

Unit 6:

OWL, OWL 2, SPARQL+OWL

Some facts about OWL...

- OWL stands for Web Ontology Language
- Strongly Simplified: OWL is an Ontology language with an **RDF syntax**
 - There are different syntaxes for OWL, we will focus on RDF syntax here, but occasionally use DL syntax or First-order logics notation for explanation.
- OWL extends RDF Schema by more expressive constructs.
- **A fragment of OWL** is expressible in Description Logics (sometimes referred to as **OWL DL**)
- The original OWL standards date back to 2004 (also sometimes referred to as **OWL 1**)
- There was a significant revision in 2008 (also often referred to as **OWL 2**)

In today's lecture:

- OWL 1 Overview
- OWL 2 new features
- OWL 2 tractable fragments: EL, QL, RL
- OWL + SPARQL

*Disclaimer: We will only be able to scratch the surface
(e.g. not be able to give an in-depth Description Logics introduction)*

OWL 1 Overview:

See Lecture 3 slides 31ff.

Why OWL1 is Not Enough

Too expensive to reason with

- High complexity: Satisfiability checking is NEXPTIME-complete
- Some ontologies only use some limited expressive power; e.g. The SNOMED (Systematised Nomenclature of Medicine) ontology

Not expressive enough; e.g.

- No user defined datatypes
[Pan 2004; Pan and Horrocks 2005; Motik and Horrocks 2008]
- No metamodeling support
[Pan 2004; Pan, Horrocks, Schreiber, 2005; Motik 2007]
- Limited support for modeling relations between properties
[Horrocks et al., 2006]

From OWL1 to OWL2

Since 2009: OWL 2: A new version of OWL

Two Main goals:

1. To define “profiles” of OWL that are:
 - smaller, easier to implement and deploy
 - cover important application areas and are easily understandable to non-expert users
2. To add a few extensions to current OWL that are useful, and are known to be implementable
 - many things happened in research since 2004 in research



OWL 2 Web Ontology Language
Document Overview

W3C Recommendation 27 October 2009

New Expressiveness in OWL 2

New expressive power

- DatatypeDefinitions: user defined datatypes using XSD restrictions, e.g.

```

:personAge owl:equivalentClass
  [ a          rdfs:Datatype ;
    owl:onDatatype      xsd:integer ;
    owl:withRestrictions
      ( xsd:minInclusive "0"^^xsd:integer
        xsd:maxInclusive "150"^^xsd:integer ) ] .

```

```

dbpedia:Elizabeth_II :age "86"^^:personAge

```

- punning (metamodeling), e.g.:

```

:John a :Father .
:Father a :SocialRole .

```

New Expressiveness in OWL 2

New expressive power on **properties**

- Qualified cardinality restrictions
- Property chain axioms
- Local reflexivity restrictions
- reflexive, irreflexive, symmetric, and antisymmetric properties
- Disjoint properties
- keys

New Expressiveness in OWL 2

Qualified cardinality restrictions

- In OWL 1 you could only make general cardinality restrictions, e.g. we were cheating here:

A Senior researcher is a foaf:Person who isAuthorOf 10+ Publications

$$ex:Senior \equiv foaf:Person \sqcap \geq 10 \text{ } ex:isAuthorOf \sqcap \exists ex:isAuthorOf.ex:Publication$$

What we really wanted to say (but which wasn't expressible in OWL1)

