



The LDBC benchmark suite

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Inspiration: TPC benchmarks



TPC: Transaction Processing Performance Council

Non-profit founded in 1988

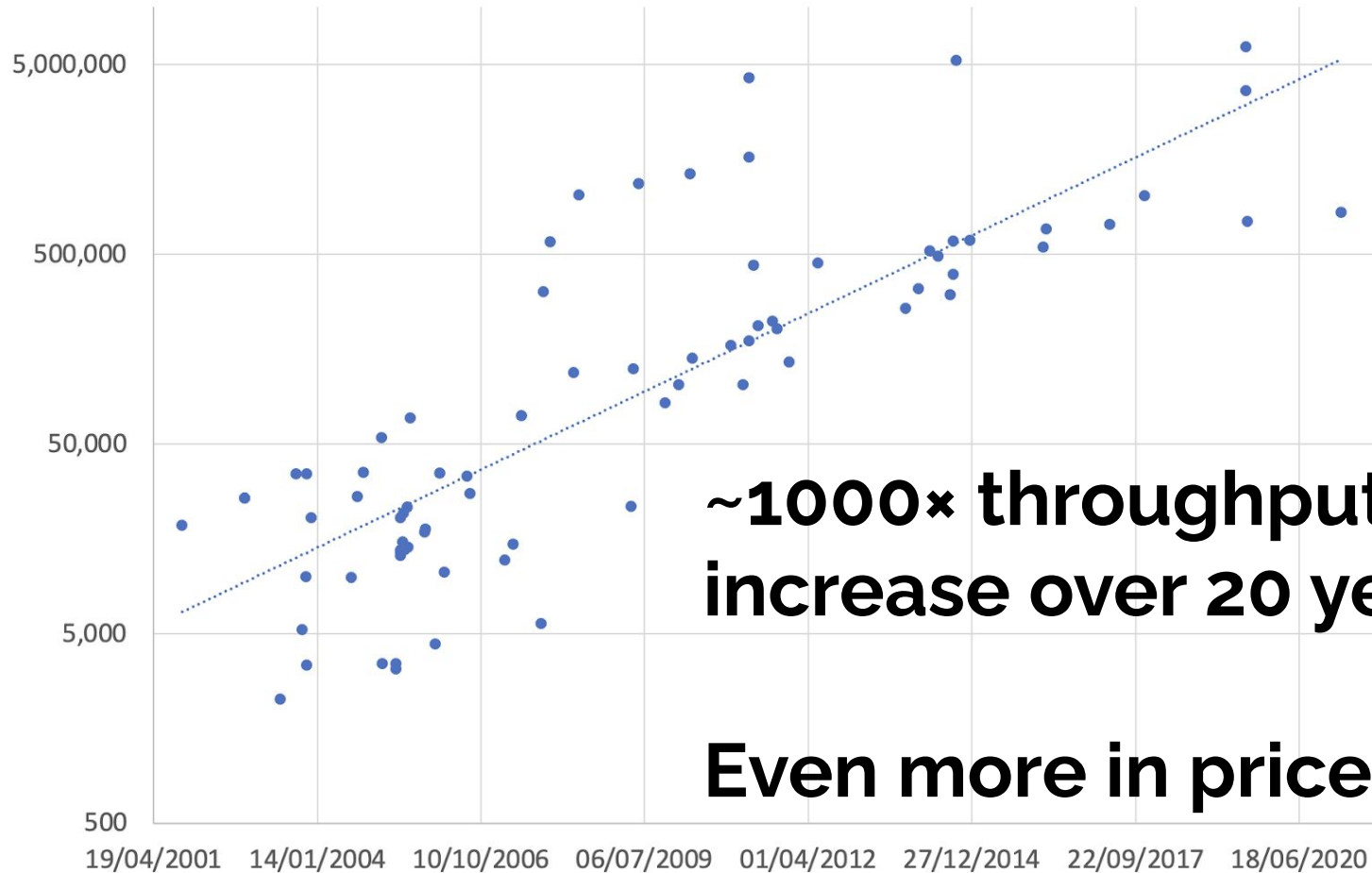
Benchmark specifications

Stringent auditing process

Influential benchmarks: TPC-C, TPC-H, TPC-DS



TPC-H v2 Performance (QphH) on the SF1,000 data set



**~1000× throughput
increase over 20 years**

Even more in price-perf

LDDB benchmarks



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macro/application-level benchmarks

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The Social Network Benchmark (SNB) suite



Data set and queries

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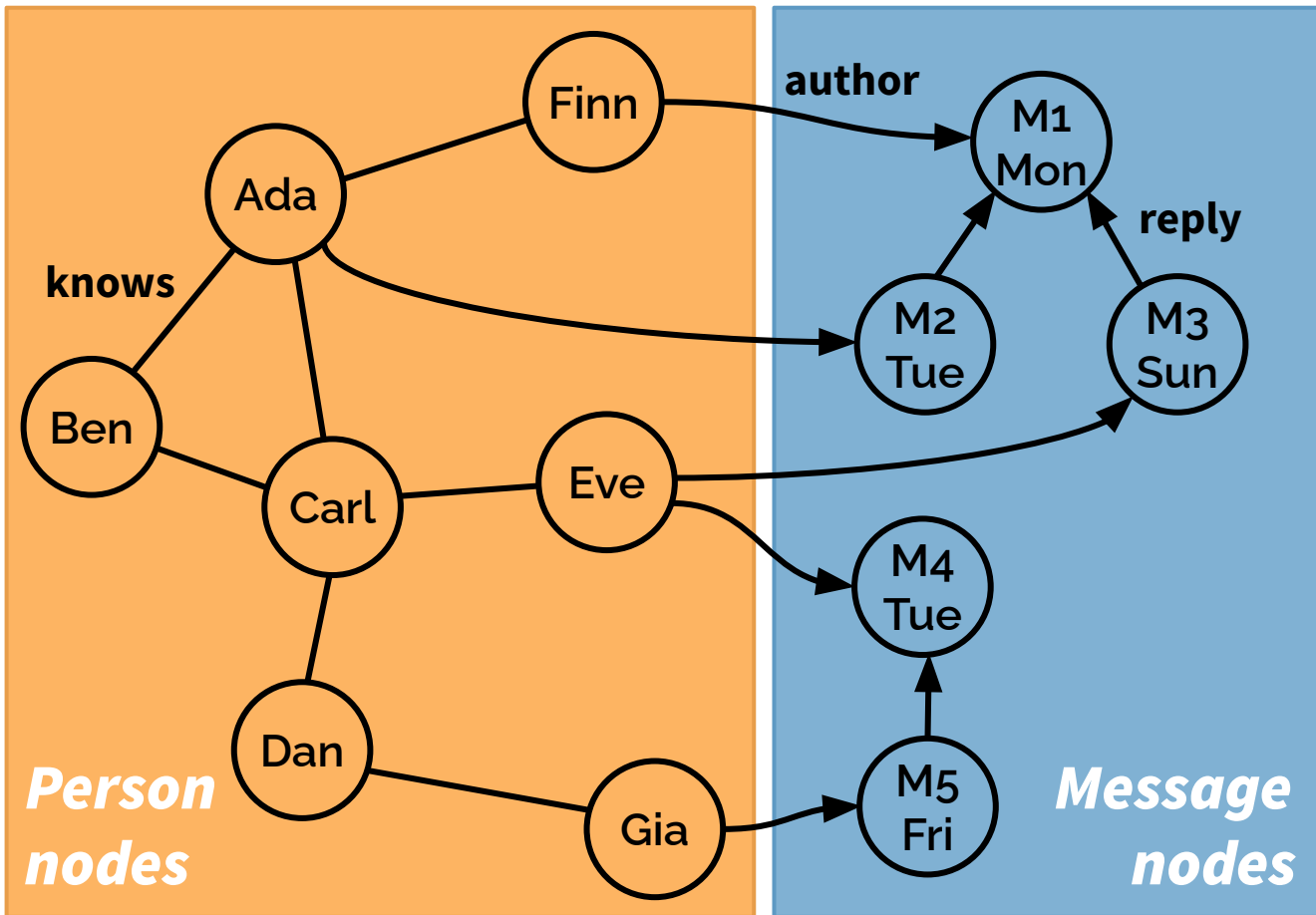
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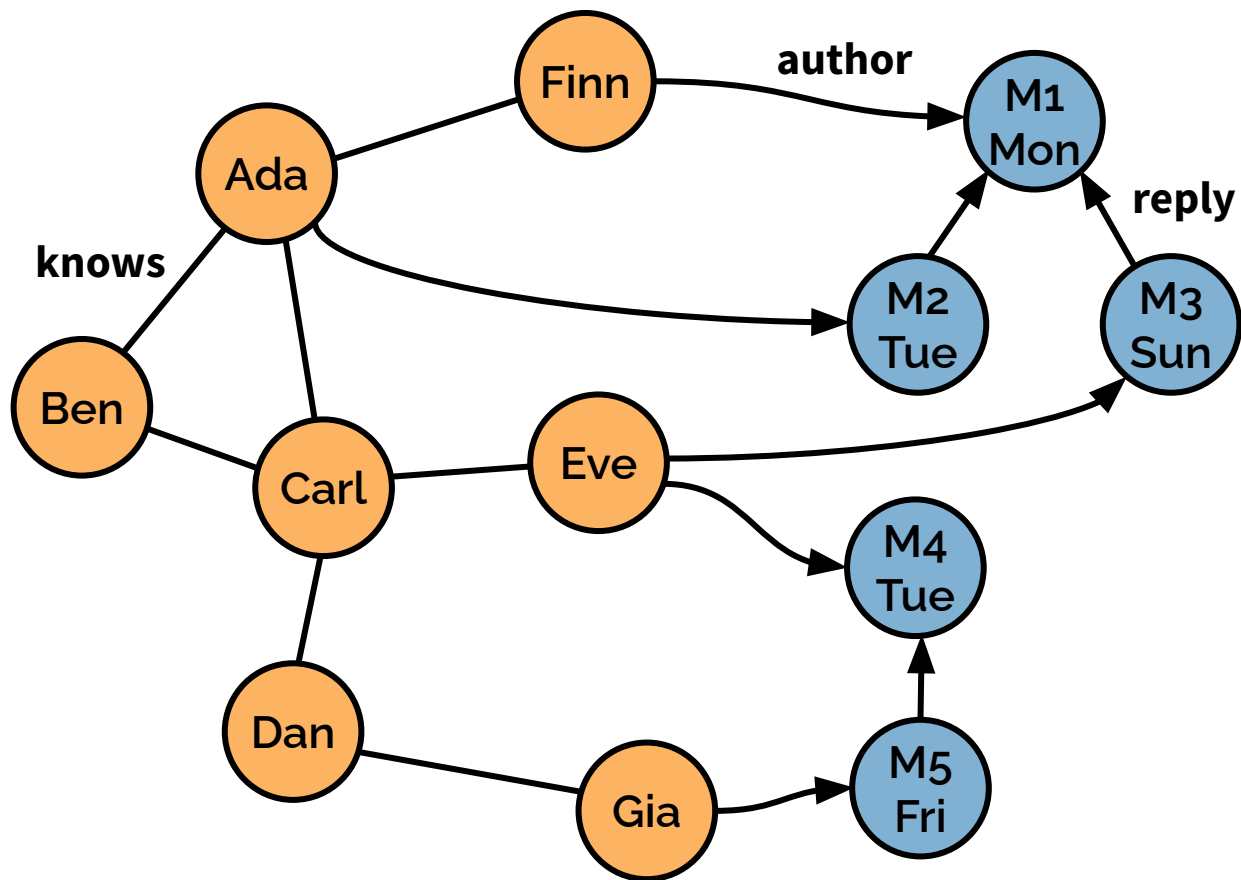
Person nodes

Message nodes

Data set

Queries

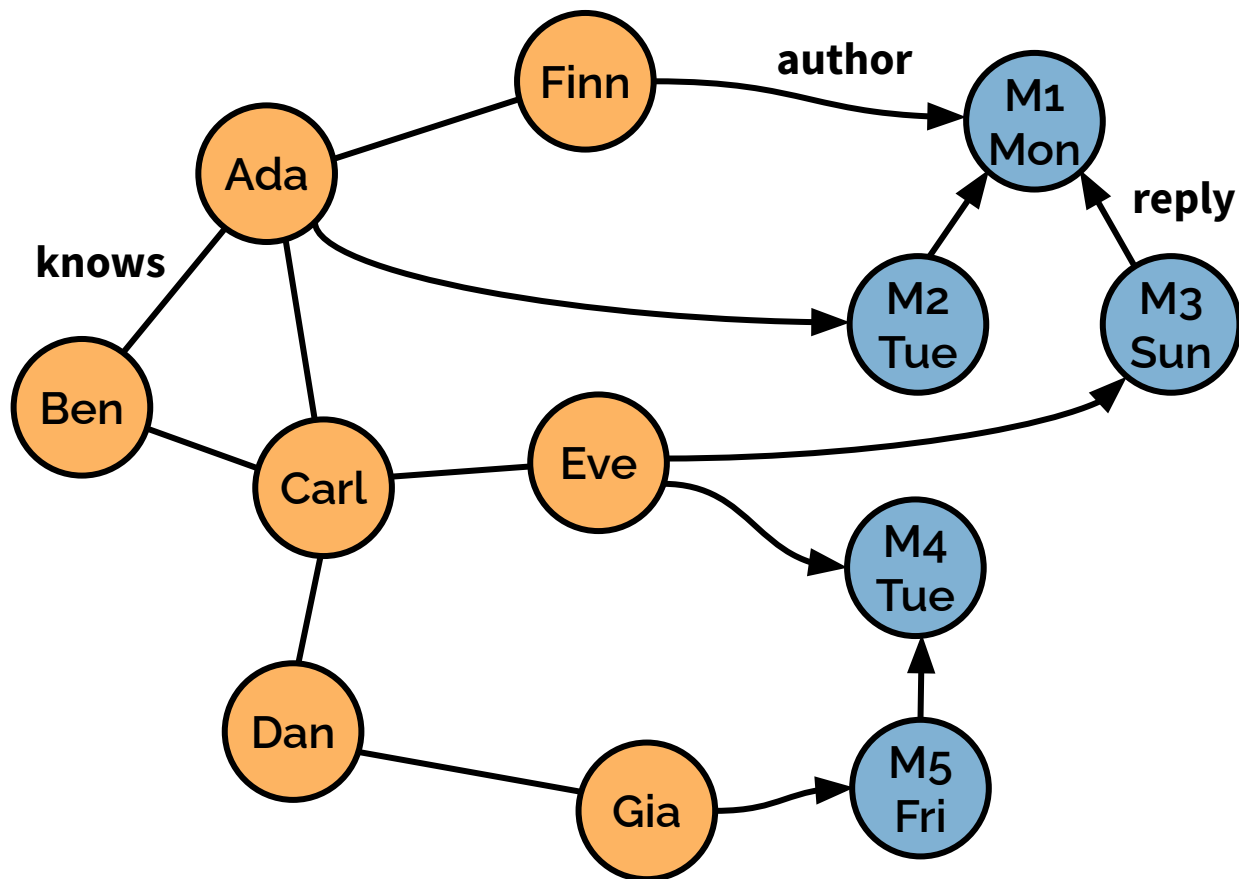
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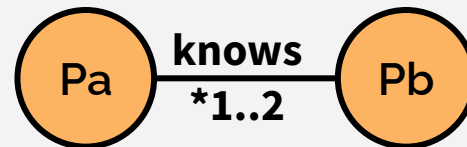
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Q9(\$name, \$day)



