

Symbolic Artificial Intelligence Lecture 1: Introduction to Description Logics and Ontologies

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Course: Logics and Symbolic AI

Course summary:

This course aims at providing the bases of symbolic AI, along with a few selected advanced topics. It includes courses on formal logics, ontologies, symbolic learning, typical AI topics such as revision, merging, etc., with illustrations on preference modelling and image understanding.

These 3 units: Ontologies, Knowledge Representation and Reasoning Skills:

At the end of the course students you will be able to understand different kinds of logic families, formulate reasoning in such formal languages, and manipulate tools to represent knowledge and its adaptation to imprecise and incomplete domains through the use of OWL, Protégé and fuzzyDL.

Prerequisites:

Basic knowledge in computer science and algebra



Why study Symbolic AI?

Because:

- Deep learning-based AI is unable to reason, yet
- · Neural models are black boxes, hard to interpret
- There is more to predict than what is visible or readable (CV, NLP):
 - ullet Concepts, abstraction, embodiment, ...o context
- Eventually, decision support AI systems need to be told what the rules are (policies, ethics, laws) → requires knowledge representation (KR) and knowledge reasoning (KR)
 - If inference interpretation is wrong, decisions will be wrong as well
 - The integration of both data-driven learning and knowledge-driven learning is probably what human learning is all about [15, 19].

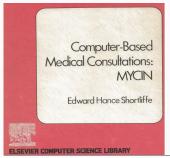
Knowledge Representation (KR)

- Goal: develop formalisms for providing high-level descriptions of the world that can be effectively used to build intelligent applications [3].
- KR languages need a well-defined syntax and a formal, unambiguous semantics -not always true for predecessor KR approaches-:
 - Semantic Networks [Quillian'67] (Semantic Memory Model, labeled directed graph)
 - Frames paradigm [Minsky'74] (A frame represents a concept and is characterized by a number of attributes (slots) that members of its class can have)
- High-level descriptions: concentrate on representing relevant aspects for a given application, while ignoring irrelevant details.

Knowledge Representation: The origins

MYCIN [31] (1976): influential in the development of expert systems, esp. rule-based approaches. One of the first programs to create a reasoning network for representing and utilizing judgmental knowledge, model inexact reasoning that typify real-world problems¹.

Later: NELL (Never Ending Language Learning, 2010) [12],...



¹MYCIN's aim: give advice regarding antimicrobial selection, making it acceptable to physicians. 3 goals: ability to 1) give good **advice**, 2) **explain** the basis for its advice, 3) **acquire** new knowledge easily so advice can improve over time.

Description Logics (DL)

- A family of formal logic-based knowledge representation formalisms tailored towards representing terminological knowledge of a domain in a structured and well-understood way.
- Notions (classes, relations, objects) of the domain are modelled using (atomic) concepts -unary predicates-, (atomic) roles -binary preds-, and individuals to:
 - state constraints so that these notions can be interpreted
 - deduce consequences (subclass and instance relationships from definitions and constraints).

Why using DL in Knowledge Representation (KR)...

...rather than general first-order predicate logic?

- Because is a decidable² fragment of FOL, therefore, amenable for automated reasoning
- Because generating justifications for entailment³ is possible⁴
- Ex.

A-BOX	т-вох	
human(Aristotle)	human ⊑ mortal	
Aristotl	le ∈ mortal ?	

²A logic is decidable if computations/algorithms based on it will terminate in a finite time

³R: set of clauses, γ : a ground atom; $R \vDash \gamma$ if every model satisfying R also satisfies γ

⁴https://github.com/matthewhorridge/owlexplanation

- TBox (Terminological): The vocabulary used to describe concept hierarchies and roles in the KB (the world's rules, the *schema* in a DB setting). Can contain two kinds of axioms asserting that:
 - An individual is an instance of a given concept
 - A pair of individuals is an instance of a given role [4].
- ABox (Assertional): States properties of individuals in the KB (the data)
- Statements in TBox and ABox can be interpreted with DL rules and axioms⁵ to enable reasoning and inference (including satisfiability, subsumption, equivalence, instantiation, disjointness, and consistency).

 $^{^5}$ Axioms (logical assertions) together comprise the overall theory that the ontology describes in its domain

Examples TBox concept definitions [4]⁶:

- Men that are married to a doctor and all of whose children are either doctors or professors: HappyMan ≡ Human □ ¬ Female □(∃ married.Doctor) □ (∀ hasChild.(Doctor □ Professor)).
- Only humans can have human children: ∃ hasChild.Human ⊑ Human

Ex. ABox:

• HappyMan(BOB), hasChild(BOB, MARY), ¬ Doctor(MARY)

⁶The variable-free syntax of DL makes TBox statements *easier to read* than the corresponding first-order formulae.

- Number restrictions: describe the nr of relationships of a particular type that individuals can participate in. Ex:
 - A person can be married to at most 1 other indiv: Person $\sqsubseteq \leqslant 1$ married
- Qualified Nr restrictions: restrict the type of individuals that are counted by a given number restriction. Ex. HappyMan: man that has between 2-4 children:

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Doctor in this case is called a filler (a class in this case)

Description Logics: ABox, TBox and KB Examples⁷

What can we do with a Knowledge Base (KB = Ontology + instances)?

A-BOX man(john) loves(john,mary) woman(mary) loves(mary,sam) man(sam) married(sam,sue) woman(sue) happy(sam)

Some assertions...

