

# PSOA2TPTP: A Reference Translator for Interoperating PSOA RuleML with TPTP Reasoners

Gen Zou<sup>1</sup>   Reuben Peter-Paul<sup>1</sup>   Harold Boley<sup>1,2</sup>  
Alexandre Riazanov<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Faculty of Computer Science,  
University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, Canada

<sup>2</sup>National Research Council Canada,  
Information and Communications Technologies

<sup>3</sup>Department of Computer Science & Applied Statistics  
University of New Brunswick, Saint John, Canada

# Outline

- 1 Background
- 2 System Architecture
- 3 Implementation
  - ANTLR Grammars
  - PSOA-to-TPTP Translation
  - RESTful Web API
- 4 Summary and Future Work

# Outline

- 1 Background
- 2 System Architecture
- 3 Implementation
  - ANTLR Grammars
  - PSOA-to-TPTP Translation
  - RESTful Web API
- 4 Summary and Future Work

## Interoperation Source – PSOA RuleML

- Integrates relational and object-oriented modeling
- Generalizes RIF-BLD, F-logic and POSL
- Uses positional-slotted object-applicative (psoa) terms

General case:

○  $\# f ([t_{1,1} \dots t_{1,n_1}] \dots [t_{m,1} \dots t_{m,n_m}] \ p_1 \rightarrow v_1 \dots p_k \rightarrow v_k)$

Special cases:

○  $\# f (t_1 \dots t_n \ p_1 \rightarrow v_1 \dots p_k \rightarrow v_k)$

○  $\# f (t_1 \dots t_n)$

○  $\# f (\quad \quad \quad p_1 \rightarrow v_1 \dots p_k \rightarrow v_k)$

○  $\# f$

## PSOA Example in Presentation Syntax (PS)

```
Document (  
  Group (  
    Forall ?Hu ?Wi ?Ch ?o ?1 (  
      ?o # _family(_child->?Ch) :-  
        And(?o # _family(_husb->?Hu _wife->?Wi)  
            ?1 # _kid(?Wi ?Ch))  
    )  
    _f1 # _family(_husb->_Joe _wife->_Sue)  
    _k1 # _kid(_Sue _Pete)  
  )  
)
```

# Interoperation Targets

- TPTP's full First-Order Form (TPTP-FOF)
  - Allows arbitrary first-order formulas
  - Syntax and semantics

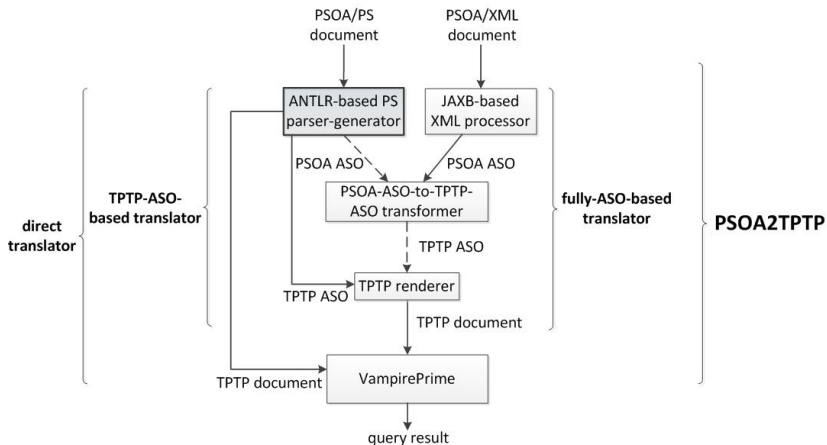
Syntax	Semantics	Syntax	Semantics
$\sim p$	$\neg p$	$v_1 = v_2$	$v_1 = v_2$
$p_1 \ \& \ p_2$	$p_1 \wedge p_2$	$v_1 \neq v_2$	$\neg (v_1 = v_2)$
$p_1 \   \ p_2$	$p_1 \vee p_2$	$? [v_1, \dots, v_n] : p$	$\exists v_1, \dots, v_n : p$
$p_1 \Rightarrow p_2$	$p_1 \rightarrow p_2$	$! [v_1, \dots, v_n] : p$	$\forall v_1, \dots, v_n : p$

