

AI can learn from data. But can it learn to reason?

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logical reasoning + deep learning

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Can Language Models Perform Logical Reasoning?

Language Models achieve high performance on various “reasoning” benchmarks in NLP.

<p>Kristin and her son Justin went to visit her mother Carol on a nice Sunday afternoon. They went out for a movie together and had a good time.</p> 	<p>Q: How is Carol related to Justin ?</p> <p>A: Carol is the grandmother of Justin</p> 
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Reasoning Example
from the CLUTRR
dataset

It is unclear whether they solve the tasks following the rules of logical deduction.

Language Models:

input → ? → *Carol is the grandmother of Justin.*

Logical Reasoning:

input → *Justin is Kristin's son; Carol is Kristin's mother;* → *Carol is Justin's mother's mother; if X is Y's mother's mother then X is Y's grandmother* → *Carol is the grandmother of Justin.*

SimpleLogic

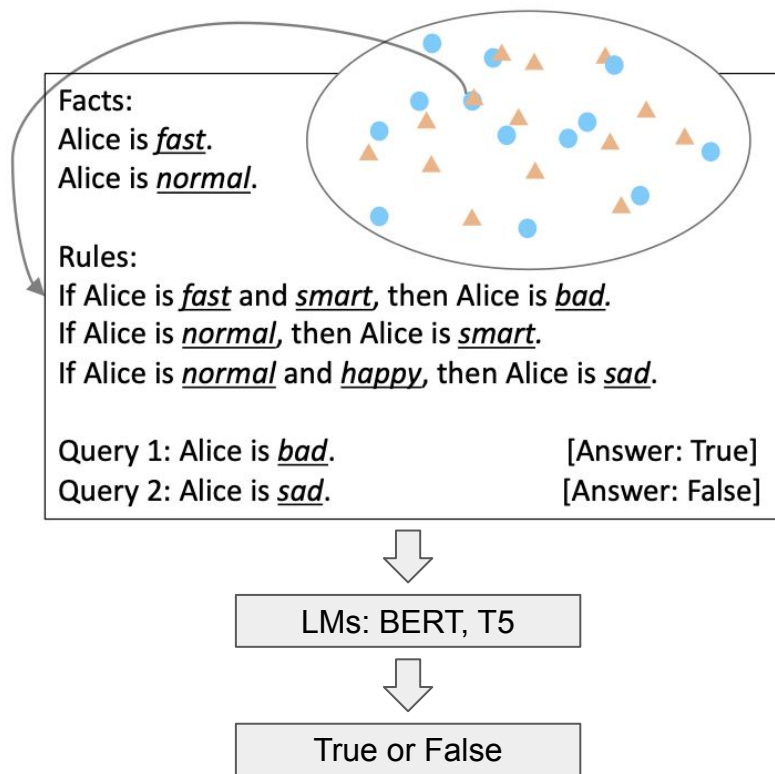
Generate textual train and test examples of the form:

Rules: If witty, then diplomatic. If careless and condemned and attractive, then blushing. If dishonest and inquisitive and average, then shy. If average, then stormy. If popular, then blushing. If talented, then hurt. If popular and attractive, then thoughtless. If blushing and shy and stormy, then inquisitive. If adorable, then popular. If cooperative and wrong and stormy, then thoughtless. If popular, then sensible. If cooperative, then wrong. If shy and cooperative, then witty. If polite and shy and thoughtless, then talented. If polite, then condemned. If polite and wrong, then inquisitive. If dishonest and inquisitive, then talented. If blushing and dishonest, then careless. If inquisitive and dishonest, then troubled. If blushing and stormy, then shy. If diplomatic and talented, then careless. If wrong and beautiful, then popular. If ugly and shy and beautiful, then stormy. If shy and inquisitive and attractive, then diplomatic. If witty and beautiful and frightened, then adorable. If diplomatic and cooperative, then sensible. If thoughtless and inquisitive, then diplomatic. If careless and dishonest and troubled, then cooperative. If hurt and witty and troubled, then dishonest. If scared and diplomatic and troubled, then average. If ugly and wrong and careless, then average. If dishonest and scared, then polite. If talented, then dishonest. If condemned, then wrong. If wrong and troubled and blushing, then scared. If attractive and condemned, then frightened. If hurt and condemned and shy, then witty. If cooperative, then attractive. If careless, then polite. If adorable and wrong and careless, then diplomatic. Facts: Alice sensible Alice condemned Alice thoughtless Alice polite Alice scared Alice average
Query: Alice is shy ?

Problem Setting: SimpleLogic

The easiest of reasoning problems:

1. **Propositional logic** fragment
 - a. bounded vocabulary & number of rules
 - b. bounded reasoning depth (≤ 6)
 - c. finite space ($\approx 10^{360}$)
2. **No language variance**: templated language
3. **Self-contained**
No prior knowledge
4. **Purely symbolic** predicates
No shortcuts from word meaning
5. **Tractable** logic (definite clauses)
Can always be solved efficiently

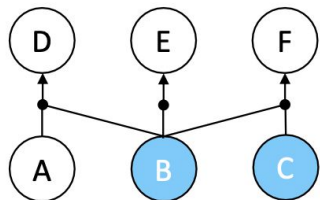


Training a BERT model on SimpleLogic

(1) Randomly sample facts & rules.

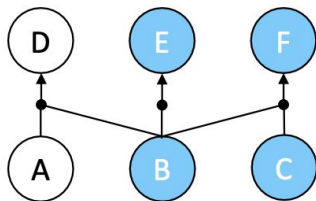
Facts: B, C

Rules: $A, B \rightarrow D$. $B \rightarrow E$. $B, C \rightarrow F$.



Rule-Priority

(2) Compute the correct labels for all predicates given the facts and rules.



Label-Priority



(1) Randomly assign labels to predicates.

True: B, C, E, F.

False: A, D.

(2) Set B, C (randomly chosen among B, C, E, F) as facts and sample rules (randomly) consistent with the label assignments.

Test accuracy for different reasoning depths

Test	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
RP	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.3	98.3	97.5	95.5

Test	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
LP	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.7	99.7	99.0

Has BERT learned to reason from data?

1. Easiest of reasoning problems (no variance, self-contained, purely symbolic, tractable)
2. RP/LP data covers the whole problem space
3. The learned model has almost 100% test accuracy
4. There exist BERT parameters that compute the ground-truth reasoning function:

Theorem 1: *For a BERT model with n layers and 12 attention heads, by construction, there exists a set of parameters such that the model can correctly solve any reasoning problem in SimpleLogic that requires at most $n - 2$ steps of reasoning.*

**Surely, under these conditions,
BERT has learned the ground-truth reasoning function!**



The Paradox of Learning to Reason from Data

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RP	RP	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.3	98.3	97.5	95.5
	LP	99.8	99.8	99.3	96.0	90.4	75.0	57.3
LP	RP	97.3	66.9	53.0	54.2	59.5	65.6	69.2
	LP	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.7	99.7	99.0

The BERT model trained on one distribution fails to generalize to the other distribution within the same problem space.



1. If BERT **has learned** to reason, it should not exhibit such generalization failure.
2. If BERT **has not learned** to reason, it is baffling how it achieves near-perfect in-distribution test accuracy.

Why? Statistical Features

Monotonicity of entailment:

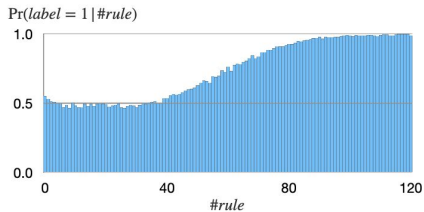
Any rules can be freely added to the hypothesis of any proven fact.



