

# R-Calculus for Post Three-Valued Description Logic<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract.** R-calculus is a belief revision operator satisfying AGM postulates, and belief revision in ontology engineering is ontology revision, which based logic is description logics. In Post three-valued description logic, a tableau proof system  $T_t$  will be given such that  $T_t$  is sound and complete for  $t$ -satisfiability, and nonmonotonic, that is, a theory  $\Delta$  is  $t$ -satisfiable if and only if  $\Delta$  is deducible in  $T_t$ . Based on the tableau proof system, an R-calculus  $R_t$  will be given such that a configuration  $\Delta|C(a)$  is reducible to  $C(a)$ ,  $\Delta$  if and only if  $C(a)$  is  $t$ -satisfiable with  $\Delta$ , if and only if reduction  $\Delta|C(a) \Rightarrow C(a)$ ,  $\Delta$  is deducible in  $R_t$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Belief revision is a topic of logic, computer science and philosophy. Given a knowledge base  $\Delta$  and a formula  $A$  in a logic,  $A$  is enumerated into  $\Delta$  if and only if  $A$  is consistent with  $\Delta$ . AGM postulates [1] are a set of basic requirements a belief revision operator should satisfy. Belief revision in ontology engineering is ontology revision, which based logic is description logics. Traditional ontology revision is based on binary-valued description logics. We consider the three-valued description logics.

In many-valued logic [2][3], it is important to give an explanation of the truth-values other than the truth  $t$  and the falsity  $f$ . For example, in a three-valued logic [4], the third value  $m$  is interpreted as unknown or indeterminate, and the semantic definition of binary logical connectives are independent of  $m$ . Description logics [5] are different from traditional logics, because a concept seems natural to have different counterparts. For example, in three-valued description logics, an interpretation  $C^I$  of a concept  $C$  is decomposed into three parts:  $(\odot C)^I$ , consisting of these elements taking truth-value  $t$ ;  $(\sim C)^I$ , these taking  $m$ , and  $(\triangleleft C)^I$ , these taking  $f$ .

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R-calculus [6][7] is a belief revision operator satisfying AGM postulates, and a deduction system for enumerating a formula  $A$  into a consistent theory  $\Delta$  to keep the theory  $A', \Delta$  consistent (denoted by  $\models_{\tau} \Delta | A \Rightarrow A', \Delta$ , where  $\Delta | A$  is called a configuration;  $\Delta | A \Rightarrow A', \Delta$  is called a reduction, and  $A'$  is  $A$  if  $A$  is  $\tau$ -satisfiable with  $\Delta$  and otherwise  $A' = \lambda$ , the empty string). A condition that there is a sound and complete R-calculus is that the based logic is decidable. Hence, there are sound and complete R-calculi for propositional logic [8], propositional modal logic [9], etc., and there is no such R-calculus for first-order logic.

Description logics are fragments of first-order logic, some of which are decidable and some are not. We consider one of many-valued description logics: Post three-valued description logics [10], where the logical language of Post logic contains a unary connective  $\sim$ , instead of  $\neg$ . For Post logic, there are sound and complete tableau proof systems, Gentzen deduction systems and deduction systems for many-placed sequents [3].

$\neg$		$\sim$	
$\tau$	$f$	$\tau$	$f$
$m$	$m$	$m$	$\tau$
$f$	$\tau$	$f$	$m$

For decidable description logics, a problem is to define the semantics of quantifier concept constructors. In binary ones, an element  $a$  belongs to an interpretation of concept  $(\forall R.C)$  if for any element  $b$  with  $(a, b) \in R^I, b \in C^I$ ; and an element  $a$  belongs to an interpretation of concept  $\neg(\forall R.C)$  if for some element  $b$  with  $(a, b) \in R^I, b \notin C^I$ . Correspondingly, in Post three-valued description logic and an interpretation  $I$ , we define

- an element  $a$  belongs to the interpretation of concept  $(\forall R.C)$  if for any element  $b$  with  $(a, b) \in R^I, b \in C^I$ ;
- an element  $a$  belongs to the interpretation of concept  $\sim(\forall R.C)$  if  $a \notin (\forall R.C)^I$  and for any element  $b$  with  $(a, b) \in (\odot R \cup \sim R)^I, b \in (\odot C \cup \sim C)^I$ ;
- an element  $a$  belongs to the interpretation of concept  $\triangleleft(\forall R.C)$  if there is an element  $b$  such that  $(a, b) \in (\odot R \cup \sim R)^I$  and  $b \in (\triangleleft C)^I$ .