T-BOX ...and some rules:

bachelor = ¬∃married. ⊤ ¬ man "bachelors are unmarried men"

married = married¹ (being married to so. is reflexive)

∃married. ⊤ ⊑ happy "all married people are happy"

∃≥₂ love ⊑ ⊥ "you can love at most one person"

∃married.woman ⊑ ∃love.woman "someone married to a woman also loves a woman"

⁷[Resources for Comp' Linguists. Regneri & Wolska'07]

Description Logics: ABox, TBox and KB⁸

A Knowledge Base K is a pair (T, A), where T is a TBox and A is an ABox.

An interpretation $\mathcal I$ is a model of a KB $\mathcal K=(\mathcal T,\mathcal A)$ if $\mathcal I$ is a model of $\mathcal T$ and $\mathcal I$ is a model of $\mathcal A$.

 \mathcal{AL} (attribute language) logic: the minimal logic with a practically usable vocabulary.

If $\mathcal A$ and $\mathcal B$: atomic concepts; $\mathcal C$ and $\mathcal D$: concept descriptions; $\mathcal R$: atomic role, semantics defined using interpretation $\mathcal I$ consist of:

- non-empty set $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ (the domain of interpretation)
- an interpretation function that assigns: a set $\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ to every atomic concept \mathcal{A} a binary relation $\mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ to every atomic role \mathcal{R} .

Concepts \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are equivalent $(\mathcal{C} \equiv \mathcal{D})$, if $\mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{I}} \equiv \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{I}}$ for all interpretations \mathcal{I} .

⁸http:

^{//}www.obitko.com/tutorials/ontologies-semantic-web/syntax-and-semantics.html

Description Logics 9 : \mathcal{AL} (Attributive Language) logic syntax and semantics

Syntax	Semantics	Comment
A	$A^T \subseteq \Delta^T$	atomic concept
R	$R^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} imes \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$	atomic role
Т	$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$	top (most general) concept
	Ø	bottom (most specific)
		concept
$\neg A$	$\Delta^2 \setminus A^2$	atomic negation
$C \sqcap D$	$C^{\mathcal{I}} \cap D^{\mathcal{I}}$	intersection
$\forall R.C$	$\{a \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \forall b.(a,b) \in R^{\mathcal{I}} \Rightarrow b \in C^{\mathcal{I}} \}$	value restriction
$\exists R. \top$	$\{a \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \exists b.(a, b) \in R^{\mathcal{I}} \}$	limited existential
		quantification

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Description Logics¹¹: AL logic basic extensions

The name of the logic is formed from the string $\mathcal{AL}[\mathcal{U}][\mathcal{E}][\mathcal{N}][\mathcal{C}]^{10}$.

Name	Syntax	Semantics	Comment
\mathcal{U}	$C \sqcup D$	$C^{\mathcal{I}} \cup D^{\mathcal{I}}$	union of two
			concepts
\mathcal{E}	$\exists R.C$	$\{a \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \exists b.(a,b) \in R^{\mathcal{I}} \land b \in C^{\mathcal{I}} \}$	full quantification
N	$\geqslant nR$	$\{a \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \{b (a,b) \in R^{\mathcal{I}}\} \ge n\}$	number restriction
	$\leq nR$	$\{a \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \{b (a,b) \in R^{\mathcal{I}}\} \le n\}$	
C	$\neg C$	$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \setminus C^{\mathcal{I}}$	negation of
			arbitrary concept

 $^{^{\}bf 10}\mathcal{ALEN}\colon\thinspace\mathcal{AL}$ extended with full existential quantification and number restrictions

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Description Logics¹²: AL logic - extensions of interest

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- S: role transitivity: hasAncestor
- H: role hierarchy: hasParent subrole of hasAncestor.
- I: role inverse: hasChild and hasParent
- \bullet \mathcal{F} : functional role in concept creation
- \mathcal{O} : nominals $a_1, ..., a_n$ (concept declared by enumeration)

¹²http:

Description Logics Families (increasing comput. complexity):

- ullet \mathcal{EL} : A prominent tractable DL
- \mathcal{ALC} : A basic DL which corresponds to multi-modal K logic [Schild'91] K_n^{13} .
- SHIQ: Very expressive DL basis of the OWL family

DL	concept and role expressions	TBox axioms
$oxed{\mathcal{E} \mathcal{L}_{\perp}}$	$C ::= A \mid \bot \mid C_1 \sqcap C_2 \mid \exists P.C$ $R ::= P$	$C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$
ALC	$C ::= A \mid C_1 \sqcap C_2 \mid \neg C \mid \exists P.C$ $R ::= P$	$C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$
SHIQ	$C ::= A \mid \neg C \mid C_1 \sqcap C_2 \mid (\geq n R C)$ $R ::= P \mid P^-$	$C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2 \\ R_1 \sqsubseteq R_2 \\ \operatorname{Trans}(R)$

¹³Important extensions: inverse roles, number restrictions, and concrete domains.

Description Logics Applications

- NLP, DB, and biomedicine¹⁴, healthcare (activity recognition [21, 20], lifestyle profiling [18, 22], rehabilitation [23]), fashion [9, 8],...
- Most notable success: adoption of DL-based OWL as SW std¹⁵.

Why adopting DLs as ontology languages?

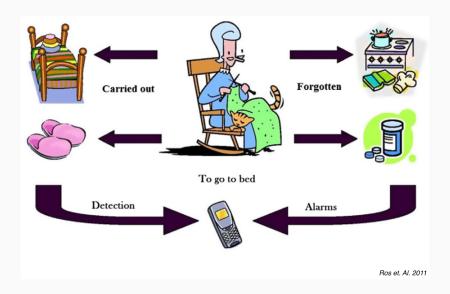
- For a formal, unambiguous semantics of FOL easy to describe and comprehend
- To provide expressiveness for constructing concepts and roles, constraining their interpretations and instantiating concepts and roles with individuals;
- To provide optimized inference procedures (deducing implicit knowledge from explicit one).



