

Managing Uncertainty and Vagueness in Semantic Web Languages

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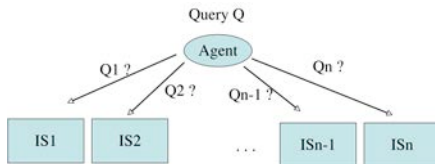
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Sources of Uncertainty and Vagueness on the Web

- Information Retrieval:
 - To which **degree** is a Web site, a Web page, a text passage, an image region, a video segment, . . . relevant to my information need?
- Matchmaking
 - To which **degree** does an object match my requirements?
 - if I'm looking for a car and my budget is *about* 20.000 €, to which degree does a car's price of 20.500 € match my budget?

- Semantic annotation
 - To which **degree** does e.g., an image object represent a dog?
- Information extraction
 - To which **degree** am I'm sure that e.g., SW is an acronym of "Semantic Web"?
- Ontology alignment (schema mapping)
 - To which **degree** do two concepts of two ontologies represent the same, or are disjoint, or are overlapping?
- Representation of background knowledge
 - To some **degree** birds fly.
 - To some **degree** Jim is a blond and young.

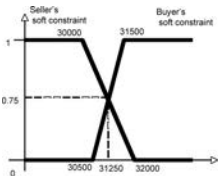
Example (Distributed Information Retrieval) [7]



Then the agent has to perform **automatically** the following steps:

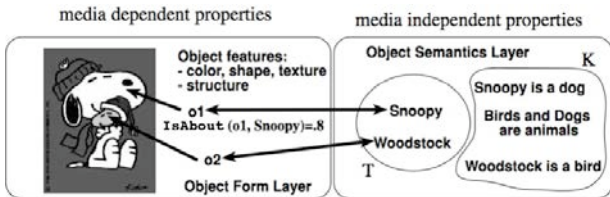
- 1 The agent has to select a subset of relevant resources $\mathcal{S}' \subseteq \mathcal{S}$, as it is not reasonable to assume to access to and query all resources (**resource selection/resource discovery**);
- 2 For every selected source $S_i \in \mathcal{S}'$ the agent has to reformulate its information need Q_A into the query language \mathcal{L}_i provided by the resource (**schema mapping/ontology alignment**);
- 3 The results from the selected resources have to be merged together (**data fusion/rank aggregation**)

Example (Negotiation) [2]



- A car seller sells an Audi TT for 31500 €, as from the catalog price.
- A buyer is looking for a sports-car, but wants to pay not more than around 30000 €
- Classical DLs: the problem relies on the crisp conditions on price.
- More fine grained approach: to consider prices as vague constraints (fuzzy sets) (as usual in negotiation)
 - Seller would sell above 31500 €, but can go down to 30500 €
 - The buyer prefers to spend less than 30000 €, but can go up to 32000 €
 - Highest degree of matching is 0.75 . The car may be sold at 31250 €.

Example (Logic-based information retrieval model)[1, 8]



IsAbout		
ImageRegion	Object ID	degree
o1	snoopy	0.8
o2	woodstock	0.7
⋮	⋮	
⋮	⋮	

“Find top-k image regions about animals”

$Query(x) \leftarrow ImageRegion(x) \wedge isAbout(x, y) \wedge Animal(y)$

Example (Database query) [3, 4, 5, 6]

<i>HotelID</i>	<i>hasLoc</i>	<i>ConferenceID</i>	<i>hasLoc</i>
<i>h1</i>	<i>h1</i>	<i>c1</i>	<i>cl1</i>
<i>h2</i>	<i>h12</i>	<i>c2</i>	<i>cl2</i>
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

<i>hasLoc</i>	<i>hasLoc</i>	<i>distance</i>	<i>hasLoc</i>	<i>hasLoc</i>	<i>close</i>	<i>cheap</i>
<i>h1</i>	<i>cl1</i>	300	<i>h1</i>	<i>cl1</i>	0.7	0.3
<i>h1</i>	<i>cl2</i>	500	<i>h1</i>	<i>cl2</i>	0.5	0.5
<i>h12</i>	<i>cl1</i>	750	<i>h12</i>	<i>cl1</i>	0.25	0.8
<i>h12</i>	<i>cl2</i>	800	<i>h12</i>	<i>cl2</i>	0.2	0.9
⋮	⋮		⋮	⋮	⋮	

“Find top-*k* cheapest hotels close to the train station”

$$q(h) \leftarrow \text{hasLocation}(h, hl) \wedge \text{hasLocation}(\text{train}, cl) \wedge \text{close}(hl, cl) \wedge \text{cheap}(h)$$

Example (Health-care: diagnosis of pneumonia)



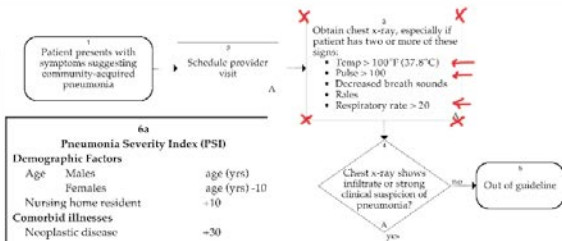
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Pneumonia Severity Index (PSI)

Demographic Factors	
Age Males	age (yrs)
Females	age (yrs) - 10
Nursing home resident	-10

Comorbid illnesses	
Neoplastic disease	-30

- E.g., *Temp = 37.5*, *Pulse = 98*, *RespiratoryRate = 18* are in the “danger zone” already
- Temperature, Pulse and Respiratory rate, . . . : these constraints are rather imprecise than crisp

Uncertainty vs. Vagueness: a clarification

- What does the **degree** mean?
- There is often a misunderstanding between interpreting a degree as a measure of **uncertainty** or as a measure of **vagueness**
- The value 0.83 has a different interpretation in “Birds fly to degree 0.83” from that in “Hotel Verdi is close to the train station to degree 0.83”

Uncertainty

- **Uncertainty**: statements are **true** or **false**. But, due to lack of knowledge we can only estimate to which **probability/possibility/necessity** degree they are true or false
 - For instance, a bird flies or does not fly. The **probability/possibility/necessity** degree that it flies is 0.83
- Usually we have a possible world semantics with a distribution over possible worlds:

$$W = \{I \text{ classical interpretation}\}, \quad I(\varphi) \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\mu: W \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad \mu(I) \in [0, 1]$$

$$Pr(\phi) = \sum_{I \models \phi} \mu(I)$$

$$Poss(\phi) = \sup_{I \models \phi} \mu(I)$$

$$Necc(\phi) = \inf_{I \not\models \phi} \mu(I) = 1 - Poss(\neg\phi)$$

Vagueness

- **Vagueness**: statements involve concepts for which there is no exact definition, such as tall, small, close, far, cheap, expensive, isAbout, similarTo. Statements are true to some degree which is taken from a truth space.
 - E.g., “Hotel Verdi is **close** to the train station to degree 0.83”
- **Truth space**: set of truth values L and an partial order \leq
- **Many-valued Interpretation**: a function I mapping formulae into L , i.e. $I(\varphi) \in L$
- **Fuzzy Logic**: $L = [0, 1]$
- **Uncertainty and Vagueness**: “It is **possible/probable** to degree 0.83 that it will be **hot** tomorrow”
- The notion of **imperfect information** covers concepts such as uncertainty, vagueness, contradiction, incompleteness, imprecision.



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Web Ontology Languages

- Wide variety of languages for “Explicit Specification”
 - **Graphical notations**
 - Semantic networks
 - UML
 - **RDF/RDFS**
 - **Logic based**
 - Description Logics (e.g., OIL, DAML+OIL, **OWL, OWL-DL, OWL-Lite**)
 - Rules (e.g., RuleML, RIF, SWRL, LP/Prolog)
 - First Order Logic (e.g., KIF)
- RDF and OWL-DL are the major players (so far ...)

RDF

- Statements are of the form

⟨subject, predicate, object⟩

called triples: e.g.

