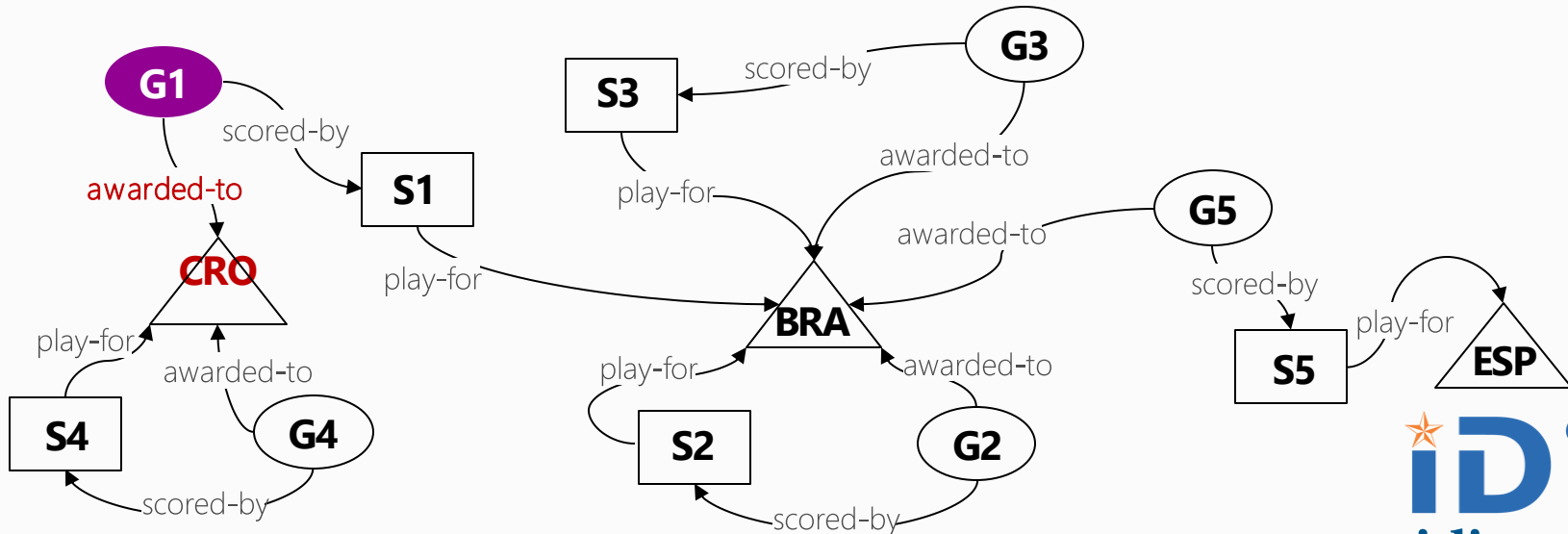


Modeling

Attributes: labels of incoming/outgoing edges

Subspace: a subset of attributes

G1. awarded-to = CRO



