

Ontology Engineering

Lecture 2: Recent trends: methods and methodologies

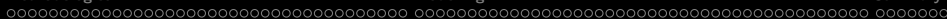
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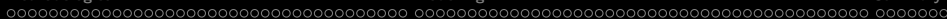


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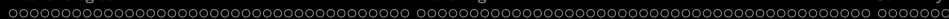
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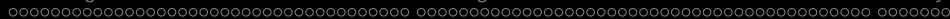
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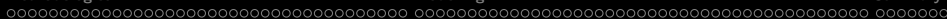
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- Recall (L1): an ontology is a logical theory “plus some more”
 - In this lecture, we look into that “some more”



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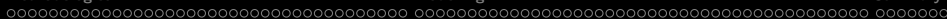


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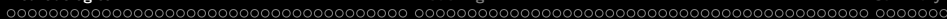
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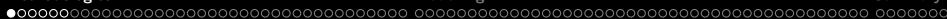


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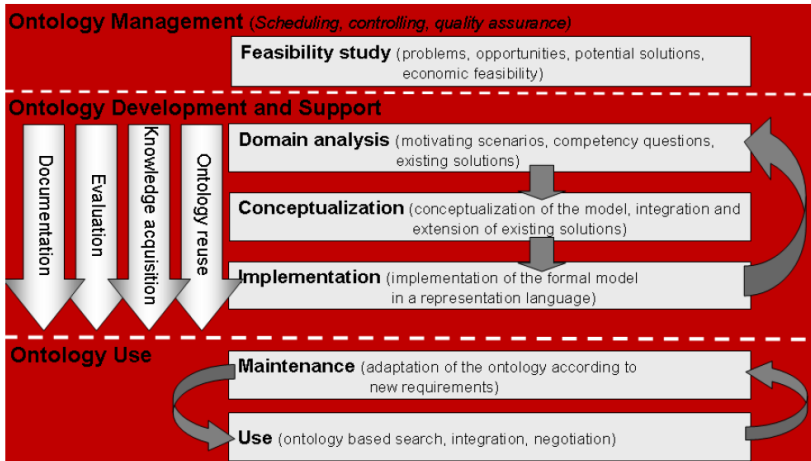
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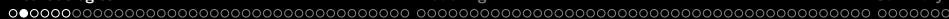
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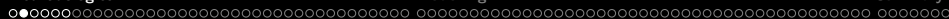


(Source: *Simperl et al., 2010*)



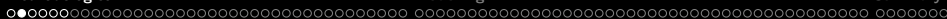
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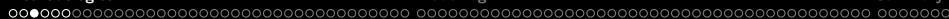
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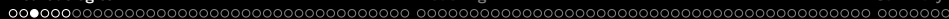
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- Applied to chemical, legal domain, and others (More comprehensive assessment of extant methodologies in Corcho et al, 2003)



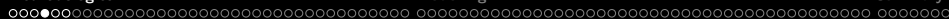
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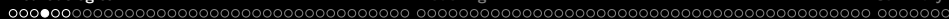
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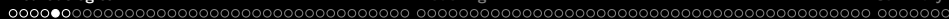
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- Characteristics: **dynamics, context, collaborative, distributed**
- E.g., the NeOn methodology

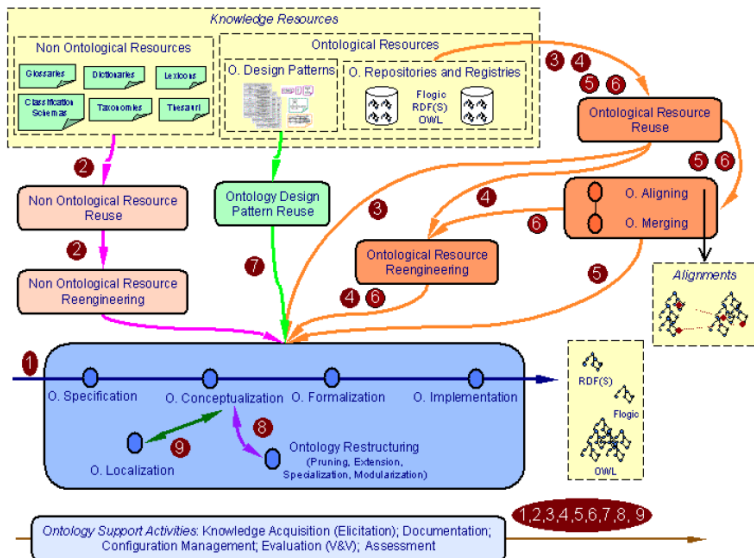


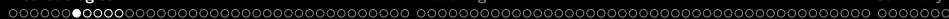
Extending the methodologies: NeOn

- NeOn's "Glossary of Activities" identifies and defines 55 activities when ontology networks are collaboratively built
- Among others: ontology localization, -alignment, -formalization, -diagnosis, -enrichment etc.
- Divided into a matrix with "required" and "if applicable"
- Recognises there are **several scenarios for ontology development**, refining the typical monolithic 'waterfall' approach

(more info in neon_2008_d5.4.1.pdf)

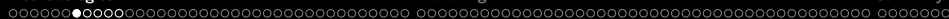
Several scenarios for Building Ontology Networks





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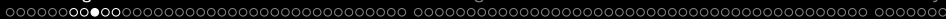


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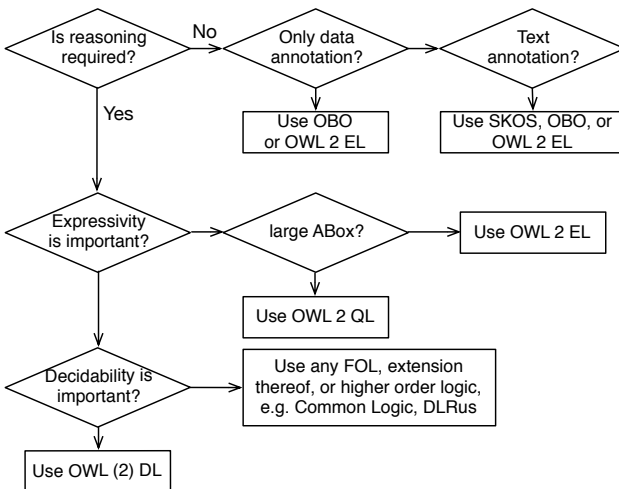
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- Notably: OntoSpec, “Ontology development 101” (outdated!!!), DiDO_n, TDD
- Methods & tools for sets of axioms; e.g.: *advocatus diaboli*, *SubProS* & *ProChainS*, ...

More detailed steps (generalised from DiDO_n) (1/2)

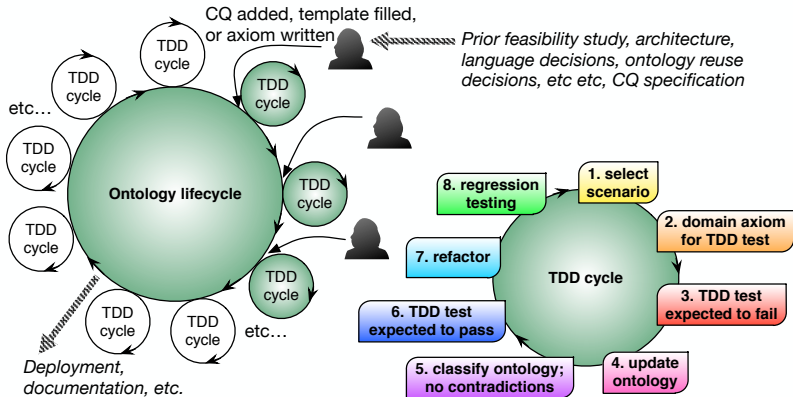
1. Requirements analysis, regarding expressiveness (temporal, fuzzy, n-aries etc.), types of queries, reasoning services needed;
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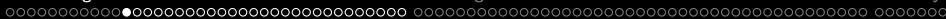


A few basic hints for choosing a language



Test-driven Development





And then you open an ontology editor...

