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Output Cardinality Bounds and Information Theory



The Query Optimization (and Evaluation) Problem

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Given a (directed/undirected) graph G, find all triangles in G.

In Logic

$$\begin{split} Q(a,b,c) &\leftarrow E(a,b) \wedge E(b,c) \wedge E(c,a) \\ Q(a,b,c) &\leftarrow E(a,b) \wedge E(b,c) \wedge E(c,a) \wedge a < b \wedge b < c \end{split}$$

Or, more generally:

$$Q(a, b, c) \leftarrow R(a, b) \land S(b, c) \land T(c, a)$$

Given a graph G, does it have a 4-cycle?

In Logic

$$Q() \leftarrow \exists a, b, c, d \quad E(a, b) \land E(b, c) \land E(c, d) \land E(d, a)$$

Given a graph G, how many 3-walks are there in G?

In Sum-Product Form

$$Q() = \sum_{a,b,c,d} E(a,b) \cdot E(b,c) \cdot E(c,d)$$

Given a graph G, how many 3-paths are there in G?

In Sum-Product Form

$$Q() = \sum_{a,b,c,d} E(a,b) \cdot E(b,c) \cdot E(c,d) \cdot \mathbf{1}_{a \neq b} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{a \neq c} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{a \neq d} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{b \neq c} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{b \neq d} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{c \neq d}$$

Given a graph G, compute the shortest path lengths between every pair of vertices.

In Datalogo (recursive query!)

$$Q[x,y] = \min\left(E[x,y], \min_{z} \{Q[x,z] + E[z,y]\}\right)$$
linear-form
$$Q[x,y] = \min\left(E[x,y], \min_{z} \left\{Q[x,z] + \frac{Q[z,y]}{2}\right\}\right)$$
binary-form

The Main Query Optimization / Evaluation Problem



Given Q and **D**, compute $Q(\mathbf{D})$ in the most efficient (optimal!?) way possible.

Incremental View Mainteance (IVM) (a.k.a. Dynamic Algorithms)

Given an update to D, how do we update Q(D) efficiently?

Precise Problem Formulation

- What do you mean by "query"?
 - Full conjunctive queries
 - Sum-product queries
 - ··· First-Order, Second-Order, Rank-Enumeration
- What is in the statistical profile s(D)?
 - Degree constraints
 - ··· Frequency moment constraints, histograms, samples, ML models
- What do you mean by "optimality"?
 - Worst-Case Optimality
 - Instance Optimality
 - · · · · Fine-grained complexity.
- Optimizer designed to work before seeing *Q*.
 - Optimizer = Meta-Algorithm (input: problem, output: algorithm)
 - Tutorial on 3 meta-algorithms: join, variable elimination, tensor decomposition

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Worst-Case Cardinality Bound



Worst-Case Optimal Join (WCOJ) Algorithm



Definition

A "worst-case optimal" join algorithm is an algorithm computing Q(D) in time

$$\tilde{O}\left(|\boldsymbol{D}| + \sup_{\boldsymbol{D}' \models s(\boldsymbol{D})} |Q(\boldsymbol{D}')|\right)$$

 \tilde{O} hides \log and query dependent factors

In a movie database

In a graph database with edge relation E,

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Q(a, b, c) \leftarrow E(a, b) \land E(a, c) \land E(b, c)
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More generally, $\mathcal{H} = (V, \mathcal{E})$ is the hypergraph of a query:

$$Q(\boldsymbol{X}_V) \leftarrow \bigwedge_{S \in \mathcal{E}} R_S(\boldsymbol{X}_S)$$

For example Q(a, b, c) \leftarrow E(a, b) \wedge E(a, c) \wedge E(b, c)

•
$$V = \{a, b, c\}$$

- $\mathcal{H} = (V, \mathcal{E}) = (V, \{ab, ac, bc\})$
- $R_F = E$ for all $F \in \mathcal{E}$.

What is in the Statistical Profile s(D)?



