CS 595 - Hot topics in database systems: Data Provenance

I. Database Provenance I.1 Provenance Models and Systems

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Introduction

How-Provenance

Rationale

- In addition to model which tuples influenced a tuple
- ... model how tuples where combined in the computation
 - Alternative use: need one of the tuples (e.g., union)
 - Conjunctive use: need all tuples together (e.g., join)

Representation

- Formulas over operators and variables
 - Operators define how tuples where combined
 - Variables represent tuples (one variable per tuple)

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Approach

Alternative Semantics for the Relational Model

- Tuples are annotated with elements from a semiring
- Define relational algebra operators using the operators of the semiring
- Prove it coincides with set- or bag-semantics for certain semirings

How-Provenance

- Use special semiring that generalizes all semirings
- Elements are symbolic computations

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- Collaborative Data Sharing System
- Independent peers with their own database schema and instance
- Schema mappings between peers schemata
- Peers periodically exchange updates
- Provenance to compute trust in update and deletion propagation



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Excursion: Semirings

Commutative Monoids

- (*K*,+,0)
- A set K
- An operation $K \to K$ (say +) with neutral element 0:
 - (a+b)+c = a+(b+c) (associativity)
 - 0 + a = 0 + a = a (neutral element)
 - a + b = b + a (associativity)

Example

- $(\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$ Natural numbers addition
- $(\mathbb{N}, \times, 1)$ Natural numbers multiplication
- $(\mathbb{B}, \wedge, true)$: $\mathbb{B} = \{true, false\}$ Conjunction over boolean constants
- ($\mathbb{B}, \lor, false$) Disjunction over boolean constants

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Excursion: Semirings

Commutative Semiring

- $(K, +, \times, 0, 1)$
- Set K with operations + and \times (neutral elements 0 and 1)
- (K, +, 0) and K, \times , 1) are commutative monoids
- $a \times (b + c) = (a \times b) + (a \times c)$ (Distributivity)
- $(a+b) \times c = (a \times c) + (b \times c)$ (Distributivity)
- $a \times 0 = 0 \times a = 0$ (multiplication with 0)

Example

- $(\mathbb{N}, +, \times, 0, 1)$ Natural numbers with addition and multiplication
- (𝔅, ∨, ∧, false, true) Conjunctions and disjunctions over boolean constants

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Homomorphism

Definition

Homomorphism

- Given two semirings K and K'
- A function from K to K' is a homomorphism h iff:

•
$$h(a+b) = h(a) + h(b)$$

•
$$h(a \times b) = h(a) \times h(b)$$

•
$$h(0) = 0$$

• h(1) = 1

• Homomorphism from K to $K' \Rightarrow K$ is more general then K'

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- ⇒Elements of free semiring are uninterpreted expressions
 - Placeholders for semiring elements
 - Do not interpret semiring operation

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Example

• $(a+b) \times c$ is an element

•
$$k_1 = (a + b)$$
 and $k_2 = (c \times d)$: $k_1 + k_2 = (a + b) + (c \times d)$



Semiring Semantics for Relational Algebra

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Semiring Semantics for Relational Algebra

Semiring Annotated Relations

K-Relations

- U-tuple: tuples over set of attributes U
 - U Tup = set of all U-tuples
- Semiring K
- A K-relation R over a set of attributes U is
 - function $U Tup \rightarrow K$
 - $support(R) = \{t \mid R(t) \neq 0\}$ is finite

Notation





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Interpretations of Semirings

Semiring Interpretations

(ℕ, +, ×, 0, 1): Tuples annotated with integers
 ⇒Bag-semantics



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Interpretations of Semirings

Semiring Interpretations

(𝔅, ∨, ∧, false, true): 𝔅 = {false, true}: Tuples with true/false annotations ⇒Set-semantics



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Interpretations of Semirings

Semiring Interpretations

(PosBool(X), ∨, ∧, false, true): PosBool(X) = set of variables: Tuples annotated with boolean expressions ⇒c-tables (probabilistic databases)



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Relational Algebra for K-relations

Rationale

- Express relational algebra operators as semiring operations
- Sanity checks:
 - For $K = \mathbb{B} \Rightarrow$ same results (equivalences) as set-semantics
 - For $K = \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ same results (equivalences) as bag-semantics



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Operator Definitions

Selection

•
$$(\sigma_C(R))(t) = R(t) \times C(t)$$

- Selection predicate C is function $U Tup \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
 - Recall $a \times 0 = 0$ and $a \times 1 = a$

