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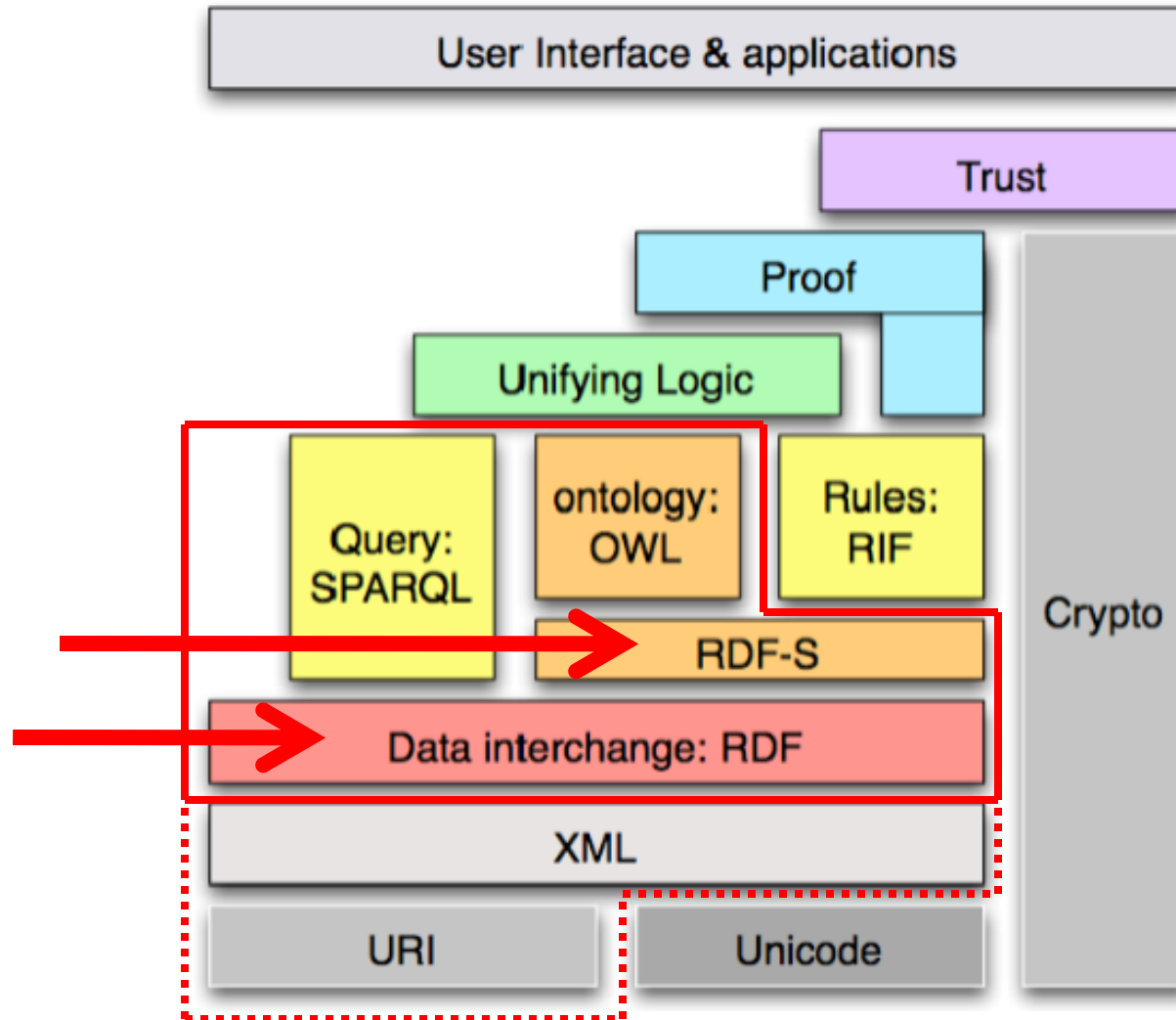
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Today: RDF(S) semantics

