

Conjunctive Queries with Free Access Patterns under Updates

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Scenario

Skyscanner

Help English (UK) Switzerland CHF Log in

Flights Hotels Car Hire

Let the journey begin

Return One way Multi-city

From	To	Depart	Return	Cabin Class & Travellers
London (Any)	Country, city or airport	16/12/2022	(One way)	1 adult, Economy

Add nearby airports Add nearby airports

Direct flights only

Search flights →

Figure: Flight Booking Interface

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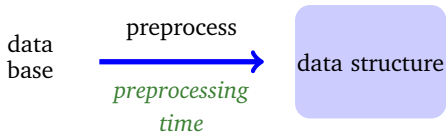
Problem Setting

We consider the problem of **fully dynamic evaluation** for **CQAPs**:

- ▶ Maintaining the database under tuple updates (inserts or deletes)
- ▶ Answering access requests

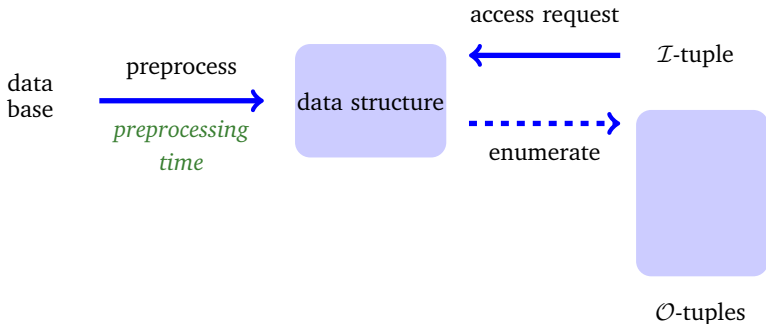
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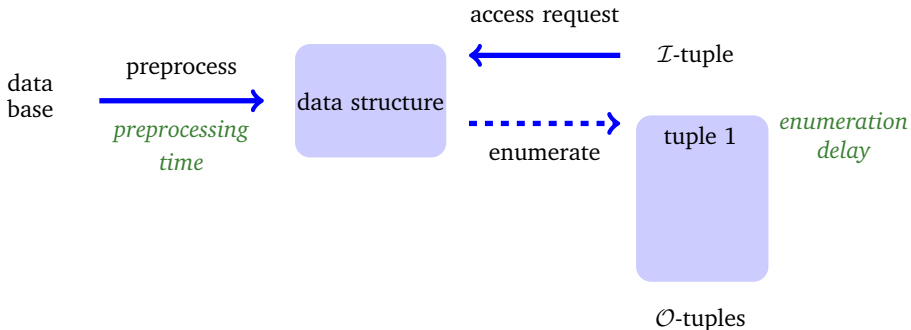
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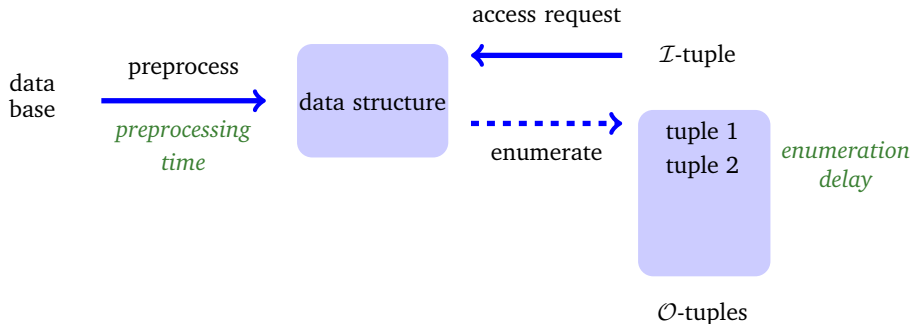
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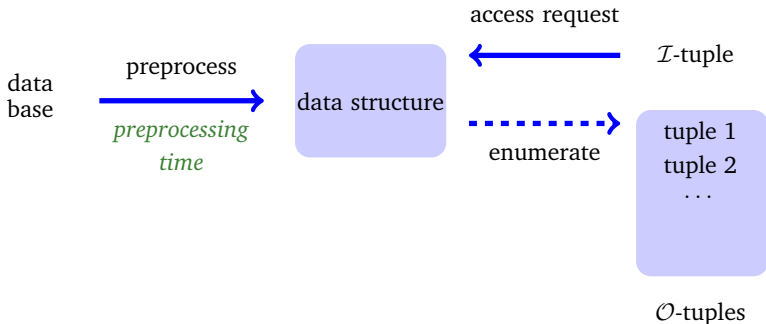
