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

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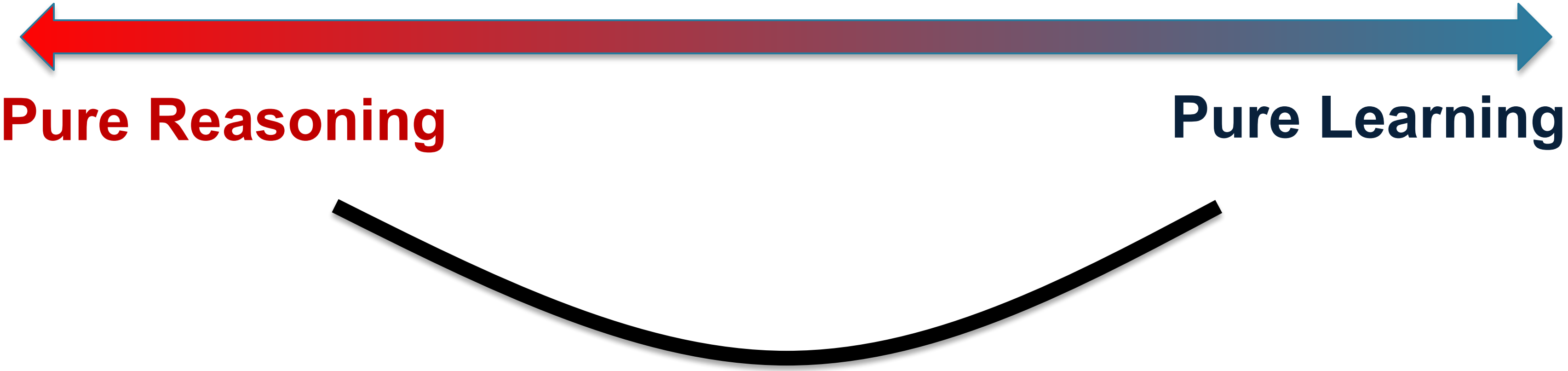
The AI Dilemma



Integrate reasoning into modern deep learning algorithms

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   probabilistic reasoning + *deep learning*

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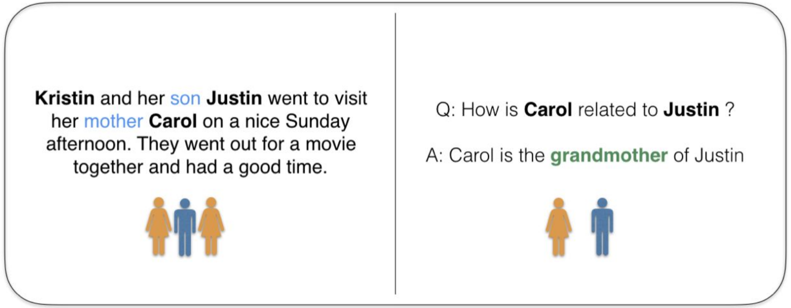
Can Language Models Perform Logical Reasoning?

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



Reasoning Example from the CLUTRR dataset

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

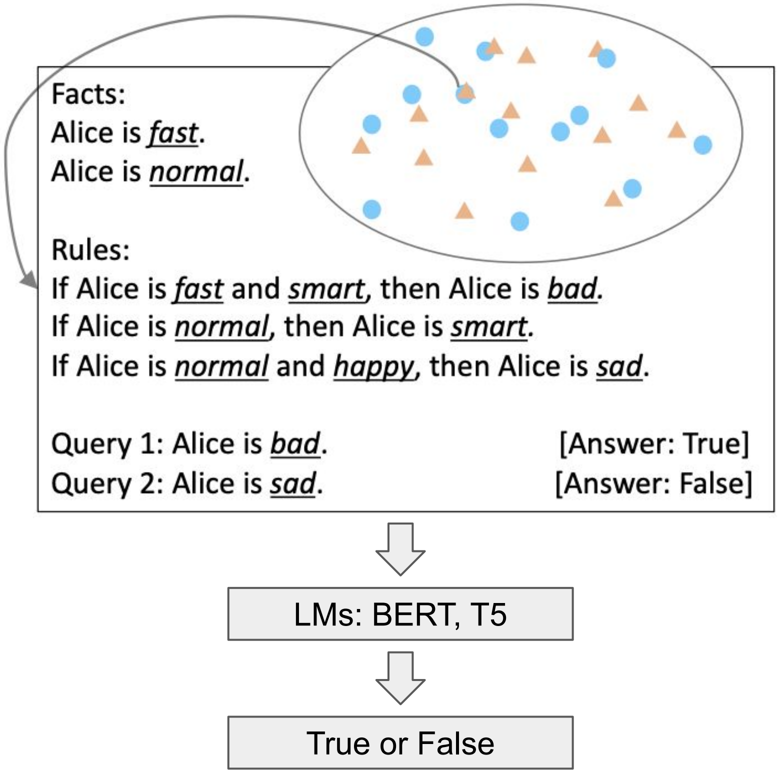
Language Models:
input → ? → Carol is the grandmother of Justin.

Reasoning:
input → Justin in 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.

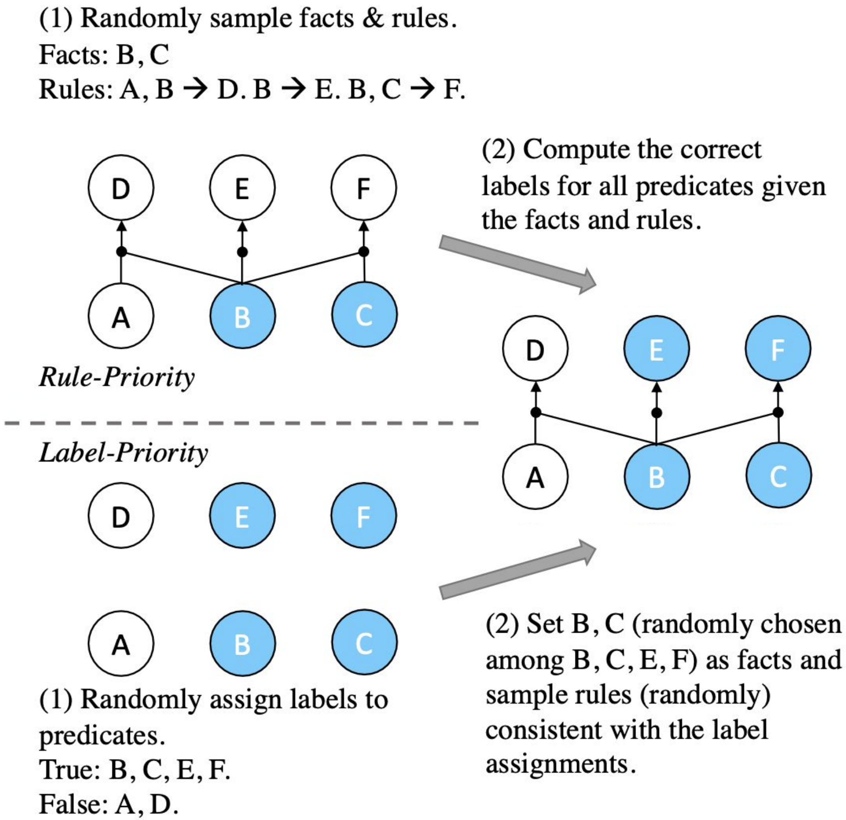
Problem Setting: SimpleLogic

The easiest of reasoning problems:

1. **Propositional logic** fragment
    a. bounded vocabulary & number of rules
    b. bounded reasoning depth (≤ 6)
    c. finite space (≈ 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



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

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LP	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.7	99.7	99.0

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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!

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	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.

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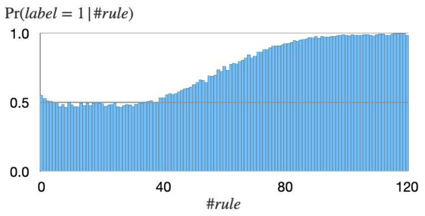
Why? Statistical Features

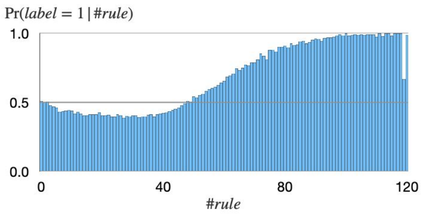
Monotonicity of entailment:
Any rules can be freely added to the hypothesis of any proven fact.

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

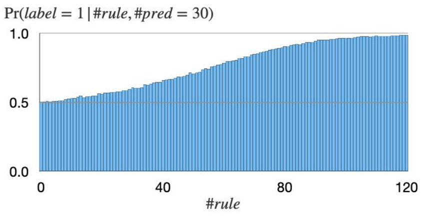
Pr(label = True | Rule # = x) should increase (roughly) monotonically with x



(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(label = True | rule# = x) = 0.5 for all x

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RP	RP	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.3	98.3	97.5	95.5
	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. Though removing one statistical feature from training data can help with model generalization, there are potentially countless statistical features and it is computationally infeasible to jointly remove them.

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First Conclusion

Experiments unveil the fundamental difference between

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

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Fully factorized

NaiveBayes AndOrGraphs PDGs

Trees PSDDs CNets LTMs SPNs NADEs

Thin Junction Trees ACs MADEs MAFs VAEs

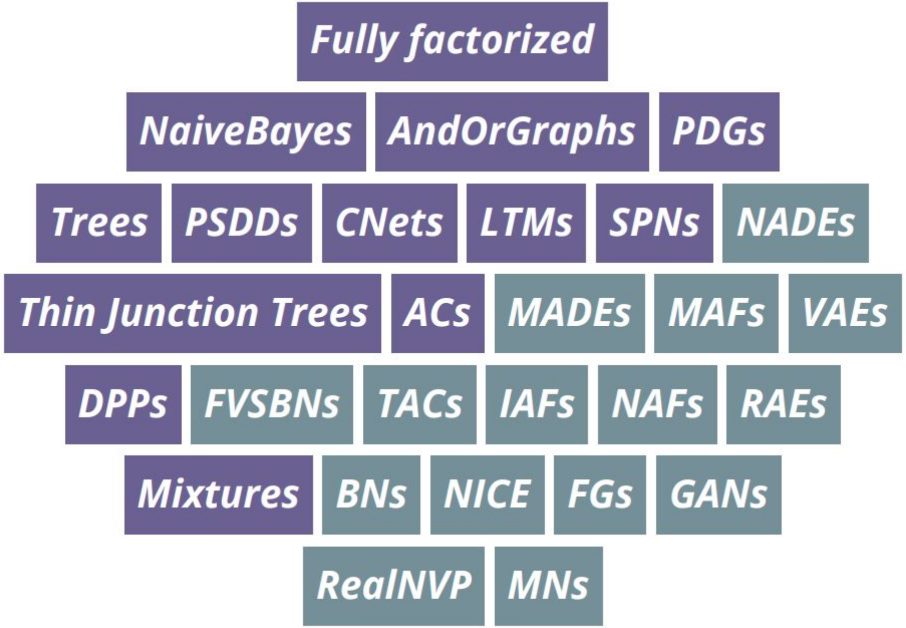
DPPs FVSBNs TACs IAFs NAFs RAEs

Mixtures BNs NICE FGs GANs

RealNVP MNs

Intractable and *tractable* models

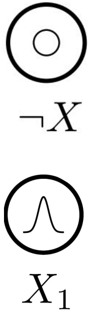
Probabilistic circuits

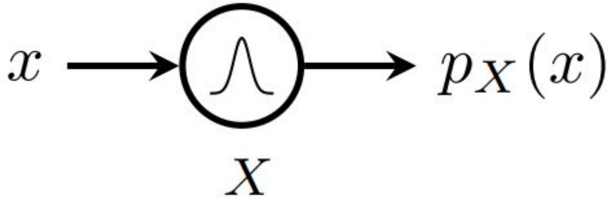


a *unifying framework* for tractable models

Probabilistic circuits

computational graphs that recursively define distributions





Simple distributions are tractable “black boxes” for:

- EVI: output $p(\mathbf{x})$ (density or mass)
- MAR: output 1 (normalized) or Z (unnormalized)
- MAP: output the mode

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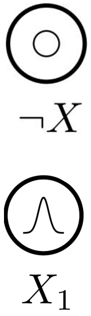

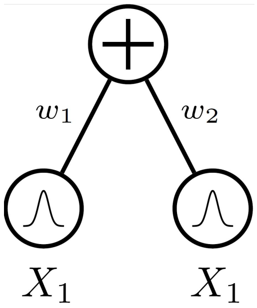

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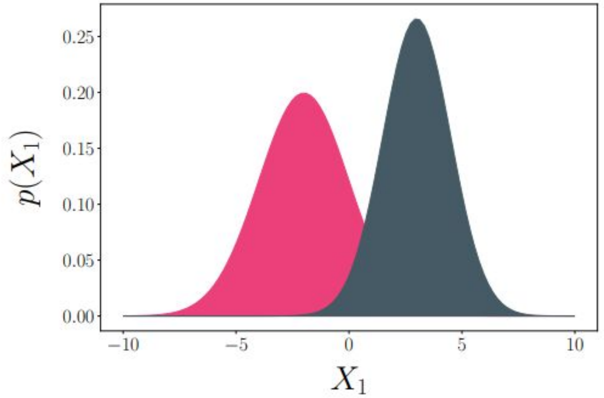
mixtures



$$p(X) = p(Z = \boxed{1}) \cdot p_1(X|Z = \boxed{1}) + p(Z = \boxed{2}) \cdot p_2(X|Z = \boxed{2})$$

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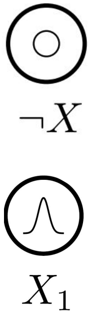

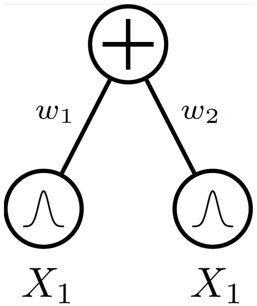

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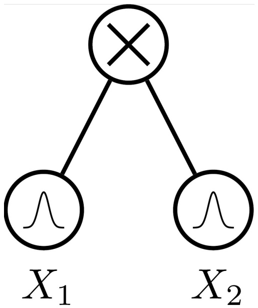

$p(X_1, X_2) = p(X_1) \cdot p(X_2)$

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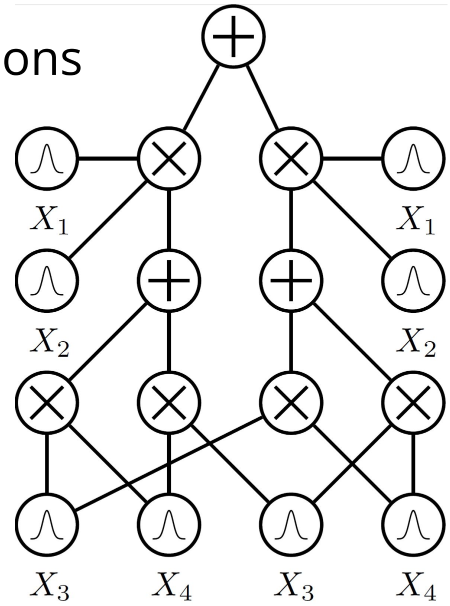
factorizations



