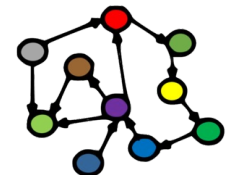


**Welcome to INF0216:
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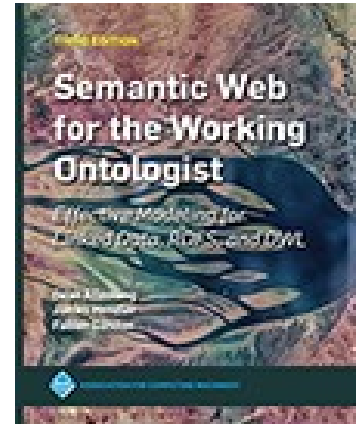
Session 10: Reasoning about KGs (DL)

- Themes:
 - description logic
 - decision problems
 - OWL DL
 - Manchester OWL-syntax



Readings

- Material at <http://wiki.uib.no/info216> (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)

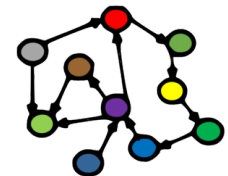


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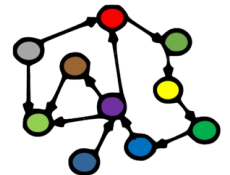


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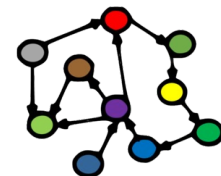


Relationship to other logics

- *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*:
 - $\forall x. (\text{Woman}(x) \Leftrightarrow \text{Human}(x) \wedge \text{Female}(x))$
- *Description logics* are about *concepts*:
 - $\text{Woman} \doteq \text{Human} \sqcap \text{Female}$
 - ...and also about *roles* and *individuals*
- There are many other logic systems:
 - *modal logics*: necessarily \square , possibly \diamond
 - *temporal logics*: always \square , sometimes \diamond , next time \circ

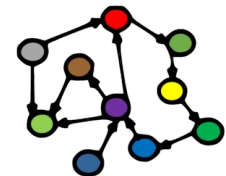
Description logics

- 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 *roles* and their relations (“**Rbox**”)
 - describe *individuals* and their *roles* (“**ABox**”)



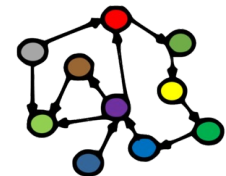
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- **Man** \doteq **Human** \sqcap \neg **Woman**
- **Parent** \doteq **Mother** \sqcup **Father**
 - **concepts**: **Human, Female, Woman...**
 - **definition**: \doteq
 - **conjunction** (and): \sqcap
 - **disjunction** (or): \sqcup
 - **negation**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



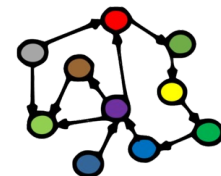
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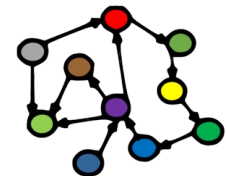
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- **Woman** \doteq **Human** \sqcap **Female**
- **Man** \doteq **Human** \sqcap \neg **Woman**
- **Parent** \doteq **Mother** \sqcup **Father**
 - atomic (or basic, primitive) concepts:
Human, Female, Woman...
 - only used on the r.h.s. of definitions
 - concept expressions (complex concepts):
 \neg **Woman, Human** \sqcap **Female...**
 - only used on the r.h.s. of definitions
 - defined (and named) concepts:
Woman, Man...
 - defined on the l.h.s. of definitions



Atomic and defined concepts

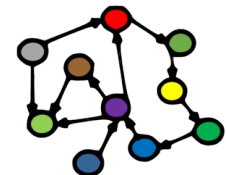
- **Atomic (or basic) concepts**
 - given, always named
 - cannot appear on the l.h.s. of a \doteq definition
 - correspond to simple OWL-NamedClasses
- **Concept expressions**
 - defined in terms of other concepts (and roles)
 - correspond to complex OWL-Classes
- Defined concepts can also be **named**
 - must appear on the l.h.s. of a \doteq definition
 - **concept_name** \doteq **concept_expression**
- ...similar distinction between atomic and defined **roles**



