

Question: How do we express more complex forms of recursion?

Example (Non-recursive)

Cousins: Two people whose parents are siblings.

Two people who share the same grandparent.

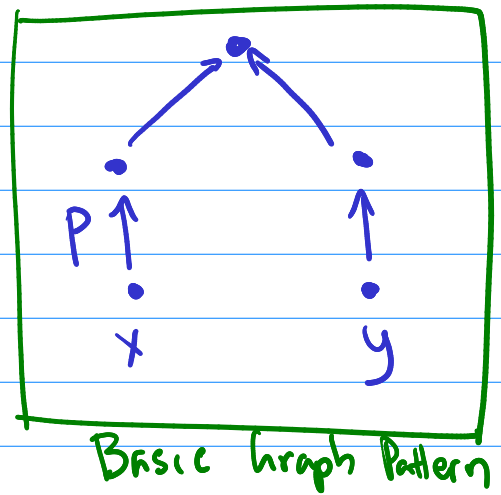
Parent	
John	Mary
Mary	Mike
John	Nate
Nate	Susan



Cousin	
Mike	Susan
Susan	Mike
Mike	Mike
Susan	Susan

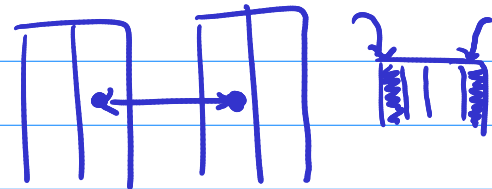
Computing Cousins using RA/SOL

GP = select $P_1 \cdot c_1, P_2 \cdot c_2$
 from Parent as P_1
 Parent as P_2
 where $P_1 \cdot c_2 = P_2 \cdot c_1$

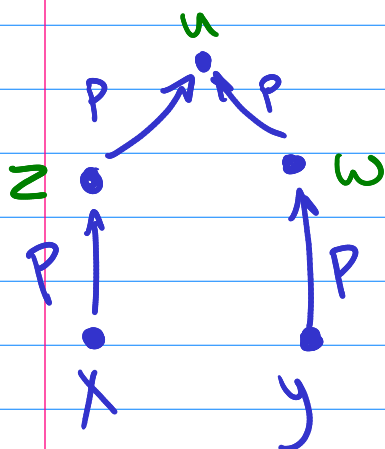
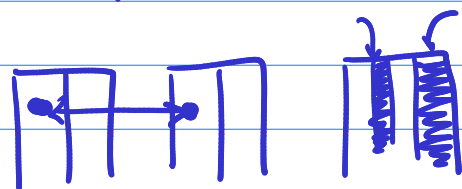


Views

$$GP = \pi_{c_1, c_4} \left(P \bowtie_{c_2=c'_1} P \right)$$



$$\text{Cousins} = \pi_{c_2, c_4} \left(GP \bowtie_{c_1=c'_1} GP \right)$$



For all people $x y z w u$,

If we have

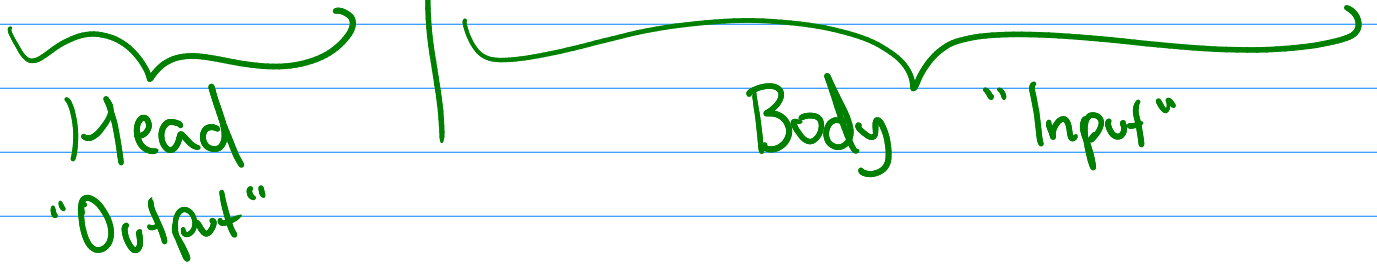
Parent($u z$) & Parent($z x$) &

Parent($u w$) & Parent($w y$)

then, we have Cousins($x y$)

$\forall x y z u w$ then the head holds too. | if all the literals in the body hold

Cousins(x y) :- P(u z) P(z x) P(u w) P(w y)



← "Rule", "Clause", "Query", "Program"

This is our first Datalog query!

Question : How can we write recursive

Datalog queries?

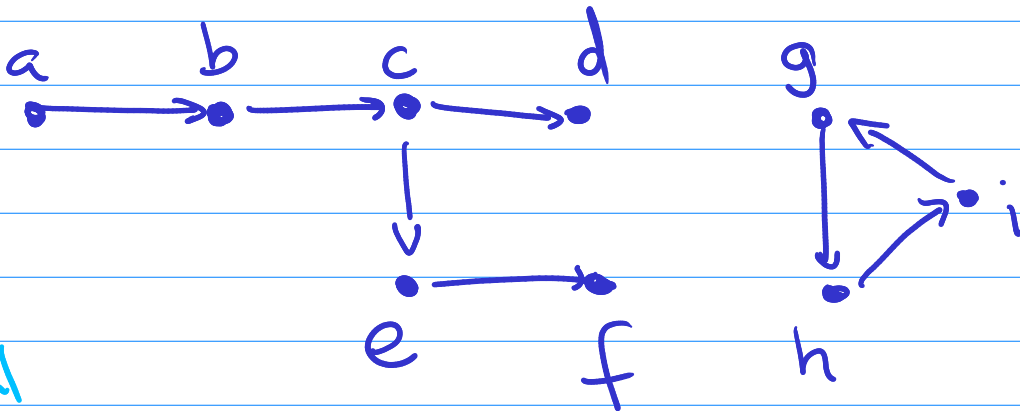
Just use the same relation in both the head & body!

$\text{path}(x, y) \text{ :- edge}(x, y).$

$\text{path}(x, z) \text{ :- edge}(x, y), \text{path}(y, z).$

← "or" disjunction

... then, if ... and conjunction



Positive
Relational
Datalog

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"UCLQ"

Theorem : Positive non-recursive Datalog

= Positive relational algebra

Example : Simulating a DFA (Finite state machine)

