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# DESCRIPTION LOGIC SYNTAX

**Problem 1.** Suppose that C and D are concept names and s, r are role names. State for every expression from below whether it is

- a concept
- a concept equivalence
- a concept inclusion
- a role inclusion
- (1)  $C \sqcap D$
- (2)  $C \sqcap D \sqcup C$
- $(3) \neg C$
- (4)  $C \sqsubseteq D$
- (5)  $\forall r.(C \sqcup D)$
- (6)  $C \equiv \exists r^-.(C \sqcup D)$
- (7)  $\exists s.(\exists r.C) \sqsubseteq D$
- (8)  $C \sqcap D \sqsubseteq C$
- (9)  $C \equiv C \sqcap D$
- (10)  $r \sqsubseteq s$

- (1)  $C \sqcap D$ : Concept
- (2)  $C \sqcap D \sqcup C$ : Concept
- (3)  $\neg C$ : Concept
- (4)  $C \sqsubseteq D$ : Concept inclusion
- (5)  $\forall r.(C \sqcup D)$  : Concept
- (6)  $C \equiv \exists r^{-}.(C \sqcup D)$ : Concept equivalence

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- (7)  $\exists s.(\exists r.C) \sqsubseteq D$ : Concept inclusion
- (8)  $C \sqcap D \sqsubseteq C$ : Concept inclusion
- (9)  $C \equiv C \sqcap D$ : Concept equivalence
- (10)  $r \sqsubseteq s$ : role inclusion

**Problem 2.** Let Author, Book and Article be concept names, and let writes be a role name.

- Express the following statements in natural language:
  - (1)  $\exists writes.Book \sqsubseteq Author$
  - $(2) \ \forall writes.Book$
  - $(3) \exists writes.Book$
  - $(4) \ \exists writes^-. \top \sqsubseteq Book \sqcup Article$
  - (5)  $Author \sqsubseteq \exists writes. \top$
  - (6)  $Author \sqsubseteq \exists writes. \bot$
  - $(7) \geq 11 \ writes. \top \sqsubseteq Author$
  - $(8) \geq 9 \ writes.Book \sqsubseteq Author$
  - (9)  $\forall writes. \top \sqsubseteq \exists writes. Book$
  - (10)  $\exists writes. \top \sqsubseteq (\geq 5writes. \top)$
  - $(11) \ge 5 \ writes. \top \sqsubseteq \exists writes. \top$
  - $(12) \leq 1 \ writes. \top \sqsubseteq \neg Author$
- For every expression from above state whether it is (a) a concept, (b) a concept inclusion, (c) a role inclusion, (d) none of the above.

- (1)  $\exists writes.Book \sqsubseteq Author :$  Concept inclusion Anyone who writes a book is an author.
- (2)  $\forall writes.Book$ : Concept This concept describes a set of individuals, who wrote only books, and possibly nothing.
- (3)  $\exists writes.Book$ : Concept This concept describes a set of individuals who wrote a book
- (4)  $\exists writes^-. \top \sqsubseteq Book \sqcup Article :$  Concept inclusion Whatever written is either a book or an article.
- (5)  $Author \sqsubseteq \exists writes. \top : Concept inclusion$ Every author has written something.
- (6)  $Author \sqsubseteq \exists writes. \bot :$  Concept inclusion Every author has written nothing.

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- (7)  $\geq 11 \ writes. \top \sqsubseteq Author$ : Concept inclusion Everyone, who wrote more than 11 artifacts, is an author.
- (8)  $\geq 9 \text{ writes.} Book \sqsubseteq Author : Concept inclusion}$ Everyone, who wrote more than 9 books, is an author.
- (9) ∀writes. T ⊆ ∃writes. Book : Concept inclusion Everything writes a book. Explanation: ∀writes. T contains individuals, who either did not write anything at all or wrote something (no matter what it is), i.e., the left hand-side of the given concept inclusion describes the whole domain, since ∀writes. T = Δ for any I.
- (10)  $\exists writes. \top \sqsubseteq \geq 5writes. \top$ : Concept inclusion Everyone, who wrote something, wrote at least 5 artifacts.
- (11)  $\geq 5 \text{ writes.} \top \sqsubseteq \exists \text{writes.} \top : \text{Concept inclusion}$ Those who wrote at least 5 things, wrote something.
- (12)  $\leq 1 \text{ writes.} \top \sqsubseteq \neg Author : Concept inclusion$ Those who wrote at most 1 thing are not authors.

