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- Published today
- First delivery due 19th of March
- Final delivery 2 weeks after feedback
- Extra question for IN4060 students
- “Real” semantics of RDF and RDFS
- Foundations book: Section 3.2
- Still OK to ignore some complications, see oblig text
- We provide an excerpt of Sect. 3.2 with unimportant parts removed.
- Go to group sessions!

## Today's Plan

- 1 Repetition: RDF semantics
- 2 Literal Semantics
- 3 Blank Node Semantics
- 4 Properties of Entailment by Model Semantics
- 5 Entailment and Derivability

## Outline

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## Restricting RDF/RDFS

- We will simplify things by only looking at certain kinds of RDF graphs.
- No triples “about” properties, classes, etc., except RDFS
- Assume Resources are divided into four disjoint types:
  - *Properties* like foaf:knows, dc:title
  - *Classes* like foaf:Person
  - *Built-ins*, a fixed set including rdf:type, rdfs:domain, etc.
  - *Individuals* (all the rest, “usual” resources)
- All triples have one of the forms:
 

```
individual property individual .
individual rdf:type class .

class rdfs:subClassOf class .
property rdfs:subPropertyOf property .
property rdfs:domain class .
property rdfs:range class .
```
- Forget blank nodes and literals for a while!

## Short Forms

- Resources and Triples are no longer all alike
- No need to use the same general triple notation
- Use alternative notation

Triples	Abbreviation
indi prop indi .	$r(i_1, i_2)$
indi rdf:type class .	$C(i_1)$
class rdfs:subClassOf class .	$C \sqsubseteq D$
prop rdfs:subPropertyOf prop .	$r \sqsubseteq s$
prop rdfs:domain class .	$\text{dom}(r, C)$
prop rdfs:range class .	$\text{rg}(r, C)$

- This is called “Description Logic” (DL) Syntax
- Used much in particular for OWL

## Example

- Triples:
 

```
ws:romeo ws:loves ws:juliet .
ws:juliet rdf:type ws:Lady .

ws:Lady rdfs:subClassOf foaf:Person .
ws:loves rdfs:subPropertyOf foaf:knows .
ws:loves rdfs:domain ws:Lover .
ws:loves rdfs:range ws:Beloved .
```
- DL syntax, without namespaces:
 

```
loves(romeo, juliet)
Lady(juliet)

Lady  $\sqsubseteq$  Person
loves  $\sqsubseteq$  knows
dom(loves, Lover)
rg(loves, Beloved)
```



## Interpretations for RDF

- To interpret the six kinds of triples, we need to know how to interpret
  - *Individual URIs* as real or imagined objects
  - *Class URIs* as sets of such objects
  - *Property URIs* as relations between these objects
- A *DL-interpretation*  $\mathcal{I}$  consists of
  - A set  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ , called the *domain* (sorry!) of  $\mathcal{I}$
  - For each individual URI  $i$ , an element  $i^{\mathcal{I}} \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
  - For each class URI  $C$ , a subset  $C^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
  - For each property URI  $r$ , a relation  $r^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
- Given these, it will be possible to say whether a triple holds or not.

## An example "intended" interpretation

- $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \text{romeo}, \text{juliet} \}$
- $\text{romeo}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \text{romeo}, \text{juliet}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \text{juliet}$
- $\text{Lady}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \text{juliet} \}, \text{Person}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1}$
- $\text{Lover}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \text{Beloved}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \langle \text{romeo}, \text{juliet} \rangle \}$
- $\text{loves}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \langle \langle \text{romeo}, \text{juliet} \rangle, \text{juliet} \rangle, \langle \langle \text{juliet}, \text{romeo} \rangle, \text{romeo} \rangle \}$
- $\text{knows}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1}$

## An example "non-intended" interpretation

- $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}_2} = \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
- $\text{romeo}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = 17, \text{juliet}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = 32$
- $\text{Lady}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = \{2^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, \dots\}$   
 $\text{Person}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = \{2n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots\}$   
 $\text{Lover}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = \text{Beloved}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = \mathbb{N}$
- $\text{loves}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = \leq = \{ \langle x, y \rangle \mid x < y \}$   
 $\text{knows}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = \leq = \{ \langle x, y \rangle \mid x \leq y \}$
- Just because names (URIs) look familiar, they don't need to denote what we think!
- In fact, there is *no way* of ensuring they denote only what we think!

