

Probabilistic Logic Languages

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Combining Logic and Probability

- Useful to model domains with complex and uncertain relationships among entities
- Many approaches proposed in the areas of Logic Programming, Uncertainty in AI, Machine Learning, Databases
- Logic Programming: Distribution Semantics [Sato, 1995]
- A probabilistic logic program defines a probability distribution over normal logic programs (called **instances** or **possible worlds** or simply **worlds**)
- The distribution is extended to a joint distribution over worlds and interpretations (or queries)
- The probability of a query is obtained from this distribution



Probabilistic Logic Programming (PLP) Languages under the Distribution Semantics

- Probabilistic Logic Programs [Dantsin, 1991]
- Probabilistic Horn Abduction [Poole, 1993], Independent Choice Logic (ICL) [Poole, 1997]
- PRISM [Sato, 1995]
- Logic Programs with Annotated Disjunctions (LPADs) [Vennekens et al., 2004]
- ProbLog [De Raedt et al., 2007]
- They differ in the way they define the distribution over logic programs



Independent Choice Logic

```
sneezing(X) ← flu(X), flu_sneezing(X).  
sneezing(X) ← hay_fever(X), hay_fever_sneezing(X).  
flu(bob).  
hay_fever(bob).
```

```
disjoint([flu_sneezing(X) : 0.7, null : 0.3]).  
disjoint([hay_fever_sneezing(X) : 0.8, null : 0.2]).
```

- Distributions over facts by means of **disjoint** statements
- *null* does not appear in the body of any rule
- Worlds obtained by selecting one atom from every grounding of each disjoint statement



PRISM

```

sneezing(X) ← flu(X), msw(flu_sneezing(X), 1).
sneezing(X) ← hay_fever(X), msw(hay_fever_sneezing(X), 1).
flu(bob).
hay_fever(bob).

```

```

values(flu_sneezing(_X), [1, 0]).
values(hay_fever_sneezing(_X), [1, 0]).
:- set_sw(flu_sneezing(_X), [0.7, 0.3]).
:- set_sw(hay_fever_sneezing(_X), [0.8, 0.2]).

```

- Distributions over *msw* facts (random switches)
- Worlds obtained by selecting one value for every grounding of each *msw* statement



Logic Programs with Annotated Disjunctions

```
sneezing(X) : 0.7 ∨ null : 0.3 ← flu(X).  
sneezing(X) : 0.8 ∨ null : 0.2 ← hay_fever(X).  
flu(bob).  
hay_fever(bob).
```

- Distributions over the head of rules
- *null* does not appear in the body of any rule
- Worlds obtained by selecting one atom from the head of every grounding of each clause



ProbLog

```
sneezing(X) ← flu(X), flu_sneezing(X).  
sneezing(X) ← hay_fever(X), hay_fever_sneezing(X).  
flu(bob).  
hay_fever(bob).  
0.7 :: flu_sneezing(X).  
0.8 :: hay_fever_sneezing(X).
```

- Distributions over facts
- Worlds obtained by selecting or not every grounding of each probabilistic fact



Distribution Semantics

- Case of no function symbols: finite Herbrand universe, finite set of groundings of each disjoint statement/switch/clause
- **Atomic choice**: selection of the i -th atom for grounding $C\theta$ of disjoint statement/switch/clause C
 - represented with the triple (C, θ, i)
 - a ProbLog fact $p :: F$ is interpreted as $F : p \vee null : 1 - p$.
- Example $C_1 = disjoint([flu_sneezing(X) : 0.7, null : 0.3]), (C_1, \{X/bob\}, 1)$
- **Composite choice** κ : consistent set of atomic choices
- $\kappa = \{(C_1, \{X/bob\}, 1), (C_1, \{X/bob\}, 2)\}$ not consistent
- The probability of composite choice κ is

$$P(\kappa) = \prod_{(C,\theta,i) \in \kappa} P_0(C, i)$$



Distribution Semantics

- **Selection** σ : a total composite choice (one atomic choice for every grounding of each disjoint statement/clause)
- $\sigma = \{(C_1, \{X/bob\}, 1), (C_2, \{bob\}, 1)\}$

$C_1 = \text{disjoint}([\text{flu_sneezing}(X) : 0.7, \text{null} : 0.3]).$

$C_2 = \text{disjoint}([\text{hay_fever_sneezing}(X) : 0.8, \text{null} : 0.2]).$

- A selection σ identifies a logic program w_σ called **world**
- The probability of w_σ is $P(w_\sigma) = P(\sigma) = \prod_{(C,\theta,i) \in \sigma} P_0(C, i)$
- Finite set of worlds: $W_T = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$
- $P(w)$ distribution over worlds: $\sum_{w \in W_T} P(w) = 1$



Distribution Semantics

- Herbrand base $H_T = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$
- Query Q : $P(Q|w) = 1$ if $w \models Q$ and 0 otherwise
- $P(Q) = \sum_w P(Q, w) = \sum_w P(Q|w)P(w) = \sum_{w \models Q} P(w)$



Example Program (ICL)

- 4 worlds

sneezing(X) ← flu(X), flu_sneezing(X).

sneezing(X) ← hay_fever(X), hay_fever_sneezing(X).

flu(bob).

hay_fever(bob).

flu_sneezing(bob). null.

hay_fever_sneezing(bob). hay_fever_sneezing(bob).