⟨umberto, plays, soccer⟩

- can be represented graphically as:



- Statements describe properties of resources
- A resource is any object that can be pointed to by a URI (Universal Resource Identifier):

RDF Schema (RDFS)

- RDF Schema allows you to define vocabulary terms and the relations between those terms
- RDF Schema terms (just a few examples):
 - Class
 - Property
 - type
 - subclassOf
 - range
 - domain
- These terms are the RDF Schema building blocks (constructors) used to create vocabularies:

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<Person, type, Class>  
<hasColleague, type, Property>  
<Professor, subclassOf, Person>  
<Carole, type, Professor>  
<hasColleague, range, Person>  
<hasColleague, domain, Person>
```

OWL [10]

- Three species of OWL
 - **OWL full** is union of OWL syntax and RDF (Undecidable)
 - **OWL DL** restricted to FOL fragment (decidable in NEXPTIME)
 - **OWL Lite** is “easier to implement” subset of OWL DL (decidable in EXPTIME)
- Semantic layering
 - OWL DL within **Description Logic (DL) fragment**
- OWL DL based on *SHOIN*(D_n) DL
- OWL Lite based on *SHIF*(D_n) DL

Description Logics (DLs)

- The logics behind OWL-DL and OWL-Lite, <http://dl.kr.org/>.
- **Concept/Class**: names are equivalent to unary predicates
 - In general, concepts equiv to formulae with one free variable
- **Role or attribute**: names are equivalent to binary predicates
 - In general, roles equiv to formulae with two free variables
- **Taxonomy**: Concept and role hierarchies can be expressed
- **Individual**: names are equivalent to constants
- **Operators**: restricted so that:
 - Language is decidable and, if possible, of low complexity
 - No need for explicit use of variables
 - Restricted form of \exists and \forall
 - Features such as counting can be succinctly expressed

The DL Family

- A given DL is defined by set of concept and role forming operators
- Basic language: \mathcal{ALC} (Attributive \mathcal{L} anguage with \mathcal{C} omplement)

Syntax	Semantics	Example
$C, D \rightarrow$	$\top(x)$	
	$\perp(x)$	
	$A(x)$	<i>Human</i>
$C \sqcap D$	$C(x) \wedge D(x)$	<i>Human</i> \sqcap <i>Male</i>
$C \sqcup D$	$C(x) \vee D(x)$	<i>Nice</i> \sqcup <i>Rich</i>
$\neg C$	$\neg C(x)$	\neg <i>Meat</i>
$\exists R.C$	$\exists y.R(x, y) \wedge C(y)$	\exists <i>has_child.Blond</i>
$\forall R.C$	$\forall y.R(x, y) \Rightarrow C(y)$	\forall <i>has_child.Human</i>
$C \sqsubseteq D$	$\forall x.C(x) \Rightarrow D(x)$	<i>Happy_Father</i> \sqsubseteq <i>Man</i> \sqcap \exists <i>has_child.Female</i>
$a:C$	$C(a)$	<i>John:Happy_Father</i>

Toy Example

$$\textit{Sex} = \textit{Male} \sqcup \textit{Female}$$

$$\textit{Male} \sqcap \textit{Female} \sqsubseteq \perp$$

$$\textit{Person} \sqsubseteq \textit{Human} \sqcap \exists \textit{hasSex}.\textit{Sex}$$

$$\textit{MalePerson} \sqsubseteq \textit{Person} \sqcap \exists \textit{hasSex}.\textit{Male}$$

$$\textit{umberto}:\textit{Person} \sqcap \exists \textit{hasSex}.\neg \textit{Female}$$

$$\textit{KB} \models \textit{umberto}:\textit{MalePerson}$$

Note on DL Naming

\mathcal{AL} : $C, D \rightarrow \top \mid \perp \mid A \mid C \sqcap D \mid \neg A \mid \exists R.T \mid \forall R.C$

C : Concept negation, $\neg C$. Thus, $\mathcal{ALC} = \mathcal{AL} + C$

S : Used for \mathcal{ALC} with transitive roles \mathcal{R}_+

\mathcal{U} : Concept disjunction, $C_1 \sqcup C_2$

\mathcal{E} : Existential quantification, $\exists R.C$

\mathcal{H} : Role inclusion axioms, $R_1 \sqsubseteq R_2$, e.g. *is_component_of* \sqsubseteq *is_part_of*

\mathcal{N} : Number restrictions, $(\geq n R)$ and $(\leq n R)$, e.g. $(\geq 3 \text{ has_Child})$ (has at least 3 children)

\mathcal{Q} : Qualified number restrictions, $(\geq n R.C)$ and $(\leq n R.C)$, e.g. $(\leq 2 \text{ has_Child.Adult})$ (has at most 2 adult children)

\mathcal{O} : Nominals (singleton class), $\{a\}$, e.g. $\exists \text{has_child}.\{mary\}$.

Note: $a:C$ equiv to $\{a\} \sqsubseteq C$ and $(a, b):R$ equiv to $\{a\} \sqsubseteq \exists R.\{b\}$

\mathcal{I} : Inverse role, R^- , e.g. *isPartOf* = *hasPart*⁻

\mathcal{F} : Functional role, f , e.g. *functional(hasAge)*

\mathcal{R}_+ : transitive role, e.g. *transitive(isPartOf)*

For instance,

$$SHIF = S + \mathcal{H} + \mathcal{I} + \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{ALCR}_+HIF$$

$$SHOIN = S + \mathcal{H} + \mathcal{O} + \mathcal{I} + \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{ALCR}_+HOIN$$

OWL-Lite (EXPTIME)

OWL-DL (NEXPTIME)

Concrete Domains

- **Concrete domains:** reals, integers, strings, ...

(tim, 14):hasAge

(sf, "SoftComputing"):hasAcronym

(source1, "ComputerScience"):isAbout

(service2, "InformationRetrievalTool"):Matches

Minor = Person \sqcap \exists hasAge. ≤ 18

- Semantics: a clean separation between "object" classes and concrete domains
 - $D = \langle \Delta_D, \Phi_D \rangle$
 - Δ_D is an interpretation domain
 - Φ_D is the set of concrete domain predicates d with a predefined arity n and **fixed** interpretation $d^D \subseteq \Delta_D^n$
 - Concrete properties: $R^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta_D$
- Notation: (D) . E.g., $\mathcal{ALC}(D)$ is \mathcal{ALC} + concrete domains

LPs Basics (for ease, without default negation) [6]

- **Predicates** are n -ary
- **Terms** are variables or constants
- **Rules** are of the form

$$P(\mathbf{x}) \leftarrow \varphi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

where $\varphi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ is a formula built from atoms of the form $B(\mathbf{z})$
and connectors \wedge, \vee

For instance,

$$has_father(x, y) \leftarrow has_parent(x, y) \wedge Male(y)$$

- **Facts** are rules with empty body
For instance,

$$has_parent(mary, jo)$$

Toy Example

$$Q(x) \leftarrow B(x)$$

$$Q(x) \leftarrow C(x)$$

$$B(a) \leftarrow$$

$$C(b) \leftarrow$$

$$KB \models Q(a) \quad KB \models Q(b) \quad \text{answers}(KB, Q) = \{a, b\}$$

$$\text{where } \text{answers}(KB, Q) = \{\mathbf{c} \mid KB \models Q(\mathbf{c})\}$$

DLPs Basics

- **Combine** DLs with LPs:
 - DL atoms and roles may appear in rules

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{buy}(x) &\leftarrow \textit{Electronics}(x), \textit{offer}(x) \\ \textit{Camera} &\sqsubseteq \textit{Electronics} \end{aligned}$$

- **Knowledge Base** is a pair $KB = \langle \mathcal{P}, \Sigma \rangle$, where
 - \mathcal{P} is a logic program
 - Σ is a DL knowledge base (set of assertions and inclusion axioms)
- Many different approaches exists with different semantics



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Probabilistic Logic

- Integration of (propositional) logic- and probability-based representation and reasoning formalisms.
- Reasoning from logical constraints and interval restrictions for conditional probabilities (also called *conditional constraints*).
- Reasoning from convex sets of probability distributions.
- Model-theoretic notion of logical entailment.

Syntax of Probabilistic Knowledge Bases

- Finite nonempty set of **basic events** $\Phi = \{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n\}$.
- **Event** ϕ : Boolean combination of basic events
- **Logical constraint** $\psi \Leftarrow \phi$: events ψ and ϕ : “ ϕ implies ψ ”.
- **Conditional constraint** $(\psi|\phi)[l, u]$: events ψ and ϕ , and $l, u \in [0, 1]$: “conditional probability of ψ given ϕ is in $[l, u]$ ”.
- **Probabilistic knowledge base** $KB = (L, P)$:
 - finite set of logical constraints L ,
 - finite set of conditional constraints P .

Example

Probabilistic knowledge base $KB = (L, P)$:

- $L = \{bird \Leftarrow eagle\}$:
“All eagles are birds”.
- $P = \{(have_legs \mid bird)[1, 1], (fly \mid bird)[0.95, 1]\}$:
“All birds have legs”.
“Birds fly with a probability of at least 0.95”.

Semantics of Probabilistic Knowledge Bases

