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Lecture 5: Knowledge Representations II 03: Tableaux Algorithm for ALC

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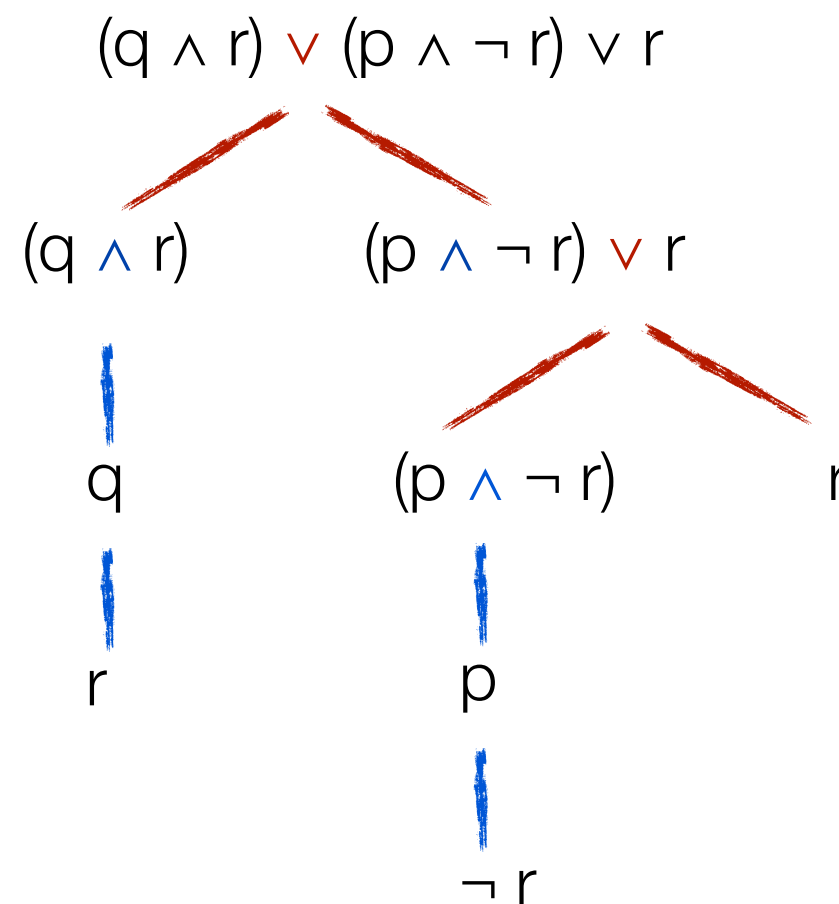
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03 Tableaux Algorithm for ALC

Short Recapitulation:

- Proof algorithm to check the consistency of a logical formula by inferring that its negation is a contradiction (*proof by refutation*).
- Construct tree, where each node is marked with a logical formula. A path from the root to a leaf is the conjunction of all formulas represented within the nodes of the path; a branch of the path represents a disjunction.
- The tree is created by successive application of the Tableaux Extension Rules.



Tableaux Algorithm for Description Logics

- Transformation to *Negation normalform* necessary
- Let \mathcal{W} be a knowledge base,
 - Substitute $C \equiv D$ by $C \sqsubseteq D$ and $D \sqsubseteq C$
 - Substitute $C \sqsubseteq D$ by $\neg C \sqcup D$.
 - Apply the NNF Transformations from the next page
- Resulting knowledge base $\text{NNF}(\mathcal{W})$
 - Negation normalform of \mathcal{W} .
 - Negation is placed directly in front of atomic classes.

Tableaux Transformation in Negation Normalform

- NNF Transformations

$\text{NNF}(C) = C$, if C is atomic

$\text{NNF}(\neg C) = \neg C$, if C is atomic

$\text{NNF}(\neg\neg C) = \text{NNF}(C)$

$\text{NNF}(C \sqcup D) = \text{NNF}(C) \sqcup \text{NNF}(D)$

$\text{NNF}(C \sqcap D) = \text{NNF}(C) \sqcap \text{NNF}(D)$

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$\text{NNF}(\forall R.C) = \forall R.\text{NNF}(C)$

$\text{NNF}(\exists R.C) = \exists R.\text{NNF}(C)$

$\text{NNF}(\neg\forall R.C) = \exists R.\text{NNF}(\neg C)$

$\text{NNF}(\neg\exists R.C) = \forall R.\text{NNF}(\neg C)$

- w and $\text{NNF}(w)$ are logically equivalent.

