#### COMP318: Introduction to OWL

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#### Where were we

OWL preliminaries

OWL class constructors

• https://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-primer/

#### OVL class constructors

- Classes can also be defined through enumeration using owl:oneOf
  - allows a class to be defined extensionally,
    - with exactly the enumerated individual

```
:simpsonFamily owl:equivalentClass [
  rdf:type owl:Class;
  owl:oneOf (:marge,:homer,:lisa,:maggie,;bart)
] .
```



```
Class: simpsonFamily
EquivalentTo: { marge, homer, lisa, maggie, bart }

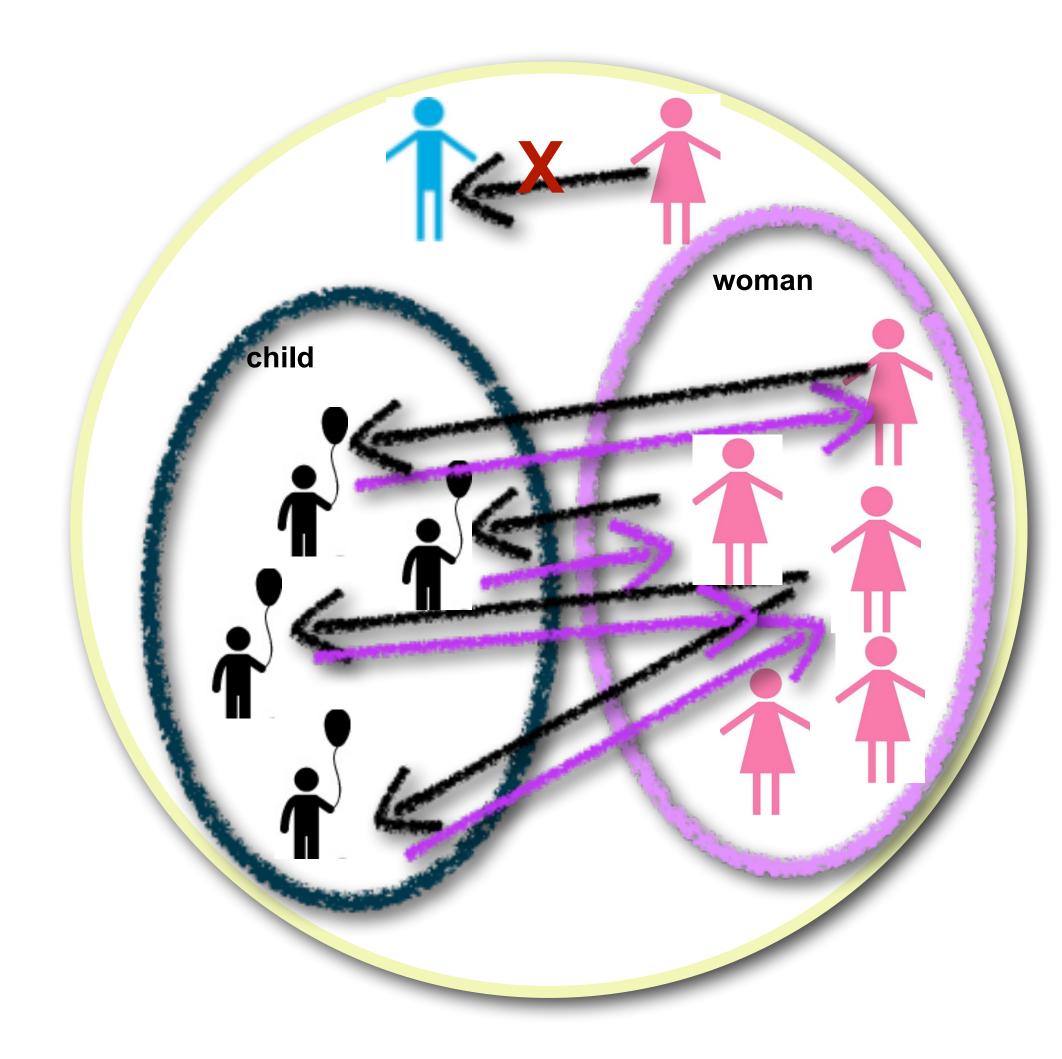
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# OVL properties

- As in RDFS, there are two types of properties in OWL datatypes and object properties.
  - datatype properties relate objects to datatype values:
    - name, phoneNumber, age...
  - OWL does not have any predefined datatypes
    - but it allows users to use XML Schema data types
    - &xsd;nonNegativeInteger is an abbreviation for "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#nonNegativeInteger"

# OVL properties

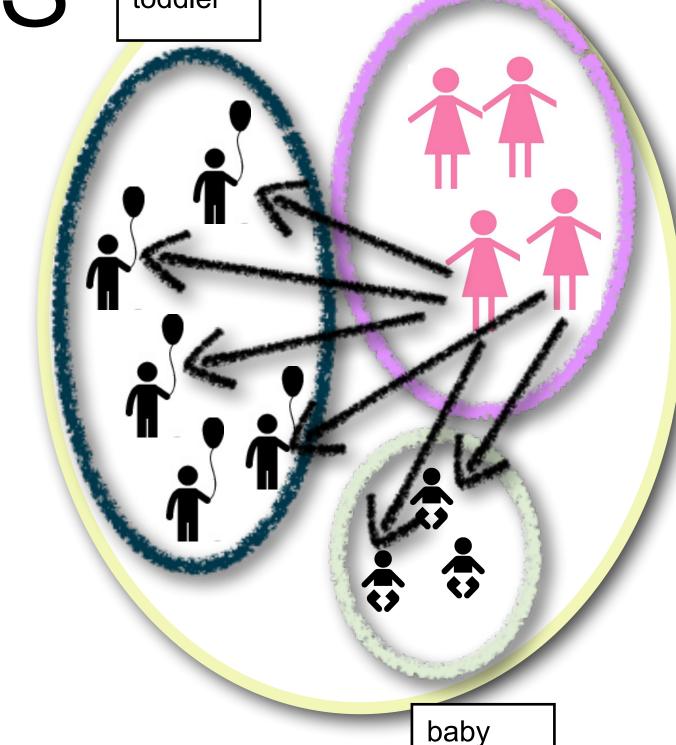
- Object properties.
  - relate objects to other objects
    - marriedTo, father, spouse...



Property restrictions

 Restrictions allow us to build new classes from class, property and individual names

- existential quantification:
  - define a class that consists of all objects for which there exist at least
     one toddler among the values of motherOf
  - the restriction defines an **anonymous** class with no ID and only local scope it can only be used in the place the restriction appears



mother

