

Querying Inconsistent Prioritized Data

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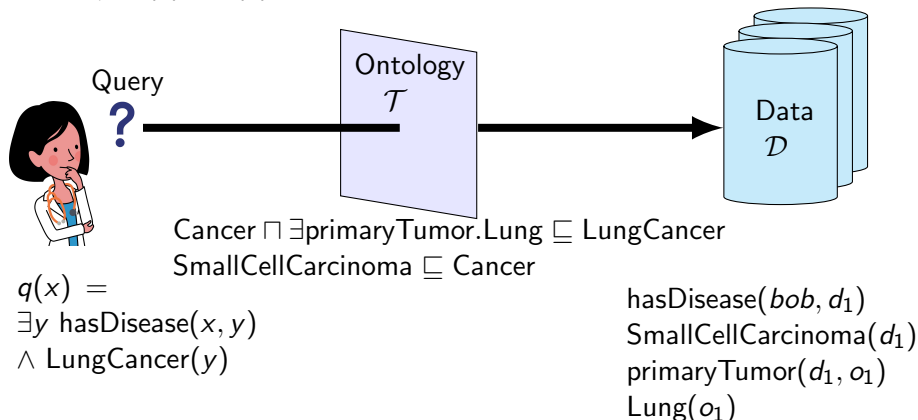
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Ontology-mediated query answering

- Knowledge base: $\mathcal{K} = (\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{T})$
 - \mathcal{D} dataset
 - \mathcal{T} (consistent) logical theory (DL ontology, database constraints...)
- Conjunctive query: $q(\vec{x}) = \exists \vec{y} \varphi$ with φ conjunction of atoms
- $\mathcal{K} \models q(\vec{a})$ if $q(\vec{a})$ holds in every model of \mathcal{K}



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$\mathcal{K} \models \exists y \text{hasDisease}(x) \wedge \text{LungCancer}(x)$ for $x \in \{\text{bob}, d_1, d_2, o_1, o_2\}$

\Rightarrow Use **inconsistency-tolerant semantics**

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$\exists y \text{hasDisease}(\text{bob}, y) \wedge \text{Cancer}(y)$ plausible/likely

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primaryTumor(d_1, o_1)	08.10.2023
primaryTumor(d_1, o_2)	05.22.2023

most recent fact gives the last, revised, diagnosis

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the second diagnostic method is more reliable

\Rightarrow SmallCellCarcinoma(d_1) \succ Adenocarcinoma(d_1)

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the dataset indicates that the patient got a surgery common in the case of lung cancer but nothing about a breast cancer treatment

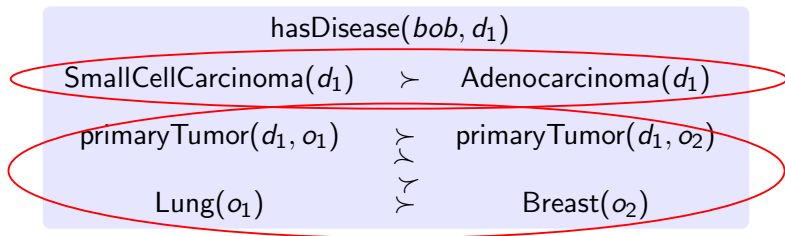
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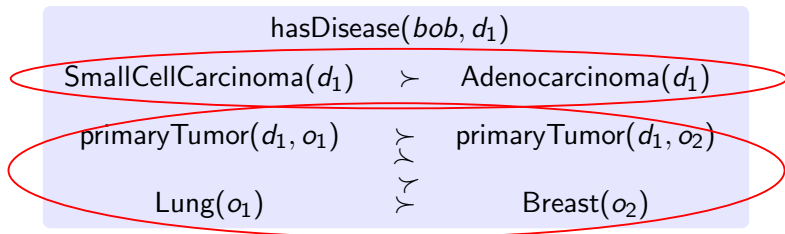


