

# The Distributed Ontology, Model and Specification Language (DOL)

## Day 1: Motivation and Introduction

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# Welcome to DOL!

## Lectures:

- Day 1: Motivation and Introduction
- Day 2: Basic Structuring with DOL
- Day 3: Semantics of DOL
- Day 4: Using Multiple Logical Systems
- Day 5: Advanced Concepts and Applications

# Welcome to DOL!

## Daily practical sessions:

- We will learn the basics of how to **use** DOL in practice employing the **Ontohub.org** platform and the **HETS.eu** proof management and reasoning system.

# Background:

## DOL is for:

- 1 Ontology engineering (e.g. working with OWL or FOL)
- 2 Model-driven engineering (e.g. working with UML, ORM)
- 3 Formal (algebraic) specification (e.g. working with FOL, CASL, VDM, Z)

DOL is a **metalanguage** providing formal syntax & semantics for all of them!

# Motivation from ontology engineering:

## We begin with the question:

- What kind of **ontology** engineering problems does DOL address?

## Note:

- The issues/problems discussed in the following apply equally to **model-driven engineering** and **formal specification**, and to other uses of logical theories.

**Examples throughout the course** will be taken from the ontology world (understood as logical theories), using propositional, description, and first-order logic, but also from algebra, mereotopology, and software specification.

# Where we are in the ontology landscape

- Formal ontology
- Ontology based on linguistic observations
- Ontology based on scientific evidence
- Ontology as information system
- **Ontology languages**

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**Claim:**

Distributed Ontology, Model and Specification Language (DOL) solves many basic (and advanced) ontology engineering problems



# Assume you need to build an ontology



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First idea:  
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# Diversity of OMS Languages

Languages that have been used for ontological modelling:

- First-order logic
- Higher-order logic
- OWL (Lite, EL, QL, RL, DL, Full), other DLs
- UML (e.g. class diagrams)
- Entity Relationship Diagrams
- Other languages: SWRL, RIF, ORM, BPMN, ...



Which language should I use?



# Example 1: DTV: Can you use these tools together?

The OMG Date-Time Vocabulary (DTV) is a heterogenous\* ontology:

- SBVR: very expressive, readable for business users
- UML: graphical representation
- OWL DL: formal semantics, decidable
- Common Logic: formal semantics, very expressive

**Benefit: DTV utilizes advantages of different languages**

\* heterogenous = components are written in different languages

## Example 2: Relation between OWL and FOL ontologies

Common practice: annotate OWL ontologies with informal FOL:

- Keet's mereotopological ontology [1],
- Dolce Lite and its relation to full Dolce [2],
- BFO-OWL and its relation to full BFO.

OWL gives better tool support, FOL greater expressiveness.

But: **informal FOL axioms are not available for machine processing!**

[1] C.M. Keet, F.C. Fernández-Reyes, and A. Morales-González. Representing mereotopological relations in OWL ontologies with ontoparts. In *Proc. of the ESWC'12*, vol. 7295 LNCS, 2012.

[2] C. Masolo, S. Borgo, A. Gangemi, N. Guarino, and A. Oltramari. Descriptive ontology for linguistic and cognitive engineering. <http://www.loa.istc.cnr.it/DOLCE.html>.

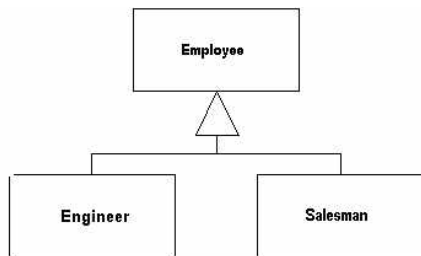
# Challenge for combined ontologies I: Where is the glue?

- The different modules need to be fitted together.
- Challenge: Languages may differ widely with respect to syntactic categories!



# Challenge for combined ontologies II: Consistency

- Different people work independently on different parts.
- How do we ensure consistency across the whole ontology?
- Automatic theorem provers are specialized in one language.