Relation R(actor, movie, role), imagine a frequency vector d_{actor} (billions of entries)

actor	movie	role
alice		
bob		
carol		
carol		

$$\begin{split} d_{\mathsf{actor}}(\mathsf{alice}) &= 1 \qquad d_{\mathsf{actor}}(\mathsf{bob}) = 4 \\ d_{\mathsf{actor}}(\mathsf{carol}) &= 2 \\ d_{\mathsf{actor}}(v) &= 0 \qquad v \notin \{\mathsf{alice},\mathsf{bob},\mathsf{carol}\} \end{split}$$

The profile s(D) contains degree constraints:

- $\|\boldsymbol{d}_{\mathsf{actor}}\|_{\infty} = 4$ (degree constraint!)
- $\| \boldsymbol{d}_{\boldsymbol{\emptyset}} \|_{\infty} = 7 = |R|$ (cardinality constraint!)
- $\|d_{ ext{actor,movie}}\|_{\infty} = 1$ (functional dependency)

General DC : (X, Y, N) in relation R means $|\pi_Y \sigma_{X=x} R| \leq N, \forall x$

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Hierarchy of Set Functions



 $\log \sup_{\boldsymbol{D'} \models s(\boldsymbol{D})} |Q(\boldsymbol{D'})| = \text{combinatorial-bound}(Q,s) \quad \text{computable but impractical}$

- $\leq \mathsf{entropic-bound}(Q,s)$
- \leq polymatroid-bound(Q, s)
- $\leq \mathsf{flow-bound}(Q,s,\sigma)$
- $\leq \mathsf{chain}\text{-}\mathsf{bound}(Q,s,\sigma)$
- $\leq \mathsf{agm}\text{-}\mathsf{bound}(Q,s)$
- $\leq \mathsf{integral-edge-cover}(Q,s)$

- $Q(a,b,c) = R(a,b) \wedge S(b,c) \wedge T(a,c)$
- $\boldsymbol{D} = \{R, S, T\}$
- $s(D) = \{|R|, |S|, |T|\}$

|R|, |S|, |T| are integers, in the order of 10^9 or more

Combinatorial Bound

 $Q(a,b,c) \leftarrow R(a,b) \land S(b,c) \land T(a,c) \qquad \qquad s(\mathbf{D}) = \{|R|, |S|, |T|\}$

$$\max \qquad \sum_{a,b,c} \mathbf{1}_{R(a,b)} \mathbf{1}_{S(a,c)} \mathbf{1}_{T(b,c)} \qquad \mathbf{1}_{X} \in \{0,1\}$$
s.t
$$\sum_{a,b} \mathbf{1}_{R(a,b)} \le |R|$$

$$\sum_{b,c} \mathbf{1}_{S(b,c)} \le |S|$$

$$\sum_{a,c} \mathbf{1}_{T(a,c)} \le |T|.$$

Can turn this into a *linear integer program*, but does not help much.

 $Q(a,b,c) \leftarrow R(a,b) \land S(b,c) \land T(a,c) \qquad \qquad s(\boldsymbol{D}) = \{|\boldsymbol{R}|, |\boldsymbol{S}|, |\boldsymbol{T}|\}$

- Fix a *worst-case* input R, S, T. Select tuples $(a, b, c) \in Q$ uniformly at random
- Let h be the entropy function of this 3D-distribution, then

$$\begin{split} \log \sup_{\boldsymbol{D}' \models s(\boldsymbol{D})} |Q(\boldsymbol{D}')| &= h(a,b,c) \\ &\quad h(a,b) \leq \log |R| \\ &\quad h(b,c) \leq \log |S| \\ &\quad h(a,c) \leq \log |T| \\ &\quad h \in \Gamma_3^* & h \text{ is entropic} \end{split}$$

Entropic Bound

 $Q(a,b,c) \leftarrow R(a,b) \land S(b,c) \land T(a,c) \qquad \qquad s(\mathbf{D}) = \{|R|, |S|, |T|\}$

$$\begin{split} \log \sup_{\boldsymbol{D}' \models s(\boldsymbol{D})} |Q(\boldsymbol{D}')| &\leq \max \quad h(a, b, c) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad h(a, b) \leq \log |R|, \\ h(b, c) \leq \log |S|, \\ h(a, c) \leq \log |S|, \\ h \in \Gamma_3^* \qquad h \text{ is entropic} \end{split}$$

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 $\max\{h(a, b, c) \mid h(a, b) \le \log |R|, h(b, c) \le \log |S|, h(a, c) \le \log |T|, h \in \Gamma_3\}$

