ELP
Tractable Rules for OWL 2

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Where do we want to get to?

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Semantic Web language that is ...

- focussed on data,
- rule-oriented,
- able to express schema knowledge,
- easy to implement,
- of polynomial worst-case complexity,
- compatible with OWL.

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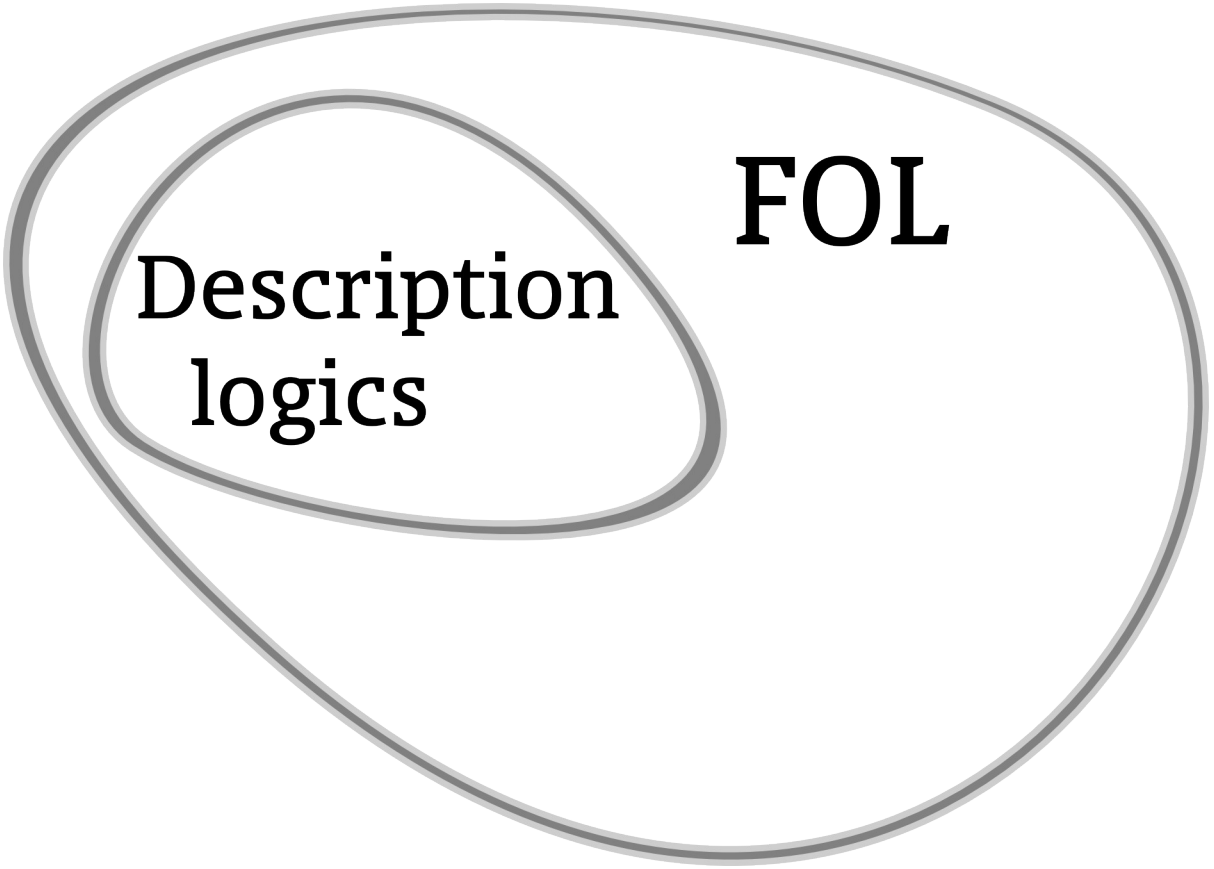

OWL and Description Logics

"Sebastian ordered some Thai curry."

sebastian: ∃*orderedDish.ThaiCurry*

∃*x. orderedDish(sebastian,x)*
∧ ThaiCurry*(x)*

OWL and Description Logics

"Everything ordered as a dish is actually a dish."