- **World I :** truth assignment to all basic events in Φ .
- \mathcal{I}_Φ : all worlds for Φ .
- **Probabilistic interpretation Pr :** probability function on \mathcal{I}_Φ .
- $Pr(\phi)$: sum of all $Pr(I)$ such that $I \in \mathcal{I}_\Phi$ and $I \models \phi$.
- $Pr(\psi|\phi)$: if $Pr(\phi) > 0$, then $Pr(\psi|\phi) = Pr(\psi \wedge \phi) / Pr(\phi)$.
- **Truth under Pr :**
 - $Pr \models \psi \Leftarrow \phi$ iff $Pr(\psi \wedge \phi) = Pr(\phi)$
(iff $Pr(\psi \Leftarrow \phi) = 1$).
 - $Pr \models (\psi|\phi)[l, u]$ iff $Pr(\psi \wedge \phi) \in [l, u] \cdot Pr(\phi)$
(iff either $Pr(\phi) = 0$ or $Pr(\psi|\phi) \in [l, u]$).

Example

- Set of basic propositions $\Phi = \{bird, fly\}$.
- \mathcal{I}_Φ contains exactly the worlds l_1, l_2, l_3 , and l_4 over Φ :

	<i>fly</i>	\neg <i>fly</i>
<i>bird</i>	l_1	l_2
\neg <i>bird</i>	l_3	l_4

- Some probabilistic interpretations:

Pr_1	<i>fly</i>	\neg <i>fly</i>
<i>bird</i>	19/40	1/40
\neg <i>bird</i>	10/40	10/40

Pr_2	<i>fly</i>	\neg <i>fly</i>
<i>bird</i>	0	1/3
\neg <i>bird</i>	1/3	1/3

- $Pr_1(fly \wedge bird) = 19/40$ and $Pr_1(bird) = 20/40$.
- $Pr_2(fly \wedge bird) = 0$ and $Pr_2(bird) = 1/3$.
- $\neg fly \Leftarrow bird$ is false in Pr_1 , but true in Pr_2 .
- $(fly | bird)[.95, 1]$ is true in Pr_1 , but false in Pr_2 .

Satisfiability and Logical Entailment

- Pr is a model of $KB = (L, P)$ iff $Pr \models F$ for all $F \in L \cup P$.
- KB is satisfiable iff a model of KB exists.
- $KB \models (\psi|\phi)[I, u]$: $(\psi|\phi)[I, u]$ is a logical consequence of KB iff every model of KB is also a model of $(\psi|\phi)[I, u]$.
- $KB \models_{tight} (\psi|\phi)[I, u]$: $(\psi|\phi)[I, u]$ is a tight logical consequence of KB iff I (resp., u) is the infimum (resp., supremum) of $Pr(\psi|\phi)$ subject to all models Pr of KB with $Pr(\phi) > 0$.

Example

- Probabilistic knowledge base:

$$KB = (\{bird \Leftarrow eagle\}, \\ \{(have_legs | bird)[1, 1], (fly | bird)[0.95, 1]\}).$$

- KB is satisfiable, since

Pr with $Pr(bird \wedge eagle \wedge have_legs \wedge fly) = 1$ is a model.

- Some conclusions under logical entailment:

$$KB \models (have_legs | bird)[0.3, 1], \quad KB \models (fly | bird)[0.6, 1].$$

- Tight conclusions under logical entailment:

$$KB \models_{tight} (have_legs | bird)[1, 1], \quad KB \models_{tight} (fly | bird)[0.95, 1], \\ KB \models_{tight} (have_legs | eagle)[1, 1], \quad KB \models_{tight} (fly | eagle)[0, 1].$$

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Probabilistic Ontologies

Main types of encoded probabilistic knowledge:

- Terminological probabilistic knowledge about concepts and roles: “Birds fly with a probability of at least 0.95”.
- Assertional probabilistic knowledge about instances of concepts and roles: “Tweety is a bird with a probability of at least 0.9”.

Main types of reasoning problems:

- Satisfiability of the terminological probabilistic knowledge.
- Tight conclusions about generic objects (from the terminological probabilistic knowledge).
- Satisfiability of the assertional probabilistic knowledge.
- Tight conclusions about concrete objects (from both the terminological and the assertional probabilistic knowledge).

Use of Probabilistic Ontologies

- Representation of **terminological and assertional probabilistic knowledge** (e.g., in the medical domain or at the stock exchange market).
- **Information retrieval**, for an increased recall (e.g., Udrea et al.: Probabilistic ontologies and relational databases. In *Proc. CoopIS/DOA/ODBASE-2005*).
- **Ontology matching** (e.g., Mitra et al.: OMEN: A probabilistic ontology mapping tool. In *Proc. ISWC-2005*).
- **Probabilistic data integration**, especially for handling ambiguous and controversial pieces of information.

Probabilistic RDF

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- probabilistic generalization of RDF
- terminological probabilistic knowledge about classes
- assertional probabilistic knowledge about properties of individuals
- assertional probabilistic inference for acyclic probabilistic RDF theories, which is based on logical entailment in probabilistic logic, coupled with a local probabilistic semantics

Probabilistic DLs

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- probabilistic generalization of the description logic *SHOQ(D)* (recently also extended to *SHIF(D)* and *SHOIN(D)*)
- terminological probabilistic knowledge about concepts and roles
- assertional probabilistic knowledge about instances of concepts and roles
- terminological probabilistic inference based on lexicographic entailment in probabilistic logic (stronger than logical entailment)
- assertional probabilistic inference based on lexicographic entailment in probabilistic logic (for combining assertional and terminological probabilistic knowledge)
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Possibilistic DLs

Generalization of DLs by possibilistic uncertainty, which is based on possibilistic interpretations rather than probabilistic interpretations.

Possibilistic interpretation: mapping $\pi: \mathcal{I}_\phi \rightarrow [0, 1]$.

“ $\pi(I)$ is the degree to which the world I is **possible**.”

Poss(ϕ): possibility of ϕ in π : $Poss(\phi) = \max \{ \pi(I) \mid I \in \mathcal{I}_\phi, I \models \phi \}$

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Probabilistic Description Logic Programs

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- Probabilistic dl-programs generalize (loosely coupled) dl-programs by probabilistic uncertainty as in Poole's ICL.
- They properly generalize Poole's ICL.
- They consist of a dl-program along with a probability distribution μ over total choices B .
- They specify a set of distributions over first-order models: Every total choice B along with the dl-program specifies a set of first-order models of which the probabilities should sum up to $\mu(B)$.
- There are also tightly coupled probabilistic dl-programs.
- Important applications are data integration and ontology mapping under probabilistic uncertainty and inconsistency.

Example

Description logic knowledge base L
of a probabilistic dl-program $KB = (L, P, C, \mu)$:

$PC \sqcup Camera \sqsubseteq Electronics$; $PC \sqcap Camera \sqsubseteq \perp$;
 $Book \sqcup Electronics \sqsubseteq Product$; $Book \sqcap Electronics \sqsubseteq \perp$;
 $Textbook \sqsubseteq Book$;

$Product \sqsubseteq \geq 1 \text{ related}$;
 $\geq 1 \text{ related} \sqcup \geq 1 \text{ related}^- \sqsubseteq Product$;

$Textbook(tb_ai)$; $Textbook(tb_lp)$;
 $PC(pc_ibm)$; $PC(pc_hp)$;

$related(tb_ai, tb_lp)$; $related(pc_ibm, pc_hp)$;
 $provides(ibm, pc_ibm)$; $provides(hp, pc_hp)$.

Classical dl-rules in P

of a probabilistic dl-program $KB = (L, P, C, \mu)$:

- $pc(pc_1); pc(pc_2); pc(pc_3);$
- $brand_new(pc_1); brand_new(pc_2);$
- $vendor(dell, pc_1); vendor(dell, pc_2); vendor(dell, pc_3);$
- $provider(P) \leftarrow vendor(P, X), DL[PC \uplus pc; Product](X);$
- $provider(P) \leftarrow DL[provides](P, X), DL[PC \uplus pc; Product](X);$
- $similar(X, Y) \leftarrow DL[related](X, Y);$
- $similar(X, Z) \leftarrow similar(X, Y), similar(Y, Z).$

Probabilistic dl-rules in P along with the probability μ on the choice space C of a probabilistic dl-program $KB = (L, P, C, \mu)$:

- $avoid(X) \leftarrow DL[Camera](X), \text{not } offer(X), \text{avoid_pos};$
- $offer(X) \leftarrow DL[PC \uplus pc; Electronics](X), \text{not } brand_new(X), \text{offer_pos};$
- $buy(C, X) \leftarrow needs(C, X), view(X), \text{not } avoid(X), \text{v_buy_pos};$
- $buy(C, X) \leftarrow needs(C, X), buy(C, Y), \text{also_buy}(Y, X), \text{a_buy_pos}.$

μ : $avoid_pos, avoid_neg \mapsto 0.9, 0.1$; $offer_pos, offer_neg \mapsto 0.9, 0.1$;
 $v_buy_pos, v_buy_neg \mapsto 0.7, 0.3$; $a_buy_pos, a_buy_neg \mapsto 0.7, 0.3$.

$\{avoid_pos, offer_pos, v_buy_pos, a_buy_pos\} : 0.9 \times 0.9 \times 0.7 \times 0.7, \dots$