$\forall x \sim ((\text{Contractor } x) \wedge (\text{Employee } x))$   
 $(\text{bob} : \text{Contractor}), (\text{bob} : \text{Engineer})$

# Diversity of Language: Conclusion

## Use of different languages

- theoretically good idea
- leads to interoperability problems
- obstacle to reuse of ontologies



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# Competency Questions – Simplified Summary

- Let  $O$  be an ontology
- Capture requirements for  $O$  as pairs of **scenarios** and **competency questions**
- For each scenario competency question pair  $S, Q$ :
  - Formalize  $S$ , resulting in theory  $\Gamma$
  - Formalize  $Q$ , resulting in formula  $\varphi$
  - Check with theorem prover whether  $O \cup \Gamma \vdash \varphi$
- When all proofs are successful, your ontology meets the requirements.

# Competency Questions Revisited

- CQ most successful idea for ontology evaluation
- Technically, CQ = proof obligations
- Language for expressing proof obligations?
- Ad hoc handling of CQs

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DOL provides a systematic solution to this:  $\Rightarrow$  Lecture 2

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**DOL covers all these operations:**  $\Rightarrow$  Lecture 2–4

# Example Modifying / Reusing

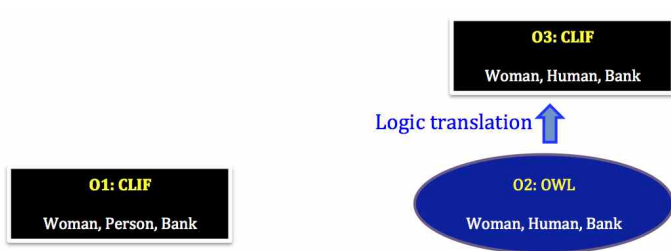
**O1: CLIF**

Woman, Person, Bank

**O2: OWL**

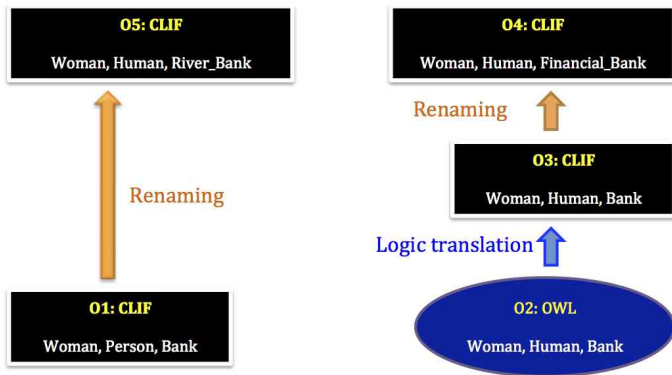
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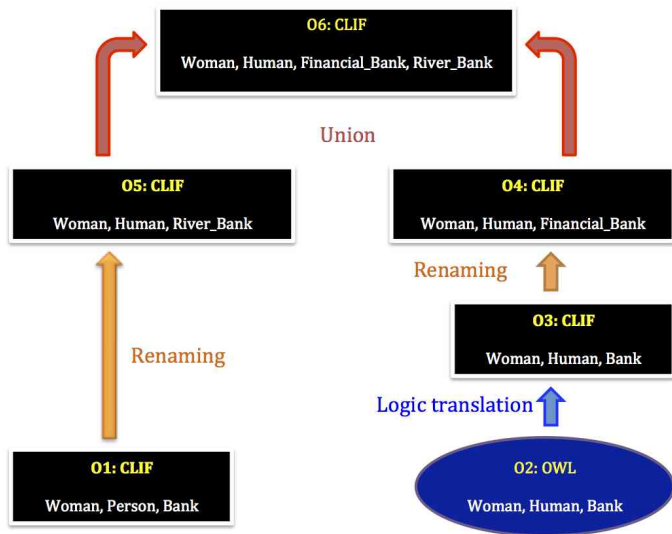