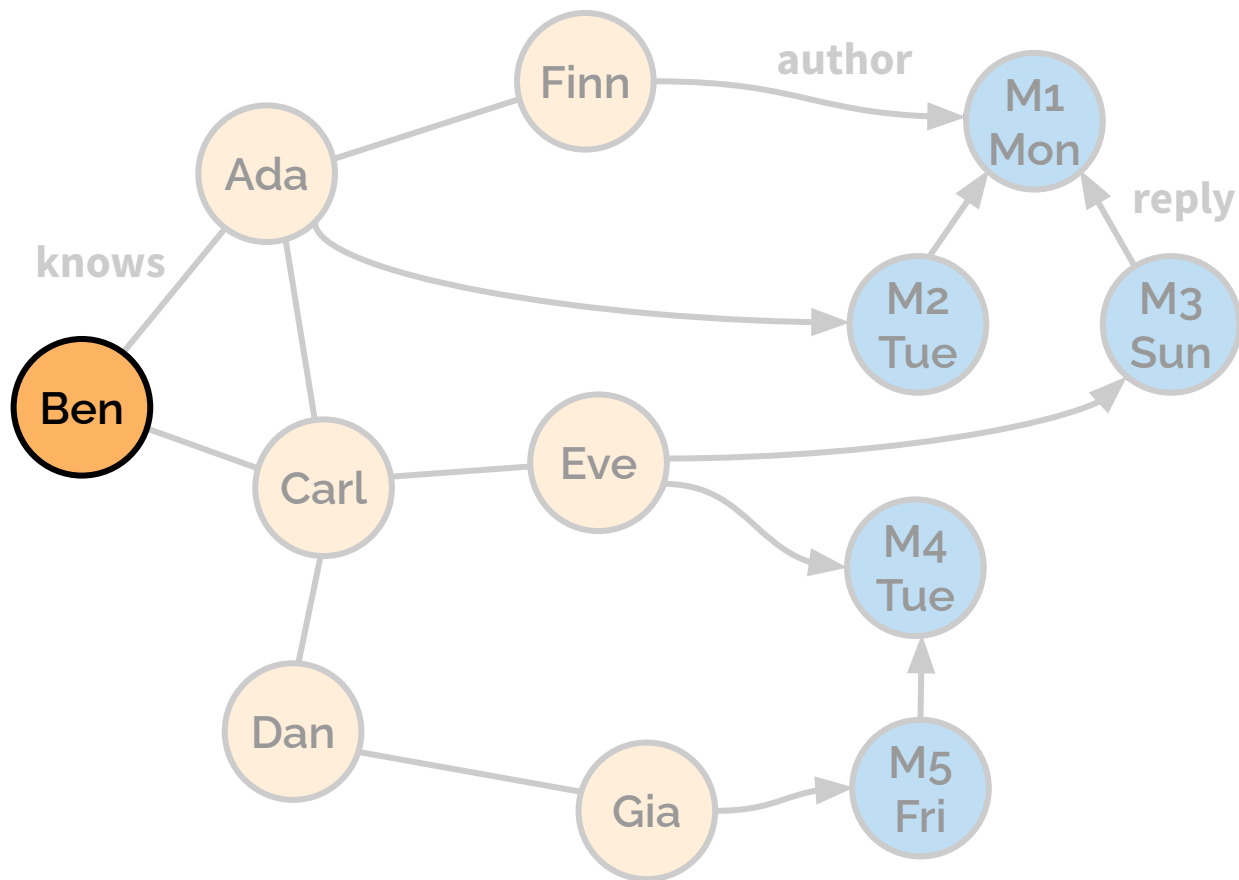
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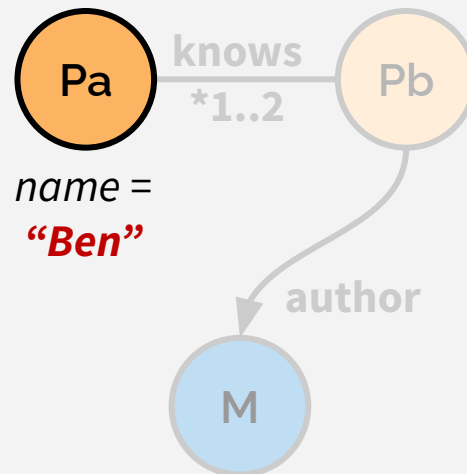
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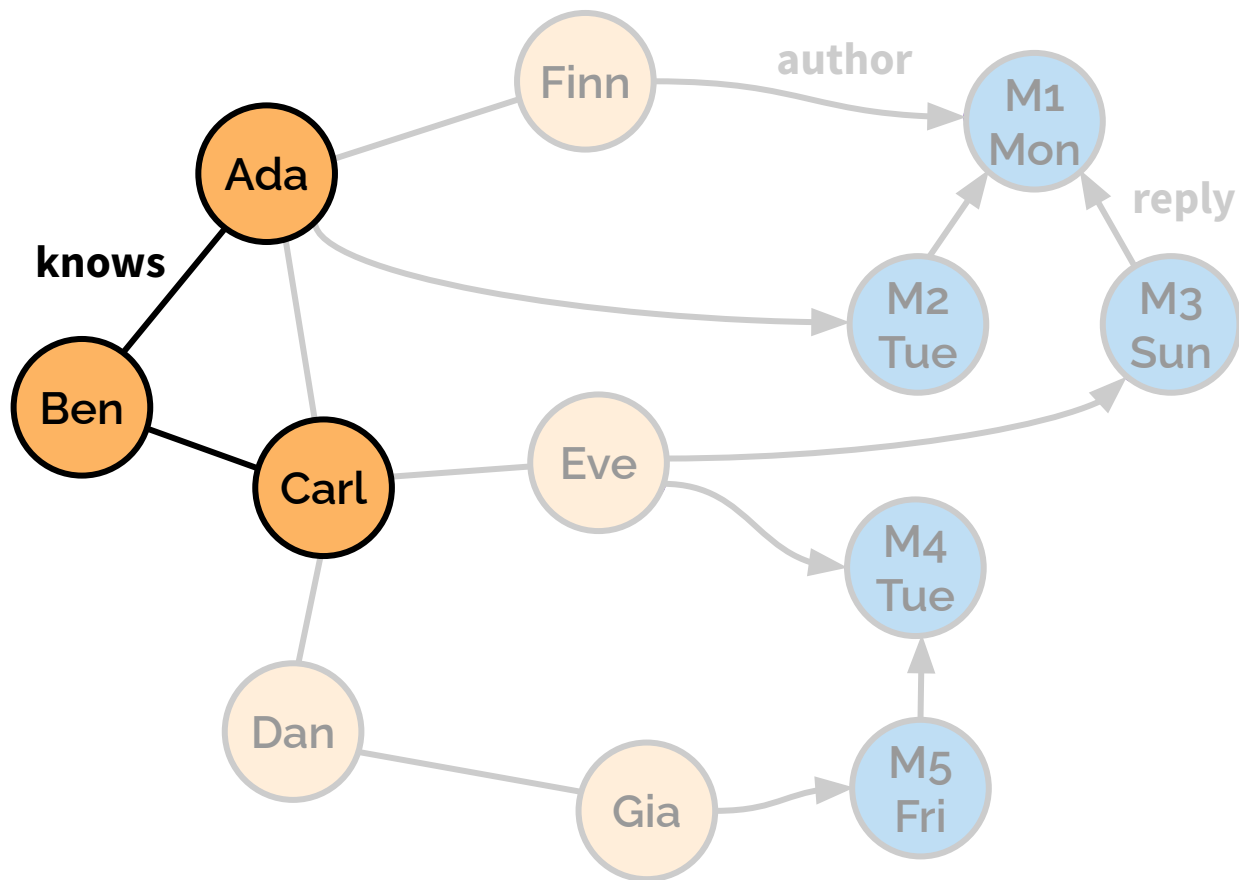


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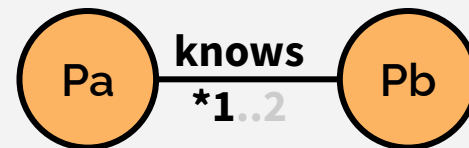
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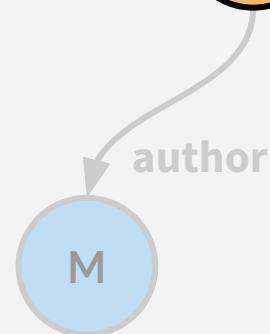
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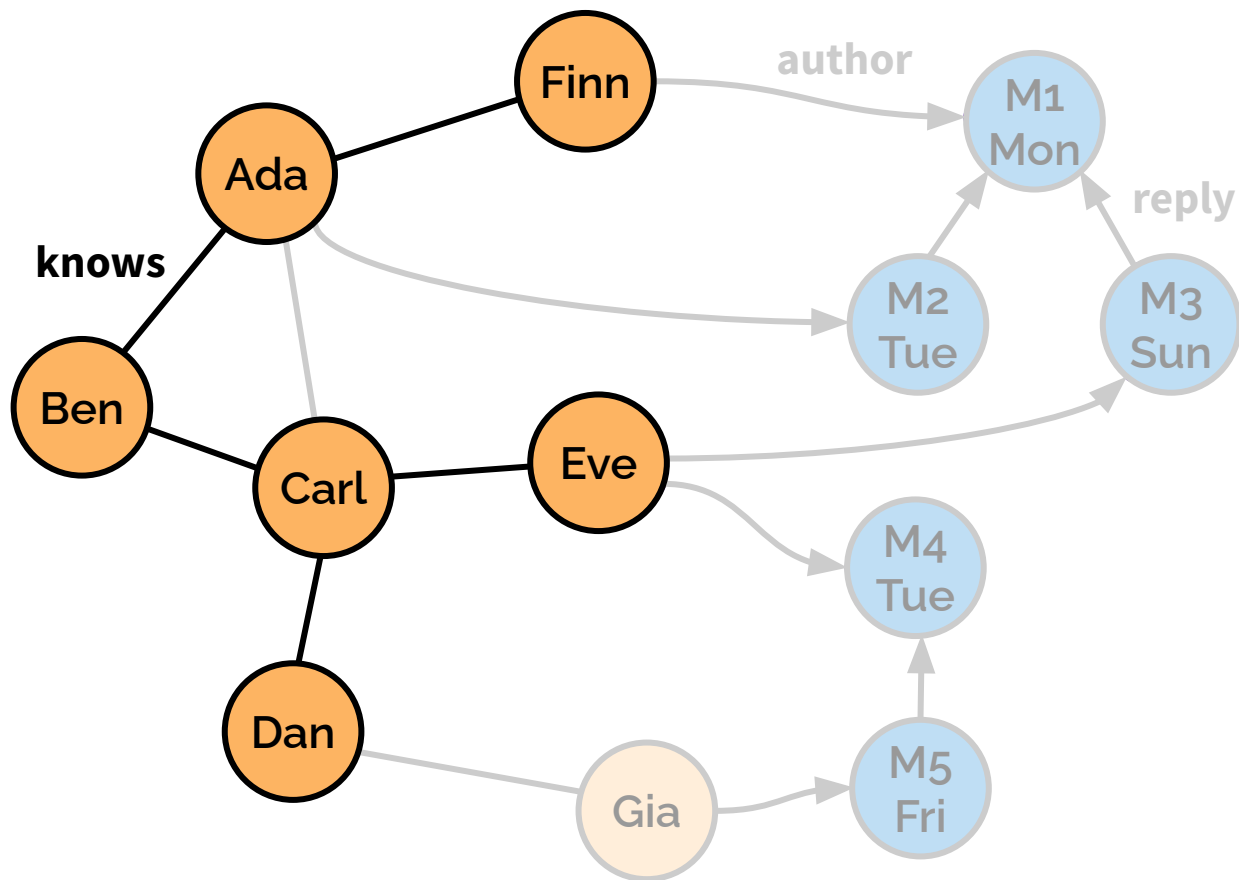


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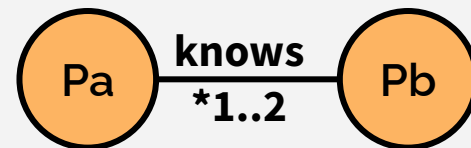
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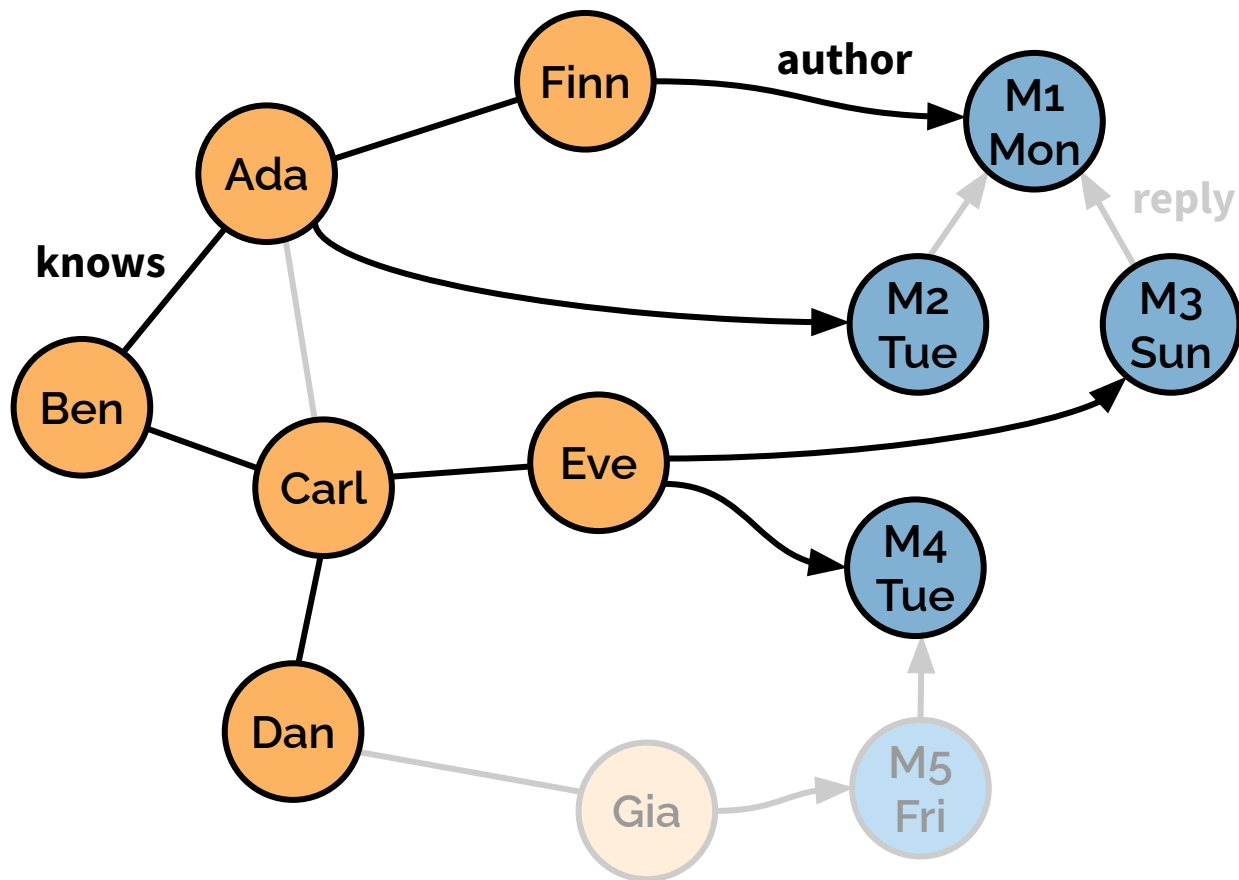


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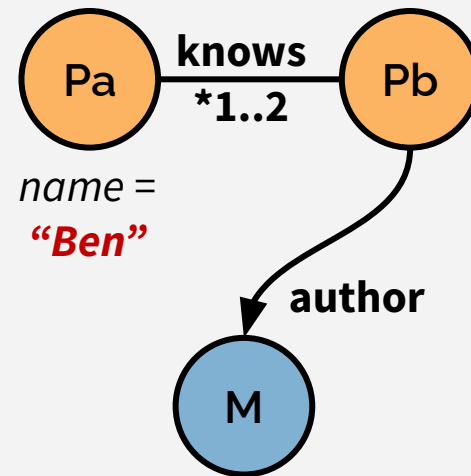
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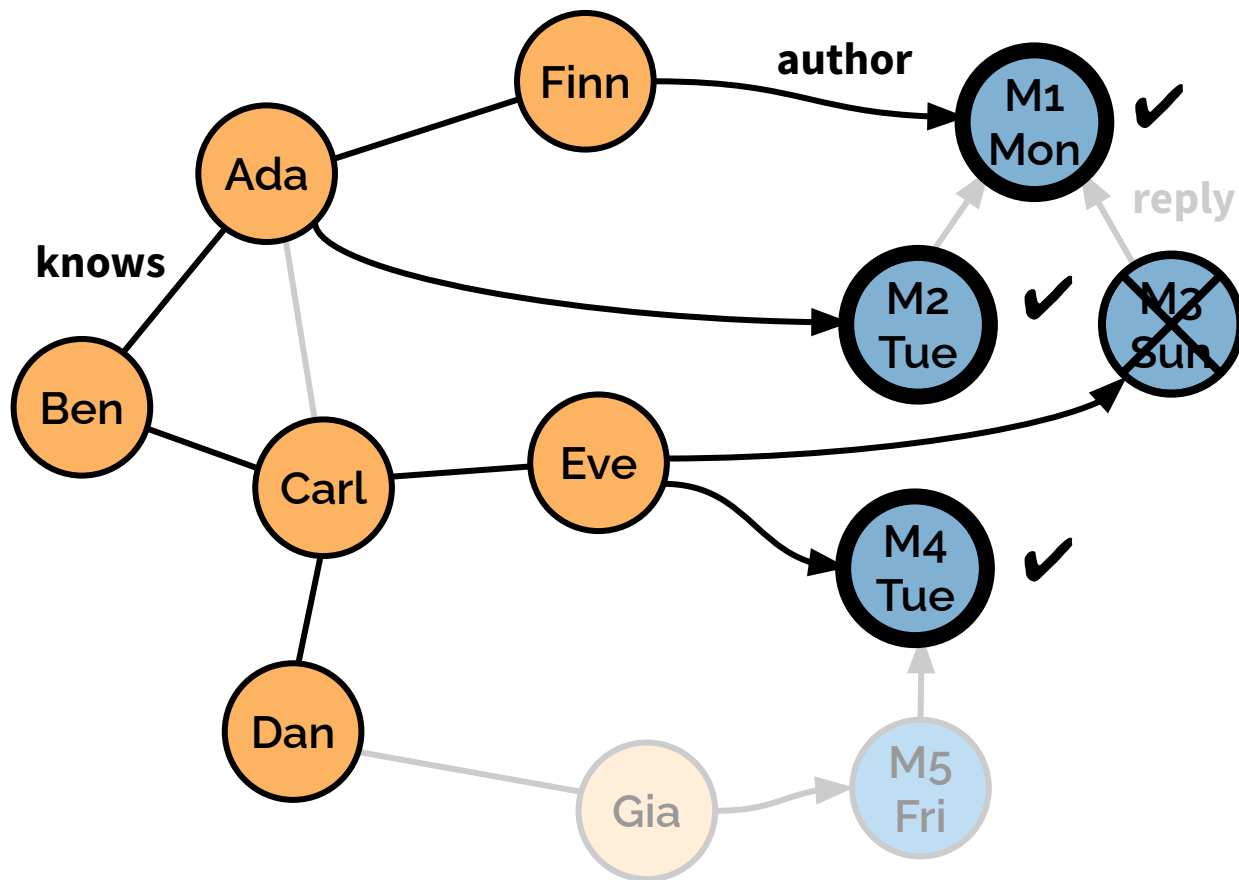
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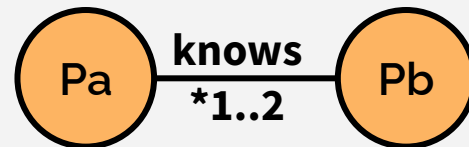
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author