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untitled-ontology-308 Search for entity

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Class hierarchy

Class hierarchy: Thing

Annotations Usage

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Or if you have something to start with:

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The 'lion' class is highlighted in blue. The right-hand pane shows the 'Annotations' and 'Usage' tabs. The 'Annotations' tab displays a single annotation: 'comment' with the text 'Lions are animals that eat only herbivores.' The 'Usage' tab shows the 'Description' for 'lion', which includes the following sub-classes:

- Equivalent To: (empty)
- SubClass Of:
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Annotations: lion

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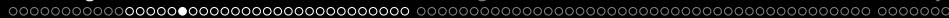
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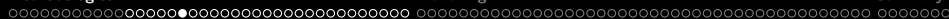
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 - Parameters that affect ontology development, such as purpose, starting/legacy material, language
 - Tools to model, to reason, to debug, to integrate, to link to data



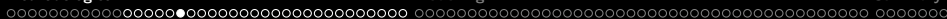
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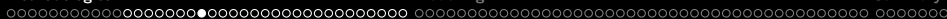


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- Cumbersome and time-consuming with larger ontologies
- Missing: a systematic testbed to do this in a methodical fashion
- It would need to relate to those macro-level processes

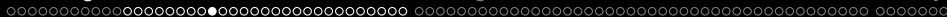
Addressing these issues

⇒ Reuse software engineering's notion of **Test-Driven Development**, based on **test-first**



(Recap) TDD in software development

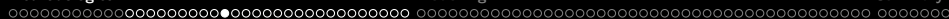
- Methodology where one writes new code only if an automated test has failed [Beck(2004)].
- TDD permeates the whole development process
- TDD is a *test-first* approach rather than *test-last* (design, code, test) of unit tests
- More focussed, improves communication, improves understanding of required software behaviour, reduces design complexity [Kumar and Bansal(2013)]
- TDD produced code passes more externally defined tests—i.e, better software quality—and less time spent on debugging [Janzen(2005)]



Several scenarios for TDD (1/2)

- I. **CQ-driven TDD** Specify Competency question, translate it into one or more axioms, which are the input of the relevant TDD test(s)
 - ex1 What software can perform task x ?¹
 - ex2 Given a data mining task/dataset, which of the valid or applicable workflows/algorithms will yield optimal results (or at least better results than the others)?
 - ex3 Are there learning algorithms that I can use on high-dimensional data without having to go through preliminary dimensionality reduction?

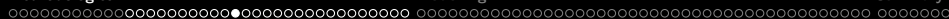
¹more here: <https://softwareontology.wordpress.com/2011/04/01/user-sourced-competency-questions-for-software/>; other two examples from [Keet et al.(2015b)]



Several scenarios for TDD (2/2)

- II-a. **Ontology authoring-driven TDD - the knowledge engineer** who knows which axiom s/he wants to add, types it, which is then fed directly into the TDD system
- II-b. **Ontology authoring-driven TDD - the domain expert** uses a template or “logical macro” ODP [Presutti et al.(2008)], which map onto generic tests; e.g.:
 - the all-some template, i.e., an axiom of the form $C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D$
 - instantiate with relevant domain entities; e.g.,
 $Professor \sqsubseteq \exists teaches.Course$
 - the TDD test for the $C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D$ type of axiom is then run automatically

Behind the usability interface, what gets sent to the TDD system is one or more axioms



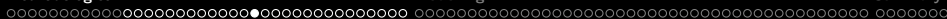
Tests in ontology engineering

- Early explorative work borrowing notion of testing [Vrandečić and Gangemi(2006)]—no framework, testbed
- CQs: patterns [Ren et al.(2014)], formalise into SPARQL queries—what, not how
- Instance-oriented approaches [Garca-Ramos et al.(2009), Kontokostas et al.(2014)], eXtreme Design NeON plugin, ODP rapid design [Blomqvist et al.(2012), Presutti et al.(2009)], RapidOWL [Auer(2006)]
- Tests for particular types of axioms:
 - disjointness [Ferré and Rudolph(2012)]
 - adding part-whole relation based domain and range constraints [Keet et al.(2013b)]



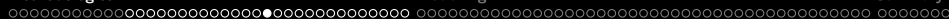
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- Tawny-Owl's subsumption tests [Warrender and Lord(2015)]. Tests tailored to the actual ontology rather than reusable 'templates' for the tests covering all OWL language features
- SCONE, BDD, focussing on natural language and examples, Cucumber at the back (F. Neuhaus, 2015)
- Methodologies:
 - none of the 9 methodologies reviewed by [Garcia et al.(2010)] are TDD-based
 - The Agile-inspired OntoMaven [Paschke and Schaefermeier(2015)] has OntoMvnTest with 'test cases' only for the usual syntax checking, consistency, and entailment



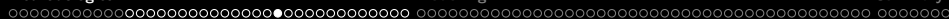
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- Full TDD ontology engineering [Keet and Ławrynowicz(2016), Ławrynowicz and Keet(2016), Davies et al.(2017)]
- Idea of unit tests has been proposed, there is a dearth of actual specifications as to what exactly is, or should be, going on in such as test
- No regression testing to check that perhaps an earlier modelled CQ—and thus a passed test—conflicts with a later one



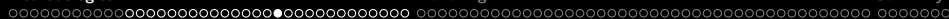
Basic idea of Test-Driven Development for an ontology

1. Require: domain axiom x of type X is to be added to the ontology; e.g., x may be Professor $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{teaches.Course}$, which has pattern $C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D$.
2. Check the vocabulary elements of x are in ontology O (itself a TDD test);
3. Run the TDD test:
 - 3.1 The first execution should fail (check $O \not\models x$ or not present)
 - 3.2 Update the ontology (add x), and
 - 3.3 Run the test again which then should pass (check that $O \models x$) and such that there is no new inconsistency or undesirable deduction
4. Run all previous successful tests, which still have to pass (i.e., regression testing); if not, resolve conflicting knowledge.



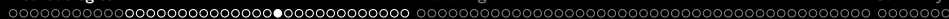
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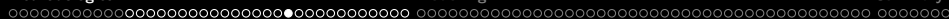
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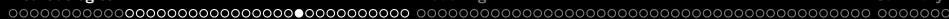


Example: a TBox-test

Require: Test $T(C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D)$

- 1: $\alpha \leftarrow \text{SubClassOf}(\text{?x ObjectSomeValuesFrom}(R D))$
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- 3: **return** $T(C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D)$ is false
- 4: **else**
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- 6: **end if**

Question: This is not the only possible design of a test. Name at least one other test design (i.e., irrespective of technologies) to test $T(C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D)$; e.g., to find out whether, say, $Lion \sqsubseteq \exists \text{eats}.Impala$ is entailed in the ontology



Revisiting the general idea of TDD for an ontology

1. Require: domain axiom x of type X is to be added to the ontology; e.g., x may be Professor $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{teaches.Course}$, which has pattern $C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D$.
2. Check the vocabulary elements of x are in ontology O (itself a TDD test);
3. Run the TDD test:
 - 3.1 The first execution **should** fail (check $O \not\models x$ or not present)
 - 3.2 Update the ontology (add x), and
 - 3.3 Run the test again which then **should** pass (check that $O \models x$) and such that there is no new inconsistency or undesirable deduction
4. Run all previous successful tests, which still have to pass (i.e., regression testing); if not, resolve conflicting knowledge.