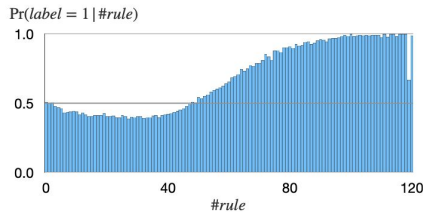
The more rules given, the more likely a predicate will be proved.



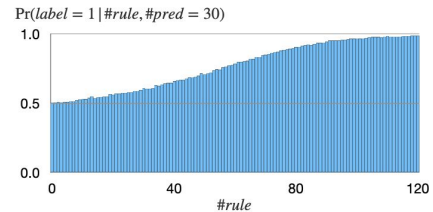
$\Pr(\text{label} = \text{True} \mid \text{Rule \#} = x)$ should increase (roughly) monotonically with x



(a) Statistics for examples generated by Rule-Priority (RP).



(b) Statistics for examples generated by Label-Priority (LP).



(c) Statistics for examples generated by uniform sampling;

BERT leverages statistical features to make predictions

RP_b downsamples from RP such that $\Pr(\text{label} = \text{True} \mid \text{rule\#} = x) = 0.5$ for all x

Train	Test	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
	RP	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.3	98.3	97.5	95.5
RP	RP_b	99.0	99.3	98.5	97.5	96.7	93.5	88.3

1. Accuracy drop from RP to RP_b indicates that **the model is using rule# as a statistical feature to make predictions.**
2. Potentially countless statistical features
3. Such features are **inherent to the reasoning problem**, cannot make data “clean”

First Conclusion

Experiments unveil the fundamental difference between

1. learning to reason, and
2. learning to achieve high performance on benchmarks using statistical features.

Be careful deploying AI in applications where this difference matters.

FAQ: Do bigger transformers solve this problem? No, already 99% accurate...

FAQ: Will reasoning emerge? Perhaps on 99% of human behavior...

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Controlled generation is still challenging ...

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generate a sentence with "pan" as the third word and "vegetable" as the fifth word.



The chef used the pan to gently sauté the diced vegetable for their delicious stir-fry dish.



more reasoning!

Generate image



What do we have?

Prefix: “The weather is”

Constraint α : text contains “winter”

Model only does $p(\text{next-token}|\text{prefix}) =$

intractable

cold	0.05
warm	0.10

Train some $q(.|\alpha)$ for a specific task distribution $\alpha \sim p_{\text{task}}$
(*amortized inference, encoder, masked model, seq2seq, prompt tuning,...*)

Train $q(\text{next-token}|\text{prefix}, \alpha)$

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Generate from $p(\text{next-token}|\text{prefix}, \alpha) =$

cold	0.50
warm	0.01

$$\propto \sum_{\text{text}} p(\text{next-token}, \text{text}, \text{prefix}, \alpha)$$

Marginalization!

Tractable Probabilistic Models

Tractable Probabilistic Models (TPMs) model **joint probability distributions** (just like auto-regressive LMs) and allow **efficient** computation of various probabilistic queries.

e.g., efficient marginalization:

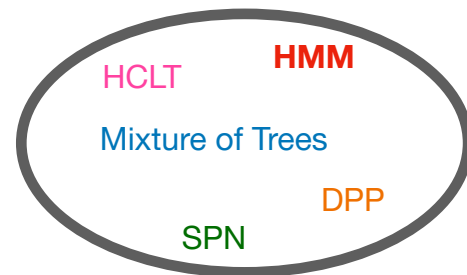
$$p_{\text{TPM}}(\text{3rd token} = \text{pan}, \text{5th token} = \text{vegetable})$$

in particular ...

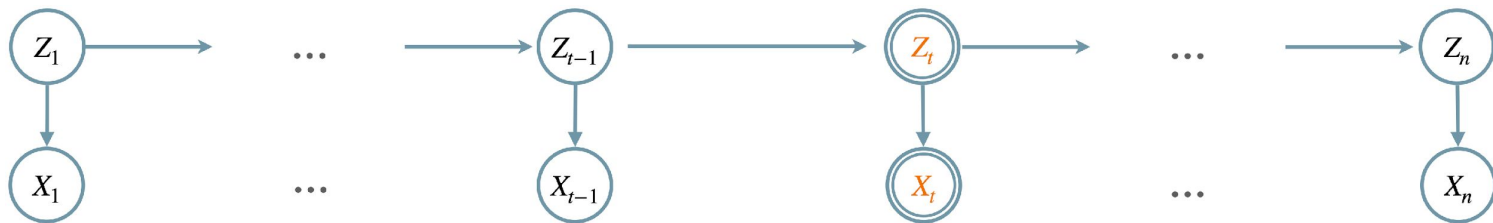
$$\sum_{\text{sentence}} p_{\text{TPM}}(\text{sentence}, \text{next-token} = \text{"warm"}, \text{prefix} = \text{"The weather is"}, \alpha)$$

→ Efficient conditioning given lexical constraints : $p_{\text{TPM}}(\text{next-token} \mid \text{prefix}, \alpha)$

Probabilistic Generating Circuits



Step 1: Distill an HMM p_{hmm} that approximates p_{gpt}



1. An HMM with 4096 hidden states and 50k emission tokens
2. Train the HMM on data sampled from GPT2-large (domain-adapted, either via prompting or fine-tuning), effectively minimizing $\text{KL}(p_{\text{gpt}} // p_{\text{HMM}})$
3. Training leverages the latent variable distillation technique (ICLR 23'), roughly: we cluster embeddings of the training examples to estimate latent variables Z_i

Pipeline Overview

Lexical Constraint α : sentence contains keyword "winter"

Constrained Generation: $\Pr(x_{t+1} | \alpha, x_{1:t} = \text{"the weather is"})$

✗ intractable

✓ efficient

Pre-trained Language Model

Tractable Probabilistic Model

Minimize KL-divergence

x_{t+1}	$\Pr_{LM}(x_{t+1} x_{1:t})$
cold	0.05
warm	0.10

x_{t+1}	$\Pr_{TPM}(\alpha x_{t+1}, x_{1:t})$
cold	0.50
warm	0.01

x_{t+1}	$p(x_{t+1} \alpha, x_{1:t})$
cold	0.025
warm	0.001

Computing $p_{\text{hmm}}(\alpha \mid x_{1:t+1})$

Let α be a conjunctive normal form (CNF) with m clauses:

$$(w_{1,1} \vee \dots \vee w_{1,d_1}) \wedge \dots \wedge (w_{m,1} \vee \dots \vee w_{m,d_m})$$

where each w_{ij} is a keyword (i.e. a string of tokens), which also represents the constraint that w_{ij} appears in the generated text.

e.g., $\alpha = (\text{"swims"} \vee \text{"like swimming"}) \wedge (\text{"lake"} \vee \text{"pool"})$

Given some pre-processing with time-complexity $O(2^{|m|}n)$, the time complexity for computing $p_{\text{hmm}}(\alpha, x_{1:t+1})$ is $O(2^{|m|})$, where n is the maximum length for the generated sequence. The overall time-complexity for generation is $O(2^{|m|}n)$.

CommonGen: a Challenging Benchmark

Given 3 to 5 concepts (keywords), our goal is to generate a sentence using all keywords, which can appear in any order and any form of inflections. e.g.,

Input: snow drive car

Reference 1: A car drives down a snow covered road.

