

# Knowledge Representation for the Semantic Web

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# Textbook (required)

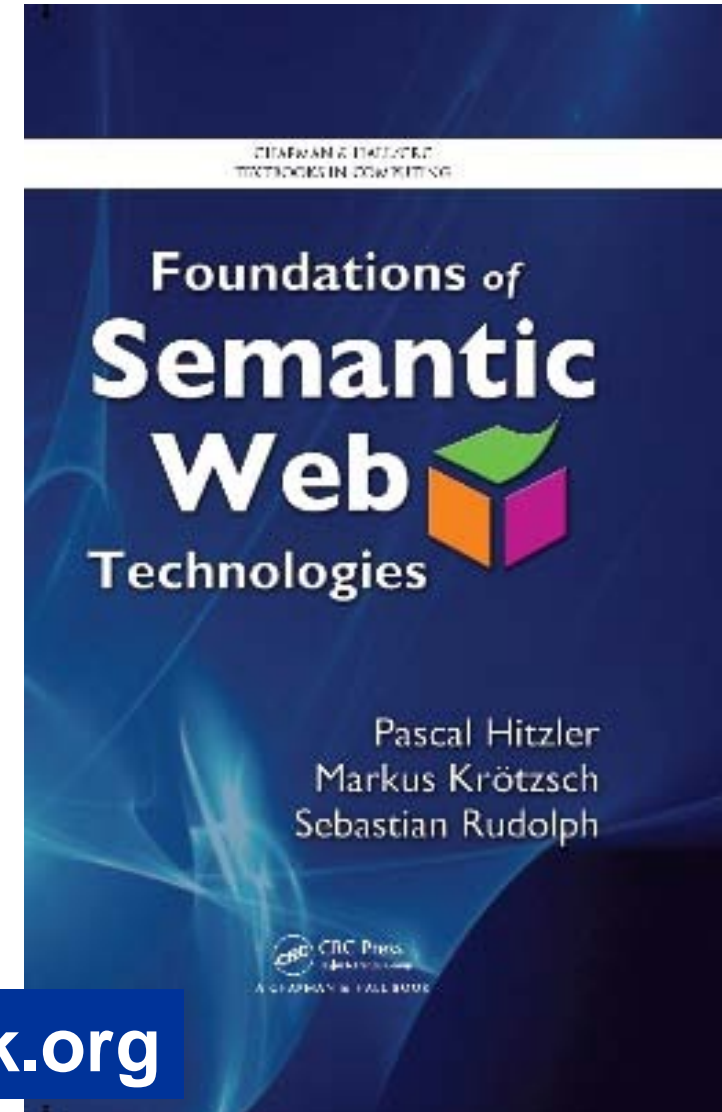
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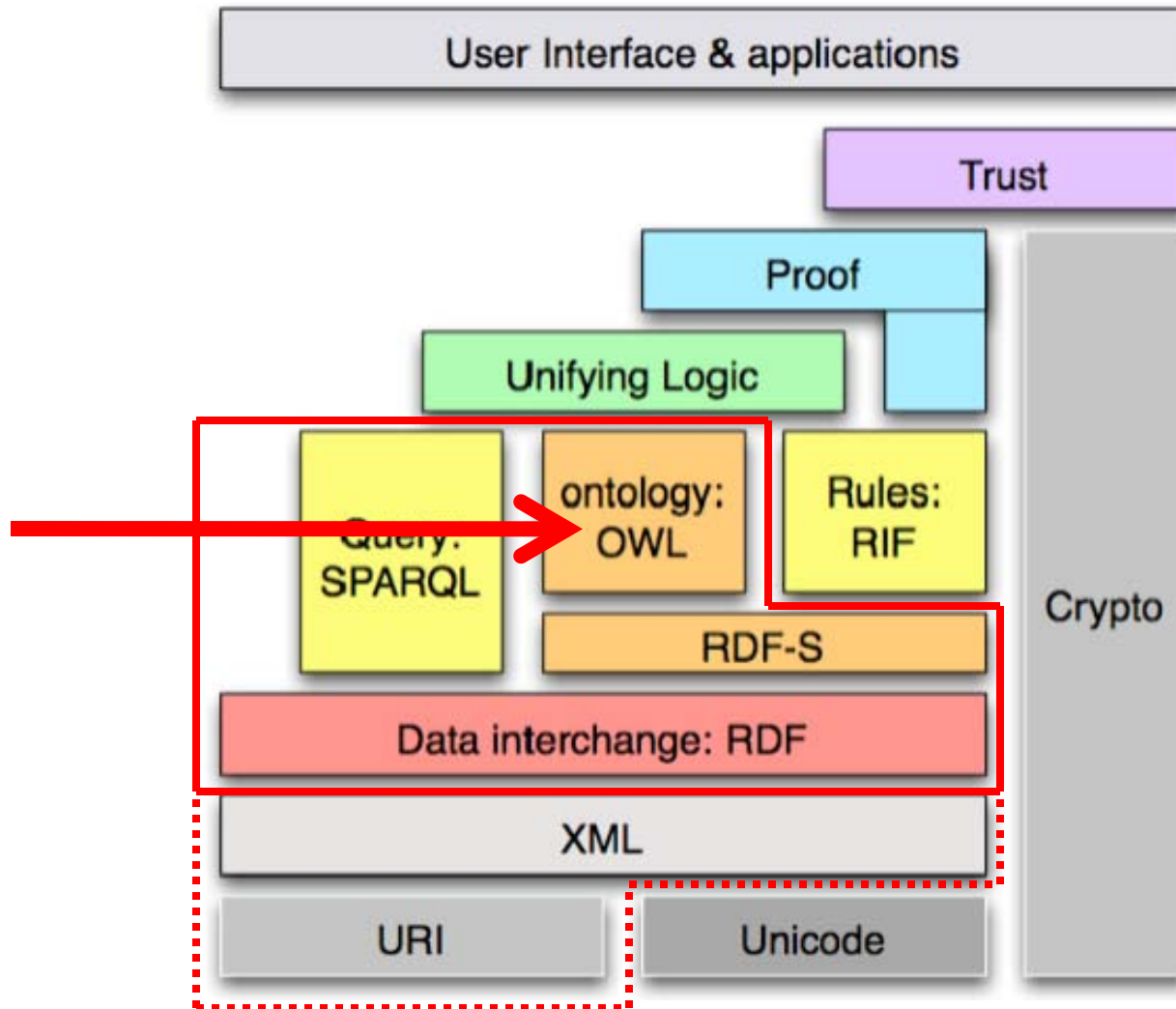
**Chapman & Hall/CRC, 2010**

**Choice Magazine Outstanding Academic  
Title 2010 (one out of seven in Information  
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**<http://www.semantic-web-book.org>**



# Today: Reasoning with OWL



A is a logical consequence of K  
written  $K \models A$

if and only if

**every** model of K is a model of A.

- To show an entailment, we need to check all models?
- But that's infinitely many!!!

**We need algorithms which do not apply the model-based definition of logical consequence in a naive manner.**

**These algorithms should be syntax-based.  
(Computers can only do syntax manipulations.)**

**Luckily, such algorithms exist!**

**However, their correctness (soundness and completeness) needs to be proven formally.  
Which is often a non-trivial problem requiring substantial mathematical build-up.**

**We won't do the proofs here.**

- **Important inference problems**
- **Tableaux algorithm for ALC**
- **Tableaux algorithm for SHIQ**

- **Global consistency of a knowledge base.** **KB  $\models$  false?**
  - Is the knowledge base meaningful?
- **Class consistency** **C  $\equiv \perp$ ?**
  - Is C necessarily empty?
- **Class inclusion (Subsumption)** **C  $\sqsubseteq$  D?**
  - Structuring knowledge bases
- **Class equivalence** **C  $\equiv$  D?**
  - Are two classes in fact the same class?
- **Class disjointness** **C  $\sqcap$  D =  $\perp$ ?**
  - Do they have common members?
- **Class membership** **C(a)?**
  - Is a contained in C?
- **Instance Retrieval** **„find all x with C(x)“**
  - Find all (known!) individuals belonging to a given class.

- **Global consistency of a knowledge base.**
  - Failure to find a model. **KB unsatisfiable**
- **Class consistency**
  - $KB \cup \{C(a)\}$  unsatisfiable  **$C \equiv \perp?$**
- **Class inclusion (Subsumption)**
  - $KB \cup \{C \sqcap \neg D(a)\}$  unsatisfiable (a new)  **$C \sqsubseteq D?$**
- **Class equivalence**
  - $C \sqsubseteq D$  und  $D \sqsubseteq C$   **$C \equiv D?$**
- **Class disjointness**
  - $KB \cup \{(C \sqcap D)(a)\}$  unsatisfiable (a new)  **$C \sqcap D = \perp?$**
- **Class membership**
  - $KB \cup \{\neg C(a)\}$  unsatisfiable  **$C(a)?$**
- **Instance Retrieval** „find all x with  $C(x)$ “
  - Check class membership for all individuals.



