

Reasoning on Multi-Relational Contextual Hierarchies via ASP with Algebraic Measures

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- **Context representation** is a well-known area of study in KR
 - [McCarthy, 1993]
 - [Lenat, 1998]
 - [Giunchiglia and Serafini, 1994]
- **Semantic Web**: need to interpret datasets in **correct context**
- Different proposals for **DL-based representation** of contexts
 - [Klarman, 2013]
 - [Brewka and Eiter, 2007]
 - [Bao *et al.*, 2010]
 - [Straccia *et al.*, 2010]

Contextualized Knowledge Repositories (CKR)

DL-based framework for reasoning with contextual knowledge in the semantic web [Bozzato *et al.* 2019,2018b]

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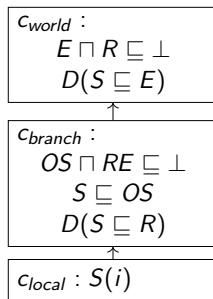
A CKR $\mathfrak{K} = \langle \mathfrak{C}, K_N \rangle$ consists of

- **Global Knowledge $\mathfrak{C} = \langle N, \succ \rangle$:**
The relation \succ between the different contexts $c \in N$
- **Contextual Knowledge $K_N = (K_c)_{c \in N}$:**
The *additional* axioms K_c in context $c \in N$

In local contexts we have, apart from usual DL rules

- **Defeasible Axioms $D(C \sqsubseteq D)$:**
Can be overridden in more specific contexts
- **Eval-Expressions $eval(c, D)$:**
Can reference the state of D in another context c

CKR Example



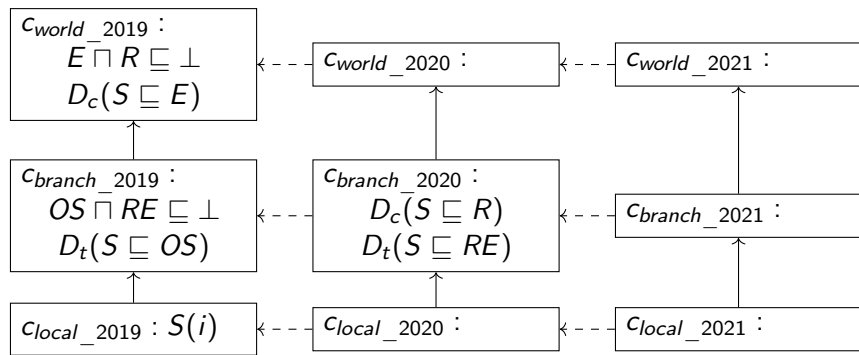
- *E*lectronics, *R*obotics, *S*upervisor
- *O*n*S*ite, *RE*mote
- At c_{local} we have $S(i)$, $OS(i)$ and $R(i)$
- $S \sqsubseteq OS$ is actually defeasible w.r.t. time!
- $D(S \sqsubseteq R)$ actually only holds since 2020!

- We need different relations between contexts!
- Axioms may be defeasible *with respect to a relation!*

Multi-Relational CKR (MR-CKR)

- Global Knowledge $\mathfrak{C} = \langle \mathbb{N}, \succ_1, \dots, \succ_m \rangle$:
The relations \succ_i between the different contexts $c \in \mathbb{N}$
- Contextual Knowledge $K_{\mathbb{N}} = (K_c)_{c \in \mathbb{N}}$:
The *additional* axioms K_c in context $c \in \mathbb{N}$
- Defeasible Axioms $D_i(C \sqsubseteq D)$:
Can be overridden in more specific contexts **w.r.t.** \succ_i

MR-CKR Example



- \longrightarrow for \succ_c , the coverage relation
- \dashrightarrow for \succ_t , the time relation
- At C_{local_2019} we have $S(i)$, $OS(i)$ and $E(i)$
- At C_{local_2020} and C_{local_2021} we have $S(i)$, $RE(i)$ and $R(i)$