Reference 2: Two cars drove through the snow.

$$(w_{1,1} \vee \dots \vee w_{1,d_1}) \wedge \dots \wedge (w_{m,1} \vee \dots \vee w_{m,d_m})$$

Each clause represents the inflections for one keyword.

Step 2: Control p_{gpt} via p_{hmm}

Unsupervised

Language model is not
fine-tuned/prompted to satisfy constraints

By Bayes rule:

$$p_{gpt}(x_{t+1} | x_{1:t}, \alpha) \propto p_{gpt}(\alpha | x_{1:t+1}) \cdot p_{gpt}(x_{t+1} | x_{1:t})$$

Assume $p_{hmm}(\alpha | x_{1:t+1}) \approx p_{gpt}(\alpha | x_{1:t+1})$, we
generate from:

$$p(x_{t+1} | x_{1:t}, \alpha) \propto p_{hmm}(\alpha | x_{1:t+1}) \cdot p_{gpt}(x_{t+1} | x_{1:t})$$

Method	Generation Quality				Constraint Satisfaction			
	ROUGE-L		BLEU-4		Coverage		Success Rate	
<i>Unsupervised</i>	<i>dev</i>	<i>test</i>	<i>dev</i>	<i>test</i>	<i>dev</i>	<i>test</i>	<i>dev</i>	<i>test</i>
InsNet (Lu et al., 2022a)	-	-	18.7	-	100.0		100.0	-
NeuroLogic (Lu et al., 2021)	-	41.9	-	24.7	-	96.7	-	-
A*esque (Lu et al., 2022b)	-	44.3	-	28.6	-	97.1	-	-
NADO (Meng et al., 2022)	-	-	26.2	-	96.1	-	-	-
Ours	44.6	44.1	29.9	29.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Supervised

Language model is fine-tuned to perform constrained generation (e.g. seq2seq)

Empirically $p_{HMM}(\alpha | x_{1:t+1}) \approx p_{gpt}(\alpha | x_{1:t+1})$
does not hold well enough;

we view $p_{HMM}(x_{t+1} | x_{1:t}, \alpha)$ and $p_{gpt}(x_{t+1} | x_{1:t})$ as classifiers trained for the same task with different biases; thus we generate from their weighted geometric mean:

$$p(x_{t+1} | x_{1:t}, \alpha) \propto p_{hmm}(x_{t+1} | x_{1:t}, \alpha)^w \cdot p_{gpt}(x_{t+1} | x_{1:t})^{1-w}$$

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NeuroLogic (Lu et al., 2021)	-	42.8	-	26.7	-	97.7	-	93.9 [†]
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Ours	46.0	45.6	34.1	32.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Advantages of our framework:

1. Constraint α is guaranteed to be satisfied: for any next-token x_{t+1} that would make α unsatisfiable, $p(x_{t+1} | x_{1:t}, \alpha) = 0$ for both the supervised and unsupervised settings.
2. Training p_{hmm} to approximate p_{gpt} does not depend on α , which is only imposed at inference (generation) time. Hence, once p_{hmm} is trained, we can impose whatever α without re-training.
3. In addition to the keyword-type constraint α of the CNF form, we can in addition impose the following constraints:
 - The keywords are generated following a particular order.
 - (Some) keywords must appear at a particular position.
 - (Some) keywords must not appear in the generated sentence.

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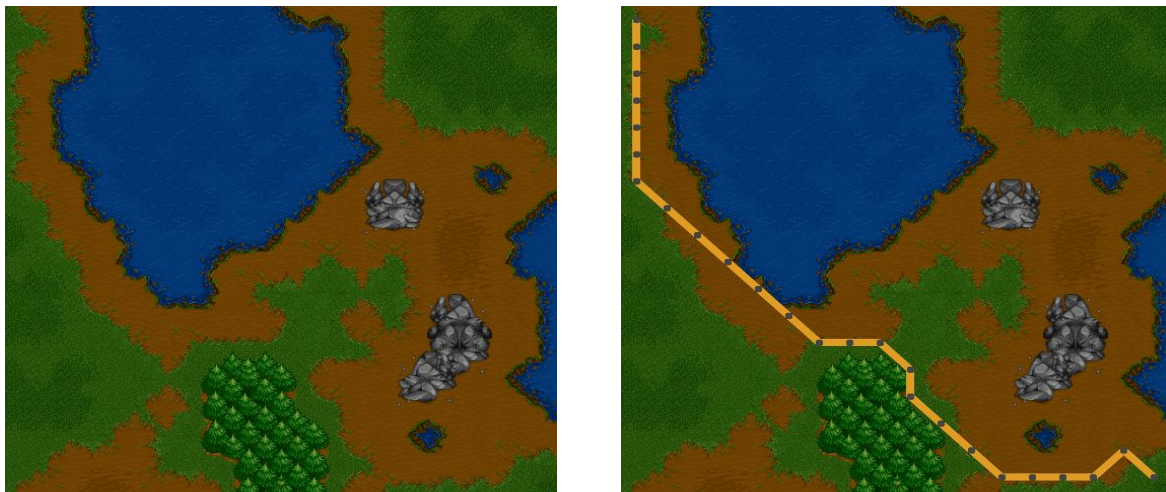
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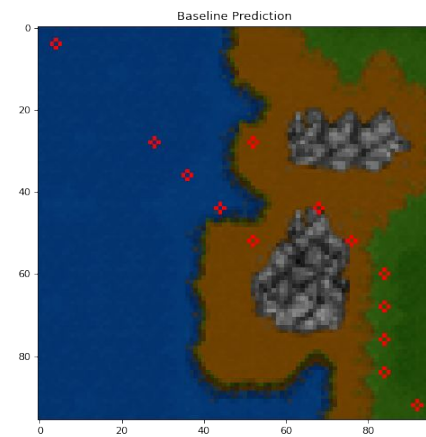
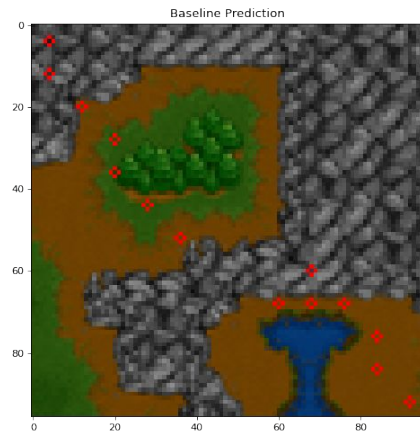
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Warcraft Shortest Path

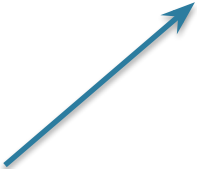


// for a 12×12 grid, 2^{144} states but only 10^{10} valid ones!




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*Is prediction
the shortest path?*
This is the real task!