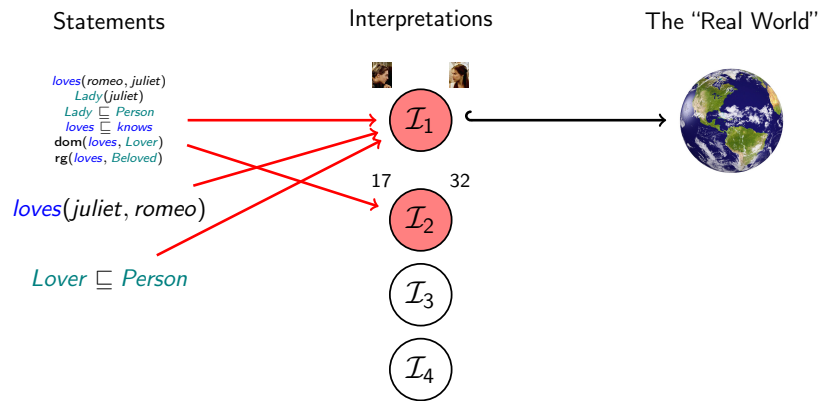
## Validity in Interpretations

- Given an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ , define  $\models$  as follows:
  - $\mathcal{I} \models r(i_1, i_2)$  iff  $\langle i_1^{\mathcal{I}}, i_2^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in r^{\mathcal{I}}$
  - $\mathcal{I} \models C(i)$  iff  $i^{\mathcal{I}} \in C^{\mathcal{I}}$
  - $\mathcal{I} \models C \subseteq D$  iff  $C^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq D^{\mathcal{I}}$
  - $\mathcal{I} \models r \sqsubseteq s$  iff  $r^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq s^{\mathcal{I}}$
  - $\mathcal{I} \models \text{dom}(r, C)$  iff  $\text{dom } r^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq C^{\mathcal{I}}$
  - $\mathcal{I} \models \text{rg}(r, C)$  iff  $\text{rg } r^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq C^{\mathcal{I}}$
- For a set of triples  $\mathcal{A}$  (any of the six kinds)
- $\mathcal{A}$  is valid in  $\mathcal{I}$ , written
 
$$\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{A}$$
- iff  $\mathcal{I} \models A$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

## Validity Examples

- $\mathcal{I}_1 \models \text{loves}(\text{juliet}, \text{romeo})$  because
 
$$\langle \text{juliet}^{\mathcal{I}_1}, \text{romeo}^{\mathcal{I}_1} \rangle \in \text{loves}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \langle \langle \text{romeo}, \text{juliet} \rangle, \text{juliet} \rangle, \langle \langle \text{juliet}, \text{romeo} \rangle, \text{romeo} \rangle \}$$
- $\mathcal{I}_2 \not\models \text{Person}(\text{romeo})$  because
 
$$\text{romeo}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = 17 \notin \text{Person}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots\}$$
- $\mathcal{I}_1 \models \text{Lover} \sqsubseteq \text{Person}$  because
 
$$\text{Lover}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \langle \text{romeo}, \text{juliet} \rangle \} \subseteq \text{Person}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \text{romeo}, \text{juliet} \}$$
- $\mathcal{I}_2 \not\models \text{Lover} \sqsubseteq \text{Person}$  because
 
$$\text{Lover}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \text{Person}^{\mathcal{I}_2} = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots\}$$

## Finding out stuff about Romeo and Juliet



## Entailment

- Given a set of triples  $\mathcal{A}$  (any of the six kinds)
- And a further triple  $T$  (also any kind)
- $T$  is entailed by  $\mathcal{A}$ , written  $\mathcal{A} \models T$
- iff
  - For any interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  with  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{A}$
  - $\mathcal{I} \models T$ .
- Example:
  - $\mathcal{A} = \{\dots, Lady(juliet), Lady \sqsubseteq Person, \dots\}$  as before
  - $\mathcal{A} \models Person(juliet)$  because...
  - in *any* interpretation  $\mathcal{I} \dots$
  - if  $juliet^{\mathcal{I}} \in Lady^{\mathcal{I}}$  and  $Lady^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq Person^{\mathcal{I}} \dots$
  - then by set theory  $juliet^{\mathcal{I}} \in Person^{\mathcal{I}}$
- *Not* about  $T$  being (intuitively) true or not
- Only about whether  $T$  is a *consequence* of  $\mathcal{A}$