- **We will present so-called tableaux algorithms.**
  - **They attempt to construct a model of the knowledge base in a „general, abstract“ manner.**
    - **If the construction fails, then (provably) there is no model – i.e. the knowledge base is unsatisfiable.**
    - **If the construction works, then it is satisfiable.**
- **Hence the reduction of all inference problems to the checking of unsatisfiability of the knowledge base!**

- Important inference problems
- **Tableaux algorithm for ALC**
- Tableaux algorithm for SHIQ

- **Transformation to negation normal form**
- **Naive tableaux algorithm**
- **Tableaux algorithm with blocking**

Given a knowledge base  $K$ .

- Replace  $C \equiv D$  by  $C \sqsubseteq D$  and  $D \sqsubseteq C$ .
- Replace  $C \sqsubseteq D$  by  $\neg C \sqcup D$ .
- Apply the equations on the next slide exhaustively.

Resulting knowledge base:  $NNF(K)$

*Negation normal form of  $K$ .*

**Negation occurs only directly in front of atomic classes.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{NNF}(C) &= C && \text{if } C \text{ is a class name} \\
 \text{NNF}(\neg C) &= \neg C && \text{if } C \text{ is a class name} \\
 \text{NNF}(\neg\neg C) &= \text{NNF}(C) \\
 \text{NNF}(C \sqcup D) &= \text{NNF}(C) \sqcup \text{NNF}(D) \\
 \text{NNF}(C \sqcap D) &= \text{NNF}(C) \sqcap \text{NNF}(D) \\
 \text{NNF}(\neg(C \sqcup D)) &= \text{NNF}(\neg C) \sqcap \text{NNF}(\neg D) \\
 \text{NNF}(\neg(C \sqcap D)) &= \text{NNF}(\neg C) \sqcup \text{NNF}(\neg D) \\
 \text{NNF}(\forall R.C) &= \forall R.\text{NNF}(C) \\
 \text{NNF}(\exists R.C) &= \exists R.\text{NNF}(C) \\
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 \text{NNF}(\neg\exists R.C) &= \forall R.\text{NNF}(\neg C)
 \end{aligned}$$

**K and NNF(K) have the same models (are *logically equivalent*).**

# Example

$$P \subseteq (E \cap U) \cup \neg(\neg E \cup D).$$

In negation normal form:

$$\neg P \cup (E \cap U) \cup (E \cap \neg D).$$

- Transformation to negation normal form
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## Reduction to (un)satisfiability.

### Idea:

- Given knowledge base  $K$
- Attempt construction of a tree (called *Tableau*), which represents a model of  $K$ .  
(It's actually rather a *Forest*.)
- If attempt fails,  $K$  is unsatisfiable.



- **Nodes represent elements of the domain of the model**
  - **Every node  $x$  is labeled with a set  $L(x)$  of class expressions.**
  - $C \in L(x)$  means: " $x$  is in the extension of  $C$ "**
- **Edges stand for role relationships:**
  - **Every edge  $\langle x,y \rangle$  is labeled with a set  $L(\langle x,y \rangle)$  of role names.**
  - $R \in L(\langle x,y \rangle)$  means: " $(x,y)$  is in the extension of  $R$ "**

# Simple example

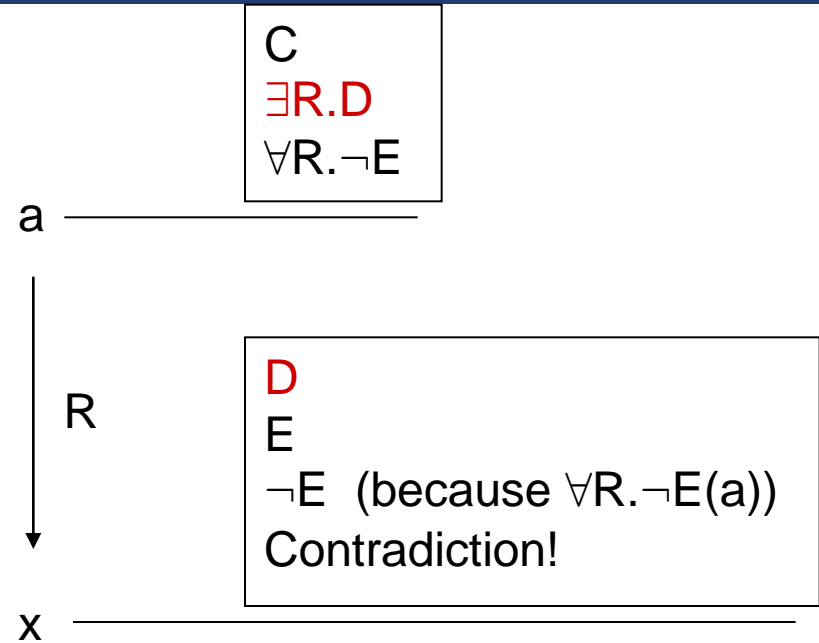
**C(a)**

**C  $\sqsubseteq$   $\exists R.D$**

**D  $\sqsubseteq$  E**

**Does this entail  
 $(\exists R.E)(a)$ ?**

**(add  $\forall R.\neg E(a)$   
and show  
unsatisfiability)**



# Another example

$C(a)$

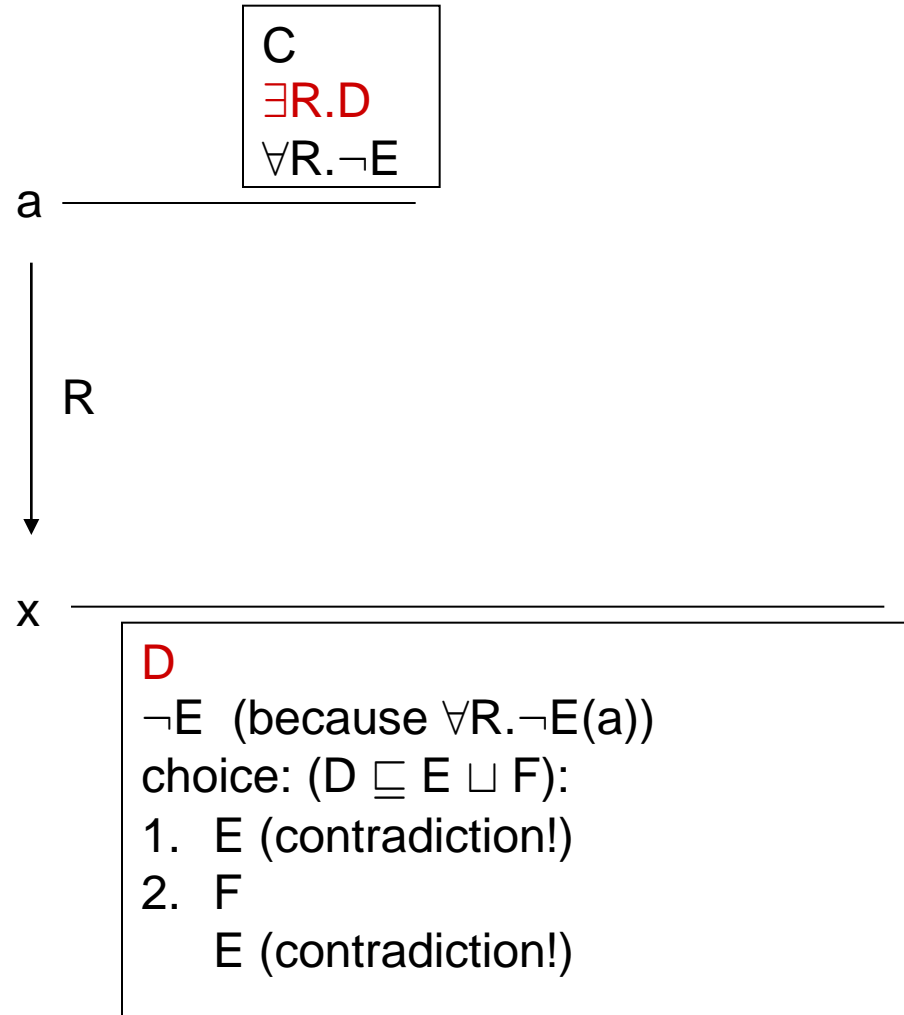
$C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D$

$D \sqsubseteq E \sqcup F$

$F \sqsubseteq E$

Does this entail  
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(add  $\forall R.\neg E(a)$   
and show  
unsatisfiability)



