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## Listing Triangles

## In English

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

In Logic

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

Or, more generally:

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

## 4-Cycle Detection

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

In Logic

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

## Counting 3-Walks

## In English

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

In Sum-Product Form

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

## Counting 3-Paths

## In English

Given a graph $G$, how many 3-paths are there in $G$ ?
In Sum-Product Form

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

## All-Pairs Shortest Paths (APSP)

## In English

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

In Datalogo (recursive query!)

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
Q[x, y]=\min \left(E[x, y], \min _{z}\{Q[x, z]+E[z, y]\}\right) & \text { linear-form } \\
Q[x, y]=\min \left(E[x, y], \min _{z}\{Q[x, z]+Q[z, y]\}\right) & \text { binary-form }
\end{array}
$$

## The Main Query Optimization / Evaluation Problem



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

Incremental View Mainteance (IVM) (a.k.a. Dynamic Algorithms)
Given an update to $\boldsymbol{D}$, how do we update $Q(\boldsymbol{D})$ 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 $s(\boldsymbol{D})$ ?
- 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 $Q(\boldsymbol{D})$ in time

$$
\tilde{O}\left(|\boldsymbol{D}|+\sup _{\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime} \models s(\boldsymbol{D})}\left|Q\left(\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}\right)\right|\right)
$$

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

## (For Now) $Q$ is a Full Conjunctive Queries

## In a movie database

Q(director, actor, movie, actor_age, name) $\leftarrow$
parent(director, actor)
$\wedge$ acted_in(actor, movie)
$\wedge$ director_of(director, movie)
$\wedge$ age(actor, actor_age) $\wedge$ (20 < actor_age $\vee$ actor_age != 10)
$\wedge$ person_name(director, name) $\wedge$ regex_match(".*spiel.*", name)

In a graph database with edge relation $E$,
$\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c}) \leftarrow \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}) \wedge \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{c}) \wedge \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c})$

## (For Now) $Q$ is a Full Conjunctive Queries

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

$$
Q\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{V}\right) \leftarrow \bigwedge_{S \in \mathcal{E}} R_{S}\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{S}\right)
$$

For example $\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c}) \leftarrow \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}) \wedge \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{c}) \wedge \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c})$

- $V=\{a, b, c\}$
- $\mathcal{H}=(V, \mathcal{E})=(V,\{a b, a c, b c\})$
- $R_{F}=E$ for all $F \in \mathcal{E}$.


## What is in the Statistical Profile $s(\boldsymbol{D})$ ?



## Degree Constraints

Relation $R$ (actor, movie, role), imagine a frequency vector $\boldsymbol{d}_{\text {actor }}$ (billions of entries)

| actor | movie | role |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| alice |  |  |
| bob |  |  |
| bob |  |  |
| bob |  |  |
| bob |  |  |
| carol |  |  |
| carol |  |  |

$$
\begin{aligned}
d_{\text {actor }}(\text { alice }) & =1 \quad d_{\text {actor }}(\text { bob })=4 \\
d_{\text {actor }}(\text { carol }) & =2 \\
d_{\text {actor }}(v) & =0 \quad v \notin\{\text { alice, bob, carol }\}
\end{aligned}
$$

The profile $s(\boldsymbol{D})$ contains degree constraints:

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

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

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$$

$$
\Gamma_{n}:=\{h \mid h \text { is submodular }\}=\text { polymatroids }
$$

$$
h(X \cup Y)+h(X \cap Y) \leq h(X)+h(Y)
$$

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$$

$N_{n}$ : Normal convex-hull of step functions (weighted coverage functions) (non-negative multivariate mutual information)

$$
M_{n}: \text { Modular } \quad h(X)=\sum_{x \in X} h(x)
$$

## Size-Bound Hierarchy

$$
\begin{aligned}
\log \sup _{\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}=s(\boldsymbol{D})}\left|Q\left(\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}\right)\right| & =\operatorname{combinatorial-bound}(Q, s) \quad \text { computable but impractical } \\
& \leq \text { entropic-bound }(Q, s) \\
& \leq \operatorname{polymatroid-bound}(Q, s) \\
& \leq \text { flow-bound }(Q, s, \sigma) \\
& \leq \operatorname{chain-bound}(Q, s, \sigma) \\
& \leq \operatorname{agm}-\operatorname{bound}(Q, s) \\
& \leq \text { integral-edge-cover }(Q, s)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Simple Example

