

PhD course on  
**View-based query processing**

**Data integration – lecture 3**

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# Course overview

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# Lecture overview

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- exclusion dependencies (EDs)
- separation properties for EDs
- query reformulation under KDs, IDs, and EDs:
  - GAV mapping
  - LAV mapping
  - complexity and expressiveness issues
- inconsistency tolerance (consistent query answering)
- the loosely-sound semantics for information integration
- query answering under loosely-sound semantics

# Integrity constraints for relational schemas

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Most important ICs for the relational model:

- key dependencies (KDs)
- functional dependencies (FDs)
- inclusion dependencies (IDs)
- foreign keys (FKs)
- exclusion dependencies (EDs)

## Exclusion dependencies (EDs)

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- an ED states that the presence of a tuple  $t$  in a relation implies the **absence** of a tuple  $t'$  in another relation such that  $t'$  contains a projection of the values contained in  $t$
- syntax:  $r[i_1, \dots, i_k] \cap s[j_1, \dots, j_k] = \emptyset$
- e.g., the ED  $r[1] \cap s[2] = \emptyset$  corresponds to the FOL sentence

$$\forall x, y, z, x', z'. r(x, y, z) \rightarrow \neg s(x', x, z')$$

- EDs are a special form of **denial dependencies** (a.k.a. denial constraints)

# Query answering under IDs and EDs

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under EDs and IDs:

- possibility of inconsistencies
- when  $ret(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$  violates the EDs, no legal database exists and **query answering becomes trivial!**
- Is query answering decidable?
- Is query answering separable?

## Example

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**Global schema:**  $\text{player}(Pname, YOB, Pteam)$

$\text{team}(Tname, Tcity, Tleader)$

$\text{coach}(Cname, Cteam)$

**Constraints:**  $\text{team}[Tleader, Tname] \subseteq \text{player}[Pname, Pteam]$

$\text{coach}[Cname] \cap \text{player}[Pname] = \emptyset$

**Mapping:**

$\text{player} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} \text{player}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_1(X, Y, Z) \\ \text{player}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_3(X, Y, Z) \end{cases}$

$\text{team} \rightsquigarrow \text{team}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_2(X, Y, Z)$

$\text{coach} \rightsquigarrow \text{coach}(X, Y) \leftarrow s_4(X, Y)$

## Example (cont'd)

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### Source database $\mathcal{C}$

$s_1$ : 

Totti	1971	Roma
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$s_2$ : 

Juve	Torino	Del Piero
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$s_3$ : 

Vieri	1970	Inter
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$s_4$ : 

Del Piero	Viterbese
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### Retrieved global database $ret(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$

player: 

Totti	1971	Roma
Vieri	1970	Inter

team: 

Juve	Torino	Del Piero
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coach: 

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## Example (cont'd)

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violation of  $\text{team}[Tleader, Tname] \subseteq \text{player}[Pname, Pteam]$

## Example (cont'd)

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Totti	1971	Roma
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“repair” of  $\text{team}[Tleader, Tname] \subseteq \text{player}[Pname, Pteam]$

## Example (cont'd)

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player:

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violation of  $\text{coach}[Cname] \cap \text{player}[Pname] = \emptyset$

## Example (cont'd)

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Juve	Torino	Del Piero
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coach:

Del Piero	Viterbese
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violation of  $\text{coach}[Cname] \cap \text{player}[Pname] = \emptyset$

nonetheless, a form of separability holds for IDs and EDs!

## Deductive closure of EDs under IDs

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From

$$\text{team}[Tleader, Tname] \subseteq \text{player}[Pname, Pteam]$$

$$\text{coach}[Cname] \cap \text{player}[Pname] = \emptyset$$

it follows that

$$\text{coach}[Cname] \cap \text{team}[Tleader] = \emptyset$$

- this constraint is violated by the retrieved global database  $ret(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})!$
- can we saturate (close) the EDs by adding all the EDs that are logical consequence of the EDs and IDs?

