



# 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**  $\alpha$  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  $\alpha$  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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$I_4$ :

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

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

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

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

## OWL 2 Semantics: Entailments etc. (3)

Let  $O$  be an ontology,  $\alpha$  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**  $\alpha$  (written  $O \models \alpha$ ) if  $\alpha$  is satisfied in all models of  $O$ 
  - i.e.,  $\alpha$  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  $O$

*inconsistent ( $\Rightarrow O \models \text{Thing SubClassOf Nothing}$ )*

*$\top \sqsubseteq \perp$  in DL*

**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  $\text{Thing}$ ,  $\text{Nothing}$  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?**

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

凡是没有的都视为错误。

凡是没有的都视为无法判断

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
- 
- 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, 首字母大写
    - spaces via CamelCase
  - **Individual** names:
    - all lower case, 小写
    - 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
- Adopt one
  - for both labels and URI fragments
- Having a label is a “good practice”

“Glucose transport” vs  
“transport of glucose”



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? 未知

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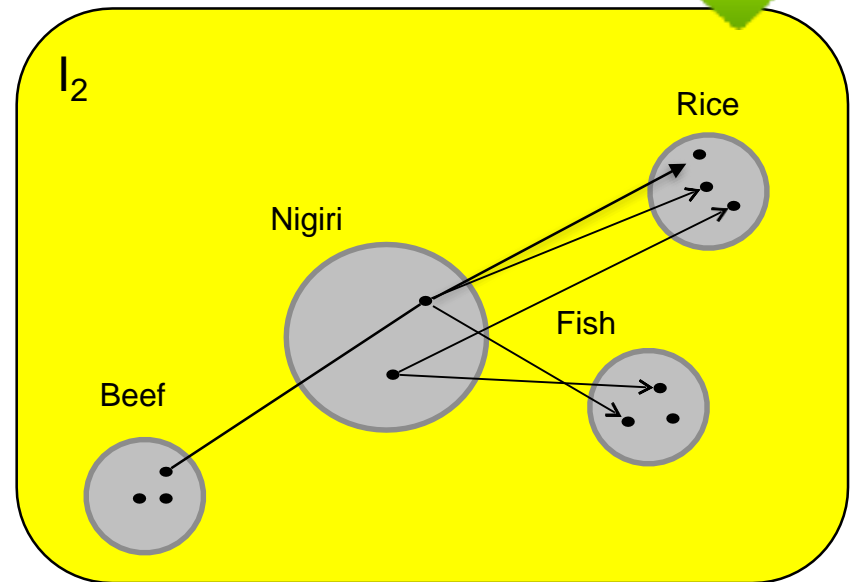
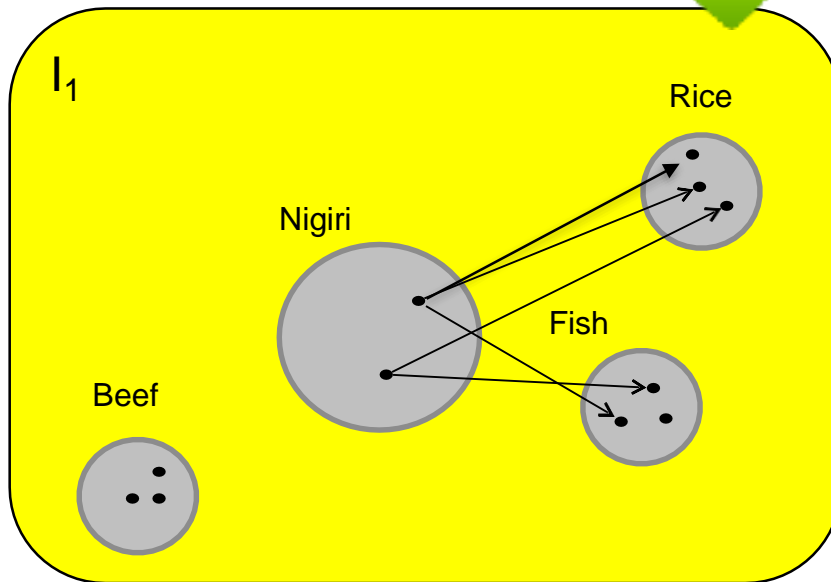
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Which of these interpretations  
is a model of the above axiom?



