SQL for SRL: Structure Learning Inside a Database System

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Introduction

- **Statistical-Relational Learning**: Learn a joint statistical model for *all* tables in the input database.
- New approach to *SRL system building*:
- The RDBMS stores structured objects for statistical analysis as *first-class citizens* in the database.
- *SQL* is used to build and transform statistical objects:
  - Structured Model (*Bayesian network, Markov Logic Network*).
  - Parameter Estimates.
  - Sufficient Statistics.
- Empirical evaluation: leveraging the RDBMS capabilities achieves scalable learning and fast model testing.
- All code and datasets are available online [1].

Contributions

- Identifying new system requirements for multi-relational machine learning that go beyond single table machine learning.
- An integrated set of SQL-based solutions for providing these system capabilities.

Related Works

- BayesStore [3]: all statistical objects are first-class citizens in a relational database. Inference, no learning.
- MadLib [5]: leverages SQL for *single-relational* data table analysis.
- Tuffy [7]: reliable and scalable inference and parameter learning for Markov Logic Networks with an RDBMS. No structure learning.

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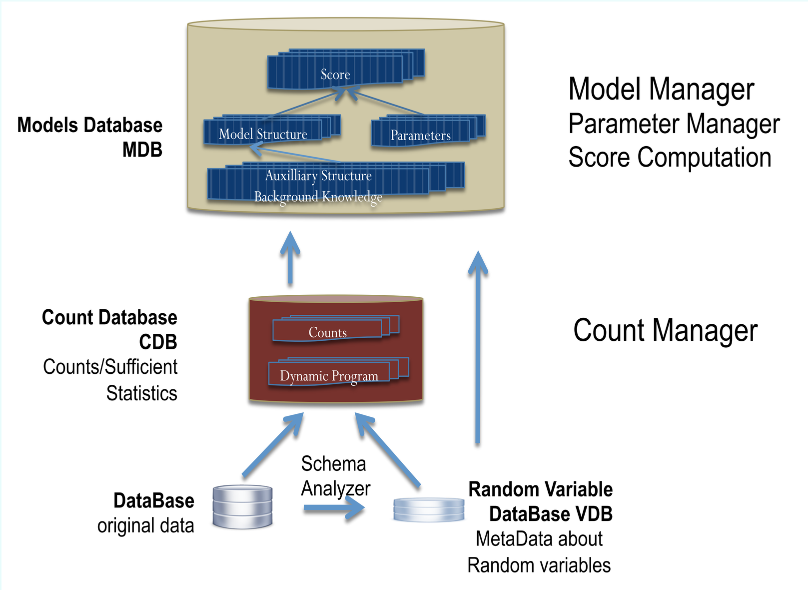
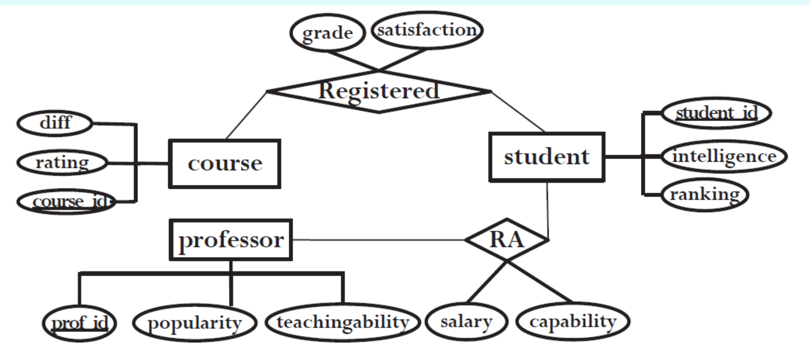
System Overview



- **Schema Analyzer:** examines the information in the DB system catalog to define a default set of random variables.
- **Count Manager:** uses the meta data in the VDB database to compute multi-relational sufficient statistics for a set of random variables [4].
- **Model Manager:** supports the construction and querying of large structured statistical models.

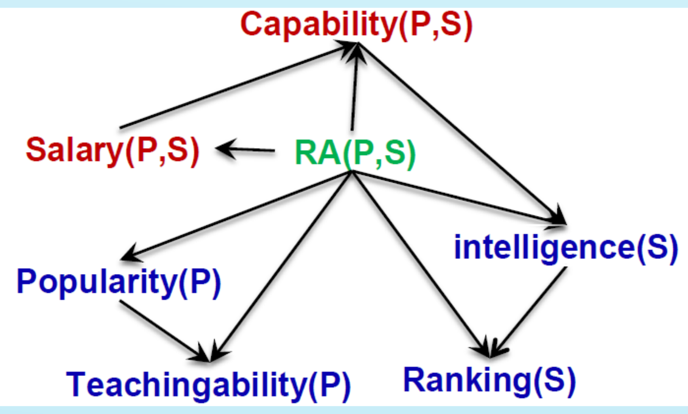
ER-Design University Domain



The Model Manager

Goal: Learn First-Order Bayesian Network [2].
- Bayesian Network Structure Learning [6].
- Nodes = Random Variables
- Edges are stored in Database tables
- Model selection scores are also stored, not shown (BIC, AIC, BDeu)

Child	Parent
Capability(P,S)	RA(P,S)
Capability(P,S)	Salary(P,S)
Teachingability(P)	Popularity(P)
Teachingability(P)	RA(P,S)
...	...