Define a modular $g \in M_3$ as follows, then g satisfies all constraints:

$$g(a) = h(a) \qquad g(ab) = g(a) + g(b) \qquad = h(ab)$$

$$g(b) = h(b|a) \qquad g(bc) = g(b) + g(c) = h(abc) - h(a) \qquad \leq h(bc)$$

$$g(c) = h(c|ab) \qquad g(ac) = g(a) + g(c) = h(abc) + h(a) - h(ab) \qquad \leq h(ac)$$

$$g(abc) = h(abc)$$

Problem can be reformulated, optimized over *modular* functions *g*:

$$\max g(a) + g(b) + g(c) g(a) + g(b) \le \log |R|, \qquad g(b) + g(c) \le \log |S|, \qquad g(a) + g(c) \le \log |T|, g(a), g(b), g(c) \ge 0$$

AGM-Bound

Vertex packing LP

$\begin{array}{ll} \max & g(a) + g(b) + g(c) \\ g(a) + g(b) \leq \log |R|, & g(b) + g(c) \leq \log |S|, & g(a) + g(c) \leq \log |T|, \\ g(a), g(b), g(c) \geq 0 \end{array}$

Fractional edge cover LP

[AGM 2008] took the dual of the above LP:

 \min

$$\begin{split} \lambda_{ab} \log |R| + \lambda_{bc} \log |S| + \lambda_{ac} \log |T| \\ \lambda_{ab} + \lambda_{ac} \ge 1 \\ \lambda_{ab} + \lambda_{bc} \ge 1 \\ \lambda_{bc} + \lambda_{ac} \ge 1 \\ \lambda \ge \mathbf{0}. \end{split}$$

 $Q(a, b, c) \leftarrow R(a, b) \land S(b, c) \land T(a, c)$

 $s(D) = \{|R|, |S|, |T|\}$

$\log \sup_{\boldsymbol{D}' \models s(\boldsymbol{D})} |Q(\boldsymbol{D}')| \le \log \min\{|R| \cdot |S|, |R| \cdot |T|, |S| \cdot |T|\}$

We used the example to illustrate the following bounds / concepts:

 $\log \sup_{D' \models s(D)} |Q(D')| = \text{combinatorial-bound}(Q, s) \quad \text{(computable but impractical)}$

 $\leq \mathsf{entropic-bound}(Q,s)$

- $= \mathsf{polymatroid}\text{-}\mathsf{bound}(Q,s)$
- $= \mathsf{modular-bound}(Q,s)$
- $= \mathsf{agm}\text{-}\mathsf{bound}(Q,s)$
- $\leq \mathsf{integral-edge-cover}(Q,s).$

Let g be an optimal solution to the modular bound:

- $\begin{array}{ll} \max & g(a) + g(b) + g(c) \\ g(a) + g(b) \leq \log |R|, & g(b) + g(c) \leq \log |S|, & g(a) + g(c) \leq \log |T|, \\ g(a), g(b), g(c) \geq 0 \end{array}$
- Then, $\sup_{\boldsymbol{D}'\models s(\boldsymbol{D})} |Q(\boldsymbol{D}')| \leq \text{modular-bound} = 2^{g(a)+g(b)+g(c)} = 2^{g(a)} \times 2^{g(b)} \times 2^{g(c)}$

Construct a database instance D'

[AGM 08]

• $R = \lfloor 2^{g(a)} \rfloor \rfloor \times \lfloor 2^{g(b)} \rfloor], S = \lfloor 2^{g(b)} \rfloor] \times \lfloor 2^{g(c)} \rfloor], T = \lfloor 2^{g(a)} \rfloor] \times \lfloor 2^{g(c)} \rfloor]$

• Then
$$D' \models s(D)$$
 and $|Q| \ge \frac{1}{8} 2^{g(a)+g(b)+g(c)} = \Omega(\sup_{D' \models s(D)} |Q(D')|)$

- Given a set of *degree constraints* (DCs)
 - Triples (X,Y,N) which says, for each ${\boldsymbol x}$ there are at most N ${\boldsymbol y}$'s
 - If $X = \emptyset$, then this is a *cardinality constraint* (CC)

(e.g. *distinct counts*) (very common)

- If N = 1, then this is a *functional dependency* (FD)
- Entropy argument implies

 $\log \sup_{\boldsymbol{D}'\models s(\boldsymbol{D})} |Q(\boldsymbol{D}')| \leq \text{entropic-bound}$

Theorem (ANS 17)

If $s({m D})$ contains only degree constraints, then

$$\log \sup_{\boldsymbol{D}' \models s(\boldsymbol{D})} |Q(\boldsymbol{D}')| \leq \sup_{h \in \overline{\Gamma}_n^* \cap DC} h(V) \leq \max_{h \in \Gamma_n \cap DC} h(V)$$

where DC is the set of linear constraints of the form

 $h(Y|X) \le \log N$

for each degree constraint (X, Y, N).