Projection

•
$$(\pi_A(R))(t) = \sum_{t=t'.A} R(t')$$

• $A \subseteq U$

Union

•
$$(R_1 \cup R_2)(t) = R_1(t) + R_2(t)$$

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Operator Definitions

Natural Join

•
$$(R_1 \bowtie R_2)(t) = R_1(t_1) \times R_2(t_2)$$

• $t_1 = t.U_1$
• $t_2 = t.U_2$

Renaming

•
$$(\rho_{\beta}(R))(t) = R(t \circ \beta)$$

• $\beta: U \rightarrow U'$ attribute renaming



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Evaluation Example

Example

• Semiring is $\mathbb N$

•
$$q = \sigma_{a=1}(\pi_a(R))$$

•
$$q(t) = \sum_{t'.a=t} R(t') \times (a=1)(t)$$



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Equivalence Examples

- Union:
 - Associative: $R \cup (S \cup T) = (R \cup S) \cup T$
 - Commutative: $R \cup S = S \cup R$
 - Identity \emptyset : $R \cup \emptyset = R$
- Join
 - Associative: $R \bowtie (S \bowtie T) = (R \bowtie S) \bowtie T$
 - Commutative: $R \bowtie S = S \bowtie R$
- Selection
 - $\sigma_{false}(R) = \emptyset$
 - $\sigma_{true}(R) = R$

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Homomorphisms in Query Evaluation

Homomorphisms commute with Query Evaluation

- Q(h(I)) = h(Q(I))
- ⇒We can apply *h* either before or after evaluating the query without affecting the result

Example

• Homomorphism from \mathbb{N} (bag-semantics) to \mathbb{B} (set-semantics): h(n) = true except h(0) = false

true

true

• E.g., $\sigma_{a>1}(R)$





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Provenance Polynomials

Rationale

- Use semiring annotations to model provenance
- Annotate a query result tuple with the semiring expression that was used to compute it
- ⇒need free semiring

Provenance Polynomials Semiring

- ($\mathbb{N}[I], +, \times, 0, 1$)
- $\mathbb{N}[I]$ Polynomials with natural number exponents
 - Variables: One per tuple in I
- Convention: annotate each instance tuple with a variable named after its tuple *id*

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Provenance Polynomials Example





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The Fundamental Property

- The semiring of provenance polynomials is the free commutative semiring
- ⇒there exists a homomorphism from N[I] into any commutative semiring
- $Eval_{K} : \mathbb{N}[I] \to K$ is this unique homomorphism defined as
 - Replace each tuple variable *t* with the element of *K* assigned to the tuple represented by *t*
 - Interpret the abstract operations from ℕ[I] as operations from K



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Example Application of the Fundamental Property





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The "How" Part

Interpretation of + and \times

- +: Alternative use of tuples
 - Operators: Union, Projection
 - Check set-semantics: only one tuples is need ⇒V as + operation
 - Check bag-semantics: multiplicities are additive ⇒natural number addition as +
- ×: Conjunctive use of tuples
 - Operations: Join
 - Check set-semantics: both tuples are needed ⇒ ∧ as × operation
 - Check bag-semantics: multiplicities of matching tuples are multiplied ⇒natural number multiplication as ×

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Insensitivity to Query Rewrite

Bag-semantics

- Modelling relational algebra as commutative semiring operations
 - Possible, because same equivalences
- $\mathbb{N}[I]$ is free commutative semiring
- ⇒Equivalences for N[*I*] and bag-semantics are the same!
- $\Rightarrow \mathbb{N}[I]$ is insensitive



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Set-semantics

- N[/] no longer insensitive
 - E.g., $R \not\equiv R \bowtie R$
- B[I]: polynomials with boolean coefficients and exponents has same equivalences as set semantics
- There exists an homomorphism from N[I] to B[I] (N[I] is free object!)
- ⇒apply equivalences of B[/] to N[/] then insensitive for set-semantics

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Notation

- We write $\mathbb{N}[I](q, t)$ for
- (q)(t) evaluated in $\mathbb{N}[I]$
- also use this for other semirings K



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Beyond Positive Relational Algebra

Set Difference

- Need additional operator —
- \Rightarrow from semiring to structures $(S, +, \times, -, 1, 0)$
 - Different equivalences hold!
- Provenance use (more complex) free object for such structures

Aggregation

Annotate attribute values with combinations of

- tuple semiring provenance
- annotation for values for computations on values (representing aggregation)

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Relationship of Provenance Polynomials and other Provenance Models

Rationale

- How is the provenance polynomials model related to other provenance models?
- Can we find semirings that models, e.g., Why-Provenance?



