Perspectival Knowledge in PSOA RuleML 1.0: Representation, Model Theory, and Translation

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Positional-Slotted Object-Applicative (PSOA) RuleML permits atom to apply predicate – possibly identified by Object IDentifier (OID) typed by predicate – to bag of tupled descriptors, each representing argument sequence, and to bag of slotted descriptors, each representing attribute-value pair.

Dimensions of oidless-vs.-oidful predicate applications & tupled-vs.-slotted descriptors augmented by 3rd dimension: (predicate-) independent-vs.-dependent descriptors, hence psoa atoms.
In advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) Knowledge Bases (KBs), notions like “context” and “perspective” are becoming increasingly relevant.

- While *context* mechanism allows to partition clauses of KB,
- introduction of *perspective* allows to describe same OID differently via multiple clause conclusions – e.g., atoms employed as facts – having different predicates.
Rich TA in PSOA: Individual OID John Described Independently and Under the Perspectives of (Dependent on) Predicates Teacher, TA, Student
Upper part shows diamond-shaped taxonomy of four predicates – Scholar, Teacher, Student, and TA – connected by heavy arcs understood to be implicitly labeled with `subClassOf`, where TA – directly below both Teacher and Student – exemplifies multiple inheritance.

Lower part uses three predicates for dependent hyperarc arrows starting with predicate `labelnode`, e.g. Teacher, pointing to OID, John, and cutting through further nodes before pointing to the last node. Optional labels on these hyperarcs, e.g. `dept`, are slot names, thus distinguishing slot from tuple hyperarcs. E.g., Teacher hyperarcs indicate, from right to left, that – dependent on perspective of Teacher – John is described by (length-2 tuple for) Wed followed by Thu, is in dep(artmen)t of Physics, and has salary of 29400. On extreme left, labeled arc, starting directly at OID, records John’s (total) income (also) as 29400 – independently of, e.g., Teacher, TA, and Student perspectives.
Since John is represented as OID node pointed to and cut through by hyperarcs starting with three different predicates – Teacher, TA, and Student – he is involved under these different perspectives.

The “pointing to” also entails multi-membership of John in three predicates, here acting as classes.

Abbreviating “under the perspective of” to “as a”, we say “as a” entails “is a”, where “is a” of Semantic Nets is often called “is member of” on Semantic Web.
Rich TA in PSOA: Presentation Syntax for KB of Atomic Ground (Variable-less) Clauses

% (KB2)

Teacher##Scholar  Student##Scholar
TA##Teacher       TA##Student
John#TA(workload->high)
John#Teacher(+[Wed Thu]
  dept->Physics
  salary->29400
  income->29400)
John#Student(+[Mon Tue Fri]
  -[1995 8 17]
  dept->Math
  gender->male)
In (KB2)'s upper four clauses, representing TA-diamond taxonomy part of visualization, “##” infix indicates subClassOf relation.

In lower three clauses, representing rest as positional-slotted object-applicative (psoa) atoms asserted as ground facts, the following notation is employed.
Psoa atoms use three predicates for dependent hyperarc arrows starting with predicate labelnode, e.g. Teacher, pointing to OID, John, and cutting through further nodes before pointing to last node.

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Dual prefix characters “+” vs. “−” uniformly used for, respectively, dependent vs. independent descriptors, leading to four kinds of descriptors (exemplified with descriptors of (KB2)’s Student atom):

- For tuples, “+” vs. “−” used prior to opening square brackets, yielding syntaxes
  
  +[ . . . ] vs. −[ . . . ], e.g.
  
