



OWL, Patterns, & FOL

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Next:

- Deepen your semantics: OWL & FOL & ...
- Design **Patterns** in OWL
 - local ones
 - partonomies
- Design **Principles** in OWL:
 - multi-dimensional modelling &
 - post-coordination
 - PIMPS - an upper level ontology
- **Automated reasoning** about OWL ontologies:
 - a tableau-based algorithm to make
 - ...implicit knowledge explicit
 - ...our know KR *actionable*

OWL 2 Semantics: an interpretation satisfying ... (2)

From Last Week

- An interpretation I **satisfies an axiom** α if
 - $\alpha = C \text{ SubClassOf: } D$ and $C^I \subseteq D^I$
 - $\alpha = C \text{ EquivalentTo: } D$ and $C^I = D^I$
 - $\alpha = P \text{ SubPropertyOf: } S$ and $P^I \subseteq S^I$
 - $\alpha = P \text{ EquivalentTo: } S$ and $P^I = S^I$
 - ...
 - $\alpha = x \text{ Type: } C$ and $x^I \in C^I$
 - $\alpha = x R y$ and $(x^I, y^I) \in R^I$
- I **satisfies an ontology** O if I satisfies every axiom α in O
 - If I satisfies O , we call I a **model of** O
- See how the axioms in O *constrain* interpretations:
 - ✓ the more axioms you add to O , the fewer models O has
- ...they do/don't hold/are(n't) satisfied in an ontology
 - in contrast, a class expression C **describes a set** C^I in I

Draw & Match Models to Ontologies!

O1 = {}

O2 = {a:C, b:D, c:C, d:C}

O3 = {a:C, b:D, c:C, b:C, d:E}

O4 = {a:C, b:D, c:C, b:C, d:E
D SubClassOf C}

O5 = {a:C, b:D, c:C, b:C, d:E
a R d,
D SubClassOf C,
D SubClassOf
S some C}

O6 = {a:C, b:D, c:C, b:C, d:E
a R d,
D SubClassOf C,
D SubClassOf
S some C,
C SubClassOf R only C }

I_1 :

$\Delta = \{v, w, x, y, z\}$

$C^I = \{v, w, y\}$

$D^I = \{x, y\} \quad E^I = \{\}$

$R^I = \{(v, w), (v, y)\}$

$S^I = \{\}$

$a^I = v \quad b^I = x$

$c^I = w \quad d^I = y$

I_2 :

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I_3 :

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$D^I = \{x, y\} \quad E^I = \{y\}$

$R^I = \{(v, w), (v, y)\}$

$S^I = \{\}$

$a^I = v \quad b^I = x$

$c^I = w \quad d^I = y$

I_4 :

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$D^I = \{x, y\} \quad E^I = \{y\}$

$R^I = \{(v, w), (v, y)\}$

$S^I = \{(x, x), (y, x)\}$

$a^I = v \quad b^I = x$

$c^I = w \quad d^I = y$

OWL 2 Semantics: Entailments etc. (3)

Let O be an ontology, α an axiom, and A, B classes, b an individual name:

- O is **consistent** if there exists some model I of O
 - i.e., there is an interpretation that satisfies all axioms in O
 - i.e., O isn't self contradictory
- O **entails** α (written $O \models \alpha$) if α is satisfied in all models of O
 - i.e., α is a consequence of the axioms in O
- A is **satisfiable** w.r.t. O if $O \not\models A \text{ SubClassOf Nothing}$
 - i.e., there is a model I of O with $A^I \neq \{\}$
- b is an **instance of** A w.r.t. O (written $O \models b:A$) if $b^I \subseteq A^I$ in every model I of O

Theorem:

1. O is consistent iff $O \not\models \text{Thing SubClassOf Nothing}$
2. A is satisfiable w.r.t. O iff $O \cup \{n:A\}$ is consistent (where n doesn't occur in O)
3. b is an instance of A in O iff $O \cup \{b:\text{not}(A)\}$ is not consistent
4. O entails $A \text{ SubClassOf } B$ iff $O \cup \{n:A \text{ and not}(B)\}$ is inconsistent

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Classifying O is a reasoning service consisting of

1. testing whether O is consistent; if yes, then
 2. checking, for each pair A, B of class names in O plus Thing , Nothing whether $O \models A \text{ SubClassOf } B$
 3. checking, for each individual name b and class name A in O , whether $O \models b:A$
- ...and returning the result in a suitable form: O 's **inferred class hierarchy**

A side note: Necessary and Sufficient Conditions

- **Classes** can be described in terms of *necessary* and *sufficient* conditions.
 - This differs from some frame-based languages where we only have necessary conditions.
- **Necessary** conditions
 - *SubClassOf* axioms
 - C SubClassOf: D...any instance of C is also an instance of D
- **Necessary & Sufficient** conditions
 - *EquivalentTo* axioms
 - C EquivalentTo: D...any instance of C is also an instance of D and vice versa, any instance of D is also an instance of C
- Allows us to perform automated **recognition** of individuals,
i.e. $O \models b:C$

If it looks like a
duck and walks
like a duck, then
it's a duck!



OWL and Other Formalisms:

First Order Logic

Object-Oriented Formalisms

OWL and First Order Logic

- during your first year at NJU, you have learned a lot about FOL
- most of OWL 2 (and OWL 1) is a **decidable fragment of FOL**:

Translate an OWL ontology O into FOL using $t()$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} t(O) = & \{ \forall x. t_x(C) \Rightarrow t_x(D) \mid C \text{ SubClassOf } D \in O \} \cup \\ & \{ t_x(C)[x/a] \mid a : C \in O \} \cup \\ & \{ r(a, b) \mid (a, b) : r \in O \} \end{aligned}$$

- ...we assume that we have replaced each axiom $C \text{ EquivalentTo } D$ in O with $C \text{ SubClassOf } D, D \text{ SubClassOf } C$
- ...what is $t_x(C)$?