- **Input:  $K = \text{TBox} + \text{ABox}$  (in NNF)**
- **Output: Whether or not  $K$  is satisfiable.**
  
- **A tableau is a directed labeled graph**
  - nodes are individuals or (new) variable names
  - nodes  $x$  are labeled with sets  $L(x)$  of classes
  - edges  $\langle x, y \rangle$  are labeled with sets  $L(\langle x, y \rangle)$  of role names

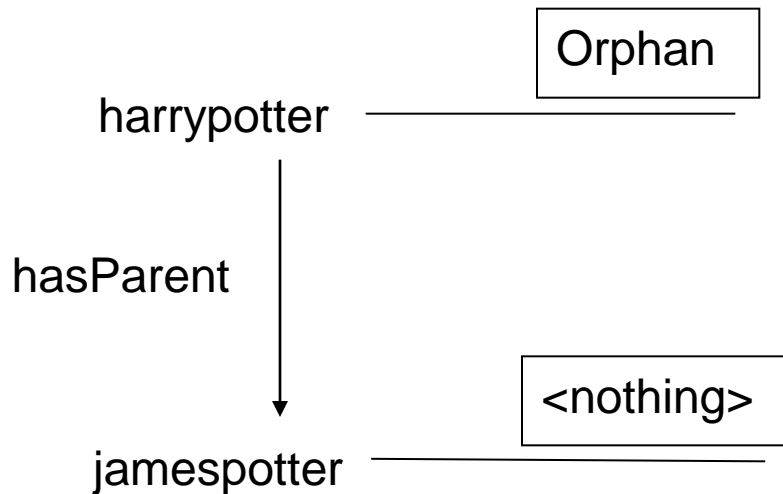
- **Make a node for every individual in the ABox.**
- **Every node is labeled with the corresponding class names from the ABox.**
- **There is an edge, labeled with  $R$ , between  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $R(a,b)$  is in the ABox.**
  
- **(If there is no ABox, the initial tableau consists of a node  $x$  with empty label.)**

**Human  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{hasParent.Human}$**

**Orphan  $\sqsubseteq \text{Human} \sqcap \neg \exists \text{hasParent.Alive}$**

**Orphan(harrypotter)**

**hasParent(harrypotter,jamespotter)**

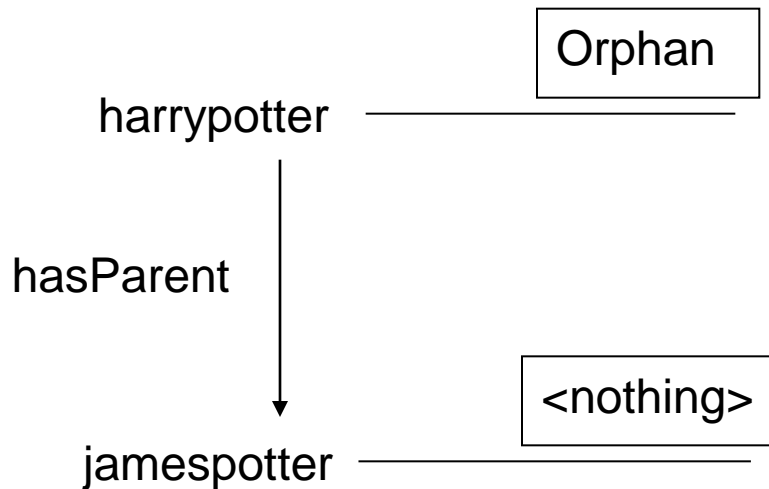


$\neg$ Human  $\sqcup$   $\exists$ hasParent.Human

$\neg$ Orphan  $\sqcup$  (Human  $\sqcap$   $\forall$ hasParent. $\neg$ Alive)

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- **Non-deterministically extend the tableau using the rules on the next slide.**
- **Terminate, if**
  - **there is a contradiction in a node label (i.e., it contains classes  $C$  and  $\neg C$ , or it contains  $\perp$ ), or**
  - **none of the rules is applicable.**
- **If the tableau does not contain a contradiction, then the knowledge base is satisfiable.**  
**Or more precisely: If you can make a choice of rule applications such that no contradiction occurs and the process terminates, then the knowledge base is satisfiable.**



**$\sqcap$ -rule:** If  $C \sqcap D \in \mathcal{L}(x)$  and  $\{C, D\} \not\subseteq \mathcal{L}(x)$ , then set  $\mathcal{L}(x) \leftarrow \{C, D\}$ .

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1. add a new node with label  $y$  (where  $y$  is a new node label),
2. set  $\mathcal{L}(x, y) = \{R\}$ , and
3. set  $\mathcal{L}(y) = \{C\}$ .

**$\forall$ -rule:** If  $\forall R.C \in \mathcal{L}(x)$  and there is a node  $y$  with  $R \in \mathcal{L}(x, y)$  and  $C \notin \mathcal{L}(y)$ , then set  $\mathcal{L}(y) \leftarrow C$ .

**TBox-rule:** If  $C$  is a TBox statement and  $C \notin \mathcal{L}(x)$ , then set  $\mathcal{L}(x) \leftarrow C$ .

# Example

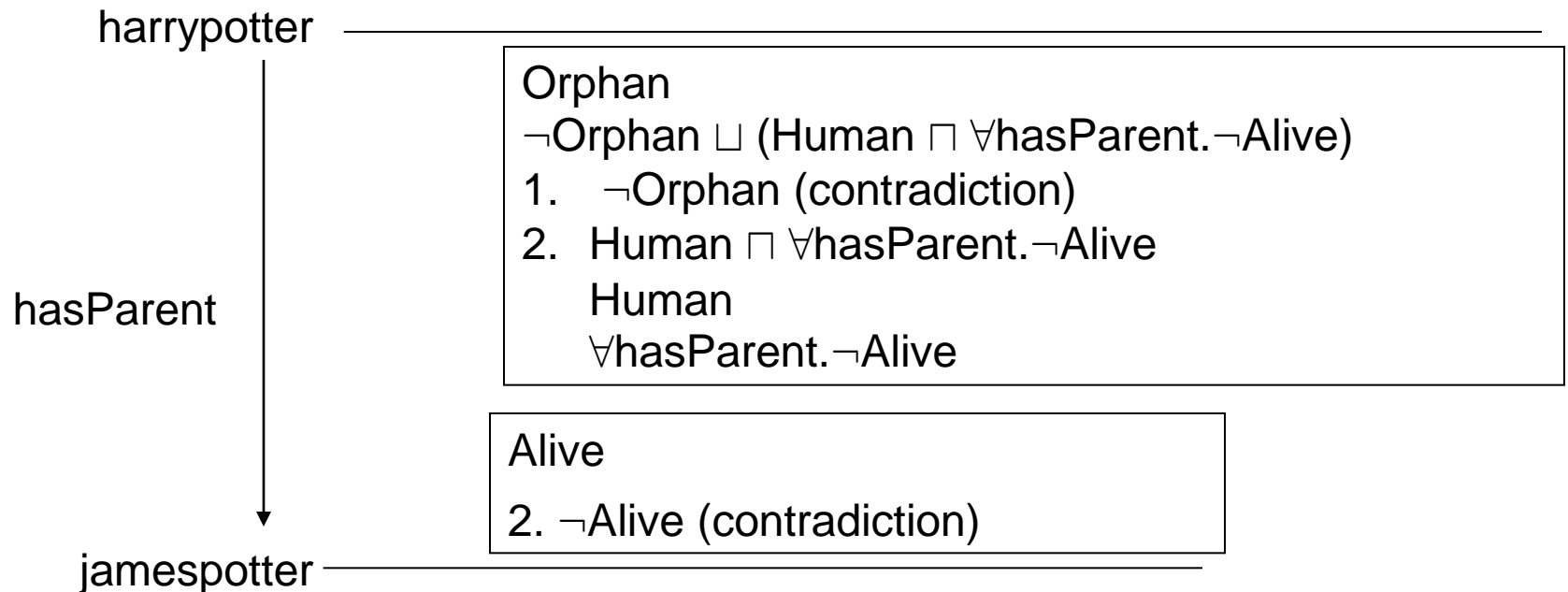
$\neg$ Alive(jamespotter)  
i.e. add: Alive(jamespotter)  
and search for contradiction

$\neg$ Human  $\sqcup$   $\exists$ hasParent.Human

$\neg$ Orphan  $\sqcup$  (Human  $\sqcap$   $\forall$ hasParent. $\neg$ Alive)

