

# CS 7810 - Knowledge Representation and Reasoning (for the Semantic Web)

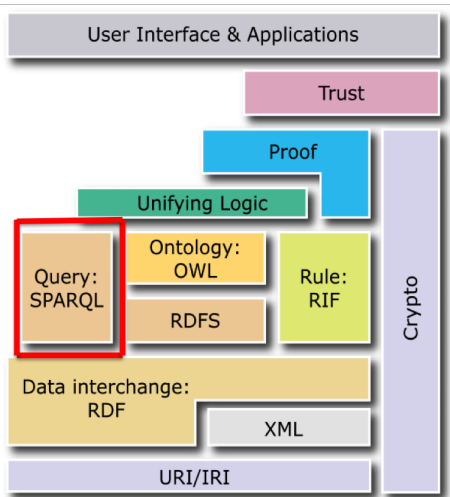
## 05 - SPARQL

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- Axel Polleres, “Unit 5: SPARQL 1.1”, slides for Semantic Web Technologies course, TU Vienna, May 14, 2012.

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- RDF(S): “Can one RDF graph be inferred from another one?”
  - Simple entailment
  - RDF entailment
  - RDFS entailment
- OWL Ontologies: “Is a class a subclass of another class?”, “What are instances of an (OWL) class?”
  - OWL (logical) entailment
- How about:
  - “Which properties relate two given individuals?”
  - “Who co-authors a paper together with Adila Krisnadhi?”
  - “What is the title of the national anthem of the USA?”

These are difficult to express (or even not all) via RDF/OWL entailments.

- Stands for: “**SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language**” (recursive acronym 😊)
- Query language for RDF graphs
- SPARQL 1.0: W3C Specification in 2008
- SPARQL 1.1: W3C Specification in 2013

- SPARQL 1.0
  - Syntax and semantics of query language
  - Query results in XML format: how to present results in XML
  - Protocol for transmitting queries to a query processing service and returning the results
- SPARQL 1.1
  - Query: extending SPARQL 1.0 query language
  - RDF graph update through SPARQL
  - Graph Store HTTP Protocol: HTTP operations for managing a graph collection
  - Entailment regimes: query results with (additional) inferences
  - Service description: methods for discovering and describing (using standard vocabulary) SPARQL services
  - Query federation: querying over distributed sources (multiple endpoints)
  - Additional query result format in JSON, CSV, TSV.
- Note: SPARQL queries can, in practice, be run on SPARQL endpoints, behind which RDF data is stored. They cannot be run on plain RDF files.



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[http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila\\_Krisnadhi](http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi)

```
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
@prefix dcterms: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .
@prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
@prefix swrc: <http://swrc.ontoware.org/ontology#> .
@prefix dblpa: <http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/authors/> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .

<http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>
  rdf:type swrc:InProceedings ;
  dc:identifier "DBLP conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11"^^xsd:string ;
  foaf:maker dblpa:Pascal_Hitzler ;
  dcterms:partOf <http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/2011> ;
  foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;
  dcterms:issued "2011"^^xsd:gYear ;
  foaf:maker dblpa:Frederick_Maier ;
  rdfs:label "OWL and Rules."^^xsd:string .
...
<http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/publications/journals/semweb/BlomqvistHJKNS16>
  foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;
  ...
  rdf:type swrc:Article .
...
dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi rdf:type foaf:Agent ;
  foaf:name "Adila Krisnadhi" .
...
```

# Simple Query Example

Try at <http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/snorql/>

“List the title of the publications authored by Adila Krisnadhi?”

```
PREFIX dblp: <http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/authors/>
```

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
```

```
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
```

```
SELECT ?publication ?title
```

```
WHERE {
```

```
    ?publication foaf:maker dblp:Adila_Krisnadhi .
```

```
    ?publication rdfs:label ?title .
```

```
}
```

- The main part of a SPARQL query is located within the WHERE clause, consisting of graph patterns.
  - The SELECT clause is one of the output forms – other output forms include: CONSTRUCT, ASK, DESCRIBE.
- A **basic graph pattern** (BGP) is a set of triple patterns.
- A **triple pattern** is an RDF triple, optionally containing variables (prefixed with '?') in subject/predicate/object positions.
- BGP uses Turtle syntax.
- Abbreviated IRIs possible (via PREFIX) – an alternative from the @prefix syntax from Turtle.

## Intuition behind SPARQL

Match the given patterns against a given RDF graph and returns a **multiset of solution mappings**. Each solution mapping itself is a **set of particular bindings** for the variables in the pattern.

```
{ ?Pub foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
    foaf:maker ?CoAuthor .  
  ?CoAuthor foaf:name ?Name . }
```

```
<http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  rdf:type swrc:InProceedings ;  
  dcterms:issued "2011"^^xsd:gYear ;  
  foaf:maker  dblpa:Pascal_Hitzler  ;  
  foaf:maker  dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
  foaf:maker  dblpa:Frederick_Maier .  
dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi foaf:name "Adila Krisnadhi" .  
dblpa:Pascal_Hitzler foaf:name "Pascal Hitzler" .  
dblpa:Frederick_Maier foaf:name "Frederick Maier" .
```

```
{ ?Pub foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
      foaf:maker ?CoAuthor .  
  ?CoAuthor foaf:name ?Name . }
```

```
<http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>
```

```
  rdf:type swrc:InProceedings ;  
  dcterms:issued "2011"^^xsd:gYear ;  
  foaf:maker  dblpa:Pascal_Hitzler  ;  
  foaf:maker  dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
  foaf:maker  dblpa:Frederick_Maier .  
  dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi foaf:name "Adila Krisnadhi" .  
  dblpa:Pascal_Hitzler foaf:name "Pascal Hitzler" .  
  dblpa:Frederick_Maier foaf:name "Frederick Maier" .
```

```
{  ?Pub foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
    foaf:maker  ?CoAuthor .  
  ?CoAuthor foaf:name  ?Name . }
```

Solution mappings (could be presented as a table):

```
{ ?Pub foaf:maker dblp:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
  foaf:maker ?CoAuthor .  
  ?CoAuthor foaf:name ?Name . }
```

Solution mappings (could be presented as a table):

① ?Pub ↦  
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>,  
?CoAuthor ↦ dblp:Adila\_Krisnadhi,  
?Name ↦ "Adila Krisnadhi"



```
{ ?Pub foaf:maker dblp:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
    foaf:maker ?CoAuthor .  
  ?CoAuthor foaf:name ?Name . }
```

Solution mappings (could be presented as a table):

- 1 ?Pub  $\mapsto$   
<http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>,  
?CoAuthor  $\mapsto$  dblp:Adila\_Krisnadhi,  
?Name  $\mapsto$  "Adila Krisnadhi"
- 2 ?Pub  $\mapsto$   
<http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>,  
?CoAuthor  $\mapsto$  dblp:Pascal\_Hitzler,  
?Name  $\mapsto$  "Adila Krisnadhi"

```
{ ?Pub foaf:maker dblp:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
  foaf:maker ?CoAuthor .  
  ?CoAuthor foaf:name ?Name . }
```

Solution mappings (could be presented as a table):

- 1 ?Pub  $\mapsto$   
<http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>,  
?CoAuthor  $\mapsto$  dblp:Adila\_Krisnadhi,  
?Name  $\mapsto$  "Adila Krisnadhi"
- 2 ?Pub  $\mapsto$   
<http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>,  
?CoAuthor  $\mapsto$  dblp:Pascal\_Hitzler,  
?Name  $\mapsto$  "Adila Krisnadhi"
- 3 ?Pub  $\mapsto$   
<http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>,  
?CoAuthor  $\mapsto$  dblp:Frederick\_Maier,  
?Name  $\mapsto$  "Frederick Maier"

- Evaluating a BGP results in a **multiset of solution mappings**.
  - Each solution mapping is a mapping from variables in the BGP into graph nodes or undefined value.
  - The evaluation of BGP in the previous slide consists of 3 solution mappings.
- The result of a BGP evaluation is empty if no solution mapping is possible.
- It is a multiset, i.e., it's unordered and the same binding may occur multiple times in a solution .
- If BGP has no variable but the pattern matches any part of the graph, then the result of the evaluation contains an empty solution mapping.
  - Watch out: an evaluation result consisting of an empty solution mapping is NOT the same as the empty result.