Tableaux Transformation in Negation Normalform

- Example: $P \sqsubseteq (E \sqcap U) \sqcup \neg(\neg E \sqcup D)$
- In NNF: $\neg P \sqcup (E \sqcap U) \sqcup (E \sqcap \neg D)$

$$C \sqsubseteq D = \neg C \sqcup D$$

$$\neg(C \sqcup D) = \neg C \sqcap \neg D$$

Tableaux Extension Rules for DL

Selection	Action
$C(a) \in W \text{ (ABox)}$	Add $C(a)$
$R(a, b) \in W \text{ (ABox)}$	Add $R(a, b)$
$C \in W \text{ (TBox)}$	Add $C(a)$ for a known Individual a
$(C \sqcap D)(a) \in A$	Add $C(a)$ and $D(a)$
$(C \sqcup D)(a) \in A$	Split the path. Add (1) $C(a)$ and (2) $D(a)$
$(\exists R.C)(a) \in A$	Add $R(a, b)$ and $C(b)$ for a new Individual b
$(\forall R.C)(a) \in A$	if $R(a, b) \in A$, then add $C(b)$

- If the resulting tableaux is closed, the original knowledge base is unsatisfiable.
- Only select elements that lead to new elements within the tableaux. If this is not possible, then the algorithm terminates and the original knowledge base is satisfiable.

Tableaux Algorithm (DL) Example(4):

- P ... Professor
- E ... Person
- U ... University Employee
- D ... Student
- Knowledge Base: $P \sqsubseteq (E \sqcap U) \sqcup (E \sqcap \neg D)$
- Is $P \sqsubseteq E$ a logical consequence?
- Knowledge Base (with [negated] query) in NNF:
 $\{\neg P \sqcup (E \sqcap U) \sqcup (E \sqcap \neg D), (P \sqcap \neg E)(a)\}$

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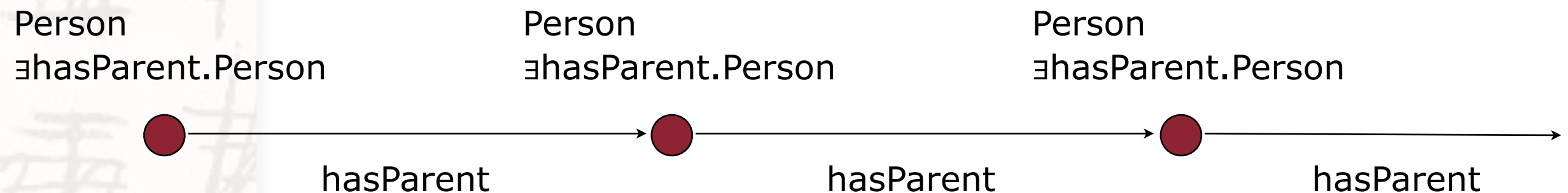
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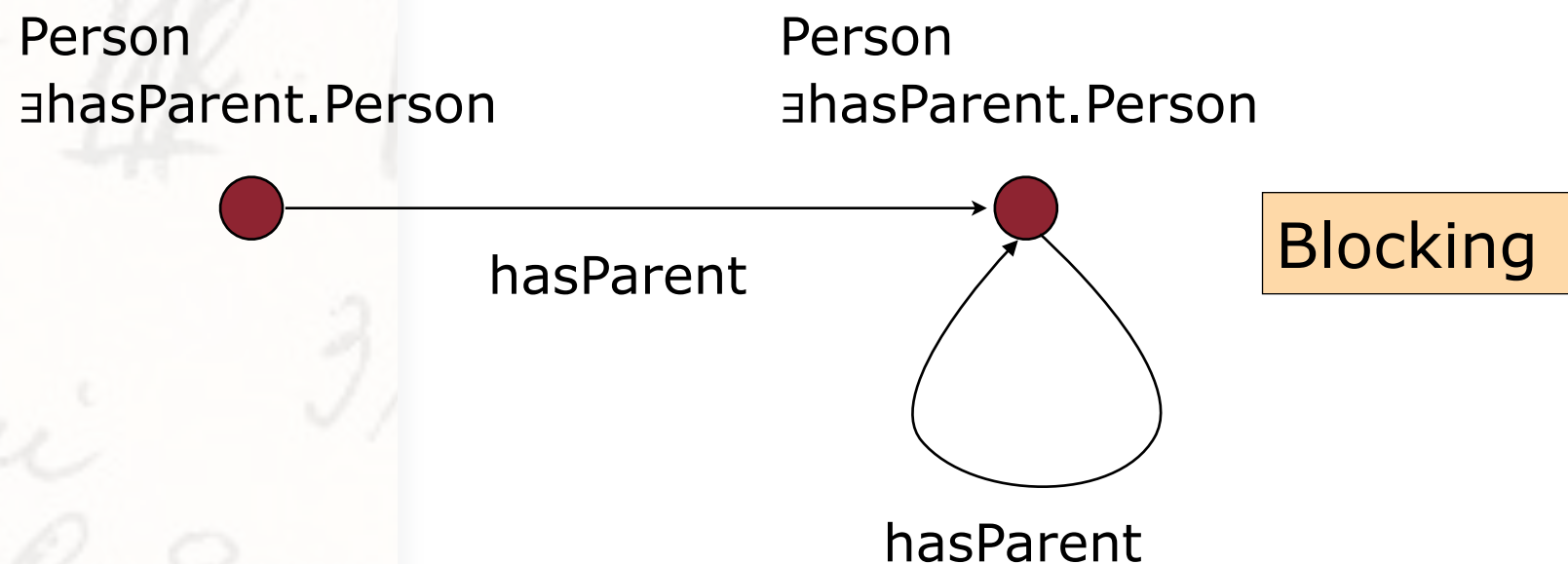
no termination possible

Idea of Blocking

- the following had been constructed in the Tableaux:



- Idea: reuse old nodes



Correctness of this short cut must be proven!