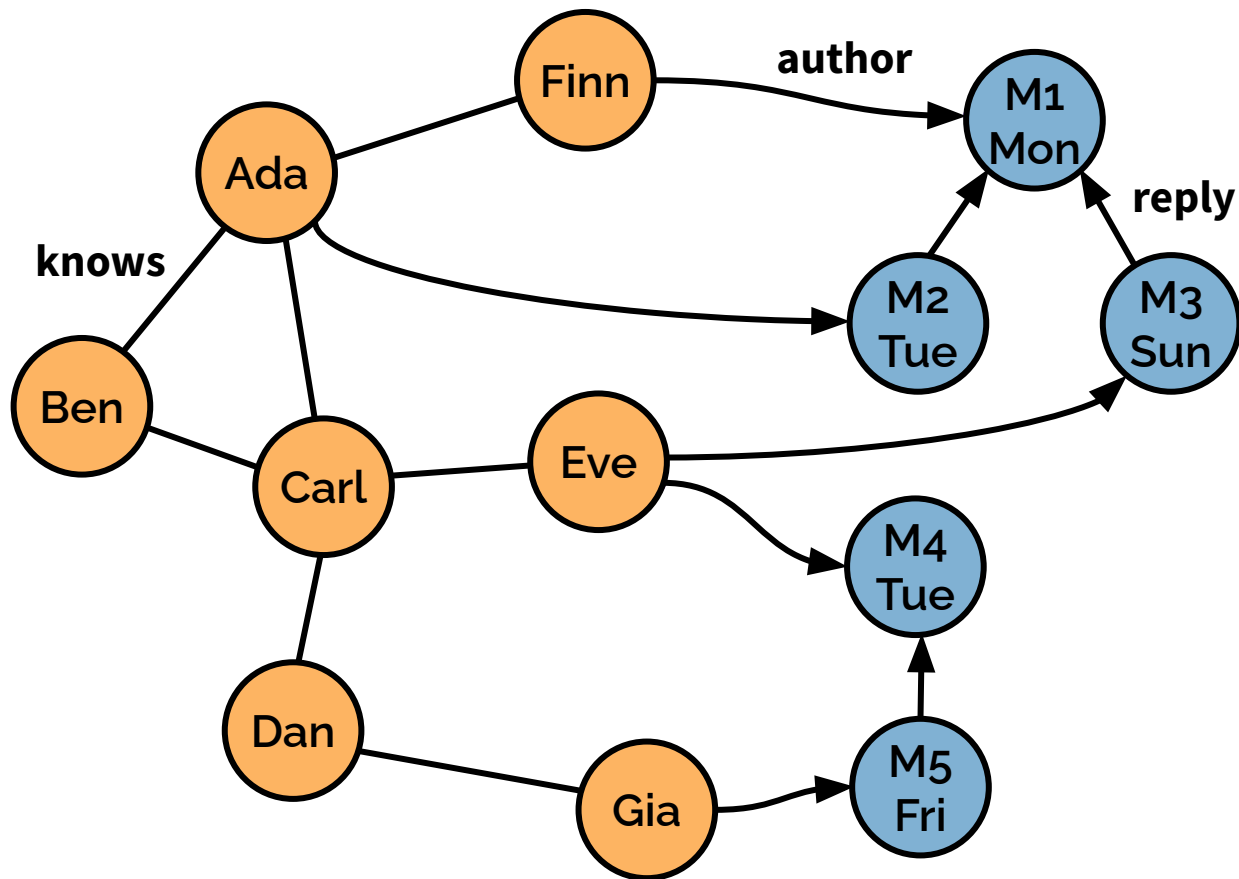
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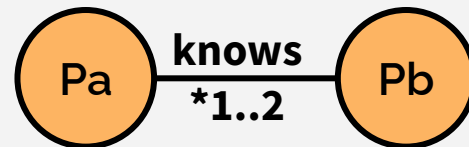
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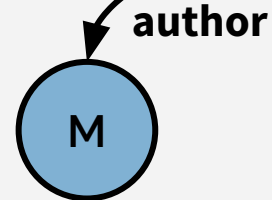
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Q9(\$name, \$day)



*name =
\$name*

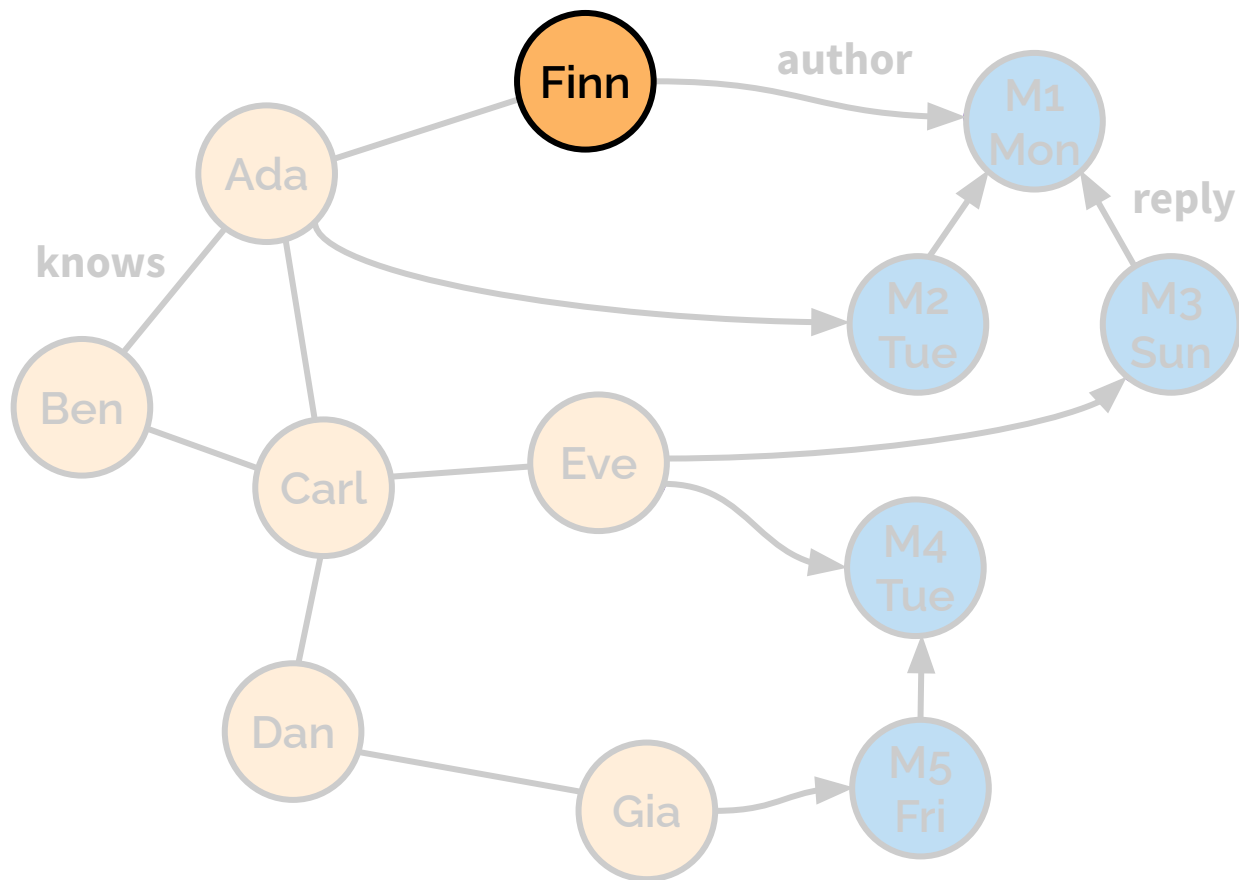


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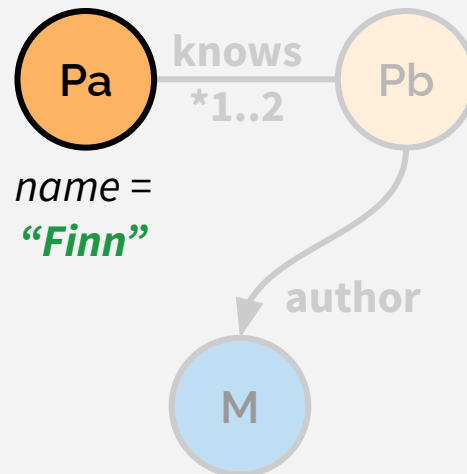
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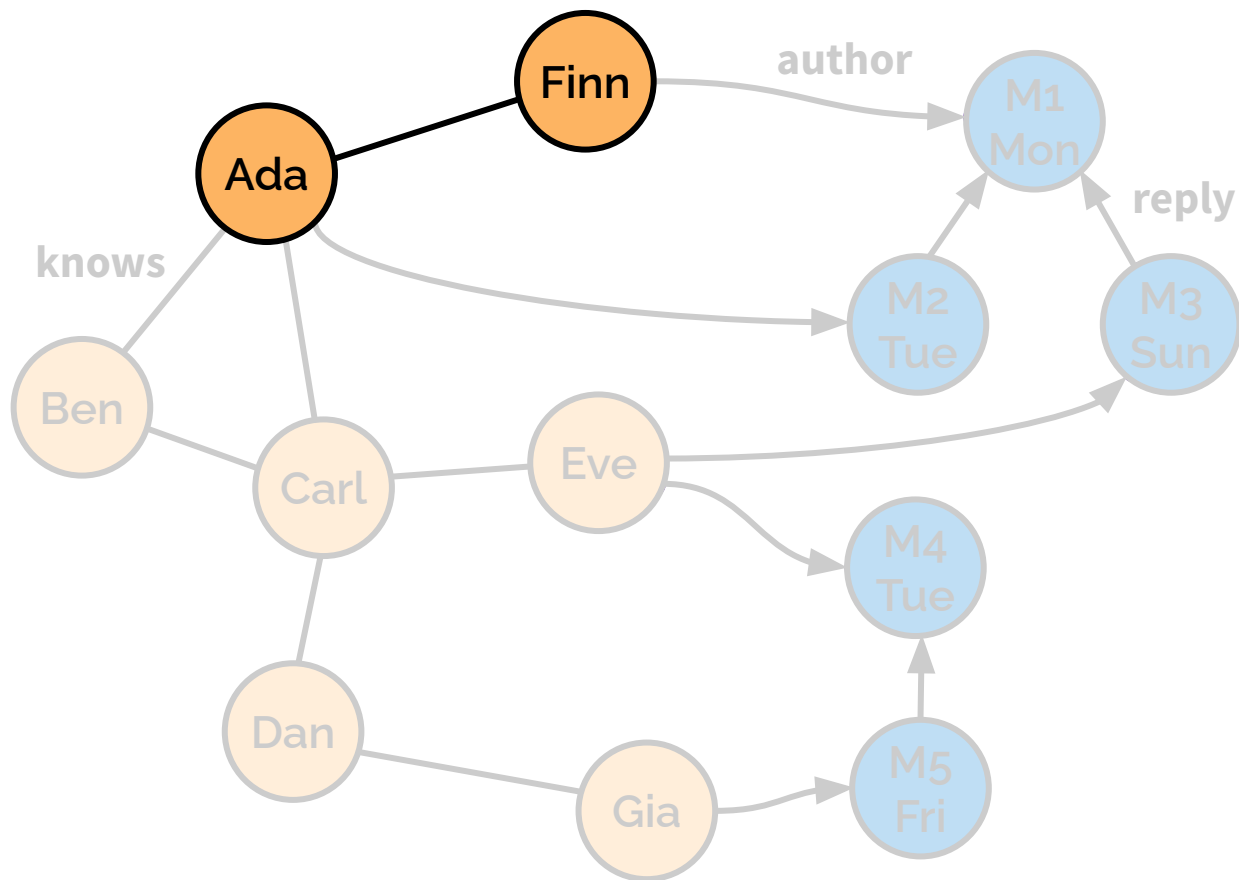
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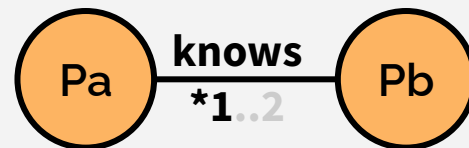
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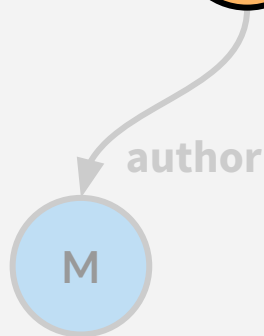
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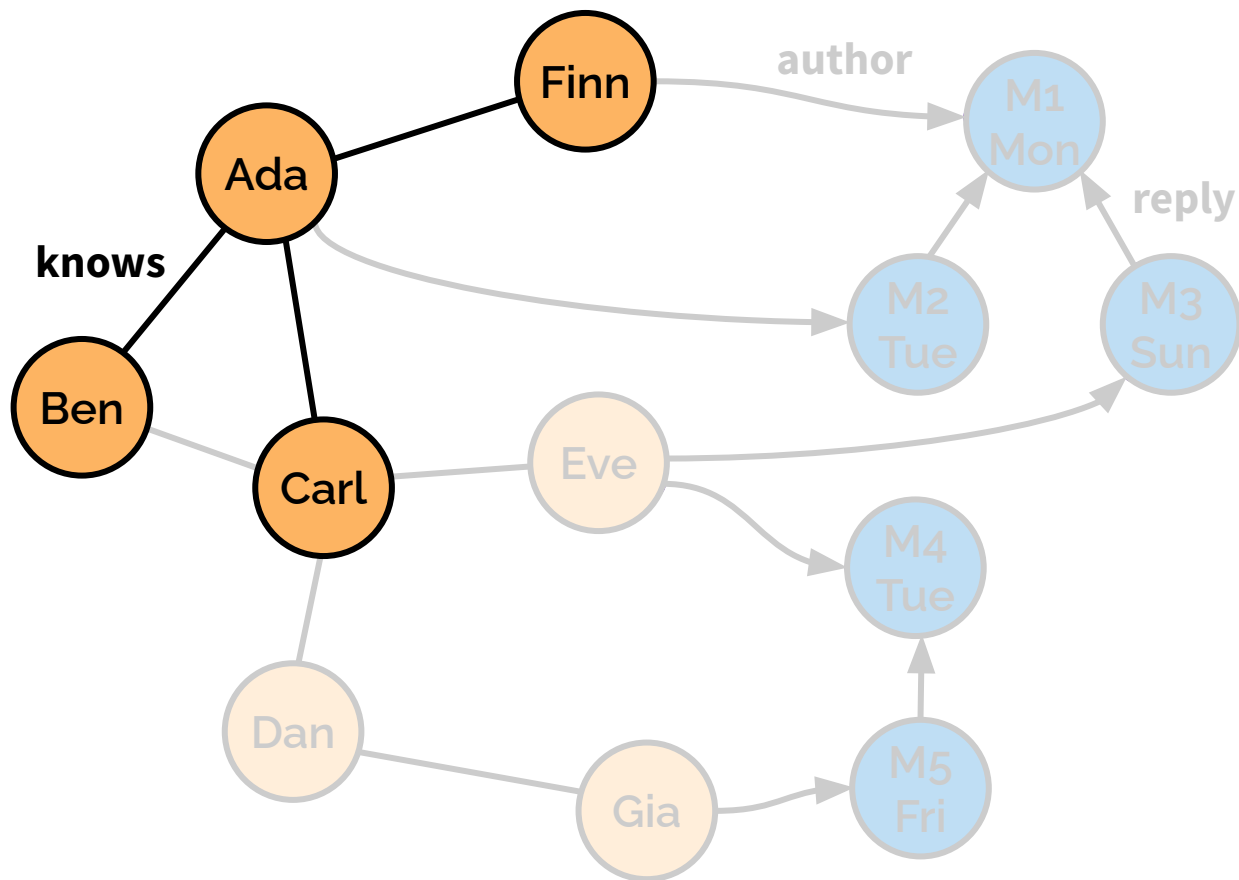