OWL and First Order Logic

Here is the translation $t_x()$ from an OWL ontology into FOL formulae in one free variable

$$t_x(A) = A(x),$$

$$t_x(\text{not } C) = \neg t_x(C),$$

$$t_x(C \text{ and } D) = t_x(C) \wedge t_x(D),$$

$$t_x(C \text{ or } D) = \dots,$$

$$t_x(r \text{ some } C) = \exists y. r(x, y) \wedge t_y(C),$$

$$t_x(r \text{ only } C) = \dots,$$

$$t_y(A) = A(y),$$

$$t_y(\text{not } C) = \dots,$$

$$t_y(C \text{ and } D) = \dots,$$

$$t_y(C \text{ or } D) = \dots,$$

$$t_y(r \text{ some } C) = \dots,$$

$$t_y(r \text{ only } C) = \dots$$

Exercise:

1. Fill in the blanks
2. Why is $t_x(C)$ a formula in 1 free variable?
3. translate O6 to FOL
4. ...what do you know about the **2 variable fragment of FOL**?

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O6 = {a:C, b:D, c:C, b:C, d:E
      a R d,
      D SubClassOf C,
      D SubClassOf
        S some C,
      C SubClassOf R only C }
```

Object Oriented Formalisms

Many formalisms use an “object oriented model” with

- **Objects/Instances/Individuals**
 - Elements of the domain of discourse
 - e.g., “Bob”
 - Possibly allowing descriptions of classes
- **Types/Classes/Concepts**
 - to describe sets of objects sharing certain characteristics
 - e.g., “Person”
- **Relations/Properties/Roles**
 - Sets of pairs (tuples) of objects
 - e.g., “likes”
- Such languages are/can be:
 - Well understood
 - Well specified
 - (Relatively) easy to use
 - Amenable to machine processing

Object Oriented Formalisms

OWL can be said to be object-oriented:

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- Relations/**Properties**/Roles
 - Sets of pairs (tuples) of objects
 - e.g., “likes”
- *Axioms* represent background knowledge, constraints, definitions, ...
- Careful: SubClassOf is similar to **inheritance** but **different**:
 - inheritance can usually be over-ridden
 - SubClassOf can't
 - in OWL, ‘multiple inheritance’ is normal

Other KR systems

- Protégé can be said to provide a **frame-based view** of an OWL ontology:
 - it gathers axiom by the class/property names on their left
- DBs, frame-based or other KR systems may make assumptions:
 - 1. Unique name assumption**
 - Different names are always interpreted as different elements
 - 2. Closed domain assumption**
 - Domain consists only of elements named in the DB/KB
 - 3. Minimal models**
 - Extensions are as small as possible
 - 4. Closed world assumption**
 - What isn't entailed by O isn't true
 - 5. Open world assumption:** an axiom can be such that
 - it's entailed by O or
 - it's negation is entailed by O or
 - none of the above

Question: which of these does

- OWL make?
- a SQL DB make?

Other KR systems: Single Model -v- Multiple Model

Multiple models:

- Expressively powerful
 - Boolean connectives, including **not**, **or**
- Can capture incomplete information
 - E.g., using **or**, **some**
- Monotonic: adding information preserves entailments
- Reasoning (e.g., querying) is often complex: e.g., reasoning by case
- Queries may give counter-intuitive results in some cases

Single model:

- Expressively weaker (in most respects)
- No negation or disjunction
- Can't capture incomplete information
- Often non-monotonic: adding information may invalidate entailments
- Reasoning (e.g., querying) is often easy
- Queries may give counter-intuitive results in some cases

Complete details about OWL

- here, we have concentrated on some **core** features of OWL, e.g., no
 - domain, range axioms
 - SubPropertyOf, InverseOf
 - datatype properties
 - ...
- we expect you to look these up!
- OWL is defined via a **Structural Specification**
- <http://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-syntax/>
- Defines language independently of concrete syntaxes
- Conceptual structure and abstract syntax
 - UML diagrams and functional-style syntax used to define the language
 - Mappings to concrete syntaxes then given.
- The structural specification provides the foundation for implementations (e.g. OWL API as discussed later)

OWL Resources

- The OWL Technical Documentation is all available online from the W3C site.

<http://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-overview/>

All the OWL documents are relevant; we recommend in particular the

- Overview
 - Primer
 - Reference Guide and
 - Manchester Syntax Guide
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- Our Ontogenesis Blog at
 - <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1570826808000413>

Patterns of axioms

- An **axiom pattern** is
 - a recurring regularity in how axioms are used in an ontology
- The most common is
 - atomic SubClassOf axioms,