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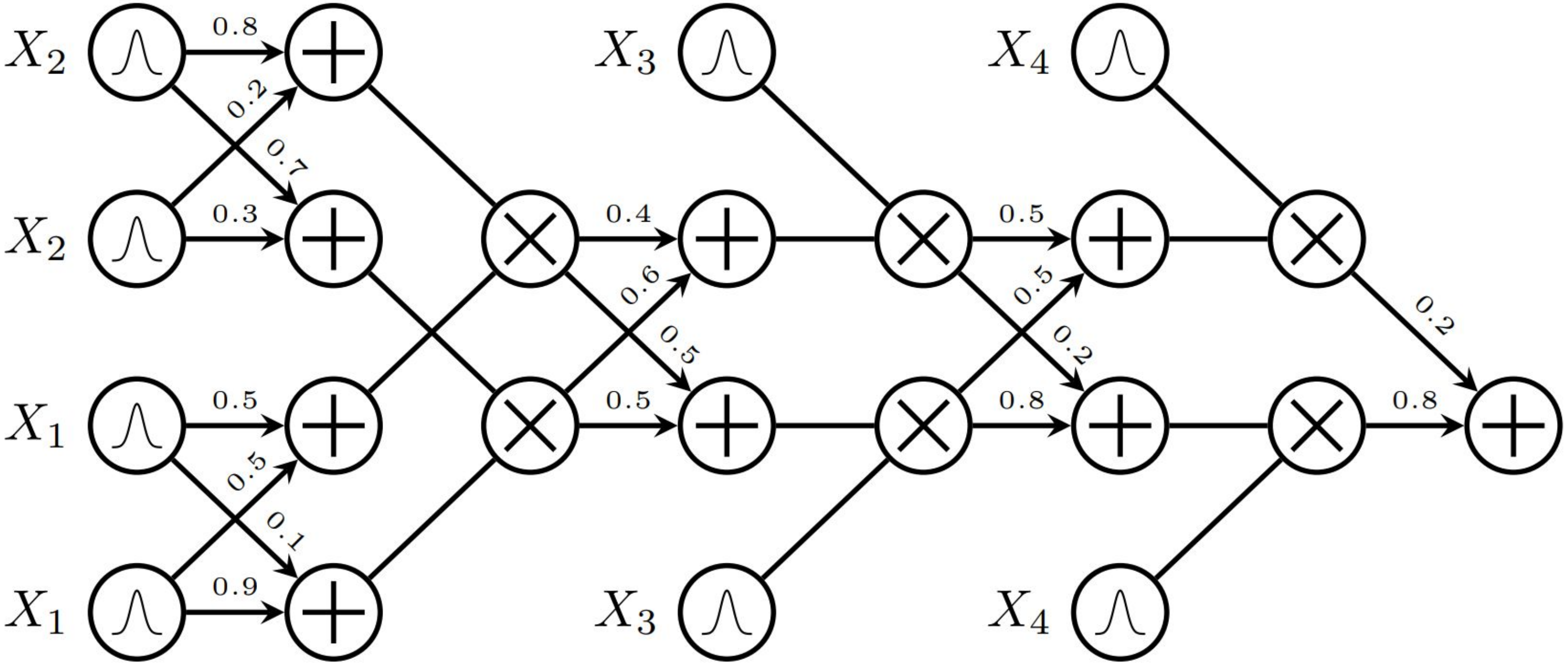

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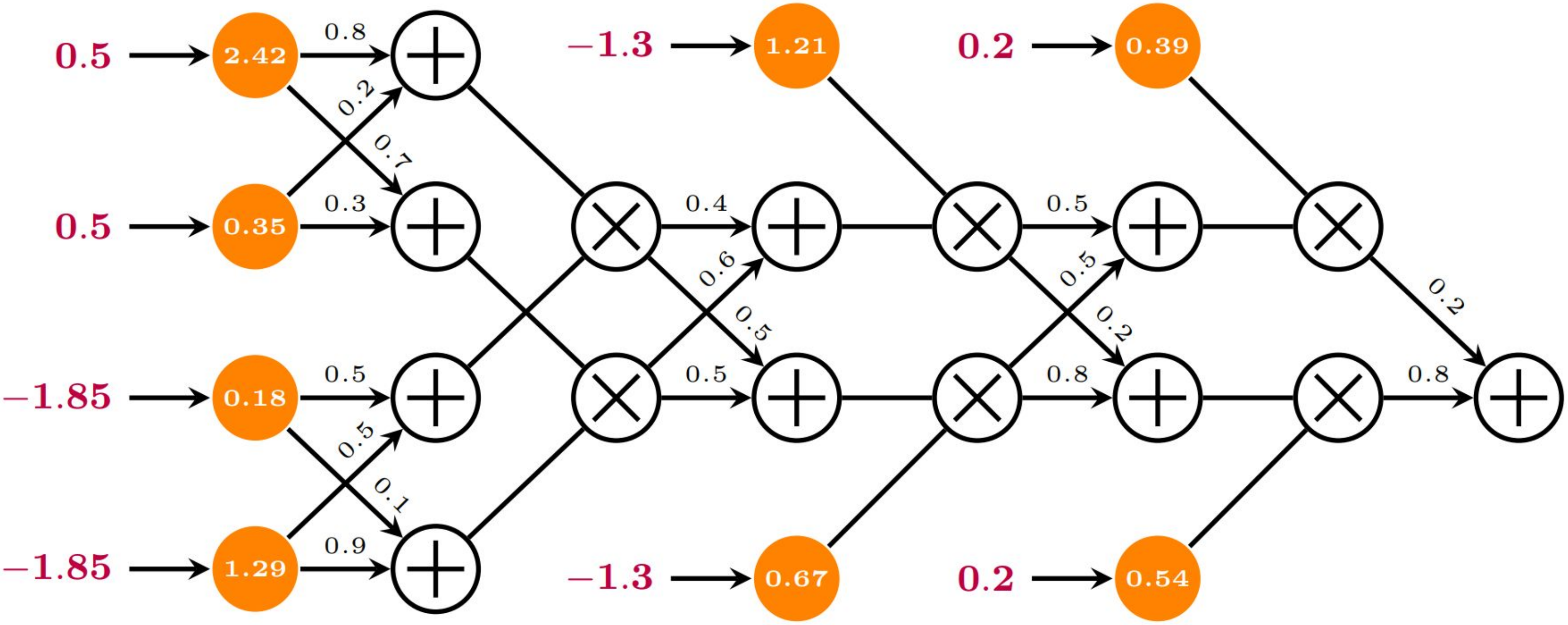

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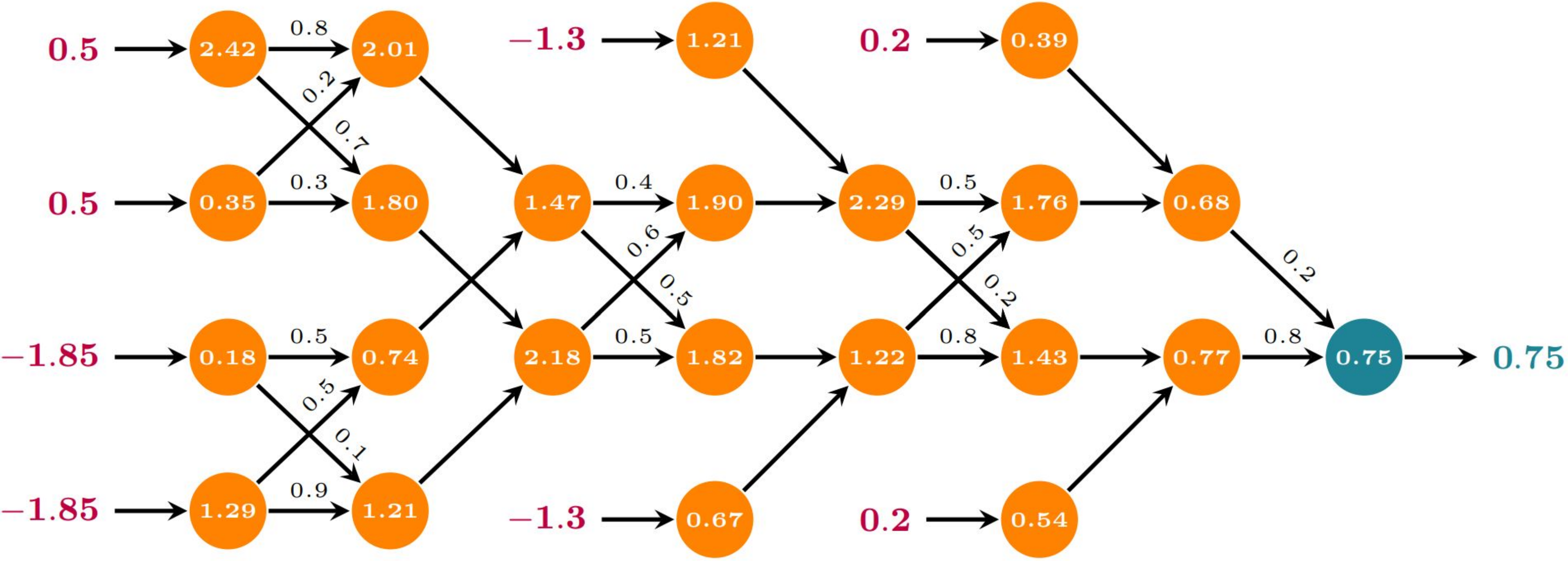

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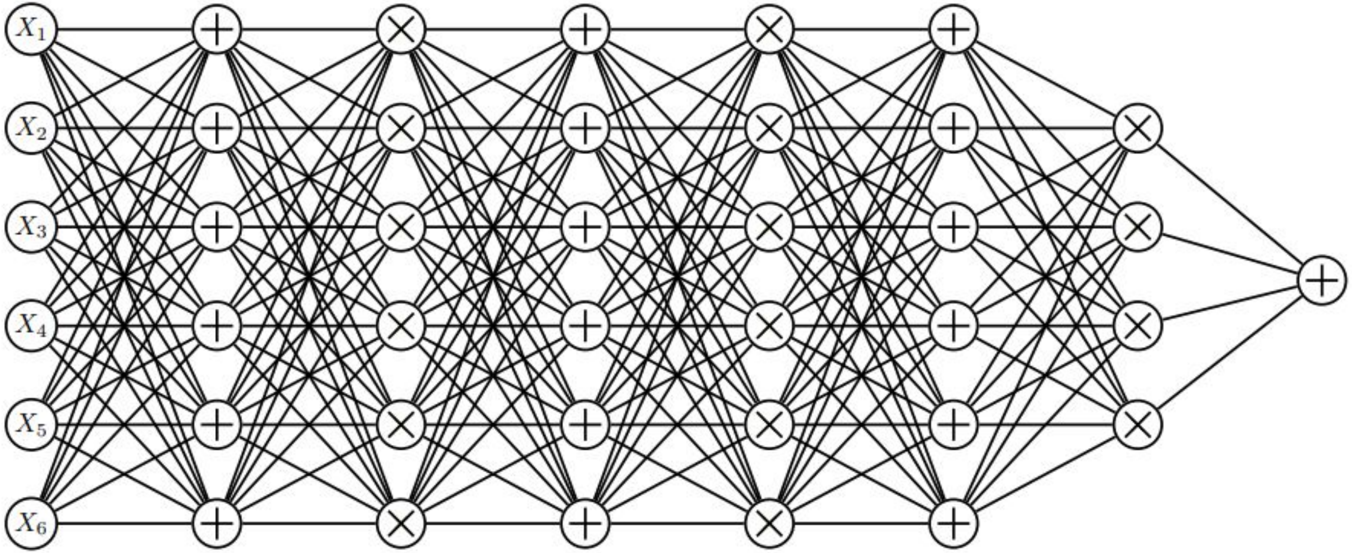

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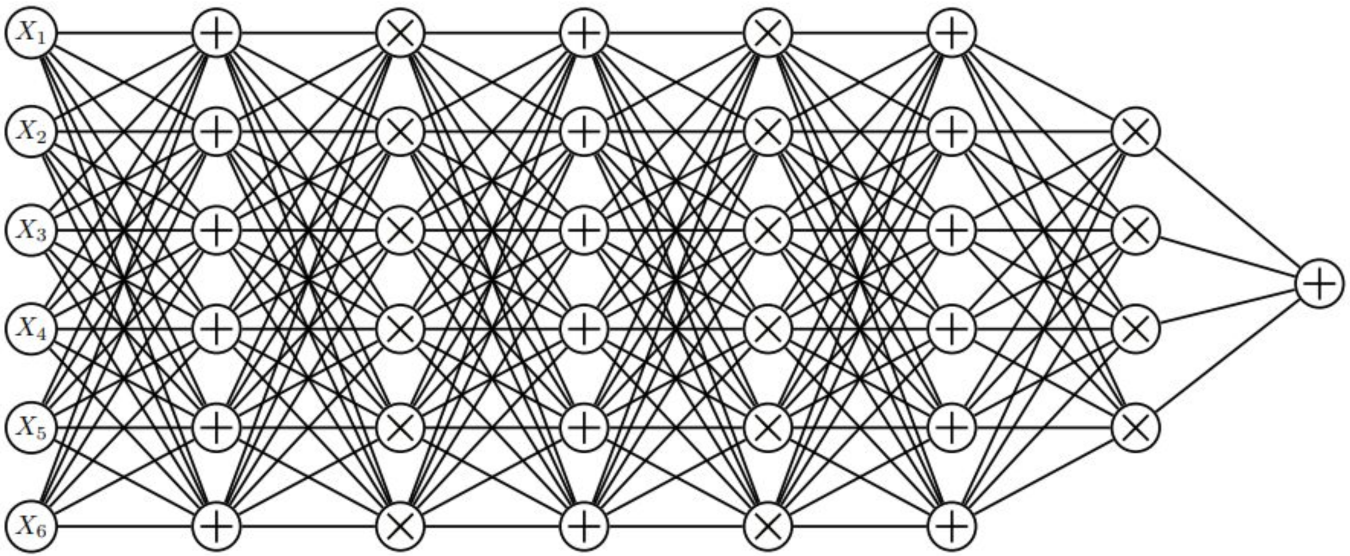

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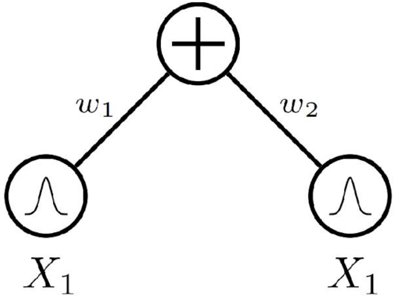
$\Rightarrow$ structural constraints needed for tractability

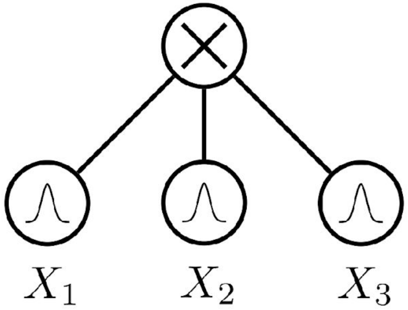
Tractable marginals

A sum node is ***smooth*** if its children depend on the same set of variables.

