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Generating Proofs in the Description Logic ALCH

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Motivation

- Debugging of ontologies
- Understanding results

Description Logic \mathcal{ALCH}

- negation (\neg)
- concept intersection (\sqcap)
- concept union (\sqcup)
- value restriction (\forall)
- existential restriction (\exists)
- top concept (\top)
- bottom concept (\perp)
- general concept inclusion ($C \sqsubseteq D$)
- role inclusion ($r \sqsubseteq s$)

Semantics

Let $A \in N_C$, $C, D \in N_{\mathcal{ALCH}}$, $r \in N_R$ then

$$\top' \quad := \quad \Delta'$$

$$\perp' \quad := \quad \emptyset$$

$$(\neg C)' \quad := \quad C'$$

$$(C \sqcap D)' \quad := \quad C' \cap D'$$

$$(C \sqcup D)' \quad := \quad C' \cup D'$$

$$(\exists r.C)' \quad := \quad \{a \in \Delta' \mid \exists b \in \Delta' : (a, b) \in r' \text{ and } b \in C'\}$$

$$(\forall r.C)' \quad := \quad \{a \in \Delta' \mid \forall b \in \Delta' : \text{if } (a, b) \in r', \text{ then } b \in C'\}$$

Semantics

- For $C, D \in N_{\mathcal{ALCH}} : I \models C \sqsubseteq D : \iff C' \subseteq D'$
- For $r, s \in N_R : I \models r \sqsubseteq s : \iff r' \subseteq s'$

Proofs

- $G = (V, E, I)$ finite, acyclic, directed, labeled hypergraph
 - V set of nodes
 - $E \subseteq V^n$ set of hyperedges
 - $I : V \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ labeling function such that $\{I(v) \mid v \in S\} \models I(d)$

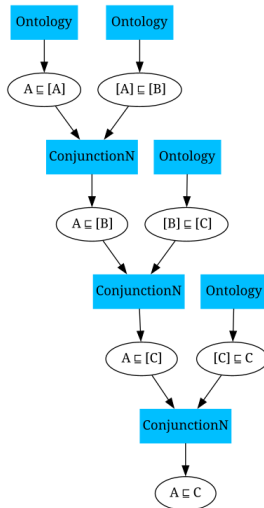


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The Algorithm

- Normalization
- Rule Application
- Proof Extraction

Normal Form

- $\bigwedge A_i \sqsubseteq \bigvee B_j$
- $A \sqsubseteq \exists r.B$
- $\exists r.A \sqsubseteq A$
- $A \sqsubseteq \forall r.B$
- $r \sqsubseteq s$

Normalization

1. removal of axioms with negative $\forall r.C$ as subconcept
2. apply structural transformation
3. final normalization rules

Positive and Negative Occurrences Of Concepts

Let $\mathcal{O} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A})$ some ontology and C some concept then we say that a concept C occurs positively (negatively) in \mathcal{O} if C occurs positively (negatively) in some GCI of \mathcal{T} .

- C occurs positively in itself.
- If C occurs positively (negatively) in C' then C occurs positively (negatively) in $C' \sqcap DC \sqcap D'$, $C' \sqcup D$, $C \sqcup D'$, $\exists r.C'$, $\forall r.C'$, $D \sqsubseteq C'$ and negatively (positively) in $\neg C'$, $C' \sqsubseteq D$.

Structural Transformation

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{st}(A) := A & \text{st}(C \sqcap D) := [C] \sqcap [D] \\ \text{st}(\top) := \top & \text{st}(C \sqcup D) := [C] \sqcup [D] \\ \text{st}(\perp) := \top & \text{st}(\exists r.C) := \exists r.[C] \\ \text{st}(\neg C) := \neg[C] & \text{st}(\exists r.C) := \exists r.[C] \end{array}$$

Structural Transformation

- $\text{st}(C) \sqsubseteq [C]$ for every negative C in \mathcal{O}
- $[D] \sqsubseteq \text{st}(D)$ for every positive D in \mathcal{O}
- $[C] \sqsubseteq [D]$ for every axiom $C \sqsubseteq D$ occurring in \mathcal{O}

Normalization Rules

$$\begin{array}{l} \bullet \frac{[C \sqcap D] \sqsubseteq [C] \sqcap [D]}{[C \sqcap D] \sqsubseteq [C], \quad [C \sqcap D] \sqsubseteq [D]} \\ \bullet \frac{[C] \sqcup [D] \sqsubseteq [C \sqcup D]}{[C] \sqsubseteq [C \sqcup D], \quad [D] \sqsubseteq [C \sqcup D]} \\ \bullet \frac{[\neg C] \sqsubseteq \neg[C]}{[\neg C] \sqcap [C] \sqsubseteq \perp} \\ \bullet \frac{\neg[C] \sqsubseteq [\neg C]}{\top \sqsubseteq [\neg C] \sqcap [C]} \end{array}$$

Rule Application

Procedure main(ontology, goal)