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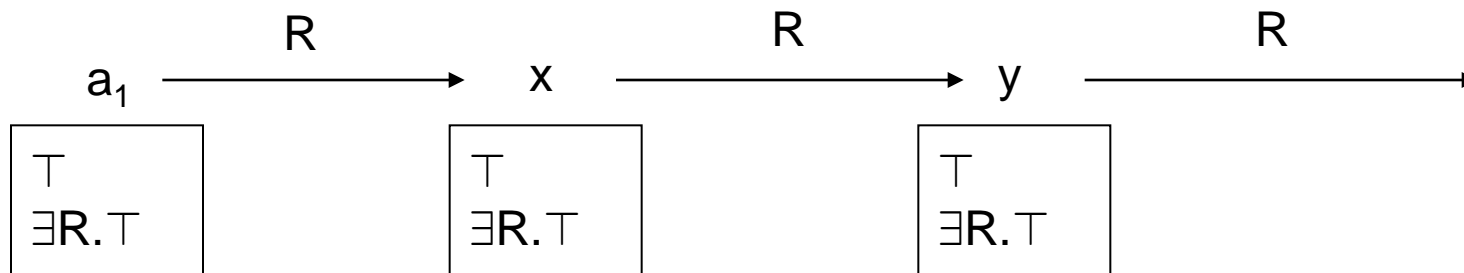
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# There's a termination problem

**TBox:**  $\exists R.T$

**ABox:**  $\top(a_1)$

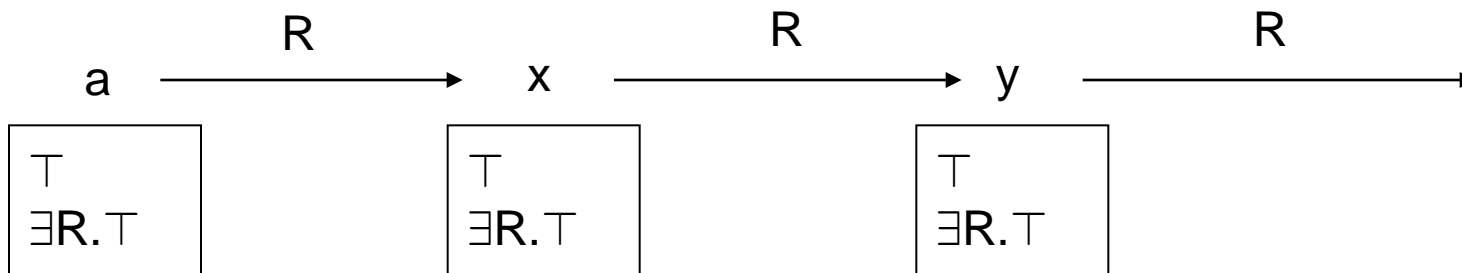
- **Obviously satisfiable:**  
Model  $M$  with domain elements  $a_1^M, a_2^M, \dots$   
and  $R^M(a_i^M, a_{i+1}^M)$  for all  $i \geq 1$
- **but tableaux algorithm does not terminate!**



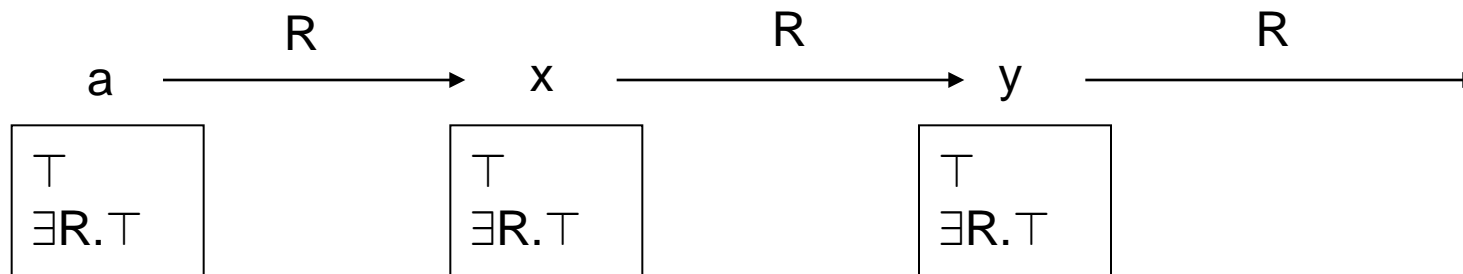
**Actually, things repeat!**

**Idea: it is not necessary to expand x, since it's simply a copy of a.**

**⇒ Blocking**



- $x$  is *blocked* (by  $y$ ) if
  - $x$  is not an individual (but a variable)
  - $y$  is a predecessor of  $x$  and  $L(x) \subseteq L(y)$
  - or a predecessor of  $x$  is blocked



Here,  $x$  is blocked by  $a$ .

- Non-deterministically extend the tableau using the rules on the next slide, **but only apply a rule if x is not blocked!**
- Terminate, if
  - there is a contradiction in a node label (i.e., it contains classes  $C$  and  $\neg C$ ), or
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**Apply only if x is not blocked!**

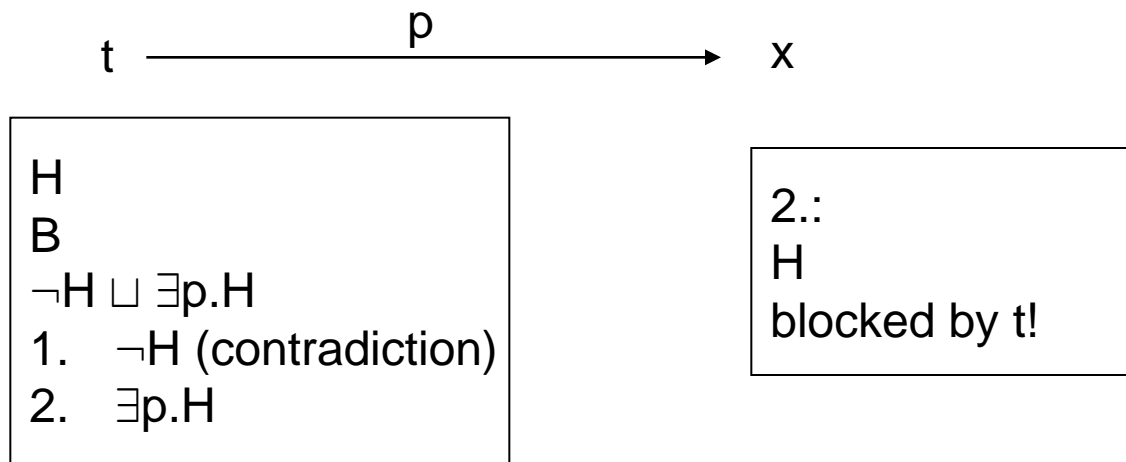


# Example (0)

- Knowledge base {Human  $\sqsubseteq \exists$ hasParent.Human, Bird(tweety)}
- We want to show that Human(tweety) does *not* hold, i.e. that  $\neg$ Human(tweety) is entailed.
- We will not be able to show this. I.e. Human(tweety) is *possible*.
- Shorter notation:  
H  $\sqsubseteq \exists$ p.H  
B(t)  
 $\neg$ H(t) entailed?

# Example (0)

Knowledge base  $\{\neg H \sqcup \exists p.H, B(t), H(t)\}$

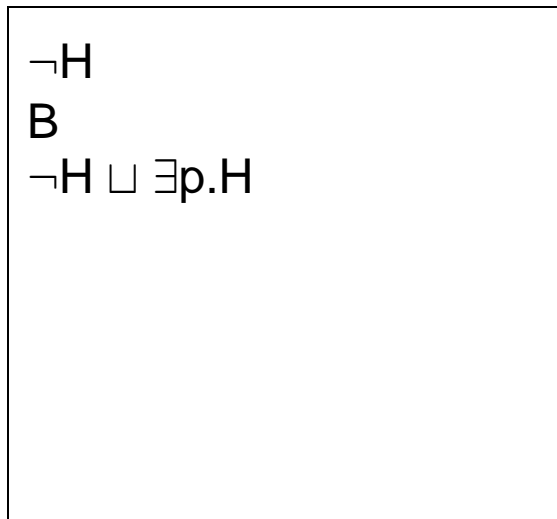


**expansion stops. Cannot find contradiction!**

# Example (0) the other case

Knowledge base  $\{\neg H \sqcup \exists p.H, B(t), \neg H(t)\}$

t



**No further expansion possible:  $\sqcup$ -rule not applicable!  
Hence knowledge base is satisfiable.**

# Example(1)

Show, that

$\text{Professor} \sqsubseteq (\text{Person} \sqcap \text{Unversitymember})$

$\sqcup (\text{Person} \sqcap \neg \text{PhDstudent})$

entails that every Professor is a Person.