A product node is ***decomposable*** if its children depend on disjoint sets of variables.



smooth circuit



decomposable circuit

Darwiche and Marquis, “A Knowledge Compilation Map”, 2002

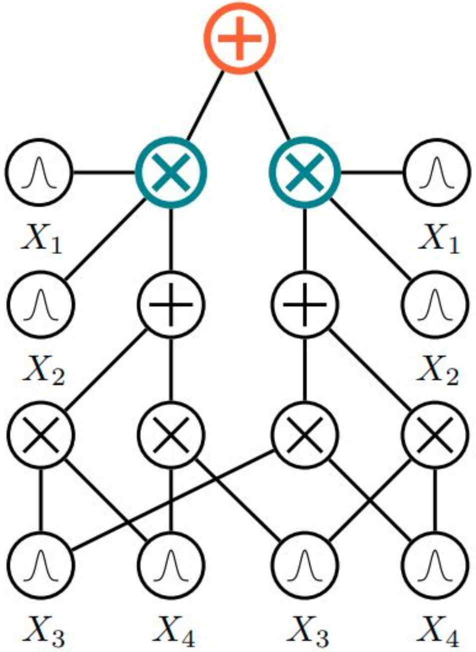
Smoothness + decomposability = tractable MAR

If $p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i w_i p_i(\mathbf{x})$, (***smoothness***):

$$\int p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int \sum_i w_i p_i(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} =$$

$$= \sum_i w_i \int p_i(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

$\Longrightarrow$ *integrals are "pushed down" to children*



[Darwiche & Marquis JAIR 2001, Poon & Domingos UAI11]

Smoothness + **decomposability** = **tractable MAR**

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

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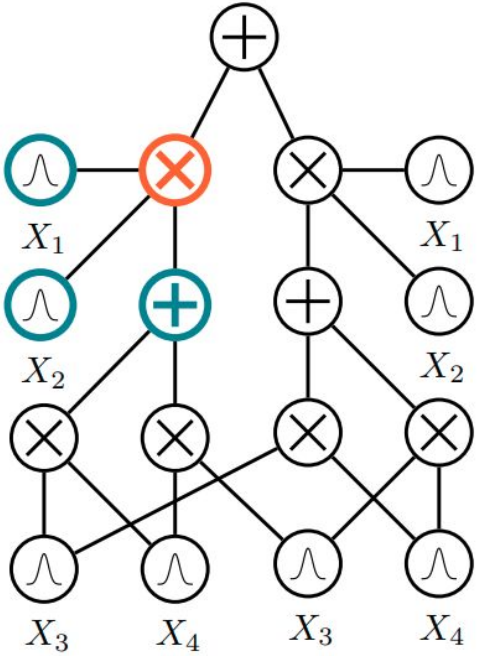
$$= \int p(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x}\int p(\mathbf{y})d\mathbf{y}\int p(\mathbf{z})d\mathbf{z}$$

$\Rightarrow$ *integrals decompose into easier ones*



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Forward pass evaluation for MAR

$\Rightarrow$ *linear in circuit size!*

E.g. to compute $p(x_2, x_4)$:

- leafs over X_1 and X_3 output $Z_i = \int p(x_i) dx_i$
  - $\Rightarrow$ *for normalized leaf distributions:* 1.0
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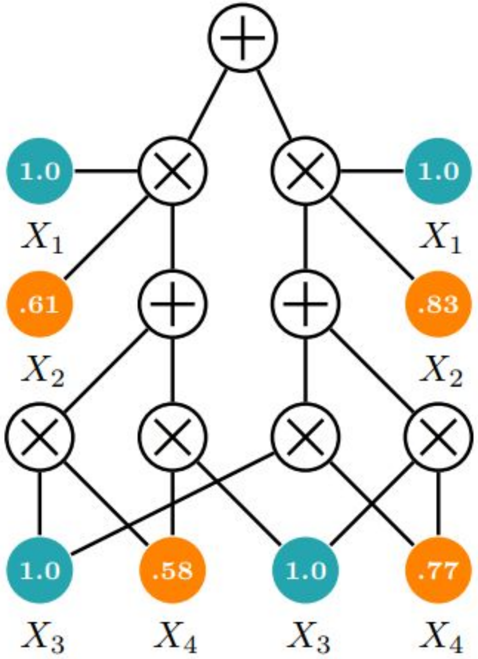

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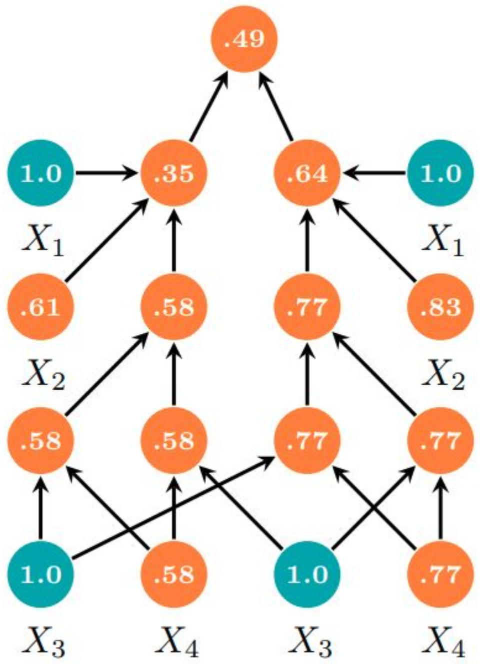

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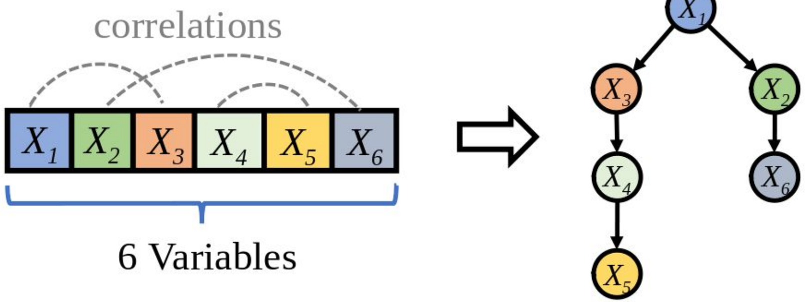

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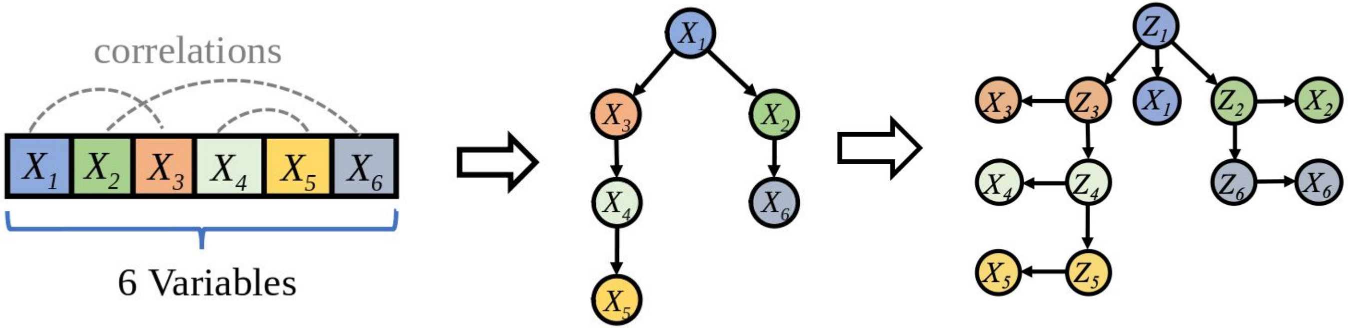

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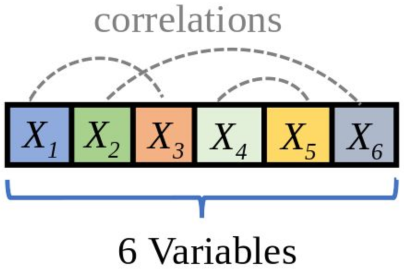

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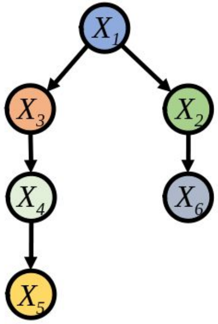

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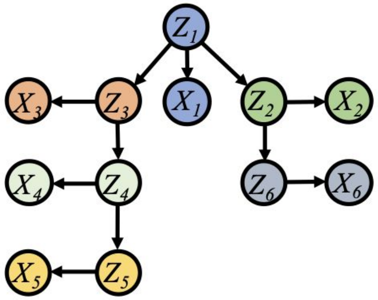

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Mini-batch Stochastic **Expectation Maximization**

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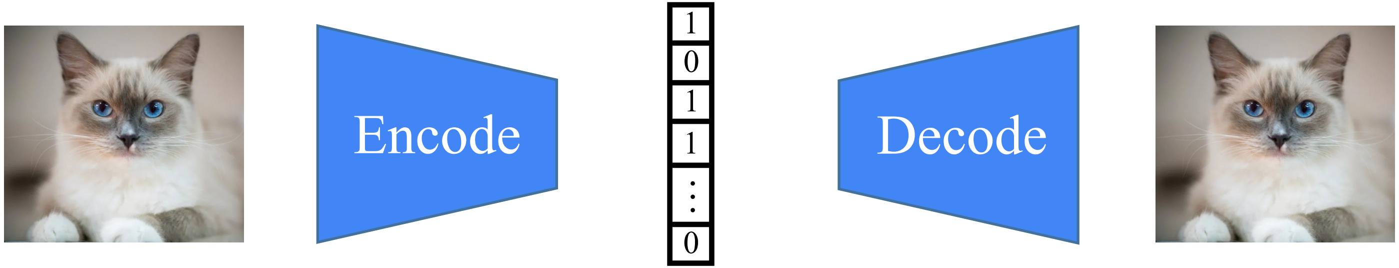
Lossless Data Compression



Data **Bitstream** **Reconstructed data**

Expressive probabilistic model $p(\boldsymbol{x})$ ⇒ Determines the theoretical limit of compression rate

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Efficient coding algorithm ⇒ How close we can approach the theoretical limit

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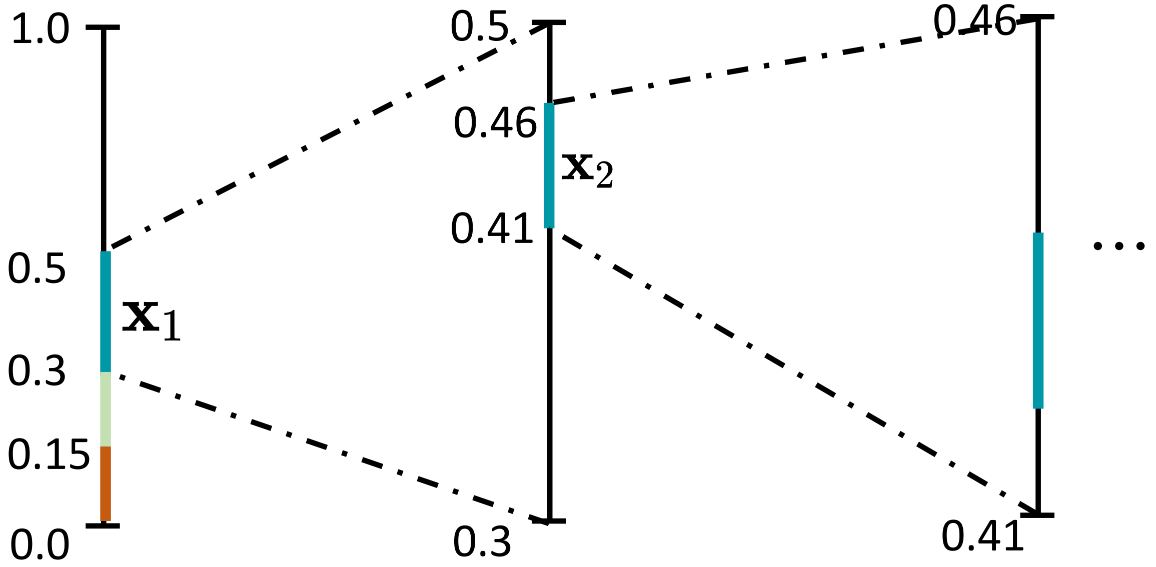
A Typical Streaming Code – Arithmetic Coding

We want to compress a set of variables (e.g., pixels, letters) $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_k\}$



Compress $\mathbf{x}_1$ with $-\log p(\mathbf{x}_1)$ bits

Compress $\mathbf{x}_2$ with $-\log p(\mathbf{x}_2|\mathbf{x}_1)$ bits

Compress $\mathbf{x}_3$ with $-\log p(\mathbf{x}_3|\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$ bits

Need to compute

$$p(X_1 < x_1)$$
$$p(X_1 \leq x_1)$$
$$p(X_2 < x_2|x_1)$$
$$p(X_2 \leq x_2|x_1)$$
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Lossless Neural Compression with Probabilistic Circuits

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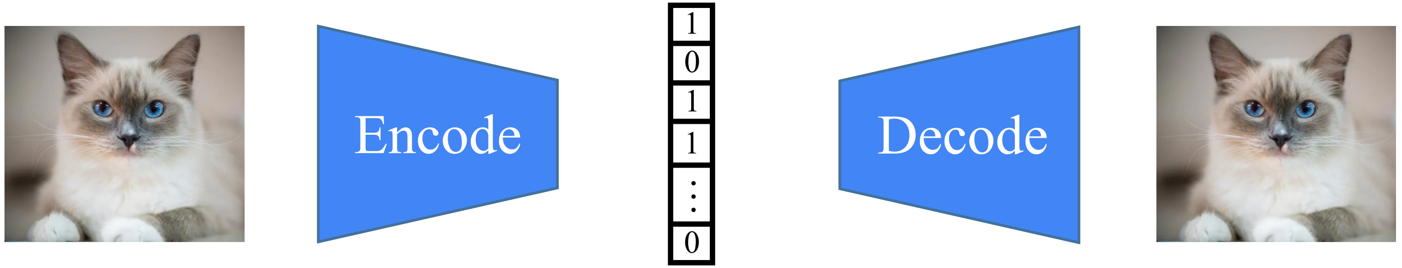

Probabilistic Circuits

- Expressive → SoTA likelihood on MNIST.
- Fast → Time complexity of en/decoding is **O(|p| log(D))**, where D is the # variables and |p| is the size of the PC.

Arithmetic Coding:

$$p(X_1 < x_1)$$
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SoTA compression rates

Dataset	HCLT (ours)	IDF	BitSwap	BB-ANS	JPEG2000	WebP	McBits
MNIST	**1.24** (1.20)	1.96 (1.90)	1.31 (1.27)	1.42 (1.39)	3.37	2.09	(1.98)
FashionMNIST	3.37 (3.34)	3.50 (3.47)	**3.35** (3.28)	3.69 (3.66)	3.93	4.62	(3.72)
EMNIST (Letter)	**1.84** (1.80)	2.02 (1.95)	1.90 (1.84)	2.29 (2.26)	3.62	3.31	(3.12)
EMNIST (ByClass)	**1.89** (1.85)	2.04 (1.98)	1.91 (1.87)	2.24 (2.23)	3.61	3.34	(3.14)

Compress and decompress 5-40x faster than NN methods with similar bitrates

Method	# parameters	Theoretical bpd	Codeword bpd	Comp. time (s)	Decomp. time (s)
PC (HCLT, $M = 16$)	3.3M	1.26	1.30	9	44
PC (HCLT, $M = 24$)	5.1M	1.22	1.26	15	86
PC (HCLT, $M = 32$)	7.0M	1.20	1.24	26	142
IDF	24.1M	1.90	1.96	288	592
BitSwap	2.8M	1.27	1.31	578	326

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Lossless Neural Compression with Probabilistic Circuits

Can be effectively combined with Flow models to achieve better generative performance

Model	CIFAR10	ImageNet32	ImageNet64
RealNVP	3.49	4.28	3.98
Glow	3.35	4.09	3.81
IDF	3.32	4.15	3.90
IDF++	**3.24**	4.10	3.81
PC+IDF	3.28	**3.99**	**3.71**