## Countermodels

- If  $\mathcal{A} \not\models T, \dots$
- then there is an  $\mathcal{I}$  with
  - $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{A}$
  - $\mathcal{I} \not\models T$
- Vice-versa: if  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{I} \not\models T$ , then  $\mathcal{A} \not\models T$
- Such an  $\mathcal{I}$  is called a *counter-model* (for the assumption that  $\mathcal{A}$  entails  $T$ )
- To show that  $\mathcal{A} \models T$  does *not* hold:
  - Describe an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  (using your fantasy)
  - Prove that  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{A}$  (using the semantics)
  - Prove that  $\mathcal{I} \not\models T$  (using the semantics)

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## Motivating example

- Consider again the set of triples  $\mathcal{A}$ :
  - `loves(romeo, juliet)`
  - `Lady(juliet)`
  - `Lady  $\sqsubseteq$  Person`
  - `loves  $\sqsubseteq$  knows`
  - `dom(loves, Lover)`
  - `rg(loves, Beloved)`
- We can now say something about if  $\mathcal{A}$  is valid in an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$
- Say we add the triple  $T = \text{age}(\text{juliet}, "13")$
- Is this new set of triples valid in any of our interpretations  $\mathcal{I}_1$  or  $\mathcal{I}_2$ , why?

## Simplifying Literals

- Literals can only occur as *objects* of triples
- Have datatype, can be with or without language tag
- The same predicate can be used with literals and resources:
  - `ex:me ex:likes dbpedia:Berlin .`
  - `ex:me ex:likes "some string" .`
- We simplify things by:
  - considering only string literals without language tag, and
  - allowing either resource objects or literal objects for any predicate
- Five types of resources:
  - Object Properties** like `foaf:knows`
  - Datatype Properties** like `dc:title`, `foaf:name`
  - Classes** like `foaf:Person`
  - Built-ins**, a fixed set including `rdf:type`, `rdfs:domain`, etc.
  - Individuals** (all the rest, "usual" resources)
- Why? – simpler, object/datatype split is in OWL

## Allowed triples

Allow only triples using **object properties** and **datatype properties** as intended

Triples	Abbreviation
<code>indi o-prop indi .</code>	$r(i_1, i_2)$
<code>indi d-prop "lit" .</code>	$a(i, l)$
<code>indi rdf:type class .</code>	$C(i)$
<code>class rdfs:subClassOf class .</code>	$C \sqsubseteq D$
<code>o-prop rdfs:subPropertyOf o-prop .</code>	$r \sqsubseteq s$
<code>d-prop rdfs:subPropertyOf d-prop .</code>	$a \sqsubseteq b$
<code>o-prop rdfs:domain class .</code>	$\text{dom}(r, C)$
<code>o-prop rdfs:range class .</code>	$\text{rg}(r, C)$

## Interpretation with Literals

- Let  $\Lambda$  be the set of all literal values, i.e. all strings
  - Chosen once and for all, same for all interpretations
- A *DL-interpretation*  $\mathcal{I}$  consists of
  - A set  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ , called the *domain* of  $\mathcal{I}$
  - Interpretations  $i^{\mathcal{I}} \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ ,  $C^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ , and  $r^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$  as before
  - For each datatype property URI  $a$ , a relation  $a^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Lambda$
- Semantics:
  - $\mathcal{I} \models r(i_1, i_2)$  iff  $\langle i_1^{\mathcal{I}}, i_2^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in r^{\mathcal{I}}$  for object property  $r$
  - $\mathcal{I} \models a(i, l)$  iff  $\langle i^{\mathcal{I}}, l \rangle \in a^{\mathcal{I}}$  for datatype property  $a$
  - $\mathcal{I} \models r \sqsubseteq s$  iff  $r^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq s^{\mathcal{I}}$  for object properties  $r, s$
  - $\mathcal{I} \models a \sqsubseteq b$  iff  $a^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq b^{\mathcal{I}}$  for datatype properties  $a, b$
- Note: Literals  $l$  are in  $\Lambda$ , don't need to be interpreted.