$P(w_1) = 0.7 \times 0.8$ $P(w_2) = 0.3 \times 0.8$

flu_sneezing(bob). null.

null. null.

$P(w_3) = 0.7 \times 0.2$ $P(w_4) = 0.3 \times 0.2$

- *sneezing(bob)* is true in 3 worlds

$$P(\text{sneezing}(bob)) = 0.7 \times 0.8 + 0.3 \times 0.8 + 0.7 \times 0.2 = 0.94$$



Example Program (LPAD)

- 4 worlds

sneezing(bob) ← flu(bob).

sneezing(bob) ← hay_fever(bob).

flu(bob).

hay_fever(bob).

$$P(w_1) = 0.7 \times 0.8$$

null ← flu(bob).

sneezing(bob) ← hay_fever(bob).

flu(bob).

hay_fever(bob).

$$P(w_2) = 0.3 \times 0.8$$

sneezing(bob) ← flu(bob).

null ← hay_fever(bob).

flu(bob).

hay_fever(bob).

$$P(w_3) = 0.7 \times 0.2$$

null ← flu(bob).

null ← hay_fever(bob).

flu(bob).

hay_fever(bob).

$$P(w_4) = 0.3 \times 0.2$$

- *sneezing(bob)* is true in 3 worlds

$$\bullet P(\text{sneezing}(bob)) = 0.7 \times 0.8 + 0.3 \times 0.8 + 0.7 \times 0.2 = 0.94$$



Example Program (ProbLog)

- 4 worlds

sneezing(X) ← flu(X), flu_sneezing(X).

sneezing(X) ← hay_fever(X), hay_fever_sneezing(X).

flu(bob).

hay_fever(bob).

flu_sneezing(bob).

hay_fever_sneezing(bob). hay_fever_sneezing(bob).

$P(w_1) = 0.7 \times 0.8$

$P(w_2) = 0.3 \times 0.8$

flu_sneezing(bob).

$P(w_3) = 0.7 \times 0.2$

$P(w_4) = 0.3 \times 0.2$

- *sneezing(bob)* is true in 3 worlds

$$P(\text{sneezing}(bob)) = 0.7 \times 0.8 + 0.3 \times 0.8 + 0.7 \times 0.2 = 0.94$$



Examples

Throwing coins

```
heads(Coin):1/2 ; tails(Coin):1/2 :-  
    toss(Coin), \+biased(Coin).  
heads(Coin):0.6 ; tails(Coin):0.4 :-  
    toss(Coin), biased(Coin).  
fair(Coin):0.9 ; biased(Coin):0.1.  
toss(coin).
```

Russian roulette with two guns

```
death:1/6 :- pull_trigger(left_gun).  
death:1/6 :- pull_trigger(right_gun).  
pull_trigger(left_gun).  
pull_trigger(right_gun).
```



Examples

Mendel's inheritance rules for pea plants

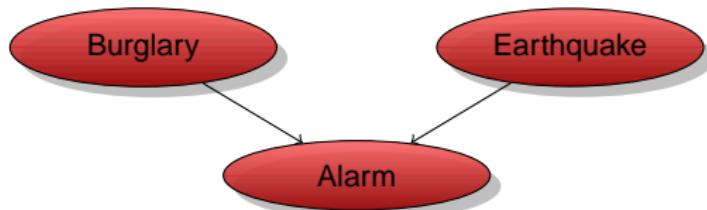
```
color(X,white):-cg(X,1,w),cg(X,2,w).  
color(X,purple):-cg(X,_A,p).  
cg(X,1,A):0.5 ; cg(X,1,B):0.5 :-  
    mother(Y,X),cg(Y,1,A),cg(Y,2,B).  
cg(X,2,A):0.5 ; cg(X,2,B):0.5 :-  
    father(Y,X),cg(Y,1,A),cg(Y,2,B).
```

Probability of paths

```
path(X,X).  
path(X,Y):-path(X,Z),edge(Z,Y).  
edge(a,b):0.3.  
edge(b,c):0.2.  
edge(a,c):0.6.
```



Encoding Bayesian Networks



burg	t	f
	0.1	0.9
earthq	t	f
	0.2	0.8
alarm	t	f
b=t,e=t	1.0	0.0
b=t,e=f	0.8	0.2
b=f,e=t	0.8	0.2
b=f,e=f	0.1	0.9

```

burg(t):0.1 ; burg(f):0.9.
earthq(t):0.2 ; earthq(f):0.8.
alarm(t):-burg(t),earthq(t).
alarm(t):0.8 ; alarm(f):0.2:-burg(t),earthq(f).
alarm(t):0.8 ; alarm(f):0.2:-burg(f),earthq(t).
alarm(t):0.1 ; alarm(f):0.9:-burg(f),earthq(f).
  