Find contradiction in:

$\neg P \sqcup (E \sqcap U) \sqcup (E \sqcap \neg S)$

$P \sqcap \neg E(x)$

x

$P \sqcap \neg E$

$P$

$\neg E$

$\neg P \sqcup (E \sqcap U) \sqcup (E \sqcap \neg S)$

1.  $\neg P$  (contradiction)

2.  $(E \sqcap U) \sqcup (E \sqcap \neg S)$

1.  $E \sqcap U$

$E$  (contradiction)

2.  $E \sqcap \neg S$

$E$  (contradiction)

# Example (2)

Show that

`hasChild(john, peter)`

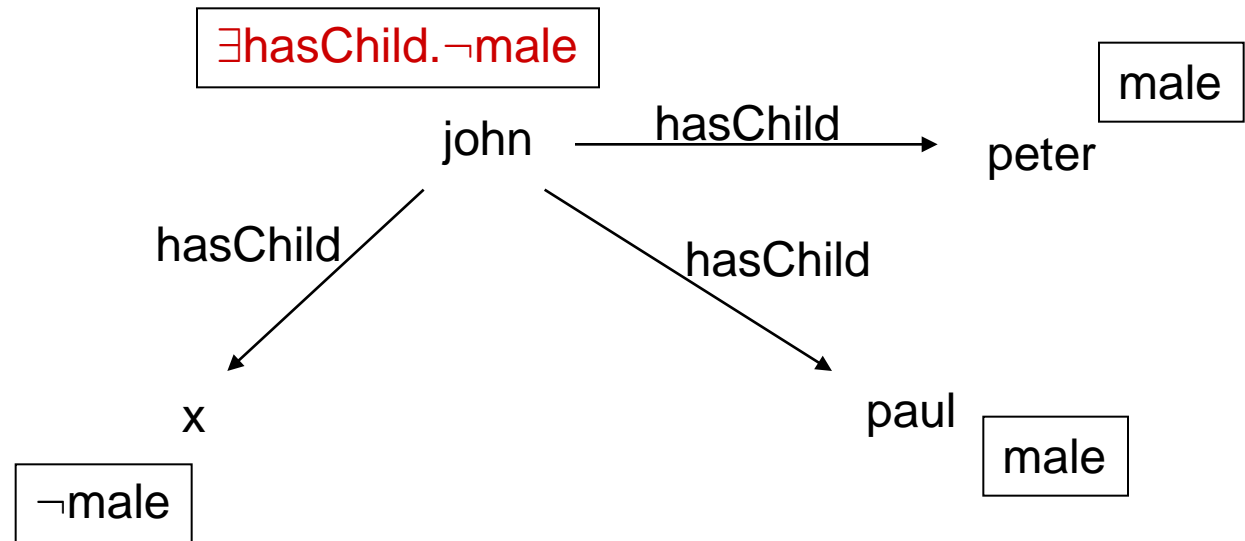
`hasChild(john, paul)`

`male(peter)`

`male(paul)`

does *not* entail  $\forall \text{hasChild.male}(\text{john})$ .

$$\neg \forall \text{hasChild.male} \equiv \exists \text{hasChild.}\neg \text{male}$$



# Example (3)

Show that the knowledge base

$\text{Bird} \sqsubseteq \text{Flies}$

$\text{Penguin} \sqsubseteq \text{Bird}$

$\text{Penguin} \sqcap \text{Flies} \sqsubseteq \perp$

$\text{Penguin}(\text{tweety})$

is unsatisfiable.

TBox:

$\neg B \sqcup F$

$\neg P \sqcup B$

$\neg P \sqcup \neg F \sqcup \perp$

tweety

P

$\neg P \sqcup B$

$\neg B \sqcup F$

$\neg P \sqcup \neg F$

1.  $\neg P$  (contradiction)

2. B

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# Example (4)

Show that the knowledge base

$C(a)$	$C(c)$
$R(a,b)$	$R(a,c)$
$S(a,a)$	$S(c,b)$
$C \sqsubseteq \forall S.A$	
$A \sqsubseteq \exists R.\exists S.A$	
$A \sqsubseteq \exists R.C$	

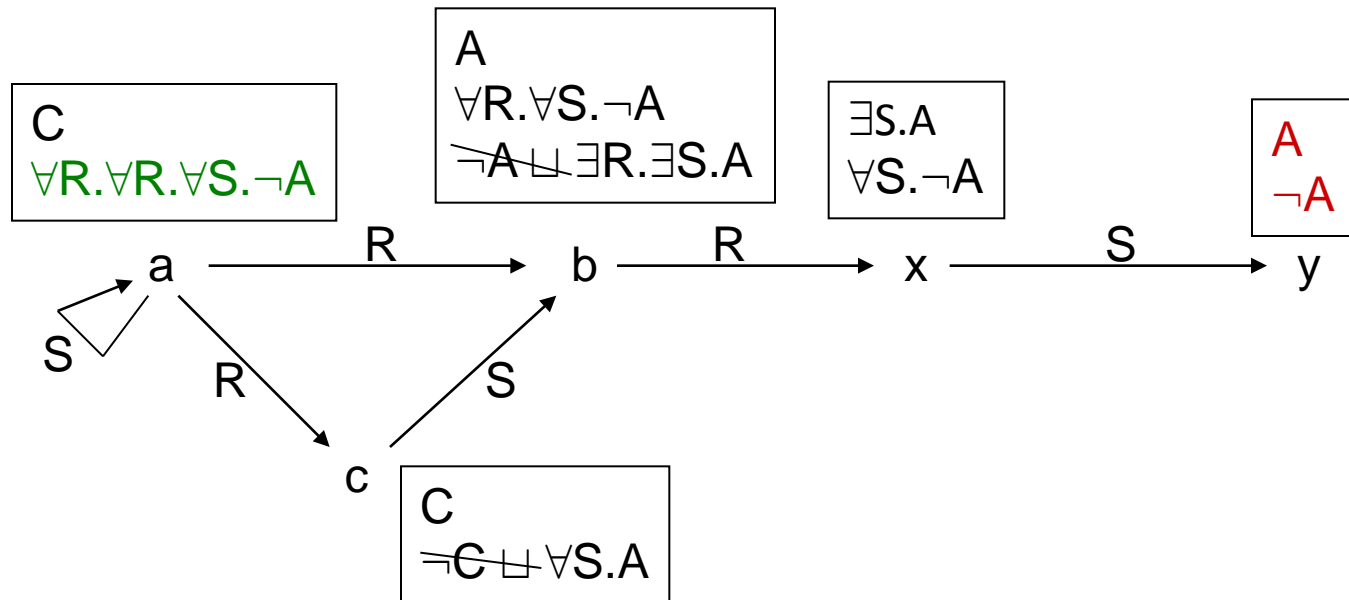
entails  $\exists R.\exists R.\exists S.A(a)$ .

# Example (4)

$$\neg \exists R. \exists R. \exists S. A \equiv \forall R. \forall R. \forall S. \neg A$$

TBox:

- $\neg C \sqcup \forall S. A$
- $\neg A \sqcup \exists R. \exists S. A$
- $\neg A \sqcup \exists R. C$





- Important inference problems
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- **Tableaux algorithm for SHIQ**

- **Basic idea is the same.**
- **Blocking rule is more complicated**
- **Other modifications are also needed.**

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- Replace  $C \equiv D$  by  $C \sqsubseteq D$  and  $D \sqsubseteq C$ .
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$$\text{NNF}(\leq n R.C) = \leq n R.\text{NNF}(C)$$

$$\text{NNF}(\geq n R.C) = \geq n R.\text{NNF}(C)$$

$$\text{NNF}(\neg \leq n R.C) = \geq (n+1)R.\text{NNF}(C)$$

$$\text{NNF}(\neg \geq n R.C) = \leq (n-1)R.\text{NNF}(C), \text{ where } \leq (-1)R.C = \perp$$

**K and NNF(K) have the same models (are *logically equivalent*).**

- A tableau is a directed labeled graph
  - nodes are individuals or (new) variable names
  - nodes  $x$  are labeled with sets  $L(x)$  of classes
  - edges  $\langle x,y \rangle$  are labeled
    - either with sets  $L(\langle x,y \rangle)$  of role names or inverse role names
    - or with the symbol  $=$  (for equality)
    - or with the symbol  $\neq$  (for inequality)

- Make a node for every individual in the ABox. **These nodes are called *root nodes*.**
- Every node is labeled with the corresponding class names from the ABox.
- There is an edge, labeled with  $R$ , between  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $R(a,b)$  is in the ABox.
- **There is an edge, labeled  $\neq$ , between  $a$  and  $b$  if  $a \neq b$  is in the ABox.**
- **There are no  $=$  relations (yet).**

- We write  $S^{-}$  as  $S$ .
- If  $R \in L(\langle x, y \rangle)$  and  $R \sqsubseteq S$  (where  $R, S$  can be inverse roles), then
  - $y$  is an  $S$ -successor of  $x$  and
  - $x$  is an  $S$ -predecessor of  $y$ .
- If  $y$  is an  $S$ -successor or an  $S^{-}$ -predecessor of  $x$ , then  $y$  is a *neighbor* of  $x$ .
- *Ancestor* is the transitive closure of *Predecessor*.

