Problem 7: Coherence
Problem 11: Intermediate Concepts

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Coherence: Intuition

- Normative systems: Collection of norms
- Formal norm: Conditional statement
- Example: Given a situation, a law book tells you how to act correctly.
- Question: How can we determine if our rules make sense?

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- Note: A set of boolean variables can be termed *consistent*. For normative systems we use *coherence*, since norms do not hold truth values.

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- This requires too many norms to function.
- Let (c_1, s_1) and (c_2, s_2) be norms, then $c_1 \wedge c_2$ is not a situation we consider for coherence with $(1c)$.

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- With (2), norm violation causes incoherence.
- Example: An impolite guest

$$(guest, polite) \in G, \quad guest, \neg polite \in A$$

$$out(G, A) \cup A = \{..., polite, \neg polite, ...\} \models \bot$$

Coherence: Output under constraints

- Idea: To determine coherence we examine systems in specific situations and under certain constraints.

Definition (Output under constraints)

Let G be a normative system and A and C two sets of propositional formulas. Then G is *coherent* in A under constraints C iff $out(G, A) \cup C$ is consistent.

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- Implication: The presented approach is *static*!
- We *can not* instruct agents on how to act.
- We *can* describe properties of still frames.

Problem 11: Meaning Postulates and Intermediate Concepts

Introduction

Definition (Meaning Postulates)

Stipulative definition, legal meaning.

Definition (Intermediate Concepts)

Relation between legal definitions and words describing natural facts.

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A person in the sense of the law is a human being *that has been* born.

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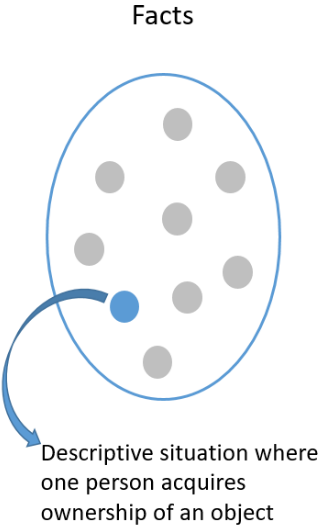

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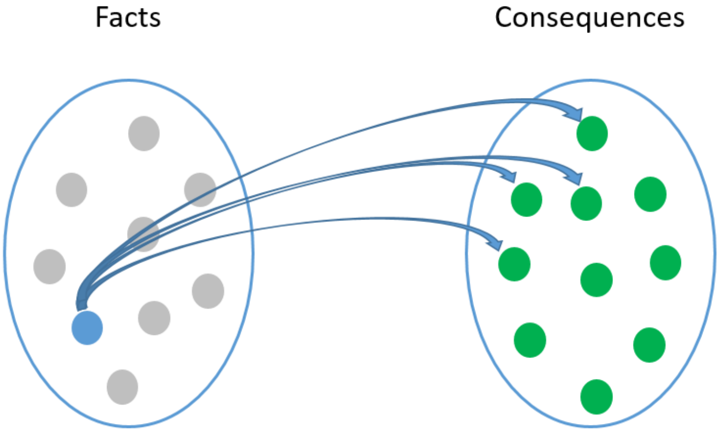

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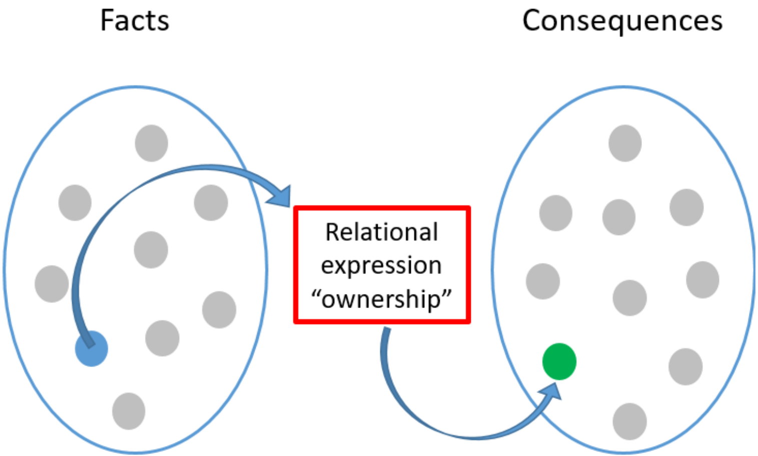

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Possible Solution 2: I/O-Logic

- enhance I/O logic with separate set of intermediates
- employ a *separate set T of intermediates (a, x)* with
  - $a =$ facts
  - $x =$ obtaining legal term
  - $G =$ set of norms
- use $A \cup out(T, A)$ as input to derive an output along G

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- Example: I/O Logic with intermediate concept T

$$A = \{..., dog, ...\}, \quad G = \{..., (\neg dog, premises), ...\}$$

$$T = \{..., (\textit{blind-person, guide-dogs}), ...\}$$

$$out(T, A) \cup A = \{..., \textit{no-dogs-on-premises, except-blind-people}, ...\}$$

Critique

- Length
- Lack of analysis, abstraction and formalization