1. Normalizer.normalize(ontology)
2. proofHandler \leftarrow new ProofHandler(goal)
3. rules \leftarrow getRules(ontology, proofHandler)
4. **while** notFinished(proofHandler) **do**
 5. **for** (rule in rules) **do**
 6. setNewRule(rule.apply())

Proof Handler

- Active Axioms
- Active Concepts
- Inference Handling
- Goal Checking
- Proof Extraction

Rules

$$\mathbf{R}_A^+ \frac{}{H \sqsubseteq A} : A \in H \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_A^- \frac{H \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A}{H \sqsubseteq N} : \neg A \in H \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_\cap^n \frac{\{H \sqsubseteq N_i \sqcup A_i\}_{i=1}^n}{H \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n N_i \sqcup M} : \prod_{i=1}^n A_i \sqsubseteq M \in \mathcal{O} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_\exists^+ \frac{H \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A}{H \sqsubseteq N \sqcup \exists r.B} : A \sqsubseteq \exists r.B \in \mathcal{O} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_\exists^- \frac{H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup \exists r.K, \quad K \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A}{H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup B \sqcup \exists r.(K \sqcap \neg A)} : \exists s.A \sqsubseteq B \in \mathcal{O} \quad r \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{O}} s \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_\exists^\perp \frac{H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup \exists r.K, \quad K \sqsubseteq \perp}{H \sqsubseteq M} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_\forall \frac{H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup \exists r.K, \quad H \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A}{H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup N \sqcup \exists r.(K \sqcap B)} : A \sqsubseteq \forall s.B \in \mathcal{O} \quad r \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{O}} s \quad (7)$$

Consequence-Based Reasoning beyond Horn Ontologies [4]

$$\mathbf{R}_A^+ := \frac{}{H \sqsubseteq A} : A \in H$$

- ontology independent
- uses active concepts
- active concepts can be removed

$$\mathbf{R}_A^- := \frac{H \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A}{H \sqsubseteq N} : \neg A \in H$$

- ontology independent
- uses active axioms
- Search
 1. search for axiom with $\neg A \in H$ (find all)
 2. check whether A in superconcept

$$\mathbf{R}_{\sqcap}^n := \frac{\{H \sqsubseteq N_i \sqcup A_i\}_{i=1}^n}{H \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n N_i \sqcup M} : \bigwedge_{i=1}^n A_i \sqsubseteq M \in \mathcal{O}$$

- filter ontology
 - list of tuples $(\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}, \bigwedge_{i=1}^n A_i \sqsubseteq M)$
- preprocess active axioms
 - $m(H, A) := \langle (\{N_c \mid N_c \in N\}, H \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A) \rangle$
- search
 1. check for each H if $\{A \mid m(H, A) \text{ defined}\} \subseteq \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$
 2. create all $n^{\sum_{i=1}^n |m(H, A_i)|}$ combinations of $H \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n N_i \sqcup M$

$$\mathbf{R}_{\exists}^+ := \frac{H \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A}{H \sqsubseteq N \sqcup \exists r.B} : A \sqsubseteq \exists r.B \in \mathcal{O}$$

- filter ontology for $A \sqsubseteq \exists r.B$
- for each A in ontology search for $H \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A$

$$\mathbf{R}_{\exists}^{-} := \frac{H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup \exists r.K, \quad K \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A}{H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup B \sqcup \exists r.(K \sqcap \neg A)} :$$

$$A \sqsubseteq \forall s.B \in \mathcal{O} \quad r \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{O}} s$$

- filter ontology for r and A combinations
- search $K \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A$ for some A
- for found K search for $H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup \exists r.K$

$$\mathbf{R}_{\exists}^{\perp} := \frac{H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup \exists r.K, \quad K \sqsubseteq \perp}{H \sqsubseteq M}$$

- ontology independent
- first search for K then for H

$$\mathbf{R}_\forall := \frac{H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup \exists r.K, \quad H \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A}{H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup N \sqcup \exists r.(K \sqcap B)} :$$

$$A \sqsubseteq \forall s.B \in \mathcal{O} \quad r \sqsubseteq_{\mathcal{O}} s$$

- filter ontology for r and A combinations
- for each (A, r) search for $H \sqsubseteq N \sqcup A$
- based on H search for $H \sqsubseteq M \sqcup \exists r.K$

Comparison to Lethe

- LetheBasedALCHProofGenerator
- elimination based
- different calculus [3]
- also uses EVEC [2]
 - <https://github.com/de-tu-dresden-inf-lat/evec>
- tasks [1]

Task 1

- $\mathcal{O} := \{A \sqsubseteq C, C \sqsubseteq D, D \sqsubseteq E, B \equiv (F \sqcap \exists s.\exists r.G), A \sqsubseteq \exists s.\exists r.G, E \equiv ((D \sqcup H \sqcup I) \sqcap F)\}$
- Goal: $A \sqsubseteq B$

