

Linear Time in Ontology Mediated Querying

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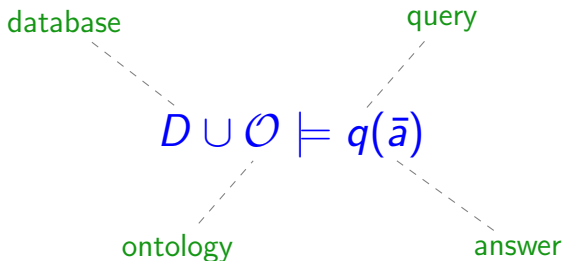
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Ontology Mediated Querying

$$D \cup \mathcal{O} \models q(\bar{a})$$

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Usual suspects:

- database D
- CQ q
- set of DL formulae \mathcal{O}

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Task

- ▶ Separate queries that can be quickly evaluated
 - classification of (q, \mathcal{O})
 - linear time
 - data complexity

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- ▶ upper bounds usually easy
- ▶ lower bounds surprisingly not trivial
 - involved constructions
 - conditional lower bounds

Future and Ongoing Work

- ▶ not acyclic rule sets
 - seems hard
even for graphs and Datalog programs
- ▶ data constraints
 - database is complete
rules are promises on data structure
- ▶ extensions
 - e.g., counting, partial answers, stronger rule sets