

#### Knowledge-Based Systems

# A Formal Introduction to Description Logic

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# Roadmap

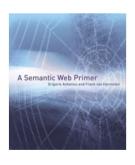


- Foundation
  - KR, ontology and rule; set theory
- Knowledge capture
- Knowledge representation
  - Ontology: Semantic Web standards RDF and OWL,
     Description Logics
  - Rule: Jess
- Knowledge reasoning
  - Ontology: formal semantics, tableaux algorithm
  - Rule: forward chaining, backward chaining
- Knowledge reuse and evaluation
- Meeting the real world
  - Jess and Java, Uncertainty, Invited talk



#### **Lecture Outline**

- The Story So Far
- Motivation
- Introduction to DL
- An Exercise on DL
- Practical



[Chapter 4]



[Sections: 2.2.1.1, 2.2.1.2,]



#### **Database and RDF**

 An RDF statement is a data unit with global and linkable ids for data and schema

Student ID	Name	take-course
p001	John	cs3019
p002	Tom	cs3023

- [csd:p001 rdf:type csd:Student .]
- [csd:p002 rdf:type csd:Student .]
- [csd:p001 csd:name "John" .]
- [csd:p002 csd:name "Tom" .]
- [csd:p001 csd:take-course csd:cs3019 .]
- [csd:p002 csd:take-course csd:cs3023 .]



## Schema in a Database System

 A database system includes some schema constraints, such as the foreign key constraint

Student ID	Name	take-course
p001	John	cs3015
p002	Tom	cs3025

Course ID	Title	coordinator
cs3017	AIS	AS
cs3025	KBS	JP



# **OWL Profiles and Reasoning**



- Current version of OWL is OWL 2
- OWL 2 has three tractable (with low computational complexity) profiles
  - OWL 2 EL: schema reasoning, instance reasoning and query answering
  - OWL 2 QL: query answering
  - OWL 2 RL: the "rule fragment" of OWL 2
- Unions of any of the two profiles are no longer tractable



## Schema in a Knowledge Based System

1) Allow schema constraints, such as DisjointClasses (UndgStudent MastStudent)

UndgStudent ID	Name	take-course
csd:p001	John	csd:cs3014
csd:p002	Tom	csd:cs3025

MastStudent ID	Name	take-course
csd:p008	Yuan	csd:cs5010
csd:p002	Tom	csd:cs5017



### Schema in a Knowledge Based System

2) Allow some reasoning based on axioms (open world assumption), such as SubClassOf (MastStudent Student)

Student ID	Name	take-course
csd:p001	John	csd:cs3015
csd:p002	Tom	csd:cs3025

MastStudent ID	Name	take-course
csd:p008	Yuan	csd:cs5010
csd:p002	Tom	csd:cs5017

thus all the students include csd:p001, csd:p002, and csd:p008



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#### **Motivations**



- Well defined and simplified syntax
- Clear formal semantics
- Good balance between expressive power and decidability

[used as the underpinnings of the Semantic Web standard ontology language]



# **WILSHIRE**

#### **Designing and Building Business Ontologies**

ions, the An Intensive 4-DAY SEMINAR with Workshops and Demonstrations, Enterprise led by Dave McComb and Simon Robe

#### Seminar Objectives

#### Participant

- understanding of what an ontology is and what it can be used for.
- Understand how representing information in an ontology goes beyond a conceptual model or a simple taxonomy
- . Understand the difference between frame based/ declarative classes and description logic based/ derivable classes.
- · Understand the difference between open world and closed world models.
- Understand the basic principles for designing Ontologies for corporate applications.



### Tim's Dream of the Web



- Allow people to share knowledge
  - To work together better
- Allow programs to handle the shared knowledge and data
  - In a meaningful way
  - To help people analysis and manage activities



# At roughly the same time ...



- Breakthrough around 2000-2007
  - Highly optimisation algorithms for ontology reasoners
  - By Prof. Ian Horrocks (Oxford U.) and colleagues
    - FaCT reasoner (lan Horrocks)
    - FaCT-DG reasoner (Jeff Pan and Ian Horrocks)
    - FaCT++ reasoner (Dmitry Tsarkov and Ian Horrocks)
- Some recent breakthrough (2008-2016)
  - TrOWL: Approximate reasoning (Jeff Pan)

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  - The big picture
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# Syntax of OWL



#### Abstract syntax

- Rather lengthy
- But easier for people who are not familiar
   with logical symbols e.g. ∀, ∃ ...

