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## Lecture 10: OWL, the Web Ontology Language

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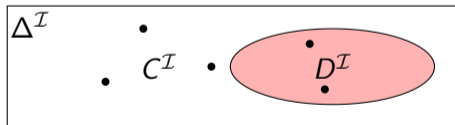
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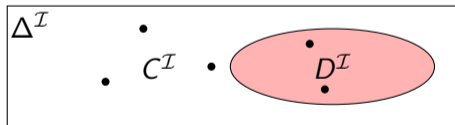


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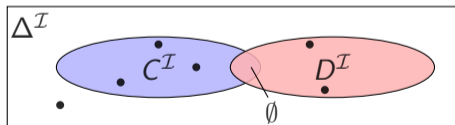
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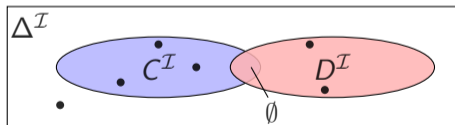


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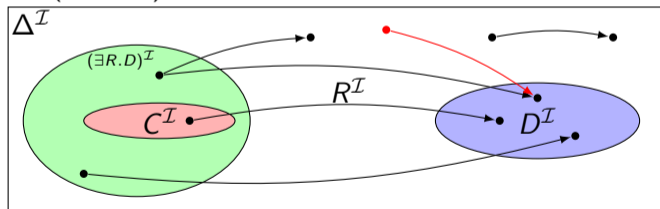
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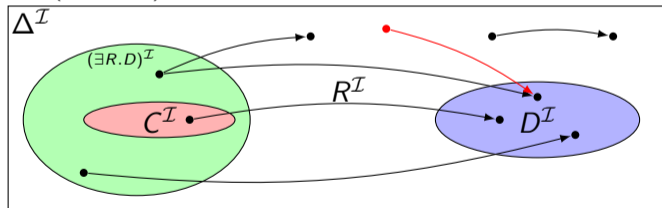
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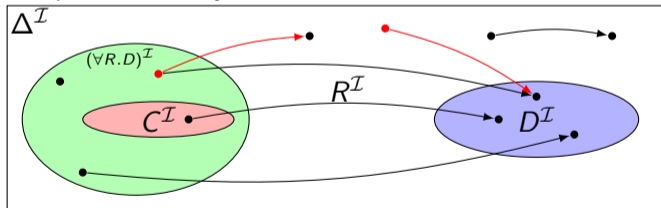
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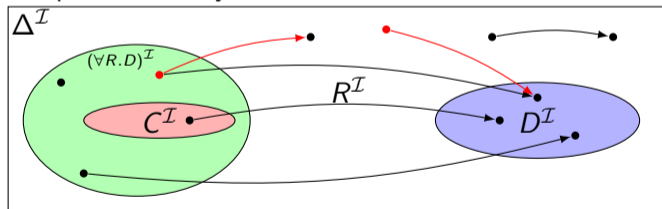
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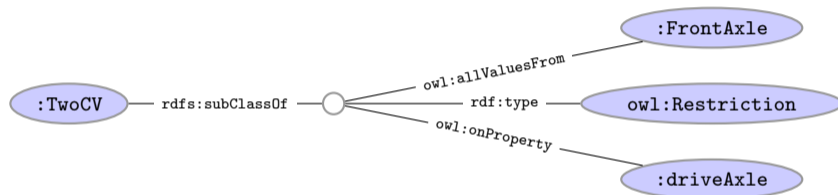
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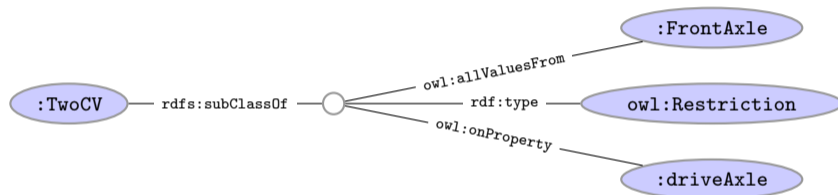
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# Demo: Using Protégé

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- Make the axle classes disjoint.
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