→ hasIngredient



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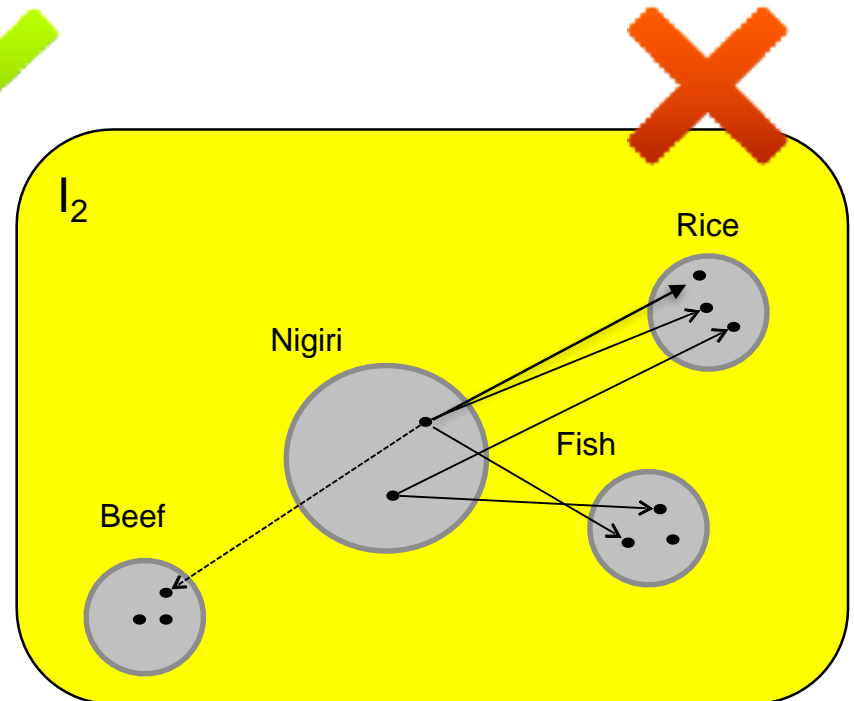
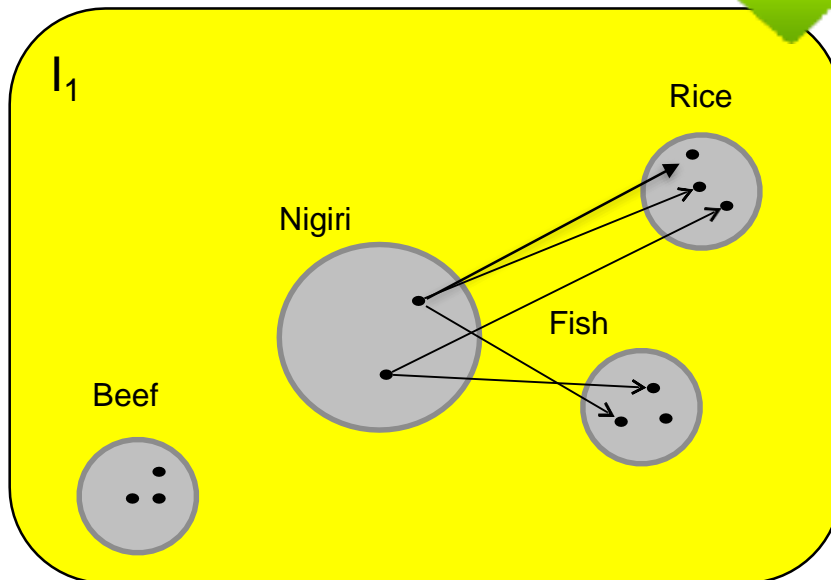
**SubClassOf** Sushi,

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

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

**DisjointClasses:** Rice, Fish, Beef

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- 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: Yk SubClassOf X

Class: X SubClassOf: (Y1 or ... or Yk)

不存在某  $a \in X$   
[ $\neg a \in Y_i, i=1, \dots, k$ ]

- **Quick exercise:** translate the above axioms into FOL!

