

Uncertainty Treatment in the Rule Interchange Format: From Encoding to Extension

Jidi Zhao¹, Harold Boley²

1 Faculty of Computer Science, University of New Brunswick,
Fredericton, NB, E3B 5AC, Canada

Judy.Zhao AT unb.ca

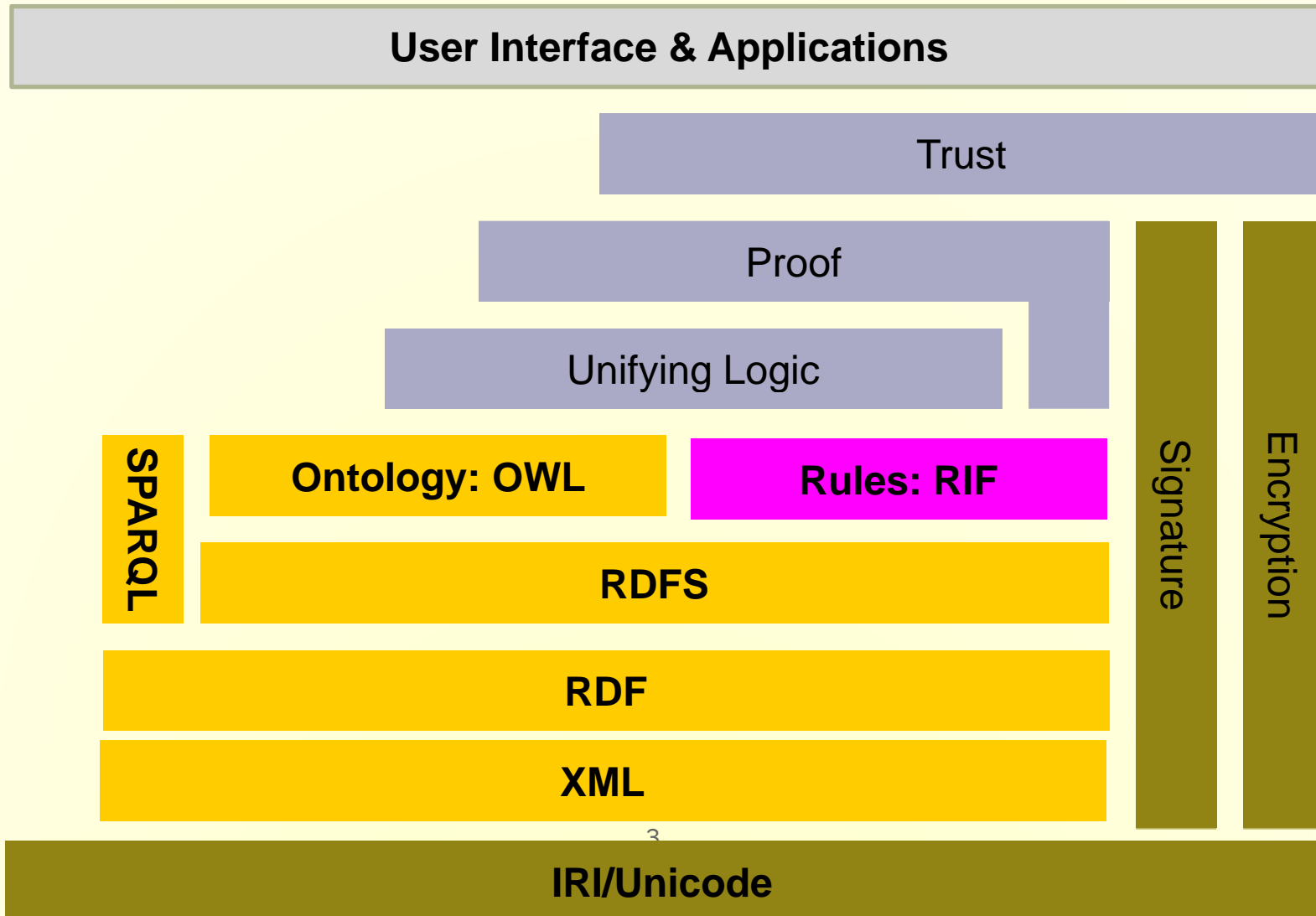
2 Institute for Information Technology, National Research
Council of Canada, Fredericton, NB, E3B 9W4 Canada