Example: the Triangle Query

- $R(a,b) \wedge S(b,c) \wedge T(a,c)$
- $s(D) = \{|R|, |S|, |T|\}$
- Constraint set:

$$\boldsymbol{D} = \{R, S, T\}$$

$$\mathsf{DC} = \{h \mid h(ab) \le \log |R| \land h(bc) \le \log |S| \land h(ac) \le \log |T|\}$$

• Polymatroid bound:

 $\max\{h(abc) \mid h \in \Gamma_3 \cap \mathsf{DC}\} = \log \min\{|R| \cdot |S|, |S| \cdot |T|, |T| \cdot |R|, \sqrt{|R| \cdot |S| \cdot |T|}\}$

e.g. if |R|, |S|, |T| = N, then $|Q| \le N^{3/2}$ (Loomis-Whitney inequality!)

Example: the Triangle Query with Extra FD Information

• $R(a,b) \wedge S(b,c) \wedge T(a,c)$

$$\boldsymbol{D} = \{R, S, T\}$$

- $s(D) = \{|R|, |S|, |T|, b \rightarrow c\}$ (b is a key in S)
- Constraint set:

 $\mathsf{DC} = \{h \mid h(ab) \le \log |R| \land h(bc) \le \log |S| \land h(ac) \le \log |T| \land \frac{h(c|b) = 0}{b(c|b)}\}$

• Polymatroid bound:

$$\max\{h(abc) \mid h \in \Gamma_3 \cap \mathsf{DC}\} = \log \min\{|R|, |S| \cdot |T|\}$$
e.g. $|R|, |S|, |T| = N$, then $|Q| \le N$

• $R(a) \wedge S(b) \wedge a + b = 5$

 $\boldsymbol{D} = \{R, S\}$

- $s(\mathbf{D}) = \{|R|, |S|, a \rightarrow b, b \rightarrow a\}$
- Constraint set:

$$\mathsf{DC} = \{h(a) \le \log |R| \land h(b) \le \log |S| \land h(a|b) = h(b|a) = 0\}$$

• Polymatroid bound:

$$\max\{h(ab) \mid h \in \Gamma_2 \cap \mathsf{DC}\} = \log \min\{|R|, |S|\}$$

- $R(a,b) \wedge S(b,c) \wedge T(c,d) \wedge f_1(a,c) = d \wedge f_2(b,d) = a$ $f_1, f_2 \text{ are UDFs}$
- $\bullet \ s(\boldsymbol{D}) = \{|R|, |S|, |T|, ac \rightarrow d, bd \rightarrow a\}$
- Constraint set:

 $\mathsf{DC} = \{h \mid h(ab) \le \log |R| \land h(bc) \le \log |S| \land h(cd) \le \log |T| \land h(d|ac) = h(a|bd) = 0\}$

• Polymatroid bound:

 $\max\{h(abcd) \mid h \in \Gamma_4 \cap \mathsf{DC}\} = \log \min\{|R| \cdot |S|, |S| \cdot |T|, |T| \cdot |R|, \sqrt{|R| \cdot |S| \cdot |T|}\}$

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Main Classes of (Mostly) Open Problems

- 1. Is the entropic bound computable?
- 2. Is the polymatroid bound computable in PTIME?
- 3. Find classes of inputs where the polymatroid bound is computable in PTIME.
- 4. When is which bound asymptotically tight?
- 5. Approximate the bounds efficiently. Hardness of approximation.
- 6. Going beyond conjunctive queries?
- 7. Dealing with more constraints
 - Conditional independence constraints
 - Frequency moment constraints
 - Histogram constraints

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Hierarchy of Set Functions



Many bounds can be formulated with two parameters

 $\sup\{h(V) \mid h \in \mathbb{P} \cap \mathsf{DC}\}$

- $DC = set of constraints h(Y|X) \le \log N$, one for degree constraint (X, Y, N).
- P is a member in the aforementioned hierarchy of set functions
 - $P = M_n$: modular bound
 - $P = N_n$: normal bound
 - $P = \overline{\Gamma}_n^*$: entropic bound
 - $P = \Gamma_n$: polymatroid bound

