

Information Integration on the WEB with RDF, OWL and SPARQL

Review Material

*Description Logics: dialect  $SR\mathcal{OIQ}(\mathbf{D})$*

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# Syntax of DLs

## Concepts and Roles in $\mathcal{ALC}$

Almost all DLs are a fragment of FOL with a signature  $S$  consisting of constant function symbols and predicate symbols that are unary or binary.

A *signature*  $S$  in a given DL is a (possibly countably infinite) selection of non-logical parameters:

- ▶ unary predicate symbols in  $S^P$  called *primitive concepts*,
- ▶ binary predicate symbols in  $S^P$  called *primitive roles* and
- ▶ constants in  $S^F$  called *individuals*.

A particular dialect allows more general concepts  $C$  and roles  $S$  to be expressed.

The *core* DL dialect is called  $\mathcal{ALC}$ , short for *attributive logic with complement*.

The concepts  $\{C_i\}$  and roles  $\{S_i\}$  induced by  $S$  for  $\mathcal{ALC}$  are given by the following grammars, where  $A$  are primitive concepts and  $R$  are primitive roles.

$$\begin{array}{l} C ::= A \\ \quad | \exists S.C \quad (\textit{existential restriction}) \\ \quad | C \sqcap C \quad (\textit{concept intersection}) \\ \quad | \neg C \quad (\textit{concept complement}) \end{array} \qquad S ::= R$$

## Syntax of DLs (cont'd)

### Additional Concept Constructors in $\mathcal{ALC}$

Symbols “ $\exists$ ”, “ $\sqcap$ ”, and “ $\neg$ ” are called *concept constructors*.

Additional concept constructors, “ $\perp$ ”, “ $\top$ ”, “ $\sqcup$ ” and “ $\forall$ ”, can also be used to formulate concepts in  $\mathcal{ALC}$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} C ::= \perp \quad (\text{bottom}) \\ | \top \quad (\text{top}) \\ | C \sqcup C \quad (\text{concept disjunction}) \\ | \forall R.C \quad (\text{universal restriction}) \end{array}$$

In particular: Such concepts occurring in a given knowledge base  $\mathcal{K}$  can be replaced as follows, where  $A$  is an arbitrary primitive concept:

$$\begin{array}{l} \perp \rightsquigarrow A \sqcap \neg A \\ \top \rightsquigarrow \neg \perp \\ C_1 \sqcup C_2 \rightsquigarrow \neg(\neg C_1 \sqcap \neg C_2) \\ \forall R.C \rightsquigarrow \neg \exists R.\neg C \end{array}$$

## Syntax of DLs (cont'd)

### Knowledge Bases in $\mathcal{ALC}$

An ontology or *knowledge base*  $\mathcal{K}$  in  $\mathcal{ALC}$  consists of the following:

- ▶ a set of sentences or *constraints*  $\mathcal{T}$  called a TBox (short for *terminology*), and
- ▶ a set of sentences or constraints  $\mathcal{A}$  called an ABox (short for *assertion box*).

The constraints that can appear in  $\mathcal{K}$  are given by the following grammar, where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants in  $S^F$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{C} ::= C \sqsubseteq C \quad (\text{general concept inclusion, or GCI}) \\ \quad | C(a) \quad (\text{concept assertion}) \\ \quad | R(a, b) \quad (\text{role assertion}) \\ \quad | a = b \quad (\text{individual equality}) \end{array}$$

The TBox  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $\mathcal{K}$  consists of all GCIs.

The ABox  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $\mathcal{K}$  are the remaining constraints  $\mathcal{K} \setminus \mathcal{T}$ .

## Syntax of DLs (cont'd)

### Additional Constraints in $\mathcal{ALC}$

Additional TBox and ABox constraints can also be formulated in  $\mathcal{ALC}$ .