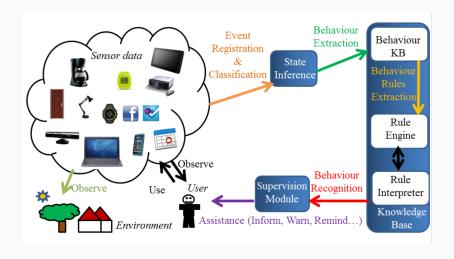
¹⁴geneontology.org

¹⁵ http://www.w3.org/TR/owl-features/

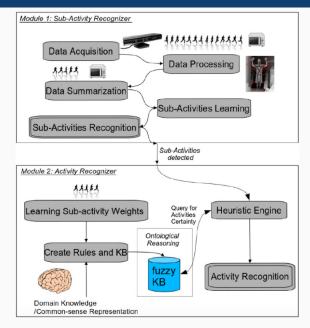
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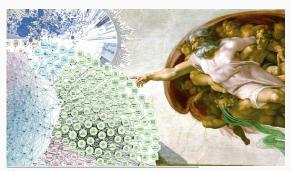
Description Logics Applications: HAR: the big picture [17]





The Semantic Web (SW) [5]¹⁶

- An extension of the web in which information is given well-defined meaning, better enabling computers and people to work in cooperation
- W3C standard for defining data on the Web.
- XML tags conform to RDF and OWL formats.
- Refers to *things* in the world as resources



¹⁶http://www.cs.rpi.edu/academics/courses/fall07/semantic/CH1.pdf

RDF: The Resource Description Framework

- Set of tools that use concepts from graph theory to add relationships and semantics to unstructured data such as the WWW.
- Aim: machine interoperation of cross-domain data and merging info. from different sources as effortless as possible.
- RDF triple: foundation of the RDF data model: a subject, predicate and
 object resource that forms a statement. Triples consisting of matching
 subjects and objects can be linked together via an RDF graph hosted in an
 RDF store.
- SPARQL¹⁷: W3C std query language for RDF.

^{17&#}x27;sparkle', SPARQL: Simple Protocol and RDF Query Language

RDF example: Namespaces, URIs and Identity¹⁹

RDFS: RDF Schema, vocabulary¹⁸

QUESTION?: How to know when a node in one graph the same as a node in another graph?

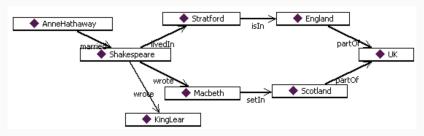
Subject		<u>Predicate</u>	<u>Object</u>
Shakespeare	Wrote		King Lear
Shakespeare	Wrote		Macbeth
Anne Hathaway	Married		Shakespeare
Shakespeare	Lived In		Stratford
Stratford	Is in		England
Macbeth	Set in		Scotland
England	Part of		The UK
Scotland	Part of		The UK

¹⁸Intensional (logic): Allows distinct entities with the same extension (not extensional).
Extensional (logic): A set-based theory or logic of classes, in which classes are considered to be sets, properties considered to be sets of <object, value> pairs, and so on. A theory which admits no distinction between entities with the same extension.

¹⁹http://www.cs.rpi.edu/academics/courses/fall07/semantic/CH3.pdf

RDF example: Namespaces, URIs and Identity²⁰

When they share the Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) in RDF.



 $^{^{\}bf 20} {\rm http://www.cs.rpi.edu/academics/courses/fall07/semantic/CH3.pdf}$

Reasoning (Rule) Engine²⁴

ightarrow software able to infer logical consequences from asserted facts/ axioms

Logic Programming:

- Backward chaining²¹
- From goal to facts, applying rules backwards
- Conservative
- Unification²².
- Backtracking

Rule-based (Prod. Rule) Systems:

- Forward chaining²³
- Facts activate rules that generate new facts
- Potentially destructive
- Pattern matching
- Parallelism

²¹To test if $R \vDash \gamma$, we work backwards from γ , looking for rules in R whose head unifies with γ . Tree root: node containing γ ; search terminates when a node with no atoms remaining to be proved [25] is found.

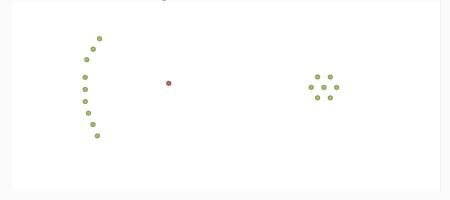
²²Solves equations among symbolic expressions by computing a complete and minimal substitution set covering all solutions and no redundant members.

²³To test if $R \vDash \gamma$, we check if $\gamma \in consequences(R)$ [25].

²⁴[Sistemi a Regole di Produzione, S. Bragaglia'13]

Logic Programming VS Rule-based Systems (Production rules)²⁵:

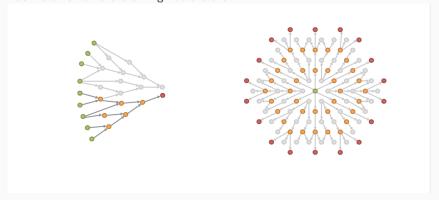
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What can a DL reasoner³¹ do?