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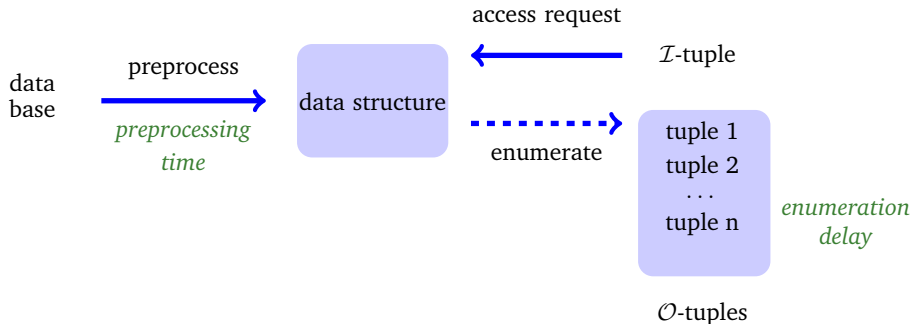
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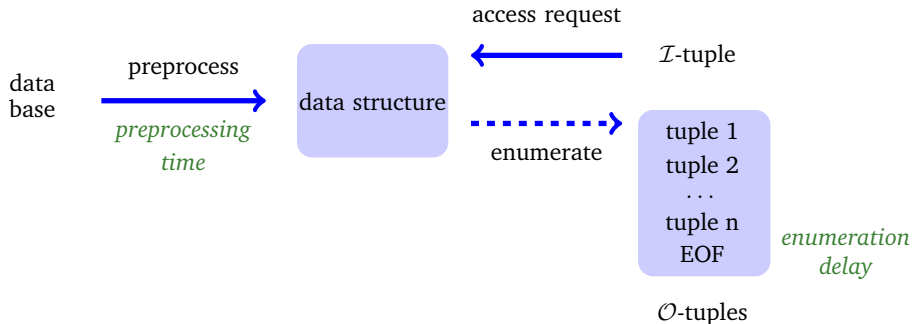
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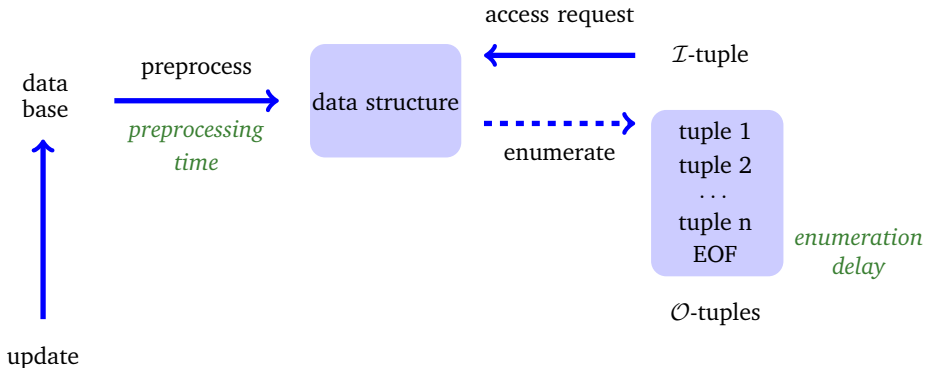
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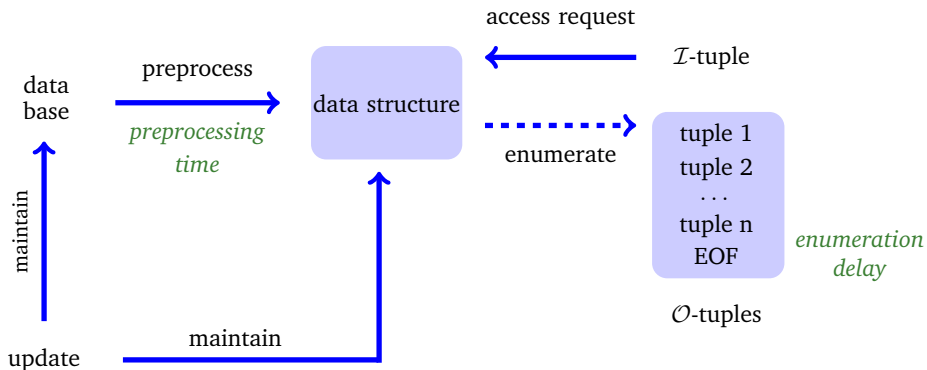
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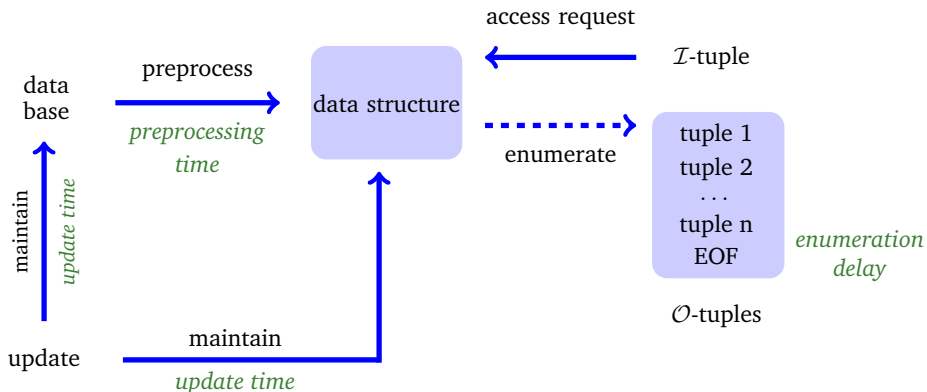
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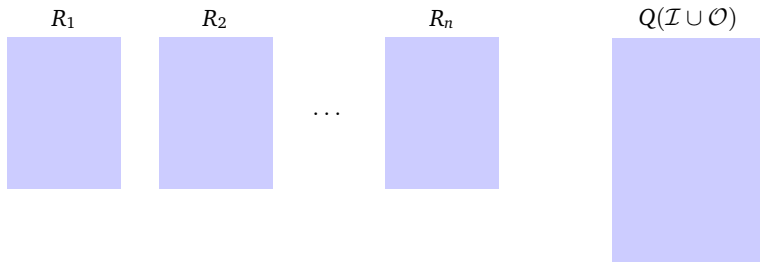


