

# ONTOLOGY-BASED DATA ACCESS USING REWRITING, OWL 2 RL SYSTEMS AND REPAIRING

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- 1 Many applications that need more expressivity.
  - 2 Scalable QA over OWL 2 DL is attractive/beneficial.

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- DLDB [Pan 04], Minerva [Zhou 06], DLEJena [Meditkos 08], **Repair** [Stoilos et al. 11].

ABox dependent: Lower/upper approx. of answer; “intermediate” answers checked using an OWL reasoner.

- Ontosearch2 [Pan 07], ?? [Zhou 13a, 13b, 14]

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- $\mathcal{R}$  computed **once** and it is **per** ontology.
- It works only for SPARQL CQs.
- It can contain complex axioms:  $\exists R.C \sqsubseteq A$ ,  $C \sqcap D \sqsubseteq E$   
i.e., classifying  $\mathcal{T}$  won't work (most previous approaches).

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$\mathcal{R}$  explicates the inference that ans would miss.

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- D-rewritings exist if  $\mathcal{T}$  is Horn-*SHIQ* [Eiter et al. 12].
- Can exist even if  $\mathcal{T}$  is OWL 2 DL [Cuenca Grau 13].

Weakly-linear/markable TBoxes [Cuenca Grau 14a, 14b].

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# OPEN PROBLEMS — GOALS

Repairing is a promising approach; but first approach had limitations:

- Evaluation too preliminary: LUBM, tiny version of Galen.
- Approach had no optimisations.  
Not clear whether we can handle large/complex TBoxes.
- No support for non-SPARQL CQs.

## Goals/Contributions:

- 1 Investigate further on practicality of approach:
  - I Propose optimisations
  - II Perform extensive evaluation with large/complex ontos.
- 2 Provide support for non-SPARQL queries.
  - I Evaluate as well.

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Solution:

- Most parameters are fixed ( $\mathcal{T}|_{\mathcal{rl}}$ ) or rarely changing ( $\{\alpha_1\}$ ).
- Apply calculus of the OWL 2 DL reasoner exhaustively on  $\mathcal{T}|_{\mathcal{rl}}$  and store the computation.
- $\mathcal{T}|_{\mathcal{rl}} \models \alpha$ : resume computation from previous point and backtrack.

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**Hydrowl:** A Hybrid Query Answering System for OWL Ontologies

<http://www.image.ece.ntua.gr/~gstoil/hydrowl/>

- Rapid: to compute rewritings (Steps 1 & 3(B)).
- Hermit: to minimise repairs (Step 1).
- OWLim as a triple-store (Steps 2 & 3).

## EVALUATION – SETUP

- We wanted to evaluate all 3 steps
  - How efficiently repairs can be computed (Step 1).
  - How much they affect loading (Step 2).
  - Query answering of non-SPARQL CQs (Step 3(b)).
- Ontologies (TBoxes): 152  
GO, 3 versions of Galen, Fly\_Anatomy, UOBM.
- Dataset (ABoxes):  
UOBM has a data-generator (1, 2, 5, 10, 20 unis)  
Fly\_Anatomy: ~6000 assertions that we multiplied up to 5 times.
- non-SPARQL CQs:  
Fly\_Anatomy comes with 4 realistic non-SPARQL CQs.



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12 ontologies had a repair of size  $< 15$  axioms

The 4 “hard” ones had sizes  $> 3000$  axioms

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$\mathcal{T}$	$ \mathcal{T} $	$ \mathcal{R} $	$t$
Not-Galen	5471	3015 (4153)	298 (42)
Galen-doc	4229	6051 (6176)	1152 (28)
Galen	4229	3012 (3062)	257 (24)
Fly	19845	10361 (12368)	2884 (178)

- Repairs are large but not exponentially larger.
- Computation time is reasonable.

Without opts for Step 2 it is several hours.

- Numbers in parenthesis are if we completely dispense with minimisation Step 2(B) (quadratic loop).

## EVALUATION – LOADING REPAIRS

	1	2	5	10	20
UOBM	4.1	6.8	16.2	31.9	73.2
UOBM $\mathcal{UR}$	4.4	8.3	24.3	44.9	108.1

(a) UOBM

	$\mathcal{A}_1$	$\mathcal{A}_2$	$\mathcal{A}_3$	$\mathcal{A}_4$	$\mathcal{A}_5$
Fly	14.0	21.9	22.7	27.9	31.5
Fly $\mathcal{UR}$	31.9	55.1	68.5	93.0	119.3
Fly $\mathcal{UR}^-$	33.2	62.1	70.1	100.6	118.2

(b) Fly

- Effects of repairing are mostly noticeable in large and complex ontologies.

But still overhead is not unmanageable.

Recall that loading is usually done once.

- Non-minimal repairs ( $\mathcal{R}^-$ ) not much worse than minimal ( $\mathcal{R}$ ).

## EVALUATION – NON-SPARQL CQS

$t_{rew}$ : time for Rapid to compute the  $(Q, \mathcal{T})$ -rewriting.

$t_{ans}$ : time for OWLim to evaluate  $Rew_Q$ .

$Q_1$			$Q_2$		
$ Rew_Q $	$t_{rew}$	$t_{ans}$	$ Rew_Q $	$t_{rew}$	$t_{ans}$
64	0.31	0.31	2880	0.90	1.28
$Q_3$			$Q_4$		
$ Rew_Q $	$t_{rew}$	$t_{ans}$	$ Rew_Q $	$t_{rew}$	$t_{ans}$
91	0.07	0.04	6	0.05	0.02

- All CQs were answered almost instantaneously  
Size/structure of  $Rew_Q$  small/simple.  
Much of the reasoning work has been done during loading.

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- What happens when a repair does not exist, it is very large, or very difficult to compute?

Partial repair: captures **some** of the missed inferences.

For a CQ  $Q$ : decide if partially repaired triple-store is adequate or an OWL 2 DL reasoner is required.

Implemented in [Hydrowl](#) presented at ECAI [Stoilos 14]