- $x$  is *blocked* by  $y$  if  $x, y$  are not root nodes and
  - the following hold: [" $x$  is directly blocked"]
    - no ancestor of  $x$  is blocked
    - there are predecessors  $y', x'$  of  $x$
    - $y$  is a successor of  $y'$  and  $x$  is a successor of  $x'$
    - $L(x) = L(y)$  and  $L(x') = L(y')$
    - $L(\langle x', x \rangle) = L(\langle y', y \rangle)$
  - or the following holds: [" $x$  is indirectly blocked"]
    - an ancestor of  $x$  is blocked or
    - $x$  is successor of some  $y$  with  $L(\langle y, x \rangle) = \emptyset$



- **Non-deterministically extend the tableau using the rules on the next slide.**
- **Terminate, if**
  - **there is a contradiction in a node label, i.e.,**
    - **it contains  $\perp$  or classes  $C$  and  $\neg C$  or**
    - **it contains a class  $\leq nR.C$  and  $x$  also has  $(n+1)$   $R$ -successors  $y_i$  and  $y_i \neq y_j$  (for all  $i \neq j$ )**
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**TBox-rule:** If  $x$  is not indirectly blocked,  $C$  is a TBox statement, and  $C \notin \mathcal{L}(x)$ , then set  $\mathcal{L}(x) \leftarrow C$ .

**trans-rule:** If  $x$  is not indirectly blocked,  $\forall S.C \in \mathcal{L}(x)$ ,  $S$  has a transitive subrole  $R$ , and  $x$  has an  $R$ -neighbor  $y$  with  $\forall R.C \notin \mathcal{L}(y)$ , then set  $\mathcal{L}(y) \leftarrow \forall R.C$ .

**choose-rule:** If  $x$  is not indirectly blocked,  $\leq_n S.C \in \mathcal{L}(x)$  or  $\geq_n S.C \in \mathcal{L}(x)$ , and there is an  $S$ -neighbor  $y$  of  $x$  with  $\{C, \text{NNF}(\neg C)\} \cap \mathcal{L}(y) = \emptyset$ , then set  $\mathcal{L}(y) \leftarrow C$  or  $\mathcal{L}(y) \leftarrow \text{NNF}(\neg C)$ .

**$\geq$ -rule:** If  $x$  is not blocked,  $\geq_n S.C \in \mathcal{L}(x)$ , and there are no  $n$   $S$ -neighbors  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  of  $x$  with  $C \in \mathcal{L}(y_i)$  and  $y_i \not\approx y_j$  for  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $i \neq j$ , then

1. create  $n$  new nodes with labels  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  (where the labels are new),
2. set  $\mathcal{L}(x, y_i) = \{S\}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(y_i) = \{C\}$ , and  $y_i \not\approx y_j$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $i \neq j$ .

**$\leq$ -rule:** If  $x$  is not indirectly blocked,  $\leq_n S.C \in \mathcal{L}(x)$ , there are more than  $n$   $S$ -neighbors  $y_i$  of  $x$  with  $C \in \mathcal{L}(y_i)$ , and  $x$  has two  $S$ -neighbors  $y, z$  such that  $y$  is neither a root node nor an ancestor of  $z$ ,  $y \not\approx z$  does not hold, and  $C \in \mathcal{L}(y) \cap \mathcal{L}(z)$ , then

1. set  $\mathcal{L}(z) \leftarrow \mathcal{L}(y)$ ,
2. if  $z$  is an ancestor of  $x$ , then  $\mathcal{L}(z, x) \leftarrow \{\text{Inv}(R) \mid R \in \mathcal{L}(x, y)\}$ ,
3. if  $z$  is not an ancestor of  $x$ , then  $\mathcal{L}(x, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{L}(x, y)$ ,
4. set  $\mathcal{L}(x, y) = \emptyset$ , and
5. set  $u \not\approx z$  for all  $u$  with  $u \not\approx y$ .

**$\leq$ -root-rule:** If  $\leq_n S.C \in \mathcal{L}(x)$ , there are more than  $n$   $S$ -neighbors  $y_i$  of  $x$  with  $C \in \mathcal{L}(y_i)$ , and  $x$  has two  $S$ -neighbors  $y, z$  which are both root nodes,  $y \not\approx z$  does not hold, and  $C \in \mathcal{L}(y) \cap \mathcal{L}(z)$ , then

1. set  $\mathcal{L}(z) \leftarrow \mathcal{L}(y)$ ,
2. for all directed edges from  $y$  to some  $w$ , set  $\mathcal{L}(z, w) \leftarrow \mathcal{L}(y, w)$ ,
3. for all directed edges from some  $w$  to  $y$ , set  $\mathcal{L}(w, z) \leftarrow \mathcal{L}(w, y)$ ,
4. set  $\mathcal{L}(y) = \mathcal{L}(w, y) = \mathcal{L}(y, w) = \emptyset$  for all  $w$ ,
5. set  $u \not\approx z$  for all  $u$  with  $u \not\approx y$ , and
6. set  $y \approx z$ .

# Example (1): cardinalities

Show, that

$\text{hasChild}(\text{john}, \text{peter})$

$\text{hasChild}(\text{john}, \text{paul})$

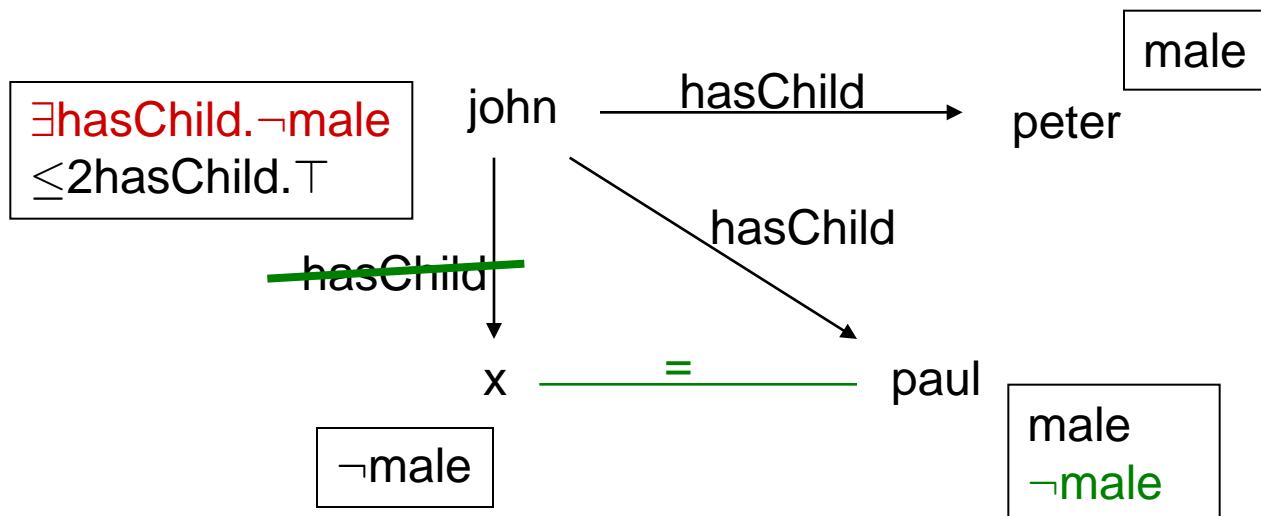
$\text{male}(\text{peter})$

$\text{male}(\text{paul})$

$\leq 2 \text{hasChild}.\top(\text{john})$

does *not* entail  $\forall \text{hasChild}.\text{male}(\text{john})$ .

