HOW TO SOLVE SPATIAL PROBLEMS USING LINKED-DATA: THE CASE OF PLANNING A SHOPPING CENTER IN DELFT.

Thesis Presentation

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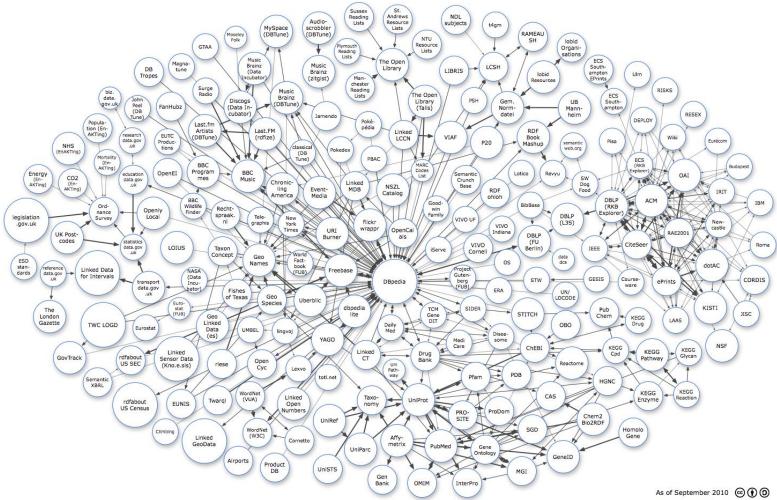


Thesis Presentation Outline

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- Conclusion and Future Work

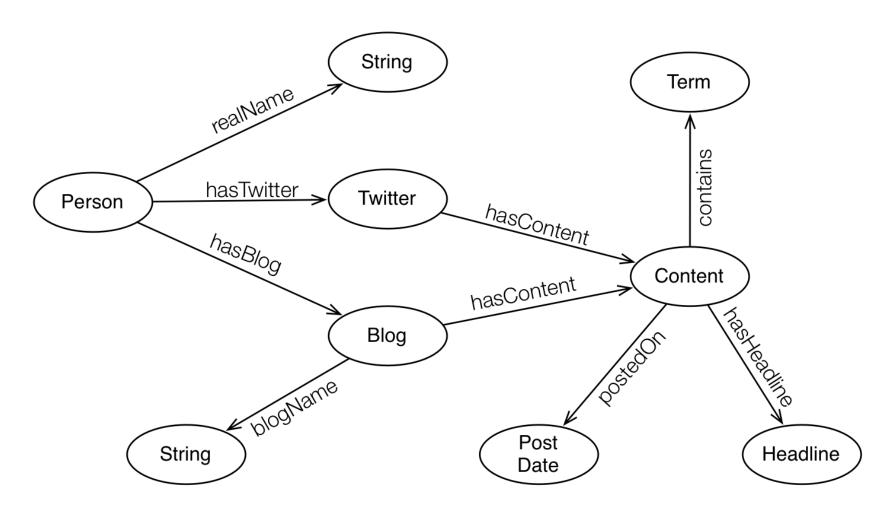


What is Linked Data?





What is RDF, SPARQL and GeoSPARQL?





Scope of research

Explore the possible Linked data approaches available to solve a spatial problem.

Linked data approaches to be compared based on:

- accuracy of the geometries.
- storage and speed efficiency.
- GeoSPARQL Specification compliance.



Research questions

To what extend is it feasible to solve spatial problems (positioning a shopping centre) with a linked data approach using relational spatial data?

To answer this question, a series of sub-questions should be answered:

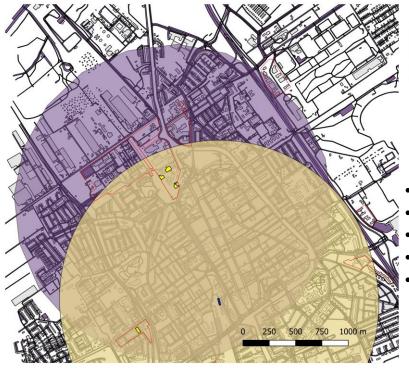
- What are the possible linked-data approaches to position a new shopping centre in Delft?
- To what extend do the different approaches follow the GeoSPARQL specification?
- What benefits and drawbacks do the different linked-data approaches offer over approaches with relational data?
- How efficient is every approach, in terms of speed of execution and storage requirements?



