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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 T∪A. The main gist :

If we found a set of axioms X that do not cause unsatisfiability of C (i.e.  $X \nvDash C \sqsubseteq \bot$ ), then we know (and thus can avoid asking reasoner) that  $Y \nvDash C \sqsubseteq \bot$  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  $\mathcal{K}_5 = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$ :

$$\underbrace{Pe \sqsubseteq \exists hP \cdot (M \sqcap W) \sqcap \forall hP \cdot \neg Pe}_{\alpha_1}, \quad \underbrace{M \sqsubseteq \neg W}_{\alpha_2}, \quad \underbrace{M \sqcup W \sqsubseteq Pe}_{\alpha_3}.$$



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

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There is an alternative to CS-trees:

- Find a single (arbitrary) MUPS (*singleMUPS* in the next slides).
- "remove the source of unsatisfiability provided by MUPS" (Reiter's algorithm in the next slides) from the set of axioms and go explore the remaining axioms in the same manner.



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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 [dSW03].
- 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.