A model for testing—possible test results

- Ontology already inconsistent
- Ontology already incoherent: that is, one or more of its named classes are unsatisfiable.
- Missing entity in axiom: The axiom contains one or more named classes or properties which are not declared in the ontology.
- Axiom causes inconsistency
- Axiom causes incoherence
- Axiom absent: The axiom is not entailed by the ontology, but it could be added without negative consequences.
- Axiom entailed: The axiom is already entailed by the ontology

Formally

Definition

Given an ontology O which is consistent and coherent, and an axiom A such that $\Sigma(A) \subseteq \Sigma(O)$, the result of testing A against O is

$$\text{test}_O(A) = \begin{cases} \text{entailed} & \text{if } O \vdash A \\ \text{inconsistent} & \text{if } O \cup A \vdash \perp \\ \text{incoherent} & \text{if } O \cup A \not\vdash \perp \\ & \wedge (\exists C \in \Sigma_C(O)) \text{ s.t. } O \cup A \vdash C \sqsubseteq \perp \\ \text{absent} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

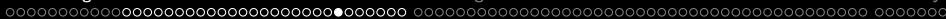
Generalisation

Note: now C and D can be *any* class expression, not just only a named class

Algorithm 1 Function TESTSUBCLASSOF(C, D)

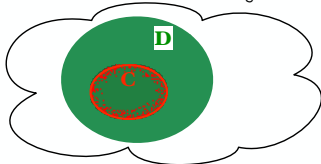
Input: C, D class expressions

- 1: **if** GETINSTANCES($C \sqcap \neg D$) $\neq \emptyset$ **then**
 - 2: **return** inconsistent
 - 3: **else if** GETSUBCLASSES($C \sqcap \neg D$) $\neq \emptyset$ **then**
 - 4: **return** incoherent
 - 5: **else if** ISSATISFIABLE($C \sqcap \neg D$) == false **then**
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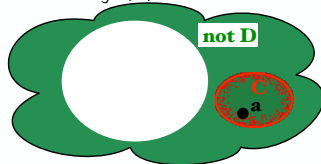


Graphically

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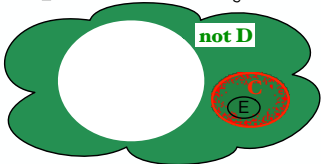


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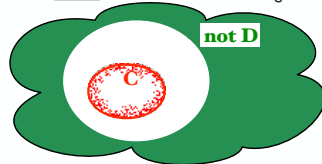
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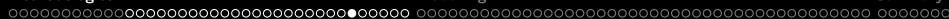
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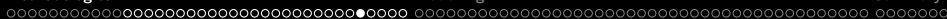
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What remains: C is-a D is **absent**.



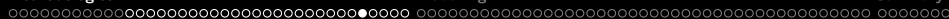
Design considerations and issues

- Which technology to use?
- DL Query tab possible
 - to cumbersome, not all tests possible
- SPARQL-OWL's implementation OWL-BGP and its SPARQL SELECT, SPARQL answering engine, and Hermit v1.3.8 [Kollia et al.(2011)]
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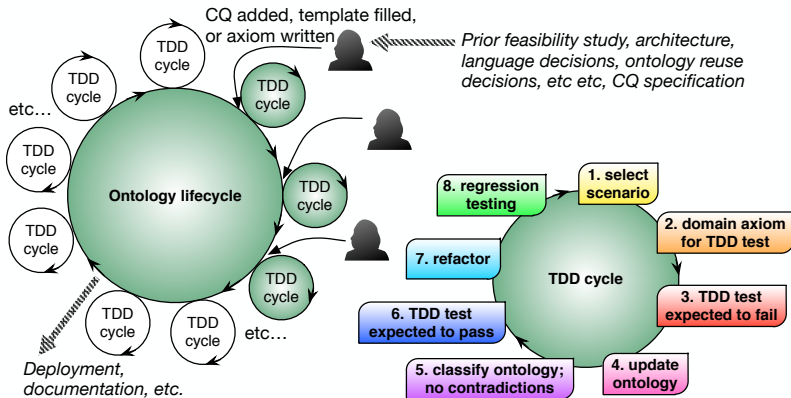
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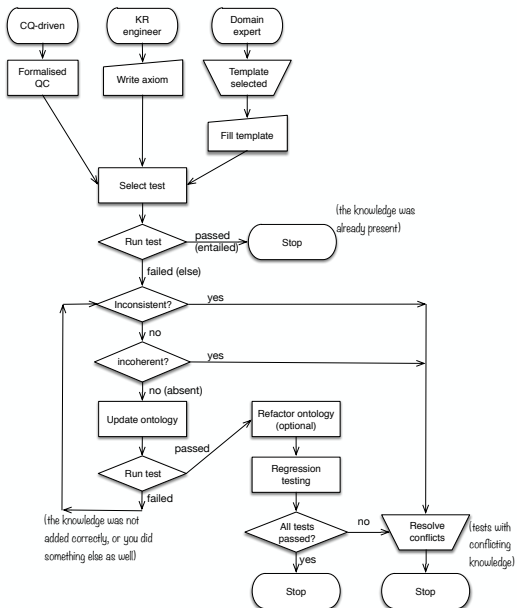
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Methodology sketch



Test-Driven Development



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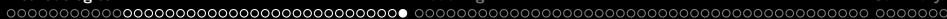
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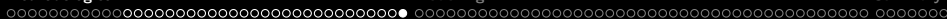


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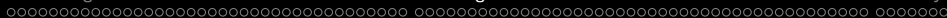


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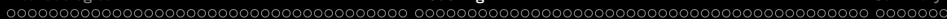
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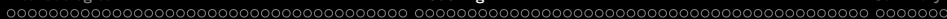
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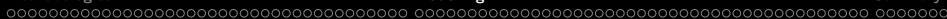
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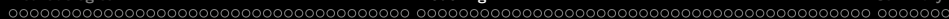
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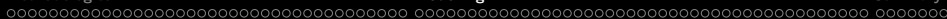
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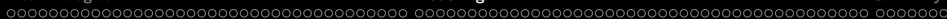
- Using automated reasoners for 'debugging' ontologies, requires one to know about reasoning services
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- Reasoning services tailored to pinpointing the errors and explaining the entailments



Sampling of methods and tools for 'debugging'

- Finding pitfalls²: Ontology Pitfall Scanner! (OOPS!), and TIPS to prevent them [Poveda-Villalón et al.(2012), Keet et al.(2015a)]
- Finding errors and correcting them: *SubProS* and *ProChainS* [Keet(2012)]
- Preventing making errors: FORZA [Keet et al.(2013b)]
- When to declare classes disjoint: *advocatus diaboli* [Ferré and Rudolph(2012), Ferré(2016)]
- See also examples in the lecture notes, WoDOOM workshop proceedings

²pitfall: among others: undesirable deductions, inconsistent naming scheme, declaring a property transitive but with incompatible domain and range



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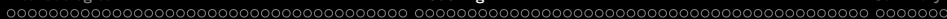
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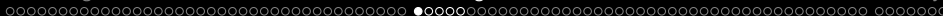
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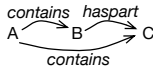
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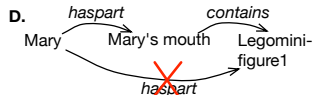
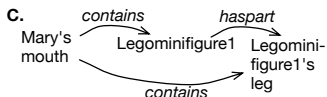
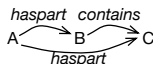
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- Deduces DataSet \sqsubseteq DataTable, which is *'wrong'*

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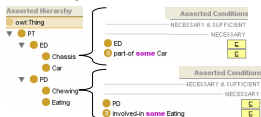


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A2. Other class hierarchy with the same asserted conditions



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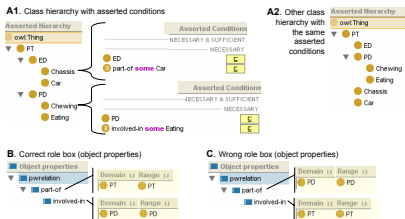


C. Wrong role box (object properties)



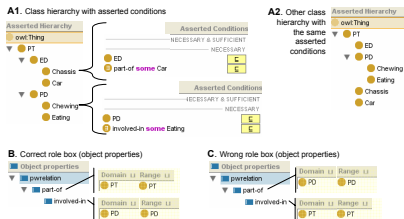
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 - ⇒ Bit tricky, you have to make a modelling decision...
- These two questions surface as a consequence of different ontological commitment as to what a relation really is (or what you're convinced of it is)



A few other modelling questions

- Should you introduce a minimum amount of properties in your ontology, or many?
- Always (try to) declare domain and range axioms?
- Use explicit inverses (extending the vocabulary) or not?
- What about ternaries?
- How to find and fix mistakes and pitfalls?
- What if solution X is better modelling than option Y but computationally more costly than Y?



