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Graphwise

A two-layered Approach to Cope with Recursion in SHACL Repairs

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Repairing SHACL Violations



Shapes graph:

```
:StudentShape a sh:NodeShape;
```

```
  sh:targetNode :Ben;
```

```
  sh:property [
```

```
    sh:path :enrolledIn;
```

```
    sh:minCount 1;
```

```
    sh:class :Course; ] .
```

```
:CourseShape a sh:NodeShape;
```

```
  sh:targetClass :Course;
```

```
  sh:property [
```

```
    sh:path :courseID;
```

```
    sh:minCount 1;
```

```
    sh:maxCount 1; ] .
```

Data graph:

```
:Ben :enrolledIn :C1 .
```



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```

???

```
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```

```
sh:targetClass :Course;
```

```
sh:property [
```

```
sh:path :courseID;
```

```
sh:minCount 1;
```

```
sh:maxCount 1; ] .
```

Repaired data graph:

```
:Ben :enrolledIn :C1 .
```

```
:C1 a :Course .
```



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sh:path :enrolledIn;
```

```
sh:minCount 1;
```

```
sh:class :Course; ] .
```

New target

:C1

```
:CourseShape a sh:NodeShape;
```

```
sh:targetClass :Course;
```

```
sh:property [
```

```
sh:path :courseID;
```

```
sh:minCount 1;
```

```
sh:maxCount 1; ] .
```

Repaired data graph:

```
:Ben :enrolledIn :C1 .
```

```
:C1 a :Course .
```

```
:C1 :courseID :someID .
```



Problem of Repair Target Recursion



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- SHACL violations can be **repaired**
 - by changing the data graph
 - **adding** and/or **removing triples**
 - so that it conforms to the constraints.
- Recent work: **SHACL repair program** to to compute repairs.
 - Previously determined target nodes in a preprocessing step.
 - Adapt program to rules to “dynamically” determine target nodes.
 - Can solve repair target recursion as part of repair computation.
 - **But, infinite cycles may occur!**



Infinite Repair Target Recursion

Shapes graph:

```
:StudentShape a sh:NodeShape;
```

```
sh:targetClass :Student;
```

```
sh:property [
```

```
sh:path :enrolledIn;
```

```
sh:minCount 1;
```

```
sh:class :Course; ] .
```

```
:CourseShape a sh:NodeShape;
```

```
sh:targetClass :Course;
```

```
sh:property [
```

```
sh:path :enrolledStudent;
```

```
sh:minCount 1;
```

```
sh:class :Student; ] .
```

Data graph:

```
:Ben :enrolledIn :C1 .      :C1 a :Course .      :C1 :enrolledStudent :S1 .      :S1 a :Student .
```

```
:S1 :enrolledIn :C2 .
```

```
... continues infinitely
```



When does infinite recursion occur?



Define basic scenarios where infinite recursion occurs:

1. Let (W, s) be a target with W a class target for class B and either s is a shape expression of the form $s \leftarrow_{\geq i} p.B, i \geq 1$ or s is a shape expression of the form $s \leftarrow_{\geq i} p.(c \wedge B), i \geq 0$. (W, s) is a class target recursion R_C .
2. Let (W, s) be a target with W a subjects-of target for property p and either s is a shape expression of the form $s \leftarrow_{\geq i} p.s', i \geq 1$ or s is a shape expression of the form $s \leftarrow_{\geq i} p.c, i \geq 0$. (W, s) is a subjects-of target recursion R_{PS} .
3. Likewise for objects-of target and (W, s) is a objects-of target recursion R_{PO} .



A two-layered Solution Approach



Goal: allow for a maximum of scenarios without limitation. E.g., allow finite recursion.

- Run **static cycle detection**

- Only additions can cause infinite cycles. Deletions are limited by the data.
- Check if infinite recursion can occur.
 - If no, then run program as is.
 - If yes, then modify repair program before running.

- Add **repair program guards**

- Repair program is based on Answer Set Programming (ASP).
- Implemented guard is a **finite domain** for fresh values.
- Additions are limited by picking from the set of fresh values.





Finite Domain Guards for ASP



Initial data graph:

`new(1..3)` % generates 1 to 3 new atoms, i.e., `new(1)`, `new(2)`, `new(3)`

`:Ben` `:enrolledIn` `:C1`

Repaired data graph:

`:C1` `:enrolledStudent` `new(1)` .

`:Student`(`new(1)`) .

`new(1)` `:enrolledIn` `new(2)` .

`:Course`(`new(2)`) .

`new(2)` `:enrolledStudent` `new(3)` .

`:Student`(`new(3)`) .

Next, the program should add another `:enrolledIn` for `new(3)`. However, there are no new atoms left. Therefore, the repair process is reported to be unsatisfiable.



What about other implementations?



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- Static cycle detection can be done with many programming languages.
- Runtime guards are specific to the programming language:
 - Finite domain is required by ASP because of how ASP grounding works and has the drawback of pre-defining the size.
 - Implementation available at:
<https://github.com/robert-david/shacl-repairs/tree/target-recursion-guard>
- Some other guards can be:
 - Explicit depth limit, Explicit resource limit, ...

What is the best option, i.e. guard+repair solution, in practice?



Repair Target Recursion

Problem: Repair target recursion can cause infinite cycles.

Approach: We propose a two-layered approach to allow a maximum of finite recursion cases to be supported.

Future work: Look in into extended scenarios.
Look at alternative implementations.