Bound Hierarchy



1. Computing the Entropic Bound

Define $c = (c_X)_{X \subseteq V}$, where $c_X = -1_{X=V}$, then – because C is linear –

$$\sup\{h(V) \mid h \in C \cap \overline{\Gamma}_n^*\} = \inf\{\langle \boldsymbol{c}, \boldsymbol{h} \rangle \mid \boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{h} \leq \boldsymbol{b} \wedge \boldsymbol{h} \in \overline{\Gamma}_n^*\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Lagrangian: } \mathcal{L}(\delta) = \inf_{\boldsymbol{h} \in \overline{\Gamma}_n^*} \langle \boldsymbol{c}, \boldsymbol{h} \rangle + \langle \boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{h} - \boldsymbol{b}, \delta \rangle = -\langle \boldsymbol{b}, \delta \rangle + \inf_{\boldsymbol{h} \in \overline{\Gamma}_n^*} \langle \boldsymbol{c} + \boldsymbol{A}^\top \delta, \boldsymbol{h} \rangle \\ \text{Lagrangian dual problem} & (\overline{\Gamma}_n^*)^* \text{ denotes the dual cone of } \overline{\Gamma}_n^* \end{array}$$

$$\sup\{\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\delta}) \mid \boldsymbol{\delta} \geq \boldsymbol{0}\} = \inf\{\langle \boldsymbol{b}, \boldsymbol{\delta}\rangle \mid \boldsymbol{\delta} \geq \boldsymbol{0} \wedge \boldsymbol{c} + \boldsymbol{A}^\top \boldsymbol{\delta} \in (\overline{\Gamma}_n^*)^*\}$$

Checking whether $\delta \geq 0$ is dual feasible is equivalent to verifying whether

$$h(V) \leq \sum_{(X,Y) \in \mathsf{DC}} \delta_{Y|X} h(Y|X) \qquad \qquad \forall h \in \overline{\Gamma}_n^*$$

2. Computational Complexity of Polymatroid Bound



The polymatroid bound is computable in PTIME for some classes of inputs:

- Acyclic degree constraints
- Simple degree constraints
- Degree constraints with bounded SCCs

- For which class of queries does adding conditional independence constraints improves the bound?
- How close can we get to the entropic bound? (Ignore the combinatorial bound)
- How close we can get to combinatorial bound, under which condition?

Theorem

Except for the combinatorial \rightarrow entropic edge, there is an asymptotic gap in between every adjacent bound (connected by \rightarrow in the hierarchy), even if the number of degree constraints is fixed.

The following is *unsatisfactory*:

Proposition (ANS 2017)

For any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a scale-factor k such that, if all DCs (X, Y, N) are scaled up into (X, Y, N^k) then

 $entropic-bound = (1 - \epsilon) \log combinatorial-bound$

(Made use of group-characterizable entropic functions)

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Thank You!

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Some known results on the parametererized complexity of the polymatroid bound

Frequency Moment Constraints

Histograms

3. Parameterlized Complexity of Polymatroid Bound

- A set of DCs are simple if $|X| \le 1$ for all DCs (X, Y, N)
- A set of DCs are acyclic if the constraint dependency graph is acyclic
 - Constraint dependency graph: for every degree constraint (X, Y, D), add edges $x \to y$ for all $x \in X$, $y \in Y$.

Proposition

There is a polymatroid-bound-preserving reduction from an arbitrary instance to an instance where the degree constraints are a union of two sets: $DC = DC_a \cup DC_s$, where DC_s is simple, and DC_a is acyclic. Furthermore, for every non-simple DC $(X, Y, N) \in DC_a$, we have |X| = 2 and $|Y| \le 3$.

Proposition

There is a poly-time algorithm computing a variable ordering σ_0 so that:

- If all input DCs are simple, then flow-bound(Q, s, σ_0) = polymatroid-bound(Q, s)
- If all input DCs are acyclic, then flow-bound(Q, s, σ_0) = polymatroid-bound(Q, s)

Proposition

If all DCs are acyclic, then there is a σ_0 for which

 $chain-bound(Q, s, \sigma_0) = modular-bound(Q, s).$

All bounds in between collapse, and are all $\Theta(\text{combinatorial bound})$ in data-complexity.

Proposition

If all DCs are simple, then there is a σ_0 for which

 $flow-bound(Q, s, \sigma_0) = normal-bound(Q, s).$

All bounds in between collapse, and are all $\Theta(\text{combinatorial bound})$ in data-complexity.