### DL syntax

- Compact
- Widely used in scientific papers and reports



# Symbols in DL



- Non-logical symbols
  - Predicates
    - Classes (unary predicates)
    - Properties (binary predicates)
  - Constants (0-ary function symbols)
    - Objects/Individuals
- Logical symbols
  - Punctuation: (, ), .
  - Connectives: ¬, □, □, ∀,∃, ≤, ≥
  - No variable symbols



## **Descriptions**



#### Class descriptions

- C □ D: intersectionOf (C D)
- C□D: unionOf (C D)
- ¬C: complementOf (C)
- {o1,...,on}: oneOf (o1, ...,on)
- Restriction

#### Example class descriptions

- Burgundy 
   ¬ Whitewine: intersectionOf (Burgundy Whitewine)
- ¬Frenchwine: complementOf (Frenchwine)
- {White Rose Red}: oneOf (White Rose Red)



### **OWL DL: Class Axioms**



#### Class axioms

- A ⊆C: Class (A partial C)
- A≡C: Class (A complete C)
- C □D: SubClassOf (C D)
- C ≡D: EquivalantClasses (C D)
- C ⊑¬D: DisjointClasses (C D)
- Example class axioms

  - ∃hasS.PhDS ⊑Academic □ FTStaff: SubClassOf (restriction (hasS someValuesFrom (PhDS)) intersectionOf (Academic FTStaff))
  - Lecturer AsistentProf: EquivalentClasses (Lecturer AsistentProf)
  - Male 

    ¬Female: DisjointClasses (Male Female)



# **Semantics and Interpretations**



"Billy, I'm not going to argue the semantics of biting. Whether or not you penetrated skin, I'm calling your mother."

[Source: blogspot.com]



# **DL** Interpretations

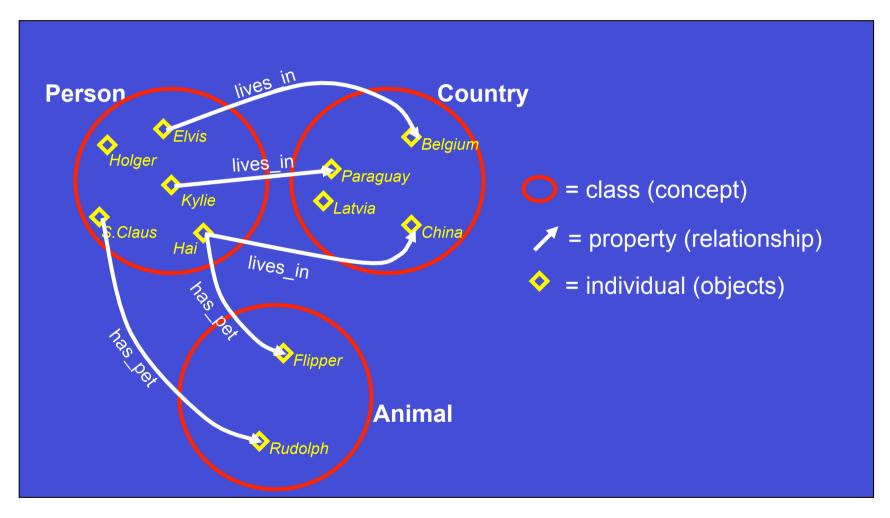
- An interpretation I is written as (Δ<sup>I</sup>, •<sup>I</sup>)
  - $-\Delta^{I}$  is the non-empty domain (similar to universal set)
  - •I is the interpretation function
    - all individuals are members of the domain:  $o^I \in \Delta^I$
    - all classes are subsets of the domain  $A^{I} \subseteq \Delta^{I}$ 
      - e.g., Employee<sup>l</sup>= {E1, E2, E3, E4}
    - all properties are subsets R<sup>I</sup> ⊆ Δ<sup>I</sup> \*Δ<sup>I</sup>

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e.g., Works-for<sup>I</sup>= {<E1,P1>, <E2,P1>, <E2,P2>, <E3,P1>, <E3,P2>, <E4,P2>}
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- Domain is a mathematical representation of the world
- Interpretation function allows us to consider all possible assignment of class and property memberships
  - all possible databases for the given schema



# **Example: DL Interpretations**



[Picture Credit: Protégé Team]

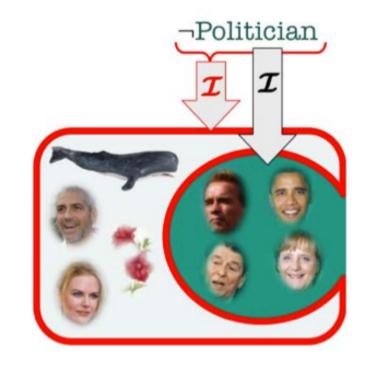


$$(\neg C)^I = \Delta^I \setminus C^I$$
$$(C \sqcap D)^I = C^I \cap D^I$$
$$(C \sqcup D)^I = C^I \cup D^I$$



