The chase procedure and its applications to data exchange

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Query:

$$q_1(W, X, Y, Z) \leftarrow R(W, X, Y', Z'), R(W', X, Y, Z)$$

Constraint

$$\bowtie [AB, BCD]$$

$$\Sigma = \{ R(W, X, Y, Z), R(W', X, Y', Z') \to R(W, X, Y', Z') \}$$

Tableau representation

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} \Sigma \\ \hline w & x & y & z \\ \hline w' & x & y' & z' \\ \hline w & x & y' & z' \end{array}$$

Applying the constrains on query q_1 , we obtain:

	q	2				
/	Х	y'	z'		a	•
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,	Х	У	Z		X	<u>y</u>
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$$q_2(W, X, Y, Z) \leftarrow R(W, X, Y, Z)$$

 $q_1 \equiv_{\Sigma} q_2$

- ► Query Equivalence
- Query Optimization
- Logical implication

Nowadays:

- Data Exchange
- Data Repairs
- Peer Data Exchange

Basic Notions - Dependencies

Embedded dependencies covers most of the practical constraints needed.

$$\forall \bar{x} \ \varphi(\bar{x}) \to \exists \bar{y} \ \psi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$$

 φ , ψ represents conjunctions of atoms

- $tgd = \psi$ doesn't contain equality atoms*
- $\mathit{egd} = \psi$ contains only equality atoms
- full $tgd = \bar{y}$ is the empty vector
- $LAV = \varphi$ contains exactly one predicate

^{* -} during this talk, if not mentioned otherwise, we consider only tgd's.

Basic Notions - Instances

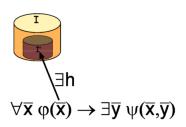
- $ightharpoonup \mathbf{R} = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n\}$ set of relational symbols
- Const countable set of constants
- ▶ Null countable set of labeled nulls
- ▶ I instance over \mathbf{R} , $R_j^I \subset (\mathsf{Const} \cup \mathsf{Null})^{arity(R_j)}$
- ▶ I ground instance over \mathbf{R} , $R_j^I \subset (\mathsf{Const})^{arity(R_j)}$
- ▶ $h: dom(I) \rightarrow dom(J)$, such that $\forall c \in \mathsf{Const}, \ h(c) = c$ and $h(I) \subseteq J$ is called homomorphism from I to J, denoted $I \rightarrow J$

$$\sigma: \ \forall \bar{x} \ \varphi(\bar{x}) \to \exists \bar{y} \ \psi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$$

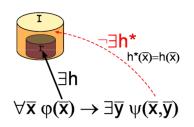


$$\forall \overline{x} \; \phi(\overline{x}) \to \exists \overline{y} \; \psi(\overline{x}, \overline{y})$$

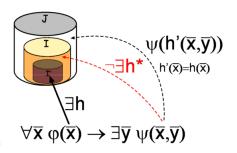
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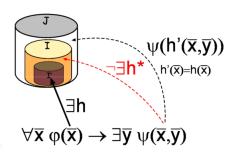
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$$I \xrightarrow{\sigma,h} J$$

Emp2

Name Position

Ben Analyst
John Admin

Departments

(DID|DName MID)

 $\sigma_2 \qquad \forall N,A,P,D \text{ Emp2}(N,P) \longrightarrow \exists E,I \text{ Employees}(E,N,I).$

