



Syntax

N_I : Individual names

Singular entities: Sun, Torleif, Excalibur

N_C : Concept names

Types, categories, or classes of entities:
Mammal, Country, Organization,
Yellow, English

N_R : Role names

Binary relationships: marriedWith,
fatherOf, likes, locatedIn

RBox

Universal role u or for r or r^-


Invert roles: $Inv(r) := r^-$ and $Inv(r^-) := r$

RIA: Role inclusion axiom

$$r_1 \circ \dots \circ r_n \subseteq r$$

Simple role inclusions: $n=1$

FatherOf \subseteq ChildOf $^-$



S₁: Every role r occurring in a RIA
 $r_1 \circ \dots \circ r_n \subseteq r$ where $n > 1$ is non-simple

S₂: Every role r occurring in a simple role inclusion $s \subseteq r$ with a nonsimple s is itself non-simple.

S₃: If r is non-simple then so is $\text{Inv}(r)$.

S₄: No other role is non-simple.



Restrict to the ones being **regular**.

$S < R$ iff $\text{Inv}(S) < R$, and

Every RIA is of one of the forms

R1 $r \circ r \subseteq r$,

R2 $\text{Inv}(r) \subseteq r$,

R3 $s_1 \circ \dots \circ s_n \subseteq r$,

R4 $r \circ s_1 \circ \dots \circ s_n \subseteq r$,

R5 $s_1 \circ \dots \circ s_n \circ r \subseteq r$, such that $r \in \text{NR}$ is a (non-inverse) role name r , and $s_i < r$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ whenever s_i is non-simple.

Rbox is regular if its role hierarchy is regular.



TBox

Define concept expressions

GCI: General concept axiom

$C \subseteq D$

«a cat is a mammal»

$Cat \subseteq Mammal$

Tbox is a finite set of GCIs

Every concept name $C \in N_C$ is a concept expression

\perp (Rot 90deg) and \perp are concept expressions, called top concept and bottom concept, respectively

$\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ is a concept expression for every finite set $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \subseteq NI$ of individual names; concepts of this type are called nominal concepts

if C and D are concept expressions then so are $\neg C$ (negation), $C \sqcap D$ (intersection), $C \sqcup D$ (union),

if r is a role and C is a concept expression, then $\exists r.C$ (existential quantification) and $\forall r.C$ (universal quantification) are also concept expressions

if r is a simple role, n is a natural number and C is a concept expression, then $\exists r.\text{Self}$ (self restriction), $\geq nr.C$ (at-least restriction), and $\leq nr.C$ (at-most restriction) are also concept expressions. The latter two are also jointly referred to as qualified number restrictions or cardinality constraints

ABox

Information that applies to single individuals

- $C(a)$, called concept assertion,
- $r(a, b)$, called role assertion,
- $\neg r(a, b)$, called negated role assertion,
- $a \approx b$, called equality statement, or
- $a \not\approx b$, called inequality statement,

A STOIQ KB is the union of a regular Rbox, a Tbox, and an Abbox. Given a KB with individual names, concept names and role names.