

# Description Logics – Querying

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# Outline

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- 3 Modeling Error Explanation
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# Problems

- OWL cannot express everything, can we do more?
- Is there any more powerful “query” language (beyond consistency checking)?
- What to do if an ontology is inconsistent?



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# What if OWL is not enough?



# SROIQ (OWL) Revision

$Man \sqsubseteq Person$

$Man \sqsubseteq \neg Woman$

$Man \sqcap \exists hasChild \cdot Man \sqsubseteq FatherOfSons$

$hasSon \sqsubseteq hasChild$

$hasParent \circ hasBrother \sqsubseteq hasUncle$

$trans(hasDescendant)$

$sym(hasSpouse)$

$fun(hasMother)$

$hasWife \sqsubseteq hasHusband^{-}$

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hasChild(?f, ?c1), hasChild(?f, ?c2), ?c1! =?c2*  
*→ hasStepSibling(?c1, ?c2)*



# OWL2-DL + rules undecidable

... unless variables in rules are restricted to match named individuals only.

## DL-safe Rules

A rule is DL-safe, if its variables are *distinguished*, i.e. they can only match **named individuals** in the ontology. Consistency checking of OWL2-DL + DL-safe rules is decidable.





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# Complex Queries



# What if we need to answer a complex query?

**How many czech writers died in the Czech Republic according to DBPedia ?**

```

PREFIX dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
PREFIX dbr: <http://dbpedia.org/resource/>
PREFIX dcterms: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
SELECT COUNT (?x)
{
  ?x    dbo:deathPlace   dbr:Czech_Republic ;
        dcterms:subject dbr:Category:Czech_writers .
}

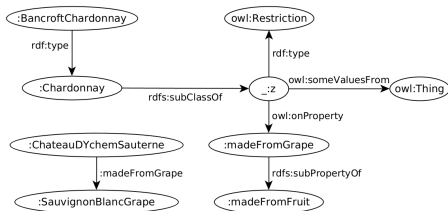
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at the following endpoint:

<http://dbpedia-live.openlinksw.com/sparql/>



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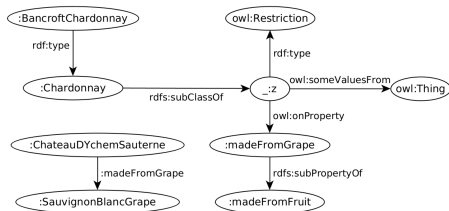
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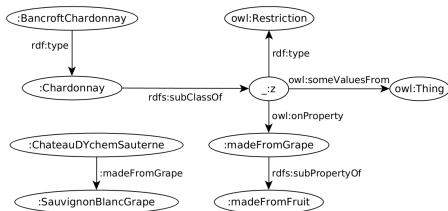
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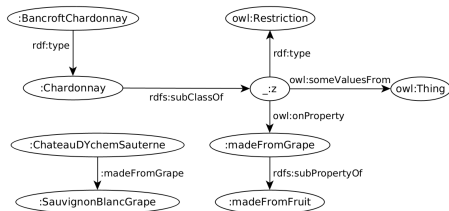
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OWL-entailment Two results:  $?x = \text{:ChateauDYchemSauterne}$  and  $?x = \text{:BancroftChardonnay}$ .

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“Find all people together with their type.” in SPARQL-DL:

$$Q(?x, ?c) \leftarrow \text{TYPE}(?x, ?c), \text{SUBCLASSOF}(?c, \text{Person})$$

## Conjunctive (ABox) queries

Conjunctive (ABox) queries are analogous to database SELECT-PROJECT-JOIN queries.

### Conjunctive Query

$$Q(?x_1, \dots, ?x_D) \leftarrow t_1, \dots, t_T,$$

where each  $t_i$  is either

- $C(y_k)$  (where  $C$  is a concept)
- $R(y_k, y_l)$  (where  $R$  is a role)

and  $y_i$  is either (i) an individual, or (ii) variable from a new set  $V$  (variables will be differentiated from individuals by the prefix “?”). We need all  $?x_i$  to be present also in one of  $t_i$ .



## Conjunctive ABox Queries – Semantics

- Conjunctive queries of the form  $Q()$  are called *boolean* – such queries only test existence of a relational structure in each model  $\mathcal{I}$  of the ontology  $\mathcal{K}$ .
- Consider any interpretation  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \cdot^{\mathcal{I}})$ . *Evaluation*  $\eta$  is a function from the set of individuals and variables into  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$  that coincides with  $\mathcal{I}$  on individuals.
- Then  $\mathcal{I} \models_{\eta} Q()$ , iff
  - $\eta(y_k) \in C^{\mathcal{I}}$  for each atom  $C(y_k)$  from  $Q()$  and
  - $\langle \eta(y_k), \eta(y_l) \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{I}}$  for each atom  $R(y_k, y_l)$  from  $Q()$
- Interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  is a model of  $Q()$ , iff  $\mathcal{I} \models_{\eta} Q()$  for some  $\eta$ .
- Next,  $\mathcal{K} \models Q()$  ( $Q()$  is satisfiable in  $\mathcal{K}$ ) iff  $\mathcal{I} \models Q()$  whenever  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{K}$



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  - undistinguished** occur only in the query body, e.g.  $?y$  in the previous example. Their can be interpreted as any domain elements.



# Conjunctive Queries – Examples

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Let's have a theory  $\mathcal{K}_4 = (\emptyset, \{(\exists R_1 \cdot C_1)(i_1), R_2(i_1, i_2), C_2(i_2)\})$ .

- Does  $\mathcal{K} \models Q_1()$  hold for  $Q_1() \leftarrow R_1(?x_1, ?x_2)$  ?
- What are the solutions of the query  $Q_2(?x_1) \leftarrow R_1(?x_1, ?x_2)$  for  $\mathcal{K}$  ?
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# $\mathcal{ALC}$ Model Example





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Remind that  $\mathcal{K}_4 = (\emptyset, \{(\exists R_1 \cdot C_1)(i_1), R_2(i_1, i_2), C_2(i_2)\})$ . The query

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has *solution*  $\langle i_1 \rangle$  as

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... another example

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$$Q''_6() \leftarrow (\exists R_1 \cdot \top \sqcap \exists R_2 \cdot (C_2 \sqcap I_2))(i_1).$$

Similarly  $Q_7(?x_1, ?x_2) \leftarrow R_1(?x_1, ?x_2), R_2(?x_1, ?x_3), C_2(?x_3)$  has no solution.



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For the query  $Q_6(?x_1, ?x_3)$ , the naive strategy needs to check four different bindings (resulting in four tableau algorithm runs)

$$\langle i_1, i_1 \rangle,$$

$$\langle \mathbf{i}_1, \mathbf{i}_2 \rangle,$$

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Out of them only  $\langle i_1, i_2 \rangle$  is a solution for  $Q_6$ . Consider only partial binding  $\langle i_2 \rangle$  for  $?x_1$ . Applying this binding to  $Q_6$  we get  $Q_7(?x_3) = R_1(i_2, ?x_2), R_2(i_2, ?x_3), C_2(?x_3)$ . Its distinguished-variable-free subquery is  $Q'_7() = R_1(i_2, ?x_2)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_4 \not\models Q'_7$ . Because of **monotonicity** of  $\mathcal{ALC}$ , we do not need to check the two bindings for  $?x_3$  in this case which saves us one tableau algorithm run.

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- A solution might be to ask the computer to *localize the axioms causing the problem for us*.



# DNA

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Consider theory  $\mathcal{K}_5 = (\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}, \emptyset)$

$\alpha_1$  :  $Person \sqsubseteq \exists hasParent \cdot (Man \sqcap Woman) \sqcap \forall hasParent \cdot \neg Person,$

$\alpha_2$  :  $Man \sqsubseteq \neg Woman,$

$\alpha_3$  :  $Man \sqcup Woman \sqsubseteq Person.$

Unsatisfiability of *Person* comes independently from two axiom sets (MUPSes), namely  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$  and  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_3\}$ . Check it yourself !



# MUPS

Currently two approaches exist for searching all MUPSeS for given concept:

**black-box methods** perform many satisfiability tests using existing inference engine.

- ☺ flexible and easily reusable for another (description) logic
- ☹ time consuming

**glass-box methods** all integrated into an existing reasoning (typically tableau) algorithm.

- ☺ efficient
- ☹ hardly reusable for another (description) logic.





## Glass-box methods

- For  $\mathcal{ALC}$  there exists a complete algorithm with the following idea:
  - tableau algorithm for  $\mathcal{ALC}$  is extended in such way that it “remembers which axioms were used during completion graph construction”.
