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GENERAL ONTOLOGIES

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PRESENTATION OF GENERAL ONTOLOGIES. OUTLINE

1. Bibliography
2. The notion of general ontology
3. Some important types of general ontologies
4. The reuse of general ontologies

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THE NOTION OF GENERAL ONTOLOGY

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WHAT IS A GENERAL ONTOLOGY?

A common or **general ontology** specifies the conceptualization of a generic topic such as time, space, and mereology, and represents knowledge reusable in different domains.



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A CASE OF GENERAL ONTOLOGIES: MEREOLOGIES

A mereology is a formal theory that axiomatizes the relation *isPartOf*.



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motor



sparkPlug



isPartOf

NewYearConcert



RadetzskyMarch



isPartOf

<http://t3.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSIInRjO37O6BWuONVc->
http://www.bosch.com.mx/content/language2/img_productworlds/bujia_super4.jpg

<http://i.ytimg.com/vi/u6cbhlto9sA/hqdefault.jpg>
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Lets note that the part of relation links objects in the mechanical domain (the spark plug is part of the motor), and also in the domain of cultural activities (the interpretation of Radetzsky March is part of the New Year Concert).

SOME IMPORTANT TYPES OF GENERAL ONTOLOGIES

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MERELOGIES

General Extensional Mereology (MM)

Closure Extensional Mereology (MM)

Extensional Mereology (EM)
Strong supplementation

Minimal Mereology (MM)
Weak supplementation principle

Theory M
Part of is:
• Reflexive
• Antisymmetric
• Transitive

Closure Mereology (CM)
Sum principle
Product principle

General Mereology (GM)
Unrestricted fusion principle



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MINIMAL MEREOLGY

EXAMPLE

Minimal Mereology (MM)
Weak supplementation principle

Theory M

Part of is:

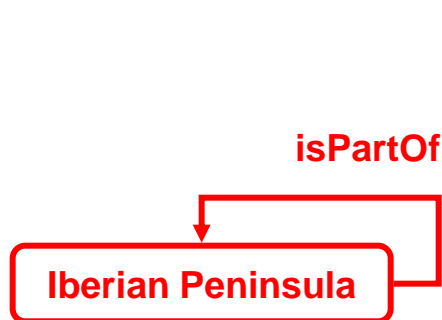
- Reflexive
- Antisymmetric
- Transitive



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MINIMAL MEREOLGY. REFLEXIVITY

Reflexivity. Every object of the universe of discourse is a part of itself.



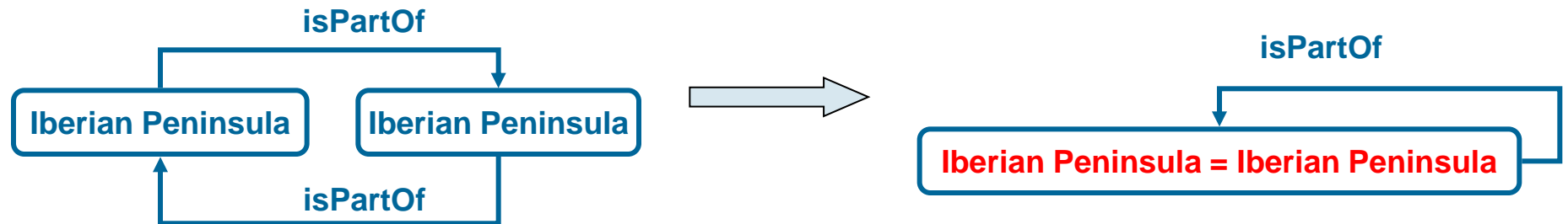
isPartOf



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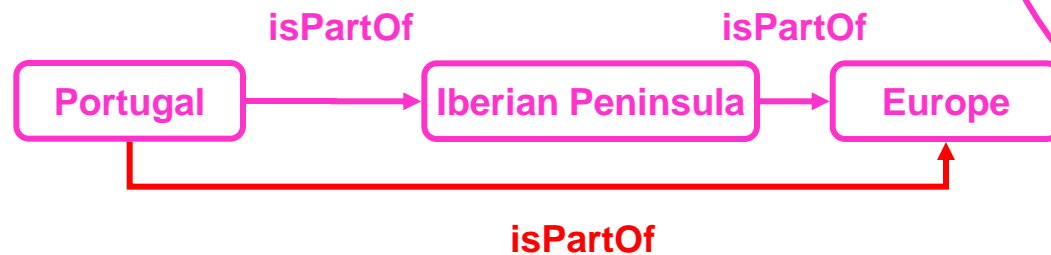
MINIMAL MERELOGY. ANTISYMMETRY

Antisymmetry. If an object x is a part of y , and y is a part of x , then x and y are the same object.



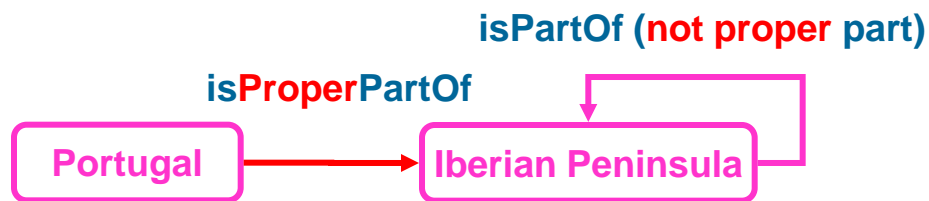
MINIMAL MEREOTOLOGY. TRANSITIVITY

Transitivity. If x is a part of y , and y is a part of z , then x is a part of z .



MINIMAL MEREOLGY. PROPER PART

A **proper part** is a part that is other than the individual itself.



MINIMAL MERELOGY. DIRECT PART

X is **direct part** of y if and only if x is proper part of y and there is no part between x and y.

isDirectPartOf isDirectPartOf

Canary Islands

Spain

EU

isPartOf (not direct part)

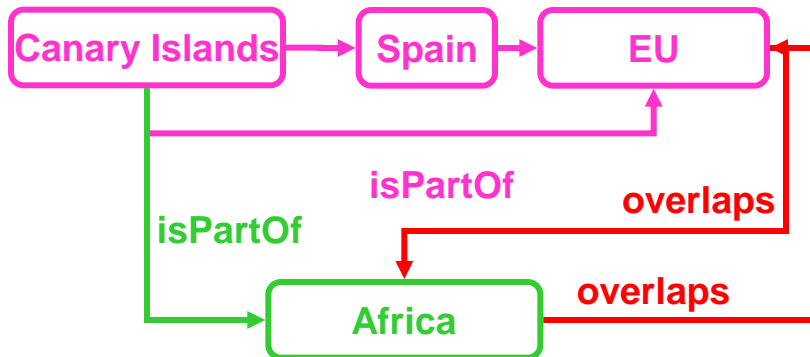


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MINIMAL MEREOLOGY. OVERLAPS

The relation **overlaps** is defined as a sharing part. That is, x and y overlap if and only if there is a z such as z is part of x and part of y .

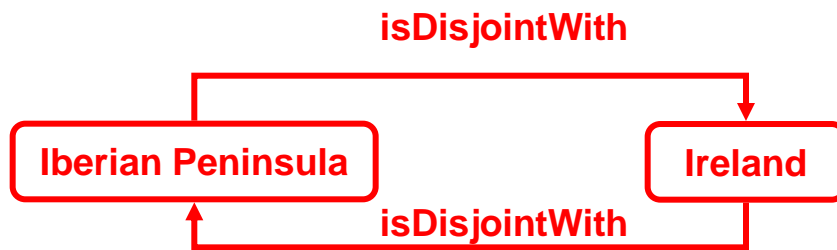
isDirectPartOf isDirectPartOf



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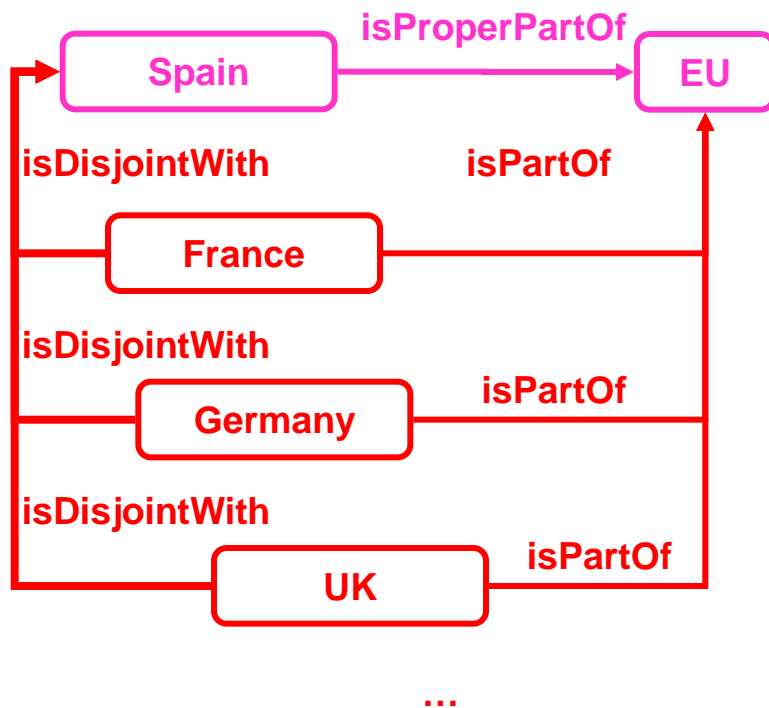
MINIMAL MEREOLGY. IS DISJOINT WITH

The **disjoint** relation is the logical negation of overlaps.

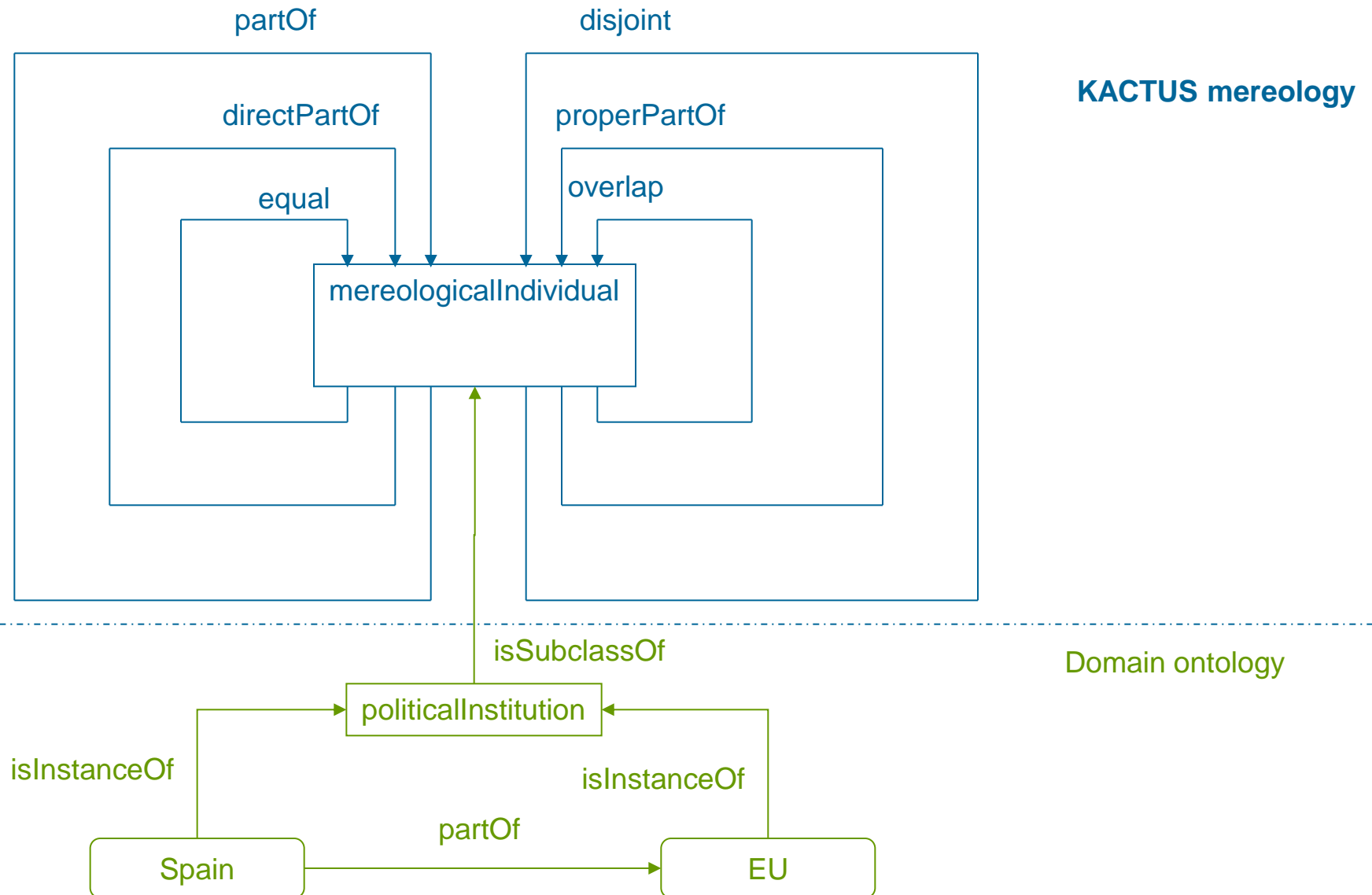


MINIMAL MEREOLOGY (VII)

Weak supplementation principle. Every object x with a proper part y has another part z that is disjoint from y .



KACTUS MERELOGY



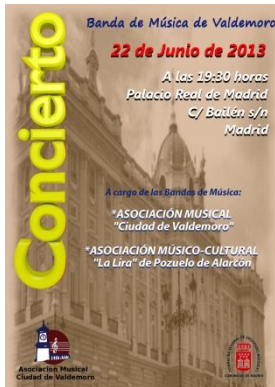
TIME ONTOLOGIES

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COMMON NOTIONS: TIME POINTS AND TIME INTERVALS

Time point. As a first intuitive approximation, we can see time points as points in the line time.

Example of representations of time points



Granularity of days: the Valdemoro Music Band concert at Palacio Real was celebrated the 22nd of June of 2013

Granularity of minutes: the Valdemoro Music Band concert was celebrated the 22nd of June of 2013 at 19:30

Time interval. Also as a first intuitive approximation, we can see a time interval as the time between two time points.

Left point

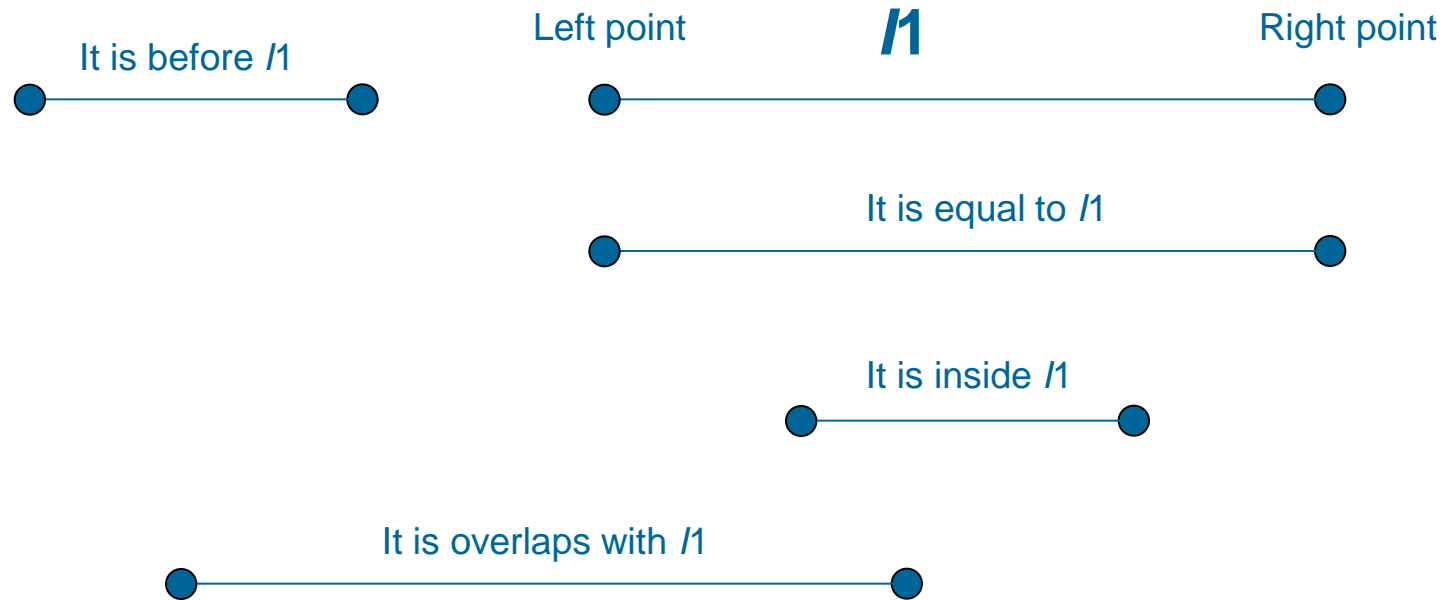
Right point

Example: Johan Sebastian Bach's life

31st of March of 1685

28th of July of 1750

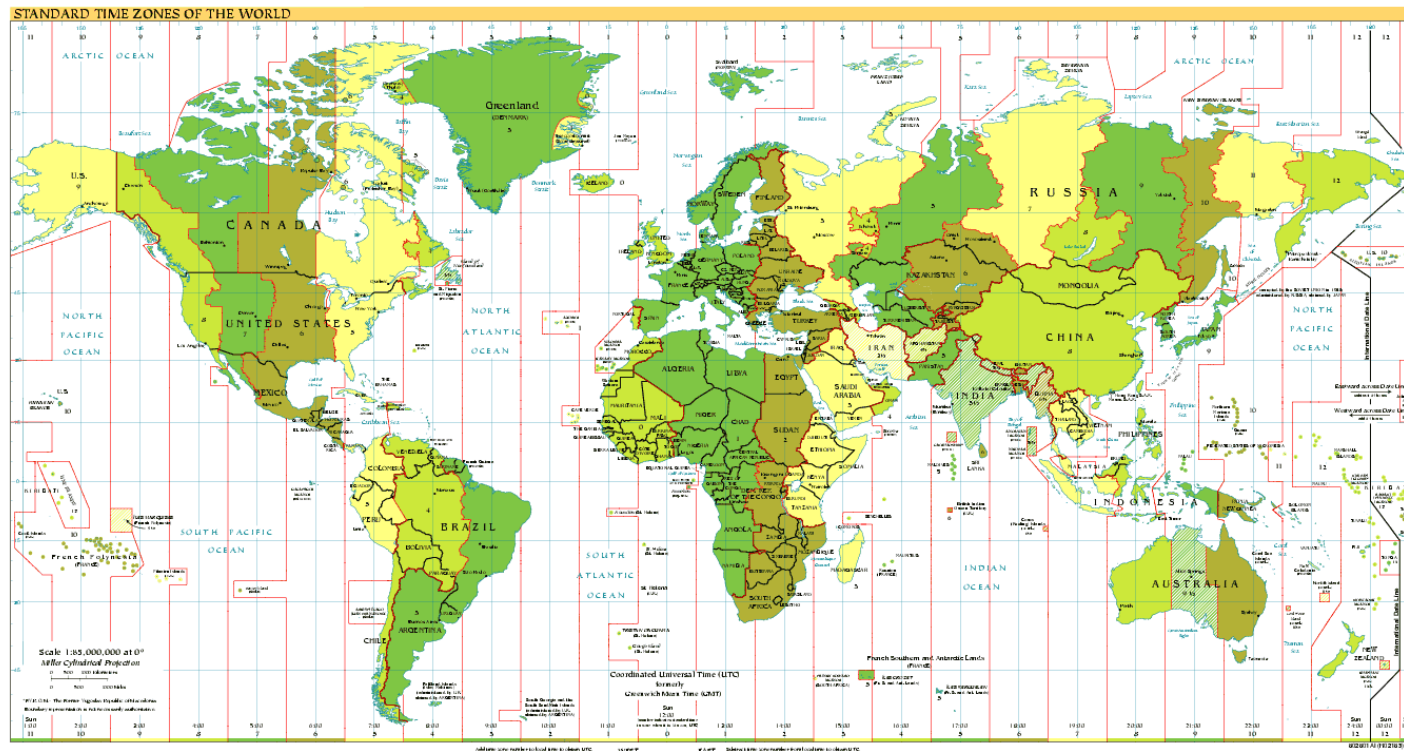
TIME INTERVAL ALGEBRA



COMMON NOTIONS: TIME ZONES

Time zones. The time in different places of the world.