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \mathcal{C} ::= & C \equiv C \quad (\text{concept equivalence}) \\ & | A \doteq C \quad (\text{atomic concept definition}) \\ & | \neg R(a, b) \quad (\text{negated role assertion}) \\ & | a \neq b \quad (\text{individual inequality}) \end{array}$$

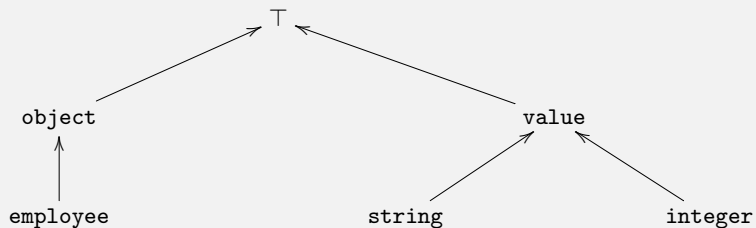
In particular: Subsets of a given knowledge base  $\mathcal{K}$  consisting of these constraints can be replaced as follows, where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are fresh primitive concepts (i.e., do not appear in  $\mathcal{K}$ ):

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \{C_1 \equiv C_2\} & \rightsquigarrow \{C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2, C_2 \sqsubseteq C_1\} \\ \{A \doteq C\} & \rightsquigarrow \{A \equiv C\} \\ \{\neg R(a, b)\} & \rightsquigarrow \{A_1(a), A_2(b), A_1 \sqsubseteq \forall R. \neg A_2\} \\ \{a \neq b\} & \rightsquigarrow \{A_1(a), A_2(b), A_1 \sqsubseteq \neg A_2\} \end{array}$$

# ACME PAYROLL System

## The Signature

(RECALL OPTION 3)



$$S^P = \{\text{employee}/1, \text{object}/1, \text{value}/1, \text{integer}/1, \text{string}/1\} \\ \cup \{\text{emp-num}/2, \text{name}/2, \text{salary}/2\}$$

$$S^F = \{\text{mary}/0, \text{john}/0\}$$

# ACME PAYROLL System (cont'd)

## The Knowledge Base

The *data* and *metadata* correspond to an ABox and a TBox, respectively.

ABox (example PAYROLL data)

<code>employee(mary)</code>	Mary is an employee.
<code>name(mary, "Mary")</code>	Mary's name is "Mary".
<code>salary(mary, 72000)</code>	Mary's salary is 72000.
<code>employee(john)</code>	John is an employee.
<code>emp-num(john, 3412)</code>	John's employee number is 3412.
<code>mary ≠ john</code>	Mary and John are different things.

TBox (PAYROLL metadata)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{employee} &\equiv (\exists \text{name} . \top) \\ &\quad \sqcap (\exists \text{emp-num} . \top) \\ &\quad \sqcap (\exists \text{salary} . \top) \end{aligned}$$

Employees are things that have a name, employee number and salary.

# ACME PAYROLL System

## The Knowledge Base (cont'd)

TBox (cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{employee} &\sqsubseteq \text{object} \\ &\sqcap (\forall \text{name} . \text{string}) \\ &\sqcap (\forall \text{emp-num} . \text{integer}) \\ &\sqcap (\forall \text{salary} . \text{integer}) \end{aligned}$$
$$(\text{object} \sqcap \text{value}) \sqsubseteq \perp$$
$$\text{value} \equiv (\text{string} \sqcup \text{integer})$$
$$(\text{string} \sqcap \text{integer}) \sqsubseteq \perp$$

What cannot be expressed:

- ▶ functional roles,
- ▶ keys and
- ▶ functional dependencies.



# Semantics of DLs

## Terminologies

Semantics is based on the FOL notion of an interpretation due to Tarski.

An *interpretation*  $\mathcal{I}$  of a  $\mathcal{ALC}$  terminology  $\mathcal{T}$  is a 2-tuple  $(\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, \cdot^{\mathcal{I}})$ , where

- ▶  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$  is a non-empty (possibly infinite) domain of objects or things, and
- ▶  $\cdot^{\mathcal{I}}$  is an interpretation function for concepts, roles and individuals.

The interpretation function maps primitive concepts to subsets of  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ , primitive roles to subsets of  $(\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}})$  and individuals to elements of  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ .

The function is extended to (arbitrary)  $\mathcal{ALC}$  concepts as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}(\exists R.C)^{\mathcal{I}} &= \{e_1 \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \mid \exists e_2 \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \text{ s.t. } (e_1, e_2) \in R^{\mathcal{I}} \text{ and } e_2 \in C^{\mathcal{I}}\} \\(C_1 \sqcap C_2)^{\mathcal{I}} &= (C_1)^{\mathcal{I}} \cap (C_2)^{\mathcal{I}} \\(\neg C)^{\mathcal{I}} &= \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \setminus C^{\mathcal{I}}\end{aligned}$$

An interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  is a *model* for a general concept inclusion (GCI)  $C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$  if  $(C_1)^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq (C_2)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , written  $\mathcal{I} \models C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$ .