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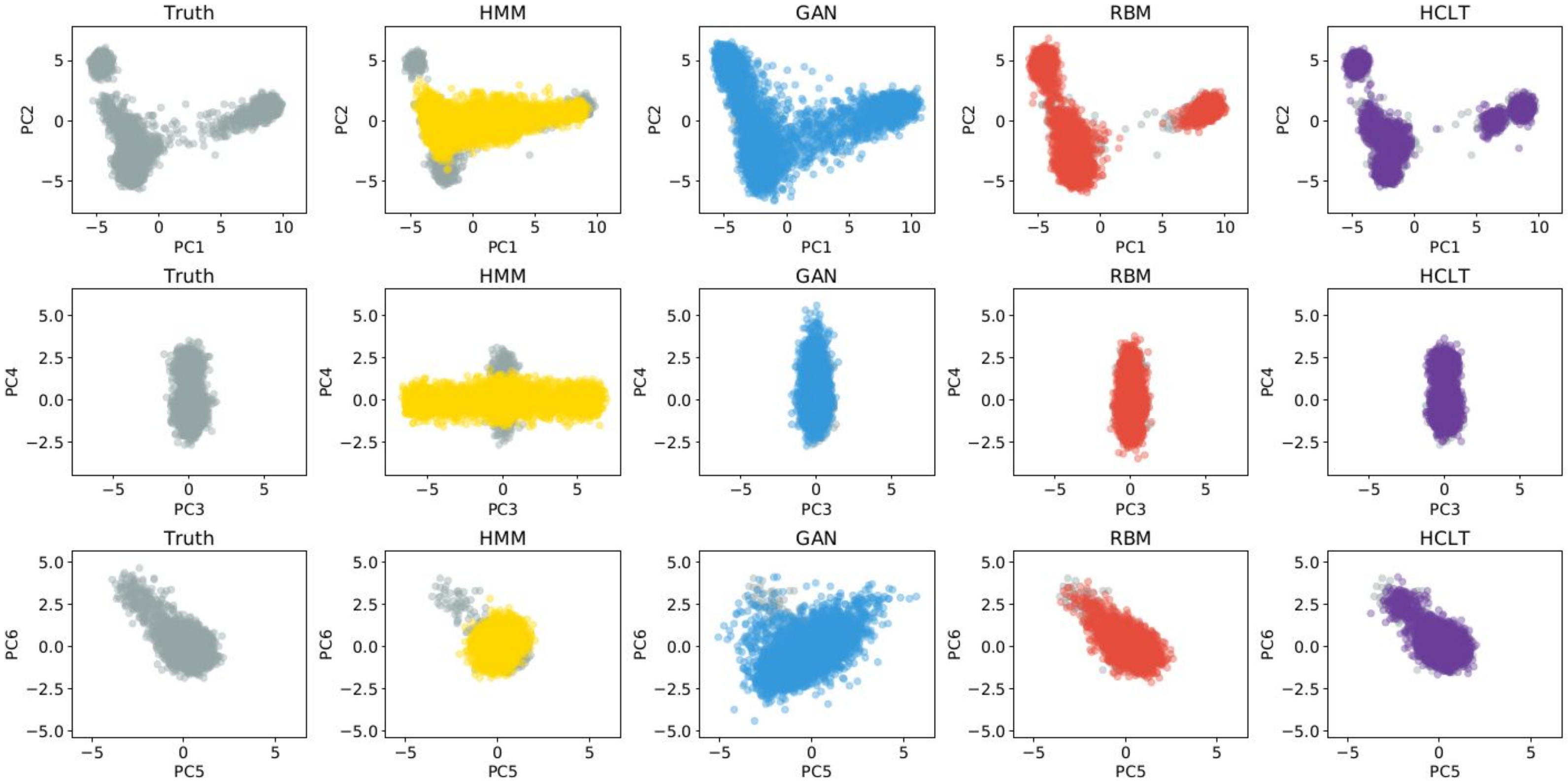
Tractable and expressive generative models of genetic variation data



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PC Learners keep getting better! ***… stay tuned …***

Table 1: Density estimation performance on MNIST-family datasets in test set bpd.

Dataset	Sparse PC (ours)	HCLT	RatSPN	IDF	BitSwap	BB-ANS	McBits
MNIST	**1.14**	1.20	1.67	1.90	1.27	1.39	1.98
EMNIST(MNIST)	**1.52**	1.77	2.56	2.07	1.88	2.04	2.19
EMNIST(Letters)	**1.58**	1.80	2.73	1.95	1.84	2.26	3.12
EMNIST(Balanced)	**1.60**	1.82	2.78	2.15	1.96	2.23	2.88
EMNIST(ByClass)	**1.54**	1.85	2.72	1.98	1.87	2.23	3.14
FashionMNIST	**3.27**	3.34	4.29	3.47	3.28	3.66	3.72

Dataset	PC	Bipartite flow	AF/SCF	IAF/SCF
Penn Treebank	**1.23**	1.38	1.46	1.63

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Fully factorized

NaiveBayes AndOrGraphs PDGs

Trees PSDDs CNets LTMs SPNs NADEs

Thin Junction Trees ACs MADEs MAFs VAEs

DPPs FVSBNs TACs IAFs NAFs RAEs

Mixtures BNs NICE FGs GANs

RealNVP MNs

Expressive models without *compromises*

Queries as pipelines: KLD

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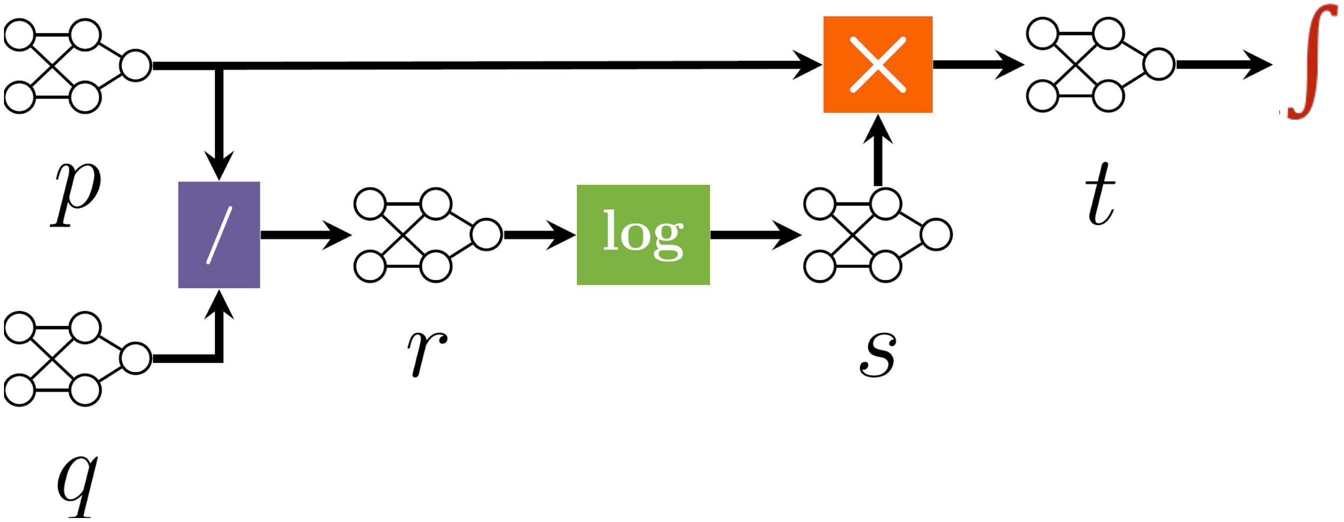

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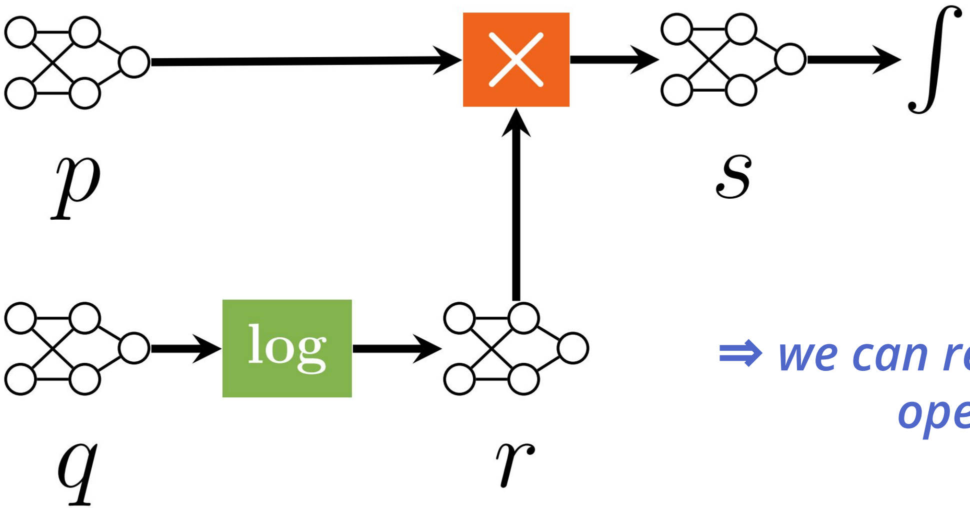
Queries as pipelines: Cross Entropy

$$H(p,q) = \int p(\boldsymbol{x}) \times \log(q(\boldsymbol{x}))d\boldsymbol{X}$$



⇒ *we can reuse the operations!*

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Tractable circuit operations

Operation		Tractability: Input properties	Tractability: Output properties	Hardness
SUM	$\theta_1 p + \theta_2 q$	(+Cmp)	(+SD)	NP-hard for Det output
PRODUCT	$p \cdot q$	Cmp (+Det, +SD)	Dec (+Det, +SD)	#P-hard w/o Cmp
POWER	$p^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$	SD (+Det)	SD (+Det)	#P-hard w/o SD
	$p^\alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$	Sm, Dec, Det (+SD)	Sm, Dec, Det (+SD)	#P-hard w/o Det
QUOTIENT	p/q	Cmp; q Det (+p Det,+SD)	Dec (+Det,+SD)	#P-hard w/o Det
LOG	$\log(p)$	Sm, Dec, Det	Sm, Dec	#P-hard w/o Det
EXP	$\exp(p)$	linear	SD	#P-hard

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Inference by tractable operations

systematically derive tractable inference algorithm of complex queries

	Query	Tract. Conditions	Hardness
CROSS ENTROPY	$-\int p(\boldsymbol{x}) \log q(\boldsymbol{x})\, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{X}$	Cmp, q Det	#P-hard w/o Det
SHANNON ENTROPY	$-\sum p(\boldsymbol{x}) \log p(\boldsymbol{x})$	Sm, Dec, Det	coNP-hard w/o Det
RÉNYI ENTROPY	$(1-\alpha)^{-1} \log \int p^{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{x})\, d\mathbf{X}, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}$	SD	#P-hard w/o SD
	$(1-\alpha)^{-1} \log \int p^{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{x})\, d\mathbf{X}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_{+}$	Sm, Dec, Det	#P-hard w/o Det
MUTUAL INFORMATION	$\int p(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}) \log(p(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y})/(p(\boldsymbol{x})p(\boldsymbol{y})))$	Sm, SD, Det*	coNP-hard w/o SD
KULLBACK-LEIBLER DIV.	$\int p(\boldsymbol{x}) \log(p(\boldsymbol{x})/q(\boldsymbol{x}))d\mathbf{X}$	Cmp, Det	#P-hard w/o Det
RÉNYI'S ALPHA DIV.	$(1-\alpha)^{-1} \log \int p^{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{x}) q^{1-\alpha}(\boldsymbol{x})\, d\mathbf{X}, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}$	Cmp, q Det	#P-hard w/o Det
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ITAKURA-SAITO DIV.	$\int [p(\boldsymbol{x})/q(\boldsymbol{x}) - \log(p(\boldsymbol{x})/q(\boldsymbol{x})) - 1]d\,\mathbf{X}$	Cmp, Det	#P-hard w/o Det
CAUCHY-SCHWARZ DIV.	$-\log \frac{\int p(\boldsymbol{x})q(\boldsymbol{x})d\mathbf{X}}{\sqrt{\int p^2(\boldsymbol{x})d\mathbf{X} \int q^2(\boldsymbol{x})d\mathbf{X}}}$	Cmp	#P-hard w/o Cmp
SQUARED LOSS	$\int (p(\boldsymbol{x}) - q(\boldsymbol{x}))^2 d\,\mathbf{X}$	Cmp	#P-hard w/o Cmp

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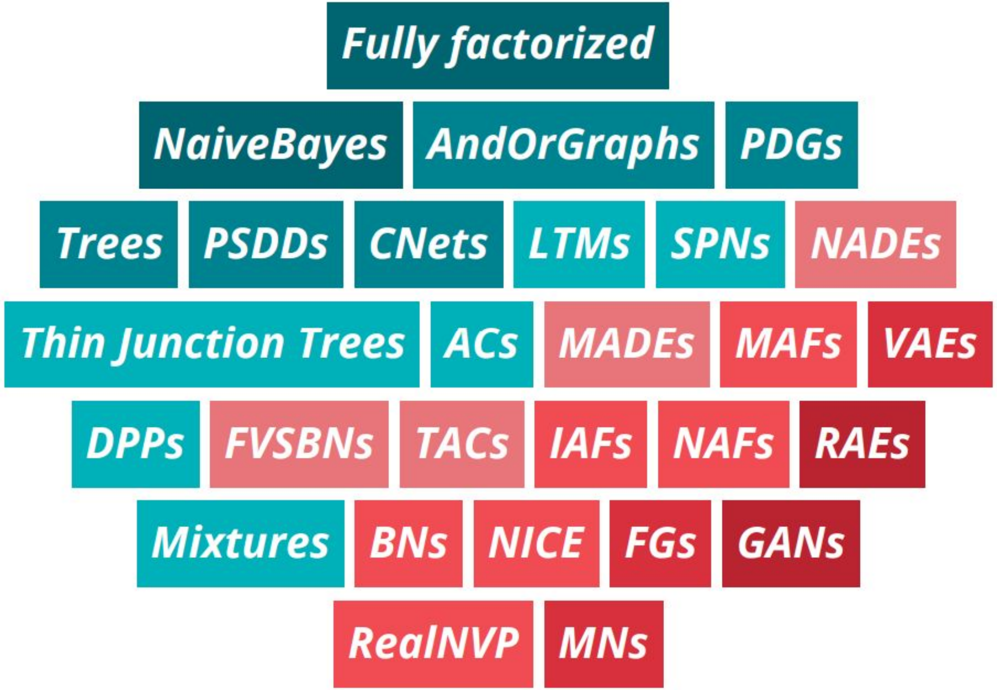
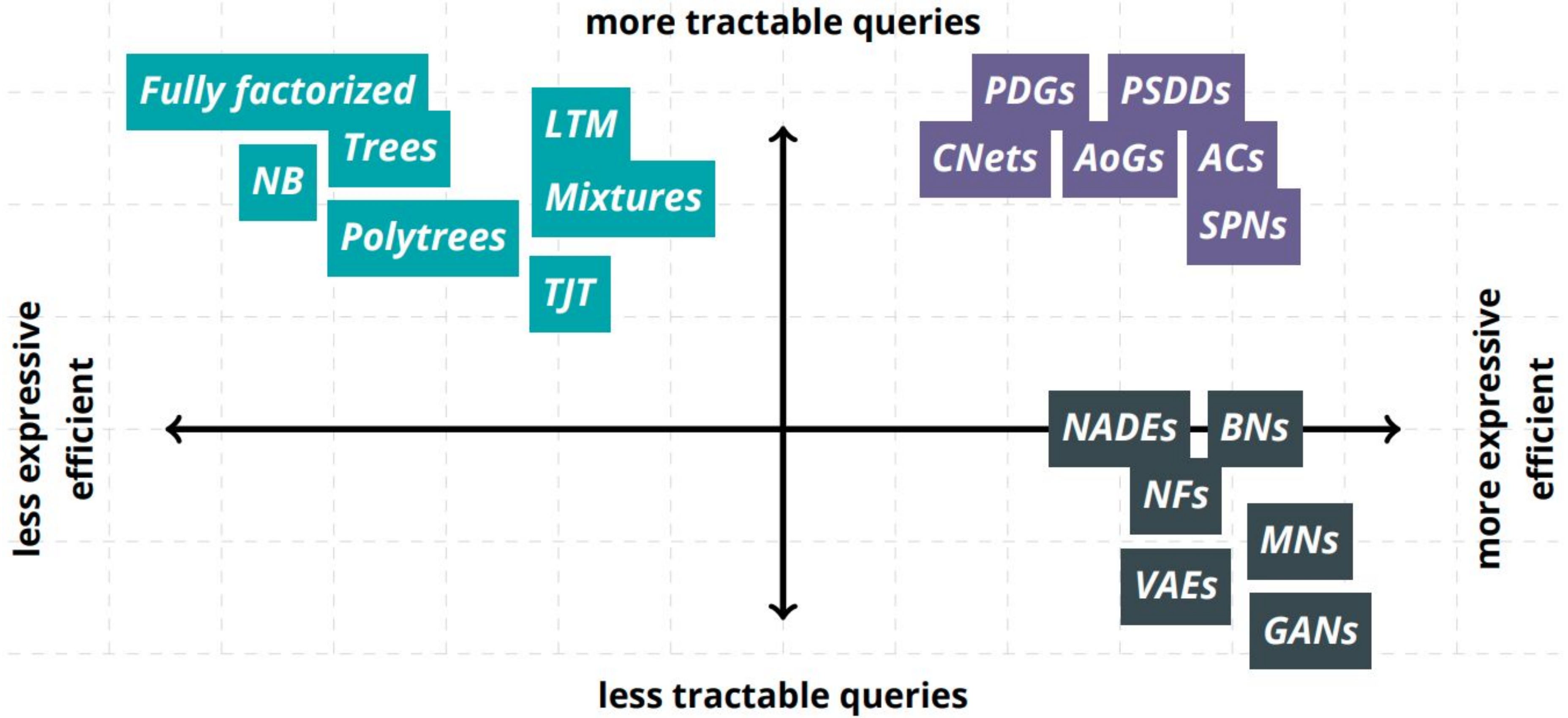