More than classification!: Discover (infer) implicit information (e.g., using necessary and sufficient conditions. Ex. CheesyPizza)

- (Class) Consistency checking (Ex.: MeatyVegetableTopping)²⁷ and Equivalence checking
- Instantiation checking (e.g., determine domain and fillers of a role²⁸)
- Retrieval tasks: all individuals of a concept, all concepts of an individual
- Subsumption checking (compute classification hierarchy, find parent concepts²⁹, predecessors³⁰ (/successors). Ex. "Are cities locations?")

²⁷In Protégé inconsistent classes turn red (cannot possibly contain any individual)

²⁸Fillers of R: all f s.t. $\exists x.R(x,f)$

²⁹Parents of C: the most specific C' s.t. $C \sqsubseteq C$ ' (children analogously)

³⁰Predecessors of C: all C' s.t. $C \sqsubseteq^* C'$ (successors analogously)

³¹Ex. reasoners: Pellet, RACER, FaCT, DROOLs. Rule (engine) production systems: JBoss Drools, OPS5, CLIPS, Jess, ILOG, JRules, BizTalk.

So, What can a DL reasoner do? e.g., RACER³²

Example queries:

Is Sue happy? (Does ,happy' contain Sue?)

Can Mary love John? (loves(mary, john) -> consistent?)

What properties does Mary have? (Concepts containing mary)

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³²[Resources for Comp' Linguists. Regneri & Wolska'07]

Common Operators in Description Logics [2]

Constructor	Syntax	Semantics
concept name	C	$C^{\mathcal{I}}$
top	Т	$\mid \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \mid$
negation (C)	$\neg C$	$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \setminus C^{\mathcal{I}}$
conjunction	$C_1 \sqcap C_2$	$C_1^{\mathcal{I}}\cap C_2^{\mathcal{I}}$
disjunction (\mathcal{U})	$C_1 \sqcup C_2$	$C_1^{\mathcal{I}} \cup C_2^{\mathcal{I}}$
universal quant.	$\forall R.C$	$\mid \{d_1 \mid \forall d_2 \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}.(R^{\mathcal{I}}(d_1, d_2) \rightarrow d_2 \in C^{\mathcal{I}})\} \mid$
existential quant. (\mathcal{E})	$\exists R.C$	$\{d_1 \mid \exists d_2 \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}. (R^{\mathcal{I}}(d_1, d_2) \land d_2 \in C^{\mathcal{I}})\}$
number restr. (\mathcal{N})	$(\geq n R)$	$ \{d_1 \mid \{d_2 \mid R^{\mathcal{I}}(d_1, d_2)\} \ge n \}$
	$(\leq n R)$	$ \{d_1 \mid \{d_2 \mid R^{\mathcal{I}}(d_1, d_2)\} \le n\} $
one-of (\mathcal{O})	$\{a_1,\ldots,a_n\}$	$\mid \{d \mid d = a_i^{\mathcal{I}} \text{ for some } a_i\}$
role filler (\mathcal{B})	$\exists R.\{a\}$	$\mid \{d \mid R^{\mathcal{I}}(d,a^{\mathcal{I}})\}$
role name	R	$R^{\mathcal{I}}$
role conjunction (\mathcal{R})	$R_1 \sqcap R_2$	$\mid R_1^{\mathcal{I}} \cap R_2^{\mathcal{I}} \mid$
inverse roles (\mathcal{I})	R^{-1}	$\{(d_1,d_2) \mid R^{\mathcal{I}}(d_2,d_1)\}$

Reasoning tasks [2]

- $\{C_1, C_2, ...\}$ atomic concepts
- $\{R_1, R_2...\}$ atomic roles
- $\{a_1, a_2, ...\}$ individuals
- Σ a Knowledge Base (KB)
- Subsumption, $\Sigma \models C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$. Check whether for all interpretations \mathcal{I} such that $\mathcal{I} \models \Sigma$ we have $C_1^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq C_2^{\mathcal{I}}$.
- Instance Checking, $\Sigma \models a:C$. Check whether for all interpretations \mathcal{I} such that $\mathcal{I} \models \Sigma$ we have $a^{\mathcal{I}} \in C^{\mathcal{I}}$.
- Relation Checking, $\sigma \models (a, b) : R$. Check whether for all interpretations \mathcal{I} such that $\mathcal{I} \models \Sigma$ we have $(a^{\mathcal{I}}, b^{\mathcal{I}}) \in R^{\mathcal{I}}$.
- Concept Consistency, $\Sigma \not\models C \doteq \bot$. Check whether for some interpretation \mathcal{I} such that $\mathcal{I} \models \Sigma$ we have $C^{\mathcal{I}} \neq \{\}$.
- Knowledge Base Consistency, $\Sigma \not\models \bot$. Check whether there exists \mathcal{I} such that $\mathcal{I} \models \Sigma$.

Logical Reasoning Capabilities: Subsumption

The task of computing the task hierarchy (is-a super/sub class relationship):

- A subsumes B if A is a superclass of B
- Defined explicitly (asserted), or inferred by a reasoner
- Superclass of all OWL Classes: owl:Thing

Reasoning tasks for concepts [3]

- **Satisfiability:** A concept C is *satisfiable* with respect to \mathcal{T} if there exists a model \mathcal{I} of \mathcal{T} such that $C^{\mathcal{I}}$ is nonempty. In this case we say also that \mathcal{I} is a *model* of C.
- **Subsumption:** A concept C is *subsumed* by a concept D with respect to \mathcal{T} if $C^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq D^{\mathcal{I}}$ for every model \mathcal{I} of \mathcal{T} . In this case we write $C \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{T}} D$ or $\mathcal{T} \models C \sqsubseteq D$.
- **Equivalence:** Two concepts C and D are equivalent with respect to \mathcal{T} if $C^{\mathcal{I}} = D^{\mathcal{I}}$ for every model \mathcal{I} of \mathcal{T} . In this case we write $C \equiv_{\mathcal{T}} D$ or $\mathcal{T} \models C \equiv D$.
- **Disjointness:** Two concepts C and D are disjoint with respect to \mathcal{T} if $C^{\mathcal{I}} \cap D^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset$ for every model \mathcal{I} of \mathcal{T} .

