

# Reasoning in Description Logics with Typicalities and Probabilities of Exceptions

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- TBox  $\Rightarrow$  taxonomy of concepts
- need of representing prototypical properties and of reasoning about defeasible inheritance
- to handle defeasible inheritance needs the integration of some kind of nonmonotonic reasoning mechanism
  - DLs + MKNF
  - DLs + circumscription
  - DLs + default
- However, all these methods present some difficulties ...

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### Semantics

- $\mathcal{M} = \langle \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, <, \cdot^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle$ 
  - additional ingredient: preference relation among domain elements
  - $<$  is an irreflexive, transitive, modular and well-founded relation over  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ :
    - for all  $S \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ , for all  $x \in S$ , either  $x \in \text{Min}_{<}(S)$  or  $\exists y \in \text{Min}_{<}(S)$  such that  $y < x$
    - $\text{Min}_{<}(S) = \{u : u \in S \text{ and } \nexists z \in S \text{ s.t. } z < u\}$
  - Semantics of the  $\mathbf{T}$  operator:  $(\mathbf{T}(C))^{\mathcal{I}} = \text{Min}_{<}(C^{\mathcal{I}})$

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- $\mathcal{ALC} + \mathbf{T}^P$ : extension of  $\mathcal{ALC}$  by typicality inclusions equipped by *probabilities of exceptionality*
- $\mathbf{T}(C) \sqsubseteq_p D$ , where  $p \in (0, 1)$
- intuitive meaning: typical  $C$ s are also  $D$ s with a probability  $p$  or normally,  $C$ s are  $D$ s and the probability of having exceptional  $C$ s not being  $D$ s is  $1 - p$

### Example

$$\mathbf{T}(\text{Student}) \sqsubseteq_{0.3} \text{SportLover}$$

$$\mathbf{T}(\text{Student}) \sqsubseteq_{0.9} \text{SocialNetworkUser}$$

- sport lovers and social network users are both typical properties of students
- probability of not having exceptions is 30% and 90%, respectively

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### Probabilistic DLs

- $\mathcal{ALC} + \mathbf{T}^P$  different from DLs with DISPONTE semantics
- probabilistic axioms  $p :: C \sqsubseteq D$  used to capture uncertainty
  - $C$ s are  $D$ s with probability  $p$
- in  $\mathcal{ALC} + \mathbf{T}^P$  typical properties to concepts and to reason about probabilities of exceptions to those typicalities

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### Basic idea

- extensions of an ABox containing only some of the “plausible” typicality assertions of the rational closure of KB
  - each extension represents a scenario having a specific probability
  - probability distribution among scenarios
  - nonmonotonic entailment restricted to extensions whose probabilities belong to a given and fixed range
  - reason about scenarios that are not necessarily the most probable

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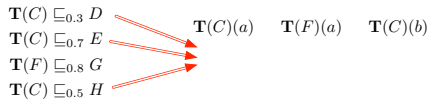
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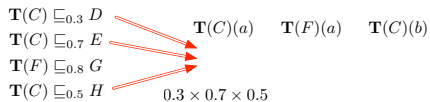
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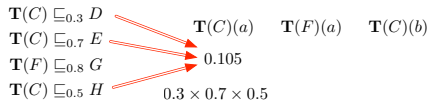
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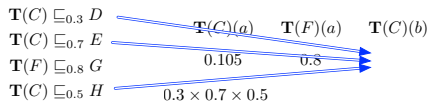
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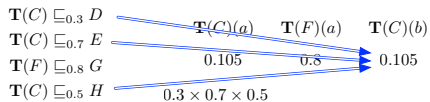
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$[0, 0.8, 0.105]$	$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_3$	$\mathbf{T}(C)(a)$	$\mathbf{T}(F)(a)$	$\mathbf{T}(C)(b)$
	$\vdots$			
$[0, 0, 0]$	$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_8$	$\mathbf{T}(C)(a)$	$\mathbf{T}(F)(a)$	$\mathbf{T}(C)(b)$