Harold.Boley AT nrc.gc.ca

Talk Outline

- **Introduction and Motivation**
- **DLP and Representation in RIF**
- **Encoding Uncertainty in RIF**
 - Fuzzy LP
 - Using RIF Functions
 - Using RIF Predicates
- **Uncertainty Extension of RIF**
 - Definition of Truth Values and Truth Valuation
 - Proposed RIF-URD
- **Fuzzy Description Logic Programs and Their Representation in RIF**
- **Conclusions and Future Work**

Semantic Web Layer Cake

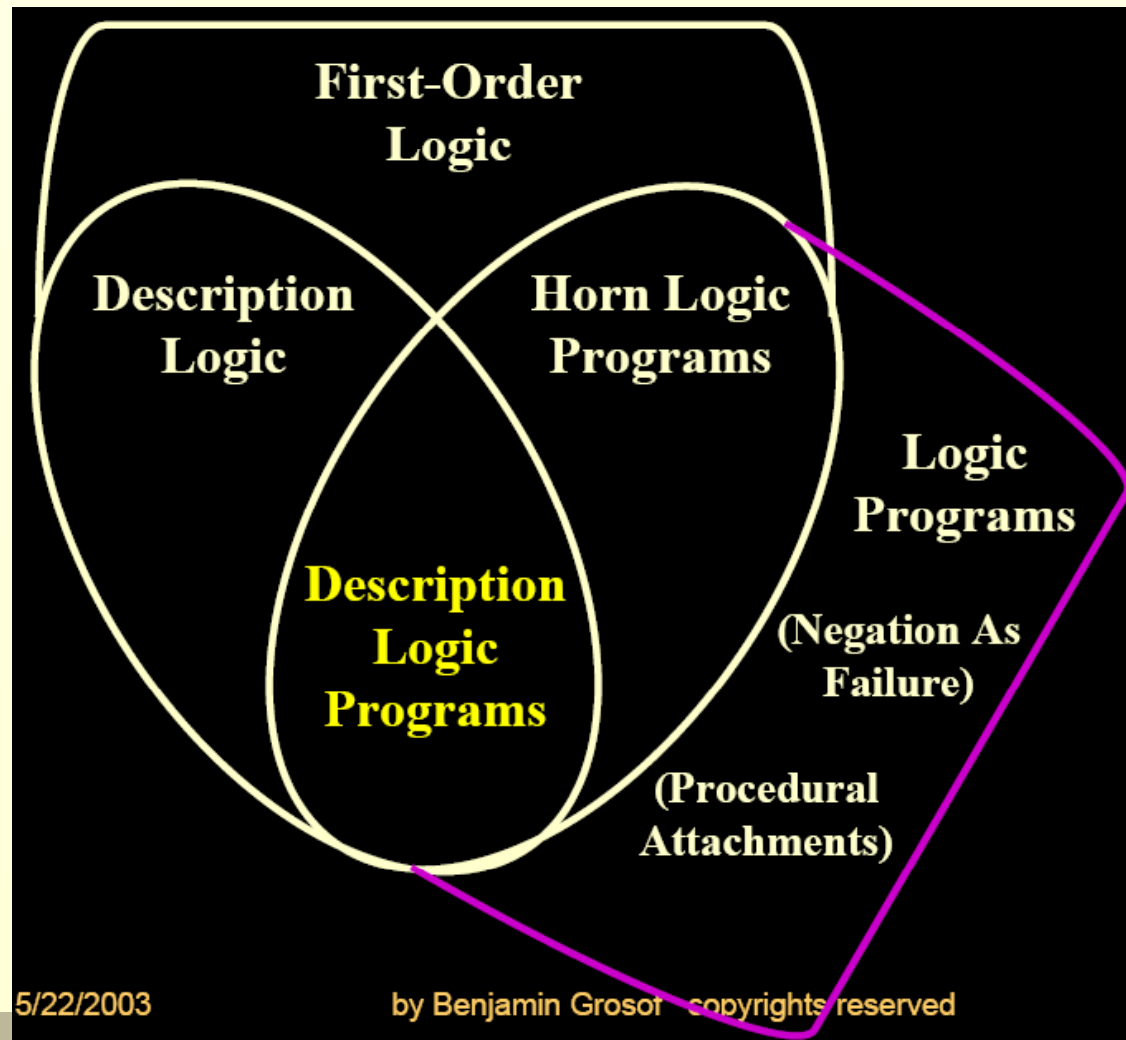


RIF Background

- Literally *hundreds* of rule system implementations
- RIF: Rule Interchange Format
- RIF defines
 - a basic logic dialect: RIF-BLD
 - a framework in the form of a menu of syntactic and semantic features that can be combined into different specializations: RIF-FLD
 - other specializations