Roles

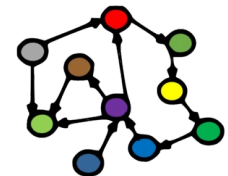
An atomic
(or basic) role

- **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 ..using **Human**, **hasChild**, **Parent**..
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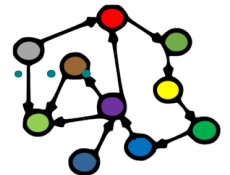
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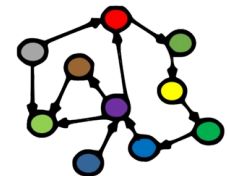
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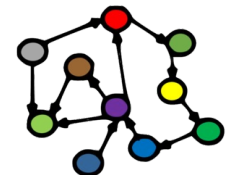
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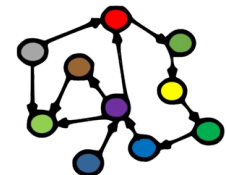
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 - or: *containment / specialisation axioms*
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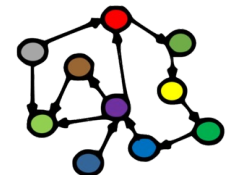
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- *This was our first proper axiom!*
 - so far we have just *defined* concepts
 - we have not used them in proper *axioms*



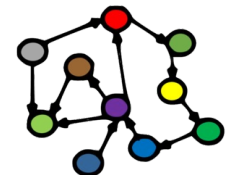
Axioms

- \doteq is used for *definitions*
- \equiv is used for *equivalence axioms*
 - and sometimes for *definitions* too...
- Axioms are equivalences or subsumptions:
 - *subsumption axioms* (\sqsubseteq):
 - composite concept (role) expressions on both sides
 - *equivalence axioms* (\equiv):
 - composite concept (role) expressions on both sides
 - corresponds to: $C \sqsubseteq D, D \sqsubseteq C$
- *expression* $\sqsubseteq \perp$ (“subsumption of bottom”) is used to say that something is *not* the case



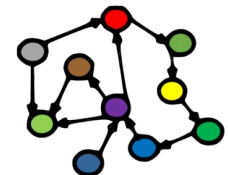
More role definitions

- **HappyFather** \doteq **Father** \sqcap
 \forall hasChild.HappyPerson
 - universal restriction: \forall
- **MotherOfOne** \doteq **Mother** \sqcap =1 hasChild. \top
- **Polygamist** \doteq ≥ 3 hasSpouse. \top
 - number restrictions: =, \geq , \leq
- **Narsissist** \doteq \exists hasLoveFor.Self
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- **MassMurderer** \doteq ...using hasKilled, Human...



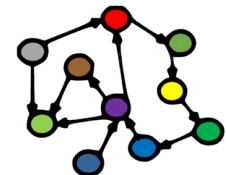
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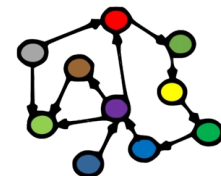
Inverse and transitive roles

- $\text{Child} \doteq \text{Human} \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}^- . \top$
- $\text{hasParent} \doteq \text{hasChild}^-$
- $\text{hasSibling} \doteq \text{hasSibling}^-$
- $\text{BlueBlood} \doteq \forall \text{hasParent}^* . \text{BlueBlood}$
 - inverse role: hasChild^-
 - symmetric role: hasSibling^-
 - transitive role: hasParent^*
- $\text{Niece} \doteq ..\text{Woman}, \text{hasChild}, \text{hasSibling}..$



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- $\text{Niece} \doteq \text{Woman} \sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}^- . \text{hasSibling} . \top$
- *We just started to define roles!*
 - until now, we have only defined *concepts*



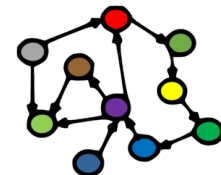
Composite roles

- Similar to composite concepts, e.g.:
 - **hasUncle** \doteq **hasParent** \circ **hasBrother**
 - **hasLovedChild** \doteq **hasChild** \sqcap **hasLoveFor**
 - **hasBrother** \doteq (**hasSibling** | **Male**)
- Not always supported by reasoning engines
 - they can have “bad decision problems”
 - i.e., they compute slowly or intractably
 - ...with some exceptions
- **hasDaughter** \doteq ..using **hasChild**, **Female**..