- $Q(a, b, c)=R(a, b) \wedge S(b, c) \wedge T(a, c)$
- $\boldsymbol{D}=\{R, S, T\}$
- $s(D)=\{|R|,|S|,|T|\}$
$|R|,|S|,|T|$ are integers, in the order of $10^{9}$ or more

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

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

$$
\begin{array}{rlr}
\max & \sum_{a, b, c} \mathbf{1}_{R(a, b)} \mathbf{1}_{S(a, c)} \mathbf{1}_{T(b, c)} \\
\text { s.t } & \sum_{a, b} \mathbf{1}_{R(a, b)} \leq|R| \\
& \sum_{b, c} \mathbf{1}_{S(b, c)} \leq|S| \\
& \sum_{a, c} \mathbf{1}_{T(a, c)} \leq|T|
\end{array}
$$

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

## Entropy Argument [CGFS 86]

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

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

- 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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\log \sup _{\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime} \models s(\boldsymbol{D})}\left|Q\left(\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}\right)\right|=h(a, b, c) & \\
h(a, b) & \leq \log |R| \\
h(b, c) & \leq \log |S| \\
h(a, c) & \leq \log |T| \\
h & \in \Gamma_{3}^{*} \quad h \text { is entropic }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Entropic Bound

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

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

$$
\log \sup _{\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime} \mid=s(\boldsymbol{D})}\left|Q\left(\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}\right)\right| \leq \max \quad h(a, b, c)
$$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { s.t. } & h(a, b) \leq \log |R|, \\
& h(b, c) \leq \log |S|, \\
& h(a, c) \leq \log |T|, \\
& h \in \Gamma_{3}^{*}
\end{array}
$$

## Polymatroid Bound

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

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\log \sup _{\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime} \vDash s(\boldsymbol{D})}\left|Q\left(\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}\right)\right| \leq \max & h(a, b, c) \\
\text { s.t. } & h(a, b) \leq \log |R|, \\
& h(b, c) \leq \log |S|, \\
& h(a, c) \leq \log |T|,
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
h \in \Gamma_{3} \quad h \text { is a polymatroid }
$$

$$
\max \left\{h(a, b, c)|h(a, b) \leq \log | R|, h(b, c) \leq \log | S|, h(a, c) \leq \log | T \mid, h \in \Gamma_{3}\right\}
$$

Define a modular $g \in M_{3}$ as follows, then $g$ satisfies all constraints:

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
g(a)=h(a) & g(a b)=g(a)+g(b) & =h(a b) \\
g(b)=h(b \mid a) & g(b c)=g(b)+g(c)=h(a b c)-h(a) & \leq h(b c) \\
g(c)=h(c \mid a b) & g(a c)=g(a)+g(c)=h(a b c)+h(a)-h(a b) & \leq h(a c) \\
& g(a b c)=h(a b c) &
\end{array}
$$

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

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

## AGM-Bound

## The Triangle Query

## Vertex packing LP

$\max \quad g(a)+g(b)+g(c)$

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

Fractional edge cover LP
[AGM 2008] took the dual of the above LP:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\min & \lambda_{a b} \log |R|+\lambda_{b c} \log |S|+\lambda_{a c} \log |T| \\
& \lambda_{a b}+\lambda_{a c} \geq 1 \\
& \lambda_{a b}+\lambda_{b c} \geq 1 \\
& \lambda_{b c}+\lambda_{a c} \geq 1 \\
& \boldsymbol{\lambda} \geq \mathbf{0} .
\end{array}
$$