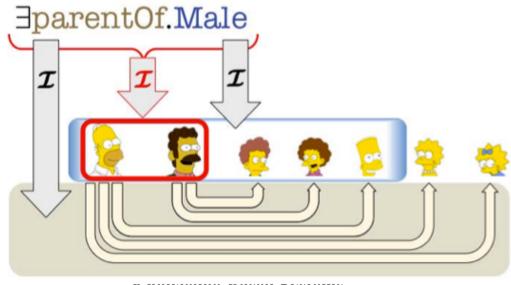


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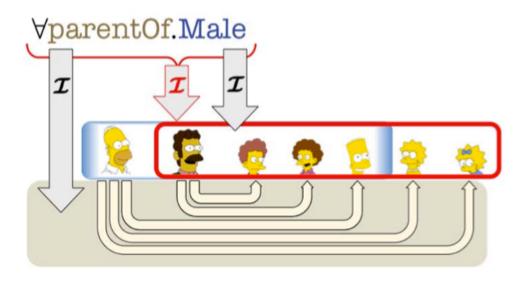


$$\exists r. C = \{ \mathbf{x} \mid \exists \mathbf{y}. \ (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in r^{\mathbf{I}} \land \mathbf{y} \in C^{\mathbf{I}} \}$$
$$\forall r. C = \{ \mathbf{x} \mid \forall \mathbf{y}. \ (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in r^{\mathbf{I}} \rightarrow \mathbf{y} \in C^{\mathbf{I}} \}$$





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Abstract Syntax	DL Syntax	Semantics
Class(A)	Α	$A^{x} \subseteq \Delta^{x}$
Class(owl:Thing)	Т	$T^{\mathcal{I}} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
Class(owl:Nothing)	$\perp$	$\perp^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset$
$intersectionOf(C_1, C_2,)$	I	$(C_1 \sqcap C_2)^T = C_1^T \cap C_2^T$
unionOf $(C_1, C_2,)$	I	$(C_1 \sqcup C_2)^T = C_1^T \cup C_2^T$
complementOf(C)	I	$(\neg C)^{\mathcal{I}} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \setminus C^{\mathcal{I}}$
$oneOf(o_1, o_2,)$	$\{o_1\} \sqcup \{o_2\}$	$(\{o_1\} \sqcup \{o_2\})^T = \{o_1^T, o_2^T\}$
restriction(R someValuesFrom(C))	$\exists R.C$	$(\exists R.C)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{x \mid \exists y. \langle x, y \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{I}} \land y \in C^{\mathcal{I}}\}$
restriction(R allValuesFrom(C))	$\forall R.C$	$(\forall R.C)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{x \mid \forall y.\langle x, y \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{I}} \rightarrow y \in C^{\mathcal{I}}\}$
restriction(R hasValue(o))	$\exists R.\{o\}$	$(\exists R.\{o\})^{\mathcal{I}} = \{x \mid \langle x, o^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{I}}\}$
restriction(R minCardinality(m))	$\geqslant mR$	$(\geqslant mR)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{x \mid \sharp \{y.\langle x, y \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{I}}\} \geq m\}$
restriction(R maxCardinality(m))	$\leq mR$	$(\leqslant mR)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{x \mid \sharp \{y.\langle x, y \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{I}}\} \leq m\}$
restriction(T someValuesFrom(u))	$\exists T.u$	$(\exists T.u)^T = \{x \mid \exists t. \langle x, t \rangle \in T^T \land t \in u^D\}$
restriction(T allValuesFrom(u))	I	$(\forall T.u)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{x \mid \exists t. \langle x, t \rangle \in T^{\mathcal{I}} \rightarrow t \in u^{\mathbf{D}}\}$
restriction(T hasValue(w))	$\exists T.\{w\}$	$(\exists T.\{w\})^{\mathcal{I}} = \{x \mid \langle x, w^{\mathbf{D}} \rangle \in T^{\mathcal{I}}\}$
restriction(T minCardinality(m))	$\geqslant mT$	$(\geqslant mT)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{x \mid \sharp\{t \mid \langle x, t \rangle \in T^{\mathcal{I}}\} \geq m\}$
restriction(T maxCardinality(m))	$\leq mT$	$(\leqslant mT)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{x \mid \sharp\{t \mid \langle x, t \rangle \in T^{\mathcal{I}}\} \leq m\}$
ObjectProperty(S)	S	$S^{I} \subseteq \Delta^{I} \times \Delta^{I}$
ObjectProperty(S' inverseOf(S))		$(S^-)^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
DatatypeProperty $(T)$	T	$T^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$



