Logic and Inference: Rules

CSE 595 – Semantic Web

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Introduction

- All we did until now are forms of ***knowledge representation* (*KR*)**, like knowledge about the content of web resources, knowledge about the concepts of a domain of discourse and their relationships (ontology)
  - Knowledge representation had been studied long before the emergence of the World Wide Web in the area of artificial intelligence and, before that, in philosophy

Introduction

- KR can be traced back to ancient Greece (because Aristotle is considered to be the father of logic)
  - Logic is the foundation of knowledge representation, particularly in the form of ***predicate logic*** (also known as ***first-order logic***)

Introduction

- Logic:
  - provides a high-level language in which knowledge can be expressed in a transparent way
  - has a high expressive power (maybe too high because it is intractable or undecidable in some cases)
  - has a well-understood formal semantics, which assigns an unambiguous meaning to logical statements
  - has a precise notion of ***logical consequence***, which determines whether a statement follows semantically from a set of other statements (***premises***)

Introduction

- There exist proof systems that can automatically derive statements syntactically from a set of premises.
- There exist proof systems for which semantic logical consequence coincides with syntactic derivation within the proof system.
    - Proof systems should be sound (all derived statements follow semantically from the premises) and complete (all logical consequences of the premises can be derived in the proof system).
- Predicate logic is unique in the sense that sound and complete proof systems do exist - More expressive logics (higher-order logics) do not have such proof systems.
- It is possible to trace the proof that leads to a logical consequence, so logic can provide explanations for answers.

Introduction

- RDF and OWL2 profiles can be viewed as specializations of predicate logic:
  - One justification for the existence of such specialized languages is that they provide a syntax that fits well with the intended use (in our case, web languages based on tags).
  - Another justification is that they define reasonable subsets of logic where the computation is tractable (there is a trade-off between the expressive power and the computational complexity of certain logics: the more expressive the language, the less efficient the corresponding proof systems)

Introduction

- Most OWL variants correspond to a ***description logic***, a subset of predicate logic for which efficient proof systems exist
- Another subset of predicate logic with **efficient** proof systems comprises the ***Horn rule systems*** (also known as ***Horn logic*** or ***definite logic programs***)
  - A rule has the form:

$$\mathbf{A_1, \ldots, A_n \rightarrow B.}$$

  where $\mathbf{A_i}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ are atomic formulas.
  - In Prolog notation:

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B :-  A1, ..., An.
```

Introduction

- There are two intuitive ways of reading a Horn rule:
  - ***deductive* rules:** If $\mathbf{A_1},\ldots,\mathbf{A_n}$ are known to be true, then $\mathbf{B}$ is also true
    - There are two ways of **applying** deductive rules:
      - from the body ($\mathbf{A_1},\ldots,\mathbf{A_n}$) to the conclusion ($\mathbf{B}$) (***forward chaining***)
      - from the conclusion (goal) to the body (***backward reasoning***)
  - ***reactive* rules**: If the conditions $\mathbf{A_1},\ldots,\mathbf{A_n}$ are true, then carry out the action $\mathbf{B}$.

Introduction

- Description logics and Horn logic are orthogonal in the sense that neither of them is a subset of the other
  - For example, it is impossible to define the class of *happy spouses* as those who are married to their best friend in description logics, but this piece of knowledge can easily be represented using rules:

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married(X, Y), bestFriend(X, Y) →
      happySpouse(X).
```

  - On the other hand, rules cannot (in the general case) assert:

    (a) negation/complement of classes

    (b) disjunctive/union information (for instance, that a person is either a man or a woman)

    (c) existential quantification (for instance, that all persons have a father).

Monotonic and nonmonotonic rules

- Predicate logic is ***monotonic***: if a conclusion can be drawn, it remains valid even if new knowledge becomes available
  - Even if a rule uses negation,

R1 : If birthday, then special discount.

R2 : If **not birthday**, then not special discount.

it works properly in cases where the birthday is known

Monotonic and nonmonotonic rules

- Imagine a customer who refuses to provide his birthday because of privacy concerns, then the preceding rules cannot be applied because their premises are not known.

R1 : If birthday, then special discount.

R2 : If not birthday, then not special discount.

R2' : If birthday is not known, then not special discount.

- R2' is not within the expressive power of predicate logic because its conclusion may become invalid if the customer's birthday becomes known at a later stage and it happens to coincide with the purchase date.
- Adding knowledge later that invalidates some of the conclusions is called ***nonmonotonic*** because the addition of new information leads to a loss of a consequence

Rules on the Semantic Web

- Rule technology has been around for decades, has found extensive use in practice, and has reached significant maturity
  - led to a broad variety of approaches
  - it is more difficult to standardize this area in the context of the (semantic) web
- A W3C working group has developed the Rule Interchange Format (RIF) standard
  - Whereas RDF and OWL are languages meant for directly representing knowledge, RIF was designed primarily for the exchange of rules across different applications
    - For example, an online store might wish to make its pricing, refund, and privacy policies, which are expressed using rules, accessible to intelligent agents

Rules on the Semantic Web

- Due to the underlying aim of serving as an interchange format among different rule systems, RIF combines many of their features, and is quite complex
  - Those wishing to develop rule systems for the Semantic Web have various alternatives:
    - Rules over RDF can be expressed using SPARQL constructs SPARQL is not a rule language, as basically it carries out one application of a rule.
      - SPIN is a rule system developed on top of SPARQL
    - SWRL couples OWL DL functionalities with certain types of rules
    - Model in terms of OWL but use rule technology for implementation purposes: OWL2 RL

Example Monotonic Rules: Family

- Imagine a database of facts about some family relationships which contains facts about the following ***base predicates***:

`mother(X, Y)` **`X`** is the **`mother`** of **`Y`**

`father(X, Y)` **`X`** is the **`father`** of **`Y`**

`male(X)` **`X`** is **`male`**

`female(X)` **`X`** is **`female`**

Example Monotonic Rules: Family

- We can infer further relationships using appropriate rules:
  - a parent is either a father or a mother.

mother(X, Y) → parent(X, Y).

father(X, Y) → parent(X, Y).

  - a brother to be a male person sharing a parent:

male(X), parent(P, X), parent(P,Y), notSame(X, Y) → brother(X, Y).

    - The predicate **notSame** denotes inequality; we assume that such facts are kept in a database

female(X), parent(P, X), parent(P,Y), notSame(X, Y) → sister(X, Y).