  - for each completion graph containing a clash, the axioms that were used during its construction can be transformed into a MUPS.
- Unfortunately, complete glass-box methods do not exist for OWL-DL and OWL2-DL. The same idea (tracking axioms used during completion graph construction) can be used also for these logics, but only as a preprocessing reducing the set of axioms used by a black-box algorithm.



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# Task formulation

- Let's have *a set of axioms*  $X$  of given DL and *reasoner*  $R$  for given DL. We want to find MUPSeS for :
  - 1 concept unsatisfiability, '
  - 2 theory (ontology) inconsistency,
  - 3 arbitrary entailment.
- It can be shown (see [k2006droo]) that w.l.o.g. we can deal only with *concept unsatisfiability*.
- **MUPS:** Let's denote  $MUPS(C, Y)$  a minimal subset  $MUPS(C, Y) \subseteq Y \subseteq X$  causing unsatisfiability of  $C$ .
- **Diagnose:** Let's denote  $DIAG(C, Y)$  a minimal subset  $DIAG(C, Y) \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ , such that if  $DIAG(C, Y)$  is removed from  $Y$ , the concept  $C$  becomes satisfiable.



## Task formulation (2)

- Let's focus on concept  $C$  unsatisfiability. Denote

$$R(C, Y) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{true} & \text{iff } Y \not\models (C \sqsubseteq \perp) \\ \text{false} & \text{iff } Y \models (C \sqsubseteq \perp) \end{array} \right\}.$$

- There are many methods (see [**bsw2003famus**]). We introduce just two of them:
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# CS-trees

- A naive solution: test for each set of axioms from  $\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{A}$  for  $\mathcal{K} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A})$ , whether the set causes unsatisfiability – minimal sets of this form are MUPSEs.
- *Conflict-set trees (CS-trees)* systematize exploration of all these subsets of  $\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{A}$ . The main gist :
 

*If we found a set of axioms  $X$  that do not cause unsatisfiability of  $C$  (i.e.  $X \not\# C \sqsubseteq \perp$ ), then we know (and thus can avoid asking reasoner) that  $Y \not\# C \sqsubseteq \perp$  for each  $Y \subseteq X$ .*
- CS-tree is a representation of the state space, where each state  $s$  has the form  $(D, P)$ , where
  - $D$  is a set of axioms that *necessarily has to be part of all MUPSEs* found while exploring the subtree of  $s$ .
  - $P$  is a set of axioms that *might be part of some MUPSEs* found while exploring the subtree of  $s$ .



# CS-tree Exploration – Example

## Example

A CS-tree for unsatisfiability of *Person* (abbr. *Pe*, not to be mixed with the set *P*) in  $\mathcal{K}_5 = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$ :

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In gray states, the concept *Person* is satisfiable ( $R(Pe, D \cup P) = true$ ). States with a dotted border are pruned by the algorithm.

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## Another Approach – Reiter's Algorithm

There is an alternative to CS-trees:

- 1 Find a single (arbitrary) MUPS (*singleMUPS* in the next slides).
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## Example (continued)

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# Modeling Error Explanation – Summary

- finding MUPSeS is the most common way for explaining modeling errors.
- black-box vs. glass box methods. Other methods involve e.g. incremental methods [**bsw2003famus**].
- the goal is to find MUPSeS (and diagnoses) – what to do in order to solve a modeling problem (unsatisfiability, inconsistency).
- above mentioned methods are quite universal – they can be used for many other problems that are not related with description logics.