The Curry-Howard-Voevodsky correspondence 33

type theory	set theory	logic	homotopy theory
A	set	proposition	space
x:A	element	proof	point
$\emptyset, 1$	$\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}$	\perp, \top	$\emptyset, *$
$A \times B$	set of pairs	A and B	product space
A + B	disjoint union	$A ext{ or } B$	coproduct
$A \to B$	set of functions	A implies B	function space
$x:A \vdash B(x)$	family of sets	predicate	fibration
$x:A \vdash b:B(x)$	fam. of elements	conditional proof	section
$\prod_{x:A} B(x)$	product	$\forall x.B(x)$	space of sections
$\sum_{x:A}^{w \cap 1} B(x)$	disjoint sum	$\exists x. B(x)$	total space
$p: x =_A y$	x = y	proof of equality	path from x to y
$\sum_{x,y:A} x =_A y$	diagonal	equality relation	path space for A

^{33[}Riehl'18] http://www.math.jhu.edu/~eriehl/Voevodsky.pdf



Ontologies

In *Philosophy*: (Ontological) Concerned with what kinds of things really exist [Parmenides: not only what exists, but what can exist].

In AI: A explicit (formal) specification of a (shared) conceptualization [26, 10]; defines concepts, individuals, relationships and constraints (functions, attributes) within a domain.

Why Ontologies?

- The power of representation (separate declarative & procedural knowledge)
- Logical reasoning capabilities: deduction, abduction, and subsumption
- Explainability: to extract a minimal set of covering models of interpretation from a KB based on a set of observed actions, which could explain the observations [14].
- To represent and share knowledge by using a common vocabulary
- To promote interoperability, knowledge reuse, and info. integration with automatic validation

Ontologies

- Facilitate KB modularity [6], allow machine-readability by agents [24]
- Among semantic technologies, the most used formalism to represent and reason with knowledge.
- Applications: Information retrieval, search, question answering, m-Government emergency response services [1] or detecting information system conflicts [28]
 - ightarrow and transport infraction detection in Paris!

Semantic Web (SW) Family of Languages [33]

3 main streams:³⁴:

Triple languages (RDF, RDFS). Ex. RDF:
 Subject Predicate Object
 metro:item0 rdf:type metro:Metro
 metro:item0 dc:title "Allen Station"
 metro:item0 simile:address "395 N. Allen Av., Pasadena 91106"

- Ontology (conceptual) languages (OWL2): family that relates to DLs
- Rule-based languages (SWRL³⁵, RIF³⁶). Ex. RIF:
 ForAll ?Buyer ?Item ?Seller
 buy(?Buyer ?Item ?Seller) :- sell(?Seller ?Item ?Buyer)

³⁴http://www.umbertostraccia.it/cs/download/papers/SUM11/SUMSlidesStraccia11.pdf
³⁵Semantic Web Rule Lang.: High-level abstract syntax for Horn-like rules in both OWL DL and OWL Lite sub-languages of OWL.

³⁶Rule Interchange Format, family relating to the Logic Programming (LP) paradigm [32][11])

Web Ontology Language (OWL)

- W3C std based on the KR formalism of DL [4]
 - Most used language to model formal ontologies
 - DL reasoning supports incremental inference
- Models concepts, roles and individuals.
 - Concepts: define aggregation of things
 - Individuals: instances of concepts
 - Properties (relationships): link individuals from the domain to individuals from the range

OWL Properties Restrictions:

 \rightarrow Anonymous class definitions that group individuals together based on at least one object prop.

Ex.: "class of individuals that have at least one hasTopping relationship to individuals member of MozzarellaTopping".

- Existential restrictions (∃): An individual of the class Pizza must have (at least one) PizzaBase (owl:SomeValuesFrom restriction)³⁷:
 Pizza and hasBase some PizzaBase
 Should paraphrase: "Among other things..."
- Universal Restriction (∀): individuals from the class VegetarianPizza can
 only have toppings that are vegetarian toppings. (owl:AllValuesFrom
 restriction).
 - Pizza and hasTopping only VegetarianTopping Should paraphrase: "All and only values from"
- Necessary conditions: $\{Class\} \Rightarrow \{[conditions]\}\$ (called superclasses, Subclass Of Protégé slot)
- Necessary and sufficient conditions: {Class} ⇔ {[conditions]} (called equivalent classes, Equivalent To Protégé slot)

³⁷https://www.cambridgesemantics.com/blog/semantic-university/learn-owl-rdfs/ owl-references-humans/

Semantic Web Family of Languages [33]

Conceptual languages (OWL, OWL 2) and OWL 2 profiles:

- OWL EL: instance/subsumption checking decided in polynomial time.
 Useful: large size of properties and/or classes.
- OWL QL: (relates to the DL family DL-Lite): Useful: very large instance data volumes³⁸.
- OWL RL³⁹ Useful for scalable reasoning without sacrificing much expressive power.