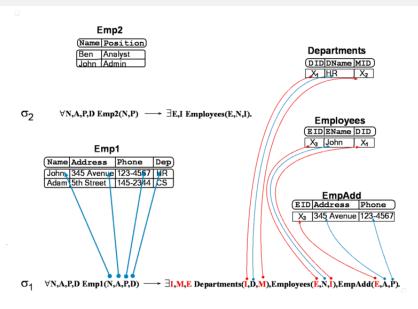
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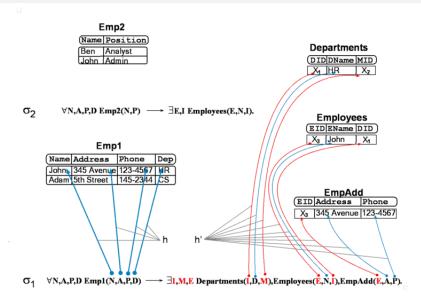
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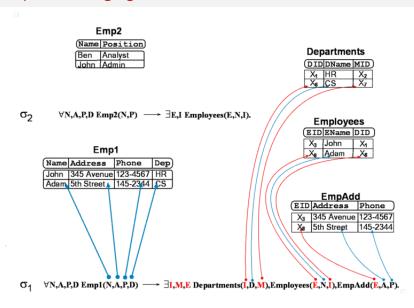
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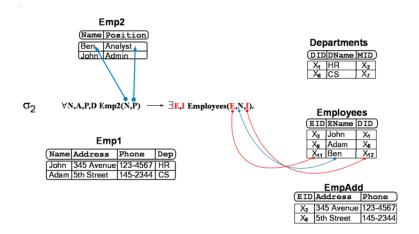
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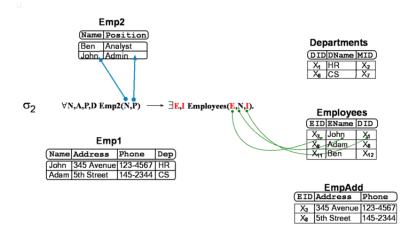
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Chase Algorithm

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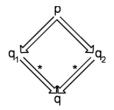
Replacement System

- ▶ A pair (A, \Rightarrow) , is a replacement system if A is a set of objects and \Rightarrow is an antireflexive binary relation over A called the transformation relation.
- ▶ by \Rightarrow^* is denoted the reflexive transitive closure of " \Rightarrow ".
- ▶ an element $p \in A$ is called irreducible if $p \Rightarrow^* q$ implies p = q.
- ▶ (A, \Rightarrow) is finite if for all $p \in A$ there exists n such that $p \Rightarrow^* q$ in at most n steps and q irreducible.
- ▶ (A, \Rightarrow) is finite Church-Rosser if for all $p \in A$ if $p \Rightarrow^* q_1$ and $p \Rightarrow^* q_2$ and q_1, q_2 are irreducible, then $q_1 = q_2$.

Church-Rosser Property (cont.)

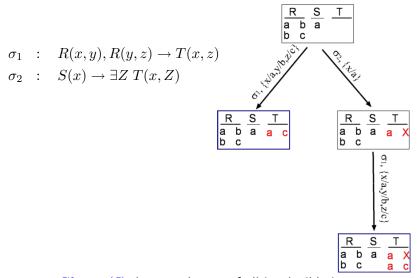
Theorem (Sethi)

 (A,\Rightarrow) is finite Church-Rosser iff (A,\Rightarrow) is finite and for any $p\in A$ if $p\Rightarrow q_1$ and $p\Rightarrow q_2$, then there exists $q\in A$ such that $q_1\Rightarrow^*q$ and $q_2\Rightarrow^*q$.



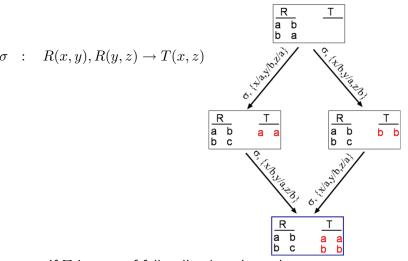
▶ let \mathcal{I} be the set of all instances over schema \mathbf{R} and Σ a set of tgd's, then $(\mathcal{I}, \to_{\Sigma})$ is a replacement system.

Chase Properties: multiple results



▶ $Chase_{\Sigma}(I)$ denotes the set of all irreducible instances.

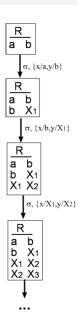
Chase Properties: Church-Rosser for full tgd's



▶ If Σ is a set of full tgd's, then the replacement system $(\mathcal{I}, \to_{\Sigma})$ has the finite Church-Rosser property.