```
<http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  rdf:type swrc:InProceedings ;  
  dcterms:issued "2011"^^xsd:gYear ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Pascal_Hitzler ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Frederick_Maier .
```

```
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  rdf:type swrc:InProceedings ;  
  dcterms:issued "2011"^^xsd:gYear ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Pascal_Hitzler ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Frederick_Maier .
```

```
{ <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  foaf:maker <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi> . }
```

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<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  rdf:type swrc:InProceedings ;  
  dcterms:issued "2011"^^xsd:gYear ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Pascal_Hitzler ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Frederick_Maier .
```

```
{ <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  foaf:maker <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi> . }
```

Solution =  $\{\emptyset\}$ .

```
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  rdf:type swrc:InProceedings ;  
  dcterms:issued "2011"^^xsd:gYear ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Pascal_Hitzler ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Frederick_Maier .
```

```
{ <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  foaf:maker <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi> . }
```

Solution =  $\{\emptyset\}$ .

```
{ <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  foaf:maker <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Carsten_Lutz> . }
```

```
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  rdf:type swrc:InProceedings ;  
  dcterms:issued "2011"^^xsd:gYear ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Pascal_Hitzler ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ;  
  foaf:maker dblpa:Frederick_Maier .
```

```
{ <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  foaf:maker <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi> . }
```

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```
{ <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/publications/conf/rweb/KrisnadhiMH11>  
  foaf:maker <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Carsten_Lutz> . }
```

Solution =  $\emptyset$ .



- SELECT *variableList* – returns a sequence of solution mappings restricted to the given variables.
  - If a variable in the SELECT clause does not occur in the BGP, it will be returned unbound.
  - If all variables in SELECT clause are unbound, the corresponding solution mapping is empty.
  - SELECT DISTINCT *variableList* – removes duplicate solution mappings.
  - SELECT (DISTINCT) \* – returns the whole multiset (set) of solution mappings over all variables in the BGP.
- ASK, CONSTRUCT, DESCRIBE – see later discussion.

Result may contain duplicates.

```
SELECT ?CoAuthor
WHERE {
    ?Pub foaf:maker <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi> ;
        foaf:maker ?CoAuthor .
    ?CoAuthor foaf:name ?Name .
}
```

Result may contain duplicates.

```
SELECT ?CoAuthor
WHERE {
  ?Pub foaf:maker <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi> ;
      foaf:maker ?CoAuthor .
  ?CoAuthor foaf:name ?Name .
}
```

?CoAuthor

```
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi>
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Eva_Blomqvist>
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Krzysztof_Janowicz>
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Monika_Solanki>
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Pascal_Hitzler>
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Tom_Narock>
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi>
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Pascal_Hitzler>
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi>
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Carsten_Lutz>
...
```

Result contains no duplicate.

```
SELECT DISTINCT ?CoAuthor
WHERE {
  ?Pub foaf:maker <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi> ;
       foaf:maker  ?CoAuthor .
  ?CoAuthor foaf:name  ?Name .
}
```

Result contains no duplicate.

```
SELECT DISTINCT ?CoAuthor
WHERE {
  ?Pub foaf:maker <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi> ;
      foaf:maker ?CoAuthor .
  ?CoAuthor foaf:name ?Name .
}
```

?CoAuthor
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Adila_Krisnadhi>
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<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Krzysztof_Janowicz>
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Monika_Solanki>
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<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Tom_Narock>
<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/Carsten_Lutz>
...

Blank node in query pattern:

- Permitted as subject or object (as in RDF)
- Given an arbitrary ID; not permitted to be reused in different BGPs within one query
- Act like variables, but cannot be selected.

Blank node in result/solution:

- Represent an unknown element
- Given arbitrary ID (possibly different from its ID in the input RDF graph); repeated occurrences in result denote the same element

Given RDF data:

```
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .  
@prefix ex: <http://example.org/> .  
ex:ex1 ex:p "test" .  
ex:ex2 ex:p "test"^^xsd:string .  
ex:ex3 ex:p "test"@en .  
ex:ex4 ex:p "42"^^xsd:integer .
```

What are the solution mappings for the following BGP?

```
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```

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```
{ ?subject <http://example.org/p> "test" . }
```

?subject matches only ex:ex1. Exact match for datatypes/language tags are required. Special for numeric values, some syntactic sugar is allowed:

```
{ ?subject <http://example.org/p> 42 . }
```

has ex:ex4 as a match for ?subject.

- Datatype is determined solely from the syntactic form.

“List all publication titles authored by Adila Krisnadhi or Adila Alfa Krisnadhi or Adam Shepherd.”

```
PREFIX dblpa: <http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/authors/>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
SELECT ?Title
WHERE {
  { [ foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi ; rdfs:label ?Title ] . }
  UNION
  { [ foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Alfa_Krisnadhi ; rdfs:label ?Title ] . }
  UNION
  { [ foaf:maker dblpa:Adam_Shepherd ; rdfs:label ?Title ] . }
}
```

- Use keyword UNION. BGPs are grouped by { ... }
- Result is the **multi-set union** of the results for each of the alternative BGPs.
- Identical variables within different UNION patterns do not influence each other.
- Some variables may be **unbound**, e.g., when a BGP in the UNION pattern has a variable that does not occur in the other BGPs.

“List the collections edited by Adila Krisnadhi and publications authored by him.”

```
PREFIX swrc: <http://swrc.ontoware.org/ontology#>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX dblpa: <http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/resource/authors/>
SELECT ?EditedPub ?AuthoredPub
WHERE {
  { ?EditedPub swrc:editor dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi . }
  UNION
  { ?AuthoredPub foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi . } }
```

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```
PREFIX swrc: <http://swrc.ontoware.org/ontology#>
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX dblpa: <http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/resource/authors/>
SELECT ?EditedPub ?AuthoredPub
WHERE {
  { ?EditedPub swrc:editor dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi . }
  UNION
  { ?AuthoredPub foaf:maker dblpa:Adila_Krisnadhi . } }
```

EditedPub	AuthoredPub
<a href="http://dblp.l3s.de/.../conf/semweb/2015wop">http://dblp.l3s.de/.../conf/semweb/2015wop</a> <a href="http://dblp.l3s.de/.../conf/ijcai/2015jowo">http://dblp.l3s.de/.../conf/ijcai/2015jowo</a>	<a href="http://dblp.l3s.de/.../journals/semweb/BlomqvistHJKNS16">http://dblp.l3s.de/.../journals/semweb/BlomqvistHJKNS16</a> <a href="http://dblp.l3s.de/.../reference/snam/KrisnadhiH14">http://dblp.l3s.de/.../reference/snam/KrisnadhiH14</a> <a href="http://dblp.l3s.de/.../conf/lpar/KrisnadhiL07">http://dblp.l3s.de/.../conf/lpar/KrisnadhiL07</a> ...

?AuthoredPub is unbound in the first and second solution mappings, while ?EditedPub is unbound in the remaining solution mappings.