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KNN 2022 - WIP

Relation R(actor, movie, role), imagine a frequency vector d_{actor} (billions of entries)

actor	movie	role
alice		
bob		
carol		
carol		

$$\begin{split} & d_{\mathsf{actor}}(\mathsf{alice}) = 1 \\ & d_{\mathsf{actor}}(\mathsf{bob}) = 4 \\ & d_{\mathsf{actor}}(\mathsf{carol}) = 2 \\ & d_{\mathsf{actor}}(v) = 0 \qquad v \notin \{\mathsf{alice}, \mathsf{bob}, \mathsf{carol}\} \end{split}$$

The (very small) profile $s(\boldsymbol{D})$ contains

- $\|\boldsymbol{d}_{\mathsf{actor}}\|_{\infty} = 4$ (heaviest frequency)
- $\|\boldsymbol{d}_{\mathsf{actor}}\|_0 = 3$ (distinct counts)
- $\|d_{actor}\|_1 = 7 = |R|$

Similarly, we may have $\|d_{\text{movie}}\|_p$, $\|d_{\text{actor,movie}}\|_p$, $\|d_{\text{role}}\|_p$, etc.

FM-Constraints and Histograms

HFM-Constraints

- Partition: $\mathsf{Dom}(x) = B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_k$ (*x*-histogram)
 - Typically about $k \approx 200$ buckets (e.g., MS SQL Server)
 - Top 10 heavy hitters are in their own singleton buckets
 - For the rest, equi-depth
- $\mathcal{B} := \{B_1, \ldots, B_k\}$
- Give rise to per-bucket frequency vectors:

$$oldsymbol{d}_{Y|X\in B}(oldsymbol{x}):= egin{cases} |\pi_Y\sigma_{X=oldsymbol{x}}R| & x\in B\ 0 & ext{o.w.} \end{cases}$$



• HFM-Constraints $(\mathcal{B}, X, Y, c, \ell, R)$

$$F_{\ell}(d_{Y|X\in B}) \le c_B$$
 $B \in \mathcal{B}$

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Histograms are More Intricate

Main Question

How to turn s(D) into constraints on polymatroids h?

Answer sketch:

Theorem (KNN 2022, WIP)

Let Q be a conjunctive query and C be a given set of simple HFM-constraints, then for any database D satisfying C, we have

 $\sup_{\boldsymbol{D} \models \mathcal{C}} \log |Q(\boldsymbol{D})| \le \max\{h(\boldsymbol{V}) \mid h \in \overline{\Gamma}^*_{n+m}, (h, \boldsymbol{P}, \boldsymbol{C}) \in \mathsf{HC}\} \quad \textit{(entropic bound)}$

 $\leq \max\{h(m{V}) \mid h \in \Gamma_{n+m}, (h, m{P}, m{C}) \in \mathsf{HC}\}$ (polymatroid bound)

- Let f_y and g_y be the *y*-frequency vectors in R and S, respectively
- Assume the same partition $dom(y) = B_1 \cup \cdots \cup B_k$ on both sides
- Suppose $s(\boldsymbol{D})$ contains the following statistics:

$$r_B := \|\boldsymbol{f}_{y \in B}\|_{\infty} \qquad d_B := \|\boldsymbol{f}_{y \in B}\|_0 \qquad s_B := \|\boldsymbol{g}_{y \in B}\|_{\infty} \qquad B \in \mathcal{B}$$

- r_B = maximum number of x per y in bucket B
- d_B = number of distinct y's in B
- s_B = maximum number of z per y in bucket B

Question: What are the constraints *C* on *h*?

Turning $s(\boldsymbol{D})$ into Constraints on h

- Consider the uniform distribution on (X,Y,Z) chosen from $R(x,y) \wedge S(y,z)$
- Let $J \in \mathcal{B}$ be a categorical random variable, where J = B iff $Y \in B$

$$p_B := \operatorname{Prob}[J = B]$$

• Then,

$$h(J \mid Y) = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$h(Y \mid J = B) \le \log d_B = \log \|f_{y \in B}\|_0$$
 (2)

$$h(X \mid J = B) \le \log r_B = \log \|\boldsymbol{f}_{y \in B}\|_{\infty}$$
(3)

$$h(Z \mid J = B) \le \log s_B = \log \|\boldsymbol{g}_{y \in B}\|_{\infty}$$
(4)

$$h(J) = -\langle \boldsymbol{p}, \log \boldsymbol{p} \rangle$$
 $\|\boldsymbol{p}\|_1 = 1$ $\boldsymbol{p} \ge \boldsymbol{0}$ (5)

