

# QUERY ANSWERING WITH DESCRIPTION LOGIC ONTOLOGIES

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**Remarks:**

- Instance query answering is often called *instance checking*
- Focus of OMQA until mid-2000s

Input = instance query  $q$  + DL-Lite<sub>R</sub> TBox  $\mathcal{T}$

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More specifically, we construct:

- an FO-rewriting of  $q$  **relative to consistent ABoxes**, and
- an FO-rewriting of **unsatisfiability**

(these can be easily combined into FO-rewriting of  $q$  for *all* ABoxes)

We first define two procedures:

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**ComputeSubroles** *all reasons for a pair to be in  $R$*

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**Algorithm ComputeSubsumees**

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  - 2.3 For every role inclusion  $R \sqsubseteq S \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $D = \exists S$ .
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**Run on** hasCourse:

Subroles = {hasCourse, hasMain,  
hasDessert}

For a concept  $C$  and variable  $x$ , **define**  $C(x)$  as follows:

- if  $C = A \in N_C$ , then  $C(x) = A(x)$
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The rewriting is **ABox-independent** and **polysize in  $|\mathcal{T}|$  and  $|q|$** .

## EXAMPLE OF QUERY REWRITING (1/2)

We have already computed:

$$\text{ComputeSubsumees}(\text{Dish}, \mathcal{T}) = \{\text{Dish}, \text{ItalDish}, \text{VegDish}, \\ \exists \text{hasCourse}^-, \exists \text{hasMain}^-, \exists \text{hasDessert}^-\}$$

Get following **rewriting of Dish(x) w.r.t.  $\mathcal{T}$**  (for consistent ABoxes):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RewriteIQ}(\text{Dish}, \mathcal{T}) = & \text{Dish}(x) \vee \text{ItalDish}(x) \vee \text{VegDish}(x) \\ & \vee \exists y.\text{hasCourse}(y, x) \vee \exists y.\text{hasMain}(y, x) \\ & \vee \exists y.\text{hasDessert}(y, x) \end{aligned}$$

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ABox  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$\text{hasMain}(m, d_1)$   
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Main ideas:

- **only negative inclusions are relevant** for detecting contradictions
- create one **subquery for each negation inclusion  $G \sqsubseteq \neg H$**
- consider **all possible ways of violating  $G \sqsubseteq \neg H$** : combinations of a subsumee (subrole) of  $G$  and a subsumee (subrole) of  $H$

For a **negative concept inclusion**  $A \sqsubseteq \neg B$ :

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For a **TBox**, following Boolean query checks for unsatisfiability:

$$\text{RewriteUnsat}(\mathcal{T}) = \bigvee_{G \sqsubseteq \neg H \in \mathcal{T}} \text{RewriteNeg}(G, H, \mathcal{T})$$

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**Rewriting of IQ  $B(x)$  w.r.t.  $\mathcal{T}$  for arbitrary  $\Sigma$ -ABoxes:**

$$\text{RewriteIQ}(B, \mathcal{T}) \vee (\text{RewriteUnsat}(\mathcal{T}) \wedge q_{\text{ind}}^{\Sigma})$$

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**Theorem** In  $DL-Lite_R$ , satisfiability and instance checking are

1. in  **$AC_0$  for data complexity**
2. **NLOGSPACE-complete for combined complexity.**

**Note:** Same bounds hold for several other DL-Lite dialects



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Normalization in **polytime**, can introduce **new concept names**

$$A \sqsubseteq \exists r.\exists s.D \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad A \sqsubseteq \exists r.N, N \sqsubseteq \exists s.D, \exists s.D \sqsubseteq N$$

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Algorithm: **apply rules exhaustively**, check if  $A(a) (r(a, b))$  is present

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Runs in **polynomial time** in  $|\mathcal{K}|$ . This is **optimal**:

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Reduction from P-complete **Boolean circuit evaluation** problem