## Integral Edge Cover Bound

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

$$
\log \sup _{\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime} \models=s(\boldsymbol{D})}\left|Q\left(\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}\right)\right| \leq \log \min \{|R| \cdot|S|,|R| \cdot|T|,|S| \cdot|T|\}
$$

## How Tight Are The Bounds?

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\log \sup _{\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime} \models s(\boldsymbol{D})}\left|Q\left(\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}\right)\right| & =\operatorname{combinatorial-bound}(Q, s) \quad \text { (computable but impractical) } \\
& \leq \operatorname{entropic-bound}(Q, s) \\
& =\operatorname{polymatroid}-\operatorname{bound}(Q, s) \\
& =\operatorname{modular-bound}(Q, s) \\
& =\operatorname{agm-bound}(Q, s) \\
& \leq \operatorname{integral-edge-cover}(Q, s)
\end{aligned}
$$

## How Tight Are The Bounds?

Let $g$ be an optimal solution to the modular bound:
$\max \quad g(a)+g(b)+g(c)$

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

Then, $\sup _{\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime} \neq s(\boldsymbol{D})}\left|Q\left(\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}\right)\right| \leq$ modular-bound $=2^{g(a)+g(b)+g(c)}=2^{g(a)} \times 2^{g(b)} \times 2^{g(c)}$
Construct a database instance $\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}$
[AGM 08]

- $R=\left[\left\lfloor 2^{g(a)}\right\rfloor\right] \times\left[\left\lfloor 2^{g(b)}\right\rfloor\right], S=\left[\left\lfloor 2^{g(b)}\right\rfloor\right] \times\left[\left\lfloor 2^{g(c)}\right\rfloor\right], T=\left[\left\lfloor 2^{g(a)}\right\rfloor\right] \times\left[\left\lfloor 2^{g(c)}\right\rfloor\right]$
- Then $\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime} \models s(\boldsymbol{D})$ and $|Q| \geq \frac{1}{8} 2^{g(a)+g(b)+g(c)}=\Omega\left(\sup _{\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime} \models s(\boldsymbol{D})}\left|Q\left(\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}\right)\right|\right)$


## More Generally

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

$$
\log \sup _{\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime} \models=s(\boldsymbol{D})}\left|Q\left(\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}\right)\right| \leq \text { entropic-bound }
$$

## The Entropic and Polymatroid Bounds

## Theorem (ANS 17)

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

$$
\log \sup _{\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime} \models s(\boldsymbol{D})}\left|Q\left(\boldsymbol{D}^{\prime}\right)\right| \leq \sup _{h \in \bar{\Gamma}_{n}^{*} \cap D C} h(V) \leq \max _{h \in \Gamma_{n} \cap D C} h(V)
$$

where $D C$ is the set of linear constraints of the form

$$
h(Y \mid X) \leq \log N
$$

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

## Example: the Triangle Query

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

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

- $s(\boldsymbol{D})=\{|R|,|S|,|T|\}$
- Constraint set:

$$
\mathrm{DC}=\{h|h(a b) \leq \log | R|\wedge h(b c) \leq \log | S|\wedge h(a c) \leq \log | T \mid\}
$$

- Polymatroid bound:

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\max \left\{h(a b c) \mid h \in \Gamma_{3} \cap \mathrm{DC}\right\}=\log \min \{|R| \cdot|S|,|S| \cdot|T|,|T| \cdot|R|, \sqrt{|R| \cdot|S| \cdot|T|}\} \\
\text { e.g. if }|R|,|S|,|T|=N \text {, then }|Q| \leq N^{3 / 2} \text { (Loomis-Whitney inequality!) }
\end{array}
$$

## Example: the Triangle Query with Extra FD Information

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

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

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

$$
\mathrm{DC}=\{h|h(a b) \leq \log | R|\wedge h(b c) \leq \log | S|\wedge h(a c) \leq \log | T \mid \wedge h(c \mid b)=0\}
$$

