

# Basics of Description Logic $\mathcal{ALC}$

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## 1 Getting familiar with $\mathcal{ALC}$

Consider the following  $\mathcal{ALC}$  theory  $\mathcal{K} = (\mathcal{T}, \{\})$ , where  $\mathcal{T}$  contains the following axioms:

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Man} &\sqsubseteq \textit{Person} \\ \textit{Woman} &\sqsubseteq \textit{Person} \sqcap \neg \textit{Man} \\ \textit{Father} &\equiv \textit{Man} \sqcap \exists \textit{hasChild} \cdot \textit{Person} \\ \textit{GrandFather} &\equiv \exists \textit{hasChild} \cdot \exists \textit{hasChild} \cdot \top \\ \textit{Sister} &\equiv \textit{Person} \sqcap \neg \textit{Man} \sqcap \exists \textit{hasSibling} \cdot \textit{Person} \end{aligned}$$

1. What is the meaning of these particular axioms? Do they reflect your understanding of reality? Formulate them in natural language.
2. Rewrite last axiom into the semantically equivalent FOPL formula.
3. Consider the following interpretation  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \bullet^{\mathcal{I}})$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} &= \textit{Person}^{\mathcal{I}} = \{B, A\} \\ \textit{Man}^{\mathcal{I}} &= \{B\} \\ \textit{Woman}^{\mathcal{I}} &= \{A\} \\ \textit{Father}^{\mathcal{I}} &= \textit{GrandFather}^{\mathcal{I}} = \{B\} \\ \textit{hasChild}^{\mathcal{I}} &= \{\langle B, B \rangle\} \\ \textit{hasSibling}^{\mathcal{I}} &= \{\} \end{aligned}$$

First consider  $\textit{Sister}^{\mathcal{I}} = \{B\}$  and next consider  $\textit{Sister}^{\mathcal{I}} = \{\}$ . For each option answer the following question:

- a) Is  $\mathcal{I}$  a model  $\mathcal{K}$ ? If yes, decide, whether  $\mathcal{I}$  reflects reality.
  - b) We know that  $\mathcal{ALC}$  has the *tree model property* and *finite model property*. In case  $\mathcal{I}$  is a model, is  $\mathcal{I}$  tree-shaped? If not, find a model that is tree-shaped.
4. Using other axioms define concepts:
    - “A father having just sons.”

- “Someone who has at least one sister, but no brother.”
5. Let’s consider two roles *hasChild* and *hasSibling*. During knowledge modeling, it is often necessary to specify :
- global domain and range** of given role, i.e. statement of the type “By *hasChild* we connect always a person (instance of the *Person* class – domain) with another person (instance of the *Person* class – range)”.
- local domain and range** of given role, e.g. “Every father having only sons can be connected by *hasChild* just with man (instances of the *Man* class – range)”.
- Show, in which way it is possible to model global domain and range of these roles in *ALC*.

## 2 Using Protégé

1. Go through the Protégé Crash Course on the tutorial web pages.
2. Create a new ontology in Protégé 4 and insert there all the definitions from Section 1. Verify correctness of your solution of the previous task (e.g. in the DL query tab).