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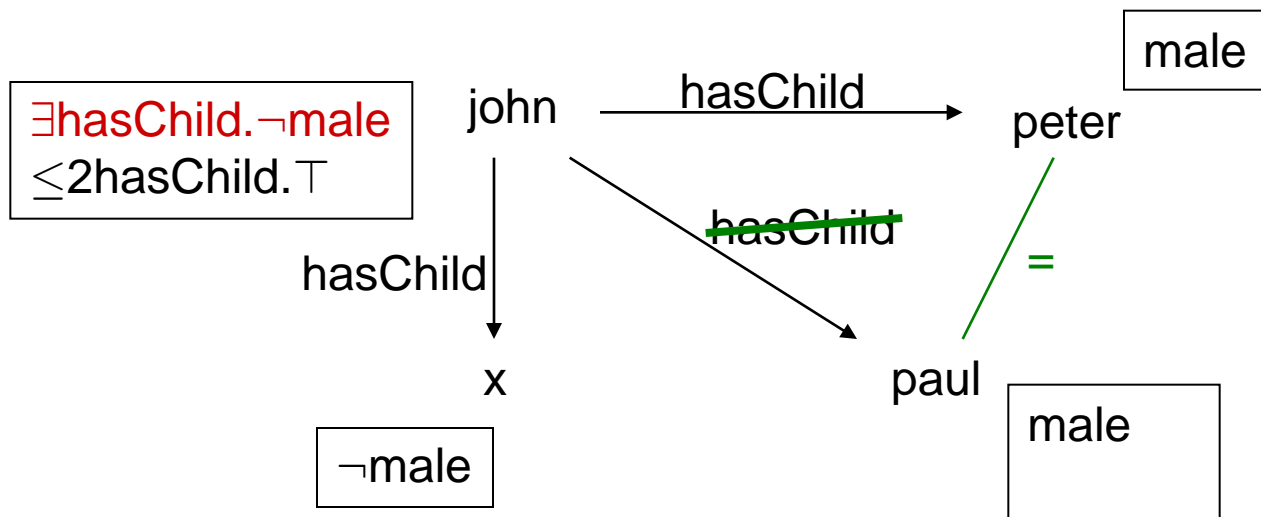
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backtracking!

now apply  $\leq$



# Example (1): cardinalities – again

Show, that

$\text{hasChild}(\text{john}, \text{peter})$

$\text{hasChild}(\text{john}, \text{paul})$

$\text{male}(\text{peter})$

$\text{male}(\text{paul})$

$\leq 2\text{hasChild}.\top(\text{john})$  and **peter  $\neq$  paul**

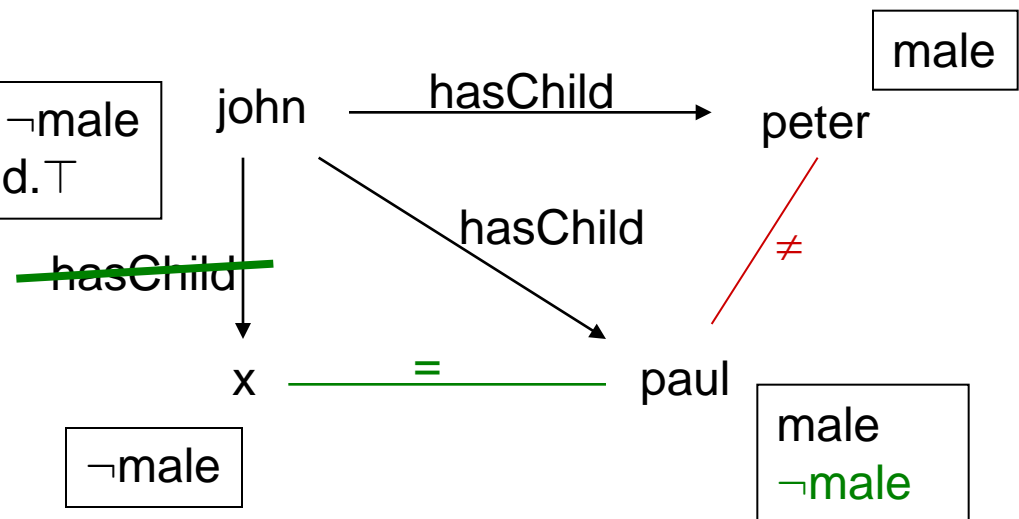
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$$\neg \forall \text{hasChild}.\text{male} \equiv \exists \text{hasChild}.\neg \text{male}$$

$$\exists \text{hasChild}.\neg \text{male} \\ \leq 2\text{hasChild}.\top$$

now apply  $\leq$

can backtrack only between x and peter – also leads to contradiction



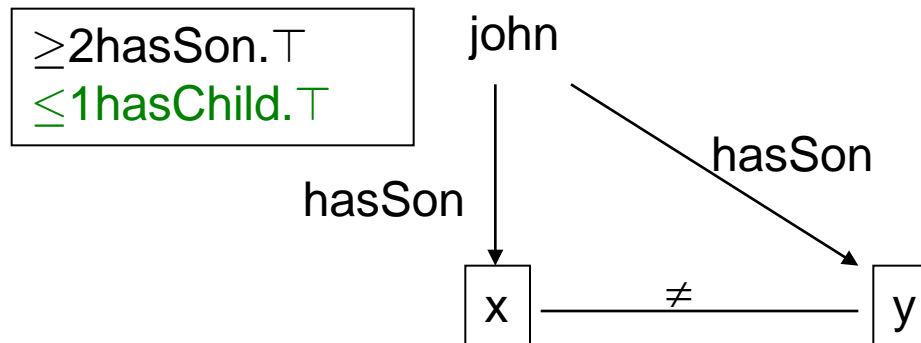
# Example (2): cardinalities

Show, that

$\geq 2 \text{hasSon}.\top(\text{john})$   
entails  $\geq 2 \text{hasChild}.\top(\text{john})$ .

$\neg \geq 2 \text{hasSon}.\top \equiv \leq 1 \text{hasChild}.\top$

$\text{hasSon} \sqsubseteq \text{hasChild}$



hasSon-neighbors are also hasChild-neighbors,  
tableau terminates with contradiction



# Example (3): choose

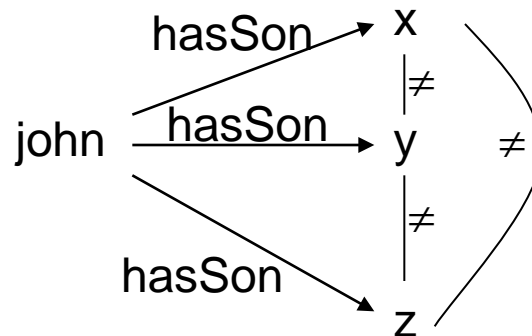
$\geq 3$ hasSon(john)

$\leq 2$ hasSon.male(john)

Is this contradictory?

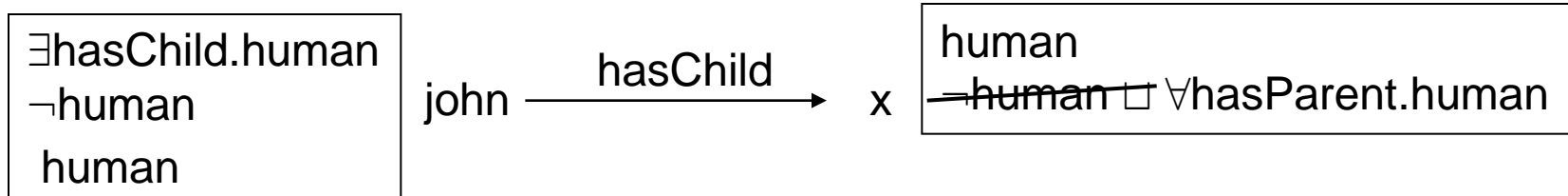
No, because the following tableau is complete.

$\geq 3$ hasSon $\leq 2$ hasSon.male
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# Example (4): inverse roles

$\exists \text{hasChild.human}(\text{john})$   
 $\text{human} \sqsubseteq \forall \text{hasParent.human}$   
 $\text{hasChild} \sqsubseteq \text{hasParent}^{-}$   
zu zeigen:  $\text{human}(\text{john})$



john is  $\text{hP}^{-}$ -predecessor of x, hence  $\text{hP}$ -neighbor of x

# Example (5): Transitivity and Blocking

**human  $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{hasFather}.\top$**

**human  $\sqsubseteq \forall \text{hasAncestor}.\text{human}$**

**hasFather  $\sqsubseteq \text{hasAncestor}$       **Trans(hasAncestor)****

**human(john)**

**Does this entail  $\leq 1 \text{hasFather}.\top(\text{john})$ ?**

**Negation:  $\geq 2 \text{hasFather}.\top(\text{john})$**

# Example (5): Transitivity and Blocking

$\text{human} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{hasFather}.\top$