Motivation

- DL and LP cover different but overlapping areas of knowledge representation



Motivation

- DL and LP cover different but overlapping areas of knowledge representation
- DL cannot represent “more than one free variable at a time”
- LP/Horn Logic cannot represent a disjunction or an existential in the head

Motivation

- DL and LP cover different but overlapping areas of knowledge representation
- Handling uncertain knowledge is becoming a critical research direction for the (Semantic) Web

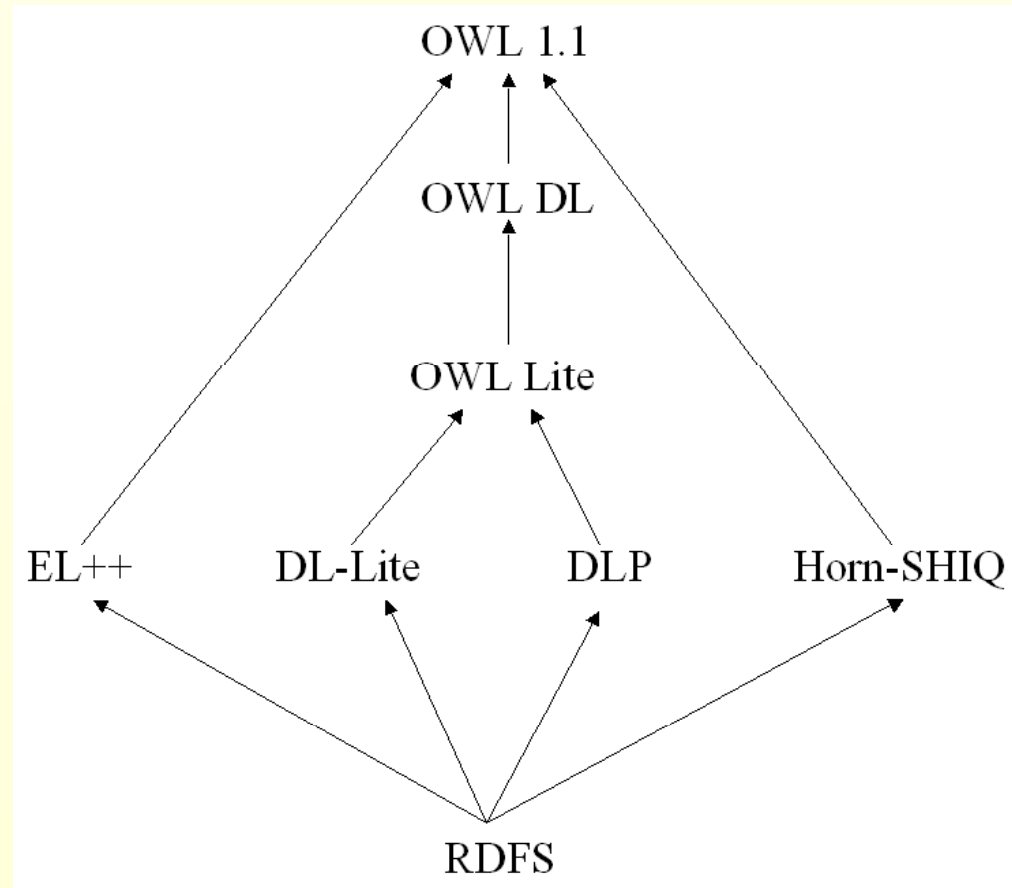
Talk Outline

- Introduction and Motivation
- **DLP and Representation in RIF**
- Encoding Uncertainty in RIF
 - Fuzzy LP
 - Using RIF Functions
 - Using RIF Predicates
- Uncertainty Extension of RIF
 - Definition of Truth Values and Truth Valuation
 - Proposed RIF-URD
- Fuzzy Description Logic Programs and Their Representation in RIF
- Conclusions and Future Work