Example Monotonic Rules: Family

- An uncle is a brother of a parent:

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brother(X, P), parent(P, Y) →
   uncle(X, Y).
```

- A grandmother is the mother of a parent:

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mother(X, P), parent(P, Y) →
   grandmother(X, Y).
```

- An ancestor is either a parent or an ancestor of a parent:

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parent(X, Y) → ancestor(X, Y).
ancestor(X, P), parent(P, Y) →
   ancestor(X, Y).
```

Monotonic Rules: Syntax

- Let us consider a simple rule stating that all loyal customers with ages over 60 are entitled to a special discount:

`loyalCustomer(X), age(X) > 60 →`
`discount(X).`

- Rules have:
  - variables, which are placeholders for values: **`X`**
  - constants, which denote fixed values: **`60`**
  - predicates, which relate objects: **`loyalCustomer`**, **`>`**
  - function symbols, which denote a value, when applied to certain arguments: **`age`**
- In case no function symbols are used, we discuss ***function-free (Horn) logic***.

Rules

- A rule has the form:

$$\mathbf{B_1, \ldots, B_n \rightarrow A}$$

  where $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B_i}$ are atomic formulas
- $\mathbf{A}$ is the ***head*** of the rule
- $\mathbf{B_i}$ are the ***premises*** of the rule
- The set $\{\mathbf{B_1},\ldots,\mathbf{B_n}\}$ is referred to as the ***body*** of the rule
- The commas in the rule body are read conjunctively:

if $\mathbf{B_1}$ and $\mathbf{B_2}$ and … and $\mathbf{B_n}$ are true, then $\mathbf{A}$ is also true

  - (or equivalently, to prove $\mathbf{A}$ it is sufficient to prove **all** of $\mathbf{B_1},\ldots,\mathbf{B_n}$)

Rules

- Variables may occur in **A**, $\mathbf{B_1}$,…,$\mathbf{B_n}$.
  - For example,

**loyalCustomer(X), age(X) > 60 →
discount(X).**

is applied for **any** customer: if a customer happens to be loyal and over 60, then they gets the discount.

- The variable **X** is implicitly universally quantified (using $\forall$**X**)
- **In general, all variables occurring in a rule are implicitly universally quantified.**

Rules

- A rule *r*:

$$\mathbf{B_1, \ldots, B_n} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$$

is interpreted as the following formula, denoted by *pl(r)*:

$$\forall \mathbf{X_1} \ \ldots \ \forall \mathbf{X_k}((\mathbf{B_1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \mathbf{B_n}) \rightarrow \mathbf{A})$$

or equivalently,

$$\forall \mathbf{X_1} \ \ldots \ \forall \mathbf{X_k}(\mathbf{A} \vee \neg \mathbf{B_1} \vee \ldots \vee \neg \mathbf{B_n})$$

where $\mathbf{X_1},\ldots,\mathbf{X_k}$ are all variables occurring in $\mathbf{A}$, $\mathbf{B_1},\ldots,\mathbf{B_n}$.

Logic Programs

- A *fact* is an atomic formula, such as **`loyalCustomer(a345678).`**

which says that the customer with ID **`a345678`** is loyal

  - If there are variables in a fact, then they are implicitly <u>universally quantified</u>.

- A ***logic program*** *P* is a finite set of facts and rules
  - Its predicate logic translation *pl(P)* is the set of all predicate logic interpretations of rules and facts in *P*.

Logic Programs

- A ***goal*** or ***query*** **G** asked to a logic program has the form

  $$\mathbf{B_1, \ldots, B_n} \rightarrow$$

  - If n = 0, we have the empty goal □.
  - The interpretation of a goal is:

  $$\forall \mathbf{X_1} \ldots \forall \mathbf{X_k} (\neg \mathbf{B_1} \lor \ldots \lor \neg \mathbf{B_n})$$

  where $\mathbf{X_1},\ldots,\mathbf{X_k}$ are all variables occurring in $\mathbf{B_1},\ldots,\mathbf{B_n}$

Logic Programs

- The goal formula is equivalent to

$$\forall \mathbf{X_1} \ldots \forall \mathbf{X_k} (\mathbf{false} \lor \neg \mathbf{B_1} \lor \ldots \lor \neg \mathbf{B_n})$$

so the missing rule head can be thought of as a contradiction **false**.

- An equivalent representation in predicate logic is:

$$\neg \exists \mathbf{X_1} \ldots \exists \mathbf{X_k} (\mathbf{B_1} \land \ldots \land \mathbf{B_n})$$

Logic Programs

- Suppose we know the fact

    `p(a).`

and we have the goal

    `p(X)` →

  - we want to know whether there is a value for which p is true
  - We expect a positive answer because of the fact **`p(a)`**.
  - Thus **`p(X)`** is existentially quantified
  - Why do we negate the formula?
    - The explanation is that we use a proof technique from mathematics called ***proof by contradiction***
      - This technique proves that a statement A follows from a statement B by assuming that A is false and deriving a contradiction when combined with B. Then A must follow from B.

Logic Programs

- In logic programming we prove that a goal can be answered positively by negating the goal and proving that we get a contradiction using the logic program.
  - For example, given the logic program

    `p(a).`

  and the goal

    `¬∃Xp(X)`

  we get a logical contradiction: the second formula says that no element has the property **`p`**, but the first formula says that the value of a does have the property **`p`**.

  Thus **`¬∃Xp(X)`** follows from **`p(a)`**.

Monotonic Rules: Semantics

- Given a logic program P and a query $\mathbf{B_1, \ldots, B_n} \rightarrow$ with the variables $\mathbf{X_1}, \ldots, \mathbf{X_k}$, we answer positively if, and only if,

$$pl(P) \models \exists \mathbf{X_1} \ldots \exists \mathbf{X_k} (\mathbf{B_1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \mathbf{B_n})$$

or equivalently, if

$$pl(P) \cup \{\neg \exists \mathbf{X_1} \ldots \exists \mathbf{X_k} (\mathbf{B_1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \mathbf{B_n})\} \text{ is}$$

unsatisfiable

- We give a positive answer if the predicate logic representation of the program P, together with the predicate logic interpretation of the query, is unsatisfiable (a contradiction).

Monotonic Rules: Semantics

- Predicate Logic Semantics
  - A predicate logic model, ***A***, consists of
    - a domain ***dom(A)***, a nonempty set of objects about which the formulas make statements
    - an element from the domain for each constant
    - a concrete function on ***dom(A)*** for every function symbol
    - a concrete relation on ***dom(A)*** for every predicate
  - When the symbol **=** is used to denote equality (i.e., its interpretation is fixed), we talk of ***Horn logic with equality***
  - Logical connectives $\neg, \lor, \land, \rightarrow, \forall, \exists$
  - A formula ϕ ***follows*** from a set M of formulas if ϕ is true in all models ***A*** in which M is true (that is, all formulas in M are true in ***A***).

Monotonic Rules: Semantics

- A formula ϕ *follows* from a set M of formulas if ϕ is true in all models *A* in which M is true (that is, all formulas in M are true in *A*).
  - Regardless of how we interpret the constants, predicates, and function symbols occurring in *P* and the query, once the predicate logic interpretation of *P* is true, $\exists \mathbf{X_1} \ldots \exists \mathbf{X_k} (\mathbf{B_1} \land \ldots \land \mathbf{B_n})$ must be true: that is, there are values for the variables $\mathbf{X_1}, \ldots, \mathbf{X_k}$ such that all atomic formulas $\mathbf{B_i}$ become true.

Monotonic Rules: Semantics

- Suppose *P* is the program

  `p(a).`

  `p(X)` $\rightarrow$ **`q(X).`**

- Consider the query

  `q(X)` $\rightarrow$

  - **`q(a)`** follows from *pl(P)*
  - **`∃Xq(X)`** follows from *pl(P)*
  - *pl(P)*∪{¬**`∃Xq(X)`**} is unsatisfiable

- If we consider the query

  `q(b)` $\rightarrow$

then we give a negative answer because **`q(b)`** does not follow from *pl(P)*

Least Herbrand Model Semantics

- Instead of considering any domain ***dom(A)***, we can consider only the names in the program (predicate names, constants, functors)
- Then we have ***Herbrand semantics***:
  - Given an alphabet A, the set of all **ground terms** constructed from the constant and function symbols of A is called the ***Herbrand Universe*** of A (denoted by U_A).
  - Consider the program:

```
p(zero).
p(s(s(X))) ← p(X).
```

  - The Herbrand Universe of the program's alphabet is: U_A = {`zero,s(zero),s(s(zero)),...`}

Least Herbrand Model Semantics

- Consider a "relations" program:

```
parent(pam, bob).      parent(bob, ann).
parent(tom, bob).      parent(bob, pat).
parent(tom, liz).      parent(pat, jim).
grandparent(X,Y) :-
            parent(X,Z), parent(Z,Y).
```

- The Herbrand Universe of the program's alphabet is:

$U_A = \{$`pam, bob, tom, liz, ann, pat, jim`$\}$

Least Herbrand Model Semantics

- Given an alphabet A, the set of all **ground atomic formulas** over A is called the ***Herbrand Base*** of A (denoted by B_A).
- Consider the program:

```
p(zero).
p(s(s(X))) ← p(X).
```

- The Herbrand Base of the program's alphabet is:

B_A={`p(zero), p(s(zero)), p(s(s(zero))),...`}

Least Herbrand Model Semantics

- Consider the "relations" program:

```
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parent(tom, liz).      parent(pat, jim).
grandparent(X,Y) :-
        parent(X,Z), parent(Z,Y).
```

- The Herbrand Base of the program's alphabet is:

B_A={`parent(pam, pam), parent(pam, bob), parent(pam, tom), ..., parent(bob, pam), ..., grandparent(pam,pam),...,grandparent(bob,pam),...`}.

Least Herbrand Model Semantics

- A ***Herbrand Interpretation*** of a program *P* is an interpretation I such that:
  - The domain of the interpretation: $|I| = U_P$
  - For every constant **c**: $\mathbf{c}_I = \mathbf{c}$
  - For every function symbol **f/n**: $\mathbf{f}_I(\mathbf{x}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_n) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_n)$
  - For every predicate symbol **p/n**: $\mathbf{p}_I \subseteq (U_P)^{\mathbf{n}}$ (i.e. some subset of **n**-tuples of ground terms)
- A ***Herbrand Model*** of a program *P* is a Herbrand interpretation that is a model of *P*.

Least Herbrand Model Semantics

- All Herbrand interpretations of a program give the same "*meaning*" to the constant and function symbols.
  - Different Herbrand interpretations differ only in the "*meaning*" they give to the predicate symbols.
- We often write a Herbrand model simply by listing the subset of the Herbrand base that is true in the model
  - Example: Consider our numbers program, where

`{p(zero), p(s(s(zero))), p(s(s(s(s(zero))))),…}`

represents the Herbrand model that treats

p_I`={zero,s(s(zero)),s(s(s(s(zero)))), . . .}`

as the meaning of **`p`**.

Sufficiency of Herbrand Models

- Let P be a definite program. If I' is a model of P then $I=\{A \in Bp \mid I' \vDash A\}$ is a Herbrand model of P.

Proof (by contradiction):

Let I be a Herbrand interpretation.

Assume that I' is a model of P but I is not a model.

Then there is some ground instance of a clause in P:

$$A_0 \text{ :- } A_1, \ldots, A_n.$$

which is not true in I i.e., $I \vDash A_1, \ldots, I \vDash A_n$ but $I \nVDash A_0$

By definition of I then, $I' \vDash A_1, \ldots, I' \vDash A_n$ but $I' \nVDash A_0$

Thus, I' is not a model of P, which contradicts our earlier assumption.

Definite programs only

- Let P be a definite program. If I' is a model of P then $I = \{A \in B_P \mid I' \models A\}$ is a Herbrand model of P.
  - **This property holds only for definite programs!**
    - Consider $P = \{\neg p(a), \exists X.p(X)\}$
      - There are two Herbrand interpretations: $I_1 = \{p(a)\}$ and $I_2 = \{\}$
        - o The first is not a model of P since $I_1 \not\models \neg p(a)$.
        - o The second is not a model of P since $I_2 \not\models \exists X.p(X)$
      - But there is a non-Herbrand model I:
        - o $|I| = N$, the set of natural numbers
        - o $a_I = 0$
        - o $p_I =$ "is odd"

Properties of Herbrand Models

1) If M is a set of Herbrand Models of a definite program P, then $\cap$M is also a Herbrand Model of P.
2) For every definite program P there is a unique ***least model*** Mp such that:
   - Mp is a Herbrand Model of P and,
   - for every Herbrand Model M, Mp $\subseteq$ M.
3) For any definite program, if every Herbrand Model of P is also a Herbrand Model of F, then P $\vDash$ F.
4) Mp = the set of all ground logical consequences of P.

Properties of Herbrand Models

- If M_1 and M_2 are Herbrand models of P, then $M=M_1 \cap M_2$ is a model of P.
  - Assume M is not a model.
  - Then there is some clause $A_0 :- A_1, \ldots, A_n$ such that $M \models A_1, \ldots, M \models A_n$ but $M \not\models A_0$.
  - Which means $A_0 \notin M1$ or $A_0 \notin M2$.
  - But $A_1, \ldots, A_n \in M_1$ as well as M_2.
  - Hence one of M_1 or M_2 is not a model.

Properties of Herbrand Models

- There is a unique least Herbrand model
  - Let M_1 and M_2 are two incomparable minimal Herbrand models, i.e., $M=M_1 \cap M_2$ is also a Herbrand model (previous theorem), and $M \subseteq M_1$ and $M \subseteq M_2$
  - Thus M_1 and M_2 are not minimal.

Least Herbrand Model

- The ***least Herbrand model*** Mp of a definite program P is the set of all ground logical consequences of the program.

$$Mp = \{A \in Bp \mid P \vDash A\}$$

- First, $Mp \supseteq \{A \in Bp \mid P \vDash A\}$:
  - By definition of logical consequence, $P \vDash A$ means that A has to be in every model of P and hence also in the least Herbrand model.

Least Herbrand Model

- Second, $M_P \subseteq \{A \in B_P \mid P \vDash A\}$:
  - If $M_P \vDash A$ then A is in every Herbrand model of P.
  - But assume there is some model $I' \vDash \neg A$.
  - By sufficiency of Herbrand models, there is some Herbrand model I such that $I \vDash \neg A$.
  - Hence A is not in some Herbrand model, and hence is not in M_P.

Finding the Least Herbrand Model

- ***Immediate consequence operator:***
  - Given $I \subseteq Bp$, construct I' such that

    $I' = \{A_0 \in Bp \mid A_0 \leftarrow A_1,\ldots, A_n$ is a ground instance of a clause in P and $A_1,\ldots, A_n \in I\}$
  - I' is said to be the *immediate consequence of* I.
  - Written as $I' = Tp(I)$, Tp is called the *immediate consequence operator*.
  - Consider the sequence:

    $$\emptyset, Tp(\emptyset), Tp(Tp(\emptyset)),\ldots, Tp^i(\emptyset),\ldots$$
  - $Mp \supseteq Tp^i(\emptyset)$ for all i.
  - Let $Tp \uparrow \omega = \cup_{i=0,\infty} Tp^i(\emptyset)$
  - Then $Mp \subseteq Tp \uparrow \omega$

Computing Least Herbrand Models: An Example

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parent(pam, bob).
parent(tom, bob).
parent(tom, liz).
parent(bob, ann).
parent(bob, pat).
parent(pat, jim).

anc(X,Y) :-
        parent(X,Y).
anc(X,Y) :-
        parent(X,Z),
        anc(Z,Y).
```