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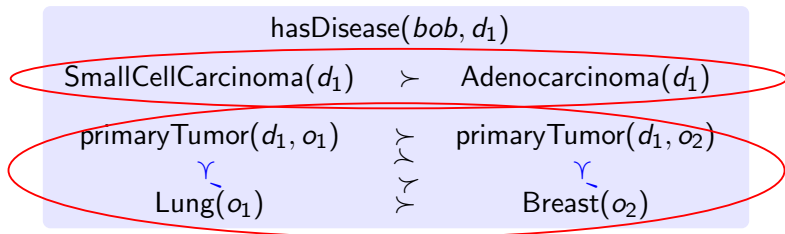


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- \succ is **total** if for all $\alpha \neq \beta$ such that $\{\alpha, \beta\} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ for some conflict \mathcal{C} , either $\alpha \succ \beta$ or $\beta \succ \alpha$
- **Completion of \succ** : total priority relation $\succ' \supseteq \succ$
 - example: complete \succ with $\text{primaryTumor}(d_1, o_1) \succ' \text{Lung}(o_1)$ and $\text{primaryTumor}(d_1, o_2) \succ' \text{Breast}(o_2)$

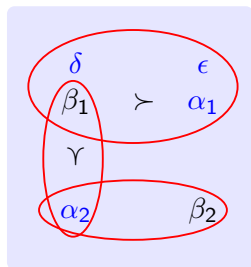
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- \mathcal{R} is **Pareto-optimal** ($\mathcal{R} \in PRep(\mathcal{K}_\succ)$) if there is no Pareto improvement of \mathcal{R}



$$\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \delta, \epsilon\} \in SRep(\mathcal{K})$$

$$\{\beta_1, \delta, \epsilon\} \text{ Pareto improvement}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \delta, \epsilon\} \notin PRep(\mathcal{K}_\succ)$$

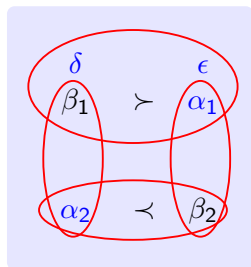
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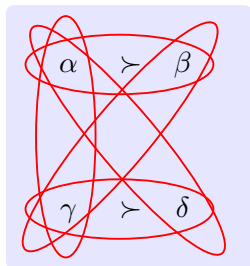
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- Equivalently: obtained by **greedily selecting some fact maximal w.r.t. \succ among those not yet considered**, and keeping it if still consistent



Subset repairs

$$SRep(\mathcal{K}) = \{ \{\alpha\}, \{\gamma\}, \{\beta, \delta\} \}$$

Pareto- and globally-optimal

$$PRep(\mathcal{K}_{\succ}) = GRep(\mathcal{K}_{\succ}) = \{ \{\alpha\}, \{\gamma\}, \{\beta, \delta\} \}$$

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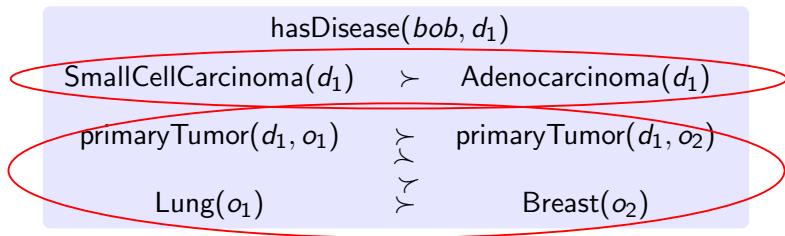
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If \succ is **score-structured** (i.e., can be induced by assigning scores to facts), then $CRep(\mathcal{K}_\succ) = GRep(\mathcal{K}_\succ) = PRep(\mathcal{K}_\succ)$



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Inconsistency-tolerant semantics

Use optimal repairs instead of subset repairs

- **X-AR**: every X-optimal repair

$$\mathcal{K}_{\succ} \models_{\text{AR}}^{\text{X}} q \Leftrightarrow \forall \mathcal{R} \in \text{XRep}(\mathcal{K}_{\succ}), (\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T}) \models q$$

- **X-brave**: some X-optimal repair

$$\mathcal{K}_{\succ} \models_{\text{brave}}^{\text{X}} q \Leftrightarrow \exists \mathcal{R} \in \text{XRep}(\mathcal{K}_{\succ}), (\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T}) \models q$$