i.e. *A SubClassOf B* where A, B are class **names**
 - ... but they get much more complex than that
- Usually, we're referring to **syntactic** patterns:
 - how axioms are written,
 - but remember “axioms” are entailed as well as written

Patterns and **Design** patterns

- **Software Design Patterns** are
 - well accepted solutions for common issues met in software construction
- **Ontology Design Patterns** ODPs are similar:
 - well accepted solutions for common issues met in ontology construction
 - but ontology engineers have barely agreed on well accepted problems, let alone their solutions
- ODPs often depend on one's philosophical stance ...
we'll mostly talk about *patterns* as recurring regularities of asserted axioms

Coding style: term normalisation

- Is a sort of pattern...
- What we want is:
 - **Class** names:
 - singular nouns with
 - initial capital letter,
 - spaces via CamelCase
 - **Individual** names:
 - all lower case,
 - spaces indicated by _
 - **Property** names:
 - initial lower case letter,
 - spaces via CamelCase
 - usually start with “is” or “has”
- All classes and individuals have a label, creator, description
annotation property




Term normalisation \subseteq applied naming convention

- A **naming convention** determines

- what words to use, in
- which order and
- what one does about symbols and acronyms

“Glucose transport” vs
“transport of glucose”



- Adopt one
 - for both labels and URI fragments
- Having a label is a “good practice”

See <http://ontogenesis.knowledgeblog.org/948> for an introduction

How good names help modelling

- The help understanding relationships between terms: for example,
 - Thigh, shin, foot and toe are not “leg”, but “leg part”
 - Slice of tomato, tomato sauce, and tomato puree are not “Tomato” but “Tomato based product”
 - Eggs, milk, honey are not meat or animal, but “Animal Product”
 - Rice is not Sushi, but “part of Sushi” or “Sushi Ingredient”
- Card sorting and the three card trick can help you here

Types of axiom patterns

- **Naming Patterns**
 - see term normalisation, naming convention
- **Logical patterns** (also known as Language Patterns)
axioms to
 - take advantage of language features or
 - work around something missing in a language
- **Content Patterns** (also known as Domain modelling patterns):
axioms to describe certain phenomena/concepts in a domain
 - Works both in the
 - large: the whole ontology
 - small: how to describe a class/type of furniture

1st Logical Pattern: the **Property Closure Pattern**

Class: Nigiri

SubClassOf Sushi,
hasIngredient **some** Rice,
hasIngredient **some** Fish

- Does Nigiri contain rice?
- Does Nigiri contain fish?
- Does Nigiri contain beef?

1st Logical Pattern: the **Property Closure Pattern**

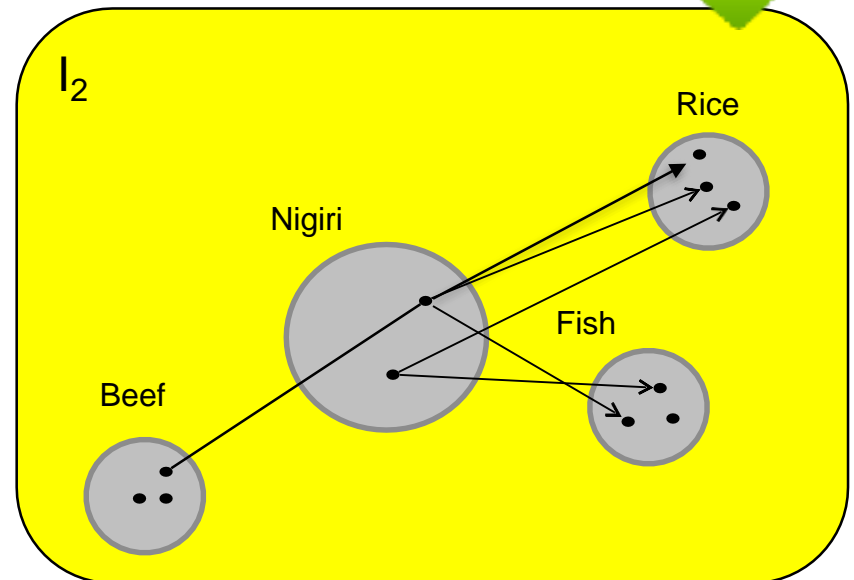
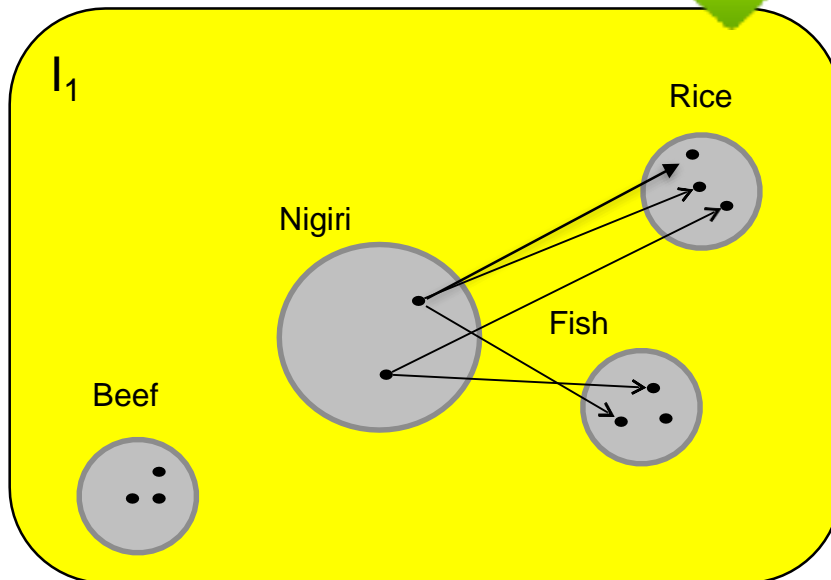
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Which of these interpretations
is a model of the above axiom?



→ hasIngredient

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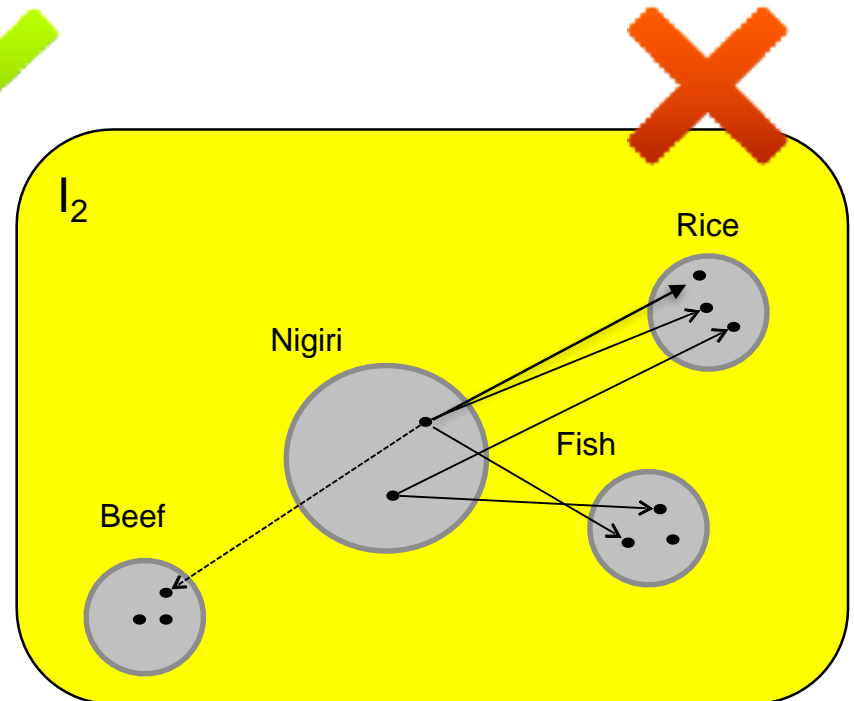
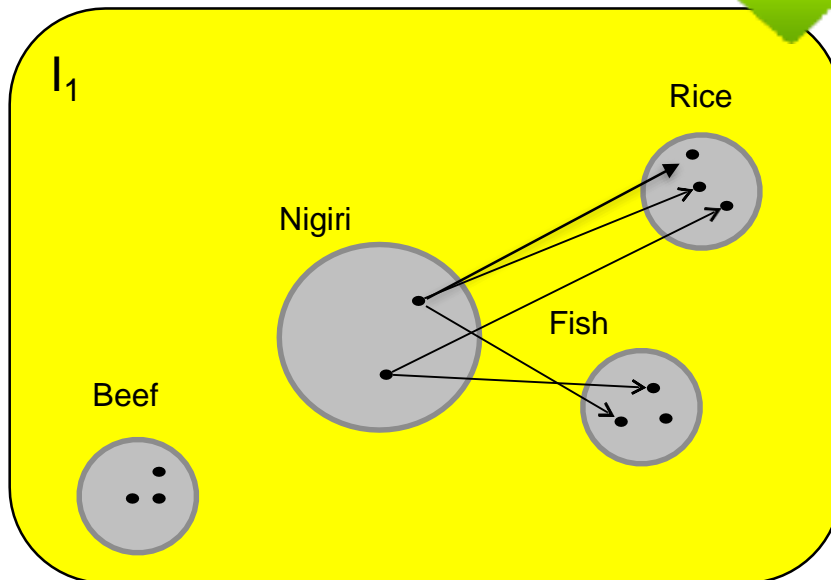
SubClassOf Sushi,

hasIngredient **some** Rice,

hasIngredient **some** Fish,

hasIngredient **only** (Fish or Rice)

Use **property closure pattern**
to avoid unintended models!



→ hasIngredient

OWL's Open World Assumption (OWA)

- Unless we have 'constrained' something it **may** be possible
 - e.g., for Nigiri to have ingredients other than rice & fish
- This behaviour is as “open world assumption”
 - OWL makes OWA

Class: Nigiri

SubClassOf Sushi,

hasIngredient **some** Rice,

hasIngredient **some** Fish

- For
 - the answer to “Does Nigiri have beef as ingredient” is “Maybe/Don't know”

DisjointClasses: Rice, Fish, Beef

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hasIngredient **some** Fish,

hasIngredient **only** (Fish or Rice)

- For
 - the answer to “Does Nigiri have beef as ingredient” is “No”!

1st Logical Pattern: the **Property Closure Pattern**

- In general, the property closure pattern for a property P is of the form

Class: A

SubClassOf ...

P some B1,

.... ,

P some Bn,

P only (B1 or ... or Bn)

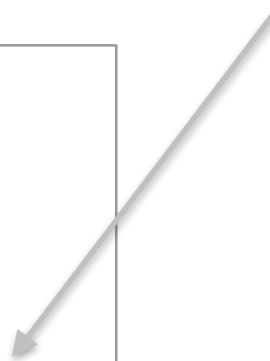
2nd Logical Pattern: the **Covering Pattern**

- Say we have Class X with subclasses Y_i
- e.g., UG, MSc, MRes, PhD are all subclasses of Student
- Now we *may* want to say that
“any individual of class X has to be an individual of some class Y_i ”
 - i.e., class X is *covered by* classes Y_1, \dots, Y_k
 - e.g., every Student is a UG, MSc, MRes, or PhD student
- To ensure this **coverage of X** by Y_1, \dots, Y_k , we use the **covering axiom**:

