

Ontology Languages (COMP321)
Solution to Exercise 8

1. Query Rewriting. Let

$$\mathcal{T} = \{\text{Player} \equiv \exists \text{plays}.\top, \text{Player} \sqsubseteq \text{Human}, \text{Human} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{has_father}.\top\}$$

and

$$F(x) = \text{Human}(x), \quad G(x) = \text{Player}(x)$$

Construct queries $F_{\mathcal{T}}(x)$ and $G_{\mathcal{T}}(x)$ such that for all ABoxes \mathcal{A} and the corresponding interpretations $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}}$ the following holds for all individual names a :

$$(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}) \models F(a) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}} \models F_{\mathcal{T}}(a)$$

$$(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}) \models G(a) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}} \models G_{\mathcal{T}}(a)$$

Solution. We can take

$$F_{\mathcal{T}}(x) = \text{Player}(x) \vee (\exists y.\text{plays}(x, y)) \vee \text{Human}(x)$$

and

$$G_{\mathcal{T}}(x) = \text{Player}(x) \vee (\exists y.\text{plays}(x, y))$$

2. Query Rewriting. Let

$$\mathcal{T} = \{\exists \text{has_predecessor}.\text{Number} \sqsubseteq \text{Number}\}$$

and let

$$F(x) = \text{Number}(x)$$

Does there exist an FOPL query $F_{\mathcal{T}}(x)$ such that for all ABoxes \mathcal{A} and the corresponding interpretations $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}}$ the following holds for all individual names a :

$$(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}) \models F(a) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}} \models F_{\mathcal{T}}(a)$$

Give an informal explanation for your answer.

Solution. There does not exist such an FOPL query. Note that for the infinite disjunction

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{\mathcal{T}}^*(x) = & \text{Number}(x) \vee \\
 & (\exists \text{has_predecessor.Number})(x) \vee \\
 & (\exists \text{has_predecessor}.\exists \text{has_predecessor.Number})(x) \vee \\
 & \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

we have for all ABoxes \mathcal{A} , the corresponding interpretations $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}}$, and all individual names a :

$$(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A}) \models F(a) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}} \models F_{\mathcal{T}}^*(a)$$

However, such a disjunction cannot be expressed in FOPL.

3. Axiom Pinpointing. Let

$$\mathcal{T} = \{C \sqsubseteq D, A \sqsubseteq E, E \sqsubseteq \exists r.F, F \sqsubseteq B, H \sqsubseteq B, F \sqsubseteq H\}$$

be a TBox. Then we have that $\mathcal{T} \models A \sqsubseteq \exists r.B$. Determine two sets of axioms that are contained in the pinpointing set $\mathbf{Pin}(\mathcal{T}, A \sqsubseteq \exists r.B)$.

Solution. $\mathbf{Pin}(\mathcal{T}, A \sqsubseteq \exists r.B)$ contains

$$\{A \sqsubseteq E, E \sqsubseteq \exists r.F, F \sqsubseteq B\}$$

and

$$\{A \sqsubseteq E, E \sqsubseteq \exists r.F, H \sqsubseteq B, F \sqsubseteq H\}$$