Case study

Map legend

selected_buildings
train station
spatial_plans
buffer from trainstation



buffer from local/regional roads

Shopping center positioning criteria

- Located in Delft.
- Distance from train station <1500 m.
- Distance from a local main road <1500 m.
- Inside Planning zones
- Area over 1500 sq.m.



Materials and Methods Tools

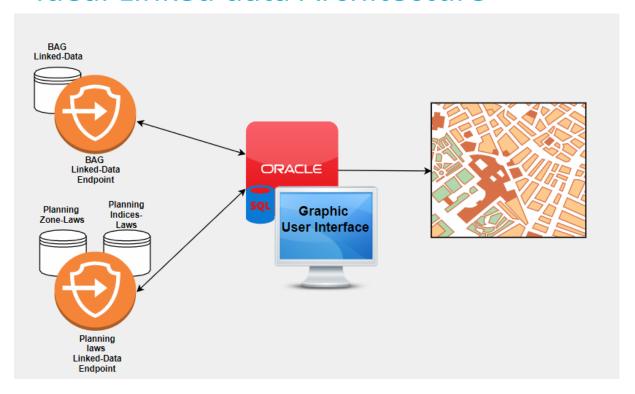






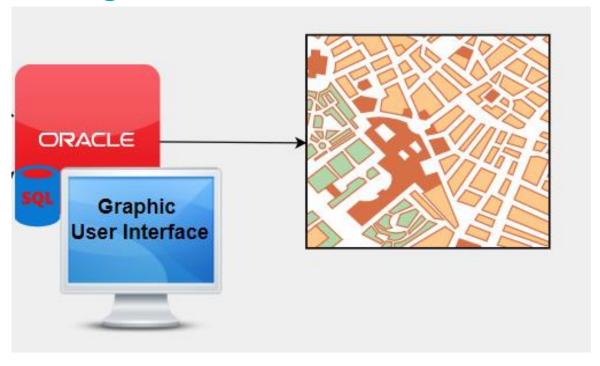


Materials and Methods Ideal Linked data Architecture





Materials and Methods Designed Linked data Architecture



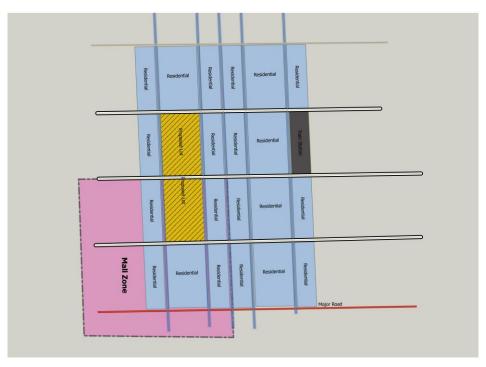


Materials and Methods Methodology

- Step 1: Dummy data and Oracle Spatial and Graph
- Step 2: Forming a Sample spatial query
- Step 3: Real Data Loading
- Step 4: QGIS approach
- Step 5: PDOK approaches GeoSPARQL endpoint
- Step 6: PDOK approaches API
- Step 7: Oracle Spatial and Graph approaches Direct mapping
- Step 8: Oracle Spatial and Graph approaches R2RML



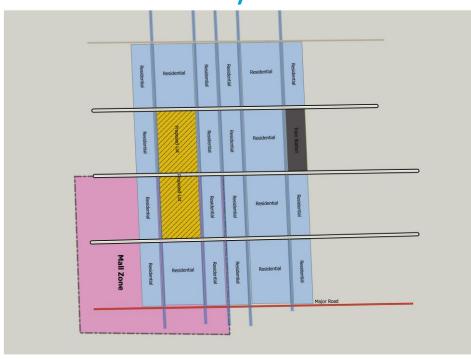
Materials and Methods Data



Dummy data-set



Dummy data and Oracle Spatial and Graph



Dummy data: Linked-data solution

Highlights

- Supports spatial queries.
- Supports spatial queries with combination of different geometry serializations.

