

From Statistical Relational AI to Neural Symbolic Computation

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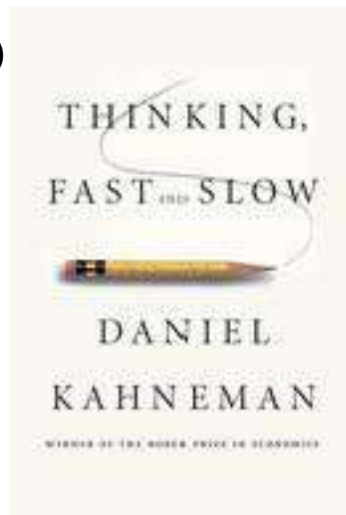


Learning and Reasoning both needed

- System 1 - thinking fast - can do things like $2+2 = ?$ and recognise objects in image
- System 2 - thinking slow - can reason about solving complex problems - planning a complex task
- alternative terms — data-driven vs knowledge-driven, symbolic vs subsymbolic, solvers and learners, neuro-symbolic...
- **A lot of work on integrating learning and reasoning, neural symbolic computation to integrate logic / symbols reasoning with neural networks**

see also arguments

by Marcus, Darwiche, Levesque, Tenenbaum, Geffner, Bengio, Le Cun, Kautz, ...



Real-life problems involve two important aspects.

 AUTO



Who can go first ?

- A. The red car
- B. The blue van
- C. The white car

<https://www.theorie-blokken.be/nl/gratis-proefexamen>

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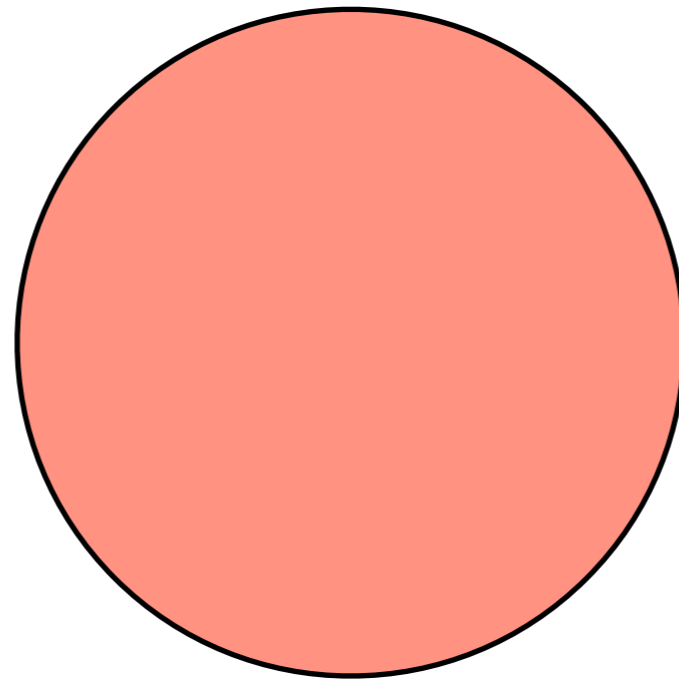
Sub-symbolic perception