DLP Expressive Power and DLP mappings

LP syntax	DL syntax
$D(x) \leftarrow C(x)$	$C \sqsubseteq D$
$D(x) \leftarrow C(x),$ $C(x) \leftarrow D(x)$	$C \equiv D$
$C(y) \leftarrow R(x, y)$	$T \sqsubseteq \forall R.C$
$C(x) \leftarrow R(x, y)$	$T \sqsubseteq \forall R^-.C$
$C(a)$	$C(a) \quad \frac{D(x) \leftarrow C_1(x) \wedge C_2(x)}{C_1 \sqcap C_2 \sqsubseteq D}$
$R(a, b)$	$R(a, b) \quad \frac{P(x, y) \leftarrow R_1(x, y) \wedge R_2(x, y)}{R_1 \sqcap R_2 \sqsubseteq P}$
$R(x, y) \leftarrow P(x, y),$ $P(x, y) \leftarrow R(x, y)$	$P \equiv R \quad \frac{C_1(x) \leftarrow D(x),}{C_2(x) \leftarrow D(x)} \quad D \sqsubseteq C_1 \sqcap C_2$
$R(x, y) \leftarrow P(y, x),$ $P(y, x) \leftarrow R(x, y)$	$P \equiv R^- \quad \frac{D(x) \leftarrow C_1(x),}{D(x) \leftarrow C_2(x)} \quad C_1 \sqcup C_2 \sqsubseteq D$
$R(x, z) \leftarrow R(x, y), R(y, z)$	$R^+ \sqsubseteq R \quad \frac{D(y) \leftarrow R(x, y) \wedge C(x)}{C \sqsubseteq \forall R.D}$
$P(x, y) \leftarrow R(x, y)$	$R \sqsubseteq P \quad \frac{D(x) \leftarrow R(x, y) \wedge C(y)}{\exists R.C \sqsubseteq D}$

DLP



- *Figure . Relationship between the fragments (profiles) of OWL 1.1*
- *<http://www.webont.org/owl/1.1/tractable.html>*

DLP comprises basic RDFS & more

- RDFS subset of DL permits the following statements:
 - Subclass, Domain, Range, Subproperty (also SameClass, SameProperty)
 - instance of class, instance of property
- more DL statements beyond RDFS:
 - Intersection in class descriptions
 - Transitive or symmetric property, inverse property
 - Disjunction or Existential in a *subclass expression*
 - Universal in a *superclass expression*

DLP limitations

- Does not allow using disjunction or existential in a superclass expression.

E.g., $C \sqsubseteq D_1 \sqcup D_2$, $C \sqsubseteq \exists P.D$

- A universal restriction as a subclass of an inclusion axiom

E.g. $\forall P.D \sqsubseteq C$

- Negation (\neg) and cardinality restrictions (\leq, \geq)

OWL 2 RL

- Created by W3C OWL Working Group
- Is a syntactic profile of OWL 2 DL
- Based on Description Logic Programs (DLP)
- Syntactic restrictions
- http://www.w3.org/2007/OWL/wiki/Profiles#OWL_2_RL

RIF-BLD Overview

- Definite Horn rules
- Functions
- Equality (in conclusion and condition)
- Internationalized resource identifiers (IRIs)
- XML syntax
- Presentation syntax
- Published “Last Call” draft in July
- Slides 14-17 are adapted from [Chris Welty's talk on RIF-BLD](#)

Rules

- IF <condition> THEN <conclusion>
 - <condition> aka rule body, antecedant
 - <conclusion> aka rule head, consquent
- BLD rule:
 - **forall** var* (<conclusion> :- <condition>)
 - Conclusions may contain conjunction
 - Conditions may contain conjunction, disjunction, and existential
- Restrictions on conclusion
 - No existential, disjunction, external functions

Document Structure (in presentation syntax)

- Groups occur in Documents
 - Document(
 - Group(Forall ?x (Q(?x) :- P(?x))
 - Forall ?x (Q(?x) :- R(?x)))
 - Group(Forall ?y (R(?y) :- ex:op(?y))))
- Rules occur in Groups
 - Group(Forall ?x (Q(?x) :- P(?x))
 - Forall ?x (Q(?x) :- R(?x)))