Chase Properties: nonterminating chase

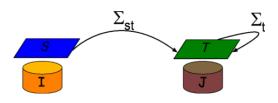
$$\sigma : R(x,y) \to \exists Z \ R(y,Z)$$



Chase properties: Summary

- $I \xrightarrow{\sigma,h} J \Rightarrow I \subseteq J.$
- ▶ there may exist $J, J' \in Chase_{\Sigma}(I)$ such that $J \neq J'$.
- ▶ the Chase algorithm may not terminate.
- ▶ there exist a Σ and instance I such that it has both a terminating and a non terminating chase sequence.
- ▶ Σ set of full tgd's \Rightarrow $(\mathcal{I}, \rightarrow_{\Sigma})$ is finite.
- $ightharpoonup \Sigma$ set of full tgd's \Rightarrow the chase has the *Church-Rosser* property.

Data Exchange, the problem



The data exchange setting $(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}, \Sigma_{st}, \Sigma_t)$

- $ightharpoonup \Sigma_{st}$ specifies the relationship between ${f S}$ and ${f T}$
- lackbox Σ_t specifies the constraints that must be satisfied by ${f T}$

Instance J is a solution for $(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}, \Sigma_{st}, \Sigma_t)$ iff:

- $I \cup J \models \Sigma_{st} \cup \Sigma_t$
- ightharpoonup Sol(I) is the set of all solution for I

Universal Solutions

Let I be an instance and $(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}, \Sigma_{st}, \Sigma_t)$ a data exchange settings.

J is a universal solution (Fagin et al. ICDT03) for I iff

- $J \in Sol(I)$
- $\blacktriangleright \ \forall J' \in Sol(I) \Rightarrow J \to J'$

Theorem (Fagin et al. ICDT03)

If J a finite instance from $Chase_{\Sigma_{st} \cup \Sigma_t}(I)$, then J is a universal solution for I.

Certain Answers

If Q is a query over \mathbf{T} the certain answer on $\langle (\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}, \Sigma_{st}, \Sigma_t), I \rangle$ is defined as:

$$certain(Q, I) = \cap_{J \in Sol(I)} Q(J)$$

It turns out that universal solutions represents a good choice to get certain answers in data exchange:

Theorem (Fagin et al. ICDT03)

If J is a universal solution for Sol(I) and $Q \in UCQ$ then

$$certain(Q, I) = Q(J) \downarrow^*$$

^{* -} by $J\!\downarrow$ we mean the maximum subset of tuples from J that contains only constants.

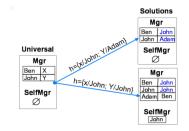
Universal Solution in Data Exchange

Consider source instance:

Emp Ben John

And dependencies:

 $\Sigma_{st}: Emp(x) \to \exists Y \ Mgr(x, Y).$ $\Sigma_{t}: Mgr(x, x) \to Self Mgr(x).$



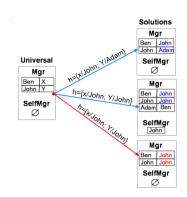
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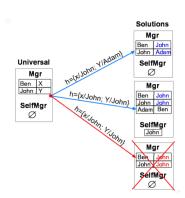
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The Core

Consider source instance:

And dependencies:

$$\Sigma_{st}:$$
 $R(x,y), R(y,z) \to T(x,z)$
 $S(x) \to \exists Y \ T(x,Y)$
 $\Sigma_t:$ \emptyset

Universal Solution 2
$$\frac{T}{a}$$
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The core is the smallest universal solution. The core is unique up to isomorphism.

No Universal Solution

Consider the instance:

$$\frac{R}{a b}$$

And dependencies:

$$\Sigma_{st}: R(x,y) \to S(x,y).$$

 $\Sigma_{t}: S(x,y) \to \exists Z \ S(x,Z).$

This gives the following infinite chase sequence:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & \mathsf{S} \\ \hline \mathsf{a} & \mathsf{b} \\ \mathsf{b} & Z_1 \\ Z_1 & Z_2 \\ \end{array}$$

Still there exists solutions:

Chase termination

Theorem (Deutsch et al. 2008)

Consider an instance I and a set Σ of tgd's:

- it is undecidable whether some chase sequences of I with Σ terminates;
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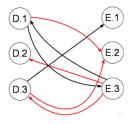
Theorem (Kolaitis et al. 2006)

There exists a data exchange setting $(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}, \Sigma_{st}, \Sigma_t)$, with the following properties:

- \triangleright Σ_{st} consists of one full tgd;
- $ightharpoonup \Sigma_t$ consists of one egd, one full tgd and one tgd;
- the existence of solution is undecidable for this setting.