Reasoning



Thinking fast

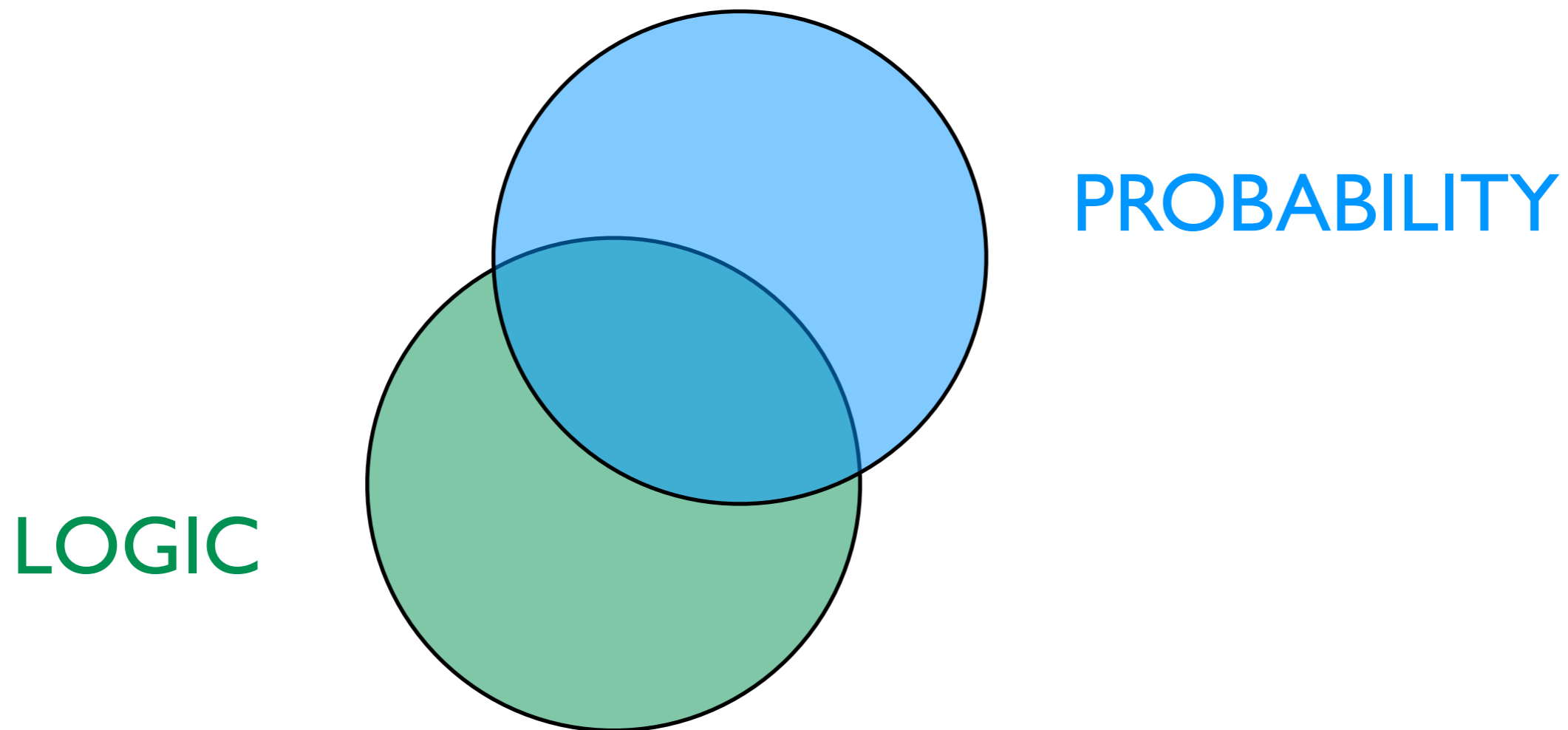
MAIN PARADIGM in AI
Focus on Learning



NEURAL

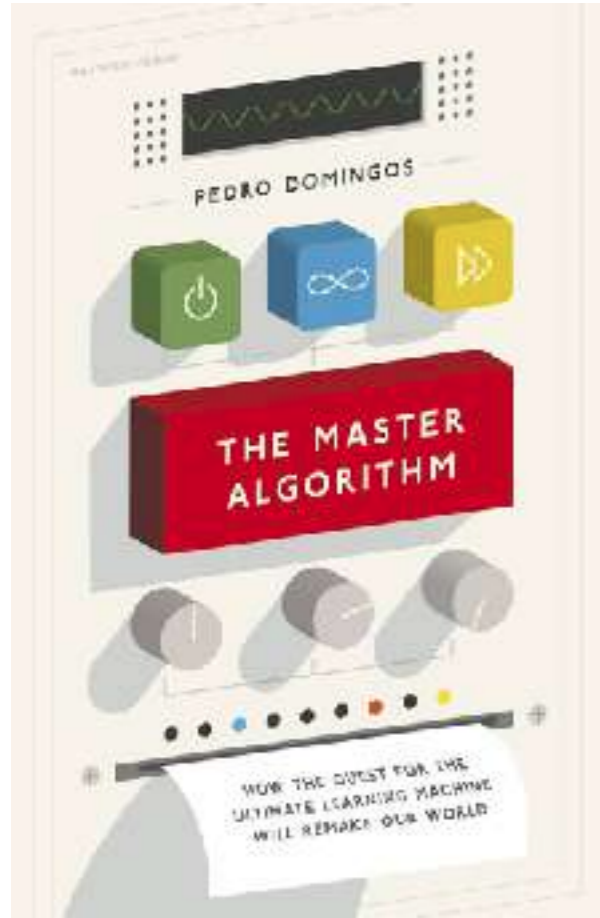
Thinking slow = reasoning

TWO MAIN PARADIGMS in AI

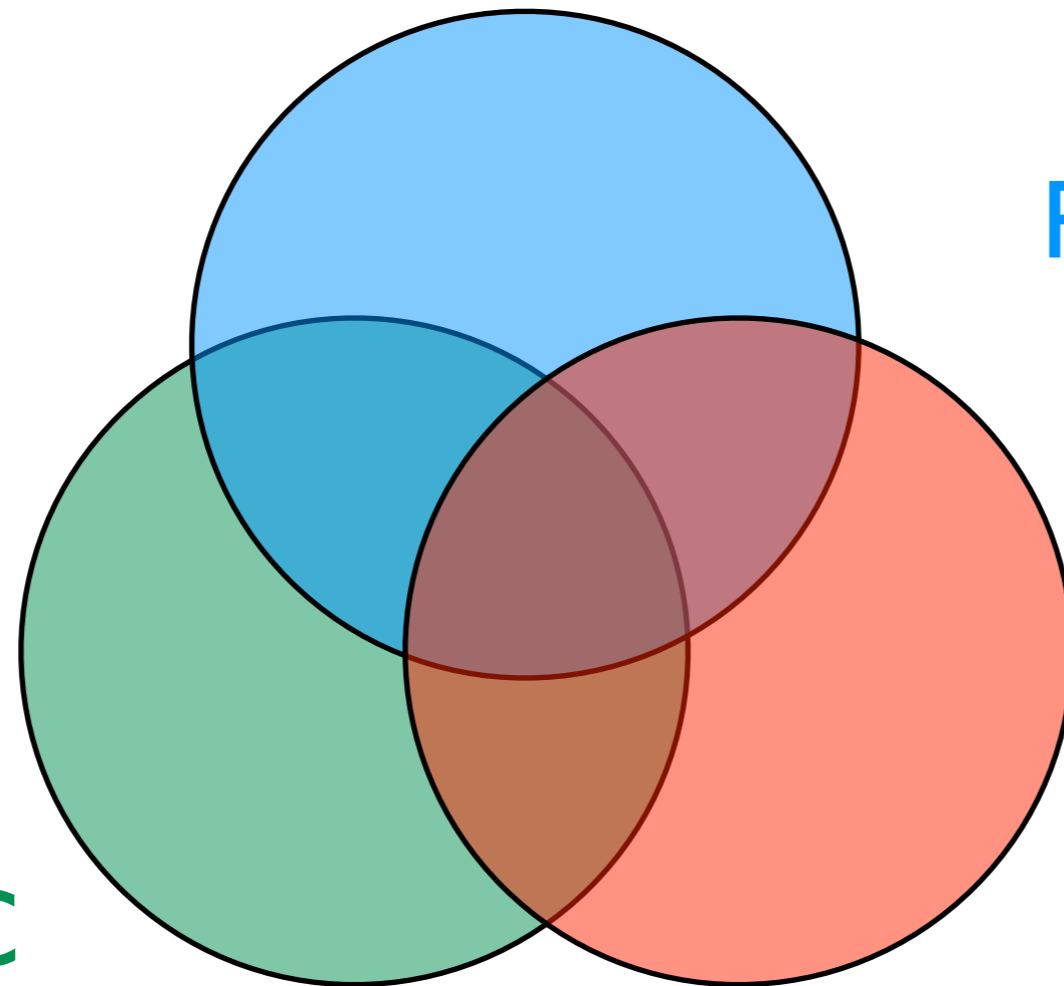


Their integration has been well studied in
Probabilistic (Logic) Programming and Statistical Relational AI (StarAI)