DLP in RIF

LP syntax	DL syntax	RIF
$D(x) \leftarrow C(x)$	$C \sqsubseteq D$	Forall ?x (D(?x) :- C(?x))
$D(x) \leftarrow C(x),$ $C(x) \leftarrow D(x)$	$C \equiv D$	Forall ?x (D(?x) :- C(?x)) Forall ?x (C(?x) :- D(?x))
$C(y) \leftarrow R(x, y)$	$\top \sqsubseteq \forall R.C$	Forall ?x ?y (C(?y) :- R(?x ?y))
$C(x) \leftarrow R(x, y)$	$\top \sqsubseteq \forall R.^{.}C$	Forall ?x ?y (C(?x) :- R(?x ?y))
$D(x) \leftarrow C_1(x) \wedge C_2(x)$	$C_1 \sqcap C_2 \sqsubseteq D$	Forall ?x (D(?x) :- And(C ₁ (?x) C ₂ (?x)))
$C_1(x) \leftarrow D(x),$ $C_2(x) \leftarrow D(x)$	$D \sqsubseteq C_1 \sqcap C_2$	Forall ?x (C ₁ (?x) :- D(?x)) Forall ?x (C ₂ (?x) :- D(?x))
$D(x) \leftarrow C_1(x),$ $D(x) \leftarrow C_2(x)$	$C_1 \sqcup C_2 \sqsubseteq D$	Forall ?x (D(?x) :- C ₁ (?x)) Forall ?x (D(?x) :- C ₂ (?x))
$D(y) \leftarrow R(x, y) \wedge C(x)$	$C \sqsubseteq \forall R.D$	Forall ?x ?y (D(?y) :- And(R(?x ?y) C(?x)))
$D(x) \leftarrow R(x, y) \wedge C(y)$	$\exists R.C \sqsubseteq D$	Forall ?x ?y (D(?x) :- And(R(?x ?y) C(?y)))

Talk Outline

- Introduction and Motivation
- DLP and Representation in RIF
- **Encoding Uncertainty in RIF**
 - Fuzzy LP
 - Using RIF Functions
 - Using RIF Predicates
- Uncertainty Extension of RIF
 - Definition of Truth Values and Truth Valuation
 - Proposed RIF-URD
- Fuzzy Description Logic Programs and Their Representation in RIF
- Conclusions and Future Work

Fuzzy LP

- Syntax of a fuzzy rule

$$H(\vec{x}) \leftarrow B_1(\vec{x}_1), \dots, B_n(\vec{x}_n) \quad / c$$

- Semantics

- The body: Gödel's semantics

$$val((B_1, \dots, B_n), H_I) = \min \{ val(B_i, H_I) \mid i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \}$$