## Deductive closure of EDs under IDs

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- derivation rule of EDs under EDs and IDs:

from the ED  $r[i_1, \dots, i_k] \cap s[j_1, \dots, j_k] = \emptyset$

and the ID  $t[\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k] \subseteq s[j_1, \dots, j_k]$

derive the ED  $r[i_1, \dots, i_k] \cap t[\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k] = \emptyset$

- corresponds to a simple application of **resolution** on the FOL sentences corresponding to EDs and IDs
- if the set of EDs is closed with respect to the above rule, it contains all EDs that are logical consequences of the initial EDs and IDs

## Separation for IDs and EDs

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**Theorem (ID-ED separation):** Under IDs and EDs:

if  $ret(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$  satisfies all EDs derived from the IDs and the original EDs  
then the EDs can be ignored wrt certain answers of a query  $Q$

⇒ query answering method for GAV systems under EDs and IDs:

1. close the set of EDs with respect to the IDs
2. verify consistency of  $ret(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$  with respect to EDs
3. compute ID-rewrite of the input query
4. unfold the query computed at previous step
5. evaluate the query over the sources

the ED consistency check can be done by suitable CQs (exercise)

# Separation for IDs, KDs EDs

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extension of the above result to the presence of KDs:

**Theorem (ID-KD-ED separation):** Under KDs, NKCIDs, and EDs:  
if  $ret(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$  satisfies all the KDs  
and satisfies all EDs derived from the IDs and the original EDs  
then the KDs and the EDs can be ignored wrt certain answers of  $Q$



# Query answering method

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query answering method for GAV systems under KDs, EDs and IDs:

1. close the set of EDs with respect to the IDs
2. verify consistency of  $ret(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$  with respect to KDs and EDs
3. compute ID-rewrite of the input query
4. unfold the query computed at previous step
5. evaluate the query over the sources

# LAV systems and integrity constraints

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can we use these techniques also in LAV systems?

- semantics for LAV systems in the presence of global integrity constraints
- comparison with GAV
- the equality problem
- decidability

# Semantics for LAV systems under ICs

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- we refer only to databases over a **fixed infinite** domain  $\Gamma$
- observation: under the sound assumption for the mapping, the whole integration system corresponds to a FOL theory!
- the semantics is given by the FOL models of such a theory

## Semantics for LAV systems under ICs

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given a source database  $\mathcal{C}$  for a LAV system  $\mathcal{I}$ , a global database  $\mathcal{B}$  is **legal** if  $\mathcal{B} \cup \mathcal{C}$  is a model of the FOL theory corresponding to  $\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{C}$

more precisely:

- theory corresponding to  $\mathcal{C}$  = set of ground atoms
- the mapping  $\mathcal{M}$  corresponds to a set of FOL sentences
- each IC in  $\mathcal{G}$  corresponds to a FOL sentence

(see also previous lectures)

# LAV systems under IDs

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if the only global ICs are IDs:

- it is possible to turn the LAV mapping into a GAV mapping
- more precisely: transformation of a LAV integration system with IDs  $\mathcal{I} = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M})$  into a GAV system  $\mathcal{I}' = (\mathcal{G}', \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}')$
- with respect to  $\mathcal{I}$ , the transformed system  $\mathcal{I}'$  contains auxiliary IDs and auxiliary global relation symbols
- the transformation is query-preserving:

for every CQ  $q$  and for every source database  $\mathcal{C}$ , the certain answers to  $q$  in  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$  are equal to the certain answers to  $q$  in  $(\mathcal{I}', \mathcal{C})$

## Transforming LAV into GAV: example

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initial LAV mapping:

$$s(X, Y) \text{ :- } r_1(X, Z), r_2(Y, W)$$

$$t(X, Y) \text{ :- } r_1(X, Z), r_3(Y, X)$$

transformed GAV mapping:

$$s_i(X, Y) \text{ :- } s(X, Y)$$

$$t_i(X, Y) \text{ :- } t(X, Y)$$

additional IDs generated by the transformation:  $(s_e/4, t_e/3)$

$$s_i[1, 2] \subseteq s_e[1, 2] \quad s_e[1, 3] \subseteq r_1[1, 2]$$

$$s_e[2, 4] \subseteq r_2[1, 2] \quad t_i[1, 2] \subseteq t_e[1, 2]$$

$$t_e[1, 3] \subseteq r_1[1, 2] \quad t_e[2, 1] \subseteq r_3[1, 2]$$

## Query answering in LAV systems under IDs

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method for query answering in LAV system  $\mathcal{I}$  with IDs:

1. transform  $\mathcal{I}$  into a GAV system  $\mathcal{I}'$
2. apply the query answering method for GAV systems under IDs  
(the unfolding step must be slightly changed due to the presence of auxiliary global symbols)

# LAV systems under IDs and EDs

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what happens if we have also EDs in the global schema?

