

# Description Logics for Commonsense Concept Combination

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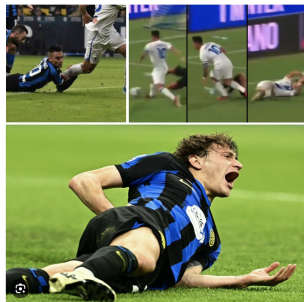
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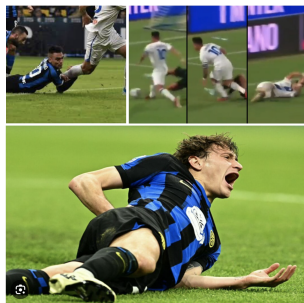
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### Semantics

- $\mathcal{M} = \langle \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}, <, \cdot^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle$ 
  - additional ingredient: preference relation among domain elements
  - $<$  is an irreflexive, transitive, modular and well-founded relation over  $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ :
    - for all  $S \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$ , for all  $x \in S$ , either  $x \in \text{Min}_{<}(S)$  or  $\exists y \in \text{Min}_{<}(S)$  such that  $y < x$
    - $\text{Min}_{<}(S) = \{u : u \in S \text{ and } \nexists z \in S \text{ s.t. } z < u\}$
  - Semantics of the  $\mathbf{T}$  operator:  $(\mathbf{T}(C))^{\mathcal{I}} = \text{Min}_{<}(C^{\mathcal{I}})$



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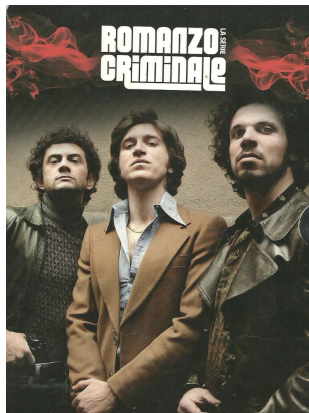
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- $p \in (0.5, 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is probability of the typicality inclusion
  - epistemic interpretation: we believe  $p$  in the fact that typical  $C$ s are  $D$ s
  - probabilistic interpretation: all typical properties, but with a different percentage of exceptions

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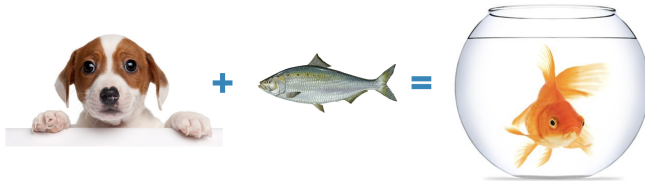
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- $Criminal \sqsubseteq \exists hasCommitted.Crime$
- $Criminal \sqsubseteq Convicted$
- $0.8 :: T(Criminal) \sqsubseteq \exists uses.Weapon$
- $0.9 :: T(Criminal) \sqsubseteq \exists uses.Gun$
- $0.75 :: T(Criminal) \sqsubseteq WellDressed$
- $0.7 :: T(Criminal) \sqsubseteq Murderer$
- $0.8 :: T(Criminal) \sqsubseteq \neg NicePerson$
- $0.85 :: T(Criminal) \sqsubseteq Rich$
- $0.95 :: T(Criminal) \sqsubseteq \neg BaglionisFan$





## Concept Combination



## Basic ideas

### Concept Combination

- Inventing novel concepts by combining the typical knowledge of pre-existing ones
- Important human creative ability
- prototypical concepts are not compositional
  - Example: Pet Fish
    - typical pet: furry and warm
    - typical fish: grayish
    - typical pet fish: neither furry and warm nor grayish (typically, it is red)

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### Concept Combination

- method inspired by cognitive semantics for the identification of a dominance effect between the concepts to be combined
  - HEAD: stronger element of the combination
  - MODIFIER
- definition of a revised knowledge base, enriched by typical properties of the combined concept
- Description logic  $\mathbf{T}^{\text{CL}}$ : semantics inspired by DISPONTE for considering only *some* scenarios

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- combined concept: properties holding in scenarios:
  - consistent with respect to KB;
  - not trivial, e.g. those ascribing *all* properties of the HEAD are discarded;
  - giving preference to  $C_H$  w.r.t.  $C_M$  with the highest probability

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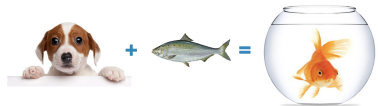
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- Probability:  
 $(1-0.9) \times (1-0.8) \times 0.7 \times \dots \times 0.8 = 0.1\%$



