

AGM Revision in Description Logics under Fixed-Domain Semantics

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Revision Problem

Belief revision: incorporating new information into knowledge base consistently with minimal change.

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How to add \mathcal{K}' to \mathcal{K} so that the revision result $(\mathcal{K} \circ \mathcal{K}')$ is still consistent?

$\circ : \mathcal{P}_{fin}(\mathcal{L}) \times \mathcal{P}_{fin}(\mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{fin}(\mathcal{L})$ is a **change operator**, where \mathcal{L} is the set of all sentences in DL

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Postulates \longleftarrow **Operators** \Longrightarrow **Construction**

Construction:

- Syntax-based approach
- Semantic-based approach/model-based approach

Approaches for DL Revision (1/2)

Syntax-based approaches: modify or remove the axioms of the KB.

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e.g. Justification-based revision [HWKP06]:

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OR

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Issues: considered only semi-revision [HWKP06] and could not satisfy all AGM postulates [QLB06]

Approaches for DL Revision (2/2)

Semantic-based approaches:

- investigate the models of the KB,
- search for the most plausible set of models to be the revision result, and
- generate a KB which corresponds to the produced model set.

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$\llbracket \mathcal{K} \rrbracket$?

- $\mathcal{I}_1 : \Delta = \{a\}, Professor^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{a\}, Lecturer^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{a\}, sebastian^{\mathcal{I}_1} = a,$
- ...

Issues in standard semantics: infinitely many models and some models might not be expressible [Liu+06]

Fixed-Domain Semantics for DL [GRS16]

Given a non-empty finite set $\Delta \subseteq N_I$ called **fixed domain**, an interpretation $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \cdot^{\mathcal{I}})$ is said to be Δ -fixed if $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} = \Delta$ and $a^{\mathcal{I}} = a$ for all $a \in \Delta$.

- Restrict the models to have the domain that is fixed upfront.
- Reasoner: Wolpertinger¹, allows satisfiability checking and model enumeration.

How do we define (concrete) AGM revision operators in DL under fixed-domain semantics?

Answer:

- 1) Model-based approach using distance between models.
- 2) Individual-based approach by axioms weakening.

¹ <https://github.com/wolpertinger-reasoner>

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Representation Theorem

In *SROIQ* under fixed-domain semantics, an operator \circ satisfies (G1)–(G6) if and only if \circ is **compatible** with some **faithful preorder** assignment.

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$$\llbracket \mathcal{K} \circ_{\Delta} \mathcal{K}' \rrbracket_{\Delta} = \min(\llbracket \mathcal{K}' \rrbracket_{\Delta}, \preceq_{\mathcal{K}}^{\Delta})$$

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Given some exceptional individuals $\Delta' \subseteq \Delta$ with $\Delta' = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$. Consider an axiom $\sigma \in \mathcal{K}$:

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The **weakened knowledge base** $\mathcal{K}^{-\Delta'}$ of \mathcal{K} w.r.t. Δ' is $\mathcal{K}^{-\Delta'} = \{\sigma^{-\Delta'} \mid \sigma \in \mathcal{K}\}$

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Conclusions

- Semantic characterization of AGM revision operator in DL under fixed-domain semantics
- Concrete revision approaches for DL under fixed-domain semantics
 - Model-based approach
 - Individual-based approach by axioms weakening

Future work:

- new axiom construction for model-based revision to be more human-readable
- efficient implementation and evaluation