```
:motherOfToddler rdf:type owl:Class;
    rdf:type owl:Class;
    rdf:type owl:Restriction;
    owl:onProperty :motherOf;
    owl:someValuesFrom :toddler.]
```

Class: motherOfToddler SubClassOf: motherOf some toddler

Property restrictions

- Restrictions allow us to build new classes from class, property and individual names
  - universal quantification:
    - define a class that consists of all objects for which all values of motherOf are babies

```
:motherOfBaby rdf:type owl:Class;
   rdfs:subClassOf [
       rdf:type owl:Class;
       rdf:type owl:Restriction;
   owl:onProperty :motherOf;
   owl:allValuesFrom :Baby . ]
```

Class: motherOfBaby SubClassOf: motherOf all baby

Cardinality restrictions

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• min, max and exactly cardinality restrictions

```
Class: motherOfChildren SubClassOf: motherOf min 2 Offspring
```

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Class: motherOfChildren SubClassOf: motherOf max 4 Offspring
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Class: motherOfChildren SubClassOf: motherOf exactly 2 Offspring
```

```
:motherOfChildren rdf:type owl:Class;
    rdfs:subClassOf [
        rdf:type owl:Class;
        owl:intersectionOf
        ( [ rdf:type owl:Restriction;
             owl:Cardinality "2"^^&xsd:nonNegativeInteger;
             owl:onProperty :motherOf .])
```

#### has Value restriction

- Restrictions allow us to build new classes from class, property and individual names
  - Simpsons children are children of Marge



```
:motherOfSimpsons rdf:type owl:Class;
  owl:EquivalentClass [
    rdf:type owl:Restriction;
    owl:onProperty :offspringOf;
    owl:hasValue :Marge
```

Class: motherOfSimpsons SubClassOf: offspringOf value Marge

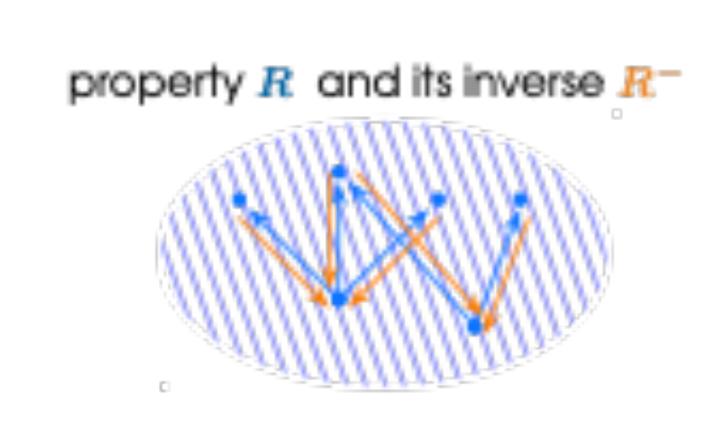
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### OWL 1.0: characterising properties