## Extensions of ABox and probabilities

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## Reasoning Procedure

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1: procedure ENTAILMENT( $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}), \mathcal{T}', F, \mathfrak{Sip}, p, q$ )
2:    $\mathfrak{Sip}_{\mathcal{A}} \leftarrow \emptyset$   $\triangleright$  build the set  $\mathfrak{S}$  of possible assumptions
3:   for each  $C \in \mathfrak{Sip}_{\mathcal{A}}$  do
4:     for each individual  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  do  $\triangleright$  Reasoning in  $\mathcal{ALC} + \mathbf{T}_R^{RaCl}$ 
5:       if  $(\mathcal{T}', \mathcal{A}) \models_{\mathcal{ALC} + \mathbf{T}_R^{RaCl}} \mathbf{T}(C)(a)$  then  $\mathfrak{Sip}_{\mathcal{A}} \leftarrow \mathfrak{Sip}_{\mathcal{A}} \cup \{\mathbf{T}(C)(a)\}$ 
6:    $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{A}} \leftarrow \emptyset$   $\triangleright$  compute the probabilities of Definition 2 given  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathfrak{Sip}_{\mathcal{A}}$ 
7:   for each  $C \in \mathfrak{Sip}_{\mathcal{A}}$  do
8:      $\Pi_C \leftarrow 1$ 
9:     for each  $\mathbf{T}(C) \sqsubseteq_p D \in \mathcal{T}$  do  $\Pi_C \leftarrow \Pi_C \times p$ 
10:     $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{A}} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{A}} \cup \Pi_C$ 
11:    $\mathfrak{S} \leftarrow$  build strings of possible assumptions as in Definition 3 given  $\mathfrak{Sip}_{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{A}}$ 
12:    $\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \emptyset$   $\triangleright$  build extensions of  $\mathcal{A}$ 
13:   for each  $s_i \in \mathfrak{S}$  do
14:     build the extension  $\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i$  corresponding to  $s_i$  and compute  $\mathbb{P}_{\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i}$  as in Definition 4
15:     if  $p \leq \mathbb{P}_{\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i} \leq q$  then  $\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathcal{E} \cup \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i$   $\triangleright$  select extensions with probability in  $\langle p, q \rangle$ 
16:   for each  $\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i \in \mathcal{E}$  do  $\triangleright$  query entailment in  $\mathcal{ALC} + \mathbf{T}_R$ 
17:     if  $(\mathcal{T}', \mathcal{A} \cup \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i) \not\models_{\mathcal{ALC} + \mathbf{T}_R} F$  then return  $KB \not\models_{\mathcal{ALC} + \mathbf{T}_R}^{(p,q)} F$ 
18:   return  $KB \models_{\mathcal{ALC} + \mathbf{T}_R}^{(p,q)} F$   $\triangleright F$  is entailed in all extensions
    
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## DLs + T and probabilities

### Results

- entailment restricted to extensions with a fixed probability / range of probabilities
- essentially inexpensive
  - entailment in  $\text{EXPTIME}$  as in the underlying  $\mathcal{ALC}$

## Beyond $ALC + T^P$

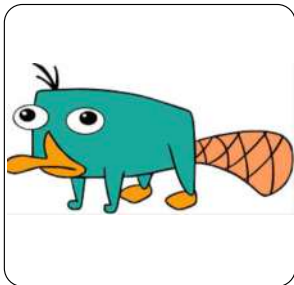
### Future works

- Combination of DLs with DISPONTE semantics with probability of exceptions
- Reasoning in real domains:
  - which range of probabilities?
- Implementation
- Extension to other DLs

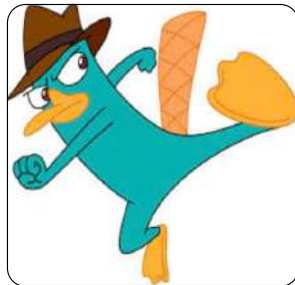
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# Any question?



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