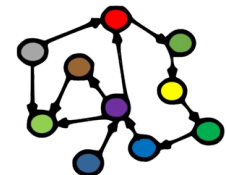
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TBox

- *Terminology box* (TBox):
 - a collection of definitions
 - *definition axioms* (\doteq):
 - $\text{concept_name} \doteq \text{concept_expression}$
 - defined and named concept on the l.h.s.
 - complex concept expression on the r.h.s
 - *defined names*
 - must appear on the l.h.s. of some \doteq definition
 - *atomic (basic, primitive) names*
 - can only appear on the r.h.s. of \doteq definitions



Acyclic, definitional TBox

Woman	\equiv	Person \sqcap Female
Man	\equiv	Person \sqcap \neg Woman
Mother	\equiv	Woman \sqcap \exists hasChild.Person
Father	\equiv	Man \sqcap \exists hasChild.Person
Parent	\equiv	Father \sqcup Mother
Grandmother	\equiv	Mother \sqcap \exists hasChild.Parent
MotherWithManyChildren	\equiv	Mother \sqcap ≥ 3 hasChild
MotherWithoutDaughter	\equiv	Mother \sqcap \forall hasChild. \neg Woman
Wife	\equiv	Woman \sqcap \exists hasHusband.Man

Note: This example uses \equiv
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Acyclic, definitional TBox

Defined
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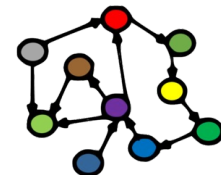
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*Acyclic and
unequivocal!*

TBox

- **Acyclicity**: no cyclic definitions in the TBox
- **Unequivocality**: each named defined term is only used on the l.h.s. of a single definition
- **Concept expansion**:
 - every concept can be written as an expression of only atomic concepts
 - algorithm:
 - start with the expression that defines the concept
 - recursively replace all the defined concepts used in the expression with their definitions
 - halt when only atomic concepts remain



Expanded definitional TBox

*Only basic concepts
on the right hand sides!*

Woman \equiv Person \sqcap Female

Man \equiv Person \sqcap \neg (Person \sqcap Female)

Mother \equiv (Person \sqcap Female) \sqcap \exists hasChild.Person

Father \equiv (Person \sqcap \neg (Person \sqcap Female)) \sqcap \exists hasChild.Person

Parent \equiv ((Person \sqcap \neg (Person \sqcap Female)) \sqcap \exists hasChild.Person)
 \sqcup ((Person \sqcap Female) \sqcap \exists hasChild.Person)

Grandmother \equiv ((Person \sqcap Female) \sqcap \exists hasChild.Person)
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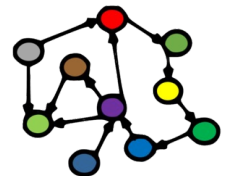
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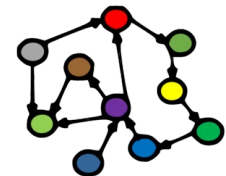
RBox

- *Role box* (RBox):
 - a collection of definitions *of roles*
 - otherwise similar to TBoxes:
 - atomic (basic, primitive) roles
 - role expressions
 - named defined roles
 - role expansion
 - not always necessary (i.e., only atomic roles)



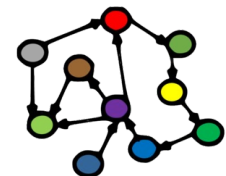
ABox

- So far definitions of concepts and roles (*TBox*, *RBox*)
- Also 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
- A TBox + an ABBox (+ possibly an RBox) constitute a *knowledge base* (\mathcal{K}):
 - concepts, roles in the *TBox* (aka “the tags”)
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Syntaxes differ a bit...

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Summary of axioms

- Terminology axioms (TBox):

– subsumptions: $C \sqsubseteq D$

C and D are *expressions*!

– equivalences: $C \equiv D$

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

- Role axioms (RBox)
- Individual assertion axioms (in the ABox):

– class assertions: $a : C$

a and b are *individuals*.

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

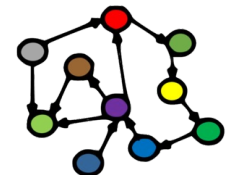
R is a *role*!

- Knowledge base $\mathcal{K} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A})$ or $\mathcal{K} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{A})$

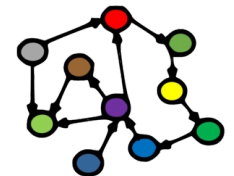
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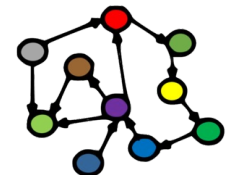


Decision Problems



Reasoning over knowledge bases

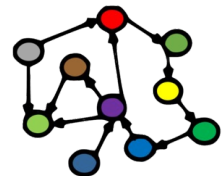
- *What more can we do with ontologies?*
- For example:
 - a *security ontology* that describes an organisation and its computer systems as concepts, roles and individuals
 - can answer *competency questions*, e.g.:
 - are all the *security levels* subclasses of one another?
 - what is the highest security 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: $\mathcal{K} \models \langle a, b \rangle : R$?
- Given a knowledge base \mathcal{K} , reasoning engines are designed to give yes / no answer
 - ...but not all decision problems are *decidable*
 - ...or have tractable *complexity*
 - *depends on the expressions used!*

