

Knowledge Representation and Reasoning

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$$\text{AI} \simeq \text{GOFAI} + \text{AML}$$

- AI: Artificial Intelligence
- GOFAI: Good Old-Fashioned Artificial Intelligence (\simeq symbolic AI)
- AML: Adaptive Machine Learning (reinforcement learning, big data...)

$$\text{KRR} \subseteq \text{GOFAI}$$

- KRR: Knowledge Representation and [Automated] Reasoning

- Web Ontology Language (**OWL**): logics that allow automated reasoning about data on the Web.

Task: **Automated reasoning**

Input: A set of logic formulas Σ ; a logic formula σ .

Question: Is σ a logical consequence of Σ ?

Since automated reasoning is computationally impossible for full first-order logic, one uses less expressive logics (a.k.a. Description Logics).




- Answer Set Programming (**ASP**): an expressive logic for specifying and solving problems in NP (including NP-complete problems).

Task: **Solving**

Input: A set Σ of logic formulas (also called constraints, rules...).
(e.g., the rules of Sudoku + a partially filled grid)

Question: Is there a solution (also called model, answer set...) that satisfies every formula in Σ ?

Course Methodology

	Classical course	~>	This course
language	French	~>	English
teacher's role	teaching	~>	guiding
students' role		~>	 
evaluation	exam	~>	project + homeworks + written exam

Course Schedule

Just a screenshot (the full schedule is online):

This document may be updated during the course.

I will be abroad during the sessions marked with a superscript *.

1	Wed, Feb. 4 (15H45)	Classroom meeting + organization (14')
2	Thu, Feb. 5 (15H45)	motivation (72')
4	Tue, Feb. 10 (15H45)	Classroom meeting; start Homework 1 (due on Feb. 23)
3	Wed, Feb. 11 (15H45)	introduction (170')
5	Wed, Feb. 18 (15H45)	Classroom meeting
6	Thu, Feb. 19 (15H45)	modeling (106')
7	Wed, Feb. 25 (15H45)	Classroom meeting; discuss Homework 1; start Homework 2 (due on March 9)
8	Thu, Feb. 26 (15H45)	language (128')
9*	Tue, March 3 (15H45)	
10*	Wed, March 4 (15H45)	
11	Wed, March 11 (15H45)	Classroom meeting; discuss Homework 2; start Homework 3 (due on March 29);

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Knowledge Base

A Description Logic (DL) knowledge base is a pair $\mathcal{K} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A})$, where

- \mathcal{T} is the **TBox**: terminological axioms
- \mathcal{A} is the **ABox**: assertions about individuals

TBox:

Man	\sqsubseteq	Person
Woman	\sqsubseteq	Person
Man \sqcap Woman	\sqsubseteq	\perp
Parent	\equiv	Person $\sqcap \exists \text{hasChild}.\text{Person}$
Father	\equiv	Man \sqcap Parent
Mother	\equiv	Woman \sqcap Parent

ABox:

Man(john)
Woman(mary)
hasChild(john, mary)

Translation in first-order logic

$$\forall x (\text{Man}(x) \rightarrow \text{Person}(x))$$
$$\forall x (\text{Woman}(x) \rightarrow \text{Person}(x))$$
$$\forall x \neg(\text{Man}(x) \wedge \text{Woman}(x))$$
$$\forall x \left(\text{Parent}(x) \leftrightarrow (\text{Person}(x) \wedge \exists y (\text{hasChild}(x, y) \wedge \text{Person}(y))) \right)$$
$$\forall x (\text{Father}(x) \leftrightarrow (\text{Man}(x) \wedge \text{Parent}(x)))$$
$$\forall x (\text{Mother}(x) \leftrightarrow (\text{Woman}(x) \wedge \text{Parent}(x)))$$
$$\text{Man}(\text{john})$$
$$\text{Woman}(\text{mary})$$
$$\text{hasChild}(\text{john}, \text{mary})$$

We only need two variables, x and y . It is known that automated reasoning is possible in first-order logic restricted to two variables. This **two-variable fragment** forms the backbone of many Description Logics.

Automated Reasoning

Given a knowledge base \mathcal{K} and an assertion α , decide whether

$$\mathcal{K} \models \alpha.$$

For example,

- **Consistency checking:** Does $\mathcal{K} \not\models \perp$?
- **Instance checking:** Does $\mathcal{K} \models \text{Father}(\text{john})$?
- **Classification:** Does $\mathcal{K} \models \text{Father} \sqsubseteq \text{Parent}$?
- **Query answering:** Find all individuals x s.t. $\mathcal{K} \models \text{Parent}(x)$

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Solving Problems in NP

We are given a finite domain of **vertices** and a binary relation E of **edges**.