From DBpedia repository (<http://dbpedia.org/sparql/>):  
 "Give all European countries, and optionally, their capital if the country is a member of European Union, "

```

PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/capital>
PREFIX ygc: <http://dbpedia.org/class/yago/>
SELECT ?country ?capitalname
WHERE { ?country a ygc:EuropeanCountries .
        OPTIONAL { ?country a ygc:MemberStatesOfTheEuropeanUnion ;
                    dbo:capital ?capital .
                    ?capital rdfs:label ?capitalname . } }
  
```

Note: the predicate 'a' is an abbreviation for `rdf:type` according to the Turtle syntax spec.

?country	?capitalname
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Netherlands>	"Amsterdam"@en
...	
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Germany>	"Berlin"@en
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Portugal>	"Lisbon"@en
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Albania>	
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Denmark>	
...	

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```
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  { ?book ex:author ?author . } UNION  
  { ?book ex:editor ?author . } OPTIONAL  
  { ?author ex:surname ?name . } }
```

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    { ?book ex:editor ?author . }  
  } OPTIONAL { ?author ex:surname ?name . } }
```



Given the data below:

```
@prefix dc10: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.0/> .
@prefix dc11: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/> .
@prefix ex: <http://ex.org/> .
_:a dc10:title "SPARQL Query Tutorial" .
_:a dc10:creator "Alice" .
_:b dc11:title "SPARQL Protocol Tutorial" .
_:b dc11:creator "Bob" .
_:b ex:level "beginners" .
```

Write a query that returns all titles (`dc10:title` or `dc11:title`) and, if given, the level (`ex:level`).

- Recall: an **RDF Dataset** is a set of RDF graphs containing one **default graph** and zero or more **named graphs**. Every named graph has a IRI as its name, while default graph has no name and may be empty.
- RDF dataset can be given by the triple store (by default) or specified by the user. The latter by specifying one or more FROM or FROM NAMED clauses. The user-specified RDF dataset is as follows:
  - a default graph consisting of the RDF merge of the graphs referred to in the FROM clauses, and
  - a set of (IRI, graph) pairs, one from each FROM NAMED clause.
- BGPs are matched to an **active graph** in the RDF dataset. Use GRAPH keyword to specify which named graph is active when matching a BGP. Without enclosing GRAPH keyword, BGP is matched to the default graph.

“List people that occurs in the default graph and two different named graphs in a RDF dataset”:

```
SELECT ?person WHERE {  
  ?person a foaf:Person .  
  GRAPH ?g1 { ?person a foaf:Person }  
  GRAPH ?g2 { ?person a foaf:Person }  
  FILTER(?g1 != ?g2) . }
```

- The first BGP is matched against the default graph.
- The variables ?g1, ?g2 can appear in any BGP and can also instead be IRIs.

(On <http://data.semanticweb.org/snorql>): “List people appearing in either ESWC 2007 or 2008 graphs, who have the same affiliation to the people appearing in ISWC 2012 or ISWC 2013 graphs.”

```
SELECT ?person ?p
FROM <http://data.semanticweb.org/conference/eswc/2007/complete>
FROM <http://data.semanticweb.org/conference/eswc/2008/complete>
FROM NAMED <http://data.semanticweb.org/conference/iswc/2012/complete>
FROM NAMED <http://data.semanticweb.org/conference/iswc/2013/complete>
WHERE {
  ?person a foaf:Person .
  ?org foaf:member ?person .
  GRAPH ?g { ?p a foaf:Person .
             ?org foaf:member ?p .}
  FILTER (?person != ?p) }
```

The user-specified RDF dataset consists of

- A default graph obtained by merging the ESWC 2007 and ESWC 2008 graphs.
- Two named graphs as specified in FROM NAMED clauses.
- BGPs inside GRAPH clause are matched only to the specified named graphs.
- For FILTER keyword, see next.

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Even with complex query patterns, some queries are not expressible:

- “Which persons are between 18 and 23 years old?”
- “Which person has a name that contains a hyphen character?”
- “List the English name of the capital city of European countries”.

We use **filter** as a general mechanism for such expressions.

- Syntax: `FILTER( filterExpression )`
- By substituting variables in it, a filter expression returns an **effective boolean value true** or **false**, or produces an error. See <https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-query/#ebv> for details about EBV of a numeric value, a string, etc.
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```
PREFIX ex: <http://ex.org/>
SELECT ?book
WHERE {
  ?book ex:publishedBy <http://springer.com> .
  ?book ex:price ?price
  FILTER (?price < 35)
}
```

Above, any solution mapping where the value of `?price` is less than 35 is eliminated from the result.



**Unary Boolean operators:**  $!$   $\rightsquigarrow$   $!A$  is **true** if  $A$  is **false**, vice versa.

**Logical connectives:**  $||$ ,  $\&\&$

**Comparison operators:**  $<$ ,  $=$ ,  $>$ ,  $<=$ ,  $>=$ ,  $!=$

- Comparison for literals according to the natural ordering
- Support for numerical datatypes (`xsd:integer`, `xsd:decimal`, etc.), `xsd:dateTime`, `xsd:string` (alphabetical order), `xsd:Boolean` ( $1 > 0$ )
- For non-literals, only  $=$  and  $!=$  are available.
- Comparison cannot be done between incompatible types, e.g., between an `xsd:string` literal and an `xsd:integer` literal.

**Unary functions:** +, -

**Binary functions:** +, -, \*, /

- Support for numerical datatypes.
- Not Boolean; used to obtain a value from other values in filter expression.  
For example:

```
FILTER( ?weight / (?size * ?size) >= 25 )
```

var is a variable, expr1, expr2, expr3 are expressions interpreted as an EBV, term, term1, term2 are RDF terms (IRIs, literals, blank nodes), pattern is a graph pattern, lit is a literal, res is an IRI

BOUND( var )	<b>true</b> if var is a bound variable
IF( expr1, expr2, expr3 )	returns EBV of expr2 if expr1 is <b>true</b> , otherwise returns EBV of expr3
EXISTS \{ pattern \}	<b>true</b> if pattern matches; <b>false</b> otherwise
NOT EXISTS \{ pattern \}	<b>false</b> if pattern matches; <b>true</b> otherwise
sameTerm( term1, term2 )	<b>true</b> if term1 and term2 are the same; <b>false</b> otherwise. more general than = operator
term IN ( expr1, ... )	<b>true</b> if term can be found in the list on the right hand side
term NOT IN ( expr1, ... )	<b>true</b> if term cannot be found in the list
isIRI( term ), isURI( term )	<b>true</b> if term is an IRI
isBlank( term )	<b>true</b> if term is a blank node
isLiteral( term )	<b>true</b> if term is a literal
isNumeric( term )	<b>true</b> if term is a numeric value 17 and "17" are numeric, while "17" is not

STR( lit )	returns the lexical form of the literal lit.
STR( res )	returns the codepoint/string representation of the IRI res
LANG( lit )	returns the language tag of the literal lit, if any; returns "" otherwise
DATATYPE( lit )	returns the datatype of lit
IRI( lit ), IRI( res )	returns an IRI from the literal lit or an IRI res lit must be a simple literal (without explicit datatype).
BNODE(), BNode( lit )	creates a blank node; if given a simple literal argument, the same literal within an expression for the same solution mapping yields the same blank node
STRDT( lit, res )	creates a typed literal with lexical form list and datatype res
STRLANG( lit, ltag )	creates a language-tagged literal with lexical form list and language tag ltag
UUID()	returns a fresh IRI using URN scheme (Note: not a HTTP IRI!)
STRUUID()	returns a string that is a scheme specific part of a UUID

- String functions: `langMatches`, `REGEX`, `REPLACE`, `CONCAT`, `STRLEN`, `SUBSTR`, `UCASE`, `LCASE`, `STRSTARTS`, `STREND`, `CONTAINS`, `STRBEFORE`, `STRAFTER`, `ENCODE_FOR_URI`
- Numeric functions: `ABS`, `ROUND`, `CEIL`, `floor`, `RAND`
- Data/Time functions: `NOW`, `YEAR`, `MONTH`, `DAY`, `HOURS`, `MINUTES`, `SECONDS`, `TIMEZONE`, `TZ`
- Hash functions: `MD5`, `SHA1`, `SHA256`, `SHA384`, `SHA512`
- Casting operations: `STR`, `BOOL`, `DBL`, `FLT`, `DEC`, `INT`, `dT`, `ltrl`

## Try in DBPedia

- Find countries that were founded after December 31, 1799, but were then dissolved before the year of 1900.
- Find the English name of all landlocked countries whose population exceeds 15 million.

Prefix definition omitted

Given data:

```
[ ] foaf:name "Alice".  
[ foaf:name "Bob" ;  
  foaf:age "35"^^xsd:integer ] .
```

the following query:

```
SELECT ?name  
WHERE { ?x foaf:name ?name .  
        OPTIONAL { ?x foaf:age ?age } .  
        FILTER (!bound(?age)) }
```

returns "Alice" as the only value for ?name

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Use keyword ORDER BY

```
SELECT ?book, ?price
WHERE { ?book <http://example.org/Price> ?price . }
ORDER BY ?price
```

- Sorting as with comparison operators in filters.
- IRIs are sorted alphabetically.
- Ordering of elements of different types:  
unbound variables < blank nodes < IRIs < RDF literals
- Spec does not define all possible orderings.
- Descending order: use ORDER BY DESC (?price)
- Ascending order (default): ORDER BY ASC (?price)
- Hierarchical ordering criteria: ORDER BY ASC(?price), title

- SELECT DISTINCT: removal of duplicates
- LIMIT: maximal number of results
- OFFSET: position of the first returned result (within the whole result).
- LIMIT and OFFSET only meaningful with ORDER BY.

```
SELECT DISTINCT ?book, ?price
WHERE { ?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price . }
ORDER BY ?price LIMIT 5 OFFSET 25
```

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- SELECT returns sequence of solution mappings.
- Syntax: SELECT *variableList* or SELECT \*
- **Advantage**: simple sequential processing of results.
- **Disadvantage**: structure and relationships between the objects are lost.

- CONSTRUCT returns an RDF graph (i.e., a set of triples) created using results from the graph patterns.
- Can be used to transform a graph to another.
- **Advantage:** structured results data between the objects
- **Disadvantage:** harder to process sequentially
- **Disadvantage:** if a solution mapping contains unbound variable, triples corresponding to that solution mapping will be omitted.

```
PREFIX ex: <http://example.org/>
CONSTRUCT {
  ?person ex:mailbox ?email .
  ?person ex:telephone ?tel . }
WHERE {
  ?person ex:email ?email .
  ?person ex:tel ?tel . }
```

Given data:

```
@prefix foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/> .
_:a foaf:firstname "Alice" ;
foaf:surname "Hacker" .
_:b foaf:firstname "Bob" ;
foaf:surname "Hacker" .
```

and query:

```
PREFIX foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
PREFIX vcard: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#>
CONSTRUCT {
  ?x vcard:N _:v .
  _:v vcard:givenName ?gname ;
  vcard:familyName ?fname
} WHERE {
  ?x foaf:firstname ?gname .
  ?x foaf:surname ?fname }
```

we would obtain an RDF graph:

```
@prefix vcard: <http://www.w3.org/2001/vcard-rdf/3.0#> .
_:v1 vcard:N _:x .
_:x vcard:givenName "Alice" ;
vcard:familyName "Hacker" .
_:v2 vcard:N _:z .
_:z vcard:givenName "Bob" ;
vcard:familyName "Hacker" .
```

Notice that the blank nodes in the output may have completely different IDs than what was provided by the solution mappings and the template.

- ASK: checks if the query has at least one answer, i.e., non-empty solution – returns true/false.
- DESCRIBE: returns an RDF description for each resulting IRI – the actual description returned is application-dependent.

```
DESCRIBE ?x WHERE { ?x <http://ex.org/emplID> "123" }
```

may return something like:

```
_:a exOrg:emplID "123" ;  
    foaf:mbox_sha1sum "ABCD1234" ;  
    vcard:N  
        [ vcard:Family "Smith" ;  
          vcard:Given "John" ] .  
foaf:mbox_sha1sum a owl:InverseFunctionalProperty .
```



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Inside SELECT clause:

```
SELECT ?Item (?Pr * 1.1 AS ?NewP )  
WHERE { ?Item ex:price ?Pr . }
```

Note: cannot assign values to variables inside the expression.

Data:

```
ex:lemonade1 ex:price 3 .  
ex:icetea1 ex:price 3.  
ex:coke1 ex:price 3.50 .  
ex:cofee1 ex:price "n/a" .
```

Result (leaves errors unbound):

```
-----  
| ?Item          | ?NewP |  
-----  
| ex:lemonade1  | 3.3   |  
| ex:icetea1    | 3.3   |  
| ex:coke1      | 3.85  |  
| ex:cofee1     |       |  
-----
```

Alternatively, using BIND:

```
SELECT ?Item ?NewP
WHERE { ?Item ex:price ?Pr .
        BIND (?Pr * 1.1 AS ?NewP) }
```

Data:

```
ex:lemonade1 ex:price 3 .
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-----
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| ex:icetea1    | 3.3   |
| ex:coke1      | 3.85  |
| ex:cofee1     |       |
-----
```

Note: BIND is evaluated **in-place!**

```
SELECT ?Item ?NewP
WHERE { BIND (?Pr * 1.1 AS ?NewP)
        ?Item ex:price ?Pr . }
```

Data:

```
ex:lemonade1 ex:price 3 .
ex:icetea1 ex:price 3.
ex:coke1 ex:price 3.50 .
ex:cofee1 ex:price "n/a" .
```

Result is empty:

```
-----
| ?Item          | ?NewP |
-----
```

```
:drink1  rdfs:label "Latte" ; ex:price 4 .  
:drink2  rdfs:label "Capuccino" ; ex:price 3.5 .  
:drink3  rdfs:label "Dark Roast" ; ex:price 2 .  
:drink4  rdfs:label "Espresso" ; ex:price 3.5 .
```

```
:drink1 rdfs:label "Latte" ; ex:price 4 .
:drink2 rdfs:label "Capuccino" ; ex:price 3.5 .
:drink3 rdfs:label "Dark Roast" ; ex:price 2 .
:drink4 rdfs:label "Espresso" ; ex:price 3.5 .
```

Use VALUES keyword to enumerate tuples of values to be assigned to variables.

