

IV-Applications

Statistical Models of Knowledge

Graphs

Foundations of Neuro-Symbolic AI

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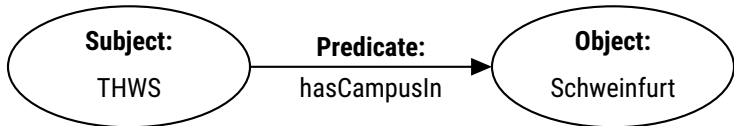
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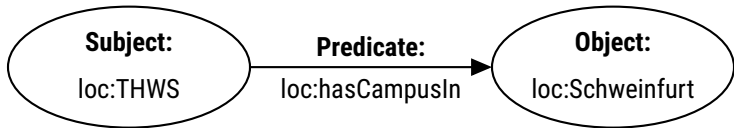
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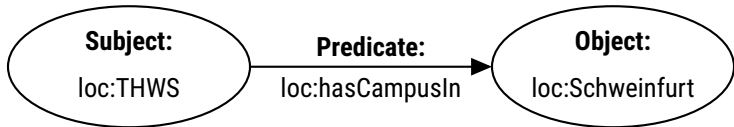
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Representation in Turtle syntax:

```
@prefix loc: < www.locationdemo.de/location/ontology# > .  
loc:THWS loc:hasCampusIn loc:Schweinfurt .
```

RDF, RDFS and OWL: Relation to Formal Logic

@prefix rdf : < http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns# > .
@prefix rdfs : < http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema# > .
@prefix owl : < http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl# > .

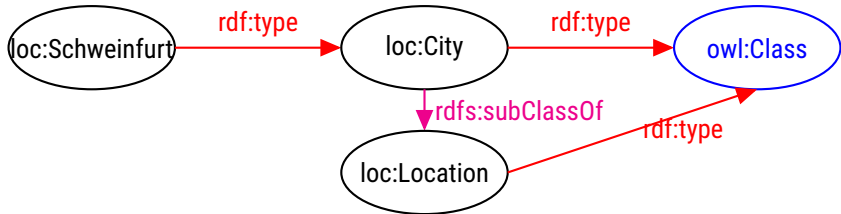
RDF and RDF Schema (RDFS):

- ▶ **Class memberships:** $\text{City}(\text{Schweinfurt})$
 $\text{loc} : \text{Schweinfurt} \quad \text{rdf : type} \quad \text{loc} : \text{City} \quad .$
- ▶ **Subclass hierarchies:** $\forall x : \text{City}(x) \rightarrow \text{Location}(x)$
 $\text{loc} : \text{City} \quad \text{rdfs : subclassOf} \quad \text{loc} : \text{Location} \quad .$

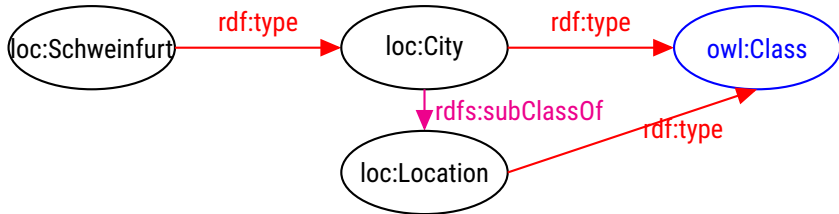
Web Ontology Language (OWL)

- ▶ **Classes:** $\text{Class}(\text{City})$
 $\text{loc} : \text{City} \quad \text{rdf : type} \quad \text{owl : Class} \quad .$
- ▶ **Object properties:** $\text{Property}(\text{hasCampusIn})$
 $\text{loc} : \text{hasCampusIn} \quad \text{rdf : type} \quad \text{owl : ObjectProperty} \quad .$