Chase termination: Weakly Acyclic Dependencies

Dependency Graph:



 Σ_t is weakly acyclic iff there is no cycle trough an existential edge.

▶ if a set of tgd's is weakly acyclic all chase sequences terminate.

Chase Termination: Safe Conditions (Meier et al. 2009)

Let Σ be a set of tgd's. The set $\operatorname{aff}(\Sigma)$ defined as: $(R,i)\in\operatorname{aff}(\Sigma)$ iff

- ightharpoonup (R,i) contains an existential or
- (R,i) is any position in the head of a dependency with a universal x that appears only in ${\rm aff}(\Sigma)$.

The propagation graph for Σ is a directed graph $(\mathsf{aff}(\Sigma), E)$, with E as in the dependency graph with both regular and special edges.

 Σ is said to be safe if $(\mathsf{aff}(\Sigma), E)$ doesn't contain any cycles going trough special edges.

Chase Termination: Stratification

$$\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \Sigma$$
; $\sigma_1 \prec \sigma_2$ iff

- $ightharpoonup \exists I \text{ instance, and}$
- $ightharpoonup I \models \sigma_2$, and
- $ightharpoonup I \xrightarrow{\sigma_1,h} J$, and
- $ightharpoonup J \not\models \sigma_2.$

Example:

$$\sigma_1: R(x,y) \to S(x)$$

$$\sigma_2: S(x) \to R(x,x)$$

Instance I:

Definition

- ▶ The chase graph for Σ is a directed graph $G(\Sigma) = (\Sigma, E)$, where $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \in E$ iff $\sigma_1 \prec \sigma_2$.
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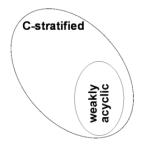
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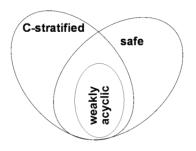
Theorem (Deutsch et al. 08)

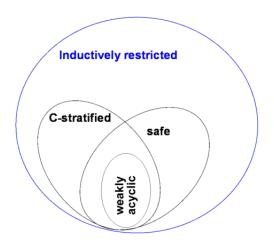
For every stratified set of tgd's and for all instances I there exists a terminating chase sequence.

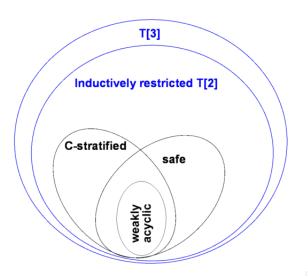
- ▶ the decision problem "is Σ stratified?" is in coNP.
- ▶ the lower bound is open.

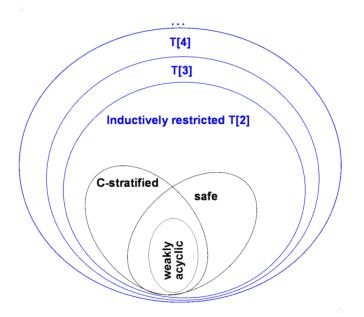


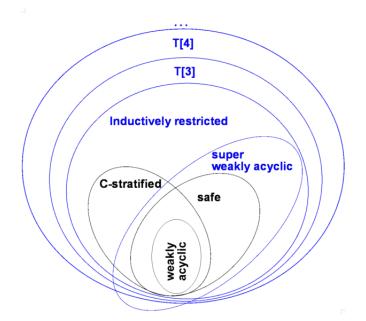












Chase termination: examples

► Stratified but not weakly acyclic:

$$\sigma: E(x,y), E(y,x) \rightarrow \exists Z, W \ E(x,Z), E(Z,W), E(W,x)$$

► Safe but not stratified:

$$\sigma_1 : S(y,z), R(x,y,z) \to \exists W \ R(y,W,x)$$

 $\sigma_2 : R(x,y,z) \to S(x,z)$

► Super-weak acyclic but not safe:

$$\sigma_1 : N(x) \to \exists Y, Z \ E(x, Y, Z)$$

 $\sigma_2 : E(x, y, y) \to N(y)$

Chase termination: rewriting

Can we do better? YES

- ► Let **T** be one of the classes weakly-acyclic, stratified, C-stratified, safe condition or super weakly acyclic tgd's.
- ▶ Greco and Spezzano (VLDB 2010) introduced a new rewriting mapping Adn such that for all Σ set of tgd's over schema \mathbf{R} :

 - ▶ let $Adn\mathbf{T}$ the set of tgd's such that $Adn(\Sigma)$ is in class \mathbf{T} .
 - $ightharpoonup \mathbf{T} \subset Adn\mathbf{T}$.