- the above transformation of LAV into GAV is still correct in the presence of EDs
- it is thus possible to first turn the LAV system into a GAV one and then compute query answering in the transformed system
- the addition of EDs is completely modular (we just need to add auxiliary steps in the query answering technique)



# Query answering in LAV systems under IDs and EDs

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method for query answering in LAV system  $\mathcal{I}$  with IDs and EDs:

1. transform  $\mathcal{I}$  into a GAV system  $\mathcal{I}'$
2. apply the query answering method for GAV systems under IDs and EDs  
(the unfolding step must be slightly changed due to the presence of auxiliary global symbols)

# LAV systems and KDs

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what happens in LAV systems with KDs in the global schema?

we consider a LAV system with only KDs:

- the transformation of LAV into GAV is still correct in the presence of KDs
- more precisely, starting from a LAV system  $\mathcal{I}$  with KDs we obtain a GAV system  $\mathcal{I}'$  with KDs and IDs
- but in general  $\mathcal{I}'$  is such that the IDs added by the transformation are **key-conflicting** IDs
- i.e., these IDs are not NKCIDs  
 $\Rightarrow$  KDs and IDs in  $\mathcal{I}'$  are not separable

# LAV systems and KDs

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- therefore, it is not possible to apply the query answering method for LAV systems under separable KDs and IDs
- can we find some analogous query answering method based on query rewriting?

# A negative result

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- problem: KDs and LAV mappings derive new **equality-generating dependencies** (not simple KDs)
- (Duschka et al., 1998): **we cannot do query answering by FOL query reformulation in LAV systems under KDs**
- i.e., we cannot find a first-order rewriting of a CQ in LAV systems under KDs, because it does not exist!
- we have to resort to more powerful relational query languages (e.g., Datalog)

# Summary

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query answering in integration systems by first-order (UCQ) rewriting?

- GAV, IDs + EDs: **yes**
- GAV, IDs + KDs + EDs: **only if KDs and IDs are separable**
- LAV, IDs + EDs: **yes**
- LAV, KDs: **no**

# Inconsistency tolerance

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under the “classical” (i.e., first-order) semantics considered so far:

- if data at the sources violate (through the mapping) a single KD or ED, the integration system has **no legal databases** (i.e., no models)
- consequently, the certain answers to any query of arity  $n$  are **all the  $n$ -tuples of constants of  $\Gamma$**  (ex falso quodlibet)
- non-interesting case for query answering

## Inconsistency tolerance: example

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example:

$$\mathcal{G} = \{r/2, \text{key}(r) = \{1\}\}, \quad \mathcal{S} = \{s/2, t/2\}$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \{r(X, Y) :- s(X, Y), \quad r(X, Y) :- t(X, Y)\}$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \{s(a, b), t(a, c)\}$$

$$\text{ret}(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C}) = \{r(a, b), r(a, c)\}$$

$$q(X) :- r(X, Y)$$

there is no legal databases for  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$  ( $\text{ret}(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$  violates the KD on  $r$ )

$$\Rightarrow \text{cert}(q, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C}) = \{c \mid c \in \Gamma\}$$

however: we would like the only certain answer to  $q$  to be  $a$

# Consistent query answering (CQA)

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- study of methods and techniques for “repairing” a database instance that is inconsistent with the integrity constraints declared on its schema  
[Arenas et al., 2000]
- peculiarity of CQA: repair is **virtual** and based on a logical/declarative semantics
- $\Rightarrow$  data are not changed, not a material repair (as in data cleaning)
- the CQA principles and methods can be extended to data integration scenarios
- in the following, we only consider GAV mapping



## The loosely-sound semantics

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here we introduce one particular semantics for inconsistency tolerance in GAV integration systems, the **loosely-sound semantics** [Calì et al., 2005]

- **the loosely-sound semantics principle**: add as much as you like (as with sound semantics), and throw away only a minimal set of tuples

Let  $\mathcal{B}_1$  and  $\mathcal{B}_2$  be two global databases that satisfy constraints on the global schema. Then,  $\mathcal{B}_1$  is **better** than  $\mathcal{B}_2$ , denoted  $\mathcal{B}_1 \gg_{(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})} \mathcal{B}_2$ , iff

$$\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \text{ret}(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C}) \supset \mathcal{B}_2 \cap \text{ret}(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$$

The answers  $\text{cert}_\ell(Q, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$  to a query are those that are true on **all** “best” legal global databases w.r.t.  $\gg_{(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})}$

## Example

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**Global schema:**  $\text{player}(Pname, YOB, Pteam)$   
 $\text{team}(Tname, Tcity, Tleader)$

**Constraints:**  $\text{team}[Tleader, Tname] \subseteq \text{player}[Pname, Pteam]$   
 $\text{key}(\text{player}) = \{Pname\}$

**Mapping:**

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{player} \rightsquigarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{player}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_1(X, Y, Z) \\ \text{player}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_3(X, Y, Z) \end{array} \right. \\ \text{team} \rightsquigarrow \text{team}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_2(X, Y, Z) \end{array}$$