  +[Mon Tue Fri] vs. −[1995 8 17]

- For slots, “+” vs. “−” used as shafts of infix arrows, yielding syntaxes
  
  . . . +> . . . vs. . . . −> . . . , e.g.
  
  dept +> Math vs. gender −> male
Forall ?o ?ht ?hs ( % (R1)
  ?o#TA(workload+>high)
  :-
  And(
    ?o#Teacher(coursehours+>?ht)
    External(
      pred:numeric-greater-than(?ht 10)) % ?ht>10
    ?o#Student(coursehours+>?hs)
    External(
      pred:numeric-greater-than(?hs 18))) % ?hs>18
  )
Workload Example: Rule Explained

- Rule conclusion deduces – for any OID ?o that is member of TA – TA-dependent slot workload+>high from condition doing arithmetic threshold comparisons for Teacher-dependent slot coursehours+>?ht and Student-dependent slot coursehours+>?hs

- Three ?o occurrences refer to same individual, but under different perspectives

- Rule thus augments each quantitative-condition-satisfying OID ?o with dependent qualitative workload slot
Assuming that (KB2) ’s Teacher/Student descriptors for John are augmented by corresponding dependent quantitative coursehours slots,

John#Teacher(... coursehours+>12 ...)
John#Student(... coursehours+>20 ...) 

rule used to answer dependent-slot query

John#TA(workload+>high)

by unifying with conclusion, followed by retrieval of Teacher/Student-dependent coursehours 12/20 in first/third conditions and “>”-comparing them with thresholds 10/18 in second/fourth conditions
Similarly, rule will make dependent-slot non-ground (variable-containing) query

?who#TA(workload+>?level)

succeed, with bindings ?who = John and ?level = high
Four lines of subsequences for four kinds of descriptors, where superscripts indicate subterms that are part of dependent \((^+\)) vs. independent \((^-\)) descriptors, and right-slot, right-independent normal form is assumed:

\[
o#f (\;^+ [t_1^+, 1 \ldots t_1^+, n_1^+] \ldots + [t_m^+, 1 \ldots t_m^+, n_m^+] \\
^- [t_1^-, 1 \ldots t_1^-, n_1^-] \ldots - [t_m^-, 1 \ldots t_m^-, n_m^-] \\
p_1^+ > v_1^+ \ldots p_k^+ > v_k^+ \\
p_1^- > v_1^- \ldots p_k^- > v_k^-)
\]

Refines all descriptors for ("DI")-distinction of Dependent vs. Independent tuples (TUPLEDI) and slots (SLOTDI).

Reflects use of (a) oidless and oidful psoa terms as Atoms in/as FORMULAs, (b) oidful Atoms (for unnesting, leaving behind the OID term) as TERMS in Atoms and Expressions, as well as (c) oidless psoa terms as Expressions.

Revises CLAUSE, Implies, and HEAD productions for closure under objectification and slotribution/tupribution.
RuleML ::= 'RuleML' '(' Base? Prefix* Import* (Assert | Query)* ')' 
Base ::= 'Base' '(' ANGLEBRACKIRI ')' 
Prefix ::= 'Prefix' '(' Name ANGLEBRACKIRI ')' 
Import ::= 'Import' '(' ANGLEBRACKIRI PROFILE? ')' 
Assert ::= 'Assert' '(' (RULE | Assert)* ')' 
Query ::= 'Query' '(' FORMULA ')' 
RULE ::= ('Forall' Var+ '(' CLAUSE ')') | CLAUSE 
CLAUSE ::= Implies | HEAD 
Implies ::= HEAD ':-' FORMULA 
HEAD ::= ATOMIC | 'Exists' Var+ '(' HEAD ')' | 'And' '(' HEAD* ')' 
PROFILE ::= ANGLEBRACKIRI
FORMULA ::= 'And'/'Or' '(' FORMULA* ')' | 'Exists' Var+ '(' FORMULA ')' | ATOMIC | 'External' '(' Atom ')'

ATOMIC ::= Atom | Equal | Subclass

Atom ::= ATOMOIDLESS | ATOMOIDFUL

ATOMOIDLESS/FUL ::= PSOAOIDLESS/FUL

Equal ::= TERM'='TERM

Subclass ::= TERM'##'TERM

PSOA ::= PSOAOIDLESS | PSOAOIDFUL

PSOAOIDLESS ::= TERM '(TERM*|TUPLEDI*)SLOTDI* ')