³⁸conjunctive query answering via query rewriting and SQL

 $^{^{39}}$ Maps to Datalog, same complexity: polyn. in size of the data, exp. t., wrt. KB size

Web Ontology Language (OWL) [7]

OWL comprises 3 **sub-languages**⁴⁰ of increasing expressive power (all sublanguages of OWL2-DL, as itself, tractable):

- OWL Lite: Lowest complexity (only 0/1 card. constr., no disjointness nor enumerated classes).
- OWL DL: (based on DL, OWL DL ⊆ OWL Full): Decidable, permits inconsistency checking
- OWL Full: Max. expressiveness with syntactic freedom of RDF⁴¹

Which sub-language to use?⁴²

- Are OWL-Lite constructs sufficient? OWL-DL vs OWL-Full?
- Prioritize: Carrying out automated reasoning vs using highly expressive and powerful modelling (e.g. classes of classes)?

https://ragrawal.wordpress.com/2007/02/20/difference-between-owl-lite-dl-and-full/and http://www2.cs.man.ac.uk/~raym8/comp38212/main/node187.html

⁴⁰Our focus: OWL 2 and OWL DL.

⁴¹When expressiveness is more important than being able to guarantee the decidability /computational completeness/ complete reasoning of the language

⁴²See http://www.cs.rpi.edu/academics/courses/fall07/semantic/CH3.pdf and comparative table

OWL constructors and axioms

Constructor	DL Syntax	Example	
intersectionOf	$C_1 \sqcap \ldots \sqcap C_n$	Human □ Male	
unionOf	$C_1 \sqcup \ldots \sqcup C_n$	Doctor ⊔ Lawyer	
complementOf	$\neg C$	¬Male	
oneOf	$\{x_1 \dots x_n\}$	{john, mary}	
allValuesFrom	$\forall P.C$	\forall hasChild.Doctor	
someValuesFrom	$\exists r.C$	∃hasChild.Lawyer	
hasValue	$\exists r.\{x\}$	∃citizenOf.{USA}	
minCardinality	$(\geqslant n \ r)$	$(\geqslant 2 \text{ hasChild})$	
maxCardinality	$(\leqslant n \ r)$	$(\leqslant 1 \text{ hasChild})$	
inverseOf	$ r^- $	hasChild [—]	
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OWL constructors and axioms

Axiom	DL Syntax	Example
subClassOf	$C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$	Human ⊑ Animal □ Biped
equivalentClass	$C_1 \equiv C_2$	Man ≡ Human □ Male
subPropertyOf	$P_1 \sqsubseteq P_2$	$hasDaughter \sqsubseteq hasChild$
equivalentProperty	$P_1 \equiv P_2$	$cost \equiv price$
disjointWith	$C_1 \sqsubseteq \neg C_2$	Male ⊑ ¬Female
sameAs	$\{x_1\} \equiv \{x_2\}$	$\{Pres_Bush\} \equiv \{G_W_Bush\}$
differentFrom	$ \{x_1\} \sqsubseteq \neg \{x_2\}$	$\{john\} \sqsubseteq \neg \{peter\}$
TransitiveProperty	P transitive role	hasAncestor is a transitive role
FunctionalProperty	$\top \sqsubseteq (\leqslant 1 P)$	$\top \sqsubseteq (\leqslant 1 \text{ hasMother})$
InverseFunctionalProperty	$\top \sqsubseteq (\leqslant 1 P^-)$	$\top \sqsubseteq (\leqslant 1 \text{ isMotherOf}^-)$
SymmetricProperty	$P \equiv P^-$	$isSiblingOf \equiv isSiblingOf^-$

Learning OWL through Protégé examples

Reminder: Why building an ontology?[30]

- 1. To share common understanding of the info. structure among people/ agents
- 2. To enable reuse of domain knowledge
- 3. To make domain assumptions explicit
- 4. To separate domain knowledge from the operational knowledge
- 5. To analyze domain knowledge

What does it mean "developing" an ontology?[30]

- 1. Defining classes in the ontology
- 2. Arranging them in a taxonomic hierarchy
- Refining slots and describing its allowed values, filling in the values for slots for instances.
- ightarrow 1st step: Determining domain and scope!

Protégé

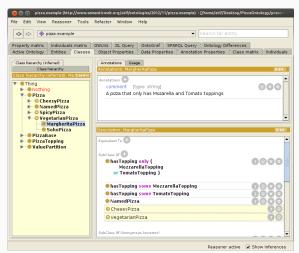
A useful ontology IDE for managing large ontologies and discovering existing ones

- edit
- visualize
- validate KBs

Download: https://protege.stanford.edu/

Terminology: OWL Property & Concept Restrictions

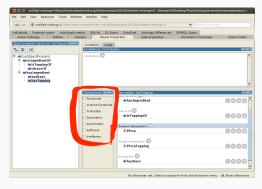
- Inverse (object) property: a pizza has a topping of anchovies ≡ anchovies is a topping of a pizza
- Disjoint concepts: Calzone and Napolitana. PizzaTopping and PizzaBase.



Terminology: OWL Property Restrictions

OWL primitives to enrich property definitions. Can you think of examples of ...?:

- Functional: hasAge(A, x), hasBirthMother(A,B)
- Inverse functional: isBirthModerOf(A,B)
- Transitive: hasAncestor(A,B), containsIngredient(A,B)
- Symmetric: married(A, B) Anti-symmetric: hasFavouriteFlavor(A,B)
- Reflexive: preparesBreakfast(A, A), dresses(A,A)
- Irreflexive: isMotherOf(A, B)



OWL Property Restrictions Exercise: The Simpsons!