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

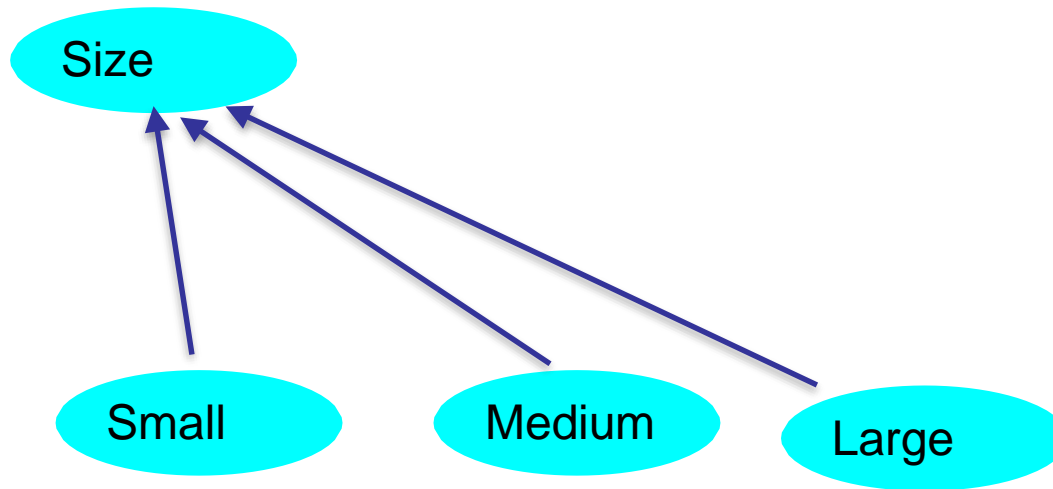
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- Now we *may* want to say that  
“no individual can be an instance 2 or more of these class  $Y_i$ ”
- How do we “partition” values **for properties** such as Size, Spicyness, etc:
- E.g., we want to say that a person’s “Size”
  - must be one of the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