Problems

- Tolerance.
- Dummy data SRID.
- Duplicate geometries.
- IDs of triplets.
- Inference not 100% in SPARQL.
- Inference not successful.



Forming a Sample spatial query

?oA rdf:type :lot. ?oA rdfs:label "train station"@EN.
?oA gsp:hasGeometry/gsp:asWKT ?wkt.
?oL rdf:type :lot. ?oL gsp:hasGeometry/gsp:asWKT ?wkt_I.
?oZ rdf:type :zone. ?oZ gsp:hasGeometry/gsp:asWKT ?wkt_z.
?obR rdf:type :road. ?obR gsp:hasGeometry/gsp:asWKT ?wkt_r.
?obR rdfs:label "main road"@EN.
BIND(ogcf:distance(?wkt_r, ?wkt_l,
<http://xmlns.oracle.com/rdf/geo/uom/M>) as ?main_road_dist).
BIND(ogcf:sfWithin(?wkt_l, ?wkt_z) as ?within_zone).
BIND(ogcf:distance(?wkt, ?wkt_l,
<http://xmlns.oracle.com/rdf/geo/uom/M>) as ?train_dist).
BIND(orageo:area(?wkt_l, "unit=SQ_M") as ?lot_area).
FILTER(?train_dist > 0 && ?train_dist < 1500 && (?within_zone = true)
&& ?lot_area > 1500&& ?main_road_dist < 1500)</pre>

Sample Query fulfilling the criteria.

Highlights

- Two geometries returned.
- One of the geometries returned is outside the planning zone (top one).

Problems

It should be adjusted to match the different approaches.



Results Data Loading

Highlights

- Relational data needs spatial metadata
 update to create spatial index.
- Linked-data with more than 4000 bytes
 (or 4000 characters) need to be stored using CLOB datatype and methodology.

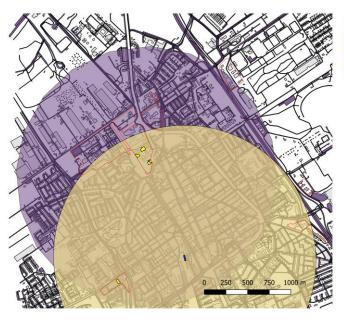
Problems

- SRID transformation on-the-fly might be missing accuracy.
- Huge volume of data (13Gb in compressed form) didn't allow CLOB transformation.



QGIS solution (Benchmark solution)

buffer from local/regional roads



QGIS Solution

Highlights

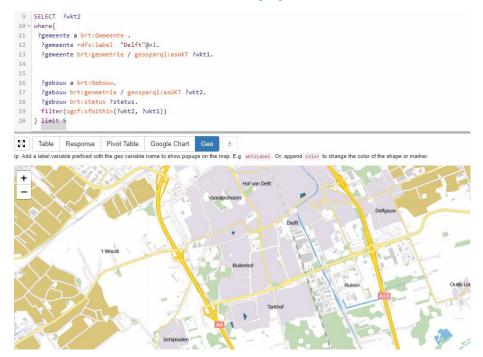
- Distances have been translated into buffers.
- 4 Geometries returned.
- Area of buildings calculated and stored.

Problems

- Crushing due to overload.
- Slow spatial analysis.
- Buffer accuracy depends on number of vertices.