$\mathcal{I}$  is a model for a terminology  $\mathcal{T}$  if it is a model for each GCI in  $\mathcal{T}$ , also written  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{T}$ .

# Semantics of DLs

## Assertion Boxes via Nominals

Adding  $\mathcal{O}$  to the name of a DL dialect indicates the inclusion of the *nominal concept constructor* “ $\{\}$ ”:

$$C ::= \{a\} \quad (\textit{nominal})$$

An interpretation function  $\cdot^{\mathcal{I}}$  is extended to nominals as follows:

$$(\{a\})^{\mathcal{I}} = \{a^{\mathcal{I}}\}$$

An ABox constraint is then syntactic shorthand for a GCI in  $\mathcal{ALCO}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} C(a) &\rightsquigarrow \{a\} \sqsubseteq C \\ R(a, b) &\rightsquigarrow \{a\} \sqsubseteq \exists R.\{b\} \\ \neg R(a, b) &\rightsquigarrow \{a\} \sqsubseteq \neg \exists R.\{b\} \\ a = b &\rightsquigarrow \{a\} \sqsubseteq \{b\} \\ a \neq b &\rightsquigarrow (\{a\} \sqcap \{b\}) \sqsubseteq \perp \end{aligned}$$

**Observation:** An  $\mathcal{ALC}$  knowledge base is an  $\mathcal{ALCO}$  terminology in which nominal concepts have restricted use.

# Subsumption Checking

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be an arbitrary knowledge base.

The *concept subsumption problem* for  $\mathcal{K}$  is written

$$\mathcal{K} \models C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$$

and is to determine if  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{K}$  implies  $\mathcal{I} \models C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2$  for all  $\mathcal{I}$ .

Special cases:

- ▶ *Role checking*: Given  $R(a, b)$ , to determine if  $\mathcal{K} \models \{a\} \sqsubseteq \exists R.\{b\}$ .
- ▶ *Instance checking*: Given  $C(a)$ , to determine if  $\mathcal{K} \models \{a\} \sqsubseteq C$ .
- ▶ *Knowledge base consistency*: To determine if  $\mathcal{K} \not\models \{a\} \sqsubseteq \perp$ , for some  $a$ .
- ▶ *Concept consistency*: Given  $C$ , to determine if  $\mathcal{K} \not\models C \sqsubseteq \perp$ .

Subsumption checking can be reduced to instance checking:

$$\mathcal{K} \models C_1 \sqsubseteq C_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{K} \cup \{(C_1 \sqcap \neg C_2)(a)\} \models \{a\} \sqsubseteq \perp,$$

for some  $a$  not occurring in  $\mathcal{K}$ .

## Conjunctive Queries

A *conjunctive query*  $Q$  is a wff of the form

$$\exists\{x_i\}. \left( \bigwedge C_i(y_i) \right) \wedge \left( \bigwedge S_i(z_i, w_i) \right).$$

The  $\{x_i\}$  are called the *non-distinguished* variables of  $Q$ .

The *distinguished* variables of  $Q$  are its free variables:  $Fv(Q)$ .

A *substitution*  $\theta$  is a mapping from a set of variables to individuals.

The *certain answers* of  $Q$  over a knowledge base  $\mathcal{K}$  is a set of substitutions:

$$\{\theta \text{ over } Fv(Q) \mid \mathcal{K} \models Q\theta\}.$$

Special cases:

- ▶ *Role assertion query*:  $Q$  has the form  $S(x, y)$ .
- ▶ *Instance query*:  $Q$  has the form  $C(x)$ .

## Evaluating Conjunctive Queries

When a knowledge base is loaded, a reasoning engine usually starts by performing a *classification*.

A *classification* of a knowledge base  $\mathcal{K}$  is a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ , where:

- ▶  $V$  is the set of atomic concepts and individuals, viewed as nominals, occurring in  $\mathcal{K}$ , and
- ▶  $E$  consists of all edges  $C \rightarrow D$  for which  $\mathcal{K} \models C \sqsubseteq D$ .

Performing a classification achieves a number of things:

- ▶ a check for knowledge base consistency,
- ▶ an efficient way of evaluating an instance query of the form  $\top(x)$ ,
- ▶ an efficient way of evaluating role assertion queries of the form  $S(x, y)$ , and
- ▶ an efficient way of evaluating instance queries of the form  $A(a)$ .