Integrating learning and reasoning



LOGIC

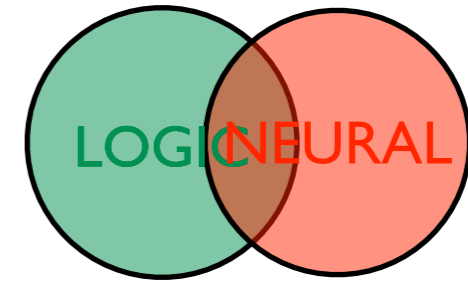


PROBABILITY

NEURAL

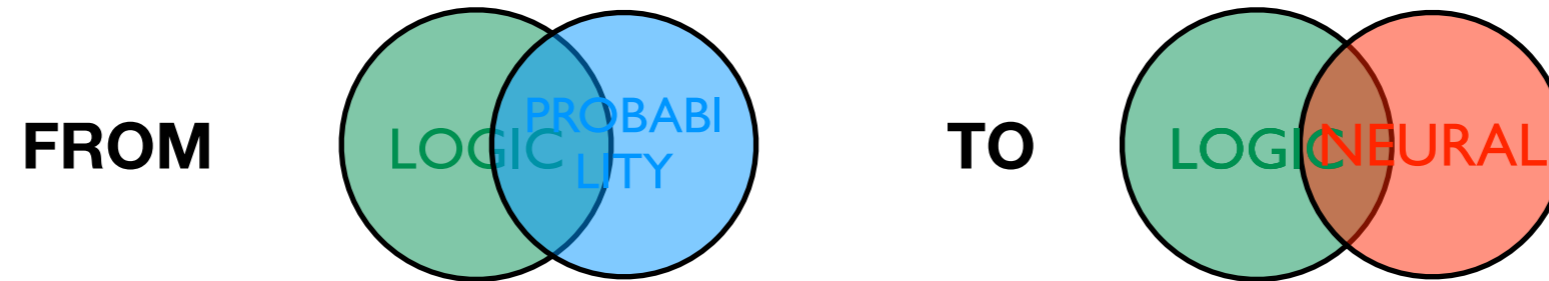
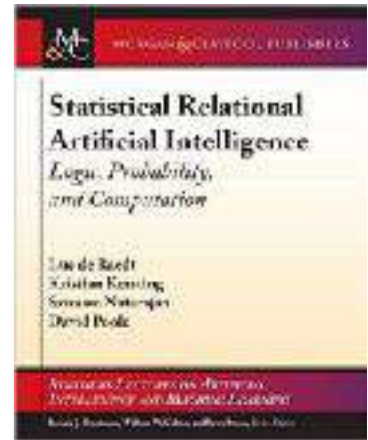
How to integrate these three paradigms in AI ?

Neural Symbolic Computation:



- **Neural symbolic computation** is the area combining logic / symbolic reasoning and neural networks

Key Message 1



**StarAI and NeSy share similar problems
and thus similar solutions apply**



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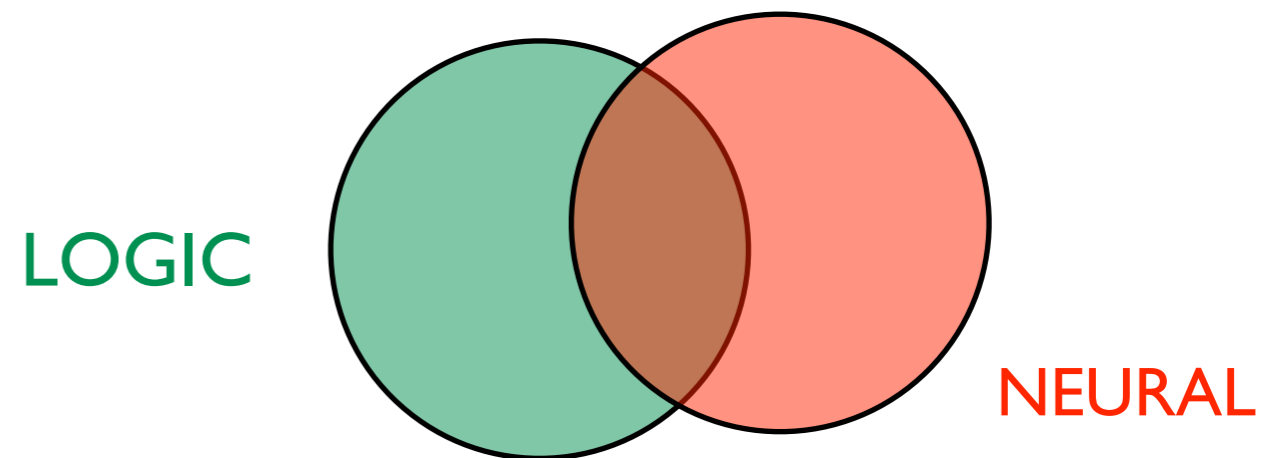
TALK MAY NOT COVER ALL of
NESY

PART 1 of the talk

See also [De Raedt et al., IJCAI 20]



Neural Symbolic Computation: state-of-the-art



- Neural symbolic computation is the area combining logic / symbolic reasoning and neural networks
- **Most NeSy approaches** : inject the logic/knowledge into neural networks, and let the neural network do the rest
- **Downside** : relies only on neural networks -> the power of reasoning, explanation and trust is (at least partly) lost

Key Message 2

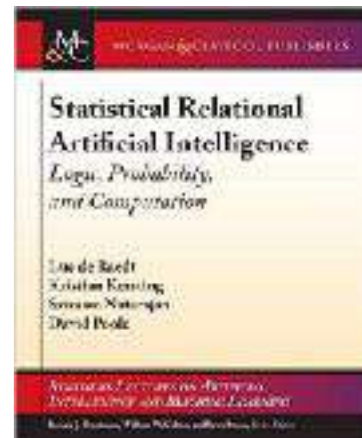
A different approach

A true integration T of X and Y should allow to reconstruct X and Y as special cases of T

Thus, Neural Symbolic approaches should have both logic and neural networks as special cases

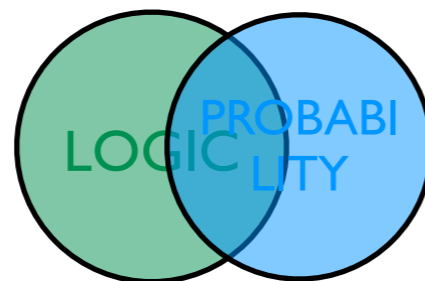
PART 2 of the talk – illustration with DeepProbLog [NeurIPS 2018]



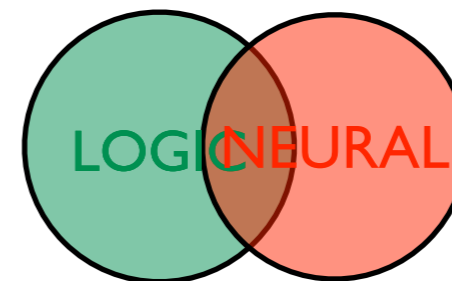


PART 1

FROM



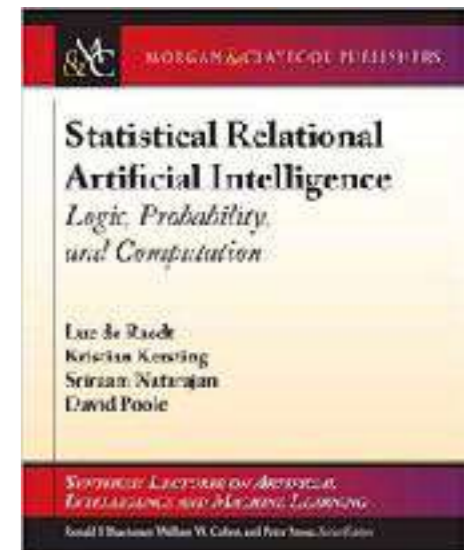
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Key Message 1