PDOK approaches - GeoSPARQL endpoint



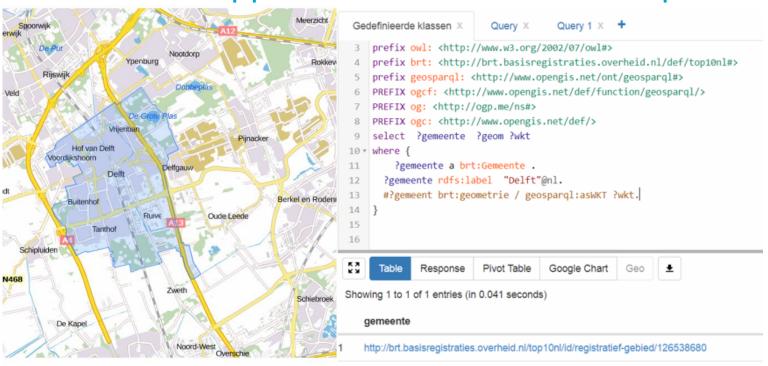
PDOK GeoSPARQL endpoint query

Highlights

- Wide range of data-sets among them BAG and BRT datasets.
- Supports spatial functions.
- Does not hold GML Serialization of geometries.
- Order of queries affects result.
- Supports immediate visualization.
- Feature class is not disjoint from geometry.



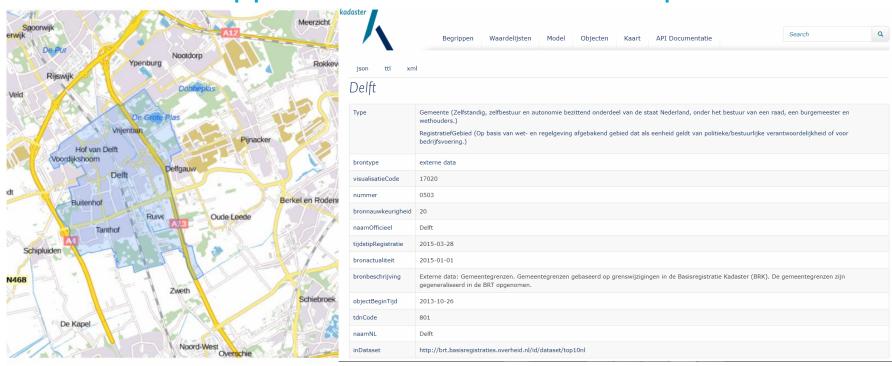
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PDOK GeoSPARQL endpoint query Gemeente Delft



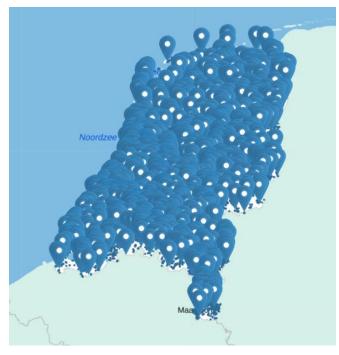
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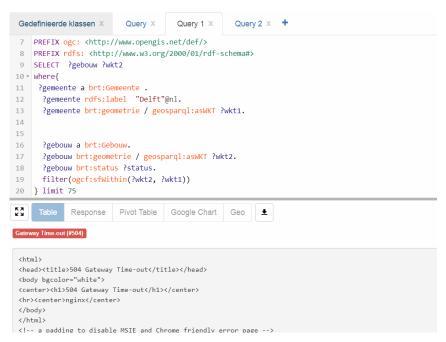
PDOK GeoSPARQL endpoint query misspelling error

Problems

 Misspelled queries return results.



PDOK approaches - GeoSPARQL endpoint



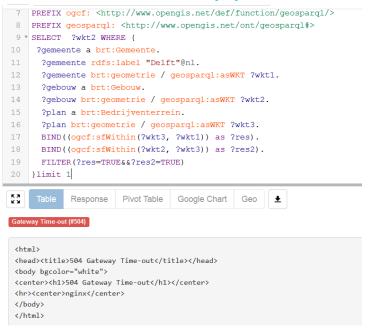
PDOK GeoSPARQL endpoint query time out

Problems

Server time out.



PDOK approaches - GeoSPARQL endpoint



PDOK GeoSPARQL endpoint query time out

Problems

Server time out.