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```

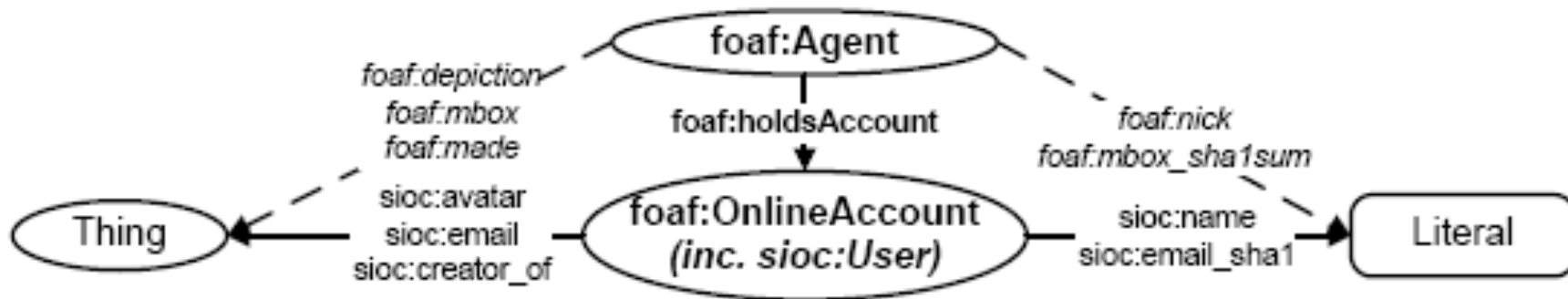
New Expressiveness in OWL 2

Property Chain axioms:

- E.g. could be useful to tie `sioc:name` and `foaf:nick` via `foaf:holdsAccount`:

$$(foaf:holdsAccount \circ sioc:name) \sqsubseteq foaf:nick$$

`foaf:nick owl:propertyChainAxiom (foaf:holdsAccount sioc:name) .`



New Expressiveness in OWL 2

local reflexivity restrictions

$$\textit{Narcissist} \equiv \exists \textit{loves}.\textit{self}()$$

```
:Narcissist owl:equivalentClass
  [ a owl:Restriction ;
    owl:onProperty :loves ;
    owl:hasSelf "true"^^xsd:boolean ] .
```

New Expressiveness in OWL 2

In OWL 1, you can define that a property is functional, transitive, symmetric, inverseFunctional...

```
owl:SymmetricProperty  
owl:FunctionalProperty  
owl:InverseFunctionalProperty  
owl:TransitiveProperty
```

... additional property features in OWL2:
reflexive, irreflexive, and asymmetric, properties.

```
owl:ReflexiveProperty  
owl:IrreflexiveProperty  
owl:AsymmetricProperty
```

New Expressiveness in OWL 2

Disjoint properties:

In OWL 1 disjointness can only be asserted for classes

```
:Animal owl:disjointWith :Person .
```

In OWL2 also allowed to assert disjointness of Properties

```
:childOf owl:propertyDisjointWith :spouseOf .
```

New Expressiveness in OWL 2

Keys

Multi-attribute Keys now possible in OWL 2, e.g. foaf:OnlineAccount/ members are uniquely identified by a combination of `foaf:accountName` and `foaf:accountServiceHomepage`:

foaf:OnlineAccount owl:hasKey

(foaf:accountName foaf:accountServiceHomepage) .

New Expressiveness in OWL 2

Syntactic sugar (make things easier to say)

- Disjoint unions, e.g.:
Element `owl:DisjointUnionOf (Metal Wood Water Fire Earth)`
- Disjoint classes, and properties e.g.:

```
[ a owl:AllDisjointClasses ;
  owl:members ( University Department Professor Student ) ] .
[ a owl:AllDisjointProperties ;
  owl:members ( spouseOf childOf grandChildOf ) ] .
```
- More Syntactic sugar for Negative assertions, e.g.:
owl:NegativePropertyAssertion
*allows to state negated facts, such as (but the RDF syntax for it looks quite ugly ;-):**

$$\neg \text{childOf}(\text{adam}, \text{eve})$$

* Note: this is already expressible in OWL1: $\{ \text{adam} \} \sqsubseteq \neg \exists \text{childOf} . \{ \text{eve} \}$

OWL 2 DL

\mathcal{S} used for ALC with role transitivity (also reflexivity, symmetry)

\mathcal{H} used for role hierarchy

\mathcal{R} (subsumes \mathcal{H}) often used for with role (property chain) inclusion axioms.