A theory (a set of statements)  $\Delta$  is  $\tau$ -satisfiable if there is an interpretation  $I$  such that for any statement  $C(a) \in \Delta, (C(a))^I \neq \tau$ . We will give a tableau proof system  $\mathbf{T}_{\tau}$  for  $\tau$ -satisfiability, which is sound, complete and nonmonotonic.

Based on the tableau proof system  $\mathbf{T}_{\tau}$ , we construct an R-calculus  $\mathbf{R}_{\tau}$  for  $\Delta | A \Rightarrow A', \Delta$ .  $\mathbf{R}_{\tau}$  is shown to be sound and complete, that is,

$$\models_{\tau} \Delta | A \Rightarrow A, \Delta \text{ iff } \Delta | A \Rightarrow A, \Delta \text{ is provable in } \mathbf{R}_{\tau}.$$

Because  $\models_{\tau} \Delta | A \Rightarrow \Delta$  iff  $\not\models_{\tau} \Delta | A \Rightarrow A, \Delta$ , we have

$$\models_{\tau} \Delta | A \Rightarrow \Delta \text{ iff } \mathbf{R}_{\tau} \not\vdash \Delta | A \Rightarrow \Delta.$$

This paper is organized as follows: The next section defines the logical language and the semantics of Post three-valued description logic; the third section gives a tableau proof system for the description logic and shows soundness and completeness theorems; the fourth section gives an R-calculus for  $\tau$ -satisfiability, and the last section concludes the whole paper.

## 2. Post three-valued description logic

Let  $\mathbf{L}_3 = (\{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{f}\}, \odot, \sim, \triangleleft, \sqcap, \sqcup)$  be an algebraical structure, where

$\odot$	$\sim$	$\triangleleft$	$\sqcap$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\sqcup$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{f}$
$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{t}$
$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{m}$
$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{m}$

The logical language of Post three-valued description logic contains the following symbols:

- atomic concepts:  $A_0, A_1, \dots$ ;
- roles:  $R_0, R_1, \dots$ ;
- concept constructors:  $\odot, \sim, \triangleleft, \sqcap, \sqcup, \forall$ .

Concepts are defined inductively as follows:

$$C ::= A \mid \odot C \mid \sim C \mid \triangleleft C \mid C_1 \sqcap C_2 \mid C_1 \sqcup C_2 \mid \forall R.C,$$

where  $A$  is an atomic concept, and  $R$  is a role.

Statements are defined as follows:

$$\varphi ::= C(a) \mid R(a, b) \mid \odot \varphi \mid \sim \varphi \mid \triangleleft \varphi.$$

A model  $M$  is a pair  $(U, I)$ , where  $U$  is a non-empty set, and  $I$  is an interpretation such that

- for any atomic concept  $A, I(A) : U \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_3$ ;
- for any role  $R, I(R) : U^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_3$ .

Given an atomic concept  $A$  and a role  $R$ , we define concepts  $\odot A, \sim A, \triangleleft A$  and roles  $\odot R, \sim R, \triangleleft R$  as follows: for any  $x \in U$ ,

$A(x)$	$\odot A(x)$	$\sim A(x)$	$\triangleleft A(x)$	$R(x, y)$	$\odot R(x, y)$	$\sim R(x, y)$	$\triangleleft R(x, y)$
$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{m}$
$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{f}$
$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{t}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{f}$	$\mathbf{m}$	$\mathbf{t}$

The interpretation  $C^I$  of a concept  $C$  is a function from  $U$  to  $\mathbf{L}_3$  such that for any  $x \in U$ ,

$$C^I(x) = \begin{cases} I(A)(x) & \text{if } C = A \\ *(C^I)(x) & \text{if } C = *C_1 \\ C_1^I(x) \sqcap C_2^I(x) & \text{if } C = C_1 \sqcap C_2 \\ C_1^I(x) \sqcup C_2^I(x) & \text{if } C = C_1 \sqcup C_2 \\ \min\{\max\{I(\sim R)(x, y), I(\triangleleft R)(x, y), C_1^I(y)\} : y \in U\} & \text{if } C = \forall R.C_1, \end{cases}$$

where  $*$   $\in \{\odot, \sim, \triangleleft\}$ .