	Irreflexive	Asymmetric	Symmetric	Transitive
hasRelationshipTo	2 1			
hasSibling				
hasBrother				
hasSister				
hasParent				
hasMother				
hasFather				
hasAunt				
hasUncle				
hasChild				
hasSon				
hasDaugther				
hasGrandParent				
hasSpouse				
hasHusband				
hasWife				



OWL Property Restrictions Exercise: The Simpsons!

See wikipedia for explanations of the characteristics asymmetric³, reflexive and irreflexive⁴.

Assuming all relationships have Person as both domain and range, the following is an arguably common interpretation of their characteristics.

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hasSister	x			X
hasParent	x	X		
hasMother	x	X		
hasFather	x	X		
hasAunt	x	X		
hasUncle	x	X		
hasChild	x			
hasSon	x			
hasDaugther	x			
hasGrandParent	x			
hasSpouse	x		X	
hasHusband	x	X †)		
hasWife	x	X †)		

Notes:

- x: hasRelationshipTo is irreflexive, so all subproperties of it must also be.
- · †) Assuming heteronormativity.

Now, find some missing crosses, yet to be filled in this solution! ;) Which ones are missing?



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Key to Remember! A simple modelling pipeline

- Start building disjoint tree of primitive concepts. Recall:
 - Classes: Asserted vs Inferred (Pre/post reasoner)
 - Primitive class: Only has necessary conditions, i.e., superclasses.
 - Defined class⁴³: has necessary and sufficient conditions, i.e., equivalent classes (Ex. Parent: the set of all persons that have at least one child).
- (Most often) asserting polyhierarchies is bad
 - \rightarrow let the reasoner do it!

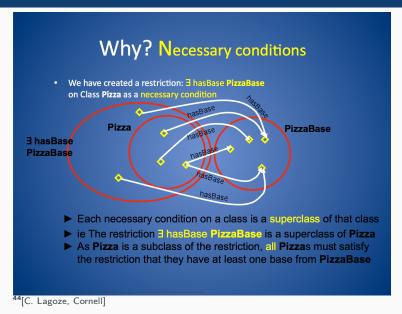
Ex.: CheesyPizza: can be VegetarianPizza, SpicyPizza.

- 1. Asserting subclass manually: We lose some encapsulation of knowledge and self-explanation (*Why is this class a subclass of that one?*)
- 2. Difficult to maintain (all subclasses may need to be updated)

 $^{^{43}}$ Declares the named class to be equivalent to the anonymous class (\equiv sign in Protégé interface):

 $[\]verb|https://protegewiki.stanford.edu/wiki/ProtegeOWL_API_Advanced_Class_Definitions| \\$

Key to Remember! Learning to model Existential vs Universal restrictions⁴⁴



Key to Remember! Learning to model Existential vs Universal restrictions⁴⁵

Warning: Trivial Satisfaction

► If we had not already inherited: ∃ hasBase PizzaBase from Class Pizza the following could hold



- "If an individual is a member of this class, it is necessary that it must only have a hasBase relationship with an individual from the class ThinAndCrispy, or no hasBase relationship at all"
- ▶ Universal Restrictions by themselves do not state "at least one"

⁴⁵[C. Lagoze, Cornell]

Take home message: A simple knowledge engineering methodology [30]

- There is no single correct way to model a domain ontology, or design methodology⁴⁶
 - \rightarrow depends on application and future extensions
- Concepts in the ontology should be close to objects (physical or logical)
- Ontology development: necessarily iterative

⁴⁶but many ideas + good practices found useful from experience

Logical Reasoning Capabilities: Classification and Disjointness!

Detecting inconsistencies in DL (unsatisfiable axioms):

- OWL assumes that classes overlap! → means an individual could be both a MeatTopping and a VegetableTopping at the same time!
 - ightarrow We must state disjointness explicitly in the interface

Open vs Closed World Assumption in ML

A Closed World Assumption "closes" the interpretation by assuming that every fact not explicitly stated to be true is actually **false**.

Open World Assumption (OWA)

What it means: missing information is **not** confirmation of negation. Must state that a description is **complete** (we need closure for the given property).

Ex. MargheritaPizza toppings must be explicitly limited to their toppings:

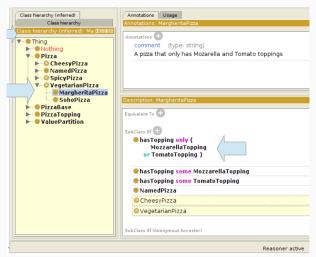
MargheritaPizza: hasTopping only (MozzarellaTopping or TomatoTopping)

All MargheritaPizzas must have:

- at least 1 topping from MozzarellaTopping (Existential restr.)
- at least 1 topping from TomatoTopping
- \bullet only toppings from MozzarellaTopping or TomatoTopping \to no other toppings; The union closes the hasTopping property on MargheritaPizza

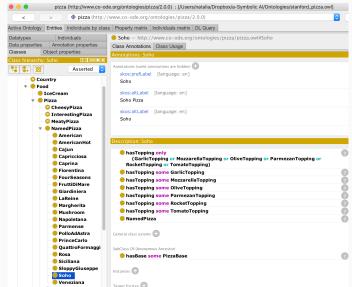
OWA and Universal Restrictions in Protégé

SohoPizza and MargheritaPizza must be explicitly limited to their toppings



Open World Assumption (OWA): Inferring VegetarianPizzas

SohoPizza and MargheritaPizza must be explicitly limited to their toppings so they can be classified as vegetarian pizzas!