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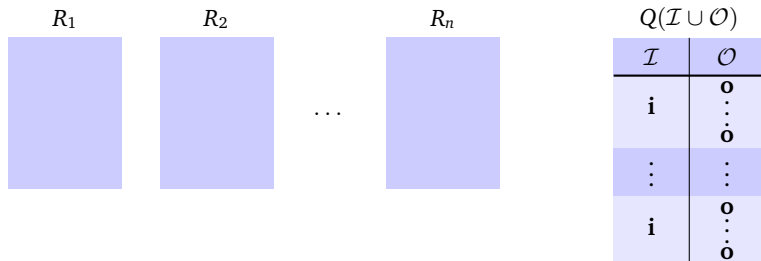
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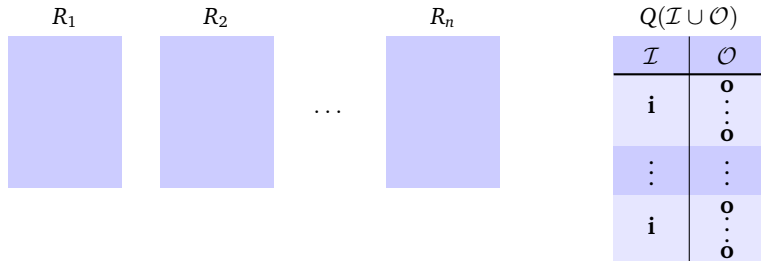
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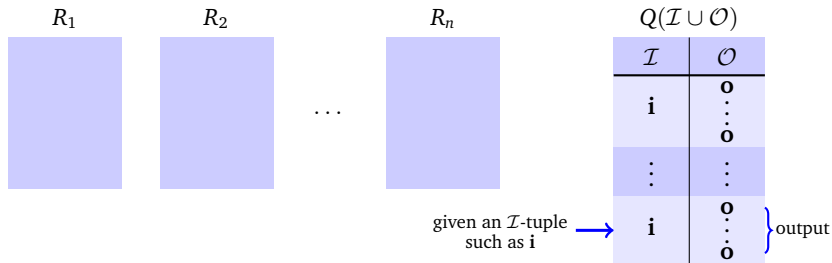
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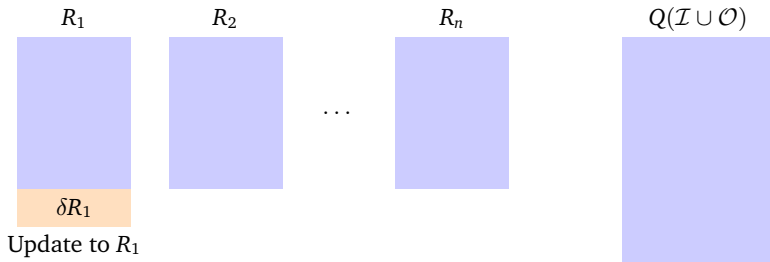
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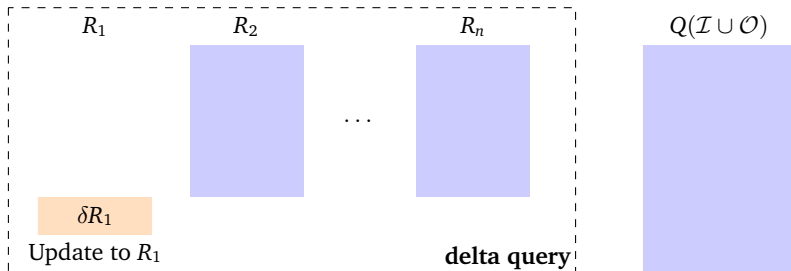
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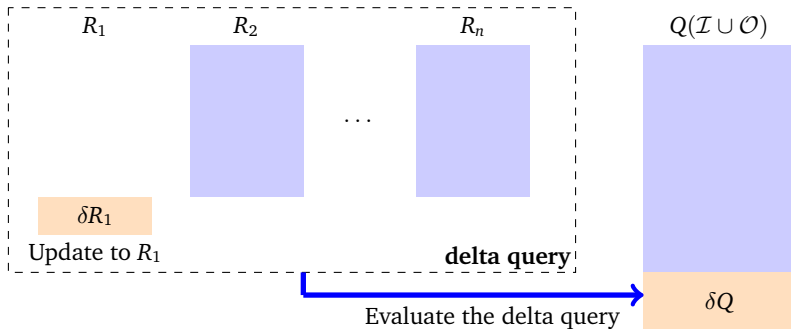
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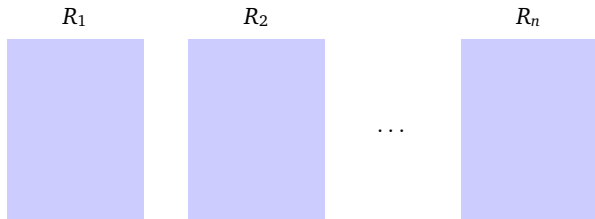
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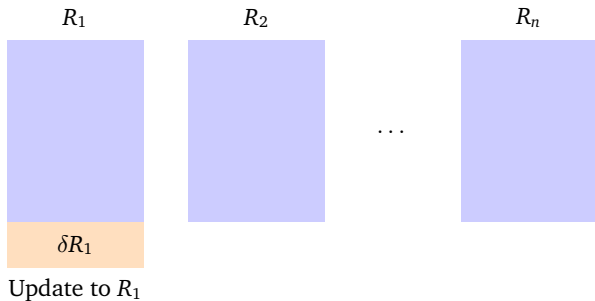