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Ontology: Car



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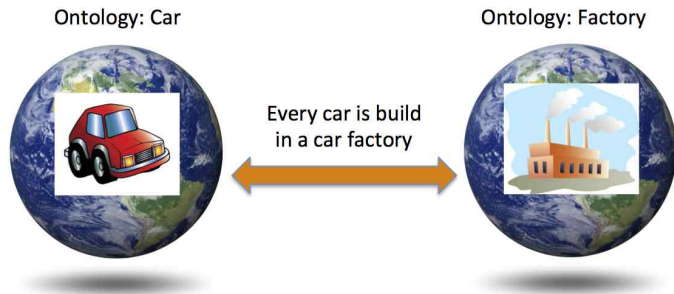
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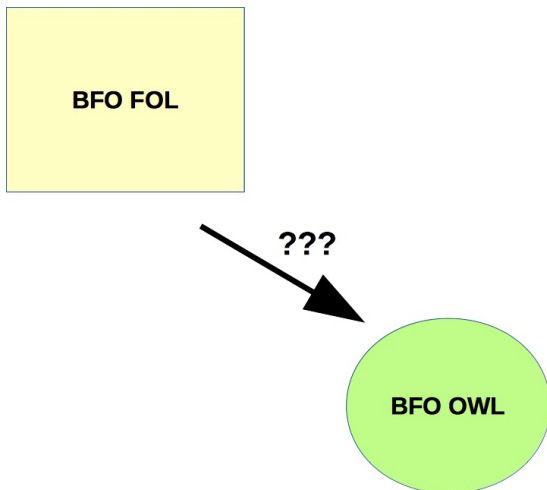


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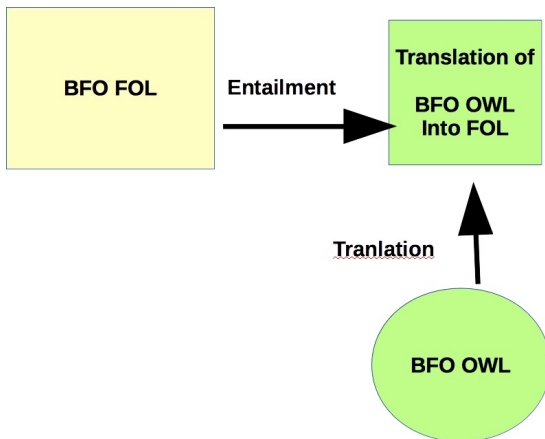
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## (Basic Formal Ontology)



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DOL: change in perspective

- Modular design vs ontology blobs





# Ontologies are often big monolithic blobs

## National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Organismal Classification (NCBITAXON)

The NCBI Taxonomy Database is a curated classification and nomenclature for all of the organisms in the public sequence databases.

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projects

12

classes

906,907

## The Drug Ontology (DRON)

An ontology of drugs

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classes

408,573

## Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine - Clinical Terms (SNOMEDCT)

SNOMED Clinical Terms

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notes

2

projects

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classes

316,031

## Robert Hoehndorf Version of MeSH (RH-MESH)

Medical Subjects Headings Thesaurus 2014, Modified version

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classes

305,349

## Cell Cycle Ontology (CCO)

An application ontology integrating knowledge about the eukaryotic cell cycle.

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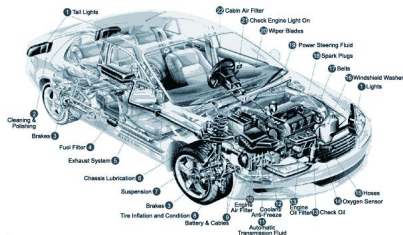
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# Engineers like it modular



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Why not in ontology engineering?

# The OMG standard DOL: Basic Ideas

# DOL – An OMG standard

- DOL = Distributed Ontology, Model, and Specification Language
- OMG Specification, Beta 1 released
- Has been approved by OMG
- Now in finalization process



# History of DOL

- **First Initiative:** Ontology Integration and Interoperability (OntoOp)
- started in 2011 as ISO 17347 within ISO/TC 37/SC 3
- now continued as **OMG standard**
  - OMG has more experience with **formal semantics**
  - OMG documents will be **freely available**
  - focus extended from **ontologies** only to **formal models** and **specifications** (i.e. logical theories)
  - vote for DOL becoming a standard taken in Spring 2016
  - now finalization task force until end of 2016
- 50 experts participate, ~ 15 have actively contributed
- DOL is open for your ideas, so **join us!**

# The Big Picture of Interoperability

Modeling	Specification	Ontology engineering
Objects/data	Software	Concepts/data
Models	Specifications	Ontologies
Modeling Language	Specification language	Ontology language

Diversity and the need for interoperability occur at all these levels!



