# Reasoning with Horn Description Logics Ontologies and Knowledge Graphs David Carral, Ph.D.



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# Motivation



## What is a Knowledge Graph?

A Knowledge Graph is a data repository that is:

- \* Normalised: Data is decomposed into small units ("edges")
- \* **Connected:** Knowledge is represented by relationships between these units

# Extending KGs with **OWL** terminological axioms:

- \* Data integration
- \* Information extraction
- \* Automatic population
- \* Debugging



## Scalability

KGs contain large amounts of assertional information:





 $70 \times 10^9$  facts, > 570 x 10<sup>6</sup> entities

### Lack of tool support:

- \* Traditional KR/DL View: Schema first (class consistency, classification...)
- \* Knowledge Graphs: Data first (instance retrieval, CQ answering...)

## From OWL to Rules



### In **theory**:

- \* Correctness
- \* Complexity

### In practice:

- \* Implement transformations
- \* Evaluate performance
- \* Further develop and optimise rule engines

## From OWL to Rules

### **Acyclicity Notions**

- \* A Practical Acyclicity Notion for Query Answering over Horn-SRIQ Ontologies [ISWC 2016]
- \* Restricted Chase (Non)Termination for Existential Rules with Disjunctions [IJCAI 2017]
- \* Tractable Query Answering for Expressive Ontologies and Rules [ISWC 2017]

### **The Combined Approach**

- \* Pushing the Boundaries of Tractable Ontology Reasoning [ISWC 2014]
- \* The Combined Approach to Query Answering Beyond the OWL 2 Profiles [IJCAI 2015]
- \* The Combined Approach to Query Answering Horn-ALCHOIQ [KR 2018]

### **Reasoning with Nominal Schemas**

\* Towards an Efficient Reasoning Algorithm to Reason over DLs Extended with Nominal Schemas [RR 2013]

Acyclicity Notions for Horn DL Ontologies

### The DL Horn-SROIQ

 $C_1 \sqcap \ldots \sqcap C_n \sqsubseteq D$  $C \sqsubseteq \forall S.D$  $C \sqsubseteq \exists S.D$  $C \sqsubseteq \leqslant 1 S.D$  $C \sqsubseteq \{d\}$  $R_1 \circ \ldots \circ R_n \sqsubseteq S$ 

Figure 1: Where  $C_{(i),D} \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $R, S \in \mathbf{R}$ , and  $d \in \mathbf{I}$ .

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## The Chase Algorithm

Features(x, y)  $\rightarrow$  Actor(y)DirectedBy(x, y)  $\rightarrow$  Directs(y, x)ActsIn(x, y)  $\rightarrow$  Features(y, x)Directs(x, y)  $\wedge$  Features(y, z)  $\rightarrow$  DirectsActor(x, z)



## The Chase Algorithm

 $\begin{array}{ll} Film(x) \longrightarrow \exists v \ . \ DirectedBy(x, v) \land Director(v) & Directs(x, y) \longrightarrow DirectedBy(y, x) \\ Director(x) \longrightarrow \exists w \ . \ Directs(x, w) \land Film(w) & DirectedBy(x, y) \longrightarrow Directs(y, x) \end{array}$ 



### Motivation

### \* Performance.

- \* DL Reasoner: Konclude
- \* Chase Implementation using the Datalog reasoner RDFox
- \* Solves conjunctive query answering.













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### Acyclicity Notions

- \* Weak Acyclicity (WA) [Theor. Comput. Sci. 2005]
- \* Joint Acyclicity (JA) [IJCAI 2011]
- \* Model-Summarising Acyclicity (MSA) and Model-Faithful Acyclicity (MFA) [J. Artif. Intell. Res. 2013]
- \* Restricted Joint Acyclicity (RJA), Restricted Model-Summarising Acyclicity (RMSA), and Restricted Model-Faithful Acyclicity (RMFA) [IJCAI 2017]

### Datalog-first Restricted Chase

Film(x)  $\rightarrow \exists v . DirectedBy(x, v) \land Director(v)$ Directs(x, y)  $\rightarrow DirectedBy(y, x)$ Director(x)  $\rightarrow \exists w . Directs(x, w) \land Film(w)$ DirectedBy(x, y)  $\rightarrow Directs(y, x)$ 



## The MFA Check

- \* Approach: perform chase, check if it stops; give up if a cyclic skolem term (with a repeated function symbol) appears.
- \* Termination may depend on given facts but, if the approach terminates on the **critical instance** (the set of all possible facts using a single constant "★"), then it terminates on all sets of facts.



## The RMFA Check: Blocked Checks

- \* Problem: restricted chase termination is not monotone!
- \* In particular, it always terminates on the critical instance.
- \* Idea: for each fact that occurs in the chase sequence, we can re-trace a necessary fact set the must have been derived to derive this fact. By checking these facts we can in some cases determine that the application of the rule and substitution that generate this fact are **blocked**.

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**Example:** Suppose for a contradiction that the fact Director(v(w(c))) is derived during the computation of a chase sequence.

- \* Such a fact may only be derived via application of the red rule on the fact Film(w(c)) which, in turn, may only occur in the chase via the application of the blue rule. Therefore, facts Director(c) and Directs(c, w(c)) are also part of the chase when the fact Director(v(w(c))) is derived.
- \* Because the green rule is Datalog, DirectedBy(v(c), c) is also part of the chase (Datalog-first!).
- \* The red rule may not be applied to introduce a fact such as Director(v(w(c))).

## The RMFA Check

- \* Perform a chase like construction on the critical instance.
- \* Only apply an existential rule with respect to a substitution if this pair is not **blocked**.
- \* Give up if the procedure does not stop before the occurrence of a cyclic term.



- \* Theorem [IJCAI 2017]: Deciding if a rule set is RMFA is 2ExpTime-complete.
- \* Slightly better bounds for DL Horn ontologies (ExpTime-complete).
- \* In practice: Did not encounter major performance issues even for a prototype implementation.

### Real-world Coverage

- \* We studied 1220 ontologies obtained from two sources: MOWLCorp and Oxford Ontology Library.
- \* We developed a cyclicity notion, i.e., sufficient conditions for chase non-termination: Restricted Model-Faithful Cyclicity (**RMFC**)



### Restricted Chase: VLog Implementation



#### Fig. 1. Memory usage (left) and materialisation time (right) for VLog and RDFox



### Problem Solved?

Once we develop efficient reasoners for KGs extended with OWL we are set!

Surely not, a lot of work still needs to be done:

- \* Expressive languages for KR on the web (existential rules)
- \* Support in KR languages (and implementations) with some form of numerical reasoning and can deal with metadata (annotated logics)
- Development of tools that can assist knowledges engineers on the creation of terminologies for KGs



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### SQID: Extending Wikidata with Rules





SQID	Search Item	Q	Start	Properties	Classes	Rules	About
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