Probabilistic query: $\exists (buy(c, x) \mid needs(c, x) \wedge buy(c, y) \wedge$
 $also_buy(y, x) \wedge view(x) \wedge \neg avoid(x))[L, U]$

Example: Probabilistic Data Integration

Obtain a weather forecast by integrating the potentially different weather forecasts of three weather forecast institutes A , B , and C .

Our trust in the institutes A , B , and C is expressed by the trust probabilities 0.6, 0.3, and 0.1, respectively.

Probabilistic integration of the source schemas of A , B , and C to the global schema G is specified by the following $KB_M = (\emptyset, P_M, C_M, \mu_M)$:

$$P_M = \{ \text{forecast_rome}(D, W, T, M) \leftarrow \text{forecast}(\text{rome}, D, W, T, M), \text{inst}_A; \\ \text{forecast_rome}(D, W, T, M) \leftarrow \text{forecastRome}(D, W, T, M), \text{inst}_B; \\ \text{forecast_rome}(D, W, T, M) \leftarrow \text{forecast_weather}(\text{rome}, D, W), \\ \text{forecast_temperature}(\text{rome}, D, T), \\ \text{forecast_wind}(\text{rome}, D, M), \text{inst}_C \};$$

$$C_M = \{ \{ \text{inst}_A, \text{inst}_B, \text{inst}_C \} \};$$

$$\mu_M : \text{inst}_A, \text{inst}_B, \text{inst}_C \mapsto 0.6, 0.3, 0.1.$$

Example (Tightly Coupled): Ontology Mapping

The global schema contains the concept *logic_programming*, while the source schemas contain only the concepts *rule-based_systems* resp. *deductive_databases* in their ontologies.

A randomly chosen book from the area *rule-based_systems* (resp., *deductive_databases*) may belong to *logic_programming* with the probability 0.7 (resp., 0.8).

Probabilistic mapping from the two source schemas to the global schema expressed by the following $KB_M = (\emptyset, P_M, C_M, \mu_M)$:

$$P_M = \{ \text{logic_programming}(X) \leftarrow \text{rule-based_systems}(X), \text{choice}_1 ; \\ \text{logic_programming}(X) \leftarrow \text{deductive_databases}(X), \text{choice}_2 \} ;$$

$$C_M = \{ \{ \text{choice}_1, \text{not_choice}_1 \}, \{ \text{choice}_2, \text{not_choice}_2 \} \} ;$$

$$\mu_M : \text{choice}_1, \text{not_choice}_1, \text{choice}_2, \text{not_choice}_2 \mapsto 0.7, 0.3, 0.8, 0.2 .$$

1 Uncertainty, Vagueness, and the Semantic Web

- Sources of Uncertainty and Vagueness on the Web
- Uncertainty vs. Vagueness: a clarification

2 Basics on Semantic Web Languages

- Web Ontology Languages
- RDF/RDFS
- Description Logics
- Logic Programs
- Description Logic Programs

3 Uncertainty in Semantic Web Languages

- Uncertainty
- Uncertainty and RDF/DLs/OWL
- Uncertainty and LPs/DLPs

4 **Vagueness in Semantic Web Languages**

- **Vagueness basics**
- **Vagueness and RDF/DLs**
- **Vagueness and LPs/DLPs**

5 Combining Uncertainty and Vagueness in the Semantic Web

Vagueness

- **Vagueness**: statements involve concepts for which there is no exact definition, such as tall, close, cheap, `IsAbout`, `similarTo` . . .
- Statements are true to some degree which is taken from a truth space
 - E.g., “Hotel Verdi is **close** to the train station to degree 0.83”
 - “Find top-*k* **cheapest** hotels **close** to the train station”

$$q(h) \leftarrow \text{hasLocation}(h, hl) \wedge \text{hasLocation}(\text{train}, cl) \wedge \text{close}(hl, cl) \wedge \text{cheap}(h)$$

- **Truth space**: usually $[0, 1]$
- **Interpretation**: a function I mapping atoms into $[0, 1]$, i.e. $I(A) \in [0, 1]$
- Problem: what is the interpretation of e.g. $\text{close}(\text{verdi}, \text{train}) \wedge \text{cheap}(200)$?
 - E.g., if $I(\text{close}(\text{verdi}, \text{train})) = 0.83$ and $I(\text{cheap}(200)) = 0.2$, what is the result of $0.83 \wedge 0.2$?
- More generally, what is the result of $n \wedge m$, for $n, m \in [0, 1]$?
- The choice cannot be any arbitrary computable function, but has to reflect some basic properties that one expects to hold for a “conjunction”

Propositional Fuzzy Logics Basics [5]

- **Formulae**: propositional formulae
- **Truth space** is $[0, 1]$
- **Formulae** have a degree of truth in $[0, 1]$
- **Interpretation**: is a mapping $\mathcal{I} : \text{Atoms} \rightarrow [0, 1]$
- Interpretations are **extended** to formulae using **norms** to interpret connectives $\wedge, \vee, \neg, \rightarrow$

Typical norms

	Lukasiewicz Logic	Gödel Logic	Product Logic	Zadeh
$\neg x$	$1 - x$	if $x = 0$ then 1 else 0	if $x = 0$ then 1 else 0	$1 - x$
$x \wedge y$	$\max(x + y - 1, 0)$	$\min(x, y)$	$x \cdot y$	$\min(x, y)$
$x \vee y$	$\min(x + y, 1)$	$\max(x, y)$	$x + y - x \cdot y$	$\max(x, y)$
$x \Rightarrow y$	if $x \leq y$ then 1 else $1 - x + y$	if $x \leq y$ then 1 else y	if $x \leq y$ then 1 else y/x	$\max(1 - x, y)$

Note: for Lukasiewicz Logic and Zadeh, $x \Rightarrow y \equiv \neg x \vee y$

$$\mathcal{I}(\phi \wedge \psi) = \mathcal{I}(\phi) \wedge \mathcal{I}(\psi)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\phi \vee \psi) = \mathcal{I}(\phi) \vee \mathcal{I}(\psi)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\phi \rightarrow \psi) = \mathcal{I}(\phi) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(\psi)$$

$$\mathcal{I} \models \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{I}(\phi) = 1 \quad \text{iff} \quad \phi \text{ satisfiable}$$

$$\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{T} \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{I} \models \phi \text{ for all } \phi \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$\models \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{for all } \mathcal{I} . \mathcal{I} \models \phi$$

$$\mathcal{T} \models \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{for all } \mathcal{I} . \text{ if } \mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{T} \text{ then } \mathcal{I} \models \phi$$

- Note:

$$\begin{aligned} \neg\phi & \text{ is } \phi \rightarrow 0 \\ \phi \bar{\wedge} \psi & \text{ defined as } \phi \wedge (\phi \rightarrow \psi) \\ \phi \bar{\vee} \psi & \text{ defined as } ((\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi) \bar{\wedge} ((\psi \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi) \\ \mathcal{I}(\phi \bar{\wedge} \psi) & = \min(\mathcal{I}(\phi), \mathcal{I}(\psi)) \\ \mathcal{I}(\phi \bar{\vee} \psi) & = \max(\mathcal{I}(\phi), \mathcal{I}(\psi)) \end{aligned}$$

- Zadeh semantics: not interesting for fuzzy logicians: its a sub-logic of Łukasiewicz and, thus, rarely considered by fuzzy logicians

$$\begin{aligned} \neg_Z \phi & = \neg_{\perp} \phi \\ \phi \wedge_Z \psi & = \phi \wedge_{\perp} (\phi \rightarrow_{\perp} \psi) \\ \phi \rightarrow_Z \psi & = \neg_{\perp} \phi \vee_{\perp} \psi \end{aligned}$$

Some additional properties of t-norms, s-norms, implication functions, and negation functions of various fuzzy logics.

Property	Łukasiewicz Logic	Gödel Logic	Product Logic	Zadeh Logic
$x \wedge \neg x = 0$	•	•	•	
$x \vee \neg x = 1$	•			
$x \wedge x = x$		•		•
$x \vee x = x$		•		•
$\neg \neg x = x$	•			•
$x \rightarrow y = \neg x \vee y$	•			•
$\neg(x \rightarrow y) = x \wedge \neg y$	•			•
$\neg(x \wedge y) = \neg x \vee \neg y$	•	•	•	•
$\neg(x \vee y) = \neg x \wedge \neg y$	•	•	•	•

Predicate Fuzzy Logics Basics [5]

- **Formulae:** First-Order Logic formulae, *terms* are either variables or constants
 - we may introduce functions symbols as well, with crisp semantics (but uninteresting), or we need to discuss also fuzzy equality (which we leave out here)
- **Truth space** is $[0, 1]$
- **Formulae** have a a degree of truth in $[0, 1]$
- **Interpretation:** is a mapping $\mathcal{I} : \text{Atoms} \rightarrow [0, 1]$
- Interpretations are **extended** to formulae as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I}(\neg\phi) &= \mathcal{I}(\phi) \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathcal{I}(\phi \wedge \psi) &= \mathcal{I}(\phi) \wedge \mathcal{I}(\psi) \\ \mathcal{I}(\phi \rightarrow \psi) &= \mathcal{I}(\phi) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(\psi) \\ \mathcal{I}(\exists x\phi) &= \sup_{c \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}} \mathcal{I}_x^c(\phi) \\ \mathcal{I}(\forall x\phi) &= \inf_{c \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}} \mathcal{I}_x^c(\phi)\end{aligned}$$