```
Class: Y1 SubClassOf X
Class: Y2 SubClassOf X
...
Class: Yk SubClassOf X
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Class: Y2 SubClassOf X
...
Class: Yk SubClassOf X

Class: X SubClassOf: (Y1 or ... or Yk)
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- **Quick exercise:** translate the above axioms into FOL!

3rd Logical Pattern: the **Partitions Pattern**

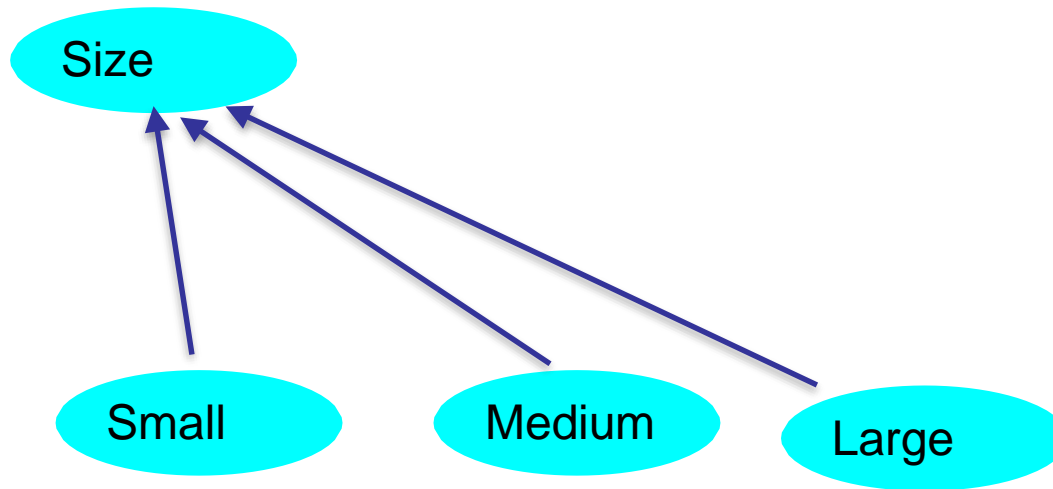
- Say we have Class X with subclasses Y_i
- e.g., UG, MSc, MRes, PhD are all subclasses of Student
- Now we *may* want to say that
“no individual can be an instance 2 or more of these class Y_i ”
- How do we “partition” values **for properties** such as Size, Spicyness, etc:
- E.g., we want to say that a person’s “Size”
 - must be one of the subclasses of Size and
 - only one of those sizes – and that
 - an individual size cannot be two kinds of size at the same time