# What have ontologies, models and specifications in common?

## OMS ...

- are formalised in some **logical system**
- have a **signature** with non-logical symbols (domain vocabulary)
- have **axioms** expressing the domain-specific facts
- **semantics**: class of **structures** (models) interpreting signature symbols in some semantic domain
- we are interested in those structures (models) **satisfying** the axioms
- rich set of **annotations and comments**

In DOL, ontologies, models and specifications are called "OMS"!

# DOL metalanguage capabilities

DOL enables reusability and interoperability.

DOL is a **meta-language**:

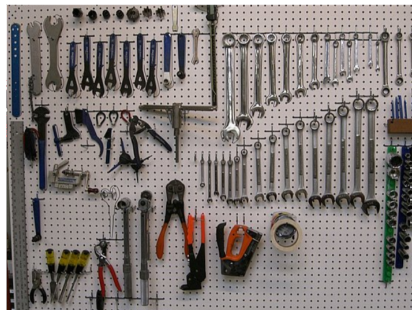
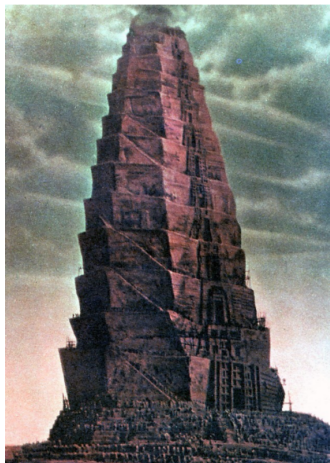
- Literally **reuse** existing OMS
- Operations for **modifying**/reusing OMS
- Declaration of **relations** between OMS
- Declaration of **intended relationships** between OMS
- Support for **heterogenous** OMS

# Diversity of Operations on and Relations among OMS

Various operations and relations on OMS are in use:

- **structuring**: import, union, translation, hiding, ...
- **alignment**
  - of many OMS covering one domain
- **module extraction**
  - get **relevant information** out of large OMS
- **approximation**
  - model in an **expressive** language, **reason fast** in a lightweight one
- **distributed OMS**
  - **bridges** between different modellings
- **refinement / interpretation**

# From Babylonian Confusion to Toolkit



# There is a Need for a Unifying Meta Language

Not yet another OMS language, but a meta language covering

- diversity of OMS languages
- translations between these
- diversity of operations on and relations among OMS

Current standards like the OWL API or the alignment API only cover parts of this

The DOL standard addresses this

The DOL language requires abstract semantics covering a diversity of OMSs.

# Overview of DOL: Toolkit in Summary

## 1 OMS

- basic OMS (flattenable)
- references to named OMS
- extensions, unions, translations (flattenable)
- reductions, minimization, maximization (elusive)
- approximations, module extractions, filterings (flattenable)
- combinations of networks (flattenable)

(flattenable = can be flattened to a basic OMS)

## 2 OMS mappings (between OMS)

- interpretations, refinements, alignments, ...

## 3 OMS networks (based on OMS and mappings)

## 4 OMS libraries (based on OMS, mappings, networks)

- OMS definitions (giving a name to an OMS)
- definitions of interpretations, refinements, alignments
- definitions of networks, entailments, equivalences, ...

# DOL Semantic Foundations: Institutions

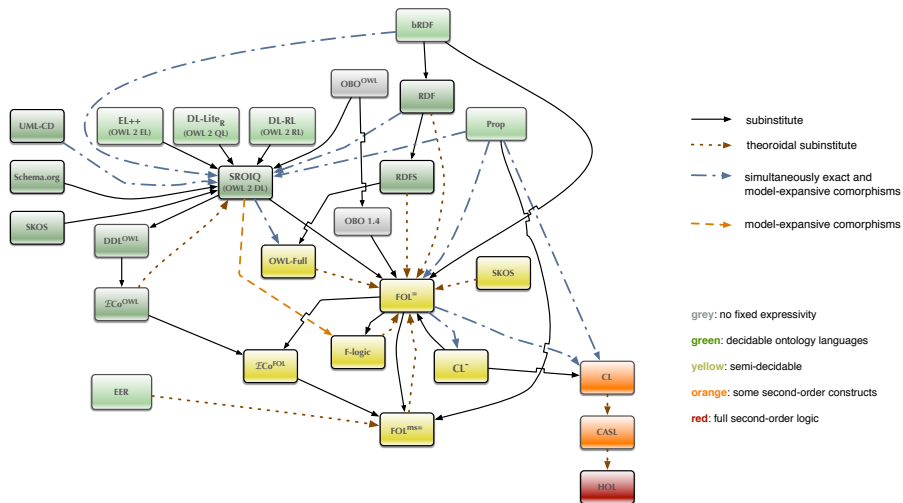
*Signatures* :  $\Sigma \xrightarrow{\sigma} \Sigma'$