**Problem 3.** Write the following statements in description logic  $\mathcal{SHOIQ}$ . Explicitly mention, which of the used symbols are concept names, role names and nominals.

- (1) Every student at Saarland university is a person;  $\exists studentAt.\{saarland\_uni\} \sqsubseteq Person$
- (2) MPI for Informatics has at least 500 students;  $\{mpi\} \sqsubseteq \geq 500 \, studentAt^-. \top$
- (3) Every citizen of Germany is a European;  $\exists citizen Of. \{germany\} \sqsubseteq European$
- (4) There are at least 150.000 people in Saarland;  $\{Saarland\} \sqsubseteq \geq 150000 \ citizenOf^-$
- (5) The domain of the relation "lives in" comprises of people;  $\exists livesIn. \top \sqsubseteq Person$
- (6) The range of the relation "has nationality" comprises of countries;  $\exists hasNationality^-. \top \sqsubseteq Country$
- (7) Bob lived in at least 3 countries;  $\geq 3 \ livesIn.Country(bob)$
- (8) Everybody who has a happy friend is also happy;  $\exists hasFriend.Happy \sqsubseteq Happy$
- (9) Brad and Angelina played in at least 2 movies together;  $\{brad\} \sqsubseteq \geq 2 \ actedIn.(Film \sqcap \exists actedIn^-.\{angelina\})$



(10) Brad and Charlie did not work together.  $\exists workedAt^-.\{brad\} \sqsubseteq \neg \exists workedAt^-.\{charlie\}, \text{ or } \exists workedAt^-.\{brad\} \sqcap \exists workedAt^-.\{charlie\} \sqsubseteq \bot \text{ or } \neg workedWith(brad, charlie)$ 

## DESCRIPTION LOGIC SEMANTICS

# Problem 4. Consider the description logic statements from Problem 2.

- For every concept inclusion  $\mathcal{E}$ , check whether  $\mathcal{E}$  follows from the empty TBox (i.e., check whether  $\emptyset \models \mathcal{E}$ ), and if it is not the case, construct an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ , such that  $\mathcal{I} \not\models \mathcal{E}$ .
- For every concept  $\mathcal{E}$ , test whether  $\mathcal{E}$  is satisfiable. If this is the case, define an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  such that  $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{I}} \neq \emptyset$ .

#### Solution:

- For every concept inclusion  $\mathcal{E}$ , check whether  $\mathcal{E}$  follows from the empty TBox (i.e., check whether  $\emptyset \models \mathcal{E}$ ), and if it is not the case, construct an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ , such that  $\mathcal{I} \not\models \mathcal{E}$ .
  - (1)  $\exists writes.Book \sqsubseteq Author : Concept inclusion$ Let us construct an interpretation  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$  as follows:
    - \*  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, b, a2\}$
    - $* Author^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a2\}$
    - $*\ Book^{\mathcal{I}} = \{b\}$
    - \*  $writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a,b)\}$

We have that  $a \in (\exists writes.Book)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , but  $a \notin Author^{\mathcal{I}}$ .

Hence, for the constructed interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  it holds that  $\mathcal{I} \not\models \exists writes.Book \sqsubseteq Author$ , meaning that  $\emptyset \not\models \exists writes.Book \sqsubseteq Author$ .

- (4)  $\exists writes^-. \top \sqsubseteq Book \sqcup Article : Concept inclusion Consider the following interpretation <math>\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$ :
  - \*  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$
  - $* Book^{\mathcal{I}} = \{b\}$
  - \*  $Article^{\mathcal{I}} = \{d\}$
  - \*  $writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a, b), (c, d), (a, e)\}$

We have that  $e \in (\exists writes^-.\top)^{\mathcal{I}}$ ; however,  $e \notin (Book \sqcup Article)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , therefore  $\mathcal{I} \not\models \exists writes^-.Book \sqsubseteq Author$ , and thus the given concept inclusion does not follow from an empty TBox.