```



Expressive Power

- All these languages have the same expressive power
- LPADs have the most general syntax
- There are transformations that can convert each one into the others
- ICL, PRISM: direct mapping
- ICL, PRISM to LPAD: direct mapping



LPADs to ICL

- Clause C_i with variables \overline{X}

$$H_1 : p_1 \vee \dots \vee H_n : p_n \leftarrow B.$$

is translated into

$$H_1 \leftarrow B, \text{choice}_{i,1}(\overline{X}).$$

⋮

$$H_n \leftarrow B, \text{choice}_{i,1}(\overline{X}).$$

$$\text{disjoint}([\text{choice}_{i,1}(\overline{X}) : p_1, \dots, \text{choice}_{i,n}(\overline{X}) : p_n]).$$



LPADs to ProbLog

- Clause C_i with variables \overline{X}

$$H_1 : p_1 \vee \dots \vee H_n : p_n \leftarrow B.$$

is translated into

$$H_1 \leftarrow B, f_{i,1}(\overline{X}).$$

$$H_2 \leftarrow B, \text{not}(f_{i,1}(\overline{X})), f_{i,2}(\overline{X}).$$

⋮

$$H_n \leftarrow B, \text{not}(f_{i,1}(\overline{X})), \dots, \text{not}(f_{i,n-1}(\overline{X})).$$

$$\pi_1 :: f_{i,1}(\overline{X}).$$

⋮

$$\pi_{n-1} :: f_{i,n-1}(\overline{X}).$$

where $\pi_1 = p_1$, $\pi_2 = \frac{p_2}{1-\pi_1}$, $\pi_3 = \frac{p_3}{(1-\pi_1)(1-\pi_2)}$, ...

- In general $\pi_i = \frac{p_i}{\prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (1-\pi_j)}$



Negation

- How to deal with negation?
- Each world should have a single total model because we consider two-valued interpretations
- We want to model uncertainty only by means of random choices
- This can be required explicitly: each world should have a total well founded model/single stable model (**sound programs**)



Function Symbols

- What if function symbols are present?
- Infinite, countable Herbrand universe
- Infinite, countable Herbrand base
- Infinite, countable grounding of the program T
- Uncountable W_T
- Each world infinite, countable
- $P(w) = 0$
- Semantics not well-defined

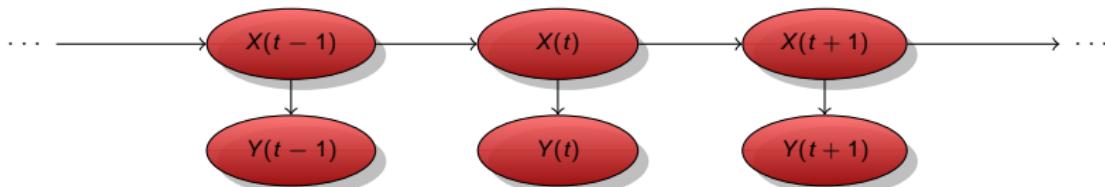


Game of dice

```
on(0,1):1/3 ; on(0,2):1/3 ; on(0,3):1/3.  
on(T,1):1/3 ; on(T,2):1/3 ; on(T,3):1/3 :-  
    T1 is T-1, T1>=0, on(T1,F), \+ on(T1,3).
```



Hidden Markov Models



```

hmm(S,O) :- hmm(q1,[],S,O).
hmm(end,S,S,[ ]).
hmm(Q,S0,S,[L|O]) :-
  Q \= end,
  next_state(Q,Q1,S0),
  letter(Q,L,S0),
  hmm(Q1,[Q|S0],S,O).
next_state(q1,q1,_S) : 1/3; next_state(q1,q2_,_S) : 1/3;
  next_state(q1,end,_S) : 1/3.
next_state(q2,q1,_S) : 1/3; next_state(q2,q2_,_S) : 1/3;
  next_state(q2,end,_S) : 1/3.
letter(q1,a,_S) : 0.25; letter(q1,c,_S) : 0.25;
  letter(q1,g,_S) : 0.25; letter(q1,t,_S) : 0.25.
letter(q2,a,_S) : 0.25; letter(q2,c,_S) : 0.25;
  letter(q2,g,_S) : 0.25; letter(q2,t,_S) : 0.25.
  
