Principles of Knowledge Representation and Reasoning

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Exercise Sheet 9 Due: December 23th, 2015

Exercise 9.1 (Nonmonotonic Reasoning using Abnormality Predicates, 3)

Consider the following knowledge base KB and show that $KB \models_{\leq} flies(c) \lor flies(d)$. Note: The special version of entailment (which is called minimal entailment and which is denoted by \models_{\leq}) is defined as follows: $KB \models_{\leq} \phi$ holds iff for every interpretation \mathcal{I} such that $\mathcal{I} \models KB$, either $\mathcal{I} \models \phi$ or there is an \mathcal{I}' such that $\mathcal{I}' < \mathcal{I}$ and $\mathcal{I}' \models KB$ (with $\mathcal{I}' \leq \mathcal{I}$ iff $Abnormal^{\mathcal{I}'} \subseteq Abnormal^{\mathcal{I}}$). Discuss how this kind of reasoning compares to reasoning under the Closed World Assumption.

$$KB = \{ \forall x (Bird(x) \land \neg Abnormal(x) \rightarrow flies(x)), Bird(c), Bird(d), \neg flies(c) \lor \neg flies(d) \}$$

Exercise 9.2 (EXTENSIONS IN DEFAULT LOGIC, 3)

Consider the propositional default theory $\Delta = \langle D, W \rangle$ with

$$D = \{\frac{\top:m}{m}, \frac{\top:i}{i}, \frac{m:\neg s}{\neg s}, \frac{m:b}{b}, \frac{i:s \land \neg b}{s \land \neg b}\}, W = \{\neg (m \land i)\}$$

Determine all extensions of Δ . Which of the propositions $s, b, s \lor b, s \land b$ are entailed by Δ using credulous reasoning? Which of them are entailed using skeptical reasoning?

Exercise 9.3 (Knowledge Representation And Reasoning in Default Logic, 3 + 3) Translate into first-order default logic and check whether the given conclusions follow credulously and/or skeptically.

- (a) Typically, computer science students like computers. Female students who like computers are typically interested in cognitive science. Computer science students are typically female, as for example Anne; but Bob is an exception to this rule. Conclusions: Anne is interested in cognitive science. Bob is not interested in cognitive science.
- (b) By default, students are not lazy. But computer science students are typically intelligent, and intelligent students are usually lazy. Jim and Mary study the humanities, Anne and Bob study computer science. Conclusions: Anne and Bob are lazy; Mary and Jim are not.