Therefore,  $C^I(x) = \mathbf{t}^3$  if

<sup>3</sup>In syntax, we use  $\neg, \wedge, \rightarrow, \forall, \exists$  to denote the logical connectives and quantifiers; and in semantics we use  $\sim, \&, \Rightarrow, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{E}$  to denote the corresponding connectives and quantifiers.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{A}y \in U(I(\odot R)(x, y) = \mathbf{t} \Rightarrow C_1^I(y) = \mathbf{t}) & \text{if } C(x) = (\odot \forall R.C_1)(x) \\ \mathbf{A}y \in U(I(\odot R \sqcup \sim R)(x, y) = \mathbf{t} \Rightarrow (\odot C_1 \sqcup \sim C_1)^I(y) = \mathbf{t}) & \\ \mathbf{\&E}y \in U(I(\odot R \sqcup \sim R)(x, y) = \mathbf{t} \& (\sim C_1)(y) = \mathbf{t}) & \text{if } C(x) = (\sim \forall R.C_1)(x) \\ \mathbf{E}y \in U(I(\odot R \sqcup \sim R)(x, y) = \mathbf{t} \& (\triangleleft C_1)(y) = \mathbf{t}) & \text{if } C(x) = (\triangleleft \forall R.C_1)(x). \end{array} \right.$$

A theory  $\Delta$  is  $\mathbf{t}$ -valid, denoted by  $\models^{\mathbf{t}} \Delta$ , if for any interpretation  $I$ , there is a statement  $\varphi \in \Delta$  such that  $(\varphi)^I = \mathbf{t}$ ; and  $\Delta$  is  $\mathbf{t}$ -satisfiable, denoted by  $\models_{\mathbf{t}} \Delta$ , if there is an interpretation  $I$  such that for each statement  $\varphi \in \Delta$ ,  $(\varphi)^I \neq \mathbf{t}$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** For any concept  $C$  and interpretation  $I$ , and for any  $x \in U$ ,  $C^I(x) \sqcup (\sim C)^I(x) \sqcup (\triangleleft C)^I(x) = \mathbf{t}$ .

### 3. Nonmonotonic tableau proof system

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{incon}(\Delta) &\text{ iff } \mathbf{E}p(p, \sim p, \triangleleft p \in \Delta) \\ \text{con}(\Delta) &\text{ iff } \neg \mathbf{E}p(p, \sim p, \triangleleft p \in \Delta) \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $\Delta$  be a set of literals.  $\Delta$  is  $\mathbf{t}$ -satisfiable iff  $\text{con}(\Delta)$ .

Nonmonotonic tableau proof system  $\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{t}}$  contains the following axioms and deduction rules: let  $a$  be a constant.

- **Axioms:**

$$\frac{\text{con}(\Delta)}{\Delta} (\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{t}})$$

where  $\Delta$  is a set of literals.

- **Deduction rules for modalities:**

$$\frac{f(*_1, *_2)C_1(a), \Delta}{*_1 *_2 C_1(a), \Delta} (*_1 *_2)$$

where  $*_1, *_2 \in \{\lambda, \sim, \triangleleft\}$  and  $f(*_1, *_2)$  is defined as follows:

$f(*_1, *_2)$	$\odot \sim \triangleleft$
$\odot$	$\odot \sim \triangleleft$
$\sim$	$\sim \triangleleft \odot$
$\triangleleft$	$\triangleleft \odot \sim$

- **Deduction rules for logical connectives:**

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \odot C_1(a), \Delta \\ \odot C_2(a), \Delta \end{array} \right.}{\odot(C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a), \Delta} (\odot \sqcap) \quad \frac{\left[ \begin{array}{l} \odot C_1(a), \Delta \\ \odot C_2(a), \Delta \end{array} \right.}{\odot(C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a), \Delta} (\odot \sqcup) \quad \frac{\left[ \begin{array}{l} \sim R(a, d), \Delta \\ \triangleleft R(a, d), \Delta \\ C_1(d), \Delta \end{array} \right.}{\odot(\forall R.C_1)(a), \Delta} (\odot \forall) \\
\\
\frac{\left[ \begin{array}{l} \sim C_1(a), \Delta \\ \sim C_2(a), \Delta \\ \odot C_1(a), \Delta \\ \sim C_2(a), \Delta \\ \sim C_1(a), \Delta \\ \odot C_2(a), \Delta \end{array} \right.}{\sim(C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a), \Delta} (\sim \sqcap) \quad \frac{\left[ \begin{array}{l} \sim C_1(a), \Delta \\ \sim C_2(a), \Delta \\ \triangleleft C_1(a), \Delta \\ \sim C_2(a), \Delta \\ \sim C_1(a), \Delta \\ \triangleleft C_2(a), \Delta \end{array} \right.}{\sim(C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a), \Delta} (\sim \sqcup) \quad \frac{\left[ \begin{array}{l} \triangleleft R(a, d), \Delta \\ \odot C_1(d), \Delta \\ \sim C_1(d), \Delta \\ \triangleleft R(a, c), \Delta \\ \sim C_1(c), \Delta \end{array} \right.}{\sim(\forall R.C_1)(a), \Delta} (\sim \forall) \\
\\
\frac{\left[ \begin{array}{l} \triangleleft C_1(a), \Delta \\ \triangleleft C_2(a), \Delta \end{array} \right.}{\triangleleft(C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a), \Delta} (\triangleleft \sqcap) \quad \frac{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \triangleleft C_1(a), \Delta \\ \triangleleft C_2(a), \Delta \end{array} \right.}{\triangleleft(C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a), \Delta} (\triangleleft \sqcup) \quad \frac{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \odot R(a, c), \Delta \\ \sim R(a, c), \Delta \\ \triangleleft C_1(c), \Delta \end{array} \right.}{\triangleleft(\forall R.C_1)(a), \Delta} (\triangleleft \forall)
\end{array}$$