- **X-IAR**: intersection of all X-optimal repairs

$$\mathcal{K}_{\succ} \models_{\text{IAR}}^{\text{X}} q \Leftrightarrow (\mathcal{R}^{\cap}, \mathcal{T}) \models q, \mathcal{R}^{\cap} = \bigcap_{\mathcal{R} \in \text{XRep}(\mathcal{K}_{\succ})} \mathcal{R}$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{\succ} \models_{\text{IAR}}^{\text{X}} q \Rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{\succ} \models_{\text{AR}}^{\text{X}} q \Rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{\succ} \models_{\text{brave}}^{\text{X}} q$$

Complexity of reasoning with optimal repairs

Data complexity of query entailment

	Globally-optimal	Pareto-optimal	Completion-optimal
AR	Π_2^P -complete	coNP-complete	coNP-complete
IAR	Π_2^P -complete	coNP-complete	coNP-complete
Brave	Σ_2^P -complete	NP-complete	NP-complete

- Upper bounds hold for conjunctive queries and FOL fragments with **PTime consistency checking/PTime query entailment**
- Lower bounds hold for atomic queries and any fragment that extends functional dependencies, $\text{DL-Lite}_{\text{core}}$, or \mathcal{EL}_{\perp}

[Staworko, Chomicki, and Marcinkowski, 2012,
Bienvenu and Bourgaux, 2020, 2022]

Pareto- and completion-optimal repairs: NP/coNP data complexity

⇒ Reduction to **propositional satisfiability**: use **SAT encodings** to decide whether a candidate answer holds under a given semantics

[Bienvenu and Bourgaux, 2022]

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⇒ Compare SAT-based approaches (different algorithms, different encodings) for inconsistency-tolerant query answering

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High-level algorithm:

- Filter answers that are **trivially X-IAR** in polynomial time: those which have causes without any fact with outgoing edge in the directed conflict graph
- Check **remaining potential answers** using a **SAT solver**
 - possibility to choose among several algorithms and encoding variants

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SAT encodings to decide X-AR, X-IAR or X-brave entailment

High-level ideas underlying SAT encodings

- Try to **build a subset of \mathcal{D} that fulfills some conditions**: assigning variable x_α to true means that fact α belongs to the subset
- Consider only **relevant facts**
- **X-AR**: build a set of facts that can be extended to an X-optimal repair that **does not contain any cause** for the query
- **X-brave**: build a set of facts that **contains a cause** of the query and can be extended to an X-optimal repair
- **X-IAR**: **for each cause**, find a set of facts that **does not contain it** and can be extended to an X-optimal repair

Practical SAT-based approaches

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Modular encodings with basic building blocks:

- **Absence of a cause**
 - two variants: neg_1 and neg_2 , following encodings used by CQAPri and CAVSAT respectively
- **Presence of a cause**
- **Consistency** of selected facts
- **Extension to X-optimal repair**
 - two variants for Pareto-optimal repairs: P_1 and P_2

Practical SAT-based approaches

Algorithms

- Four generic algorithms, applicable to X-AR, X-brave and X-IAR
 - one makes a **single SAT call for each candidate answer**
 - the others treat **all candidate answers together** (global encoding with soft clauses representing answers) with different reasoning modes
- Another algorithm for X-brave and X-IAR
 - check cause by cause
- Two algorithms for X-IAR keeping track of X-IAR / non X-IAR facts
 - cause by cause and fact by fact
 - all relevant facts together

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Comparing algorithms/encoding variants for a given semantics

- **Impact on running time can be huge**
- **No clear winner**: depends on dataset, query, semantics...
- **X-IAR**: one algorithm ('fact by fact') is generally better
- **Pareto-optimal repairs**:
 - P_1 - generally better than P_2 -encoding (with noteworthy exceptions)
 - P_2 -encoding works better with one way of encoding absence of a cause (neg_1) than the other (neg_2)
- **Score-structured case**: P-encodings are much better than C-encoding