PDOK approaches - GeoSPARQL endpoint

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PREFIX ogcf: <a href="http://www.opengis.net/def/function/geospargl/">PREFIX ogcf: <a href="http://www.opengis.net/def/function/geospargl/">http://www.opengis.net/def/function/geospargl/</a>
      PREFIX geospargl: <a href="mailto://www.opengis.net/ont/geospargl">prefix geospargl: <a href="mailto://www.opengis.net/ont/geospargl">http://www.opengis.net/ont/geospargl</a>>
 9 V SELECT ?wkt3 WHERE {
       ?gemeente a brt:Gemeente.
11
         ?gemeente rdfs:label "Delft"@nl.
         ?gemeente brt:geometrie / geosparql:asWKT ?wkt1.
13
         ?gebouw a brt:Gebouw.
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         ?gebouw brt:geometrie / geosparql:asWKT ?wkt2.
         ?gebouw rdfs:label ?wkt2Label.
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         ?plan a brt:Bedrijventerrein.
17
         ?plan brt:geometrie / geosparql:asWKT ?wkt3.
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         ?plan rdfs:label ?wkt3Label.
19
         filter(ogcf:sfWithin(?wkt3, ?wkt1)).
20 }
        Table
                  Response
                                 Pivot Table
                                                  Google Chart
                                                                     Geo
                                                                               <u>*</u>
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Problems

Duplicate Results.

Showing 1 to 50 of 519 entries (in 60.175 seconds)

PDOK GeoSPARQL endpoint query Duplicate geometries



PDOK approaches - GeoSPARQL endpoint



PDOK GeoSPARQL endpoint spatial plans in Delft correct query



Results PDOK approaches - API

API Link 1: https://data.pdok.nl/sparql

API Link 2: https://data.labs.pdok.nl/sparql

Highlights

- PDOK's API requires 3 certificates.
- Oracle Wallet Manager is used to store certificates to sites that have additional security.

Problems

Unknown error did not allow Oracle to access the API.



Results PDOK approaches - GeoSPARQL endpoint

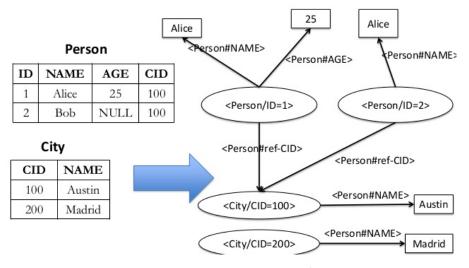
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'SELECT *
WHERE {
SERVICE <a href="http://lod.openlinksw.com/sparql/">SELECT ?s ?p ?o
WHERE { ?s ?p ?o }
LIMIT 10
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Accessing bbc's (http) API using Oracle.



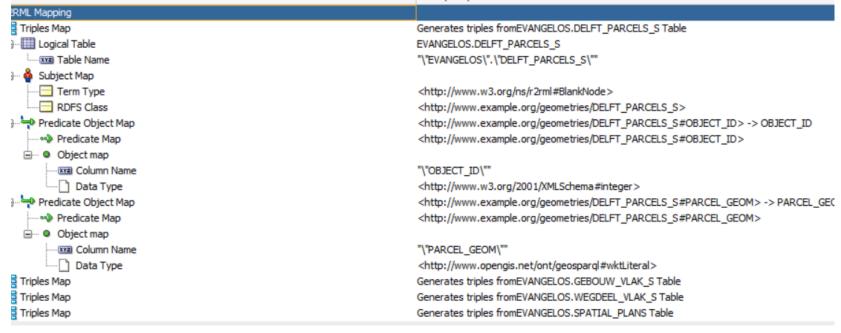
Oracle Spatial and Graph approaches - direct mapping



Direct mapping example



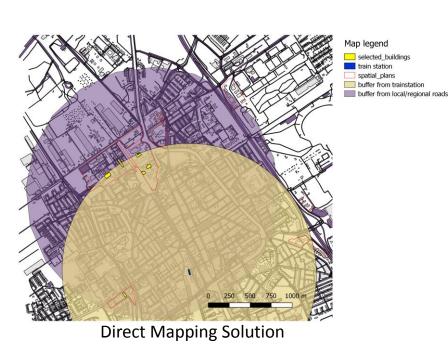
Oracle Spatial and Graph approaches - direct mapping