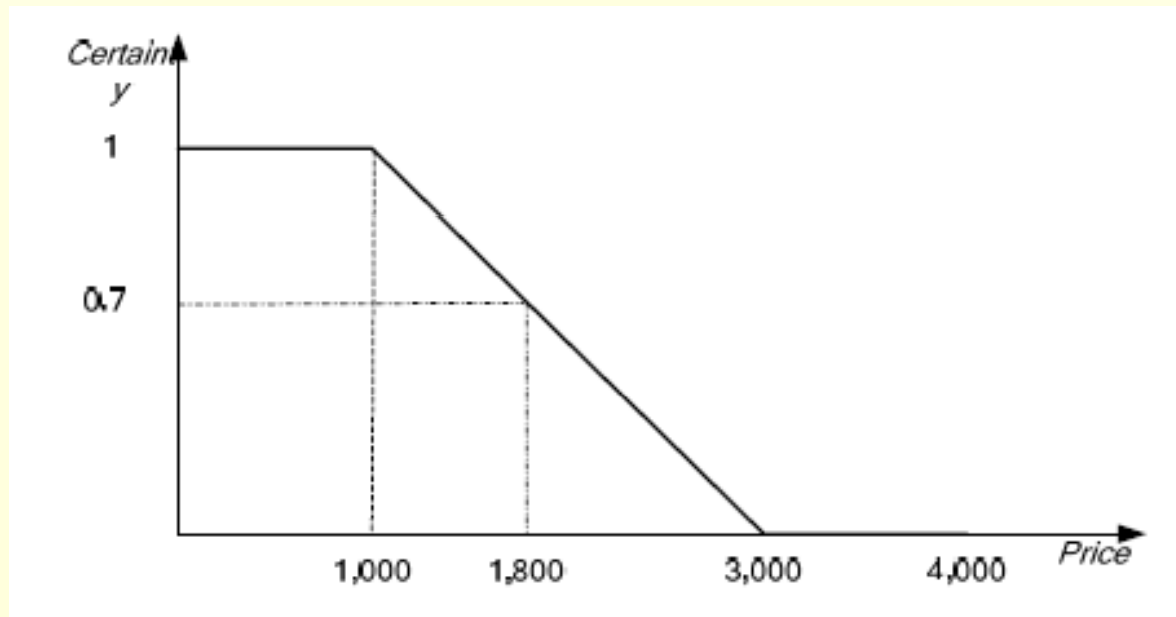
- The implication: product

$$val(H, H_I) = c \times val((B_1, \dots, B_n), H_I)$$

Fuzzy LP example: cheapFlight

$$\text{cheapFlight}(x, y) \leftarrow \text{affordableFlight}(x, y) \ / 0.9 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{affordableFlight}(x, y) \ / \text{left_shoulder}(0k4k1k3k)(y) \quad (2)$$



$$KB_{LP} \models \text{cheapFlight}(\text{flight0001}, 1800) \ / 0.63$$

Encoding Uncertainty in RIF: Using RIF Functions

- Map all predicates to functions
- Use equality for letting the functions return uncertainty values
- A fuzzy rule in RIF-BLD

$$H(\bar{x}) \leftarrow B_1(\bar{x}_1), \dots, B_n(\bar{x}_n) / c$$

```
Document(  
  Group  
  ( Forall ?x1 ... ?xk (  
    h(t1 ... tr)=?ch :- And(b1(t1,1 ... t1,s1)=?c1 ... bn(tn,1 ... tn,sn)=?cn  
      ?ct=External(numeric-minimum(?c1 ... ?cn))  
      ?ch=External(numeric-multiply(c ?ct)) )  
  ) )
```

- The semantics of the fuzzy rules is encoded using built-in functions from RIF_DTB and planned extensions

Example cheapFlight encoded in RIF-BLD

```
(* <http://example.org/fuzzy/membershipfunction > *)
Document(
  Group
  (
    (* "Definition of membership function left_shoulder(0,4000,1000,3000)"[] *)
    Forall ?y(
      left_shoulder0k4k1k3k(?y)=1 :- And(External(numeric-less-than-or-equal(0 ?y))
                                           External(numeric-less-than-or-equal(?y 1000))))
    Forall ?y(
      left_shoulder0k4k1k3k(?y)=External(numeric-add(External(numeric-multiply(-0.0005 ?y)) 1.5))
      :- And(External(numeric-less-than(1000 ?y))
            External(numeric-less-than-or-equal(?y 3000))))
    Forall ?y(
      left_shoulder0k4k1k3k(?y)=0 :- And(External(numeric-less-than(3000 ?y))
                                           External(numeric-less-than-or-equal(?y 4000))))
  )
)
```

```
Document(
  Import (<http://example.org/fuzzy/membershipfunction >)
  Group
  (
    Forall ?x ?y(
      cheapFlight(?x ?y)=?ch :- And(affordableFlight(?x ?y)=?c1
                                   ?ch=External(numeric-multiply(0.4 ?c1)))
    Forall ?x ?y(affordableFlight(?x ?y)=left_shoulder0k4k1k3k(?y))
  )
)
```

Encoding Uncertainty in RIF: Using RIF Predicates

- Make all n-ary predicates into (1+n)-ary predicates
- A fuzzy rule in RIF-BLD
- The semantics of the fuzzy rules is also encoded using built-in functions from RIF_DTB and planned extensions

```
Document(  
  Group  
  ( Forall ?x1 ... ?xk (  
    h(?ch t1 ... tr) :- And(b1(?c1 t1,1 ... t1,s1) ... bn(?cn tn,1 ... tn,sn)  
      ?ct=External(numeric-minimum(?c1 ... ?cn))  
      ?ch=External(numeric-multiply(c ?ct)) )  
  ) )
```

