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# PRACTICAL USES OF EXISTENTIAL RULES IN KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATION

## Part 2: Solving Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$ Classification with Existential Rules

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# Outline

## Goal

Show some example where either **rules** or **related ideas** were crucial to achieve the state of the art

- Horn-*ALC* reasoning
- PLP
- Data integration
- Stream reasoning

# 1<sup>st</sup> Scenario: Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$ reasoning

## The Description Logic Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$ : Syntax

**Definition.** A Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  ontology is a set of Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  axioms:

$$A \sqsubseteq \perp \quad T \sqsubseteq B \quad A \sqsubseteq B \quad A \sqcap E \sqsubseteq B \quad \exists R.A \sqsubseteq B \quad A \sqsubseteq \forall R.B \quad A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B$$

In the above;  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $E$  are concept names; and  $R$  is a role name.

**Remark.** Note the axioms of the form  $A \sqsubseteq \forall R.B$ , which are not  $\mathcal{EL}$ , such as:

$$\text{CheesePizza} \sqsubseteq \forall \text{HasTopping}.\text{Cheese}$$

The axiom states that “all toppings in a cheese pizza are cheese toppings”.

Even though Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  is not much more expressive than  $\mathcal{EL}$ , (Krötzsch, Rudolph, and Hitzler 2013) have showed that:

**Theorem.** Solving classification over Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  is ExpTime-complete.

# A Consequence-Based Calculus to Solve Classification

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 R_A^C) \frac{}{A \sqsubseteq A} : A \in \text{Concepts}(O) & R_{\exists}^+) \frac{C \sqsubseteq A}{C \sqsubseteq \exists R.B} : A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B \in O \\
 R_A^{\exists}) \frac{C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D \quad D \in \mathbb{D}}{D \sqsubseteq D} & R_{\exists}^-) \frac{C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D \quad D \sqsubseteq A}{C \sqsubseteq B} : \exists R.A \sqsubseteq B \in O \\
 R_{\sqcap}^1) \frac{C \sqsubseteq A}{C \sqsubseteq B} : \top \sqsubseteq B \in O & R_{\exists}^{\perp}) \frac{C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D \quad D \sqsubseteq \perp}{C \sqsubseteq \perp} \\
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 R_{\sqcap}^2) \frac{C \sqsubseteq A \quad C \sqsubseteq E}{C \sqsubseteq B} : A \sqcap E \sqsubseteq B \in O &
 \end{array}$$

Figure: Classification Calculus for Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$ . Where  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $E$  are concept names;  $R$  is a role name; and  $C$  and  $D$  are conjunctions of concept names

**Remark.** The above procedure is based on the work of (Kazakov 2009).

# Consequence-Based Calculus: Complexity

**Theorem.** The Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  classification calculus runs in exponential time in the size of the input ontology  $\mathcal{O}$ .

**Remark.** Note that this calculus produces inferences of the form

$$(1) \ C \sqsubseteq B \quad \text{and} \quad (2) \ C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D$$

where  $B$  is a concept name,  $R$  is a role name, and  $C$  and  $D$  are conjunctions of concept names. Therefore, on input  $\mathcal{O}$ , the calculus may produce at most

$$2^{|\text{Concepts}(\mathcal{O})|} \times |\text{Concepts}(\mathcal{O})| \quad \text{and} \quad 2 \times 2^{|\text{Concepts}(\mathcal{O})|} \times |\text{Roles}(\mathcal{O})|$$

inferences of type (1) and (2), respectively.

**Remark.** Since classification over Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  is an ExpTime-complete problem, the calculus is worst-case optimal.

# Implementing the Classification Calculus: Datalog

Because of the following result, we can not implement the Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  classification calculus using a fixed Datalog rule set:

**Theorem.** The data complexity of fact entailment over Datalog is in P.

Assume that we can implement the Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  classification calculus with a fixed Datalog rule set (as we did for the  $\mathcal{EL}$  classification calculus). Then:

1. By the above theorem, we could solve Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  classification in polynomial time.
2. By (1), we could solve an ExpTime-hard problem in polynomial time.
3. By (2),  $P = \text{ExpTime}$  ( $\zeta$ )

**Remark.** To implement the Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  classification calculus (or any other procedure that solves Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  classification), we need a rule-based language with ExpTime-hard data complexity!

# Implementing the Classification Calculus: Datalog(S)

We study Datalog(S), an extension of Datalog that can model exponential computations.