PSOAOIDFUL ::= TERM '#' PSOAOIDLESS

TUPLEDI ::= ('+' | '->') '[' TERM* ']'

SLOTDI ::= TERM ('+>' | '->') TERM

TERM ::= Const | Var | ATOMOIDFUL | Expr |

Expr ::= PSOAOIDLESS 'External' '(' Expr ')

Const ::= '"' UNICODESTRING '"^^' SYMSPACE |

Var ::= '?' PN_LOCAL? CONSTSHORT

SYMSPACE ::= ANGLEBRACKIRI | CURIE
PSOA RuleML 1.0/XML serialization syntax extends Hornlog RuleML 1.02/XML
XML serialization syntax of PSOA RuleML 1.0 can be derived from presentation syntax
Mainly differs from presentation syntax in being “striped”, alternating between edges (absent from presentation syntax) & Nodes
For (dependent and independent) descriptor-defining EBNF-grammar productions of presentation syntax (reproduced – slightly modified – with “P(resentation):” label), we give EBNF-like productions of serialization syntax (introduced with “X(ML):” label)
P: TUPLEDI ::= ‘+’ '[' 'TERM*' ']' | ‘-’ '[' 'TERM*' ']'  
X: TUPLEDI ::= tupdep | tup  % Different edges  
X: tupdep ::= Tuple  % lead into same  
X: tup ::= Tuple  % Tuple Node  

P: SLOTDI ::= TERM ‘->’ TERM | TERM ‘->’ TERM  
X: SLOTDI ::= slotdep | slot  % Different edges  
X: slotdep ::= TERM TERM  % lead into same  
X: slot ::= TERM TERM  % pair of TERM Nodes
General case of psoa terms in serialization syntax can be instantiated for atoms as follows (decorated letters $t$, $p$, and $v$ are understood here to stand for serialized terms, properties, i.e. slot names, and values, i.e. slot fillers):

```xml
<Atom>
    <oid><Ind>o</Ind></oid><op><Rel>f</Rel></op>
    <tupdep><Tuple>$t_{1,1}^{+}$ ... $t_{1,n_{1}^{+}}^{+}$</Tuple></tupdep>...
    <tupdep><Tuple>$t_{m^{+},1}^{+}$ ... $t_{m^{+},n_{m^{+}}}^{+}$</Tuple></tupdep>
    <tup><Tuple>$t_{i,1}^{-}$ ... $t_{i,n_{i}^{-}}^{-}$</Tuple></tup>...
    <tup><Tuple>$t_{m^{-},1}^{-}$ ... $t_{m^{-},n_{m^{-}}}^{-}$</Tuple></tup>
    <slotdep>$p_{1}^{+}v_{1}^{+}$</slotdep>...
    <slotdep>$p_{k^{+}}^{+}v_{k^{+}}^{+}$</slotdep>
    <slot>$p_{1}^{-}v_{1}^{-}$</slot>...
    <slot>$p_{k^{-}}^{-}v_{k^{-}}^{-}$</slot>
</Atom>
```
Psoa-atom facts of Rich TA example (KB2) in presentation syntax result in this serialization:

<Atom>
  <oid><Ind>John</Ind></oid><op><Rel>TA</Rel></op>
  <slotdep><Ind>workload</Ind><Ind>high</Ind></slotdep>
</Atom>