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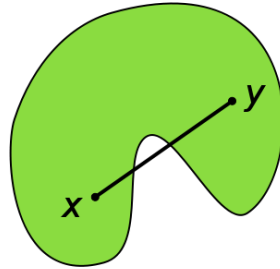
The axiomatization of time zones is complex. Thus, for example, the Northern and Southern hemispheres perform Daylight/Summer Time adjustments during opposing times during the year (corresponding to seasonal differences in the two hemispheres)



Phillips A, Sasaki F, Davis M, Dürst M (2005) *Working with Time Zones*. W3C Working Group Note (<http://www.w3.org/TR/2005/NOTE-timezone-20051013/>)

TIME MODELING. OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS (I)

Non convex intervals. This notion is borrowed from geometry:

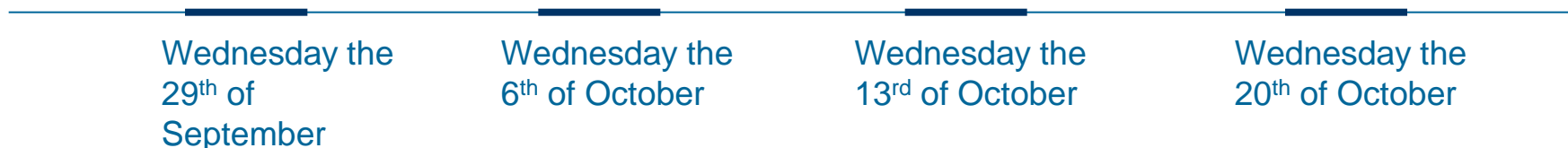


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Non convex intervals. There are points between the left and the right points that do not belong to the interval:



Non convex intervals allow representing periodic intervals with gaps between them (e.g. “every Wednesday”).



TIME MODELING. OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS (II)

Open intervals. Sometimes, the interval end points might be or not included in the interval. For example, $[1985, 1986)$ is an interval left closed and right open.



Distinction of proper intervals. A proper interval is that whose extremes are different is called proper. Thus, for example, $[1985, 1986]$ is a proper interval, however, $[1985, 1985]$ is not. Sometimes, the interval end points might be or not included in the interval. For example, $[1985, 1986)$ is an interval left closed and right open.

Examples of proper intervals



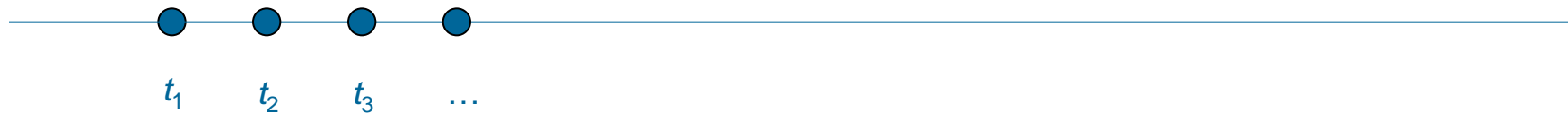
Examples of **non** proper interval



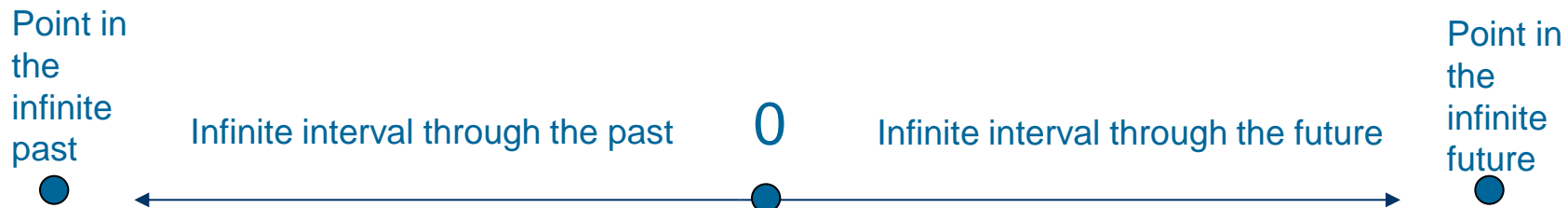
TIME MODELING NOTIONS. OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS (III)

Total ordering means that, for every pair of temporal points t_1 and t_2 , necessarily $t_1 < t_2$ or $t_2 < t_1$.

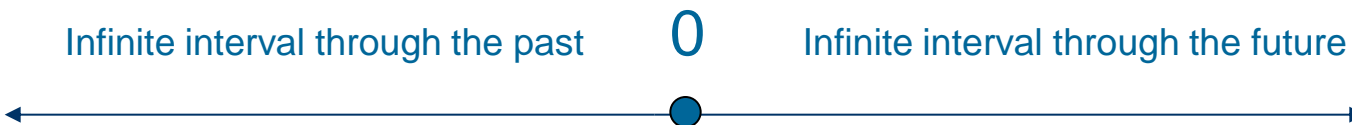
This feature eliminates models of time with branching futures and other conflation of time and possibility or limited knowledge.



Modelling of infinite. An infinite interval is that which is not limited in the past or in the future.



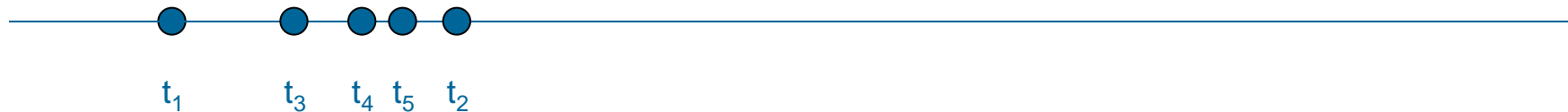
a) Interval with a point in the infinite past and a point in the infinite future



b) Infinite pass: intervals without left point. Infinite future: intervals without right point

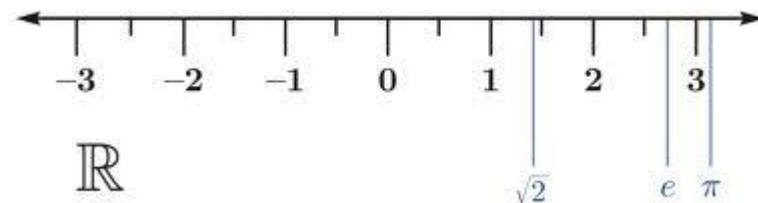
TIME MODELING. OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS (IV)

Density. which is used to represent that between any two distinct points there is a third distinct point.



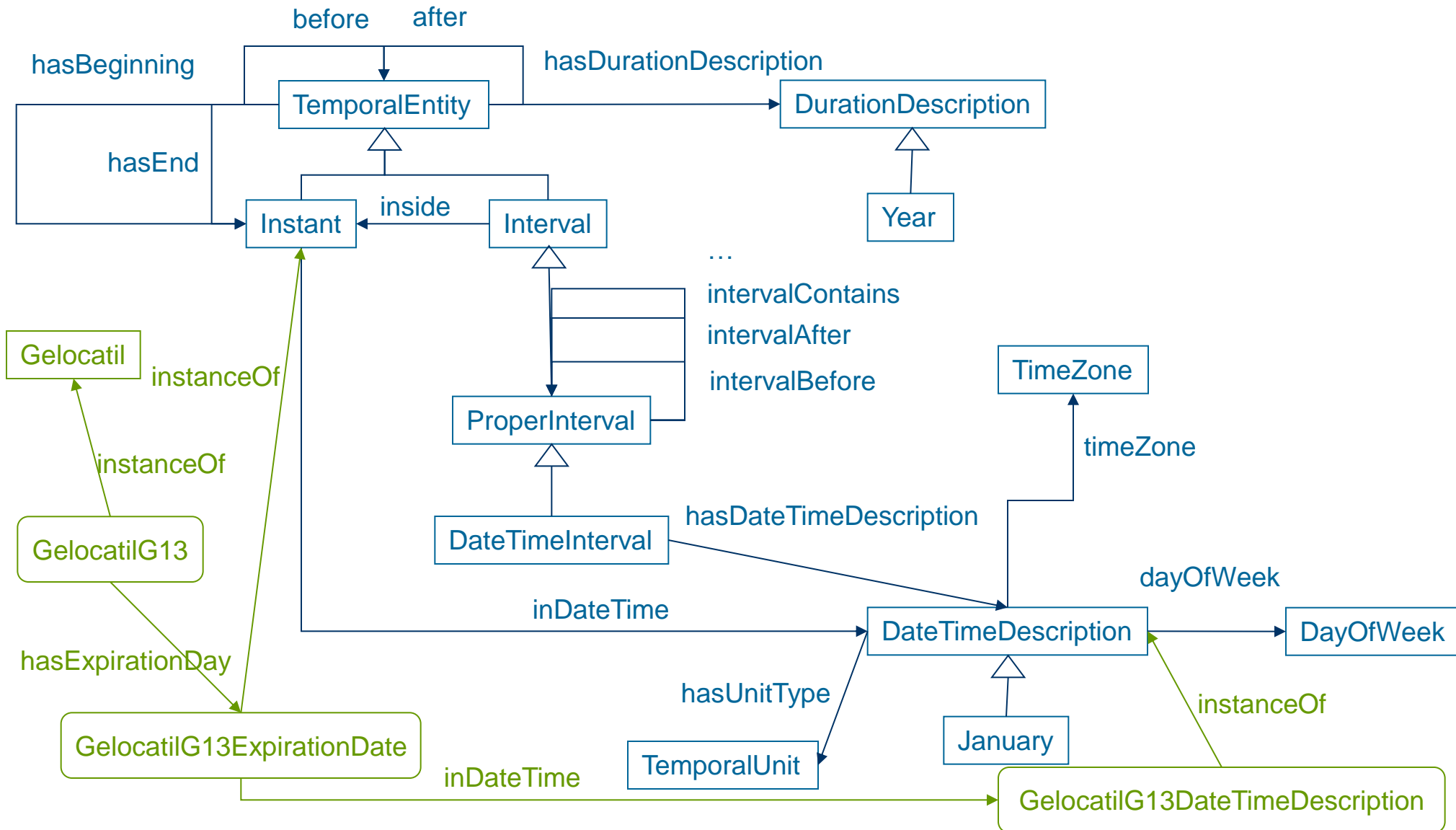
If we assume that between the second s and the second $s + 1$ there is no another second, and the time is viewed as an ordered set of seconds, then density cannot be assumed.

Isomorphism to the real numbers. The set of real numbers is very often the model of the time theory.



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TIME OWL: EXAMPLE OF GENERAL ONTOLOGY



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WHY TO REUSE GENERAL ONTOLOGIES?

Let's suppose now that we have to develop an ontology about pharmaceutical products in which we directly define an object property as 'isPartOf'.

In this case, to answer the CQ '**which medicament contains iron?**', a Java program similar to this would be necessary

```
// Java program JP1
public static List<Individual> SearchForFeature(OntModel m, Individual initial,
ObjectProperty property, OntClass concept)
{
    List<Individual> openL = new ArrayList();
    List<Individual> wholesL = new ArrayList();
    List<Individual> lIndividuals = new ArrayList();
    Iterator itc = concept.listInstances();
    while(itc.hasNext()) lIndividuals.add((Individual) itc.next());
    openL.add(initial);
    while (!openL.isEmpty())
    {
        Individual q = (Individual) openL.get(0);
        openL.remove(0);
        if (lIndividuals.contains(q)) wholesL.add(q);
        Iterator it = q.listPropertyValues( property );
        while(it.hasNext())
            openL.add(((OntResource) it.next()).asIndividual());
    }
    return wholesL;
}
```


WHY TO REUSE GENERAL ONTOLOGIES?

However, if we are aware of the formal properties (e.g., transitivity, antisymmetry, etc.) of the relationship `isPartOf` and we include such formal notions in the ontology (e.g., transitivity), then the aforementioned CQ could be solved with this SPARQL query:

```
# SPARQL query SQL
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX ub: <http://www.NewOnto1.org/killer201004271447#>
SELECT ?X
WHERE
{
    ?X rdf:type ub:drug .
    ub:iron ub:isPartOf ?X .
}
```

Procedural programming (e.g. Java)



How things are done

Declarative programming (e.g. OWL)



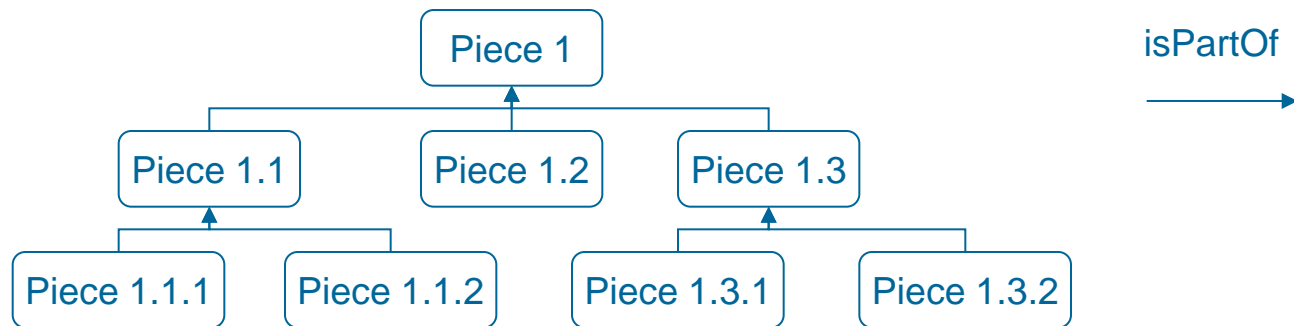
What things are



The reasoner works instead of developers

W3C MEREOLOGY USE CASES: INVENTORY OF PIECES IN A FACTORY

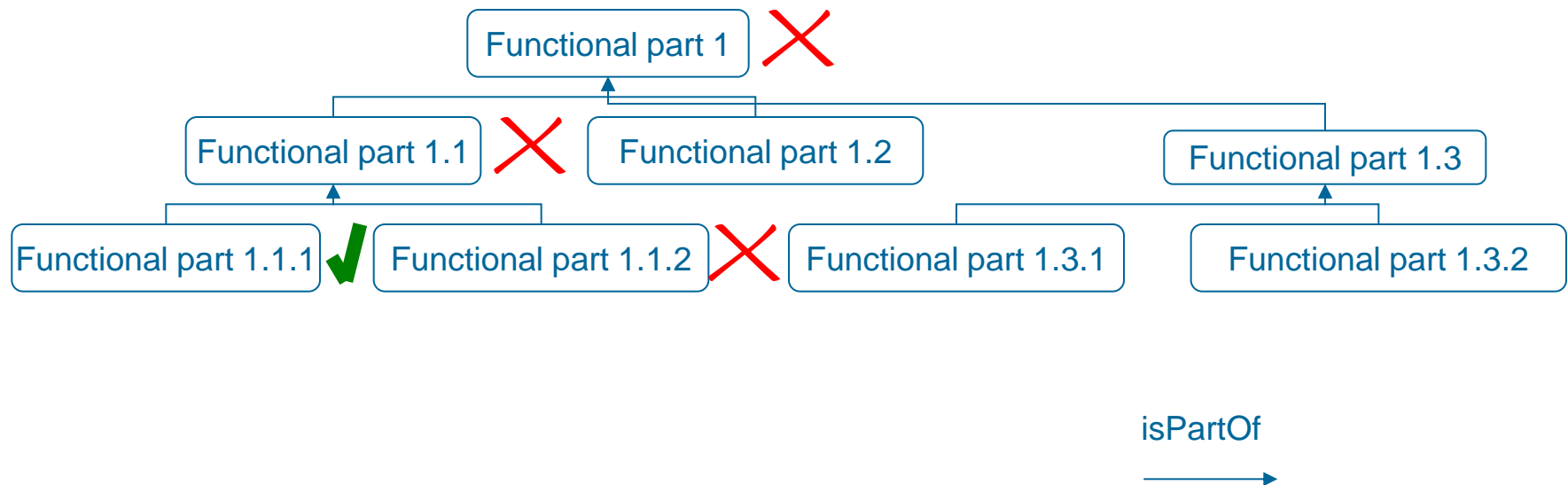
A parts inventory for the devices made in a factory in which we want to be able to find the "explosion" of parts required (i.e. for each part we can see the sub-parts).



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W3C MEREOLOGY USE CASES: FAULT FINDING SYSTEM

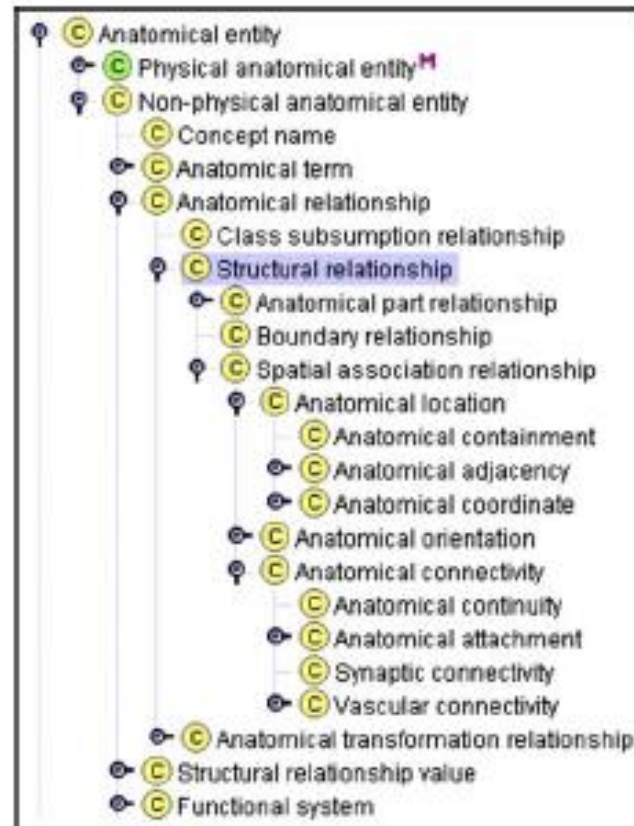
A fault finding system for a device in which we want to progressively narrow down the functional region of the fault.



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W3C MEREOLOGY USE CASES: ANATOMY MODEL

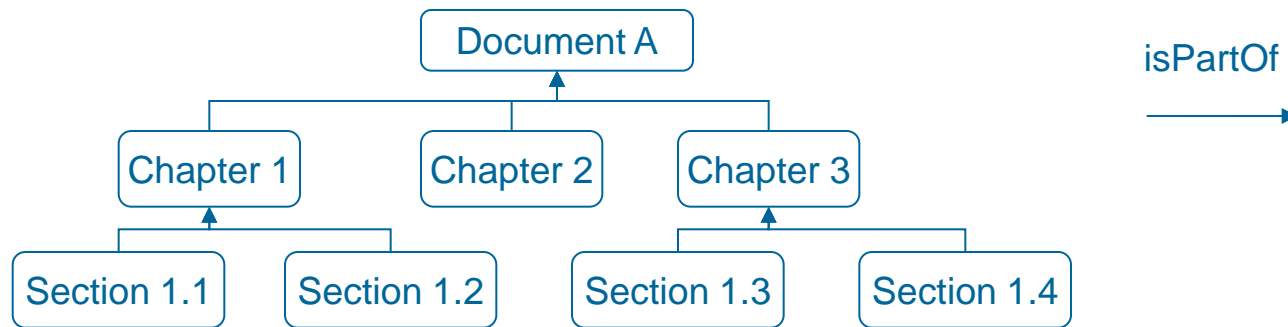
An anatomy representation such as the Digital Anatomist Foundational Model of Anatomy (<http://www.bioontology.org/>)



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W3C MEREOTOLOGY USE CASES: DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL SYSTEM

A document retrieval system, in which documents are divided into chapters, sections, paragraphs etc.