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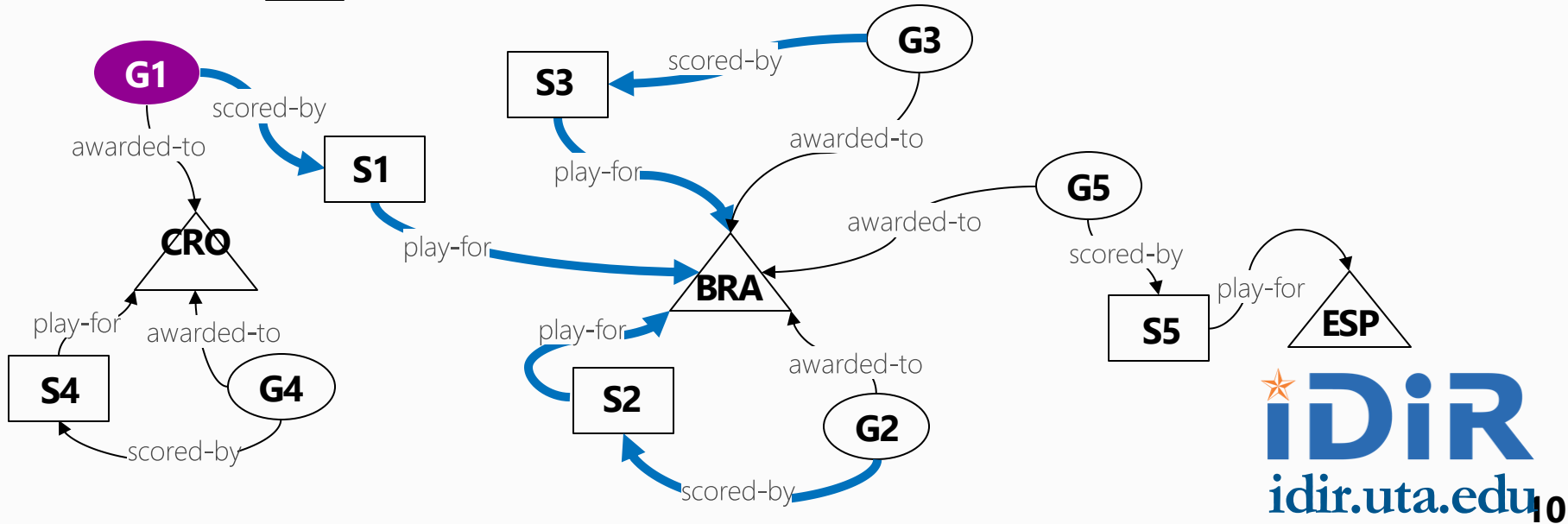


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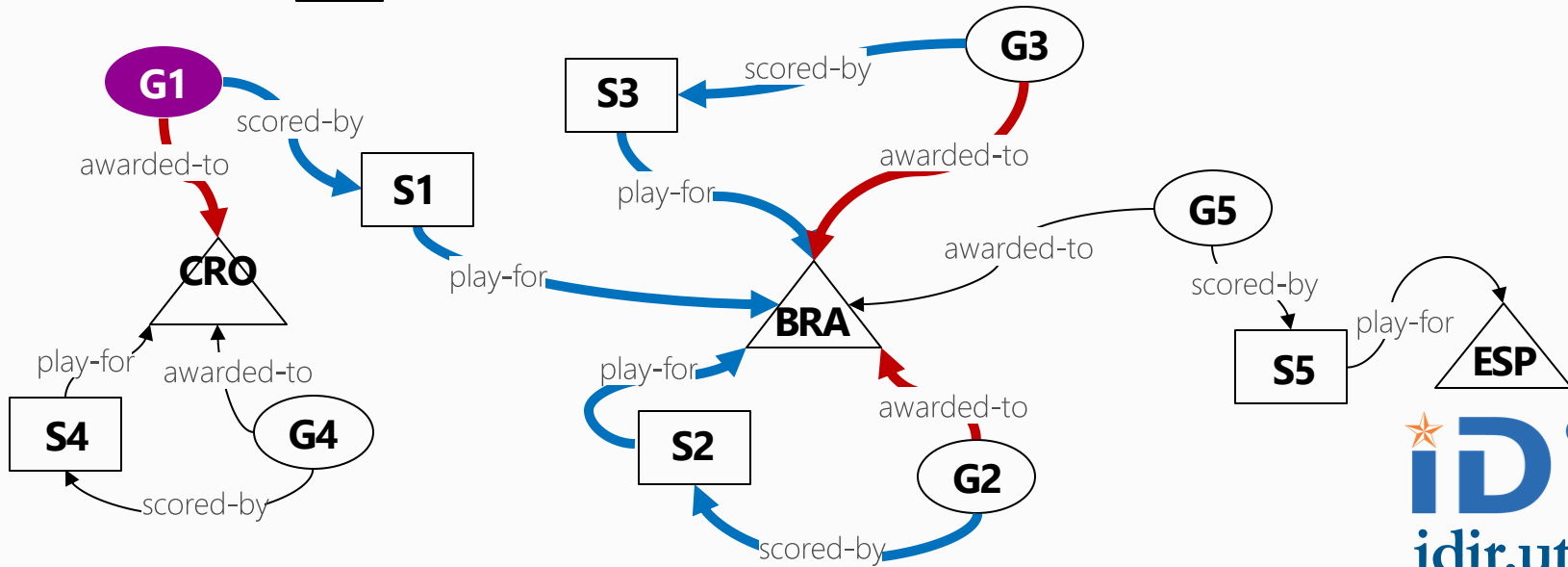