Additional letters indicate other extensions, e.g.:

- \mathcal{S} for property characteristics (e.g., reflexive and symmetric)
- \mathcal{O} for **nominals**/singleton classes
- \mathcal{I} for inverse roles
- \mathcal{N} for unqualified number restrictions
- \mathcal{Q} for qualified number restrictions

property characteristics (\mathcal{S}) + \mathcal{R} + nominals (\mathcal{O}) + inverse (\mathcal{I}) + qualified number restrictions(\mathcal{Q}) = **\mathcal{SROIQ}**

\mathcal{SROIQ} [Horrocks et al., 2006] is the basis for **OWL 2 DL**

OWL 2 Profiles

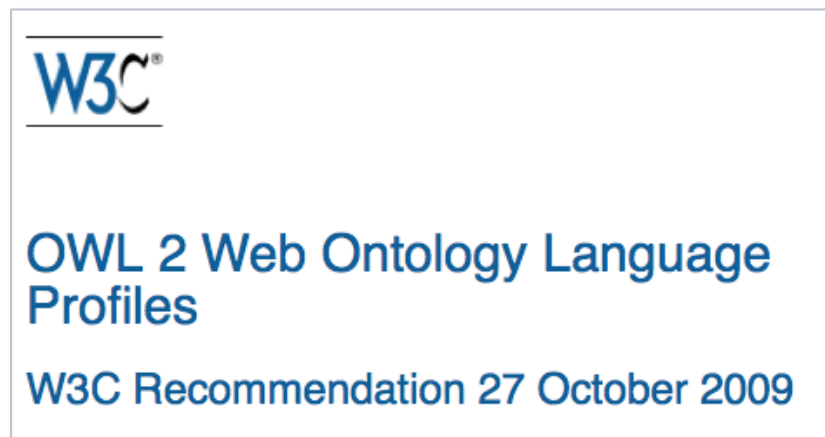
Rationale:

- Tractable
- Tailored to specific reasoning services

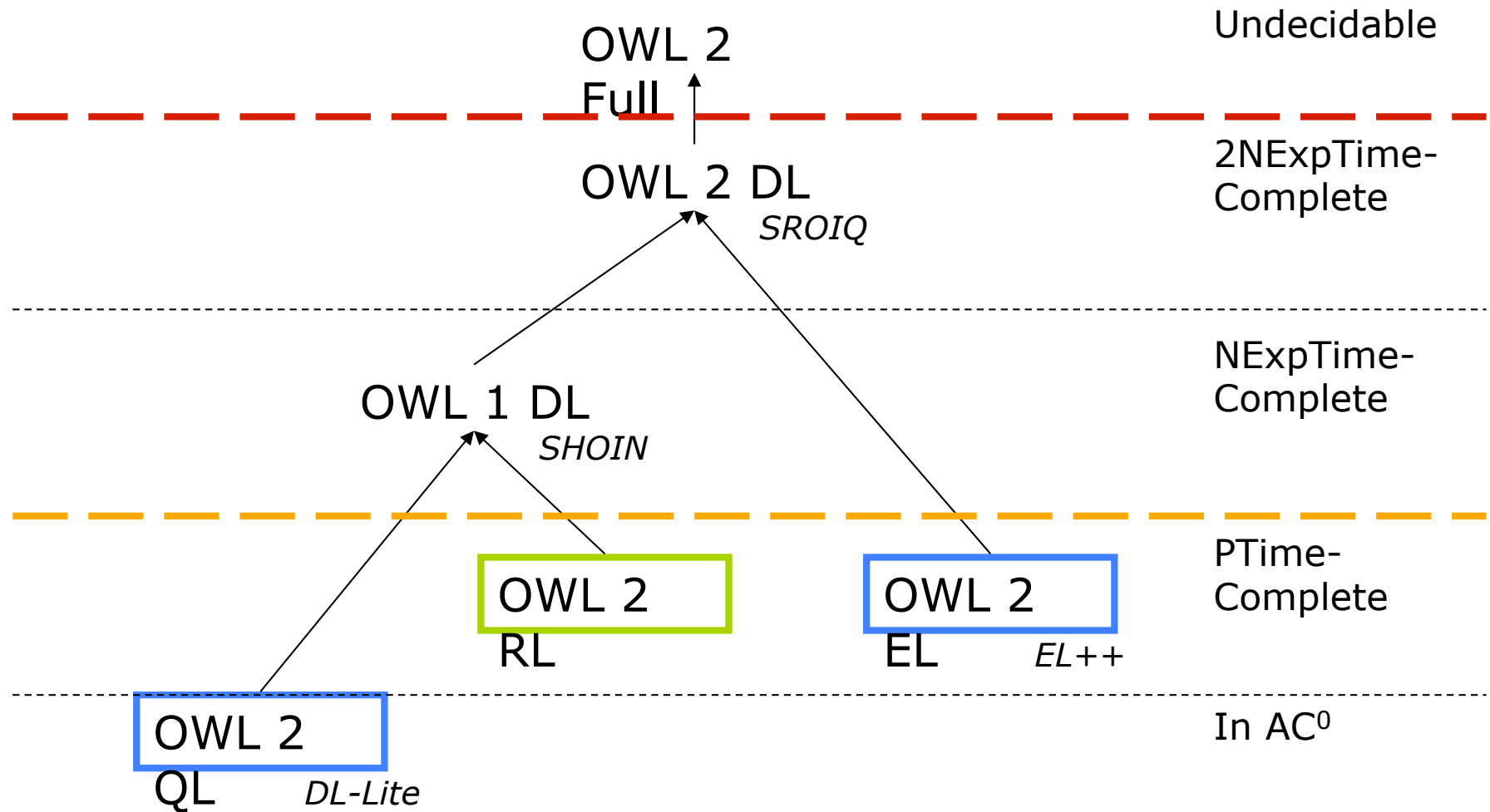
Popular reasoning services

- Instance reasoning: OWL 2 RL
- Query answering: OWL 2 QL
- Terminological reasoning (reasoning about classes and Properties): OWL 2 EL

Specification: <http://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-profiles/>



The family tree



OWL 2 RL: OWL reasoning via rules

Ontologies: Example FOAF

`foaf:knows rdfs:domain foaf:Person`

$\exists \textit{knows}.\top \sqsubseteq \textit{Person}$

`foaf:knows rdfs:range foaf:Person`

$\exists \textit{knows}^{\neg}.\top \sqsubseteq \textit{Person}$

`foaf:Person rdfs:subClassOf foaf:Agent`

$\textit{Person} \sqsubseteq \textit{Agent}$

`foaf:homepage rdf:type owl:inverseFunctionalProperty .`

$\top \sqsubseteq \leq 1 \textit{homepage}^{\neg}$

...

RDFS+OWL inference by rules 1/2

Recall that the semantics of RDFS can be expressed as (Datalog like) rules:

```
rdfs1: { ?S rdf:type ?C } :- { ?S ?P ?O . ?P rdfs:domain ?C . }
```

```
rdfs2: { ?O rdf:type ?C } :- { ?S ?P ?O . ?P rdfs:range ?C . }
```

```
rdfs3: { ?S rdf:type ?C2 } :- { ?S rdf:type ?C1 . ?C1 rdfs:subClassOf ?C2 . }
```

```
rdfs4: { ?S ?P2 ?O } :- { ?S ?P1 ?O . ?P1 rdfs:subPropertyOf ?P2 . }
```

cf. informative Entailment rules in [RDF-Semantics, W3C, 2004] from Lecture 3.

RDFS+OWL inference by rules 2/2

Some OWL Reasoning e.g. inverseFunctionalProperty can also be expressed by Rules:

```
owl1: { ?S1 owl:SameAs ?S2 } :-  
      { ?S1 ?P ?O . ?S2 ?P ?O . ?P rdf:type owl:InverseFunctionalProperty }
```

```
owl2: { ?Y ?P ?O } :- { ?X owl:SameAs ?Y . ?X ?P ?O }
```

```
owl3: { ?S ?Y ?O } :- { ?X owl:SameAs ?Y . ?S ?X ?O }
```

```
owl4: { ?S ?P ?Y } :- { ?X owl:SameAs ?Y . ?S ?P ?X }
```

→ OWL 2 RL is the maximal fragment of OWL DL
such that reasoning can be expressed in Rules!

Example OWL 2 RL inference:

Rules of the previous slides are sufficient e.g. for the example I showed you last time:

<pre><http://dbpedia.org/resource/Tim_Berners-Lee> foaf:homepage <http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/> .</pre>	dbpedia.org
<pre>foaf:name rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:label . foaf:homepage a owl:InverseFunctionalProperty .</pre>	xmlns.com/foaf/
<pre><http://dblp.l3s.de/d2r/page/authors/Tim_Berners-Lee> foaf:homepage <http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/> ; foaf:name "Tim Berners-Lee".</pre>	dblp.l3s.de

- by owl1 → `<.../dblp.../Tim_Berners-Lee> owl:sameAs <.../dbpedia.../Tim_Berners-Lee>.`
- by owl2 → `<.../dbpedia.../Tim_Berners-Lee> foaf:name "Tim Berners-Lee".`
- by rdfs4 → `<.../dbpedia.../Tim_Berners-Lee> rdfs:label "Tim Berners-Lee".`

```
SELECT ?P ?O
WHERE { <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Tim_Berners-Lee> rdfs:label ?O }
```

?O
"Tim Berners-Lee"

RDFS+OWL inference in OWL 2 RL, what's missing?