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W3C TIME USE CASES: WEB SERVICES

Web services (e.g. air ticketing): a time ontology allow representing concepts like **CreditCardExpirationDate** and making inferences with them.

The image shows a web form for credit card registration on the left and a Visa credit card on the right. A red arrow points from the expiration date '07/09' on the card to the '0709' input field in the form.

Form Fields:

- Titular de la tarjeta:
- Número de tarjeta:
- Fecha de vencimiento:
- Código de seguridad:
- Email:
- Tipo documento:
- Nro. documento:
- Calle:
- Nro. Puerta:
- Fecha de nacimiento:

Buttons: Aceptar, Cancelar

Security: SISTEMA DE PAGO SEGURO, DECIDIR

Credit Card: VISA, 0000 0000 0000 0000, VIGENCIA DESDE 07/08 HASTA 07/09, NOMBRE Y APELLIDO, 0000

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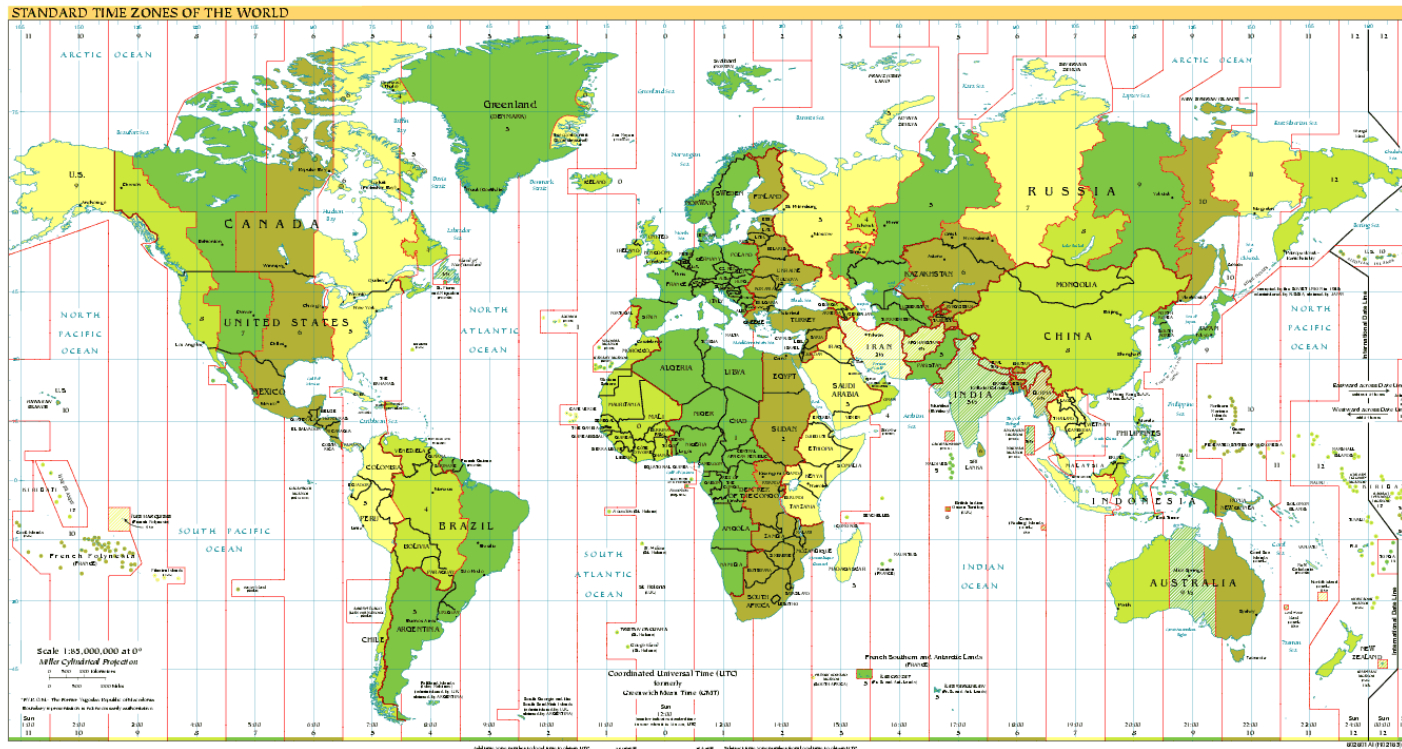


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<http://www.w3.org/TR/owl-time/>

W3C TIME USE CASES: SCHEDULING

Suppose someone has a telecon scheduled for 6:00pm **EST** (Eastern Standard Time) on November 5, 2006. You would like to make an appointment with him for 2:00pm **PST** (Pacific Standard Time) on the same day, and expect the meeting to last 45 minutes. Will there be an overlap?

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 - c. Conclusions
4. The work to be done by the student?



1. Conduct a comparative study of reusable general ontologies

Functional features	A1) Reflexivity	A2) Antisymmetry	A3) Transitivity	D1) Proper part	A4) Weak supplementation
Single part whole	0	0	X	0	0
SUMO-OWL	0	0	0	X	0
Doce-Lite	0	0	X	0	0
Oswebsite	0	0	X	0	0
OBO	0	0	X	X	0

Formal concept representing the comparative study

2. Make a decision on which general ontology to reuse

General ontologies

3. Assemble the whole ontology

Lattices to determine the most appropriate ontology

Assembled whole ontology

Choose a general ontology

10.	What are the main parameters?	100%
11.	What is the importance of the parameters?	100%
12.	What is the importance of the parameters?	100%
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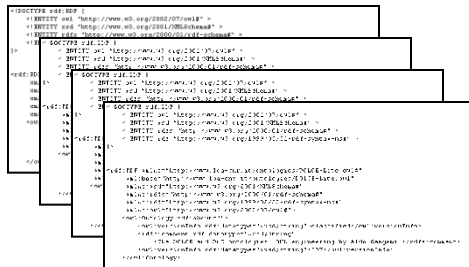
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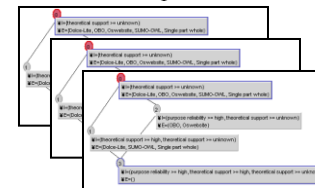
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Simple part-whole	0	0	X	0	0
UNDO-COML	0	0	X	0	0
Deictic-List	0	0	X	0	0
Complexity	0	0	X	0	0
OBO	0	0	X	0	0

Formal concept representing the comparative study



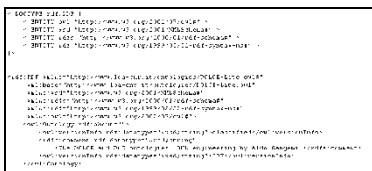
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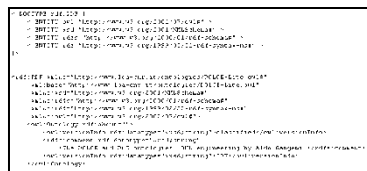


Lattices to determine the most appropriate ontology

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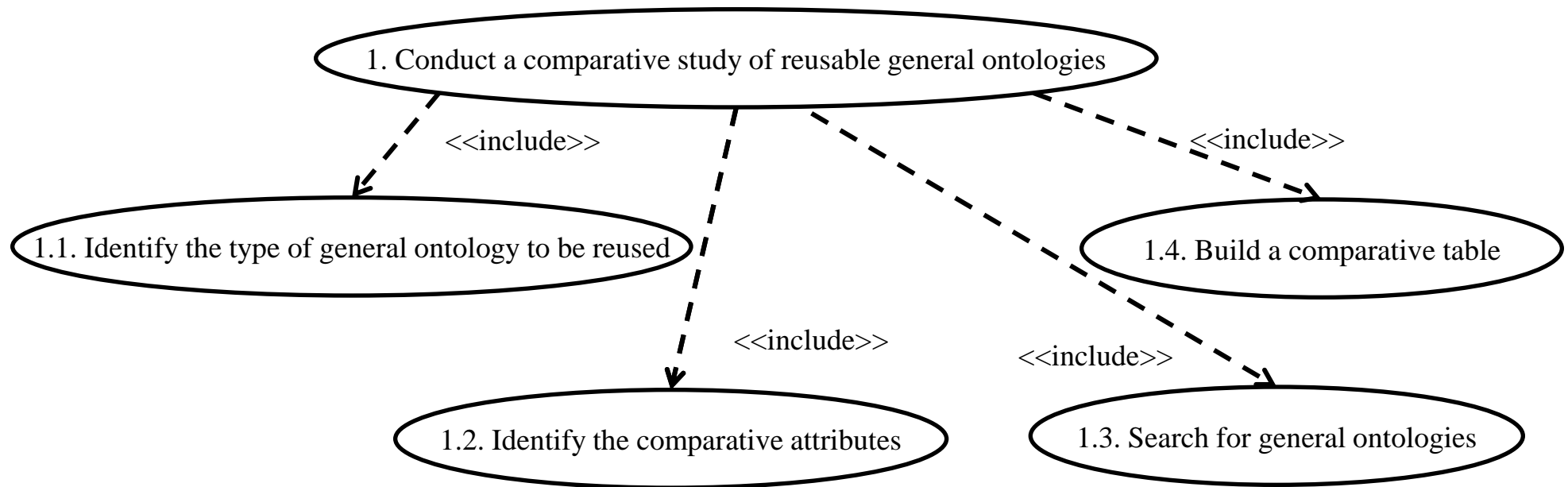


Assembled whole ontology



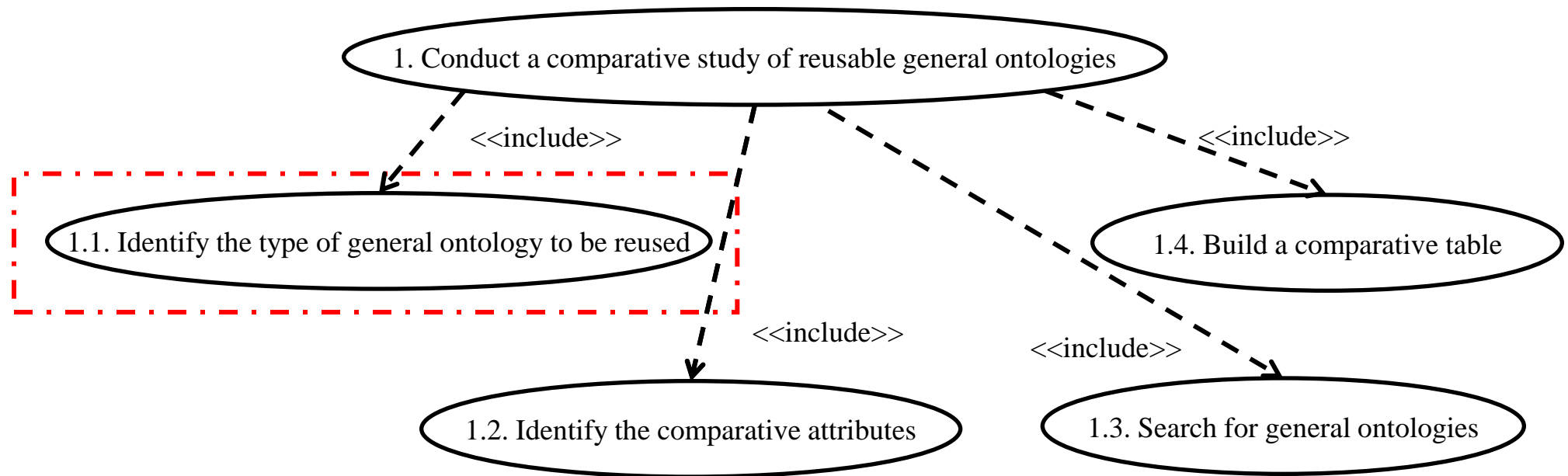
Chosen a general ontology

CONDUCT A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF REUSABLE GENERAL ONTOLOGIES



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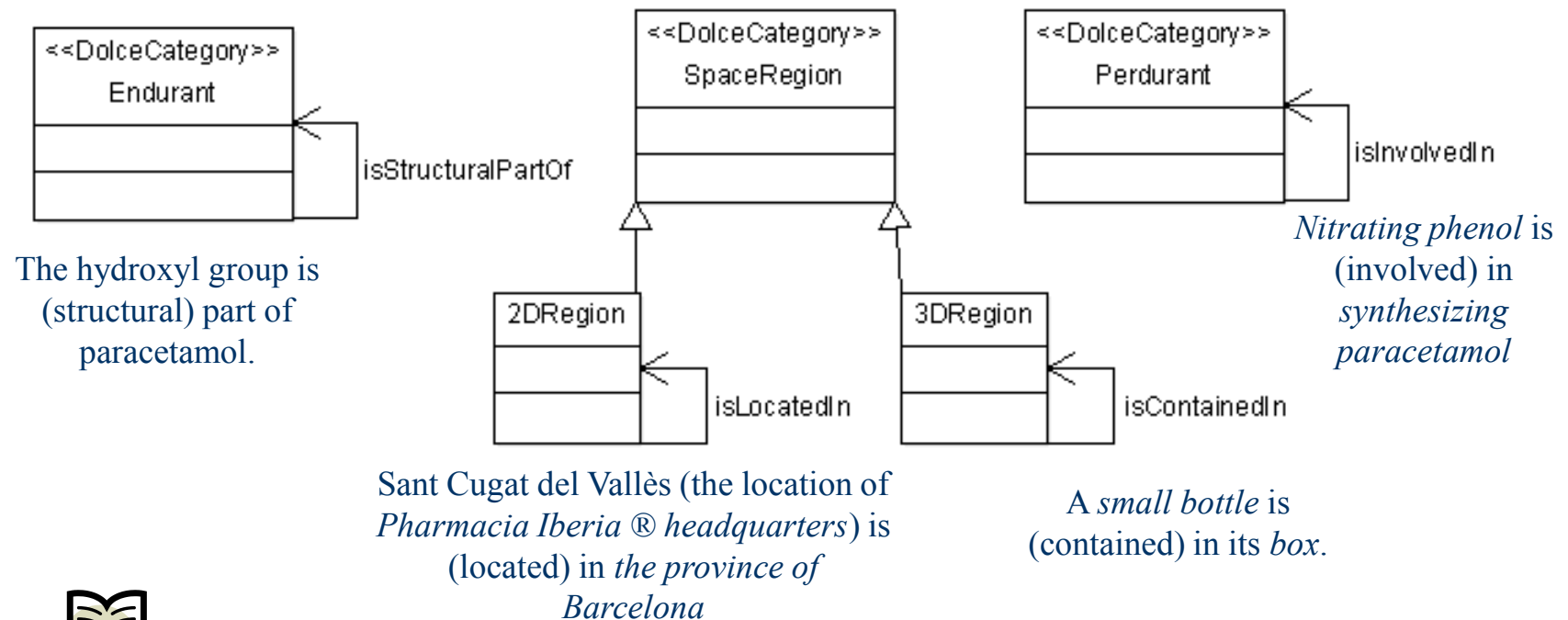
IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF GENERAL ONTOLOGY TO BE REUSED



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HEURISTIC 1. MEREOLOGY REUSE I

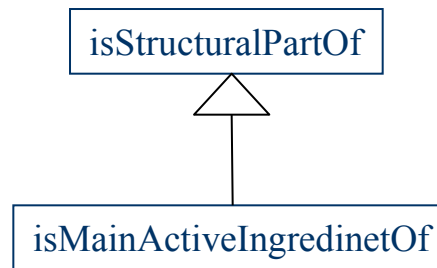
Heuristic 1 (mereology reuse I). We should *reuse an implemented mereology* if the conjunction of the following conditions is satisfied: (CM₁) the CQ refers to a relation *R* that establishes an order; and (CM₂) *R* fulfils the weak supplementation principle.



C. Keet, A. Artale, Representing and reasoning over a taxonomy of part–whole relations, *Applied Ontology* 3 (2008) 91–110.

HEURISTIC 2. MEREOLOGY REUSE II

Heuristic 2 (mereology reuse II). If the CQ refers to a relation S that is a subrelation of an R that meets conditions CM_1 and CM_2 , then an implemented mereology should be reused.



HEURISTIC 3. TIME MODELING REUSE

Heuristic 3 (time modelling reuse). We should *reuse a time ontology* if some of the following words appear in the CQ:

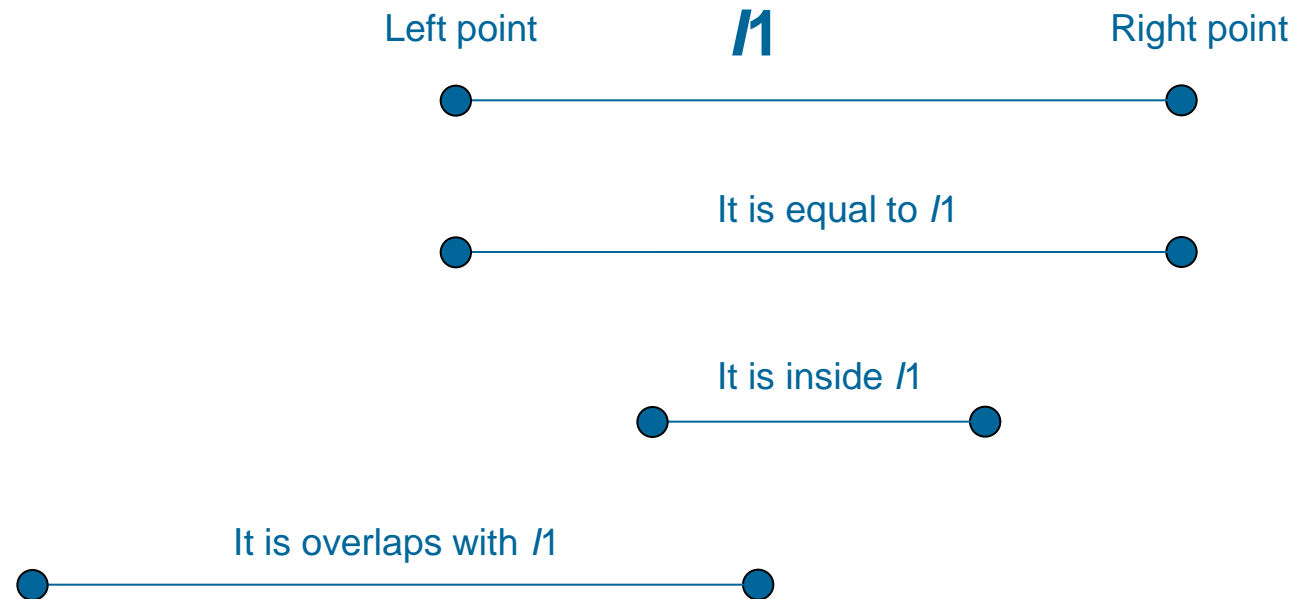
- Nouns: ‘day’, ‘minute’, ‘weekend’, ‘midnight’, ‘millennium’, ‘era’, ‘semester’, ‘summer’, [the] ‘future’, [the] ‘past’, ‘month’.
- Proper names: ‘Monday’, ‘January’, ‘New Year’s Eve’, ‘Washington’s Birthday’.
- Specialized time patterns: 8.00, 12/2/00, 1994, 1960s.
- Adverb: ‘currently’, ‘hourly’, ‘daily’, ‘monthly’.
- Noun/adverb of time: ‘today’, ‘yesterday’, ‘now’.
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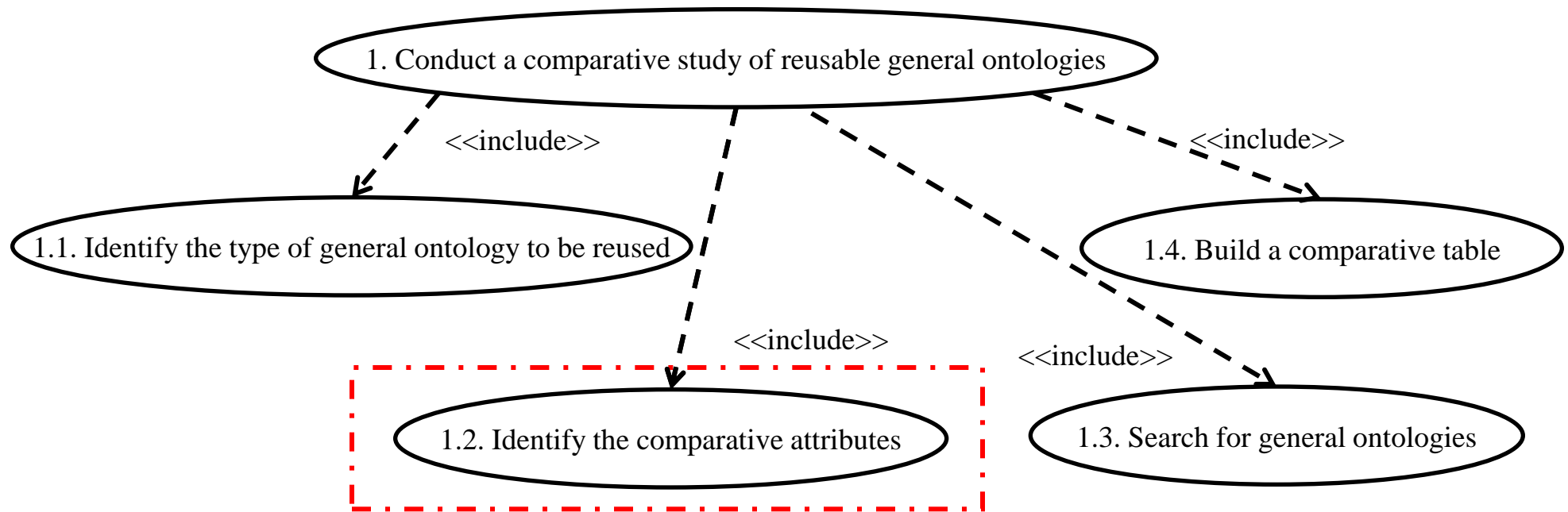
L. Ferro, Instruction manual for the annotation of temporal expressions, Tech. rep., The MITRE Corporation (2001). ftp://jaguar.ncsl.nist.gov/ace/phase2/docs/mtrinstructionmanual_v1_32.pdf