```



Distribution Semantics with Function Symbols

- Semantics proposed for ICL and PRISM, applicable also to the other languages
- Definition of a probability measure μ over W_T
- μ assigns a probability to every element of an algebra Ω of subsets of W_T , i.e. a set of subsets closed under union and complementation
- The algebra Ω is the set of sets of worlds identified by a finite set of finite composite choices



Composite Choices

- Set of worlds compatible with κ : $\omega_\kappa = \{w_\sigma \in W_T | \kappa \subseteq \sigma\}$
- For programs without function symbols $P(\kappa) = \sum_{w \in \omega_\kappa} P(w)$

$sneezing(X) \leftarrow flu(X), flu_sneezing(X).$
 $sneezing(X) \leftarrow hay_fever(X), hay_fever_sneezing(X).$
 $flu(bob).$
 $hay_fever(bob).$
 $C_1 = disjoint([flu_sneezing(X) : 0.7, null : 0.3]).$
 $C_2 = disjoint([hay_fever_sneezing(X) : 0.8, null : 0.2]).$

- $\kappa = \{(C_1, \{X/bob\}, 1)\}, \omega_\kappa =$

$flu_sneezing(bob).$ $hay_fever_sneezing(bob).$ $P(w_1) = 0.7 \times 0.8$	$flu_sneezing(bob).$ $null.$ $P(w_2) = 0.7 \times 0.2$
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- $P(\kappa) = 0.7 = P(w_1) + P(w_2)$



Sets of Composite Choices

- Set of composite choices K
- Set of worlds compatible with K : $\omega_K = \bigcup_{\kappa \in K} \omega_\kappa$
- $\Omega = \{\omega_K \mid K \text{ is finite set of finite composite choices}\}$
- Two composite choices κ_1 and κ_2 are exclusive if their union is inconsistent
- $\kappa_1 = \{(C_1, \{X/bob\}, 1)\},$
 $\kappa_2 = \{(C_1, \{X/bob\}, 2), (C_2, \{X/bob\}, 1)\}$
- $\kappa_1 \cup \kappa_2$ inconsistent
- A set K of composite choices is mutually exclusive if for all $\kappa_1 \in K, \kappa_2 \in K, \kappa_1 \neq \kappa_2 \Rightarrow \kappa_1$ and κ_2 are exclusive.
- If K is mutually exclusive, define $P(K) = \sum_{\kappa \in K} P(\kappa)$

Lemma ([Poole, 2000])

If K and K' are both mutually exclusive sets of composite choices such that $\omega_K = \omega_{K'}$, then $P(K) = P(K')$

Probability Measure

Lemma ([Poole, 2000])

Given a finite set K of finite composite choices, there exists a finite set K' of finite composite choices that is mutually exclusive and such that $\omega_K = \omega_{K'}$.

- $\Omega = \{\omega_K | K \text{ is a finite set of finite composite choices}\}$
- Ω is an algebra

Definition

$\mu : \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is

$$\mu(\omega) = P(K)$$

for $\omega \in \Omega$ where K is a mutually exclusive finite set of finite composite choices such that $\omega_K = \omega$.

Probability Measure

- μ satisfies the finite additivity version of Kolmogorov probability axioms
 - 1 $\mu(\omega) \geq 0$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$
 - 2 $\mu(W) = 1$
 - 3 $\omega_1 \cap \omega_2 = \emptyset \rightarrow \mu(\omega_1 \cup \omega_2) = \mu(\omega_1) + \mu(\omega_2)$ for all $\omega_1 \in \Omega, \omega_2 \in \Omega$
- So μ is a probability measure



Probability of a Query

- Given a query Q , a composite choice κ is an **explanation** for Q if

$$\forall w \in \omega_\kappa \quad w \models Q$$

- A set K of composite choices is **covering** wrt Q if every world in which Q is true belongs to ω_K

Definition

$$P(Q) = \mu(\{w | w \in W_T, w \models Q\})$$

- If Q has a finite set of finite explanations that is covering, $P(Q)$ is well-defined



Example Program (ICL)

$sneezing(X) \leftarrow flu(X), flu_sneezing(X).$
 $sneezing(X) \leftarrow hay_fever(X), hay_fever_sneezing(X).$
 $flu(bob).$
 $hay_fever(bob).$
 $C_1 = disjoint([flu_sneezing(X) : 0.7, null : 0.3]).$
 $C_2 = disjoint([hay_fever_sneezing(X) : 0.8, null : 0.2]).$

- Goal $sneezing(bob)$
- $\kappa_1 = \{(C_1, \{X/bob\}, 1)\}$
- $\kappa_2 = \{(C_1, \{X/bob\}, 2), (C_2, \{X/bob\}, 1)\}$
- $K = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_2\}$ mutually exclusive finite set of finite explanations that are covering for $sneezing(bob)$
- $P(Q) = P(\kappa_1) + P(\kappa_2) = 0.7 + 0.3 \cdot 0.8 = 0.94$



Reasoning Tasks

- Inference: we want to compute the probability or an explanation of a query given the model and, possibly, some evidence
- Weight learning: we know the structural part of the model (the logic formulas) but not the numeric part (the weights) and we want to infer the weights from data
- Structure learning we want to infer both the structure and the weights of the model from data



Inference Tasks

- Computing the (conditional) probability of a ground query given the model and, possibly, some evidence
- Finding the most likely state of a set of query atoms given the evidence (Maximum A Posteriori/Most Probable Explanation inference)
 - In Hidden Markov Models, the most likely state of the state variables given the observations is the Viterbi path, its probability the Viterbi probability
- Finding the (k) most probable explanation(s)
- Finding the distribution of variable substitutions for a non-ground query.
- Finding the most probable variable substitution for a non-ground query.