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Some experimental results

		q1	q2	q3	q4	q5	q6
Alg. 1	P ₁	417	141	350	12,799	224	4,009
	P ₂	804	142	379	326,594	213	8,684
	C	252,694	179	550	oom	284	t.o
Alg. 2	P ₁	268	166	326	1,730	214	11,263
	P ₂	502	163	333	2,961	221	10,833
	C	oom	632	t.o	t.o	551	oom
Alg. 3	P ₁	272	154	313	t.o	211	245,804
	P ₂	466	146	281	t.o	201	241,030
	C	oom	624	t.o	t.o	550	oom
Alg. 4	P ₁	362	166	997	42,544	281	559,923
	P ₂	566	193	972	36,923	304	546,199
	C	oom	764	t.o	t.o	846	oom
Alg. 5	P ₁	383	135	335	8,192	211	3,419
	P ₂	565	157	309	225,170	207	5,963
	C	192,429	164	544	oom	238	t.o

Query answer filtering time in ms under X-brave semantics on Physicians dataset (8M facts, 2% facts in conflicts) with score-structured priority (2 levels). Best time in bold red and 'close to best' (i.e., not exceeding best by more than 50ms or 10%) on grey.

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			q1	q2	q3	q4	q5	q6	q7	q8	q9	q10
~CQAPri (single ans.)	P ₁	neg ₁	t.o	232,386	2,622	t.o	846	4,772	2,602	713	370,340	1,983
		neg ₂	t.o	224,840	2,672	t.o	863	4,919	2,453	718	365,374	1,901
	P ₂	neg ₁	t.o	949,967	7,942	t.o	1,819	15,963	5,375	1,862	t.o	4,932
		neg ₂	t.o	1,045,755	9,208	t.o	1,915	16,437	6,940	1,834	t.o	5,638
	C	neg ₁ /neg ₂	t.o	t.o	oom	t.o	t.o	t.o	oom	oom	t.o	t.o
~CAvSAT (multiple ans.)	P ₁	neg ₁	135,263	84,826	456	oom	1,155	434	2,060	369	t.o	1,043
		neg ₂	208,831	50,469	379	oom	1,109	504	1,909	364	t.o	1,275
	P ₂	neg ₁	119,041	65,627	966	oom	2,025	942	3,484	828	t.o	2,180
		neg ₂	oom	75,688	1,050	oom	2,229	1,000	3,700	816	t.o	2,397
	C	neg ₁ /neg ₂	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom
			q11	q12	q13	q14	q15	q16	q17	q18	q19	q20
~CQAPri (single ans.)	P ₁	neg ₁	10,004	71,135	21,990	5,822	113,593	t.o	2,696	86,121	2,460	1,762
		neg ₂	10,069	62,227	21,038	5,830	115,590	t.o	2,551	88,288	2,378	1,702
	P ₂	neg ₁	34,912	323,386	84,726	19,074	508,810	t.o	7,194	359,410	6,188	4,470
		neg ₂	35,362	284,407	84,111	20,755	586,030	t.o	7,555	391,599	6,410	4,399
	C	neg ₁ /neg ₂	t.o	oom	t.o	t.o	oom	t.o	oom	t.o	oom	oom
~CAvSAT (multiple ans.)	P ₁	neg ₁	t.o	t.o	t.o	11,765	20,432	180,360	1,942	23,016	2,806	332
		neg ₂	t.o	t.o	t.o	27,760	18,523	214,750	2,047	46,767	2,626	287
	P ₂	neg ₁	t.o	t.o	t.o	12,102	37,935	225,307	3,796	30,600	5,439	763
		neg ₂	t.o	t.o	t.o	30,375	65,737	oom	4,007	123,690	6,334	744
	C	neg ₁ /neg ₂	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom	oom

Query answer filtering time in ms under X-AR semantics on u20c50 (2M facts, 46% facts in conflicts) with score-structured priority (5 levels). Best time in bold red, 'close to best' (not exceeding best by more than 50ms or 10%) on grey.