Direct mapping in Oracle



Oracle Spatial and Graph approaches - direct mapping



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Oracle Spatial and Graph approaches - direct mapping

```
SELECT distinct 1$rdfterm, p$rdfterm
 FROM TABLE (SEM MATCH ( '
 SELECT 21 2p
 WHERE { { ?1 rdf:type :1ot.
 ?1 ogc:hasGeometry ?geom.
 ?geom ogc:asWkT ?wkt.} UNION{ SELECT * WHERE {SERVICE orardbm:DELFT PARCELS view { select * where {?p rdf:type ex:DELFT PARCELS S.
      ?p p:PARCEL_GEOM ?wktp. } }}
 SEM_MODELS('geometries') , NULL, SEM_ALIASES(SEM_ALIAS('p', 'http://www.example/geometries/DELFT_PARCELS_S#'),
 SEM_ALIAS('ex','http://www.example/geometries/'),
 SEM_ALIAS('', 'http://www.example.org/geometries/')), NULL, NULL, 'PLUS_RDFT=VC')) order by 1,2;
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Combining Linked-data and RDF Views



Oracle Spatial and Graph approaches - direct mapping

```
SELECT distinct b$rdfterm, wktb$rdfterm
FROM TABLE (SEM MATCH ( '
SELECT 2b 2wktb
 { ?p rdf:type ex:DELFT_PARCELS_S.
   ?p pa:GEOM ?wktp.
   ?b rdf:type ex:GEBOUW VLAK S. ?b bu:GEOM ?wktb.
   ?b2 rdf:type ex:GEBOUW VLAK S. ?b2 bu:TYPEGEBOUW "overig|treinstation". ?b2 bu:GEOM ?wktb2.
   ?r rdf:type ex:WEGDEEL VLAK S. ?r ro:TYPEWEG "lokale weg|regionale weg". ?r ro:GEOM ?wktr.
    ?pl rdf:type ex:SPATIAL PLANS. ?pl pl:GEOM ?wktpl.
   FILTER( (ogcf:distance(?wktb2, ?wktb, <http://xmlns.oracle.com/rdf/geo/uom/Mb)) < 1500 &&
    (ogcf:distance(?wktb2, ?wktb, <http://xmlns.oracle.com/rdf/geo/uom/M>)) > 0 &&
    (orageo:area(?wktb, "unit=SQ M")) > 1500 &&
    (ogcf:distance(?wktr, ?wktb, <http://xmlns.oracle.com/rdf/geo/uom/M>)) < 1500 &&
    (ogcf:sfWithin(?wktb, ?wktpa)) &&
   (ogcf:sfWithin(?wktb, ?wktp)))
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SEM ALIAS('ro', 'http://www.example.org/geometries/WEGDEEL VLAK S#'),
EM_ALIAS('ex','http://www.example.org/geometries/')), NULL, NULL, ' PLUS_RDFT=VC '))
 () B$RDFTERM
 1 <a href="http://www.example.org/geometries/GEBOUW VIAK S/IDENT=NL.TOP10NL.102571240">http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/28992> POLYGON ((83778.824 448235.705, 83759.065 448235.705)
 2 <a href="http://www.example.org/geometries/GEBOUW_VLAK_S/IDENT=NL.TOP10NL.102555243">http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/28992</a> POLYGON ({83713.676 448155.01, 83697.903 448
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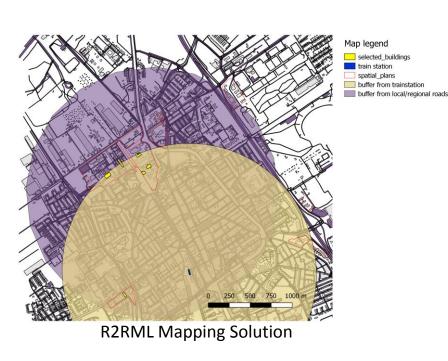
Direct Mapping Solution

Problems

- On-the-fly transformation from one SRID to another can lack in accuracy.
- Feature class can't be disjoint from geometry.
- Does not support inferencing without materialization of the view.
- Combining more views in a query can scale up the processing time significantly.
- Each table has a prefix.
- Misspelling creates results.
- It requires spatial index both in relational data tables and in Linked-data.