```
SELECT ?drink ?name ?price
WHERE {
  ?drink rdfs:label ?name ;
         ex:price ?price .
  VALUES (?drink ?name)
  { (UNDEF "Latte")
    (:drink2 UNDEF)
    (:drink5 "Espresso")
  } }
```

```
:drink1  rdfs:label "Latte" ; ex:price 4 .
:drink2  rdfs:label "Capuccino" ; ex:price 3.5 .
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```

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```
SELECT ?drink ?name ?price          ?drink | ?name          | ?price |
WHERE {                               -----
  ?drink rdfs:label ?name ;          :drink1 | "Latte"        | 4      |
        ex:price ?price .          :drink2 | "Capuccino"     | 3.5    |
VALUES (?drink ?name)
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```

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Count items:

```
SELECT (COUNT(?Item) AS ?C)
WHERE { ?Item ex:price ?Pr . }
```

Data:

```
ex:smoothie1 ex:price 4 ;
              a ex:Colddrink .
ex:icetea1   ex:price 3 ;
              a ex:Colddrink .
ex:coke1     ex:price 3.50 ;
              a ex:Colddrink .
ex:tea1      ex:price 3 ;
              a ex:Hotdrink .
ex:coffee1  ex:price "n/a" ;
              a ex:Hotdrink .
```

Results:

```
-----
| ?C |
-----
| 5 |
-----
```

Count categories:

```
SELECT (COUNT(?Ty) AS ?C)
WHERE { ?Item rdf:type ?Ty . }
```

Data:

```
ex:smoothie1 ex:price 4 ;
              a ex:Colddrink .
ex:icetea1   ex:price 3 ;
              a ex:Colddrink .
ex:coke1     ex:price 3.50 ;
              a ex:Colddrink .
ex:tea1      ex:price 3 ;
              a ex:Hotdrink .
ex:coffee1  ex:price "n/a" ;
              a ex:Hotdrink .
```

Results:

```
-----
| ?C |
-----
| 5 |
-----
```

Count distinct categories:

```
SELECT (COUNT(DISTINCT ?Ty) AS ?C)
WHERE { ?Item rdf:type ?Ty . }
```

Data:

```
ex:smoothie1 ex:price 4 ;
              a ex:Colddrink .
ex:icetea1 ex:price 3 ;
            a ex:Colddrink .
ex:coke1 ex:price 3.50 ;
          a ex:Colddrink .
ex:tea1 ex:price 3 ;
         a ex:Hotdrink .
ex:coffee1 ex:price "n/a" ;
            a ex:Hotdrink .
```

Results:

```
-----
| ?C |
-----
| 2 |
-----
```

Count item per categories:

```
SELECT ?Ty (COUNT(?Item) AS ?C)
WHERE { ?Item rdf:type ?Ty . }
GROUP BY ?Ty
```

Data:

```
ex:smoothie1 ex:price 4 ;
              a ex:Colddrink .
ex:icetea1 ex:price 3 ;
            a ex:Colddrink .
ex:coke1 ex:price 3.50 ;
          a ex:Colddrink .
ex:tea1 ex:price 3 ;
         a ex:Hotdrink .
ex:coffee1 ex:price "n/a" ;
            a ex:Hotdrink .
```

Results:

```
-----
| ?Ty                | ?C |
-----
| ex:Colddrink       | 3  |
| ex:Hotdrink        | 2  |
-----
```

Count item per categories, for those categories with more than two items:

```
SELECT ?Ty (COUNT(?Item) AS ?C)
WHERE { ?Item rdf:type ?Ty . }
GROUP BY ?Ty
HAVING COUNT(?Item) > 2
```

Data:

```
ex:smoothie1 ex:price 4 ;
              a ex:Colddrink .
ex:icetea1 ex:price 3 ;
            a ex:Colddrink .
ex:coke1 ex:price 3.50 ;
          a ex:Colddrink .
ex:tea1 ex:price 3 ;
         a ex:Hotdrink .
ex:coffee1 ex:price "n/a" ;
            a ex:Hotdrink .
```

Results:

```
-----
| ?Ty                | ?C |
-----
| ex:Colddrink      | 3  |
-----
```

- SUM
- AVG
- MIN
- MAX
- GROUP\_CONCAT – concatenate values with a given separator string
- SAMPLE – 'pick' one non-deterministically

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- Subqueries: SELECT query inside a graph pattern.

“List all distinct titles of papers authored by at most 6 co-authors of Pascal Hitzler”

#Try at <http://data.semanticweb.org/snorql>

```
PREFIX swp: <http://data.semanticweb.org/person/>
SELECT DISTINCT ?title
WHERE {
  ?paper foaf:maker ?person ; rdfs:label ?title .
  { SELECT DISTINCT ?person
    WHERE {
      ?doc foaf:maker swp:pascal-hitzler, ?person .
      FILTER (?person != swp:pascal-hitzler)
    } LIMIT 6
  }
}
```



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Allows one to query using arbitrary length of paths in the graphs.

“List all names of people who transitively co-authors with Pascal Hitzler”

```
PREFIX swp: <http://data.semanticweb.org/person/>
SELECT DISTINCT ?name
WHERE {
    swp:pascal-hitzler (^foaf:maker/foaf:maker)+/foaf:name ?name
}
```

That is, we find the name of:

- 1 people who co-authors with Pascal Hitzler;
- 2 people who co-authors with the people from (1)
- 3 people who-co-authors with the people from (2)
- 4 etc.

The forms are somewhat similar to regular expression.

- ① `iri` – an IRI, a path of length one.
- ② `^path` – inverse of path
- ③ `path1 / path2` – concatenation of `path1` followed by `path2`
- ④ `path1 | path2` – alternative between `path1` and `path2` (try all possibilities)
- ⑤ `path*` – zero or more concatenation of `path`
- ⑥ `path+` – one or more concatenation of `path`
- ⑦ `path?` – zero or one of `path`
- ⑧ `!(iri1|...|irin)` – an IRI not one of `iri1`, ..., `irin`.
- ⑨ `!(^iri1|...|^irin)` – an IRI not one of reverse of `iri1`, ..., `irin`. Can be combined with the negated path expression in (8)
- ⑩ `(path)` – grouping of `path` with brackets to control precedence

Precedence from highest to lowest: IRI, negated property sets, groups, unary operators, unary inverse links, concatenation binary operator, binary operator for alternatives

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Need to clarify:

- User: “Which answers can I expect from my query?”
- Developer: “Which behavior is expected from my SPARQL implementation?”
- Marketing: “Is our product already conformant with SPARQL standard?”

Recall:

- Logic-based semantics:
  - Model-theoretic semantics: Which interpretations satisfy my knowledge base?
  - Proof-theoretic semantics: Which derivations can be obtained from my knowledge base?
- Programming languages:
  - Axiomatic semantics: Which logical statements hold for my program?
  - Operational semantics: What happens during the execution of my program?
  - Denotational semantics: How can we describe the input/output function of the program in an abstract way?
- What about query languages?

- **Query Entailment**

- Query as a description of allowed results
- Data as a set of logical statements (set of axioms/theory)
- Results as logical entailment

e.g., RDF(S), OWL DL as query languages; conjunctive queries; etc.

- **Query Algebra**

- Query as instruction for computing results
- Queried data as input
- Results as output

e.g., Relational algebra for SQL, SPARQL algebra

```
{ ?book ex:price ?price .  
  FILTER (?price < 15)  
  OPTIONAL { ?book ex:title ?title }  
  { ?book ex:author ex:Shakespeare } UNION  
  { ?book ex:author ex:Marlowe }  
}
```

The semantics of a SPARQL query is given by:

- 1 Transformation into a SPARQL algebra expression.
- 2 Evaluation of the algebra expression.



```
{ ?book ex:price ?price .  
  OPTIONAL { ?book ex:title ?title }  
  { ?book ex:author ex:Shakespeare } UNION  
  { ?book ex:author ex:Marlowe }  
  FILTER (?price < 15)  
}
```

Note: filters applies to the whole group in which they occur.

```
{ ?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price .  
  OPTIONAL { ?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title }  
  { ?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare> } UNION  
  { ?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe> }  
  FILTER (?price < 15)  
}
```

- 1 Expand abbreviated IRIs.

```
{ Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price)
  OPTIONAL { Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title) }
  { Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>) } UNION
  { Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>) }
  FILTER (?price < 15)
}
```

- 2 Replace triple patterns with Bgp(·)

```
{ LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),
           Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),
           true)
  { Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>) } UNION
  { Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>) }
  FILTER (?price < 15)
}
```

- ④ Introduce `LeftJoin(·)` for the optional parts. Indicate with “true” if the optional part has no filter.

```
{ LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),
           Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),
           true)
  Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),
        Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))
  FILTER (?price < 15)
}
```

- ④ Combine alternatives with `Union(·)`. Note: has higher precedence than conjunction of graph patterns and it's left-associative.

```
{ Join(  
  LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),  
           Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),  
           true),  
  Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),  
        Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))  
)  
FILTER (?price < 15)  
}
```

- 5 Apply Join( $\cdot$ ) to combine non-filter elements.

```
Filter(?price < 15,  
  Join(  
    LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),  
             Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),  
            true),  
    Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),  
          Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))  
  ))
```

- 6 Translate a group with filters into expression with Filter(.) operator.