- Polymatroid bound:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\max \left\{h(a b c) \mid h \in \Gamma_{3} \cap \mathrm{DC}\right\}= & \log \min \{|R|,|S| \cdot|T|\} \\
& \text { e.g. }|R|,|S|,|T|=N, \text { then }|Q| \leq N
\end{aligned}
$$

## Example: Builtins and FDs

- $R(a) \wedge S(b) \wedge a+b=5$

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

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

$$
\mathrm{DC}=\{h(a) \leq \log |R| \wedge h(b) \leq \log |S| \wedge h(a \mid b)=h(b \mid a)=0\}
$$

- Polymatroid bound:

$$
\max \left\{h(a b) \mid h \in \Gamma_{2} \cap \mathrm{DC}\right\}=\log \min \{|R|,|S|\}
$$

## Example: A Non-Trivial Bound

- $R(a, b) \wedge S(b, c) \wedge T(c, d) \wedge f_{1}(a, c)=d \wedge f_{2}(b, d)=a \quad f_{1}, f_{2}$ are UDFs
- $s(\boldsymbol{D})=\{|R|,|S|,|T|, a c \rightarrow d, b d \rightarrow a\}$
- Constraint set:

$$
\mathrm{DC}=\{h|h(a b) \leq \log | R|\wedge h(b c) \leq \log | S|\wedge h(c d) \leq \log | T \mid \wedge h(d \mid a c)=h(a \mid b d)=0\}
$$

- Polymatroid bound:

$$
\max \left\{h(a b c d) \mid h \in \Gamma_{4} \cap \mathrm{DC}\right\}=\log \min \{|R| \cdot|S|,|S| \cdot|T|,|T| \cdot|R|, \sqrt{|R| \cdot|S| \cdot|T|}\}
$$

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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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$$
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$$

## A Collection of Optimization Problems

Many bounds can be formulated with two parameters

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

- DC $=$ set of constraints $h(Y \mid X) \leq \log N$, one for degree constraint $(X, Y, N)$.
- $P$ is a member in the aforementioned hierarchy of set functions
- $P=\mathrm{M}_{n}$ : modular bound
- $P=\mathrm{N}_{n}$ : normal bound
- $P=\bar{\Gamma}_{n}^{*}$ : entropic bound
- $P=\Gamma_{n}$ : polymatroid bound


## Bound Hierarchy



## 1. Computing the Entropic Bound

Define $\boldsymbol{c}=\left(c_{X}\right)_{X \subseteq V}$, where $c_{X}=-1_{X=V}$, then - because $C$ is linear -

$$
\sup \left\{h(V) \mid h \in C \cap \bar{\Gamma}_{n}^{*}\right\}=\inf \left\{\langle\boldsymbol{c}, \boldsymbol{h}\rangle \mid \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{h} \leq \boldsymbol{b} \wedge \boldsymbol{h} \in \bar{\Gamma}_{n}^{*}\right\}
$$

Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\delta})=\inf _{\boldsymbol{h} \in \bar{\Gamma}_{n}^{*}}\langle\boldsymbol{c}, \boldsymbol{h}\rangle+\langle\boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{h}-\boldsymbol{b}, \boldsymbol{\delta}\rangle=-\langle\boldsymbol{b}, \boldsymbol{\delta}\rangle+\inf _{\boldsymbol{h} \in \bar{\Gamma}_{n}^{*}}\left\langle\boldsymbol{c}+\boldsymbol{A}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\delta}, \boldsymbol{h}\right\rangle$
Lagrangian dual problem
$\left(\bar{\Gamma}_{n}^{*}\right)^{*}$ denotes the dual cone of $\bar{\Gamma}_{n}^{*}$

$$
\sup \{\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\delta}) \mid \boldsymbol{\delta} \geq \mathbf{0}\}=\inf \left\{\langle\boldsymbol{b}, \boldsymbol{\delta}\rangle \mid \boldsymbol{\delta} \geq \mathbf{0} \wedge \boldsymbol{c}+\boldsymbol{A}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\delta} \in\left(\bar{\Gamma}_{n}^{*}\right)^{*}\right\}
$$

