Annotation and Citation

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What is the connection?

- Annotation adding information to existing data
 - How is annotation different from any other data
 - How is it "attached" to data?
 - How does it propagate through queries?
- Citation a form of annotation, but
 - Traditionally applied to papers/books etc., not general data
 - Not "attached" to data?
- But we want to apply citation to data

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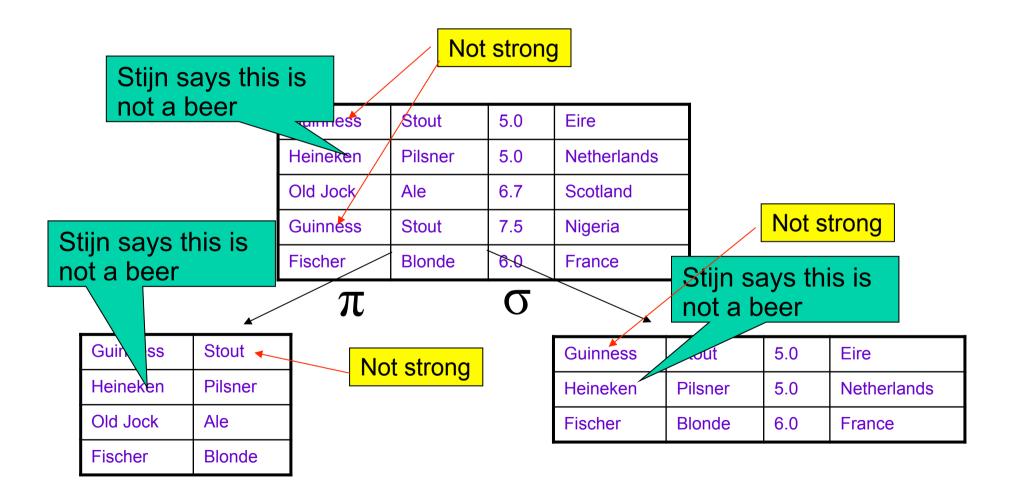
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Numerous attempts to define generic annotation systems:

- Third voice (circa 1999) Web page annotation
- Annotea (2001) ditto
- DBNotes (Bhagwat *et al* 2005) Relational DB annotation
- Superimposed Information Systems (Murthy *et al* 2005) Documents and images
- Mondrian (Geerts et al 2007) More sophisticated RDB annotation
- DBWiki (B. *et al* 2011) Generic curated DB management Highly successful annotation systems for specific structures:
- BioDAS
- Google Maps
- Other DAS's, e.g. AstroDAS

And isn't RDF about annotating the Web?

Annotating Databases



Annotation propagation

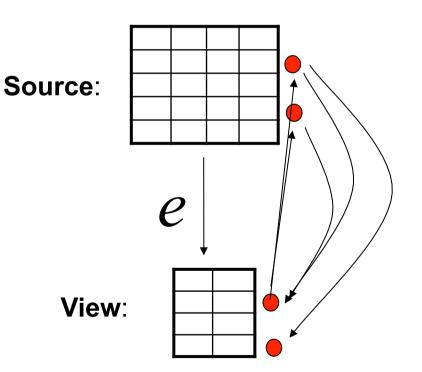
"Obvious" rules, e.g.:

 π (*t*) is annotated in π (*R*) iff *t* is annotated in *R*

if $t \in \sigma(R)$ then t is annotated in R iff t is annotated in $\sigma(R)$

etc

Given a view annotation what source annotation causes least "spread"? Is there a source annotation that causes no spread?



Results on annotation propagation

Suppose we have an annotation on a view. A source annotation is side-effect free if it causes exactly the view annotation to appear when propagated forward.

It is NP-hard (query complexity) to decide if there is a side-effect free annotation for project-join queries.

There is a polynomial time algorithm for SPJU queries that do not simultaneously contain a project and join.