where \mathcal{I}_x^c is as \mathcal{I} , except that variable x is mapped into individual c

- Definitions of $\mathcal{I} \models \phi$, $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{T}$, $\models \phi$, $\mathcal{T} \models \phi$, $\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{I}}$ and $|\phi|_{\mathcal{T}}$ are as for the propositional case

Fuzzy RDF (we generalize [15, 16, 34])

- Statement (triples) may have attached a degree in $[0, 1]$:
for $n \in [0, 1]$

$\langle (\textit{subject}, \textit{predicate}, \textit{object}), n \rangle$

- Meaning: the degree of truth of the statement is at least n
- For instance,

$\langle (o1, \textit{IsAbout}, \textit{snoopy}), 0.8 \rangle$

Inferences in Fuzzy RDFS

Some inferences in fuzzy RDFS (set is not complete). Recall Rational Pavelka Logic (\rightarrow is r-implication)

$$\frac{\langle (a, sp, b), n \rangle, \langle (b, sp, c), m \rangle}{\langle (a, sp, c), n \wedge m \rangle}$$

$$\frac{\langle (a, sp, b), n \rangle, \langle (x, a, y), m \rangle}{\langle (x, b, y), n \wedge m \rangle}$$

$$\frac{\langle (a, sc, b), n \rangle, \langle (b, sc, c), m \rangle}{\langle (a, sc, c), n \wedge m \rangle}$$

$$\frac{\langle (a, sc, b), n \rangle, \langle (x, type, a), m \rangle}{\langle (x, type, b), n \wedge m \rangle}$$

$$\frac{\langle (a, dom, b), n \rangle, \langle (x, a, y), m \rangle}{\langle (x, type, b), n \wedge m \rangle}$$

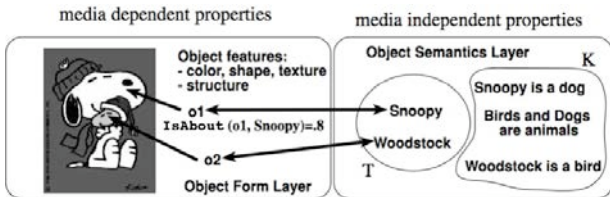
$$\frac{\langle (a, range, b), n \rangle, \langle (x, a, y), m \rangle}{\langle (y, type, b), n \wedge m \rangle}$$

$$\frac{\langle (a, dom, b), n \rangle, \langle (c, sp, a), m \rangle, \langle (x, c, y), k \rangle}{\langle (x, type, b), n \wedge m \wedge k \rangle}$$

$$\frac{\langle (a, range, b), n \rangle, \langle (c, sp, a), m \rangle, \langle (x, c, y), k \rangle}{\langle (y, type, b), n \wedge m \wedge k \rangle}$$

sp = "subPropertyOf", sc = "subClassOf"

Example



- Fuzzy RDF representation

$\langle (o1, IsAbout, snoopy), 0.8 \rangle$
 $\langle (snoopy, type, dog), 1.0 \rangle$
 $\langle (woodstock, type, bird), 1.0 \rangle$
 $\langle (dog, subclassOf, Animal), 1.0 \rangle$
 $\langle (bird, subclassOf, Animal), 1.0 \rangle$

- then

$KB \models \langle \exists x. (o1, IsAbout, x) \wedge (x, type, Animal), 0.8 \rangle$

Fuzzy DLs Basics [26]

The semantics is an immediate consequence of the First-Order-Logic translation of DLs expressions

Interpretation:

\mathcal{I}	=	$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$	\wedge	=	t-norm
$C^{\mathcal{I}}$:	$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \rightarrow [0, 1]$	\vee	=	s-norm
$R^{\mathcal{I}}$:	$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \times \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \rightarrow [0, 1]$	\neg	=	negation
			\rightarrow	=	implication

	Syntax	Semantics
Concepts:	$C, D \longrightarrow \top$	$\top^{\mathcal{I}}(x) = 1$
	\perp	$\perp^{\mathcal{I}}(x) = 0$
	A	$A^{\mathcal{I}}(x) \in [0, 1]$
	$C \sqcap D$	$(C_1 \sqcap C_2)^{\mathcal{I}}(x) = C_1^{\mathcal{I}}(x) \wedge C_2^{\mathcal{I}}(x)$
	$C \sqcup D$	$(C_1 \sqcup C_2)^{\mathcal{I}}(x) = C_1^{\mathcal{I}}(x) \vee C_2^{\mathcal{I}}(x)$
	$\neg C$	$(\neg C)^{\mathcal{I}}(x) = \neg C^{\mathcal{I}}(x)$
	$\exists R.C$	$(\exists R.C)^{\mathcal{I}}(x) = \sup_{y \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}} R^{\mathcal{I}}(x, y) \wedge C^{\mathcal{I}}(y)$
	$\forall R.C$	$(\forall R.C)^{\mathcal{I}}(u) = \inf_{y \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}} R^{\mathcal{I}}(x, y) \rightarrow C^{\mathcal{I}}(y)$

Assertions: $\langle a:C, r \rangle, \mathcal{I} \models \langle a:C, r \rangle$ iff $C^{\mathcal{I}}(a^{\mathcal{I}}) \geq r$ (similarly for roles)

- individual a is instance of concept C at least to degree $r, r \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$

Inclusion axioms: $C \sqsubseteq D,$

- $\mathcal{I} \models C \sqsubseteq D$ iff $\forall x \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}. C^{\mathcal{I}}(x) \leq D^{\mathcal{I}}(x)$
- this is equivalent to, $\forall x \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}}. (C^{\mathcal{I}}(x) \rightarrow D^{\mathcal{I}}(x)) = 1$, if \rightarrow is an r -implication

Basic Inference Problems

Consistency: Check if knowledge is meaningful

- Is KB consistent, i.e. satisfiable?

Subsumption: structure knowledge, compute taxonomy

- $KB \models C \sqsubseteq D$?

Equivalence: check if two fuzzy concepts are the same

- $KB \models C = D$?

Graded instantiation: Check if individual a instance of class C to degree at least r

- $KB \models \langle a:C, r \rangle$?

BTVB: Best Truth Value Bound problem

- $|a:C|_{KB} = \sup\{r \mid KB \models \langle a:C, r \rangle\}$?

Top-k retrieval: Retrieve the top-k individuals that instantiate C w.r.t. best truth value bound

- $ans_{top-k}(KB, C) = Top_k\{\langle a, v \rangle \mid v = |a:C|_{KB}\}$

Towards fuzzy OWL Lite and OWL DL

- Recall that OWL Lite and OWL DL relate to $SHIF(D)$ and $SHOIN(D)$, respectively
- We need to extend the semantics of fuzzy ALC to fuzzy $SHOIN(D) = ALCHOIN\mathcal{R}_+(D)$
- Additionally, we add
 - **modifiers** (e.g., *very*)
 - **concrete fuzzy concepts** (e.g., *Young*)
 - both additions have **explicit** membership functions

Concrete fuzzy concepts

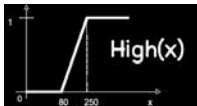
- E.g., *Small*, *Young*, *High*, etc. with **explicit** membership function
- Use the idea of concrete domains:
 - $D = \langle \Delta_D, \Phi_D \rangle$
 - Δ_D is an interpretation domain
 - Φ_D is the set of concrete fuzzy domain predicates d with a predefined arity $n = 1, 2$ and **fixed** interpretation $d^D: \Delta_D^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$
 - For instance,



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minor} &= \text{Person} \sqcap \exists \text{hasAge} . \leq 18 \\ \text{YoungPerson} &= \text{Person} \sqcap \exists \text{hasAge} . \text{Young} \\ &\quad \text{functional}(\text{hasAge}) \end{aligned}$$

Modifiers

- *Very, moreOrLess, slightly, etc.*
- Apply to fuzzy sets to change their membership function
 - $very(x) = x^2$
 - $slightly(x) = \sqrt{x}$
- For instance,



$$SportsCar = Car \sqcap \exists speed . very(High)$$

Fuzzy *SHOIN*(*D*)

Concepts:

	Syntax	Semantics
C, D	\top	$\top(x)$
	\perp	$\perp(x)$
	A	$A(x)$
	$(C \sqcap D)$	$C_1(x) \wedge C_2(x)$
	$(C \sqcup D)$	$C_1(x) \vee C_2(x)$
	$(\neg C)$	$\neg C(x)$
	$(\exists R.C)$	$\exists x R(x, y) \wedge C(y)$
	$(\forall R.C)$	$\forall x R(x, y) \rightarrow C(y)$
	$\{a\}$	$x = a$
	$(\geq n R)$	$\exists y_1, \dots, y_n. \bigwedge_{i=1}^n R(x, y_i) \wedge \bigwedge_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} y_i \neq y_j$
	$(\leq n R)$	$\forall y_1, \dots, y_{n+1}. \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n+1} R(x, y_i) \rightarrow \bigvee_{1 \leq i < j \leq n+1} y_i = y_j$
	FCC	$\mu_{FCC}(x)$
	$M(C)$	$\mu_M(C(x))$
R	P	$P(x, y)$
	P^-	$P(y, x)$

Assertions:

	Syntax	Semantics
α	$\langle a:C, r \rangle$	$C(a) \geq r$
	$\langle (a, b):R, r \rangle$	$R(a, b) \geq r$

Axioms:

	Syntax	Semantics
τ	$\langle C \sqsubseteq D, r \rangle$	$\forall x (C(x) \rightarrow D(x)) \geq r,$
	$fun(R)$	$\forall x \forall y \forall z R(x, y) \wedge R(x, z) \rightarrow y = z$
	$trans(R)$	$(\exists z R(x, z) \wedge R(z, y)) \rightarrow R(x, y)$

Example (Graded Entailment)



<i>Car</i>	<i>speed</i>
<i>audi_tt</i>	243
<i>mg</i>	≤ 170
<i>ferrari_enzo</i>	≥ 350

SportsCar = *Car* \sqcap \exists hasSpeed.very(High)

KB \models \langle ferrari_enzo:SportsCar, 1 \rangle
KB \models \langle audi_tt:SportsCar, 0.92 \rangle