Weight Learning

- Given
 - model: a probabilistic logic model with unknown parameters
 - data: a set of interpretations
- Find the values of the parameters that maximize the probability of the data given the model
- Discriminative learning: maximize the conditional probability of a set of outputs (e.g. ground instances for a predicate) given a set of inputs
- Alternatively, the data are queries for which we know the probability: minimize the error in the probability of the queries that is returned by the model



Structure Learning

- Given
 - language bias: a specification of the search space
 - data: a set of interpretations
- Find the formulas and the parameters that maximize the likelihood of the data given the model
- Discriminative learning: again maximize the conditional likelihood of a set of outputs given a set of inputs



Inference for PLP under DS

- Computing the probability of a query (no evidence)
- Explanation based:
 - find explanations for queries
 - make the explanations mutually exclusive
 - by means of an iterative splitting algorithm (Ailog2 [Poole, 2000])
 - by means of Binary Decision Diagrams (ProbLog [De Raedt et al., 2007], cplint [Riguzzi, 2007, Riguzzi, 2009] PITA [Riguzzi and Swift, 2010])
- Bayesian Network based:
 - Convert to BN
 - Use BN inference algorithms (CVE [Meert et al., 2009])
 - Lifted inference



ProbLog

```
sneezing(X) ← flu(X), flu_sneezing(X).  
sneezing(X) ← hay_fever(X), hay_fever_sneezing(X).  
flu(david).  
hay_fever(david).  
 $C_1 = 0.7 :: \text{flu\_sneezing}(X).$   
 $C_2 = 0.8 :: \text{hay\_fever\_sneezing}(X).$ 
```

- Distributions over facts



Finding Explanations

- All explanations for the query are collected
- ProbLog: source to source transformation for facts, use of dynamic database
- cplint: meta-interpretation
- PITA: source to source transformation, addition of an argument to predicates



Explanation Based Inference Algorithm

- K = set of explanations found for Q ,
- They are not necessarily mutually exclusive
- The probability of Q is given by the probability of the formula

$$f_K(\mathbf{Y}) = \bigvee_{\kappa \in K} \bigwedge_{(C,\theta,i) \in \kappa} (Y_{C\theta} = i)$$

where $Y_{C\theta}$ is a random variable whose domain is 1, 2 and
 $P(Y_{C\theta} = i) = P_0(C, i)$

- Binary domain: we use a Boolean variable $X_{C\theta}$ to represent $(Y_{C\theta} = 1)$
- $\neg X_{C\theta}$ represents $(Y_{C\theta} = 2)$



Example

A set of covering explanations for $\text{sneezing}(\text{david})$ is $K = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_2\}$

$$\kappa_1 = \{(C_1, \{X/\text{david}\}, 1)\}$$

$$\kappa_2 = \{(C_2, \{X/\text{david}\}, 1)\}$$

$$K = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_2\}$$

$$f_K(\mathbf{Y}) = (Y_{C_1\{X/\text{david}\}} = 1) \vee (Y_{C_2\{X/\text{david}\}} = 1).$$

$$X_1 = (Y_{C_1\{X/\text{david}\}} = 1)$$

$$X_2 = (Y_{C_2\{X/\text{david}\}} = 1)$$

$$f_K(\mathbf{X}) = X_1 \vee X_2.$$

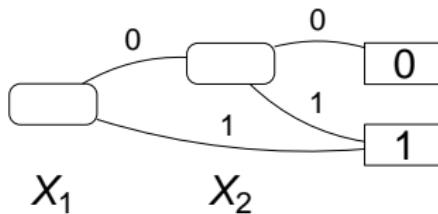
$$P(f_K(\mathbf{X})) = P(X_1 \vee X_2)$$

$$P(f_K(\mathbf{X})) = P(X_1) + P(X_2) - P(X_1)P(X_2)$$

- In order to compute the probability, we must make the explanations mutually exclusive
- [De Raedt et al., 2007]: Binary Decision Diagram (BDD)



Binary Decision Diagrams



$$f_K(\mathbf{X}) = X_1 \times f_K^{X_1}(\mathbf{X}) + \neg X_1 \times f_K^{\neg X_1}(\mathbf{X})$$

$$P(f_K(\mathbf{X})) = P(X_1)P(f_K^{X_1}(\mathbf{X})) + (1 - P(X_1))P(f_K^{\neg X_1}(\mathbf{X}))$$

$$P(f_K(\mathbf{X})) = 0.7 \cdot P(f_K^{X_1}(\mathbf{X})) + 0.3 \cdot P(f_K^{\neg X_1}(\mathbf{X}))$$



Probability from a BDD

- Dynamic programming algorithm [De Raedt et al., 2007]

```
1: function PROB( $n$ )
2:   if  $n$  is a terminal note then
3:     return value( $n$ )
4:   else
5:     return
       PROB( $child_0(n)$ ) $\times p(v(n))$ +PROB( $child_1(n)$ ) $\times (1 - p(v(node)))$ 
6:   end if
7: end function
```