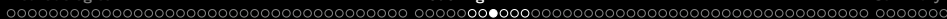
Toward solving such issues

- Meaning of relations
 - Different modelling/representation languages have varying 'ontological commitments'
 - When a relation(ship) is a specialisation of another
- Reuse relations that are already investigated widely cf. reinventing the wheel
- Methods and tools to avoid pitfalls



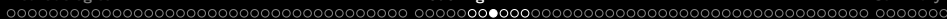
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- Relations investigated in philosophy
 - Nature of relation itself (standard, positionalist, anti-positionalist) [Fine(2000), Leo(2008)]
 - Relationships as endurants or events [Guarino and Guizzardi(2015), Guarino and Guizzardi(2016)]
 - Nature and properties of some specific domain-independent relations (parthood, portions, participation, causation); see the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy for gentle introductions
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 - (among others)
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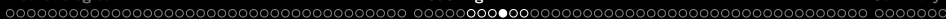
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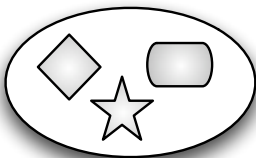
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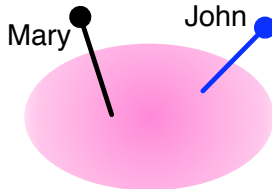


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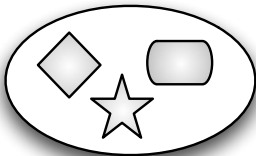
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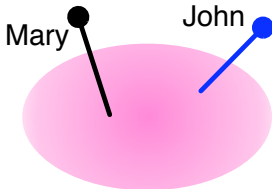
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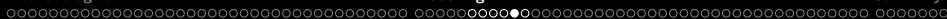
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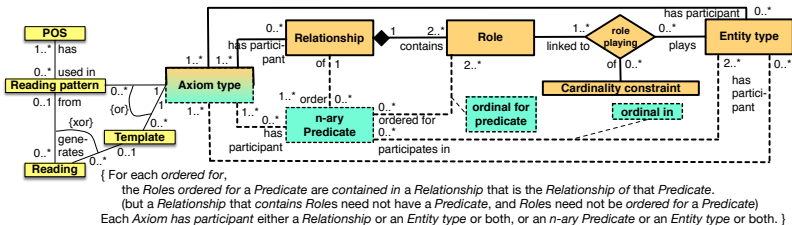


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Questions and problems to address

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- What are the features of a 'good' RBox w.r.t. object property expressions?
- What type of flaws are being made?
- See [Keet(2014)]

Preliminaries (1/2)

- “basic form” for sub-properties, i.e., $S \sqsubseteq R$,
- “complex form” with property chains
- $R \sqsubseteq C_1 \times C_2$ as shortcut for domain and range axioms
 $\exists R \sqsubseteq C_1$ and $\exists R^- \sqsubseteq C_2$ where C_1 and C_2 are generic classes;
ObjectPropertyDomain(OPE CE) and
ObjectPropertyRange(OPE CE) in OWL.
- $R \sqsubseteq \top \times \top$ when no domain and range axiom has been declared

Definition (User-defined Domain and Range Classes)

Let R be an OWL object property and $R \sqsubseteq C_1 \times C_2$ its associated domain and range axiom. Then, with the symbol D_R we indicate the *User-defined Domain* of R —i.e., $D_R = C_1$ —and with the symbol R_R we indicate the *User-defined Range* of R —i.e., $R_R = C_2$.



Definition ((Regular) Role Inclusion Axioms ([Horrocks et al.(2006)]))

Let \prec be a regular order on roles. A **role inclusion axiom** (RIA for short) is an expression of the form $w \sqsubseteq R$, where w is a finite string of roles not including the universal role U , and $R \neq U$ is a role name. A **role hierarchy** \mathcal{R}_h is a finite set of RIAs. An interpretation \mathcal{I} **satisfies** a role inclusion axiom $w \sqsubseteq R$, written $\mathcal{I} \models w \sqsubseteq R$, if $w^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq R^{\mathcal{I}}$. An interpretation is a **model** of a role hierarchy \mathcal{R}_h if it satisfies all RIAs in \mathcal{R}_h , written $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{R}_h$. A RIA $w \sqsubseteq R$ is **\prec -regular** if R is a role name, and

$w = R \circ R$, or

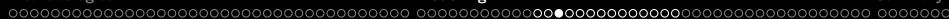
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Finally, a role hierarchy \mathcal{R}_h is **regular** if there exists a regular order \prec such that each RIA in \mathcal{R}_h is \prec -regular.



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 - By declaring the property's characteristics

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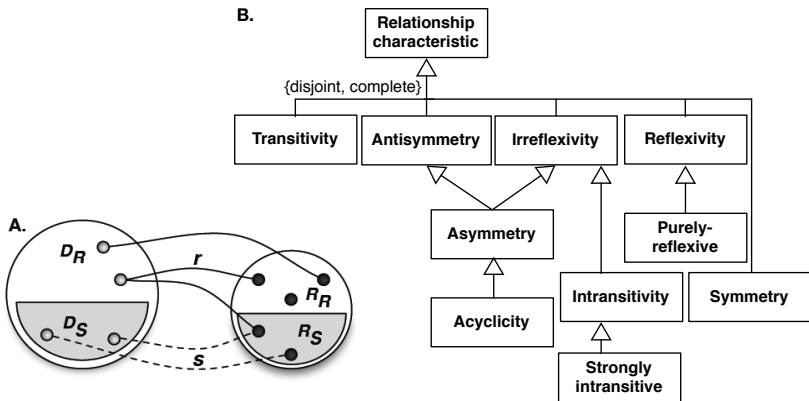
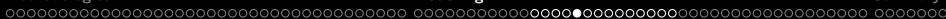


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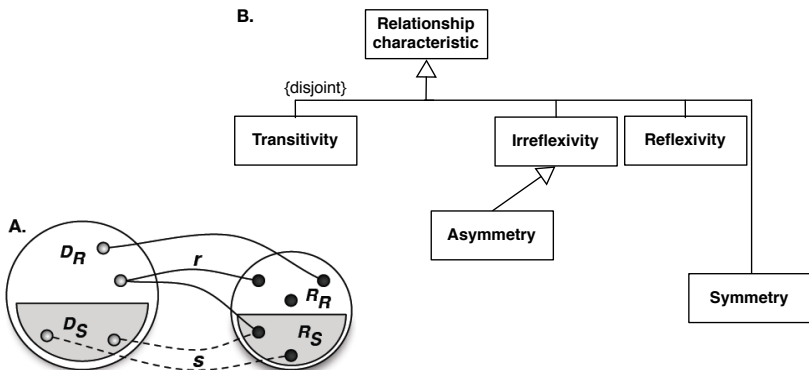
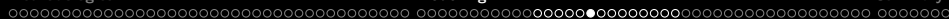