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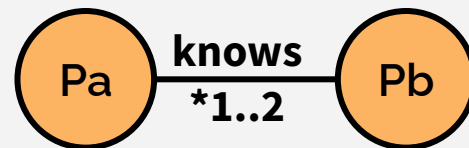
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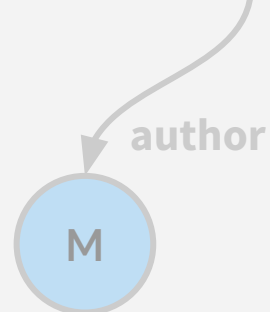
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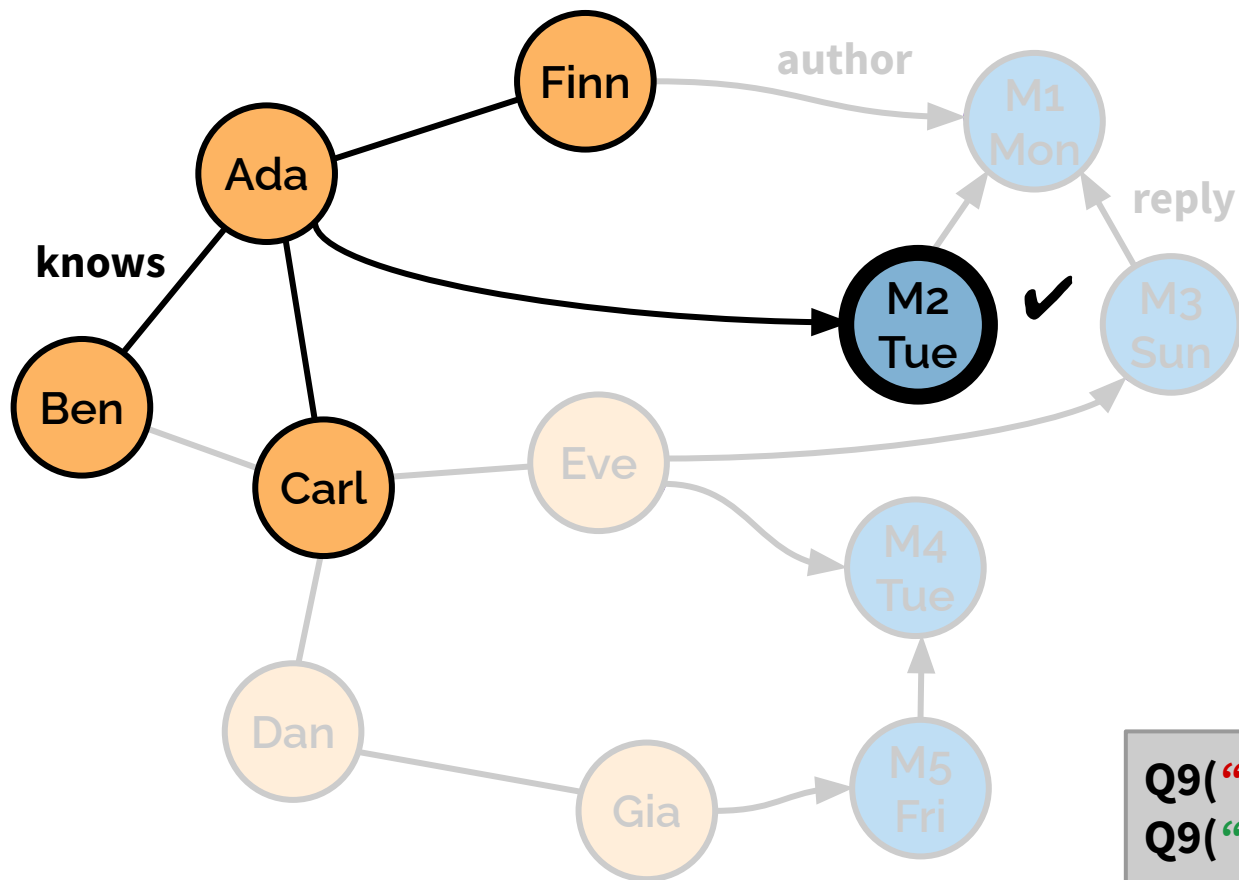


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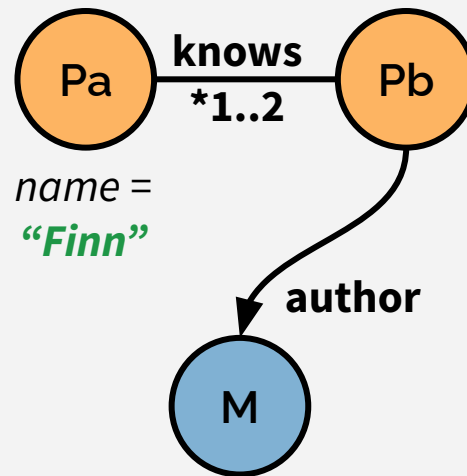
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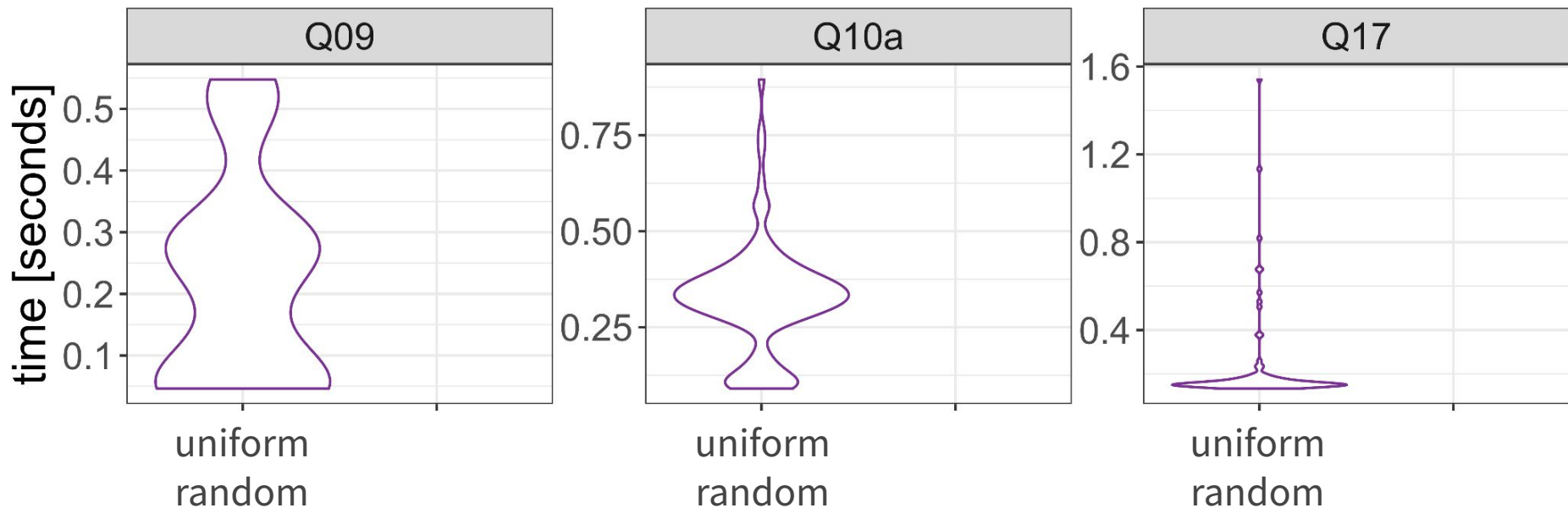
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Q9("Ben", "Sat"): 10 nodes

Q9("Finn", "Wed"): 5 nodes

Parameter selection

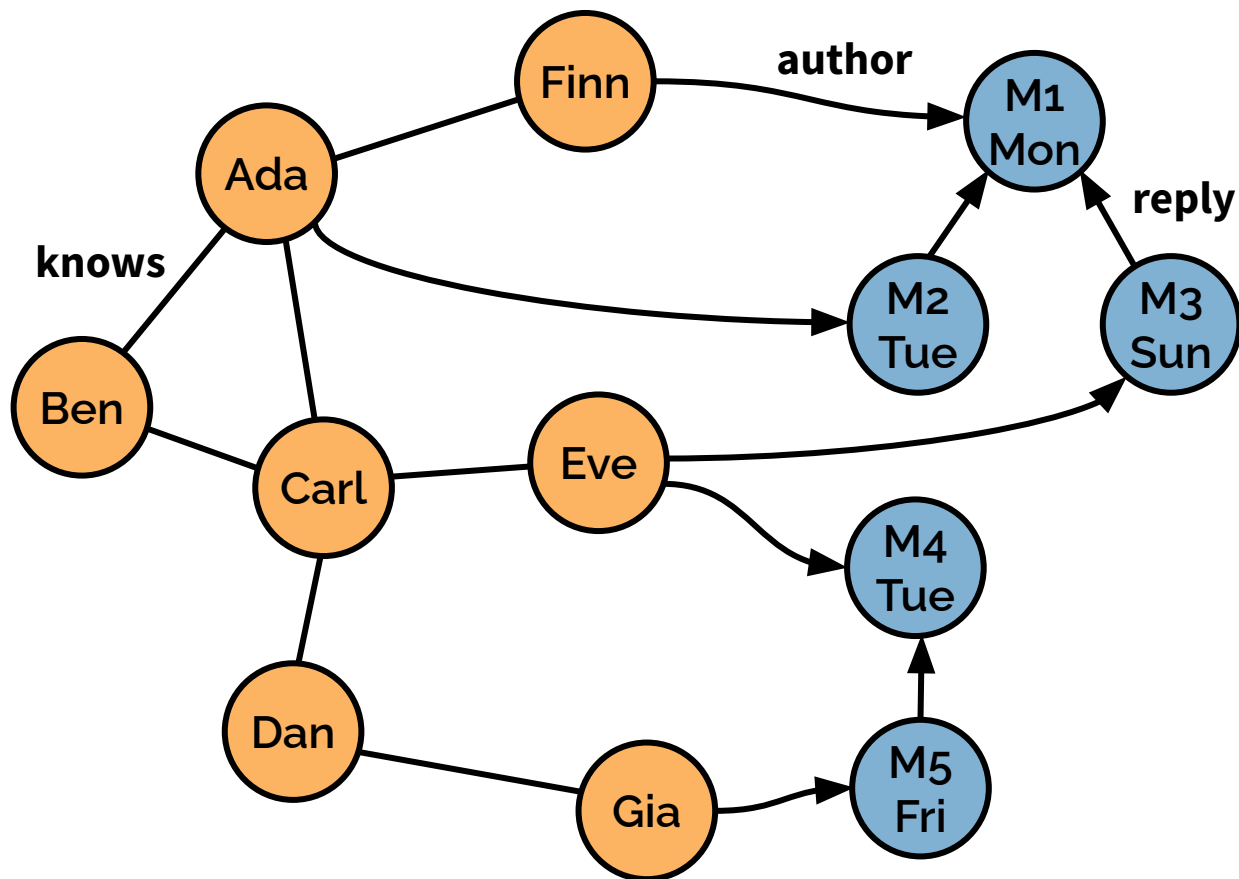
- *Uniform random parameters* → unstable distributions



Data set

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Parameter curation
using statistics (“factors”)

numFriendsOfFriends

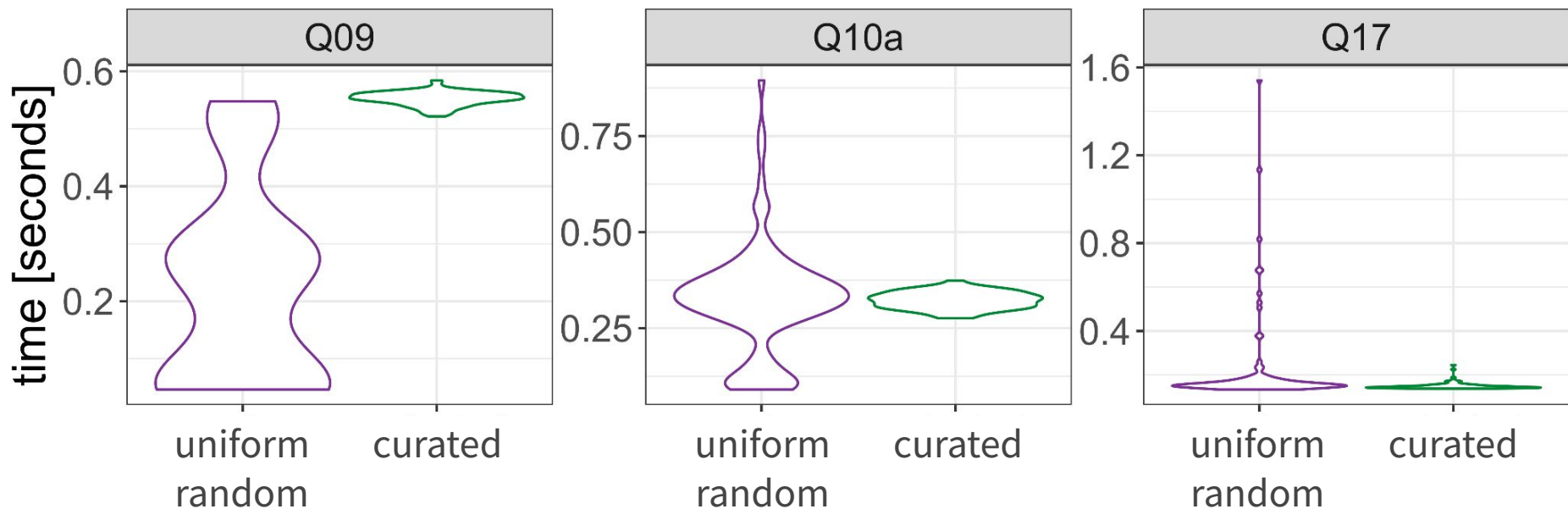
name	#1-hop	#2-hop
Ben	2	3
Carl	4	2
Ada	3	2
...		

numMessagesPerDay

day	#
Mon	1
Tue	2
...	

Parameter selection

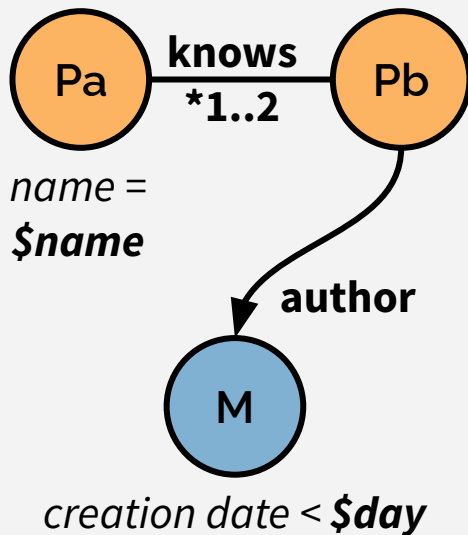
- **Uniform random parameters** → unstable distributions
- **Curated parameters** → tighter distributions, closer to bell curves



SQL:1992

```
SELECT DISTINCT m.id
FROM (
  SELECT k.p2id AS id
  FROM person Pa,
        knows k
  WHERE Pa.name = $name
        AND Pa.id = k.p1id
  UNION
  SELECT k2.p2id AS id
  FROM person Pa,
        knows k1,
        knows k2
  WHERE Pa.name = $name
        AND Pa.id = k1.p1id
        AND k1.p2id = k2.p1id
        AND k1.p1id <> k2.p2id
) Pb,
Message m
WHERE Pb.id = m.authorId
      AND m.creationDate < $day
```

Q9(\$name, \$day)



SQL/PGQ (SQL:2023)

```
SELECT id
FROM GRAPH_TABLE (socialNetwork
  MATCH ANY ACYCLIC
  (Pa:Person WHERE Pa.name = $name)
  -[:knows]-{1,2} (Pb:Person)
  -[:author]-> (m:Message)
  WHERE m.creationDate < $day
  COLUMNS (m.id))
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GQL

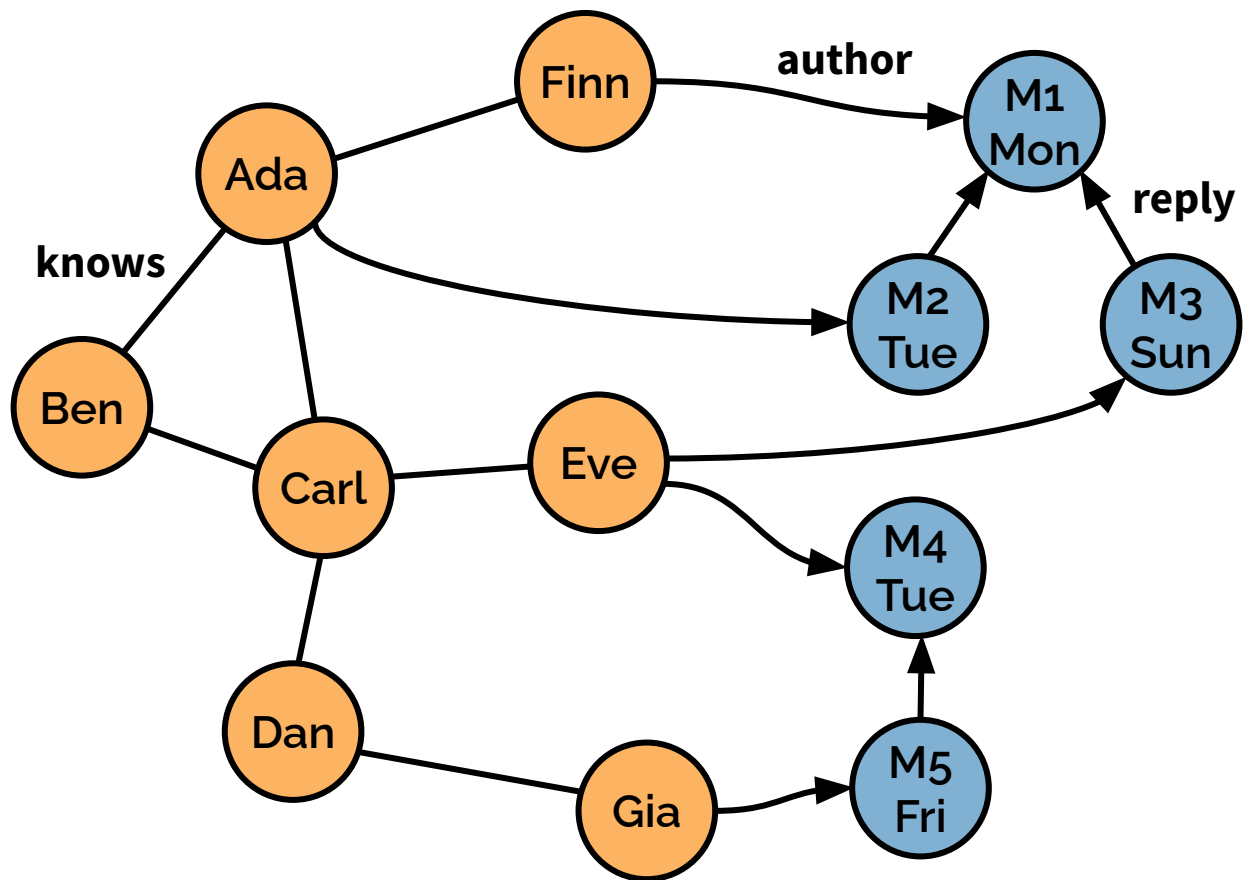
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WHERE m.creationDate < $day
RETURN DISTINCT m.id
```