## Example (cont'd)

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Source database  $\mathcal{C}$

$s_1$ :

Totti	1971	Roma
Vieri	1950	Inter

$s_2$ :

Juve	Torino	Del Piero
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$s_3$ :

Vieri	1970	Inter
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## Example (IDs – KDs)

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Retrieved global database  $ret(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$

player:

Totti	1971	Roma
Vieri	1970	Inter
Vieri	1950	Inter

team:

Juve	Torino	Del Piero
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in  $ret(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$  there is a **violation of the KD** and a **violation of the ID**

there are two possible ways of repairing the violation of the KD with a minimum deletion of tuples:

## Example (cont'd)

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### First form

	Totti	1971	Roma
player:	Vieri	1970	Inter
	Del Piero	$\alpha$	Juve

team:	Juve	Torino	Del Piero
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### Second form

	Totti	1971	Roma
player:	Vieri	1950	Inter
	Del Piero	$\alpha$	Juve

team:	Juve	Torino	Del Piero
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Consider again the query  $q(X, Z) \leftarrow \text{player}(X, Y, Z)$ : we obtain

$$\text{cert}_\ell(q, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C}) = \{\langle \text{Totti}, \text{Roma} \rangle, \langle \text{Vieri}, \text{Inter} \rangle, \langle \text{Del Piero}, \text{Juve} \rangle\}$$

# Query rewriting under the loosely-sound semantics

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query language: **Datalog<sup>⊃</sup>** under stable model semantics

**Rewriting under KDs:** set of rules  $\Pi_{KD}$  that take KDs into account

for each KD  $key(r) = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ :

$$r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leftarrow r_C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), \text{ not } \bar{r}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

$$\bar{r}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leftarrow r_C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}), Y_1 \neq Z_1$$

...

$$\bar{r}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leftarrow r_C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}), Y_m \neq Z_m$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = X_1, \dots, X_n$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = Y_1, \dots, Y_m$  and  $\mathbf{z} = Z_1, \dots, Z_m$

# Query rewriting under the loosely-sound semantics

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**Theorem:**  $\Pi_{ID} \cup \Pi_{KD} \cup \Pi_{MC}$  is a perfect rewriting of  $q$

where:

- $\Pi_{MC}$  = rules obtained from the mapping rules  $\Pi_{\mathcal{M}}$  by replacing each  $r$  with  $r_{\mathcal{C}}$
- $\Pi_{ID}$  = rewriting of the query  $q$  obtained by the algorithm ID-rewrite

Remark:  $\Pi_{ID} \cup \Pi_{KD} \cup \Pi_{MC}$  is a Datalog<sup>-</sup> program (and is interpreted under stable model semantics)

## What about EDs?

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We extend the previous example with an ED:

**Global schema:**  $\text{player}(Pname, YO B, Pteam), \text{team}(Tname, Tcity, Tleader)$   
 $\text{coach}(Cname, Cteam)$

**Constraints:**  $\text{team}[Tleader, Tname] \subseteq \text{player}[Pname, Pteam]$

$\text{coach}[Cname] \cap \text{player}[Pname] = \emptyset$

$\text{key}(\text{player}) = \{Pname, Pteam\}$

$\text{key}(\text{team}) = \{Tname\} \quad \text{key}(\text{coach}) = \{Cname\}$

**Mapping:**  $\text{player}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_1(X, Y, Z)$

$\text{player}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_3(X, Y, Z)$

$\text{team}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_2(X, Y, Z)$

$\text{coach}(X, Y) \leftarrow s_4(X, Y)$



## Example (cont'd)

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Source database  $\mathcal{C}$

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## Example IDs – EDs

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Retrieved global database  $ret(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C})$

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There are two possible ways of repairing the violation with a minimum deletion of tuples:  $\Rightarrow$

## Example (cont'd)

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### First form

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### Second form

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	Vieri	1950	Inter

coach:	Del Piero	Viterbese
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for the query  $q(X, Z) \leftarrow \text{player}(X, Y, Z)$

$$\text{cert}_\ell(q, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C}) = \{\langle \text{Totti}, \text{Roma} \rangle, \langle \text{Vieri}, \text{Inter} \rangle\}$$

## Query rewriting for EDs

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set of rules  $\Pi_{ED}$  that take EDs into account

for each exclusion dependency  $r[\mathbf{A}] \cap s[\mathbf{B}] = \emptyset$  in the closure of EDs wrt logical implication by IDs and EDs:

$$r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leftarrow r_C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), \text{ not } \bar{r}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

$$s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leftarrow s_C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), \text{ not } \bar{s}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

$$\bar{r}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leftarrow r_C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$$

$$\bar{s}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leftarrow s_C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$$

where in  $r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  the variables in  $\mathbf{x}$  correspond to the sequence of attributes  $\mathbf{A}$  of  $r$ , and in  $s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  the variables in  $\mathbf{x}$  correspond to the sequence of attributes  $\mathbf{B}$  of  $s$ .