M_1	$\emptyset$
$M_2 = T_P(M_1) =$	{parent(pam,bob), parent(tom,bob), parent(tom,liz), parent(bob,ann), parent(bob,pat), parent(pat,jim) }
$M_3 = T_P(M_2) =$	{anc(pam,bob), anc(tom,bob), anc(tom,liz), anc(bob,ann), anc(bob,pat), anc(pat,jim) } $\cup$ M_2
$M_4 = T_P(M_3) =$	{anc(pam,ann), anc(pam,pat), anc(tom,ann), anc(tom,pat), anc(bob,jim) } $\cup$ M_3
$M_5 = T_P(M_4) =$	{anc(pam,jim), {anc(tom,jim) } $\cup$ M_4
$M_6 = T_P(M_5) =$	M_5

Ground and Parameterized Witnesses

- Suppose we know the fact

  `p(a).`

and we have the goal

  `p(X)` →

  - Responding **`true`** to parametrized queries is correct, but not satisfactory
  - The appropriate answer is a substitution {**`X/a`**} which gives an instantiation for **`X`**, making the answer positive.
  - The constant **`a`** is called a ***ground witness***
- Given two facts: **`p(a).`** and **`p(b).`** there are two ground witnesses to the same query: **`a`** and **`b`**.

Ground and Parameterized Witnesses

- Ground witnesses are not always the optimal answer
  - Consider the logic program:

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add(X, 0, X).
add(X, Y, Z) → add(X, s(Y), s(Z)).
```

- This program computes addition: if we read **s** as the "successor function," which returns as value the value of its argument plus 1
- The **add** predicate computes the sum of its first two arguments into its third argument
- Consider the query:

$$\texttt{add(X, s}^{8}\texttt{(0), Z)} \rightarrow$$

- Possible ground witnesses are determined by the substitutions:

$\texttt{\{X/0, Z/s}^{8}\texttt{(0)\}}$,
$\texttt{\{X/s(0), Z/s}^{9}\texttt{(0)}$,
$\texttt{\{X/s(s(0)), Z/s}^{10}\texttt{(0)\}}$,...

Ground and Parameterized Witnesses

- The parameterized witness

$\mathbf{Z = s^8(X)}$

is the most general way to witness the existential query

$\exists X \exists Z\ \mathbf{add(X,\ s^8(0),\ Z)}$

since it represents the fact that $\mathbf{add(X,\ s^8(0),\ Z)}$ is true whenever the value of **Z** equals the value of **X** plus **8**.

- The computation of most general witnesses is the primary aim of a proof system, called ***SLD resolution***

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OWL2 RL: Description Logic Meets Rules

- OWL2 RL represents the intersection of OWL and Horn logic, that is, the part of one language that can be translated in a semantics-preserving way from OWL to rules, and vice versa.
  - From the modeler's perspective, there is freedom to use either OWL or rules (and associated tools and methodologies) for modeling purposes, depending on the modeler's experience and preferences.
  - From the implementation perspective, either description logic reasoners or deductive rule systems can be used: it is possible to model using one framework, such as OWL, and to use a reasoning engine from the other framework, such as rules.

OWL2 RL: Description Logic Meets Rules

- Some constructs of RDF Schema and OWL2 RL can be expressed in Horn logic, while some constructs, in general cannot be expressed
  - A triple of the form **`(a, P, b)`** in RDF can be expressed as a fact:

`P(a, b).`

  - an instance declaration of the form **`type(a, C)`**, stating that **`a`** is an instance of class **`C`**, can be expressed as

`C(a).`

  - The fact that **`C`** is a subclass of **`D`** is expressed as

`C(X) → D(X).`

  - The fact that **`P`** is a subproperty of **`Q`** is expressed as

`P(X,Y) → Q(X,Y).`

OWL2 RL: Description Logic Meets Rules

- Domain and range restrictions can also be expressed in Horn logic: **`C`** is the domain of property **`P`**, while **`D`** is the range of property **`P`**:

```
P(X, Y) → C(X).
P(X, Y) → D(Y).
```

- **`equivalentClass(C, D)`** can be expressed by the pair of rules:

```
C(X) → D(X).
D(X) → C(X).
```

- **`equivalentProperty(P, Q)`** can be expressed by the pair of rules:

```
P(X, Y) → Q(X, Y).
Q(X, Y) → P(X, Y).
```

OWL2 RL: Description Logic Meets Rules

- Transitivity of a property **`P`** is expressed as:

`P(X, Y), P(Y, Z) → P(X, Z).`

- The intersection of classes **`C1`** and **`C2`** is a subclass of **`D`**:

`C1(X), C2(X) → D(X).`

- **`C`** is a subclass of the intersection of **`D1`** and **`D2`**:

`C(X) → D1(X).`

`C(X) → D2(X).`

- the union of **`C1`** and **`C2`** is a subclass of **`D`**:

`C1(X) → D(X).`

`C2(X) → D(X).`

  - The opposite direction is outside the expressive power of Horn logic (see next slide).

OWL2 RL: Description Logic Meets Rules

- **`C`** is a subclass of the union of **`D1`** and **`D2`** would require a **disjunction** in the head of the corresponding rule

`C(X) → D1(X) ∨ D2(X).`

which is not available in Horn logic

OWL2 RL: Description Logic Meets Rules

- OWL range restriction:

```
:C rdfs:subClassOf [
  rdf:type owl:Restriction ;
  owl:onProperty :P ;
  owl:allValuesFrom :D ] .
```

can be represented as the rule:

```
C(X), P(X, Y) → D(Y).
```

  - the opposite direction cannot be expressed in Horn logic

OWL2 RL: Description Logic Meets Rules

```
[ rdf:type owl:Restriction ;
        owl:onProperty :P ;
        owl:allValuesFrom :D ]
   rdfs:subClassOf :C.
```

can be represented as the rule:

```
P(X,_), (Forall Y,(P(X, Y) -> D(Y)))
   → C(X).
```

which is not available in Horn logic

- Also, cardinality constraints and complement of classes cannot be expressed in Horn logic.

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Rule Interchange Format: RIF

- Rules exhibit a broad variety (e.g., action rules, first order rules, logic programming)
  - As a consequence, the aim of the *W3C Rule Interchange Format Working Group* was not to develop a new rule language that would fit all purposes, but rather to focus on the **interchange** among the various (existing or future) rule systems on the web
  - The approach taken was to develop a family of languages, from **basic** to existing state of the art, called ***dialects***, that can be interchanged on the Web
  - Most of the work of the RIF Working Group was dedicated to semantic aspects
    - Of course, rule interchange takes place at the syntactic level (e.g., using XML) using mappings between the various syntactic features of a logic system and RIF, but the main objective is to interchange rules in a **semantics preserving way**.

Rule Interchange Format: RIF

- Documents with links:
  - RIF Overview (Second Edition)
  - RIF Use Cases and Requirements (Second Edition)
  - RIF Core Dialect (Second Edition)
  - RIF Basic Logic Dialect (Second Edition)
  - RIF Production Rule Dialect (Second Edition)
  - RIF Framework for Logic Dialects (Second Edition)
  - RIF Datatypes and Built-Ins 1.0 (Second Edition)
  - RIF RDF and OWL Compatibility (Second Edition)
  - OWL 2 RL in RIF (Second Edition)
  - RIF Combination with XML data (Second Edition)
  - RIF In RDF (Second Edition)
  - RIF Test Cases (Second Edition)
  - RIF Primer (Second Edition)

Rule Interchange Format: RIF

- RIF defined two kinds of dialects:
  - ***Logic-based dialects*** are meant to include rule languages that are based on some form of logic; for example, first-order logic and various logic programming approaches with different interpretations of negation (*answer-set programming*, *well-founded semantics*, etc.)
    - The concrete dialects developed so far under this branch are:
      - ***RIF Core*** corresponding to function-free Horn logic
      - ***RIF Basic Logic Dialect*** (***BLD***) corresponding to Horn logic with equality
  - ***Rules with actions*** are meant meant to include *production systems* and *reactive rules*. The concrete dialect developed so far:
      - ***Production Rule Dialect*** (***RIF-PRD***)

Rule Interchange Format: RIF

- RIF was designed to be both uniform and extensible
  - Uniformity is achieved by expecting the syntax and semantics of all RIF dialects to share basic principles
  - Extensibility refers to the possibility of future dialects being developed and added to the RIF family
- For the logic-based side, the RIF Working Group developed the ***Framework for Logic Dialects*** (***RIFFLD***) which allows one to specify various rule languages by instantiating the various parameters of the approach.

RIF-BLD

- The ***RIF Basic Logic Dialect*** corresponds to Horn logic with **equality** plus:
  - **data types** (such as, integer, boolean, string, date),
  - **"built-in" predicates** (such as, numeric-greater-than, starts-with, date-less-than), and **functions** (such as numeric-subtract, replace, hoursfrom-time), and
  - ***frames*** (like in F-Logic) represent objects with their properties as ***slots*** (for example, a class professor with slots such as name, office, phone, department)

```
oid[slot1 -> value1,…, slotn -> valuen]
```

RIF-BLD

- The syntax of RIF is straightforward, though quite verbose (of course, there is also an **XML-based** syntax to support interchange between rule systems)
  - Variable names begin with a question mark **?**
  - The symbols **=**, **#**, and **##** are used to express: equality, class membership, and subclass relationship

RIF-BLD

- Examples:
  - *A film is considered successful if it has received critical acclaim (say, a rating higher than 8 out of 10) or was financially successful (produced more than $100 million in ticket sales).*
  - *An actor is a movie star if he has starred in more than three successful movies, produced in a span of at least five years.*

RIF-BLD

- These rules should be evaluated against the DBpedia data set:

```
Document(
  Prefix(func <http://www.w3.org/2007/rif-builtin-function#>
  Prefix(pred <http://www.w3.org/2007/rif-builtin-predicate#>
  Prefix(rdfs <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
  Prefix(imdbrel <http://example.com/imdbrelation#>
  Prefix(dbpedia <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>
  Prefix(ibdbrel http://example.com/ibdbrelation#>

Group(
  Forall ?Actor ?Film ?Year (
    If And( dbpedia:starring(?Film ?Actor)
      dbpedia:dateOfFilm(?Film ?Year) )
    Then dbpedia:starredInYear(?Film ?Actor ?Year)
  )
```

RIF-BLD

```
Forall ?Film (
  If Or (
    External(pred:numeric-greater-than(
      dbpedia:criticalRating(?Film) 8)
    External(pred:numeric-greater-than(
      dbpedia:boxOfficeGross(?Film) 100000000)))
  Then dbpedia:successful(?Film)
)
```

- `External` applies built-in predicates.
- `Group` to put together a number of rules.

RIF-BLD