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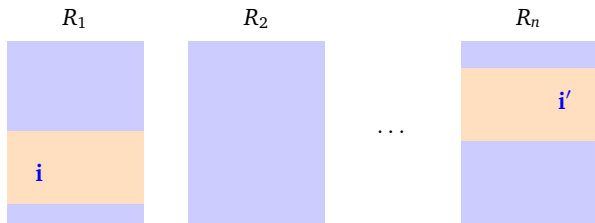
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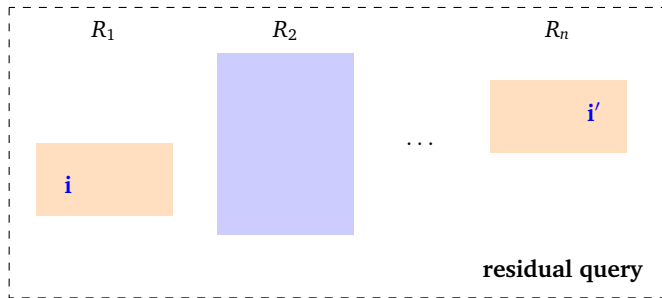
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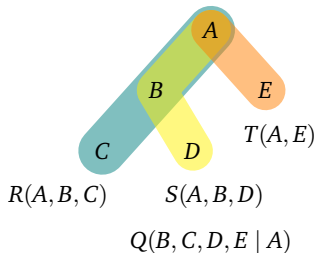
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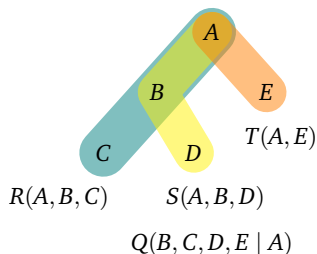
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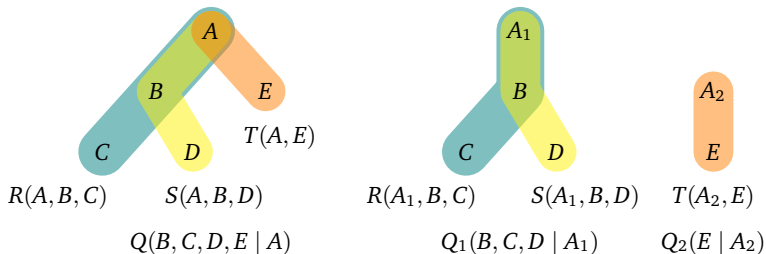
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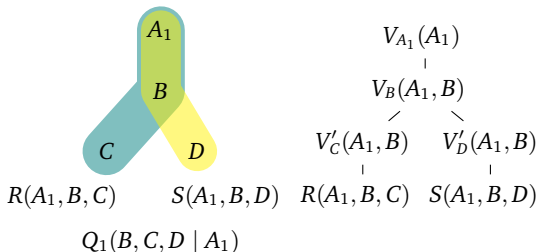
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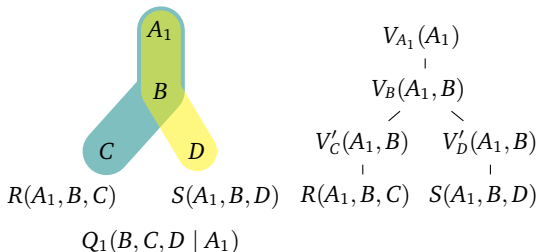
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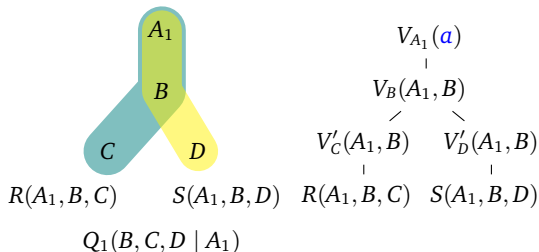