Also: All reasoning engines will provide support for reasoning tasks that are instance checks, that is, determining if  $\mathcal{K} \models C(a)$ .

## Evaluating Conjunctive Queries (Cont'd)

**Class exercise:** Consider the following algebra for evaluating conjunctive queries with no non-distinguished variables:

$E$	::=	$\top(x)$	(all individuals in $\mathcal{K}$ )
		$R(x, y)$	(role assertion query)
		$A(x)$	(instance query)
		$\sigma_{C(x)}(E)$	(instance check)
		$\pi_{\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}}(E)$	(duplicate preserving projection)
		$E_1 \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} E_2$	(nested loop join)

Explore how plans in this algebra can be used to evaluate SPARQL queries over an RDF source based on a hypothetical  $\mathcal{ALC}$  entailment regime.

- ▶ How does one handle “second order” variables in basic graph patterns that bind to URIs denoting classes and properties?
- ▶ When such variables do not occur, is there always an initial plan that can easily be found?
- ▶ Can you think of rewriting rules that can improve efficiency? (Assume the rules themselves can require reasoning tasks.)

## At-Least Restrictions

Adding  $\mathcal{Q}$  to the name of a DL dialect indicates the inclusion of the *at-least concept constructor* “ $\geq n$ ”, a more general form of existential restriction:

$$C ::= \geq n S.C \quad (\textit{at-least restriction})$$

The interpretation function  $\cdot^{\mathcal{I}}$  of an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  is extended to at-least restrictions as follows:

$$(\geq n S.C)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{e_1 \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \mid n \leq \#\{e_2 \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \text{ s.t. } (e_1, e_2) \in S^{\mathcal{I}} \text{ and } e_2 \in C^{\mathcal{I}}\}\}$$

There are two special cases:

- ▶ Adding  $\mathcal{N}$  to a DL dialect indicates the inclusion of at-least restrictions of the form “ $\geq n S.T$ ”.
- ▶ Adding  $\mathcal{F}$  to a DL dialect indicates the inclusion of at-least restrictions of the form “ $\neg(\geq 2 S.T)$ ” (denoting a set of objects for which  $S$  is a partial function).

Also:

- ▶ Allow concepts “ $\leq n S.C$ ” as shorthand for “ $\neg(\geq n + 1 S.C)$ ”.
- ▶ Allow constraints “ $\text{Func}(S)$ ” as shorthand for “ $T \sqsubseteq \leq 1 S.T$ ”.

A number of dialects allow roles to be inverted:

$$S ::= S^- \quad (\textit{role inverse})$$

An interpretation function  $\cdot^{\mathcal{I}}$  is extended to role inverse as follows:

$$(S^-)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(e_2, e_1) \in (\Delta \times \Delta) \mid (e_1, e_2) \in S^{\mathcal{I}}\}$$

Adding  $\mathcal{I}$  to the name of a DL dialect indicates the inclusion of the *inverse role constructor* “-”.

**Observation:**  $((S^-)^-)^{\mathcal{I}} = S^{\mathcal{I}}$ , for any interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ . Therefore assume  $S^-$  is short for a role of the form “ $R$ ” or “ $R^-$ ”.



Adding  $\mathcal{H}$  to the name of a DL dialect indicates the ability to include *role inclusion constraints* in a knowledge base  $\mathcal{K}$ .

$$\mathcal{C} ::= S \sqsubseteq S \quad (\text{role inclusion})$$

An interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  is a model for a role inclusion  $S_1 \sqsubseteq S_2$  if  $(S_1)^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq (S_2)^{\mathcal{I}}$ , written  $\mathcal{I} \models S_1 \sqsubseteq S_2$ .

The *role subsumption problem* for  $\mathcal{K}$  is written  $\mathcal{K} \models S_1 \sqsubseteq S_2$  and is to determine if  $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{K}$  implies  $\mathcal{I} \models S_1 \sqsubseteq S_2$  for all  $\mathcal{I}$ .