tractability is a spectrum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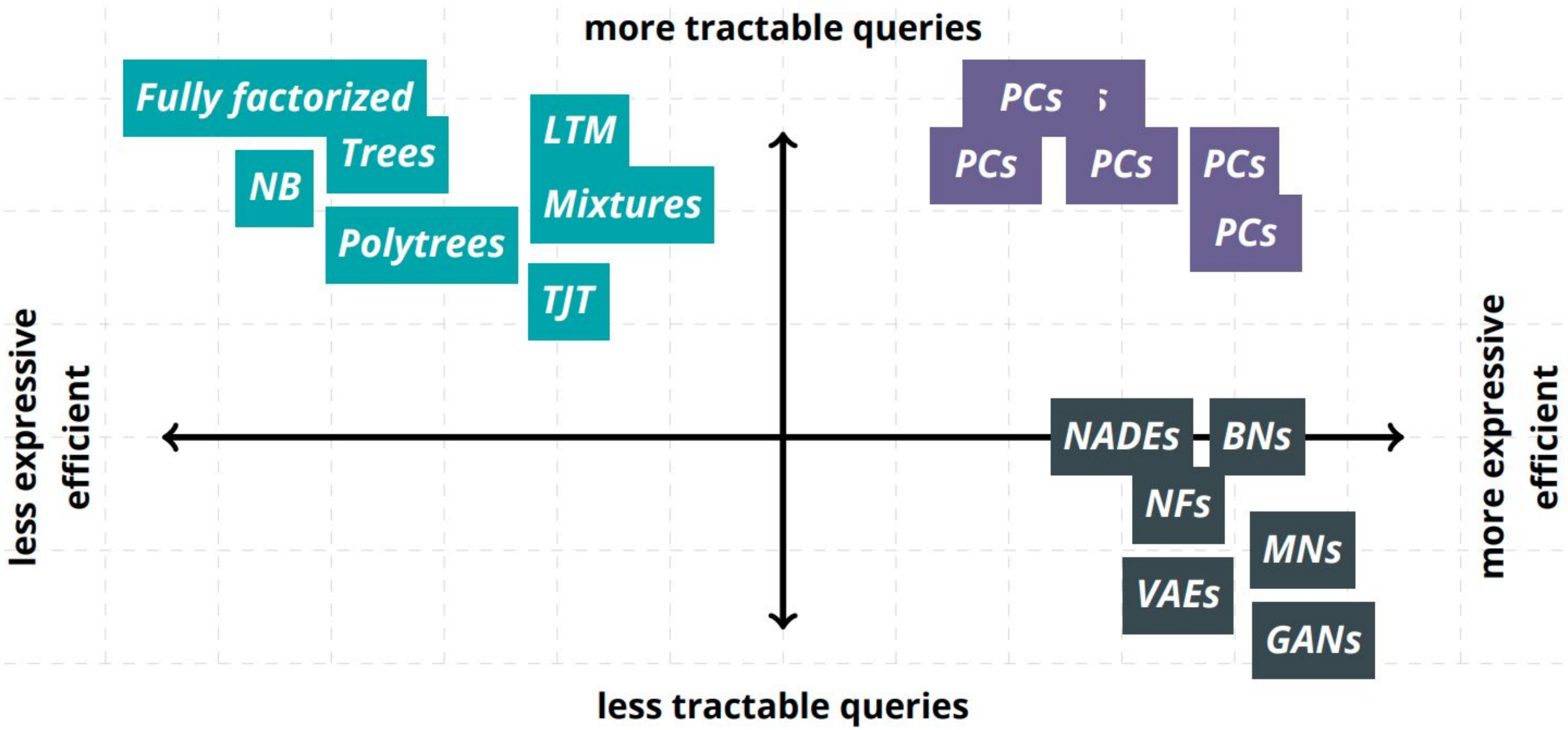
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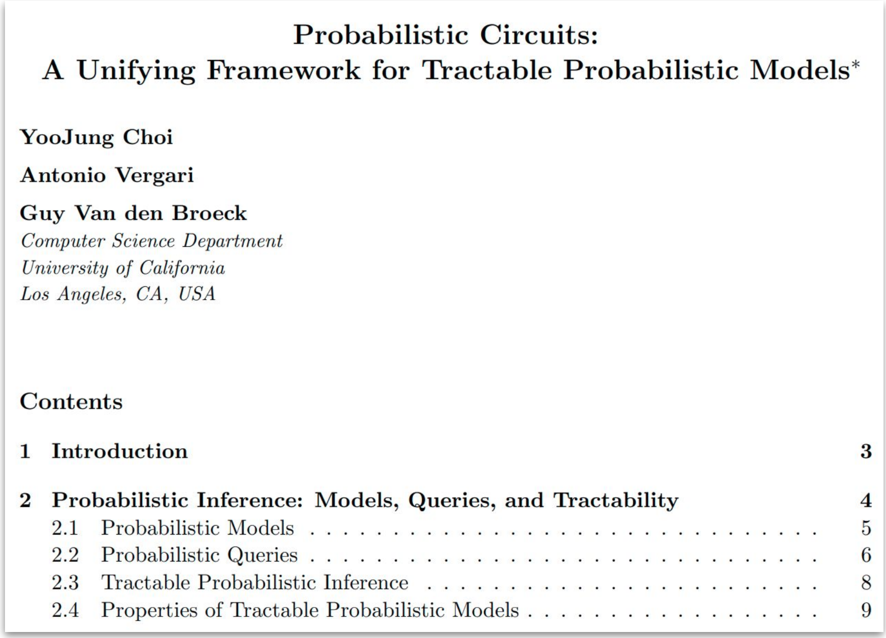
Learn more about probabilistic circuits?

Tutorial (3h)

https://youtu.be/2RAG5-L9R70

Overview Paper (80p)



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https://github.com/Juice-jl/ProbabilisticCircuits.jl/blob/master/examples/train_mnist_hclt.ipynb

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* Note: all reported numbers are bits-per-dimension (bpd). The results are extracted from [1].

[1] Anji Liu, Stephan Mandt and Guy Van den Broeck. Lossless Compression with Probabilistic Circuits, In International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2022.

We start by importing ProbabilisticCircuits.jl and other required packages:

In [1]:

```
using ProbabilisticCircuits
using MLDatasets
using CUDA
```

We first load the MNIST dataset from MLDatasets.jl and move them to GPU:

Outline

1. The paradox of learning to reason from data

   ~~deep learning~~

2. Tractable deep generative models

   probabilistic reasoning + deep learning

3. **Learning with symbolic knowledge**

   logical reasoning + deep learning

The AI Dilemma

Pure (Logic) Reasoning **Pure Learning**

- Slow thinking: deliberative, cognitive, model-based, extrapolation
- Amazing achievements until this day

- “*Pure logic is brittle*”

  noise, uncertainty, incomplete knowledge, …

The AI Dilemma

Pure (Logic) Reasoning — **Pure Learning**

- Fast thinking: instinctive, perceptive, model-free, interpolation
- Amazing achievements recently
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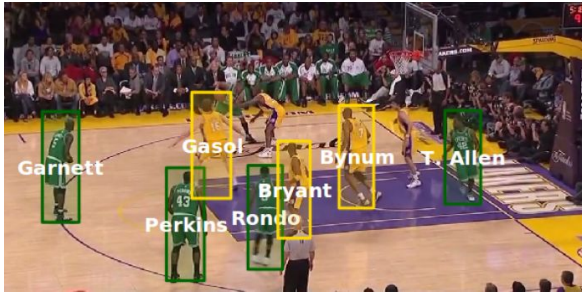
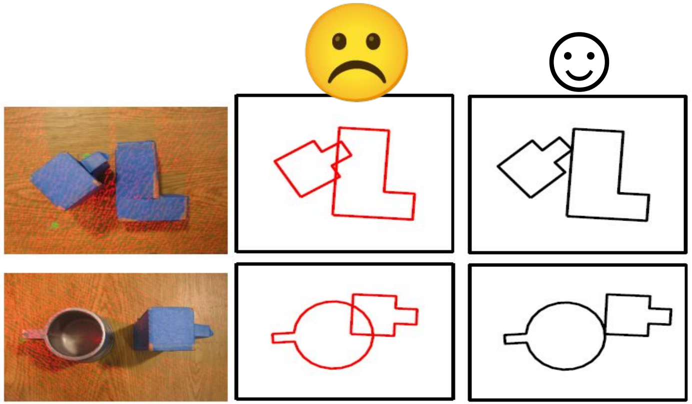
bias, algorithmic fairness, interpretability, explainability, adversarial attacks, unknown unknowns, calibration, verification, missing features, missing labels, data efficiency, shift in distribution, general robustness and safety

fails to incorporate a sensible model of the world

Knowledge in Vision, Robotics, NLP, Activity Recognition



People appear at most once in a frame



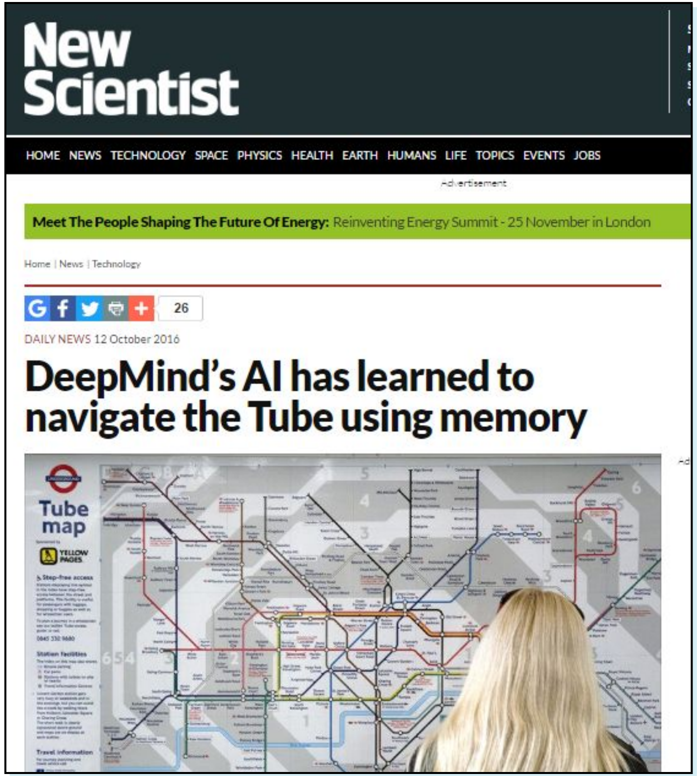
Rigid objects don’t overlap

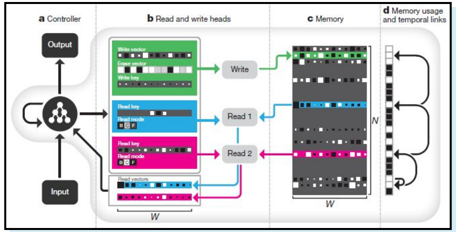
At least one verb in each sentence.
If X and Y are married, then they are people.

Cut the orange before squeezing the orange

[Lu, W. L., Ting, J. A., Little, J. J., & Murphy, K. P. (2013). Learning to track and identify players from broadcast sports videos.], [Wong, L. L., Kaelbling, L. P., & Lozano-Perez, T., Collision-free state estimation. ICRA 2012], [Chang, M., Ratinov, L., & Roth, D. (2008). Constraints as prior knowledge], [Ganchev, K., Gillenwater, J., & Taskar, B. (2010). Posterior regularization for structured latent variable models]… and many many more!

Motivation: Deep Learning





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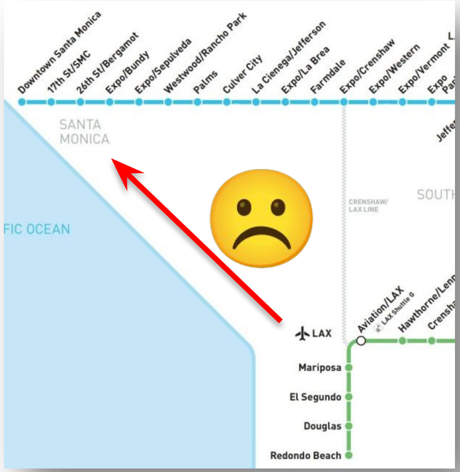
Motivation: Deep Learning

DeepMind's latest technique uses external memory to **solve tasks that require logic and reasoning — a step toward more human-like AI.**

… but …



optimal planner recalculating a shortest path to the end node. To ensure that the network always moved to a valid node, the output distribution was renormalized over the set of possible triples outgoing from the current node. The performance

it also received input triples during the answer phase, indicating the actions cho-sen on the previous time-step. This makes the problem a 'structured prediction'

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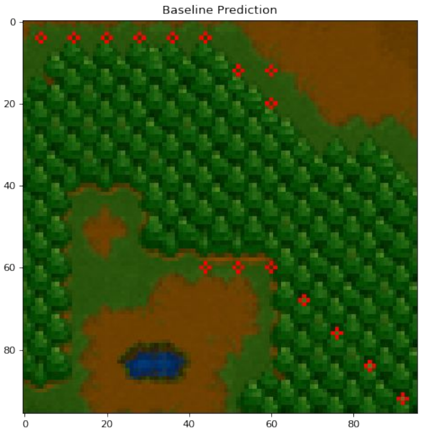
Warcraft Shortest Path