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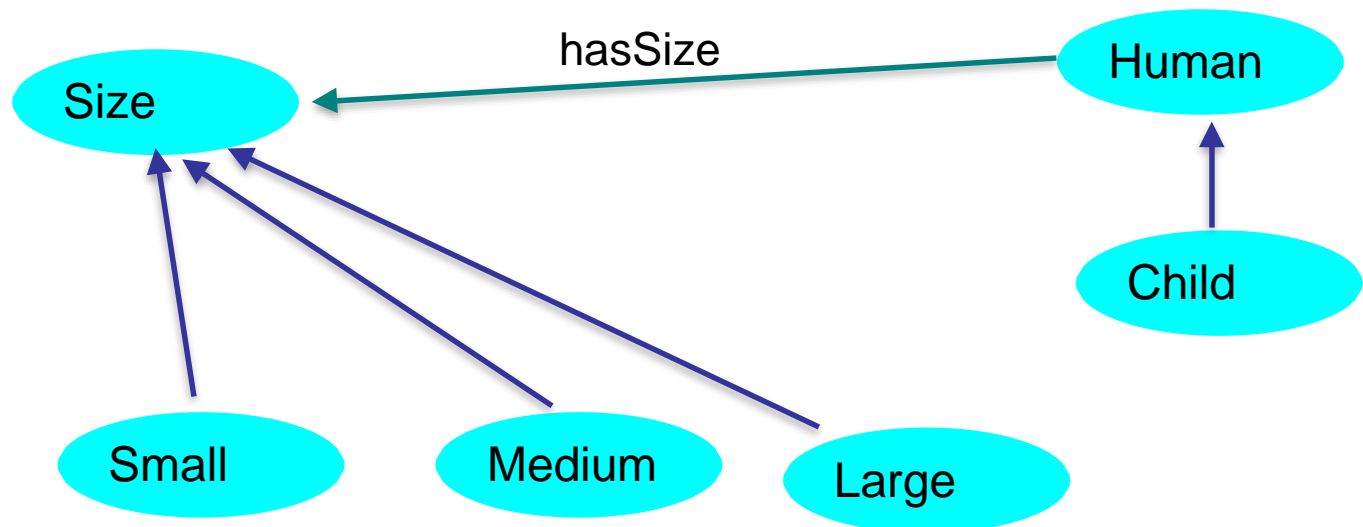
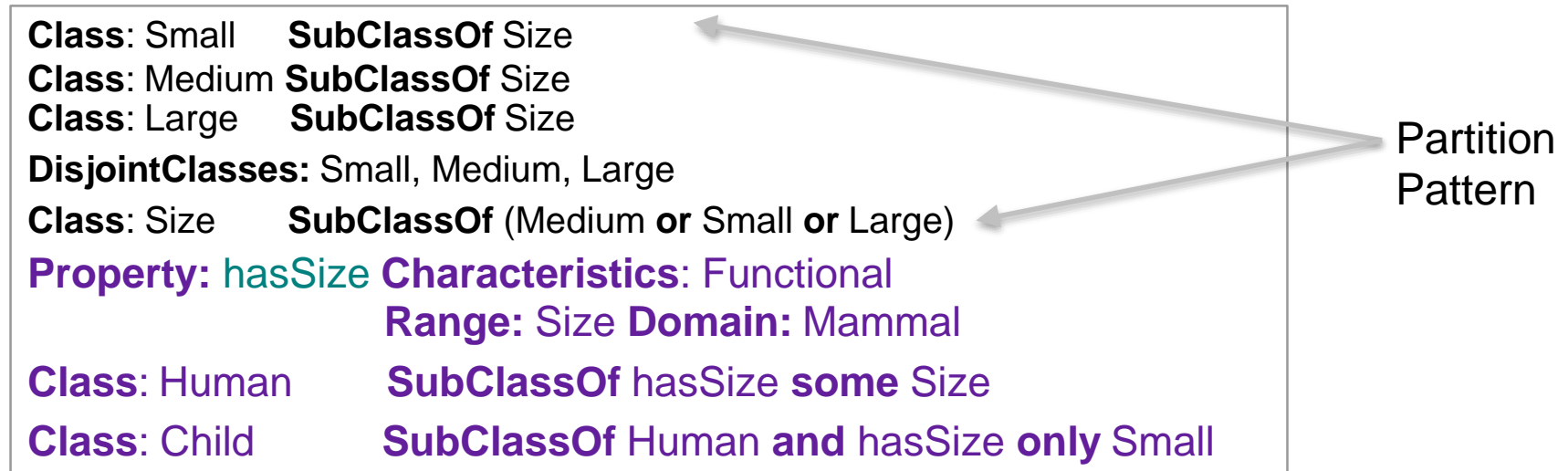
Class: Small **SubClassOf** Size
Class: Medium **SubClassOf** Size
Class: Large **SubClassOf** Size
DisjointClasses: Small, Medium, Large
Class: Size **SubClassOf** (Medium **or** Small **or** Large)