$\top \sqsubseteq \forall orderedDish.Dish$

$\forall x.\forall y.\ orderedDish(x,y) \rightarrow \text{Dish}(y)$

OWL and Description Logics

"Every Thai curry dish contains peanut oil."

$$ThaiCurry \sqsubseteq \exists contains.\{peanutOil\}$$

$$\forall x.\ ThaiCurry(x) \rightarrow contains(x, peanutOil)$$

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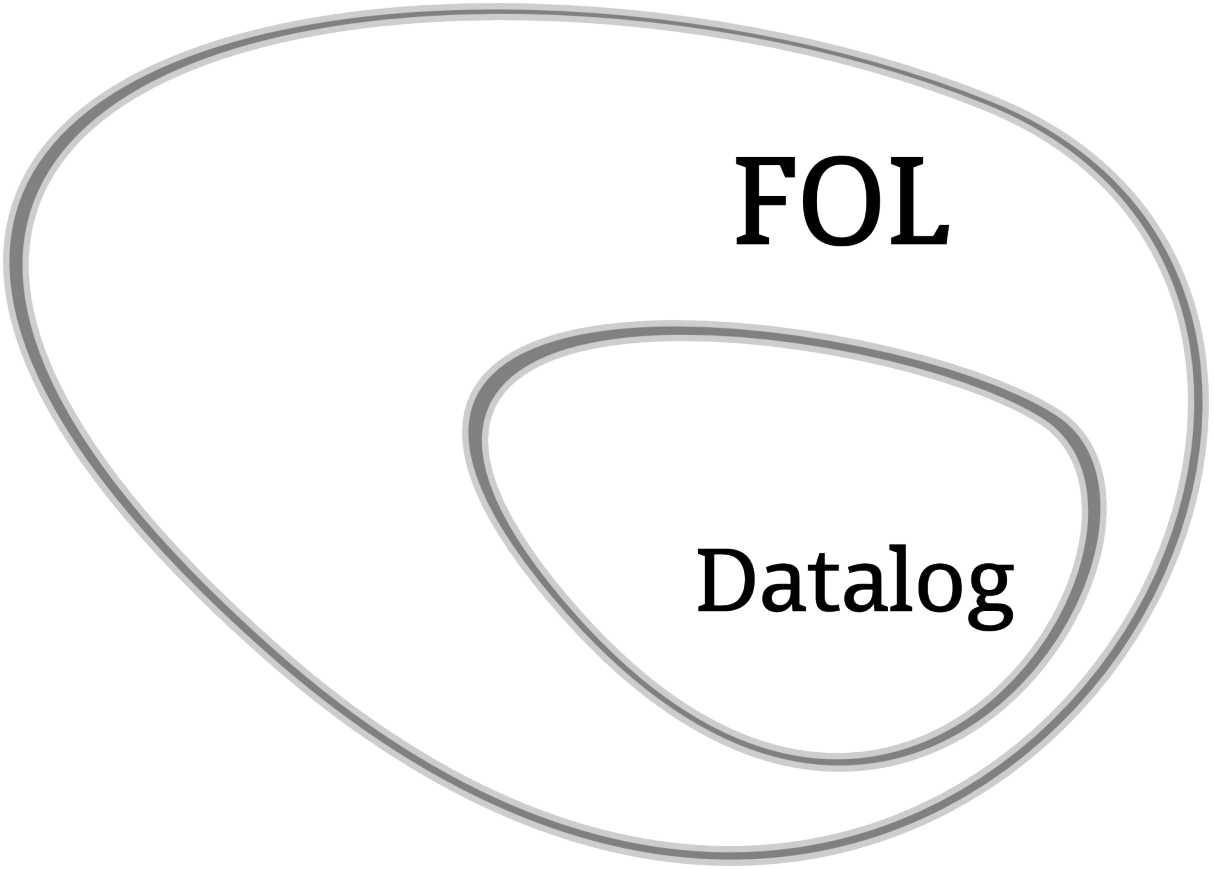

Rules in First-Order Logic

"Nut allergics dislike nut products."

$$NutAllergic(x) \wedge NutProduct(y) \rightarrow dislikes(x,y)$$

Rules in First-Order Logic

"People who order a dish they dislike are unhappy."

$$orderedDish(x,y) \wedge dislikes(x,y) \rightarrow Unhappy(x)$$

Rules in First-Order Logic

"If someone dislikes an ingredient of a dish, she will also dislike the dish."

$$dislikes(x,z) \wedge Dish(y) \wedge contains(y,z) \rightarrow dislikes(x,y)$$

Rules in First-Order Logic

"Sebastian is a nut allergic, and peanut oil is a nut product."