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## Formal definitions

### Atomic choice

- Given  $\text{KB} = \langle \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A} \rangle$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{E_1 = q_1 :: \mathbf{T}(C_1) \sqsubseteq D_1, \dots, E_n = q_n :: \mathbf{T}(C_n) \sqsubseteq D_n\}$
- $(E_i, k_i)$  is an *atomic choice*, where  $k_i \in \{0, 1\}$

### Selection

- set of atomic choices  $\nu$
- $\nu$  is a *selection* if, for each  $E_i$ , one decision is taken
  - either  $(E_i, 0) \in \nu$  and  $(E_i, 1) \notin \nu$  or
  - $(E_i, 1) \in \nu$  and  $(E_i, 0) \notin \nu$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- probability of  $\nu$

$$P(\nu) = \prod_{(E_i, 1) \in \nu} q_i \prod_{(E_i, 0) \in \nu} (1 - q_i)$$

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### Scenario

- given a selection  $\sigma$ , *scenario*  $w_\sigma = \langle \mathcal{R}, \{E_i \mid (E_i, 1) \in \sigma\}, \mathcal{A} \rangle$
- $P(w_\sigma) = P(\sigma)$
- a scenario is *consistent* when it admits a model in  $\mathbf{T}^{\text{CL}}$

### *C*-revised knowledge base

- Output of combining  $C_H$  and  $C_M$  into the compound  $C$

$$\mathcal{K}_C = \langle \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T} \cup \{p : \mathbf{T}(C) \sqsubseteq D\}, \mathcal{A} \rangle$$

- for all  $D$  such that  $\mathbf{T}(C) \sqsubseteq D$  is entailed in  $w_\sigma$

### Complexity results

- Entailment restricted to *C*-revised knowledge base
- Reasoning in  $\mathbf{T}^{\text{CL}}$  is EXPTIME-complete.

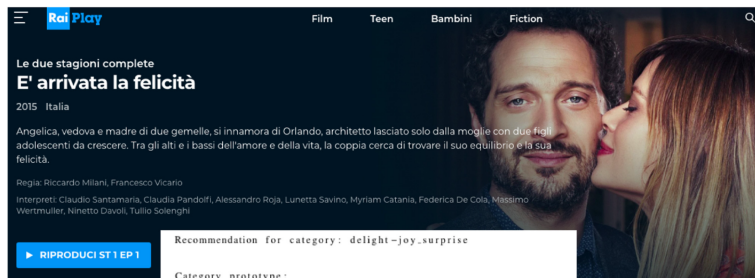
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### Results

- able to capture some well known and paradigmatic examples of concept combination from the cognitive science literature (e.g. conjunction fallacy problem)
- can be iteratively applied to combine prototypical concepts already resulting from the combination of prototypes
- several applications with generation of novel concepts as the combination of two (or more) prototypes
  - ...



## Intelligent Recommender Systems

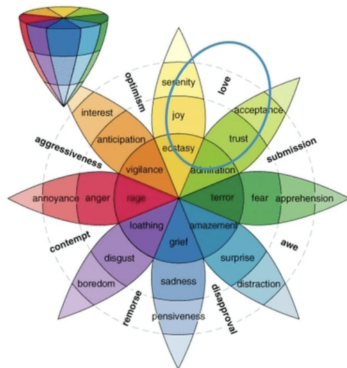


The screenshot shows the RaiPlay website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Film', 'Teen', 'Bambini', and 'Fiction'. The main content area features a large image of a man and a woman. To the left of the image, the text reads: 'Le due stagioni complete E' arrivata la felicità 2015 Italia'. Below this, there is a synopsis: 'Angelica, vedova e madre di due gemelle, si innamora di Orlando, architetto lasciato solo dalla moglie con due figli adolescenti da crescere. Tra gli alti e i bassi dell'amore e della vita, la coppia cerca di trovare il suo equilibrio e la sua felicità.' Further down, it lists the director 'Regia: Riccardo Milani, Francesco Vicario' and the cast 'Interpreti: Claudio Santamaria, Claudia Pandolfi, Alessandro Roja, Lunetta Savino, Myriam Catania, Federica De Cola, Massimo Wertmuller, Ninetto Davoli, Tullio Solenghi'. At the bottom left, there is a blue button that says '▶ RIPRODUCI ST 1 EP 1'. On the right side, a white box contains the following text: 'Recommendation for category: delight-joy-surprise', 'Category prototype:', and a list of terms with associated values and boolean flags: ['happiness', 0.98, True], ['beatitude', 0.97, True], ['party', 0.97, True], ['jubilant', 0.97, True], ['ecstatic', 0.95, True], ['surprise', 0.93, False], and ['not holocaust', 'not anticipation']. Below this, it says 'Recommended items:' and 'E. arrivata la felicità - SIE15 -'. At the bottom of the white box, it says '\-> Reason: instance's description has the following word(s) in common'.