- $Bgp(P)$  – match/evaluate pattern  $P$
- $Join(M_1, M_2)$  – conjunctive join of solutions of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$
- $Union(M_1, M_2)$  – union of solutions of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$
- $LeftJoin(M_1, M_2, F)$  – optional join (left join) of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  with filter constraint  $F$  (**true** if no filter given)
- $Filter(F, M)$  – filter solutions with constraint  $F$
- $Z$  – empty pattern (identity for join operation)



A **solution mapping** of a BGP  $P$ , denoted  $\text{Bgp}(P)$  over the active graph  $G$  is a partial function  $\mu$  such that:

- 1 the domain of  $\mu$ , denoted  $\text{dom}(\mu)$ , is exactly the set of variables in  $P$
- 2 there **exists** an assignment  $\sigma$  from blank nodes in  $P$  to IRIs, blank nodes, or RDF literals such that the RDF graph  $\mu(\sigma(P))$  is a subgraph of  $G$ .

Note:

- A solution mapping corresponds to one row in the result table.
- Compare this with the condition for RDF simple entailment!
- $\mu$  is a partial function: unbound variables are those that have no assigned value.
- for a partial function  $\mu$  to be a solution, the existence of  $\sigma$  as above is needed.

The **result** of evaluating a BGP  $P$  over  $G$ , denoted  $\llbracket \text{Bgp}(P) \rrbracket_G$  is a **multiset of solution mappings**

- A multiset  $A$  over an underlying set  $S$  can be defined as a set  $A = \{\langle s, A(s) \rangle \mid s \in S\}$ . Here, we slightly abuse the notation for the multiset  $A$  by using it as a function where  $A(s)$  is the multiplicity of  $s$  in the multiset of  $A$ .
- A multiplicity  $A(s)$  of an element  $s$  is the number of occurrences of  $s$  in the multiset  $A$ .
- For every multiset  $A$  and any element  $s$  in  $A$ ,  $A(s) \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{\omega\}$  where  $\omega > n$  for every positive integer  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
- For any other  $s$  not occurring in  $A$ ,  $A(s) = 0$ .
- Alternative notation: the multiset  $A = \{\langle a, 2 \rangle, \langle b, 1 \rangle\}$  can be written as  $\{a, a, b\}$

## Multiset operations, etc.

- Equality  $\wr a, a, b \wr = \wr b, a, a \wr = \wr a, b, a \wr = \{\langle a, 2 \rangle, \langle b, 1 \rangle\}$
- Membership:  $\langle a, 2 \rangle \in \wr a, a, b \wr$ ,  $\langle b, 1 \rangle \in \wr a, a, b \wr$ ,  $\langle a, 1 \rangle \notin \wr a, a, b \wr$ ,  
 $\langle c, 0 \rangle \notin \wr a, a, b \wr$ ,  $\langle c, 2 \rangle \notin \wr a, a, b \wr$ .  
 We write  $a \in A$  if  $A(a) > 0$ , and  $a \notin A$  otherwise.
- Union:  $\wr a, a, a, b \wr \cup \wr a, c \wr = \wr a, a, a, b, c \wr$   
 For multisets  $A, B$ , the union  $A \cup B = \{\langle s, n \rangle \mid n = \max(A(s), B(s)) > 0\}$
- Intersection:  $\wr a, a, a, b \wr \cap \wr a, b, b, c \wr = \wr a, b \wr$   
 $A \cap B = \{\langle s, n \rangle \mid n = \min(A(s), B(s)) > 0\}$
- Sum:  $\wr a, a, a, b \wr \uplus \wr a, b, b, c \wr = \wr a, a, a, a, b, b, b, c \wr$   
 $A \uplus B = \{\langle s, n \rangle \mid n = A(s) + B(s) > 0\}$

```
ex:pascal foaf:maker [  
  a ex:ConferencePaper ;  
  dc:title "GeoLink Ontology" ] .  
ex:pascal foaf:maker [ r  
  a ex:JournalPaper ;  
  dc:title "Paraconsistent DL" ] .
```

```
Bgp(?who foaf:maker _:x . _:x dc:title ?what .)
```

```
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:a .
_:a rdf:type ex:ConferencePaper .
_:a dc:title "GeoLink Ontology" .
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:b .
_:b rdf:type ex:JournalPaper .
_:b dc:title "Paraconsistent DL" .
```

```
Bgp(?who foaf:maker _:x . _:x dc:title ?what .)
```

```
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:a .
_:a rdf:type ex:ConferencePaper .
_:a dc:title "GeoLink Ontology" .
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:b .
_:b rdf:type ex:JournalPaper .
_:b dc:title "Paraconsistent DL" .
```

Bgp(?who foaf:maker \_:x . \_:x dc:title ?what .)

$\mu_1$  :        ?who  $\mapsto$  ex:pascal,        ?what  $\mapsto$  "GeoLink Ontology"

$\sigma_1$  :        \_:x  $\mapsto$  \_:a

```
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:a .
_:a  rdf:type  ex:ConferencePaper .
_:a  dc:title  "GeoLink Ontology" .
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:b .
_:b  rdf:type  ex:JournalPaper .
_:b  dc:title  "Paraconsistent DL" .
```

Bgp(?who foaf:maker \_:x . \_:x dc:title ?what .)

$\mu_1$  :        ?who  $\mapsto$  ex:pascal,        ?what  $\mapsto$  "GeoLink Ontology"

$\sigma_1$  :        \_:x  $\mapsto$  \_:a

$\mu_2$  :        ?who  $\mapsto$  ex:pascal,        ?what  $\mapsto$  "Paraconsistent DL"

$\sigma_2$  :        \_:x  $\mapsto$  \_:b

```
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:a .
_:a rdf:type ex:ConferencePaper .
_:a dc:title "GeoLink Ontology" .
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:b .
_:b rdf:type ex:JournalPaper .
_:b dc:title "Paraconsistent DL" .
```

Bgp(?who foaf:maker \_:x . \_:x dc:title ?what .)

$\mu_1$  :        ?who  $\mapsto$  ex:pascal,        ?what  $\mapsto$  "GeoLink Ontology"

$\sigma_1$  :        \_:x  $\mapsto$  \_:a

$\mu_2$  :        ?who  $\mapsto$  ex:pascal,        ?what  $\mapsto$  "Paraconsistent DL"

$\sigma_2$  :        \_:x  $\mapsto$  \_:b

Two solution mappings ( $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ ), each with multiplicity 1



```
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:a .
_:a rdf:type ex:ConferencePaper .
_:a dc:title "GeoLink Ontology" .
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:b .
_:b rdf:type ex:JournalPaper .
_:b dc:title "Paraconsistent DL" .
```

```
Bgp(?who foaf:maker _:x . _:x dc:title _:y .)
```

```
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:a .
_:a rdf:type ex:ConferencePaper .
_:a dc:title "GeoLink Ontology" .
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:b .
_:b rdf:type ex:JournalPaper .
_:b dc:title "Paraconsistent DL" .
```

Bgp(?who foaf:maker \_:x . \_:x dc:title \_:y .)