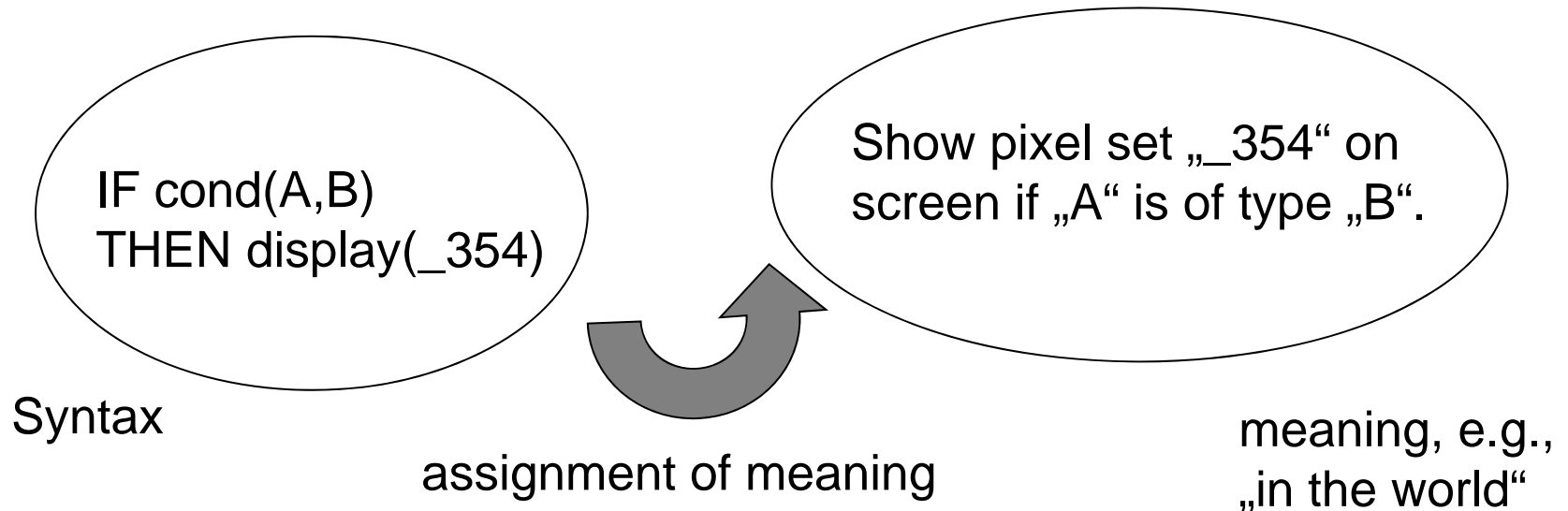


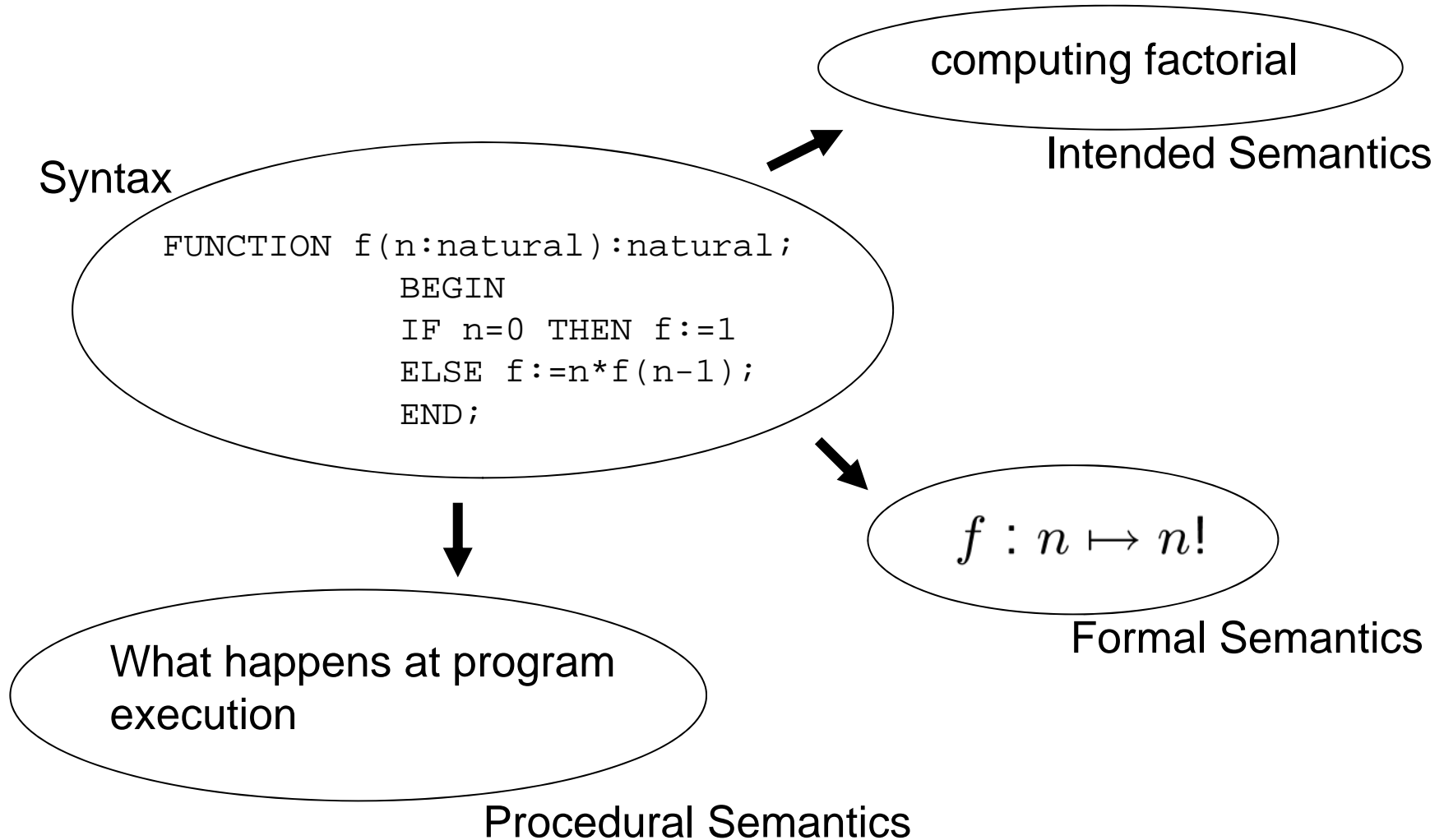
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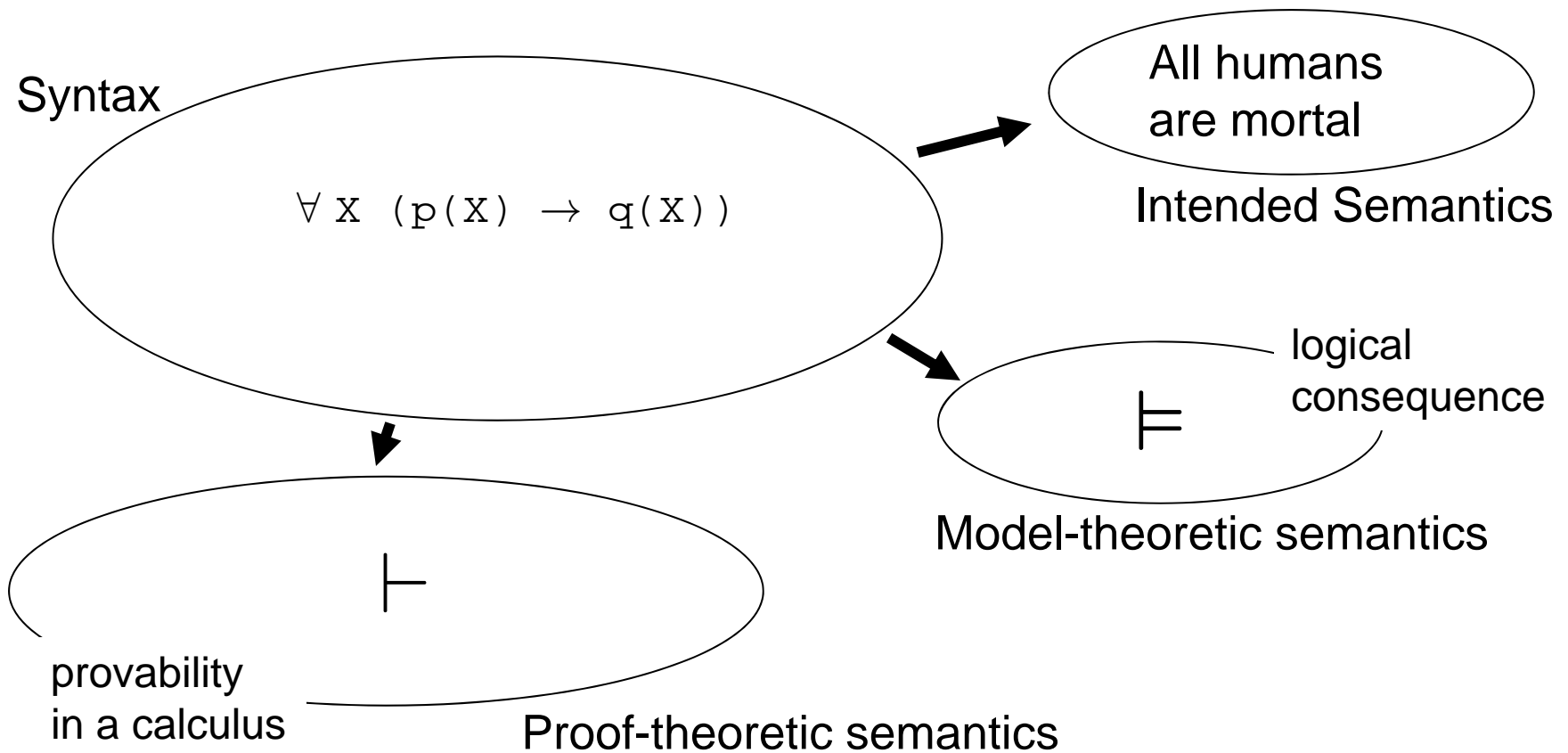
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Syntax: character strings without meaning