- Circuit is given as an ABox
  - one **individual name** per circuit **gate**
  - concept names **And** and **Or** indicate **type of gate**
  - concept name **True** marks **input gates with value 1**
  - role names **leftInput** and **rightInput** are used to **link gates**
- Same TBox for all circuits to propagate values:

$\text{Or} \sqcap \exists \text{leftInput}.\text{True} \sqsubseteq \text{True} \quad \text{Or} \sqcap \exists \text{rightInput}.\text{True} \sqsubseteq \text{True}$

$\text{And} \sqcap \exists \text{leftInput}.\text{True} \sqcap \exists \text{rightInput}.\text{True} \sqsubseteq \text{True}$

Can show: **circuit outputs 1**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **output gate** is answer to **True(x)**

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# EXTENDED SET OF SATURATION RULES

## TBox rules

$M, N, N'$  conjunctions of concept names

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 \\
 \frac{M \sqsubseteq \exists R.N \quad \exists \text{inv}(S).A \sqsubseteq B \quad R \sqsubseteq S}{M \sqcap A \sqsubseteq \exists R.(N \sqcap B)} \text{ T8}
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New set of rules  $\rightsquigarrow$  **exponentially many** different new axioms

**Theorem** Instance checking in  $\mathcal{ELHI}_\perp$  is **P-complete for data** and **EXP-complete for combined complexity**.



Let  $\text{sat}(\mathcal{T})$  be result of applying TBox saturation rules to  $\mathcal{T}$ .

For each  $\mathcal{ELHI}_\perp$  TBox  $\mathcal{T}$  and ABox signature  $\Sigma$  define following Datalog program  $\Pi(\mathcal{T}, \Sigma)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(\mathcal{T}, \Sigma) = & \{B(x) \leftarrow A_1(x), \dots, A_n(x) \mid A_1 \sqcap \dots \sqcap A_n \sqsubseteq B \in \text{sat}(\mathcal{T})\} \cup \\ & \{B(x) \leftarrow A(y), r(x, y) \mid \exists r. A \sqsubseteq B \in \mathcal{T}\} \cup \\ & \{B(y) \leftarrow A(x), r(x, y) \mid \exists r^-. A \sqsubseteq B \in \mathcal{T}\} \cup \\ & \{s(x, y) \leftarrow r(x, y) \mid r \sqsubseteq s \in \text{sat}(\mathcal{T}), s \in N_R\} \cup \\ & \{s(y, x) \leftarrow r(x, y) \mid r \sqsubseteq s^- \in \text{sat}(\mathcal{T}), s \in N_R\} \cup \\ & \{T(x) \leftarrow A(x) \mid A \in N_c \cap \Sigma\} \cup \\ & \{T(x) \leftarrow r(x, y) \mid r \in N_R \cap \Sigma\} \cup \\ & \{T(x) \leftarrow r(y, x) \mid r \in N_R \cap \Sigma\} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem** For every finite signature  $\Sigma$  and  $\mathcal{ELHI}_\perp$  KB  $\mathcal{K} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A})$  with  $\text{sig}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \Sigma$ :

1.  $\mathcal{K}$  is **unsatisfiable** iff  $\text{ans}((\Pi(\mathcal{T}, \Sigma), \perp), \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}}) \neq \emptyset$ ;
2. If  $\mathcal{K}$  is **satisfiable**, then for all  $A \in N_C$ ,  $r \in N_R$ , and  $a, b \in \text{Ind}(\mathcal{A})$ :
  - $\mathcal{K} \models A(a)$  iff  $a \in \text{ans}((\Pi(\mathcal{T}, \Sigma), A), \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}})$ ;
  - $\mathcal{K} \models r(a, b)$  iff  $(a, b) \in \text{ans}((\Pi(\mathcal{T}, \Sigma), r), \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}})$ .

This means:

- get **Datalog rewriting** of instance queries in  $\mathcal{ELHI}_\perp$
- can use **Datalog program to create saturated ABox**

## SATURATION AS A DATALOG PROGRAM: AN EXAMPLE

The Datalog program associated with our example:

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(technically, also have  $\mathcal{T}$ -independent rules for T...)