$\mu_1$  :        ?who  $\mapsto$  ex:pascal

$\sigma_1$  :        \_:x  $\mapsto$  \_:a,                \_:y  $\mapsto$  "GeoLink Ontology"

```
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:a .
_:a  rdf:type  ex:ConferencePaper .
_:a  dc:title  "GeoLink Ontology" .
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:b .
_:b  rdf:type  ex:JournalPaper .
_:b  dc:title  "Paraconsistent DL" .
```

Bgp(?who foaf:maker \_:x . \_:x dc:title \_:y .)

$\mu_1$  :        ?who  $\mapsto$  ex:pascal

$\sigma_1$  :        \_:x  $\mapsto$  \_:a,                    \_:y  $\mapsto$  "GeoLink Ontology"

$\mu_2$  :        ?who  $\mapsto$  ex:pascal

$\sigma_2$  :        \_:x  $\mapsto$  \_:b,                    \_:y  $\mapsto$  "Paraconsistent DL"

```
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:a .
_:a  rdf:type  ex:ConferencePaper .
_:a  dc:title  "GeoLink Ontology" .
ex:pascal foaf:maker _:b .
_:b  rdf:type  ex:JournalPaper .
_:b  dc:title  "Paraconsistent DL" .
```

Bgp(?who foaf:maker \_:x . \_:x dc:title \_:y .)

$\mu_1$  :        ?who  $\mapsto$  ex:pascal

$\sigma_1$  :        \_:x  $\mapsto$  \_:a,                    \_:y  $\mapsto$  "GeoLink Ontology"

$\mu_2$  :        ?who  $\mapsto$  ex:pascal

$\sigma_2$  :        \_:x  $\mapsto$  \_:b,                    \_:y  $\mapsto$  "Paraconsistent DL"

One solution mapping with multiplicity 2, since  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$

- Evaluation of more complex patterns (Union, Join, LeftJoin, Filter, etc.) is done based on the solution mapping of its BGP components.
- The involved solution mappings often need to be compatible to each other.

## Compatibility of Solutions

Two solutions  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are **compatible** iff for every  $x$  for which both  $\mu_1(x)$  and  $\mu_2(x)$  are defined,  $\mu_1(x) = \mu_2(x)$  holds.

- That is,  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are compatible iff they agree on their shared variables.
- $\mu_1 = \{?x \mapsto ex:a, ?y \mapsto ex:b\}$  and  $\mu_2 = \{?y \mapsto ex:b, ?z \mapsto ex:c\}$  are compatible.
- $\mu_1 = \{?x \mapsto ex:a\}$  and  $\mu_2 = \{?y \mapsto ex:b\}$  are compatible.
- $\mu_1 = \{?x \mapsto ex:a, ?y \mapsto ex:b\}$  and  $\mu_2 = \{?y \mapsto ex:c, ?z \mapsto ex:d\}$  are NOT compatible.

- Two compatible solution mappings may need to be merged/combined when defining operations such as Join, etc.
- Union of two compatible solution mappings corresponds to union of two matching table rows.

## Union of Compatible Solutions

Let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be two compatible solution mappings. Their union is denoted by  $\mu_1 \cup \mu_2$  and defined as

$$(\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)(x) = \begin{cases} \mu_1(x) & \text{if } x \in \text{dom}(\mu_1) \\ \mu_2(x) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If we view  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  as sets of bindings, then  $\mu_1 \cup \mu_2$  is really just the union of both sets and it is still a well-defined mapping since for every variable  $x$  occurring in  $\text{dom}(\mu_1) \cap \text{dom}(\mu_2)$ , we have that  $\mu_1(x) = \mu_2(x)$ .

Evaluation of Union( $P_1, P_2$ ) over a graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\llbracket \text{Union}(P_1, P_2) \rrbracket_G$  and defined as:

$$\llbracket \text{Union}(P_1, P_2) \rrbracket_G = \llbracket P_1 \rrbracket_G \uplus \llbracket P_2 \rrbracket_G$$

Note that  $\llbracket P_1 \rrbracket_G$  and  $\llbracket P_2 \rrbracket_G$  are both multisets of solution mappings.

Evaluation of Join( $P_1, P_2$ ) over a graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\llbracket \text{Join}(P_1, P_2) \rrbracket_G$  and defined as:

$$\llbracket \text{Join}(P_1, P_2) \rrbracket_G = \bigcup_{\substack{\langle \mu_1, m_1 \rangle \in \llbracket P_1 \rrbracket_G \\ \langle \mu_2, m_2 \rangle \in \llbracket P_2 \rrbracket_G}} \{ \langle \mu_1 \cup \mu_2, m_1 m_2 \rangle \mid \mu_1 \text{ and } \mu_2 \text{ are compatible} \}$$



Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket P_1 \rrbracket_G &= \{ \langle (\mu_1 : ?x \mapsto \text{ex:a}, ?y \mapsto \text{ex:b}), 2 \rangle, \langle (\mu_2 : ?x \mapsto \text{ex:c}), 1 \rangle \} \\ \llbracket P_2 \rrbracket_G &= \{ \langle (\mu_3 : ?y \mapsto \text{ex:b}, ?z \mapsto \text{ex:c}), 2 \rangle, \langle (\mu_4 : ?y \mapsto \text{ex:d}), 1 \rangle, \\ &\quad \langle (\mu_5 : ?z \mapsto \text{ex:c}), 1 \rangle \} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{Join}(P_1, P_2) \rrbracket_G &= \{ \langle \mu_1 \cup \mu_3, 2 * 2 \rangle \} \uplus \{ \langle \mu_1 \cup \mu_5, 2 * 1 \rangle \} \uplus \{ \langle \mu_2 \cup \mu_3, 1 * 2 \rangle \} \uplus \{ \langle \mu_2 \cup \mu_4, 1 * 1 \rangle \} \\ &\quad \uplus \{ \langle \mu_2 \cup \mu_5, 1 * 1 \rangle \} \\ &= \{ \langle (?x \mapsto \text{ex:a}, ?y \mapsto \text{ex:b}, ?z \mapsto \text{ex:c}), 4 \rangle \} \uplus \{ \langle (?x \mapsto \text{ex:a}, ?y \mapsto \text{ex:b}, ?z \mapsto \text{ex:c}), 2 \rangle \} \\ &\quad \uplus \{ \langle (?x \mapsto \text{ex:c}, ?y \mapsto \text{ex:b}, ?z \mapsto \text{ex:c}), 2 \rangle \} \uplus \{ \langle (?x \mapsto \text{ex:c}, ?y \mapsto \text{ex:d}), 1 \rangle \} \\ &\quad \uplus \{ \langle (?x \mapsto \text{ex:c}, ?z \mapsto \text{ex:c}), 1 \rangle \} \\ &= \{ \langle (?x \mapsto \text{ex:a}, ?y \mapsto \text{ex:b}, ?z \mapsto \text{ex:c}), 6 \rangle, \langle (?x \mapsto \text{ex:c}, ?y \mapsto \text{ex:b}, ?z \mapsto \text{ex:c}), 2 \rangle, \\ &\quad \langle (?x \mapsto \text{ex:c}, ?y \mapsto \text{ex:d}), 1 \rangle, \langle (?x \mapsto \text{ex:c}, ?z \mapsto \text{ex:c}), 1 \rangle \} \end{aligned}$$

Given a filter condition  $F$  and a solution mapping  $\mu$  whose domain includes all variables in  $F$ ,  $\mu(F)$  is a Boolean expression obtained by replacing variables in  $F$  with IRIs/literals/bnodes according to  $\mu$ . Furthermore,  $\llbracket \mu(F) \rrbracket$  is the Boolean result of evaluating  $\mu(F)$ .