The following formula asks whether there exist three unary relations (i.e., three sets) A, B, C satisfying a **first-order condition**:

$$\exists A \exists B \exists C \left(\begin{array}{l} \forall x \left[\begin{array}{l} (A(x) \wedge \neg B(x) \wedge \neg C(x)) \\ \vee (\neg A(x) \wedge B(x) \wedge \neg C(x)) \\ \vee (\neg A(x) \wedge \neg B(x) \wedge C(x)) \end{array} \right] \\ \wedge \\ \forall x \forall y \left(E(x, y) \rightarrow \neg \left[\begin{array}{l} (A(x) \wedge A(y)) \\ \vee (B(x) \wedge B(y)) \\ \vee (C(x) \wedge C(y)) \end{array} \right] \right) \end{array} \right)$$

This is similar to querying relational databases, except that the logic used here is more expressive than relational calculus, which cannot express quantification over relations such as $\exists A \exists B \exists C$.

ASP Formulation

Assume a finite set of edge-facts, for example:

```
edge(1,2). edge(1,3). edge(2,3).
```

The following program finds all 3-colorings:

```
adjacent(X,Y) :- edge(X,Y).
```

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adjacent(X,Y) :- edge(Y,X).
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vertex(X) :- adjacent(X,Y).
```

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green(X) :- vertex(X), not red(X), not blue(X).
```

```
blue(X) :- vertex(X), not red(X), not green(X).
```

```
red(X) :- vertex(X), not blue(X), not green(X).
```

```
:- adjacent(X,Y), red(X), red(Y).
```

```
:- adjacent(X,Y), blue(X), blue(Y).
```

```
:- adjacent(X,Y), green(X), green(Y).
```

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- The **data complexity of a query** $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \mid q(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\}$ is the complexity of the following problem:

INPUT: A database instance I ; constants c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n .

QUESTION: Does I satisfy $q(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$?

- In many contexts, when we talk about a query language (e.g., Datalog), we implicitly refer to the set of all queries expressible in that language.
- For example, we say, “Datalog is in P (for data complexity)”, meaning that every query expressible in Datalog has data complexity in P.

Data Complexity Classes

For **data complexity**, the following inclusions hold true:

$$\text{FO} \subsetneq \text{Datalog}^\neg \subseteq \text{P} \subseteq \text{NP} \subseteq \text{Prolog}$$

where

- FO denotes the class of problems that take as input a relational database instance and can be solved by a query in relational calculus; and
- Datalog^\neg denotes the class of problems that take as input a relational database instance and can be solved by a program in Datalog with stratified negation.

Recall:

- NP-complete problems cannot be programmed in Datalog^\neg .
- Automated reasoning is already computationally impossible for FO.

- The **query complexity of a query language \mathcal{L}** is the complexity of the following problem, relative to a fixed database instance I :

INPUT: A query $q(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ in \mathcal{L} ; constants c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n .

QUESTION: Does I satisfy $q(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$?

Recall:

- The query complexity of the class of conjunctive queries is already NP-complete.

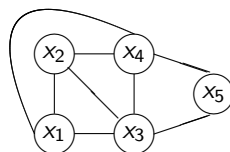
Query Complexity is NP-Complete for Conjunctive Queries

Fixed database

b, g, r are three distinct constants, representing three colors.

r	C_1	C_2
b	g	
g	b	
b	r	
r	b	
g	r	
r	g	

Query



$q : \text{Answer}() \leftarrow R(x_1, x_2), R(x_2, x_1), \dots, R(x_4, x_5), R(x_5, x_4)$

Whenever there is an edge between x_i and x_j in the graph, the body of q contains $R(x_i, x_j)$ and $R(x_j, x_i)$.

Claim 1

$q(r) = \{\text{Answer}()\} \iff \text{the graph encoded by } q \text{ is 3-colorable.}$

See “A Datalog Primer.”

<https://web.umons.ac.be/app/uploads/sites/84/2024/06/primerDatalog.pdf>

Datalog⁺ by Example

```
red(a,b). red(b,c). red(c,a).  
blue(a,c). blue(c,d). blue(d,a).  
redTrans(X,Y) :- red(X,Y).  
redTrans(X,Z) :- redTrans(X,Y), red(Y,Z).  
blueMonopoly(X,Y) :- blue(X,Y), not redTrans(X,Y).
```

- redTrans and blueMonopoly are **IDB** predicates (because they occur in rule heads); the other predicates are **EDB** predicates (= stored database relations).
- The **PDG** (Program Dependence Graph) has a (non-negated) edge from redTrans to redTrans, and a negated edge from blueMonopoly to redTrans.
- **Stratified semantics**: execute the rules for redTrans until no more redTrans-facts can be derived; only then can rules with “not redTrans” be evaluated.

ASP by Example

```
person(john).  
happy(X) :- person(X), not unhappy(X).  
unhappy(X) :- person(X), not happy(X).
```

Not stratified: the 1st rule should be executed before the 2nd rule (because of “not happy”), but the 2nd should be executed before the 1st (because of “not unhappy”).

An ASP solver will find two models:

```
clingo version 4.5.4  
Solving...  
Answer: 1  
person(john) happy(john)  
Answer: 2  
person(john) unhappy(john)  
SATISFIABLE
```

Models : 2