

INFO216: Advanced Modelling

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**Modelling and Programming
the Web of Data**

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Session S13: OWL DL

- Themes:
 - description logic
 - decision problems
 - OWL DL
 - Manchester OWL-syntax
- Practical stuff:
 - perhaps Jena's OntModel class
 - we skip Protege-OWL 3 programming



Readings

- Forum links (cursory):
 - <http://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-primer/>
 - show: Turtle and Manchester syntax
 - hide: other syntaxes
 - Description Logic Handbook:
 - Chapter 1: Nardi & Brachman:
Introduction to Description Logics
 - Chapter 2: Baader & Nutt:
Formal Description Logics (*gets hard*)



Description Logic (DL)



Description logics (*perhaps from INFO100?*)

- Description Logic (DL)
 - a simple *fragment* of predicate logic
 - ...or, rather, a *family of such fragments*
 - not very *expressive* (“uttrykkskraftig”)
 - but (can have) *good decision problems*, i.e.,
 - it answers *decision problems* (rather) quickly
- Suitable for describing *concepts* (“begreper”)
 - formal basis for *OWL DL*
 - can be used to:
 - describe *concepts* and their *roles* (“Tbox”)
 - describe *individuals* and their *roles* (“ABox”)



Relationship to other logics

- *Proposition logics* are about *statements* (*propositions*):
 "Martha is a Woman" \Leftarrow
 "Martha is Human" \wedge "Martha is Female"
- (First order) *predicate logics* are about *predicates* and *objects*:
 - $\forall x. (\text{Woman}(x) \Leftrightarrow \text{Human}(x) \sqcap \text{Female}(x))$
- *Description logics* are about *concepts*:
 - $\text{Woman} \doteq \text{Human} \sqcap \text{Female}$
 - ...and also *roles* and *individuals*
- There are many other logic systems:
 - *modal logics*: necessarily \square , possibly \diamond
 - *temporal logics*: always \square , sometimes \diamond , next time \circ



Definition of concepts (“begreper”)

- **Woman** \doteq **Human** \sqcap **Female**
- **Man** \doteq **Human** \sqcap \neg **Woman**
- **Parent** \doteq **Mother** \sqcup **Father**
 - concepts: **Male**, **Human**, **Father**, **Mother**...
 - definition: \doteq
 - conjunction (and): \sqcap
 - disjunction (or): \sqcup
 - negation (not): \neg
 - nested expressions: ()
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Atomic and defined concepts and roles

- *Atomic concepts* are given
 - corresponds to *OWL-NamedClasses* that are *not* composed from other classes
- *Defined concepts*
 - corresponds to *OWL-NamedClasses* that are *composed from other classes*
 - defined by *concept expressions*
 - appear on the left side of \equiv axioms
- Similar distinction between *atomic* and *defined roles*



Roles

- **Mother** \doteq **Female** \sqcap \exists hasChild.**T**
- **Bachelor** \doteq **Male** \sqcap $\neg\exists$ hasSpouse.**T**
- **Uncle** \doteq **Male** \sqcap \exists hasSibling.**Parent**
 - *roles*: hasChild, hasSibling...
 - *universal concept* ("top"): **T**
 - *existential restriction*: \exists
- **Grandparent** \doteq ??
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Null concept

- **Male \sqcap Female $\sqsubseteq \perp$**
 - null concept (“bottom”): \perp
 - subsumption (sub concept): \sqsubseteq
 - equivalence: \equiv
- $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ is used for *definitions* (or just \equiv)
- \equiv are used for *equivalence axioms*
- \sqsubseteq are used for *specialisation axioms*
- *This was our first axiom!*
 - so far we have just defined *concepts*
 - we have not used them in *axioms*
- Note the use of $\dots \sqsubseteq \perp$ (“subsumption of bottom”)
 - to say that something is not the case



More about roles

- **HappyFather** \doteq **Father** \sqcap \forall **hasChild.HappyPerson**
 - universal value restriction: \forall
- **MotherOfOne** \doteq **Mother** \sqcap (**=1 hasChild.T**)
- **Polygamist** \doteq (**≥ 3 hasSpouse.T**)
 - number restrictions: **=, \geq , \leq**
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Inverse and transitive roles

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- $\text{hasParent} \doteq \text{hasChild}^-$
- $\text{hasSibling} \doteq \text{hasSibling}^-$
- $\text{BlueBlood} \doteq \forall \text{hasParent}^* . \text{BlueBlood}$
 - inverse role: hasChild^-
 - symmetric role: hasSibling^-
 - transitive role: hasParent^*
- **Niece** \doteq ??



