

Decidability of \mathcal{SHI} with transitive closure of roles

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If we define `hasPart` as a *transitive role*, we cannot distinguish the two concepts above

- OWL-DL is not expressive enough to describe these concepts

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Goal :

An algorithm for checking satisfiability in the logic \mathcal{SHI} with **transitive closure in concept and role axioms**

Outline

- 1 The logic \mathcal{SHI}_+
- 2 Related Works : \mathcal{SHIQ} , \mathcal{ALC}_{reg}
- 3 Neighborhood and Normalization Tree
- 4 Normalization Tree with Cyclic Paths
- 5 Algorithm for concept satisfiability
- 6 Conclusion and Future Work

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Syntax

- Concept names : N_C , role names : N_R ;
- Transitive closure of roles : $\{R^+ \mid R \in N_R\}$
- Inverse roles : $\{S^- \mid S \in N_R \cup \{R^+ \mid R \in N_R\}\}$,
- Role hierarchy $\mathcal{R} := \{R \sqsubseteq S\}$ where R, S are role names, transitive closures or inverses (\mathcal{SHI}_+ -roles) ;
- Formulae inductively defined from N_C , \mathcal{SHI}_+ -roles and logic constructors :

$$C := A \mid C \sqcap D \mid C \sqcup D \mid \neg C \mid \exists R.C \mid \forall R.C$$
- Concept axioms $\mathcal{T} := \{C \sqsubseteq D\}$
- An ontology $\mathcal{O} := \mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{R}$

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- Ontology consistency, subsumption $C \sqsubseteq D$ can be reduced to concept satisfiability.

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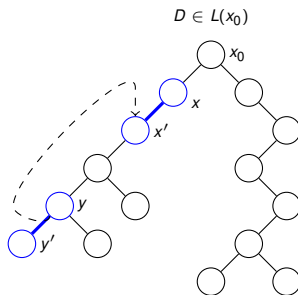
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- Being built by applying expansion rules ;
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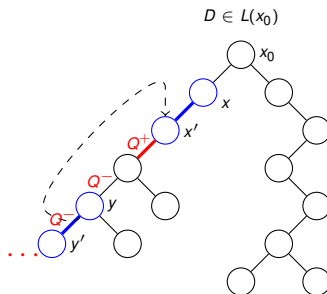
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Remark

If transitive closure is added to \mathcal{SHI} then :

- **Global properties** are needed in tableaux
- The blocking condition is no longer sufficient

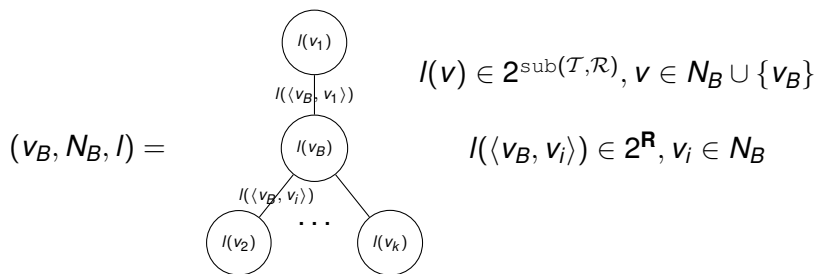
Key ideas of our approach to satisfiability in \mathcal{SHI}_+

- New tableaux :
 - Introducing a global property for satisfying transitive closures
- New construction of completion trees
 - Introducing neighborhood notion to capture all expansion rules for \mathcal{SHI} ;
 - Tiling neighborhoods together to build a normalization tree by using the usual blocking condition ;
 - Satisfying transitive closure is translated into selecting a “good” normalization tree

Neighborhoods

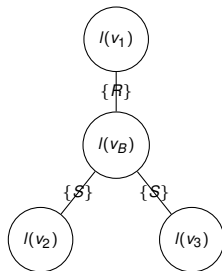
D : \mathcal{SHI}_+ concept
 $\text{sub}(D)$: set of all sub-concepts of D
 \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{R} : concept axioms and role hierarchy in \mathcal{SHI}_+

\mathbf{R} := set of roles R occurring in $\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{R}, D$ with R^- and R^+
 $\text{sub}(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{R})$:= set of all sub-concepts formed from $\text{nnf}(\neg C \sqcup D)$ w.r.t. \mathcal{R}
 where $C \sqsubseteq D \in \mathcal{T}$