Similar results for minimising the "spread" of an annotation. [B., Khanna & Tan, PODS 2001]

View deletion problems are related

Side effect-free view deletion: given a tuple *t* in Q(S), find a subset *T* of of *S* whose removal causes precisely t to disappear ({t} = Q(S) - Q(S - T)). NP hard for

PJ queries (fixed query)

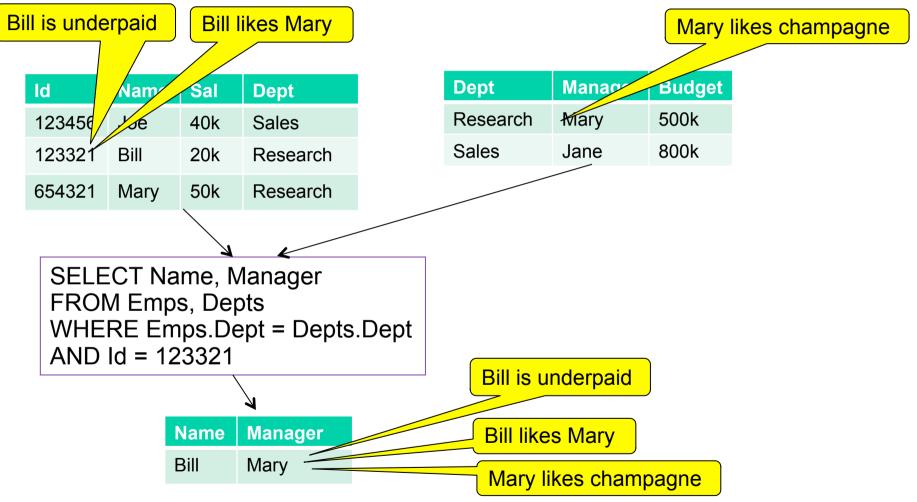
JU queries (not fixed)

All other cases have polynomial-time solutions.

"Key-preserving" transformations simplify annotation propagation, but the story for view deletion is mixed [Gao, Fan, Geerts, CIKM '06]

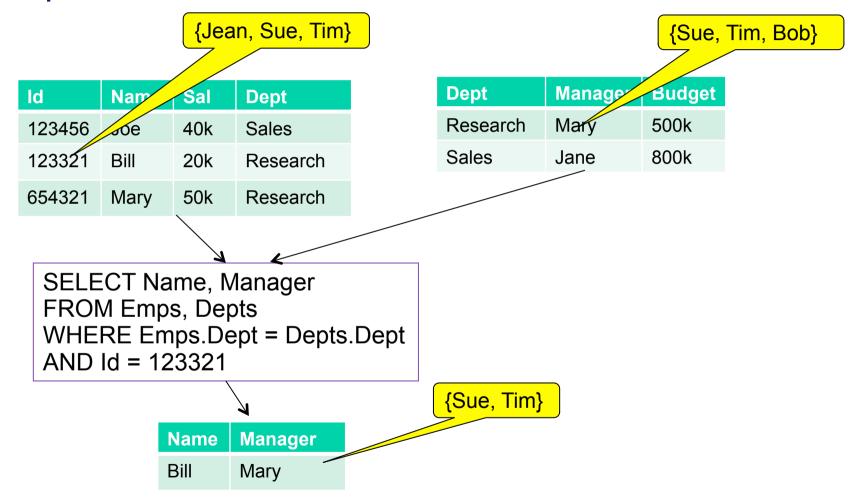
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Annotating with comments



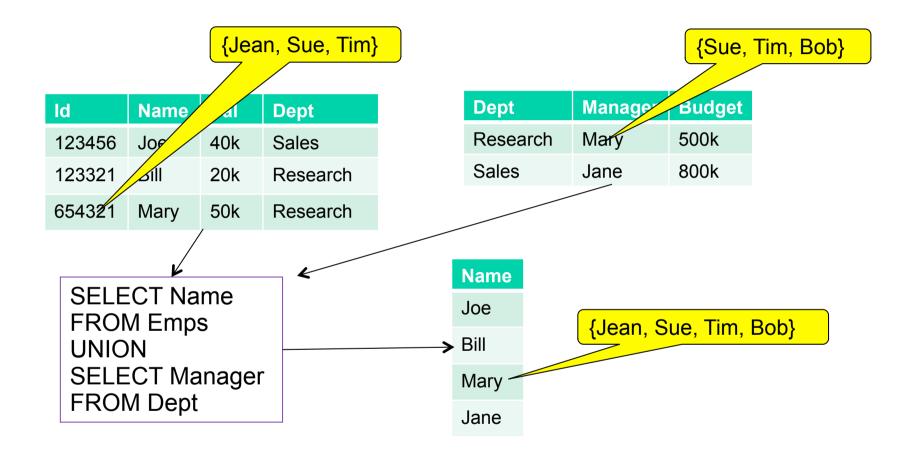
We probably want the union of the comments on the input

Annotating with beliefs: the people who believe a tuple to be true



We want the *intersection* of the believers of the input tuple

Annotating with beliefs for another query:



For UNION queries we want the *union* of the believers of the input tuples

Provenance/Annotation Semirings or *How* provenance (Tannen school: PODS '07, '08 & '11)

$$V_{:} \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & c & p + (p \cdot p) \\ a & e & p \cdot r \\ d & c & r \cdot p \\ d & e & r + (r \cdot r) + (r) \end{vmatrix}$$

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 $V(X,Z) := R(X, _, Z)$ $V(X,Z) := R(X, Y, _), R(_, Y, Z)$

Tuples are created by :

- "joining" other tuples (join): p · r
- "merging" other tuples (project and union): p + r

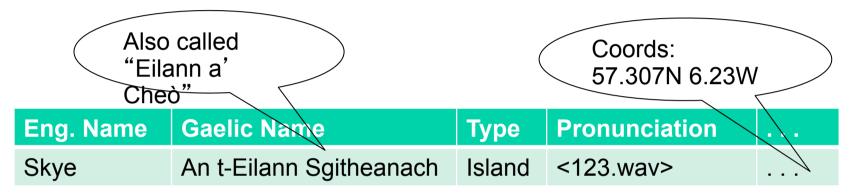
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Semirings

- This structure $(K, +, \cdot 0, 1)$ is a commutative semiring.
- Provenance is a polynomial over the abstract quantities *p*,*q*,*r*,...
- Comment semiring (STR, \cup , \cup , {}, {}) STR = set of strings
- Belief semiring (B, \cup , \cap , {}, B) B= set of believers
- Many well-known extensions to relational algebra are examples of semirings:
 - bag semantics
 - C-tables
 - probabilistic databases
 - various forms of why-provenance
- Example (bag semantics): Abstract quantities are multiplicities. Semiring is (Z,+,x,0,1)
 - Multiplicity of (d, e) in V is $r + (r \times r) + (r \times s)$

Two kinds of annotation?

(A) Annotations that should be part of the data



A problem for schema evolution?

(B) Annotations that are "higher order"

- "Jane believes this"
- "Created at time t"

How do we distinguish (A) and (B)?

Annotation and RDF

- Type (A) annotation presents no problems (just add new triples according to TBL)
- Type (B) is a real problem. How do we refer to a triple?
 - Reify?
 - Define the annotation target by a query?
 - Named graph?
- We'd like to reason about type B annotations using RDF and some ontology language:
 - If A trusts B and B believes T then A believes T
- Recent work by E. Kostylev and B. on annotation "semirings" for RDF and on combined annotations.

The IUPHAR database – an example of "brain-sourcing"

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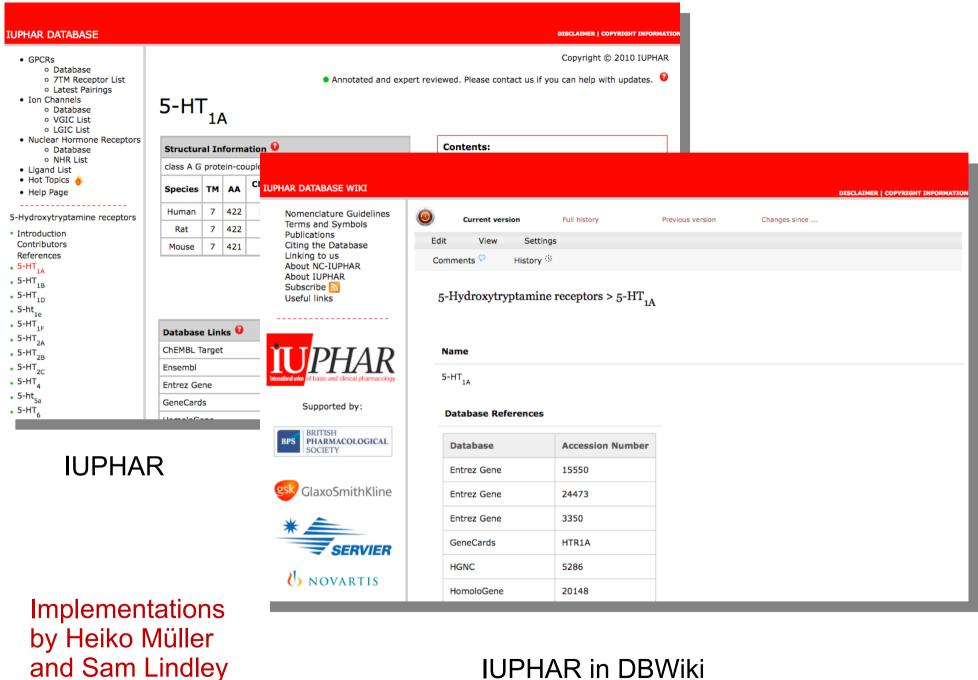
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DBWiki