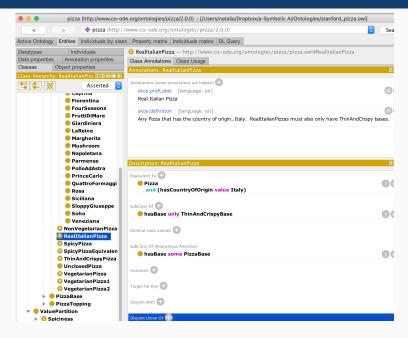


Existential Restrictions vs Universal Restrictions: In Protégé

- Existential (∃) Restrictions (some keyword). ["Among other things..."]
- Universal (∀) Restrictions (only keyword). ["All and only values from"]
- → Both restrictions added same way (but different restriction type):



Univ. Restr: RealItalianPizzas only have bases that are ThinAndCrispy



Ontology Modelling Concepts [27]

- Anonymous class: all types of restrictions describe an unnamed set that
 could contain some individuals. When we describe a named class using
 restrictions, what we are effectively doing is describing anonymous
 superclasses of the named class.
- Defined class: one that is defined with necessary and sufficient conditions (in Equivalent classes slot in Protégé; it can be made by clicking on a class defining a necessary condition and 'Convert to defined class').
- Existential restrictions: do not constrain the property relationship to members of the class Class A, it just states that every individual must have at least one prop. relationship with a member of Class A -this is OWA.
- *Universal restrictions*: do not *guarantee* the existence of a relationship for a given property; Existentials, do.
- Qualified Cardinality Restrictions (QCR): more strict than QR: they state
 the class of objects within the restriction [hasTopping min 3 is the same
 as hasTopping min 3 Thing. QCR: hasTopping exactly 4
 CheeseTopping]
- Covering axiom: the partition of subclasses is complete (e.g. PizzaSpiciness)

Ontology Modelling Concepts [27]

- Data literal: the character representation of a datatype value, e.g. "Natalia", 25, 28.08
- UNA (Unique Name Assumption): OWL does not use UNA; this means
 that different names may refer to the same individual. Cardinality
 restrictions rely on counting distinct individuals, therefore it is important to
 specify that either "Matt" and "Matthew" are the same individual.
- Explanations: remember to use them!
 Check the 'Danger' traffic sign in Protégé to get hints on why your model may be wrong. Yes, if no useful message, a restart of Protégé will help (also at any time when you have observed your inconsistency classes in Protégé in red).

Ontology Modelling and patterns [27]

- When 2 ways of modelling a concept: preferably keep definitions that are less verbose and express same meaning through definitions, than generating extra classes: InterestingPizza: Pizza and (hasTopping min 3)
- Specifying a relationship among a class and an individual (hasValue construct): MozzarelaTopping hasCountryOfOrigin value Italy.

 Note: With current reasoners the classification is not complete for individuals (Country

 America, England, France, Germany, Italy isn't complete list but meets ontology needs). Use individuals in class descriptions with care. Enumerated class: anonymous class that lists the specific individuals and only the individuals that it contains (WeekDay) (We can attach these individuals to a named class by creating the enumeration as an equivalent class.)
- It's particularly unusual (probably an error), if when describing a class, a
 universal restriction along a given property is used without using a
 corresponding existential restriction along the same property.

Homework: By next week:

- Install Protégé (5.2 or 5.5 Beta, avoid WebProtégé until you consider yourself a Protégé expert ;))⁴⁷ In the lab, run in the terminal "protege".
- 2. Find a pair! Think of a problem worth working on that requires an ontology
- 3. Protégé Getting Started and Protégé for Pizzas in 10 min⁴⁸
- 4. Read THE Protégé Tutorial⁴⁹. In the same page you can download the Pizza ontology⁵⁰ to play around with it at the same time.
- Curious to learn more? Play with/extend some fun ontology (Wine [13]⁵¹ or Beer⁵² ontologies :)) → When in doubt: Ontology development 101: A guide to creating your first ontology ⁵³[30]. When stuck, see ⁵⁴.

⁴⁷Follow instructions from https://protege.stanford.edu/ (if asked, choose version with Java Virtual Machine), If problems, see https://tinyurl.com/ycs5msue

⁴⁸https://protegewiki.stanford.edu/wiki/Protege4GettingStarted and

https://protegewiki.stanford.edu/wiki/Protege4Pizzas10Minutes

⁴⁹ http://mowl-power.cs.man.ac.uk/protegeowltutorial/resources/

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⁵⁰http:

^{//}owl.cs.manchester.ac.uk/publications/talks-and-tutorials/protg-owl-tutorial/

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Searching for stage/internship/superproject/PRe/PFE?

If interested in deep learning, reinforcement learning, symbolic AI, computer vision and NLP for

- robotics and autonomous systems, e.g., self-driving vehicles, drones...
- eXplainable AI
- Al for health
- Al for social good (technology for the blind, computer vision and natural language processing)
- Reinforcement learning
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Lewis Carroll

'How do you know I'm mad?' said Alice.
'You must be,' said the Cat,
'or you wouldn't have come here.'

from "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," Lewis Carroll



USEFUL LINKS i

- 1. W3C Glossary⁵⁵
- MIRO Minimum Information for Reporting of an Ontology guidelines: a community-validated set of recommendations on what should be reported about an ontology and its development, most importantly in the context of ontology description papers intended for publishing in scientific journals or conferences [29]
- 3. THE Protégé Tutorial⁵⁶
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- 6. Tutorial on description logics. I. Horrocks and U. Sattler⁵⁹
- 7. Probabilistic Logic Programming Languages, F. Riguzzi, 60
- 8. Common Pitfalls creating ontologies⁶¹

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