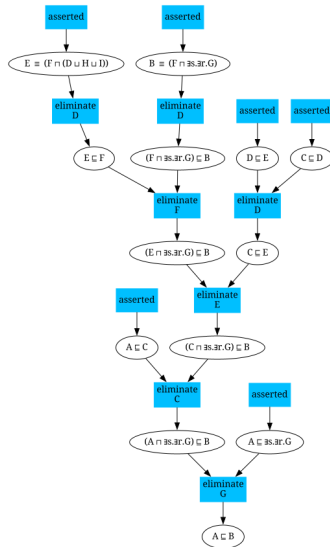


Figure: Lethe Proof for Task 1

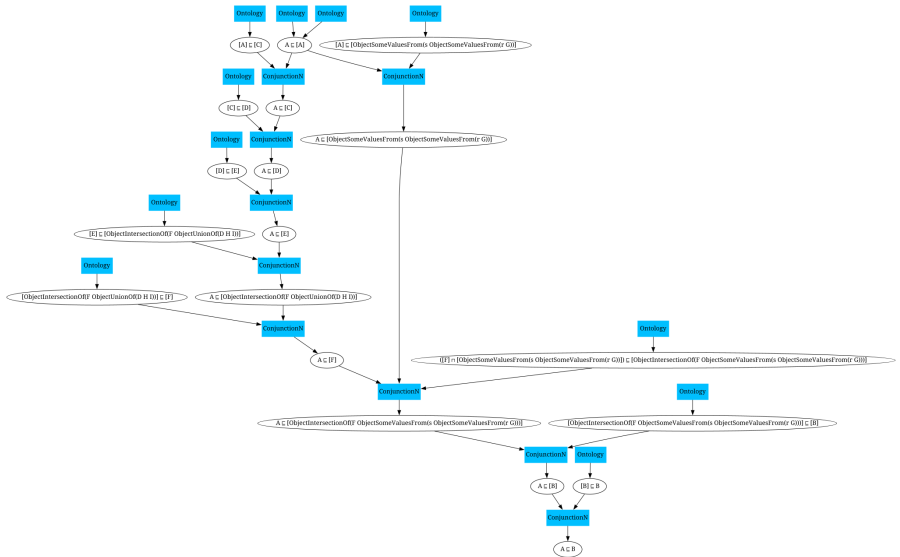


Figure: ALCH-Reasoner Proof for Task 1

Task 3

- $\mathcal{O} := \{A \equiv (C \sqcap \exists r.(D \sqcap \forall s.E)), B \equiv (\exists r.D \sqcap C)\}$
- Goal: $A \sqsubseteq B$

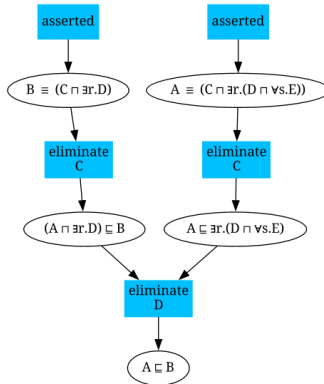


Figure: Lethe Proof for Task 3

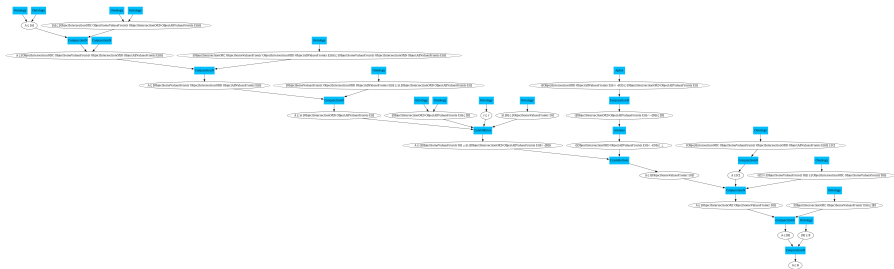


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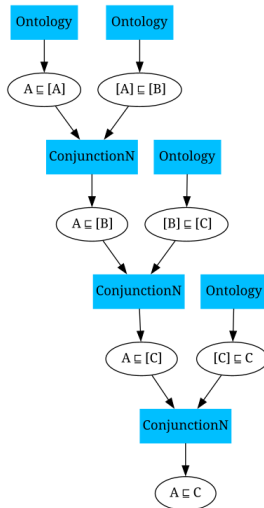


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ALCH-Reasoner Performance

Task	Time (ms)	#Axioms	Size largest Premise	#RuleApplications
00001	192	19	3	20
00003	5913	23	4	27
00008	133	15	3	18
00009	119	25	4	27
00012	24	7	2	7

Lethe Performance

Task	Time (ms)	#Axioms	Size largest Premise	#RuleApplications
00001	2786	13	2	13
00003	502	5	2	5
00008	2728	8	2	8
00009	1348	11	2	11
00012	159	2	1	2

Conclusion

- Removal of normalization-caused steps
- Less readable due to normalization
- Fast but can be optimized

Thank you for your attention!