A structured wiki for curated databases and collaborative data management

- Databases are great at storing and querying structured data, but hard to use.
- Wikis are easy to use, but bad at storing structured data.
- A *Database Wiki* is a system that combines the strengths of databases and wikis, to make it easier *collaboratively* to build valuable Web databases
 - In the same way "citizen science", brainsourcing or Wikipedia contributors already have built valuable Web sites :

A key feature is that any element can be annotated – including other annotations. Annotations can be moved into *structure*



IUPHAR in DBWiki

Data(base) citation

- Scientists are increasingly publishing their data and expect credit for it.
- Scientific credit is measured by citations, so ...
- How do we cite data in databases?
- By a database, I mean anything that has internal structure or is subject to change

We (computer scientists) don't normally publish data, but ...

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+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	undecidable (Th 5.4)	?	undecidable (Th 6.7)	?	?

(Thanks to Floris Geerts and Wenfei Fan)

Current practice

- Only very recently has the need to cite data in databases been recognized.
- Standards (e.g. Datacite) are being developed but they seem to be avoiding the problem of databases.
- Some DB publishers ask you to cite them but
 - don't tell you how,
 - tell you to give the URL, or
 - tell you to cite some paper that they wrote about the database.

Nutrition Education for Diverse Audiences [Internet]. Urbana (IL): University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, Illinet Department; [updated 2000 Nov 28; cited 2001 Apr 25]. Diabetes mellitus lesson; [about 1 screen]. Available from http:// www.aces.uiuc.edu/~necd/inter2_search.cgi?ind=854148396

NLM Recommended Formats for Bibliographic Citation. Internet Supplement. NLM Technical report Bethesda, MD 20894, July 2001.

The structure of a citation

Bard JB and Davies JA. Development, Databases and the Internet. Bioessays. 1995 Nov; 17(11):999-1001

[Identifier and descriptive information]

Ann. Phys., Lpz 18 639-641

Nature, 171,737-738

[Identifier information alone]

Descriptive information is important, but is also somewhat arbitrary

Persistent identifiers

- The world seems to want to invent persistent identifiers for artefacts, digital or otherwise.
 - DOIs, URIs, ARKs, in addition to ISBNs and LOC#s
- Are they needed?
 - Do they confer any status on an object?
 - Do they ensure its persistence/longevity?
 - How do we use them with databases?

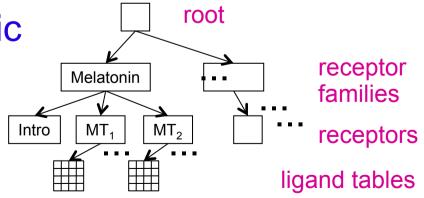
BL MS Cotton Nero A X

 A manuscript (MS) in the British library (BL) formerly in the library of Joseph Cotton (which burnt down) under a bust of Nero shelf A ten (X) books along



Other ingredients in data citation

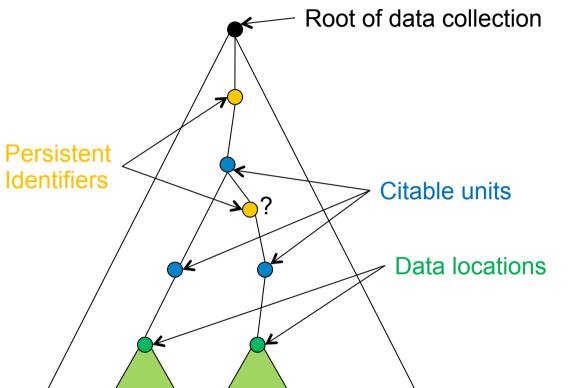
- The notion of a *citable unit*
 - An arbitrary piece/collection of data is not citable
 - (just as a page of a book is a not "the" citation")
- The location of a piece of data within a citable unit
 - We need to be able to find the data of interest
 - (just as a page of a book is a useful location)
- It is often assumed that scientific databases/datasets are hierarchically organised



Some possible citations

- 1. The IUPHAR database (C1) contains no information about Ginandtonicin.
- 2. The IUPHAR database (C2) lists five ligands for Melatonin receptor MT₁.
- 3. The IUPHAR database (C3) asserts that luzindole is an antagonist ligand for receptor MT_1 .