StarAI and NeSy share similar problems and thus similar solutions apply

There are two basic types of
(uses of) logic,
graphical models, and
neural symbolic models



Logic Programs

as in the programming language Prolog

Propositional logic program

```
burglary.  
hears_alarm_mary.
```

```
earthquake.  
hears_alarm_john.
```

facts :
burglary = true

```
alarm :- earthquake.
```

```
alarm :- burglary.
```

```
calls_mary :- alarm, hears_alarm_mary.
```

```
calls_john :- alarm, hears_alarm_john.
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burglary.
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alarm :- earthquake.

alarm :- burglary. **rule:**
calls_mary = true IF alarm = true AND hears_alarm_mary = true

calls_mary :- alarm, hears_alarm_mary.

calls_john :- alarm, hears_alarm_john.

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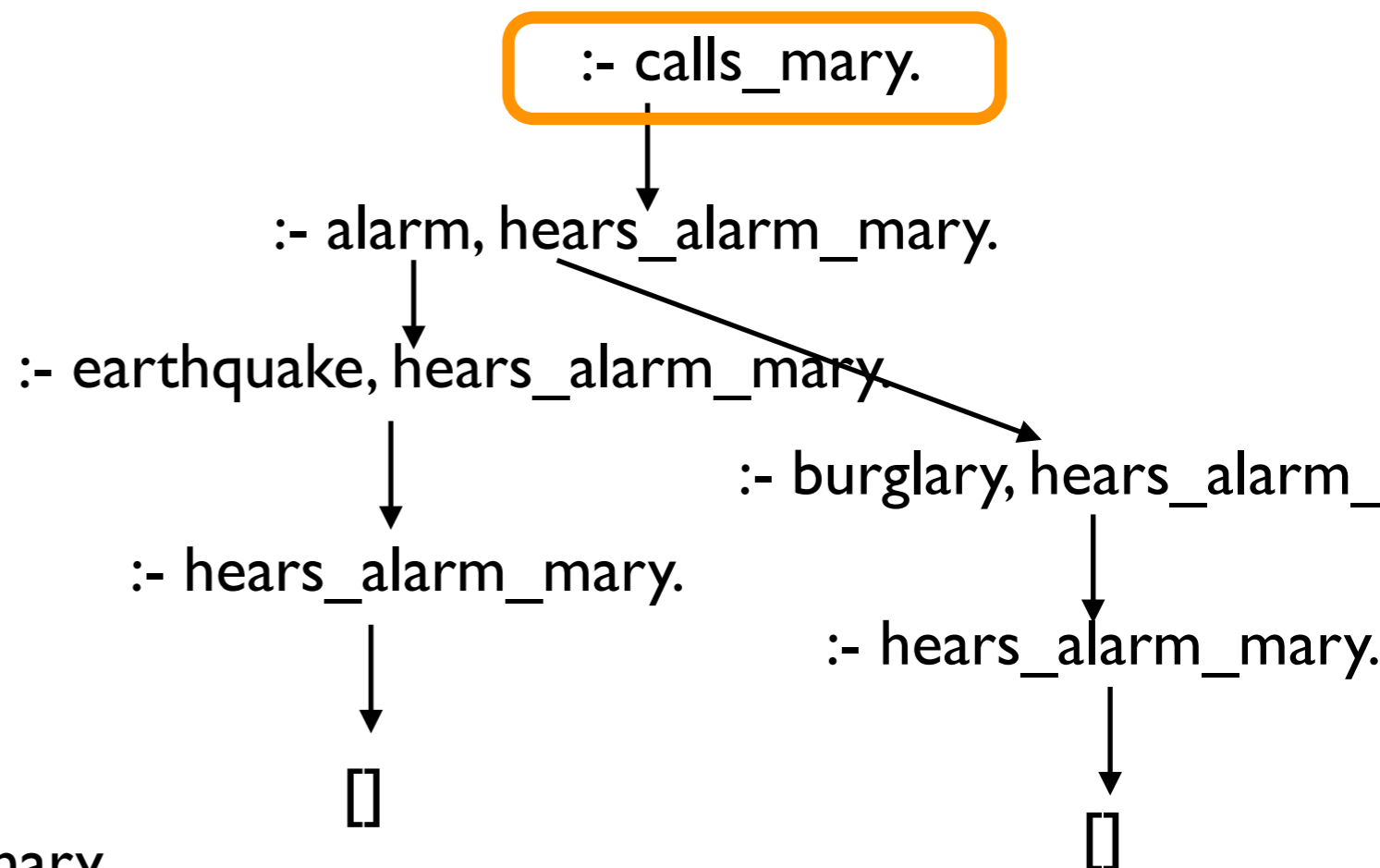