HEURISTIC 4. MEREOLOGY III

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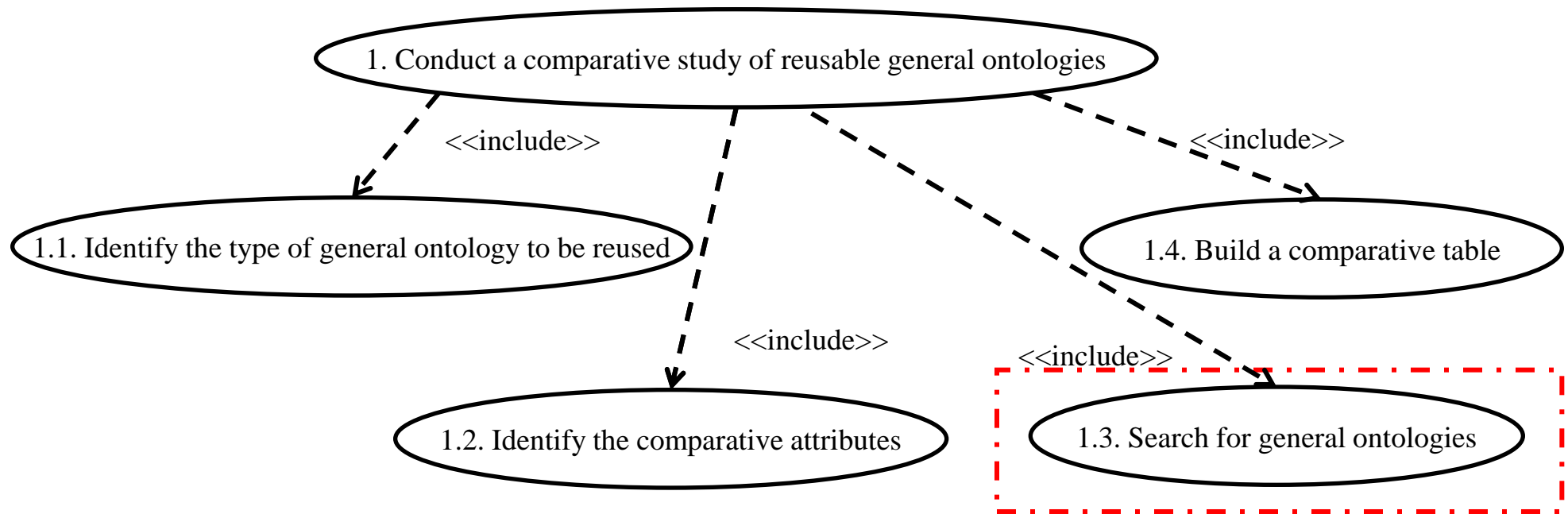


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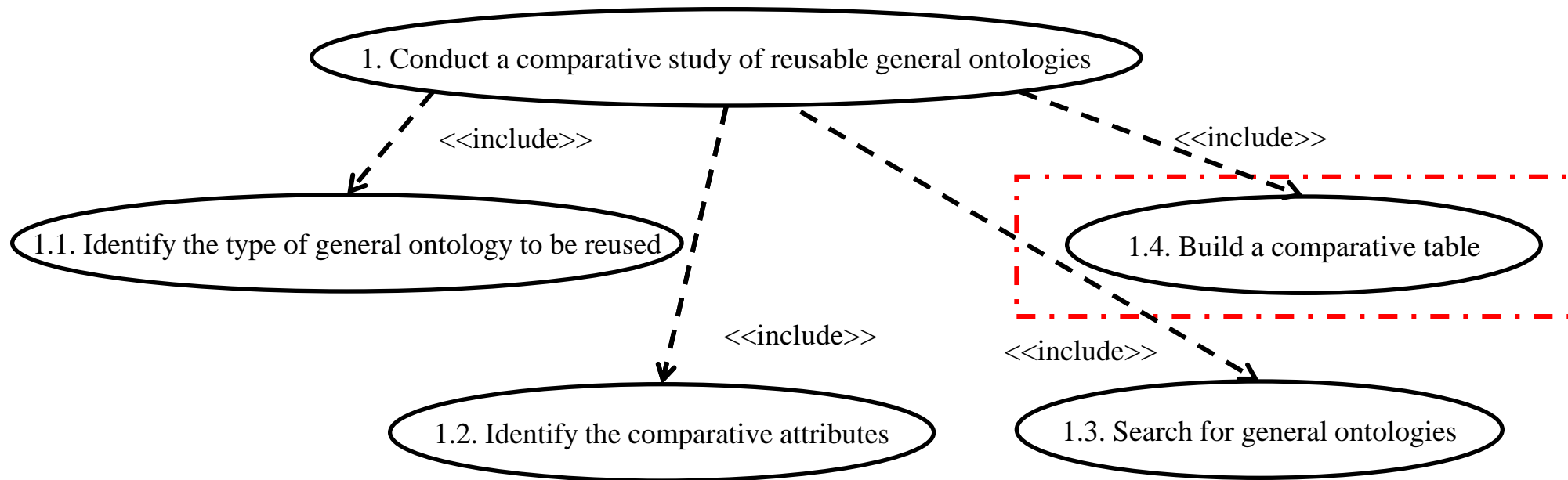
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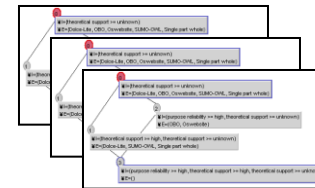


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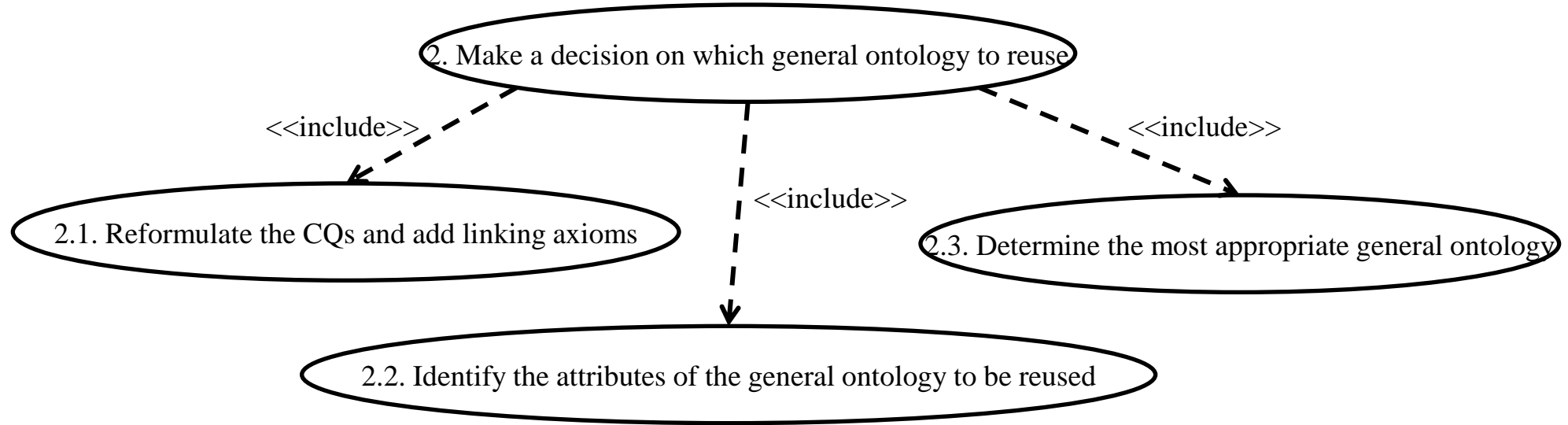
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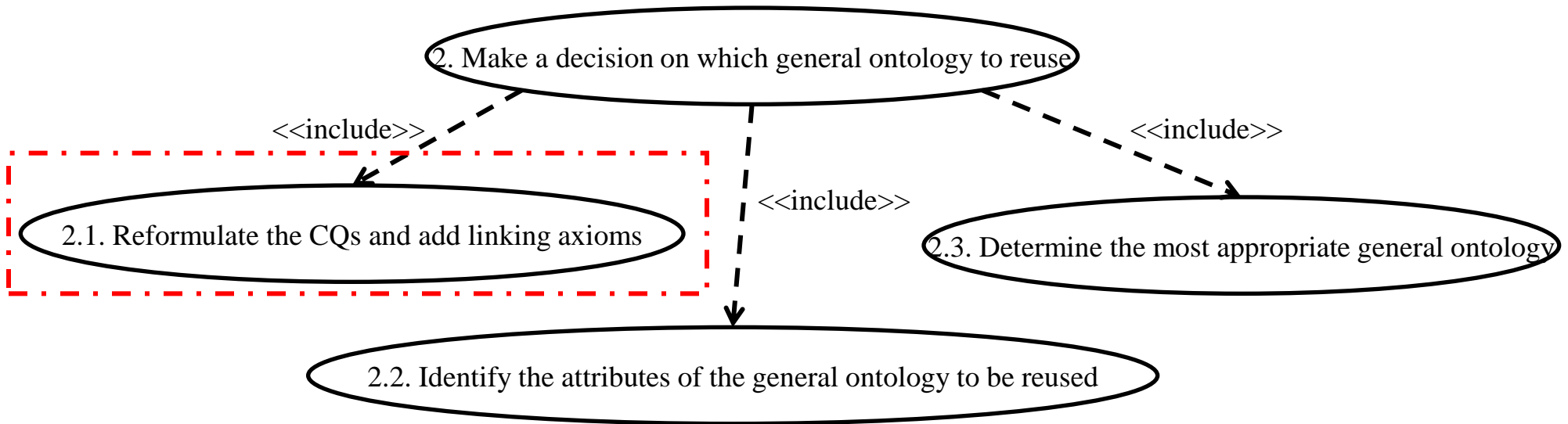
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Heuristic 9 (part of). If we want to know the parts of an object, including the object itself, then we should reformulate the CQ to include the term *is part of*. A typical case is that in which the mereological relation appears in a composition of relations.

Heuristic 10 (disjoint). If we want to know which parts of object o_1 are not in object o_2 , then we should reformulate the CQ to include the term *are disjoint*.

Heuristic 11 (subrelations of *part_of*). If we applied Heuristic 2, then we should introduce a linking axiom establishing that S is a subrelation of *part_of*.

EXAMPLES

Do *Histidine metabolism* and *Biosynthesis of secondary metabolites* have reactions in common?



Do *Histidine metabolism* and *Biosynthesis of secondary metabolites* **overlap**?

Do R03457 and R03012 reactions belong to common pathways?



Do R03457 and R03012 reactions **underlap**?

What is the composition of paracetamol?



Which are the **proper parts** of paracetamol?

Which are the reactions of *Histidine metabolism*?



Which are the **direct parts** of the *Histidine metabolism*?

Are Pharmacia Iberia ® headquarters located in Spain?



Are Pharmacia Iberia ® headquarters located in some **part** of Spain?

Which reactions of *Histidine metabolism* do not belong to *Biosynthesis of secondary metabolites*?



Which reactions of *Histidine metabolism* are **disjoint** with *Biosynthesis of secondary metabolites*?

Which is the main active ingredient of Apiretal®?

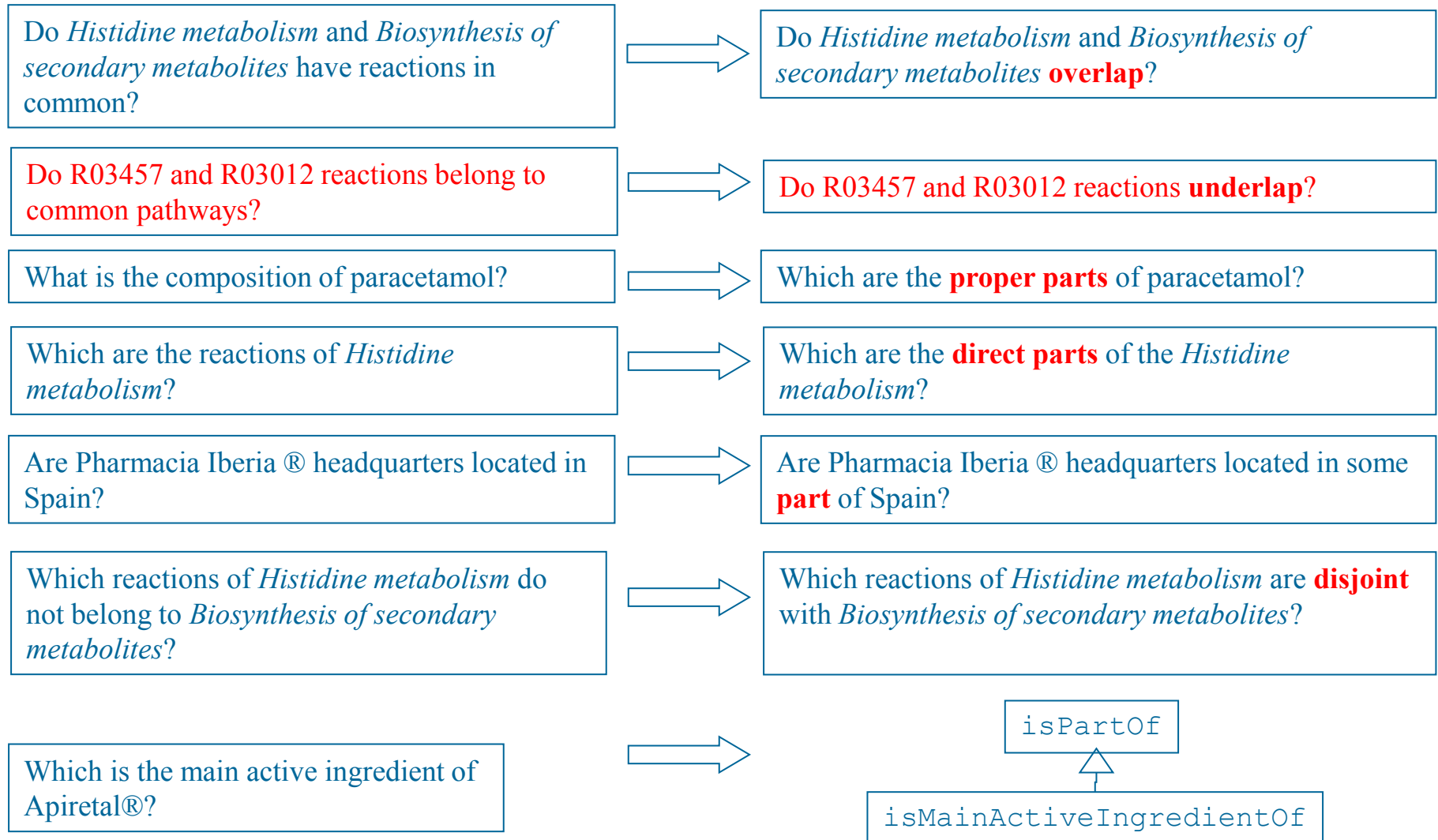


isPartOf



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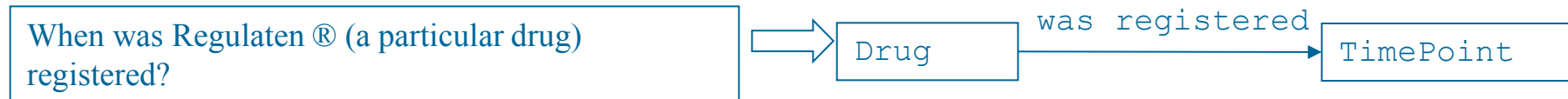
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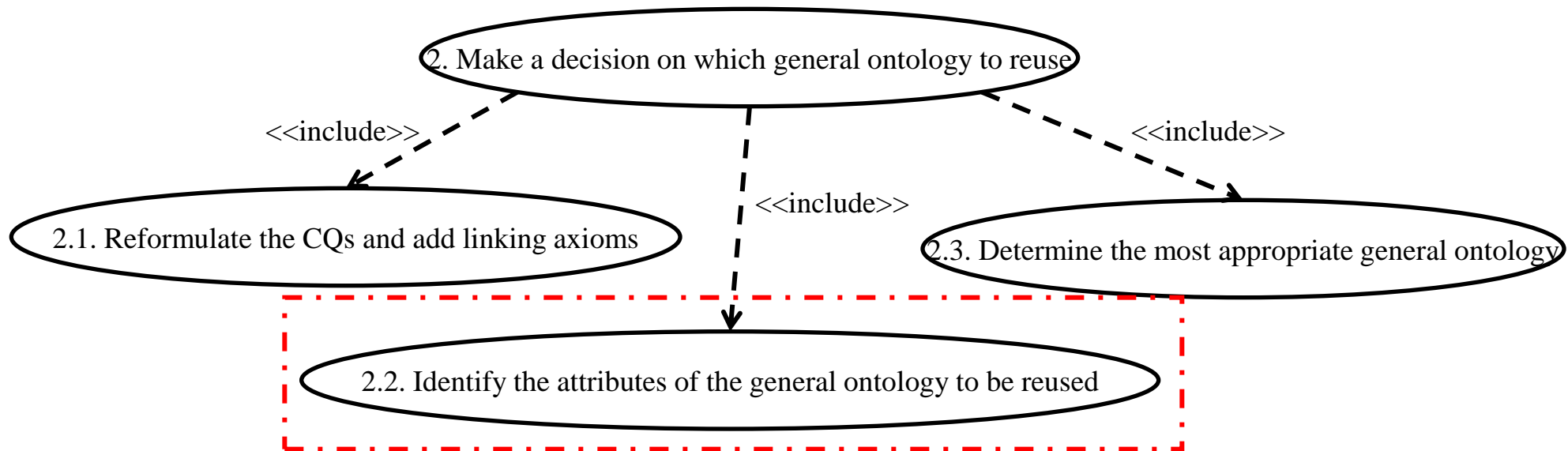
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This transformation works because the relation `part_of` is reflexive. If the data that we are is that PI headquarters are located in Spain, we need the reflexivity