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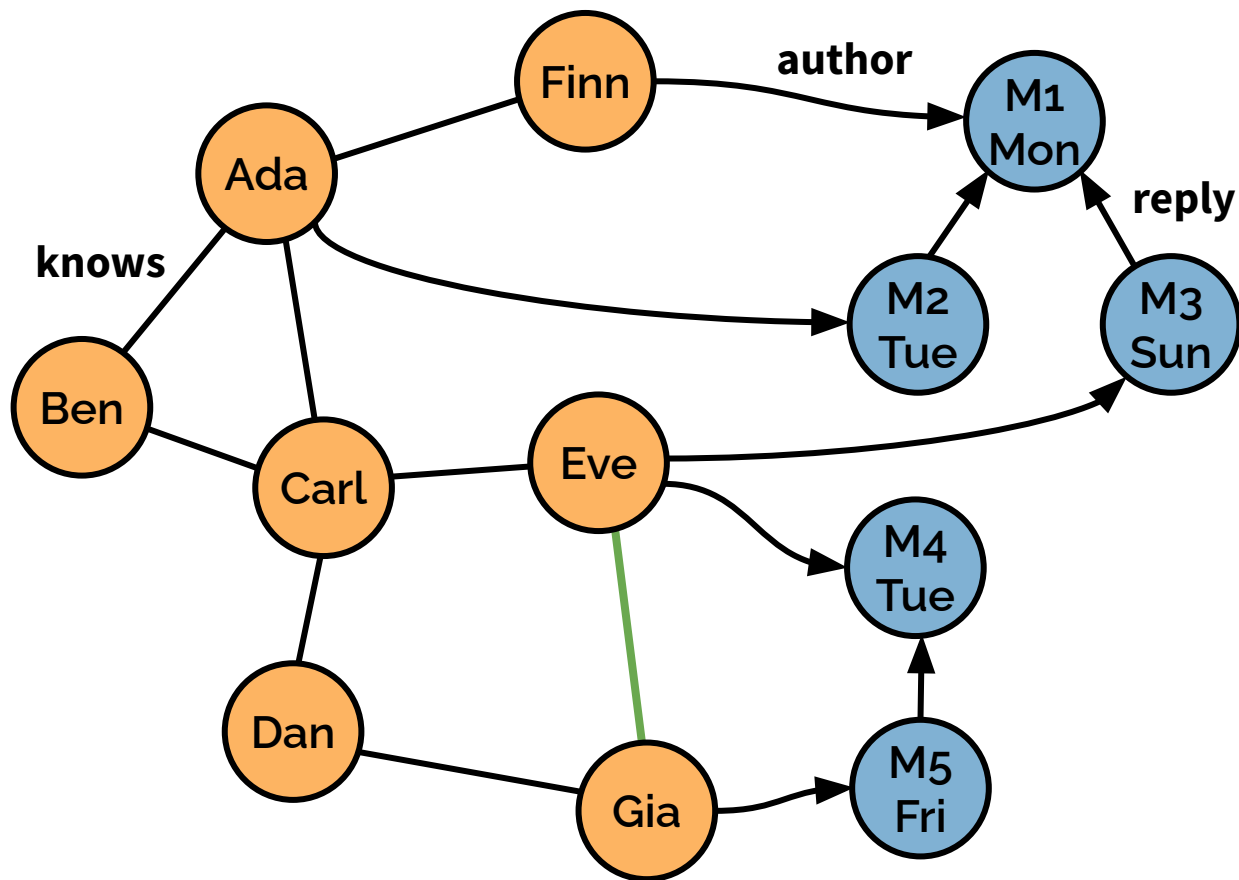
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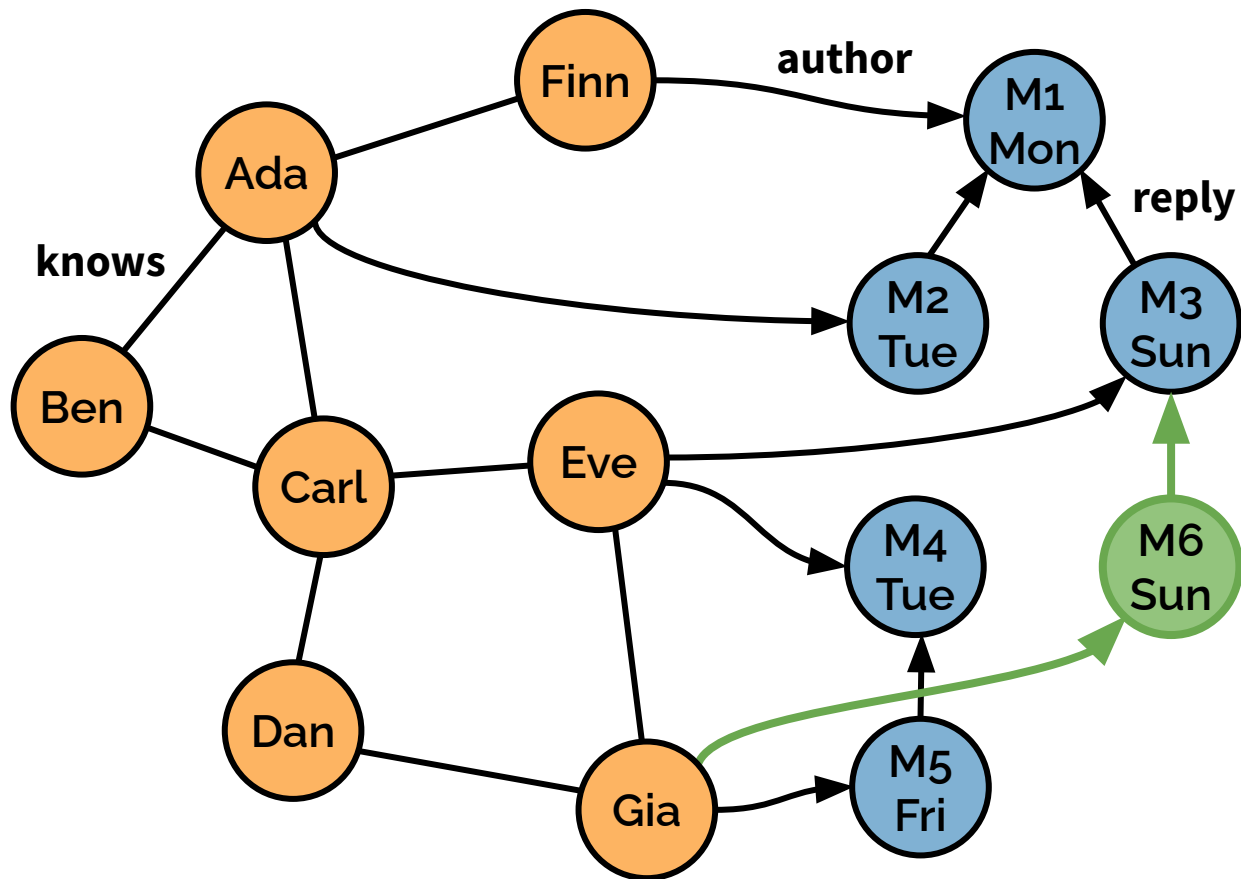
Updates

```
+ knows("Eve", "Gia")
```

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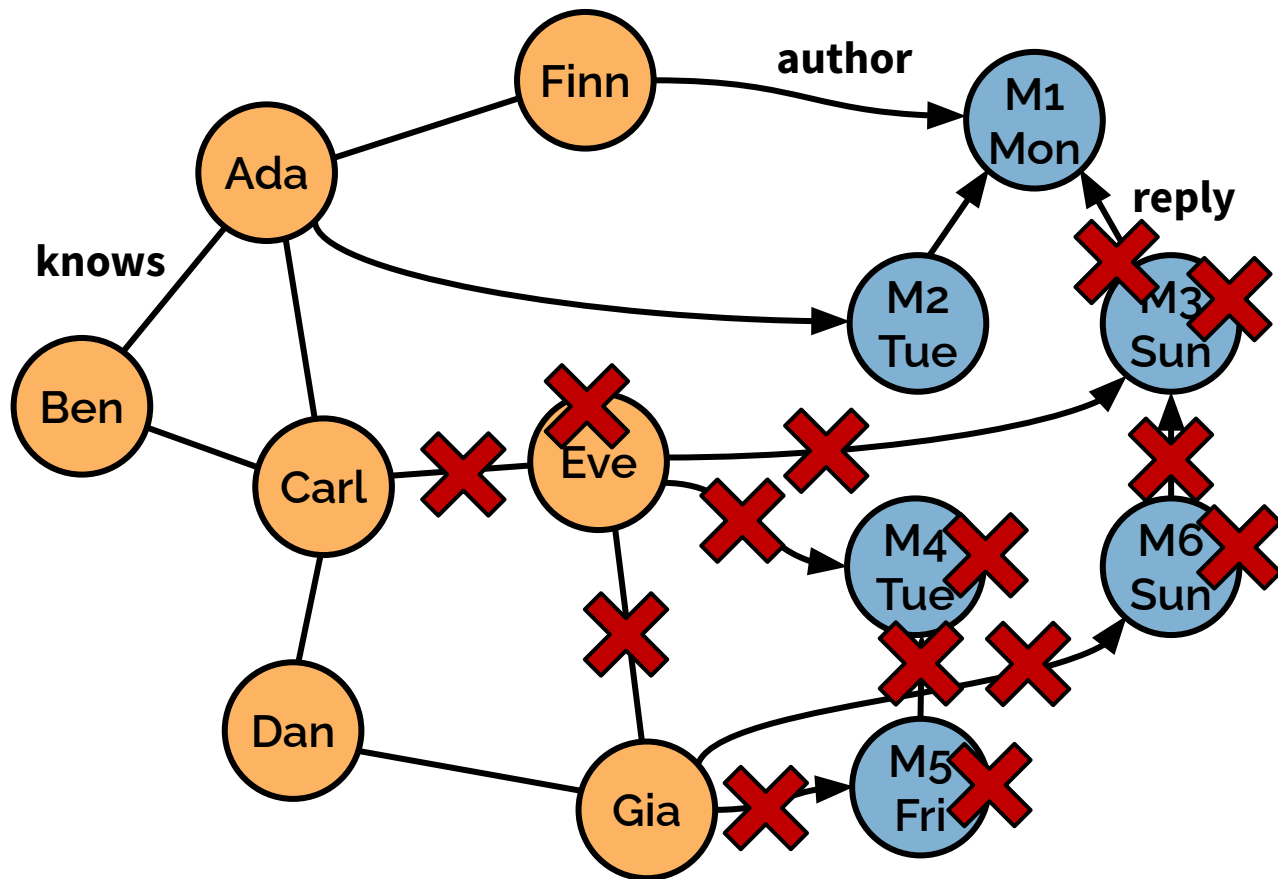
+ knows("Eve", "Gia")

+ Message("Gia", "M3")

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+ knows("Eve", "Gia")

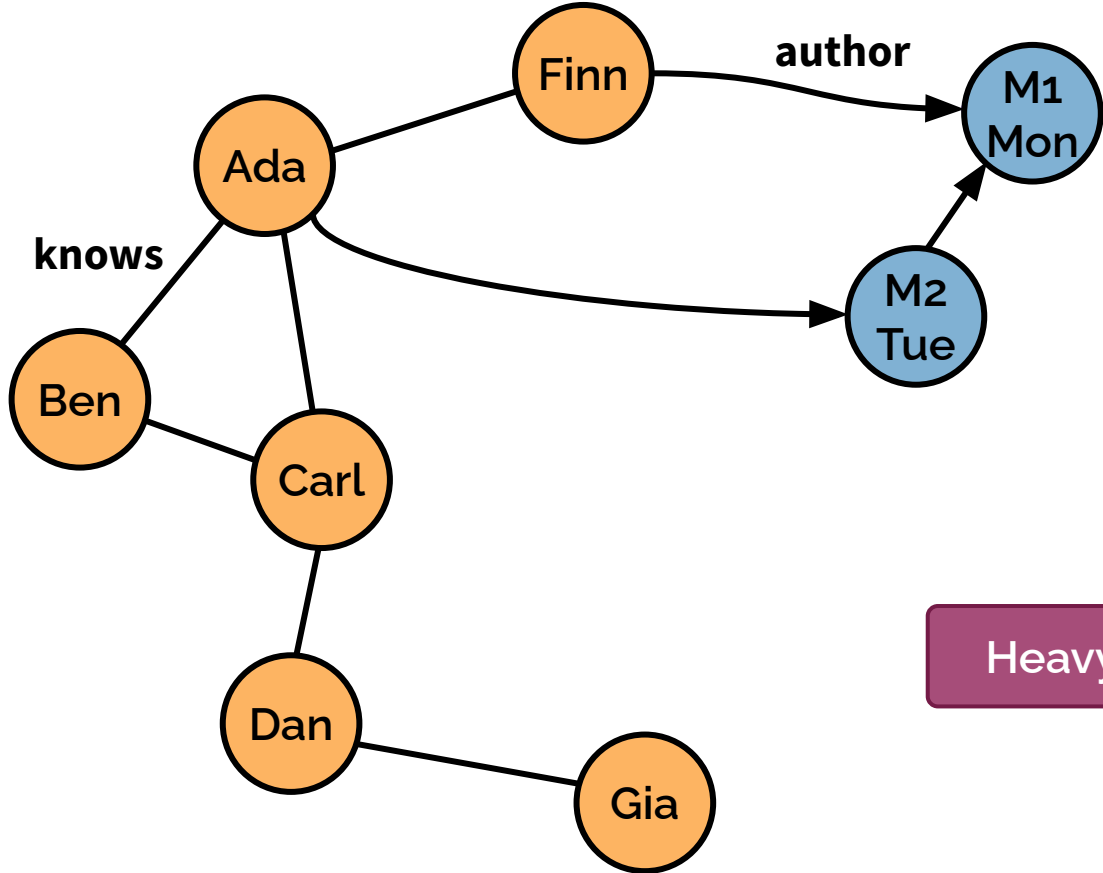
+ Message("Gia", "M3")

- Person("Eve")

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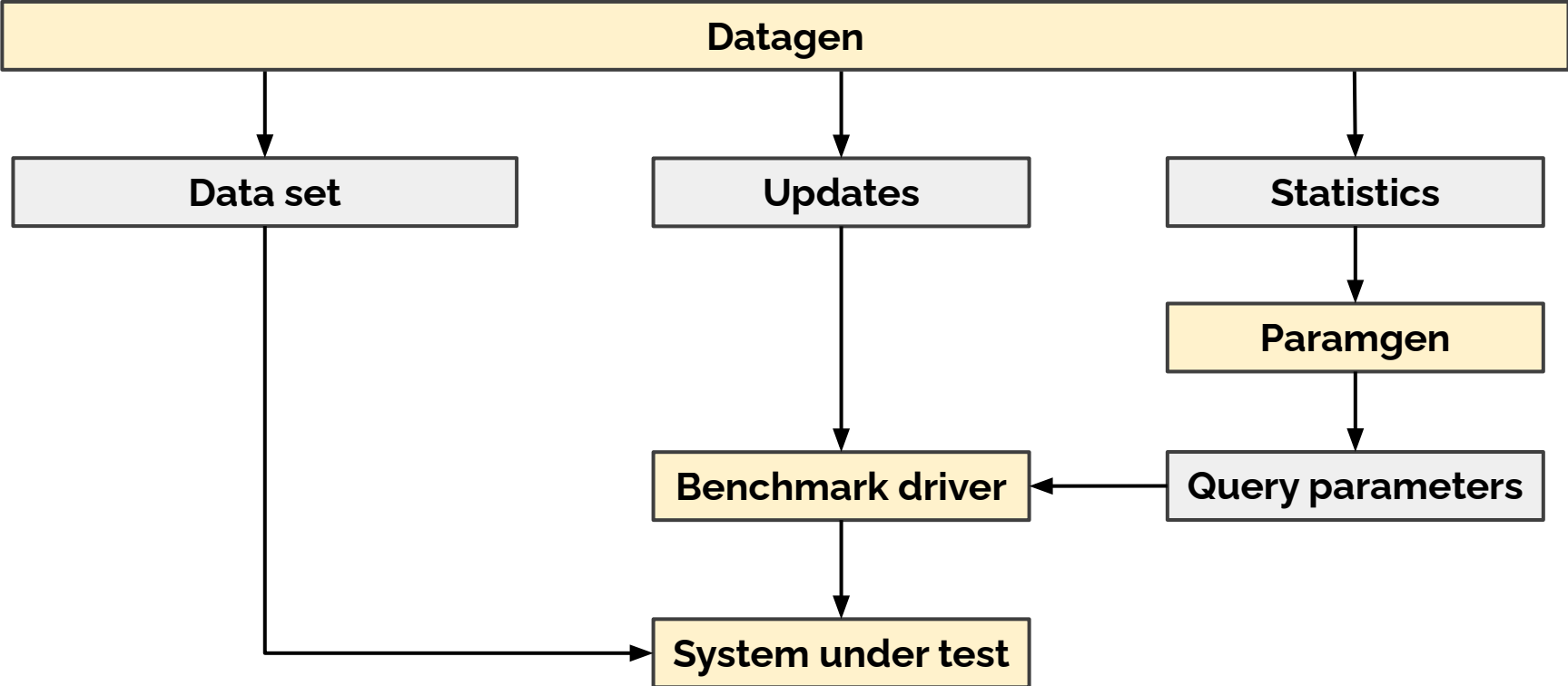
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- Person("Eve")