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



Decision problems for concepts

- Four important decision problems for concepts:

- consistency:

can an individual **a** exist so that

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

- subsumption:

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

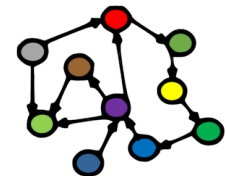
- equivalence:

$$\mathcal{T} \models \mathbf{C} \equiv \mathbf{D}, \text{ also written } \mathbf{C} \equiv_{\mathcal{T}} \mathbf{D},$$

- disjunction:

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

- \mathcal{T} can always be *emptied*, by expanding all its concepts



Decision problems for concepts

- *All four can be reduced to subsumption or consistency!*

– consistency:

$$\mathcal{T} \models \mathbf{a} : \mathbf{C} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{T} \not\models \mathbf{C} \sqsubseteq \perp$$

$$\mathcal{T} \not\models \mathbf{a} : \mathbf{C} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{T} \models \mathbf{C} \sqsubseteq \perp$$

– subsumption:

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

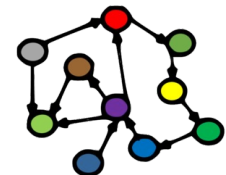
– equivalence:

$$\mathcal{T} \models \mathbf{C} \equiv \mathbf{D} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{T} \models \mathbf{C} \sqsubseteq \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{D} \sqsubseteq \mathbf{C}$$

– disjunction:

$$\mathcal{T} \models \mathbf{C} \sqcup \mathbf{D} \sqsubseteq \perp$$

- \mathcal{T} can always be *emptied*, by expanding all its concepts



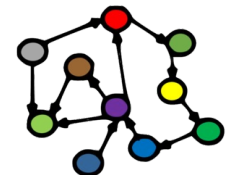
Decision problems for individuals

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



Tableau algorithm

- A simple reasoning procedure
- Tests satisfiability of a concept C_0
 - C_0 is possible expanded
 - negation normal form (NNF)
- Starts with ABox $A_0 = \{ C_0(x) \}$
- Applies transformation rules that preserve consistency
- Halt when not more rules can be applied
 - ...and halt a branch that contains a contradiction
- If all possible branches contain contradictions:
 - C_0 is unsatisfiable
- C_0 is satisfiable otherwise



The \rightarrow_{\sqcap} -rule

Condition: \mathcal{A} contains $(C_1 \sqcap C_2)(x)$, but it does not contain both $C_1(x)$ and $C_2(x)$.

Action: $\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A} \cup \{C_1(x), C_2(x)\}$.

The \rightarrow_{\sqcup} -rule

Condition: \mathcal{A} contains $(C_1 \sqcup C_2)(x)$, but neither $C_1(x)$ nor $C_2(x)$.

Action: $\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A} \cup \{C_1(x)\}$, $\mathcal{A}'' = \mathcal{A} \cup \{C_2(x)\}$.

The \rightarrow_{\exists} -rule

Condition: \mathcal{A} contains $(\exists R.C)(x)$, but there is no individual name z such that $C(z)$ and $R(x, z)$ are in \mathcal{A} .

Action: $\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A} \cup \{C(y), R(x, y)\}$ where y is an individual name not occurring in \mathcal{A} .

The \rightarrow_{\forall} -rule

Condition: \mathcal{A} contains $(\forall R.C)(x)$ and $R(x, y)$, but it does not contain $C(y)$.

Action: $\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A} \cup \{C(y)\}$.

The \rightarrow_{\geq} -rule

Condition: \mathcal{A} contains $(\geq n R)(x)$, and there are no individual names z_1, \dots, z_n such that $R(x, z_i)$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) and $z_i \neq z_j$ ($1 \leq i < j \leq n$) are contained in \mathcal{A} .

Action: $\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A} \cup \{R(x, y_i) \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{y_i \neq y_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}$, where y_1, \dots, y_n are distinct individual names not occurring in \mathcal{A} .

The \rightarrow_{\leq} -rule

Condition: \mathcal{A} contains distinct individual names y_1, \dots, y_{n+1} such that $(\leq n R)(x)$ and $R(x, y_1), \dots, R(x, y_{n+1})$ are in \mathcal{A} , and $y_i \neq y_j$ is not in \mathcal{A} for some $i \neq j$.

Action: For each pair y_i, y_j such that $i > j$ and $y_i \neq y_j$ is not in \mathcal{A} , the ABox $\mathcal{A}_{i,j} = [y_i/y_j]\mathcal{A}$ is obtained from \mathcal{A} by replacing each occurrence of y_i by y_j .

Next week:
Formal ontologies
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