Note: Not all of OWL Reasoning can be expressed in Datalog, e.g.:

```
foaf:Person owl:disjointWith foaf:Organisation
```

Can be written/and reasoned about with FOL/DL reasoners:

FOL Syntax: $\forall X. Person(X) \supset \neg Organisation(X)$

DL Syntax: $Person \sqcap Organisation \sqsubseteq \perp$

But can be “**approximated**” by Rules (this is what is done in OWL 2 RL):

```
owl5: ERROR :- { ?X a ?C1; a ?C2. ?C1 owl:disjointWith ?C2. }
```

RDFS+OWL inference in OWL 2 RL, NOW what's not expressible?

Some expressions are only allowed on one side of a subclassOf axiom, e.g.

$$\exists isAuthorOf.Publication \sqsubseteq Scientist$$

is ok, can be covered by a simple Datalog-style rule:

```
{ ?S a ?D } :- { [owl:onProperty ?P ; owl:someValuesFrom ?C]
                  rdfs:subClassOf ?D.
                  ?S ?P ?O . ?O a ?C . }
```

But not the other way around (would need a rule with “existential” in the head):

$$Scientist \sqsubseteq \exists isAuthorOf.Publication$$

This is why OWL 2 RL forbids e.g. certain constructs on the right/left-hand-side of rdfs:subClassOf.

A (near maximal) fragment of OWL 2 such that

- Data complexity of conjunctive query answering in AC^0

Based on **DL-Lite** family of description logics [Calvanese et al. 2005; 2006; 2008]

Can exploit **query rewriting** based reasoning technique

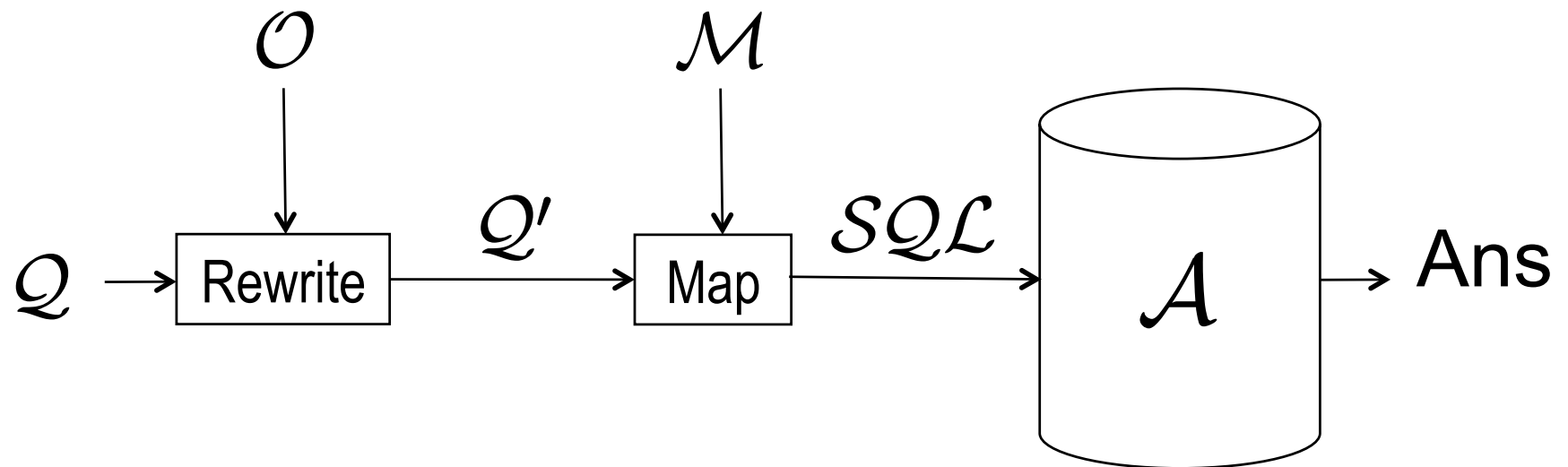
- Computationally optimal
- Data storage and query evaluation can be delegated to standard RDBMS or RDF Store/SPARQL engine.
- Novel technique to prevent exponential blowup produced by rewritings [Kontchakov et al. 2010, Rosati and Almatelli 2010]
- Can be extended to more expressive languages (beyond AC^0) by delegating query answering to a Datalog engine [Perez-Urbina et al. 2009]

Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

Given ontology \mathcal{O} and query Q , use \mathcal{O} to rewrite Q as Q' s.t., for any set of ground facts \mathcal{A} :

- $\text{ans}(Q, \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{A}) = \text{ans}(Q', \emptyset, \mathcal{A})$

Use (GAV) mapping \mathcal{M} to map Q' to SQL query



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Resolution based query rewriting

- **Clausify** ontology axioms (using Skolemization)
- **Saturate** (clausified) ontology and query using resolution
- **Prune** redundant query clauses

Query Rewriting Technique (basics)

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Consultant $\sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

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Query Rewriting Technique (basics) - Clausify

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Clausified ontology

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Query Rewriting Technique (basics) - Saturate

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Query Rewriting Technique (basics) - Prune

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The result is a union of conjunctive queries

$Q(x) \leftarrow (\text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)) \vee \text{Doctor}(x) \vee \text{Consultant}(x)$

***Could* be used to answer some SPARQL queries over ontologies:**

Example

Doctor $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patient}$

Consultant $\sqsubseteq \text{Doctor}$

Original Query:

$$Q(x) \leftarrow \text{treats}(x, y) \wedge \text{Patient}(y)$$

y is also called a **non-distinguished** query variable. **Distinguished** variables in a conj. Query are output variables

```
SELECT ?X WHERE { ?X :treats ?Y .?Y a :Patient }
```

The resulting union of conjunctive queries:

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```
SELECT ?X WHERE {
    { ?X :treats ?Y .?Y a :Patient }
    UNION { ?X a :Doctor .}
    UNION { ?X a :Consultant.} }
```

OWL 2 QL - Summary

→ OWL 2 QL is the maximal fragment of OWL DL such that Query Answering can be expressed by (polynomial) Query rewriting techniques!

Again: several restrictions on what can and can't be used, e.g. owl:sameAs is not allowed in OWL 2 QL ... unfortunately, in the general case, *non-distinguished* variables can make trouble...

A (near maximal) fragment of OWL 2 such that

- Satisfiability checking is in PTime (**PTime-Complete**)
- Data complexity of query answering also PTime-Complete

Based on \mathcal{EL} family of description logics [Baader et al. 2005]

Can exploit **saturation** based reasoning techniques

- Computes complete classification in “one pass”
- Computationally optimal (PTime for EL)
- Can be extended to Horn fragment of OWL DL [Kazakov 2009]

***Will skip over this since it's mainly useful for terminological reasoning,
less for query answering...***

Saturation-based Technique (basics)

Normalise ontology axioms to standard form:

$$A \sqsubseteq B \quad A \sqcap B \sqsubseteq C \quad A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B \quad \exists R.B \sqsubseteq C$$

Saturate using inference rules:

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq B \quad B \sqsubseteq C}{A \sqsubseteq C} \quad \frac{A \sqsubseteq B \quad A \sqsubseteq C \quad B \sqcap C \sqsubseteq D}{A \sqsubseteq D}$$

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B \quad B \sqsubseteq C \quad \exists R.C \sqsubseteq D}{A \sqsubseteq D}$$

(This is a simplification, the whole EL requires (many) more rules)

Saturation-based Technique (basics)

Example:

$\text{OrganTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \equiv \text{Transplant} \sqcap \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{Organ}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$

$\text{OrganTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Organ}$

$\exists \text{site}.\text{Organ} \sqsubseteq \text{SO}$

$\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SO} \sqsubseteq \text{OrganTransplant}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \text{Transplant}$

$\text{HeartTransplant} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{site}.\text{Heart}$

$\exists \text{site}.\text{Heart} \sqsubseteq \text{SH}$

$\text{Transplant} \sqcap \text{SH} \sqsubseteq \text{HeartTransplant}$

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SPARQL and OWL

... Now what about SPARQL1.1 and OWL?

SPARQL1.1 Entailment Regimes

SPARQL1.1 defines SPARQL query answering over RDFS and OWL2 ontologies (as well as RIF rule sets):

- <http://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-entailment/>

Particularly:

- RDF Entailment Regime
 - RDFS Entailment Regime
 - D-Entailment Regime
 - OWL 2 RDF-Based Semantics Entailment Regime
 - OWL 2 Direct Semantics Entailment Regime
- Won't go into details of those, but sketch the main ideas!

RDFS/OWL2 and SPARQL1.1

General Idea: Answer Queries with implicit answers