<Atom>
  <oid><Ind>John</Ind></oid><op><Rel>Teacher</Rel></op>
  <tupdep><Tuple><Ind>Wed</Ind><Ind>Thu</Ind></Tuple></tupdep>
  <slotdep><Ind>dept</Ind><Ind>Physics</Ind></slotdep>
  <slotdep><Ind>salary</Ind><Ind>29400</Ind></slotdep>
  <slot><Ind>income</Ind><Ind>29400</Ind></slot>
</Atom>
<Atom>
  <oid><Ind>John</Ind></oid><op><Rel>Student</Rel></op>
  <tupdep>
    <Tuple><Ind>Mon</Ind><Ind>Tue</Ind><Ind>Fri</Ind></Tuple>
  </tupdep>
  <tup>
    <Tuple><Ind>1995</Ind><Ind>8</Ind><Ind>17</Ind></Tuple>
  </tup>
  <slotdep><Ind>dept</Ind><Ind>Math</Ind></slotdep>
  <slot><Ind>gender</Ind><Ind>male</Ind></slot>
</Atom>
To incorporate dependent descriptors, slotribution/tupribution is revised to replace every oidful psoa atom having general form

\[
o\#f(+[t^+_1, 1 \ldots t^+_1, n^+_1] \ldots +[t^+_m, 1 \ldots t^+_m, n^+_m])
- [t^-_1, 1 \ldots t^-_1, n^-_1] \ldots - [t^-_m, 1 \ldots t^-_m, n^-_m]
p^{+}_1 \rightarrow v^+_1 \ldots p^{+}_k \rightarrow v^+_k
p^-_1 \rightarrow v^-_1 \ldots p^-_k \rightarrow v^-_k)
\]

with the conjunction

\[
\text{And}(o\#f
\ o\#f(+[t^+_1, 1 \ldots t^+_1, n^+_1]) \ldots o\#f(+[t^+_m, 1 \ldots t^+_m, n^+_m]))
\ o\#\text{Top}(-[t^-_m, 1 \ldots t^-_m, n^-_m]) \ldots o\#\text{Top}(-[t^-_m, 1 \ldots t^-_m, n^-_m])
\ o\#f(p^{+}_1 \rightarrow v^{+}_1) \ldots o\#f(p^{+}_k \rightarrow v^{+}_k)
\ o\#\text{Top}(p^-_1 \rightarrow v^-_1) \ldots o\#\text{Top}(p^-_k \rightarrow v^-_k))
\]
Slotribution/tupribution-yielded conjuncts are converted to relational-only logic using reserved predicates \texttt{tupterm}, \texttt{prdtupterm}, \texttt{sloterm}, and \texttt{prdsloterm} for independent tuple terms, dependent tuple terms, independent slot terms, and dependent slot terms, respectively, as shown in table where $\rho$ denotes recursive mapping from PSOA to Prolog, TPTP, etc.

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<th>Prolog and TPTP Atoms</th>
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<tr>
<td>$o#f$</td>
<td>$\text{memterm}(\rho(o), \rho(f))$</td>
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<tr>
<td>$o#\text{Top}(-[t_1 \ldots t_n])$</td>
<td>$\text{tupterm}(\rho(o), \rho(t_1), \ldots, \rho(t_n))$</td>
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<tr>
<td>$o#f(+[t_1 \ldots t_n])$</td>
<td>$\text{prdtupterm}(\rho(o), \rho(f), \rho(t_1), \ldots, \rho(t_n))$</td>
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<tr>
<td>$o#\text{Top}(p-&gt;v)$</td>
<td>$\text{sloterm}(\rho(o), \rho(p), \rho(v))$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$o#f(p-&gt;v)$</td>
<td>$\text{prdsloterm}(\rho(o), \rho(f), \rho(p), \rho(v))$</td>
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Conclusions

- Model-theoretic semantics uses ‘built-in’ slotribution/tupribution

- PSOATransRun implementation realizes this in the transformation chain of an efficient Java/ANTLR-based open-source system:
  
  http://wiki.ruleml.org/index.php/PSOA_RuleML#PSOATransRun

- Schema for serialization syntax is being standardized in Relax NG:
  
  http://wiki.ruleml.org/index.php/PSOA_RuleML#Syntaxes