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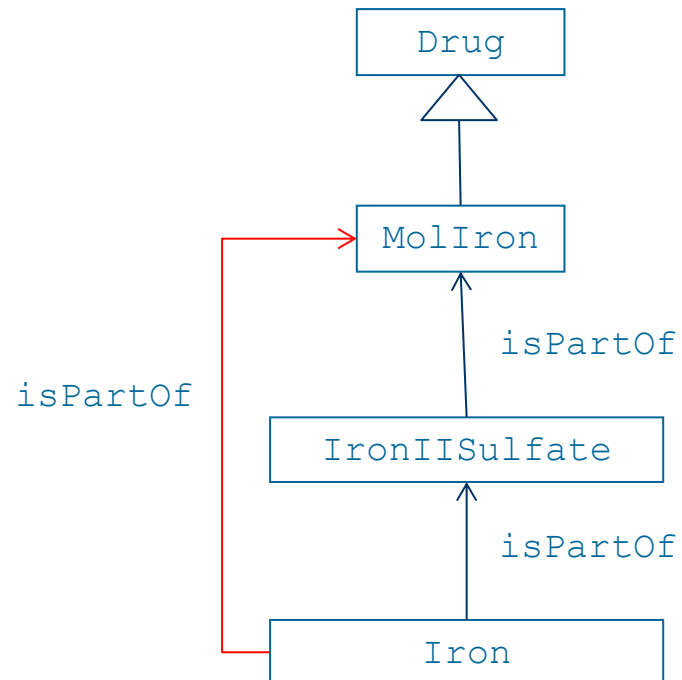
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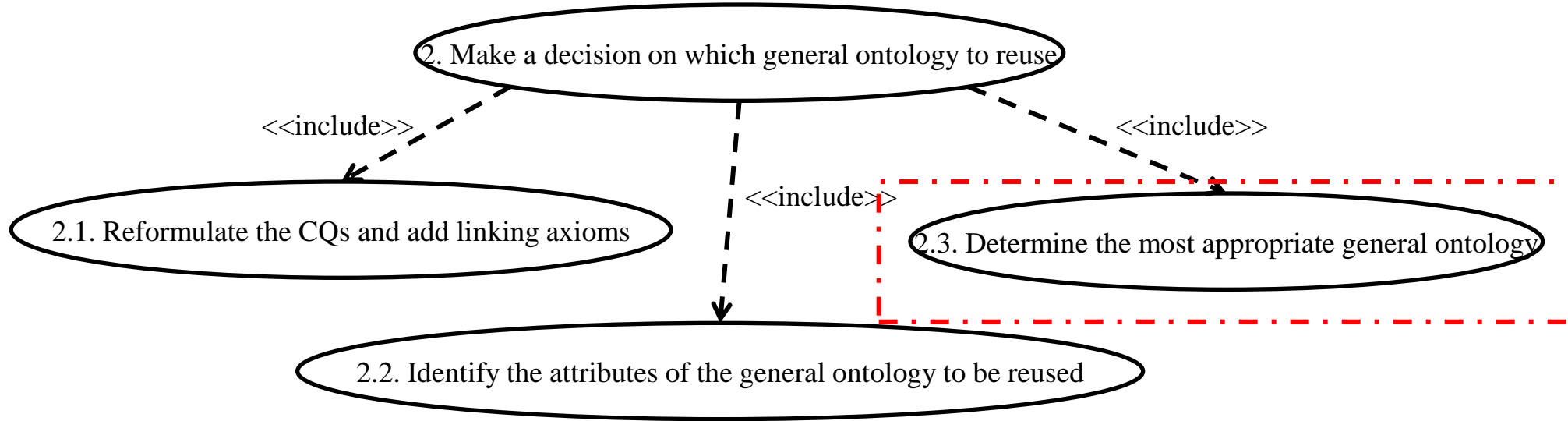
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Does Mol Iron contain iron?



DETERMINE THE MOST APPROPRIATE GENERAL ONTOLOGY



FEATURES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

Reuse Cost.

- *Reuse Financial Cost.*
- *Required Reuse Time.*

Understandability Effort.

- *Documentation quality.*
- *External knowledge source availability.*
- *Code clarity.*

Integration Effort.

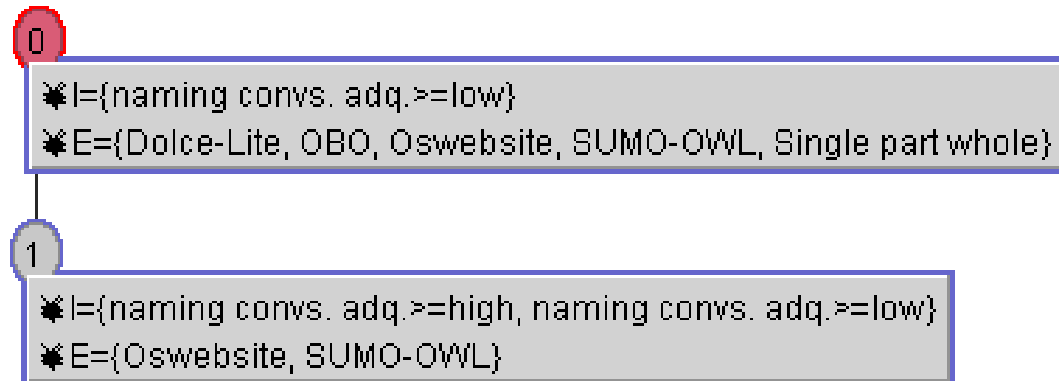
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- *Knowledge clash.*
- *Adaptation to the reasoner.*
- *Need for bridge terms.*

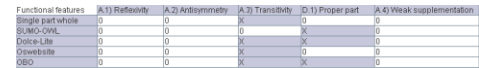
Reliability.

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- *Test availability.*
- *Former evaluation.*
- *Theoretical support.*
- *Development team reputation.*
- *Fitness for purpose.*
- *Practical support.*

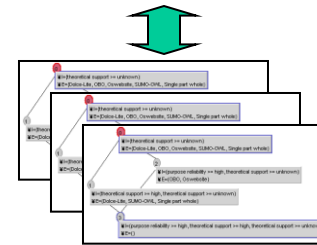
EXAMPLE. INTEGRATION EFFORT LATTICE

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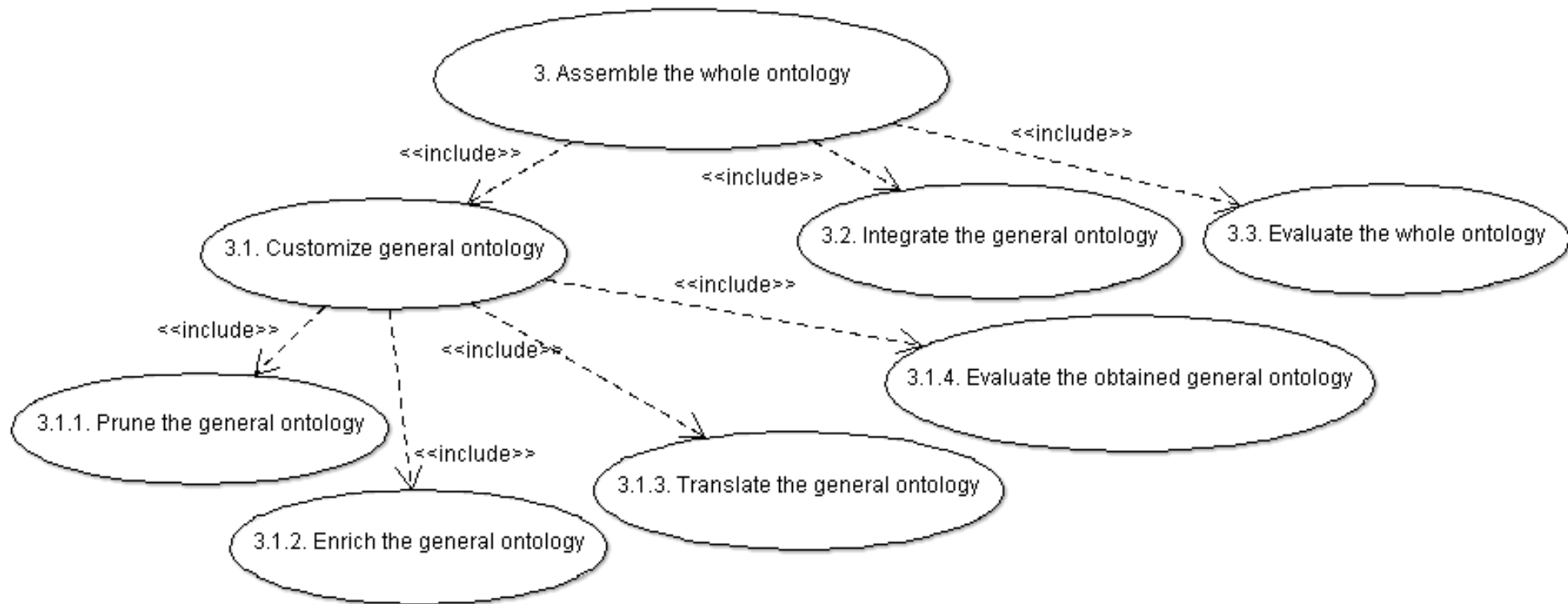


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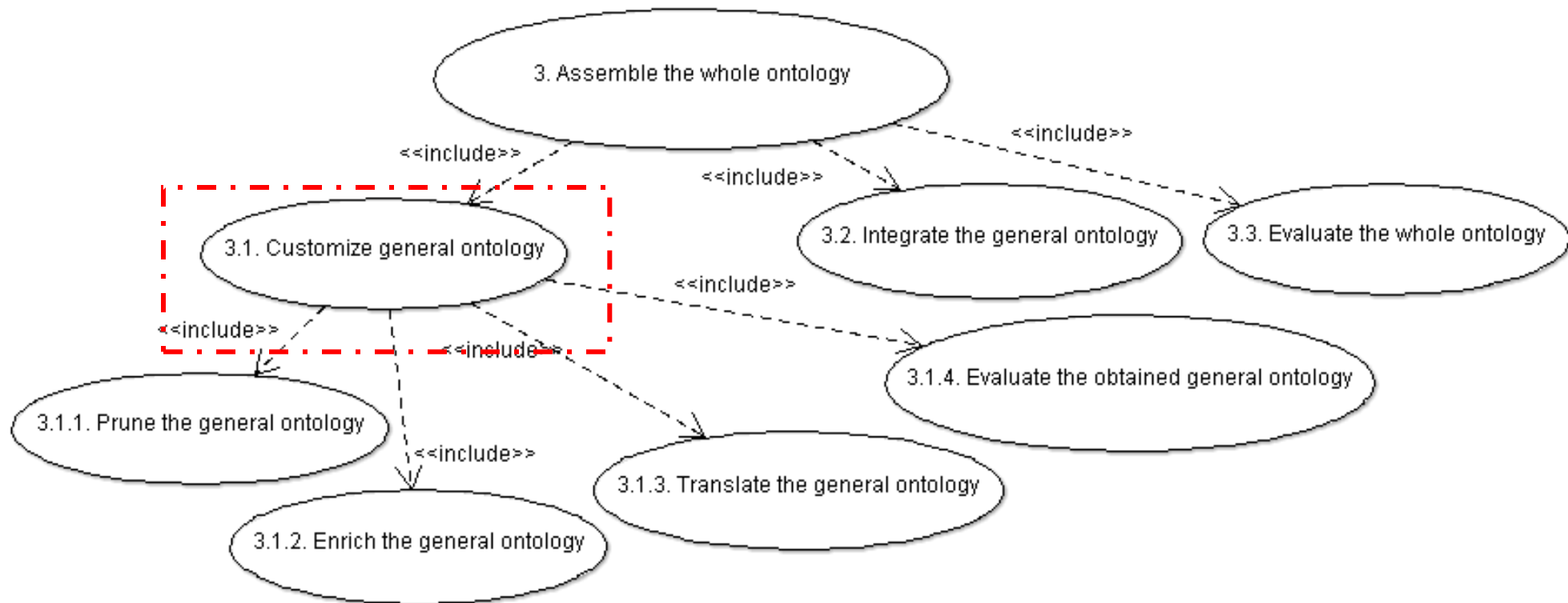
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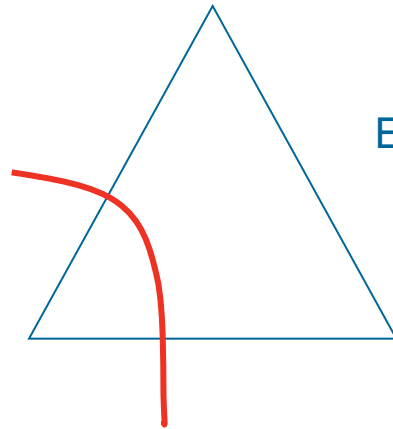


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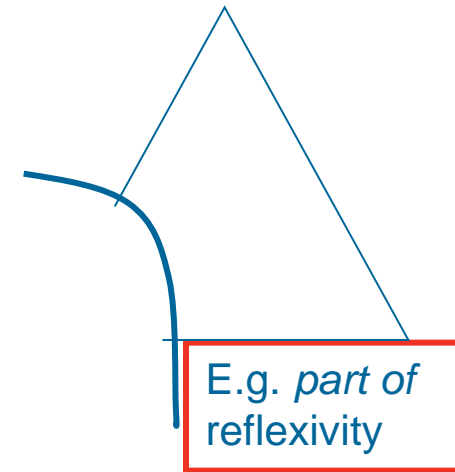


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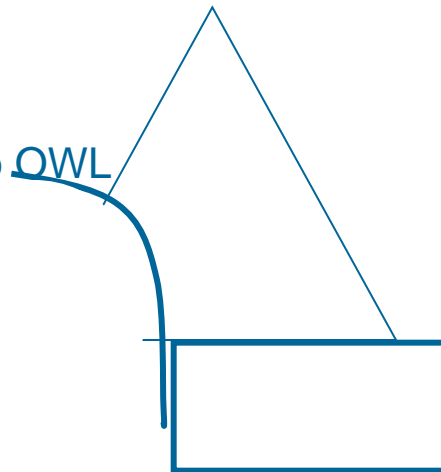
Pruning the MO
(e.g. the relation *overlap* is not necessary in our domain ontology)



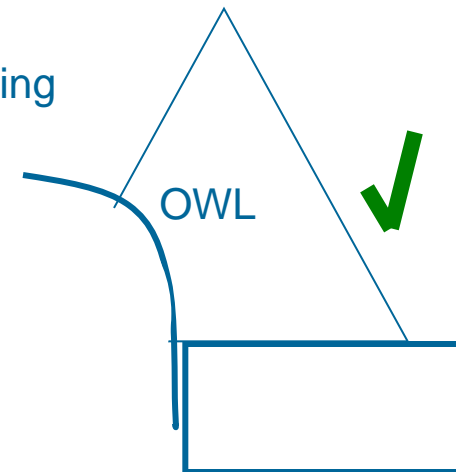
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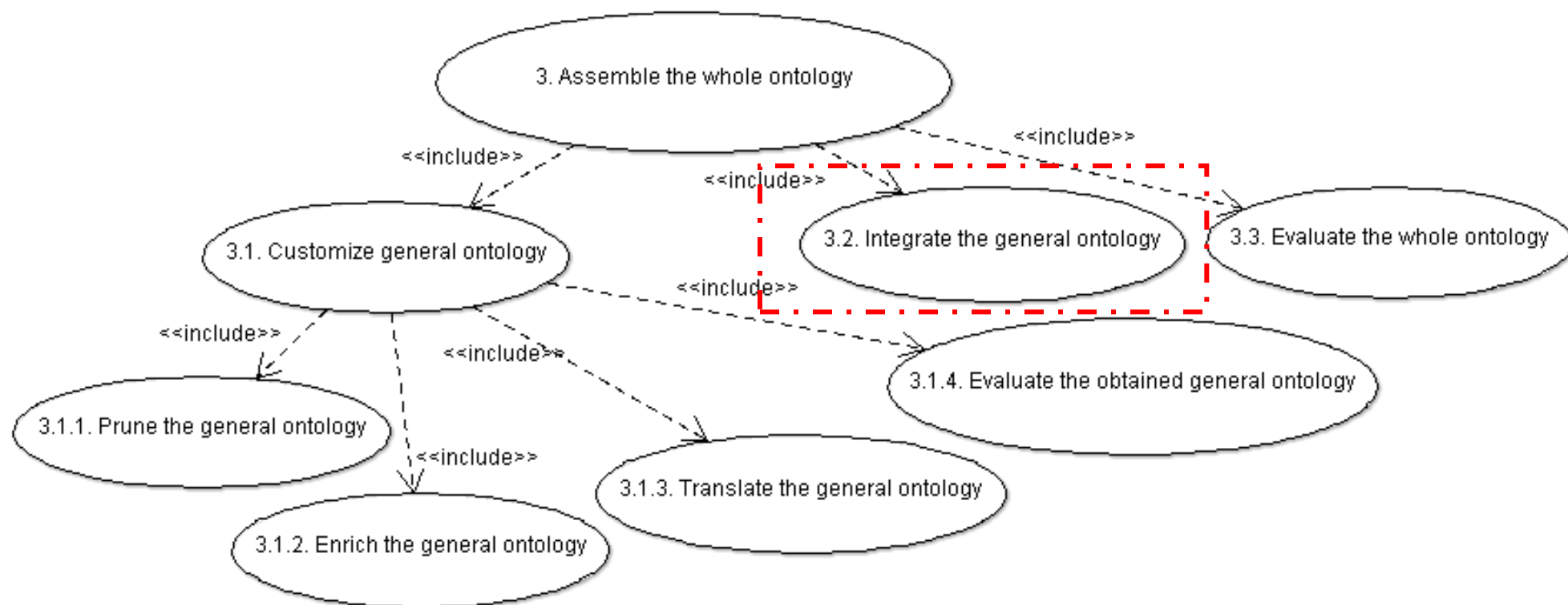
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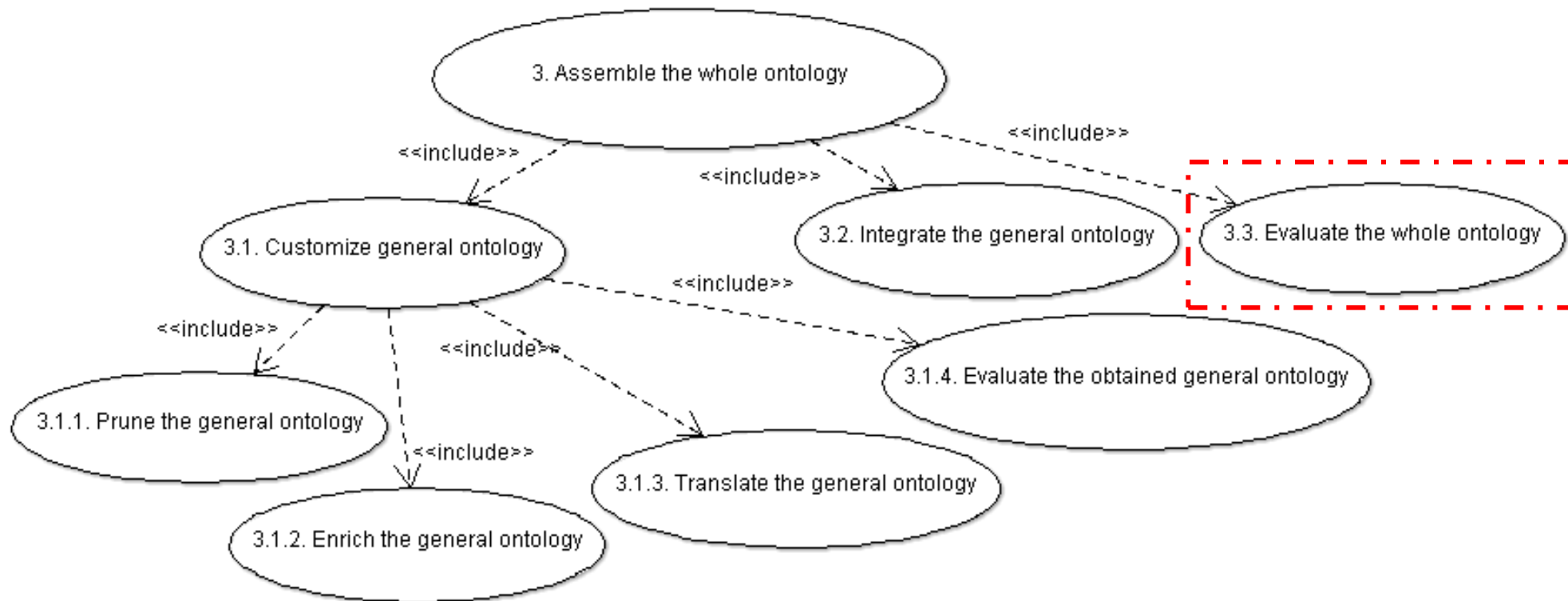
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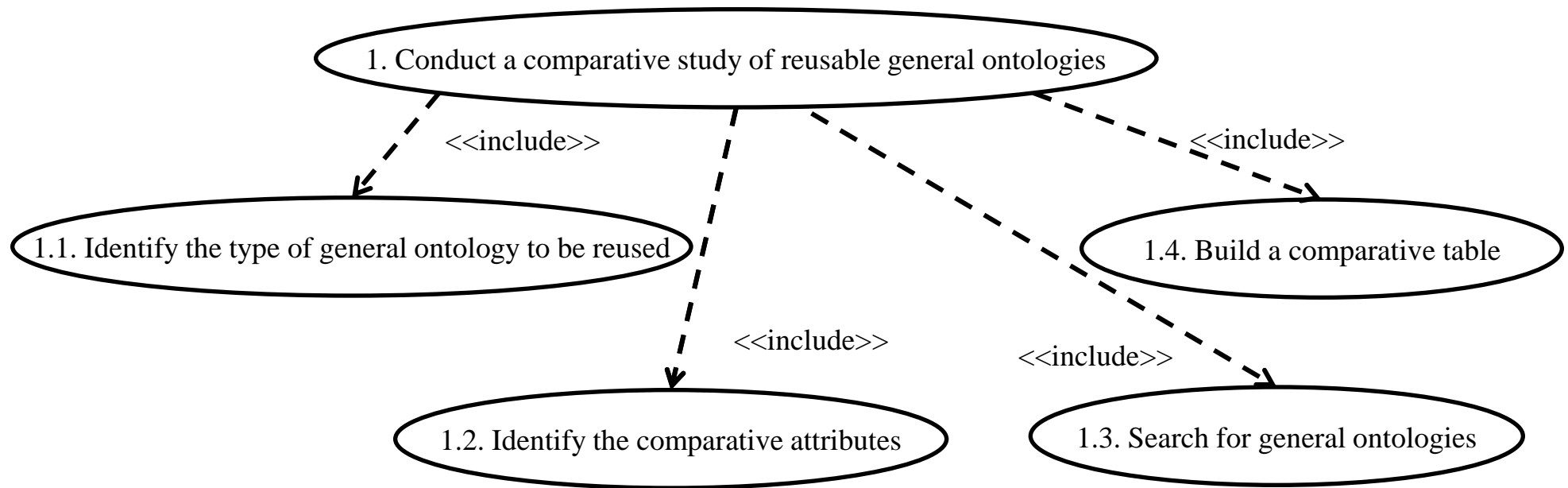