Example cheapFlight encoded in RIF-BLD

```
Document(  
  Import (<http://example.org/fuzzy/membershipfunction >)  
  Group  
  (  
    Forall ?x ?y(  
      cheapFlight(?ch ?x ?y) :- And(affordableFlight(?c1 ?x ?y)  
                                     ?ch=External(numeric-multiply(0.4 ?c1)))  
    )  
    Forall ?x ?y(affordableFlight(?c1 ?x ?y) :- ?c1=left__shoulder0k4k1k3k(?y))  
  )  
)
```


Talk Outline

- Introduction and Motivation
- DLP and Representation in RIF
- Encoding Uncertainty in RIF
 - Fuzzy LP
 - Using RIF Functions
 - Using RIF Predicates
- **Uncertainty Extension of RIF**
 - Definition of Truth Values and Truth Valuation
 - Proposed RIF-URD
- Fuzzy Description Logic Programs and Their Representation in RIF
- Conclusions and Future Work

Uncertainty Extension of RIF

- Set of Truth Values \mathcal{TV} from FLD:
the interval $[0, 1]$
- Let \leq denote the numerical truth order

Definition 1. (Set of truth values as a specialization of the set in RIF-FLD)

- (1) The set TV is a complete lattice with respect to \leq , i.e., the least upper bound (lub) and the greatest lower bound (glb) exist for any subset of \leq .
- (2) Antisymmetry. If $e_i \leq e_j$ and $e_j \leq e_i$ then $e_i = e_j$.
- (3) Transitivity. If $e_i \leq e_j$ and $e_j \leq e_k$ then $e_i \leq e_k$.
- (4) Totality. Any two elements should satisfy one of these two relations: $e_i \leq e_j$ or $e_j \leq e_i$.
- (5) The set TV has an operator of negation, $\sim: TV \rightarrow TV$, such that
 - a). $\sim e_i = 1 - e_i$.
 - b). \sim is self-inverse, i.e., $\sim\sim e_i = e_i$.

Uncertainty Extension of RIF

• Truth Valuation

Definition 2. (Truth valuation adapted from RIF-FLD). Truth valuation for well-formed formulas in RIF-URD is determined as in RIF-FLD, adapting the following three cases.

(8) Conjunction (glb_t becomes min): $TVal_I(And(B_1 \dots B_n)) = \text{min}(TVal(B_1) \dots TVal(B_n))$.

(9) Disjunction (lub_t becomes max): $TVal_I(Or(B_1 \dots B_n)) = \text{max}(TVal(B_1) \dots TVal(B_n))$

(11) Rule implication (t becomes 1, f becomes 0, condition valuation is multiplied with c):

$TVal_I(\text{conclusion} : - \text{condition} / c) = 1$ if $TVal_I(\text{conclusion}) \geq c \times TVal_I(\text{condition})$

$TVal_I(\text{conclusion} : - \text{condition} / c) = 0$ if $TVal_I(\text{conclusion}) < c \times TVal_I(\text{condition})$

RIF Uncertainty Rule Dialect: URD

- Proposed RIF-URD
- Rule
- Fact

```
Document(  
  Group  
  (  
    Forall ?x1 ... ?xk (  
      h(t1 ... tr) :- And(b1(t1,1 ... t1,s1) ... bn(tn,1 ... tn,sn))  
    ) / c  
  )  
)
```

```
h(t1 ... tr) / c
```

```
Document(  
  Import (<http://example.org/fuzzy/membershipfunction >)  
  Group  
  (  
    Forall ?x ?y(  
      cheapFlight(?x ?y) :- affordableFlight(?x ?y)  
    ) / 0.4  
    Forall ?x ?y(affordableFlight(?x ?y)) / left__shoulder0k4k1k3k(?y)  
  )  
)
```