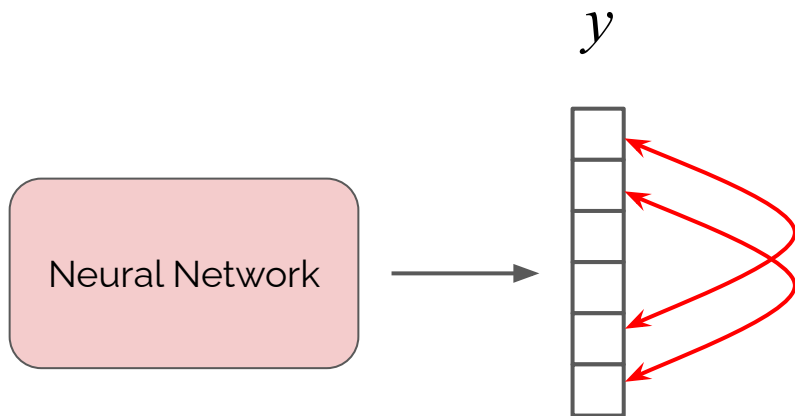
*Are individual
edge predictions
correct?*



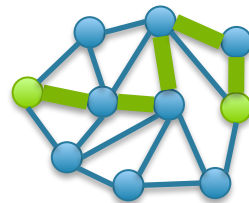
*Is output
a path?*



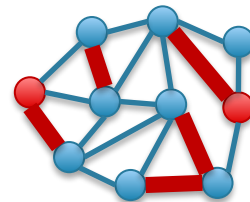
Declarative Knowledge of the Output



How is the output structured?
Are all possible outputs valid?



vs.



How are the outputs related to each other?

Learning this from data is inefficient
Much easier to express this declaratively

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PyTorch Code

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    py = model(x)  
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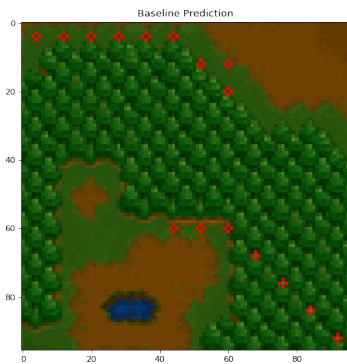
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3 pylon derives the gradients
(solves a combinatorial problem)

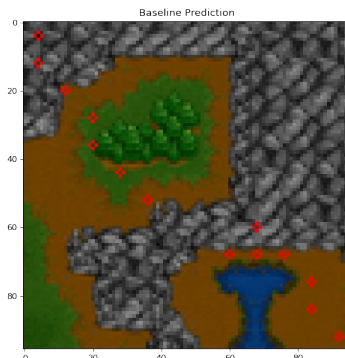
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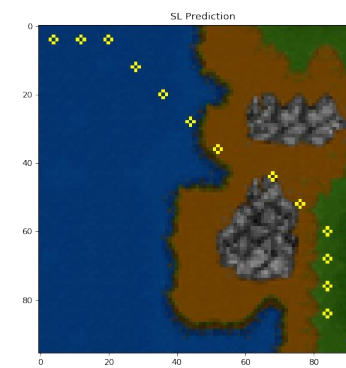
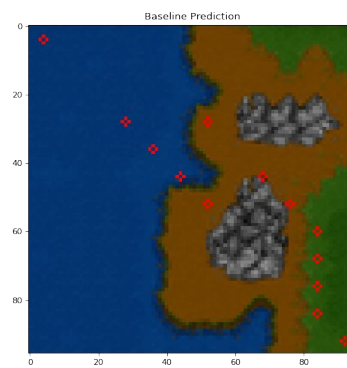
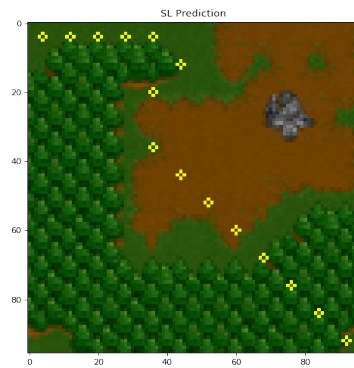
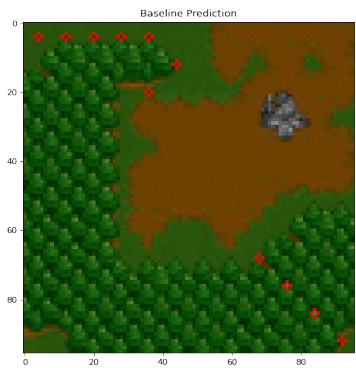
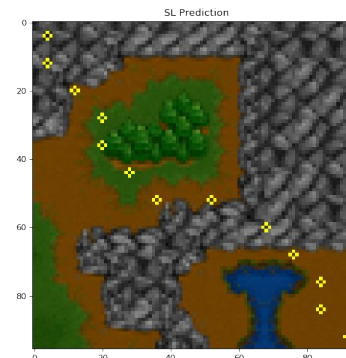
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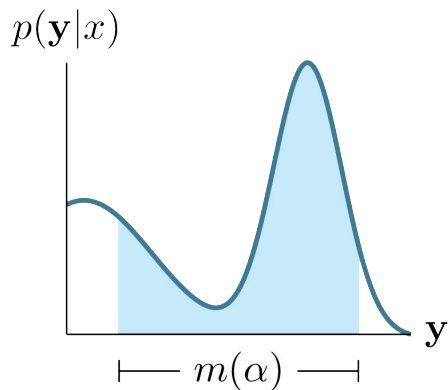


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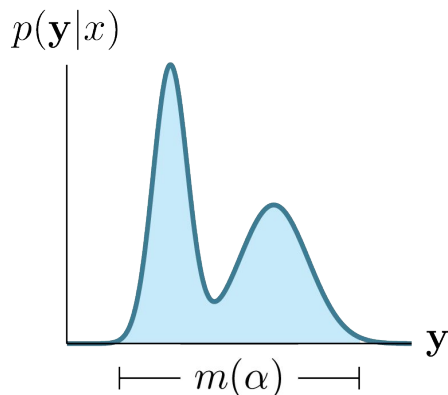


with constraint





a) A network uncertain over both valid & invalid predictions



c) A network allocating most of its mass to models of constraint

$$L^S(\alpha, \mathbf{p}) \propto -\log \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \models \alpha} \prod_{i: \mathbf{x} \models X_i} p_i \prod_{i: \mathbf{x} \models \neg X_i} (1 - p_i)}_{\text{Probability of satisfying constraint } \alpha \text{ after sampling from neural net output layer } \mathbf{p}}$$