Disjoint
+ Covering

Partition



4th Logical Pattern: the Entity Property Quality Pattern



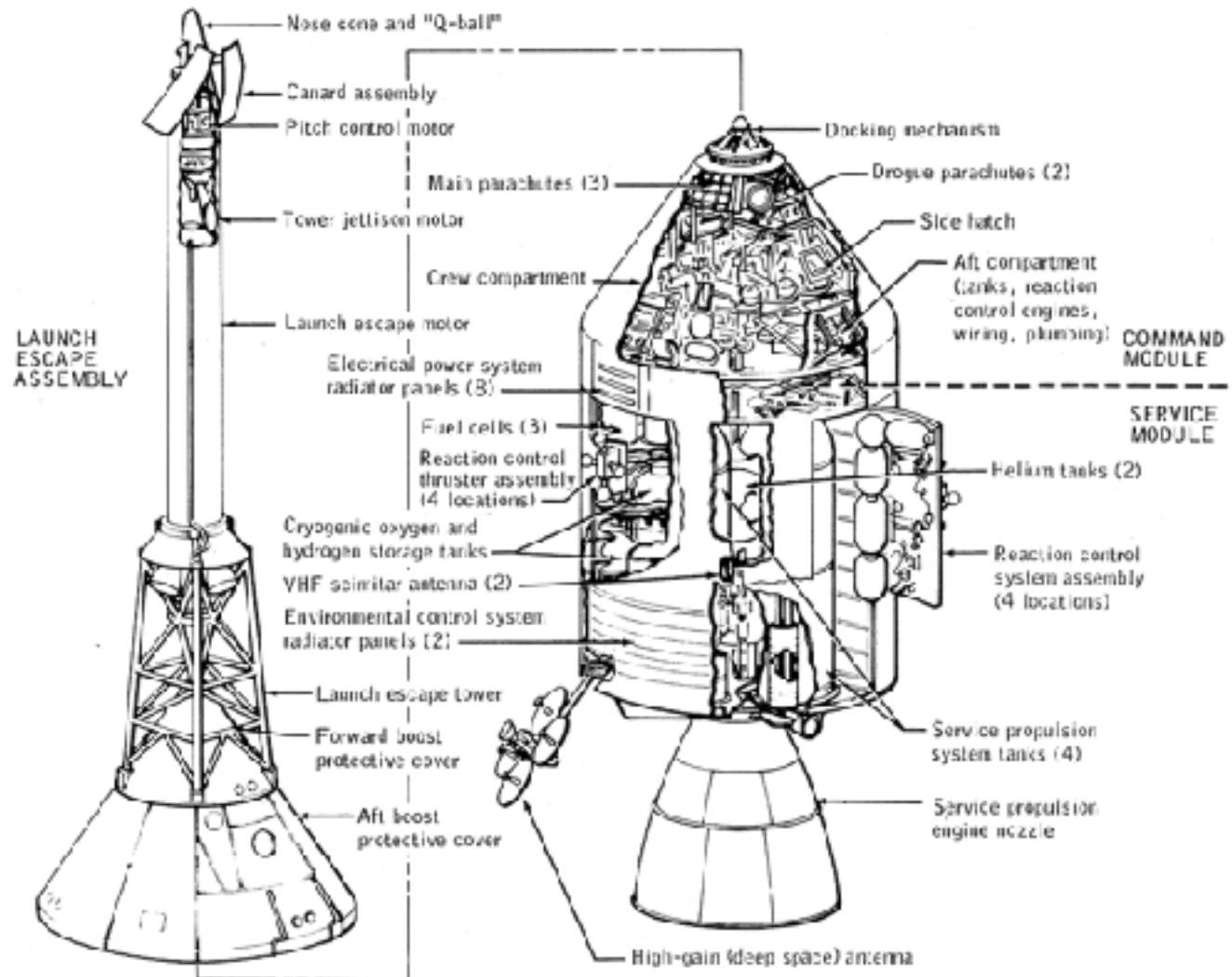
4th Logical Pattern: the **Entity Property Quality Pattern**

- Used to model descriptive features of things
 - possibly together with a value partition
- OWL elements:
 - for each feature or **quality** such as size, weight, etc:
 - **functional** property, e.g., hasSize and
 - class for its values, e.g., Size
 - link these by stating that the class is the **range** of the property
 - state to which classes these qualities
 - may apply via the **domain** of the property and
 - are necessary
- Using classes allows to make subpartitions
 - may overlap
 - may be related to concrete sizes and datatype properties
 - e.g. very large, moderately large

More information on logical patterns....

- Have a look at
 - <http://www.w3.org/TR/swbp-specified-values/>
 - <http://ontogenesis.knowledgeblog.org/1499>
 - <http://ontogenesis.knowledgeblog.org/1001>
 - Lots of short, accessible articles about ontology stuff

Towards Content Patterns: Composition, Parts and Wholes



Composition or Aggregation

- Describing a **whole** by means of its **parts**, e.g.,

AppleCake is a Cake that has parts that are Apple

- Is *hasPart* one or more relations?
 - If more, what are the primary composition relationships?
- What inferences can we make?
- What might we have in our representation languages to support this?
- **Mereonomy** is the study of **parts**, **wholes**, and their relations



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/hartini/2429653007>

Parts & wholes: examples

Toothbrush — Bristles

Shopping Trolley — Wheels

Car — Iron

Cappuccino — Milk

Kilometer — Meter

England — Manchester

Forest — Tree

Pie — Slice of Pie

Book — Chapter

University of Manchester — You

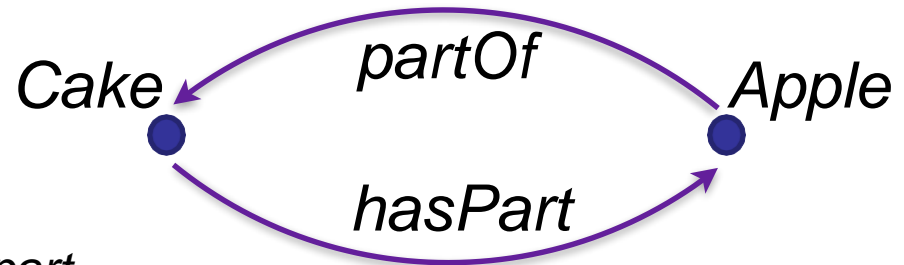


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- These are different kinds of composition, with different
 - characteristics
 - properties.
- Confusing them may result in incorrect (or undesirable) inferences.