```
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Tim_Berners-Lee>
  foaf:homepage
    <http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/> .

foaf:name rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:label .
foaf:homepage a owl:InverseFunctionalProperty .

<http://dblp.13s.de/d2r/page/authors/Tim_Berners-Lee>
  foaf:homepage
    <http://www.w3.org/People/Berners-Lee/> ;
  foaf:name "Tim Berners-Lee".
```

```
SELECT ?P ?O
WHERE { <http://dbpedia.org/resource/Tim_Berners-Lee> rdfs:label ?O }
```

?O

"Tim Berners-Lee"

OWL2 and SPARQL1.1

General Idea: Answer Queries with implicit answers

E.g. Graph/Ontology:

```
foaf:Person rdfs:subClassOf foaf:Agent .
foaf:Person rdfs:subClassOf
    [ a owl:Restriction ;
      owl:onProperty :hasFather ;
      owl:someValuesFrom foaf:Person. ]
foaf:knows rdfs:range foaf:Person.

:jeff a Person .
:jeff foaf:knows :aidan .
```

```
SELECT ?X { ?X a foaf:Person }
```

Pure SPARQL 1.0 returns only :Jeff,
should also return :aidan

SPARQL1.1+RDFS/OWL: Challenges+Pitfalls

Challenges+Pitfalls:

- Possibly Infinite answers (by RDFS ContainerMembership properties, OWL datatype reasoning, etc.)
- Conjunctive Queries: **non-distinguished variables**
- SPARQL 1.1 features: e.g. Aggregates

SPARQL1.1+RDFS/OWL: Challenges+Pitfalls

Pragmatic Solution within SPARQL1.1:

- Possibly Infinite answers (by RDFS ContainerMembership properties, OWL datatype reasoning, etc.)
 - **Restrict answers to `rdf:/rdfs:/owl:vocabulary` minus `rdf:_1 ... rdf:_n` plus terms occurring in the data graph**
- Non-distinguished variables
 - ***No non-distinguished variables, answers must result from BGP matching, projection a post-processing step not part of SPARQL entailment regimes.***
- SPARQL 1.1 other features: e.g. Aggregates, etc.
 - ***Again not affected, answers must result from BGP matching, projection a post-processing step not part of entailment.***
- Simple, BUT: maybe not always entirely intuitive, so
 - Good to know what to expect ... ;-)

Possibly Infinite answers RDF(S): Container Membership

Graph:

```
:rr2010Proceedings :hasEditors [ a rdf:Seq;  
                                rdf:_1 :pascal_hitzler.  
                                rdf:_2 :thomas_lukasiewicz.  
                                ]
```

Query with RDFS Entailment in mind:

```
SELECT ?CM { ?CM a rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty }
```

Entailed by RDFS (axiomatic Triples):

```
rdfs:_1 a rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty .  
rdfs:_2 a rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty .  
rdfs:_3 a rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty .  
rdfs:_4 a rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty .  
...
```

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SPARQL 1.1 restricts answers to `rdf:/rdfs:/owl:vocabulary` minus `rdf:_1 ... rdf:_n` **plus terms occurring in the data graph**

So, the only answers in SPARQL1.1 are:

```
{ ?CM/rdfs:_1, ?CM/rdfs:_2, }
```

Possibly Infinite answers OWL: datatype reasoning

Stupid way to say Peter is 50 in OWL:

```
ex:Peter a [ a owl:Restriction ;  
             owl:onProperty ex:age ;  
             owl:allValuesFrom [ rdf:type rdfs:Datatype .  
             owl:oneOf ("50"^^xsd:integer) ] ]
```

Stupid query asking What is NOT Peters age:

```
SELECT ?x WHERE {  
    ex:Peter a [ a owl:Restriction ; owl:onProperty ex:age ;  
                owl:allValuesFrom [ a rdfs:Datatype ;  
                                     owl:datatypeComplementOf [ a  
                                     rdfs:Datatype ; owl:oneOf (?x) ] ] ] }
```

Theoretical answer: all literal different from 50

No danger in SPARQL 1.1 restricts answers to `rdf:/rdfs:/owl:vocabulary` minus `rdf:_1 ... rdf:_n` plus terms occurring in the data graph

Now What about Non-distinguished variables?

E.g. Graph

```
foaf:Person rdfs:subClassOf foaf:Agent .
foaf:Person rdfs:subClassOf
    [ a owl:Restriction ;
      owl:onProperty :hasFather ;
      owl:someValuesFrom foaf:Person. ]
foaf:knows rdfs:range foaf:Person.
:jeff a Person
:jeff foaf:knows :aidan
```

```
SELECT ?X ?Y { ?X :hasFather ?Y }
```

No answer, because no known value for ?Y in the data graph (here, ?Y is a distinguished variable, according to the previous definition)

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But what about this one? ?Y looks like a “non-distinguished” variable

Solution: In SPARQL 1.1 answers must result from BGP matching, projection a post-processing step not part of entailment, i.e. SPARQL1.1 treats ALL variables as distinguished → so, still no answer.

Non-distinguished variables:

Simple Solution may seem not always intuitive, but:

- OWL Entailment in SPARQL based on BGP matching, i.e.
 - always only returns results with named individuals
 - Doesn't affect SELECT: BGP matching takes place before projection
 - That is: **non-distinguished variables can't occur "by design"**
- Conjunctive queries with non-distinguished variable still an open research problem for OWL:
 - Decidable for SHIQ, [\[B. Glimm et al. 2008\]](#)
 - Decidable for OWL 1 DL without transitive properties [\[B. Glimm, KR-10\]](#)
 - Particularly though: Decidability for the *SROIQ* Description Logics still unknown...

SPARQL1.1 Entailment & complex graph patterns

Once again: SPARQL entailment defined only at the level of **BGP** matching
→ SPARQL1.1 Algebra is layered “on top”, no interaction

```
:person1 rdf:type [ owl:unionOf (:male :female) ]
```

```
SELECT ?X { {?X rdf:type :male }  
            UNION  
            {?X rdf:type :female }  
          }
```

→ No result!

SPARQL1.1 Entailment & Aggregates

Similar as before... aggregates are evaluated as post-processing **after** BGP matching, so, no effect:

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foaf:Person rdfs:subClassOf
    [ a owl:Restriction ;
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:jeff a Person .
:jeff foaf:knows :aidan
foaf:knows rdfs:range foaf:Person.
```

```
SELECT ?X { ?X a foaf:Person }
```

Under RDFS/OWL entailment returns : {?X/jeff, ?X/aidan}

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      owl:someValuesFrom foaf:Person. ]
:jeff a Person
:jeff foaf:knows :aidan
foaf:knows rdfs:range foaf:Person.
:jeff :hasFather [a Person].
:jeff owl:sameAs :aidan.
```

Attention! owl:sameAs inference does **NOT** affect counting!!! ... But bnodes do!

```
SELECT (Count(?X) AS ?Y) { ?X a foaf:Person }
```

Under RDFS/OWL entailment returns : {?Y/3}

Lessons learnt

OWL adds more expressivity on top of what can be said in RDF Schema about properties and Classes

OWL 2

- 1) adds more expressivity on top
- 2) defines tractable fragments that are implementable efficiently

OWL+SPARQL gives implicit answers, but poses some challenges...

Will – by the end of the week – publish some last small assignment on:

Mini-assignment:

1. *Write down statement (vii) from Unit3, slide 37 in Turtle Syntax.*
2. *Freestyle: Write your own ontology in OWL... Be creative! Your ontology should allow some useful inferences from your FOAF file.*