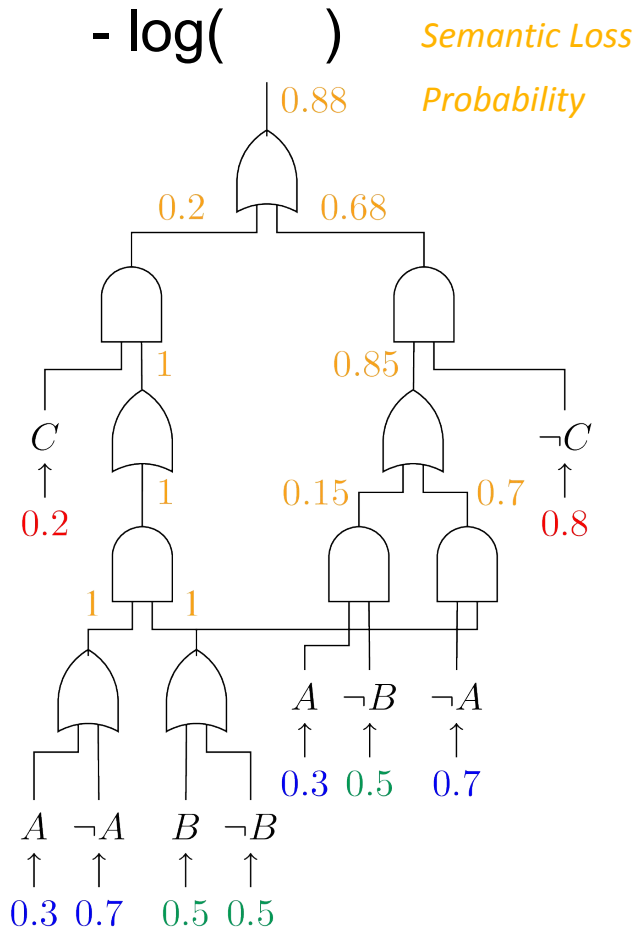
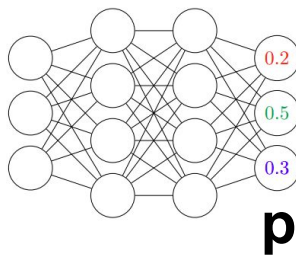
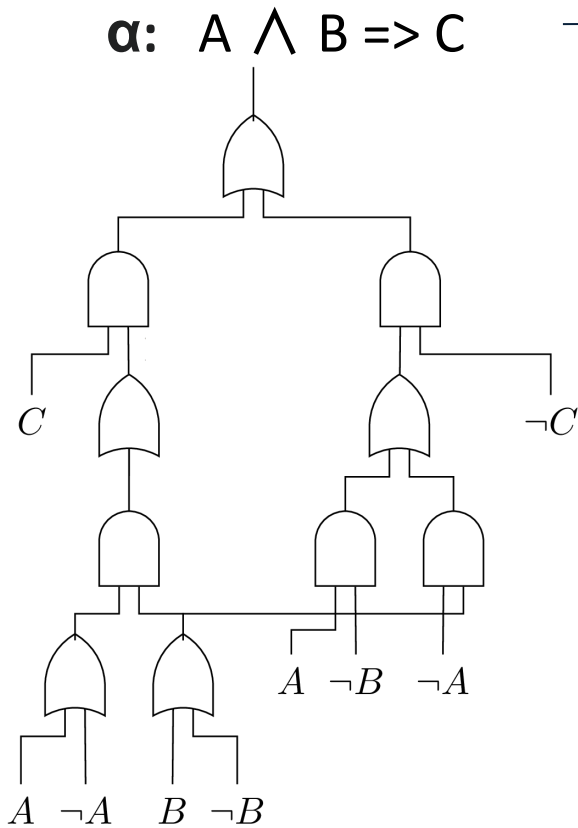


Semantic Loss

Probability of satisfying constraint α after sampling from neural net output layer \mathbf{p}

In general: #P-hard 😞

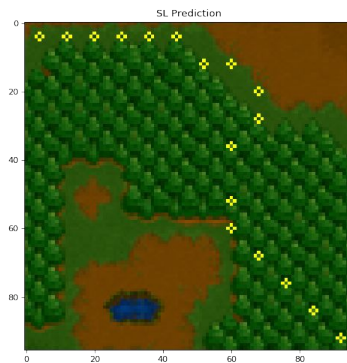
Do this probabilistic-logical reasoning during learning in a computation graph



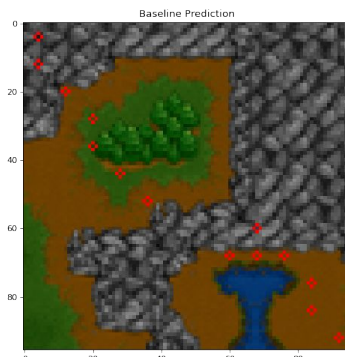
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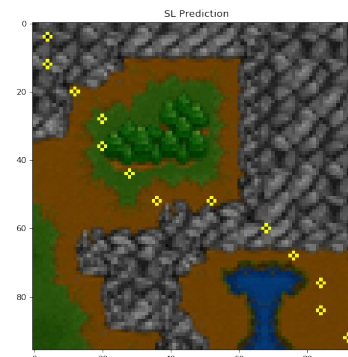
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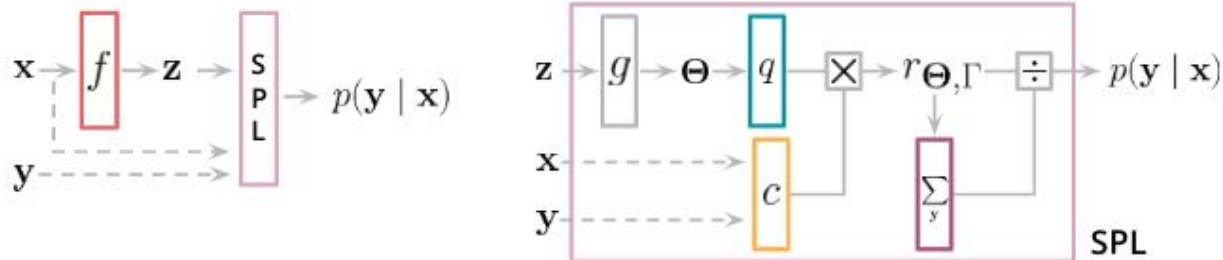
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Semantic Probabilistic Layers

- How to give a 100% guarantee that Boolean constraints will be satisfied?
- Bake the constraint into the neural network as a special layer



- Secret sauce is tractable circuits – computation graphs for reasoning



GROUND TRUTH



RESNET-18



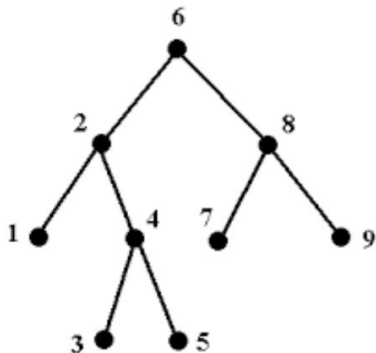
SEMANTIC LOSS



SPL (ours)

ARCHITECTURE	EXACT MATCH	HAMMING SCORE	CONSISTENCY
RESNET-18+FIL	55.0	97.7	56.9
RESNET-18+ \mathcal{L}_{SL}	59.4	97.7	61.2
RESNET-18+SPL	75.1	97.6	100.0
OVERPARAM. SDD	78.2	96.3	100.0

Hierarchical Multi-Label Classification

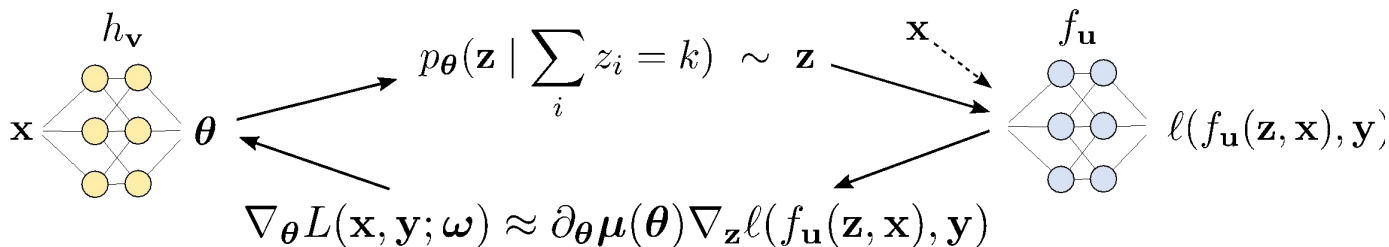


“if the image is classified as a dog, it must also be classified as an animal”

“if the image is classified as an animal, it must be classified as either cat or dog”