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Two proofs (by refutation)



A proof-theoretic view 

Logic as constraints

as in SAT solvers

Propositional logic

Model / Possible World

IFF
calls(mary) \leftrightarrow hears_alarm(mary) **AND** alarm

calls(john) \leftrightarrow hears_alarm(john) \wedge alarm

OR
alarm \leftrightarrow earthquake \vee burglary

{ burglary,
hears_alarm(john),
alarm,
calls(john)}

the facts that are true
in this model / possible world

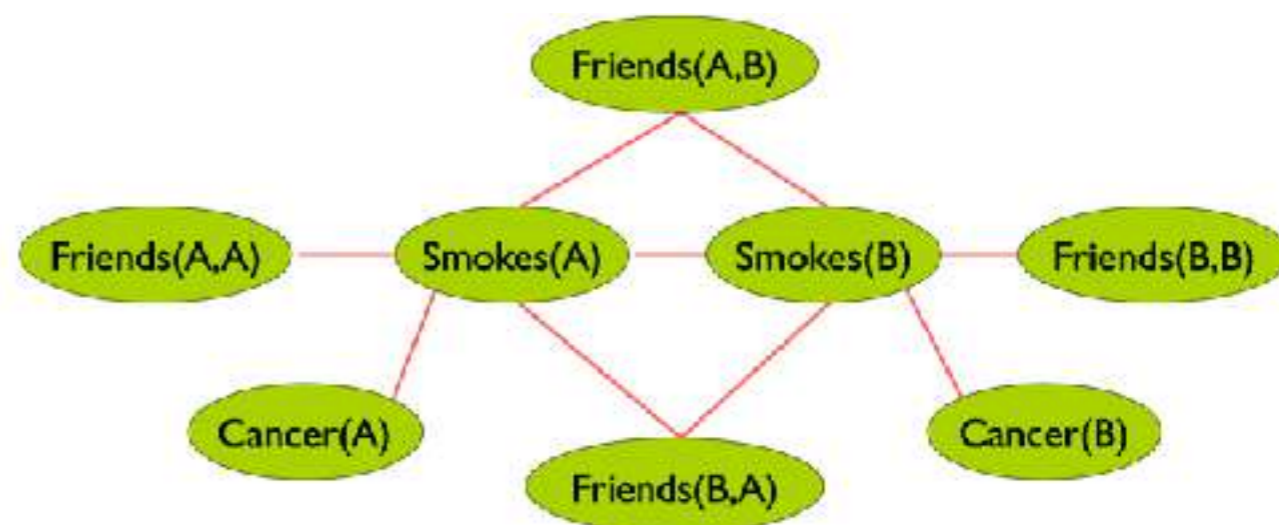
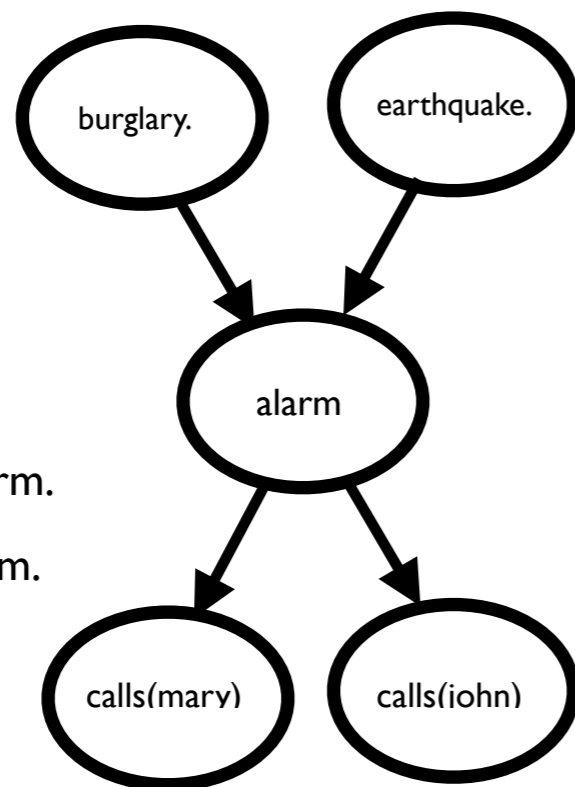
LOGIC

A model-theoretic view

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Two types of probabilistic graphical models and StarAI systems

0.1 :: burglary.
 0.05 :: earthquake.
 alarm :- earthquake.
 alarm :- burglary.
 0.7::calls(mary) :- alarm.
 0.6::calls(john) :- alarm.



