

Practice Lab on Graph Databases with Neo4j and DuckDB

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Preamble

- Group in pairs of students.
- From your own laptop with Eduroam Wifi network, it requires to set up proxy in the Browser: <http://proxy-etu.polytech.univ-nantes.prive:3128/>.
- Resources and help:
 - [official CYPHER V5 documentation](#)
 - [CYPHER Cheat Sheet](#)

Warm Up

- Open Neo4j AuraDB Browser: <https://console.neo4j.io/> log-in. Alternatively, open [Neo4j Desktop 2](#) application on your laptop or Neo4j Desktop on School workstations.
- Create a fresh new DB instance (delete the previous one if any) and Open in Query Editor.
- Import the movie database: process [the CYPHER script](#) from [the Movie Graph GitHub repository](#).

Try out query:

```
neo4j$ MATCH (n)
      WITH COUNT(n) AS numVertices
      MATCH ()-[e]->()
      RETURN numVertices, COUNT(e) AS numEdges
```

Expected result:	<hr/>	numVertices	numEdges	<hr/>
		171	253	

- Try out query:

```
neo4j$ MATCH (n) RETURN n
```
- Show meta-graph (schema of the movie database):

```
neo4j$ CALL db.schema.visualization()
```

Tips

- Save Neo4j queries in Favorites (bookmark symbol) to export all at once in the end
- Save utility scripts like the one to create the database
- Write Neo4j query on multiple lines: **Shift+Enter**

Add Data

1. Add movie, actors (three main characters), director as *vertices* and **ACTED_IN/DIRECTED edges** for the movie “The Bridges of Madison County” (see [IMDb entry](#)).

Follow the actor’s links to get info. *Annie Corlay* was born in 1960.

Do not insert vertices that already exist in the database!!

In case of emergency, one could blank the database and restart from scratch:

```
neo4j$ MATCH (n) DETACH DELETE n;
```

and re-import the movie database.

Graph Patterns

2. Find all actors that directed a movie they also acted in and return actor and movie nodes.
3. Find the name of the actor who played *DeDe* in the movie “Joe Versus the Volcano”.
4. Find the director’s names of movies where *Madonna* and *Tom Hanks* were co-actors.
5. Find all actors that acted in a movie together after 2009 (release date, 2009 included) and return the list of actor names along with the movie node.

Hint: **COLLECT(.) aggregate function**

6. By extending the previous query, find all movies where the cast of the movies found before also acted in. For instance, if $C(m) = \{a_1, a_2\}$ is the list of actors (the cast) of a movie m in the previous answer, then, one seeks for movies m' such that the cast $C(m')$ contains $C(m)$.

Path Expressions

7. Match pairs of reviewers and those they follow directly or via a third reviewer.
8. Count the number of more-than-70-years-old actors reachable in at most 4 hops starting from *Clint Eastwood* and following the **ACTED_IN** relationship through movies. For instance, a valid pattern is

$$\text{clint} \rightarrow m_1 \leftarrow p_1 \rightarrow m_2 \leftarrow p_2$$

with m_i the movies and p_i the elders. p_1 is 1-hop from clint, whereas p_2 is 2-hops. Each p_i of the chain is born before 1954. This is “the elder network”.

Adjacency Lists and Distribution

- Return the whole graph as a simple adjacency list of vertex ids (`id(.)` scalar function) ordered by decreasing vertex degree. Don't forget nodes without outgoing edge.

Centrality

- Find actors with top 10 – sort of – KATZ centrality along `ACTED_IN` edges (through movies)

$$\text{Centrality}(v) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_i \cdot w_i(v)$$

where v is a vertex, w_i is the number of walks of length i starting from v , and p_i is a distance penalty reciprocal of path length (e.g. 3-hop neighbor gets a penalty of $1/3$).

Return actor vertex and KATZ centrality.

SQL

In the following, you will set up and query a DuckDB database, either with [the DuckDB CLI](#) and its awesome `-ui` option, or with your favorite SQL Client/IDE, or even with a temporary [DuckDB Shell](#).

You may refer to the [official DuckDB documentation](#) if needed.

- Find a way to create and populate a new DuckDB database from the Neo4j movie graph database.

Hint: `export` feature of CYPHER query answers.

Hint: `startNode(.)` and `endNode(.)` scalar functions.

Hint: DuckDB allows for considering [CSV files as regular tables](#) in SQL queries!

Provide CYPHER queries, DuckDB commands, CSV files and any other required material to achieve the task.

- Redraw in SQL the series of questions, except Q1 (add data) and Q7 (not applicable).