**Example.** Consider the following Datalog(S) rule set:

$$\text{Person}(x) \rightarrow \text{LikesAll}(x, \emptyset)$$

$$\text{LikesAll}(x, S) \wedge \text{Likes}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{LikesAll}(x, S \cup \{y\})$$

$$\text{LikesAll}(x, S) \rightarrow \text{AllLikeAll}(\{x\}, S)$$

$$\text{AllLikeAll}(S, T) \wedge \text{LikesAll}(x, T) \rightarrow \text{AllLikeAll}(S \cup \{x\}, T)$$

$$\text{AllLikeAll}(S, S) \wedge \text{alice} \in S \rightarrow \text{CliqueOfAlice}(S)$$

**Theorem.** Checking fact entailment for Datalog(S) is ExpTime-complete for both data and combined complexity.

See (Carral et al. 2019) for a complete proof of the above result.



# Implementing the Classification Calculus: Datalog(S)

Using a function to encode the axioms and entities in an input ontology as facts and a fixed Datalog(S) rule set, we can implement the Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  classification calculus.

**Example.** For an ontology  $\mathcal{O}$ , let  $\text{Facts}(\mathcal{O})$  be the fact set such that:

$$A \sqsubseteq \perp \mapsto \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq}(c_A, c_{\perp})$$

$$\exists R.A \sqsubseteq B \mapsto \text{nf:axiom}_{\exists \sqsubseteq}(c_A, c_R, c_B)$$

$$\top \sqsubseteq B \mapsto \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq}(c_{\top}, c_B)$$

$$A \sqsubseteq \forall R.B \mapsto \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq \forall}(c_A, c_R, c_B)$$

$$A \sqsubseteq B \mapsto \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq}(c_A, c_B)$$

$$A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B \mapsto \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq \exists}(c_A, c_R, c_B)$$

$$A \sqcap E \sqsubseteq B \mapsto \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqcap \sqsubseteq}(c_A, c_E, c_B) \quad A \in \text{Concepts}(\mathcal{O}) \mapsto \text{nf:concept}(c_E)$$

In the above;  $c_A$ ,  $c_B$ ,  $c_E$ ,  $c_{\top}$ , and  $c_{\perp}$  are fresh constants unique for  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $E$ ,  $\top$ , and  $\perp$ , respectively; and  $c_R$  is a fresh constant unique  $R$ .

# Implementing the Classification Calculus: Datalog(S)

We translate the production rules in the Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  classification calculus (left) into analogous Datalog(S) rules (right):

$$\frac{}{A \sqsubseteq A} : A \in \text{Concepts}(O)$$

$$\text{nf:concept}(a) \rightarrow \text{SC}(\{a\}, a)$$

$$\frac{C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D}{D \sqsubseteq D} : D \in \mathbb{D}$$

$$\text{Ex}(C, r, D) \wedge d \in D \rightarrow \text{SC}(D, d)$$

$$\frac{C \sqsubseteq A}{C \sqsubseteq B} : \top \sqsubseteq B \in O$$

$$\text{SC}(C, a) \wedge \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq}(c_{\top}, b) \rightarrow \text{SC}(C, b)$$

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$$\text{SC}(C, a) \wedge \text{SC}(C, e) \wedge \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqcap \sqsubseteq}(a, e, b) \rightarrow \text{SC}(C, b)$$

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$$\text{Ex}(C, r, D) \wedge SC(D, a) \wedge \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq\exists}(r, a, b) \rightarrow SC(C, b)$$

$$\frac{C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D \quad D \sqsubseteq \perp}{C \sqsubseteq \perp}$$

$$\text{Ex}(C, r, D) \wedge SC(D, c_{\perp}) \rightarrow SC(C, c_{\perp})$$

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# Implementing the Classification Calculus: Datalog(S)

**Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{HALC}}$  be the rule set containing all of the above rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{nf:concept}(a) &\rightarrow \text{SC}(\{a\}, a) & \text{SC}(C, a) \wedge \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq}(c_{\top}, b) &\rightarrow \text{SC}(C, b) \\ \text{Ex}(C, r, D) \wedge d \in D &\rightarrow \text{SC}(D, d) & \text{SC}(C, a) \wedge \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq}(a, b) &\rightarrow \text{SC}(C, b) \\ \text{SC}(C, a) \wedge \text{SC}(C, e) \wedge \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqcap\sqsubseteq}(a, e, b) &\rightarrow \text{SC}(C, b) \\ \text{SC}(C, a) \wedge \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq\exists}(a, r, b) &\rightarrow \text{Ex}(C, r, \{b\}) \\ \text{Ex}(C, r, D) \wedge \text{SC}(D, a) \wedge \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq\exists}(r, a, b) &\rightarrow \text{SC}(C, b) \\ \text{Ex}(C, r, D) \wedge \text{SC}(D, c_{\perp}) &\rightarrow \text{SC}(C, c_{\perp}) \\ \text{Ex}(C, r, D) \wedge \text{SC}(C, a) \wedge \text{nf:axiom}_{\sqsubseteq\forall}(a, r, b) &\rightarrow \text{Ex}(C, r, D \cup \{b\}) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem.** Consider a Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  ontology  $\mathcal{O}$  and an axiom of the form  $A \sqsubseteq B$ . Then,  $\mathcal{O} \models A \sqsubseteq B$  if and only if  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{HALC}} \cup \text{Facts}(\mathcal{O}) \models \text{SC}(c_A, c_B)$ .

# Implementing the Classification Calculus: $\exists$ -Rules

Alas, VLog does not support Datalog(S) reasoning. But there maybe some other rule-based language with ExpTime-hard data complexity that we can use!

The following result is a recent finding by (Krötzsch, Marx, and Rudolph 2019):

**Theorem.** The data complexity of fact entailment over rule sets that terminate with respect to the restricted chase is ExpTime-hard.

**Remark.** Note that the data complexity of fact entailment over existential rule sets that terminate with respect to the Skolem chase is in P.

(Carral et al. 2019) have proposed a translation from Datalog(S) into  $\exists$ -rules such that:

- The resulting rule sets terminate w.r.t. the **Datalog-first restricted chase**.
- Fact entailment is “preserved”.