### Example: Interpretation with a Datatype Property

- $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \langle \text{img1}, \text{img2}, \text{img3} \rangle \}$
- $\text{loves}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \langle \langle \text{img1}, \text{img2} \rangle, \text{img3} \rangle, \langle \text{img2}, \text{img1} \rangle \}$
- $\text{knows}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1}$
- $\text{age}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \langle \langle \text{img1}, "16" \rangle, \langle \text{img2}, "almost 14" \rangle, \langle \text{img3}, "13" \rangle \}$

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### Motivating example

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- $\text{loves}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \langle \langle \text{img1}, \text{img2} \rangle, \text{img3} \rangle, \langle \text{img2}, \text{img1} \rangle \}$       $\text{knows}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1}$
- $\text{age}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \langle \langle \text{img1}, "16" \rangle, \langle \text{img2}, "almost 14" \rangle, \langle \text{img3}, "13" \rangle \}$
- Let  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  be blank nodes
- $\mathcal{A} = \{ \text{age}(b_1, "16"), \text{loves}(b_1, b_2), \text{age}(b_2, "13") \}$
- Is  $\mathcal{A}$  valid in  $\mathcal{I}_1$ ? why?

### Blank Nodes

- Remember: Blank nodes are just like resources. . .
- . . . but without a "global" URI.
- Blank node has a local "blank node identifier" instead.
- A blank node *can* be used in several triples. . .
- . . . but they have to be in the same "file" or "data set"
- Semantics of blank nodes require looking at a set of triples
- But we still need to interpret single triples.
- Solution: pass in blank node interpretation, deal with sets later!

## Blank Node Valuations

- Given an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  with domain  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \dots$ 
  - A blank node valuation  $\beta \dots$
  - $\dots$  gives a domain element or literal value  $\beta(b) \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \cup \Lambda \dots$
  - $\dots$  for every blank node ID  $b$
- Now define  $\cdot^{\mathcal{I},\beta}$ 
  - $i^{\mathcal{I},\beta} = i^{\mathcal{I}}$  for individual URIs  $i$
  - $l^{\mathcal{I},\beta} = l$  for literals  $l$
  - $b^{\mathcal{I},\beta} = \beta(b)$  for blank node IDs  $b$
- Interpretation:
  - $\mathcal{I}, \beta \models r(x, y)$  iff  $\langle x^{\mathcal{I},\beta}, y^{\mathcal{I},\beta} \rangle \in r^{\mathcal{I}} \dots$
  - $\dots$  for any legal combination of URIs/literals/blank nodes  $x, y$
  - $\dots$  and object/datatype property  $r$
  - $\mathcal{I}, \beta \models C(x)$  iff  $x^{\mathcal{I},\beta} \in C^{\mathcal{I},\beta}$
  - $\dots$  for any URI/blank node  $x$

## Sets of Triples with Blank Nodes

- Given a set  $\mathcal{A}$  of triples with blank nodes...
- $\mathcal{I}, \beta \models \mathcal{A}$  iff  $\mathcal{I}, \beta \models A$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$
- $\mathcal{A}$  is valid in  $\mathcal{I}$ 

$$\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{A}$$
 if there is a  $\beta$  such that  $\mathcal{I}, \beta \models \mathcal{A}$
- i.e. if there exists some valuation for the blank nodes that makes all triples true.

## Example: Blank Node Semantics

- $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \text{img1}, \text{img2}, \text{img3} \}$
- $\text{loves}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \langle \text{img1}, \text{img2} \rangle, \langle \text{img2}, \text{img3} \rangle \}$       $\text{knows}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}_1}$
- $\text{age}^{\mathcal{I}_1} = \{ \langle \text{img1}, "16" \rangle, \langle \text{img2}, "almost 14" \rangle, \langle \text{img3}, "13" \rangle \}$
- Let  $b_1, b_2, b_3$  be blank nodes
- $\mathcal{A} = \{ \text{age}(b_1, "16"), \text{knows}(b_1, b_2), \text{loves}(b_2, b_3), \text{age}(b_3, "13") \}$
- Valid in  $\mathcal{I}_1$ ?
- Pick  $\beta(b_1) = \text{img1}, \beta(b_2) = \text{img2}, \beta(b_3) = \text{img3}$ .
- Then  $\mathcal{I}_1, \beta \models \mathcal{A}$
- So, yes,  $\mathcal{I}_1 \models \mathcal{A}$ .