(5) Author  $\sqsubseteq \exists writes. \top$ : Concept inclusion Let us consider the following interpretation  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$ :

\* 
$$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, a_2, b, d\}$$



\*  $Author^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a\}$ 

\* 
$$writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a_2, b), (a_2, d)\}$$

We have that  $a \in Author^{\mathcal{I}}$ , but  $a \notin (\exists writes. \top)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , hence  $\mathcal{I} \not\models \mathcal{E}$  and  $\emptyset \not\models \mathcal{E}$ .

- (6) Author  $\sqsubseteq \exists writes. \bot :$  Concept inclusion Consider  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}}):$ 
  - $* \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, b\};$
  - \*  $Author^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a\};$
  - \*  $writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a,b)\}.$

It holds that  $a \in Author^{\mathcal{I}}$ ; however,  $a \notin (\exists writes. \bot)^{\mathcal{I}}$ . Note that  $\exists writes. \bot$  is unsatisfiable, i.e., it is always empty, and hence no interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ , such that  $Author^{\mathcal{I}} \neq \emptyset$  can be a model of  $Author \sqsubseteq \exists writes. \bot$ .

- (7)  $\geq 11 \ writes. \top \sqsubseteq Author :$  Concept inclusion Let us define  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$  as follows:
  - \*  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, a_2, b_1, b_2, ...., b_{12}, c\}$
  - \*  $Author^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a_2\}$
  - \*  $writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a, b_1), (a, b_2), ...., (a, b_{12}), (a_2, c)\}$

We have that  $a \in (\geq 11 \ writes. \top)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , but  $a \notin Author^{\mathcal{I}}$ , and thus  $\mathcal{I} \not\models \geq 11 \ writes. \top \sqsubseteq Author$ , i.e., the inclusion does not follow from the empty TBox.

(8)  $\geq 9 \text{ writes.} Book \sqsubseteq Author : Concept inclusion}$ Assume that  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$  is given as follows:

\*  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, a_2, b_1, b_2, ...., b_{10}\}$ 

- \*  $\Delta^{\mathcal{L}} = \{a, a_2, b_1, b_2, ...., b_{10}\}$ \*  $Author^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a_2\}$
- \*  $Book^{\mathcal{I}} = \{b_1, ...., b_{10}\}$
- \*  $writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a, b_1), (a, b_2), ..., (a, b_9), (a_2, b_{10})\}$

It holds that  $a \in (\geq 9writes.Book)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , but  $a \notin Author^{\mathcal{I}}$ , thus  $\mathcal{I} \not\models \mathcal{E}$ .

(9)  $\forall writes. \top \sqsubseteq \exists writes. Book : Concept inclusion$ 

Consider  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$  defined as follows:

- $* \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a\}$
- $* writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset$
- $*\ Book^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset$

As earlier mentioned  $\forall writes. \top$  is a set of individuals who either did not write anything or wrote something, i.e., that it is the set  $\{a\}$  in our interpretation, i.e.,  $a \in (\forall writes. \top)^{\mathcal{I}}$ ; however,  $a \notin (\exists writes. Book)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{I} \not\models \mathcal{E}$ .

(10)  $\exists writes. \top \sqsubseteq (\geq 5 \ writes. \top) :$  Concept inclusion Consider  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$  defined as follows:

 $* \ \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a,b\}$ 

\*  $writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a,b)\}$ 

We have  $a \in (\exists writes)^{\mathcal{I}}$ ; however,  $a \notin (\geq 5 \ writes. \top)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , since a wrote only b. Thus it holds that  $\mathcal{I} \not\models \mathcal{E}$ .



(11)  $\geq 5$  writes. $\top \sqsubseteq \exists$  writes. $\top$ : Concept inclusion.