DATASET	EXACT MATCH	
	HMCNN	MLP+SPL
CELLCYCLE	3.05 ± 0.11	3.79 ± 0.18
DERISI	1.39 ± 0.47	2.28 ± 0.23
EISEN	5.40 ± 0.15	6.18 ± 0.33
EXPR	4.20 ± 0.21	5.54 ± 0.36
GASCH1	3.48 ± 0.96	4.65 ± 0.30
GASCH2	3.11 ± 0.08	3.95 ± 0.28
SEQ	5.24 ± 0.27	7.98 ± 0.28
SPO	1.97 ± 0.06	1.92 ± 0.11
DIATOMS	48.21 ± 0.57	58.71 ± 0.68
ENRON	5.97 ± 0.56	8.18 ± 0.68
IMCLEF07A	79.75 ± 0.38	86.08 ± 0.45
IMCLEF07D	76.47 ± 0.35	81.06 ± 0.68

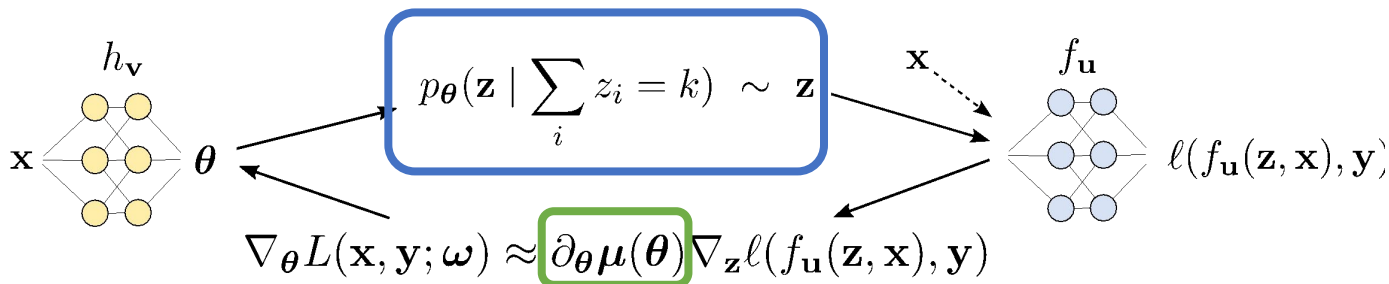
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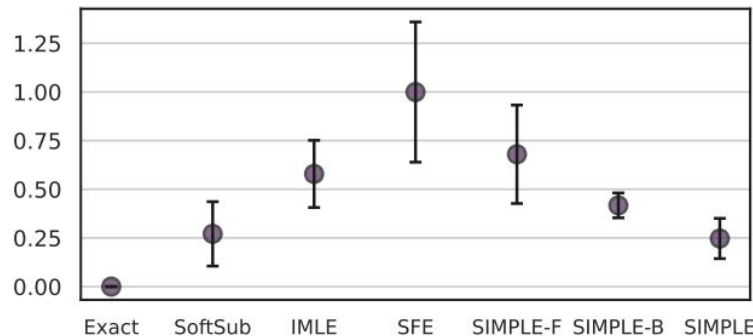
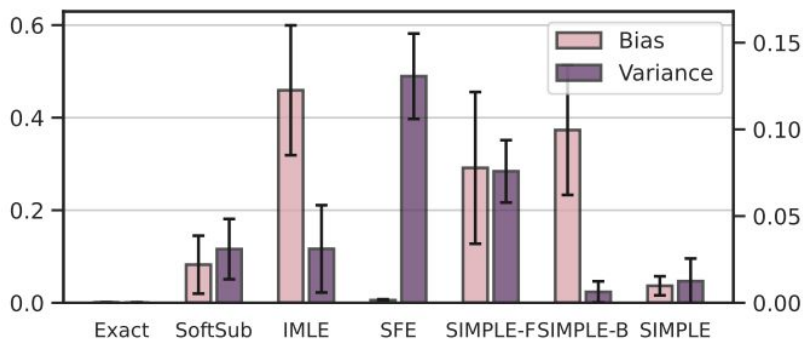
Example.
Learning to Explain (L2X)

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We achieve **lower bias and variance** by **exact, discrete samples** and **exact derivative of conditional marginals**.



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Results for three aspects with $k = 10$

Method	Appearance		Palate		Taste	
	Test MSE	Precision	Test MSE	Precision	Test MSE	Precision
SIMPLE (Ours)	2.35 ± 0.28	66.81 ± 7.56	2.68 ± 0.06	44.78 ± 2.75	2.11 ± 0.02	42.31 ± 0.61
L2X ($t = 0.1$)	10.70 ± 4.82	30.02 ± 15.82	6.70 ± 0.63	50.39 ± 13.58	6.92 ± 1.61	32.23 ± 4.92
SoftSub ($t = 0.5$)	2.48 ± 0.10	52.86 ± 7.08	2.94 ± 0.08	39.17 ± 3.17	2.18 ± 0.10	41.98 ± 1.42
I-MLE ($\tau = 30$)	2.51 ± 0.05	65.47 ± 4.95	2.96 ± 0.04	40.73 ± 3.15	2.38 ± 0.04	41.38 ± 1.55

Results for aspect Aroma, for k in {5, 10, 15}

Method	$k = 5$		$k = 10$		$k = 15$	
	Test MSE	Precision	Test MSE	Precision	Test MSE	Precision
SIMPLE (Ours)	2.27 ± 0.05	57.30 ± 3.04	2.23 ± 0.03	47.17 ± 2.11	3.20 ± 0.04	53.18 ± 1.09
L2X ($t = 0.1$)	5.75 ± 0.30	33.63 ± 6.91	6.68 ± 1.08	26.65 ± 9.39	7.71 ± 0.64	23.49 ± 10.93
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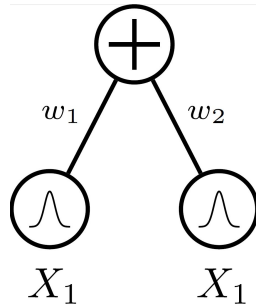
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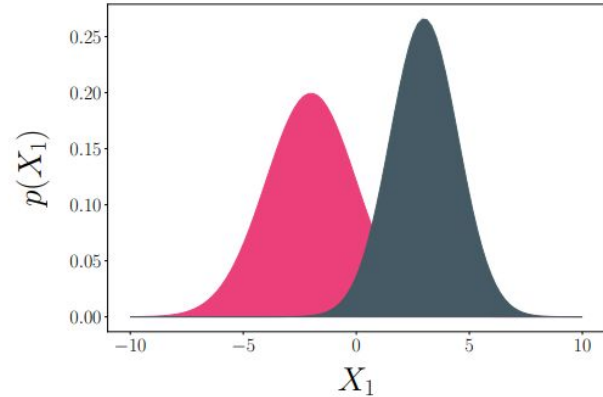
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mixtures



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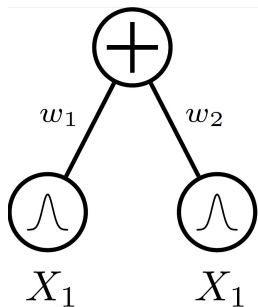
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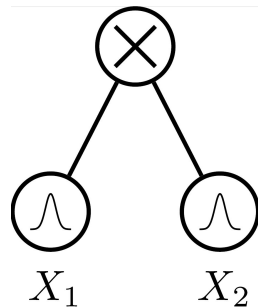