- VampirePrime  
 Open-source TPTP reasoner derived from the high-performance Vampire reasoner

# Outline

- 1 Background
- 2 System Architecture**
- 3 Implementation
  - ANTLR Grammars
  - PSOA-to-TPTP Translation
  - RESTful Web API
- 4 Summary and Future Work

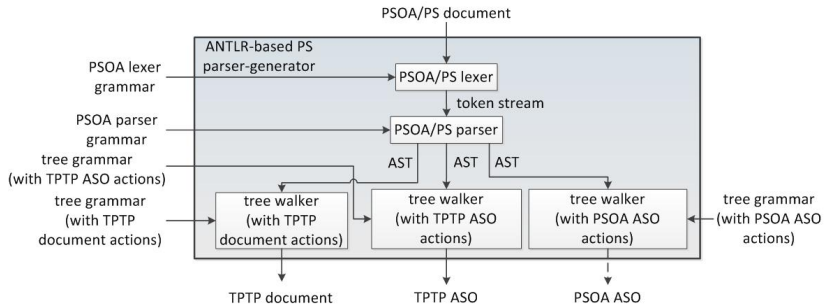
# Components and Workflow of PSOA2TPTP



ANTLR: ANother Tool for Language Recognition  
ASO: AbstrAct Syntax Object



# Workflow of ANTLR-Generated Components



**AST: Abstract Syntax Tree (condensed tree encoding of the input stream)**

# Outline

- 1 Background
- 2 System Architecture
- 3 Implementation**
  - ANTLR Grammars
  - PSOA-to-TPTP Translation
  - RESTful Web API
- 4 Summary and Future Work

# Outline

- 1 Background
- 2 System Architecture
- 3 Implementation**
  - ANTLR Grammars
  - PSOA-to-TPTP Translation
  - RESTful Web API
- 4 Summary and Future Work

# Parser Grammar Rewriting

- ANTLR-generated parser uses *LL* (Left-to-right scanning, Leftmost derivation) mechanism
- The original EBNF grammar of PSOA/PS extended with syntactic sugar is non-*LL* and cannot be directly used as the ANTLR parser grammar
- We rewrite it into an *LL(1)* grammar, so that it not only can be accepted by ANTLR but is also more efficient
  - Elimination of left recursion
  - Left factoring

# Parser Grammar Rewriting

- Elimination of left recursion – example

```
psoa : term '#' term '(' tuples_and_slots ')'?  
      | term '(' tuples_and_slots ')';  
term : const | var | psoa | external_term
```

is rewritten to

```
term : psoa | non_psoa_term ;  
non_psoa_term : const | var | external_term ;  
psoa : non_psoa_term psoa_rest+ ;
```

# Parser Grammar Rewriting

- Left factoring – example

```
tuples_and_slots: tuple* (term '->' term)*  
                  | term+ (term '->' term)* ;
```

is rewritten to

```
tuples_and_slots: tuple+ (term '->' term)*  
                  | term+ ('->' term (term '->' term)*)?  
                  ;
```

# Outline

- 1 Background
- 2 System Architecture
- 3 Implementation**
  - ANTLR Grammars
  - PSOA-to-TPTP Translation**
  - RESTful Web API
- 4 Summary and Future Work

# Normalization – Static Tupribution and Slotribution

Transform composite formulas into a conjunction of elementary constructs

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \bullet \text{ } \circ \# f([t_{1,1} \dots t_{1,n_1}] \dots [t_{m,1} \dots t_{m,n_m}] \ p_1 \rightarrow v_1 \dots p_k \rightarrow v_k) \\
 & = \text{ } \circ \# f() \\
 & \quad \& \text{ } \circ \# \text{Top}(t_{1,1} \dots t_{1,n_1}) \ \& \dots \& \text{ } \circ \# \text{Top}(t_{m,1} \dots t_{m,n_m}) \\
 & \quad \& \text{ } \circ \# \text{Top}(p_1 \rightarrow v_1) \ \& \dots \& \text{ } \circ \# \text{Top}(p_k \rightarrow v_k)
 \end{aligned}$$