KB \models \langle mg:¬SportsCar, 0.72 \rangle

Example (Graded Subsumption)

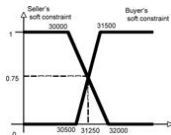


$$\begin{aligned} Minor &= Person \sqcap \exists hasAge. \leq_{18} \\ YoungPerson &= Person \sqcap \exists hasAge. Young \end{aligned}$$

$$KB \models \langle Minor \sqsubseteq YoungPerson, 0.2 \rangle$$

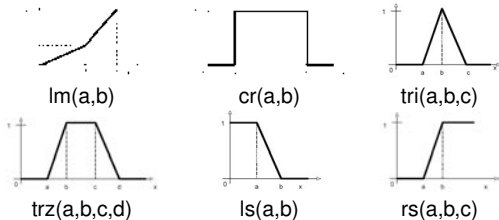
Note: without an explicit membership function of *Young*, **this inference cannot be drawn**

Example (Simplified Negotiation)



- a car seller sells an Audi TT for 31500 €, as from the catalog price.
- a buyer is looking for a sports-car, but wants to pay not more than around 30000 €
- classical DLs: the problem relies on the crisp conditions on price
- more fine grained approach: to consider prices as fuzzy sets (as usual in negotiation)
 - seller may consider optimal to sell above 31500 €, but can go down to 30500 €
 - the buyer prefers to spend less than 30000 €, but can go up to 32000 €
 $AudiTT = SportsCar \sqcap \exists hasPrice.rs(30500, 31500)$
 $Query = SportsCar \sqcap \exists hasPrice.ls(30000, 32000)$
 - highest degree to which the concept
 $C = AudiTT \sqcap Query$
is satisfiable is 0.75 (the possibility that the Audi TT and the query **matches** is 0.75)
 - the car may be sold at 31250 €

- Modifiers are definable as linear in-equations over \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z} (e.g., linear hedges), for instance, linear hedges, $lm(a, b)$, e.g. *very* = $lm(0.7, 0.49)$
- Fuzzy concrete concepts are definable as linear in-equations over \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z} (e.g., crisp, triangular, trapezoidal, left shoulder and right shoulder membership functions)



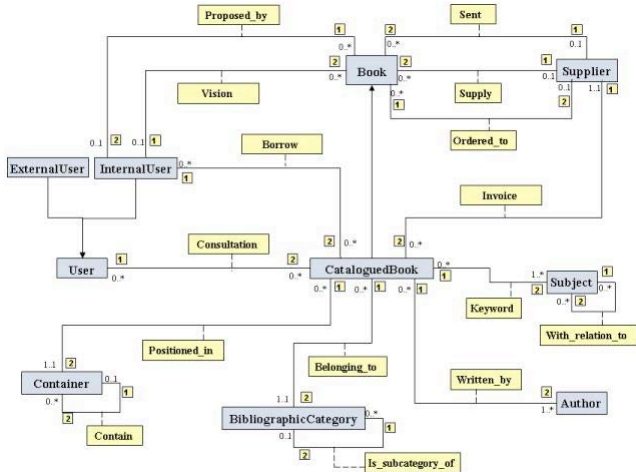
Implementation issues

- Several options exists:
 - Try to map fuzzy DLs to classical DLs
 - difficult to work with modifiers and concrete fuzzy concepts
 - Try to map fuzzy DLs to some fuzzy logic programming framework
 - A lot of work exists about mappings among classical DLs and LPs
 - But, needs a theorem prover for fuzzy LPs
 - Build an ad-hoc theorem prover for fuzzy DLs, using e.g., MILP
- A theorem prover for fuzzy *SHIF* + linear hedges + concrete fuzzy concepts + linear equational constraints + datatypes, under classical, Zadeh, Lukasiewicz and Product t-norm semantics has been implemented (<http://gaia.isti.cnr.it/~straccia>)
- FIRE: a fuzzy DL theorem prover for fuzzy *SHIN* under Zadeh semantics (<http://www.image.ece.ntua.gr/~nsimou/>)

Top- k retrieval in tractable DLs: the case of DL-Lite/DLR-Lite [25, 30]

- **DL-Lite/DLR-Lite** [3]: a simple, but interesting DLs
- Captures important subset of UML/ER diagrams
- Computationally tractable DL to query large databases
- **Sub-linear**, i.e. LOGSpace in data complexity
 - (same cost as for SQL)
- Good for **very large** database tables, with limited declarative schema design

- **Knowledge base:** $KB = \langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A} \rangle$, where \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{A} are finite sets of axioms and assertions
- **Axiom:** $C_l \sqsubseteq C_r$ (inclusion axiom)
- **Note for inclusion axioms:** the language for left hand side is different from the one for right hand side
- DL-Lite_{core}:
 - **Concepts:**
$$\begin{array}{l} C_l \rightarrow A \mid \exists R \\ C_r \rightarrow A \mid \exists R \mid \neg A \mid \neg \exists R \\ R \rightarrow P \mid P^- \end{array}$$
 - **Assertion:** $a:A, (a, b):P$
- DLR-Lite_{core}: (n -ary roles)
 - **Concepts:**
$$\begin{array}{l} C_l \rightarrow A \mid \exists P[i] \\ C_r \rightarrow A \mid \exists P[i] \mid \neg A \mid \neg \exists P[i] \end{array}$$
 - $\exists P[i]$ is the projection on i -th column
 - **Assertion:** $a:A, \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle:P$
- Assertions are stored in relational tables
- **Conjunctive query:** $q(\mathbf{x}) \leftarrow \exists \mathbf{y}. conj(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$
 $conj$ is an **aggregation** of expressions of the form $B(z)$ or $P(z_1, z_2)$,



- Examples:

isa $CatalogueBook \sqsubseteq Book$

disjointness $Book \sqsubseteq \neg Author$

constraints $CatalogueBook \sqsubseteq \exists positioned_In$

role – typing $\exists positioned_In \sqsubseteq Container$

functional $fun(positioned_In)$

constraints $Author \sqsubseteq \exists written_By^-$
 $\exists written_By \sqsubseteq CatalogueBook$

assertion $Romeo_and_Juliet:CatalogueBook$
 $(Romeo_and_Juliet, Shakespeare):written_By$

query $q(x, y) \leftarrow CataloguedBook(x), Ordered_to(x, y)$

- Consistency check is linear time in the size of the KB
- Query answering is linear in the size of the number of assertions

Top- k retrieval in DL-Lite/DLR-Lite

- We extend the query formalism: conjunctive queries, where fuzzy predicates may appear
- conjunctive query

$$q(\mathbf{x}, s) \leftarrow \exists \mathbf{y}. \text{conj}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), s = f(p_1(\mathbf{z}_1), \dots, p_n(\mathbf{z}_n))$$

- 1 \mathbf{x} are the *distinguished variables*;
- 2 s is the *score variable*, taking values in $[0, 1]$;
- 3 \mathbf{y} are existentially quantified variables, called *non-distinguished variables*;
- 4 $\text{conj}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ is a conjunction of DL-Lite/DLR-Lite atoms $R(\mathbf{z})$ in KB ;
- 5 \mathbf{z} are tuples of constants in KB or variables in \mathbf{x} or \mathbf{y} ;
- 6 \mathbf{z}_i are tuples of constants in KB or variables in \mathbf{x} or \mathbf{y} ;
- 7 p_i is an n_i -ary *fuzzy predicate* assigning to each n_i -ary tuple \mathbf{c}_i the *score* $p_i(\mathbf{c}_i) \in [0, 1]$;
- 8 f is a monotone *scoring function* $f: [0, 1]^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$, which combines the scores of the n fuzzy predicates $p_i(\mathbf{c}_i)$

Example:

$Hotel \sqsubseteq \exists HasHLoc$
 $Hotel \sqsubseteq \exists HasHPrice$
 $Conference \sqsubseteq \exists HasCLoc$
 $Hotel \sqsubseteq \neg Conference$

HasHLoc		HasCLoc		HasHPrice	
HotelID	HasLoc	ConfID	HasLoc	HotelID	Price
<i>h1</i>	<i>hl1</i>	<i>c1</i>	<i>cl1</i>	<i>h1</i>	150
<i>h2</i>	<i>hl2</i>	<i>c2</i>	<i>cl2</i>	<i>h2</i>	200
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

$q(h, s) \leftarrow HasHLoc(h, hl), HasHPrice(h, p), Distance(hl, cl, d)$
 $HasCLoc(c1, cl), s = cheap(p) \cdot close(d)$

where the fuzzy predicates *cheap* and *close* are defined as

$close(d) = Is(0, 2km, d)$
 $cheap(p) = Is(0, 300, p)$

Tool exists and implemented in the **DLMedia** system

<http://gaia.isti.cnr.it/~straccia>

DLMedia: a Multimedia Information Retrieval System [33]

- Based on fuzzy DLR-Lite with similarity predicates

- Axioms: $Rl_1 \sqcap \dots \sqcap Rl_m \sqsubseteq Rr$

$$\begin{array}{lll} Rr & \longrightarrow & A \mid \exists[i_1, \dots, i_k]R \\ Rl & \longrightarrow & A \mid \exists[i_1, \dots, i_k]R \mid \exists[i_1, \dots, i_k]R.(Cond_1 \sqcap \dots \sqcap Cond_l) \\ Cond & \longrightarrow & ([i] \leq v) \mid ([i] < v) \mid ([i] \geq v) \mid ([i] > v) \mid ([i] = v) \mid ([i] \neq v) \mid \\ & & ([i] \text{ simTxt } k_1, \dots, k_n) \mid ([i] \text{ simImg URN}) \end{array}$$

- $\exists[i_1, \dots, i_k]R$ is the projection of the relation R on the columns i_1, \dots, i_k
- $\exists[i_1, \dots, i_k]R.(Cond_1 \sqcap \dots \sqcap Cond_l)$ further restricts the projection $\exists[i_1, \dots, i_k]R$ according to the conditions specified in $Cond_j$
- $([i] \text{ simTxt } k_1 \dots k_n)$ evaluates the degree of being the text of the i -th column similar to the list of keywords $k_1 \dots k_n$
- $([i] \text{ simImg URN})$ returns the system's degree of being the image identified by the i -th column similar to the image identified by the URN
- Facts: $\langle R(c_1, \dots, c_n), s \rangle$

● Example axioms