Predicting the minimum-cost path

[Differentiation of Blackbox Combinatorial Solvers, Marin Vlastelica, Anselm Paulus, Vít Musil, Georg Martius, Michal Rolínek, 2019]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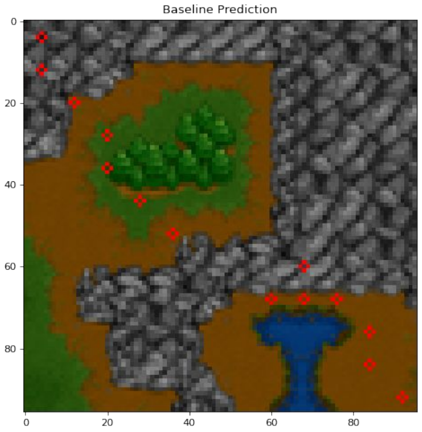
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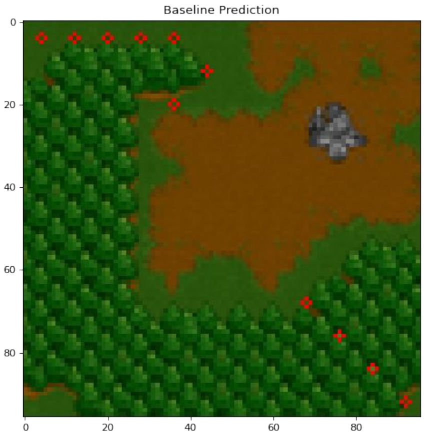
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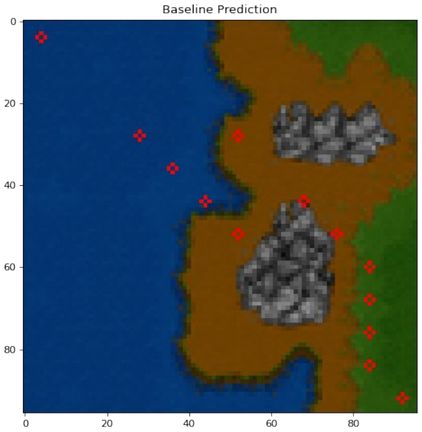
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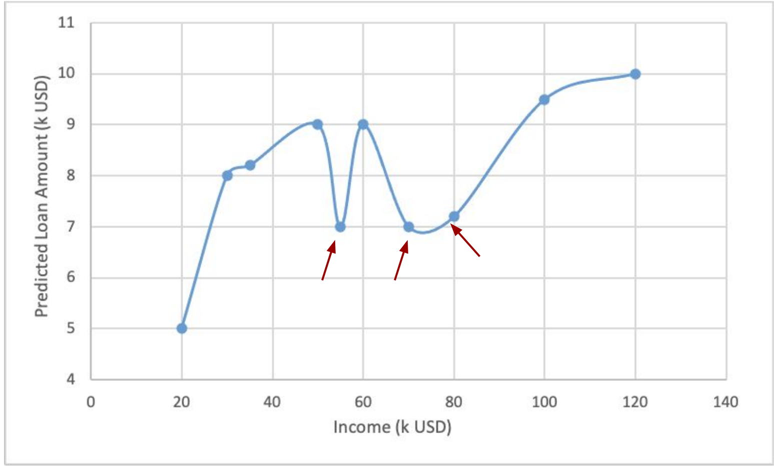
Predict Loan Amount



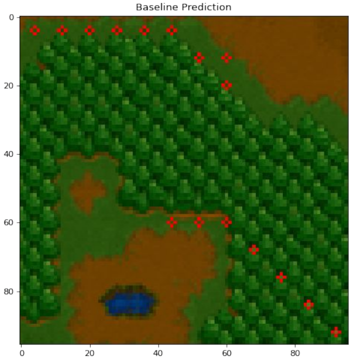
Neural Network Model: Increasing income can decrease the approved loan amount

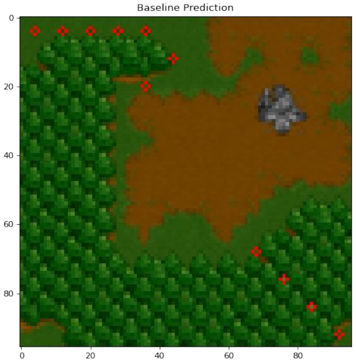
Monotonicity (Prior Knowledge):
Increasing income should increase the approved loan amount

Knowledge vs. Data

- Where did the world knowledge go?
  - Python scripts
    - Decode/encode/search cleverly
    - Fix inconsistent beliefs
  - Rule-based decision systems
  - Dataset design
  - “a big hack” (with author’s permission)
- In some sense we went backwards

  Less principled, scientific, and intellectually satisfying ways of incorporating knowledge *without constraint*





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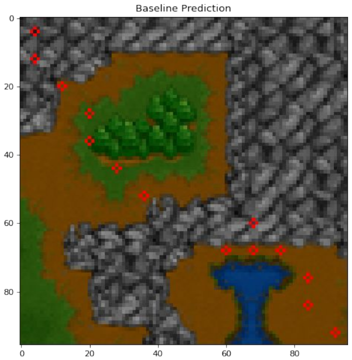

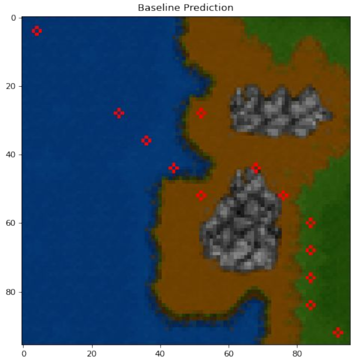

Warcraft min-cost simple-path prediction results

Test accuracy %	Coherent	Incoherent	Constraint
ResNet-18	44.8	**97.7**	56.9

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

Are individual edge predictions correct?

Is output a path?

Kareem Ahmed, Eric Wang, Kai-Wei Chang and Guy Van den Broeck. Neuro-Symbolic Entropy Regularization, 2021.

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A PyTorch Framework for Learning with Constraints

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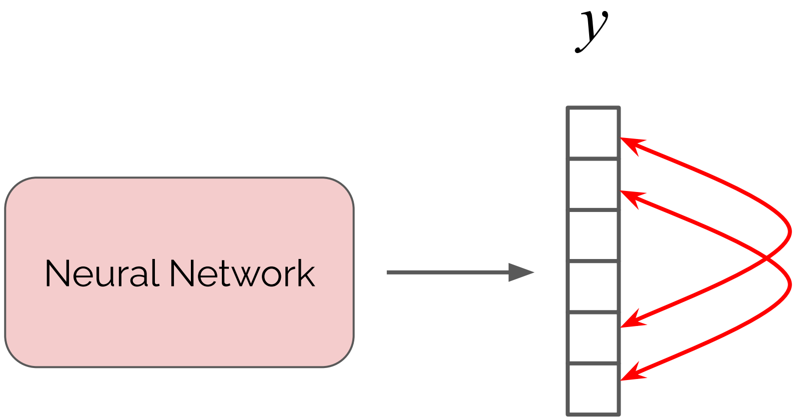
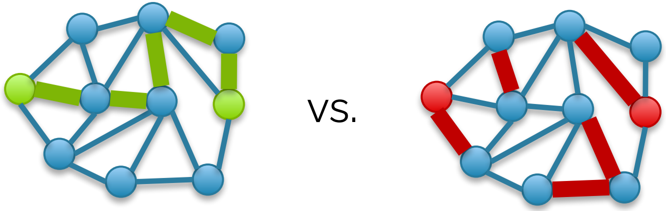
http://pylon-lib.github.io

Declarative Knowledge of the Output



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



How are the outputs related to each other?

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

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Library that extends PyTorch to allow injection of declarative knowledge

- **Easy to Express Knowledge:** users write arbitrary constraints on the output
- **Integrates with PyTorch:** minimal change to existing code
- **Efficient Training:** compiles into loss that can be efficiently optimized
  - Exact semantic loss (see later)
  - Monte-carlo estimate of loss
  - T-norm approximation
  - *your solver?*

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PyTorch Code

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for i in range(train_iters):
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    py = model(x)
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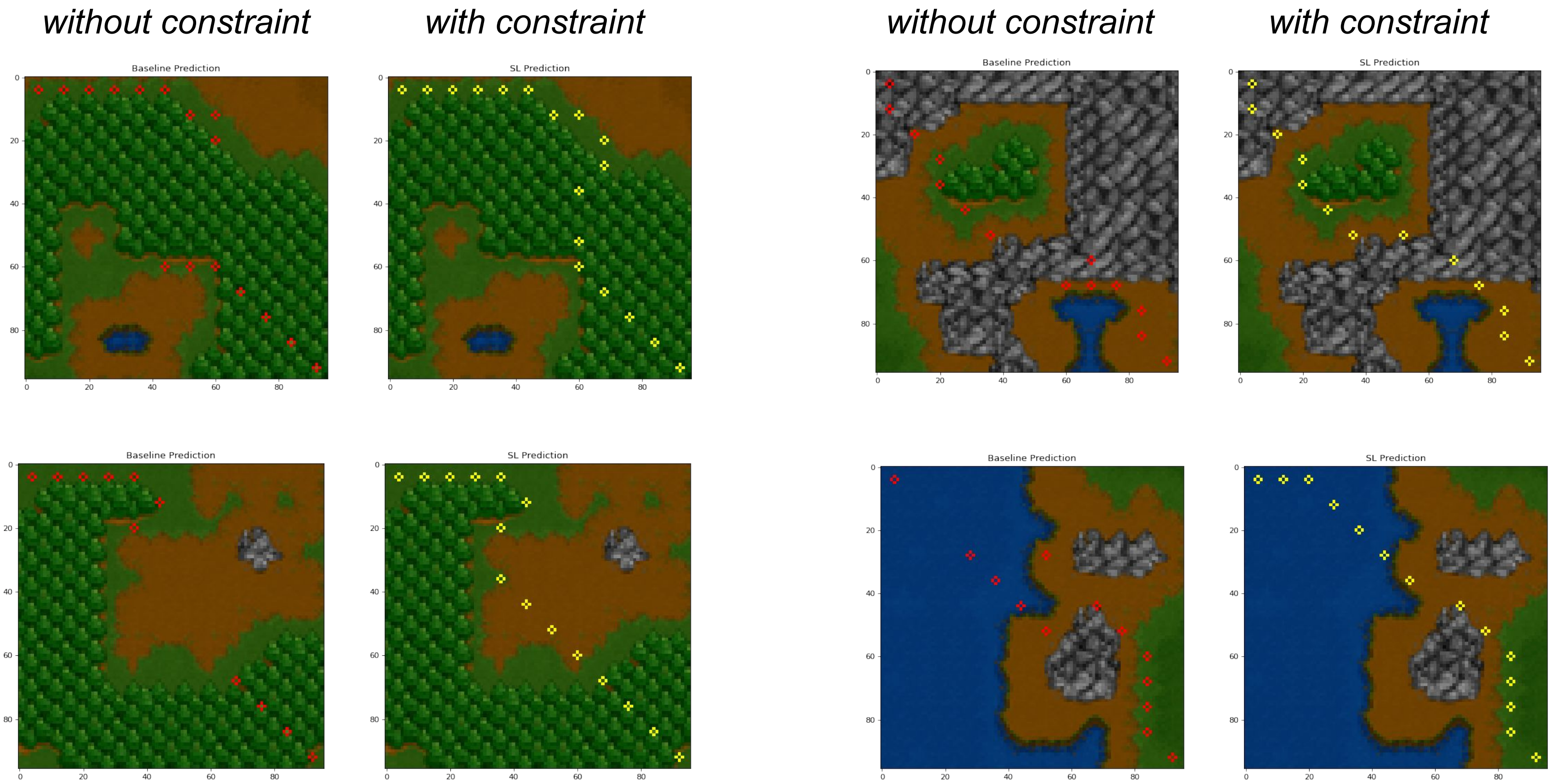
3 pylon derives the gradients
(solves a combinatorial problem)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Semantic Loss

*<u>Q</u>: How close is output **p** to satisfying constraint α?*

*<u>A</u>: Semantic loss function L(α,**p**)*

- Axioms, for example:
  - If α constrains to one label, L(α,**p**) is cross-entropy
  - If α implies β then L(α,**p**) ≥ L(β,**p**)   (*α more strict*)

- Implied Properties:
  - If α is equivalent to β then L(α,**p**) = L(β,**p**)
  - If **p** is Boolean and satisfies α then L(α,**p**) = 0

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Loss!

Axioms imply unique semantic loss:

$$\mathrm{L^s}(\alpha, \mathsf{p}) \propto -\log \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \models \alpha} \prod_{i:\mathbf{x} \models X_i} \mathsf{p}_i \prod_{i:\mathbf{x} \models \neg X_i} (1 - \mathsf{p}_i)}$$

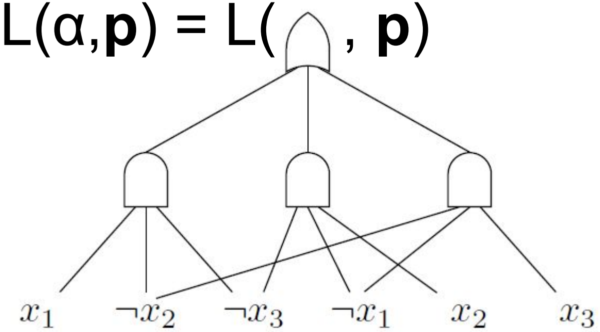
Probability of satisfying constraint α after sampling from neural net output layer **p**

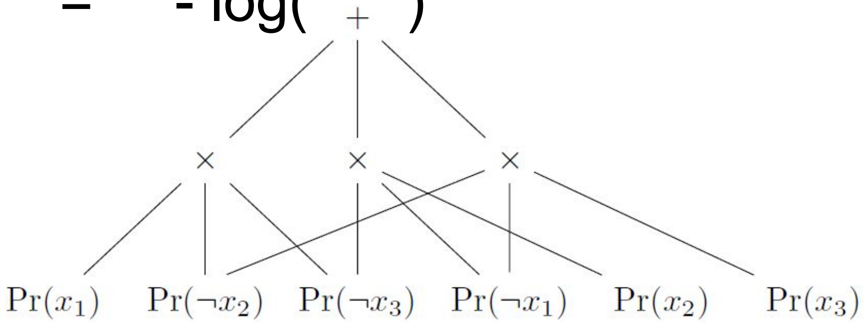
In general: #P-hard ☹

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

Circuits = Computation Graphs

- Logical circuits that can count solutions (#SAT)
  also compute semantic loss efficiently in size of circuit

L(α,**p**) = L(

, **p**) = - log(

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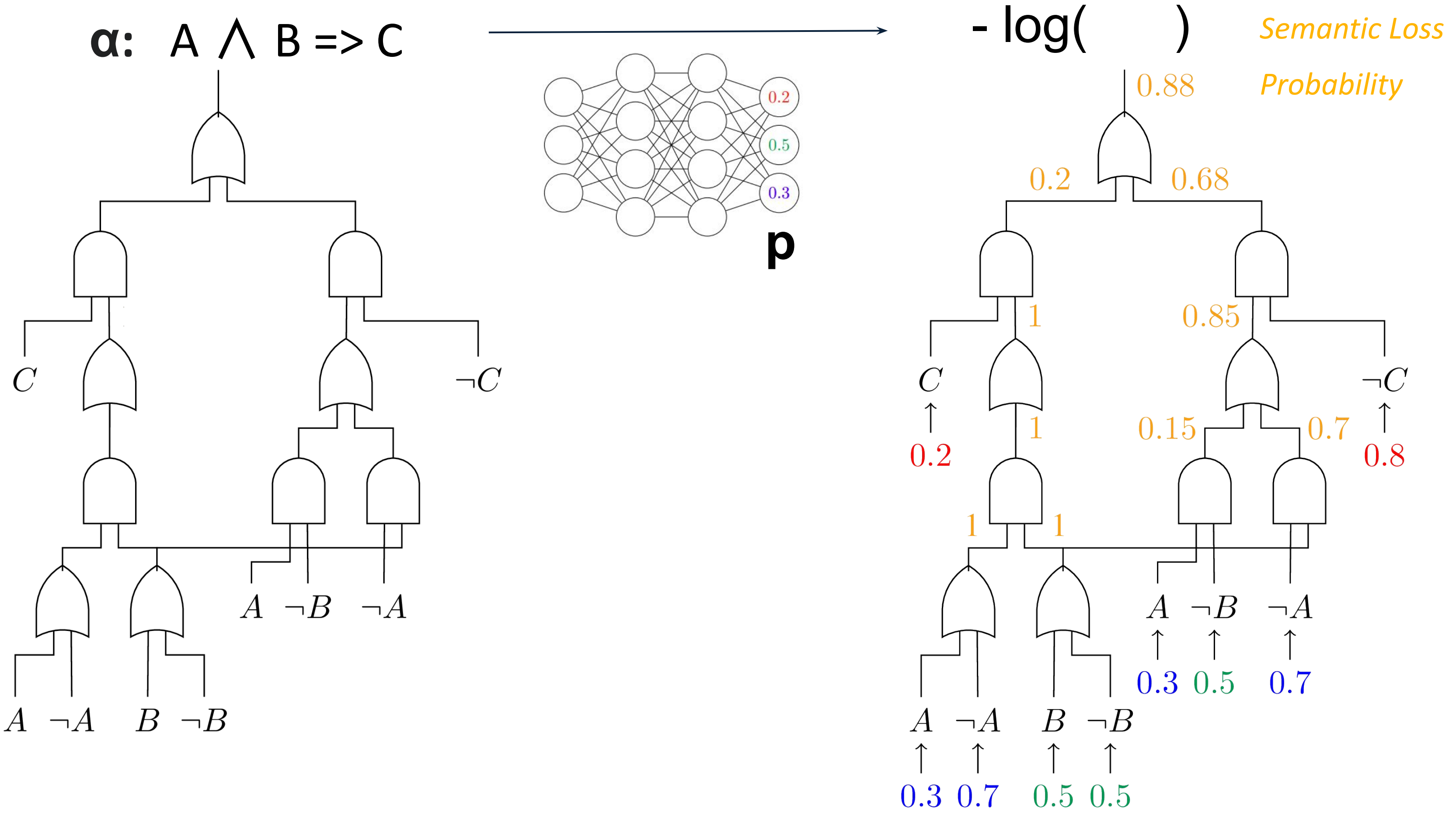
- Compilation into circuit by SAT solvers (once)
- Add circuit to neural network output in pytorch/tensorflow/...