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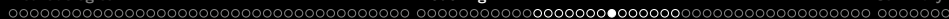
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- After that, *SubProS* checks whether the object property characteristic(s) conform to specification, provided there is such an expression in the ontology.
- It exhaustively checks each permutation of domain and range and then of the characteristic of the parent and child property in the object property hierarchy

Definition (Sub-Property compatibility Service (*SubProS*))

For each pair of object properties, $R, S \in \mathcal{O}$ such that $\mathcal{O} \models S \sqsubseteq R$, and \mathcal{O} an OWL ontology adhering to the syntax and semantics as specified in OWL 2 Standard, check whether:

- Test 1. $\mathcal{O} \models D_S \sqsubseteq D_R$ and $\mathcal{O} \models R_S \sqsubseteq R_R$;
- Test 2. $\mathcal{O} \not\models D_R \sqsubseteq D_S$;
- Test 3. $\mathcal{O} \not\models R_R \sqsubseteq R_S$;
- Test 4. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Asym}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Asym}(S)$;
- Test 5. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Sym}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Sym}(S)$ or $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Asym}(S)$;
- Test 6. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Trans}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Trans}(S)$;
- Test 7. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Ref}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Ref}(S)$ or $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Irr}(S)$;
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- Test 9. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Asym}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \not\models \text{Sym}(S)$; *continues....*
- Test 10. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Irr}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \not\models \text{Ref}(S)$;



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Test 11. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Trans}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \not\models \text{Irr}(R)$, $\mathcal{O} \not\models \text{Asym}(R)$,
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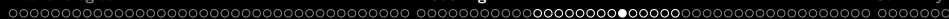
An OWL object property hierarchy is said to be compatible iff

- *Test 1* and (*2* or *3*) hold for all pairs of property-subproperty in \mathcal{O} , and
- *Tests 4-11* hold for all pairs of property-subproperty in \mathcal{O} .



Property chains

- Recall the three cases for property chains, with $w \sqsubseteq R$:
 - Case S: $w = S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_n$ and $S_i \prec R$, for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, or
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- To ensure avoidance of undesirable classifications or inconsistencies, informally:
 - The domain/range class from left to right has to be equal or a superclass, on the lhs of the inclusion
 - Similarly for the outer domain and range on the lhs and domain and range of the object property on the rhs

Definition (Property Chain Compatibility Service (*ProChainS*))

For each set of object properties, $R, S_1, \dots, S_n \in \mathcal{R}$, \mathcal{R} the set of OWL object properties (V_{OP} in OWL 2) in OWL ontology \mathcal{O} , and $S_i \prec R$ with $1 \leq i \leq n$, \mathcal{O} adheres to the constraints of Definition 3 (and, more generally, the OWL 2 specification), and user-defined domain and range axioms as defined in Definition 1, for each of the property chain expression, select either one of the three cases:

Case S. Property chain pattern as $S_1 \circ S_2 \circ \dots \circ S_n \sqsubseteq R$. Test whether:

Test S-a. $\mathcal{O} \models R_{S_1} \sqsubseteq D_{S_2}, \dots, R_{S_{n-1}} \sqsubseteq D_{S_n}$;

Test S-b. $\mathcal{O} \models D_{S_1} \sqsubseteq D_R$;

Test S-c. $\mathcal{O} \models R_{S_n} \sqsubseteq R_R$;

Case RS. Property chain pattern as $R \circ S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_n \sqsubseteq R$. Test whether:

Test RS-a. $\mathcal{O} \models R_{S_1} \sqsubseteq D_{S_2}, \dots, R_{S_{n-1}} \sqsubseteq D_{S_n}$;

Test RS-b. $\mathcal{O} \models R_R \sqsubseteq D_{S_1}$;

Test RS-c. $\mathcal{O} \models R_{S_n} \sqsubseteq R_R$;

continues...

Case SB. Property chain pattern as $S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_n \circ R \sqsubseteq R$. Test



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Case SR. Property chain pattern as $S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_n \circ R \sqsubseteq R$. Test whether:

Test SR-a. $\mathcal{O} \models R_{S_1} \sqsubseteq D_{S_2}, \dots, R_{S_{n-1}} \sqsubseteq D_{S_n}$;

Test SR-b. $\mathcal{O} \models D_{S_1} \sqsubseteq D_R$;

Test SR-c. $\mathcal{O} \models R_{S_n} \sqsubseteq D_R$;

An OWL property chain expression is said to be compatible iff the OWL 2 syntactic constraints hold and either Case S, or Case RS, or Case SR holds.

BioTop's inconsistent 'has process role'

'has process role' in BioTop [Beisswanger et al.(2008)] (v. June 17, 2010) is inconsistent. Relevant axioms are:

'has process role' \sqsubseteq 'temporally related to' (E.1)

'has process role' \sqsubseteq 'processual entity' \times role (E.2)

'temporally related to' \sqsubseteq

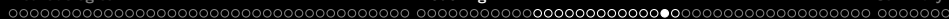
'processual entity' \sqcup quality \times

'processual entity' \sqcup quality (E.3)

role \sqsubseteq \neg quality (E.4)

role \sqsubseteq \neg 'processual entity' (E.5)

Sym('temporally related to') (E.6)



BioTop's inconsistent 'has process role'

Use *SubProS* to isolate the flaw:

- Test 1: fail, because $R_{\text{hasprocessrole}} \sqsubseteq R_{\text{temporallyrelatedto}}$ is false, as the ranges (see E.2 cf. E.3) are disjoint (see E.4, E.5) and therewith 'has process role' is inconsistent;
- Test 2 and 3: pass.
- Test 4: not applicable.
- Test 5: fail, because \mathcal{O} does not contain $\text{Sym}(\text{'has process role'})$.
- Test 6–11: not applicable.

DMOP chain in v5.2

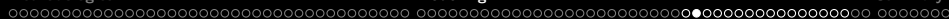


Of type *Case S*. Test S-c (for corrections) failed because $O \not\sqsubseteq R_{DM-Task \sqcup OptimizationProblem} \sqsubseteq R_{DM-Task}$. Considering the suggestions for revision, step B's first option to revise the ontology was chosen, i.e., removing *OptimizationProblem* from the range axiom of *addresses*.



Don't reinvent the wheel

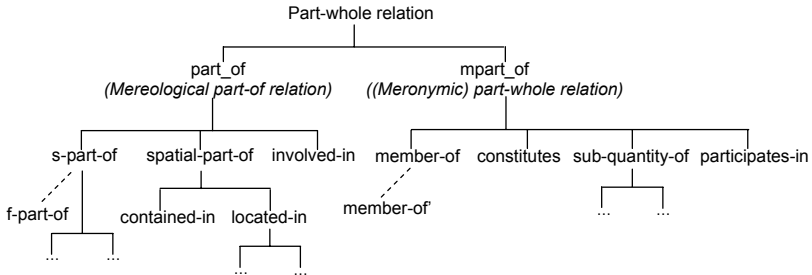
- Part-whole relations, probably received most attention in ontologies
- Spatial relations, and its interaction with parthood
- Participation, constitution, causation, ...
- Similarity: important for combination machine learning with ontologies

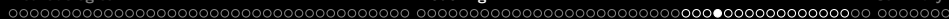


Taxonomy of part-whole relations

- Hierarchy of part-whole relations common in ontologies and conceptual data models
- Uses DOLCE foundational ontology [Masolo et al.(2003)] for domain and range of a relation
- Main distinction between transitive (parthood) vs non-transitive (just meronymic) part-whole relations
- Formally defined
- Details in [Keet and Artale(2008)]

Part-whole relations





Part-whole relations

“member-bunch”, collective nouns (e.g. Herd, Orchestra) with their members (Sheep, Musician)

$$\forall x, y (member_of_n(x, y) \triangleq mpart_of(x, y) \wedge (POB(x) \vee SOB(x)) \wedge SOB(y))$$