# From Datalog(S) to Existential Rules

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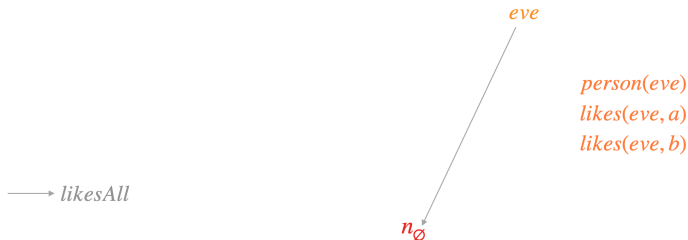
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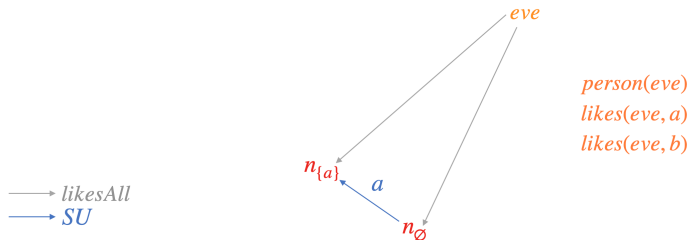
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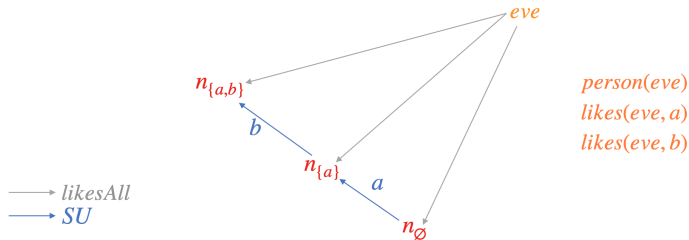
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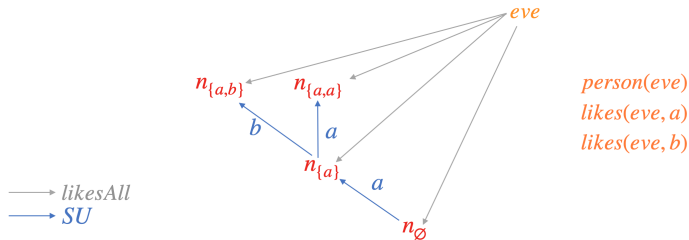
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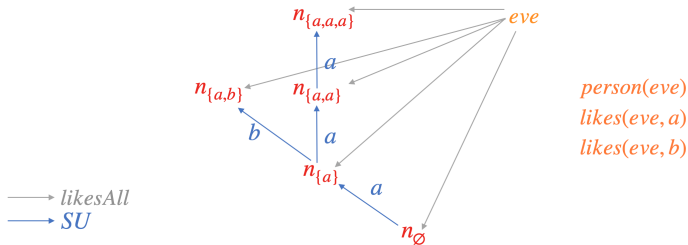
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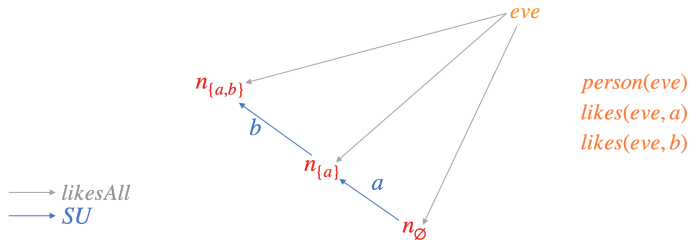
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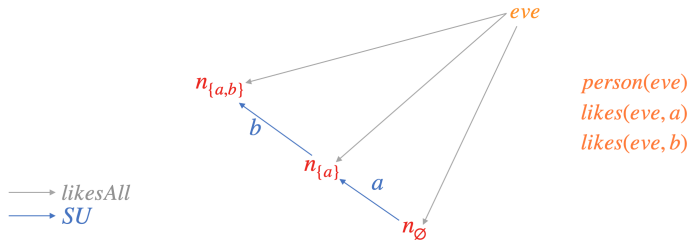
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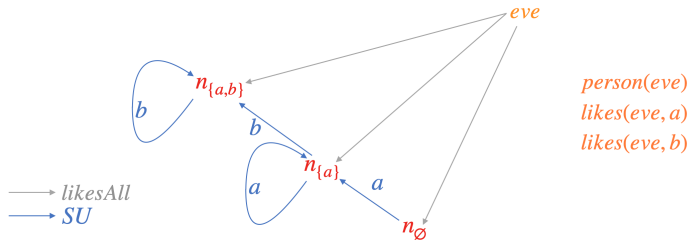
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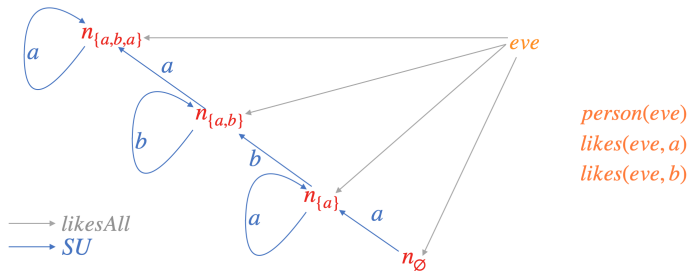
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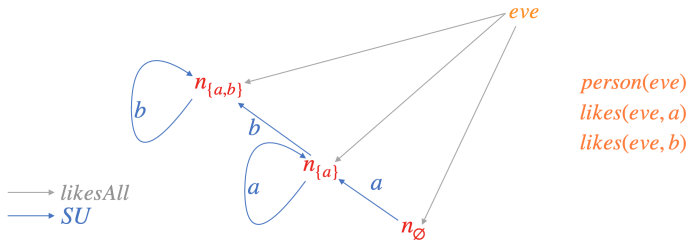
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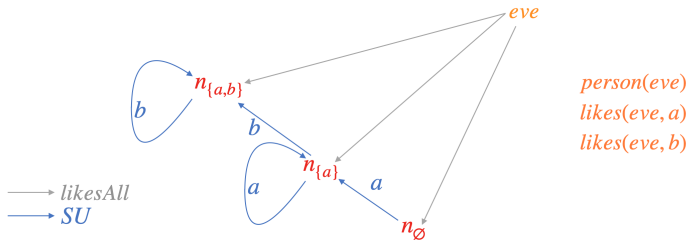
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$$\text{SU}(U, x, V) \wedge \text{SU}(U, y, U) \rightarrow \text{SU}(V, y, V) \quad (2.2)$$