α: A ∧ B => C
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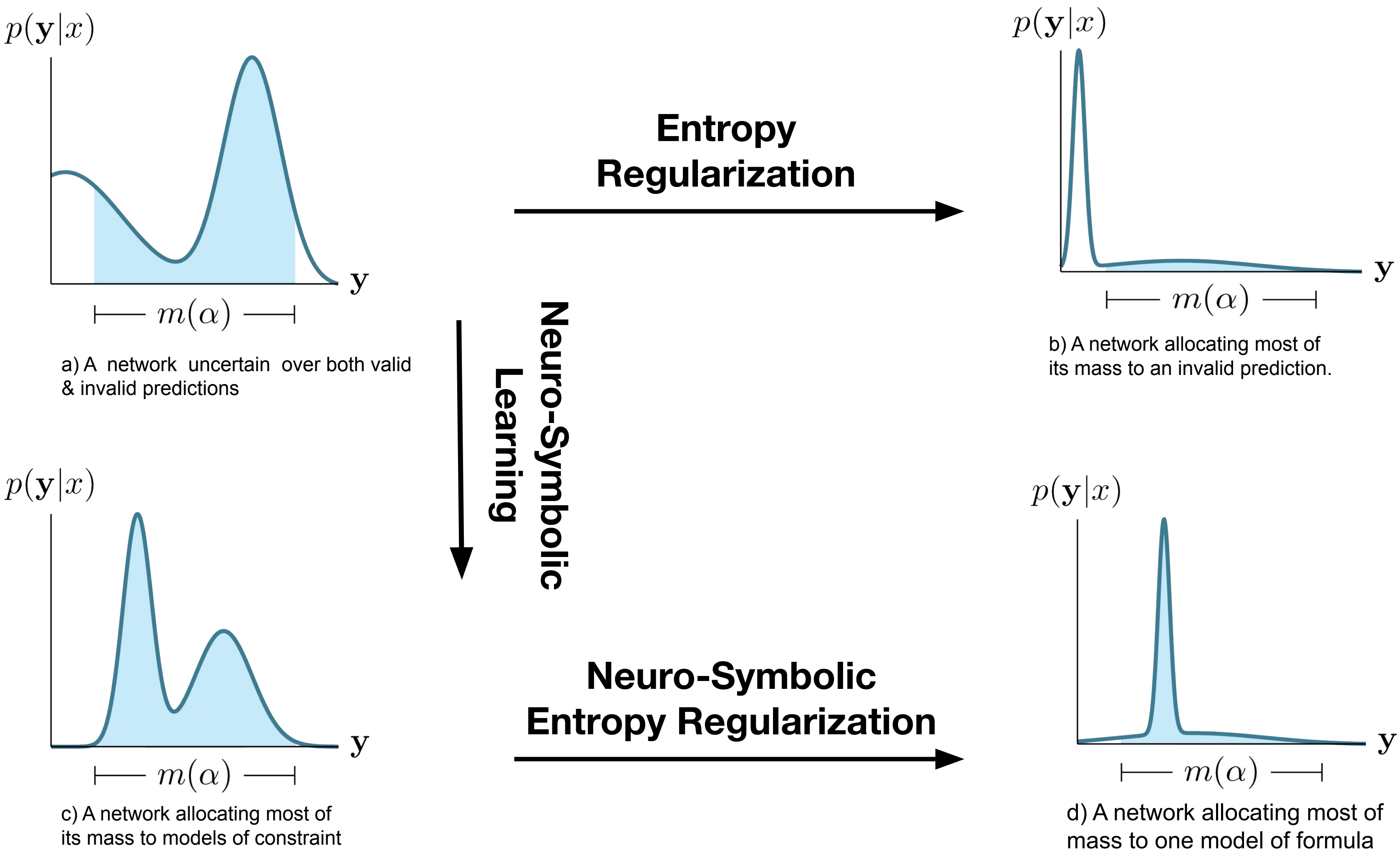


$p(\mathbf{y}|x)$
$\mathbf{y}$
$m(\alpha)$
a) A network uncertain over both valid & invalid predictions
Entropy Regularization
$p(\mathbf{y}|x)$
$\mathbf{y}$
$m(\alpha)$
b) A network allocating most of its mass to an invalid prediction.
Neuro-Symbolic Learning
$p(\mathbf{y}|x)$
$\mathbf{y}$
$m(\alpha)$
c) A network allocating most of its mass to models of constraint
Neuro-Symbolic Entropy Regularization
$p(\mathbf{y}|x)$
$\mathbf{y}$
$m(\alpha)$
d) A network allocating most of mass to one model of formula

Two complementary neuro-symbolic losses

Neural net $P(\mathbf{Y}|x)$

Constraint α

Semantic Loss

$$P(\alpha|x)\uparrow\text{:} -\log P(\alpha|x)\downarrow$$

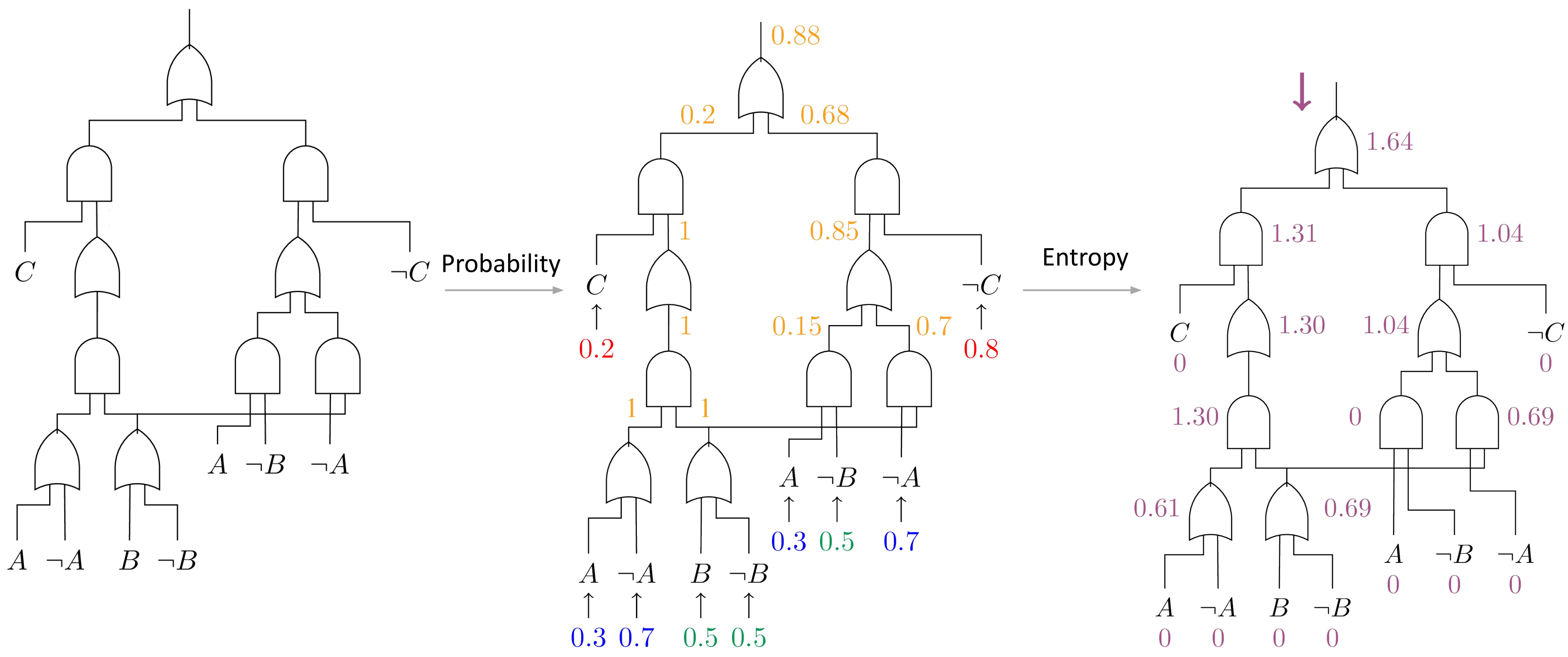
Neuro-symbolic Entropy-regularization

$$-\mathbb{E}_{P(\mathbf{Y}|x,\alpha)}[\log P(\mathbf{Y}|x,\alpha)]$$

Warcraft min-cost simple-path prediction results

Test accuracy %	Coherent	Incoherent	Constraint
ResNet-18	44.8	97.7	56.9
Semantic loss	50.9	97.7	67.4
+ Full Entropy	51.5	97.6	67.7
+ NeSy Entropy	**55.0**	**97.9**	**69.8**

Kareem Ahmed, Eric Wang, Kai-Wei Chang and Guy Van den Broeck. Neuro-Symbolic Entropy Regularization, 2021.



Probability
Entropy
C
¬C
A
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B
¬B
0.88
0.2
0.68
1
0.85
0.15
0.7
0.8
0.3
0.5
1.64
1.31
1.04
1.30
0.69
0.61
0

Joint entity-relation extraction in natural language processing

#		3	5	10	15	25	50	75
ACE05	Baseline	4.92 ± 1.12	7.24 ± 1.75	13.66 ± 0.18	15.07 ± 1.79	21.65 ± 3.41	28.96 ± 0.98	33.02 ± 1.17
	Self-training	7.72 ± 1.21	12.83 ± 2.97	16.22 ± 3.08	17.55 ± 1.41	27.00 ± 3.66	32.90 ± 1.71	37.15 ± 1.42
	Product t-norm	8.89 ± 5.09	14.52 ± 2.13	19.22 ± 5.81	21.80 ± 7.67	30.15 ± 1.01	34.12 ± 2.75	37.35 ± 2.53
	Semantic Loss	12.00 ± 3.81	14.92 ± 3.14	22.23 ± 3.64	27.35 ± 3.10	30.78 ± 0.68	36.76 ± 1.40	38.49 ± 1.74
	+ Full Entropy	**14.80** ± 3.70	15.78 ± 1.90	23.34 ± 4.07	28.09 ± 1.46	31.13 ± 2.26	36.05 ± 1.00	39.39 ± 1.21
	+ NeSy Entropy	14.72 ± 1.57	**18.38** ± 2.50	**26.41** ± 0.49	**31.17** ± 1.68	**35.85** ± 0.75	**37.62** ± 2.17	**41.28** ± 0.46
SciERC	Baseline	2.71 ± 1.10	2.94 ± 1.00	3.49 ± 1.80	3.56 ± 1.10	8.83 ± 1.00	12.32 ± 3.00	12.49 ± 2.60
	Self-training	3.56 ± 1.40	3.04 ± 0.90	4.14 ± 2.60	3.73 ± 1.10	9.44 ± 3.80	14.82 ± 1.20	13.79 ± 3.90
	Product t-norm	**6.50** ± 2.00	8.86 ± 1.20	10.92 ± 1.60	13.38 ± 0.70	13.83 ± 2.90	19.20 ± 1.70	19.54 ± 1.70
	Semantic Loss	6.47 ± 1.02	**9.31** ± 0.76	11.50 ± 1.53	12.97 ± 2.86	14.07 ± 2.33	20.47 ± 2.50	23.72 ± 0.38
	+ Full Entropy	6.26 ± 1.21	8.49 ± 0.85	11.12 ± 1.22	14.10 ± 2.79	17.25 ± 2.75	**22.42** ± 0.43	24.37 ± 1.62
	+ NeSy Entropy	6.19 ± 2.40	8.11 ± 3.66	**13.17** ± 1.08	**15.47** ± 2.19	**17.45** ± 1.52	22.14 ± 1.46	**25.11** ± 1.03

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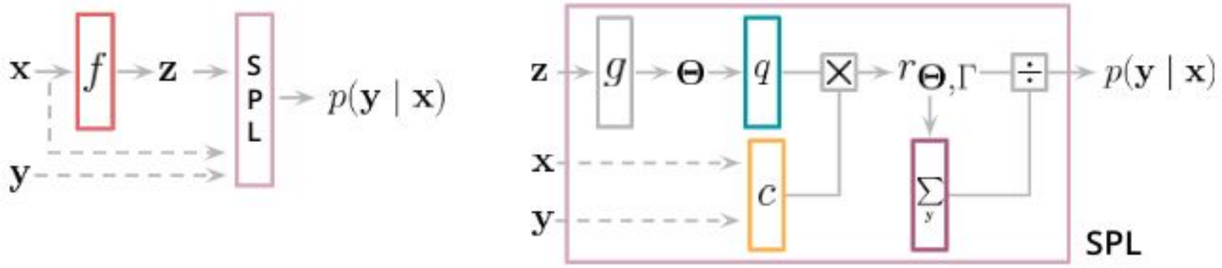
Semantic Probabilistic Layers

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



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Warcraft Shortest Path

GROUND TRUTH RESNET-18 SEMANTIC LOSS SPL (ours)

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	$\mathbf{3.79 \pm 0.18}$
DERISI	1.39 ± 0.47	$\mathbf{2.28 \pm 0.23}$
EISEN	5.40 ± 0.15	$\mathbf{6.18 \pm 0.33}$
EXPR	4.20 ± 0.21	$\mathbf{5.54 \pm 0.36}$
GASCH1	3.48 ± 0.96	$\mathbf{4.65 \pm 0.30}$
GASCH2	3.11 ± 0.08	$\mathbf{3.95 \pm 0.28}$
SEQ	5.24 ± 0.27	$\mathbf{7.98 \pm 0.28}$
SPO	$\mathbf{1.97 \pm 0.06}$	1.92 ± 0.11
DIATOMS	48.21 ± 0.57	$\mathbf{58.71 \pm 0.68}$
ENRON	5.97 ± 0.56	$\mathbf{8.18 \pm 0.68}$
IMCLEF07A	79.75 ± 0.38	$\mathbf{86.08 \pm 0.45}$
IMCLEF07D	76.47 ± 0.35	$\mathbf{81.06 \pm 0.68}$

Neuro-Symbolic Learning Settings

Learn

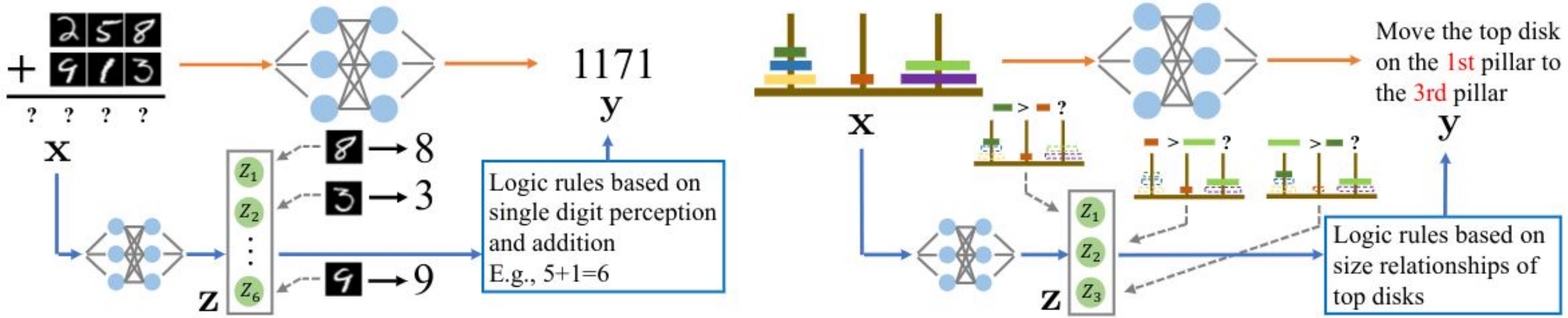
1. neural network given symbols and constraints and data

2. neural network and constraints given symbols and data

3. neural network and constraints and symbols given data

Everyone is working on 1. Ongoing work on 2.