The subset of  $\mathcal{K}$  consisting of all role inclusions is called the *RBox*  $\mathcal{R}$  of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

## Role Composition and Transitivity

A number of dialects allow roles to be composed:

$$S ::= S \circ S \quad (\textit{role composition})$$

An interpretation function  $\cdot^{\mathcal{I}}$  is extended to role composition as follows:

$$(S_1 \circ S_2)^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(e_1, e_3) \in (\Delta \times \Delta) \mid (e_1, e_2) \in S_1^{\mathcal{I}} \text{ and } (e_2, e_3) \in S_2^{\mathcal{I}}\}$$

A dialect that supports *transitive roles* allows an RBox  $\mathcal{R}$  to have role inclusions of the form

$$C ::= R \circ R \sqsubseteq R \quad (\textit{transitive role})$$

Such constraints ensure that  $R$  is transitive in any interpretation of a knowledge base.

$\mathcal{ALC}$  with support for transitive roles is more simply referred to as dialect  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Note:** There are now conditions on how roles may appear in concepts to ensure decidability of concept subsumption. (Return to this later.)

## Role Composition (cont'd)

Adding  $\mathcal{R}$  to the name of a DL dialect has a number of consequences:

- ▶ Implies adding  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- ▶ Allows a single use of composition on the left-hand-side of role inclusions:

$$\mathcal{C} ::= S \circ S \sqsubseteq S \quad (\textit{role composition})$$

- ▶ Allows roles to have additional properties:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{C} ::= & \text{Ref}(S) \quad (\textit{role reflexivity}) \\ & | \text{Asy}(S) \quad (\textit{role asymmetry}) \\ & | \text{Dis}(S_1, S_2) \quad (\textit{role disjointness}) \end{array}$$

- ▶ Admits a new concept constructor:

$$\mathcal{C} ::= \exists S.\text{Self} \quad (\textit{self restriction})$$

**Class exercise:** Define the semantics of the additional properties and of self restriction concepts.

## Decidability with an RBox

For subsumption to be decidable, any dialect that admits role composition must restrict how roles may be used in a knowledge base  $\mathcal{K}$ .

The set NS of *non-simple basic roles* of knowledge base  $\mathcal{K}$  is the smallest set satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $S_1 \circ S_2 \sqsubseteq S_3 \in \mathcal{R}$  implies  $\{S_1, S_2\} \subseteq \text{NS}$ ;
2.  $S \in \text{NS}$  implies  $S^- \in \text{NS}$ ; and
3.  $S_1 \sqsubseteq S_2 \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $S_1 \in \text{NS}$  implies  $S_2 \in \text{NS}$ .

Subsumption checking is decidable for  $\mathcal{K}$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. Any role occurring in an asymmetry constraint, in a role disjointness constraint or in an at-least restriction does not occur in NS.
2. The RBox of  $\mathcal{K}$  is *regular*: there exists a total order  $\prec$  over all roles such that, for any  $S_1 \circ S_2 \sqsubseteq S_3 \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $S_1 \prec S_3$  and  $S_2 \prec S_3$ .

Adding **(D)** to the name of a DL dialect indicates the inclusion of (one or more) *concrete domains*, which has a number of consequences:

1. The addition of a (possibly infinite) set of *literal constants*  $\Delta_{\text{lit}}$  to the domain  $\Delta$  of any interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  together with the addition of unary function symbols  $\{f_i\}$  to  $S^F$  called *concrete features*. An interpretation function  $\cdot^{\mathcal{I}}$  maps a concrete feature  $f$  to a function:  $\Delta \rightarrow \Delta_{\text{lit}}$ .
2. The addition of a (possibly infinite) set of *interpreted predicate symbols*  $\{P_i/n_i\}$  over respective  $(\Delta_{\text{lit}})^{n_i}$ .
3. The addition of a new kind of concept:

$$C ::= P/n(f_1, \dots, f_n) \quad (\text{concrete domain})$$

An interpretation function  $\cdot^{\mathcal{I}}$  is extended to concrete domain concepts as follows:

$$(P/n(f_1, \dots, f_n))^{\mathcal{I}} = \{e \in \Delta \mid ((f_1)^{\mathcal{I}}(e), \dots, (f_n)^{\mathcal{I}}(e)) \in P^{\mathcal{I}}\}$$

## Concrete Domain $\mathbb{S}$

The concrete domain  $\mathbb{S}$  of finite length strings is given as follows:

1. The literal constants  $\Delta_{\text{lit}}$  are finite strings  $\{s_1, s_2, \dots\}$ .
2. Additional predicate symbols include: unary predicates over  $\Delta_{\text{lit}}$  corresponding to literals,  $\{=s_1/1, =s_2/1, \dots\}$ , and  $\text{Cmp}/2$ , the strict lexicographic ordering over  $\Delta_{\text{lit}} \times \Delta_{\text{lit}}$ .