→ *NutAllergic(sebastian)*

→ *NutProduct(peanutOil)*

Can we combine
datalog rules and DL axioms?

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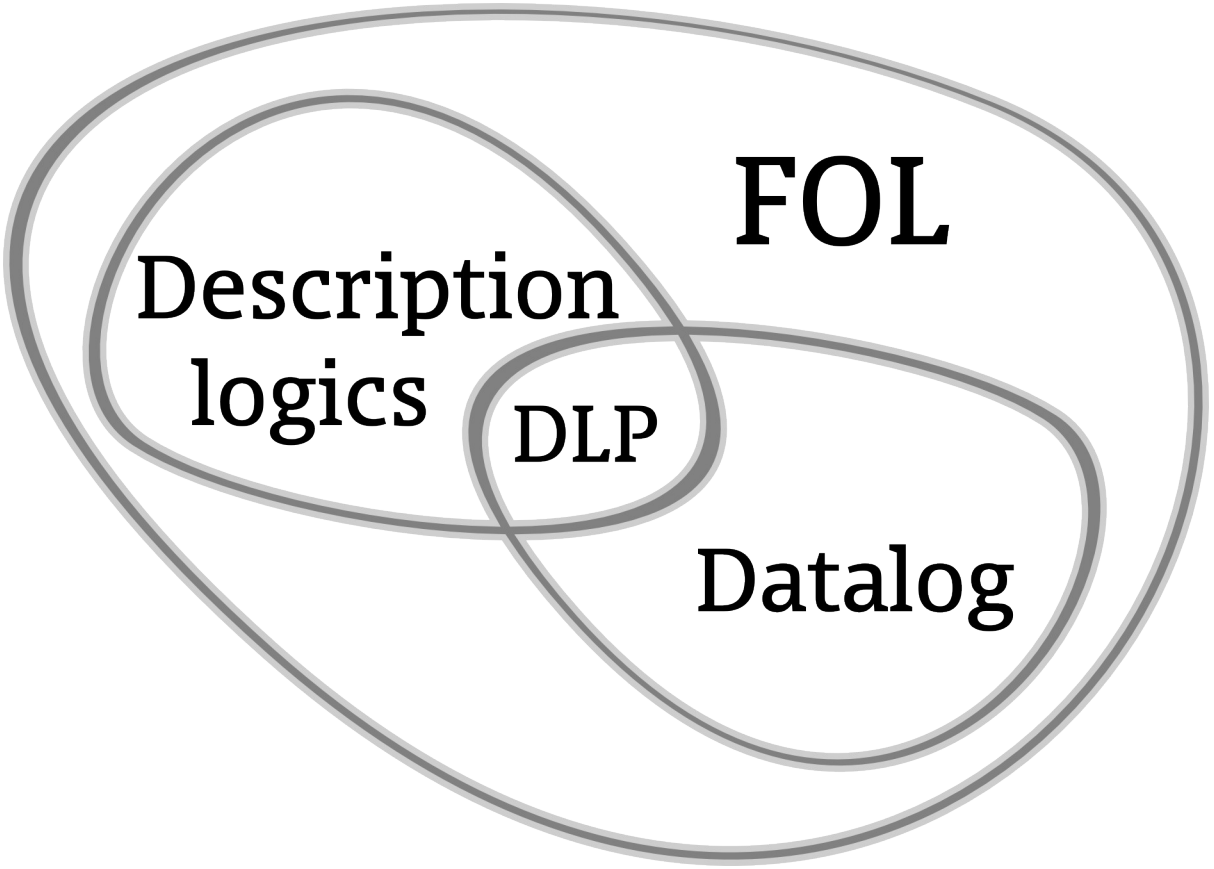
Combining OWL and Rules



DLP: “OWL ∩ datalog”

$ThaiCurry \sqsubseteq \exists contains.\{peanutOil\}$ ✓

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SWRL is undecidable.