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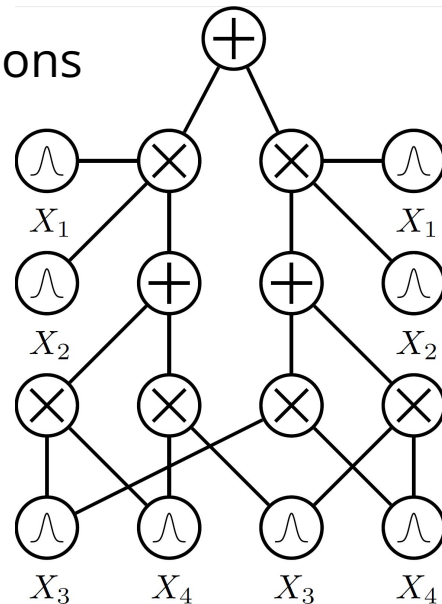
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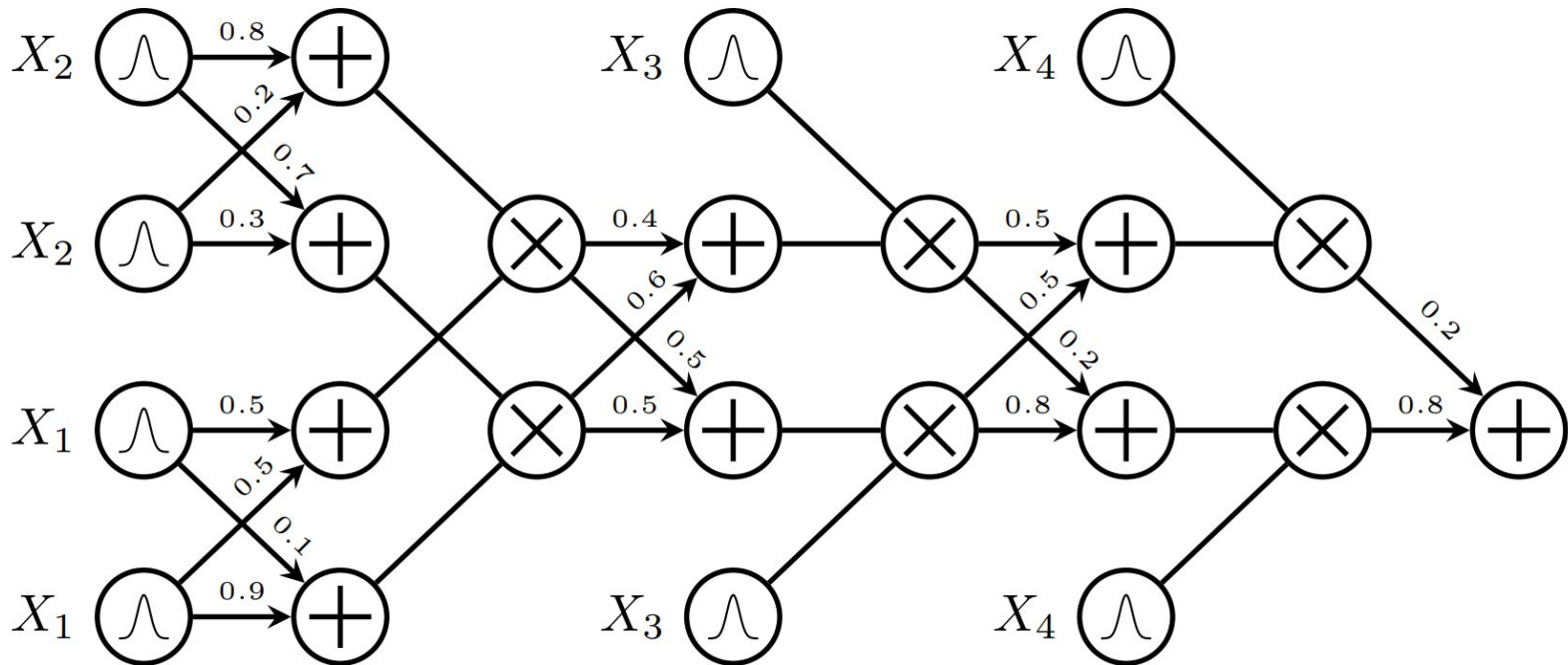
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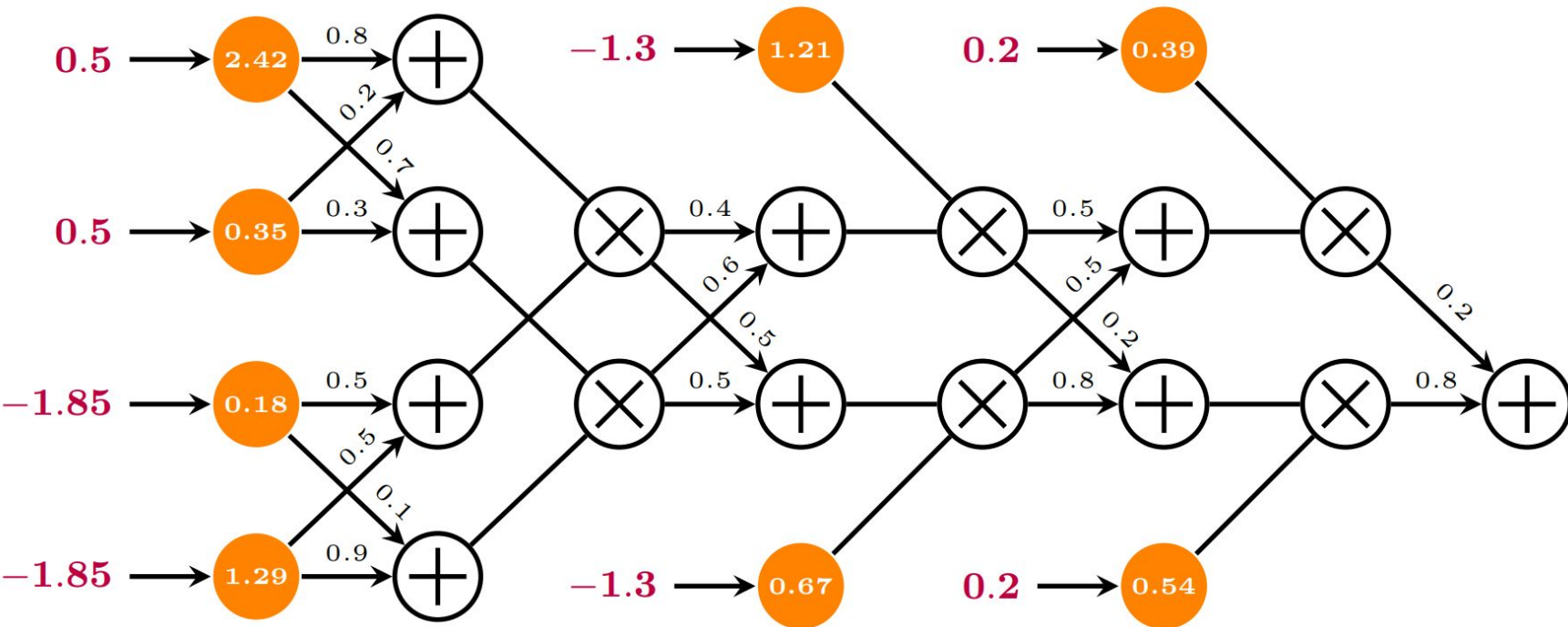
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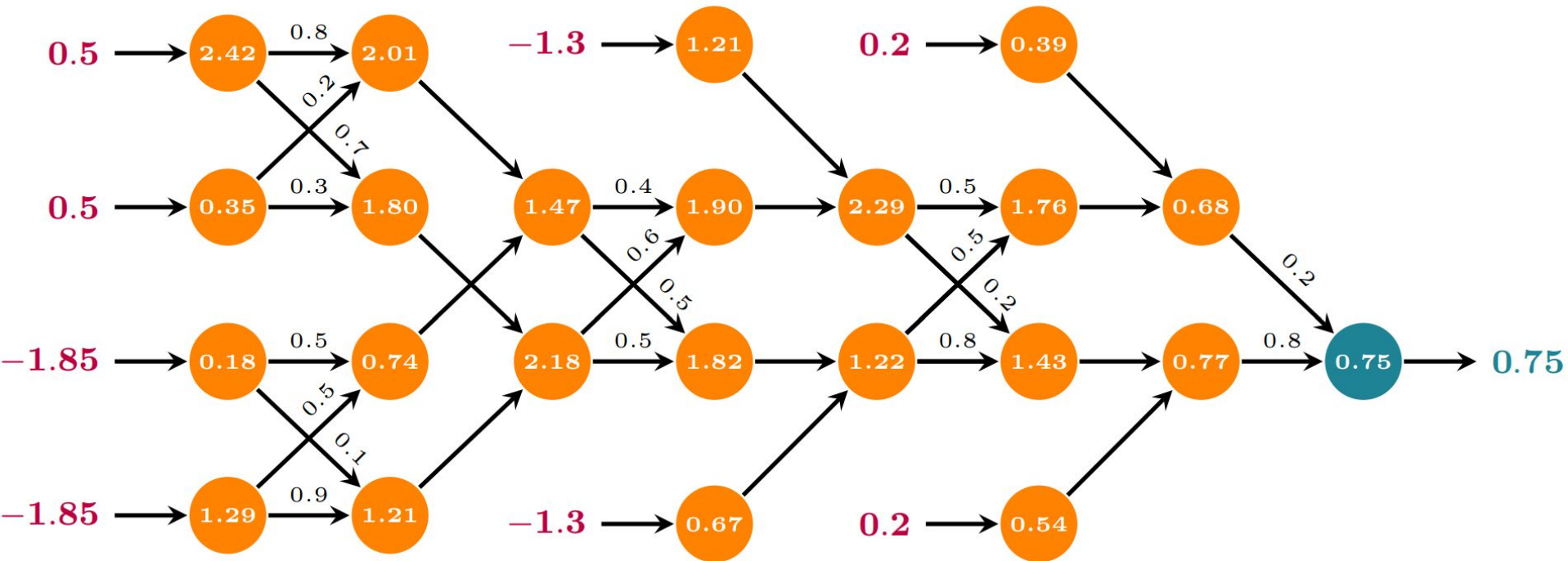
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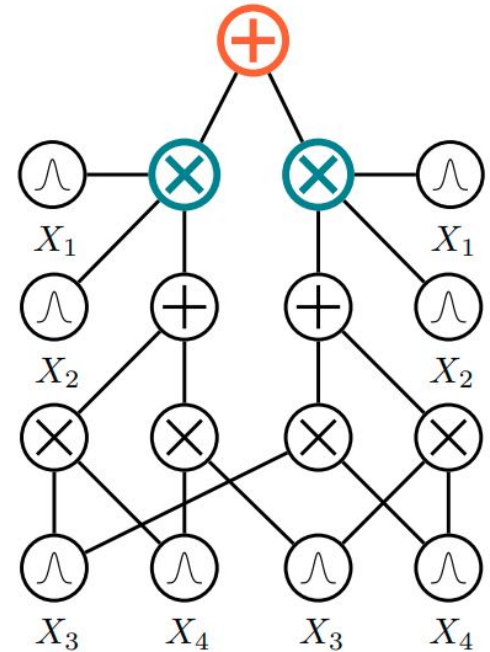
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\Rightarrow integrals are "pushed down" to children