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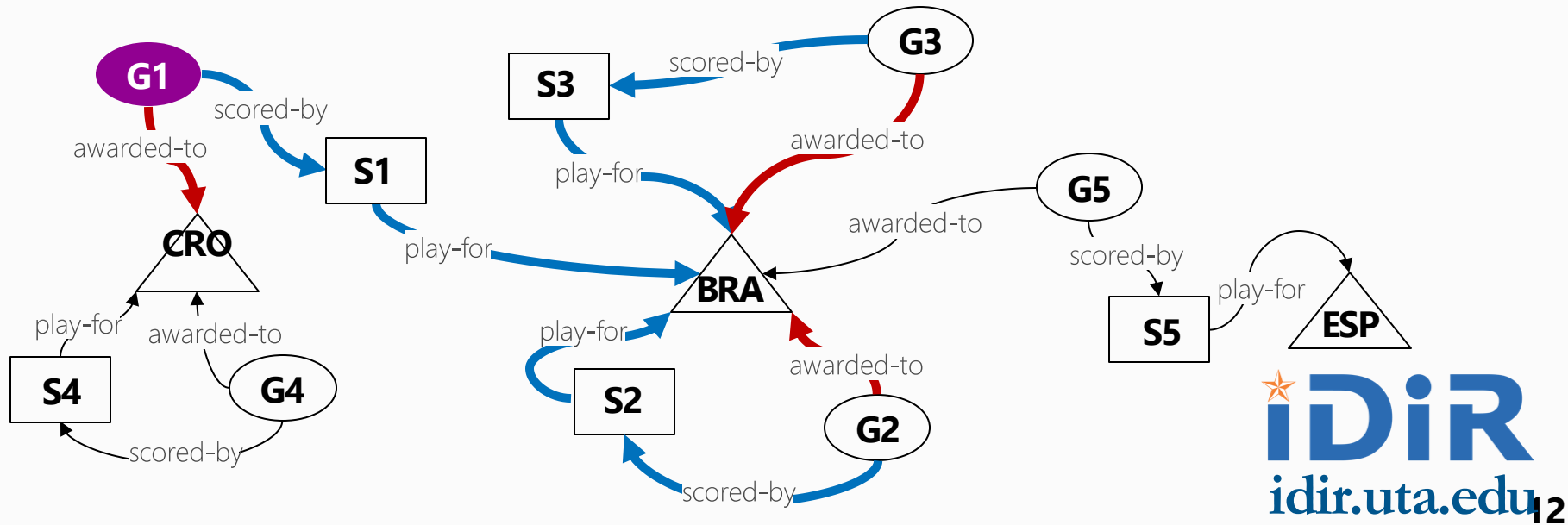
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Modeling

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Among all the goals scored by BRA players, G1 is the only own goal.