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

**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

**Class:** Small      **SubClassOf** Size

**Class:** Medium **SubClassOf** Size

**Class:** Large      **SubClassOf** Size

## DisjointClasses: Small, Medium, Large

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

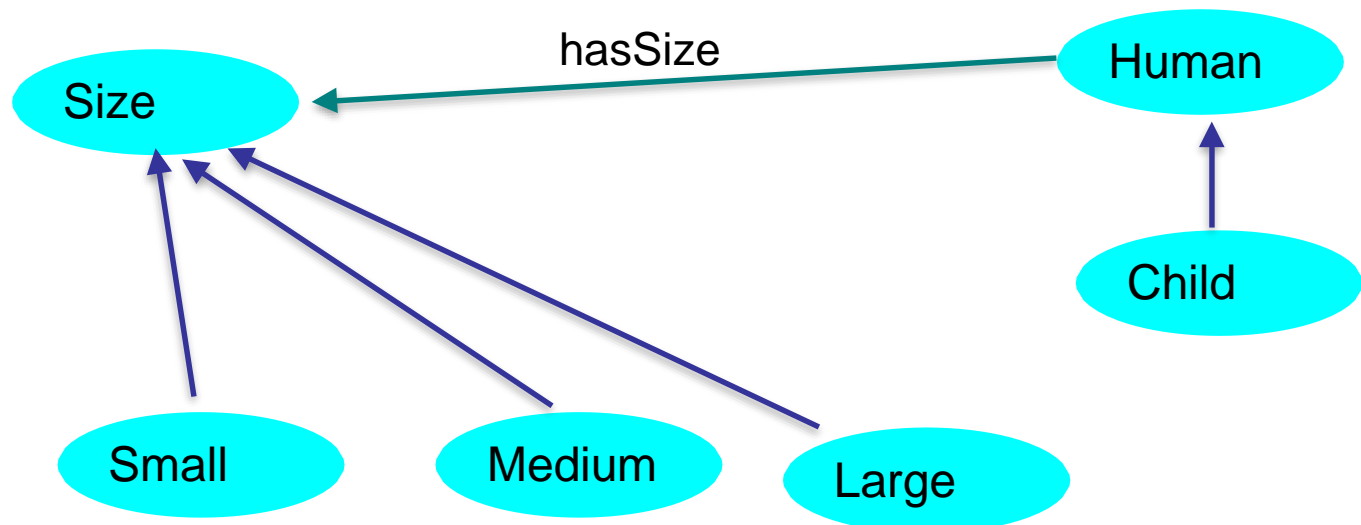
## Property: hasSize Characteristics: Functional

**Range:** Size **Domain:** Mammal

**Class:** Human      **SubClassOf** hasSize **some** Size

**Class:** Child      **SubClassOf** Human **and** hasSize **only** Small

## Partition Pattern



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

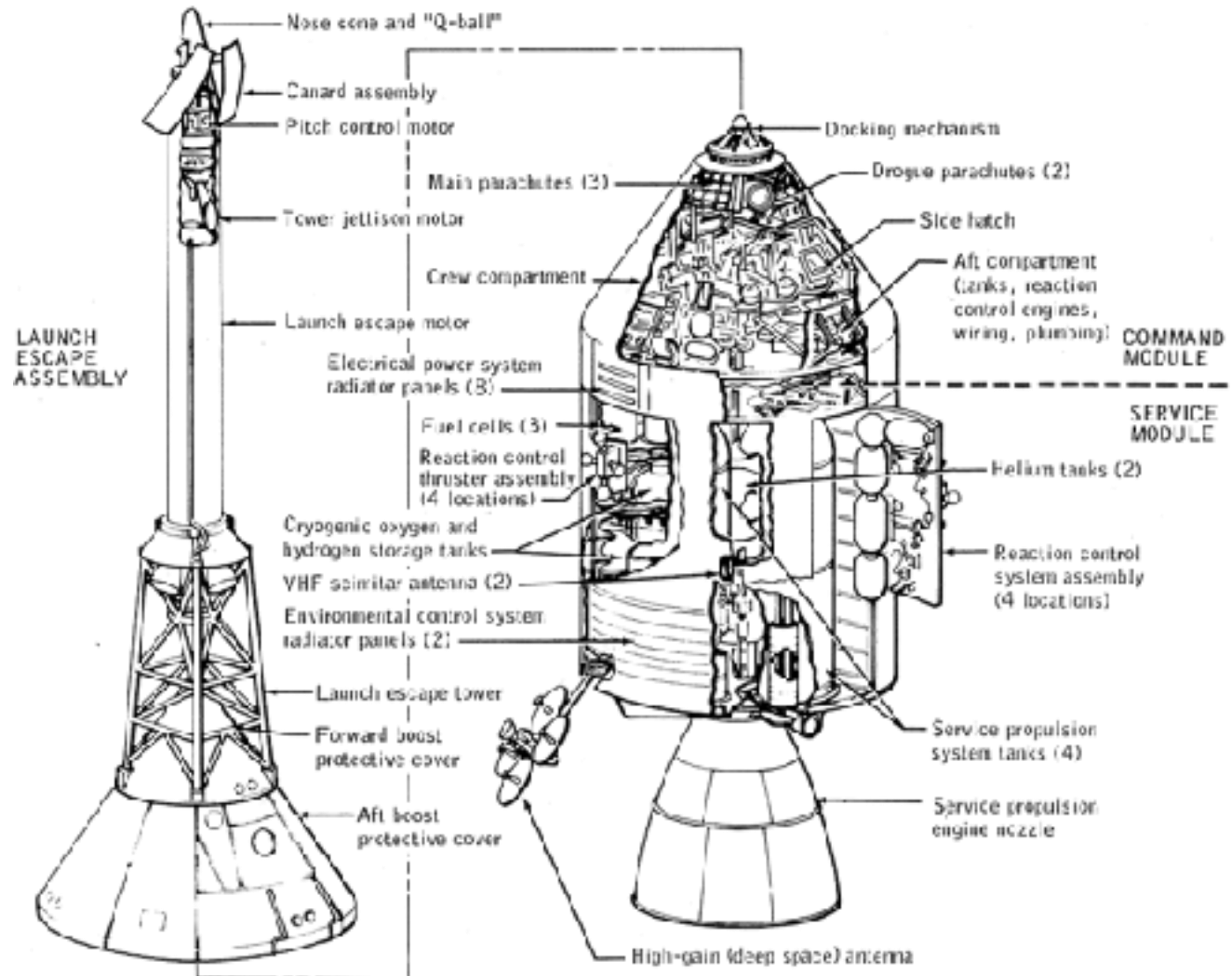
- Used to model descriptive features of things
  - possibly together with a value partition
- OWL elements:
  - for each feature or **quality** such as size, weight, etc:
    - **functional** property, e.g., hasSize and
    - class for its values, e.g., Size
    - link these by stating that the class 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