Logic Programs with Annotated Disjunctions

$C_1 = \text{strong_sneezing}(X) : 0.3 \vee \text{moderate_sneezing}(X) : 0.5 \leftarrow \text{flu}(X).$
 $C_2 = \text{strong_sneezing}(X) : 0.2 \vee \text{moderate_sneezing}(X) : 0.6 \leftarrow \text{hay_fever}(X).$
 $C_3 = \text{flu}(\text{david}).$
 $C_4 = \text{hay_fever}(\text{david}).$

- More than two head atoms



Example

A set of covering explanations for $\text{strong_sneezing}(\text{david})$ is

$$K = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_2\}$$

$$\kappa_1 = \{(C_1, \{X/\text{david}\}, 1)\}$$

$$\kappa_2 = \{(C_2, \{X/\text{david}\}, 1)\}$$

$$K = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_2\}$$

$$X_1 = X_{C_1\{X/\text{david}\}}$$

$$X_2 = X_{C_2\{X/\text{david}\}}$$

$$f_K(\mathbf{X}) = (X_1 = 1) \vee (X_2 = 1).$$

$$P(f_X) = P(X_1 = 1) + P(X_2 = 1) - P(X_1 = 1)P(X_2 = 1)$$

- To make the explanations mutually exclusive: Multivalued Decision Diagram (MDD)
- Converted to BDD using a transformation similar to LPAD to ProbLog



Tabling

- PITA (Probabilistic Inference with Tabling and Answer subsumption) [Riguzzi and Swift, 2010, Riguzzi and Swift, 2011] (a package of XSB)
- All the explanations for a goal have to be found
- It makes sense to store the explanations for subgoals with tabling
- Associate to each answer (ground atom) a BDD representing its explanations
- Combine BDDs by using the Boolean operators offered by BDD manipulating packages
- Library for manipulating BDD directly in Prolog (interface to CUDD)
- A BDD is represented in Prolog by an integer indicating the address of its root node
- Casting for integer-pointer conversion



Library Predicates

- `init`, `end`: for allocation and deallocation of a BDD manager
- `zero(-BDD)`, `one(-BDD)`, `and(+BDD1,+BDD2,-BDD0)`,
`or(+BDD1,+BDD2,-BDD0)`, `not(+BDD1,-BDD0)`: BDD operations
- `get_var_n(+R,+S,+Probs,-Var)`: returns a ground rule multi-valued random variable
- `equality(+Var,+Value,-BDD)`: BDD represents `Var=Value`
- `ret_prob(+BDD,-P)`: returns the probability of the formula encoded by BDD



Tabling

- Add an extra argument to each atom for storing a BDD
- When an answer $p(\mathbf{x}, bdd)$ is found, bdd represents the explanations for $p(\mathbf{x})$
- If the program is range restricted, $p(\mathbf{x})$ is ground
- Use program transformation to obtain a Prolog program from an LPAD



Answer Subsumption

- Use a lattice on terms to combine different answers for the same goal
- The bottom element and the join operator of the lattice have to be specified in the tabling directives
- E.g `:-table path(X,Y,or/3-zero/1)` means that, if two answers `path(a,b,bdd0)` and `path(a,b,bdd1)` are found, the single answer `path(a,b,bdd)` will be stored in the table where `or(bdd0,bdd1,bdd)`



Program Transformation

- $PITA(p(a, b, c)) = p(a, b, c, D)$
- The disjunctive clause

$C_r = H_1 : \alpha_1 \vee \dots \vee H_n : \alpha_n \leftarrow L_1, \dots, L_m.$

is transformed into the set of clauses $PITA(C_r)$

$PITA(C_r, i) = PITA(H_1) \leftarrow$ *one(BB₀)*,
PITA(L₁), *and(BB₀, B₁, BB₁)*,
 \dots ,
PITA(L_m), *and(BB_{m-1}, B_m, BB_m)*,
get_var_n(r, VC, [α₁, ..., α_n], Var),
equality(Var, i, BB),
and(BB_m, BB, BDD).



Example

Clause

strong_sneezing(X) : 0.3 ∨ moderate_sneezing(X) : 0.5 ← flu(X).

is translated into

strong_sneezing(X, BDD) ←

*one(BB₀),
flu(X, B₁), and(BB₀, B₁, BB₁),
get_var_n(1, [X], [0.3, 0.5, 0.2], Var),
equality(Var, 1, BB),
and(BB₁, BB, BDD).*

moderate_sneezing(X, BDD) ←

*one(BB₀),
flu(X, B₁), and(BB₀, B₁, BB₁),
get_var_n(1, [X], [0.3, 0.5, 0.2], Var),
equality(Var, 2, BB),
and(BB₁, BB, BDD).*



Query

- Query: *sneezing(bob)*

```
← init,  
    sneezing(bob, BDD),  
    ret_prob(BDD, P),  
    end.
```