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

$$
h(V) \leq \sum_{(X, Y) \in \mathrm{DC}} \delta_{Y \mid X} h(Y \mid X) \quad \forall h \in \bar{\Gamma}_{n}^{*}
$$

## 2. Computational Complexity of Polymatroid Bound



## 3. Parameterized 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


## 4. Tightness of Various Bounds

- 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.

## 4. Tightness of Various Bounds

The following is unsatisfactory:

## Proposition (ANS 2017)

For any $\epsilon>0$, there exists a scale-factor $k$ such that, if all $D C s(X, Y, N)$ are scaled up into $\left(X, Y, N^{k}\right)$ then

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

(Made use of group-characterizable entropic functions)

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## Thank You!

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## 3. Parameterlized Complexity of Polymatroid Bound

- A set of DCs are simple if $|X| \leq 1$ 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 $x \rightarrow y$ for all $x \in X, y \in Y$.


## 3. Parameterlized Complexity of Polymatroid Bound

## 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: $D C=D C_{a} \cup D C_{s}$, where $D C_{s}$ is simple, and $D C_{a}$ is acyclic. Furthermore, for every non-simple $D C$ $(X, Y, N) \in D C_{a}$, we have $|X|=2$ and $|Y| \leq 3$.

## Proposition

There is a poly-time algorithm computing a variable ordering $\sigma_{0}$ so that:

- If all input DCs are simple, then flow-bound $\left(Q, s, \sigma_{0}\right)=$ polymatroid-bound $(Q, s)$
- If all input DCs are acyclic, then flow-bound $\left(Q, s, \sigma_{0}\right)=$ polymatroid-bound $(Q, s)$


## 4. Tightness of Various Bounds

## Proposition

If all DCs are acyclic, then there is a $\sigma_{0}$ for which

$$
\text { chain-bound }\left(Q, s, \sigma_{0}\right)=\operatorname{modular-bound}(Q, s) .
$$

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

## Proposition

If all DCs are simple, then there is a $\sigma_{0}$ for which

$$
\text { flow-bound }\left(Q, s, \sigma_{0}\right)=\text { normal-bound }(Q, s) \text {. }
$$

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## Frequency-Moment Constraints

Relation $R$ (actor, movie, role), imagine a frequency vector $\boldsymbol{d}_{\text {actor }}$ (billions of entries)

| actor | movie | role |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| alice |  |  |
| bob |  |  |
| bob |  |  |
| bob |  |  |
| bob |  |  |
| carol |  |  |
| carol |  |  |

$$
\begin{aligned}
d_{\text {actor }}(\text { alice }) & =1 \\
d_{\text {actor }}(\text { bob }) & =4 \\
d_{\text {actor }}(\text { carol }) & =2 \\
d_{\text {actor }}(v) & =0 \quad v \notin\{\text { alice }, \text { bob }, \text { carol }\}
\end{aligned}
$$

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

- $\left\|d_{\text {actor }}\right\|_{\infty}=4$ (heaviest frequency)
- $\left\|\boldsymbol{d}_{\text {actor }}\right\|_{0}=3$ (distinct counts)
- $\left\|d_{\text {actor }}\right\|_{1}=7=|R|$

Similarly, we may have $\left\|\boldsymbol{d}_{\text {movie }}\right\| p,\left\|\boldsymbol{d}_{\text {actor,movie }}\right\|_{p},\left\|\boldsymbol{d}_{\text {role }}\right\| \|_{p}$, etc.