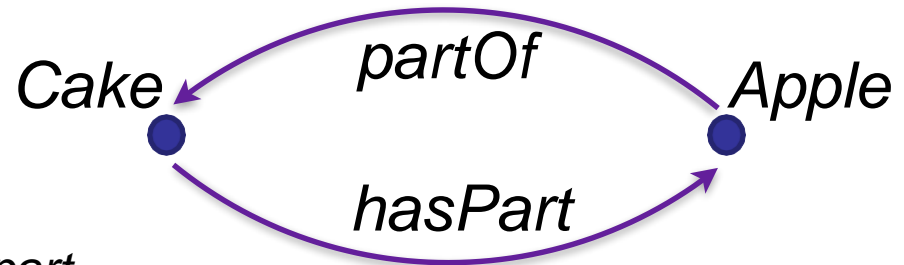


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- These are different kinds of composition, with different
  - characteristics
  - properties.
- Confusing them may result in incorrect (or undesirable) inferences.

## *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  $\Delta$ :  $(x, y) \in P^I$  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

整体的与部分

- 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
<b>Component-Integral isComponentOf</b>	Y	N	Y
<b>Material-Object isIngredientOf</b>	N	N	N
<b>Portion-Object isPortionOf</b>	N	Y	Y
<b>Place-Area</b>	N	Y	N
<b>Member-Bunch</b>	N	N	Y
<b>Member-Partnership</b>	N	N	N