# From Datalog(S) to Existential Rules

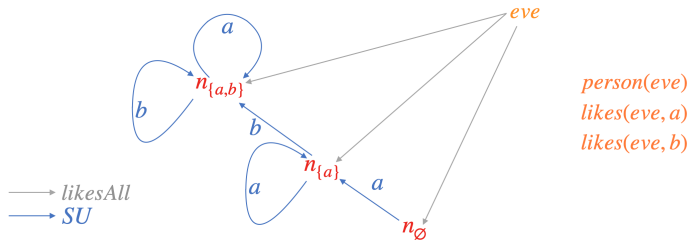
$\text{Person}(x) \rightarrow \text{LikesAll}(x, \emptyset)$        $\text{LikesAll}(x, S) \wedge \text{Likes}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{LikesAll}(x, S \cup \{y\})$

$$\rightarrow \exists V. \text{empty}(V) \quad (1.1)$$

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# Solving ExpTime-hard Problems

Step-by-step procedure to implement an ExpTime algorithm with VLog:

1. Encode input using a set of facts  $\mathcal{F}$ .
2. Encode ExpTime algorithm using a fixed Datalog(S) rule set  $\mathcal{R}$ .
3. Apply the translation by (Carral et al. 2019) to  $\mathcal{R}$  to obtain a set  $\mathcal{R}'$  of existential rules such that:
  - The rule set  $\mathcal{R}'$  “preserves” fact entailment over  $\mathcal{R}$ .
  - The rule set  $\mathcal{R}'$  terminates w.r.t. the Datalog-first restricted chase.
4. Use VLog to compute all of the consequences of  $\mathcal{R}' \cup \mathcal{F}$ .

**Remark.** For a detailed explanation of the above procedure, see (Carral, Dragoste, and Rudolph 2020).

## Evaluation: Classification

ID	#Ax.	#SC	VLog	Konclude
00040	223K	1051K	432s	5s
00048	142K	718K	387s	3s
00477	318K	162K	1s	3s
00533	159K	965K	132s	2s
00786	152K	2283K	549s	14s

Figure: Ontologies and results for classification showing: axiom count, number of SC facts derived, and reasoning times for VLog and Konclude

**Remark.** Presented in (Carral et al. 2019).



# Evaluation: Class Retrieval

**Definition.** A Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  ontology is a set of Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  axioms:

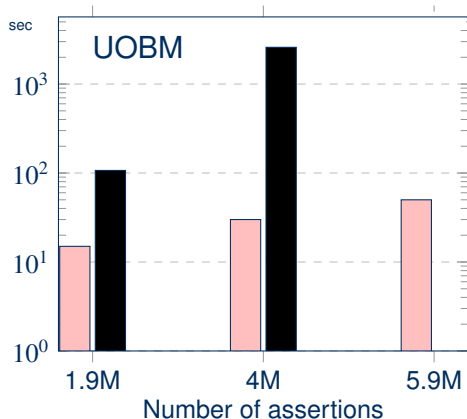
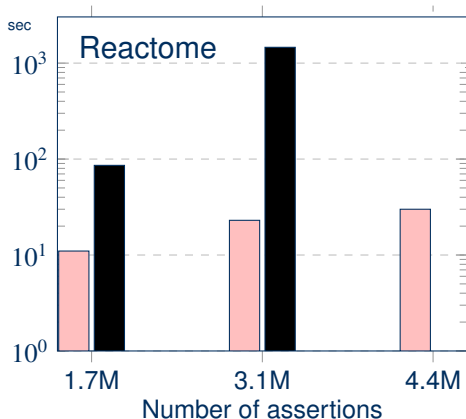
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A \sqsubseteq \perp & \top \sqsubseteq B & A \sqsubseteq B & A \sqcap E \sqsubseteq B \\ \exists R.A \sqsubseteq B & A \sqsubseteq \forall R.B & A \sqsubseteq \exists R.B & A(a) & R(a, b) \end{array}$$

Where  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $E$  are concepts;  $R$  is a role; and  $a$  and  $b$  are individuals.

**Definition.** Class retrieval is the reasoning task of computing all axioms of the form  $A(a)$  that are logically entailed by some input ontology  $\mathcal{O}$ .

**Remark.** The Horn- $\mathcal{ALC}$  classification calculus can be extended with 3 rules (as done by (Carral et al. 2019)) to solve class retrieval.

# Evaluation: Class Retrieval



Experimental results for class retrieval for VLog (pink/grey) and Konclude (black)

**Remark.** Presented in (Carral et al. 2019).






# Conclusions and Future Work

**Remark.** We can use VLog to solve (ExpTime-)hard problems!

Future work:

- Rulewerk Extension: translate Datalog(S) to existential rules
- VLog Extension: native support for Datalog(S)
- Implement existing calculi using our approach

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