The Parameter Manager

Goal: Learn Bayesian Network Parameters
- Stored in Conditional Probability (CP) table.
- Maximum Likelihood Estimate are easy to compute from database counts.

Capa(P,S)	RA(P,S)	Salary(P,S)	CP
4	T	high	0.45
5	T	high	0.36
3	T	high	0.18
3	T	low	0.20
2	T	low	0.40
1	T	low	0.40
2	T	med	0.22
3	T	med	0.44
1	T	med	0.33

CP table

Count	Capa(P,S)	RA(P,S)	Salary(P,S)
5	4	T	high
4	5	T	high
2	3	T	high
1	3	T	low
2	2	T	low
2	1	T	low
2	2	T	med
4	3	T	med
3	1	T	med

Contingency Table

Specific SQL Query

```
SELECT COUNT(*) AS Count,
Capability as `Capa(P,S)`, 'T'
as `RA(P,S)`, Salary as
`Salary(P,S)`
FROM `RA`;
```

The Count Manager

Goal: for a conjunctive query, compute the instantiation count = result set size.
- Stored in Contingency (CT) Table [4].
- Main computational cost in learning.

Problem: need to generate SQL queries for **arbitrary variable lists**.
Solution: use Meta Data + **Meta Queries**

General Form of SQL Count Query:

```
SELECT COUNT(*) AS Count, <VARIABLE-
LIST>
FROM TABLE-LIST
GROUP BY <VARIABLE-LIST>
WHERE <Join-Conditions>
```

Metaqueries	Entries
CREATE TABLE Select_List AS SELECT RVarID, CONCAT('COUNT(*)',' as "count"') AS Entries FROM Relationship UNION DISTINCT SELECT RVarID, 1VarID AS Entries FROM Relationship_1Variables;	COUNT(*) as "count" \`popularity(P)\` \`teachingability(P)\` \`intelligence(S)\` \`ranking(S)\`
CREATE TABLE From_List AS SELECT RVarID, CONCAT('@database@.',TABLE_NAME) AS Entries FROM Relationship_Pvariables UNION DISTINCT SELECT RVarID, CONCAT('@database@.',TABLE_NAME) AS Entries FROM Relationship;	@database@.prof AS P @database@.student AS S @database@.RA AS \`RA\`
CREATE TABLE Where_List AS SELECT RVarID, CONCAT(RVarID,'.',COLUMN_NAME,' = ', Pvid,'.', REFERENCED_COLUMN_NAME) AS Entries FROM Relationship_Pvariables;	\`RA\`.p_id = P.p_id \`RA\`.s_id =S.s_id

Variable List → Meta Query → Count(*) Query

The Random Variable Database

Table Name	Column Headers in Random Variable Database					
Pvariables	**Pvid**	**TABLE_NAME**				
	C	course				
	P	prof				
	S	student				
1Variables	**1VarID**	**COLUMN_NAME**			**Pvid**	
	diff(C)	diff			C	
	intelligence(S)	intelligence			S	
	popularity(P)	popularity			P	
	ranking(S)	ranking			S	
	rating(C)	rating			C	
	teachingability(P)	teachingability			P	
2Variables	**2VarID**	**COLUMN_NAME1**	**COLUMN_NAME2**		**Pvid1**	**Pvid2**
	capability(P,S)	p_id	s_id		P	S
	grade(C,S)	c_id	s_id		C	S
	salary(P,S)	p_id	s_id		P	S
	sat(C,S)	c_id	s_id		C	S
Relationship	**RVarID**	**TABLE_NAME**	**COLUMN_NAME1**	**COLUMN_NAME2**	**Pvid1**	**Pvid2**
	RA(P,S)	RA	p_id	s_id	P	S
	Registered(C,S)	Registered	c_id	s_id	C	S

Meta data about random variables stored in database tables.
- Domain of possible values.
- Pointer to corresponding data table/column.
- ...

Results

Task: learning a multi-relational Bayesian network

Dataset	# Database Tuples	# Sufficient Statistics (SS)	SS Computing Time (s)	#BN Parameters
Movielens	1,010,051	252	2.7	292
Mutagenesis	14,540	1,631	1.67	721
UW-CSE	712	2,828	3.84	241
Mondial	870	1,746,870	1,112.84	339
Hepatitis	12,927	12,374,892	3,536.76	569
IMDB	1,354,134	15,538,430	7,467.85	60,059

Database and performance statistics for MRLBase

Comparison with other statistical-relational learning (Markov Logic Networks)

Dataset	RDN_Boost	MLN_Boost	MRLBase	MRLBase-CT
MovieLens	92.7min	N/T	1.12	0.39
Mutagenesis	118	49	1	0.15
UW-CSE	15	19	1	0.27
Mondial	27	42	102	61.82
Hepatitis	251	230	286	186.15
IMDB	N/T	N/T	524.25	439.29

The RDBMS support for multi-relational learning translates into orders of magnitude improvements in speed and scalability.

Speedup on other tasks: compute model selection score, test models, cross-validation. Not shown.

Conclusions

- Multi-relational learning requires new system capabilities.
  - leverage SQL, RDBMS.
- Fast system development through high-level SQL constructs.
- Manage large statistical objects: parameters, sufficient statistics.
- Fast native support for counting (count(*)).
- Future Directions:
  - distributed processing, in-memory computing (SparkSQL)
  - Integrate with inference systems (BayesStore, Tuffy)