- **Clashing assumption** $\langle \alpha, e \rangle$: instance e is an exception of $D_r(\alpha)$
- **CAS-interpretation** $\mathfrak{I}_{CAS} = \langle \mathcal{I}, \chi_1, \dots, \chi_m \rangle$:
 - $\mathcal{I}(c)$: interpretation of context c
 - $\chi_i(c)$: set of clashing assumptions of context c w.r.t. relation \succ_i

(Justified) CAS-model $\mathfrak{I}_{CAS} \models \mathfrak{K}$

\mathfrak{I}_{CAS} is a **CAS-model** for \mathfrak{K} if:

- 1 $\mathcal{I}(c') \models K_c$, if $c' \preceq_* c$
- 2 for every $D_i(\alpha) \in K_c$ and $c' \preceq_{-i} c$, $\mathcal{I}(c') \models \alpha$
- 3 for every $D_i(\alpha) \in K_c$ and $c'' \prec_i c' \preceq_{-i} c$, if $\langle \alpha, e \rangle \notin \chi_i(c'')$, then $\mathcal{I}(c'') \models \alpha(e)$

\mathfrak{I}_{CAS} is **justified** if each clashing assumption $\langle \alpha, e \rangle \in \chi(c)$ is justified by some **clashing set** S such that

- $\mathcal{I}(c) \models S$
- $S \cup \{\alpha(e)\}$ is unsatisfiable

Which justified CAS-Models are preferred?

- (LP) **Locally**, we prefer those that satisfy **more specific** defeasible axioms
- (RP) **On the relation level**, we prefer those that have an **improvement locally and no change for the worse** otherwise
- (GP) **Globally**, we prefer those that are **preferred on the relation of the smallest index**

How can we **reason** with MR-CKR?

- Restrict the DL language to *SROIQ*-RL and obtain least models via translation to ASP [Bozzato *et al.*, 2018a]

But how can we get only the **preferred** models?

- Preferences + ASP \rightarrow **asprin** [Brewka *et al.*, 2015]
- asprin only allows strict partial orders but we can have **cyclic** preference relations \downarrow

We investigated two options:

- 1 Restriction to **eval-disconnected** MR CKR: avoid cycles
- 2 Use **algebraic measures** [Eiter and Kiesel, 2020]

Idea:

- If \mathfrak{R} is *eval-free*, i.e., there are no *eval*-expressions at all, the interpretations $\mathcal{I}(c)$ and $\mathcal{I}(c')$ for $c \neq c'$ are independent
- Then any interpretation $(\mathcal{I}(c))_{c \in \mathbb{N}}$, where $\mathcal{I}(c)$ is locally preferred, is also globally preferred

We want at least some *eval*-expressions though!

eval-Disconnectedness

- Generalizes this idea
- Is a *syntactic* condition that can be checked easily
- Prevents *dependence* of the satisfaction of a default at context c on the satisfaction of another default at context c'

Local Preference (LP)

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#preference (LP(c, i), poset) {  
  ¬ovr(α, X, c, i) >> ovr(α, X, c, i);  
  ¬ovr(α2, Y, c, i) >> ¬ovr(α1, X, c, i); for c1 ≻-i c1b ≻i c and  
  c2 ≻-i c2b ≻i c and c1b ≻i c2b and Di(αj) in Kci.}
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Relation-global Preference (RP)

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#preference (RP(i), pareto) {**LP(C, i) : context(C)}.
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GlobalPreference (GP)

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#preference (GP, lexico) {W::**RP(I) : rel_w(I, W)}.
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Putting things together:

- $PK(\mathfrak{K})$ is the answer set program that encodes the MR-CKR \mathfrak{K}
- P_{pref} is the preference encoding in asprin including #optimize(GP).