This concept inclusion follows from the empty TBox, i.e., any interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  satisfies it. Indeed, whenever someone wrote at least 5 things, he must have written something.

(12)  $\leq 1 \text{ } writes. \top \sqsubseteq \neg Author : Concept inclusion$ 

For the below interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ , it holds that  $\mathcal{I} \not\models \mathcal{E}$ :

\* 
$$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, b_1\}$$

\* 
$$Author^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a\}$$

\* 
$$writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset$$

We have  $a \in (\leq 1 writes. \top)^{\mathcal{I}}$ ; however,  $a \notin (\neg Author)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , since  $a \in Author^{\mathcal{I}}$ 

- For every concept  $\mathcal{E}$ , test whether  $\mathcal{E}$  is satisfiable. If this is the case, define an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  such that  $\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{I}} \neq \emptyset$ .
- (2)  $\forall writes.Book$ : Concept

The following interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  satisfies this concept:

$$- \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, a_2, b_1\}$$

$$- Book^{\mathcal{I}} = \{b_1\}$$

- 
$$writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a, b_1)\}$$

We have  $(\forall writes.Book)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, a_2, b_1\}$ 

(3)  $\exists writes.Book : Concept$ 

This concept is satisfied by the following interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ :

$$-\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, b\}$$

$$- Book^{\mathcal{I}} = \{b\}$$

$$- writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a, b)\}$$

It holds that  $(\exists writes.Book)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a\}.$ 

**Problem 5.** Consider the following interpretation  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$  given as

$$\bullet \ \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$\quad \bullet \ C^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a\}$$

$$\bullet \ D^{\mathcal{I}} = \{b,c\}$$

$$\bullet \ s^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(c,a), (a,a), (a,b)\}$$

Compute the extension of the following concepts under  $\mathcal{I}$ :

(1) 
$$(C \sqcup D)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, b, c\};$$

$$(2) \ (C \sqcap D)^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset;$$

$$(3) \ (\top \sqcap \neg (C \sqcup \neg D))^{\mathcal{I}} = (\top \sqcap (\neg C \sqcap D))^{\mathcal{I}} = (\top \sqcap (\{b,c\} \sqcap \{b,c\}))^{\mathcal{I}} = \{b,c\};$$



- $(4) (\forall s. (C \sqcup D))^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, b, c\};$
- (5)  $(\forall s.(C \sqcap D))^{\mathcal{I}} = (\forall s.(\{\})^{\mathcal{I}} = \{b\};$
- (6)  $(\forall s.C \sqcap \exists s.D)^{\mathcal{I}} = (\{c,b\} \sqcap \{a\})^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset;$
- $(7) (\neg(\neg C \sqcup \neg D))^{\mathcal{I}} = (C \sqcap D)^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset;$
- (8)  $(\exists s.(\exists s.(\exists s.(C \sqcup D))))^{\mathcal{I}} = (\exists s.(\exists s.(\exists s.(\{a,b,c\}))))^{\mathcal{I}} = (\exists s.(\{a,c\}))^{\mathcal{I}} = (\exists s.(\{a,c\}))^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a,c\};$
- (9)  $(\exists s^-.D)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a\};$
- (10)  $(\forall s^-.C)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{b, c\}.$

**Problem 6.** Consider the following TBox  $\mathcal{T} = \{Author \sqsubseteq \exists writes.Book, Novelist \sqsubseteq Author\}$ . Formally prove that  $\mathcal{T} \not\sqsubseteq Author \sqsubseteq Novelist$  by constructing an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ , such that  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{I} \not\models Author \sqsubseteq Novelist$ .

**Solution:** We construct the following interpretation  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$ :

- $\Delta = \{tom, bob, alice\}$
- $Author^{\mathcal{I}} = \{tom, bob, alice\}$
- $Novelist^{\mathcal{I}} = \{tom, bob\}$
- $Book^{\mathcal{I}} = \{book1, book2, book3\}$
- $writes^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(tom, book1), (bob, book2), (alice, book3)\}.$

It holds that  $alice \in (Author \sqcap \neg Novelist)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , hence we have that  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{T}$ , but  $\mathcal{I} \not\models Author \sqsubseteq Novelist$ .