all semantic constraints satisfied at v_B : **valid neighborhood**

Valid neighborhood : example



$$I(v_B) = \{\exists R.C, \exists S.C, \exists S.D, E\}$$

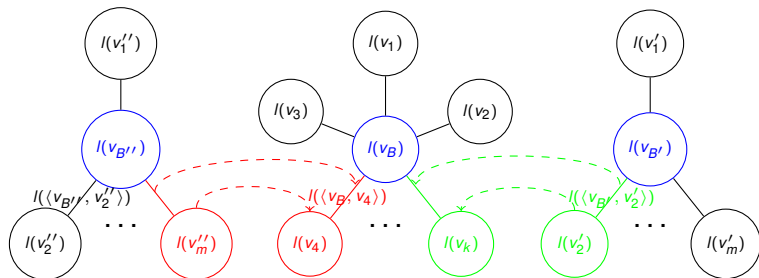
$$I(v_1) = \{C, \forall R^-.E\}$$

$$I(v_2) = \{C, \exists R.C\}$$

$$I(v_3) = \{C\}$$

Saturated neighborhoods

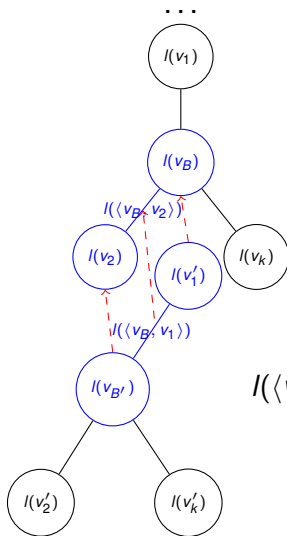
- A valid neighborhood (v_B, N_B, I) is *saturated* if for each valid neighborhood $(v_{B'}, N_{B'}, I)$ with $I(v_{B'}) = I(v_B)$ and for each $v' \in N_{B'}$, there exists $v \in N_B$ such that $I(v) = I(v')$ and $I(\langle v_B, v \rangle) = I(\langle v_{B'}, v' \rangle)$



We denote \mathbb{B} for the set of saturated neighborhoods

Tiling saturated neighborhoods

$$\mathbb{B} \ni (v_B, N_B, I) =$$



Conditions for tiling :

$$I(v_B) = I(v'_1)$$

$$I(v_{B'}) = I(v_2)$$

$$I(\langle v_B, v_2 \rangle) = \text{Inv}(I(\langle v_{B'}, v'_1 \rangle))$$

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Normalization Tree

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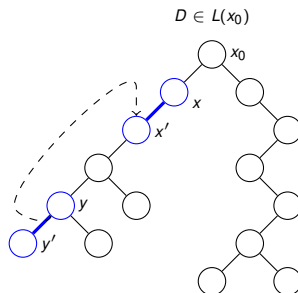
- A normalization tree \mathbf{T} is built by tiling saturated neighborhoods,
- Tiling terminates at a node (it becomes a leaf) if the blocking condition is satisfied

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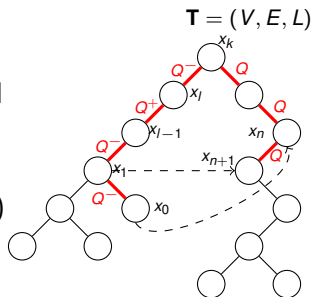
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Normalization Tree with Cyclic Paths

$\langle x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1} \rangle$ is a cyclic path for $\langle x_l, x_{l-1} \rangle \in E$ with $Q^+ \in L(\langle x_l, x_{l-1} \rangle)$ and $2 \leq l \leq k$ if

$$\begin{aligned} Q &\in L(\langle x_h, x_{h+1} \rangle), n \geq h \geq l \\ Q^- &\in L(\langle x_h, x_{h-1} \rangle), 1 \leq h \leq l-1 \\ L(x_1) &= L(x_{n+1}) \\ L(x_0) &= L(x_n) \\ L(\langle x_1, x_0 \rangle) &= \text{Inv}(L(\langle x_n, x_{n+1} \rangle)) \end{aligned}$$



Decidability of \mathcal{SHI}_+

- **Theorem :** Let D be an \mathcal{SHI}_+ concept w.r.t. \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{R} . D is satisfiable iff there is a normalization tree $\mathbf{T} = (V, E, L)$ such that for each $\langle x, y \rangle \in E$ with $Q^+ \in L(\langle x, y \rangle)$, $Q \notin L(\langle x, y \rangle)$ there is a cyclic path for $\langle x, y \rangle$.
- **Algorithm (sketch) :**
 - 1 From $D, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{R}$, finding \mathbb{B} which is a set of saturated neighborhoods ;
 - 2 From \mathbb{B} , tiling neighborhoods to obtain a normalization tree $\mathbf{T} = (V, E, L)$;
 - 3 Building cyclic paths on \mathbf{T} .

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- Future Work

- A goal-oriented algorithm
- Adding qualifying number restriction (\mathcal{Q}) and nominals (\mathcal{O}) to \mathcal{SHI}_+ (i.e. adding transitive closure of roles to OWL-DL)

Questions ?

Thank you

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