Theorem

Let \mathfrak{K} be a multi-relational CKR that is eval-disconnected and in SROIQ-RLD normal form. Then under the unique name assumption,

- 1 for every α and c such that $O(\alpha, c)$ is defined, $\mathfrak{K} \models c : \alpha$ iff $PK(\mathfrak{K}) \cup P_{pref} \models O(\alpha, c)$;
- 2 for every BCQ $Q = \exists y.\gamma(y)$ on \mathfrak{K} , $\mathfrak{K} \models Q$ iff $PK(\mathfrak{K}) \cup P_{pref} \models O(Q)$.

We can use $PK(\mathfrak{K}) \cup P_{pref}$ to reduce reasoning tasks to ASP+asprin!
 \hookrightarrow implemented in the publicly available tool **CKRew**!

- Use **weighted formulas** α over a semiring $(R, \oplus, \otimes, e_{\oplus}, e_{\otimes})$ of the form

$$\alpha ::= k \mid p \mid \neg p \mid \alpha + \alpha \mid \alpha * \alpha,$$

where $k \in R$ and p is a propositional variable

- Allows calculations over a semiring **depending on the truth of propositional variables or formulas**
- Example: $2 * \text{candy} + 3 * \text{pasta}$ over semiring $(\mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$
 \hookrightarrow if we buy *candy* and *pasta* we pay 5

- An **Algebraic Measure** μ is defined by a triple $\langle \Pi, \alpha, \mathcal{R} \rangle$, where
 - Π is an ASP program
 - α is a weighted LARS formula over \mathcal{R}
 - \mathcal{R} is a semiring
- The **weight of an answer set** $S \in \mathcal{AS}(\Pi)$ is

$$\mu(S) = \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket_{\mathcal{R}}(S).$$

- Intuitively, algebraic measures allow us to associate a weight with an answer set
 - \hookrightarrow many possibilities what to do with this weight!
- The **overall weight** of μ is defined as

$$\mu(\Pi) = \bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{AS}(\Pi)} \mu(S).$$

Preferred Answer Sets

An answer set $S \in \mathcal{AS}(\Pi)$ is **preferred** w.r.t. a measure $\mu = \langle \Pi, \alpha, \mathcal{R} \rangle$ and a relation $>$ on R if no $S' \in \mathcal{AS}(\Pi)$ exists such that $\mu(S') > \mu(S)$

How do we use this?

- The powerset semiring $\mathcal{P}(CA)$ over the set of possible clashing assumptions can do “bookkeeping”
- Define a weighted formula that checks for clashing assumptions
 $\alpha = \sum_{\langle \phi, e, c, i \rangle \in CA} \text{ovr}(\phi, e, c, i) * \{ \langle \phi, e, c, i \rangle \}$.
- Take the relation $>_{opt}$ on the semiring values $S \subseteq CA$ that correctly captures the preference on the justified models.
- $S \in \mathcal{AS}(PK(\mathcal{R}))$ is preferred iff it corresponds to a least preferred CAS model $\langle \mathcal{J}, \bar{\chi} \rangle$ of \mathcal{R}

Additional Possibilities with Overall Weight Queries

For single-relational, *eval*-free CKR \mathfrak{K} , we can also use **overall weight queries** fruitfully

Theorem


There exists a measure $\mu_{one} = \langle PK(\mathfrak{K}), \alpha_{one}, \mathcal{R}_{one}(\mathfrak{K}) \rangle$ whose overall weight is either


- *the minimum lexicographical preferred answer set of $PK(\mathfrak{K})$*
- *or 0 if there is no preferred answer set.*


Theorem


There exists a measure $\mu_{all} = \langle PK(\mathfrak{K}), \alpha_{all}, \mathcal{R}_{all}(\mathfrak{K}) \rangle$ whose overall weight characterizes all preferred answer sets.


- **Multi-Relational CKR** allows us to properly capture differences in contexts w.r.t. different dimensions
- **CKRew**: Implementation using an encoding in ASP + asprin for *eval*-disconnected MR-CKR
- **Algebraic Measures** as a general to approach many quantitative problems
 - ↔ probabilistic reasoning
 - ↔ preferential reasoning
 - ↔ parameter learning
 - ↔ and more

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