Semantics: meaning of the character strings



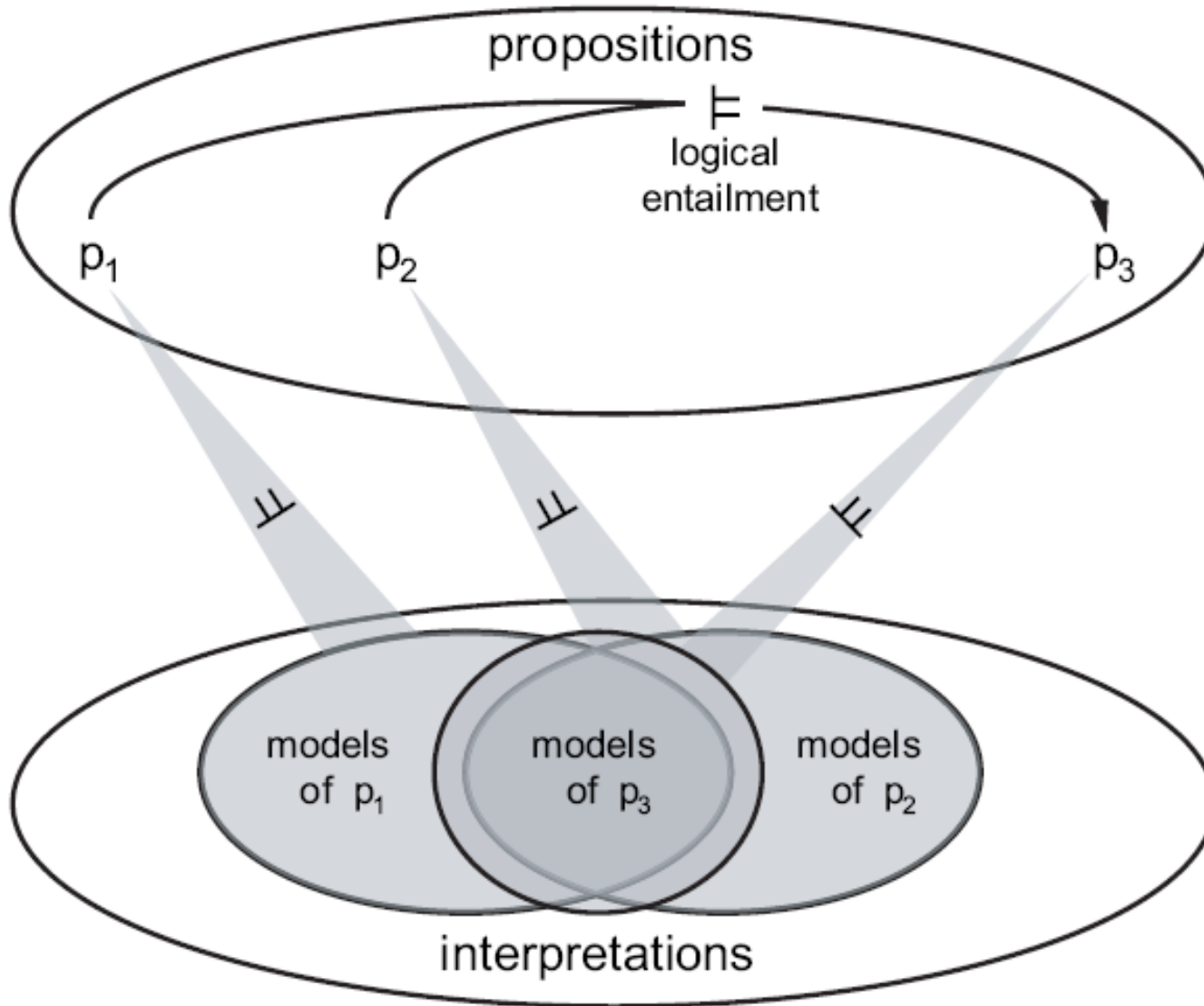




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- You need:
 - a language/syntax
 - a notion of *model* for sentences in the language
- Models
 - are made such that each sentence is either true or false in each model
 - If a sentence α is true in a model M , then we write $M \models \alpha$
- Logical consequence:
 - β is a logical consequence of α (written $\alpha \models \beta$), if for all M with $M \models \alpha$, we also have $M \models \beta$ are
 - If K is a set of sentences, we write $K \models \beta$ if $M \models \beta$ for each $M \models K$
 - If J is another set of sentences, we write $K \models J$ if $K \models \beta$ for each $\beta \in J$