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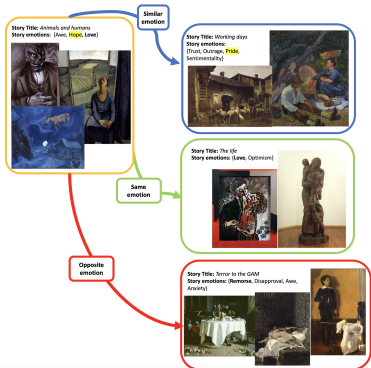
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## Dynamic Knowledge Generation

### Basic ideas

- dynamic generation of novel knowledge by exploiting  $T^{CL}$
- Given a goal expressed as a set of properties:
  - if one cannot find a concept able to fulfill all these properties, exploit  $T^{CL}$  in order to find two concepts whose combination satisfies the goal
- typicality properties obtained from the combination are added to the initial knowledge
- application in cognitive architectures
  - overcome *impasse* in SOAR by extending the possible options of its subgoaling procedures

## How does it work?

### The problem

- Knowledge base (ontology in  $\mathbf{T}^{\text{CL}}$ )  $\mathcal{K}$
- Set of goals  $\mathcal{G} = \{D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n\}$
- *Solution* for the goal = concept  $C$  such that, for all  $D_i$ , either  $\mathcal{K} \models C \sqsubseteq D_i$  or  $\mathcal{K} \models \mathbf{T}(C) \sqsubseteq D_i$  in  $\text{ALC} + \mathbf{T}_{\text{min}}$
- If there is no solution, try to generate a *new concept* by combining two existing ones  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  by means of  $\mathbf{T}^{\text{CL}}$ 
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## Objective

### Problem

- Generation of novel knowledge obtained through a process of commonsense reasoning
- Given an intelligent agent and a set of *goals*, if it is not able to achieve them from an initial knowledge base, then it tries to dynamically generate new knowledge by *combining* available information
- Novel information will be then used to extend the initial knowledge base

## Example





## Objective

### Example

- normally, coffee contains caffeine and is a hot beverage
- the chocolate with cream is normally sweet and has a taste of milk
- Limoncello is not a hot beverage
- Both coffee and Limoncello are after meal drinks
- June in Turin suggests to have
  - a hot after-meal drink
  - sweet
  - having taste of milk
- None of the concepts are able to achieve the goal on their own
- however, the combination between coffee and chocolate with cream provides a solution
  - famous Turin drink known as *Bicerín* (coffee, chocolate and cream)

## How does it work?

$\mathcal{G} = \{AfterMealDrink, HotBeverage, Sweet, TasteOfMilk\}$

- 0.9 ::  $\mathbf{T}(Coffee) \sqsubseteq AfterMealDrink$
- 0.8 ::  $\mathbf{T}(Coffee) \sqsubseteq WithCaffeine$
- 0.85 ::  $\mathbf{T}(Coffee) \sqsubseteq HotBeverage$
- $Limoncello \sqsubseteq AfterMealDrink$
- 0.9 ::  $\mathbf{T}(Limoncello) \sqsubseteq \neg HotBeverage$
- 0.65 ::  $\mathbf{T}(ChocolateWithCream) \sqsubseteq Sweet$
- 0.95 ::  $\mathbf{T}(ChocolateWithCream) \sqsubseteq TasteOfMilk$

**Solution:** combination *Coffee* and *ChocolateWithCream*

- 0.9 ::  $\mathbf{T}(Coffee \sqcap ChocolateWithCream) \sqsubseteq AfterMealDrink$
- 0.85 ::  $\mathbf{T}(Coffee \sqcap ChocolateWithCream) \sqsubseteq HotBeverage$
- 0.65 ::  $\mathbf{T}(Coffee \sqcap ChocolateWithCream) \sqsubseteq Sweet$
- 0.95 ::  $\mathbf{T}(Coffee \sqcap ChocolateWithCream) \sqsubseteq TasteOfMilk$