- We can explicitly states the characteristics of object properties, and use these characteristics to refine reasoning:
  - owl:TransitiveProperty;
  - owl:SymmetricProperty;
  - owl:InverseOf;
  - owl:FunctionalProperty and owl:InverseFunctionalProperty.

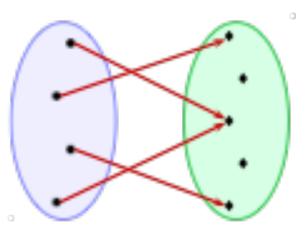
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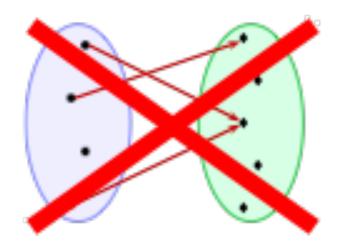
- OWL:TransitiveProperty
  - for all x, y, z if R(x, y) and R(y, z) then R(x, z)
    - isTallerThan, hasSameGradeAs, isSiblingOf, ...
- OWL:SymmetricProperty
  - for all x, y if R(x, y) then R(y, x)
    - isSiblingOf, hasSameGradeAs, isFriendOf ...
- OWL:InverseProperty
  - for all x, y if R(x, y) then R(y, x) = R-(x, y)
  - hasParent
    - isParentOf

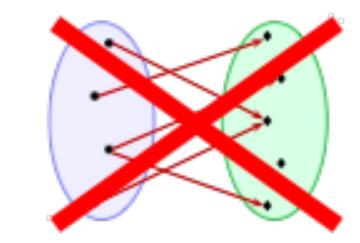


#### Functions

- A function from a set A to a set B is a binary relation R ⊆
   A × B in which every element of A is R-related to a unique element of B
  - in other words for each  $a \in A$ , there is precisely one pair (a, b) in R

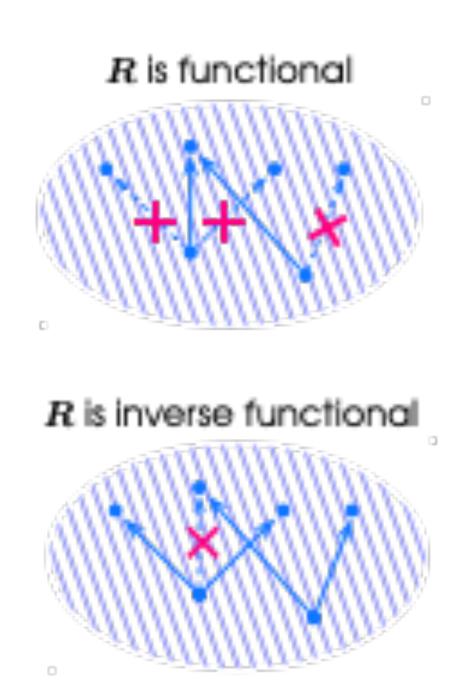






# OWL 1.0: characterising properties

- OWL:FunctionalProperty
  - for every x there is at most one y with R(x, y)
    - at most one value is associated to each object
      - directSupervisor
- OWL:inverseFunctionalProperty
  - for every y there is at most one x with R(x, y)
  - two different objects cannot have the same value associated to them
    - hasStudentNumber
      - for each StudentNumber, there can only be one student associated to that number.



### Example

- Translate in turtle syntax the following statements, and add any axiom you think appropriate:
  - john is a lecturer
  - mary is an academic staff member
  - mary is 39 years old
  - COMP1111 is a course
  - each course is taught by at most one staff member
  - john teaches COMP1111
  - mary teaches COMP1111

### Example (ctd)

- Is the model we obtain correct, or does it contain contradictory information?
  - If so, what are the statements that cause a contradiction?
  - how would you solve it?

### Example

- Translate in turtle syntax the following statements:
  - first year courses are courses taught only by professors

### Recap

OWL class constructors

OWL properties

Restrictions

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