“material-object”, that what something is made of (e.g., Vase and Clay)

$$\forall x, y (constitutes_{it}(x, y) \equiv constituted_of_{it}(y, x) \triangleq mpart_of(x, y) \wedge POB(y) \wedge M(x))$$



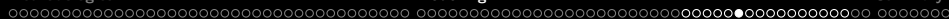
Part-whole relations

“quantity-mass”, “portion-object”, relating a smaller (or sub) part of an amount of matter to the whole. Two issues (glass of wine & bottle of wine vs. Salt as subquantity of SeaWater)

$$\forall x, y (sub_quantity_of_n(x, y) \triangleq mpart_of(x, y) \wedge M(x) \wedge M(y))$$

“noun-feature/activity”, entity participates in a process, like Enzyme that participates in CatalyticReaction

$$\forall x, y (participates_in_{it}(x, y) \triangleq mpart_of(x, y) \wedge ED(x) \wedge PD(y))$$



Part-whole relations

processes and sub-processes (e.g. Chewing is involved in the grander process of Eating)

$$\forall x, y(\text{involved_in}(x, y) \triangleq \text{part_of}(x, y) \wedge PD(x) \wedge PD(y))$$

Object and its 2D or 3D region, such as `contained_in`(John's address book, John's bag) and `located_in`(Pretoria, South Africa)

$$\forall x, y(\text{contained_in}(x, y) \triangleq \text{part_of}(x, y) \wedge R(x) \wedge R(y) \wedge \exists z, w(\text{has_3D}(z, x) \wedge \text{has_3D}(w, y) \wedge ED(z) \wedge ED(w)))$$

$$\forall x, y(\text{located_in}(x, y) \triangleq \text{part_of}(x, y) \wedge R(x) \wedge R(y) \wedge \exists z, w(\text{has_2D}(z, x) \wedge \text{has_2D}(w, y) \wedge ED(z) \wedge ED(w)))$$

$$\forall x, y(\text{s_part_of}(x, y) \triangleq \text{part_of}(x, y) \wedge ED(x) \wedge ED(y))$$

Some common relations

Knowledge and Google & AfriGIS





Parts and space

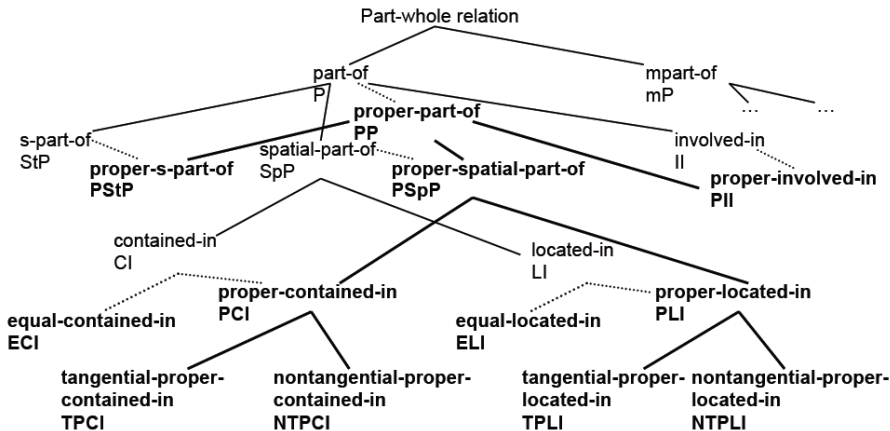
- Could not represent all of parthood in OWL or any DL, worse for mereotopology, but tried anyway [Keet et al.(2012)]
- Example:
 - Let NTPLI be a 'non-tangential proper located in' relation
 - $\text{EnclosedCountry} \equiv \text{Country} \sqcap \exists \text{NTPLI}.\text{Country}$
 - $\text{NTPLI}(\text{Lesotho}, \text{South Africa}), \text{Country}(\text{Lesotho}), \text{Country}(\text{South Africa}),$
 - then it will correctly deduce $\text{EnclosedCountry}(\text{Lesotho})$.
 - with merely 'part-of', one would not have been able to obtain this result



- 9-Intersection Method (9IM), based on point-set topology [Egenhofer and Herring(1990)]
- Region Connection Calculus (RCC), based on the reflexive and symmetric *connection* [Randell et al.(1992)]
- Neither one considers the **combination of the space region with the object that occupies it**
- This interaction is addressed by **mereotopology**, which focuses on spatial *entities*, not just regions.

Some common relations

Integrate the extension [Keet et al.(2012)]



Kuratowski General Extensional Mereology

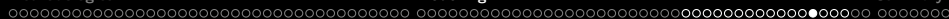
Core axioms and definitions			
$P(x, x)$	(t1)	$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \rightarrow P(x, z)$	(t2)
$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x) \rightarrow x = y$	(t3)	$\neg P(y, x) \rightarrow \exists z(P(z, y) \wedge \neg O(z, x))$	(t4)
$\exists w\phi(w) \rightarrow \exists z\forall w(O(w, z) \leftrightarrow \exists v(\phi(v) \wedge O(w, v)))$			(t5)
$C(x, x)$	(t6)	$C(x, y) \rightarrow C(y, x)$	(t7)
$P(x, y) \rightarrow E(x, y)$	(t8)	$E(x, y) =_{df} \forall z(C(z, x) \rightarrow C(z, y))$	(t9)
$E(x, y) \rightarrow P(x, y)$	(t10)	$SC(x) \leftrightarrow \forall y, z(x = y + z \rightarrow C(y, z))$	(t11)
$\exists z(SC(z) \wedge O(z, x) \wedge O(z, y) \wedge \forall w(P(w, z) \rightarrow (O(w, x) \vee O(w, y)))) \rightarrow C(x, y)$			(t12)
$z = \sum x\phi x \rightarrow \forall y(C(y, z) \rightarrow \exists x(\phi x \wedge C(y, x)))$			(t13)
$P(x, cx)$	(t14)	$c(cx) = cx$	(t15)
$c(x + y) = cx + cy$	(t16)	$cx =_{df} \sim(ex)$	(t17)
$ex =_{df} i(\sim x)$	(t18)	$ix =_{df} \sum z\forall y(C(z, y) \rightarrow O(x, y))$	(t19)
Additional axioms, definitions, and theorems			
$PP(x, y) =_{df} P(x, y) \wedge \neg P(y, x)$	(t20)	$O(x, y) =_{df} \exists z(P(z, x) \wedge P(z, y))$	(t21)
$EQ(x, y) =_{df} P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x)$	(t22)	$TPP(x, y) =_{df} PP(x, y) \wedge \neg IPP(x, y)$	(t23)
$IPP(x, y) =_{df} PP(x, y) \wedge \forall z(C(z, x) \rightarrow O(z, y))$			(t24)
$\neg PP(x, x)$	(t25)	$PP(x, y) \wedge PP(y, z) \rightarrow PP(x, z)$	(t26)
$PP(x, y) \rightarrow \neg PP(y, x)$	(t27)		

Subsets of KGEMT that can be represented in OWL

- Reason of differences: the object property characteristics (e.g. $t1/t6 = \text{ref. of P/C}$, $t25 = \text{irr. of PP}$, $t2 = \text{trans.}$).
- The six definitions (PP, O, TPP, etc.) can be simplified and added as primitives to each one.