(note that the notation \models is overloaded)



- **Language:**
variables ...,w,x,y,z,...
symbol η
allowed sentences: $a \eta b$ (for a, b any variables)

- **We want to know:**

What are the logical consequences of the set

$\{x \eta y, y \eta z\}$

- **To answer this, we must say what the models in our semantics are.**

- Say, a model I of a set K of sentences consists of
 - a set C of cars and
 - a function $I(\cdot)$ which maps each variable to a car in C such that, for each sentence $a \eta b$ in K we have that $I(a)$ has more horsepower than $I(b)$.
- We now claim that $\{x \eta y, y \eta z\} \models x \eta z$.
- Proof: Consider any model M of $\{x \eta y, y \eta z\}$. Since $M \models \{x \eta y, y \eta z\}$, we know that
 - $M(x)$ has more horsepower than $M(y)$ and
 - $M(y)$ has more horsepower than $M(z)$.Hence, $M(x)$ has more horsepower than $M(z)$, i.e. $M \models x \eta z$.

This argument holds for all models of $\{x \eta y, y \eta z\}$, therefore $\{x \eta y, y \eta z\} \models x \eta z$.

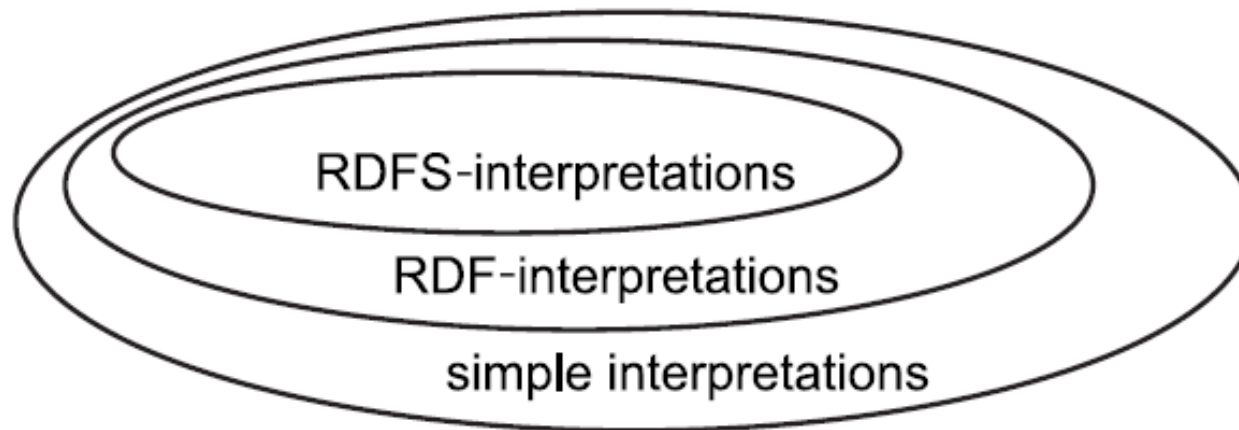
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 - a function $I(\cdot)$ which maps each variable to a car in C such that, for each sentence $a \eta b$ in K we have that $I(a)$ has more horsepower than $I(b)$.
- An *interpretation* I for a our language consists of
 - a set C of cars and
 - a function $I(\cdot)$ which maps each variable to a car in C .

(and that's it, i.e. no information whether a sentence is true or false with respect to I).

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Now let's do this for RDF(S)

- **Language: Whatever is valid RDF(S).**
- **Sentences are triples. (Graphs are sets of triples.)**
- **Interpretations are given via sets and functions from language vocabularies to these sets.**
- **Models are defined such that they capture the intended meaning of the RDF(S) vocabulary.**
- **And there are three different notions:**



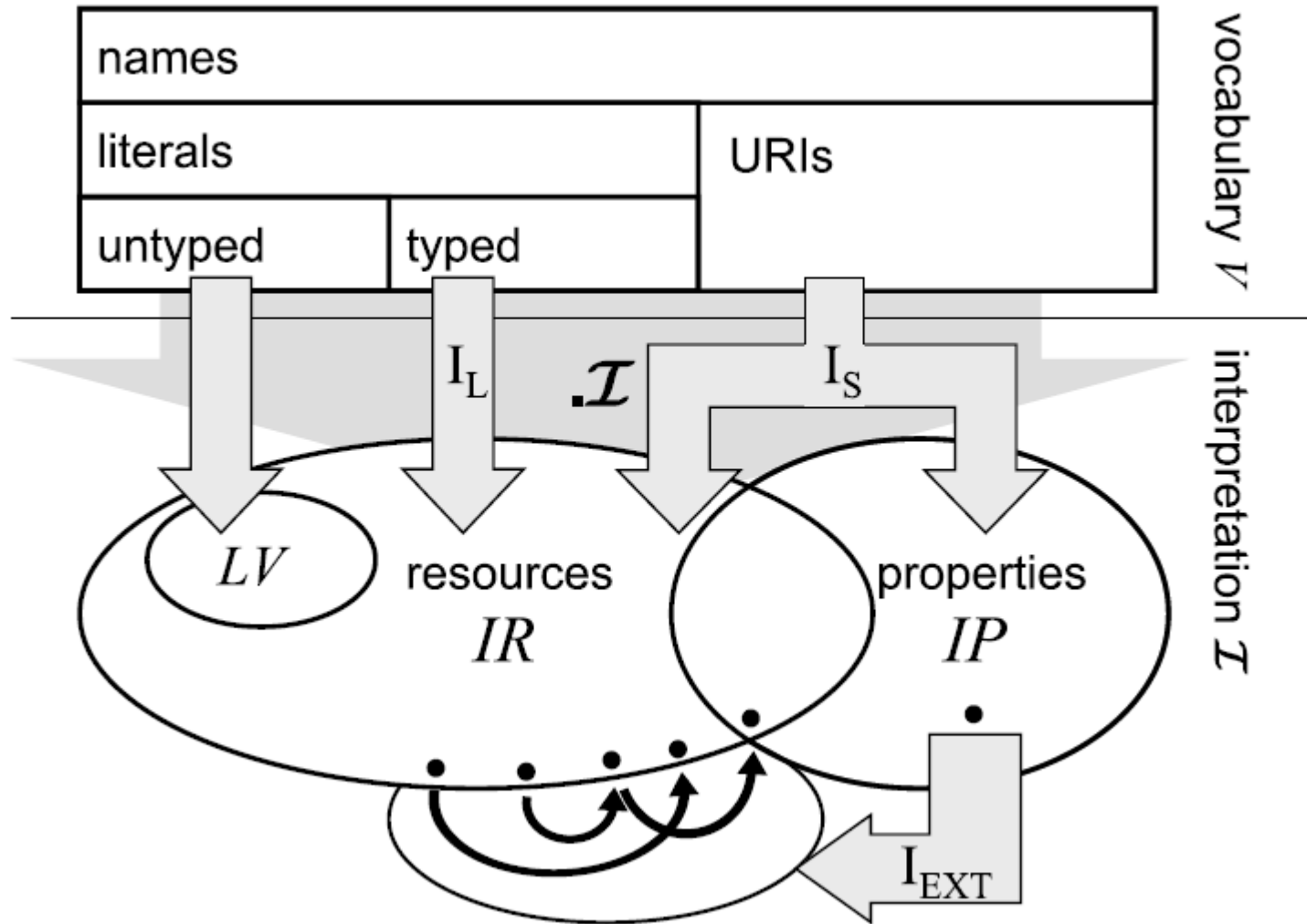
So we define: a *simple interpretation* \mathcal{I} of a given vocabulary V consists of