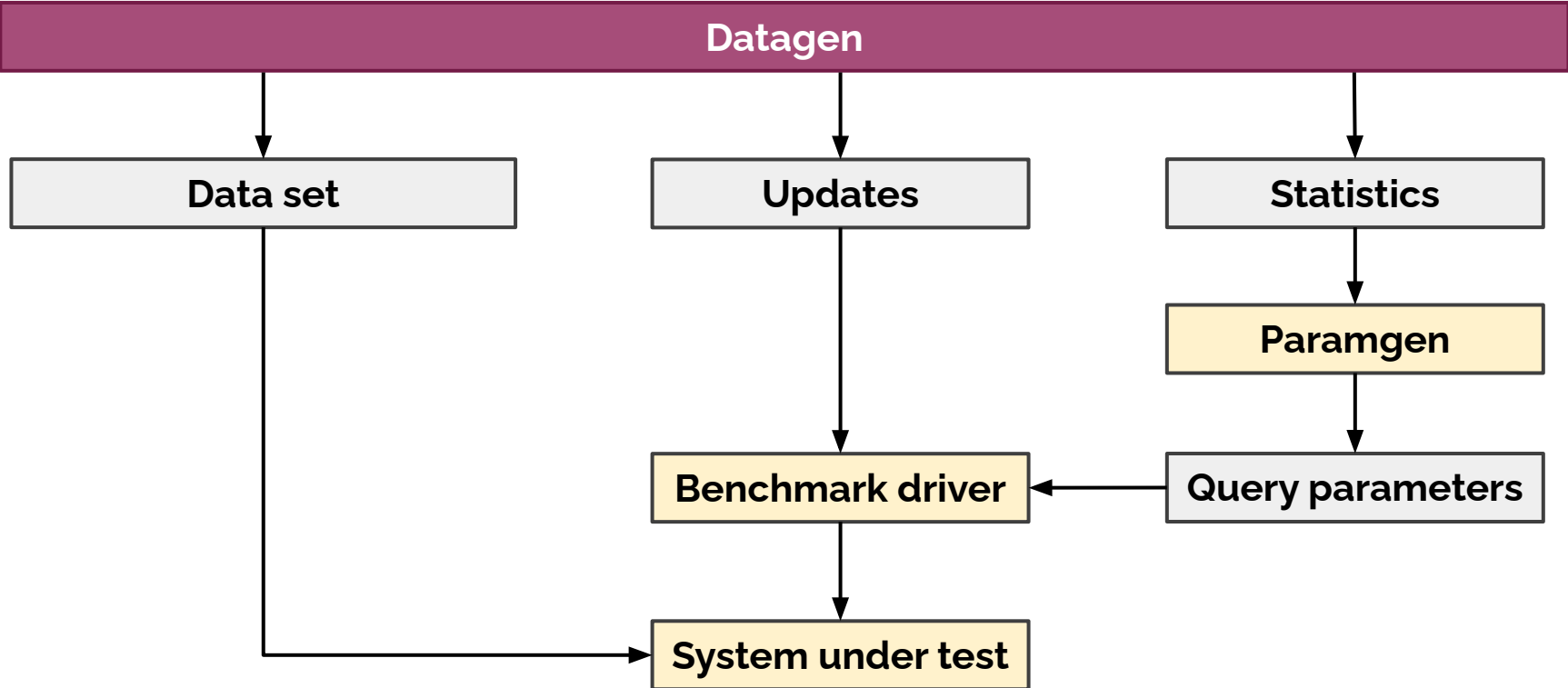
Heavy-hitting operation!

Benchmark framework

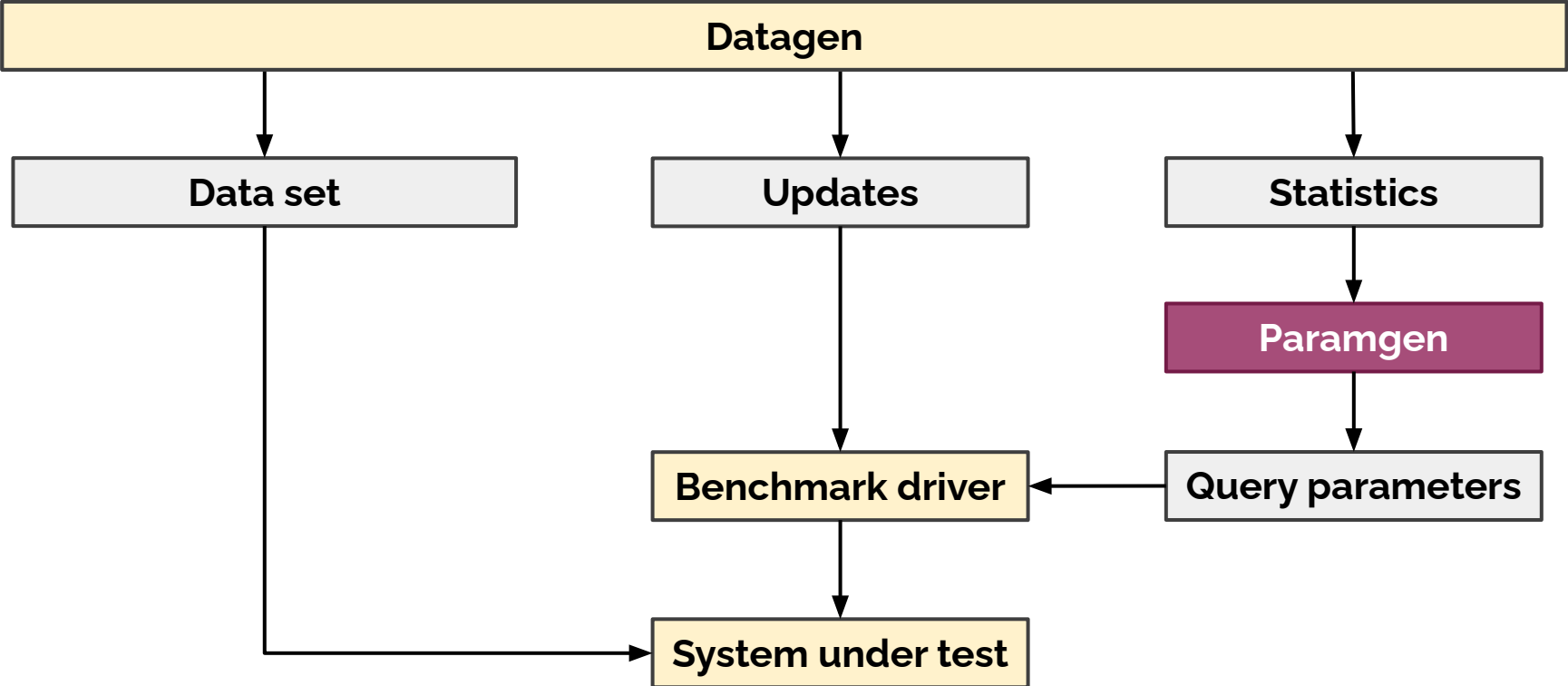
Benchmark workflow



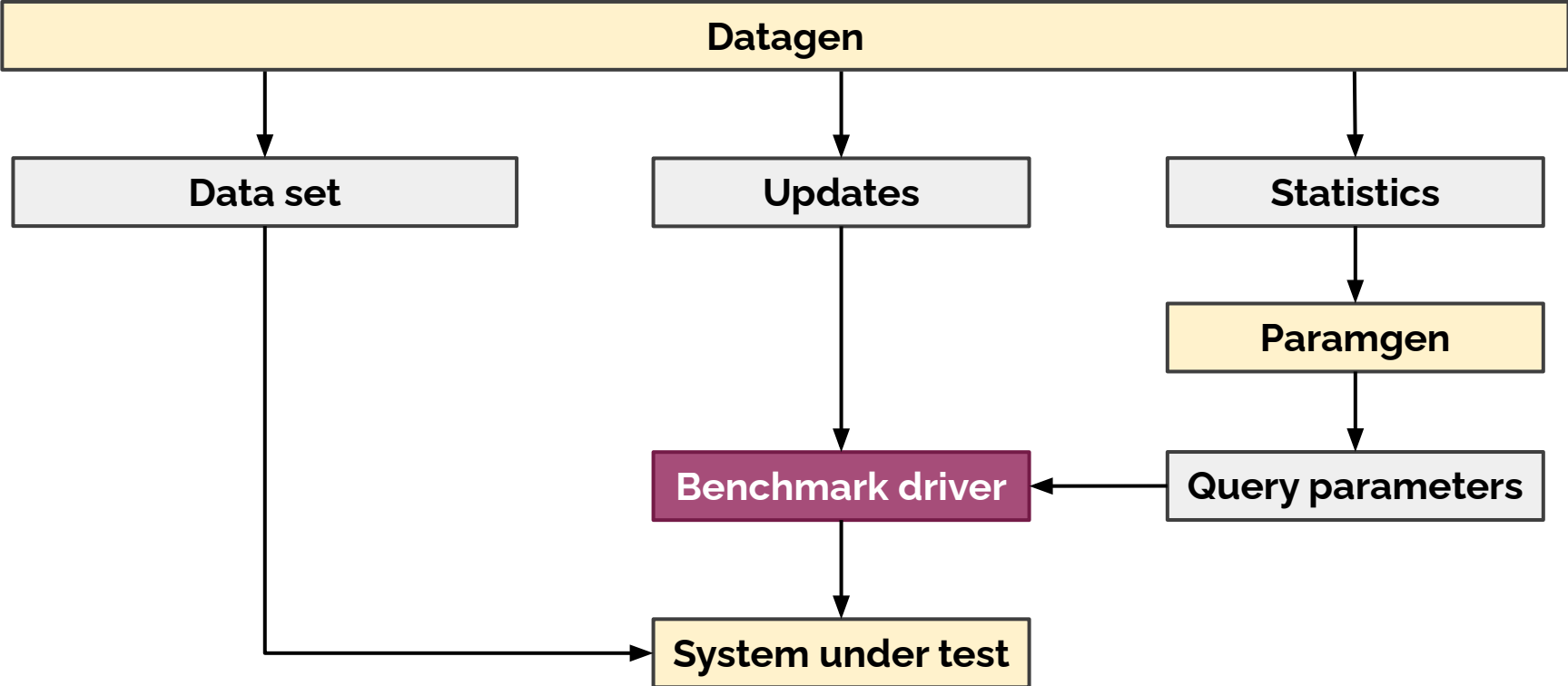
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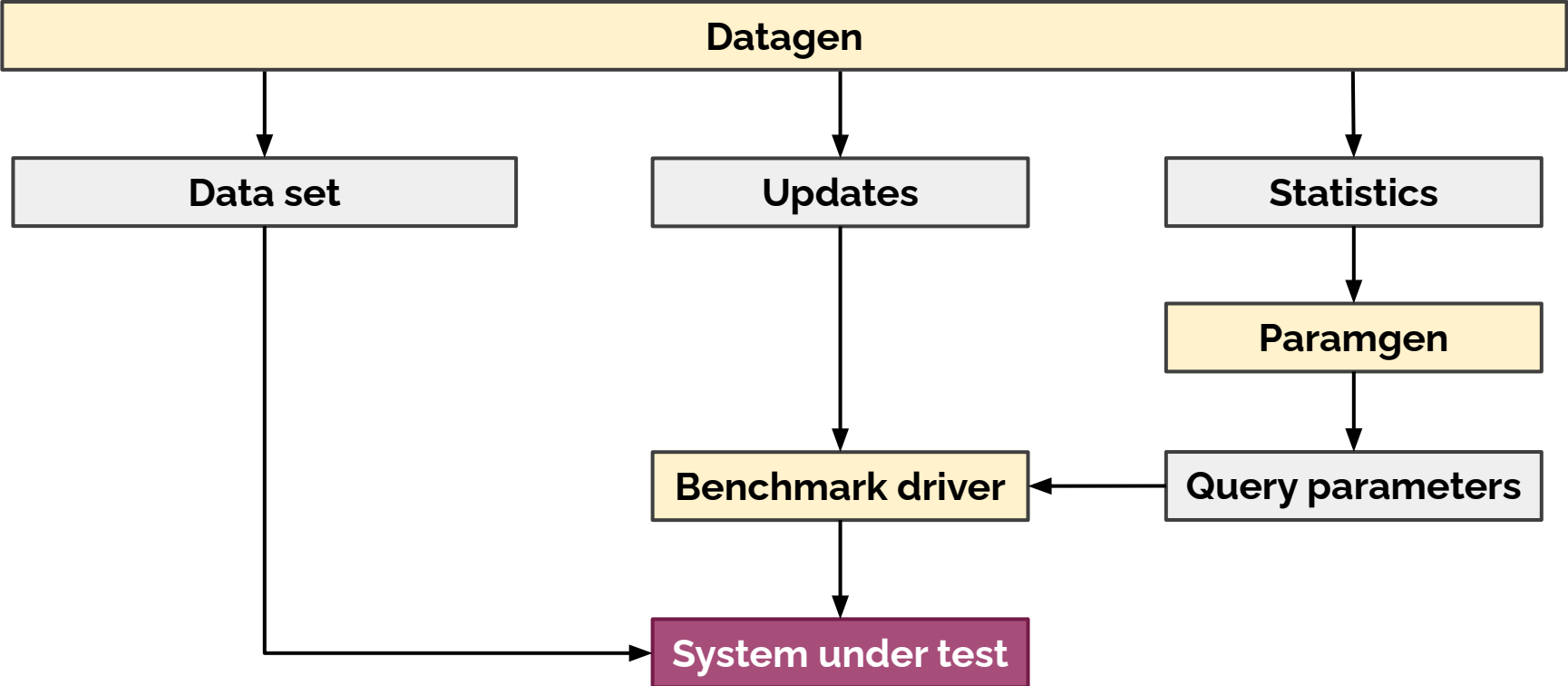
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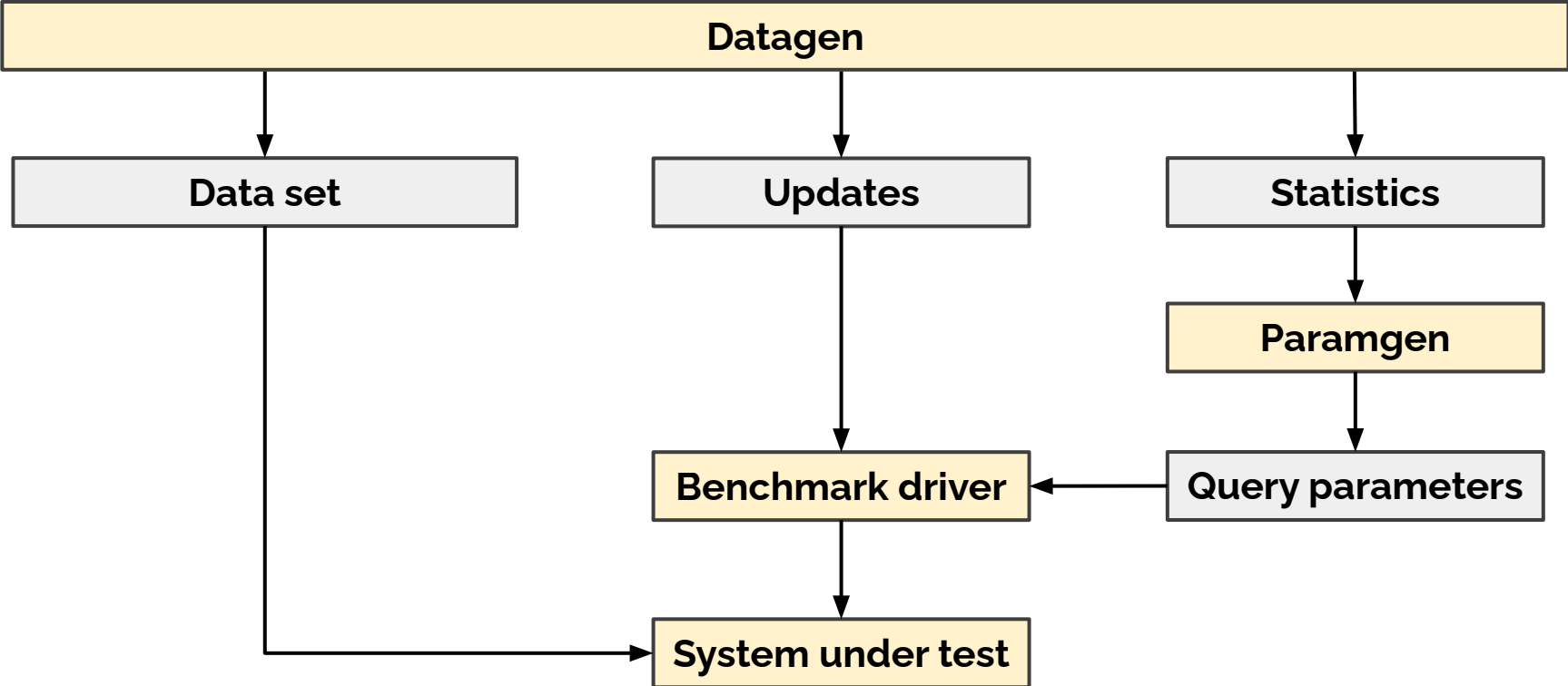
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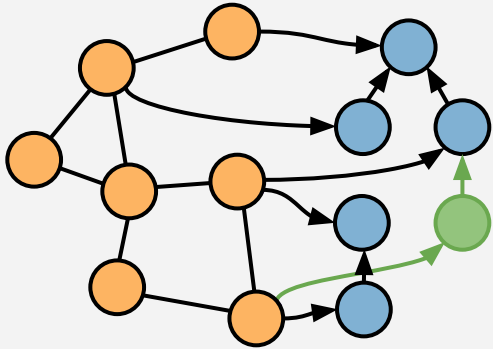
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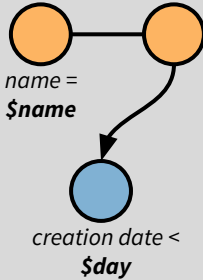
SNB workloads