STUDY CASE

CQ id	Informal CQ	Sample answer
CQ ₁	Which drugs contain paracetamol?	Algidol ® Apiretal ® Bisolgrip ® Cortafriol ® Dolgesic ® Dolostop ® Efferalgan ® Frenadol ® Gelocatil ® Pharmagrip ® Termalgin ®
CQ ₂	What is the composition of Frenadol®?	Caffeine Chlorpheniramine citrate Dextromethorphan Paracetamol
CQ ₃	What is the main active ingredient of Frenadol®?	Paracetamol
CQ ₄	With which substances does Frenadol® interact?	Ethyl alcohol Isoniazid Propranolol Rifampicin
CQ ₅	Which Frenadol® manufacturing lot expires before 11 May 2012?	C63 C125 C243
CQ ₆	Which Frenadol® manufacturing lot expires before 30 April 2010?	C63
CQ ₇	Which Frenadol® manufacturing lot expires in 2010?	C63 C125
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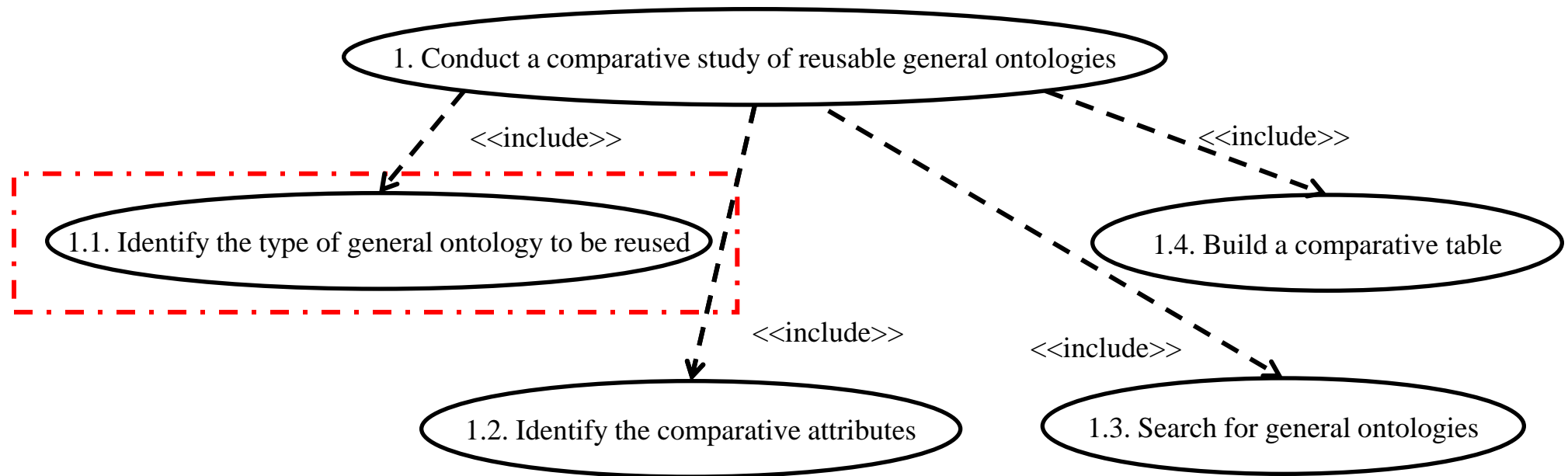


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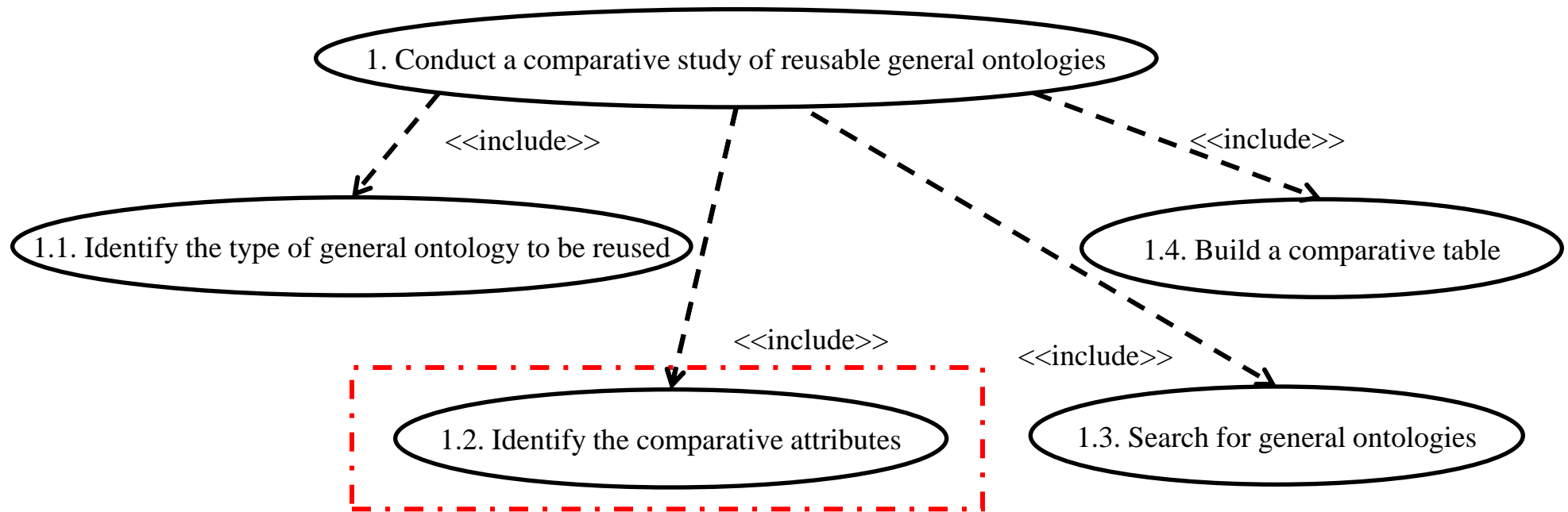


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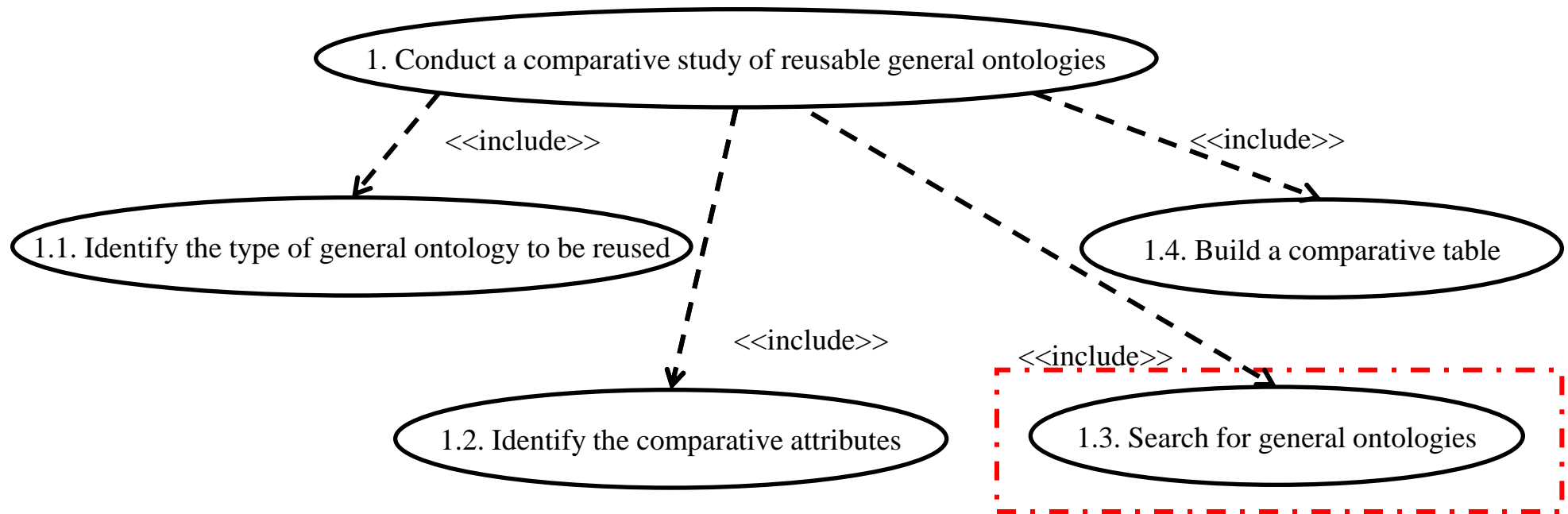
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CQ₃ (What is the main active ingredient of Frenadol®?)	Heuristic 2. Every active ingredient of a drug is a structural part of the drug. Therefore, <i>main_active_ingredient_of</i> is a sub-relation of <i>part_of</i> .	Mereology
CQ₄ (With which substances does Frenadol® interact?)	Heuristic 1. To find out whether a drug interacts with other substances, it is necessary to know the interaction of each of its structural parts with other substances.	Mereology
CQ₅, CQ₆, CQ₇ and CQ₈	Heuristic 3. There are specialized time patterns: 11 May 2012, 30 April 2010 There is a preposition of time: before.	Time modelling

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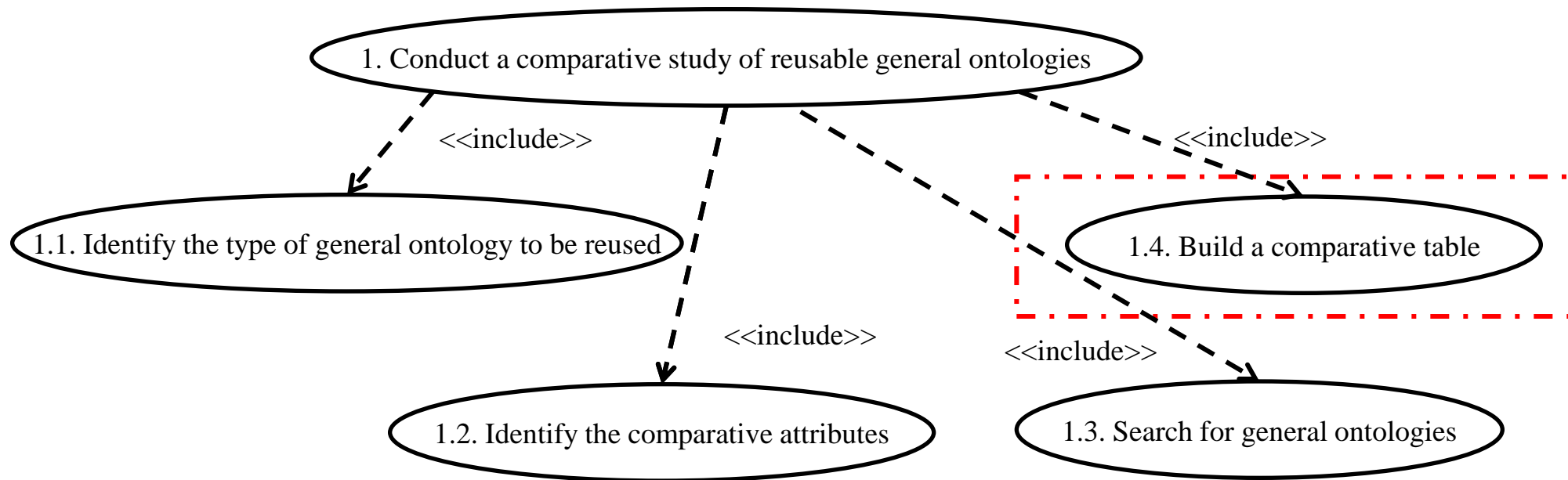
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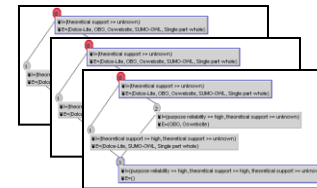
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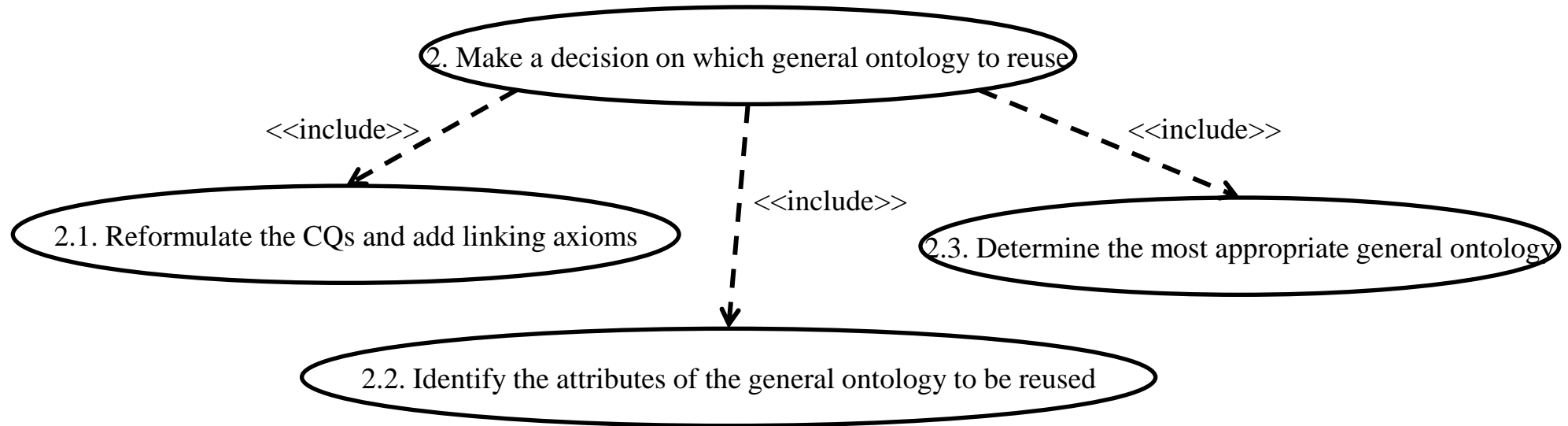
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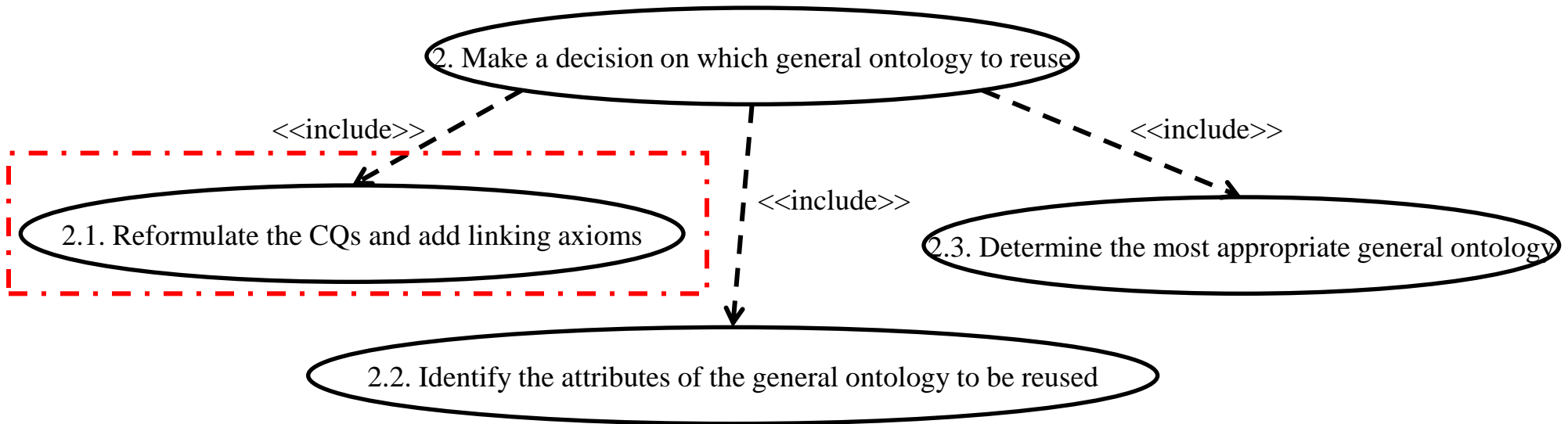
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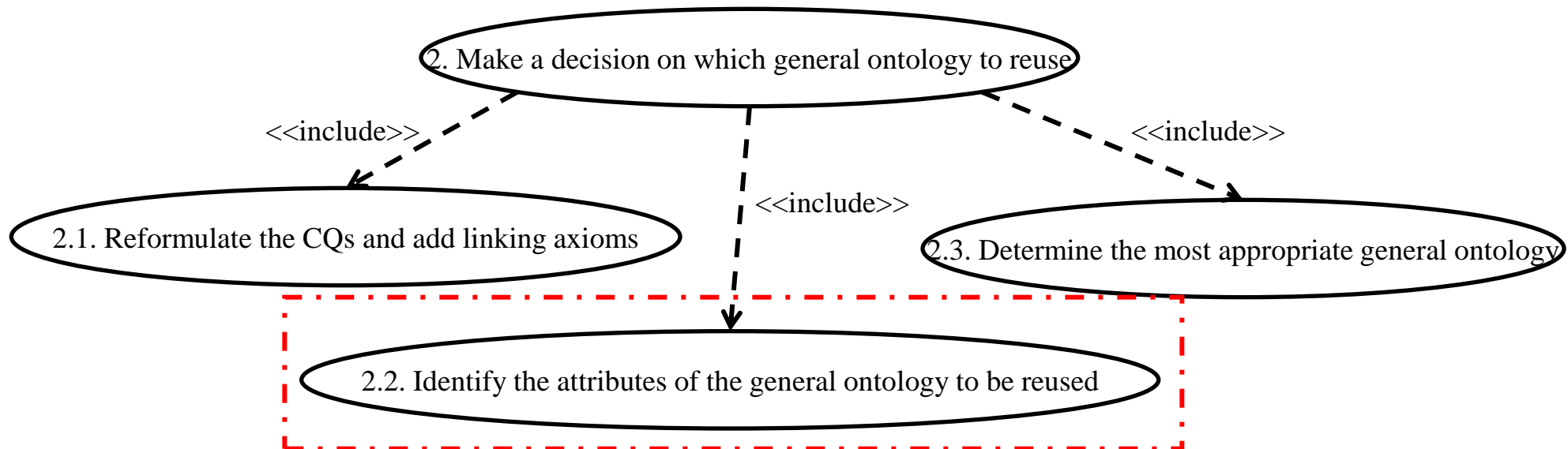
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Heuristic 9. We want to know the parts of an object, including the actual object.	CQ ₁) Which drugs contain paracetamol?	Reformulate the CQ to include the term is part of.	Which drugs is paracetamol part of ?
	(The actual substance is included because the user could ask for a drug directly) CQ ₄) With which substances does Frenadol® interact?		With which substances do the parts of Frenadol® interact?
Heuristic 11. The CQ refers to a relation S that is a sub-relation of R that satisfies conditions CM ₁ and CM ₂ .	CQ ₃) Which is the main active ingredient of Frenadol®?	Add a linking axiom establishing that S is a subrelation of part_of.	Add the following axiom: "Main active ingredient of is a sub-relation of part_of."
Heuristic 12. We want to know which are the endpoints of the temporal entity returned by the CQ	CQ ₅) Which drug manufacturing lot expires before 11 May 2012?	Add a linking axiom to time points.	Add the following axiom: "The range of has expiration date in the concept drug is time point."