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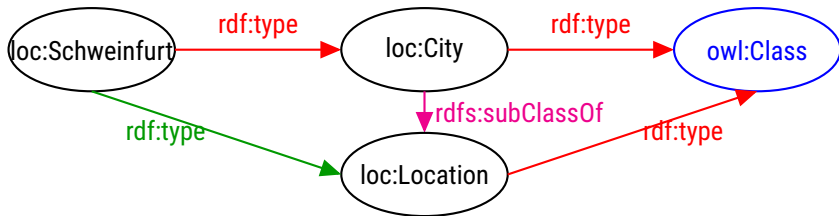
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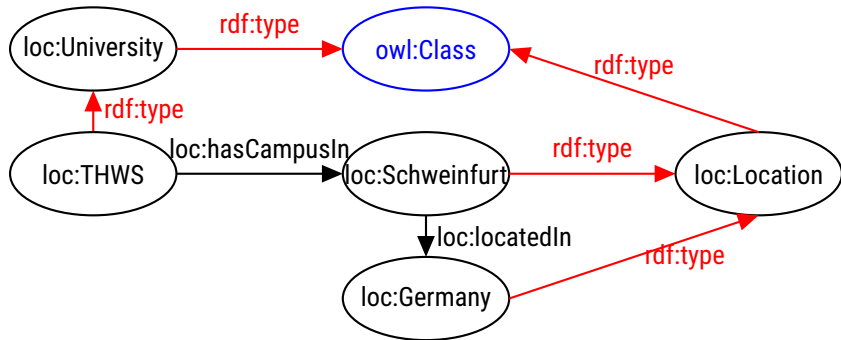
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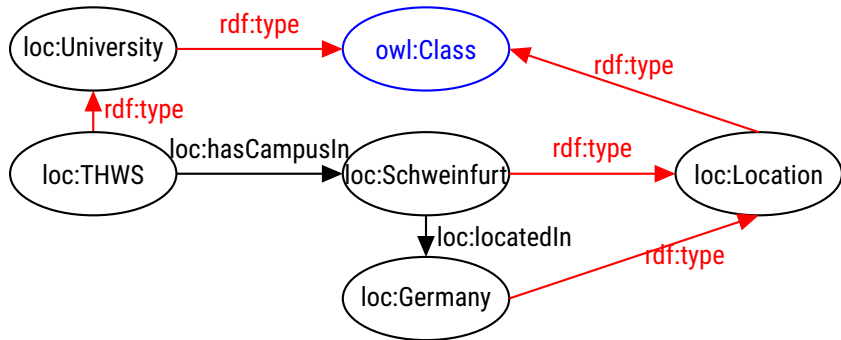
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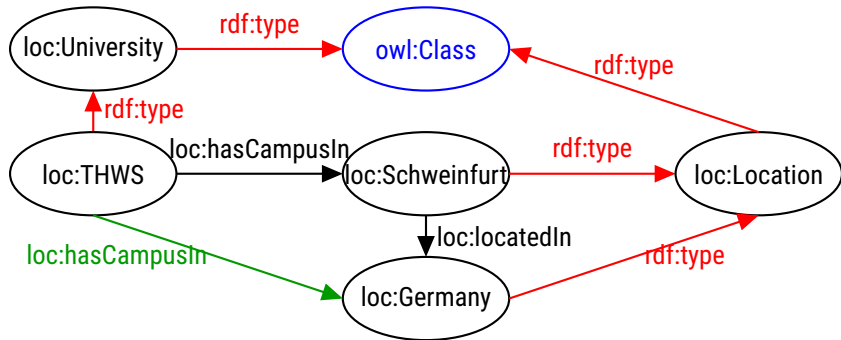
$\forall x, y, z : (\text{hasCampusIn}(x, y) \cap \text{locatedIn}(y, z)) \rightarrow \text{hasCampusIn}(x, z)$

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Demonstration: Knowledge Graph for THWS

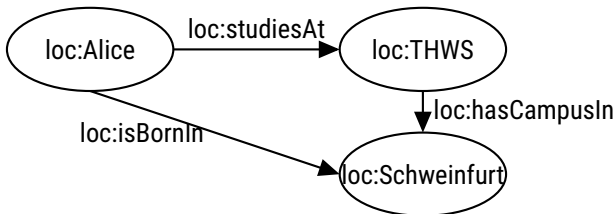
- ▶ Link to Protege Project (can be downloaded in turtle format):
<https://webprotege.stanford.edu/>
- ▶ Link to WebVOWL (need to upload ontology in turtle format):
<https://service.tib.eu/webvowl/>
- ▶ Link to Colab Notebook: drive.google.com/

Limitation of OWL Expressivity

Example: Estimate whether a student lives at her parents

$$\forall x, y, z : (\text{studiesAt}(x, y) \cap \text{hasCampusIn}(y, z) \cap \text{isBornIn}(x, z)) \\ \rightarrow \text{livesAtParents}(x)$$

This amounts to looking for patterns like this:



Limitation of OWL (and other Description Logics)

- ▶ Cannot represent the formula without enlarging the ontology
- ▶ Uncertainties are not supported in classical logics

SPARQL Queries

The formula

$$\forall x, y, z : (\text{studiesAt}(x, y) \cap \text{hasCampusIn}(y, z) \cap \text{isBornIn}(x, z)) \\ \rightarrow \text{livesAtParents}(x)$$

can be materialized by the SPARQL Query

```
INSERT{  
    ?x rdf:type loc:livesAtParents .  
}  
WHERE{  
    ?x loc:studiesAt ?y .  
    ?y loc:hasCampusIn ?z .  
    ?x loc:isBornIn ?z .  
}
```

Grounding Tensors

Towards expressing SPARQL Queries in Tensor Networks

Definition (Grounding Tensor)

Given a specific world X_W , with a set of objects A , the grounding of a formula f with n arguments is the tensor

$$f|_{X_W} : \prod_{I \in [n]} A \rightarrow [2]$$

defined as

$$f|_{X_W}(a_{o_0}, \dots, a_{o_{n-1}}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(a_{o_0}, \dots, a_{o_{n-1}}) = 1 \text{ given the world } X_W \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