Experiments

- Biomine network: network of biological concepts
- Each edge has a probability
- Dataset from [De Raedt et al., 2007]: 50 sampled subnetworks of size 200, 400, ..., 10000 edges
- Sampling repeated 10 times
- Linux PCs with Intel Core 2 Duo E6550 (2,333 MHz) and 4 GB of RAM
- Execution stopped after 24 hours

```

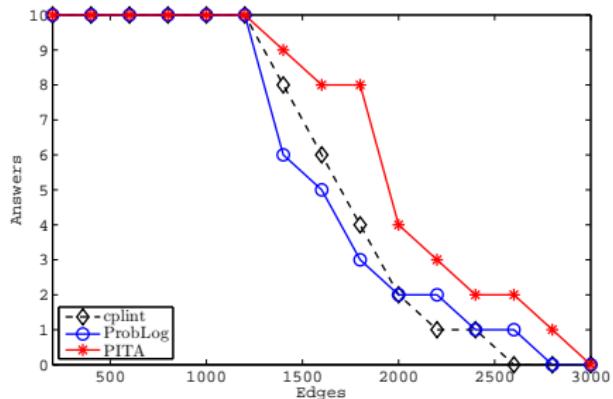
path(X,Y) :- path(X,Y,[X],Z).
path(X,Y,V,[Y|V]) :- arc(X,Y).
path(X,Y,V0,V1) :- arc(X,Z),append(V0,_S,V1),
\+ member(Z,V0),path(Z,Y,[Z|V0],V1).
arc(X,Y):-edge(X,Y).
arc(X,Y):-edge(Y,X).
edge('EntrezProtein_33339674','HGNC_620'):0.515062.

```

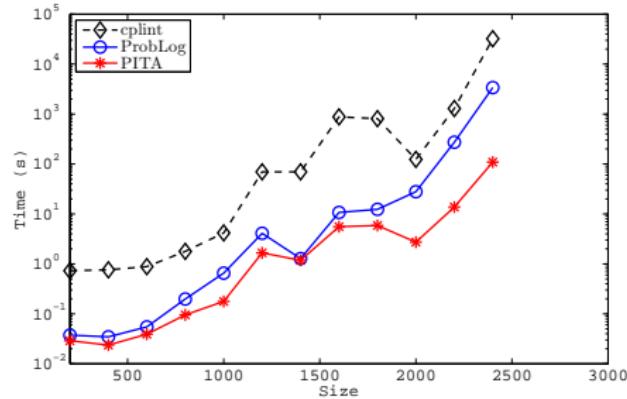


Dataset from [De Raedt et al., 2007]

Number of solved subgraphs

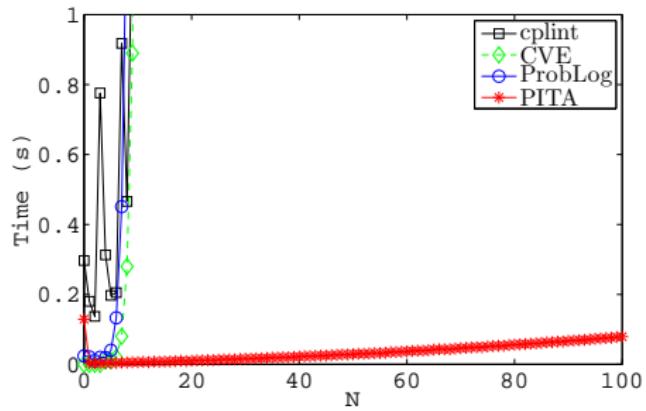


Average time



Game of dice

```
on(0,1):1/3 ; on(0,2):1/3 ; on(0,3):1/3.  
on(T,1):1/3 ; on(T,2):1/3 ; on(T,3):1/3 :-  
    T1 is T-1, T1>=0, on(T1,F), \+ on(T1,3).
```



Blood Type [Meert et al., 2009]

```

mchrom(Person,a):0.90 ; mchrom(Person,b):0.05 ; mchrom(Person,null):0.05 :-  

    mother(Mother,Person), pchrom(Mother,a      ), mchrom(Mother,a      ).  

mchrom(Person,a):0.49 ; mchrom(Person,b):0.49 ; mchrom(Person,null):0.02 :-  

    mother(Mother,Person), pchrom(Mother,b      ), mchrom(Mother,a      ).  

.....  

pchrom(Person,a):0.90 ; pchrom(Person,b):0.05 ; pchrom(Person,null):0.05 :-  

    father(Father,Person), pchrom(Father,a      ), mchrom(Father,a      ).  

.....  

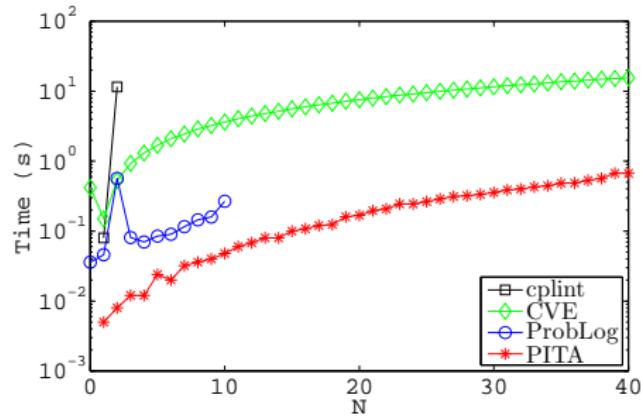
bloodtype(Person,a):0.90 ; bloodtype(Person,b):0.03 ; bloodtype(Person,ab):0.03 ;  

    bloodtype(Person,null):0.04 :- pchrom(Person,a      ), mchrom(Person,a      ).  

bloodtype(Person,a):0.03 ; bloodtype(Person,b):0.03 ; bloodtype(Person,ab):0.90 ;  

    bloodtype(Person,null):0.04 :- pchrom(Person,b      ), mchrom(Person,a      ).  