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Why-Provenance

Semiring

- $K_{Why} = (\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(I)), \cup, \cup, \emptyset, \{\emptyset\})$
- $\mathcal{P} = \mathsf{powerset}$
- $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(I))$ is all sets containing subsets of the instance I
- ⇒all potential sets of witnesses
- + is normal set union
- \times is $S_1 \sqcup S_2 = \{(a \cup b) \mid a \in S_1 \land b \in S_2\}$
 - ⇒pairwise union
 - ⇒combining witnesses

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Why-Provenance

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Insensitive Why-Provenance

Semiring

- $K_{IWhy} = (min(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(I))), \cup_{min}, \bigcup_{min}, \emptyset, \{\emptyset\})$
- $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(I))$ is all sets containing subsets of the instance I
- $min(S) = \{a \mid a \in S \land \not \exists b \in S : b \subseteq a\}$

•
$$S_1 \cup_{min} S_2 = min(S_1 \cup S_2)$$

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$$S_1 \cup _{min} S_2 = min(S_1 \cup S_2)$$

● ⇒Same operations, compute minimal elements



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Lineage

Different Model

- The inventors of provenance polynomials consider a slightly different Lineage model
- Provenance is a set of tuples instead of a list of sets of tuples

Semiring

- $K_{Lin} = (\mathcal{P}(I), \cup_{\perp}, \cup_{\perp}^*, \perp, \emptyset)$
- $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(I)$ is all subsets of the instance I
- \perp is a not defined element
- $\bullet ~ \cup_{\perp}$ and \cup_{\perp}^* are union with different behaviour on \perp

•
$$\perp \cup_{\perp} S = S \cup_{\perp} \bot = S$$

• $\bot \cup_{\bot}^* S = S \cup_{\bot}^* \bot = \emptyset$

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Lineage

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Lineage

"Real" Lineage

• Can we also model the list of sets of tuples lineage as a semiring?

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"Real" Lineage

• Can we also model the list of sets of tuples lineage as a semiring?

• NO!:

- Assume existence of semiring K_{RLin} that models lineage
- Equivalent queries $q = R \cup S$ and $q' = S \cup R$
- Assume tuple t is in the result of q/q' and was derived from r₁ and s₁
- Lineage: $Lin(q, t) = \langle \{r_1\}, \{s_1\} \rangle \neq \langle \{s_1\}, \{r_1\} \rangle = Lin(q', t)$
- Evaluation in K_{RLin} : $(q)(t) = r_1 + s_1 = s_1 + r_1 = (q')(t)$
- ⇒no assumptions except that K_{RLin} is semiring
- $\Rightarrow K_{RLin}$ cannot exists

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Perm Influence Contribution Semantics

Semiring

Cannot exists for the same reason as Lineage

- Assume existence of semiring K_{PI} that models PI-CS
- Equivalent queries $q = R \cup S$ and $q' = S \cup R$
- Assume tuple t is in the result of q/q' and was derived from r_1 and s_1
- Lineage: $\mathcal{PI}(q, t) = \{ < r_1, s_1 > \} \neq \{ < s_1, r_1 > \} = \mathcal{PI}(q', t)$
- Evaluation in K_{PI} : $(q)(t) = r_1 + s_1 = s_1 + r_1 = (q')(t)$
- $\Rightarrow K_{PI}$ cannot exists



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Perm Influence Contribution Semantics

Discussion

- Lineage and PI-CS consider the order of leaves in the algebra tree
- However, equivalent queries can have different orders
- If we abstract from the order, is the result expressible in the semiring model?
- **Rationale**: Define mapping *H* from *PI* to ℕ[*I*] that gets rid of the order



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From \mathcal{PI} to $\mathbb{N}[I]$

- Witness-lists are basically \times
- The set of witness-lists is basically +

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{PI}(q,t)) &= \sum_{w \in \mathcal{PI}(q,t)} \prod_{i \in \{1,...,n\}} w'[i] \ w'[i] &= egin{cases} w[i] & ext{if } w[i]
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Relationships between Provenance Semirings



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Overview

- Collaborative Data Sharing System
- Network of peers
- Each peer has independent schema and instance
- Peers update their instances without restrictions
- Schema mappings define relationships between schemata
 - Can be partial
- Periodically peers trigger exchange of updates based on mappings