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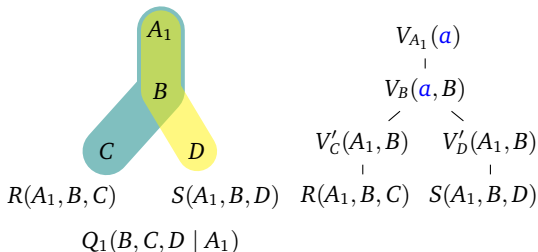


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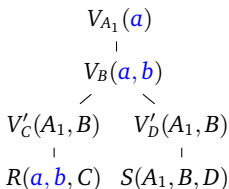
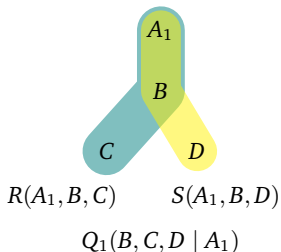


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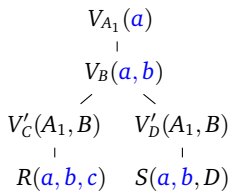
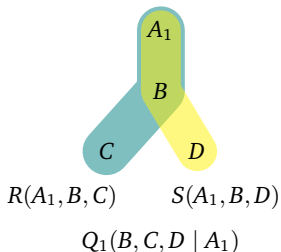


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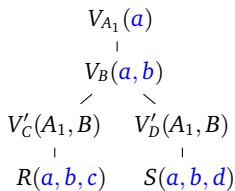
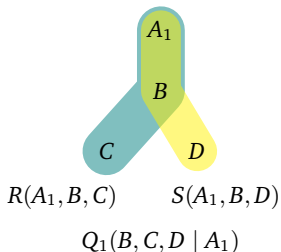


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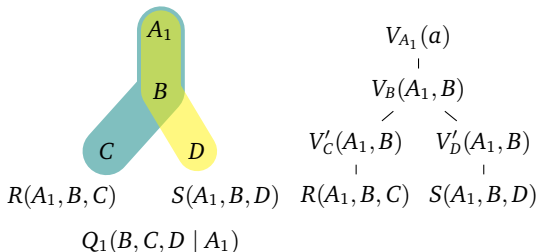


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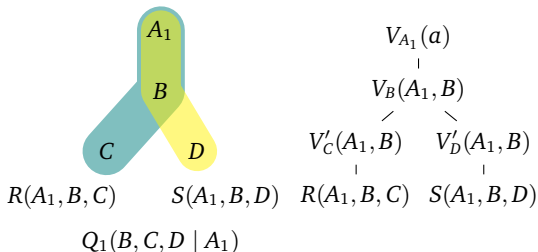
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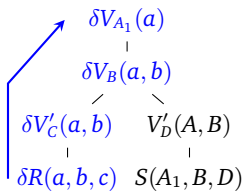
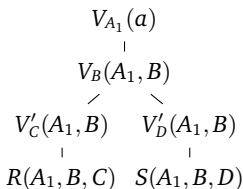
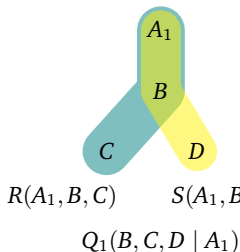


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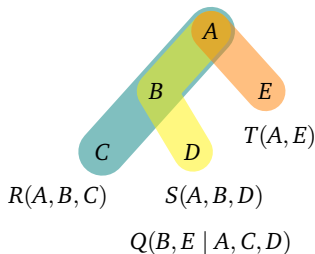