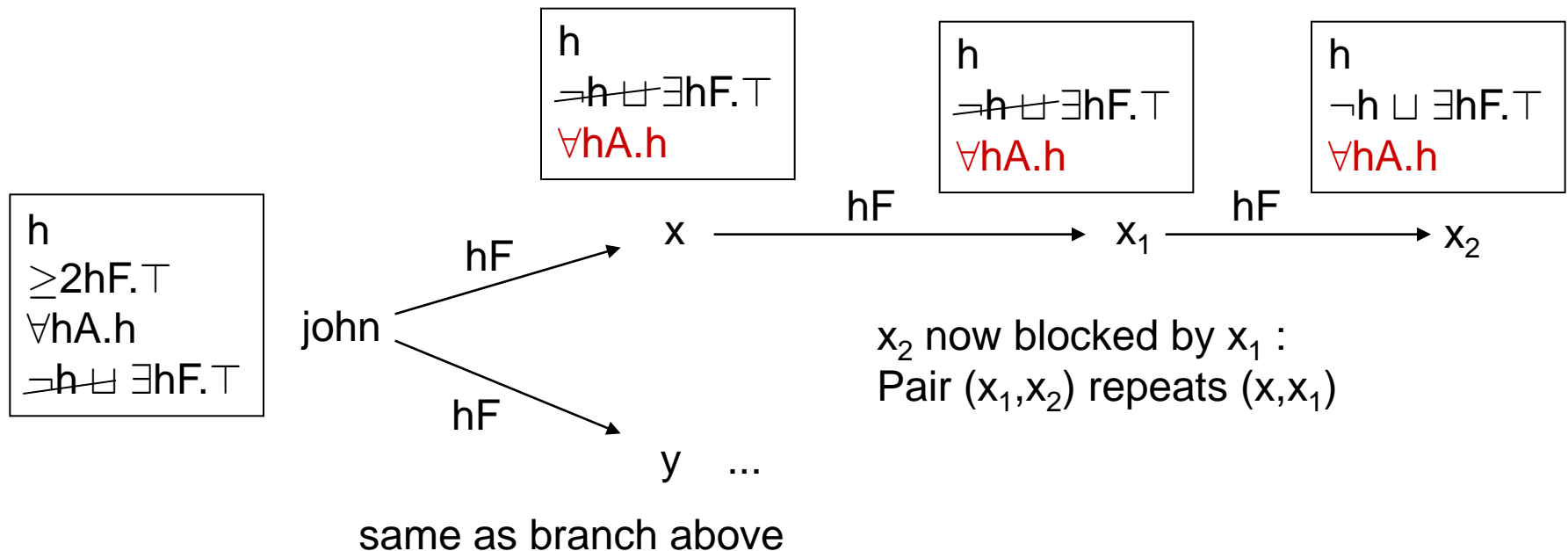
$\text{hasFather} \sqsubseteq \text{hasAncestor}$

$\forall \text{hasAncestor}.\text{human}(\text{john})$

$\text{human}(\text{john})$

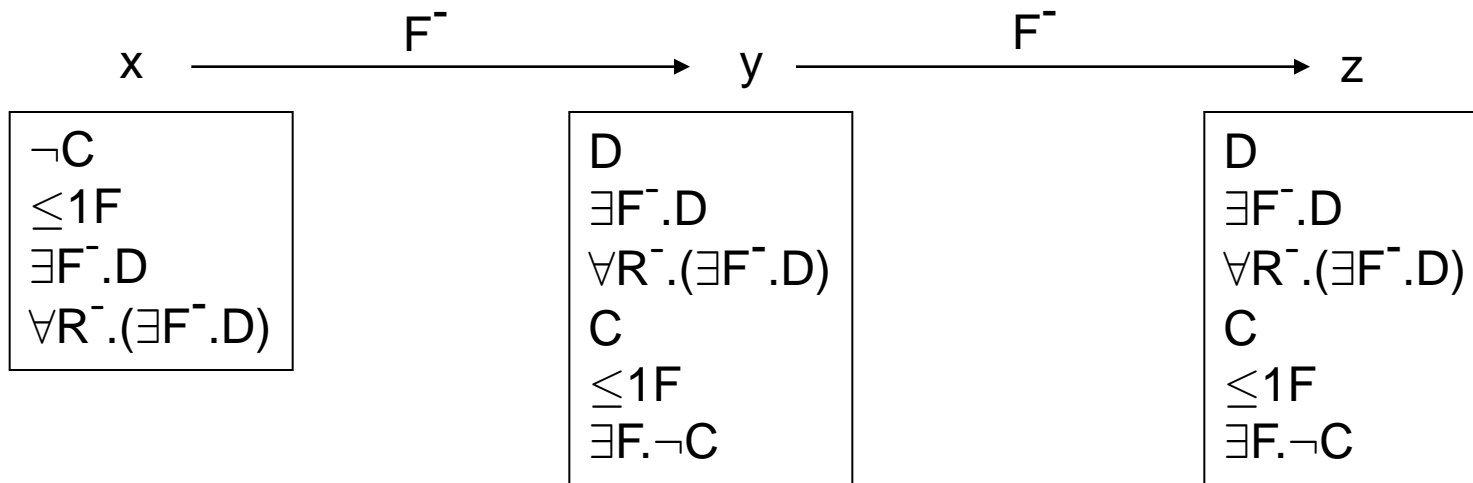
$\text{Trans}(\text{hasAncestor})$

$\geq 2 \text{hasFather}.\top(\text{john})$



# Example (6): Pairwise Blocking

$\neg C \sqcap (\leq 1F) \sqcap \exists F^-.D \sqcap \forall R^-.(\exists F^-.D)$ , where  
 $D = C \sqcap (\leq 1F) \sqcap \exists F^-.C$ ,  $\text{Trans}(R)$ , and  $F \sqsubseteq R$ ,  
 is not satisfiable.

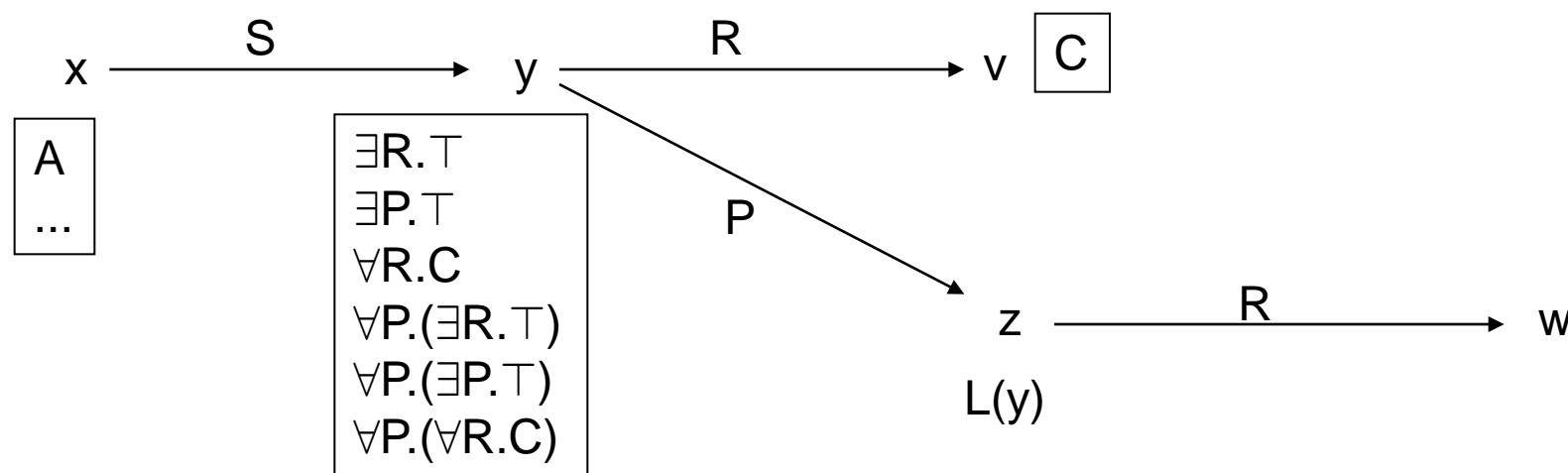


Without pairwise blocking,  $z$  would be blocked, which shouldn't happen:  
 Expansion of  $\exists F^-.C$  yields  $\neg C$  for node  $y$  as required.

# Example (7): Dynamic Blocking

$A \sqcap \exists S.(\exists R.T \sqcap \exists P.T \sqcap \forall R.C \sqcap \forall P.(\exists R.T) \sqcap \forall P.(\forall R.C) \sqcap \forall P.(\exists P.T))$   
 with  $C = \forall R.(\forall P.(\forall S.\neg A))$  and  $\text{Trans}(P)$ , is not satisfiable.

Part of the tableau:



At this stage,  $z$  would be blocked by  $y$  (assuming the presence of another pair). However, when  $C$  from  $v$  is expanded,  $z$  becomes unblocked, which is necessary in order to label  $w$  with  $C$  which in turn labels  $x$  with  $\neg A$ , yielding the required contradiction.

- **Fact++**
  - <http://owl.man.ac.uk/factplusplus/>
- **Pellet**
  - <http://clarkparsia.com/pellet/>
- **RacerPro**
  - <http://www.racer-systems.com/products/racerpro/>
  - Volker Haarslev, Kay Hidde, Ralf Möller, Michael Wessel, The RacerPro Knowledge Representation and Reasoning System. Semantic Web journal, to appear.
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  - <http://hermit-reasoner.com/>