- IR , a non-empty set of *resources*, alternatively called domain or universe of discourse of \mathcal{I} ,
- IP , the set of *properties* of \mathcal{I} (which may overlap with IR),
- I_{EXT} , a function assigning to each property a set of pairs from IR , i.e. $I_{\text{EXT}} : IP \rightarrow 2^{IR \times IR}$, where $I_{\text{EXT}}(p)$ is called the *extension* of the property p ,
- I_S , a function, mapping URIs from V into the union of the sets IR and IP , i.e. $I_S : V \rightarrow IR \cup IP$,
- I_L , a function from the typed literals from V into the set IR of resources and
- LV , a particular subset of IR , called the set of *literal values*, containing (at least) all untyped literals from V .

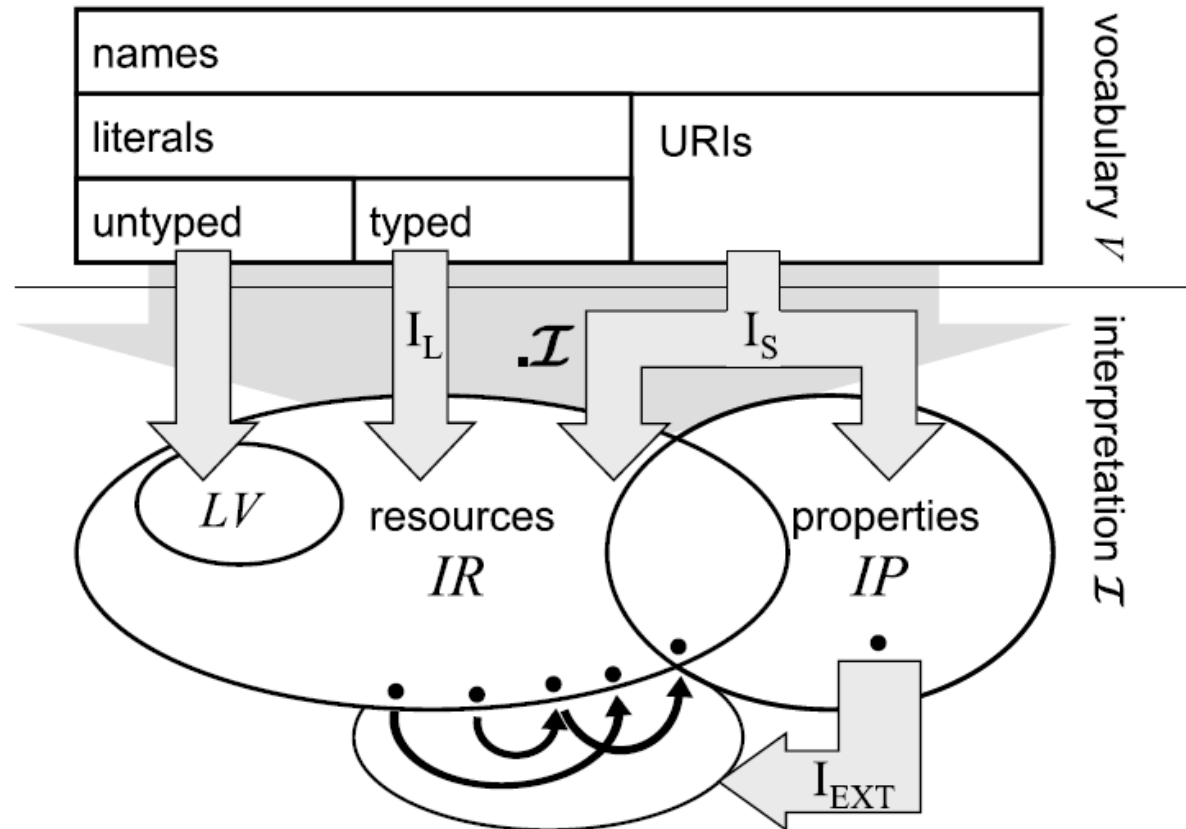
Now define an interpretation function $\cdot^{\mathcal{I}}$ (written as exponent).

- every untyped literal " a " is mapped to a , formally: $(\text{"}a\text{"})^{\mathcal{I}} = a$,
- every untyped literal carrying language information " a "@ t is mapped to the pair $\langle a, t \rangle$, i.e. $(\text{"}a\text{"}@t)^{\mathcal{I}} = \langle a, t \rangle$,
- every typed literal l is mapped to $I_L(l)$, formally: $l^{\mathcal{I}} = I_L(l)$, and
- every URI u is mapped to $I_S(u)$, i.e. $u^{\mathcal{I}} = I_S(u)$.