Chase termination: rewriting

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\Sigma_1 :  \sigma_1 \quad : \quad N(x) \to \exists y \ E(x,y) \\  \sigma_2 \quad : \quad S(x), E(x,y) \to N(y)
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Σ_2 :

Chase flavors: Core Chase

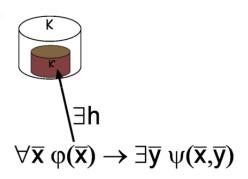
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\begin{array}{ll} \text{Core-Chase}(I,\Sigma) \\ 1 & I_0 := I \\ 2 & i := 0 \\ 3 & J = \bigcup_{I_i \xrightarrow{\sigma,h} D} D \\ 4 & I_{i+1} = Core(J) \\ 5 & \textbf{if} \ I_i = I_{i+1} \\ 6 & \textbf{then return} \ I_i \\ 7 & \textbf{else} \ i = i+1; \ \textbf{goto} \ 3 \end{array}
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Theorem (Deutsch et al. 08)

- lackbox Core-Chase (I,Σ) computes the core of the universal solution;
- if there exists a sequence such that $\mathsf{Chase}(I,\Sigma)$ terminates, then $\mathsf{Core\text{-}Chase}(I,\Sigma)$ terminates;
- if for (I, Σ) there exists a universal solution, then $\mathsf{Core}\text{-}\mathsf{Chase}(I, \Sigma)$ terminates:

Chase flavors: Solution-aware chase

Let Σ a set of tgd's, $K' \subseteq K$, $K \models \Sigma$

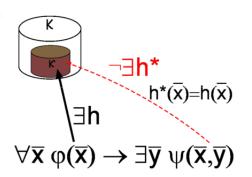


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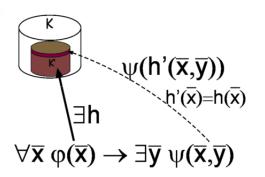


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Chase flavors: Extended core-chase

Consider a disjunctive dependency:

$$\sigma: \forall \bar{x} \ \varphi(\bar{x}) \to \exists \bar{y} \ \bigvee_{1 \le i \le n} \psi_i(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$$

Extended Chase Step: $I \xrightarrow{\sigma,h} \{J_1,J_2,\ldots,J_p\}$

- 1. $\varphi(h(\bar{x})) \subseteq I$
- 2. $\neg \exists h', \neg \exists i$ such that h' extends h and $\psi_i(h'(\bar{x}, \bar{y})) \subseteq I$
- 3. $\forall i \ (1 \leq i \leq n) \ I \xrightarrow{\sigma_i, h} J_i, \text{ where } \sigma_i : \forall \bar{x} \ \varphi(\bar{x}) \to \exists \bar{y} \ \psi_i(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$

Chase flavors: Extended core-chase

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EXTENDED-CORE-CHASE(I, \Sigma set of DED's)
     L_0 := \{I\}
   2 i := 0
      for DED \sigma \in \Sigma, h-applicable
            do
   5
                \forall I_i \in L_i run in parallel
                I_i \xrightarrow{\sigma,h} K'_i
                for each i
  8
                     do
                        K_i = \{\}
                        for J \in K_i'
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                                K_i = K_i \cup core(J)
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 13
      L_{i+1} = K_i
      remove from L_{i+1} all M such that \exists N \in L_{i+1} \ N \to M
     i := i+1;
 16
      if L_i = L_{i-1}
          then goto 3
 18
      return L_i
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Chase and Date Exchange, beyond universal solutions

Data exchange settings $(\{S\}, \{R, T\}, \Sigma_{st}, \Sigma_t)$:

Source instance (
$$I$$
):

dependencies:

$$\Sigma_{st}: S(x) \to \exists Y \ R(x,Y)$$

 $\Sigma_{t}: R(x,x) \to T(x)$

queries:

$$q_1(x) \leftarrow \exists y \ R(x,y)$$

 $q_2(x) \leftarrow \exists y \ (R(x,y) \land x \neq y) \lor T(x)$

- ▶ the universal model $U = \{S(a), R(a, X)\}$
- $ightharpoonup cert_{q_1}(I) = dom(I) \cap q_1(U) = \{(a)\}$

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$$\frac{S}{a}$$

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- $\hat{\Sigma} = \Sigma_{st} \cup \Sigma_t \cup \{x = y \lor N(x, y); x = y, N(x, y) \to \bot\}$
- ▶ model set for I and $\hat{\Sigma}$ is $U = \{\{S(a), R(a,X), N(a,X)\}; \{S(a), R(a,a), T(a)\}\} ;$
- ▶ $cert_{q_2}(I) = dom(I) \cap \bigcap_{J \in U} q_2(J) = \{(a)\}$

Homomorphisms (cont.)

- ▶ $h: dom(I) \rightarrow dom(J)$, such that $\forall c \in \mathsf{Const}\ h(c) = c$ and $h(I) \subseteq J$ is called *homomorphism* from I to J, denoted $I \rightarrow J$. (hom)
- ▶ If h is an injection then it is called *injective homomorphism*. (ihom)
- ▶ If h(I) = J then h is called *epimorphism* or *full homomorphism*. (fhom)
- ▶ If h(I) = J and h is also injective then h is called *embedding*. (emb)

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$F \in \{\text{hom}, \text{ihom}, \text{fhom}, \text{emb}\}$

Definition (Deutsch et al. 2008)

A set U of finite instances is an F-universal model set for s set of instances K if it satisfies the following conditions:

- 1. $(\forall M \in K)(\exists T \in U)T \rightarrow_F M$;
- 2. $U \subseteq K$;
- 3. U is finite;
- 4. $\neg \exists U' \subset U$ such that $U' \rightarrow_F U$.

Theorem (Deutsch et al. 2008)

Let $(S, T, \Sigma_{st}, \Sigma_t)$ be a data exchange setting with $\Sigma = \Sigma_{st} \cup \Sigma_t$ a set of NDED's. Let U be a F-universal model set for $Sol_{\Sigma}(I)$ and Q a query of arity r over T. If

- 1. $F = \mathbf{hom}$ and $Q \in UCQ \cup Datalog$, or
- 2. $F = \mathbf{ihom}$ and $Q \in MonQ$, or
- 3. $F = \mathbf{fhom} \text{ and } Q \in UCQ^{\neg}, \text{ or }$
- 4. $F = emb \text{ and } Q \in UCQ^{\neg, \neq}$.

then
$$cert_Q^\Sigma(I) = dom(I)^r \cap \bigcap_{J \in U} Q(J)$$

Computing F-Universal model sets

Let $(S, T, \Sigma_{st}, \Sigma_t)$ be a data exchange setting with $\Sigma = \Sigma_{st} \cup \Sigma_t$ a set of NDED's.

- extend $\hat{\mathbf{S}} = \mathbf{S} \cup \{\hat{R}: R \in \mathbf{S}\} \cup \{N\};$
- ▶ change Σ to $\hat{\Sigma}$ by replacing each $\neg R(\bar{x})$ with $\hat{R}(\bar{x})$ and each $x \neq y$ with N(x,y);
- ▶ if $F \in \{\mathbf{ihom}, \mathbf{emb}\}$ or N appears in $\hat{\Sigma}$ extend $\hat{\Sigma}$ with:

$$x = y \lor N(x,y)$$
 and $x = y, N(x,y) \rightarrow \perp$

• if $F \in \{\mathbf{fhom}, \mathbf{emb}\}$ extend $\hat{\Sigma}$ with:

$$R(\bar{x}) \lor \hat{R}(\bar{x}) \text{ and } R(\bar{x}), \hat{R}(\bar{x}) \to \perp$$

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