Pareto-optimal, globally-optimal or completion-optimal: [how to choose?](#)

- $CRep(\mathcal{K}_\gamma) \subseteq GRep(\mathcal{K}_\gamma) \subseteq PRep(\mathcal{K}_\gamma) \subseteq SRep(\mathcal{K})$
 - completion: more X-IAR and X-AR answers, less X-brave answers
 - Pareto: less X-IAR and X-AR answers, more X-brave answers
- Complexity of reasoning: higher for globally-optimal
- Experimental comparison: completion-optimal challenging (but maybe we just need to find the right method...)

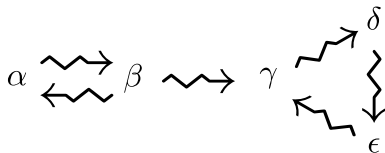
But [which notion is the 'most natural'?](#)

⇒ Study [links with other formalisms](#)

[Bienvenu and Bourgaux 2020, 2023]

Connections with argumentation

Abstract argumentation: well-known framework to deal with contradictory information in AI



An (**abstract**) **argumentation framework (AF)** is a pair $(Args, \rightsquigarrow)$ where

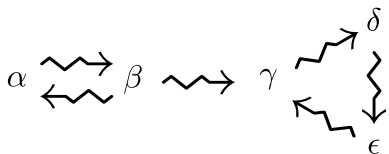
- $Args$ is a finite set of arguments
- $\rightsquigarrow \subseteq Args \times Args$ is the attack relation: α **attacks** β if $\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta$

Semantics based on **extensions** (sets of arguments that represent coherent points of view) + inference mechanism (skeptical or credulous)

Connections with argumentation

Several different notions of extension, in particular:

- **Preferred extension**: \subseteq -maximal conflict-free self-defending set (i.e., attacks all arguments that attack some of its arguments)
- **Stable extension**: conflict-free set attacking all excluded arguments



Preferred: $\{\alpha\}, \{\beta, \delta\}$

Stable: $\{\beta, \delta\}$

Stable extensions are also preferred extensions

Coherent AF: stable and preferred extensions coincide

Many variants of AF have been studied, in particular:

- Preference-based AF (PAF)
 - preference relation \succ between arguments
 - refines the attack relation: $\beta \rightsquigarrow_{\succ} \alpha$ if $\beta \rightsquigarrow \alpha$ and $\alpha \not\succeq \beta$
- Set-based AF (SETAF)
 - collective attacks $S \rightsquigarrow \alpha$ with S finite set of arguments

Combined into PSETAF ($Args, \rightsquigarrow, \succ$)

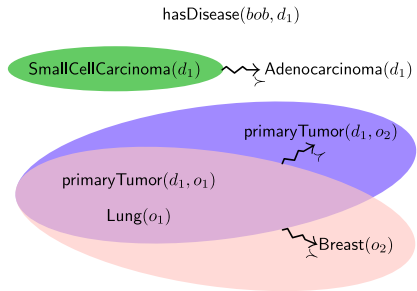
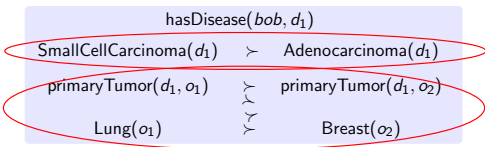
- $S \rightsquigarrow_{\succ} \alpha$ if $S \rightsquigarrow \alpha$ and $\alpha \not\succeq \beta$ for every $\beta \in S$

Connections with argumentation

Translation

Translation of a prioritized KB $\mathcal{K}_\succ = (\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{T}, \succ)$ into a PSETAF $F_{\mathcal{K}, \succ}$

- Use \mathcal{D} as the arguments
- Use \succ as the preference relation
- Define attacks by $\mathcal{C} \setminus \{\alpha\} \rightsquigarrow \alpha$ for every conflict \mathcal{C} and $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}$
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C} \setminus \{\alpha\} \rightsquigarrow_\succ \alpha$ if $\alpha \not\prec \beta$ for every $\beta \in \mathcal{C}$



\mathcal{R} is a Pareto-optimal repair of \mathcal{K}_\succ
iff
 \mathcal{R} is a stable extension of $F_{\mathcal{K},\succ}$