## FM-Constraints and Histograms

## HFM-Constraints

- Partition: $\operatorname{Dom}(x)=B_{1} \cup B_{2} \cup \cdots \cup B_{k} \quad$ ( $x$-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
- $\mathcal{B}:=\left\{B_{1}, \ldots, B_{k}\right\}$
- Give rise to per-bucket frequency vectors:

$$
\boldsymbol{d}_{Y \mid X \in B}(\boldsymbol{x}):= \begin{cases}\left|\pi_{Y} \sigma_{X=x} R\right| & x \in B \\ 0 & \text { o.w. }\end{cases}
$$



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

$$
F_{\ell}\left(\boldsymbol{d}_{Y \mid X \in B}\right) \leq c_{B} \quad B \in \mathcal{B}
$$

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## Histograms are More Intricate

## Main Question

How to turn $s(\boldsymbol{D})$ into constraints on polymatroids $h$ ?

Answer sketch:

## Theorem (KNN 2022, WIP)

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sup _{\boldsymbol{D} \models \mathcal{C}} \log |Q(\boldsymbol{D})| & \leq \max \left\{h(\boldsymbol{V}) \mid h \in \bar{\Gamma}_{n+m}^{*},(h, \boldsymbol{P}, \boldsymbol{C}) \in \mathrm{HC}\right\} \quad \text { (entropic bound) } \\
& \leq \max \left\{h(\boldsymbol{V}) \mid h \in \Gamma_{n+m},(h, \boldsymbol{P}, \boldsymbol{C}) \in \mathrm{HC}\right\} \quad \text { (polymatroid bound) }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Example: $R(x, y) \wedge S(y, z)$

- Let $\boldsymbol{f}_{y}$ and $\boldsymbol{g}_{y}$ be the $y$-frequency vectors in $R$ and $S$, respectively
- Assume the same partition $\operatorname{dom}(y)=B_{1} \cup \cdots \cup B_{k}$ on both sides
- Suppose $s(\boldsymbol{D})$ contains the following statistics:

$$
r_{B}:=\left\|\boldsymbol{f}_{y \in B}\right\|_{\infty} \quad d_{B}:=\left\|\boldsymbol{f}_{y \in B}\right\|_{0} \quad s_{B}:=\left\|\boldsymbol{g}_{y \in B}\right\|_{\infty} \quad B \in \mathcal{B}
$$

- $r_{B}=$ maximum number of $x$ per $y$ in bucket $B$
- $d_{B}=$ number of distinct $y^{\prime}$ s in $B$
- $s_{B}=$ maximum number of $z$ per $y$ in bucket $B$


## 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,

$$
\begin{align*}
h(J \mid Y) & =0  \tag{1}\\
h(Y \mid J=B) & \leq \log d_{B}=\log \left\|\boldsymbol{f}_{y \in B}\right\|_{0}  \tag{2}\\
h(X \mid J=B) & \leq \log r_{B}=\log \left\|\boldsymbol{f}_{y \in B}\right\|_{\infty}  \tag{3}\\
h(Z \mid J=B) & \leq \log s_{B}=\log \left\|\boldsymbol{g}_{y \in B}\right\|_{\infty}  \tag{4}\\
h(J) & =-\langle\boldsymbol{p}, \log \boldsymbol{p}\rangle \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\|\boldsymbol{p}\|_{1}=1
$$