## Contribution

### What's new?

- EDIFICA (Extensible & Flexible concept Combination Architecture) tries to tackle the main criticisms of existing tool GOCCIOLA:
  - EDIFICA: goal directed - GOCCIOLA: randomly selects concepts to be combined
  - number of concepts to be combined: GOCCIOLA: 2, EDIFICA:  $\geq 2$  (no limitations)
  - generation of scenarios: GOCCIOLA: brute force, EDIFICA: smart (for instance by discarding inconsistent ones)
  - EDIFICA implements a more sophisticated mechanism for choosing the list of concepts to be combined among all the candidates

## EDIFICA

### Further details

- implemented in Python
- exploits the translation of an  $ALC + \mathbf{T}_{min}$  knowledge base into standard  $ALC$
- exploits the system CoCoS for generating scenarios and choosing the selected one(s) according to the logic  $\mathbf{T}^{CL}$
- exploits WordNet synsets in order to extend its search space in case of a failure

## CILC paper #2

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Learning Typicality Inclusions in a Probabilistic Description Logic for  
Concept Combination

## Objectives

- Extract logical rules using  $\mathbf{T}^{\text{CL}}$  from diverse datasets (tabular data)
- Starting point: CN2 algorithm
  - typically employed for classification tasks
  - adapted to our case for learning both structure and probabilities
- well-known datasets: iris, zoo, GTZAN
  - efficacy in generating typicality inclusions across different data domains

## The CN2 algorithm

### Introduction

- induction algorithm used to automatically generate rules for classifying new data
- developed by Clark and Niblett in 1989 to handle noisy data (with uncertainties, errors, inconsistencies)
- combines efficiency and noise-handling capabilities of the ID3 algorithm with the flexible search strategy of the AQ family (if-then rule form)
- non-overcomplicated nature
  - adaptability through modifications tailored to our needs
  - simplicity

## Our Algorithm

### Basic ideas

- CN2 stops at the first rule sufficient for classification
- E.g. zoo dataset:
  - IF *Milk*  $\rightarrow$  type=*Mammal*
  - 17 different attributes
  - continuous values converted into discrete intervals
  - we can obtain  $Mammal \sqsubseteq Milk$
  - we also want to obtain  $\mathbf{T}(Mammal) \sqsubseteq FourLegs$
- we select a target class
- re-run CN2 separately for each target class

Species	Hair	Legs	...	Family
Dog	Yes	4	...	Mammal
Goldfish	No	0	...	FISH



## Our Algorithm

### Modified CN2

- we search for single-attribute rules for a given and fixed class
- we use AUC-ROC as the evaluation function to balance informativeness and coverage
- the best rule is further evaluated by frequency
  - standard inclusion if all examples are covered
  - typicality inclusion (probability = percentage of coverage) otherwise
- we do not remove examples covered by the rules to ensure rules are probable across the entire set

## Our Algorithm

### Example

- Zoo example, prototype of a Mammal
- CN2 only finds IF *Milk*  $\rightarrow$  type=*Mammal*
- With our modified algorithm:
  - re-run CN2 by evaluating the other attributes (eggs==true, eggs==false, hair==true, hair==false, ...)

1	$Mammal \sqsubseteq Milk$	-
2	$T(Mammal) \sqsubseteq \neg Eggs$	0.976
3	$T(Mammal) \sqsubseteq Hair$	0.951
4	$T(Mammal) \sqsubseteq FourLegs$	0.756
5	$T(Mammal) \sqsubseteq Toothed$	0.976
6	$T(Mammal) \sqsubseteq Catsize$	0.78
7	$T(Mammal) \sqsubseteq \neg Aquatic$	0.854
8	$Mammal \sqsubseteq Breathes$	-
9	$Mammal \sqsubseteq \neg Feathers$	-
10	$T(Mammal) \sqsubseteq \neg Airborne$	0.951

## Contributions

### Dynamic Knowledge Generation

- EDIFICA: tool exploiting  $T^{CL}$  for
  - solving a goal with concept combination
  - dynamic generation of knowledge

### Learning Ontologies

- modified CN2 algorithm for automated learning:
  - inclusions (both rigid and typical)
  - probabilities

## Future works

### Dynamic Knowledge Generation

- partial solutions, satisfying a proper subset of the initial goals
- evaluation of EDIFICA by suitable experiments involving humans

### Learning ontologies

- only a first step
- apply the algorithm to more complex datasets
  - domain of music
  - refine the concepts presented in AIxIA 2022, automating rule extraction from more intricate and precise datasets (e.g. GTZAN)

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# Any question?