## Entailment with Blank Nodes

- Entailment is defined just like without blank nodes:
  - Given sets of triples  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ ,
  - $\mathcal{A}$  entails  $\mathcal{B}$ , written  $\mathcal{A} \models \mathcal{B}$
  - iff for any interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  with  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{A}$ , also  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{B}$ .
- This expands to: for any interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ 
  - such that there exists a  $\beta_1$  with  $\mathcal{I}, \beta_1 \models \mathcal{A}$
  - there also exists a  $\beta_2$  such that  $\mathcal{I}, \beta_2 \models \mathcal{B}$
- Two different blank node valuations!
- Can evaluate the same blank node name differently in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ .
- Example:
 
$$\{ \text{loves}(b_1, \text{juliet}), \text{knows}(\text{juliet}, \text{romeo}), \text{age}(\text{juliet}, "13") \}$$

$$\models \{ \text{loves}(b_2, b_1), \text{knows}(b_1, \text{romeo}) \}$$
- Simple entailment: entailment with blank nodes, but no RDFS semantics

## Simple Entailment: Rules and Example

$$\frac{r(u, x)}{r(u, b_1)} \text{ se1} \quad \frac{r(u, x)}{r(b_1, x)} \text{ se2}$$

Where  $b_1$  is a blank node identifier, that either

- has not been used before in the graph, or
- has been used, but for the same URI/Literal/Blank node  $x$  resp.  $u$ .

$\{ \text{loves}(b_1, \text{juliet}), \text{knows}(\text{juliet}, \text{romeo}), \text{age}(\text{juliet}, "13") \}$

$\text{loves}(b_2, \text{juliet}) \quad \text{se2}, (b_2 \rightarrow b_1)$

$\text{loves}(b_2, b_3) \quad \text{se1}, (b_3 \rightarrow \text{juliet})$

$\text{knows}(b_3, \text{romeo}) \quad \text{se2}, (\text{reusing } b_3 \rightarrow \text{juliet})$

$\models \{ \text{loves}(b_2, b_3), \text{knows}(b_3, \text{romeo}) \}$  renamed blank nodes in  $\mathcal{B}$ !

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## Monotonicity

- Assume  $\mathcal{A} \models \mathcal{B}$
- Now add information to  $\mathcal{A}$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{A}' \supseteq \mathcal{A}$
- Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is still entailed:  $\mathcal{A}' \models \mathcal{B}$
- We say that RDF/RDFS entailment is *monotonic*
- What would non-monotonic reasoning be like?
  - $\{ \text{Bird} \sqsubseteq \text{CanFly}, \text{Bird}(\text{tweety}) \} \models \text{CanFly}(\text{tweety})$
  - $\{ \dots, \text{Penguin} \sqsubseteq \text{Bird}, \text{Penguin}(\text{tweety}), \text{Penguin} \sqsubseteq \neg \text{CanFly} \} \not\models \text{CanFly}(\text{tweety})$
  - Interesting for human-style reasoning
  - Hard to combine with semantic web technologies

## Expressive limitations of RDFS

Note that,

- RDFS cannot express inconsistencies, so **any** RDFS graph is consistent.
- RDFS has no notion of negation **at all**
  - For instance, the two triples
 

```
ex:Joe rdf:type ex:Smoker .
ex:Joe rdf:type ex:NonSmoker .
```

 are not inconsistent.
    - (It is not possible to in RDFS to say that `ex:Smoker` and `ex:nonSmoker` are disjoint).

Therefore,

- RDFS supports no reasoning services that require consistency-checking.
- If negation or consistency-checks are needed, one must turn to OWL.
- More about that next week.



## Entailment and SPARQL

- Given a knowledge base  $KB$  and a query `SELECT * WHERE {?x :p ?y. ?y :q ?z.}`
- The query means: find  $x, y, z$  with  $p(x, y)$  and  $q(y, z)$
- Semantics: find  $x, y, z$  with

$$KB \models \{p(x, y), q(y, z)\}$$

- E.g. an answer

$$x \leftarrow \text{ex:a} \quad y \leftarrow \text{ifi:in3060} \quad z \leftarrow \text{"a"}$$

means

$$KB \models \{p(a, \text{in3060}), q(\text{in3060}, \text{"a"})\}$$

- Monotonicity:
 
$$KB \cup \{\dots\} \models \{p(a, \text{in3060}), q(\text{in3060}, \text{"a"})\}$$
- Answers remain valid with new information!