Oracle Spatial and Graph approaches - R2RML



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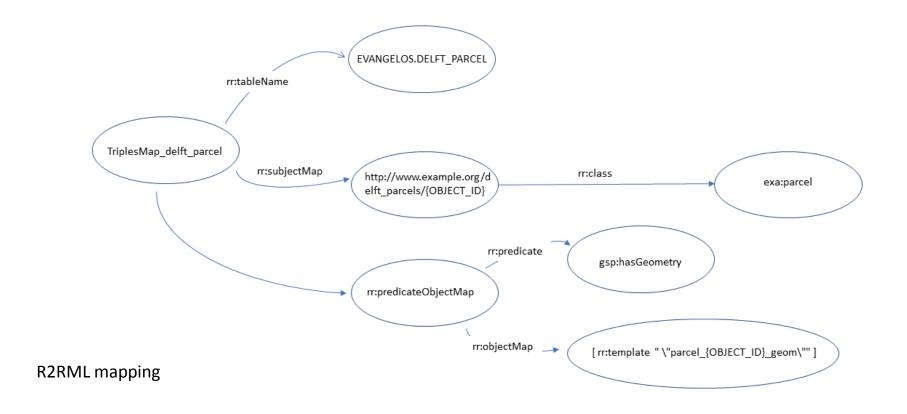
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ex:TriplesMap parcels
rr:logicalTable [ rr:tableName "DELFT_PARCELS" ];
rr:subjectMap [
rr:template "http://www.example.org/parcel#{OBJECT_ID}";
rr:class ex:parcel;];
rr:predicateObjectMap [
rr:predicate ex:id;
rr:objectMap [ rr:column "OBJECT_ID" ; rr:datatype xsd:integer ];];
rr:predicateObjectMap [
rr:predicate ex:geom;
rr:objectMap [ rr:column "PARCEL_GEOM" ];].
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R2RML mapping in Oracle



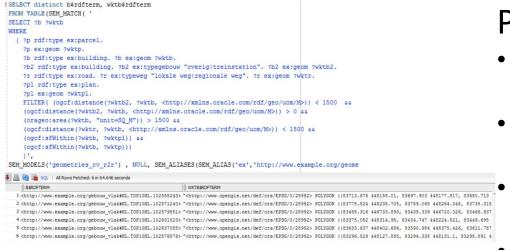




Problems during the mapping process

- Can't have Feature class with disjoint geometry.
- The mapping should be inserted using N-triples but it is written in Turtle.
- If the relational table column types are of fixed length it will produce Object string values with random number of preceding and/or trailing spaces that are translated into "%20" for each space.





R2RML Mapping Solution

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Conclusion

Criteria	Dummy Data	GeoSPARQL endpoint	PDOK API	Direct Mapping	R2RML Mapping
SPARQL	✓	×	Х	✓	/
Spatial object	✓	×	Х	×	×
disjoint from					
geometry					
WKT serialization	✓	/	Х	/	/
GML serialization	✓	×	Х	/	/
Topological	✓	/	Х	/	/
functions					
Non-topological	✓	✓(GeoSPARQL)	Х	✓	/
functions					
Topological	X	×	Х	×	Х
Inference					
Non-topological	X	×	X	×	×
Inference					
Solution on use	✗ (possible)	×	Х	/	/
case					
Speed of solution	Х	×	X	140 Second	61 Second
Storage	Linked-data	×	X	Relational data + Meta-data	Relational data + Meta-data
requirements					

Summary of solutions



Conclusion Geometry results

Discrepancies between QGIS solution and proposed mapping solutions.





Conclusion on the Research Problem

Answering the sub-research questions:

- What are the possible linked-data approaches to position a new shopping center in Delft?
- To what extend do the different approaches follow the GeoSPARQL specification?
- What benefits and drawbacks do the different linked-data approaches offer over approaches with relational data?
- How efficient is every approach, in terms of speed of execution and storage requirements?

Answering the research question:

To what extend is it feasible to solve spatial problems (positioning a shopping center) with a linked-data approach using relational spatial data?



..further research

Maturation of Linked-data technology.

- Improve support for geometries in Linked-data format.
- Improve stability and optimization of queries.
- Allow visualization.
- Improve error reporting.



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