If \succ is transitive or if \mathcal{K} has only binary conflicts, then $F_{\mathcal{K},\succ}$ is coherent:
 \mathcal{R} is a Pareto-optimal repair of \mathcal{K}_\succ
iff
 \mathcal{R} is a preferred extension of $F_{\mathcal{K},\succ}$

No notion of extension corresponds to globally- or completion-optimal

Connections with argumentation

Grounded semantics

The **grounded extension** of a (PSET)AF is the **minimal conflict-free set of arguments that contains all arguments that it defends**

- Add all arguments with no incoming attacks
- Iteratively add arguments defended by the selected arguments

⇒ **Grounded semantics for prioritized KB**: query grounded extension of $F_{\mathcal{K}, \succ}$

- **PTime**-complete data complexity for **DL-Lite** KBs
- **Under-approximation of P-IAR**

Connections with active integrity constraints

In the database setting, **active integrity constraints** state how to resolve constraint violations: high-level similarities with prioritized databases

Example of **denial constraint** and **active denial constraint**:

$$\text{Child}(x) \wedge \text{Adult}(x) \rightarrow \perp$$

$$\text{Child}(x) \wedge \text{Adult}(x) \rightarrow \{-\text{Child}(x)\}$$

Example of **universal constraint** and **active universal constraint**:

$$\text{Lung}(x) \wedge \neg \text{LeftLg}(x) \wedge \neg \text{RightLg}(x) \rightarrow \perp$$

$$\text{Lung}(x) \wedge \neg \text{LeftLg}(x) \wedge \neg \text{RightLg}(x) \rightarrow \{+\text{LeftLg}(x), +\text{RightLg}(x)\}$$

A ground **active integrity constraint (AIC)** is a formula of the form

$$\alpha_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \alpha_n \wedge \neg \beta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \neg \beta_m \rightarrow \{A_1, \dots, A_k\}$$

with **update actions** A_i of the form $-\alpha_j$ or $+\beta_j$

Connections with active integrity constraints

Semantics based on **repair updates**: \mathcal{U} set of update actions such that $\mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{U}$ is a repair, where $\mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{D} \setminus \{\alpha \mid -\alpha \in \mathcal{U}\} \cup \{\alpha \mid +\alpha \in \mathcal{U}\}$

Several different notions of repair update, in particular:

- **Founded**: for every $A \in \mathcal{U}$, there is an AIC r with update action A and $\mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{U} \setminus \{A\} \not\models r$
- **Well-founded**: there exists a sequence of actions A_1, \dots, A_n such that $\mathcal{U} = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$, and for every $1 \leq i \leq n$, there is r_i with update action A_i and $\mathcal{D} \circ \{A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}\} \not\models r_i$
- **Grounded** (for normalized AICs: single update action): for every $\mathcal{V} \subsetneq \mathcal{U}$, there is r whose update action is in $\mathcal{U} \setminus \mathcal{V}$ and $\mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{V} \not\models r$
- **Justified**...



Connections with active integrity constraints

Prioritized databases with universal constraints

Focus on **prioritized databases** + extend setting to **universal constraints**

Kind of constraints also relevant for DL with **closed predicates**

- \mathcal{T} is a set of constraints of the form

$$\forall \vec{x} (\alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n \wedge \neg \beta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg \beta_m \rightarrow \perp)$$

- May **add facts to repair** the database
 - **symmetric difference repairs**: \mathcal{R} such that $\mathcal{R} \models \mathcal{T}$ and there is no $\mathcal{R}' \models \mathcal{T}$ such that $\mathcal{R}' \Delta \mathcal{D} \subsetneq \mathcal{R} \Delta \mathcal{D}$
 - **conflicts** may contain **absent facts of the form $\neg \alpha$** : minimal sets of **literals** such that $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{C}$ implies $\mathcal{I} \not\models \mathcal{T}$
- **Priority relation \succ over literals** in conflicts
- Pareto-, globally- and completion-optimal repair definitions extended by viewing databases as sets of literals

