BSc Notes

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1 Theoretical Background

1.1 Relations & Predicates

Notation For a binary relation $R \subseteq X \times Y$ we consider the following notations to be semantically equivalent:

$$R(x,y) = xRy := (x,y) \in R$$

For that reason, relationships and predicates should be thought of as interchangeable.

Composition of Relations We define the composition of two binary relations $R \subseteq X \times Y$ and $S \subseteq Y \times X$ as:

$$S \circ R = \{(x, y) | \exists z \in Y : xRz \land zSy\}$$

Transitive Closures of Relations: R^+ , R^* For a binary relation R on a set X ($R \subseteq X \times X$) we define its *transitive closures* R^+ and R^* as

$$\begin{split} R^0 &:= \{(x,x) | x \in X\} \\ R^1 &:= R \\ R^{n+1} &:= R \circ R^n \\ R^+ &:= \bigcup_{1 \le n} R^n \\ R^* &:= \bigcup_{0 \le n} R^n = R^0 \cup R^+ \end{split}$$

1.2 Mereologoy

Parthood [1]

Definition 1 (Parthood). The binary relation partOf and defined:

$$partOf \subseteq X \times Y$$

and literally means that one element of set X may be component or part of an element of set Y. We do not make any assumption of the relationship between both sets. However, we assume partOf to be ...

- 1. reflexive $\forall x \in X$,: partOf(x, x)
- 2. $antysymmetric \ \forall (x,y) \in X \times Y : partOf(x,y) \land partOf(y,x) \Rightarrow x = y$
- 3. $transitive \ \forall x, y, z \in L : partOf(x, y) \land partOf(y, z) \Rightarrow partOf(x, z)$

Axiom 1 (M4) content...

Corollary 1 (Transitive Closures of PartOf). For the transitve closures

$$partOf^+, partOf^* \in L \times L$$

of partOf holds:

- 1. $partOf^+ \subset partOf^*$
- 2. $\forall x, y \in L : x \neq y \land \mathsf{partOf}(x, y) \Rightarrow \mathsf{partOf}^+(x, y)$
- 3. $\forall x, y \in L : \mathsf{partOf}^+(x, y) \Rightarrow \mathsf{partOf}^*(x, y)$
- 4. $\forall x \in L : partOf^*(x, x)$

Proper Parts, Overlaps & Underlaps

Definition 2 (Proper Part).

$$\forall x \in X, y \in Y : properPartOf(x, y) : \Leftrightarrow partOf(x, y) \land \neg partOf(y, x)$$

Definition 3 (Overlap).

$$\forall x \in X, y \in Y : overlaps(x, y) : \Leftrightarrow \exists z (partOf(z, x) \land partOf(z, y))$$

Definition 4 (Underlap).

$$\forall x \in X, y \in Y : underlaps(x, y) : \Leftrightarrow \exists z (partOf(x, z) \land partOf(y, z))$$

Definition 5 (Sum).

$$underlaps(x,y) \Rightarrow \exists u \forall v (\textit{overlaps}(v,u) \Leftrightarrow (\textit{overlaps}(v,x) \lor \textit{overlaps}(v,y))) \\ \Rightarrow \exists u \forall v (\textit{overlaps}(v,u) \Leftrightarrow (\textit{overlaps}(v,x) \lor \textit{overlaps}(v,y)))$$

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