

Constructive Description Logic, Hybrid-Style

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Constructives Description Logics

Several possible ways pointed out by (de Paiva, 2006):

- Via constructive first-order logic (IFOL);
- Via constructive modal logic (IML, labelled style, by Simpson);
- Via constructive hybrid logic (IHL, by Brauner and de Paiva);

We follow the last two. Might end up with a best style of constructive DL in terms of foundation and easier implementation.

A language for constructives ALC logics

$$C, D ::= A \mid \perp \mid \top \mid \neg C \mid C \sqcap D \mid C \sqcup D \mid C \sqsubseteq D \mid \exists R.C \mid \forall R.C$$

Non-standard is the $C \sqsubseteq D$ as a concept constructor.

The cALC from Mendler-Scheele

Semantics given by a structure $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \preceq^{\mathcal{I}}, \perp^{\mathcal{I}}, \cdot^{\mathcal{I}})$ closed under refinement, i.e., $x \in A^{\mathcal{I}}$ and $x \preceq^{\mathcal{I}} y$ implies $y \in A^{\mathcal{I}}$.

$$\top^{\mathcal{I}} =_{df} \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$$

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$\perp^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ are fallible entities closed under refinement. $\Delta_c^{\mathcal{I}} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \setminus \perp^{\mathcal{I}}$ are non-fallible elements.

cALC logic

Motivation

Auditing business data.

Properties

- Not always $\exists R.\perp = \perp$ (non-traditional, fallibility, when $\perp^{\mathcal{I}} = \emptyset$, then axiom $\neg\exists R.\perp$)
- $\exists R.(C \sqcup D) = \exists R.C \sqcup \exists R.D$ (non-traditional, if valid, role filling via R is confluent with refinement)
- Excluded Middle, $C \sqcup \neg C$ is not an axiom (standard)

Why distribution of \exists over \sqcup should fail?

The iALC Logic

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A Case Study

Peter and Maria signed a renting contract. The subject of the contract is an apartment in Rio de Janeiro. The contract states that any dispute will go to court in Rio de Janeiro. Peter is 17 and Maria is 20. Peter lives in Edinburgh and Maria lives in Rio.

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The valid legal statements (individuals)

Only legally capable individuals have civil obligations: $\text{contract} \preceq \text{PeterLegalAge}$
 $\text{contract} \preceq \text{MariaLegalAge}$

The concepts and their relationships

BR is the “set” of Brazilian Valid Legal Statments

SC is the “set” of Scottish Valid Legal Statments

PIL_{BR} is the “set” of Private International Law in Brasil

$ABROAD$ is the “set” of VLS abroad Brasil

$LexDomicilium$ is a legal connection:

▷ The pair $\langle \text{PeterLegalAge}, \text{PeterLegalAge} \rangle$ is in it

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The Axioms (Subsumptions)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{MariaLegalAge} \in BR \\ & \text{PeterLegalAge} \in SC \\ & \text{contract} \preceq \text{PeterLegalAge} \\ & \text{contract} \preceq \text{MariaLegalAge} \\ & \text{PIL}_{BR} \sqsubseteq BR \\ & SC \sqsubseteq ABROAD \\ & \exists \text{LexDomicilium}.SC \sqsubseteq \exists \text{LexDomicilium}.ABROAD \\ & \exists \text{LexDomicilium}.ABROAD \sqsubseteq \text{PIL}_{BR} \\ & \langle \text{PeterLegalAge}, \text{PeterLegalAge} \rangle \in \text{LexDomicilium} \end{aligned}$$

Using *iALC* semantics, one concludes that: $\text{contract} \in BR$. Each legal statement generalizing (\preceq) contract is in BR . Interesting case $\text{PeterLegalAge} \in \exists \text{LexDomicilium}.SC \sqsubseteq \text{PIL}_{BR} \sqsubseteq BR$.

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Motivation for a SC for iALC

- Proof-theoretical approach;
- Simple Tableaux (without analytical cuts) cannot produce short proofs (polynomially lengthy proofs). Sequent Calculus (SC) (with the cut rule) has short proofs.
- We envisage industrial application problems with explanations requirement.

Labeled Formulas

$$LB \rightarrow \forall R \mid \exists R$$

$$L \rightarrow LB, L \mid \emptyset$$

$$\phi_{lc} \rightarrow {}^L\phi_c$$

Each labeled \mathcal{ALC} concept has an straightforward \mathcal{ALC} concept equivalent. For example:

$$\exists R_2.\forall Q_2.\exists R_1.\forall Q_1.\alpha \equiv \exists R_2,\forall Q_2,\exists R_1,\forall Q_1\alpha$$

The SC for iALC

Rules over roles quantification

$$\frac{\Delta, L, \forall R \alpha \Rightarrow \gamma}{\Delta, L(\forall R.\alpha) \Rightarrow \gamma} \forall\text{-l}$$

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Boolean rules

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Generalization rules

$$\frac{\delta \Rightarrow \gamma}{+\exists R \delta \Rightarrow +\exists R \gamma} \text{prom-}\exists$$

$$\frac{\Delta \Rightarrow \gamma}{+\forall R \Delta \Rightarrow +\forall R \gamma} \text{prom-}\forall$$

SC for iALC properties

- Soundness (similar previous one)
- Completeness is a working in progress;
- Cut elimination is a working in progress, analog of Takeuti;
- Complexity analysis, probably (intuition) PSPACE-hard (from ALC and IL complexity).
- Can we have a uniform framework for several DLs?

From Mendler-Scheele

$$\frac{}{\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha}$$

$$\frac{}{\perp \Rightarrow \alpha}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \alpha \quad \Gamma_2, \beta \Rightarrow \gamma}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \alpha \sqsubseteq \beta \Rightarrow \gamma} \sqsubseteq\text{-l}$$

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From IML

$$\overline{\Gamma, x: \alpha \Rightarrow x: \alpha, \Delta}$$

$$\overline{xRy, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, xRy}$$

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