



Knowledge Engineering with Semantic Web Technologies

Lecture 4: OWL, Rules and Reasoning 4.12 EXTRA: OWL Profiles



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- Reasoning with OWL is hard
 - OWL Full is **undecidable** with RDF-based semantics
 - OWL DL ($SR_{OIQ}(\mathcal{D})$) with some structural restrictions on regularity and simplicity is **decidable** in $N2ExpTime$

- **Idea:**
 - Identify maximal OWL sublanguages (fragments) for which reasoning is easier, i.e. that are decidable in **polynomial time**

- Main reason for super-polynomial runtime: **Non-Determinism**
(requires guessing / backtracking)
 - Disjunction or Negation + Conjunction
 - Maximum number restrictions
 - Combination of existential and universal quantification in one superclass
 - Non-unary enumerated classes
 - ▶ therefore not allowed for OWL Profiles
- **Attention:** *many other features may also lead to non-determinism...*

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- Conjunction $C \sqcap D$, existential Restriction $\exists R.C$, \top and \perp
- Nominals, restricted property ranges, self restriction
- General property inclusion (RBox), Transitivity, Reflexivity
- **NOT ALLOWED:** *universal quantification, disjunction, complement, number restrictions, disjoint and inverted properties*

● Advantages:

- Polynomial complexity for standard entailment, i.e. decidability, class membership, etc.
- simple implementation
- supports important ontologies (e.g. SNOMED-CT)

OWL 2 EL Examples

- $\exists \text{has.Sorrow} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{has.Liqueur}$
- $\exists \text{married}.\top \sqcap \text{CatholicPriest} \sqsubseteq \perp$
- $\text{German} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{knows.}\{\text{merkel}\}$
- $\exists \text{livesIn.}\{\text{europe}\} \sqsubseteq \text{European}$
- $\text{hasParent} \circ \text{hasParent} \sqsubseteq \text{hasGrandparent}$
- $\text{CEO} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{supervisedBy.Self}$

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- Superclasses ($R \sqsubseteq S$): $\sqcap, \sqsupset, \exists R.C, \top, \perp$
- Subclasses ($R \sqsubseteq S$): $\exists R.\top, \top, \perp$
- inverse properties, simple property hierarchies
- ABox like $\mathcal{SROIQ}(\mathcal{D})$
- **NOT ALLOWED:** *universal quantification, enumerated classes, disjunction, self, functional and inverse functional properties, number restrictions, transitivity, general property inclusion, equality of individuals*

● Advantages:

- Sub-polynomial complexity (related to Relational Databases), Instance retrieval in LogSpace
- fast implementations available, scalable

OWL 2 QL Examples

- $\exists \text{married}.\top \sqsubseteq \text{Lucky} \sqcap \exists \text{has.NoSorrrows}$
- $\text{Doctor} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{treats.Patients}$
- $\text{Professor} \sqsubseteq \neg \text{Student}$
- $\text{Cat} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{preysOn} . (\text{Animal} \sqcap \text{Small})$
- $\exists \text{preysOn}.\top \sqsubseteq \text{Predator}$
- $\exists \text{preysOn}^{\neg}.\top \sqsubseteq \text{Animal}$

OWL 2 RL is based on Horn-Rule fragment of OWL2

- Subclass axioms ($R \sqsubseteq S$) can be interpreted as rules ($R \rightarrow S$)

Horn-Rule fragment of OWL 2:

- Superclasses ($R \sqsubseteq S$): $\sqcap, \exists R.\{a\}, \forall R.C, \leq 1R.C, \perp, \neg$
- Subclasses ($R \sqsubseteq S$): $\sqcup, \exists R.C, \exists R.\{a\}, \perp$
- inverse properties, general property inclusion, disjointness, symmetry, asymmetry, transitivity, functionality, inverse functionality
- **NOT ALLOWED: *disjoint union, reflexivity, \top***

- **Advantages:**

- Polynomial complexity (PTime-complete)
- Simple Implementation (OWL Axioms as Rules)
- Related to rule languages

OWL 2 RL Examples

- $\exists \text{parentOf} . \exists \text{parentOf} . \top \sqsubseteq \text{Grandparent}$
as rule: $\text{parentOf}(x,y) \wedge \text{parentOf}(y,z) \rightarrow \text{Grandparent}(x)$
- $\text{Orphan} \sqsubseteq \forall \text{hasParent} . \text{Dead}$
as rule: $\text{Orphan}(x) \wedge \text{hasParent}(x,y) \rightarrow \text{Dead}(y)$
- $\text{Monogamous} \sqsubseteq \leq 1 \text{ married} . \text{Alive}$
as rule: $\text{Monogamous}(x) \wedge \text{married}(x,y) \wedge \text{Alive}(y) \wedge \text{married}(x,z) \wedge \text{Alive}(z) \rightarrow y=z$
- $\text{childOf} \circ \text{childOf} \sqsubseteq \text{grandchildOf}$
as rule: $\text{childOf}(x,y) \wedge \text{childOf}(y,z) \rightarrow \text{grandchildOf}(x,z)$

OWL 2 Profiles - Feature Overview

Sub	\top	\perp	\sqcap	\sqcup	\neg	$\exists R.C$	$\exists R.T$	$\forall R.C$
RL		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
EL	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
QL	✓	✓					✓	
Super	\top	\perp	\sqcap	\sqcup	\neg	$\exists R.C$	$\exists R.T$	$\forall R.C$
RL		✓	✓		✓			✓
EL	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
QL	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	

Do we need so many OWL Fragments?

- The union of any two of the OWL profiles is no longer light-weight!
QL+RL, QL+EL, RL+EL all ExpTime-hard
- Restricting to fewer profiles = giving up potentially useful feature combinations
- **Rationale:**
 - profiles are “maximal” (well, not quite) well-behaved OWL 2 fragments
 - select a suitable feature set for your applications



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