Connections with active integrity constraints

Prioritized databases with universal constraints

$$S(x, y) \wedge S(x, z) \wedge y \neq z \rightarrow \perp$$

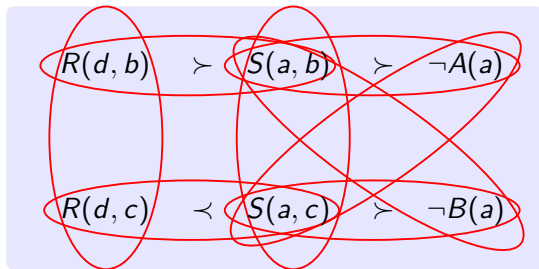
$$R(x, y) \wedge R(x, z) \wedge y \neq z \rightarrow \perp$$

$$R(y, x) \wedge S(z, x) \rightarrow \perp$$

$$S(x, y) \wedge \neg A(x) \rightarrow \perp$$

$$S(x, y) \wedge \neg B(x) \rightarrow \perp$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \{S(a, b), S(a, c), R(d, b), R(d, c)\}$$



$$CRep(\mathcal{K}_{\succ}) = \{ \{S(a, c), R(d, b), A(a), B(a)\} \}$$

$$GRep(\mathcal{K}_{\succ}) = CRep(\mathcal{K}_{\succ}) \cup \{ \{R(d, b)\} \}$$

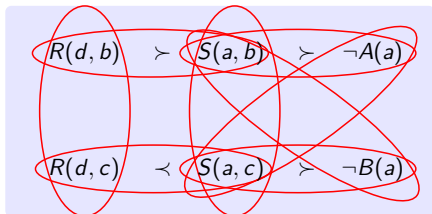
$$PRep(\mathcal{K}_{\succ}) = GRep(\mathcal{K}_{\succ}) \cup \{ \{R(d, c)\}, \{R(d, c), S(a, b), A(a), B(a)\} \}$$

Connections with active integrity constraints

Translation

Translation of a prioritized database $\mathcal{K}_\succ = (\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{T}, \succ)$ into ground AICs

- $\eta_\succ^{\mathcal{T}} = \{rc \mid \mathcal{C} \in \text{Conf}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{T})\}$ where $\text{fix}(\alpha) = -\alpha$, $\text{fix}(\neg\alpha) = +\alpha$ and $rc := \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \mathcal{C}} \lambda \rightarrow \{\text{fix}(\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \mathcal{C}, \forall \mu \in \mathcal{C}, \lambda \neq \mu\}$
- Conflicts fixed by modifying **least preferred literals according to \succ**



$$\begin{aligned} S(a, b) \wedge S(a, c) &\rightarrow \{-S(a, b), -S(a, c)\} \\ R(d, b) \wedge R(d, c) &\rightarrow \{-R(d, b), -R(d, c)\} \\ R(d, b) \wedge S(a, b) &\rightarrow \{-S(a, b)\} \\ R(d, c) \wedge S(a, c) &\rightarrow \{-R(d, c)\} \\ S(a, b) \wedge \neg A(a) &\rightarrow \{+A(a)\} \\ S(a, c) \wedge \neg A(a) &\rightarrow \{-S(a, c), +A(a)\} \\ S(a, b) \wedge \neg B(a) &\rightarrow \{-S(a, b), +B(a)\} \\ S(a, c) \wedge \neg B(a) &\rightarrow \{+B(a)\} \end{aligned}$$

For denial constraints: data-independent reduction to non-ground AICs (assuming the priority relation is stored in the database)

Connections with active integrity constraints

Translation

Pareto \equiv Founded \equiv Grounded \equiv Justified \Rightarrow Well-Founded

$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{U}$ is a Pareto-optimal repair of \mathcal{K}_\succ
iff

\mathcal{U} is a founded repair update of \mathcal{D} w.r.t. η_\succ^T
iff

\mathcal{U} is a grounded repair update of \mathcal{D} w.r.t. η_\succ^T
iff

\mathcal{U} is a justified repair update of \mathcal{D} w.r.t. η_\succ^T

Connections with active integrity constraints

Translation

In the other direction: from AICs to prioritized database

- Translation for a restricted class of 'well-behaved' AICs
 - such that founded, grounded and justified repair updates coincide
- Binary conflicts: $\text{Founded} \equiv \text{Grounded} \equiv \text{Justified} \equiv \text{Pareto}$
- Non-binary conflicts: $\text{Founded} \equiv \text{Grounded} \equiv \text{Justified} \Rightarrow \text{Pareto}$

Many proposals to handle inconsistent KBs with some sort of **preference between facts**

⇒ How do they compare with prioritized KBs and optimal repair-based semantics ?