where  $d$  is a constant,  $c$  is a new constant, and  $\frac{\delta_1}{\delta_2}$  means that  $\delta_1$  implies  $\delta$  and  $\delta_2$

implies  $\delta$ ; and  $\frac{\delta_1}{\delta}$  means that  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  imply  $\delta$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A theory  $\Delta$  is provable in  $\mathbf{T}_t$ , denoted by  $\vdash_t \Delta$ , if there is a sequence  $\{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_n\}$  of theories such that  $\Delta_n = \Delta$ , and for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $\Delta_i$  is either an axiom or deduced from the previous theories by one of the deduction rules in  $\mathbf{T}_t$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** For any theory  $\Delta$ ,  $\models_t \Delta$  iff  $\vdash_t \Delta$ .

Because  $\models^t \Delta$  if and only if  $\not\models_t \Delta$ , we have the following

**Corollary 3.4.** For any theory  $\Delta$ ,  $\models^t \Delta$  iff  $\not\vdash_t \Delta$ .

#### 4. R-calculus

Intuitively, a statement  $\odot(C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$  to preserve the  $t$ -satisfiability of  $\Delta$ , if either  $\odot C_1(a)$  or  $\odot C_2(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$ ; and  $\odot(C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$  if  $\odot C_1(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$  and  $\odot C_2(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{\odot C_1(a)\}$ .

Statement  $\sim(C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$ , if (1) either  $\sim C_1(a)$  or  $\sim C_2(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$ ; (2) either  $\odot C_1(a)$  or  $\sim C_2(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{(\sim C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a)\}$ , and (3) either  $\sim C_1(a)$  or  $\odot C_2(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{(\sim C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a), (\odot C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a)\}$ ; and statement  $\sim(C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$ , if (4) either  $\sim C_1(a)$  or  $\sim C_2(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$ ; (5) either  $\triangleleft C_1(a)$  or  $\sim C_2(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{(\sim C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a)\}$ , (6) either  $\sim C_1(a)$  or  $\triangleleft C_2(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{(\sim C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a), (\triangleleft C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a)\}$ .

Statement  $\triangleleft(C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$  if  $\triangleleft C_1(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$ , and  $\triangleleft C_2(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{\triangleleft C_1(a)\}$ ; and  $\triangleleft(C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$  if either  $\triangleleft C_1(a)$  or  $\triangleleft C_2(a)$  is enumerable into  $\Delta$ .

A statement  $\odot(C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a)$  is not enumerable into  $\Delta$ , if  $\odot C_1(a)$  and  $\odot C_2(a)$  are not enumerable into  $\Delta$ ; and  $\odot(C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a)$  is not enumerable into  $\Delta$  if either  $\odot C_1(a)$  is not enumerable into  $\Delta$ , or  $\odot C_2(a)$  is not enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{\odot C_1(a)\}$ .

Statement  $\sim(C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a)$  is not enumerable into  $\Delta$  if either (1)  $\sim C_1(a)$  and  $\sim C_2(a)$  are not enumerable into  $\Delta$ , or (2)  $\odot C_1(a)$  and  $\sim C_2(a)$  are not enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{(\sim C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a)\}$ .