# Query rewriting under the loosely-sound semantics: IDs, KDs and EDs

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**Theorem:**  $\Pi_{ID} \cup \Pi_{KD} \cup \Pi_{ED} \cup \Pi_{MC}$  is a perfect rewriting of  $Q$ .

## Example

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**Global schema:**  $\text{player}(Pname, YOB, Pteam), \text{team}(Tname, Tcity, Tleader)$

$\text{coach}(Cname, Cteam)$

**Constraints:**  $\text{team}[Tleader, Tname] \subseteq \text{player}[Pname, Pteam]$

$\text{coach}[Cname] \cap \text{player}[Pname] = \emptyset$

$\text{key}(\text{player}) = \{Pname, Pteam\}$

$\text{key}(\text{team}) = \{Tname\} \quad \text{key}(\text{coach}) = \{Cname\}$

**Mapping:**  $\text{player}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_1(X, Y, Z)$

$\text{player}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_3(X, Y, Z)$

$\text{team}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_2(X, Y, Z)$

$\text{coach}(X, Y) \leftarrow s_4(X, Y)$

**Query:**  $q(X, Z) \leftarrow \text{player}(X, Y, Z)$

## Example (cont'd)

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rewriting of the query q:

$$q(X, Z) \leftarrow \text{player}(X, Y, Z)$$

$$q(X, Z) \leftarrow \text{team}(Z, Y, X)$$

$$\text{player}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow \text{player}_C(X, Y, Z), \text{ not } \overline{\text{player}}(X, Y, Z)$$

$$\overline{\text{player}}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow \text{player}_D(X, Y, Z), \text{ player}(X, W, Z), Y \neq W$$

$$\text{team}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow \text{team}_C(X, Y, Z), \text{ not } \overline{\text{team}}(X, Y, Z)$$

$$\overline{\text{team}}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow \text{team}_C(X, Y, Z), \text{ team}(X, V, W), Y \neq V$$

$$\overline{\text{team}}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow \text{team}_C(X, Y, Z), \text{ team}(X, V, W), Z \neq W$$

$$\text{coach}(X, Y) \leftarrow \text{coach}_C(X, Y), \text{ not } \overline{\text{coach}}(X, Y)$$

$$\overline{\text{coach}}(X, Y) \leftarrow \text{coach}_D(X, Y), \text{ coach}(X, Z), Y \neq Z$$

## Example (continued)

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rewriting of the query  $q$  (continued):

$$\overline{\text{player}}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow \text{player}_c(X, Y, Z), \text{coach}(X, V)$$

$$\overline{\text{coach}}(X, Y) \leftarrow \text{coach}_c(X, Y), \text{player}(X, Z, V)$$

$$\overline{\text{coach}}(X, Y) \leftarrow \text{coach}_c(X, Y), \text{team}(Z, V, X)$$

$$\overline{\text{team}}(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow \text{team}_c(X, Y, Z), \text{coach}(Z, V)$$

$$\text{player}_c(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_1(X, Y, Z)$$

$$\text{player}_c(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_3(X, Y, Z)$$

$$\text{team}_c(X, Y, Z) \leftarrow s_2(X, Y, Z)$$

$$\text{coach}_c(X, Y) \leftarrow s_4(X, Y)$$



# Complexity of consistent query answering

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- with respect to standard strictly-sound semantics, the loosely-sound semantics adds complexity to query answering
- intuitive explanation: the number of repairs of a system with even a single KD may be exponential in the size of the source database
- consequence: query answering is not tractable in data complexity (while it is tractable under strictly-sound semantics)
- such increase of complexity is general (shared by all approaches to consistent query answering)

## Summary of complexity results

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EDs	KDs	IDs	strictly-sound	loosely-sound
no	no	GEN	PTIME/PSPACE	PTIME/PSPACE
yes-no	yes	no	PTIME/NP	coNP/ $\Pi_2^p$
yes	yes-no	no	PTIME/NP	coNP/ $\Pi_2^p$
yes-no	yes	NKC	PTIME/PSPACE	coNP/PSPACE
yes	no	GEN	PTIME/PSPACE	coNP/PSPACE
yes-no	yes	1KC	undecidable	undecidable
yes-no	yes	GEN	undecidable	undecidable

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