Neuro-Symbolic Joint Training



Learn invariant features using neural networks. Learn logic to tie it all together.

Ask Yitao Liang, Anji Liu

Neuro-Symbolic Joint Training

Model	Multi-digit addition [test seq length + train/test img]						Tower of Hanoi		
	5 w/ test	10 w/ test	20 w/ test	5 w/ train	10 w/ train	20 w/ train	Task #1	Task #2	Task #3
DeepProbLog†	88.30	77.46	timeout	94.92	89.74	timeout	89.28	97.96	89.33
LSTM	81.40	56.97	39.05	88.92	77.40	63.23	78.26	**98.32**	74.36
DNC	81.49	59.64	33.83	81.88	59.96	37.85	76.20	97.87	73.87
NToC(ours)	**89.82**	**77.97**	**63.55**	**89.97**	**86.07**	**71.96**	**85.16**	97.94	**85.49**

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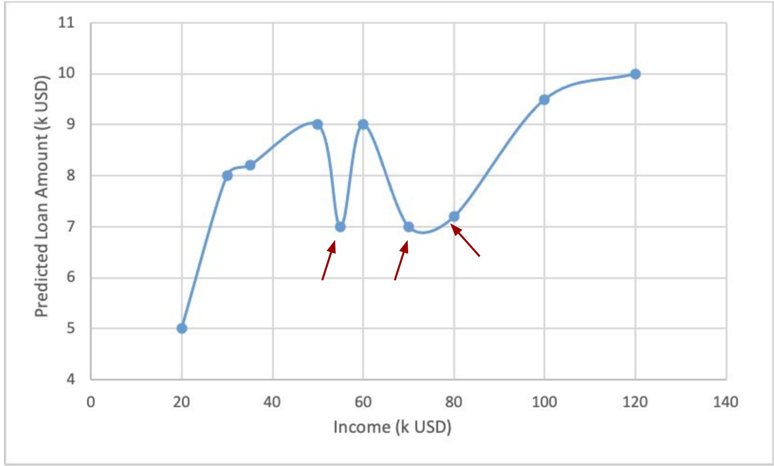
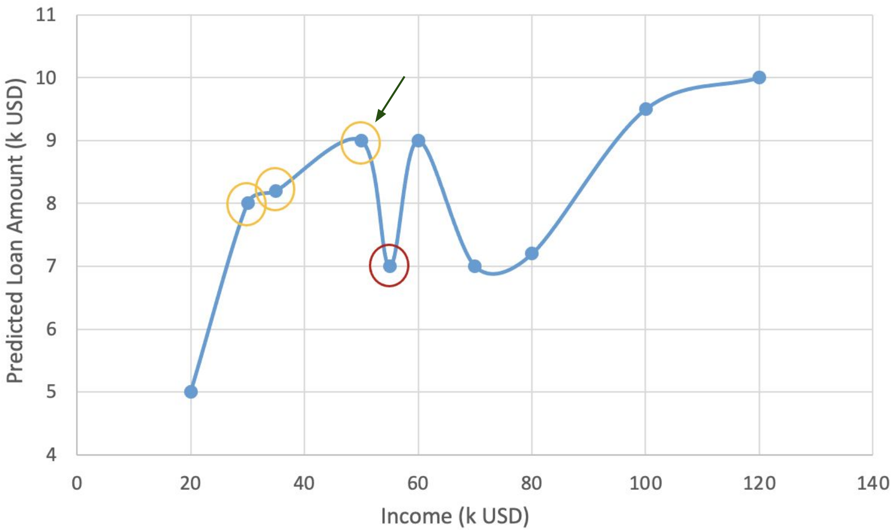
Predict Loan Amount



Neural Network Model: Increasing income can decrease the approved loan amount

Monotonicity (Prior Knowledge):
Increasing income should increase the approved loan amount

Counterexamples



$$\exists x, y \; x \leq y \implies f(x) > f(y)$$

Computed using SMT(LRA) logical reasoning solver

Maximal counterexamples (largest violation) using OMT

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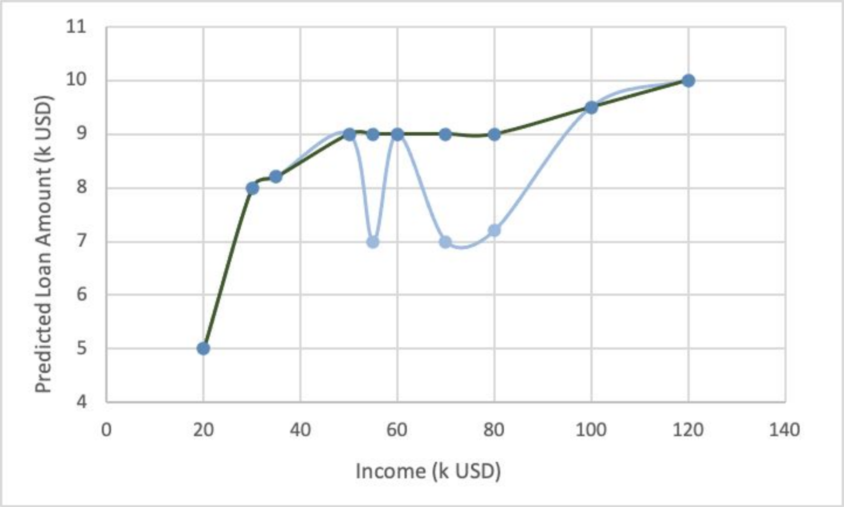
Counterexample-Guided Predictions



Monotonic Envelope:

- Replace each prediction by its maximal counterexample
- Envelope construction is online (during prediction)
- Guarantees monotonic predictions for any ReLU neural net

- Works for high-dimensional input
- Works for multiple monotonic features

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Monotonic Envelope: Performance

Dataset	Feature	NN_b	Envelope
Auto-MPG	Weight	9.33±3.22	**9.19±3.41**
	Displ.	9.33±3.22	9.63±2.61
	W,D	9.33±3.22	9.63±2.61
	W,D,HP	9.33±3.22	9.63±2.61
Boston	Rooms	14.37±2.4	**14.19±2.28**
	Crime	14.37±2.4	**14.02±2.17**

Dataset	Feature	NN_b	Envelope
Heart	Trestbps	0.85±0.04	0.85±0.04
	Chol.	0.85±0.04	0.85±0.05
	T,C	0.85±0.04	0.85±0.05
Adult	Cap. Gain	0.84	0.84
	Hours	0.84	0.84

Guaranteed monotonicity at little to no cost

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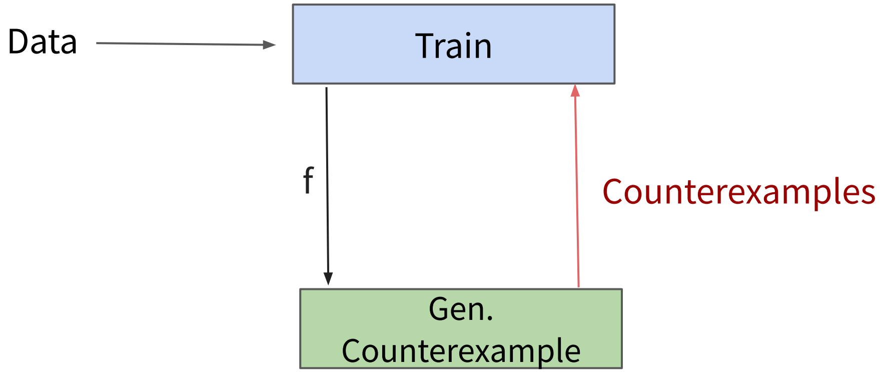
Counterexample-Guided Learning

How to use monotonicity to improve model quality?

“Monotonicity as inductive bias”



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Counterexample-Guided Learning: Performance

Dataset	Feature	NN_b	CGL
Auto-MPG	Weight	9.33±3.22	**9.04±2.76**
	Displ.	9.33±3.22	**9.08±2.87**
	W,D	9.33±3.22	**8.86±2.67**
	W,D,HP	9.33±3.22	**8.63±2.21**
Boston	Rooms	14.37±2.4	**12.24±2.87**
	Crime	14.37±2.4	**11.66±2.89**

Dataset	Feature	NN_b	CGL
Heart	Trestbps	0.85±0.04	**0.86±0.02**
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Monotonicity is a *great* inductive bias for learning

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COMET:
Counterexample-Guided Monotonicity Enforced Training

Table 4: Monotonicity is an effective inductive bias. COMET outperforms Min-Max networks on all datasets. COMET outperforms DLN in regression datasets and achieves similar results in classification datasets.

Dataset	Features	Min-Max	DLN	COMET
Auto-MPG	Weight	9.91±1.20	16.77±2.57	**8.92±2.93**
	Displ.	11.78±2.20	16.67±2.25	**9.11±2.25**
	W,D	11.60±0.54	16.56±2.27	**8.89±2.29**
	W,D,HP	10.14±1.54	13.34±2.42	**8.81±1.81**
Boston	Rooms	30.88±13.78	15.93±1.40	**11.54±2.55**
	Crime	25.89±2.47	12.06±1.44	**11.07±2.99**

Dataset	Features	Min-Max	DLN	COMET
Heart	Trestbps	0.75±0.04	0.85±0.02	**0.86±0.03**
	Chol.	0.75±0.04	0.85±0.04	**0.87±0.03**
	T,C	0.75±0.04	**0.86±0.02**	**0.86±0.03**
Adult	Cap. Gain	0.77	**0.84**	**0.84**
	Hours	0.73	**0.85**	0.84

COMET = Provable Guarantees + SotA Results

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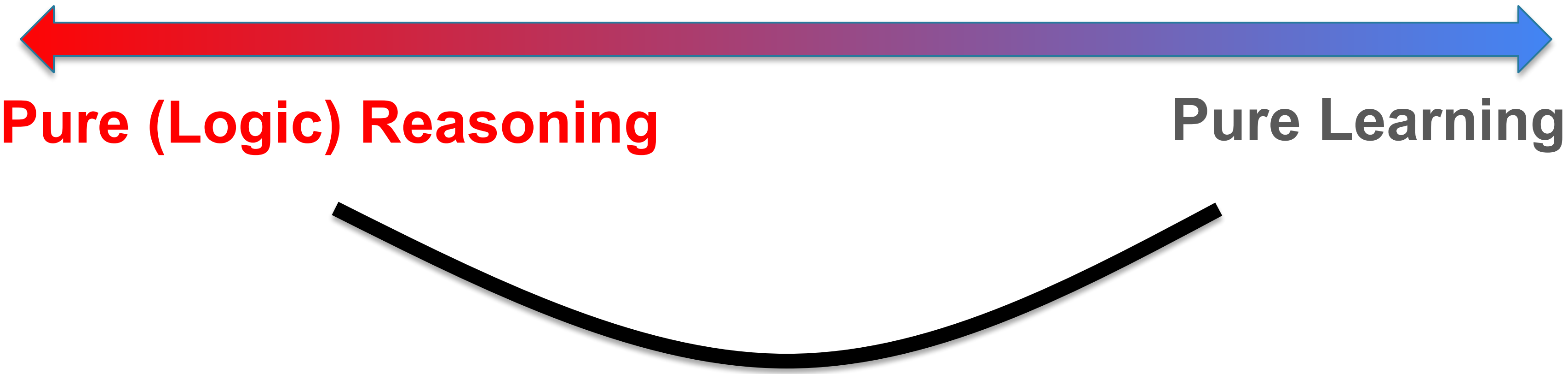
The AI Dilemma



- Knowledge is (hidden) everywhere in ML
- A little bit of reasoning goes a long way!

Deep learning with structured output constraints
Learning monotonic neural networks

Outline

1. The paradox of learning to reason from data

   ~~deep learning~~

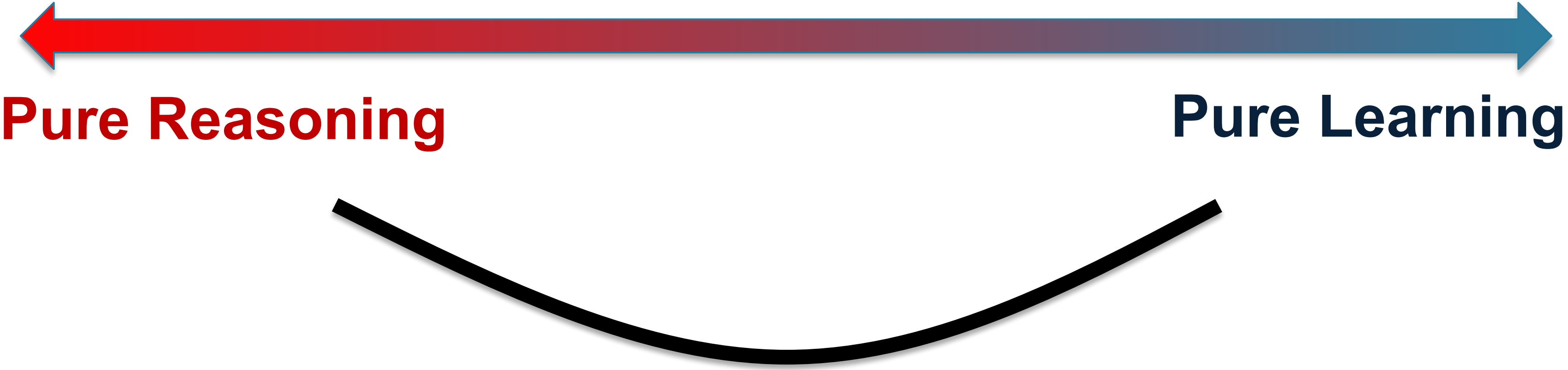
2. Tractable deep generative models

   probabilistic reasoning + *deep learning*

3. Learning with symbolic knowledge

   logical reasoning + *deep learning*

The AI Dilemma



Integrate reasoning into modern deep learning algorithms

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