$C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2(a)\}$ , or (3)  $\sim C_1(a)$  and  $\odot C_2(a)$  are not enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{(\sim C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a), (\odot C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a)\}$ ; and statement  $\sim (C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a)$  is not enumerable into  $\Delta$ , if either (4)  $\sim C_1(a)$  and  $\sim C_2(a)$  are not enumerable into  $\Delta$ , or (5)  $\triangleleft C_1(a)$  and  $\sim C_2(a)$  are not enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{(\sim C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a)\}$ , or (6)  $\sim C_1(a)$  and  $\triangleleft C_2(a)$  are not enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{(\sim C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a), (\triangleleft C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a)\}$ .

Statement  $\triangleleft(C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a)$  is not enumerable into  $\Delta$  if either  $\triangleleft C_1(a)$  is not enumerable into  $\Delta$  or  $\triangleleft C_2(a)$  is not enumerable into  $\Delta \cup \{\triangleleft C_1(a)\}$ ; and  $\triangleleft(C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a)$  is not enumerable into  $\Delta$  if  $\triangleleft C_1(a)$  and  $\triangleleft C_2(a)$  is not enumerable into  $\Delta$ .

Given a theory  $\Delta$  and a statement  $\varphi$ , we use  $\Delta$  to revise  $\varphi$  and obtain  $\varphi', \Delta$ , denoted by

$$\Delta | \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi', \Delta,$$

if

$$\varphi' = \begin{cases} \varphi & \text{if } \Delta \text{ is } \mathfrak{t}\text{-satisfiable with } \varphi \\ \lambda & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

R-calculus  $\mathbf{R}_t$  consists of the following axioms and deduction rules:

• **Axioms:**

$$\frac{\vdash_t \Delta \Rightarrow \vdash_t l, \Delta}{\Delta | l \Rightarrow l, \Delta} (\mathcal{A}_t)$$

• **Deduction rules for modalities:**

$$\frac{\Delta | f(*_1, *_2)C_1(a) \Rightarrow f(*_1, *_2)C_1(a), \Delta}{\Delta | *_1 *_2 C_1(a) \Rightarrow *_1 *_2 C_1(a), \Delta} (*_1 *_2)$$

• **Deduction rules for logical connectives:**

$$\frac{\begin{cases} \Delta | \odot C_1(a) \Rightarrow \odot C_1(a), \Delta \\ \Delta | \odot C_2(a) \Rightarrow \odot C_2(a), \Delta \end{cases}}{\Delta | \odot (C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a) \Rightarrow \odot (C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a), \Delta} (\odot \sqcap)$$

$$\frac{\begin{cases} \Delta | \odot C_1(a) \Rightarrow \odot C_1(a), \Delta \\ \Delta, \odot C_1(a) | \odot C_2(a) \Rightarrow \odot C_1(a), \odot C_2(a), \Delta \end{cases}}{\Delta | \odot (C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a) \Rightarrow \odot (C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a), \Delta} (\odot \sqcup)$$

$$\frac{\begin{cases} \Delta | \sim R(a, c) \Rightarrow \sim R(a, c), \Delta \\ \Delta | \triangleleft R(a, c) \Rightarrow \triangleleft R(a, c), \Delta \\ \Delta | \odot C_1(c) \Rightarrow \odot C_1(c), \Delta \end{cases}}{\Delta | \odot (\forall R.C_1)(a) \Rightarrow \odot (\forall R.C_1)(a), \Delta} (\odot \forall)$$

and

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta | \sim C_1(a) \Rightarrow \sim C_1(a), \Delta \\ \Delta | \sim C_2(a) \Rightarrow \sim C_2(a), \Delta \\ \Delta, X | \odot C_1(a) \Rightarrow \odot C_1(a), X, \Delta \\ \Delta, X | \sim C_2(a) \Rightarrow \sim C_2(a), X, \Delta \end{array} \right. (\sim \sqcap)}{\Delta | \sim (C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a) \Rightarrow \sim (C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a), \Delta} \\
\frac{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta | \sim C_1(a) \Rightarrow \sim C_1(a), \Delta \\ \Delta | \sim C_2(a) \Rightarrow \sim C_2(a), \Delta \\ \Delta, X | \triangleleft C_1(a) \Rightarrow \triangleleft C_1(a), X, \Delta \\ \Delta, X | \sim C_2(a) \Rightarrow \sim C_2(a), X, \Delta \\ \Delta, X, Z | \sim C_1(a) \Rightarrow \sim C_1(a), X, Z, \Delta \\ \Delta, X, Z | \triangleleft C_2(a) \Rightarrow \triangleleft C_2(a), X, Z, \Delta \end{array} \right. (\sim \sqcup)}{\Delta | \sim (C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a) \Rightarrow \sim (C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a), \Delta} \\
\frac{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta | \triangleleft R(a, c) \Rightarrow \triangleleft R(a, c), \Delta \\ \Delta, \triangleleft R(a, c) | \odot C_1(c) \Rightarrow \triangleleft R(a, c), \odot C_1(c) \Delta \\ \Delta, \triangleleft R(a, c), \odot C_1(c) | \sim C_1(c) \Rightarrow \sim C_1(c), \triangleleft R(a, c), \odot C_1(c) \Delta \\ \Delta | \odot R(a, d) \Rightarrow \odot R(a, d), \Delta \\ \Delta, \odot R(a, d) | \sim R(a, d) \Rightarrow \sim R(a, d), \odot R(a, d), \Delta \\ \Delta | \sim C_1(d) \Rightarrow \sim C_1(d), \Delta \end{array} \right. (\sim \forall)}{\Delta | \sim (\forall R.C_1)(a) \Rightarrow \sim (\forall R.C_1)(a), \Delta}
\end{array}$$