OWL species	Subsets of KGEMT axioms
OWL 2 DL	(t1, t2, t6, t7, t8, t10, t26) or (t1, t2, t6, t7, t8, t10, t27) or (t1, t2, t6, t7, t8, t10, t25)
OWL DL	t2, t7, t8, t10, t26
OWL Lite	t2, t7, t8, t10, t26
OWL 2 RL	t2, t7, t8, t10, t26
OWL 2 EL	t1, t2, t6, t8, t10, t26
OWL 2 QL	t1, t6, t7, t8, t10

- Importance depends on the desired inference scenarios; thus far, Trans, Sym, Asym, and Irr seem to be more interesting, i.e., giving precedence to OWL 2 DL and OWL 2 RL (See [Keet et al.(2012)] for details on reasoning trade-offs)



Other relations in (foundational) ontologies

- Relation Ontology [Smith et al.(2005)]
- Relations that are sort-of temporal, but now not used as such; hence, one cannot reason 'fully' with them w.r.t. intended meaning
 - e.g.: derived-from, transformation-of
- dependence, inherence
- Attributes
- DOLCE's qualities



Some other aspects of relations (not covered now)

- constraints on participation (essential vs. immutable vs. mandatory)
- Modality, necessity, telic, atelic
- Temporal relations, relation migration
- n -ary relations and reifying (objectifying) them



Any suggestions for actual ontology development?

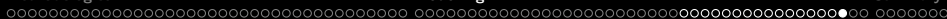
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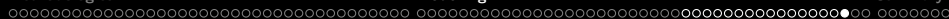
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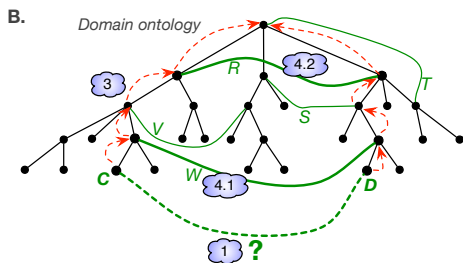
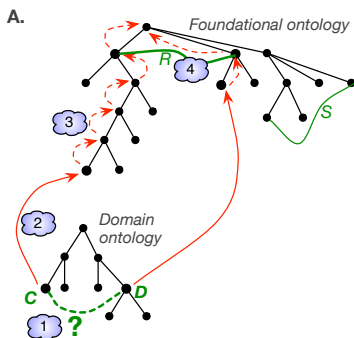
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GENERATOR: Guided ENTity reuse and class Expression generator



[Keet et al.(2013a)]



Effects of features on reasoning

- Disjoint OPs, reflexivity, and qualified cardinality only on *simple* OPs in OWL 2. with *non-simple* when:
 - if \mathcal{O} contains an axiom $S \circ T \sqsubseteq R$
 - if R is non-simple, then so is its inverse R^-
 - if R is non-simple and \mathcal{O} contains any of the axioms $R \sqsubseteq S$, $S \equiv R$ or $R \equiv S$, then S is also non-simple
- Domain and range axioms
- Role hierarchy with domain and range axioms vs. ‘specialising’ in class axioms (with existential) [Hammar(2014)]
- Inverses
- ‘understanding’ the reasoner, predicting performance a hot topic; e.g. [Goncalves et al.(2012), Kang et al.(2012)]

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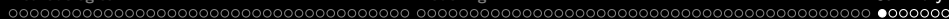


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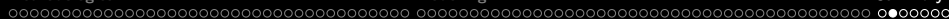
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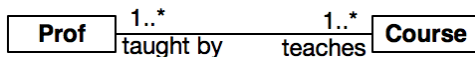


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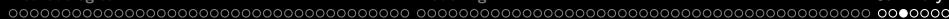
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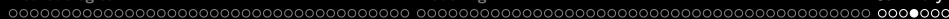


- teaches, taught-by, InverseObjectProperties(teaches taught-by)
 - $\text{teaches} \sqsubseteq \top \times \top$
 - $\text{taughtBy} \sqsubseteq \top \times \top$
 - $\text{teaches} \equiv \text{taughtBy}^{-}$
- domain teaches: Prof, and range teaches: Course
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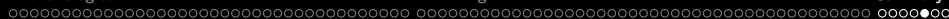
OWL files

- <http://www.meteck.org/teaching/ontologies/> has various versions of the African Wildlife Ontology (alone, linked to DOLCE, link to GFO)
- <http://www.meteck.org/files/ontologies/EvalComputer.owl> has no object properties at all. add both properties and axioms (details of exercise depends on number of participants)
- Pick one. Add missing object properties and/or axioms (details of exercise depends on number of participants)



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Ground Topology

Core axioms and definitions			
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$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x) \rightarrow x = y$	(t3)	$\neg P(y, x) \rightarrow \exists z(P(z, y) \wedge \neg O(z, x))$	(t4)
$\exists w \phi(w) \rightarrow \exists z \forall w (O(w, z) \leftrightarrow \exists v (\phi(v) \wedge O(w, v)))$			(t5)
$C(x, x)$	(t6)	$C(x, y) \rightarrow C(y, x)$	(t7)
$P(x, y) \rightarrow E(x, y)$	(t8)	$E(x, y) =_{df} \forall z (C(z, x) \rightarrow C(z, y))$	(t9)
$E(x, y) \rightarrow P(x, y)$	(t10)	$SC(x) \leftrightarrow \forall y, z (x = y + z \rightarrow C(y, z))$	(t11)
$\exists z (SC(z) \wedge O(z, x) \wedge O(z, y) \wedge \forall w (P(w, z) \rightarrow (O(w, x) \vee O(w, y)))) \rightarrow C(x, y)$			(t12)
$z = \sum x \phi x \rightarrow \forall y (C(y, z) \rightarrow \exists x (\phi x \wedge C(y, x)))$			(t13)
$P(x, cx)$	(t14)	$c(cx) = cx$	(t15)
$c(x + y) = cx + cy$	(t16)	$cx =_{df} \sim (ex)$	(t17)
$ex =_{df} i(\sim x)$	(t18)	$ix =_{df} \sum z \forall y (C(z, y) \rightarrow O(x, y))$	(t19)
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Minimal (mereo) Topology

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$IPP(x, y) =_{df} PP(x, y) \wedge \forall z (C(z, x) \rightarrow O(z, y))$			(t24)
$\neg PP(x, x)$	(t25)	$PP(x, y) \wedge PP(y, z) \rightarrow PP(x, z)$	(t26)
$PP(x, y) \rightarrow \neg PP(y, x)$	(t27)		



Minimal (mereo) Topology; Ground Mereology

Core axioms and definitions			
$P(x, x)$	(t1)	$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \rightarrow P(x, z)$	(t2)
$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x) \rightarrow x = y$	(t3)	$\neg P(y, x) \rightarrow \exists z(P(z, y) \wedge \neg O(z, x))$	(t4)
$\exists w \phi(w) \rightarrow \exists z \forall w (O(w, z) \leftrightarrow \exists v (\phi(v) \wedge O(w, v)))$			(t5)
$C(x, x)$	(t6)	$C(x, y) \rightarrow C(y, x)$	(t7)
$P(x, y) \rightarrow E(x, y)$	(t8)	$E(x, y) =_{df} \forall z (C(z, x) \rightarrow C(z, y))$	(t9)
$E(x, y) \rightarrow P(x, y)$	(t10)	$SC(x) \leftrightarrow \forall y, z (x = y + z \rightarrow C(y, z))$	(t11)
$\exists z (SC(z) \wedge O(z, x) \wedge O(z, y) \wedge \forall w (P(w, z) \rightarrow (O(w, x) \vee O(w, y)))) \rightarrow C(x, y)$			(t12)
$z = \sum x \phi x \rightarrow \forall y (C(y, z) \rightarrow \exists x (\phi x \wedge C(y, x)))$			(t13)
$P(x, cx)$	(t14)	$c(cx) = cx$	(t15)
$c(x + y) = cx + cy$	(t16)	$cx =_{df} \sim (ex)$	(t17)
$ex =_{df} i(\sim x)$	(t18)	$ix =_{df} \sum z \forall y (C(z, y) \rightarrow O(x, y))$	(t19)
Additional axioms, definitions, and theorems			
$PP(x, y) =_{df} P(x, y) \wedge \neg P(y, x)$	(t20)	$O(x, y) =_{df} \exists z (P(z, x) \wedge P(z, y))$	(t21)
$EQ(x, y) =_{df} P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x)$	(t22)	$TPP(x, y) =_{df} PP(x, y) \wedge \neg IPP(x, y)$	(t23)
$IPP(x, y) =_{df} PP(x, y) \wedge \forall z (C(z, x) \rightarrow O(z, y))$			(t24)
$\neg PP(x, x)$	(t25)	$PP(x, y) \wedge PP(y, z) \rightarrow PP(x, z)$	(t26)
$PP(x, y) \rightarrow \neg PP(y, x)$	(t27)		