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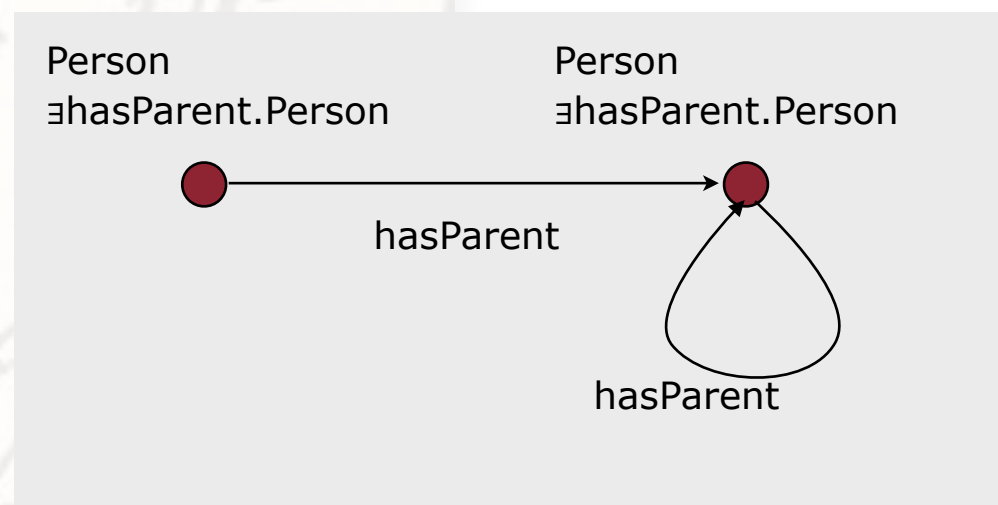
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$\sigma(\text{Bill}) = \{ \text{Person},$
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$\sigma(x_1) = \{ \text{Person},$
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$\sigma(x_1) \subseteq \sigma(\text{Bill})$, so Bill blocks x_1



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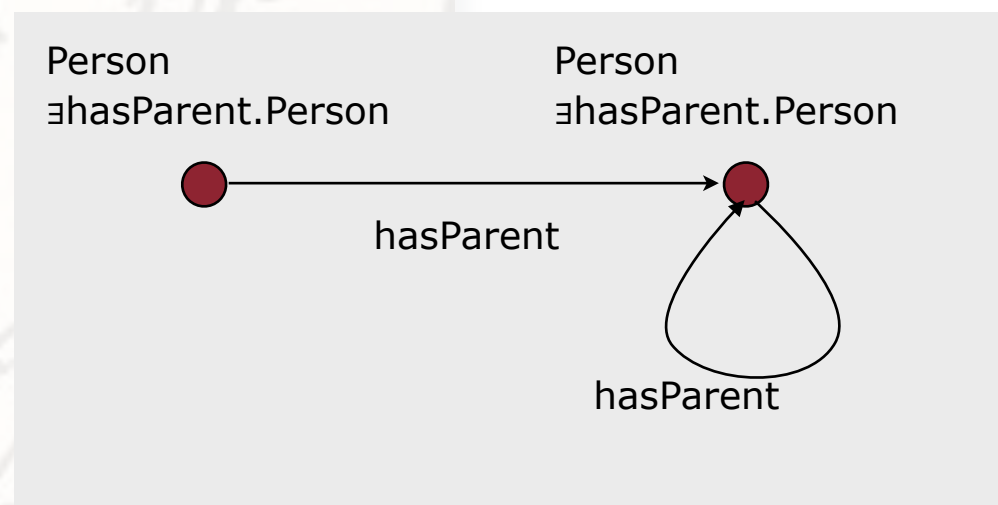
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$\exists \text{hasParent}.\text{Person}(x_1)$

\sqcup



$\sigma(\text{Bill}) = \{ \text{Person},$
 $\neg \text{Person} \sqcup \exists \text{hasParent}.\text{Person},$
 $\exists \text{hasParent}.\text{Person} \}$

$\sigma(x_1) = \{ \text{Person},$
 $\neg \text{Person} \sqcup \exists \text{hasParent}.\text{Person},$
 $\exists \text{hasParent}.\text{Person} \}$

$\sigma(x_1) \subseteq \sigma(\text{Bill})$, so Bill blocks x_1



termination

Tableaux Algorithm (DL) with Blocking

- The Selection of $(\exists R.C)(a)$ in the tableaux path A is **blocked**, if there is already an individual b with $\{C \mid C(a) \in A\} \subseteq \{C \mid C(b) \in A\}$.
- Two possibilities of termination:

1. Closing the Tableaux.

Knowledge Base is **unsatisfiable**.

2. All non blocked selections from the tableaux don't lead to an extension.

Knowledge Base is **satisfiable**.



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