- OLTP: Interactive
- OLAP: Business Intelligence

SNB Interactive v1 (2015)



Q9(\$name, \$day)



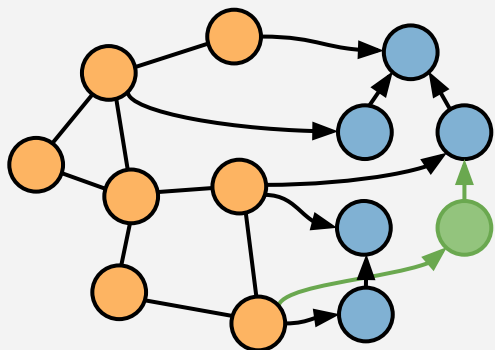
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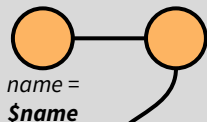
8 insert operations run concurrently

Goal: High throughput (ops/s)

SNB Interactive v1 (2015)



Q9(\$name, \$day)



name =
\$name

creation date <
\$day

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SF100
op/s

25× speedup in 4 years

71× price-performance
improvement

128k

64k

32k

16k

8k

4k

GraphScope

AtlasGraph

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CREATE LINK

TuGraph™

2020

2021

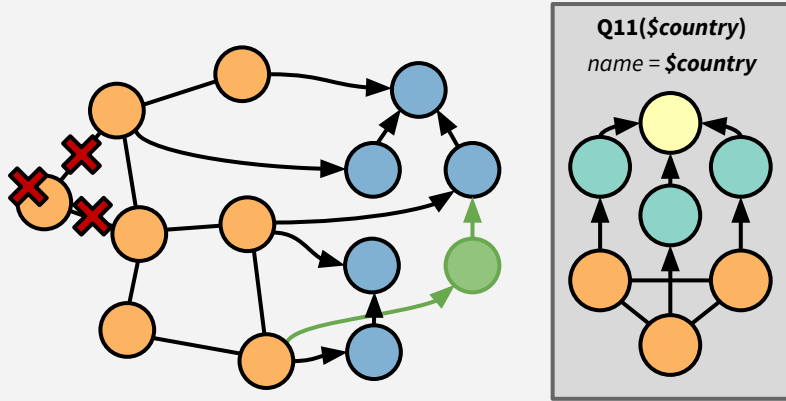
2022

2023

2024

year

SNB Business Intelligence (2022)



Queries touch on large portions of the data

20 complex read queries, insert & delete ops

Both bulk and concurrent updates allowed

Goal: High throughput & low query runtimes

Audited results



SF100

SF1,000

SF10,000



SF30,000

Using the SNB benchmarks



Making benchmarks easy to use

Specification

Academic paper

Data generator

Pre-generated data sets

Driver

2+ implementations

Guidelines



The LDBC Social Network Benchmark (version 2.2.1)

The specification was built on the source code available at
https://github.com/ldbc/ldbc_snb_docs/releases/tag/v2.2.1

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The LDBC Social Network Benchmark: Business Intelligence Workload

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ABSTRACT
The Social Network Benchmark's Business Intelligence workload (SNB BI) is a comprehensive graph OLAP benchmark targeting analytical data systems capable of supporting graph workloads. This paper marks the finalization of almost a decade of research in academia and industry via the Linked Data Benchmark Council (LDBC). SNB BI advances the state-of-the-art in synthetic and scalable analytical database benchmarks in many aspects. Its base is a sophisticated data generator, implemented on a scalable distributed infrastructure, that produces a social graph with small-world phenomena, whose value properties follow skewed and correlated distributions and whose values correlate with structure. This is a temporal graph where all nodes and edges follow lifespan-based rules with temporal skew enabling realistic and consistent temporal inserts and (occasional) deletes. The query workload exploring this skew and correlation is based on LDBC's "shobite point"-driven design methodology and will entice technical and scientific improvements in future graph database systems. SNB BI includes the first adoption of "parameter curators" in an analytical benchmark, a technique that ensures stable runtimes of query variants across different parameter values. Two performance metrics characterize peak single-query performance (power) and sustained concurrent query throughput. To demonstrate the portability of the benchmark, we present experimental results on a relational and a graph DBMS. Note that there do not constitute an official LDBC Benchmark Result – only audited results can use this trademarked term.

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Table 1: The SNB BI workload fills in the space between LDBC SNB Interactive and LDBC Graphalytics. It is a graph OLAP workload focusing on queries on a labeled attributed graph with temporal changes (inserts and deletes), targeting systems with domain-specific query languages. We denote the data models and features covered, and whether a language is capable of implementing and allowed to implement a given benchmark. Notation: @, yes; ◯, no; ◻, limited coverage.

LDBC benchmark	SETP	OLAP	Algorithms
	SNB Interactive	SNB BI	Graphalytics
labeled attributed graph	@	@	◻
temporal operations	@	@	◻
delete operations	◻	@	◻
challenging joins	◻	@	◻
temporal join linking	required	optional	not allowed
temporal query resolution	query language	@	all cases
SQL with recursive	@	@	◻
SQL/SQL-like query	@	@	@
OLAP	@	@	@
SPARQL-style extensions	@	◻	@
interactive API	@	◻	@

1 INTRODUCTION
Analyzing the connection patterns in graphs is a steadily important use case in data analytics and is projected to still grow considerably in importance [57]. It is reflected in the increasing role of graph-shaped data as represented in data models such as (initially) RDF and increasingly property graphs [1]. While graph analytics is often associated with obviously graph-primarily application domains that manage data representing social networks, telecommunication networks, and enterprise knowledge graphs [60], graph challenges also found in traditional relational data workloads and modern data lakes, where implicit graph links in the connection patterns formed between tables that refer to each other through joins along relationships, e.g. along many-to-many relationships. Practitioners, data system builders, and researchers are increasingly focusing on graph analysis questions [56], performing tasks such as fraud detection, recommendation, historical analysis, and root-cause analysis. The Linked Data Benchmark Council. To expedite the evolution of the modern graph data management stack, a group of industry and academic organizations founded the Linked Data Benchmark Council (LDBC) in 2012, originally as a European Union-funded project.

Auditing and trademark

Performed by certified auditors (>\$20k + infrastructure costs, multiple weeks)

Trademark: only a result produced by an auditor is an “LDBC benchmark result”

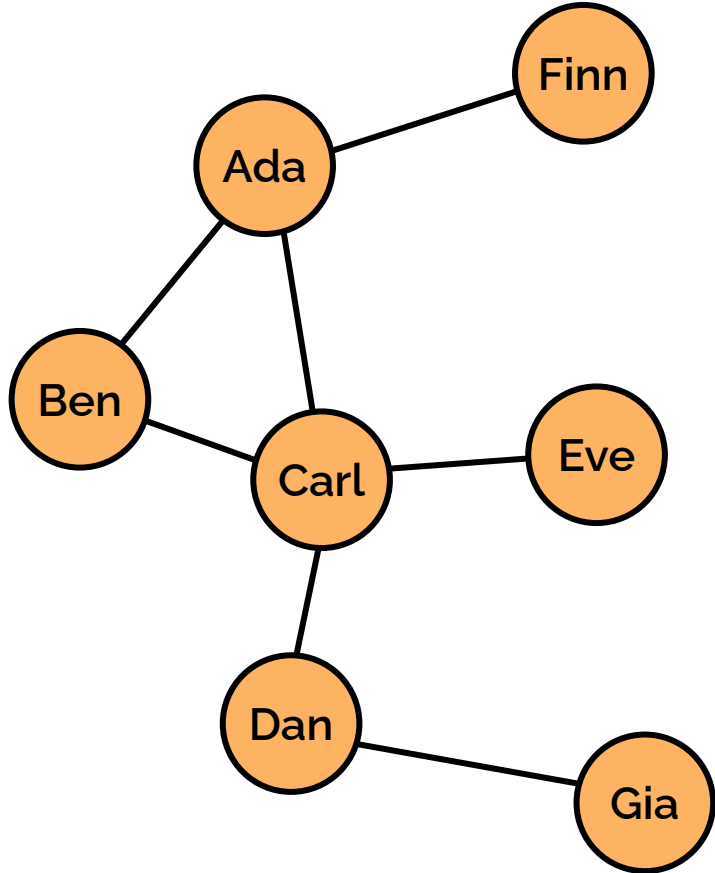
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Date: 2024-05-14Queries implemented in: C++ stored procedures	300	Alibaba Cloud ecs.r8a.16xlarge, 512GiB RAM, 64×AMD EPYC 9T24 @ 3.7GHz vCPUs	131,263.87 ops/s	
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The LDBC Graphalytics Benchmark



LDBC Graphalytics

- Graphalytics = graph + analytics
- An LDBC benchmark for graph algorithm implementations
- A macrobenchmark
- No audits – competitions with leaderboard ranking
(similar to HPC benchmarks such as Top500 and Graph500)



The data sets contain untyped, unattributed graphs with (optional) edge weights

LDBC SNB Datagen

Graph500

Twitter

Friendster

Patents

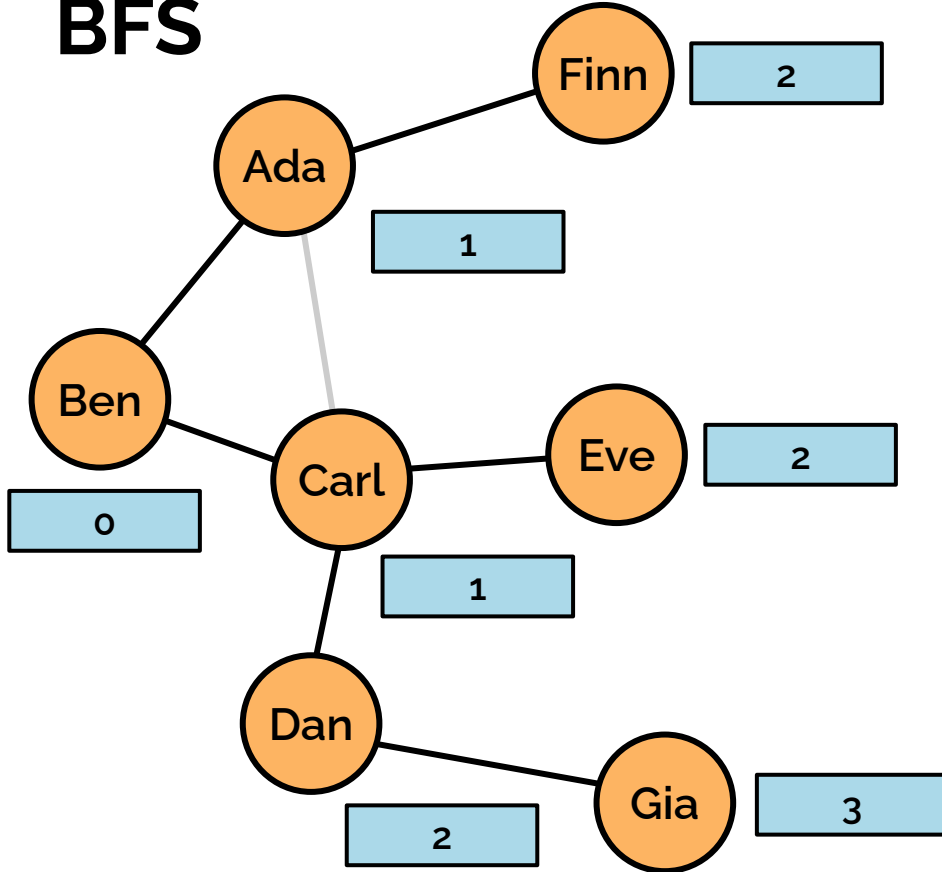
wiki-Talk

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Largest graph:

- 450M vertices
- 34B edges

BFS



Graphalytics algorithms

Breadth-first search(source : “Ben”)

PageRank(*damping factor: 0.85, iterations: 5*)

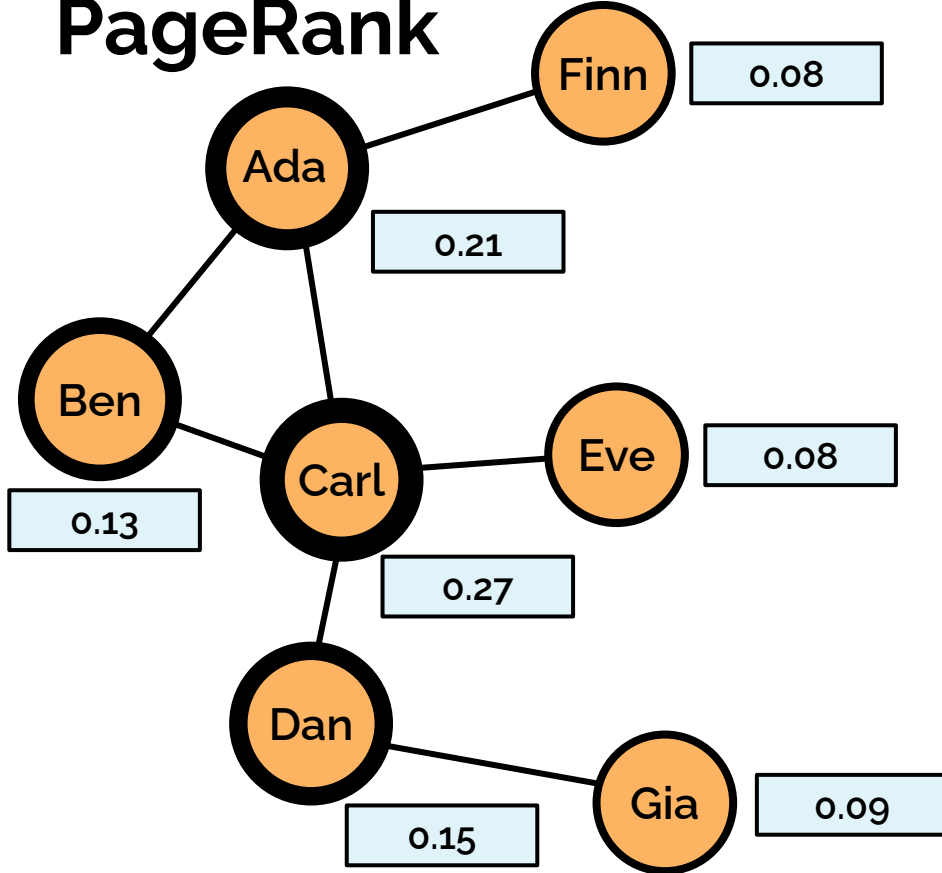
Local clustering coefficient

Community detection using LP(*iterations: 2*)

Weakly connected components

Single-source shortest paths(source: “Ben”)

PageRank



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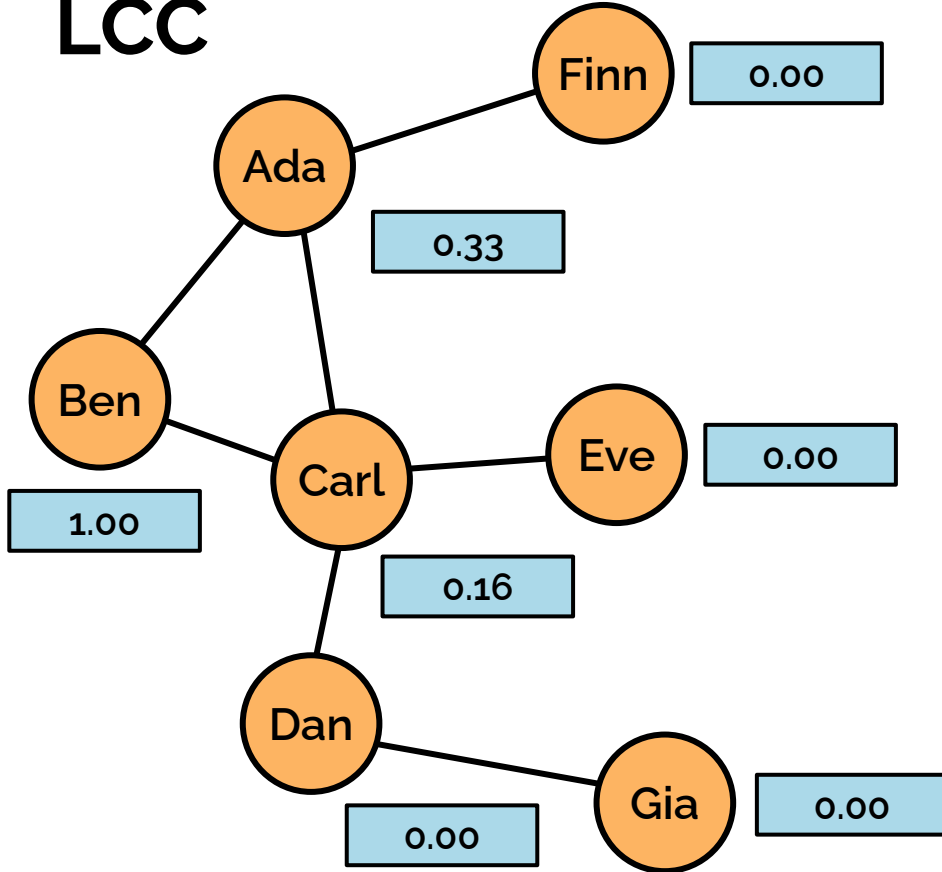
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Weakly connected components

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LCC



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Local clustering coefficient

Community detection using LP(*iterations*: 2)

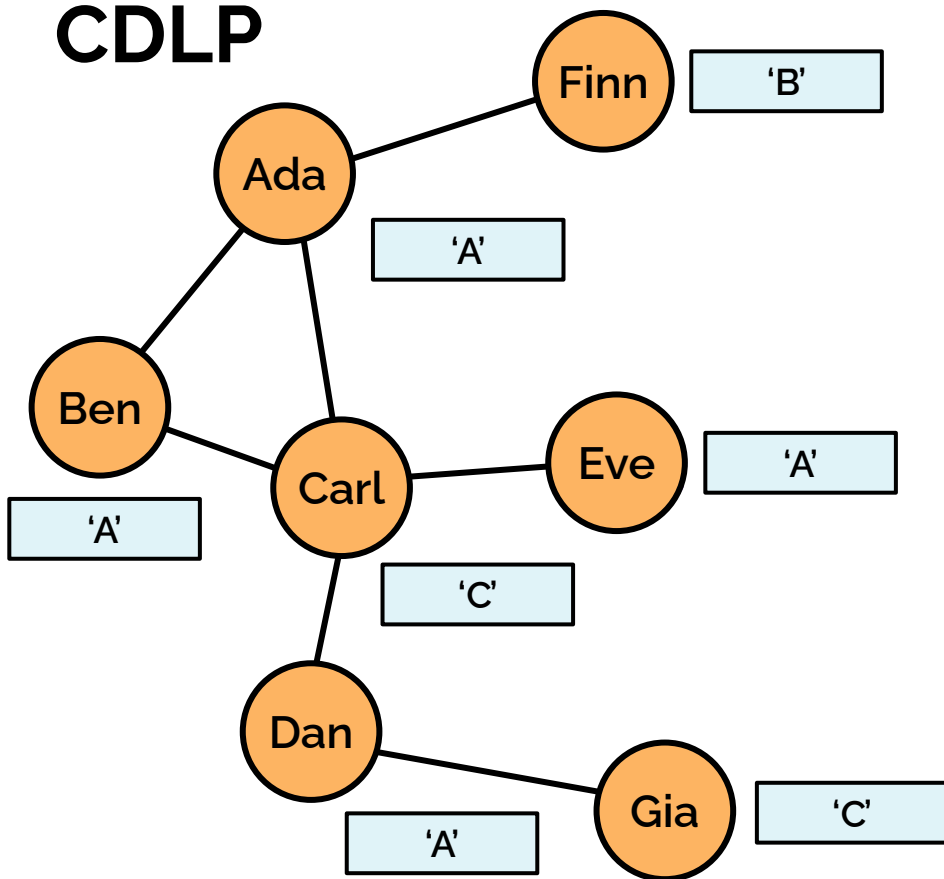
Weakly connected components

Single-source shortest paths(*source*: "Ben")

For each vertex, LCC is $\#triangles / \#wedges$.