## **DL Axioms**

Abstract Syntax	DL Syntax
Class(A partial $C_1 \ldots C_n$ )	$A \sqsubseteq C_1 \sqcap \ldots \sqcap C_n$
Class(A complete $C_1 \ldots C_n$ )	$A \equiv C_1 \sqcap \sqcap C_n$
EnumeratedClass $(A o_1 \dots o_n)$	$A \equiv \{ o_1 \} \sqcup \ldots \sqcup \{ o_n \}$
SubClassOf( $C_1, C_2$ )	$C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$
EquivalentClasses $(C_1 \ldots C_n)$	$C_1 \equiv \ldots \equiv C_n$
DisjointClasses( $C_1 \ldots C_n$ )	$C_i \sqsubseteq \neg C_i$ ,
Zisjomionisses(O1 ··· On)	$(1 \le i < j \le n)$
SubPropertyOf( $R_1, R_2$ )	$R_1 \sqsubseteq R_2$
EquivalentProperties $(R_1 \ldots R_n)$	$R_1 \equiv \equiv R_n$
ObjectProperty( $R$ super( $R_1$ ) super( $R_n$ )	$R \sqsubseteq R_i$
$domain(C_1)$ $domain(C_k)$	$\geqslant 1R \sqsubseteq C_i$
$range(C_1) \dots range(C_h)$	$\top \sqsubseteq \forall R.C_i$
[Symmetric]	$R \equiv R^-$
[Functional]	Func(R)
[InverseFunctional]	$\operatorname{Func}(R^{-})$
[Transitive])	Trans(R)
AnnotationProperty( $R$ )	` ´
Individual(o type( $C_1$ ) type( $C_n$ )	$\circ: C_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$
$value(R_1, o_1) \dots value(R_n, o_n)$	$\langle o, o_i \rangle : R_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$
SameIndividual( $o_1 \dots o_n$ )	$\circ_1 = \ldots = \circ_n$
DifferentIndividuals( $o_1 \dots o_n$ )	$o_i \neq o_j, 1 \leq i < j \leq n$



# **OWL DL: Object Property Axioms**



#### Property axioms

- R1 ⊑ R2: ObjectProperty (R1 super(R2))
- R1≡R2⁻: ObjectProperty (R1 inverseOf (R2))
- ∃R.⊤ ⊆ C: ObjectProperty(R domain(C))
- ∃R⊤ ⊑C: ObjectProperty(R range(C))
- Trans(R): ObjectProperty(R Transitive)
- R≡R⁻: ObjectProperty(R Symmetric)
- Func(R): ObjectProperty(R Functional)
- Func(R<sup>-</sup>): ObjectProperty(R InverseFunctional)



### **OWL DL: Individual Axioms**

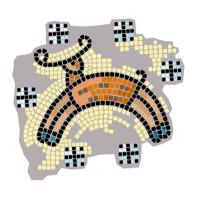


#### Individual axioms

- a:C Individual (a type C)
- <a,b>: R Individual (a value (R b))
- a = b SameIndividual (a b)
- a ≠ b DifferentIndividuals (a b)
- Example individual axioms
  - CS4021:Course Individual (CS4021 type Cource)
  - <jpan,CS4021>: teach Individual (jpan value (teach CS4021))
  - w3c:jpan = csd:jpan SameIndividual (w3c:jpan csd:jpan)
  - w3c:jsmith ≠ csd:jsmith DifferentIndividuals (w3c:jsmith csd:jsmith)



#### **DL Exercise**



Q: Given this interpretation,

 $\Delta^{I} = \{Tom, Jane, Mike, Jack, Ian\}$ 

Student<sup>I</sup> = {Tom, Jane, Mike}

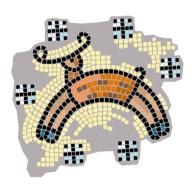
Researcher<sup>I</sup> = {Jane, Ian}

write down the interpretations of the following class descriptions

- 1. Student ⊔ Researcher = {Tom, Jane, Mike, Ian}
- 2.  $\neg$ Student = {Jack, Ian}



# **DL Syntax Exercise**



Q: Write down the following OWL axioms in DL syntax

1. Class (Cat partial Animal)

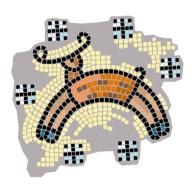
Cat **⊆** Animal

2. Class (Dog partial Animal)

 $\mathbf{Dog} \sqsubseteq \mathbf{Animal}$ 



#### **DL Exercise**



- Q: Write down the following OWL axioms in DL syntax
- ObjectProperty (eats domain (Animal) range (LivingThing))
- ObjectProperty (owns domain (Person) range (intersectionOf (LivingThing complementOf (Person))))



### **Practical**



- More exercises with Protégé
  - Building the Animal ontology
- More exercises on DL
  - interpretations
  - reasoner implementation



## **Summary**

- DL syntax
  - compact
  - widely used in DL literature

DL semantics defined in terms of interpretations



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