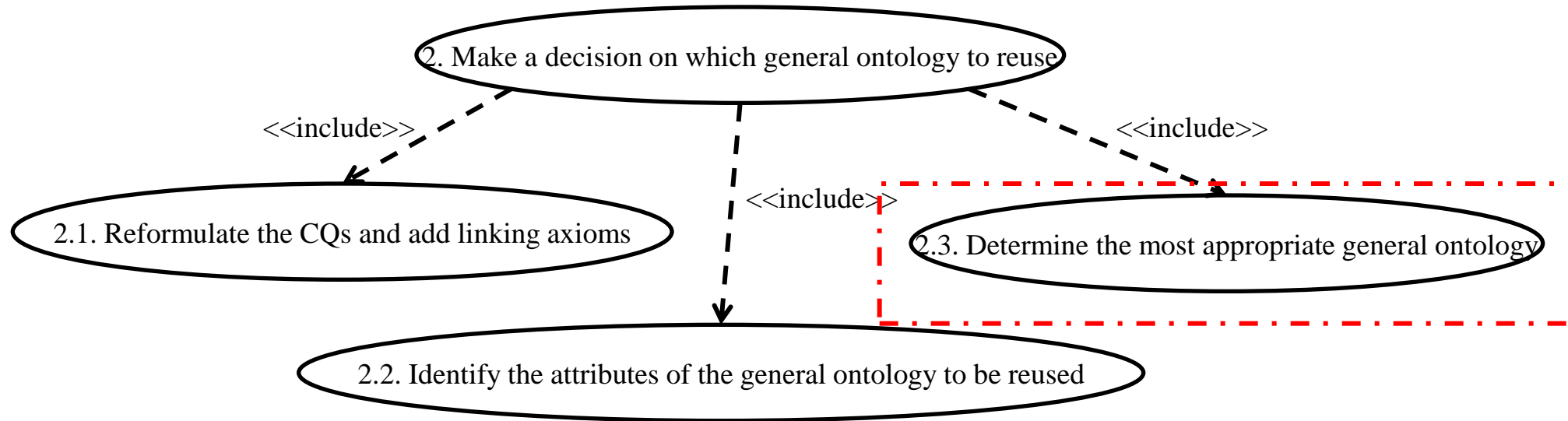
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Axioms and definitions	Conditions established by heuristics	Are conditions met?
A.1) Reflexivity	Heuristic 14 condition: implementation is possible.	Yes
A.2) Antisymmetry	Heuristic 14 condition: implementation is possible.	Yes
A.3) Transitivity	Heuristic 15 condition: X has parts X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , and some X_i has parts $X_{i1}, X_{i2}, \dots, X_{im}$, that is, X has several levels of parts. Besides, we want to know all the levels when we ask, Which are the parts of X ?	Yes
D.1) Proper part	Heuristic 16 condition for <i>proper_part</i> is met.	Yes
D.2) Direct part	Heuristic 16 condition for <i>direct_part</i> is met.	No
D.3) Overlap	Heuristic 16 condition for <i>overlap</i> is met.	No
D.4) Underlap	Heuristic 16 condition for <i>underlap</i> is met.	No
D.5) Disjoint	Heuristic 16 condition for <i>disjoint</i> is met.	No
A.4) Weak supplementation	Heuristic 14 condition: implementation is possible.	Yes

STUDY CASE. DETERMINE THE MOST APPROPRIATE GENERAL ONTOLOGY



STUDY CASE. FEATURES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

Reuse Cost.

- *Reuse Financial Cost.*
- *Required Reuse Time.*

Understandability Effort.

- *Documentation quality.*
- *External knowledge source availability.*
- *Code clarity.*

Integration Effort.

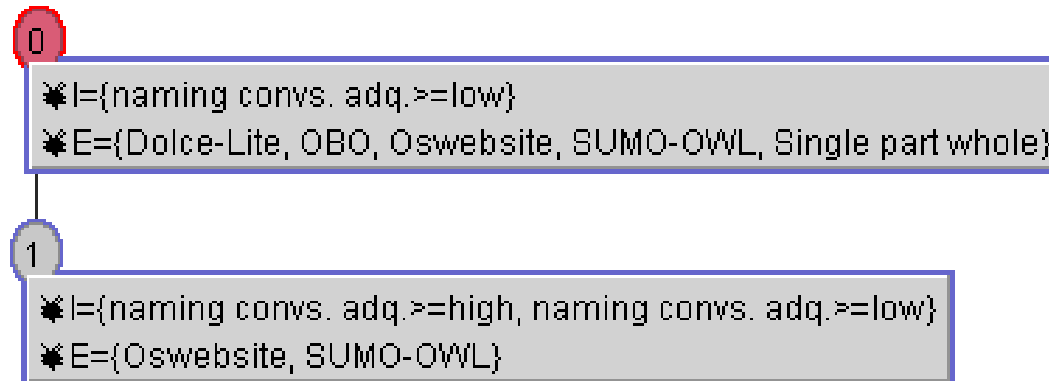
- *Knowledge extraction adequacy.*
- *Naming conventions adequacy.*
- *Implementation language adequacy.*
- *Knowledge clash.*
- *Adaptation to the reasoner.*
- *Need for bridge terms.*

Reliability.

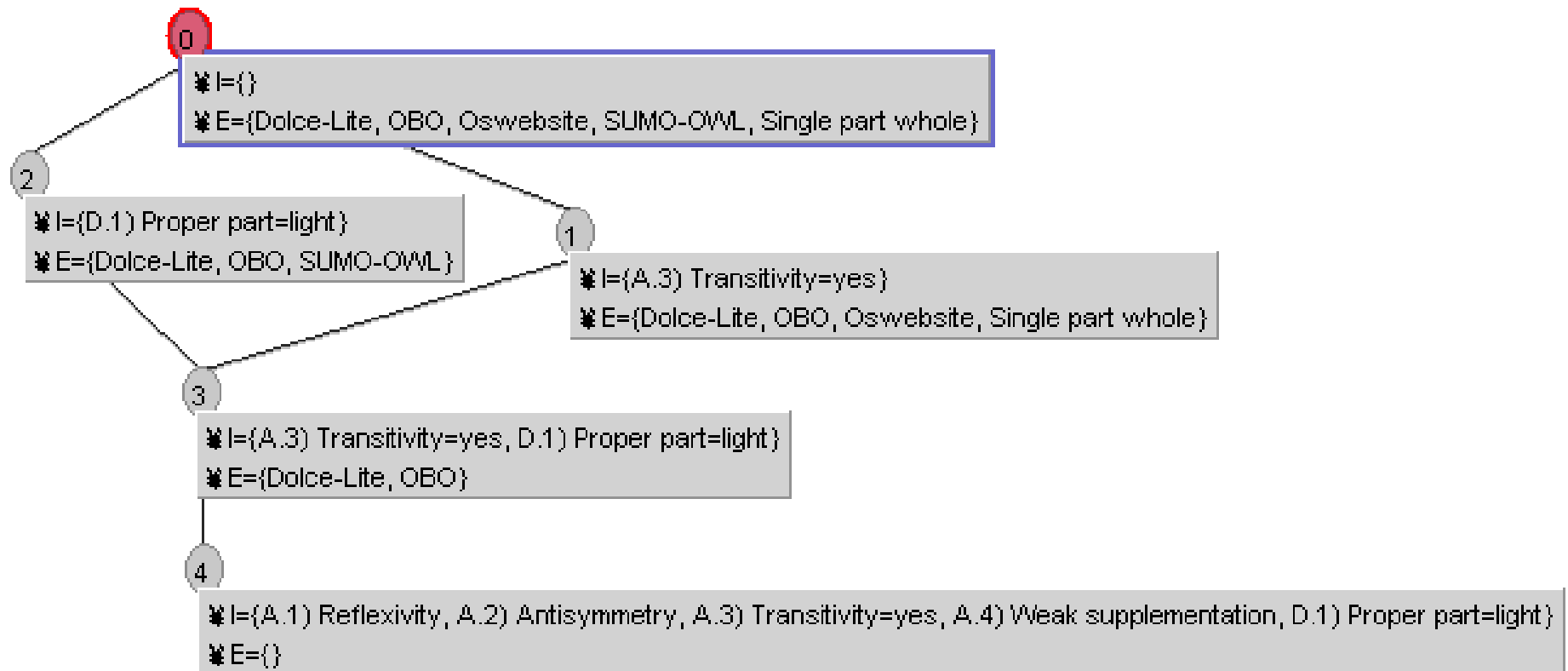
- *Design criteria.*
- *Test availability.*
- *Former evaluation.*
- *Theoretical support.*
- *Development team reputation.*
- *Fitness for purpose.*
- *Practical support.*

STUDY CASE. INTEGRATION EFFORT LATTICE

Integration effort	knowledge extraction adequacy	naming conventions adequacy	implementation language adequacy
Single part whole	[high]	[low]	[high]
SUMO-OWL	[high]	[high]	[high]
Dolce-Lite	[high]	[low]	[high]
Oswebsite	[high]	[high]	[high]
OBO	[high]	[low]	[high]



STUDY CASE. LATTICE OF AXIOMS AND DEFINITIONS



STUDY CASE. UNDERSTANDABILITY EFFORT LATTICE

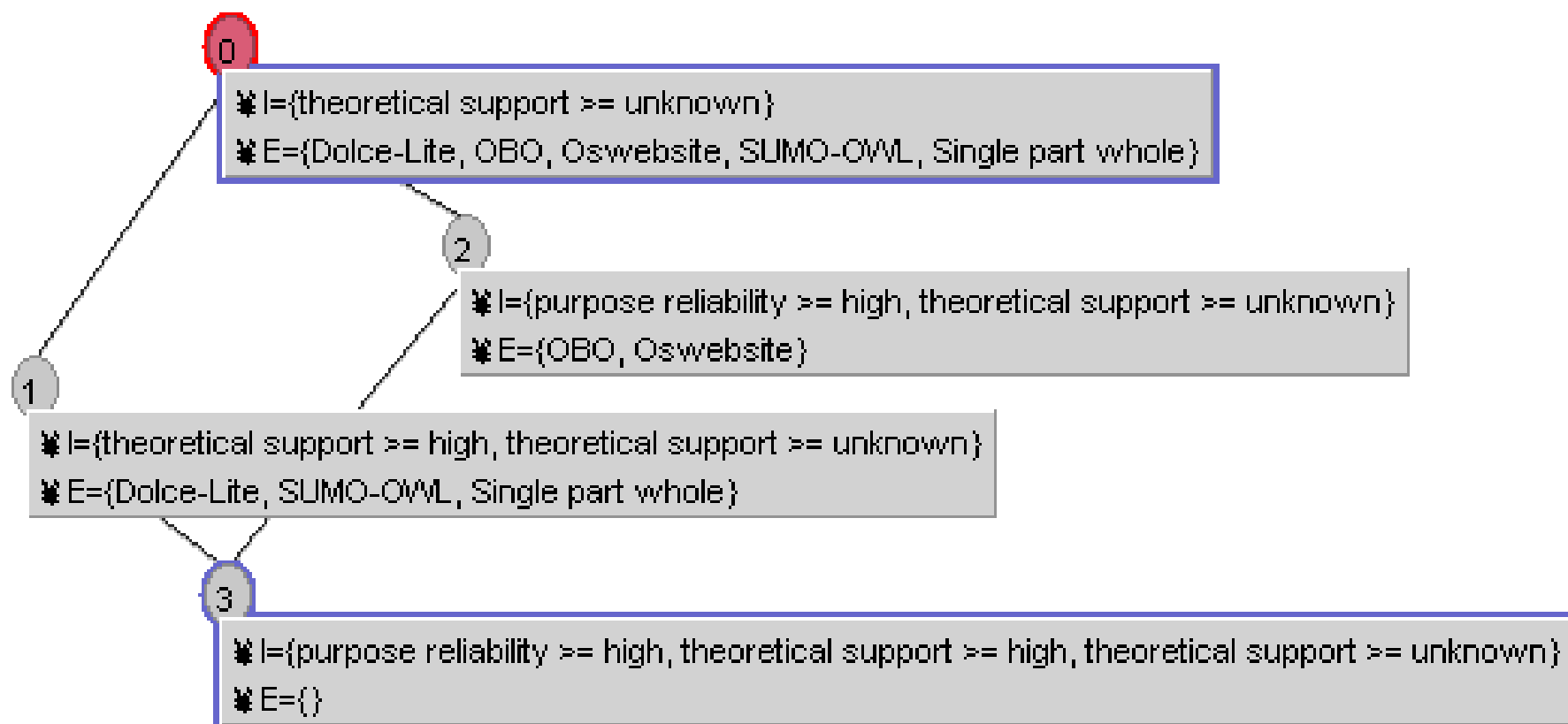
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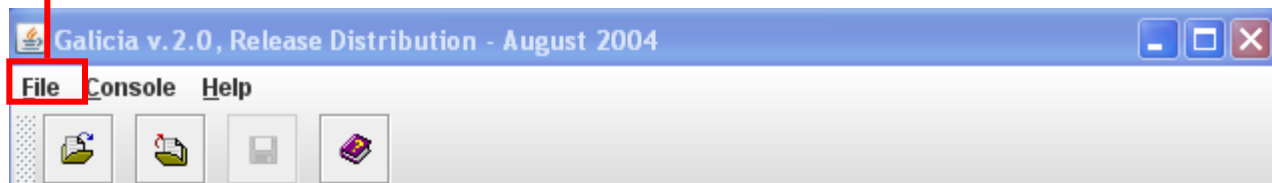
STUDY CASE. RELIABILITY LATTICE



MULTI-FCA WITH GALICIA. HOW TO CREATE A SET OF TABLES

To download the tool: <http://www.iro.umontreal.ca/~galicia/>

In the main window: File > New Context or Family of Contexts



In the new Window, for each table to be created: Edit > Add New Multi-Valued Context



MULTI-FCA WITH GALICIA. HOW TO GENERATE A LATTICE

Algorithms > Multi-FCA > Interactive Multi-FCA

The screenshot displays the GALICIA software interface with several windows open. The main window, titled 'Contexts Family name: 1-latticeMereologyCompleteScalled.rcf', has tabs for 'File', 'Edit', 'Rules Generation', 'Algorithms', 'Database', and 'Console'. The 'Algorithms' tab is active, showing a table of functional features and their values.

Functional features	Reuse cost	Understandability effort	Integration effort	Reliability	
A	B	C	D	E	F
Functional f...	A.1) Reflexi...				
Single part ...	0				
SUMO-OWL	0				
Dolce-Lite	0				
Oswebsite	0				
OBO	0				

Two 'Multi-FCA algorithm settings' dialog boxes are open. The first dialog has the 'RCF selection' tab selected, showing the same functional features table. The second dialog has the 'Initial context' tab selected, showing a list of context families: 'I=[D.1) Proper part=1]' and 'E=[Dolce-Lite, OBO, SUMO-OWL]'. A red box highlights this list.