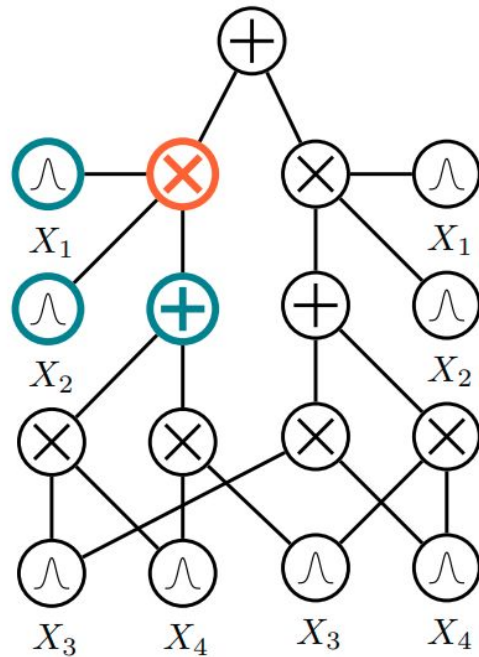


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If $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = p(\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{y})p(\mathbf{z})$, (**decomposability**):

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \int \int p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) dx dy dz = \\ &= \int \int \int p(\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{y})p(\mathbf{z}) dx dy dz = \\ &= \int p(\mathbf{x}) dx \int p(\mathbf{y}) dy \int p(\mathbf{z}) dz \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow integrals decompose into easier ones



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Forward pass evaluation for MAR

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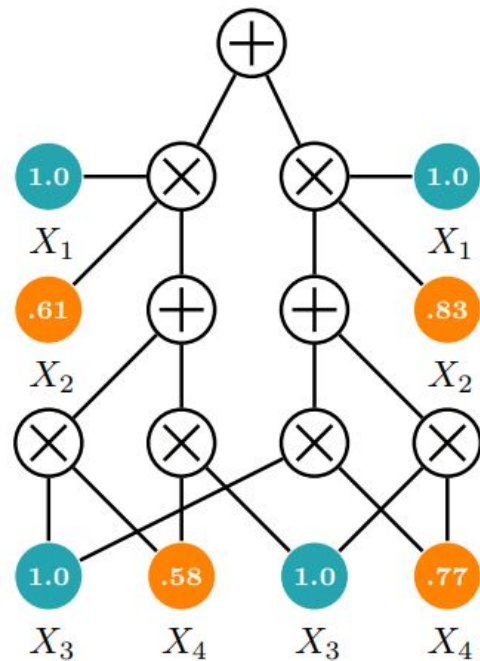
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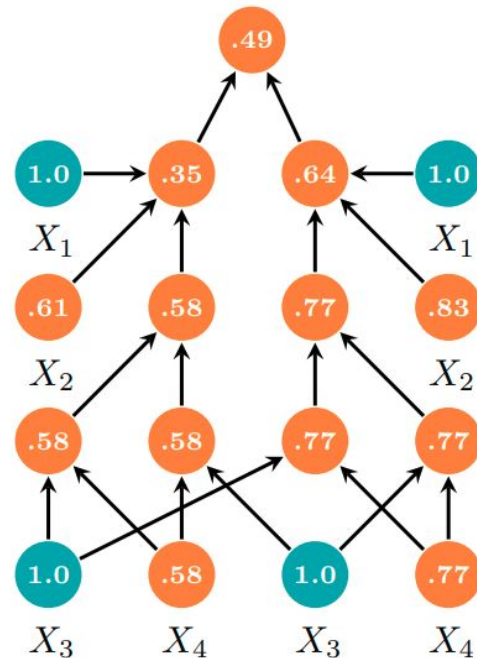
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Learn more about probabilistic circuits?



Tutorial (3h)

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Overview Paper (80p)

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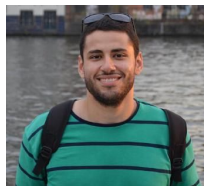
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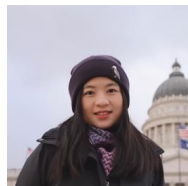
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