$$1.5 \quad \forall x \text{ Smokes}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Cancer}(x)$$

$$1.1 \quad \forall x, y \text{ Friends}(x, y) \Rightarrow (\text{Smokes}(x) \Leftrightarrow \text{Smokes}(y))$$

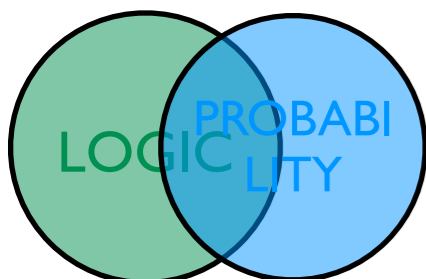
Probabilistic Logic Programs
ProbLog

directed
Bayesian Net

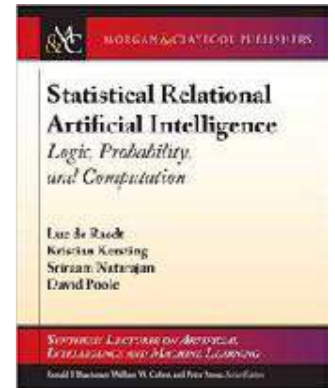
Markov Logic

undirected
Markov Net
model theoretic

key representatives



Two types of Neural Symbolic Systems



Just like in StarAI

Logic as a kind of *neural program*

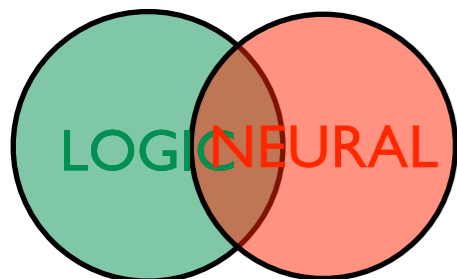
directed StarAI approach and logic programs

Logic as the *regularizer* (reminiscent of Markov Logic Networks)

undirected StarAI approach and (soft) constraints

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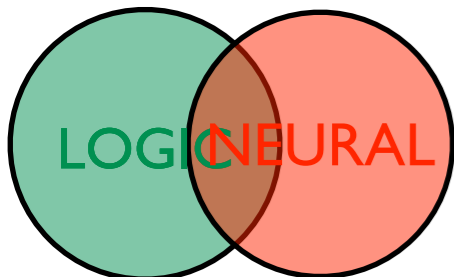
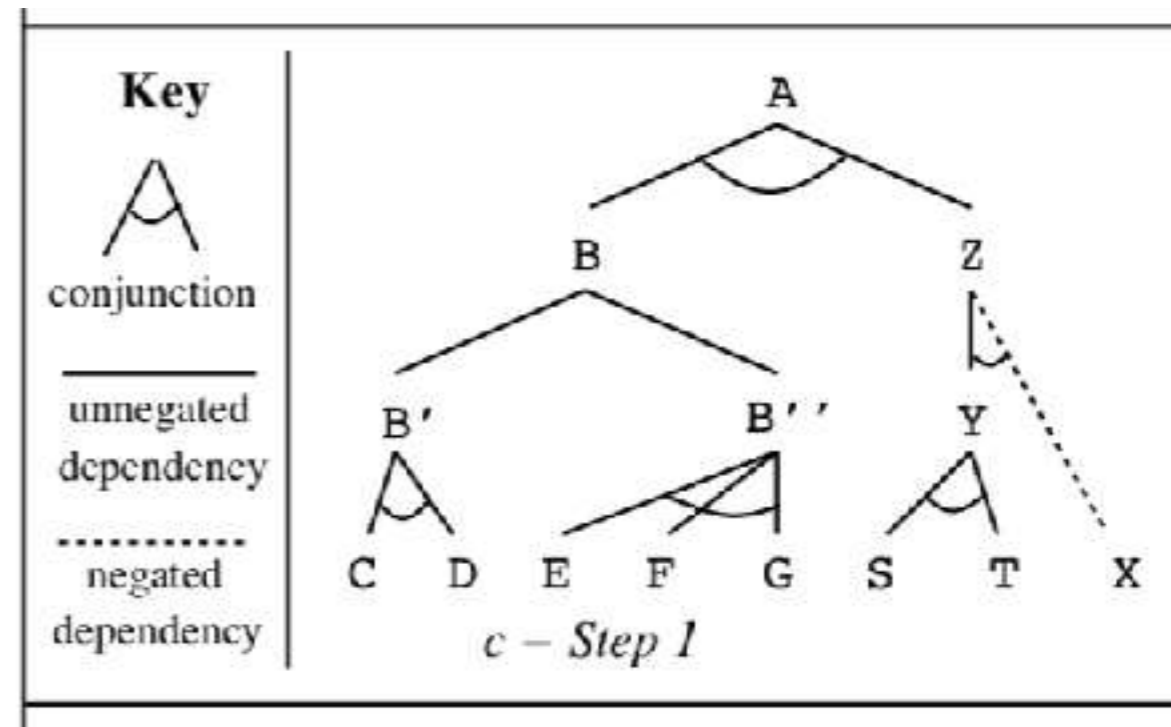


Logic as a neural program