Examples:

- ▶ Mary's name is "Mary":

$$\{\text{mary}\} \sqsubseteq =\text{"Mary"}(\text{name})$$

- ▶ Mary's salary is less than one hundred thousand:

$$(\text{Cmp}(\text{salary}, \text{oht}) \sqcap =\text{"100000"}(\text{oht}))(\text{mary})$$

## Summary

A  $SRROIQ(\mathbf{D})$  knowledge base is a  $SRROIQ(\mathbf{D})$  terminology.

A  $SRROIQ(\mathbf{D})$  terminology is a fragment of FOL with an initial signature  $S$  consisting of:

- ▶ constant function symbols  $\{a_i\}$ , called individuals,
- ▶ unary predicate symbols  $\{A_i\}$ , called primitive concepts,
- ▶ binary predicate symbols  $\{R_i\}$ , called primitive roles,
- ▶ unary function symbols  $\{f_i\}$ , called concrete features

and one or more initial theories called concrete domains.

The set of  $SRROIQ(\mathbf{D})$  roles  $\{S_i\}$  induced by  $S$  is given by the following grammar:

$$\begin{array}{l} S ::= R \\ \quad | S^{-} \quad (\text{role inverse}) \end{array}$$

## Summary (cont'd)

The set of  $SROIQ(\mathbf{D})$  concepts  $\{C_i\}$  induced by  $S$  is given by the following grammar:

$C ::= A$	
$\exists S.C$	( <i>existential restriction</i> )
$C \sqcap C$	( <i>concept intersection</i> )
$\neg C$	( <i>concept complement</i> )
$\top$	( <i>top</i> )
$\perp$	( <i>bottom</i> )
$C \sqcup C$	( <i>concept disjunction</i> )
$\forall R.C$	( <i>universal restriction</i> )
$\geq n S.C$	( <i>qualified at-least restriction</i> )
$\leq n S.C$	( <i>qualified at-most restriction</i> )
$\geq n S$	( <i>at-least restriction</i> )
$\leq n S$	( <i>at-most restriction</i> )
$\exists S.\text{Self}$	( <i>self restriction</i> )
$P(f_1, \dots, f_n)$	( <i>concrete domain</i> )



## Summary (cont'd)

The set of  $SRROIQ(\mathbf{D})$  constraints  $\{C_i\}$  induced by  $S$  is given by the following grammar:

$C$	::=	$C \sqsubseteq C$	( <i>general concept inclusion, or GCI</i> )
		$C(a)$	( <i>concept assertion</i> )
		$R(a, b)$	( <i>role assertion</i> )
		$a = b$	( <i>individual equality</i> )
		$C \equiv C$	( <i>concept equivalence</i> )
		$A \doteq C$	( <i>atomic concept definition</i> )
		$\neg R(a, b)$	( <i>negated role assertion</i> )
		$a \neq b$	( <i>individual inequality</i> )
		$\text{Func}(S)$	( <i>role functionality</i> )
		$S \sqsubseteq S$	( <i>role inclusion</i> )
		$S \circ S \sqsubseteq S$	( <i>role composition</i> )
		$\text{Ref}(S)$	( <i>role reflexivity</i> )
		$\text{Asy}(S)$	( <i>role asymmetry</i> )
		$\text{Dis}(S_1, S_2)$	( <i>role disjointness</i> )

# Relation Algebra

The *relation algebra* is a fragment of FOL with roles and constraints given by the following respective grammars.

$$\begin{array}{l} S ::= R \\ \quad | S^{-} \quad (\text{role inverse}) \\ \quad | S \circ S \quad (\text{role composition}) \\ \quad | S \sqcap S \quad (\text{role intersection}) \\ \quad | \neg S \quad (\text{role compliment}) \\ \quad | \approx \quad (\text{identity}) \\ \\ \mathcal{C} ::= S \sqsubseteq S \quad (\text{role inclusion}) \end{array}$$

**Observation:** Rich enough to express Peano arithmetic and axiomatic set theories!

**Longer term exercise:** Explore if a  $\mathcal{SROIQ}(\mathbf{D})$  knowledge base can be translated to a theory in relation algebra.