*Sentences* :  $Sen(\Sigma) \xrightarrow{Sen(\sigma)} Sen(\Sigma')$

*Satisfaction* :  $\models_{\Sigma} \qquad \models_{\Sigma'}$

*Models* :  $Mod(\Sigma) \xleftarrow{Mod(\sigma)} Mod(\Sigma')$

# DOL Semantic Foundations: Logic Translations





# Tools & Ressources



# Tool support: Heterogeneous Tool Set (Hets)

- available at <http://hets.eu>
- speaks DOL, propositional logic, OWL, CASL, Common Logic, QBF, modal logic, MOF, QVT, and other languages
- analysis
- computation of colimits ( $\Rightarrow$  lecture 5)
- management of proof obligations
- interfaces to theorem provers, model checkers, model finders

# Tool support: Ontohub web portal and repository

**Ontohub** is a web-based repository engine for distributed heterogeneous (multi-language) OMS

**web-based** prototype available at [ontohub.org](http://ontohub.org)

**multi-logic** speaks the same languages as Hets

**multiple repositories** ontologies can be organized in multiple repositories, each with its own management of editing and ownership rights,

**Git interface** version control of ontologies is supported via interfacing the Git version control system,

**linked-data compliant** one and the same URL is used for referencing an ontology, downloading it (for use with tools), and for user-friendly presentation in the browser.

# DOL Resources

- <http://dol-omg.org> **Central page** for DOL
- <http://hets.eu> **Analysis and Proof Tool** Hets, speaking DOL
- <http://ontohub.org> **Ontohub web platform**, speaking DOL
- <http://ontohub.org/dol-examples> **DOL examples**
- <http://ontoiop.org> Initial standardization initiative

**In particular for this course:**

- <https://ontohub.org/esslli-2016>  
**ESSLLI** repository of DOL examples

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# Three Logics as Institutions

Following the framework of institution theory, we introduce the three logics, propositional, DL, and first-order, by outlining their

- 1 signatures
- 2 sentences
- 3 models
- 4 satisfaction relation

# Propositional Logic in DOL: Signatures

The non-logical symbols are collected in a **signature**. In propositional logic, these are just propositional letters:

## Definition (Propositional Signatures)

A **propositional signature**  $\Sigma$  is a set (of propositional letters, or propositional symbols, or propositional variables).

# Propositional Logic in DOL: Sentences

A signature provides us with the basic material to form logical expressions, called formulas or sentences.

## Definition (Propositional Sentences)

Given a propositional signature  $\Sigma$ , a **propositional sentence** over  $\Sigma$  is one produced by the following grammar

$$\phi ::= p \mid \perp \mid \top \mid (\neg\phi) \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid (\phi \vee \phi) \mid (\phi \rightarrow \phi) \mid (\phi \leftrightarrow \phi)$$

with  $p \in \Sigma$ .  $\text{Sen}(\Sigma)$  is the set of all  $\Sigma$ -sentences. We can omit the outermost brackets of a sentence.



# Propositional Logic in DOL: Models I

**Models** (or **Truth valuations**) provide an interpretation of propositional sentences. Each propositional letter is interpreted as a truth value:

## Definition (Model)

Given a propositional signature  $\Sigma$ , a  **$\Sigma$ -model** (or  $\Sigma$ -valuation) is a function  $\Sigma \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ .  $\text{Mod}(\Sigma)$  is the set of all  $\Sigma$ -models.

