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## Expressivity of Planning with Horn Description Logic Ontologies

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Conjunctive queries (CQs):

 $s, \mathcal{T} \models \exists x, y. \text{RiskOfPhysicalDamage}(x) \land \text{RiskOfPhysicalDamage}(y) \land \text{near}(x, y)$ 







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# $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{Datalog}^{(\neg)} \text{ rewriting } \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{T},Q} \texttt{:} \\ & \operatorname{MovingObject}(x) \leftarrow \operatorname{Drone}(x) \\ & \operatorname{RiskOfPhysicalDamage}(x) \leftarrow \operatorname{Drone}(x) \wedge \operatorname{near}(x,y) \wedge \operatorname{MovingObject}(y) \\ & \operatorname{Q} \leftarrow \operatorname{RiskOfPhysicalDamage}(x) \wedge \operatorname{RiskOfPhysicalDamage}(y) \wedge \operatorname{near}(x,y) \end{array}$

- exist for  $\mathcal{ELH}_{\perp}$  (polynomial), Horn- $\mathcal{SHIQ}$  (exponential),  $\ldots$
- reduce open-world to closed-world reasoning







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- closed-world states
- first-order formulas in conditions and action effects
- model checking is decidable
- task: find a plan to reach the goal from the initial state







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- more expressive (Horn-)DLs
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- compilation may take super-polynomial time
- use (polynomial-size) Datalog rewritings of (E)CQs





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- immediately applicable to existing Datalog<sup>¬</sup> rewritings for DLs
- [new polynomial-size Datalog  $\neg$  rewriting for Horn- $\mathcal{ALCHOIQ}$ ]







## Polynomial-size Datalog $\urcorner$ rewriting for Horn- $\mathcal{ALCHOIQ}$

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- translate set terms back into  $\mathsf{Datalog}^\neg$  using bit vectors





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- platform: Intel Core i5-4590 CPU @3.30GHz, 8GB memory, 600s timeout







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		# solved			planning time		
Domain	#	Cal16	Bor21	Horn	Cal16	Bor21	Horn
Cats	20	14	20	20	63.46	0.13	0.03
Elevator	20	20	20	20	0.36	0.30	0.03
Robot	20	4	12	20	15.05	10.10	0.11
TaskAssigr	n 20	3	20	20	0.81	0.12	0.06
TPSA	15	14	5	15	2.01	2.42	0.30
VTA	15	15	13	15	23.06	371.56	16.91
VTA-Roles	15	15	5	15	2.25	11.61	1.36
$\sum$	125	85	95	125	19.99	77.33	3.59
Drones	24			20			101.42
Queens	30			15			21.66
RobotConj 56				56			8.14
$\sum$	110			91			30.87

- our method ("Horn") solves all DL-Lite instances very fast
- feasible also for more expressive TBoxes
- compilation itself also much faster on average

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