Comparison with other approaches for prioritized KBs

Two main settings that both reduce to prioritized KBs

- \mathcal{D} partitioned into **priority levels** $\mathcal{S}_1, \dots, \mathcal{S}_n$
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Two main approaches

- **Preferred repairs based on priority levels**: \mathcal{R} is a \subseteq_P -repair if $\mathcal{R} \models \mathcal{T}$ and there is no $\mathcal{R}' \models \mathcal{T}$ such that there is $1 \leq i \leq n$ such that $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{S}_i \subsetneq \mathcal{R}' \cap \mathcal{S}_i$ and $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{S}_j = \mathcal{R}' \cap \mathcal{S}_j$ for $1 \leq j < i$
[Bienvenu, Bourgaux, and Goasdoué, 2014]
- **coincide with optimal repairs** ($CRep(\mathcal{K}_\succ) = GRep(\mathcal{K}_\succ) = PRep(\mathcal{K}_\succ)$ for score-structured priority)
- Select a **single consistent set of facts** to query
[Benferhat, Bouraoui, and Tabia, 2015, Belabbes, Benferhat, and Chomicki, 2021]

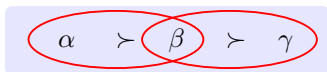
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Selection of a single consistent set of facts to query

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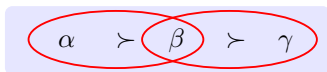
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 - $\text{Partial}_{\text{PR}}(\mathcal{K}_{\succ}) = \bigcap_{\mathcal{R} \in C\text{Rep}(\mathcal{K}_{\succ})} \mathcal{R}$

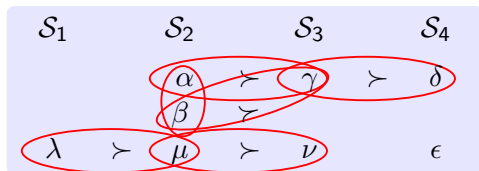
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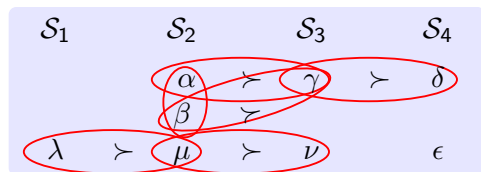
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 - has been shown to coincide with $Elect(\mathcal{K}_\succ)$



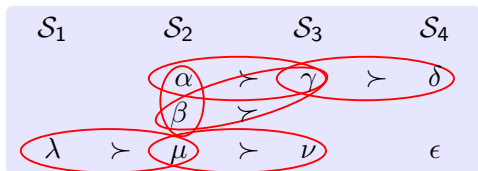
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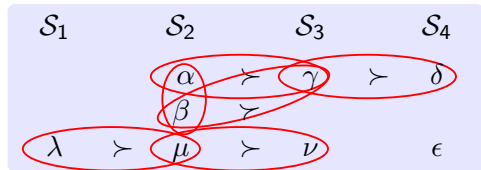
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Comparison with other approaches for prioritized KBs

Selection of a single consistent set of facts to query

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Conclusion

- Take into account **preference between facts** to refine repairs
 - three kinds of **optimal repair**, coincide for score-structured priority
- **SAT-based approaches** promising for Pareto-optimal repairs
 - question of the choice of the algorithm and SAT encoding
- Translations to **argumentation framework** or **active integrity constraints**
 - get Pareto-optimal repairs analogous
 - grounded semantics inspired by argumentation

Some of the next steps

- Help users to define priorities
- Implement algorithms for non-binary conflicts
- Universal constraints for DL KBs

Thank you for your attention !

Questions ?

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