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Schema mappings

- Schema mapping: Logical constraints that define the relationship between two schemata
- Different schema may store the same information in different structure
- Schema mappings model these structures in the schema relate
- With some extra mechanism can be use to translate data from one schema into the other

Example

- Schema S₁: Person(Name, AddrId), Address(Id, City, Street)
- Schema S₂: LivesAt(Name, City)

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Update Exchange

- Each peer updates its instance as he pleases
- A log of update operations is kept
- Peers can trigger an update exchange

Update Exchange

- Determine updates since last exchange
- Translate updates from peers according to schema mappings
- Eagerly compute provenance during update exchange



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Provenance in ORCHESTRA

- Use ℕ[/]
- Add functions m_1, \ldots, m_n to represent mappings
- E.g., $m_1(x + yz) + m_2(u)$ means that tuple was derived by
 - applying mapping m_1 to x, y, z
 - applying mapping m_2 to u



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Provenance Use in ORCHESTRA

Trust

- Instead of applying all update: only apply "trusted" updates
- Peers decide on a per mapping/peer basis whether they trust data.
 - Use Trust semiring: (*R*^{inf}, *min*, +, inf, 0)
 - Evaluate provence in the trust semiring using the trust value for peers and mappings



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Provenance Use in ORCHESTRA

Deletion Propagation

- Deletion in semiring model ⇒annotating with 0 element of semiring
- We have provenance for query result
- Assume set *D* of tuples got deleted
- Set every occurrence of *D* in the provenance of some tuple *t* to 0
- Compute whether t is still derivable
- Here even without index on provenance useful, because repeating whole update exchange is unfeasible

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Semiring Semantics for the Relational Model

- Alternative semantics for relational algebra
- Given a semiring $(K, +, \times, 0, 1)$
 - *K*-relations are functions from tuples of an arity *U* to semiring elements
 - Operators take functions (relations) as input and produce an output function (relation)
- Using different semirings we get standard semantics or extensions of the relational model
 - (𝔅, ∨, ∧, *false*, *true*): Set semantics
 - (N, +, ×, 0, 1): Bag semantics
 - (*PosBool*(X), ∨, ∧, *false*, *true*): *c*-tables

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How-Provenance (Provenance semiring)

- **Rationale**: Provenance for *t* is expression that represent the semiring computation that lead to creation of tuple *t*.
- **Representation**: Polynomial over tuple variables (= element of Provenance Semiring)
- Syntactic Definition:
 - For USPJ queries + extensions for A and D
- The Fundamental Property: Given an query result in ℕ[I], we can compute the query result for any semiring K from that
- Relation to other Provenance Types:
 - Semirings that model other provenance models
 - Why-Provenance: $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(I)), \cup, \bigcup, \emptyset, \{\emptyset\})$
 - IWhy-Provenance: $(min(\mathcal{P}(I)), \cup_{min}, \times_{min}, \emptyset, \{\emptyset\})$
 - Lineage*: $(\mathcal{P}(I) \cup \{\bot\}, +, \times, \bot, \emptyset)$

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- Peer-to-Peer update exchange system
- Schema mappings between peers
- Updates are exchanged between periodically based on mappings
- Provenance used for
 - Trust
 - Deletion propagation



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Provenance Model Comparison

Property	Why	Lin	PI-CS	Where	How
Representation	Set of Set of Tu- ples	List of Set of Tuples	Set/Bag of List of Tuples	Sets of At- tribute Value Positions	Values of prove- nance semiring
Granularity	Tuple	Tuple	Tuple	Attribute Value	Tuple
Language Support	USPJ	ASPJ-Set	ASPJ-Set + Nested sub- queries	U-SPJ	A*SPJ-UD*
Semantics	Set	Set + Bag*	Bag	Set	Set + Bag
Variants	Wit, Why, IWhy	Set/Bag	Influence + Copy	SPJ + Insensi- tive + Insensi- tive Union	semirings
Definition	Decl Synt Decl./Synt.	Decl. + Synt.	Decl. + Synt.	Synt.	Synt.
Design Principles	Sufficiency - No false positives	Sufficiency + No false nega- tives + no false positives	Sufficiency + No false nega- tives + No false positives	Copying	Equivalent to query evalua- tion
Systems	-	WHIPS	Perm	DBNotes	ORCHESTRA
Insensitivity	Yes - No - Yes	No	No	No - Yes - Yes	Yes



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