$$
\boldsymbol{p} \geq \mathbf{0}
$$

## Simplifying the constraints

$$
\begin{align*}
h(J \mid Y) & =0  \tag{6}\\
h(Y \mid J)=\sum_{B} h(Y \mid J=B) \cdot p_{B} & \leq\langle\log \boldsymbol{d}, \boldsymbol{p}\rangle  \tag{7}\\
h(X \mid J)=\sum_{B} h(X \mid J=B) \cdot p_{B} & \leq\langle\log \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{p}\rangle  \tag{8}\\
h(Z \mid J)=\sum_{B} h(Z \mid J=B) \cdot p_{B} & \leq\langle\log \boldsymbol{s}, \boldsymbol{p}\rangle  \tag{9}\\
h(J) & =-\langle\boldsymbol{p}, \log \boldsymbol{p}\rangle  \tag{10}\\
\|\boldsymbol{p}\|_{1} & =1  \tag{11}\\
\boldsymbol{p} & \geq \mathbf{0} \tag{12}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{rlrl}
\max & & h(X Y Z) & \\
\text { s.t. } & & h(Y \mid J) & \leq\langle\boldsymbol{p}, \lg \boldsymbol{d}\rangle \\
& & h(X \mid J) & \leq\langle\boldsymbol{p}, \lg \boldsymbol{r}\rangle \\
h(Z \mid J) & \leq\langle\boldsymbol{p}, \lg \boldsymbol{s}\rangle \\
h & \in \Gamma_{4} \\
\boldsymbol{p} & \geq 0, \\
h(J) & =-\langle\boldsymbol{p}, \lg \boldsymbol{p}\rangle  \tag{20}\\
& & & \\
& & & \\
& & =\boldsymbol{p} \|_{1} & =1 .
\end{array}
$$

$$
h \in \Gamma_{4} \quad \text { join distribution on }(X, Y, Z, J)
$$

## Sanity Check: Estimator Makes Sense Combinatorially!

$$
\begin{align*}
\lg |Q| & =h(X Y Z)  \tag{22}\\
(\text { since } H[J Y]=H[Y]) & =H[X Y Z J]=H[X Y Z \mid J]+H[J]  \tag{23}\\
\left(\text { since } H \in \Gamma_{4}\right) & \leq H[X \mid J]+H[Y \mid J]+H[Z \mid J]+H[J]  \tag{24}\\
& \left.\leq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}}\left(\lg r_{B}+\lg d_{B}+\lg s_{B}-\lg p_{B}\right)\right) \cdot p_{B}  \tag{25}\\
& =\sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}}\left(\lg \left(r_{B} d_{B} s_{B} / p_{B}\right)\right) \cdot p_{B}  \tag{26}\\
\text { (Jensen) } & \leq \lg \left(\sum_{B} r_{B} d_{B} s_{B}\right)  \tag{27}\\
& |Q| \leq \sum_{B} r_{B} d_{B} s_{B} \tag{28}
\end{align*}
$$

## 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
- $\operatorname{dom}(y)=V_{1} \cup \cdots \cup V_{\ell}$ on the $S$-side

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $B_{1}$ | $\vdots$ | $B_{2}$ | $B_{3}$ | $B_{4}$ |  | $B_{5}$ |

Back to the "boundary aligned" model that dom $(y)=B_{1} \cup B_{2} \cup \cdots \cup B_{m}$

## Example - Removing the Simplifying Assumption

|  | $U$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
|  | $B_{1}$ | $B_{2}$ |$B_{3}$

- For $q \in\{0,1\}$ every constraint $\left\|f_{U}^{y}\right\|_{q}$ is broken up into

$$
\left\|f_{U}^{y}\right\|_{q}=\left\|f_{B_{1}}^{y}\right\|_{q}+\left\|f_{B_{2}}^{y}\right\|_{q}+\left\|f_{B_{3}}^{y}\right\|_{q}
$$

where $\left\|f_{B_{j}}^{y}\right\|_{q}$ are new variables in the optimization problem

- For $q=\infty$, set $\left\|f_{B_{i}}^{y}\right\|_{\infty} \leq\left\|\boldsymbol{f}_{B_{i}}^{y}\right\|_{1}$ (or Hölder-type)

$$
\max \left\{\left\|\boldsymbol{f}_{B_{1}}^{y}\right\|_{\infty},\left\|\boldsymbol{f}_{B_{2}}^{y}\right\|_{\infty},\left\|\boldsymbol{f}_{B_{3}}^{y}\right\|_{\infty}\right\} \leq\left\|\boldsymbol{f}_{U}^{y}\right\|_{\infty}
$$

## Under histogrammed FM constraints

Repeat the 4 (classes of) questions

- Computability
- Complexity
- Parameterized Complexity
- Tightness