```

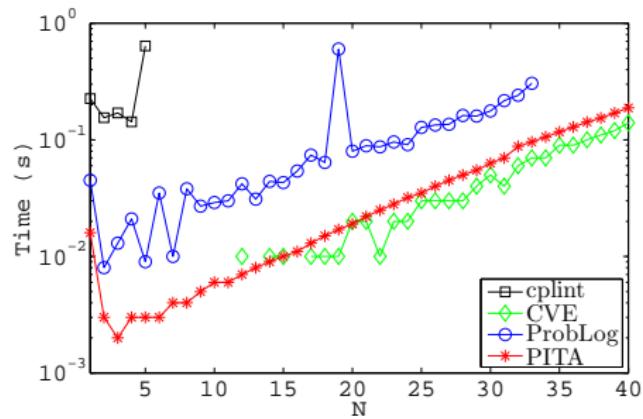


Growing negated body [Meert et al., 2009]

```

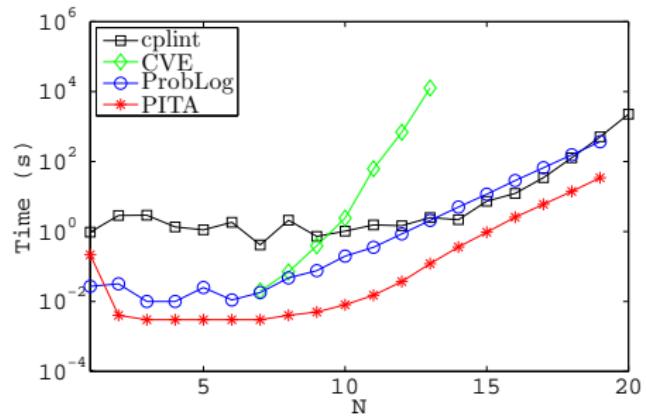
a0:0.5 :- a1.
a0:0.5 :- \+ a1, a2.
a0:0.5 :- \+ a1, \+ a2, a3.
a1:0.5 :- a2.
a1:0.5 :- \+ a2, a3.
a2:0.5 :- a3.
a3:0.5.

```



Growing head [Meert et al., 2009]

```
a0 :- a1.  
a1:0.5.  
a0:0.5; a1:0.5 :- a2.  
a2:0.5.  
a0:0.333333; a1:0.333333; a2:0.333333 :- a3.  
a3:0.5.
```

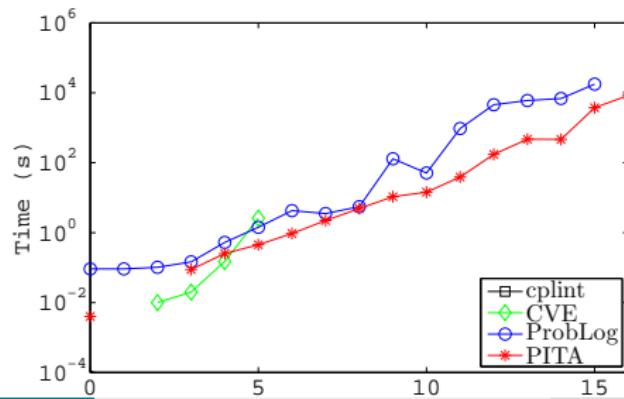


UWCSE [Meert et al., 2009]

```

course(c1).
professor(p1).
student(s1).
advised_by(A,B):0.10708782742681 :- student(A),professor(B),
    position(B,faculty).
advised_by(A,B):0.0278422273781903 :-student(A),professor(B),
    \+position(B,faculty).
course_level(A,level_300):0.0666666666666667;
course_level(A,level_400):0.318518518518519;
course_level(A,level_500):0.614814814814815 :-
    course(A).

```



Approximate Inference

- Inference problem is #P hard
- For large models inference is intractable
- Approximate inference
 - Monte Carlo: draw samples of the truth value of the query
 - Iterative deepening: gives a lower and an upper bound
 - Compute only the best k explanations: branch and bound, gives a lower bound



Conclusions

- Probabilistic Logic Programming: Distribution semantics
- ICL, PRISM, LPADs, ProbLog
- Expressive power
- Reasoning tasks

Thank you!
Questions?



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