Problem Formulation

Input

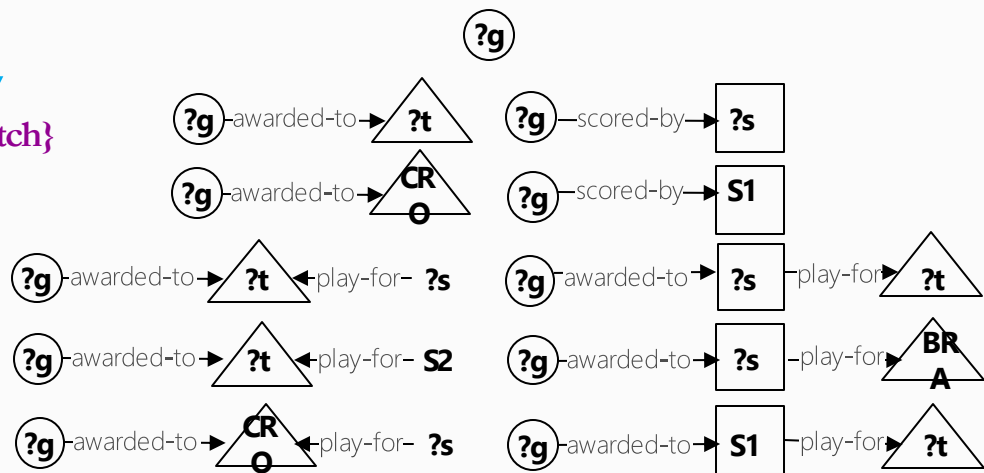
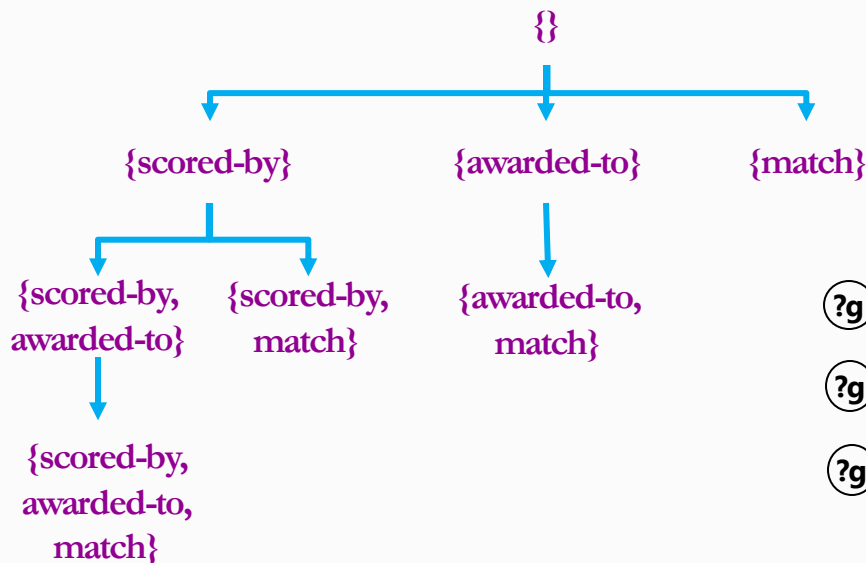
- Entity of interest v_0
- Exceptionality function χ
- Result size k

Output

- Top- k (context, subspace) pairs with regard to χ , in which v_0 stands out

Challenges

- Number of attribute subspaces: $O(2^{|A_{v_0}|})$
- Number of patterns (contexts): $\Omega(2^{|V_G|})$