Is part of versus has part

- Of course *is part of* is a **different** relation than *has part*
 - my hand *is part of* me but
 - ~~my hand *has part* me~~
- But *is part of* is the **inverse of** *has part*
 - Protege makes it easy to say this
 - Not declaring this may cause loss of entailments/inferences
- If P is the inverse of Q in O , then for any I model of O , any x, y in Δ : $(x, y) \in P^I$ iff $(y, x) \in Q^I$



More on Inverse Properties

- Be careful about what you can/cannot infer around inverse relationships:
- ...for example:

Property: hasPart
InverseOf: isPartOf
Class: Car
SubClassOf: Vehicle and
(hasPart **some** Engine)
(hasPart **exactly 4** Wheel)
Class: Broken
SubClassOf: Device **and** (isPartOf **only** Broken)

- does this ontology entail that

Engine **SubClassOf** (isPartOf **some** Car)?
Car **and** (hasPart **some** Broken) **SubClassOf** Broken?

Possible Properties of Part-Whole Relations

- See [Winston, Chaffin, Herrmann1987] and [Odell 1998]
- **functional:**
 - Does the part bear a functional or structural relationship to the whole?
Are they in specific temporal/special position to support this functionality?
 - e.g., engine-car, wheel-bicycle
 - Odell calls this “configurational”
- **homeomerous** (homeomeric):
 - Is the part the same *kind of thing* as the whole?
 - e.g., the North-West of England, a slice of bread
- **invariant** (separable)
 - Can the part be separated from the whole (without destroying it)?
 - e.g., a hair of me, the bell of my bicycle
 - often difficult since it involves *identity*
 - e.g. if you remove my arm, I am still me?

1. P-W-R: isComponentOf

- holds between
 - a component and
 - an integral object
 - i.e., a configuration of parts and a whole
- used for a particular arrangement (not just haphazard)

functional
non-homeomeric
separable

- Bristles - toothbrush
- Scene - film
- Handle - CarDoor
- Functional: ripping handle off car door affects functionality (of both)
- Non-homeomeric: handle & door are different kinds of things
- Separable: ripping handle off car door is possible

2. P-W-R: isIngredientOf

- holds between
 - material and
 - object that's made of this material

non-functional
non-homeomeric
non-separable

- Milk - Capuccino
- Flour - Bread
- Functional: milk is “anywhere” in the cappuccino
- Non-homeomeric: cappuccino and milk are different kinds of things
- Non-separable: can't take milk out of cappuccino/flour out of bread

3. P-W-R: isPortionOf

non-functional
homeomeric
separable

- holds between
 - a portion and
 - an object
- Almost like Material-Object, but parts are *the same kinds of thing* as whole
- aka Slice, helping, segment, lump, drop etc.
- SliceOfBread - Bread
- SomeChocolate - Chocolate
- Non-functional: slices can be anywhere, and don't affect function of whole
- Homeomeric: slice & bread are both bread
- Separable: can cut a slice of bread

4. P-W-R: isSpatialPartOf

- holds between
 - a place and
 - its surrounding area
- Like Portion-Object, parts are same kind of things as whole
- Unlike Portion-Object, parts cannot be removed
- Manchester - England
- Peak - a mountain

non-functional
homeomeric
non-separable

5. P-W-R: isMemberOf

- holds between
 - a thing and
 - a unit/collection of these things

non-functional
non-homeomeric
separable

- Tree - Forest
- Employee - Union
- Ship - Fleet
- I - University of Manchester

- there's also a non-separable variant "Member - Partnership":
- e.g., Stan - StanAndLaurel

Summary of Odell's Compositional Relationships

	Functional	Homeomeric	Separable
Component-Integral isComponentOf	Y	N	Y
Material-Object isIngredientOf	N	N	N
Portion-Object isPortionOf	N	Y	Y
Place-Area	N	Y	N
Member-Bunch	N	N	Y
Member-Partnership	N	N	N

P-W-Rs \neq *Non Compositional Relationships*

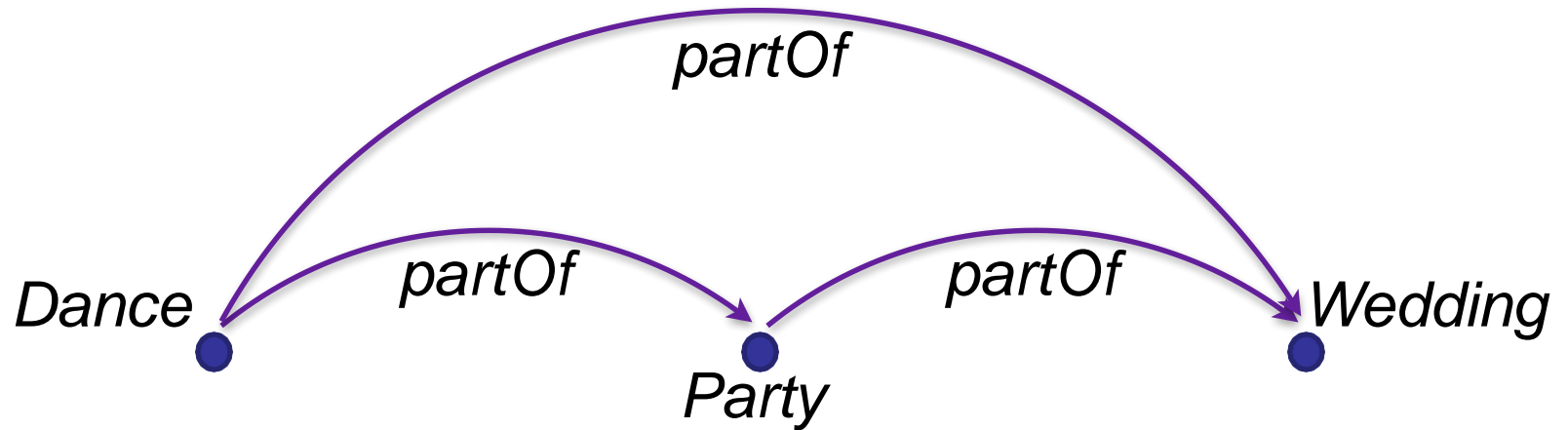
- Topological inclusion
 - I am in the lecture theatre
- Classification inclusion
 - Catch 22 is a Book
 - It's an instance of Book, not a part of it, so not Member-Bunch
- Attribution
 - Properties of an object can be confused with composition
 - Height of a Lighthouse isn't part of it
- Attachment
 - Earrings aren't part of Ears
 - Toes are part of Feet
 - Sometimes attachments are parts, but not always
- Ownership
 - I have a bicycle