Evaluation of  $\text{Filter}(F, P)$  over  $G$  where  $F$  is a filter condition and  $P$  is an algebra object is denoted with  $\llbracket \text{Filter}(F, P) \rrbracket_G$  and defined as

$$\llbracket \text{Filter}(F, P) \rrbracket_G = \{ \langle \mu, n \rangle \mid \llbracket P \rrbracket_G(\mu) = n > 0 \text{ and } \llbracket \mu(F) \rrbracket = \mathbf{true} \}$$

Let  $P_1, P_2$  be algebra objects,  $F$  be a filter condition over a graph  $G$ , and  $M_1 = \llbracket P_1 \rrbracket_G$  and  $M_2 = \llbracket P_2 \rrbracket_G$ .

Then, the evaluation of  $\text{LeftJoin}(P_1, P_2, F)$  over  $G$  is denoted with  $\llbracket \text{LeftJoin}(P_1, P_2, F) \rrbracket_G$  and defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket \text{LeftJoin}(P_1, P_2, F) \rrbracket_G \\ &= \llbracket \text{Filter}(F, \text{Join}(P_1, P_2)) \rrbracket_G \\ & \quad \uplus \{ \langle \mu_1, M_1(\mu_1) \rangle \mid \mu_1 \in M_1 \text{ and there is no } \mu_2 \in M_2 \text{ compatible with } \mu_1 \} \\ & \quad \uplus \{ \langle \mu_1, M_1(\mu_1) \rangle \mid \mu_1 \in M_1 \text{ and for all } \mu_2 \in M_2 : \llbracket (\mu_1 \cup \mu_2)(F) \rrbracket = \mathbf{false} \} \end{aligned}$$

```
@prefix ex: <http://ex.org/> .
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .
ex:Hamlet          ex:author ex:Shakespeare ;
                  ex:price  "10.50"^^xsd:decimal .
ex:Macbeth        ex:author ex:Shakespeare .
ex:Tamburlaine    ex:author ex:Marlowe ;
                  ex:price  "17"^^xsd:integer .
ex:DoctorFaustus ex:author ex:Marlowe ;
                  ex:price  "12"^^xsd:integer ;
                  ex:title  "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus" .
ex:RomeoJulia     ex:author ex:Brooke ;
                  ex:price  "9"^^xsd:integer .
```

---

```
{
  ?book ex:price ?price .
  FILTER (?price < 15)
  OPTIONAL { ?book ex:title ?title }
  { ?book ex:author ex:Shakespeare }
  UNION
  { ?book ex:author ex:Marlowe }
}
```

```
@prefix ex: <http://ex.org/> .
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ex:Hamlet          ex:author ex:Shakespeare ;
                   ex:price  "10.50"^^xsd:decimal .
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                   ex:price  "17"^^xsd:integer .
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                   ex:price  "12"^^xsd:integer ;
                   ex:title  "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus" .
ex:RomeoJulia     ex:author ex:Brooke ;
                   ex:price  "9"^^xsd:integer .
```

---

```
Filter(?price < 15,
  Join(
    LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),
      Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),
      true),
    Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),
      Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))
  ))
```

```
Filter(?price < 15,  
  Join(  
    LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),  
             Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),  
            true),  
    Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),  
          Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))  
  ))
```

<b>book</b>
ex:Tamburlaine
ex:DoctorFaustus

```
Filter(?price < 15,  
  Join(  
    LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),  
             Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),  
            true),  
    Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),  
          Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))  
  ))
```

book
ex:Tamburlaine
ex:DoctorFaustus

book
ex:Macbeth
ex:Hamlet

```
Filter(?price < 15,  
  Join(  
    LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),  
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             true),  
    Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),  
          Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))  
  ))
```

<b>book</b>
ex:Tamburlaine
ex:DoctorFaustus
ex:Hamlet
ex:Macbeth



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Filter(?price < 15,  
  Join(  
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             Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),  
            true),  
    Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),  
          Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))  
  ))
```

book	price
ex:Hamlet	10.5
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```

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      true),
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      Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))
  ))

```

book	price
ex:Hamlet	10.5
ex:Tamburlaine	17
ex:DoctorFaustus	12
ex:RomeoJulia	9

book	title
ex:DoctorFaustus	"The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus"

```

Filter(?price < 15,
  Join(
    LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),
      Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),
      true),
    Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),
      Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))
  ))

```

book	price	title
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ex:Tamburlaine	17	
ex:DoctorFaustus	12	"The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus"
ex:RomeoJulia	9	

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Filter(?price < 15,
  Join(
    LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),
      Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),
      true),
    Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),
      Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))
  ))
```

book
ex:Tamburlaine
ex:DoctorFaustus
ex:Hamlet
ex:Macbeth

join with

book	price	title
ex:Hamlet	10.5	
ex:Tamburlaine	17	
ex:DoctorFaustus	12	"The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus"
ex:RomeoJulia	9	

```
Filter(?price < 15,  
  Join(  
    LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),  
             Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),  
            true),  
    Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),  
          Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))  
  ))
```

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```
Filter(?price < 15,  
  Join(  
    LeftJoin(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/price> ?price),  
             Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/title> ?title),  
             true),  
    Union(Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Shakespeare>),  
          Bgp(?book <http://ex.org/author> <http://ex.org/Marlowe>))  
  ))
```

book	price	title
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ex:DoctorFaustus	12	"The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus"

- All other SPARQL constructs and solution modifiers are associated with their own particular algebra operations.
- These operations are recursively evaluated.
- See formal definition at <https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-query/#sparqlDefinition>

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Use keyword SERVICE to specify a remote endpoint. More than one remote endpoints can be specified in a query.

```
PREFIX dbr: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
SELECT (SUM(?pop) AS ?P )
{ SERVICE <http://dbpedia.org/sparql/>
  { SELECT DISTINCT ?C ?pop
    WHERE {
      ?C dbo:populationTotal ?pop ;
        dbo:country dbr:United_States .
      [] <http://dbpedia.org/property/city> ?C .
    }
    ORDER BY DESC ( ?pop )
    LIMIT 3
  }
}
```

- DELETE removes triples. INSERT inserts triples.
- Can be done via standard HTTP protocol.
- Security issues not handled by SPARQL standards!

```
PREFIX ex: <http://example.org/>
DELETE { ?Item ex:price ?Pr }
INSERT { ?Item ex:price ?NewPr }
WHERE { ?Item ex:price ?Pr
        BIND (?Pr * 1.1 AS ?NewPr ) }
```

- SPARQL on its own is only capable of simple entailment.
  - BGP evaluation corresponds to simple entailment between two RDF graphs.
- To allow, e.g., RDF, RDFS or OWL entailments, SPARQL engine needs to be aware of the corresponding semantics of those languages.
- SPARQL standards defines several **entailment regimes**, which specify how an entailment relation can be used to redefine the evaluation of BGPs in a SPARQL query.
- Specification is at <https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-entailment/>, providing
  - RDF entailment regime
  - RDFS entailment regime
  - D-entailment regime – correspond to datatype entailment
  - OWL 2 RDF-based Semantics entailment regime
  - OWL 2 Direct Semantics entailment regime
  - RIF Core entailment regime

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<code>rdf:type</code>
<code>rdfs:subClassOf</code>
<code>rdfs:range</code>
<code>ex:publishes</code>

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With RDF entailment:

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With RDFS entailment:

<b>pub</b>
<code>ex:book1</code>
<code>ex:book2</code>
<code>ex:book3</code>