```
 $\exists[1, 2]Person \sqsubseteq \exists[1, 2]hasAge$  // constrains relation hasAge(name, age)  
 $\exists[3, 1]Person \sqsubseteq \exists[1, 2]hasChild$  // constrains relation hasChild(father_name, name)  
 $\exists[4, 1]Person \sqsubseteq \exists[1, 2]hasChild$  // constrains relation hasChild(mother_name, name)  
 $\exists[3, 1]Person.((\exists[2] \geq 18) \sqcap (\exists[5] = 'female')) \sqsubseteq \exists[1, 2]hasAdultDaughter$   
// constrains relation hasAdultDaughter(father_name, name)
```

● On the other hand examples axioms involving similarity predicates are,

$\exists[1]ImageDescr.(\exists[2] simImg urn1) \sqsubseteq Child$ (1)

$\exists[1]Title.(\exists[2] simTxt 'lion') \sqsubseteq Lion$ (2)

where *urn1* identifies the image



● Example queries

```
q(x) ← Child(x)
      // find objects about a child (strictly speaking, find instances of Child)

q(x) ← CreatorName(x, y) ∧ (y = 'paolo'), Title(x, z), (z simTxt 'tour')
      // find images made by Paolo whose title is about 'tour'

q(x) ← ImageDescr(x, y) ∧ (y simImg urn2)
      // find images similar to a given image identified by urn2