## Database Lookup versus Entailment

- Knowledge base  $KB$ :

$$Person(\text{harald}) \quad Person(\text{haakon}) \quad isFatherOf(\text{harald}, \text{haakon})$$

- Question: is there a person without a father?
- Ask a database:
  - Yes: *harald*
- ask a semantics based system
  - find  $x$  with  $KB \models 'x \text{ has no father}'$
  - No answer: don't know
- Why?
  - Monotonicity!
  - $KB \cup \{isFatherOf(\text{olav}, \text{harald})\} \models \text{harald does have a father}$
  - In some models of  $KB$ , harald has a father, in others not.

## Open World versus Closed World

- Closed World Assumption (CWA)
  - If a thing is not listed in the knowledge base, it doesn't exist
  - If a fact isn't stated (or derivable) it's false
  - Typical semantics for database systems
- Open World Assumption (OWA)
  - There might be things not mentioned in the knowledge base
  - There might be facts that are true, although they are not stated
  - Typical semantics for logic-based systems
- What is best for the Semantic Web?
  - Will never know all information sources
  - Can "discover" new information by following links
  - New information can be produced at any time
  - Therefore: Open World Assumption

## Consequences of the Open World Assumption

- Robust under missing information
- Any answer given by
  - Entailment

$$KB \models Person(\text{juliet})$$

- SPARQL query answering (entailment in disguise)

$$KB \models \{p(a, \text{in3060}), q(\text{in3060}, \text{"a"})\}$$

remains valid when new information is added to  $KB$

- Some things make no sense with this semantics
  - Queries with negation ("not")
    - might be satisfied later on
  - Queries with aggregation (counting, adding... )
    - can change when more information comes

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## Two Kinds of Consequence?

- We now have two ways of describing logical consequence...

## 1. Using RDFS rules:

$$\frac{\text{:Lady rdfs:subClassOf :Person .} \quad \text{:juliet a :Lady .}}{\text{:juliet a :Person .}} \text{ rdfs9}$$

$$\frac{\text{Lady} \sqsubseteq \text{Person} \quad \text{Lady(juliet)}}{\text{Person(juliet)}} \text{ rdfs9}$$

## 2. Using the model semantics

- If  $\mathcal{I} \models \text{Lady} \sqsubseteq \text{Person}$  and  $\mathcal{I} \models \text{Lady(juliet)}$ ...
- ... then  $\text{Lady}^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \text{Person}^{\mathcal{I}}$  and  $\text{juliet}^{\mathcal{I}} \in \text{Lady}^{\mathcal{I}}$ ...
- ... so by set theory,  $\text{juliet}^{\mathcal{I}} \in \text{Person}^{\mathcal{I}}$ ...
- ... and therefore  $\mathcal{I} \models \text{Person(juliet)}$ .
- Together:  $\{\text{Lady} \sqsubseteq \text{Person}, \text{Lady(juliet)}\} \models \text{Person(juliet)}$
- What is the connection between these two?

## Entailment and Derivability

- Actually, two different notions!
- Entailment is defined using the model semantics.
- The rules say what can be *derived*
  - derivability
  - provability
- Entailment
  - is closely related to the *meaning* of things
  - higher confidence in model semantics than in a bunch of rules
  - *The* semantics given by the standard, rules are just “informative”
  - can't be directly checked mechanically ( $\infty$  many interpretations)
- Derivability
  - can be checked mechanically
  - forward or backward chaining
- Want these notions to correspond:
  - $\mathcal{A} \models \mathcal{B}$  iff  $\mathcal{B}$  can be derived from  $\mathcal{A}$

## Soundness

- Two directions:
  - 1 If  $\mathcal{A} \models \mathcal{B}$  then  $\mathcal{B}$  can be derived from  $\mathcal{A}$
  - 2 If  $\mathcal{B}$  can be derived from  $\mathcal{A}$  then  $\mathcal{A} \models \mathcal{B}$
- Nr. 2 usually considered more important:
- If the calculus says that something is entailed then it is really entailed.
- The calculus gives no “wrong” answers.
- This is known as *soundness*
- The calculus is said to be *sound* (w.r.t. the model semantics)

## Showing Soundness

- Soundness of every rule has to be (manually) checked!
- E.g. rdfs11,

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq B \quad B \sqsubseteq C}{A \sqsubseteq C} \text{ rdfs11}$$

- Soundness means that
  - For any choice of three classes  $A, B, C$
  - $\{A \sqsubseteq B, B \sqsubseteq C\} \models A \sqsubseteq C$
- Proof:
  - Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an arbitrary interpretation with  $\mathcal{I} \models \{A \sqsubseteq B, B \sqsubseteq C\}$
  - Then by model semantics,  $A^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq B^{\mathcal{I}}$  and  $B^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq C^{\mathcal{I}}$
  - By set theory,  $A^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq C^{\mathcal{I}}$
  - By model semantics,  $\mathcal{I} \models A \sqsubseteq C$
  - Q.E.D.
- This can be done similarly for all of the rules.
  - All given SE/RDF/RDFS rules are sound w.r.t. the model semantics!