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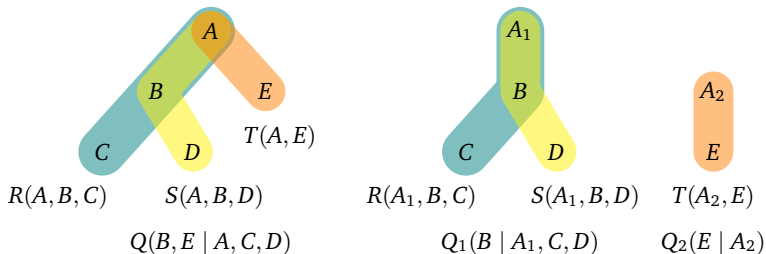
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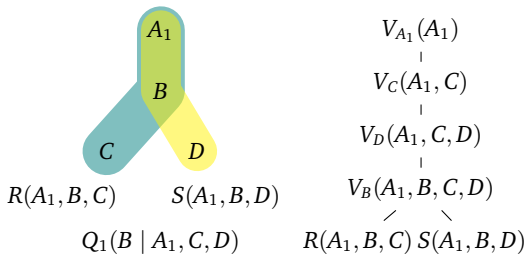
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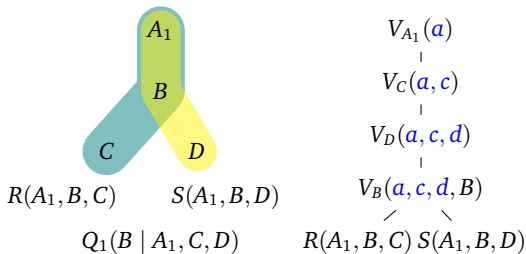
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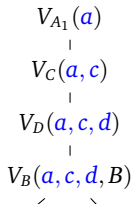
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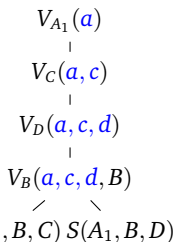
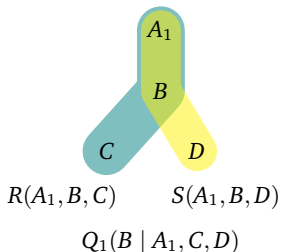
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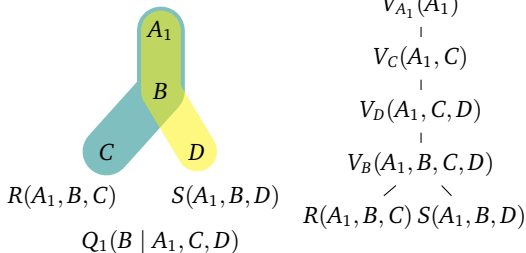
check $(a, c, d) \in V_D(A_1, C, D)$
for each $b \in V_B(a, c, d, B)$

output (a, b, c, d)

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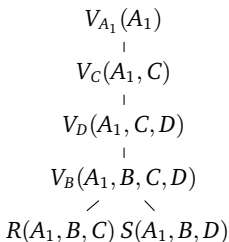
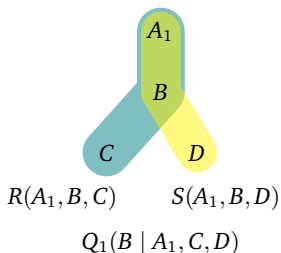
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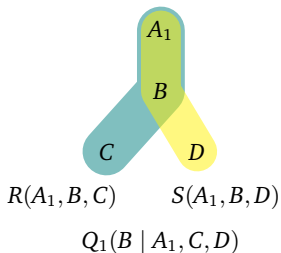


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 V_D(A_1, C, D) \\
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 \swarrow \quad \searrow \\
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 \end{array}$$

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Different Access Patterns Result in Different Costs

Consider the query $Q(\mathcal{O} \mid \mathcal{I}) = R(A, B, C), S(A, B, D), T(A, E)$. The table shows the evaluation costs of our approach for different access patterns.