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

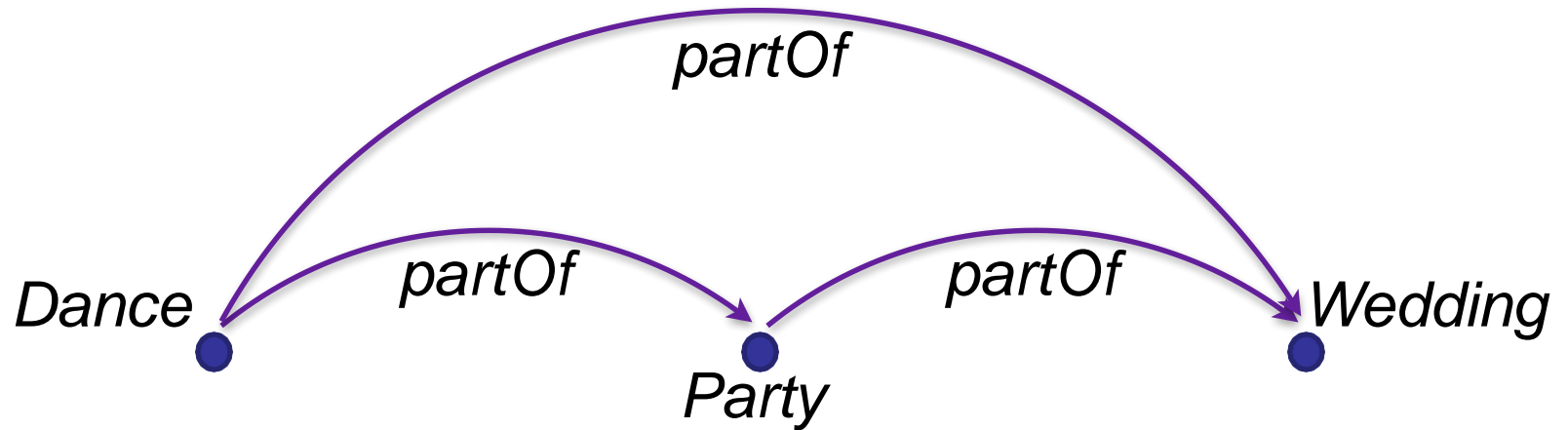
- Topological inclusion
  - I am in the lecture theatre
- Classification inclusion
  - Catch 22 is a Book
  - It's an instance of Book, not a part of it, so not Member-Bunch
- Attribution
  - Properties of an object can be confused with composition
  - Height of a Lighthouse isn't part of it
- Attachment
  - 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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**Property:** isPartOf  
**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*

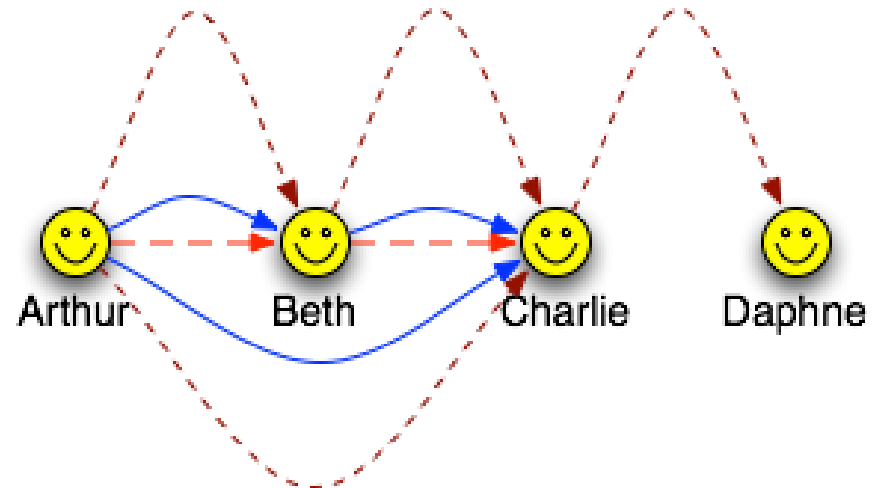
- Queries can use the superproperty to query transitive closure
- Assertions use the direct part of relationship
- A standard ontology design pattern, sometimes referred to as transitive reduction.

## Aside: Transitivity and Subproperties

- Transitive property  $R$  is one s.t. for any I model of  $O$ , any  $x, y, z$  in  $\Delta$ :
  - 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



**Property:** isPartOf

**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

$\models$

*Fracture* and  
*isLocatedIn* some  
*HeadOfFemur*

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](http://ontologydesignpatterns.org/wiki/Main_Page) for a long list