# Propositional Logic in DOL: Models II

Models interpret not only the propositional letters, but all sentences.  
A  $\Sigma$ -model  $M$  can be extended using truth tables to

$$M^\# : \text{Sen}(\Sigma) \rightarrow \{T, F\}$$

$$M^\#(p) = M(p)$$

$$M^\#(\top) = T$$

$$M^\#(\perp) = F$$

(a) base cases

$$\begin{array}{c|c} M^\#(\phi) & M^\#(\neg\phi) \\ \hline T & F \\ \hline F & T \end{array}$$

$$T$$

$$F$$

(b) not

$M^\#(\phi)$	$M^\#(\psi)$	$M^\#(\phi \wedge \psi)$	$M^\#(\phi \vee \psi)$	$M^\#(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$	$M^\#(\phi \leftrightarrow \psi)$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$
$F$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$

(c) and, or, implication, biimplication

# Propositional Logic in DOL: Satisfaction

We now can define what it means for a sentence to be satisfied in a model:

## Definition

$\phi$  holds in  $M$  (or  $M$  satisfies  $\phi$ ), written  $M \models_{\Sigma} \phi$  iff

$$M^{\#}(\phi) = T$$

# Prop: Example

A common formalisation of some natural language constructs is as follows:

natural language	formalisation
<i>A</i> and <i>B</i>	$A \wedge B$
<i>A</i> but <i>B</i>	$A \wedge B$
<i>A</i> or <i>B</i>	$A \vee B$
either <i>A</i> or <i>B</i>	$(A \vee B) \wedge \neg(A \wedge B)$
if <i>A</i> then <i>B</i>	$A \rightarrow B$
<i>A</i> only if <i>B</i>	$A \rightarrow B$
<i>A</i> iff <i>B</i>	$A \leftrightarrow B$

# Theories

Common to all logics is the notion of a **theory** commonly introduced as follows. In a given logic with fixed notions of signatures, sentences, models, and satisfaction:

## Definition (Theories)

A **theory** is a pair  $T = (\Sigma, \Gamma)$  where  $\Sigma$  is a signature and  $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Sen}(\Sigma)$ . A **model** of a theory  $T = (\Sigma, \Gamma)$  is a  $\Sigma$ -model  $M$  with  $M \models \Gamma$ . In this case  $T$  is called **satisfiable**.

Therefore, a propositional theory is a pair  $T = (\Sigma, \Gamma)$  consisting of a set  $\Sigma$  of propositional variables and a set  $\Gamma$  of propositional formulae expressed in  $\Sigma$ .

# Prop: Example

A scenario involving John and Maria's weekend entertainment may be written as follows in DOL (to be continued in Lecture 2):

```
logic Propositional
spec JohnMary =
  props sunny, weekend, john_tennis,
        mary_shopping, saturday
        %% declaration of signature
  . sunny /\ weekend => john_tennis %(when_tennis)%
  . john_tennis => mary_shopping    %(when_shopping)%
  . saturday                      %(it_is_saturday)%
  . sunny                          %(it_is_sunny)%
end
```

**Note:** %% for comments and %label% for axiom labels.

# First-order Logic in DOL: Signatures

We describe a many-sorted variant of first-order logic:

## Definition

A **Signature**  $\Sigma = (S, F, P)$  of **many-sorted**-FOL consists of:

- a set  $S$  of sorts, where  $S^*$  is the set of words over  $S$
- for each  $w \in S^*$ , and each  $s \in S$  a set  $F_{w,s}$  of function symbols (here  $w$  are the argument sorts and  $s$  are the result sorts)
- for each  $w \in S^*$  a set  $P_w$  of predicate symbols

# First-order Logic in DOL: Terms

## Definition

Given a Signature  $\Sigma = (S, F, P)$  the set of ground  $\Sigma$ -terms is inductively defined by:

- $f_{w,s}(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is a term of sort  $s$ , if each  $t_i$  is a term of sort  $s_i$  ( $i = 1 \dots n, w = S_1 \dots S_n$ ) and  $f \in F_{w,s}$ .

In particular (for  $n = 0$ ) this means that  $w = \lambda$  (the **empty word**), and for  $c \in F_{\lambda,s}$ ,  $c_s$  is a constant term of sort  $s$ .