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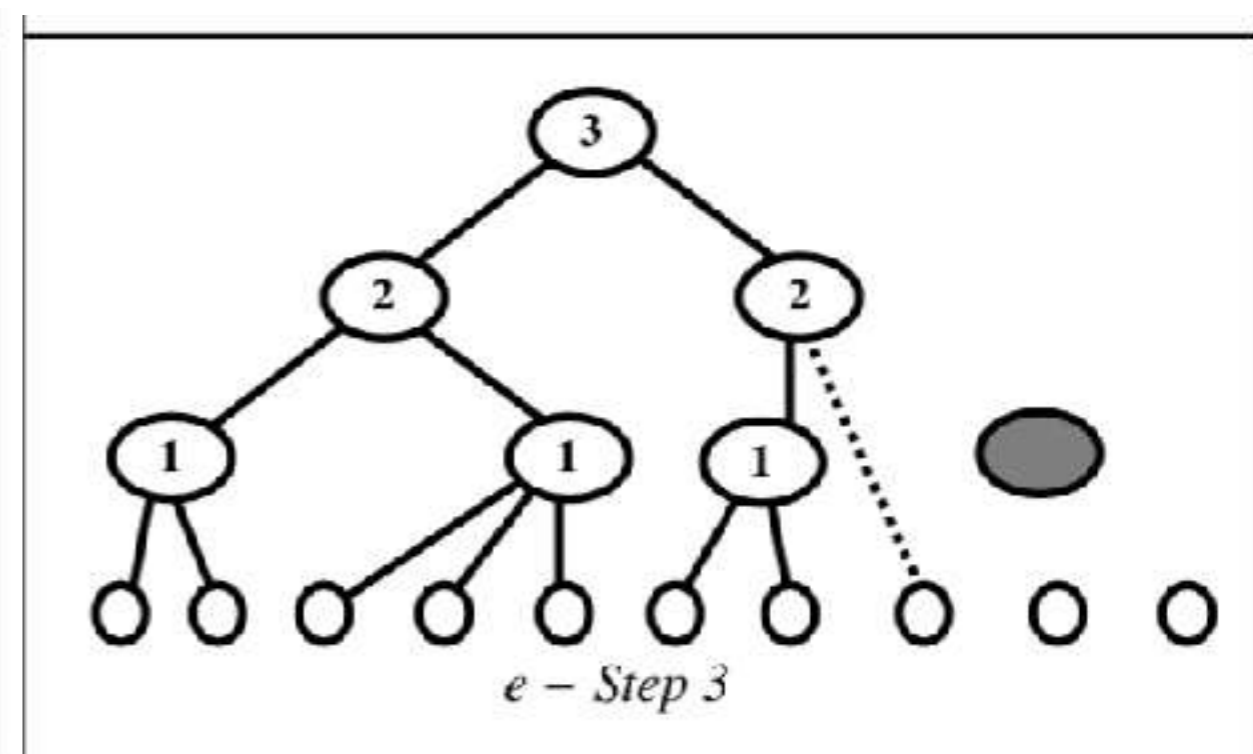
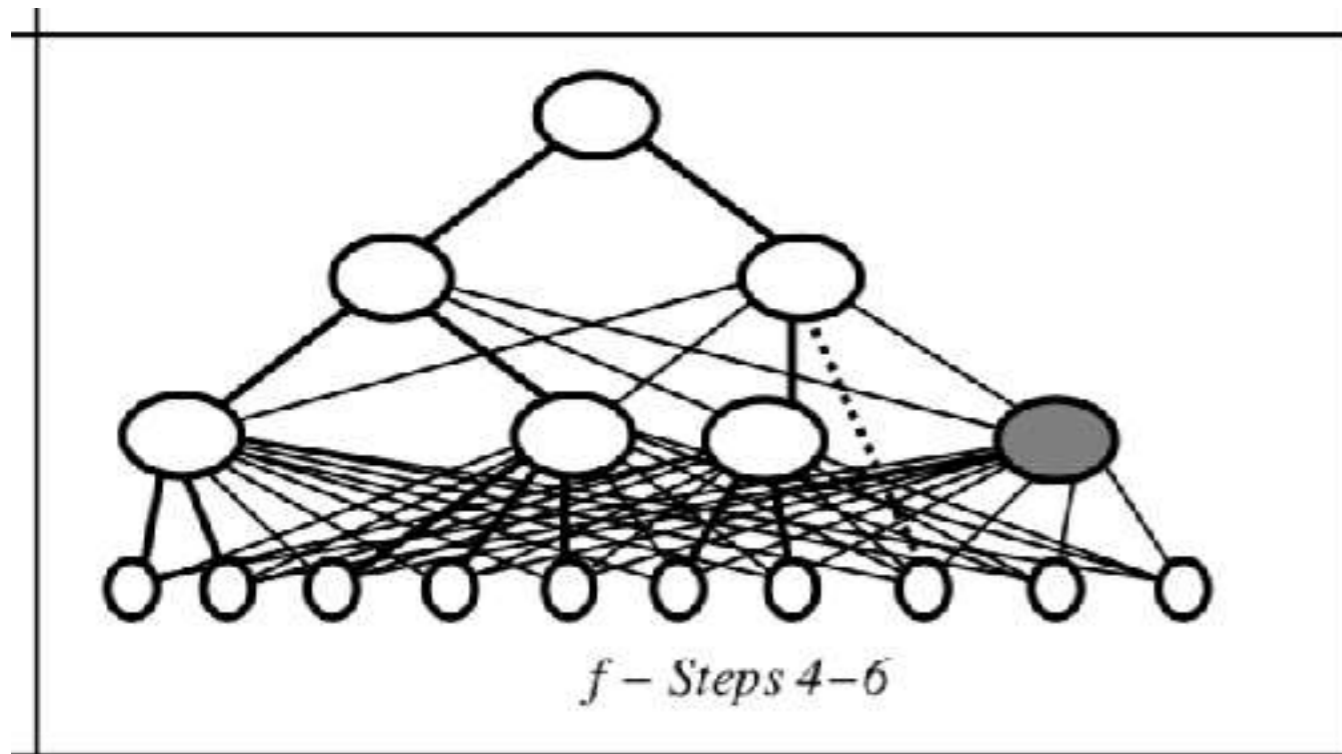
- KBANN (Towell and Shavlik AIJ 94)
- Turn a (propositional) Prolog program into a neural network and learn

A :- B, Z.	REWRITE	A :- B, Z.
B :- C, D.	→	B :- B'.
B :- E, F, G.		B :- B''.
Z :- Y, not X.		B' :- C, D.
Y :- S, T.		B'' :- E, F, G.
		Z :- Y, not X.
		Y :- S, T.



Logic as a neural program

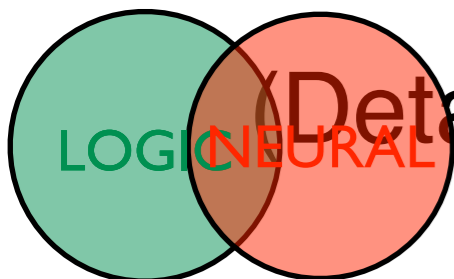
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ADD LINKS — ALSO SPURIOUS ONES

HIDDEN UNIT

and then learn

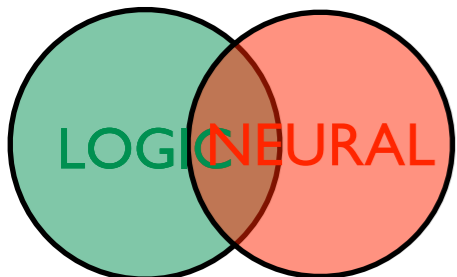
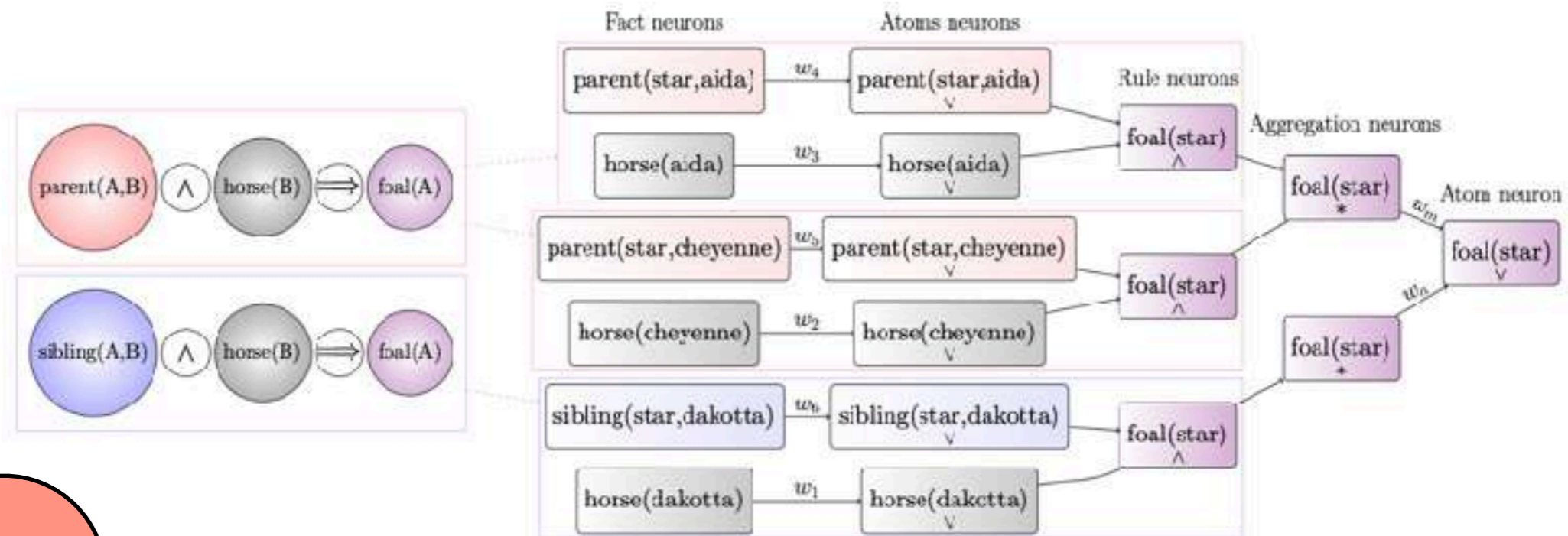


(Details of activation & loss functions not mentioned)erc

Lifted Relational Neural Networks

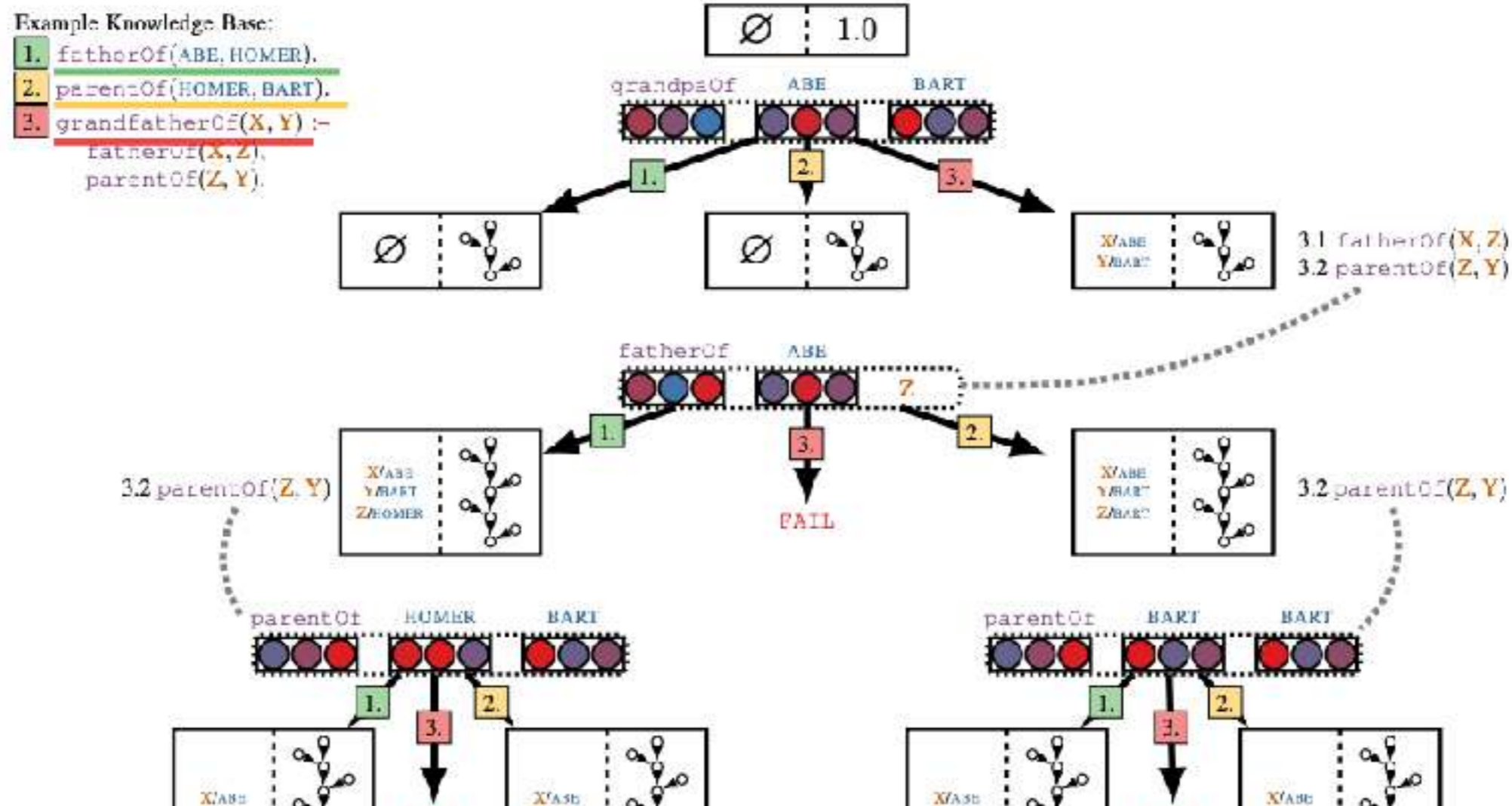
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- Directed (fuzzy) NeSy
- similar in spirit to the Bayesian Logic Programs and Probabilistic Relational Models