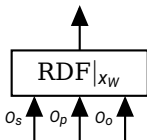
Knowledge Graphs as grounding tensors

Knowledge Graphs $KG|_{x_W}$ are worlds X_W , which are fully specified by the RDF formula. Having a set of variables A we represent a Knowledge Graph $KG|_{x_W}$ by the tensor

$$RDF|_{x_W} : A \times A \times A \rightarrow [2]$$

where

$$RDF|_{x_W}(O_s, O_p, O_o) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if triple } \langle O_s, O_p, O_o \rangle \text{ is in Knowledge Graph } KG|_{x_W} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

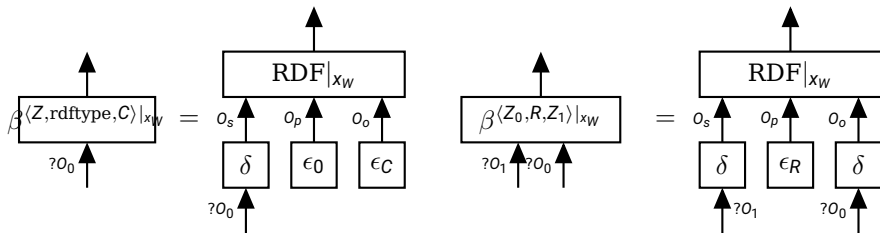


Basic Graph Patterns

Basic Graph Patterns are restrictions of the RDF formula on specific arguments, for example

- ▶ Unary triple pattern with one variable, representing a formula with a single projection variable. For example: $\langle Z, \text{rdftype}, C \rangle$
- ▶ Binary triple pattern with two variables, representing a formula with two projection variables. For example: $\langle Z_0, R, Z_1 \rangle$

Their grounding tensors are slices of the RDF



Statistical Models of Knowledge Graphs

Limitation of Knowledge Graphs:

- ▶ Handling of **Uncertainty**: How to reason given uncertain knowledge?
- ▶ **Expressivity** of Logics: Which relations can be modelled?

Knowledge Graph

Data described in logics
Logical reasoning about
connectivity



Statistical ("Graphical") Models

Statistical dependencies of links
Probabilistic reasoning about
samples

Connectivity to Samples: Towards building statistical models

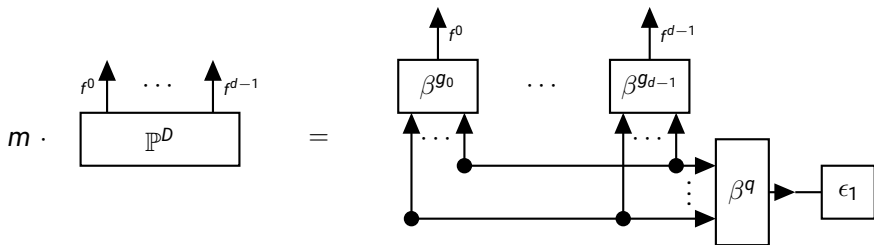
- ▶ Identify subgraphs of the Knowledge Graph to be interpreted as independent samples
- ▶ Learn and infer graphical models to reason about subgraphs

Extraction of samples for statistical models

The extraction is specified by

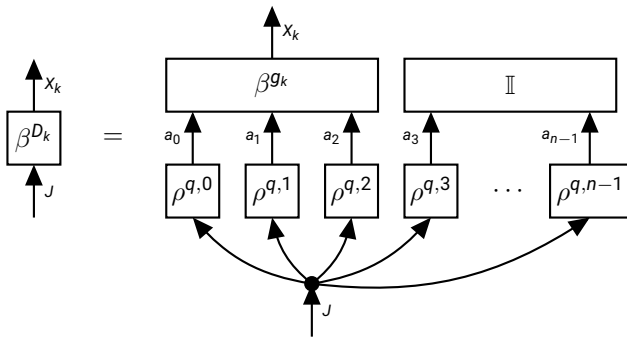
- **Extraction query** q specifying the conditions on a pair of individuals to represent a sample
- **Atom queries** g_k extracting the satisfaction of the atom for each pair of individuals

By contraction we get an empirical distribution by



Representation in Data Cores

Having a CP Decomposition of $q|_{x_W}$ we build datacores by



and have a representation

$$m \cdot \left\langle \mathbb{P}^D \right\rangle_{[f^0, \dots, f^{d-1}]} = \left\langle \beta^{D_0}, \dots, \beta^{D_{d-1}} \right\rangle_{[f^0, \dots, f^{d-1}]} .$$

This amounts to a CP Decomposition of \mathbb{P}^D , which **can introduce storage overheads!**

Statistical Models of Knowledge Graphs

Learning:

- ▶ Extract samples based on the extraction query and the atom queries
- ▶ Train a Markov Logic Model based on neuro-symbolic architectures and parameter estimation

Inference:

- ▶ Estimate the probability of missing links (by modification of atom truths)
- ▶ Generate Knowledge Graphs based on samples of the statistical model