**Note:** In this version of FOL, variables are not needed as terms.



# First-order Logic in DOL: Sentences I

## Definition

Given a signature  $\Sigma = (S, F, P)$  the set of  $\Sigma$ -sentences is inductively defined by:

- $t_1 = t_2$  for  $t_1, t_2$  of the same sort
- $p_w(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  for  $t_i$   $\Sigma$ -term of sort  $s_i$ ,  
( $1 \leq i \leq n, w = s_1, \dots, s_n, p \in P_w$ )
- $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$  for  $\phi_1, \phi_2$   $\Sigma$ -formulae
- $\phi_1 \vee \phi_2$  for  $\phi_1, \phi_2$   $\Sigma$ -formulae
- $\phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2$  for  $\phi_1, \phi_2$   $\Sigma$ -formulae
- $\phi_1 \leftrightarrow \phi_2$  for  $\phi_1, \phi_2$   $\Sigma$ -formulae
- $\neg\phi_1$  for  $\phi_1$   $\Sigma$ -formula
- $\top, \perp$

# First-order Logic in DOL: Sentences II

## Definition (continued)

Given a signature  $\Sigma = (S, F, P)$  the set of  $\Sigma$ -sentences is inductively defined by:

- ...
- $\forall x : s . \phi$  if  $s \in S$ ,  $\phi$  is a  $\Sigma \uplus \{x : s\}$ -sentence where  $\Sigma \uplus \{x : s\}$  is  $\Sigma$  enriched with a **new** constant  $x$  of sort  $s$
- $\exists x : s . \phi$  likewise

**Note:** We have no 'open formulae' in this version of FOL.

# First-order Logic in DOL: Models

## Definition

Given a signature  $\Sigma = (S, F, P)$  a  $\Sigma$ -model  $M$  consists of

- a carrier set  $M_s \neq \emptyset$  for each sort  $s \in S$
- a function  $f_{w,s}^m : M_{s_1} \times \dots \times M_{s_n} \rightarrow M_s$  for each  $f \in F_{w,s}$ ,  
 $w = s_1, \dots, s_n$ .

In particular, for a constant, this is just an element of  $M_s$

- a relation  $p_w^M \subseteq M_{s_1} \times \dots \times M_{s_n}$  for each  $p \in P_w$ ,  $w = s_1 \dots s_n$

# First-order Logic in DOL: Evaluating Terms

## Definition

A  $\Sigma$ -term  $t$  is evaluated in a  $\Sigma$ -model  $M$  as follows:

$$M(f_{w,s}(t_1, \dots, t_n)) = f_{w,s}^M(M(t_1), \dots, M(t_n))$$

# First-order Logic in DOL: Satisfaction

## Definition

Let  $\Sigma' = \Sigma \uplus \{x : s\}$ . A  $\Sigma'$ -model  $M'$  is called a  **$\Sigma'$ -expansion** of a  $\Sigma$ -model  $M$  if  $M'$  and  $M$  interpret every symbol except  $x$  in the same way.

## Definition (Satisfaction of sentences)

$M \models t_1 = t_2$  iff  $M(t_1) = M(t_2)$

$M \models p_w(t_1 \dots t_n)$  iff  $(M(t_1), \dots, M(t_n)) \in p_w^M$

$M \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$  iff  $M \models \phi_1$  and  $M \models \phi_2$  etc.

$M \models \forall x : s. \phi$  iff for all  $\Sigma'$ -expansions  $M'$  of  $M$ ,  $M' \models \phi$   
 where  $\Sigma' = \Sigma \uplus \{x : s\}$

$M \models \exists x : s. \phi$  iff there is a  $\Sigma'$ -expansion  $M'$  of  $M$  such that  $M' \models \phi$

# FOL: Example

A specification of a total order in many-sorted first-order logic, using CASL syntax:

**logic** CASL.FOL=

**spec** TotalOrder =

sort Elem

pred \_\_leq\_\_ : Elem \* Elem

. forall x : Elem . x leq x %(refl)%

. forall x,y : Elem . x leq y /\ y leq x => x = y %(antisym)%

. forall x,y,z : Elem . x leq y /\ y leq z => x leq z %(trans)%

. forall x,y : Elem . x leq y \/ y leq x %(dichotomy)%

**end**

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# OWL: Description Logic in DOL