## Translation of Elementary Constructs – Terms

- Constants  $\tau_{psoa}(\_C) = \_lC$  (“low line” C)
- Variables  $\tau_{psoa}(?v) = \_Qv$  (“Question mark” v)
- Tuple terms  

$$\tau_{psoa}(\_o \# \text{Top}(t_1 \dots t_k)) =$$

$$\text{tupterm}(\tau_{psoa}(\_o), \tau_{psoa}(t_1) \dots \tau_{psoa}(t_k))$$
- Slot terms  

$$\tau_{psoa}(\_o \# \text{Top}(p \rightarrow v)) =$$

$$\text{sloterm}(\tau_{psoa}(\_o), \tau_{psoa}(p), \tau_{psoa}(v))$$
- Membership terms  

$$\tau_{psoa}(\_o \# f()) = \text{member}(\tau_{psoa}(\_o), \tau_{psoa}(f))$$

## Translation of Elementary Constructs – Formulas

- **Conjunction**

$$\tau_{psoa}(\text{And}(f_1 \dots f_n)) = (\tau_{psoa}(f_1) \& \dots \& \tau_{psoa}(f_n))$$

- **Implication**  $\tau_{psoa}(\varphi : - \psi) = (\tau_{psoa}(\psi) \Rightarrow \tau_{psoa}(\varphi))$

- **Existential Quantification**

$$\tau_{psoa}(\text{Exists } ?v_1 \dots ?v_n f) =$$

$$(? [\tau_{psoa}(?v_1) \dots \tau_{psoa}(?v_n)] : \tau_{psoa}(f))$$

- **Universal Quantification**

$$\tau_{psoa}(\text{Forall } ?v_1 \dots ?v_n f) =$$

$$(! [\tau_{psoa}(?v_1) \dots \tau_{psoa}(?v_n)] : \tau_{psoa}(f))$$

# Translation of Queries

Use reserved answer predicate `ans` to obtain the bindings for query variable  $?v_i$

$$\begin{aligned} ! [\tau_{psoa}(?v_1) \dots \tau_{psoa}(?v_n)] : (\tau_{psoa}(q) => \\ \text{ans} ("?v_1 = ", \tau_{psoa}(?v_1), \\ \dots, \\ "?v_n = ", \tau_{psoa}(?v_n))) \end{aligned}$$

## Example – Input

- Input knowledge base

```
Document (  
  Group (  
    Forall ?Hu ?Wi ?Ch ?o ?1 (  
      ?o#_family(_child->?Ch) :-  
        And(?o#_family(_husb->?Hu _wife->?Wi)  
          ?1#_kid(?Wi ?Ch))  
    )  
    _f1#_family(_husb->_Joe _wife->_Sue)  
    _k1#_kid(_Sue _Pete)  
  )  
)
```

- Query

```
And(_f1#_family(_husb->_Joe _wife->_Sue _child->?Who)  
  _k1#_kid(_Sue ?Who))
```

# Example – Normalization

- Normalized knowledge base

```
Document (
  Group (
    Forall ?Hu ?Wi ?Ch ?o ?1 (
      And( ?o # _family()
        ?o # Top(_child->?Ch)) :-
        And( And( ?o # _family()
          ?o # Top(_husb->?Hu)
          ?o # Top(_wife->?Wi))
          And( ?1 # _kid()
            ?1 # Top(?Wi ?Ch)))
      )
      _f1 # _family()   _f1 # Top(_husb->_Joe)
                      _f1 # Top(_wife->_Sue)
      _k1 # _kid()    _k1 # Top(_Sue _Pete)
    )
  )
)
```