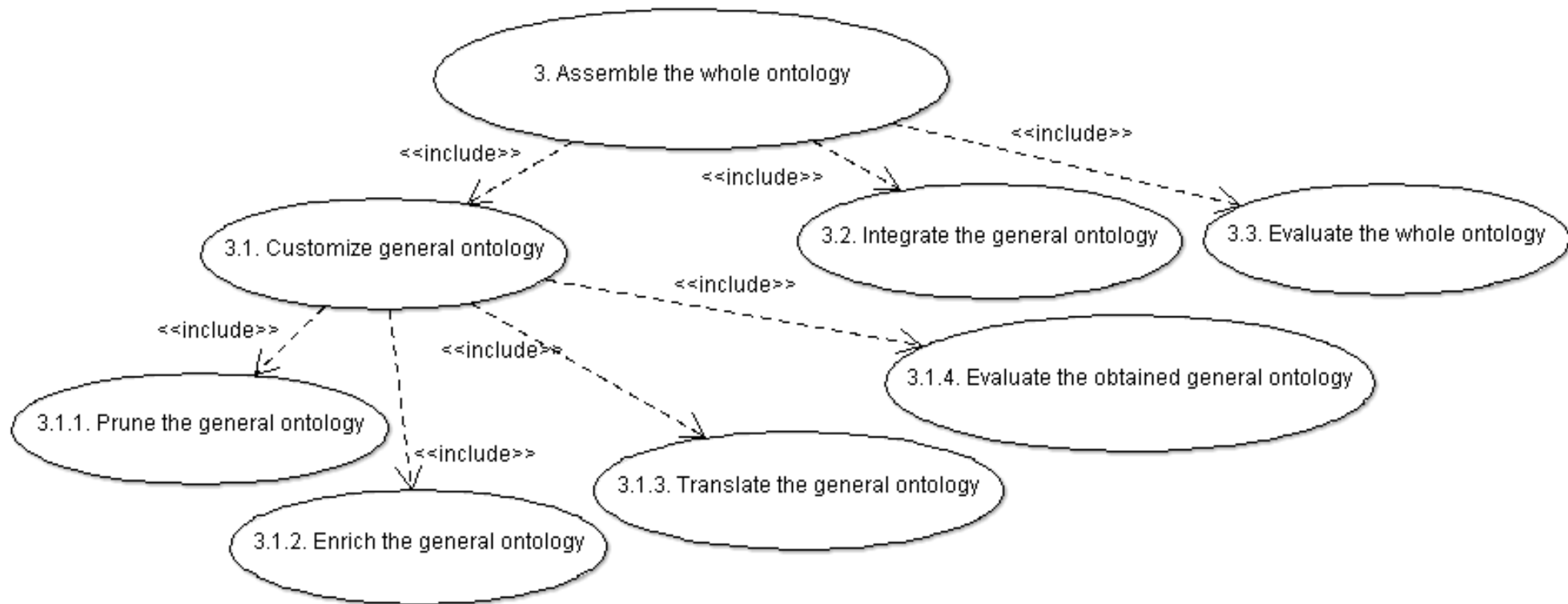
The 'Final Lattice of context: Functional features-derived' window displays a lattice diagram with nodes 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4. Node 0 is at the top, connected to nodes 1 and 2. Nodes 1 and 2 are connected to node 3, which is connected to node 4. A red box highlights the lattice structure.

The 'Format' window on the right shows a preview of the lattice and options for 'Fit' and 'Optimize'.

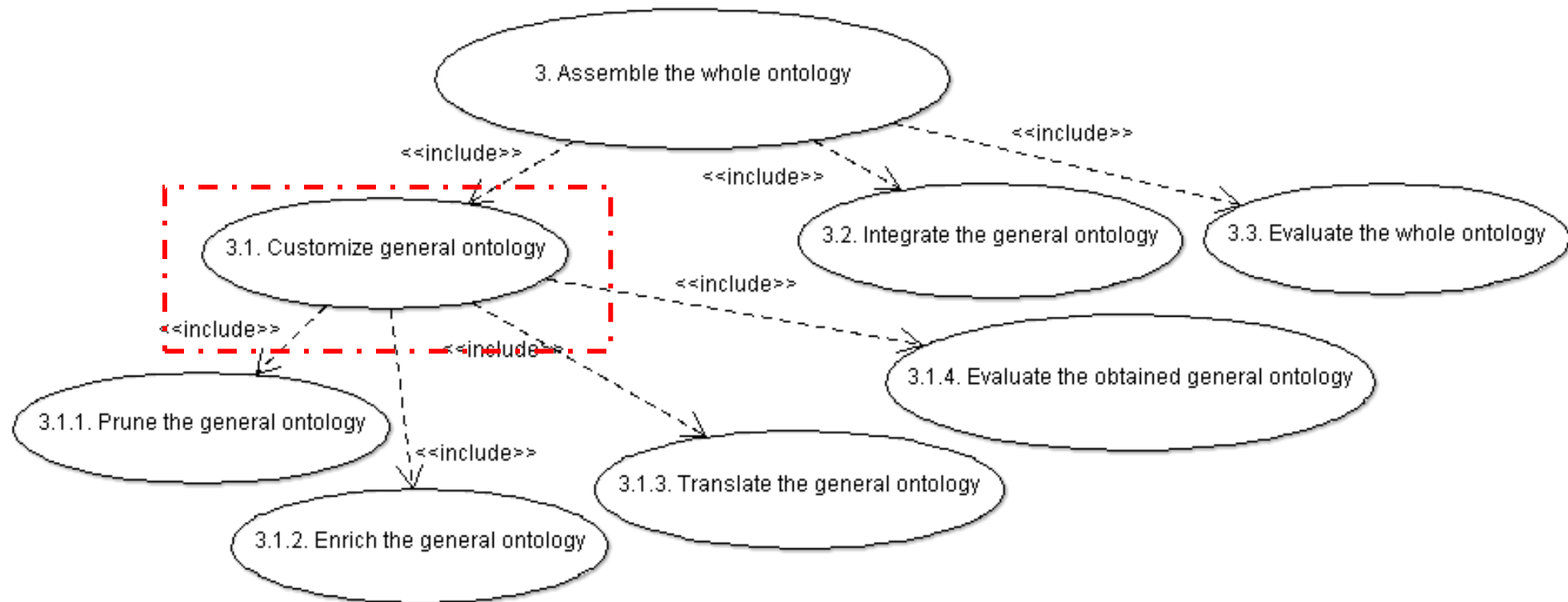
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STUDY CASE. ASSEMBLE THE WHOLE ONTOLOGY

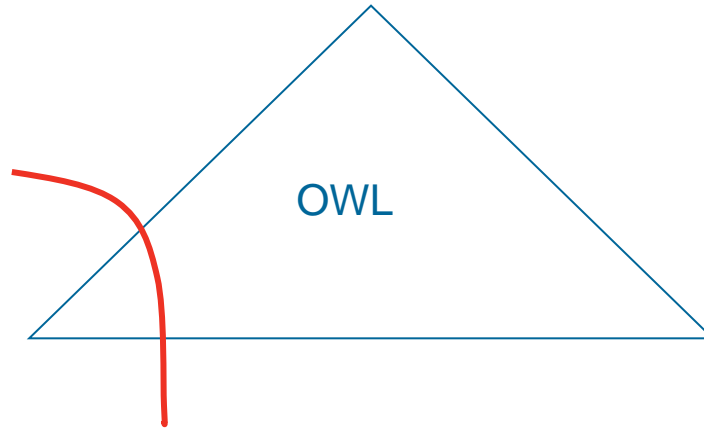


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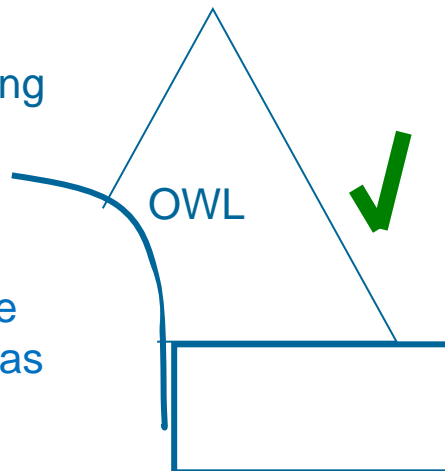


STUDY CASE. CUSTOMIZE GENERAL ONTOLOGY

Pruning the MO
(e.g. the relation *overlap* is not necessary in our domain ontology)

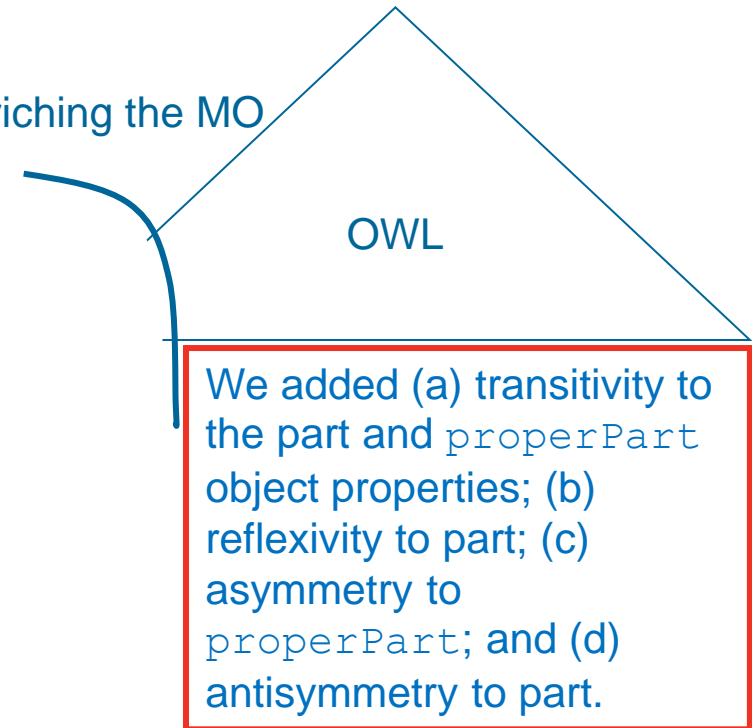


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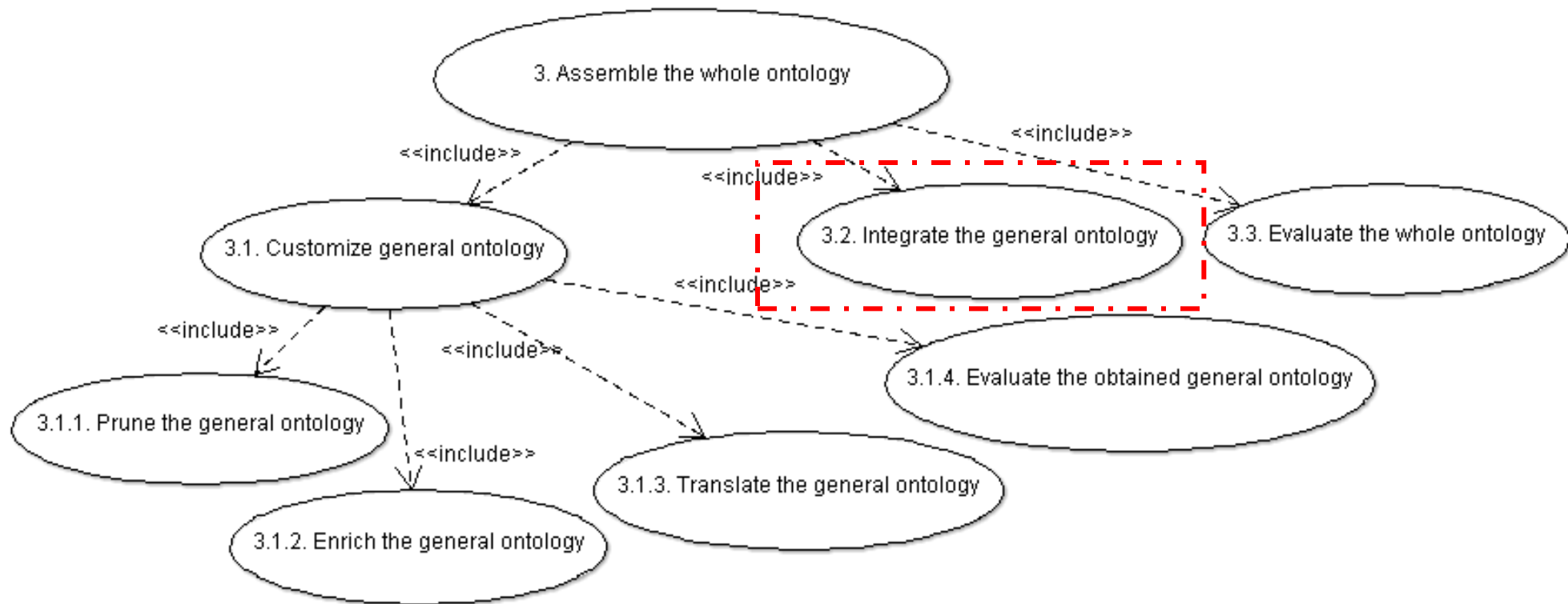


We checked that the resulting ontology has the expected attributes

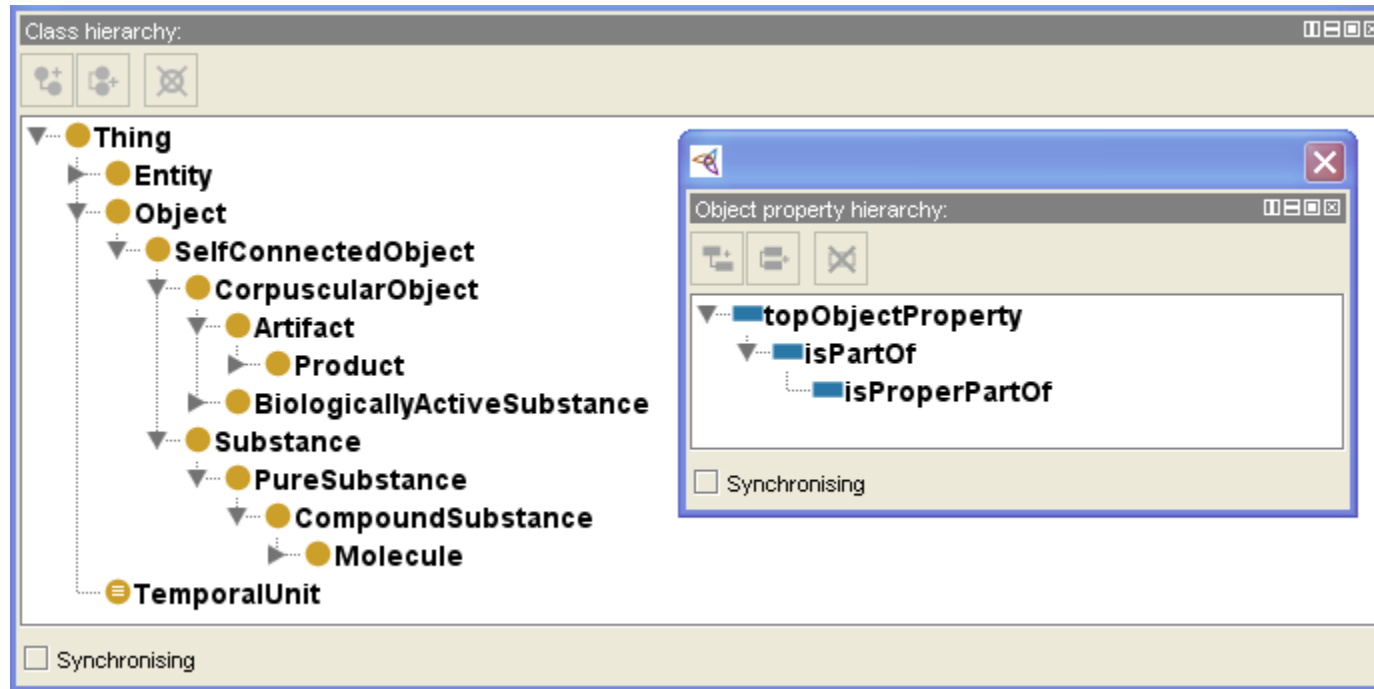
Enriching the MO



STUDY CASE. INTEGRATE THE GENERAL ONTOLOGY



STUDY CASE. INTEGRATING THE ONTOLOGY TO BE REUSED



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Links between terms of the reused ontology and the ontology to be developed should be established.

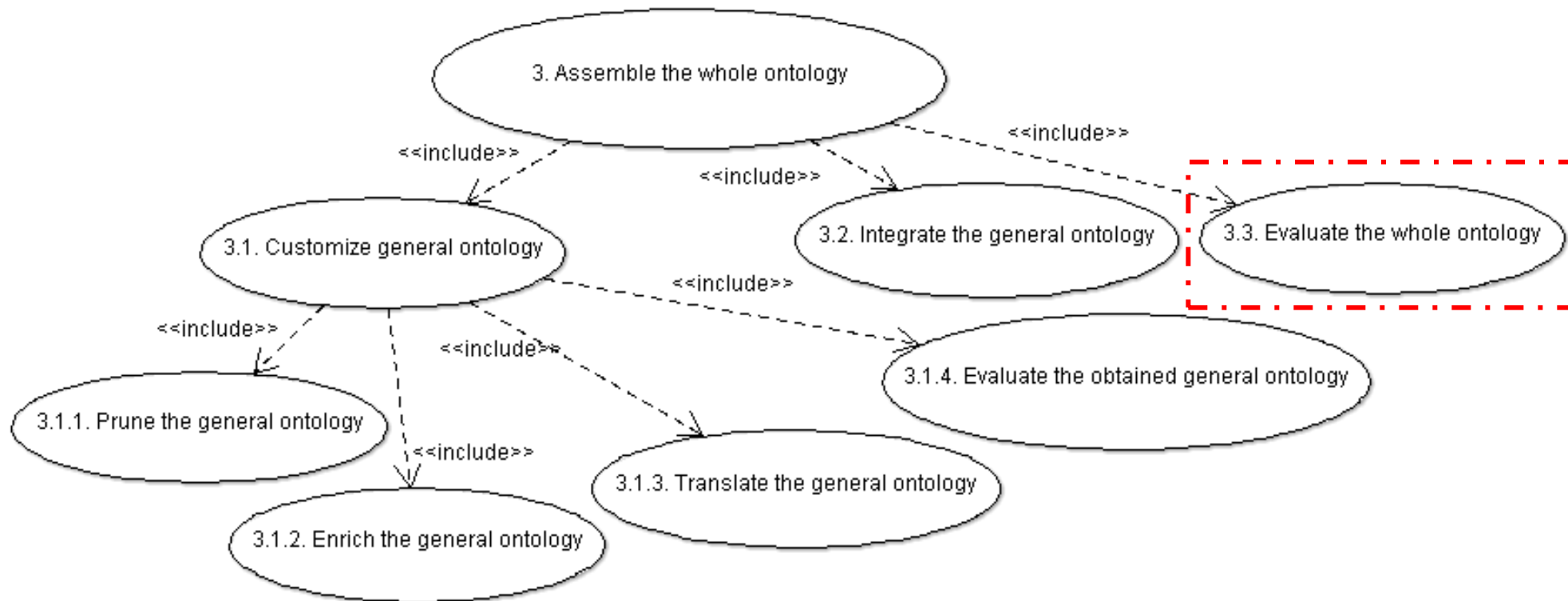
We have added the axioms identified in task 1.1 (e.g. *isMainActiveIngredient* is subrelation of *isPartOf*)



To answer CQ4 (*with which substances does Frenadol® interact?*) we have added this rule to the ontology:

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interactsWith(?x, ?y), part(?x, ?z) -> interactsWith(?z, ?y)
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STUDY CASE. EVALUATE THE GENERAL ONTOLOGY



STUDY CASE. CHECKING COMPETENCY QUESTIONS (I)

Informal CQ	Formal CQ	Example of answer
What drugs do have paracetamol?	<pre># CQ1 SELECT ?X WHERE { ?X rdf:type ub:DrugSubstance . ub:Paracetamol ub:isProperPartOf ?X . }</pre>	<pre>----- X ===== FrenadolSubstance BisolgripSubstance CortafriolSubstance DolgesicSubstance TermalginSubstance AlgidolSubstance EfferalganSubstance DolostopSubstance GelocatilSubstance ApiretalSubstance PharmagripSubstance -----</pre>
Which is the composition of Frenadol®?	<pre># CQ2 SELECT ?X WHERE { ?X ub:isProperPartOf ub:FrenadolSubstance . }</pre>	<pre>----- X ===== Dextrometorphan CitrateOfChlorpheniramine Caffeine Paracetamol -----</pre>

STUDY CASE. CHECKING COMPETENCY QUESTIONS (II)

Informal CQ	Formal CQ	Example of answer
Which is the main active ingredient of Frenadol®?	<pre># CQ3 SELECT ?X WHERE { ?X ub:isMainActiveIngredientOf ub:FrenadolSubstance . }</pre>	<pre>----- X ===== Paracetamol -----</pre>
With which substances do Frenadol® interacts?	<pre># CQ4 SELECT ?X WHERE { ub:FrenadolSubstance ub:interactsWith ?X . }</pre>	<pre>----- X ===== Rifampicin Propranolol Isionazid EthylAlcohol -----</pre>



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