

Collection-OS

// Metadata

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Description	This ontology is a simplified version of the ontology of collections and collectives proposed in [Bottazzi <i>et al.</i> , 2006].

// Relations

Has for member during

Properties

[EP/R1 & R2 & R3] A COLLECTION *has for member* an ENDURANT *during* a TIME INTERVAL. [EP/IVL] *c has for member x during t* mutually implies that *x is a member of c during t*.

Comment

[DIV] The temporal relation *has member during* holding for COLLECTIONS must be distinguished from the atemporal relation *has for element* holding for SETS.

[DIV] The relation is antireflexive and antisymmetric.

Is extensionally equivalent to

Properties

[EP/DR & RR] A COLLECTION *is extensionally equivalent to* a COLLECTION. [EP/NSMC] *c₁ is extensionally equivalent to c₂* iff at any TIME INTERVAL *t*, *x is member of c₁ during t* iff *x is member of c₂ during t*.

Comment

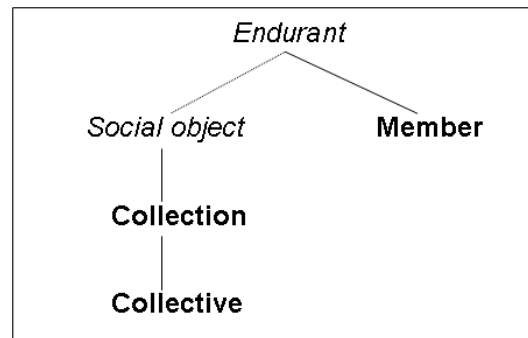
[CIT] [Bottazzi *et al.*, 2006, p. 198] “Two or more collections can be extensionally equivalent and still not be the same collection, since each collection needs a unifying description [...] which provides it intensional identity criterion.”

Is member of during

Properties

[EP/R1 & R2 & R3] An ENDURANT *is member of* a COLLECTION *during* a TIME INTERVAL. [EP/NSMC] *x is member of c during t* iff at least one CONCEPT *cpt* exists such that *cpt classifies x during t*. [EP/IVL] *x is member of c during t* mutually implies that *c has for member x during t*.

// Concepts



Collection, plural entity

Meta-properties

COLLECTION is RIGID (+**R**). COLLECTION is CARRYING AN IDENTITY CRITERION (+**I**). COLLECTION is not CARRYING A COMMON UNITY CRITERION (-**U**). COLLECTION is EXTERNALLY-DEPENDENT (+**D**). COLLECTION *one-sided generically constantly depends on* MEMBER. COLLECTION *one-sided specifically constantly depends on* CONCEPT.

Properties

[EP/SLD] A COLLECTION is a SOCIAL OBJECT which, *at any* TIME INTERVAL it is *present*, has at least two MEMBERS, and the MEMBERS of which are all *classified* by the same CONCEPT.

[EP/NMC] If *x* is a COLLECTION then there does not exist an ENDURANT *z* such that if *y* is a member of *x* during a TIME INTERVAL *t* then *y* is a proper part of *z* during that *t*.

Comment

[CEX & CIT] [Bottazzi *et al.*, 2006, p. 197] “Collections are very different from sets in the sense of Set Theory [...]. This is true for the following reasons: 1) a set is uniquely determined by its members, i.e. it changes when its members or its cardinality change (axiom of extension), while a collection is not, unless explicitly specified; and 2) any two sets can be summed forming a union (axiom of union), while this is not tenable for any two collections; and 3) sets do not need an identity criterion for members (axiom of specification does not apply to all sets), while collections do (there is at least one property *P* that is true for all members); and 4) sets can be empty or singletons, but no empty or singleton collections are allowed; and 5) (hyper)sets can be members of themselves (anti-foundation axiom), while collections do not; and 6) sets are abstract, having no space or time, while collections (indirectly) exist in time, and are localized.”

[CIT] [Bottazzi *et al.*, 2006, p. 197] “Since collections are considered here as cognitive or social objects, but they also depend on their members, their space-time behaviour is peculiar. Collections can participate in actions or processes either ‘on a member basis’ or ‘on a whole basis’. For example, some cows step on a guy, and the guy recognizes a moving

herd ‘stepping on him’: the herd steps on the guy ‘on a member basis’. An opposite example: in 1914, some Serbian terrorists assaulted and killed Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and Austria found Serbia (‘collectively’) guilty. In this case, Serbs were judged to have killed ‘on a whole basis’, and the collective (moral and political) responsibility was distributed across all members.”

Collective

Meta-properties

COLLECTIVE is RIGID (+**R**). COLLECTIVE is CARRYING AN IDENTITY CRITERION (+**I**). COLLECTIVE is not CARRYING A COMMON UNITY CRITERION (-**U**). COLLECTIVE is EXTERNALLY-DEPENDENT (+**D**). COLLECTIVE *one-sided generically constantly depends on* MEMBER. COLLECTIVE *one-sided specifically constantly depends on* CONCEPT.

Properties

[EP/SLD] A COLLECTIVE is a COLLECTION the *members of* which are necessarily AGENTIVES.

Member

Meta-properties

MEMBER is ANTI-RIGID (~**R**). MEMBER is not CARRYING AN IDENTITY CRITERION (-**I**). MEMBER is not CARRYING A COMMON UNITY CRITERION (-**U**). MEMBER is EXTERNALLY-DEPENDENT (+**D**). MEMBER *one-sided generically constantly depends on* COLLECTION.

Properties

[EP/SLD] A MEMBER is an ENDURANT which *is member of* a COLLECTION *during* a TIME INTERVAL.