Related Work

Outlier detection

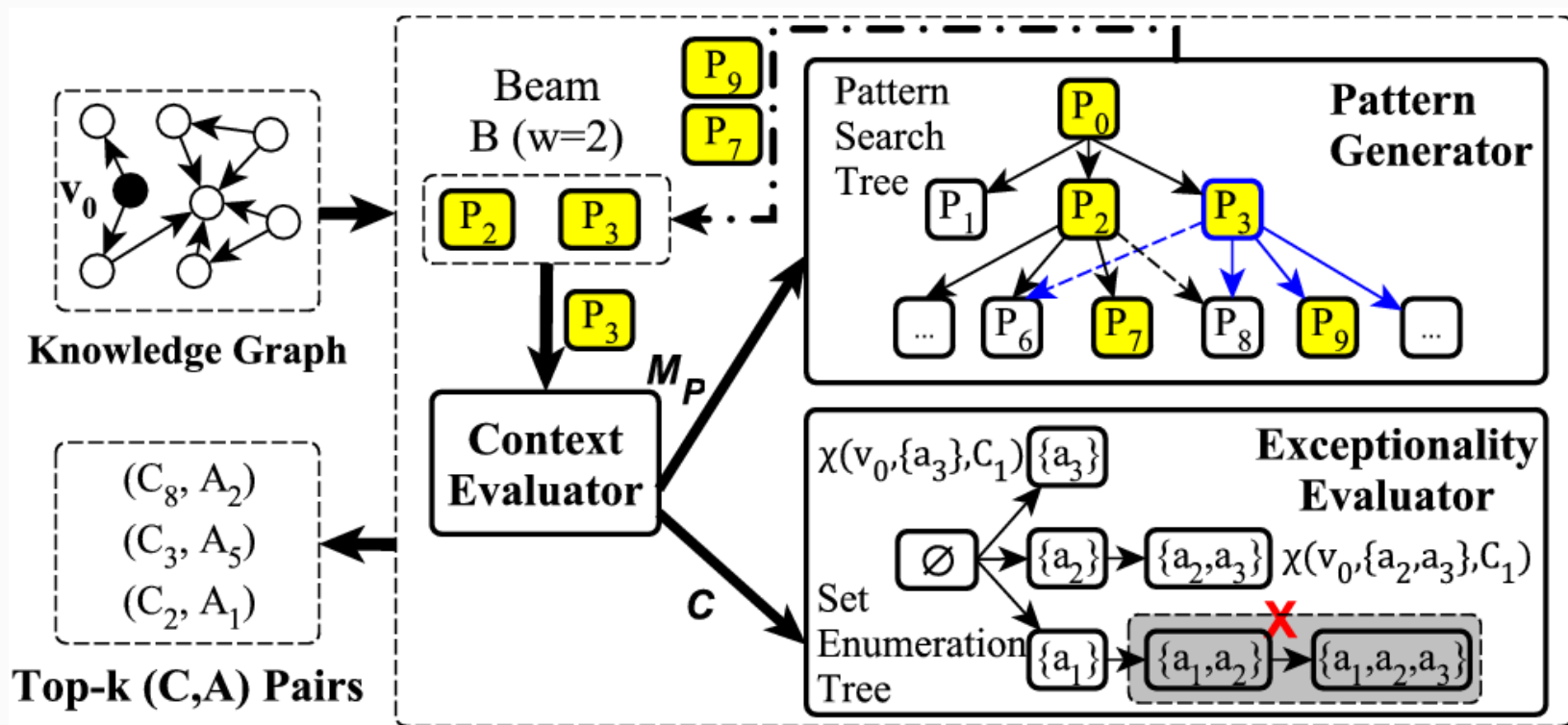
- Maverick finds conditions that make an object stand out, although the object may not necessarily be an outlier.

Outlying aspect mining

Challenges in adopting existing algorithms:

- Many assume a single-table model: a graph can be an extremely large and sparse table
- Conjunctive queries on a single table \neq pattern queries
- Multiple tables: unclear how to handle joins
- Unclear how to handle set values

Maverick



Exceptionality Function χ

$$\chi(v, A, C) \in \mathcal{R}$$

outlierness (χ_o) [Angiuli2009TODS], one-of-the-few (χ_f) [Wu2012KDD], isolation scores (χ_i) [Liu2008ICDM]