## Example – Translation

- TPTP generated for knowledge base

```
fof(ax01, axiom, (
  ! [Q1, Qo, QCh, QWi, QHu] :
    ( ( member(Qo, lfamily)
      & sloterm(Qo, lwife, QWi)
      & sloterm(Qo, lhusb, QHu)
      & member(Q1, lkid)
      & tupterm(Q1, QWi, QCh) )
    => ( member(Qo, lfamily)
      & sloterm(Qo, lchild, QCh) ) ) ) ).

fof(ax02, axiom,
  ( member(f1, lfamily)
    & sloterm(f1, lwife, lSue)
    & sloterm(lf1, lhusb, lJoe) ) ).

fof(ax03, axiom,
  ( member(lk1, lkid) & tupterm(k1, lSue, lPete) ) ).
```

## Example – Translation and Execution

- TPTP generated for query

```
fof(query,theorem,(
  ! [QWho] :
    ( ( member(f1,lfamily)
      & sloterm(f1,lwife,lSue)
      & sloterm(f1,lchild,QWho)
      & sloterm(f1,lhusb,lJoe)
      & member(lk1,lkid)
      & tupterm(lk1,lSue,QWho) )
    => ans("?Who = ",QWho) ) ).
```

- VampirePrime output

```
Proof found.
```

```
...
```

```
... | «ans»("?Who = ", lPete) ...
```

# Outline

- 1 Background
- 2 System Architecture
- 3 Implementation**
  - ANTLR Grammars
  - PSOA-to-TPTP Translation
  - **RESTful Web API**
- 4 Summary and Future Work



# RESTful Web API

- PSOATransRun wraps PSOA2TPTP and VampirePrime into two REST services
  - Translation: PSOA2TPTP
  - Execution: VampirePrime
- Requests are sent via HTTP POST method
- Inputs and outputs are JSON-encoded strings
- Available online (documentation and system):

[http://wiki.ruleml.org/index.php/PSOA\\_RuleML#PSOATransRun](http://wiki.ruleml.org/index.php/PSOA_RuleML#PSOATransRun)

<http://198.164.40.211:8082/psoa2tptp-trans/index.html>

# Outline

- 1 Background
- 2 System Architecture
- 3 Implementation
  - ANTLR Grammars
  - PSOA-to-TPTP Translation
  - RESTful Web API
- 4 Summary and Future Work

# Summary

- We have implemented a first version of the PSOA2TPTP translator using the ANTLR v3 framework
- Thus provide a semantics-preserving translation from PSOA RuleML to TPTP
- PSOATransRun wraps PSOA2TPTP and VampirePrime into REST services for convenient access

## Future Work

- Extend PSOA2TPTP capability to handle all PSOA RuleML constructs
- Implement the fully-ASO-based translator
- Develop real-world Clinical Intelligence use case and others employing PSOATransRun

# References



Boley, H.

A RIF-Style Semantics for RuleML-Integrated Positional-Slotted,  
Object-Applicative Rules

In Bassiliades, N., Governatori, G., Paschke, A. (eds.)

*RuleML Europe*, vol. 6826 of *LNCS*, pp. 194–211. Springer, 2011.



Zou, G., Peter-Paul, R., Boley, H. and Riazanov, A.

PSOA2TPTP: A Reference Translator for Interoperating PSOA RuleML with  
TPTP Reasoners

In: Bikakis, A., Giurca, A. (eds.)

*RuleML 2012*, vol. 7438 of *LNCS*, pp. 264–279. Springer, 2012.



Al Manir, M.S., Riazanov, A., Boley, H. and Baker, C.J.O.

PSOA RuleML API: A Tool for Processing Abstract and Concrete Syntaxes

In: Bikakis, A., Giurca, A. (eds.)

*RuleML 2012*, vol. 7438 of *LNCS*, pp. 280–288. Springer, 2012.