Simplifying the constraints

$$h(J \mid Y) = 0 \tag{6}$$

$$h(Y \mid J) = \sum_{B} h(Y \mid J = B) \cdot p_{B} \le \langle \log \boldsymbol{d}, \boldsymbol{p} \rangle$$
(7)

$$h(X \mid J) = \sum_{B} h(X \mid J = B) \cdot p_{B} \le \langle \log \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{p} \rangle$$
(8)

$$h(Z \mid J) = \sum_{B} h(Z \mid J = B) \cdot p_{B} \le \langle \log \boldsymbol{s}, \boldsymbol{p} \rangle$$
(9)

$$h(J) = -\langle \boldsymbol{p}, \log \boldsymbol{p} \rangle$$
 (10)

$$\|p\|_1 = 1$$
 (11)

$$p \ge 0$$
 (12)

The Estimator with Constraints on *h*

Concave Optimization Problem

max	h(XYZ)		(13)
s.t.	$h(Y \mid J) \leq \langle \boldsymbol{p}, \lg \boldsymbol{d} \rangle$		(14)
	$h(X \mid J) \leq \langle \boldsymbol{p}, \lg \boldsymbol{r} \rangle$		(15)
	$h(Z \mid J) \leq \langle \boldsymbol{p}, \lg \boldsymbol{s} angle$		(16)
	$h\in\Gamma_4$	join distribution on (X, Y, Z, J)	(17)
	$\boldsymbol{p} \ge 0,$		(18)
	$h(J) = - \langle oldsymbol{p}, \lg oldsymbol{p} angle$		(19)
	$h(J \mid Y) = 0$		(20)
	$\ \boldsymbol{p}\ _1 = 1.$		(21)

Sanity Check: Estimator Makes Sense Combinatorially!

$$\lg |Q| = h(XYZ) \tag{22}$$

$$(since H[JY] = H[Y]) = H[XYZJ] = H[XYZ|J] + H[J]$$
 (23)

$$(\text{since } H \in \Gamma_4) \le H[X|J] + H[Y|J] + H[Z|J] + H[J]$$
 (24)

$$\leq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} (\lg r_B + \lg d_B + \lg s_B - \lg p_B)) \cdot p_B$$
(25)
= $\sum (\lg (r_D d_D \operatorname{sp} / p_D)) \cdot p_D$ (26)

$$=\sum_{j\in\mathcal{B}} (\lg(r_B d_B s_B/p_B)) \cdot p_B \tag{26}$$

$$(\text{Jensen}) \le \lg \left(\sum_{B} r_B d_B s_B \right). \tag{27}$$

$$|Q| \le \sum_{B} r_B d_B s_B \tag{28}$$

Example – Removing the Simplifying Assumption

 $R(x,y) \wedge S(y,z)$

- $\operatorname{dom}(y) = U_1 \cup \cdots \cup U_k$ on the *R*-side
- dom $(y) = V_1 \cup \cdots \cup V_\ell$ on the *S*-side



Back to the "boundary aligned" model that $dom(y) = B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m$

Example – Removing the Simplifying Assumption



• For $q \in \{0,1\}$ every constraint $\| {m f}_U^y \|_q$ is broken up into

$$\|m{f}_U^y\|_q = \|m{f}_{B_1}^y\|_q + \|m{f}_{B_2}^y\|_q + \|m{f}_{B_3}^y\|_q$$

where $\|f_{B_i}^y\|_q$ are *new variables* in the optimization problem

• For $q = \infty$, set $\| \boldsymbol{f}_{B_i}^y \|_{\infty} \leq \| \boldsymbol{f}_{B_i}^y \|_1$ (or Hölder-type)

$$\max\{\|\boldsymbol{f}_{B_1}^y\|_{\infty}, \|\boldsymbol{f}_{B_2}^y\|_{\infty}, \|\boldsymbol{f}_{B_3}^y\|_{\infty}\} \le \|\boldsymbol{f}_{U}^y\|_{\infty}$$

Repeat the 4 (classes of) questions

- Computability
- Complexity
- Parameterized Complexity
- Tightness