q(x) ← ImageObject(x) ∧ isAbout(x, y1) ∧ Car(y1) ∧ isAbout(x, y2) ∧ Racing(y2)
      // find image objects about cars racing
```

Fuzzy LPs Basics [4, 6, 7, 22, 23, 29, 35]

- Many Logic Programming (LP) frameworks have been proposed to manage uncertain and imprecise information. They differ in:
 - The underlying notion of uncertainty and vagueness: probability, possibility, many-valued, fuzzy logics
 - How values, associated to rules and facts, are managed
- We consider fuzzy LPs, where
 - **Truth space** is $[0, 1]$
 - **Interpretation** is a mapping $I : B_{\mathcal{P}} \rightarrow [0, 1]$
 - **Generalized LP rules** are of the form

$$R(\mathbf{x}) \leftarrow \exists \mathbf{y}. f(R_1(\mathbf{z}_1), \dots, R_l(\mathbf{z}_l), p_1(\mathbf{z}'_1), \dots, p_h(\mathbf{z}'_h)) ,$$

- **Meaning of rules**: “take the truth-values of all $R_i(\mathbf{z}_i), p_j(\mathbf{z}'_j)$, combine them using the truth combination function f , and assign the result to $R(\mathbf{x})$ ”

- Same meaning as for fuzzy DLR-Lite queries

$$R(\mathbf{x}, s) \leftarrow \exists \mathbf{y}. \text{conj}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), s = f(p_1(\mathbf{z}_1), \dots, p_{l+h}(\mathbf{z}_{l+h}))$$

- 1 \mathbf{x} are the *distinguished variables*;
- 2 s is the *score variable*, taking values in $[0, 1]$;
- 3 \mathbf{y} are existentially quantified variables, called *non-distinguished variables*;
- 4 $\text{conj}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ is a list of atoms $R_i(\mathbf{z})$ in KB ;
- 5 \mathbf{z} are tuples of constants in KB or variables in \mathbf{x} or \mathbf{y} ;
- 6 \mathbf{z}_i are tuples of constants in KB or variables in \mathbf{x} or \mathbf{y} ;
- 7 p_i is an n_i -ary *fuzzy predicate* assigning to each n_i -ary tuple \mathbf{c}_i the *score* $p_i(\mathbf{c}_i) \in [0, 1]$;
- 8 f is a monotone *scoring function* $f: [0, 1]^{l+h} \rightarrow [0, 1]$, which combines the scores of the n fuzzy predicates $p_i(\mathbf{c}_i)$

Example: Soft shopping agent

- I may represent my preferences in Logic Programming with the rules

$Pref_1(x, p, s) \leftarrow HasPrice(x, p), LS(10000, 14000, p, s)$

$Pref_2(x, s) \leftarrow HasKM(x, k), LS(13000, 17000, k, s)$

$Buy(x, p, s) \leftarrow Pref_1(x, p, s_1), Pref_2(x, s_2), s = 0.7 \cdot s_1 + 0.3 \cdot s_2$

ID	MODEL	PRICE	KM
455	MAZDA 3	12500	10000
34	ALFA 156	12000	15000
1812	FORD FOCUS	11000	16000
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

- Problem:** All tuples of the database have a score:
 - We cannot compute the score of all tuples, then rank them. Brute force approach not feasible.
- Top-k problem:** Determine **efficiently** just the **top-k ranked** tuples, without evaluating the score of all tuples. E.g. top-3 tuples

ID	PRICE	SCORE
1812	11000	0.6
455	12500	0.56
34	12000	0.50

Top- k retrieval in LPs

- If the database contains a huge amount of facts, a brute force approach fails:
 - one cannot anymore compute the score of all tuples, rank all of them and only then return the top- k
- Better solutions exist for restricted fuzzy LP languages: Datalog + restriction on the score combination functions appearing in the body [29, 32]

Fuzzy DLPs Basics [10, 11, 27, 31]

- **Combine** fuzzy DLs with fuzzy LPs:
 - Like fuzzy LPs, but DL atoms and roles may appear in rules

$$\text{LowCarPrice}(z) \quad \leftarrow \quad \min(\text{made_by}(x, y), \text{DL}[\text{ChineseCarCompany}](y) \text{ price}(x, z)) \cdot \text{DL}[\text{Low}](z)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Low} \\ \text{ChineseCarCompany} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} = \\ \sqsubseteq \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{LS}(5.000, 15.000) \\ \exists \text{has_location.China} \end{array}$$

- **Knowledge Base** is a pair $KB = \langle \mathcal{P}, \Sigma \rangle$, where
 - \mathcal{P} is a fuzzy logic program
 - Σ is a fuzzy DL knowledge base (set of assertions and inclusion axioms)

Fuzzy DLPs Semantics

- Semantics: several approaches
- In principle, for each classical semantics based integration between DLs and LPs, there is be a fuzzy analogue
 - Pay attention, the fuzzy variant may add further technical and computational complications
 - 1 **Axiomatic** approach: fuzzy DL atoms and roles are managed **uniformly**
 - 2 **Loosely Coupled** approach: fuzzy DL atoms and roles are like **“procedural attachments”** (procedural calls to a fuzzy DL theorem prover)
 - 3 **Tightly coupled** approach: The DL component **restricts** the models to be considered for the LP component



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Uncertainty, Vagueness, and the Semantic Web

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- Uncertainty vs. Vagueness: a clarification

2

Basics on Semantic Web Languages

- Web Ontology Languages
- RDF/RDFS
- Description Logics
- Logic Programs
- Description Logic Programs

3

Uncertainty in Semantic Web Languages

- Uncertainty
- Uncertainty and RDF/DLs/OWL
- Uncertainty and LPs/DLPs

4

Vagueness in Semantic Web Languages

- Vagueness basics
- Vagueness and RDF/DLs
- Vagueness and LPs/DLPs

5

Combining Uncertainty and Vagueness in the Semantic Web

- Description logic programs that allow for dealing with probabilistic uncertainty and fuzzy vagueness.
- Semantically, probabilistic uncertainty can be used for data integration and ontology mapping, and fuzzy vagueness can be used for expressing vague concepts.
- Technically, allows for defining different rankings on ground atoms using fuzzy vagueness, and then for a probabilistic merging of these rankings using probabilistic uncertainty.
- Query processing based on fixpoint iterations.

Suppose a person would like to buy “a sports car that costs at most about 22 000 euro and that has a power of around 150 HP”.

In today's Web, the buyer has to *manually*

- search for car selling web sites, e.g., using Google;
- select the most promising sites;
- browse through them, query them to see the cars that each site sells, and match the cars with the requirements;
- select the offers in each web site that match the requirements; and
- eventually merge all the best offers from each site and select the best ones.

The screenshot displays the Autos.com website interface. At the top, the logo reads "Autos.com Find your perfect car" with navigation links for "About Us", "Search by Model", and "Search by Class". The main heading is "Best in Class" with the subtext "Thousands of cars & trucks ranked by industry professionals". Below this, there are several categorized sections:

- Passenger Cars:** "Best New Mid-Size Car" featuring a 2007 Volkswagen Passat.
- Luxury Cars:** "Best New Near-Luxury Car" featuring a 2006 Acura TSX.
- Trucks:** "Best New Full-Size Truck" featuring a 2006 GMC Sierra 1500HD.
- SUVs:** "Best New Mid-Size SUV" featuring a 2006 Volkswagen Touareg.
- Vans:** "Best New Minivan" featuring a 2006 Toyota Sienna.

On the right side, there are two main promotional boxes:

- Get the lowest price on your new car:** Includes a "FREE Quote no-obligation" offer, a "GET A FREE QUOTE" button, and a "Search for Used Cars" link.
- Next Generation Nissan Altima:** A form for requesting a quote, including fields for "SELECT MAKE", "LAST NAME", "STREET ADDRESS", "CITY", "STATE", and "ZIP CODE", along with a "SEARCH" button and a "Build Your Altima" dropdown menu.

At the bottom, there are two more sections:


- Compare Cars:** "See how your choices stack up" with a "Compare NOW" button and an image of three cars.
- Sizzle or Fizzle?:** "How do you rate the looks of this car?" with a "SEE LISTINGS" button and a car image.


At the bottom right of the page, there are navigation icons for back, forward, and search.

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2007 Mazda MX-5 Miata expert reviews and lowest prices
 in Sporty Car FactSheet

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Get a **FREE Price Quote!**
 Zip Code: [GET A PRICE](#)

Sizzle or Fizzle?
 How do you rate the looks of this car?

 Vote and see how others voted!

2007 Mazda MX-5 Miata	Sporty Car Average	
5V 2dr Convertible		
Expert Reviews	unavailable	4.0 ★★★★★
MSRP	\$20,435	\$27,724
Invoice	\$18,893	\$25,582
0 to 60 Acceleration	7.8 sec	7.53 sec
MPG	25/30	23 MPG
Resale Value	3.0 ★★★★★	2.0 ★★★★★
Performance and Handling see details	4.0 ★★★★★	4.4 ★★★★★
Comfort and Convenience see details	2.0 ★★★★★	2.8 ★★★★★
Safety Features see details	2.0 ★★★★★	2.1 ★★★★★
Passenger Space see details	1.1 ★★★★★	3.0 ★★★★★
Cargo Capacity see details	1.6 ★★★★★	2.4 ★★★★★
Sizzle or Fizzle	2.9 ★★★★★	3.0 ★★★★★

A *shopping agent* may support us, *automatizing* the whole process once it receives the request/query q from the buyer:

- The agent selects some sites/resources S that it considers as *relevant* to q (represented by probabilistic rules).
- For the top- k selected sites, the agent has to reformulate q using the terminology/ontology of the specific car selling site (which is done using probabilistic rules).
- The query q may contain many *vague/fuzzy* concepts such as “the price is around 22 000 euro or less”, and so a car may *match* q to a *degree*. So, a resource returns a ranked list of cars, where the ranks depend on the degrees to which the cars match q .
- Eventually, the agent integrates the ranked lists (using probabilities) and shows the top- n items to the buyer.

Cars \sqcup *Trucks* \sqcup *Vans* \sqcup *SUVs* \sqsubseteq *Vehicles*

PassengerCars \sqcup *LuxuryCars* \sqsubseteq *Cars*

CompactCars \sqcup *MidSizeCars* \sqcup *SportyCars* \sqsubseteq *PassengerCars*

Cars \sqsubseteq $(\exists \text{hasReview. Integer}) \sqcap (\exists \text{hasInvoice. Integer})$

$\sqcap (\exists \text{hasResellValue. Integer}) \sqcap (\exists \text{hasMaxSpeed. Integer})$

$\sqcap (\exists \text{hasHorsePower. Integer}) \sqcap \dots$

MazdaMX5Miata: *SportyCar* $\sqcap (\exists \text{hasInvoice. 18883})$

$\sqcap (\exists \text{hasHorsePower. 166}) \sqcap \dots$

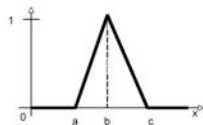
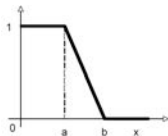
MitsubishiEclipseSpyder: *SportyCar* $\sqcap (\exists \text{hasInvoice. 24029})$

$\sqcap (\exists \text{hasHorsePower. 162}) \sqcap \dots$

We may now encode “costs at most about 22 000 euro ” and “has a power of around 150 HP” in the buyer’s request through the following concepts C and D , respectively:

$$C = \exists \text{hasInvoice.} \textit{LeqAbout22000} \text{ and} \\ D = \exists \text{hasHorsePower.} \textit{Around150HP},$$

where $\textit{LeqAbout22000} = \textit{ls}(22000, 25000)$ and $\textit{Around150HP} = \textit{tri}(125, 150, 175)$.



The following fuzzy dl-rule encodes the buyer's request
 "a sports car that costs at most about 22 000 euro and
 that has a power of around 150 HP".

$$\begin{aligned}
 query(x) \leftarrow_{\otimes} & SportyCar(x) \wedge_{\otimes} \\
 & hasInvoice(x, y_1) \wedge_{\otimes} \\
 & DL[LeqAbout22000](y_1) \wedge_{\otimes} \\
 & hasHorsePower(x, y_2) \wedge_{\otimes} \\
 & DL[Around150HP](y_2) \geq 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here, \otimes is the Gödel t-norm (that is, $x \otimes y = \min(x, y)$).

The buyer's request, but in a "different" terminology:

$$\text{query}(x) \leftarrow_{\otimes} \text{SportsCar}(x) \wedge_{\otimes} \text{hasPrice}(x, y_1) \wedge_{\otimes} \text{hasPower}(x, y_2) \wedge_{\otimes} \\ \text{DL}[\text{LeqAbout22000}](y_1) \wedge_{\otimes} \text{DL}[\text{Around150HP}](y_2) \geq 1$$

Ontology alignment mapping rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SportsCar}(x) &\leftarrow_{\otimes} \text{DL}[\text{SportyCar}](x) \wedge_{\otimes} \text{sc}_{\text{pos}} \geq 0.9 \\ \text{hasPrice}(x) &\leftarrow_{\otimes} \text{DL}[\text{hasInvoice}](x) \wedge_{\otimes} \text{hi}_{\text{pos}} \geq 0.8 \\ \text{hasPower}(x) &\leftarrow_{\otimes} \text{DL}[\text{hasHorsePower}](x) \wedge_{\otimes} \text{hhp}_{\text{pos}} \geq 0.8, \end{aligned}$$

Probability distribution μ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\text{sc}_{\text{pos}}) &= 0.91 & \mu(\text{sc}_{\text{neg}}) &= 0.09 \\ \mu(\text{hi}_{\text{pos}}) &= 0.78 & \mu(\text{hi}_{\text{neg}}) &= 0.22 \\ \mu(\text{hhp}_{\text{pos}}) &= 0.83 & \mu(\text{hhp}_{\text{neg}}) &= 0.17 \end{aligned}$$

The following are some tight consequences:

$$KB \models_{tight} (\mathbf{E}[query((MazdaMX5Miata))][0.21, 0.21])$$
$$KB \models_{tight} (\mathbf{E}[query((MitsubishiEclipseSpyder))][0.19, 0.19]).$$

Informally, the **expected degree to which *MazdaMX5Miata* matches** the query q is 0.21, while the expected degree to which *MitsubishiEclipseSpyder* matches the query q is 0.19,

Thus, the shopping agent ranks the retrieved items as follows:

rank	item	degree
1.	<i>MazdaMX5Miata</i>	0.21
2.	<i>MitsubishiEclipseSpyder</i>	0.19