Simple Interpretations

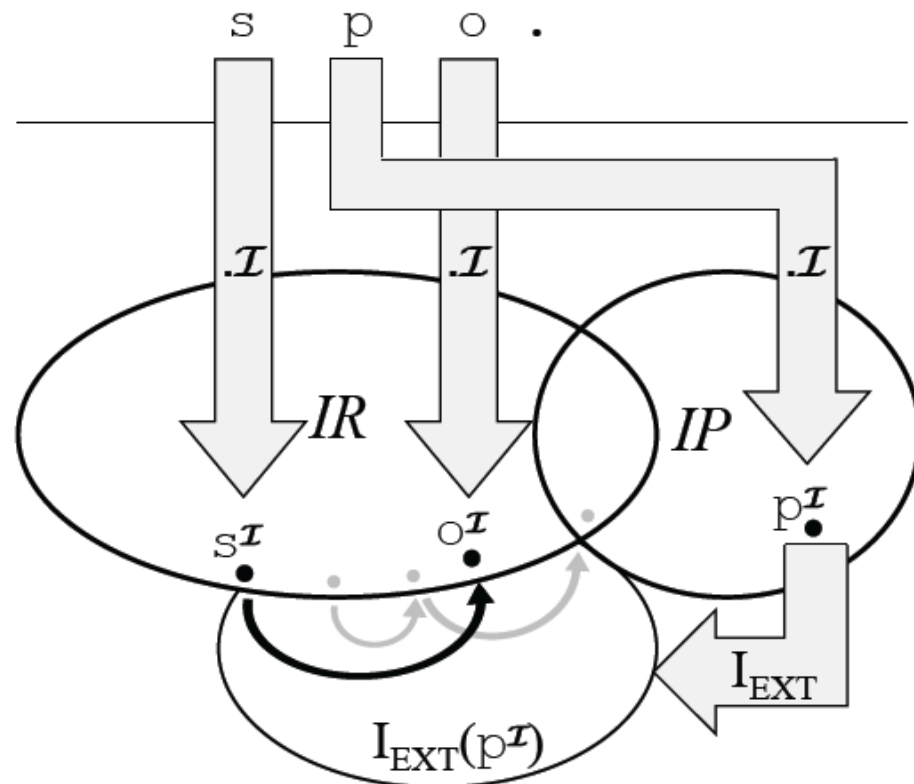


- The truth value $s \ p \ o.^{\mathcal{I}}$ of a (grounded*) triple $s \ p \ o.$ is true exactly if (s, p, o are contained in V) and $\langle s^{\mathcal{I}}, o^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(p^{\mathcal{I}})$.



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* A grounded triple does not contain a blank node.

- Say, A is a function from blank nodes to URIs.
[these URIs need not be contained in the graph we're looking at]
- If, in a graph G , we replace each blank node x by $A(x)$, then we obtain a graph G' which we call a *grounding* of G .
- We know how to do the semantics for the grounded graphs.
- So define:
 $I \models G$ if and only if $I \models G'$ for **at least one** grounding G' of G .

- A graph G *simply entails* a graph G' if every simple interpretation that is a model of G is also a model of G' .
- (Recall that a simple interpretation is a model of a graph G if it is a model of each triple in G .)

- **Basically, $G \models G'$ if and only if G' can be obtained from G by replacing some nodes in G by blank nodes.**

- **It's really *simple* entailment.**

An *RDF-interpretation* of a vocabulary V is a simple interpretation of the vocabulary $V \cup V_{\text{RDF}}$ that additionally satisfies the following conditions:

- $x \in IP$ exactly if $\langle x, \text{rdf:Property}^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdf:type}^{\mathcal{I}})$.
- if `"s"^^rdf:XMLLiteral` is contained in V and s is a well-typed XML-Literal, then
 - $I_L(\text{"s"^^rdf:XMLLiteral})$ is the XML value of s ;
 - $I_L(\text{"s"^^rdf:XMLLiteral}) \in LV$;
 - $\langle I_L(\text{"s"^^rdf:XMLLiteral}), \text{rdf:XMLLiteral}^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdf:type}^{\mathcal{I}})$
- if `"s"^^rdf:XMLLiteral` is contained in V and s is an ill-typed XML literal, then
 - $I_L(\text{"s"^^rdf:XMLLiteral}) \notin LV$ and
 - $\langle I_L(\text{"s"^^rdf:XMLLiteral}), \text{rdf:XMLLiteral}^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \notin I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdf:type}^{\mathcal{I}})$.

- In addition, each RDF-interpretation has to evaluate all the following triples to true:

<code>rdf : type</code>	<code>rdf : type</code>	<code>rdf : Property.</code>
<code>rdf : subject</code>	<code>rdf : type</code>	<code>rdf : Property.</code>
<code>rdf : predicate</code>	<code>rdf : type</code>	<code>rdf : Property.</code>
<code>rdf : object</code>	<code>rdf : type</code>	<code>rdf : Property.</code>
<code>rdf : first</code>	<code>rdf : type</code>	<code>rdf : Property.</code>
<code>rdf : rest</code>	<code>rdf : type</code>	<code>rdf : Property.</code>
<code>rdf : value</code>	<code>rdf : type</code>	<code>rdf : Property.</code>
<code>rdf : <i>_i</i></code>	<code>rdf : type</code>	<code>rdf : Property.</code>
<code>rdf : nil</code>	<code>rdf : type</code>	<code>rdf : List.</code>

- **Define (for a given RDF-interpretation \mathcal{I}):**
 - $I_{\text{CEXT}} : IR \rightarrow 2^{IR}$: We define $I_{\text{CEXT}}(y)$ to contain exactly those elements x for which $\langle x, y \rangle$ is contained in $I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdf:type}^{\mathcal{I}})$. The set $I_{\text{CEXT}}(y)$ is then also called the *(class) extension* of y .
 - $IC = I_{\text{CEXT}}(\text{rdfs:Class}^{\mathcal{I}})$.
- $IR = I_{\text{CEXT}}(\text{rdfs:Resource}^{\mathcal{I}})$
- $LV = I_{\text{CEXT}}(\text{rdfs:Literal}^{\mathcal{I}})$
- If $\langle x, y \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdfs:domain}^{\mathcal{I}})$ and $\langle u, v \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(x)$, then $u \in I_{\text{CEXT}}(y)$.
- If $\langle x, y \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdfs:range}^{\mathcal{I}})$ and $\langle u, v \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(x)$, then $v \in I_{\text{CEXT}}(y)$.
- $I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdfs:subPropertyOf}^{\mathcal{I}})$ is reflexive and transitive on IP .

