

Combining rules and ontologies via parametrized logic programming

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Examples

Classical logic, Intuitionistic logic, Paraconsistent logics, First-order logic, Modal logic, Description logics, ...

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Property

For every monotonic logic \mathcal{L} , the pair $\langle Th(\mathcal{L}), \subseteq \rangle$ is a **complete lattice** with

- smallest element: the set of theorems of \mathcal{L}
- greatest element: the set L of all formulas of \mathcal{L} ;

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	Syntax	Semantics
atomic concept	$A \in N_C$	$A^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
atomic role	$R \in N_R$	$R^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
individual	$a \in N_I$	$a^{\mathcal{I}} \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$

Interpretation: $\mathcal{I} = (\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \mathcal{I})$

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complement	$\neg C$	$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \setminus C^{\mathcal{I}}$
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Axioms

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concept inclusion	$C \sqsubseteq D$	$C^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq D^{\mathcal{I}}$
concept assertion	$C(a)$	$a^{\mathcal{I}} \in C^{\mathcal{I}}$
role assertion	$R(a, b)$	$(a^{\mathcal{I}}, b^{\mathcal{I}}) \in R^{\mathcal{I}}$

Consequence relation

$\mathcal{O} \models \alpha$ if every model of \mathcal{O} satisfies α .

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