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- $\text{Niece} \doteq \text{Human} \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}^- . \text{hasSibling} . \top$
- *We are starting to define roles*
 - so far, we have only defined *concepts*



Composite roles

- Similar to composite concepts, e.g.:
 - **hasUncle** \doteq **hasParent** o **hasBrother**
 - **hasLovedChild** \doteq **hasChild** \sqcap **hasLoveFor**
 - **hasBrother** \doteq (**hasSibling** | **Male**)
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TBox

- *Terminology box* (TBox):
 - a collection of axioms about concepts and properties
 - axioms are definitions, equivalences or subsumptions
 - *definitions* (\doteq):
 - atomic concept on the left hand side (*l.h.s.*)
 - *equivalence* (\equiv):
 - concept expressions on both sides
 - *subsumption* (\sqsubseteq):
 - concept expressions on both sides



TBox

- *Acyclic TBoxes:*
 - contains only definitions
 - subsumption axioms can (sometimes) be removed:
 - $T \sqsubseteq C$ is transformed into $T \doteq \bar{T} \sqcap C$
 - *when only a single l.h.s. term*
 - every defined concept (or role) can be *expanded* into an expression of only atomic concepts (or roles)
- *Expanded concepts* (or *roles*)
 - defined only in terms of *atomic concepts* (and *roles*)
 - the TBox can (sometimes) be emptied



Statements about individuals

- So far we have defined concepts and roles (*TBox*)
- We have two types of axioms about individuals (*ABox*):
 - *class assertion* (using a *concept*):
Märtha : Female \sqcap Royal
 - *role assertion* (using a *role*):
<Märtha, EmmaTallulah> : hasChild
<Märtha, HaakonMagnus> : hasBrother
- *Axioms* about concepts/roles and *assertions* about individuals/roles are used to create knowledge bases:
 - concepts, roles in the *TBox* (“the tags”)
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Syntaxes differ a bit...

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Types of axioms

- Terminology axioms (in the TBox):

– subsumptions: $C \sqsubseteq D$

– equivalences: $C \equiv D$

corresponds to: $C \sqsubseteq D, D \sqsubseteq C$

– definitions: $A \doteq C$

C and D are *classes*,
A is an *atomic class*!

- Individual assertions (in the ABox):

– class assertions: $a : C$

– role assertions: $\langle a, b \rangle : R$

a and b are *individuals*.
R is a *role*!

- A knowledge base $\mathcal{K} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A})$ consists of

– TBox: \mathcal{T} and ABox: \mathcal{A}



Decision Problems



Reasoning over knowledge bases

- *What more can we do with ontologies?*
- For example:
 - a *security ontology* that describes an organisation and its computer systems as concepts, roles and individuals
 - can answer *competency questions*, e.g.:
 - are all the *security levels* subclasses of one another?
 - what is the highest security level of a *temporary*?
 - what is the necessary security level of a *component*?
 - which employees have access to *critical data*?
 - for which *security roles* is an employee qualified?
 - which individuals are *suspicious persons*?
 - *DL offers a clear and compact way of representing and reasoning about questions such as these!*



Decision problems

- A computational problem with a yes/no answer, e.g.
 - is C *subsumed* by D ($\mathcal{K} \models C \sqsubseteq D$)?
 - are C and D *consistent* ($\mathcal{K} \models a : (C \sqcap D)$)?
 - does a *belong* to C ($\mathcal{K} \models a : C$)?
 - is a *R-related* to b ($\mathcal{K} \models \langle a, b \rangle : R$)?
- *Decidability* (“bestembarhet”):
 - we can always calculate the yes/no answer in finite time
- *Semi-decidability* (“semibestembarhet”):
 - we can always calculate a yes-answer in finite time,
...but not always a no-answer
- *Undecidability* (“ubestembarhet”):
 - we cannot always calculate the answer in finite time

C and D are classes,
a and b are individuals.
R is a role!



Decision problems for concepts

- There are four basic decision problems for concepts:
 - consistency: whether there is an individual **a** so that

$$\mathcal{T} \models a:C,$$

$$\mathcal{T} \not\models C \sqsubseteq \perp$$

- subsumption: $\mathcal{T} \models C \sqsubseteq D,$

$$\mathcal{T} \models C \sqcap \neg D \sqsubseteq \perp$$

- equivalence: $\mathcal{T} \models C \equiv D$ or $C \equiv_{\mathcal{T}} D,$

$$\mathcal{T} \models C \sqsubseteq D, D \sqsubseteq C$$

- disjunction: $\mathcal{T} \models C \sqcap D \sqsubseteq \perp$

- *All four can be reduced to subsumption or consistency!*
- \mathcal{T} can be *emptied*, by expanding all its concepts