- If $\langle x, y \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdfs:subPropertyOf}^{\mathcal{I}})$,
then $x, y \in IP$ and $I_{\text{EXT}}(x) \subseteq I_{\text{EXT}}(y)$.
- If $x \in IC$,
then $\langle x, \text{rdfs:Resource}^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdfs:subClassOf}^{\mathcal{I}})$.
- If $\langle x, y \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdfs:subClassOf}^{\mathcal{I}})$,
then $x, y \in IC$ and $I_{\text{CEXT}}(x) \subseteq I_{\text{CEXT}}(y)$.
- $I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdfs:subClassOf}^{\mathcal{I}})$ is reflexive and transitive on IC .
- If $x \in I_{\text{CEXT}}(\text{rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty}^{\mathcal{I}})$,
then $\langle x, \text{rdfs:member}^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdfs:subPropertyOf}^{\mathcal{I}})$.
- If $x \in I_{\text{CEXT}}(\text{rdfs:Datatype}^{\mathcal{I}})$,
then $\langle x, \text{rdfs:Literal}^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in I_{\text{EXT}}(\text{rdfs:subClassOf}^{\mathcal{I}})$

- Furthermore, all of the following must be satisfied.

<code>rdf:type</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdfs:Resource</code> .
<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdf:Property</code> .
<code>rdfs:range</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdf:Property</code> .
<code>rdfs:subPropertyOf</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdf:Property</code> .
<code>rdfs:subClassOf</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdfs:Class</code> .
<code>rdf:subject</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdf:Statement</code> .
<code>rdf:predicate</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdf:Statement</code> .
<code>rdf:object</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdf:Statement</code> .
<code>rdfs:member</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdfs:Resource</code> .
<code>rdf:first</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdf:List</code> .
<code>rdf:rest</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdf:List</code> .
<code>rdfs:seeAlso</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdfs:Resource</code> .
<code>rdfs:isDefinedBy</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdfs:Resource</code> .

- **Furthermore, all of the following must be satisfied.**

<code>rdfs:comment</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdfs:Resource</code> .
<code>rdfs:label</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdfs:Resource</code> .
<code>rdf:value</code>	<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdfs:Resource</code> .
<code>rdf:type</code>	<code>rdfs:range</code>	<code>rdfs:Class</code> .
<code>rdfs:domain</code>	<code>rdfs:range</code>	<code>rdfs:Class</code> .
<code>rdfs:range</code>	<code>rdfs:range</code>	<code>rdfs:Class</code> .
<code>rdfs:subPropertyOf</code>	<code>rdfs:range</code>	<code>rdf:Property</code> .
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- Furthermore, all of the following must be satisfied.

```
rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty
    rdfs:subClassOf      rdf:Property .
rdf:Alt
    rdfs:subClassOf      rdfs:Container .
rdf:Bag
    rdfs:subClassOf      rdfs:Container .
rdf:Seq
    rdfs:subClassOf      rdfs:Container .

rdfs:isDefinedBy      rdfs:subPropertyOf  rdfs:seeAlso .

rdf:XMLLiteral
    rdf:type            rdfs:Datatype .
rdf:XMLLiteral
    rdfs:subClassOf    rdfs:Literal .
rdfs:Datatype
    rdfs:subClassOf    rdfs:Class .

rdf:_i
    rdf:type
        rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty .

rdf:_i
    rdfs:domain        rdfs:Resource .
rdf:_i
    rdfs:range         rdfs:Resource .
```

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 - a set C of cars and
 - a function $I(\cdot)$ which maps each variable to a car in C such that, for each sentence $a \eta b$ in K we have that $I(a)$ has more horsepower than $I(b)$.
- Can we find an algorithm to compute all logical consequences of a set of sentences?
- Algorithm Input: set K of sentences
 1. The algorithm non-deterministically selects two sentences from K . If the first sentence is $a \eta b$, and the second sentence is $b \eta c$, then add $a \eta c$ to K .
IF $a \eta b \in K$ and $b \eta c \in K$ THEN $K \leftarrow \{a \eta c\}$
 2. Repeat step 1 until no selection results in a change of K .
 3. Output: K

- The algorithm produces only logical consequences: it is **sound** with respect to the model-theoretic semantics.
- The algorithm produces all logical consequences: it is **complete** with respect to the model-theoretic semantics.
- The algorithm always terminates.
- The algorithm is non-deterministic.
- What is the computational complexity of this algorithm?

And actually, the algorithm just given is *not* sound and complete.
Do you see, why?

- **Recall:**
 - β is a logical consequence of α (written $\alpha \models \beta$), if for **all** M with $M \models \alpha$, we also have $M \models \beta$ are
- **Implementing model-theoretic semantics directly is not feasible:** We would have to deal with *all* models of a knowledge base. Since there are a lot of cars in this world, we would have to check a lot of possibilities.
- **Proof theory reduces model-theoretic semantics to symbol manipulation!** It removes the models from the process.

IF $a \eta b \in K$ and $b \eta c \in K$ THEN $K \leftarrow \{a \eta c\}$

is a so-called *deduction rule*. Such rules are usually written schematically as

$$\frac{a \eta b \quad b \eta c}{a \eta c}$$

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- a and b can refer to arbitrary URIs (i.e. anything admissible for the predicate position in a triple),
- $_:n$ will be used for the ID of a blank node,
- u and v refer to arbitrary URIs or blank node IDs (i.e. any possible subject of a triple),
- x and y can be used for arbitrary URIs, blank node IDs or literals (i.e. anything admissible for the object position in a triple), and
- l may be any literal.

$$\frac{u \quad a \quad x \quad .}{u \quad a \quad _ : n \quad .} \text{ se1}$$

$$\frac{u \quad a \quad x \quad .}{_ : n \quad a \quad x \quad .} \text{ se2}$$

$_ : n$ must not be contained in the graph the rule is applied to

$$\frac{}{u \ a \ x} \text{rdfax}$$

for all RDF axiomatic triples $u \ a \ x$.

$$\frac{u \ a \ l \ .}{u \ a \ _ : n \ .} \text{lg}$$

where $_ : n$ does not yet occur in the graph

$$\frac{u \ a \ y \ .}{a \ \text{rdf:type} \ \text{rdf:Property} \ .} \text{rdf1}$$

$$\frac{u \ a \ l \ .}{_ : n \ \text{rdf:type} \ \text{rdf:XMLLiteral}} \text{rdf2}$$

where $_ : n$ does not yet occur in the graph,
unless it has been introduced by a
preceding application of the lg rule

Additional RDFS-entailment Rules - I

$\frac{}{u \ a \ x} \text{rdfax}$ for all RDFS axiomatic triples $u \ a \ x$.

