Semantic Web

Exercises on OWL

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Exercise 1

Write an OWL ontology representing the following statements:

- URI1 and URI2 are classes
- URI3 is a property
- URI4 is an instance of class URI1, and URI5 and URI6 are instances of class URI2
- URI3 has domain URI1 and range URI2
- (URI6,URI4) is an instance of property URI3

Exercise 1: Solution

```
Declaration(Class(myns:URI1))
Declaration(Class(myns:URI2))

Declaration(ObjectProperty(myns:URI3))

ClassAssertion(myns:URI1 myns:URI4)
ClassAssertion(myns:URI2 myns:URI5)
ClassAssertion(myns:URI2 myns:URI6)

SubClassOf(
  ObjectSomeValuesFrom(myns:URI3 owl:Thing)
  myns:URI1)
```

Exercise 1: Solution (continued)

```
SubClassOf(
  ObjectSomeValuesFrom(
    ObjectInverseOf(myns:URI3)
    owl:Thing)
  myns:URI2)

ObjectPropertyAssertion(myns:URI3 myns:URI6
  myns:URI4)
```

Exercise 2

Write an OWL ontology that formalizes knowledge about the domain of people, in particular the classes `person`, `man`, `woman`, and the properties `parent`, `mother`, `father`.

Try to express all the knowledge you have about such classes and properties (e.g.: every man is a person, every woman is a person, every mother is a woman, etc.).

Exercise 2: Solution

`SubClassOf(myns:man myns:person)` (every man is a person)

`SubClassOf(myns:woman myns:person)` (every woman is a person)

`SubObjectPropertyOf(myns:hasMother myns:hasParent)`

(hasMother is a subproperty of hasParent)

`SubObjectPropertyOf(myns:hasFather myns:hasParent)`

(hasFather is a subproperty of hasParent)

```
SubClassOf(
  ObjectSomeValuesFrom(
    ObjectInverseOf(myns:hasMother)
    owl:Thing)
  myns:woman)
```

(every mother is a woman)

Exercise 2: Solution (continued)

```
SubClassOf(
  ObjectSomeValuesFrom(
    ObjectInverseOf(myns:hasFather)
    owl:Thing)
  myns:man)  (every father is a man)

ClassAssertion(myns:man myns:Joe)  (Joe is a man)

ObjectPropertyAssertion(myns:hasMother myns:Joe
  myns:Ann)  (Ann is the mother of Joe)
```

Exercise 3

Add to the ontology of Exercise 2 the following information:

- Man and woman are disjoint classes
- Every person has a mother
- Every person has a father
- Every person has exactly two parents
- Every person has a father, who is a man
- Every person has a mother, who is a woman
- Every person has a father and a mother

Exercise 3: Solution

1) **`DisjointClasses(myns:man myns:woman)`** (man and woman are disjoint classes)

2)
```
SubClassOf(
  myns:person
  ObjectSomeValuesFrom(myns:hasMother owl:Thing))
```
(every person has a mother)

3)
```
SubClassOf(
  myns:person
  ObjectSomeValuesFrom(myns:hasFather owl:Thing))
```
(every person has a father)

Exercise 3: Solution (continued)

4)
```
SubClassOf(
  myns:person
  ObjectExactCardinality(2 myns:hasParent))
```
(every person has exactly two parents)

5)
```
SubClassOf(
  myns:person
  ObjectSomeValuesFrom(myns:hasFather myns:man))
```
(every person has a father who is a man)

6)
```
SubClassOf(
  myns:person
  ObjectSomeValuesFrom(myns:hasMother myns:woman))
```
(every person has a mother who is a woman)

Exercise 3: Solution (continued)

7)
```
SubClassOf(
  myns:person
  ObjectIntersectionOf(
    ObjectSomeValuesFrom(myns:hasMother owl:Thing)
    ObjectSomeValuesFrom(myns:hasFather owl:Thing)))
```

(every person has a mother and a father)

Notice that axiom 7) is equivalent to the above pair of axioms 2) and 3)