- DOL supports the logic  $\mathcal{SROIQ}$  underlying OWL 2 DL
- We focus here on the basic DL  $\mathcal{ALC}$

# Description Logic in DOL: Signatures

## Definition

A **DL-signature**  $\Sigma = (\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{I})$  consists of

- a set  $\mathbf{C}$  of concept names,
- a set  $\mathbf{R}$  of role names,
- a set  $\mathbf{I}$  of individual names,



# Description Logic in DOL: Concepts

## Definition

For a signature  $\Sigma = (\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{I})$  the set of *ALC*-concepts<sup>a</sup> over  $\Sigma$  is defined by the following grammar:

$C, D ::= A$  for  $A \in \mathbf{C}$

|  $\top$

|  $\perp$

|  $\neg C$

|  $C \sqcap D$

|  $C \sqcup D$

|  $\exists R.C$  for  $R \in \mathbf{R}$

|  $\forall R.C$  for  $R \in \mathbf{R}$

**Manchester syntax**  
**concept name**

Thing

Nothing

not C

C and D

C or D

R some C

R only C

<sup>a</sup>*ALC* stands for “attributive language with complement”

# Description Logic in DOL: Sentences

## Definition

The set of  $\mathcal{ALC}$ -Sentences over  $\Sigma$  ( $\text{Sen}(\Sigma)$ ) is defined as

- $C \sqsubseteq D$ , where  $C$  and  $D$  are  $\mathcal{ALC}$ -concepts over  $\Sigma$ .

Class: C SubclassOf: D

- $a : C$ , where  $a \in \mathbf{I}$  and  $C$  is a  $\mathcal{ALC}$ -concept over  $\Sigma$ .

Individual : a Types: C

- $R(a_1, a_2)$ , where  $R \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbf{I}$ .

Individual : a1 Facts: R a2

# Description Logic in DOL: Models I

## Definition

Given  $\Sigma = (\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{I})$ , a  $\Sigma$ -model  $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \cdot^{\mathcal{I}})$ , where

- $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$  is a non-empty set
- $A^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$  for each  $A \in \mathbf{C}$
- $R^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$  for each  $R \in \mathbf{R}$
- $a^{\mathcal{I}} \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$  for each  $a \in \mathbf{I}$

# Description Logic in DOL: Models II

## Definition

We can extend  $\cdot^{\mathcal{I}}$  to all concepts as follows:

$$\top^{\mathcal{I}} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$$

$$\perp^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset$$

$$(\neg C)^{\mathcal{I}} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \setminus C^{\mathcal{I}}$$

$$(C \sqcap D)^{\mathcal{I}} = C^{\mathcal{I}} \cap D^{\mathcal{I}}$$

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# Description Logic in DOL: Satisfaction

## Definition (Satisfaction of sentences in a model)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I} \models C \sqsubseteq D & \quad \text{iff} \quad C^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq D^{\mathcal{I}}. \\ \mathcal{I} \models a : C & \quad \text{iff} \quad a^{\mathcal{I}} \in C^{\mathcal{I}}. \\ \mathcal{I} \models R(a_1, a_2) & \quad \text{iff} \quad (a_1^{\mathcal{I}}, a_2^{\mathcal{I}}) \in R^{\mathcal{I}}. \end{aligned}$$

# OWL: Example

## logic OWL

**ontology** FamilyBase =

Class: Person

Class: Female

Class: Woman      EquivalentTo: Person **and** Female

Class: Man        EquivalentTo: Person **and** not Woman

ObjectProperty: hasParent

ObjectProperty: hasChild InverseOf: hasParent

ObjectProperty: hasHusband

Class: Mother    EquivalentTo: Woman **and** hasChild some Person

Class: Parent    EquivalentTo: Father or Mother

Class: Wife       EquivalentTo: Woman **and** hasHusband some Man

...

# OWL: Example (continued)

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Class: Married

Class: MarriedMother EquivalentTo: Mother **and** Married

SubClassOf: Female **and** Person

Individual: john Types: Father

Individual: mary Types: Mother

Facts: hasChild john

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