\mathcal{O}	\mathcal{I}	Preprocessing	Delay	Update
$\{A, B, C, D, E\}$	$\{\}$	$\mathcal{O}(N)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$
$\{\}$	$\{A, B, C, D, E\}$	$\mathcal{O}(N)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$
$\{A, C, D, E\}$	$\{B\}$	$\mathcal{O}(N)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$	$\mathcal{O}(N)$
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$\{A, B\}$	$\{C, D, E\}$	$\mathcal{O}(N^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$	$\mathcal{O}(N^2)$
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Eager		$\mathcal{O}(N^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$	$\mathcal{O}(N^2)$

Summary of Contribution 1

- ▶ A dynamic evaluation approach for arbitrary CQAPs
- ▶ For a CQAP with *static width* w and *dynamic width* δ , our approach admits
 - ▶ Preprocessing: $\mathcal{O}(N^w)$
 - ▶ Update: $\mathcal{O}(N^\delta)$
 - ▶ Enumeration delay: $\mathcal{O}(1)$
- ▶ Static width: s^\uparrow [OZ15] or faqw[AKNR16] specialized to the access pattern
- ▶ Dynamic width: maximal static width over all delta queries

Dichotomy Result

$CQAP_0$: static width $w = 1$ and dynamic width $\delta = 0$

Consider a CQAP query Q and a database of size N .

- ▶ If Q is in $CQAP_0$, then it admits $\mathcal{O}(N)$ preprocessing time, $\mathcal{O}(1)$ enumeration delay, and $\mathcal{O}(1)$ update time for single-tuple updates.
- ▶ If Q is not in $CQAP_0$ and has no repeating relation symbols, then there is no algorithm that computes Q with arbitrary preprocessing time, $\mathcal{O}(N^{\frac{1}{2}-\gamma})$ enumeration delay, and $\mathcal{O}(N^{\frac{1}{2}-\gamma})$ amortized update time, for any $\gamma > 0$, unless the OMv conjecture fails.

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Constant enumeration delay

High update time

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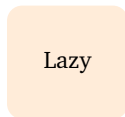
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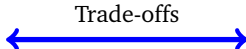
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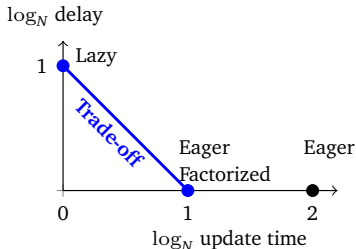
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Example: Consider query $Q(A, C, D, E \mid B) = R(A, B, C), S(A, B, D), T(A, E)$.

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Lazy	$\mathcal{O}(N)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$
Trade-off	$\mathcal{O}(N^{1-\epsilon})$	$\mathcal{O}(N^\epsilon)$



Evaluation costs of different approaches; $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$

Contribution 2: Trade-Offs in Dynamic Query Evaluation

Trade-offs between preprocessing time, enumeration delay and update time

For a CQAP with a hierarchical fracture with

- ▶ Static width w
- ▶ Dynamic width δ (δ can be w or $w - 1$)

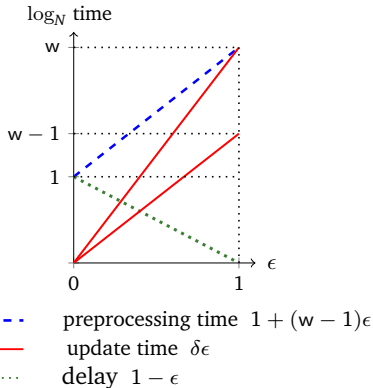
Optimality results for the CQAPs with hierarchical fractures

- ▶ Strongly Pareto optimal:

$$CQAP_0 \quad (w = 1, \delta = 0)$$

- ▶ Weakly Pareto optimal:

$$CQAP_1 \quad (w = 1, \delta = 1)$$



Summary

Fully dynamic evaluation for CQAPs

1. A dynamic evaluation approach for arbitrary CQAPs
2. A dichotomy result in the evaluation of CQAPs
3. Evaluation trade-offs for CQAPs

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Appendix: Query Fracture

Consider the triangle query

$$Q(B, C | A) = R(A, B), S(B, C), T(A, C).$$

By replacing A with A_1 and A_2 , we get

$$Q'(B, C | A_1, A_2) = R(A_1, B), S(B, C), T(C, A_2).$$

The static width increases from $w(Q) = 1.5$ to $w(Q') = 2$.

Appendix: Query Fracture

Consider the 4-cycle query

$$Q(B, D|A, C) = R(A, B), S(B, C), T(C, D), U(A, D).$$