**Problem 7.** Suppose you are given an ABox consisting of the following axioms:

- takesCourse(olly, databases);
- $takesCourse(olly, data\_structures);$
- $takesCourse(olly, data\_modeling);$
- takesCourse(olly, kr);
- $\leq 2 \ takesCourse(olly)$ .

Is this ABox satisfiable? If the answer is yes, then construct an interpretation that satisfies it. Under which assumption it is not satisfiable?

**Solution:** Yes, the ABox is satisfiable by the following interpretation:

• 
$$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{db101, kr102\}$$



- $databases^{\mathcal{I}} = db101$
- $data \ structures^{\mathcal{I}} = db101$
- $kr^{\mathcal{I}} = kr102$
- $data \quad modeling^{\mathcal{I}} = kr102$

This ABox will not be satisfiable under the Unique Name Assumption.

**Problem 8.** Consider the following ontology  $\mathcal{O} = \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A} \rangle$ , where the TBox  $\mathcal{T}$  and the ABox  $\mathcal{A}$  are given as:

- $\mathcal{T} = \{ E \sqsubseteq F, B \sqsubseteq \neg (\neg C \sqcap \neg E), A \sqsubseteq \neg \forall s. \neg B \}$
- $A = {\neg \exists s. F(j_1), A(j_1)}$

Is the given knowledge base satisfiable? Formally prove your answer

- using semantics and
- using the  $\mathcal{ALC}$  tableu algorithm.

# Solution:

**Semantics.** Using the equivalence axioms the given TBox can be rewritten to

$$\mathcal{T} = \{ E \sqsubseteq F, B \sqsubseteq C \sqcup E, A \sqsubseteq \exists s.B \},\$$

its translation to the Negation Normal Form is as follows:

$$NNF(\mathcal{T}) = \{ \neg E \sqcup F, \neg B \sqcup C \sqcup E, \neg A \sqcup \exists s.B \}.$$

Moreover, the ABox can be simplified to

$$\mathcal{A} = \{ \forall s. \neg F(j_1), A(j_1) \}.$$

We have that for any  $\mathcal{I}$ , such that  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{T}$ , it holds that  $E^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq F^{\mathcal{I}}$ ,  $B^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq C^{\mathcal{I}} \cup E^{\mathcal{I}}$ . Since we have that  $A(j_1) \in \mathcal{A}$  by the last axiom we must have some b, such that  $(a,b) \in s^{\mathcal{I}}$  and  $b \in B^{\mathcal{I}}$ , and, thus also  $b \in (C \sqcup E)^{\mathcal{I}}$ . Two possibilities exist: either  $b \in C^{\mathcal{I}}$  or  $b \in E^{\mathcal{I}}$ . In the latter case we have that  $b \in F^{\mathcal{I}}$ . However, this leads to a contradiction, since  $j_1 \in \forall s. \neg F$ . Hence,  $b \in (\neg F)^{\mathcal{I}}$  must hold.

We have constructed the following interpretation  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$  that satisfies  $\mathcal{O} = \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A} \rangle$ :

- $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{j_1, b\}$
- $E^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset$
- $F^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset$
- $B^{\mathcal{I}} = \{b\}$
- $C^{\mathcal{I}} = \{b\}$
- $A^{\mathcal{I}} = \{j_1\}$



• 
$$s^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(j_1, b)\}$$

Therefore, the given ontology is satisfiable.