Minimal (mereo) Topology; General Extensional Mereology

Core axioms and definitions			
$P(x, x)$	(t1)	$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \rightarrow P(x, z)$	(t2)
$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x) \rightarrow x = y$	(t3)	$\neg P(y, x) \rightarrow \exists z(P(z, y) \wedge \neg O(z, x))$	(t4)
$\exists w\phi(w) \rightarrow \exists z\forall w(O(w, z) \leftrightarrow \exists v(\phi(v) \wedge O(w, v)))$			(t5)
$C(x, x)$	(t6)	$C(x, y) \rightarrow C(y, x)$	(t7)
$P(x, y) \rightarrow E(x, y)$	(t8)	$E(x, y) =_{df} \forall z(C(z, x) \rightarrow C(z, y))$	(t9)
$E(x, y) \rightarrow P(x, y)$	(t10)	$SC(x) \leftrightarrow \forall y, z(x = y + z \rightarrow C(y, z))$	(t11)
$\exists z(SC(z) \wedge O(z, x) \wedge O(z, y) \wedge \forall w(P(w, z) \rightarrow (O(w, x) \vee O(w, y)))) \rightarrow C(x, y)$			(t12)
$z = \sum x\phi x \rightarrow \forall y(C(y, z) \rightarrow \exists x(\phi x \wedge C(y, x)))$			(t13)
$P(x, cx)$	(t14)	$c(cx) = cx$	(t15)
$c(x + y) = cx + cy$	(t16)	$cx =_{df} \sim(ex)$	(t17)
$ex =_{df} i(\sim x)$	(t18)	$ix =_{df} \sum z\forall y(C(z, y) \rightarrow O(x, y))$	(t19)
Additional axioms, definitions, and theorems			
$PP(x, y) =_{df} P(x, y) \wedge \neg P(y, x)$	(t20)	$O(x, y) =_{df} \exists z(P(z, x) \wedge P(z, y))$	(t21)
$EQ(x, y) =_{df} P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x)$	(t22)	$TPP(x, y) =_{df} PP(x, y) \wedge \neg IPP(x, y)$	(t23)
$IPP(x, y) =_{df} PP(x, y) \wedge \forall z(C(z, x) \rightarrow O(z, y))$			(t24)
$\neg PP(x, x)$	(t25)	$PP(x, y) \wedge PP(y, z) \rightarrow PP(x, z)$	(t26)
$PP(x, y) \rightarrow \neg PP(y, x)$	(t27)		



General Extensional Mereology

Core axioms and definitions			
$P(x, x)$	(t1)	$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \rightarrow P(x, z)$	(t2)
$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x) \rightarrow x = y$	(t3)	$\neg P(y, x) \rightarrow \exists z(P(z, y) \wedge \neg O(z, x))$	(t4)
$\exists w \phi(w) \rightarrow \exists z \forall w (O(w, z) \leftrightarrow \exists v (\phi(v) \wedge O(w, v)))$			(t5)
$C(x, x)$	(t6)	$C(x, y) \rightarrow C(y, x)$	(t7)
$P(x, y) \rightarrow E(x, y)$	(t8)	$E(x, y) =_{df} \forall z (C(z, x) \rightarrow C(z, y))$	(t9)
$E(x, y) \rightarrow P(x, y)$	(t10)	$SC(x) \leftrightarrow \forall y, z (x = y + z \rightarrow C(y, z))$	(t11)
$\exists z (SC(z) \wedge O(z, x) \wedge O(z, y) \wedge \forall w (P(w, z) \rightarrow (O(w, x) \vee O(w, y)))) \rightarrow C(x, y)$			(t12)
$z = \sum x \phi x \rightarrow \forall y (C(y, z) \rightarrow \exists x (\phi x \wedge C(y, x)))$			(t13)
$P(x, cx)$	(t14)	$c(cx) = cx$	(t15)
$c(x + y) = cx + cy$	(t16)	$cx =_{df} \sim (ex)$	(t17)
$ex =_{df} i(\sim x)$	(t18)	$ix =_{df} \sum z \forall y (C(z, y) \rightarrow O(x, y))$	(t19)
Additional axioms, definitions, and theorems			
$PP(x, y) =_{df} P(x, y) \wedge \neg P(y, x)$	(t20)	$O(x, y) =_{df} \exists z (P(z, x) \wedge P(z, y))$	(t21)
$EQ(x, y) =_{df} P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x)$	(t22)	$TPP(x, y) =_{df} PP(x, y) \wedge \neg IPP(x, y)$	(t23)
$IPP(x, y) =_{df} PP(x, y) \wedge \forall z (C(z, x) \rightarrow O(z, y))$			(t24)
$\neg PP(x, x)$	(t25)	$PP(x, y) \wedge PP(y, z) \rightarrow PP(x, z)$	(t26)
$PP(x, y) \rightarrow \neg PP(y, x)$	(t27)		



Kuratowski General Extensional Mereology

Core axioms and definitions			
$P(x, x)$	(t1)	$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \rightarrow P(x, z)$	(t2)
$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x) \rightarrow x = y$	(t3)	$\neg P(y, x) \rightarrow \exists z(P(z, y) \wedge \neg O(z, x))$	(t4)
$\exists w \phi(w) \rightarrow \exists z \forall w (O(w, z) \leftrightarrow \exists v (\phi(v) \wedge O(w, v)))$			(t5)
$C(x, x)$	(t6)	$C(x, y) \rightarrow C(y, x)$	(t7)
$P(x, y) \rightarrow E(x, y)$	(t8)	$E(x, y) =_{df} \forall z (C(z, x) \rightarrow C(z, y))$	(t9)
$E(x, y) \rightarrow P(x, y)$	(t10)	$SC(x) \leftrightarrow \forall y, z (x = y + z \rightarrow C(y, z))$	(t11)
$\exists z (SC(z) \wedge O(z, x) \wedge O(z, y) \wedge \forall w (P(w, z) \rightarrow (O(w, x) \vee O(w, y)))) \rightarrow C(x, y)$			(t12)
$z = \sum x \phi x \rightarrow \forall y (C(y, z) \rightarrow \exists x (\phi x \wedge C(y, x)))$			(t13)
$P(x, cx)$	(t14)	$c(cx) = cx$	(t15)
$c(x + y) = cx + cy$	(t16)	$cx =_{df} \sim (ex)$	(t17)
$ex =_{df} i(\sim x)$	(t18)	$ix =_{df} \sum z \forall y (C(z, y) \rightarrow O(x, y))$	(t19)
Additional axioms, definitions, and theorems			
$PP(x, y) =_{df} P(x, y) \wedge \neg P(y, x)$	(t20)	$O(x, y) =_{df} \exists z (P(z, x) \wedge P(z, y))$	(t21)
$EQ(x, y) =_{df} P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x)$	(t22)	$TPP(x, y) =_{df} PP(x, y) \wedge \neg IPP(x, y)$	(t23)
$IPP(x, y) =_{df} PP(x, y) \wedge \forall z (C(z, x) \rightarrow O(z, y))$			(t24)
$\neg PP(x, x)$	(t25)	$PP(x, y) \wedge PP(y, z) \rightarrow PP(x, z)$	(t26)
$PP(x, y) \rightarrow \neg PP(y, x)$	(t27)		