...a lot of modelling is about making the right distinctions and thus helping to get the right relationships between individuals

So what?
Modelling these in OWL

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Characteristics: Transitive

Property: isComponentOf
SubPropertyOf: isPartOf

Property: isPortionOf
SubPropertyOf: isPartOf
Characteristics: Transitive

Transitivity

- In partonomies, we may want to identify **direct** parts
 - Piston *directPartOf* Engine; Engine *directPartOf* Car
 - Piston is **not** *directPartOf* Car, but is a *partOf* Car
- I want to query for all the **direct** parts of the Car, but not the direct parts of its direct parts.
 - So *directPartOf* **cannot** be transitive
- Solution: provide a transitive superproperty

Property: *isPartOf*

Characteristics: Transitive

Property: *isDirectPartOf*

SubPropertyOf: *isPartOf*

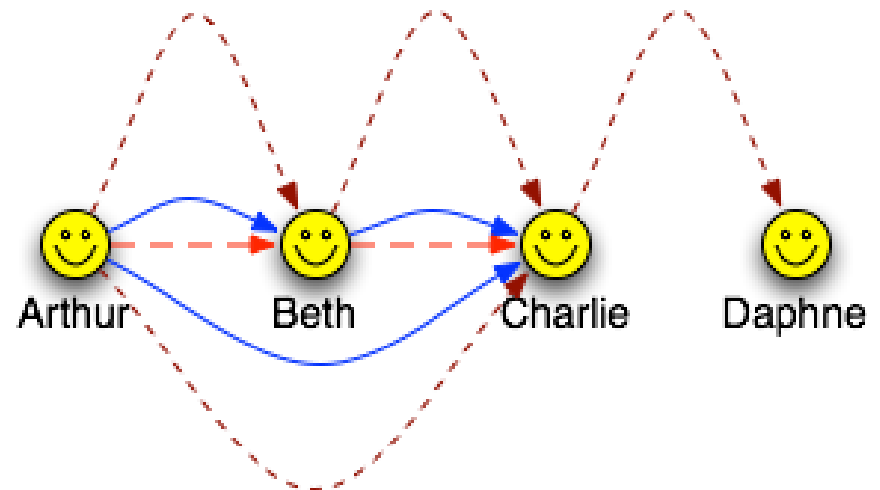
- Queries can use the superproperty to query transitive closure
- Assertions use the direct part of relationship
- A standard ontology design pattern, sometimes referred to as transitive reduction.

Aside: Transitivity and Subproperties

- Transitive property R is one s.t. for any I model of O , any x, y, z in Δ :
 - if $(x, y) \in R^I$ and $(y, z) \in R^I$, then $(x, z) \in R^I$
 - A superproperty of a transitive property is **not** necessarily transitive
 - A subproperty of a transitive property is **not** necessarily transitive

Property: knows
Property: hasFriend
 SubPropertyOf: knows
 Characteristics: Transitive
Property: hasBestFriend
 SubPropertyOf: hasFriend

knows: 
hasFriend: 
hasBestFriend: 



Generalised Transitivity

- Some P-W relations interact in interesting ways:
- Sean member of School of Computer Science
- School of Computer Science is a portion of the University of Manchester
- ➔ Sean member of School of the University of Manchester



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Characteristics: Transitive

Property: isMemberOf

SubPropertyOf: isPartOf

Property: isPortionOf

SubPropertyOf: isPartOf

Characteristics: Transitive

SubPropertyChain: isMemberOf o isPortionOf

Composition

- Composition provides a mechanism for describing a (class of) object(s) in terms of its parts
- By considering basic properties of part-whole relationships, we can
 - identify different *kinds* of relationship
 - decide where we can (or can't) get correct inferences
- Explicitly separating & relating types

Depends on

Property: isPartOf

Characteristics: Transitive

Property: isLocatedIn

SubPropertyChain: isLocatedIn o isPartOf

Characteristics: Transitive

Class Fracture

SubClassOf isLocatedIn **some** Bone

Class FractureOfFemur

EquivalentTo Fracture and isLocatedIn **some** Femur

Class HeadOfFemur

SubClassOf isPartOf **some** Femur

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Fracture and
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SubClassOf

FractureOfFemur



Other Content Design Patterns

- ...we just talked a lot about how to model composites
- there are many other general content design patterns:
 - how to model time, trajectories, agents, lists, development, roles (see later!), ...
- and many domain dependent content design patterns:
 - how to model
 - aquatic resource observations
 - algorithm implementation execution
 - microblog entry
 - hazardous situation
 - ...
- See http://ontologydesignpatterns.org/wiki/Main_Page for a long list