### Tableau.

$$j_1 \bullet \mathcal{L}(j_1) = \{A, \forall s. \neg F, \exists s. B\}$$

$$s$$

$$b \bullet \mathcal{L}(b) = \{B, \neg F, \neg E, C\}$$

### REASONING

**Problem 9.** Suppose that r is a role name and i, j are individual names. Prove formally that the following expressions are not valid by constructing appropriate countermodels:

$$(1) \ \exists r.\{i\} \sqcap \exists r.\{j\} \equiv \geq 2r.\{i,j\};$$

$$(2) \ \exists r.\{i\} \sqcap \exists r.\{j\} \equiv \exists r.\{i,j\}.$$

### Solution:

- (1) Let  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$  be an interpretation, where  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, b\}$ ,  $i^{\mathcal{I}} = b$ ,  $j^{\mathcal{I}} = b$ , and  $r^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a, b)\}$ . Then  $(\exists r.\{i\} \sqcap \exists r.\{j\})^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a\}$ , but  $(\geq 2r.\{i, j\})^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset$ .
- (2) Let  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$  be an interpretation, where  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a, b\}$ ,  $i^{\mathcal{I}} = a, j^{\mathcal{I}} = b$ , and  $r^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a, b)\}$ . Then  $(\exists r.\{i, j\})^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a\}$ , but  $(\exists r.\{i\} \sqcap \exists r.\{j\})^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset$ .

**Problem 10.** Consider the following two concept definitions:

- (1)  $BinaryTree \equiv \leq 2 \ hasBranch \sqcup \forall hasBranch.BinaryTree;$
- (2)  $List \equiv \leq 1 \ hasBranch \sqcup \forall hasBranch.List$

Show formally that for any interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ , we have  $\mathcal{I} \models List \sqsubseteq BinaryTree$ .

## Solution:

By the theorem on reducing reasoning problems to KB satisfiability, we have that  $\mathcal{T} \models List \sqsubseteq BinaryTree$  iff  $\mathcal{T} \cup List(a) \cup \neg BinaryTree(a)$  is unsatisfiable for a fresh a. Towards a contradiction, assume that  $\mathcal{T} \cup List(a) \cup \neg BinaryTree(a)$  is satisfiable. Let us assume that  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \circ^{\mathcal{I}})$  is an interpretation that satisfies it. We have that  $a \in List^{\mathcal{I}}$  and  $a \in \neg BinaryTree^{\mathcal{I}}$ . Since  $a \in List^{\mathcal{I}}$ , it must hold that either

(i) 
$$a \notin (\exists hasBranch)^{\mathcal{I}}$$
 or

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- (ii)  $hasBranch^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(a,b)\}$  for some fresh b or
- (iii)  $(a, b_1) \in hasBranch^{\mathcal{I}} \dots (a, b_n) \in hasBranch^{\mathcal{I}}$  for some n > 1, and for all  $b_i$  it holds that  $b_i \in List^{\mathcal{I}}$ .

If either (i) or (ii) hold then obviously  $a \in (\leq 2hasBranch)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , and hence by (1)  $a \in BinaryTree^{\mathcal{I}}$ , which contradicts our assumption that  $a \in \neg BinaryTree^{\mathcal{I}}$ 

Assume now that (iii) holds. We have that  $b_1, \ldots, b_n \in List^{\mathcal{I}}$ , hence for every  $b_i$  again one of the following cases must apply:

- (i)  $b_i \notin \exists hasBranch^{\mathcal{I}}$  or
- (ii)  $hasBranch^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(b_i, c)\}$  for some fresh c or
- (iii)  $hasBranch^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(b_i, c_1), \dots, (b, c_m)\}$  for some m > 1, and for all  $c_i$  it holds that  $c_i \in List^{\mathcal{I}}$ .

If either (i) or (ii) holds then,  $c \in BinaryTree^{\mathcal{I}}$ , and hence due to (1)  $b_i, a \in BinaryTree^{\mathcal{I}}$ . Otherwise (iii) must hold, i.e., more than 1 outgoing has Branch link exists from  $b_i$ . Applying the above argument further, we obtain that the interpretation that we are trying to construct at some point will contradict our assumption. Thus, we have that  $\mathcal{T} \models List \sqsubseteq BinaryTree \text{ holds.}^1$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Another possibility to prove the statement is to use the Tableau algorithm with blocking, which for the considered TBox, however, requires additional expansion rules, i.e.,  $(\leq k \, r.C)$ -rule and  $(\geq k \, r.C)$ -rule. As these have not been discussed in the lecture, only proof using semantics is presented here. 10