The Citation Hierarchy



Should PIDs be tied to citable units? Not clear.

Should we mint a new PID on each update to the database?

Bloggs, A.J. The Convolution of Reality. Elspringer (1977) p67 ISBN-00563744551

Citable unit

Data	Persistent
location	Identifier

We also need versioning

- Database archiving (Heiko Mueller's archiver XARCH) provides:
 - A compressed archive successive versions of an XML document for stable citation
 - Also does naive archiving of relational data
- Why not assign version numbers to *parts* of the database?
 - We cannot query anything unless we know its state
- Versions should be recorded at the level of the highest citable (= queryable?) unit

Automatically generating citations

Why is this needed?

- Lots of citations may be required
- Evolving structure (e.g. authorship change)
- Accuracy
- Easy to change to agreed format (if there ever is one)
- Integrity check on the database

Requirement: a stable key/location structure

Idea: use a highly restricted version of Xpath to specify "patterns"

Example:

←

{DB=IUPHAR, Version=\$v, Family=\$f}

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/Root[]/Version[Number=$'v]/Data[]
/Family[FamilyName=$'f]
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generates, e.g.,

{DB=IUPHAR, Version=17, Family=Melatonin}

(identification and location information only)

Patterns and Constraints

- Patterns are expressed in the syntax of XPATH, but their function is to bind variables.
- Each step of the path must be qualified by a key variable (indicated by \$'x)

/Root[]/Version[Number=\$'v]/Data[]
/Family[FamilyName=\$'f]

FamilyName content uniquely specifies Family element (among all siblings with the same tag name)

Lack of a key variable means that there can only be one Data element (among all its siblings)

A rule that generates descriptive information

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{ DB=IUPHAR, Version=$v, Family=$f Receptor=$r, Contributors= $a,
Editor=$e, Date=$d, DOI=$i}
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/Root[]
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/Version[Number=$'v, Editor=$?e, DOI=$.i, Date=$.d]
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```
/Data[]/Family[FamilyName=$'f]
```

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/Contributor-list/Contributor=$+a] /Receptor[ReceptorName=$'r]
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What gets generated (example):

{ DB=IUPHAR, Version=11, Family=Calcitonin, Receptor=CALCR, Contributors={Debbie Hay, David R. Poyner}, Editor=Tony Harmar, Date=Jan 2006, DOI=10.1234 }

Kinds of variables (non-key)

\$.iexactly one occurrence

- \$?e at most one occurrence
- **\$*a** arbitrary occurrences
- **\$+a** one or more occurrences

[All these assume a given matching of key variables]

Efficiency: It is possible to generate and insert citations in linear time (one-pass under very mild constraints.)

Implementation by Giammaria Silvello

Where we are

- Initial implementation by Gianmaria Silvello
- Citation abstract syntax: should be machine readable/mineable and human readable.
 - JSON or XML Can we keep it human-readable?
- Concrete syntax a la BibTeX?
- Minimal required fields.
 - Location of the citable unit and/or
 - Persistent identifier
 - Location within the citable unit
- Partially implemented in IUPHAR-DB.

More (standard) database problems

- Source data usually conforms to some schema. The citation (e.g. Datacite) is required to conform to a schema. Can we guarantee this?
- How efficiently can we generate citations? What should be computed statically and what can be computed "on demand"?
- How much checking or recomputation needs to be done on update to the database or on schema modification?

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	Tissue:	Pancreatic b cells (INS-1 b).		
	References:	49		
	Inhibition of GnRH-dep	endent testosterone secretion.		
	Species:	Rat		
	Tissue:	Leydig cells.		
	References:	50		
	Physiological Conseq	uences of Altering Gene Expression 🛙		
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	To cite this receptor data	a page, please use the following:		
	Melatonin receptors: MT	rgarita L. Dubocovich, James Olcese. 1. Last modified on 10/02/2012. Accessed on 07/09 g/DATABASE/ObjectDisplayForward?objectId=287		

Not yet satisfactory because they don't publish past versions of the database

Citation and linked data?

- How does this work on an amorphous mass of RDF triples?
 - Where is the hierarchy (is there a hierarchy?)
 - What are the citable units?
- Problems similar to those for annotation
 - Define citable units by queries and use query containment to get the hierarchy?
 - Use named graphs? (How many columns do we need?)
- Should we express and link citations in RDF?
- And again there's efficiency...