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I totally agree on the fact that using  $u_{\neg\phi} + u_{\phi}$  as the sample size is more adequate in an open-world context than using  $u_{\phi}$ . But this is not what is done in the article. Actually, it seems like this problem is addressed in the experiment by using an identical  $u_{\phi}$  for each axiom  $\phi$  to be evaluated. This is only made possible by using  $content(\phi)$  instead of  $content(\phi \mid B)$  as the set of consequence to be evaluated (see page 9), and by considering exclusively axioms of the form  $subClassOf(C,D)$ . Otherwise,  $u_{\phi}$  would vary with  $\phi$ .

Page 5 : Pairs of statements  $C(a) - D(a)$  and  $C(a) - E(a)$  are respectively given as an example and a counterexample for the axiom  $subClassOf(C,D)$ , provided  $disjointClasses(C,E)$  is in the ontology for the second one.

Two questions here :

- I assume there is a typo for the disjointness :  $disjointClasses(D,E)$  instead of  $disjointClasses(C,E)$ . Otherwise the base would simply be inconsistent. This is also coherent with the given SPARQL query patterns.
- The notion of a counterexample seems to be understood on a strict logical basis :  $C(a) - E(a)$  is a counterexample because  $\neg E(a)$  could be inferred. But the notion of an example seems stronger : on a strict logical basis, one could arguably say that  $C(a)$  alone is an example as well, or even  $F(a), D(b), \dots$

Page 5, same paragraph : I agree on the intuition that some statements (like  $Mammal(a)$ ) are unlikely to be found in a real dataset. But what is unclear to me is the reason why statements involving more common concepts (e.g.  $Dog(a)$ ) cannot be used as examples or counterexamples for axioms which involve rarer concepts.

For instance, according to the authors, the pair  $Basset(a) - Mammal(a)$  would be an example for the axiom  $subClassOf(Basset,Mammal)$ . Assume now that  $subClassOf(Dog, Mammal)$  is also in the ontology. Then the pair  $Basset(a) - Dog(a)$  may actually also be viewed as an example for  $subClassOf(Basset,Mammal)$ , given that  $Mammal(a)$  can be inferred from  $Dog(a)$  together with  $subClassOf(Dog, Mammal)$ .

The same holds for counterexamples.

Page 7, first paragraph : an error in the DL transcription : the formula  $\top \sqsubseteq \neg \text{Raven} \sqcap \neg \text{Black}$  does not mean “there are ravens that are not black”, but “everything is a non black raven”.

In order to express “there are ravens that are not black”, one can use an ABox statement :  $\neg \text{Black} \sqcap \text{Raven}(a)$ .

Page 7 , first paragraph :

The text states that “evidence of a black raven selectively confirms the hypothesis  $\text{Raven} \sqsubseteq \text{Black}$  because it fails to confirm its negation”. This is not sufficient : evidence of a green apple also fails to confirm the negation of  $\text{Raven} \sqsubseteq \text{Black}$ , but it does not selectively confirm  $\text{Raven} \sqsubseteq \text{Black}$ .

If I understand correctly (which I am not certain of), the sentence could be rewritten as “evidence of a black raven selectively confirms the hypothesis  $\text{Raven} \sqsubseteq \text{Black}$  *because it both confirms it and fails to confirm its negation*”.

The next sentence seems logically equivalent to stating that evidence of a green apple does not confirm either  $\text{Raven} \sqsubseteq \text{Black}$  nor its negation. It may be easier to understand that way,

in the continuation of the previous sentence, instead of using the notion of *contradiction*.

page 9, definition 12 : use  $|\text{content}(\phi)|$  instead of  $\|\text{content}(\phi)\|$  (single vertical bar)

page 9 : I cannot see where  $\text{content}(\phi \mid B)$  is used elsewhere in the article. Which may indeed be very interesting, considering it would allow for additional consequences to be derived, because  $\text{content}(\phi) \subseteq \text{content}(\phi \mid B)$ .

For instance, back to the previous example, one would have to test the consequence  $\text{Basset}(a) \rightarrow \text{Dog}(a)$

page 11 : equations 16 and 17 seem unnecessary.

General :

- I cannot see why the possibilistic approach followed here is an answer to the limitations of the probabilistic approach described page 5.  
If I understand correctly, the lack of explicit support for concepts like *Mammal* might be an issue for both approaches. The way this precise problem is addressed seems to be conditions 5 and 6 page 9. But a similar effect could be obtained in a probabilistic setting, taking for instance  $\log(u^+_{\phi})$  and  $\log(u^-_{\phi})$  as the respective numbers of success and failures, and  $\log(u^-_{\phi}) + \log(u^+_{\phi})$  as the sample size.
- Some versions of DBpedia have been partially closed deductively, following the rule  $C \sqsubseteq D, C(a) \vdash D(a)$ . Is it the case for the dump being used in this article ?

If this is the case, I would personally opt either for a complete classification (with a reasoner) of the individuals considered, or a deletion of statements which are likely to have been automatically inferred.