Decision problems for individuals

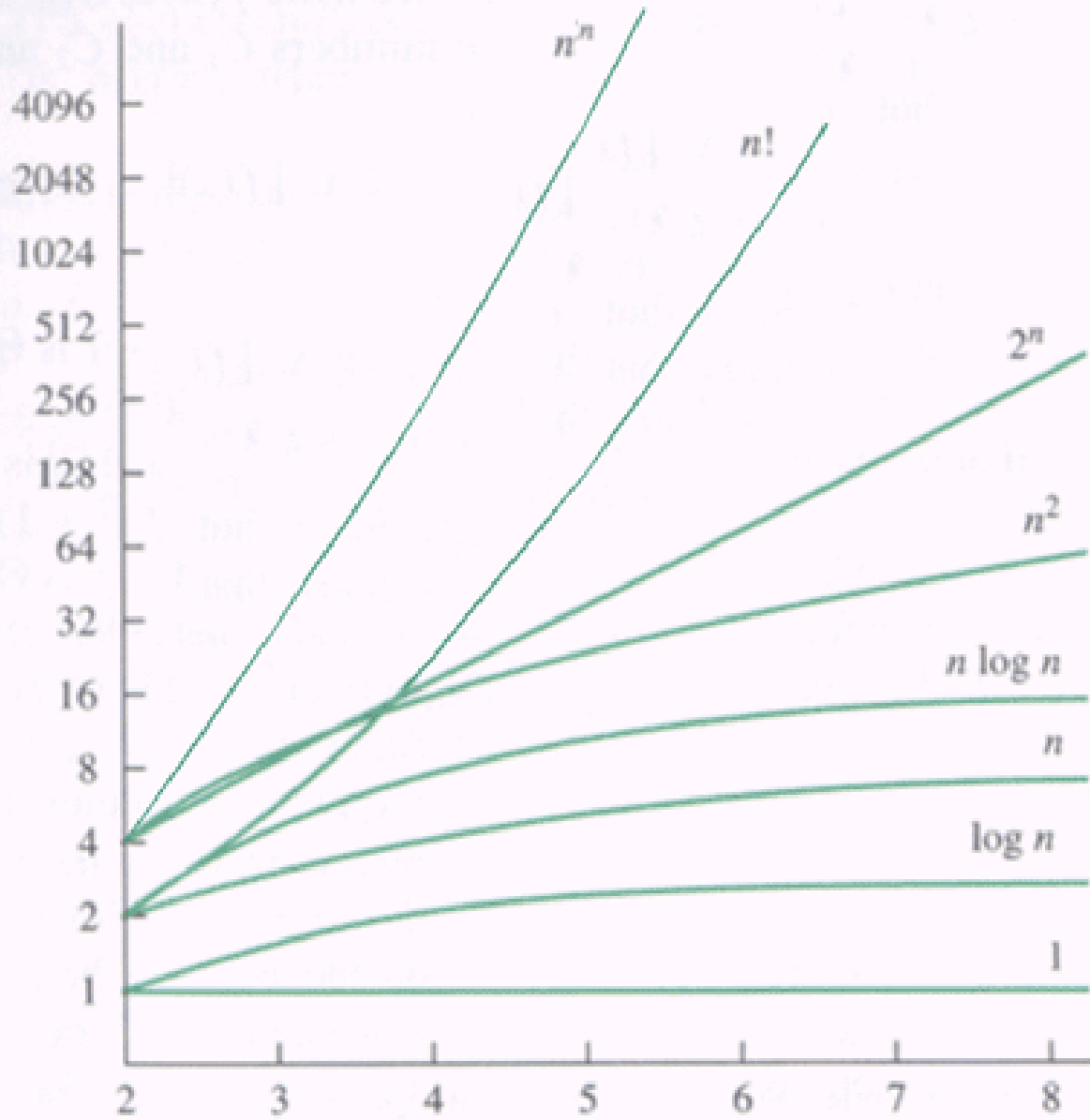
- Decision problems for individuals and roles:
 - instance checking: $\mathcal{A} \models a:C$,
 $\not\models \mathcal{A} \sqcap \neg(a:C)$
is individual a member of class C ?
 - role checking: $\mathcal{A} \models \langle a,b \rangle : R$,
 $\not\models \mathcal{A} \sqcap \neg(\langle a,b \rangle : R)$
is individual a R -related to individual b ?
 - classifications (not yes/no):
to which classes does a belong?
all individuals of class C ?
- *All boil down to consistency checking for ABoxes*
 - ...under certain (rather weak) conditions



Complexity

- Decidability is often necessary
 - but not enough
 - we also want a decision “in reasonable time”
 - different DL-variants have different *complexity*
 - many different *complexity classes*
 - polynomial (**P**), exponential (**EXP**)...
 - ...in time and space
- *Tractable* (or *feasible*) complexity
 - acceptable complexity for large knowledge bases
 - typically *polynomial* complexity (**P**)
 - complexity grows $O(n^c)$ of problem size n