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Restrict to rules that could (indirectly) be encoded with DL anway.*

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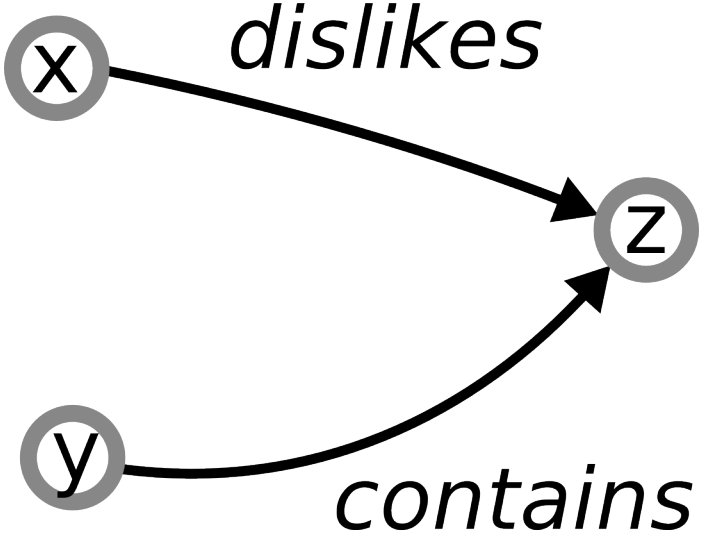

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 DL-safe rules + DL Rules 

Desired conclusion does not follow

It is still computationally expensive

DL-safe rules: ExpTime

DL Rules: like DL, i.e. NExpTime for OWL DL

Tractable Profiles in OWL 2

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OWL RL: *Horn logic* fragment, similar to DLP, no existentials

OWL EL: includes existentials, based on DL *EL++*

Regaining Tractability: OWL 2 EL

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OWL EL+RL:
N2ExpTime complete

Bringing it all together: ELP

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DL Rules for OWL EL

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Conjunctions of Roles

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DL-safe *variables*

Theorem

Inferencing in ELP is PTime complete.

Bringing it all together: ELP

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Bringing it all together: ELP

→ *Unhappy(sebastian)*

Note

ELP supports inferencing in OWL EL and OWL RL.

Understanding DL-safety

$$\mathit{ThaiCurry} \sqsubseteq \exists \mathit{contains}.\boldsymbol{\mathit{FishProduct}}$$

$$\top \sqsubseteq \forall \mathit{orderedDish}.\mathit{Dish}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mathit{markus}}: \exists \mathit{orderedDish}.\mathit{ThaiCurry}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mathit{Vegetarian}}(x) \wedge \boldsymbol{\mathit{FishProduct}}(y) \rightarrow \mathit{dislikes}(x,y)$$

$$\mathit{orderedDish}(x,y) \wedge \mathit{dislikes}(x,y) \rightarrow \mathit{Unhappy}(x)$$

$$\mathit{dislikes}(x,z) \wedge \mathit{Dish}(y) \wedge \mathit{contains}(y,z) \rightarrow \mathit{dislikes}(x,y)$$

$$\rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mathit{Vegetarian(markus)}}$$

Understanding DL-safety

Unhappy(markus)

cannot be concluded

Towards Implementation

Theorem

Inferencing in ELP can be reduced in linear time to inferencing in 3-variable datalog.

Reasoning through Datalog

- Transformation to datalog is completely syntactic.
- Each axiom/rule can be transformed individually.
- Datalog engines can be used as blackbox.
- Instance and subsumption checking directly in datalog.

Summary

ELP: DL-based tractable rule language

- Almost completely expressible in OWL 2
- Support for OWL EL and OWL RL
- Linear-time conversion to 3-var datalog
  → simple implementation strategy

Happy(markus) *Happy(sebastian)*

Happy(pascal)