where  $X = (\sim C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a)$ ,  $Y = (\odot C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a)$ ,  $Z = (\triangleleft C_1 \sqcap \sim C_2)(a)$ , and

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta | \triangleleft C_1(a) \Rightarrow \triangleleft C_1(a), \Delta \\ \Delta, \triangleleft C_1(a) | \triangleleft C_2(a) \Rightarrow \triangleleft C_2(a), \triangleleft C_1(a), \Delta \end{array} \right. (\triangleleft \sqcap)}{\Delta | \triangleleft (C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a) \Rightarrow \triangleleft (C_1 \sqcap C_2)(a), \Delta} \\
\frac{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta | \triangleleft C_1(a) \Rightarrow \triangleleft C_1(a), \Delta \\ \Delta | \triangleleft C_2(a) \Rightarrow \triangleleft C_2(a), \Delta \end{array} \right. (\triangleleft \sqcup)}{\Delta | \triangleleft (C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a) \Rightarrow \triangleleft (C_1 \sqcup C_2)(a), \Delta} \\
\frac{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta | \odot R(a, d) \Rightarrow \odot R(a, d), \Delta \\ \Delta, \odot R(a, d) | \sim R(a, d) \Rightarrow \sim R(a, d), \odot R(a, d), \Delta \\ \Delta | \triangleleft C_1(d) \Rightarrow \triangleleft C_1(d), \Delta \end{array} \right. (\triangleleft \forall)}{\Delta | \triangleleft (\forall R.C_1)(a) \Rightarrow \triangleleft (\forall R.C_1)(a), \Delta}
\end{array}$$

where  $d$  is a constant and  $c$  is a new constant.

**Definition 4.1.** A reduction  $\Delta | C(a) \Rightarrow C(a), \Delta$  is provable in  $\mathbf{R}_t$ , denoted by  $\vdash_t \Delta | C(a) \Rightarrow C(a), \Delta$ , if there is a sequence  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$  of reductions such that  $\delta_n = \Delta | C(a) \Rightarrow C(a), \Delta$ , and for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $\delta_i$  is either an axiom or deduced from the previous theories by one of the deduction rules in  $\mathbf{R}_t$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** For any theory  $\Delta$  and statement  $C(a)$ ,  $\vdash_t \Delta | C(a) \Rightarrow C(a), \Delta$  iff  $\vdash_t \Delta | C(a) \Rightarrow C(a), \Delta$ .

Because  $\vdash_t \Delta | C(a) \Rightarrow \Delta$  if and only if  $\not\vdash_t \Delta | C(a) \Rightarrow C(a), \Delta$ , we have the following

**Corollary 4.3.** For any theory  $\Delta$  and statement  $C(a)$ ,  $\vdash_t \Delta | C(a) \Rightarrow \Delta$  iff  $\not\vdash_t \Delta | C(a) \Rightarrow C(a), \Delta$ .

## 5. Conclusions

This paper gave an R-calculus  $\mathbf{R}_t$  for  $t$ -satisfiability in Post three-valued description logic, which is sound and complete. Similarly there are R-calculi  $\mathbf{R}_m$  and  $\mathbf{R}_f$  for  $m$ -satisfiability and  $f$ -satisfiability, respectively, and there are transformations between  $\mathbf{R}_t$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_m$  and  $\mathbf{R}_f$ , just as transformations between  $\mathbf{T}_t$ ,  $\mathbf{T}_m$  and  $\mathbf{T}_f$ .

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