```
Forall ?Actor (
  If ( Exists ?Film1 ?Film2 ?Film3 ?Year1 ?Year2 ?Year3
    And ( dbpedia:starredInYear(?Film1 ?Actor ?Year1)
      dbpedia:starredInYear(?Film2 ?Actor ?Year2)
      dbpedia:starredInYear(?Film3 ?Actor ?Year3)
      External ( pred:numeric-greater-than(
       External(func:numeric-subtract ?Year1 ?Year3) 5)))
      dbpedia:successful(?Film1)
      dbpedia:successful(?Film2)
      dbpedia:successful(?Film3)
      External (pred:literal-not-identical(?Film1 ?Film2))
      External (pred:literal-not-identical(?Film1 ?Film3))
      External (pred:literal-not-identical(?Film2 ?Film3))
    )
  Then dbpedia:movieStar(?Actor)
)
```

Compatibility with RDF and OWL

- A major feature of RIF is that it is compatible with the RDF and OWL standards
  - Represent RDF triples using RIF frame formulas: a triple **`(s p o)`** is represented as **`s[p -> o]`**
  - That is, one can reason with a combination of RIF, RDF, and OWL documents
  - RIF facilitates the interchange of not just rules, but also RDF graphs and/or OWL axioms

Compatibility with RDF and OWL

- The semantic definitions are such that the triple is satisfied **if and only if** the corresponding RIF frame formula is also satisfied
  - for example, if the RDF triple

```
ex:GoneWithTheWind ex:FilmYear ex:1939
```

is true, then so is the RIF fact

```
ex:GoneWithTheWind[
    ex:FilmYear -> ex:1939].
```

Compatibility with RDF and OWL

- Given the RIF rule (which states that the Hollywood Production Code was in place between 1930 and 1968)

```
Group(
 Forall ?Film (
  If And( ?Film[ex:Year -> ?Year]
    External(pred:dateGreaterThan(?Year 1930))
    External(pred:dateGreaterThan(1968 ?Year)))
  Then ?Film[ex:HollywoodProductionCode -> ex:True]))
```

one can conclude

```
ex:GoneWithTheWind[
  ex:HollywoodProductionCode -> ex:True].
```

as well as the corresponding RDF triple

Compatibility with RDF and OWL

- Similar techniques are used to achieve compatibility between OWL and RIF:
  - The semantics of OWL and RIF are compatible
  - One can infer conclusions from certain combinations of OWL axioms and RIF knowledge
  - OWL2 RL can be implemented in RIF

OWL2 RL in RIF

- OWL2 RL is partially described by a set of first-order rules that can form the basis for an implementation using rule technology
  - To enable interoperability between rule systems and OWL2 RL ontologies, this axiomatization can be described using RIF (BLD, actually even in the simpler Core) rules
  - The OWL2 RL rules can be categorized in four (non-disjoint) categories: ***triple pattern rules***, ***inconsistency rules***, ***list rules***, and ***datatype rules***

OWL2 RL in RIF

- ***Triple Pattern Rules***: derive RDF triples from a conjunction of RDF triple patterns

```
Group(
  Forall ?V1 ... ?Vn(
    s[p->o] :-
     And(s1[p1->o1]... sn[pn->on]))
)
```

OWL2 RL in RIF

- ***Inconsistency Rules***: indicate inconsistencies in the original RDF graph (w.r.t. the existing OWL knowledge)
  - represented in RIF as rules with the conclusion **`rif:error`**, a predicate symbol within the RIF namespace that can be used to express inconsistency
    - Example: an inconsistency occurs when two predicates have been declared to be **disjoint**, but connect the same entities

```
Group(
  Forall ?P1 ?P2 ?X ?Y(
    rif:error :- And(
      ?P1[owl:propertyDisjointWith ?P2]
      ?X[?P1->?Y]
      ?X[?P2->?Y])))
```

OWL2 RL in RIF

- ***List Rules***:
  - A number of OWL2 RL rules involve processing OWL expressions that include RDF lists (for example `owl:AllDifferent`)

```
Forall ?x ?y ?z1 ?z2 ?iz1 ?iz2 (
 rif:error() :- And (
  ?x[rdf:type -> owl:AllDifferent]
  ?x[owl:members -> ?y]
  External(pred:list-contains(?y ?z1))
  ?iz1 = External(func:index-of(?y ?z1))
  External(pred:list-contains(?y ?z2))
  ?iz2 = External(func:index-of(?y ?z2))
  External( pred:numeric-not-equal(?iz1 ?iz2))
  ?z1[owl:sameAs->?z2] ) )
```

OWL2 RL in RIF

- ***Datatype Rules***: provide type checking and value equality/inequality checking for typed literals in the supported datatypes
  - For example, generate an inconsistency if a literal is specified to be an instance of a data type but its value is outside the value space of that data type

```
Forall ?lt (
    rif:error() :- And (
      ?lt[rdf:type->xsd:decimal]
      External(
         pred:is-literal-not-decimal( ?lt )) ))
```

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Semantic Web Rules Language (SWRL)

- SWRL is a proposed Semantic Web language combining OWL DL with function-free Horn logic and is written in Unary/Binary Datalog RuleML
  - it allows Horn-like rules to be combined with OWL DL ontologies
  - A rule in SWRL has the form:

$$\mathbf{B_1, \ldots, B_n \rightarrow A_1, \ldots, A_m}$$

where the commas denote <u>conjunction</u> on both sides of the arrow

Semantic Web Rules Language (SWRL)

- **$B_1, \ldots, B_n$, $A_1, \ldots, A_m$** can be of the forms:
  - **C(x)**,
  - **P(x, y)**,
  - **sameAs(x, y)**, or
  - **differentFrom(x, y)**,

  where

  C is an OWL class,

  P is an OWL property, and

  x, **y** are Datalog variables, OWL individuals, or OWL data values.

Semantic Web Rules Language (SWRL)

- The main complexity of the SWRL language stems from the fact that arbitrary OWL expressions, such as restrictions, can appear in the head or body of a rule
  - adds significant expressive power to OWL, but at the high price of **undecidability**
    - a sublanguage is the extension of OWL DL with ***DL-safe*** rules, in which every variable must appear in a non-description logic atom in the rule body

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Rules in SPARQL: SPIN

- Rules can be expressed in SPARQL using **CONSTRUCT**:

```
grandparent(X, Z) ←
    parent(Y, Z), parent(X, Y).
```

can be expressed as:

```
CONSTRUCT {
    ?X grandParent ?Z.
} WHERE {
    ?Y parent ?Z.
    ?X parent ?Y.
}
```

Rules in SPARQL: SPIN

- SPIN provides abstraction mechanisms for rules using ***Templates***, which encapsulate **parameterized** SPARQL queries; and user-defined SPIN functions as a mechanism to build higher-level rules (complex SPARQL queries) on top of simpler building blocks.

Rules in SPARQL: SPIN

C2(X) ← C1(X), equivalentClass(C1, C2).

can be represented in SPARQL as:

```
CONSTRUCT {
  ?X a ?C2.
}
WHERE {
  ?X a ?C1.
  ?C1 equivalentClass ?C2.
}
```

and then instantiated as a **spin:rule** for the class **owl:Thing** to allow the rule to be applied to all possible instances.

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Nonmonotonic Rules: Motivation and Syntax

- In nonmonotonic rule systems, a rule may not be applied even if all premises are known because we have to consider contrary reasoning chains
  - the rules we consider from now on are called ***defeasible*** because they can be defeated by other rules
  - negated atomic formulas may occur in the head and the body of rules

```
p(X) ⇒ q(X).
r(X) ⇒ ¬q(X).
```

given also the facts

```
p(a).
r(a).
```

we can conclude both **`q(a)`** and **`¬q(a)`** (impossible)

Nonmonotonic Rules: Motivation and Syntax

- Conflicts may be resolved using **priorities** among rules
  - Suppose we knew somehow that the first rule is stronger than the second; then we could derive only `q(a)`.
  - **Priorities arise naturally in practice:**
    - The source of one rule may be more **reliable** than the source of the second rule, or it may have higher authority
      - For example, federal law preempts state law
      - And in business administration, higher management has more authority than middle management
    - One rule may be preferred over another because it is more **recent**
    - One rule may be preferred over another because it is more **specific**
      - A typical example is a general rule with some exceptions; in such cases, the exceptions are stronger than the general rule
        - A classical example is that, in general, birds fly, however penguins are birds that do not fly

Nonmonotonic Rules: Motivation and Syntax

- Extend the rule syntax to include a unique label:

  `r1: p(X) ⇒ q(X).`
  `r2: r(X) ⇒ ¬q(X).`
  `r1 > r2.`

  given the facts

  `p(a).`
  `r(a).`

  we can conclude **`q(a)`**.

  - We can require the priority relation to be acyclic: it is impossible to have cycles of the form

  `r1 > r2 >...>rn > r1`

Nonmonotonic Rules: Motivation and Syntax

- Priorities are meant to resolve conflicts among ***competing rules***: two rules are **competing** only if the head of one rule is the negation of the head of the other
  - In applications it is often the case that once a predicate **`p`** is derived, some other predicates are excluded from holding
    - For example, an investment consultant may base his recommendations on three levels of risk that investors are willing to take: **`low`**, **`moderate`**, and **`high`**.
      - Only one risk level per investor is allowed to hold at any given time
    - Technically, these situations are modeled by maintaining a ***conflict set*** **`C(L)`** for each literal **`L`**
      - **`C(L)`** always contains the negation of **`L`** but may contain more literals

Nonmonotonic Rules: Motivation and Syntax

- A defeasible rule has the form:

  `r : L1,…,Ln ⇒ L`

where

  `r` is the label,

  {**`L1,…,Ln`**} the body (or premises), and

  `L` the head of the rule.

- **`L, L1,…,Ln`** are positive or **<u>negative</u>** literals (a ***literal*** is an atomic formula **`p(t1,…,tm)`** or its negation **`¬p(t1,…,tm)`**.
- No function symbols may occur in the rule
- Sometimes we denote the head of a rule as **`head(r)`**, and its body as **`body(r)`**

Nonmonotonic Rules: Motivation and Syntax

- We use the label **`r`** to refer to the whole rule
- A ***defeasible logic program*** is a triple **`(F, R, >)`** consisting of a set **`F`** of facts, a finite set **`R`** of defeasible rules, and an acyclic binary relation **`>`** on **`R`** (precisely, a set of pairs **`r>r'`** where **`r`** and **`r'`** are labels of rules in **`R`**)

Example of Nonmonotonic Rules: Brokered Trade

- Electronic commerce application
  - Brokered trades take place via an independent third party, the broker
  - The broker matches the buyer's requirements and the sellers' capabilities and proposes a transaction in which both parties can be satisfied by the trade
- Concrete application: **apartment renting** (common activity that is often tedious and time-consuming)

Example of Nonmonotonic Rules: Brokered Trade

- *Carlos is looking for an apartment of at least 45 sq m with at least two bedrooms.*
- *If it is on the third floor or higher, the house must have an elevator.*
- *Also, pet animals must be allowed.*
- *Carlos is willing to pay $300 for a centrally located 45 sq m apartment, and $250 for a similar apartment in the suburbs.*
- *In addition, he is willing to pay an extra $5 per square meter for a larger apartment, and $2 per square meter for a garden.*
- *He is unable to pay more than $400 in total.*
- ***If given the choice, he would go for the cheapest option.***
- *His second priority is the presence of a garden; his lowest priority is additional space.*

Formalization of Carlos's Requirements

- Predicates that describe properties of apartments:
  - **`apartment(x)`** stating that: **`x`** is an apartment
  - **`size(x, y)`** : **`y`** is the size of apartment **`x`** (in sq m)
  - **`bedrooms(x, y)`** : **`x`** has **`y`** bedrooms
  - **`price(x, y)`** : **`y`** is the price for **`x`**
  - **`floor(x, y)`** : **`x`** is on the **`y`**th floor
  - **`garden(x, y)`** : **`x`** has a garden of size **`y`**
  - **`elevator(x)`** : there is an elevator in the house of **`x`**
  - **`pets(x)`** : pets are allowed in **`x`**
  - **`central(x)`** : **`x`** is centrally located

Formalization of Carlos's Requirements

- We also make use of the predicates:
  - **`acceptable(x)`** : apartment **`x`** satisfies Carlos's requirements
  - **`offer(x, y)`** : Carlos is willing to pay $**`y`** for flat **`x`**
- Any apartment is a priori acceptable:

```
r1 : apartment(X) ⇒ acceptable(X).
```

- However, apartment **`Y`** is unacceptable if one of Carlos's requirements is not met:

```
r2 : bedrooms(X, Y ),Y < 2 ⇒ ¬acceptable(X).
r3 : size(X, Y ),Y < 45 ⇒ ¬acceptable(X).
r4 : ¬pets(X) ⇒ ¬acceptable(X).
r5 : floor(X, Y ),Y > 2, ¬lif t(X) ⇒
     ¬acceptable(X).
r6 : price(X, Y ),Y > 400 ⇒ ¬acceptable(X).
```

Formalization of Carlos's Requirements

- Rules **`r2`**-**`r6`** are exceptions to rule **`r1`**:

```
r2 > r1.
r3 > r1.
r4 > r1.
r5 > r1.
r6 > r1.
```

Formalization of Carlos's Requirements

- We calculate the price Carlos is willing to pay for an apartment:

```
r7 : size(X, Y), Y ≥ 45, garden(X, Z),
   central(X) ⇒
     offer(X, 300 + 2Z + 5(Y − 45)).
r8 : size(X, Y ), Y ≥ 45, garden(X, Z),
   ¬central(X) ⇒
     offer(X, 250 + 2Z + 5(Y − 45)).
```

- An apartment is only acceptable if the amount Carlos is willing to pay is higher than the price specified by the landlord (we assume no bargaining can take place)

```
r9 : offer(X, Y), price(X, Z), Y < Z ⇒
   ¬acceptable(X).
r9 > r1.
```

Representation of Available Apartments

- Each available apartment is given a unique name (for example **`a1`**), and its properties are represented as facts:

```
bedrooms(a1, 1).
size(a1, 50).
central(a1).
floor(a1, 1).
¬elevator(a1).
pets(a1).
garden(a1, 0).
price(a1, 300).
```

- In practice, the apartments on offer could be stored in a relational database, CSV file, or an RDF storage system

Selecting an Apartment

Flat	Bedrooms	Size	Central	Floor	Elevator	Pets	Garden	Price
a_1	1	50	yes	1	no	yes	0	300
a_2	2	45	yes	0	no	yes	0	335
a_3	2	65	no	2	no	yes	0	350
a_4	2	55	no	1	yes	no	15	330
a_5	3	55	yes	0	no	yes	15	350
a_6	2	60	yes	3	no	no	0	370
a_7	3	65	yes	1	no	yes	12	375

- If we match Carlos's requirements and the available apartments, we see:
  - flat a_1 is not acceptable because it has one bedroom only (rule r2)
  - flats a_4 and a_6 are unacceptable because pets are not allowed (rule r4)
  - for a_2, Carlos is willing to pay \$300, but the price is higher (rules r7, r9)
  - **flats a_3, a_5, and a_7 are acceptable** (rule r1)

Selecting an Apartment

- Carlos's preferences are based on price, garden size, and size, in that order:

```
r10 : acceptable(X) ⇒ cheapest(X).
r11 : acceptable(X), price(X, Z),
  acceptable(Y), price(Y, W), W<Z ⇒
  ¬cheapest(X).
r11 > r10.
```

  - Rule **r10** says that every acceptable apartment is cheapest by default.
  - However, if there is an acceptable apartment cheaper than **X**, rule **r11** (which is stronger than **r10**) fires and concludes that **X** is not cheapest.

Selecting an Apartment

- Carlos's preferences are based on price, garden size, and size, in that order:

```
r12 : cheapest(X) ⇒ largestGarden(X).

r13 : cheapest(X), gardenSize(X, Z),
  cheapest(Y), gardenSize(Y,W),W >Z ⇒
  ¬largestGarden(X).

r13 > r12.
```

  - Rules **`r12`** and **`r13`** select the apartments with the largest garden among the cheapest apartments.

Selecting an Apartment

- Carlos's preferences are based on price, garden size, and size, in that order:

```
r14 : largestGarden(X) ⇒ rent(X).

r15 : largestGarden(X), size(X, Z),
   largestGarden(Y), size(Y,W), W>Z ⇒
   ¬rent(X).

r15 > r14.
```

  - Rules **r14** and **r15** select the proposed apartments to be rented, based on apartment size.

Selecting an Apartment

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a_3	2	65	no	2	no	yes	0	350
a_4	2	55	no	1	yes	no	15	330
a_5	3	55	yes	0	no	yes	15	350
a_6	2	60	yes	3	no	no	0	370
a_7	3	65	yes	1	no	yes	12	375

- Apartments ***a3*** and ***a5*** are cheapest
- ***a5*** has the largest garden and will be rented (after is inspected)
  - in this case the apartment size criterion does not play a role: **`r14`** fires only for ***a5***, so rule **`r15`** is not applicable for it

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Rule Markup Language (RuleML)

- RuleML is a long-running effort to develop markup of rules on the web
- It is actually not one language but a family of rule markup languages, corresponding to different kinds of rule languages: **derivation rules**, **integrity constraints**, **reaction rules**
- The kernel of the RuleML family is **Datalog**, which is **<u>function-free Horn logic</u>**
- The RuleML family provides descriptions of rule markup languages in XML

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- Vocabulary of Datalog RuleML:

Rule Ingredient	RuleML
fact	Asserted Atom
rule	Asserted Implies
head	then
body	if
atom	Atom
conjunction	And
predicate	Rel
constant	Ind
variable	Var

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- Example rule: "*The discount for a customer buying a product is 7.5 percent if the customer is premium and the product is luxury*"
  - In RuleML 1.0:

```
<Implies>
  <if>
    <And>
      <Atom>
        <Rel>premium</Rel>
        <Var>customer</Var>
      </Atom>
      <Atom>
        <Rel>luxury</Rel>
        <Var>product</Var>
      </Atom>
    </And>
  </if>
  <then>
    <Atom>
      <Rel>discount</Rel>
      <Var>customer</Var>
      <Var>product</Var>
      <Ind>7.5 percent</Ind>
    </Atom>
  </then>
</Implies>
```

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- SWRL is an extension of RuleML and is represented in RuleML 1.0:

brother(X, Y), childOf(Z, Y) → uncle(X, Z).

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<ruleml:Implies>
  <ruleml:then>
    <swrlx:individualPropertyAtom swrlx:property="uncle">
      <ruleml:Var>X</ruleml:Var>
      <ruleml:Var>Z</ruleml:Var>
    </swrlx:individualPropertyAtom>
  </ruleml:then>
  <ruleml:if>
    <ruleml:And>
      <swrlx:individualPropertyAtom swrlx:property="brother">
        <ruleml:Var>X</ruleml:Var>
        <ruleml:Var>Y</ruleml:Var>
      </swrlx:individualPropertyAtom>
      <swrlx:individualPropertyAtom swrlx:property="childOf">
        <ruleml:Var>Z</ruleml:Var>
        <ruleml:Var>Y</ruleml:Var>
      </swrlx:individualPropertyAtom>
    </ruleml:And>
  </ruleml:if>
</ruleml:Implies>
```

Summary

- Rules on the (semantic) web form a very rich and heterogeneous landscape
- Horn logic is a subset of predicate logic that allows efficient reasoning
  - It forms a subset orthogonal to description logics
  - Horn logic is the basis of monotonic rules
- RIF is a new standard for rules on the web
  - Its logical dialect BLD is based on Horn logic
  - OWL2 RL, which is essentially the intersection of description logics and Horn logic, can be embedded in RIF
- SWRL is a much richer rule language, combining description logic features with restricted types of rules
- Nonmonotonic rules are useful in situations where the available information is incomplete
  - They are rules that may be overridden by contrary evidence (other rules)
  - Priorities are used to resolve some conflicts between nonmonotonic rules