**EXPTIME,
NEXPTIME,
EXPSPACE**

P, NP, PSPACE



DL-complexity

- We have presented many DL-notations
 - *do not* use all at the same time!
 - that gives high complexity
 - which is why we have different OWL Profiles
- Complexity calculator on the net:
 - *Complexity of reasoning in Description Logics*
<http://www.cs.man.ac.uk/~ezolin/dl/>



OWL DL



Relation to OWL

- OWL DL and description logic are closely matched
 - everything in OWL DL has a DL-counterpart
 - most everything in DL can be expressed in OWL DL
- DL is a family of logic systems:
 - some of them correspond to particular OWL profiles
 - OWL1 DL: *SHOIN(D)*
 - OWL2 DL: *SR09Q(D)*



OWL profiles revisited

- **OWL “1”** (2002):
 - *OWL Full* – “anything goes”
 - *OWL DL* – fragment of *OWL Full*,
 - formal semantics through *description logic*
 - *OWL Lite* – simple fragment of *OWL DL*, not much used
- **OWL 2** (2008):
 - *OWL2 Full* – “anything goes”
 - *OWL2 DL* – fragment of *OWL2 full*, extension of *OWL DL*
 - *OWL2 DL* – has three further fragments:
 - *OWL2 EL* – quick reasoning, fragment of *OWL2 DL*
 - *OWL2 RL* – rule language, fragment of *OWL2 DL*
 - *OWL2 QL* – query language, fragment of *OWL2 DL*



And there is more...

- A few other constructions
- Formal definitions of
 - syntax (rules for valid expressions, reasoning)
 - semantics (rules for interpreting expressions)
- Tools and techniques
- Lots of applications



Protege-OWL



Protege-OWL

- Extension of Protegé
 - ordinary Protegé supports *frames*
 - Protegé-OWL
 - reuses much of the Protege-Frames GUI



Protege-OWL 3.x

- Supports OWL 1.1:
 - uses *Jena* internally
 - wraps Jena's API with a *Protege-OWL API*
 - stays with Jena's graph metaphor
 - you “create the ontology as a graph”
 - many plug-ins:
 - SWRL, Jess, reasoning...
 - still actively developed



Protege-OWL 4.x, 5.x, 6 beta

- Supports OWL 2:
 - complete reimplementaion of internals
 - *not* based on Jena
 - offers a dedicated *OWL API* (in Java)
 - description-logic metaphor
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Manchester OWL syntax



Manchester OWL-syntax

- A simple DL notation without special symbols
 - used by Protege-OWL to construct classes
 - similar to DL syntax
- **Class: Woman**
EquivalentTo: Human and Female
- **Class: Man**
EquivalentTo: Human and not Female
- **Class: Parent**
EquivalentTo: Mother or Father
- Can be used to *serialise* complete ontologies
 - ...we will look mostly at Tbox expressions
- <http://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-manchester-syntax/>



Comparison

- DL:

Male \doteq **Human** \sqcap \neg **Female**

- Manchester OWL:

Class: Man

EquivalentTo: Human and not Female

- TURTLE:

family:Man owl:equivalentClass

owl:intersectionOf (

family:Human

[a owl:Class ;

owl:complementOf family:Woman

]

).



Roles in Manchester OWL syntax

- **Class: Mother**
EquivalentTo:
Female and hasChild some owl:Thing
- **Class: Bachelor**
EquivalentTo:
Male and not hasSpouse some owl:Thing
- **Class: Uncle**
EquivalentTo:
Male and hasSibling some Parent
 - universal concept (top): **owl:Thing**
 - existential restriction: **some**



Null concept in Manchester OWL syntax

- **Class:** `<class-name>`
 - EquivalentTo:** `Male and Female`
 - SubClassOf:** `owl:Nothing`
 - null concept (bottom): `owl:Nothing`
 - subsumption (subconcept): **SubClassOf:**
 - equivalence: **EquivalentTo:**
 - ...used both for *definitions* and for *axioms*



More roles in Manchester OWL syntax

- **Class:** HappyFather
EquivalentTo: Father and hasChild **only** Happy
– value restriction: **only**
- **Class:** MotherOfOne
EquivalentTo: Mother and hasChild **exactly 1**
- **Class:** Bigamist
EquivalentTo: hasSpouse **min 2**
– number restriction: **exactly, min, max**
- **Class:** Narcissist
EquivalentTo: loves **some Self**



Inverse, symmetric and transitive roles

- **Class:** Child
 EquivalentTo:
 Human **and inverse** hasChild **some owl:Thing**
- **Class:** hasParent
 EquivalentTo: **inverse** hasChild
- **ObjectProperty:** hasSibling
 Characteristic: **Symmetric**
- **ObjectProperty:** hasAncestor
 Characteristic: **Transitive**
- **inverse** role: **inverse**
 - **symmetric** role:
 Characteristic: **SymmetricProperty**
 - **transitive** role:
 Characteristic: **TransitiveProperty**