## Completeness

- Two directions:
  - 1 If  $\mathcal{A} \models \mathcal{B}$  then  $\mathcal{B}$  can be derived from  $\mathcal{A}$
  - 2 If  $\mathcal{B}$  can be derived from  $\mathcal{A}$  then  $\mathcal{A} \models \mathcal{B}$
- Nr. 1 says that any entailment can be found using the rules.
- I.e. we have “enough” rules.
- Can't be checked separately for each rule, only for whole rule set
- Proofs are more complicated than soundness

## Simple Entailment: Completeness

- Simple entailment is entailment
  - With blank nodes and literals
  - but without RDFS
  - and without RDF axioms like `rdf:type` `rdf:Property` .
- se1 and se2 are complete for simple entailment, i.e.
  - if  $\mathcal{A}$  simply entails  $\mathcal{B}$
  - then  $\mathcal{A}$  can be extended with se1 and se2 to  $\mathcal{A}'$  with  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}'$ .
- (requires blank node IDs in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  to be disjoint)

## Rules for (simplified) RDF/RDFS

- See Foundations book, Sect. 3.3
- Many rules and axioms not needed for our “simplified” RDF/RDFS
  - `rdfs:range` `rdfs:domain` `rdfs:Class` ...
- Important rules for us:

$$\frac{\text{dom}(r, A) \quad r(x, y)}{A(x)} \text{ rdfs2}$$

$$\frac{\text{rg}(r, B) \quad r(x, y)}{B(y)} \text{ rdfs3}$$

$$\frac{r \sqsubseteq s \quad s \sqsubseteq t}{r \sqsubseteq t} \text{ rdfs5}$$

$$\frac{}{r \sqsubseteq r} \text{ rdfs6}$$

$$\frac{r \sqsubseteq s \quad r(x, y)}{s(x, y)} \text{ rdfs7}$$

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq B \quad A(x)}{B(x)} \text{ rdfs9}$$

$$\frac{}{A \sqsubseteq A} \text{ rdfs10}$$

$$\frac{A \sqsubseteq B \quad B \sqsubseteq C}{A \sqsubseteq C} \text{ rdfs11}$$

## Complete?

- These rules are *not* complete for our RDF/RDFS semantics
- For instance

$$\{\text{rg}(\text{loves}, \text{Beloved}), \text{Beloved} \sqsubseteq \text{Person}\} \models \text{rg}(\text{loves}, \text{Person})$$

- Because for every interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ ,
  - if  $\mathcal{I} \models \{\text{rg}(\text{loves}, \text{Beloved}), \text{Beloved} \sqsubseteq \text{Person}\}$
  - then by semantics, for all  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{loves}^{\mathcal{I}}$ ,  $y \in \text{Beloved}^{\mathcal{I}}$ ; and  $\text{Beloved}^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \text{Person}^{\mathcal{I}}$ .
  - Therefore, by set theory, for all  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{loves}^{\mathcal{I}}$ ,  $y \in \text{Person}^{\mathcal{I}}$ .
  - By semantics,  $\mathcal{I} \models \text{rg}(\text{loves}, \text{Person})$
- But there is no way to derive this using the given rules
  - There is no rule which allows to derive a range statement.
- We could now add rules to make the system complete
- Won't bother to do that now. Will get completeness for OWL.

## Outlook

- RDFS allows some simple modelling: “all ladies are persons”
- The following lectures will be about OWL
- Will allow to say things like
  - Every car has a motor
  - Every car has at least three parts of type wheel
  - A mother is a person who is female and has at least one child
  - The friends of my friends are also my friends
  - A metropolis is a town with at least a million inhabitants
  - ... and many more
- Modeling will not be done by writing triples manually:
- Will use ontology editor Protégé.