Similar to triangle count.

CDLP



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Local clustering coefficient

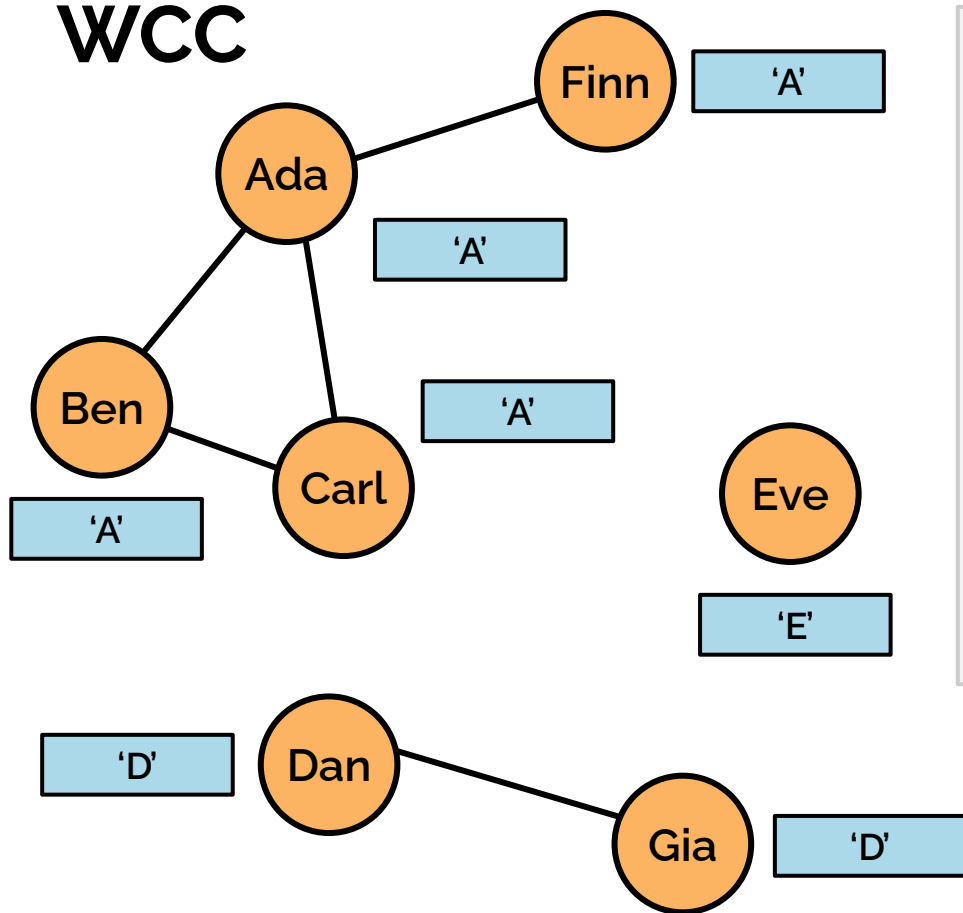
Community detection using LP(*iterations*: 2)

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Single-source shortest paths(*source*: "Ben")

In each iteration, the next label of a vertex is selected as *the minimum mode value among the labels of the neighbours*.

WCC



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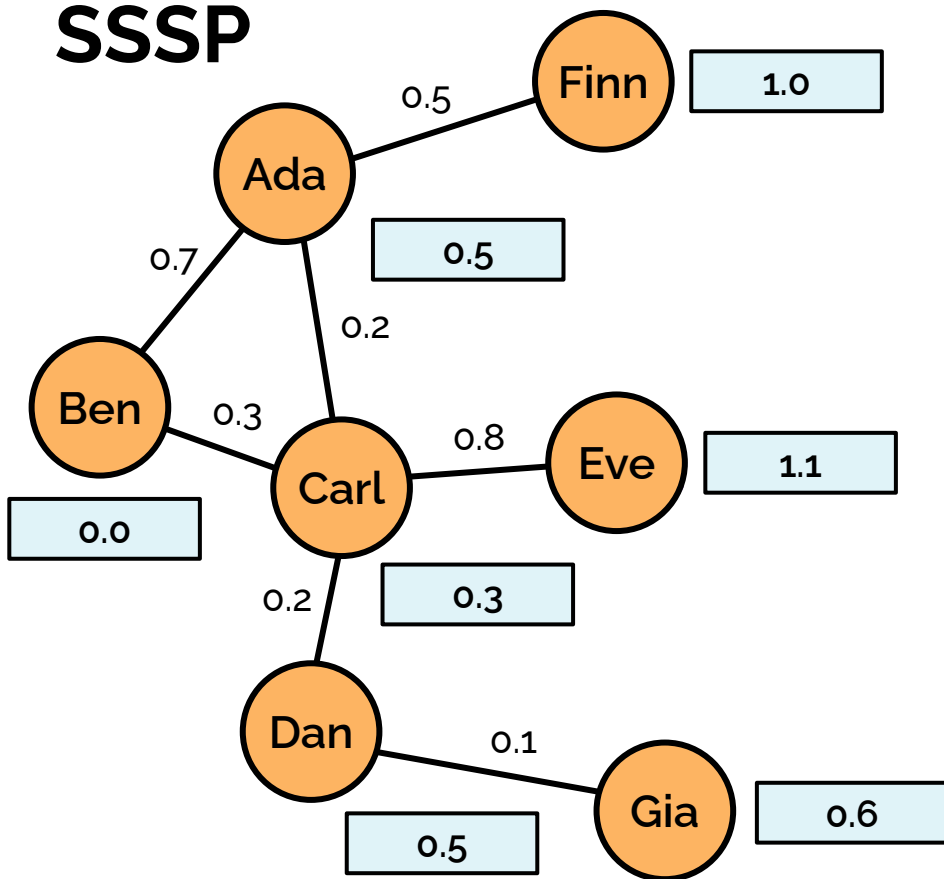
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SSSP



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Most implementations are expected to use the delta-stepping SSSP algorithm.

Provisional Graphalytics leaderboard (2024)

#	Size	Platform	Environment name	Makespan throughput per dollar	Processing throughput per dollar
1	S	libgrape-gpu	ecs.ebmgn7e.32xlarge	0.08	58.35
2	S	libgrape-lite	ecs.r7.16xlarge	1.45	37.40
3	S	GraphBLAS Intel Xeon Gold 6342	bare metal, dedicated server	6.26	17.99
4	S	GraphBLAS Intel Xeon Platinum 8369	bare metal, dedicated server	7.84	15.73
5	S	Geacompute	ecs.c8i.24xlarge / ecs.c8a.48xlarge	3.05	11.45
1	M	libgrape-gpu	ecs.ebmgn7e.32xlarge	0.03	37.13
2	M	libgrape-lite	ecs.r7.16xlarge	0.49	25.44
3	M	GraphBLAS Intel Xeon Gold 6342	bare metal, dedicated server	1.94	5.88
4	M	Geacompute	ecs.c8i.24xlarge / ecs.c8a.48xlarge	1.12	5.74
5	M	GraphBLAS Intel Xeon Platinum 8369	bare metal, dedicated server	2.66	5.32

#	Size	Platform	Environment name	Makespan throughput per dollar	Processing throughput per dollar
1	L	libgrape-gpu	ecs.ebmgn7e.32xlarge	0.03	16.58
2	L	libgrape-lite	ecs.r7.16xlarge	0.14	8.99
3	L	Geacompute	ecs.c8i.24xlarge / ecs.c8a.48xlarge	0.43	2.27
4	L	GraphBLAS Intel Xeon Gold 6342	bare metal, dedicated server	0.62	2.13
5	L	GraphBLAS Intel Xeon Platinum 8369	bare metal, dedicated server	0.92	1.94
1	XL	libgrape-gpu	ecs.ebmgn7e.32xlarge	0.01	3.98
2	XL	libgrape-lite	ecs.r7.16xlarge	0.06	2.07
3	XL	GraphBLAS Intel Xeon Platinum 8369	bare metal, dedicated server	0.24	0.39
4	XL	Geacompute	ecs.c8i.24xlarge / ecs.c8a.48xlarge	0.08	0.28
1	2XL	libgrape-gpu	ecs.ebmgn7e.32xlarge	0.01	0.59
2	2XL	libgrape-lite	ecs.r7.16xlarge	0.05	0.33
3	2XL	Geacompute	ecs.c8i.24xlarge / ecs.c8a.48xlarge	0.02	0.05
4	2XL	GraphBLAS Intel Xeon Platinum 8369	bare metal, dedicated server	0.03	0.04
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2	3XL	Geacompute	ecs.c8i.24xlarge / ecs.c8a.48xlarge	0.01	0.01

LDDBC benchmarks – Challenges



Areas to improve in

LDBC benchmarks don't sufficiently cover some important recent technologies:

- cloud infrastructure and cloud-native systems
 - serverless systems
 - elasticity
- binary file formats (e.g. Parquet)
- user-defined functions
- ML workloads
 - graph neural networks
 - knowledge graphs
 - vector databases

Benchmark development and audits

Developing a new LDBC benchmark can take 5+ person-years:

- Without a standard language, implementations took a long time
- Hard to obtain a good baseline system (chicken-or-egg problem)

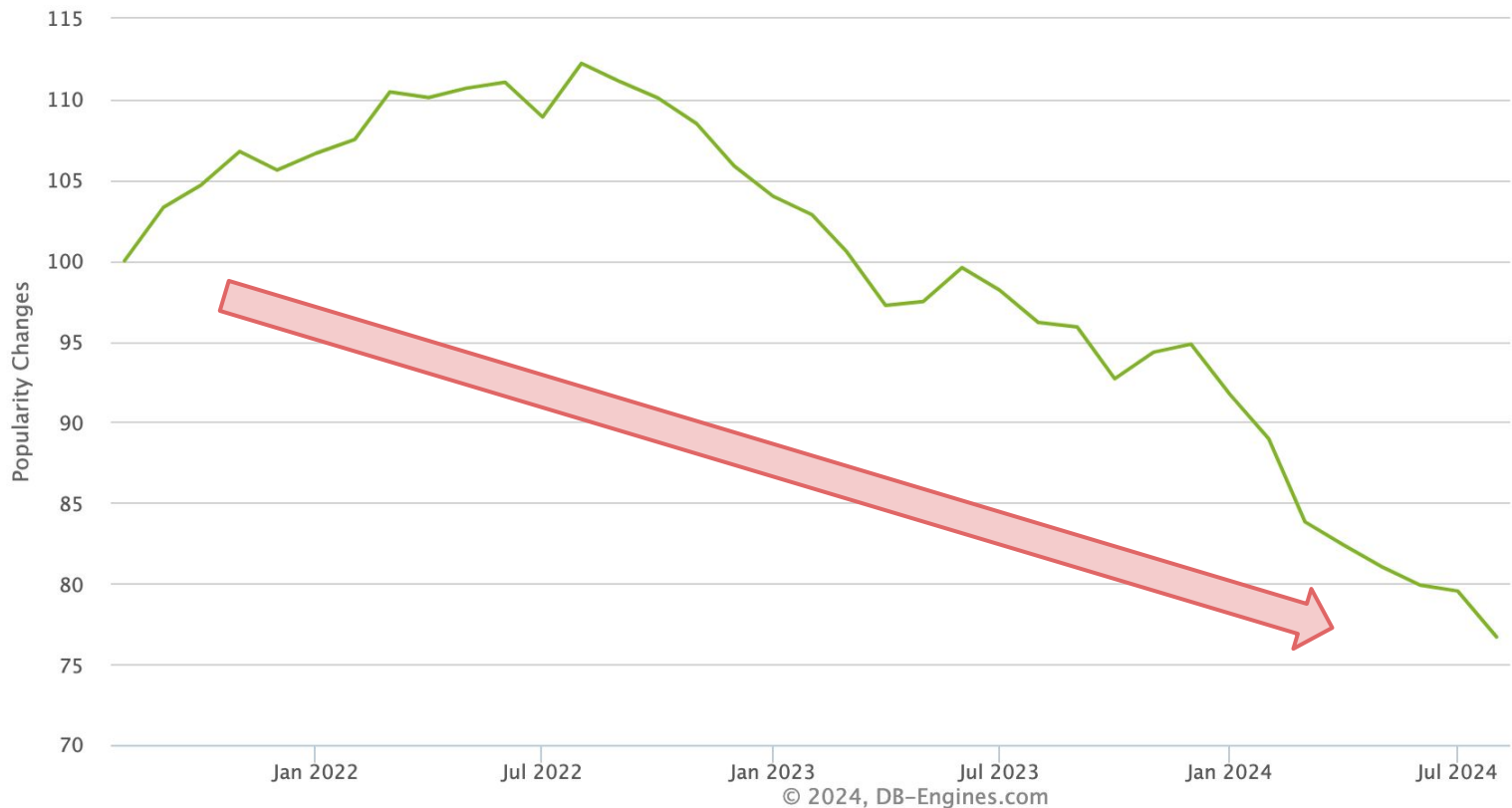
Audits:

- Most Interactive audited results use imperative languages
- Audits are long and expensive

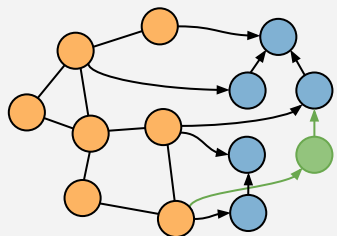
Data sets:

- Generate data for SF100k and beyond

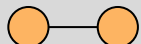
DB Engines Ranking for graph: 1/4 drop in 3 years



SNB Interactive v1



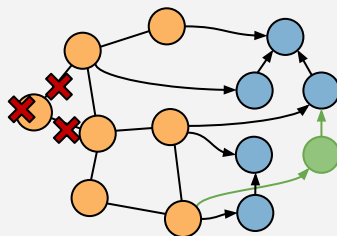
Q9(\$name, \$day)



name =
\$name

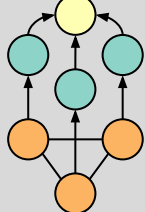
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SNB Business Intelligence

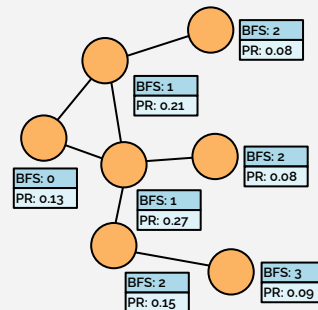


Q11(\$country)

name = \$country



Graphalytics



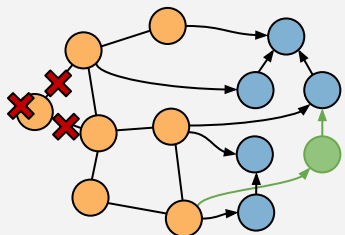
Algorithms

BFS	CDLP
PR	SSSP
LCC	WCC

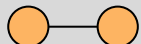
Data sets

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SNB Interactive v2



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\$day

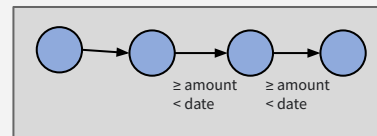
Semantic Publishing Benchmark

Target: RDF/SPARQL

Domain: Media/publishing industry

Inferencing & continuous updates

Financial Benchmark



Traversal with truncation

Strict latency bound (P99 < 100 ms)

LDBC 

*The graph & RDF
benchmark reference*