$\frac{u \ a \ l \ .}{_ : n \ \text{rdf:type} \ \text{rdfs:Literal} \ .} \text{rdfs1}$ with $_ : n$ as usual

$\frac{a \ \text{rdfs:domain} \ x \ . \quad u \ a \ y \ .}{u \ \text{rdf:type} \ x \ .} \text{rdfs2}$

$\frac{a \ \text{rdfs:range} \ x \ . \quad u \ a \ v \ .}{v \ \text{rdf:type} \ x \ .} \text{rdfs3}$

$\frac{u \ a \ x \ .}{u \ \text{rdf:type} \ \text{rdfs:Resource} \ .} \text{rdfs4a}$

$\frac{u \ a \ v \ .}{v \ \text{rdf:type} \ \text{rdfs:Resource} \ .} \text{rdfs4b}$

Additional RDFS-entailment Rules - II

$$\frac{u \text{ rdfs:subPropertyOf } v . \quad v \text{ rdfs:subPropertyOf } x .}{u \text{ rdfs:subPropertyOf } x .} \text{ rdfs5}$$
$$\frac{u \text{ rdf:type } \text{rdf:Property} .}{u \text{ rdfs:subPropertyOf } u .} \text{ rdfs6}$$
$$\frac{a \text{ rdfs:subPropertyOf } b . \quad u \ a \ y .}{u \ b \ y .} \text{ rdfs7}$$
$$\frac{u \text{ rdf:type } \text{rdfs:Class} .}{u \text{ rdfs:subClassOf } \text{rdfs:Resource} .} \text{ rdfs8}$$
$$\frac{u \text{ rdfs:subClassOf } x . \quad v \text{ rdf:type } u .}{v \text{ rdf:type } x .} \text{ rdfs9}$$
$$\frac{u \text{ rdf:type } \text{rdfs:Class} .}{u \text{ rdfs:subClassOf } u .} \text{ rdfs10}$$

$$\frac{u \text{ rdfs:subClassOf } v . \quad v \text{ rdfs:subClassOf } x .}{u \text{ rdfs:subClassOf } x .} \text{ rdfs11}$$

$$\frac{u \text{ rdf:type rdfs:ContainerMembershipProperty } .}{u \text{ rdfs:subPropertyOf rdfs:member } .} \text{ rdfs12}$$

$$\frac{u \text{ rdf:type rdfs:Datatype } .}{u \text{ rdfs:subClassOf rdfs:Literal } .} \text{ rdfs13}$$

$$\frac{u \text{ a } _ : n .}{u \text{ a } l .} \text{ g1}$$

where $_ : n$ identifies a blank node introduced by an earlier “weakening” of the literal l via the rule lg

- The deduction rules for simple and RDF entailment are sound and complete.
- The deduction rules for RDFS entailment are sound.

The spec says, they are also complete, but they are not:

```
ex:isHappilyMarriedTo    rdfs:subPropertyOf    _:bnode .
_:bnode                  rdfs:domain            ex:Person .
ex:markus                ex:isHappilyMarriedTo ex:anja .
```

has as logical consequence

```
ex:markus                rdf:type              ex:Person .
```

but this is not derivable using the deduction rules.

Simple, RDF, and RDFS entailment are NP-complete problems.

If we disallow blank nodes, all three entailment problems are polynomial.

Does

```
ex:speaksWith    rdfs:domain    ex:Homo .  
ex:Homo          rdfs:subClassOf  ex:Primates .
```

entail

```
ex:speaksWith    rdfs:domain    ex:Primates .
```

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- keep bugfixing
- find, in your RDF Schema ontology, each of the following:
 - a triple which is RDFS-entailed, but not RDF-entailed
 - a triple which is RDF-entailed, but not simply entailed
 - a triple which is simply entailed
- For each of them, write down a justification why it is entailed.

- **send to me by next Sunday**
 - **the current version of your Turtle RDF Schema document**
 - **the three entailed triples with explanations.**

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- **RDFa – embedding RDF in HTML (W3C standard)**
Pavan, Thursday 28th of January
- **Scalable Distributed Reasoning using MapReduce (Urbani, Kotoulas, Oren, van Harmelen, ISWC2009)**
Wenbo, Thursday 28th of January
- **Semantic MediaWiki, Vinh, to be scheduled**
- **Linked Open Data, Ashutosh, to be scheduled**
- **FOAF, Hemant, to be scheduled**

Applications:

- **The SNOMED ontology (major biomedical ontology)**
- **Yahoo! Search Monkey (enhancing web search)**

Standards:

- **SKOS – data model for sharing and linking knowledge organization systems via the Web (W3C standard)**

Tools:

- **Protege – Ontology editing tool**
- **Jena – Java framework for Semantic Web by HP**
- **RDF triple stores (Virtuoso, Redland, Sesame, AllegroGraph)**

Research papers:

- **Parallel Materialization of the Finite RDFS Closure for Hundreds of Millions of Triples (Weaver, Hendler, ISWC2009)**
- **Umberto Straccia. A Minimal Deductive System for General Fuzzy RDF. In Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Web Reasoning and Rule Systems (RR-09), 2009**
- **Boris Motik. On the Properties of Metamodeling in OWL. In Yolanda Gil, Enrico Motta, Richard V. Benjamins, and Mark Musen, editors, Proc. of the 4th Int. Semantic Web Conference (ISWC 2005), volume 3729 of LNCS, pages 548–562, Galway, Ireland, November 6–10 2005. Springer.**

Thursday 28st of January: 2 class presentations

Tuesday 2nd of February: Exercise session

Thursday 4th of February

Estimated breakdown of sessions:

Intro + XML: 2

RDF: 3.3

OWL and Logic: 4.7

SPARQL and Querying: 2

Class Presentations: 3

Exercise sessions: 3