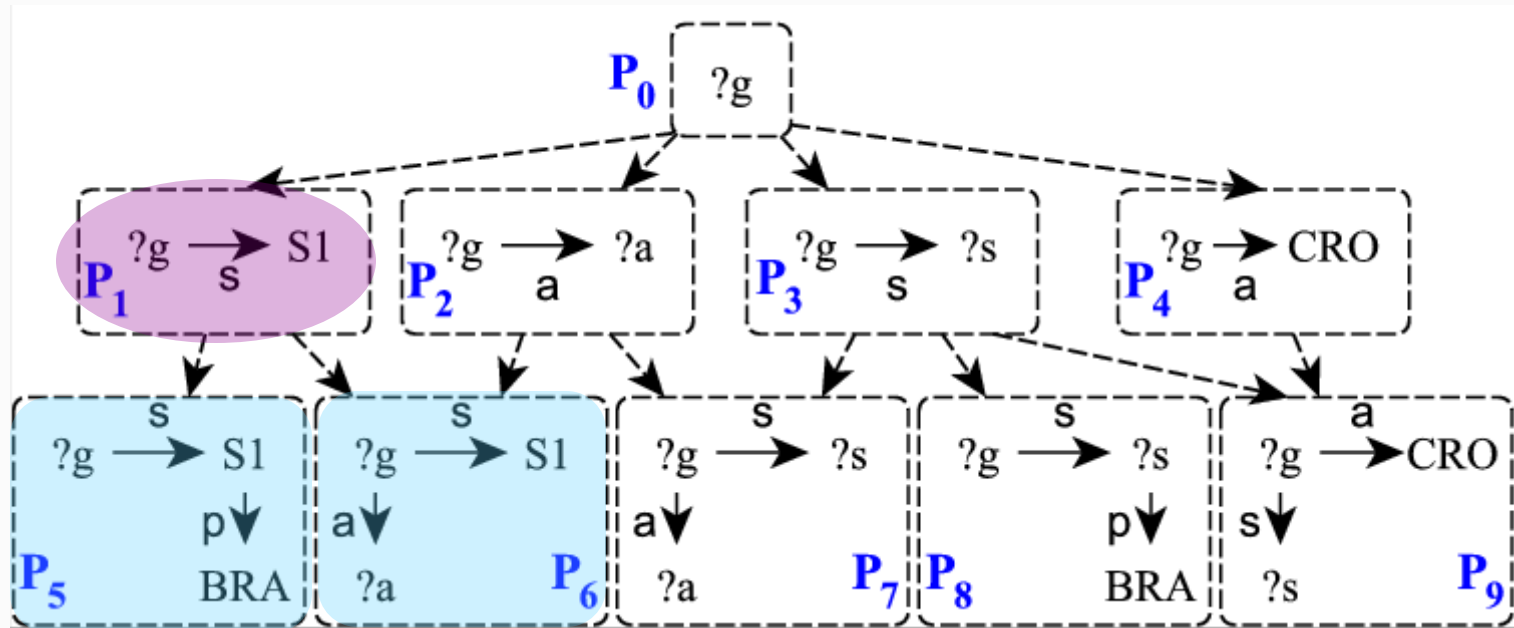
Upper bound function

Theorem 4.2
$$upper_o(v, A, C) = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}_A} (p_S)^2 - \frac{(2 p_{v.A} + 1) \times |C| - 2}{|C|^2}$$

Theorem 4.3
$$upper_f(v, A, C) = |\{u \mid u \in \overline{C_v}, p_{u.A}^A > 1/|C|\}| / |C|$$

Theorem 4.4
$$upper_i(v, A, C) = 1 - 2^{-\frac{-\log_2 \frac{1}{|C|}}{-q_{v.A} - \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}_A \setminus \{v.A\}} p_S \times \log_2 p_S}}$$

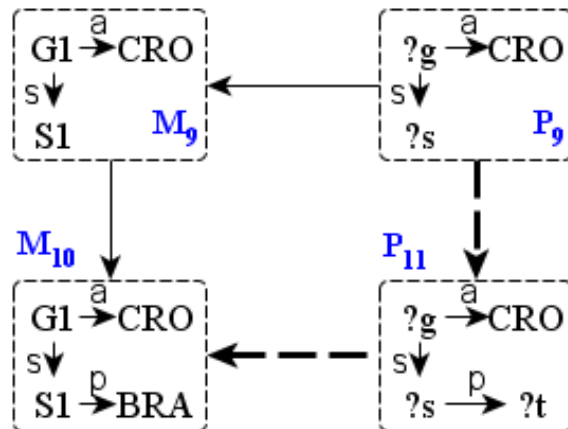
Pattern Generator (PG)



Match-based Pattern Generation

○ Construct Partial Order of Valid Patterns

THEOREM 5.4. *Suppose P' is a child of $P \in \mathbb{P}$, i.e., $(P, P') \in E_{\mathbb{P}}$ and thus P' is a valid pattern with matches. Given any match M' to P' , there exists a match M to P that is a subgraph of M' , i.e., $\forall M' \in \mathcal{M}_{P'}, \exists M \in \mathcal{M}_P$ s.t. $V_M \subseteq V_{M'}$ and $E_M \subseteq E_{M'}$.*