Talk Outline

- Introduction and Motivation
- DLP and Representation in RIF
- Encoding Uncertainty in RIF
 - Fuzzy LP
 - Using RIF Functions
 - Using RIF Predicates
- Uncertainty Extension of RIF
 - Definition of Truth Values and Truth Valuation
 - Proposed RIF-URD
- **Fuzzy Description Logic Programs and Their Representation in RIF**
- Conclusions and Future Work

fhDLP

- Mappings in fhDLP

LP syntax	DL syntax
$D(x) \leftarrow C_1(x), \dots, C_n(x) \ / c$	$\bigcap_{i=1}^n C_i \sqsubseteq D = c$
$P(x, y) \leftarrow R_1(x, y), \dots, R_n(x, y) \ / c$	$\bigcap_{i=1}^n R_i \sqsubseteq P = c$
$C(x) \leftarrow D(x) \ / c_1,$ $D(x) \leftarrow C(x) \ / c_2$	$C \equiv D = \min(c_1, c_2)$
$R(x, y) \leftarrow P(x, y) \ / c_1,$ $P(x, y) \leftarrow R(x, y) \ / c_2$	$R \equiv P = \min(c_1, c_2)$
$R(x, y) \leftarrow P(y, x) \ / c_1,$ $P(y, x) \leftarrow R(x, y) \ / c_2$	$P \equiv R^- = \min(c_1, c_2)$
$C(y) \leftarrow R(x, y) \ / c$	$\top \sqsubseteq \forall R.C = c$
$C(x) \leftarrow R(x, y) \ / c$	$\top \sqsubseteq \forall R^-.C = c$
$R(x, z) \leftarrow R(x, y), R(y, z) \ / c$	$R^+ \sqsubseteq R = c$
$C(a) \ / c$	$C(a) = c$
$R(a, b) \ / c$	$R(a, b) = c$

fhDLP

Semantics

LP syntax	DL syntax	Semantics
$D(x) \leftarrow C_1(x), \dots, C_n(x) \ / c$	$\bigcap_{i=1}^n C_i \sqsubseteq D \ = c$	$\forall x \in \Delta^H \quad \text{val}(D(x), H_I) \geq c \times \min\{\text{val}(C_i(x), H_I) \mid i \in \{1, \dots, n\}\}$
$C(y) \leftarrow R(x, y) \ / c$	$\top \sqsubseteq \forall R.C \ = c$	$\forall x, y \in \Delta^H \quad \text{val}(C(y), H_I) \geq c \times \text{val}(R(x, y), H_I)$
$C(a) \ / c$	$C(a) \ = c$	$\text{val}(C(a), H_I) \geq c$

fhDLP in RIF functions, RIF predicates and RIF-URD

LP syntax	$P(x, y) \leftarrow R_1(x, y), \dots, R_n(x, y) \quad / c$
DL syntax	$\bigcap_{i=1}^n R_i \sqsubseteq P \quad = c$
RIF function	<pre> Forall ?x ?y(P(?x ?y)=?c_h :- And(R_1(?x ?y)=?c_1 ... R_n(?x ?y)=?c_n ?c_t=External(numeric-minimum(?c_1 ... ?c_n)) ?c_h=External(numeric-multiply(c ?c_t))) </pre>
RIF predicate	<pre> Forall ?x ?y(P(?c_h ?x ?y) :- And(R_1(?c_1 ?x ?y) ... R_n(?c_n ?x ?y) ?c_t=External(numeric-minimum(?c_1 ... ?c_n)) ?c_h=External(numeric-multiply(c ?c_t))) </pre>
RIF-URD	<pre> Forall ?x ?y(P(?x ?y) :- And(R_1(?x ?y) ... R_n(?x ?y))) / c </pre>

Talk Outline

- Introduction and Motivation
- DLP and Representation in RIF
- Encoding Uncertainty in RIF
 - Fuzzy LP
 - Using RIF Functions
 - Using RIF Predicates
- Uncertainty Extension of RIF
 - Definition of Truth Values and Truth Valuation
 - Proposed RIF-URD
- Fuzzy Description Logic Programs and Their Representation in RIF
- **Conclusions and Future Work**

Conclusions

- Presented two different principles of encoding uncertainty in RIF-BLD
- Proposed an extension of RIF leading to RIF-URD
- Presented fhDLP, a fuzzy extension to Description Logic Programs

Future Work

- Parameterize RIF-URD to support different theories of uncertainty in a unified manner
- Complement RIF-URD presentation syntax with RIF-URD XML syntax
- Explore further combination strategies of DL and LP



Questions?