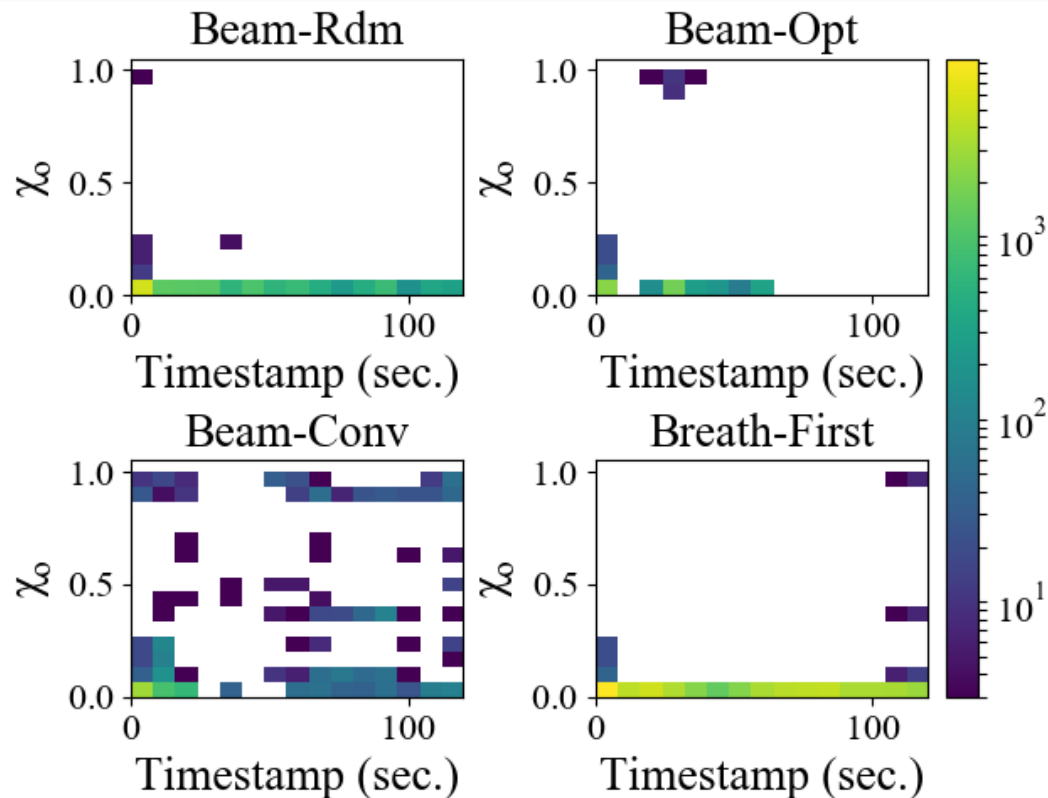
Datasets and Experiments

WCGoals


Created based on FIFA.com
11 node types, 13 edge types
49,078 nodes, 158,114 edges

Film-Award

A subgraph of Freebase
95 node types, 117 edge types
5,437,628 nodes, 10,879,448 edges




See you in Rio

 **Maverick** Film (Freebase) ▾

Enter name of an actor, film, director ... Search

Denzel Washington

Denzel Hayes Washington Jr. is an American actor, director, and producer. He has received three Golden Globe awards, a Tony Award, and two Academy Awards: Best Supporting Actor for the historical war drama film Glory and Best Actor for his role as a corrupt cop in the crime thriller Training Day.

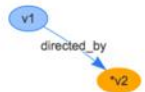


Exceptional Facts

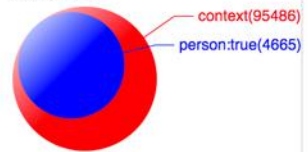
Among all the 95486 film directors, *Denzel Washington* is one of 4665 who appeared in a film.

Isolation: 0.8571

Context




Subspaces



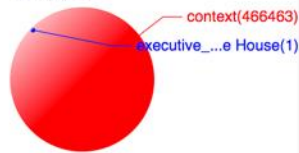
Among all the 60602 film actors, *Denzel Washington* is the only one who served as one of executive producers of Film (Chasing the Dream) and Film (Safe House).

Outlierness: 0.9792

Context



Subspaces



VLDB2018 demo

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