- Of course, other kind of (fuzzy) operations for AND, OR and Aggregation (cf. later)

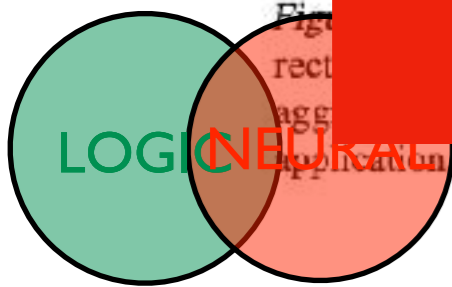


Neural Theorem Prover

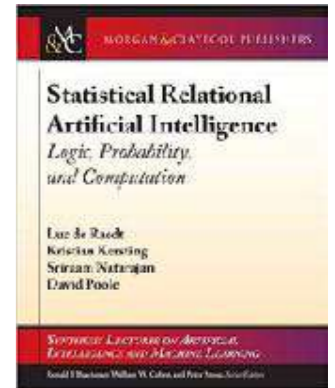
Towards Neural Theorem Proving at Scale



the logic is encoded in the network
how to reason logically ?



Two types of Neural Symbolic Systems



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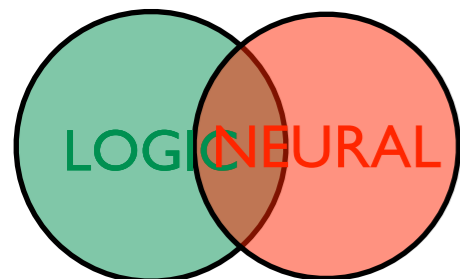
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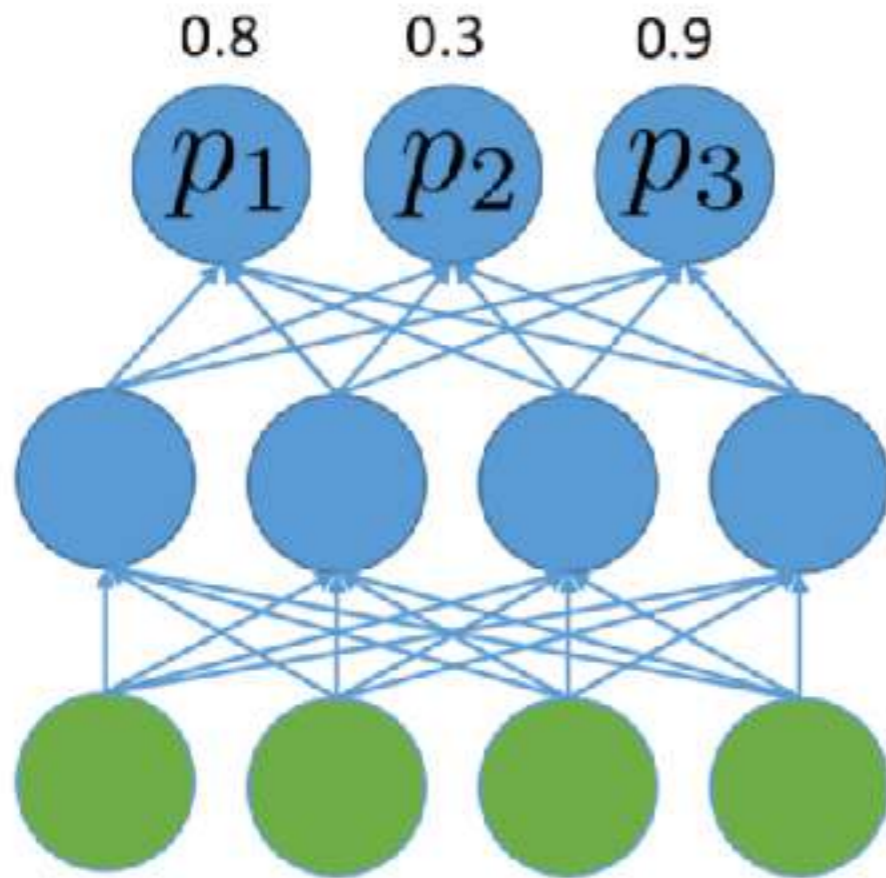


Logic as constraints

undirected StarAI approach and (soft) constraints

multi-class classification

This constraint should be satisfied

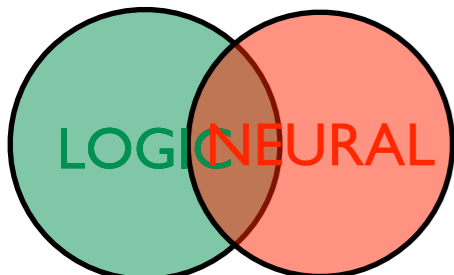


$$(\neg x_1 \wedge \neg x_2 \wedge x_3) \vee$$

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$$(x_1 \wedge \neg x_2 \wedge \neg x_3)$$

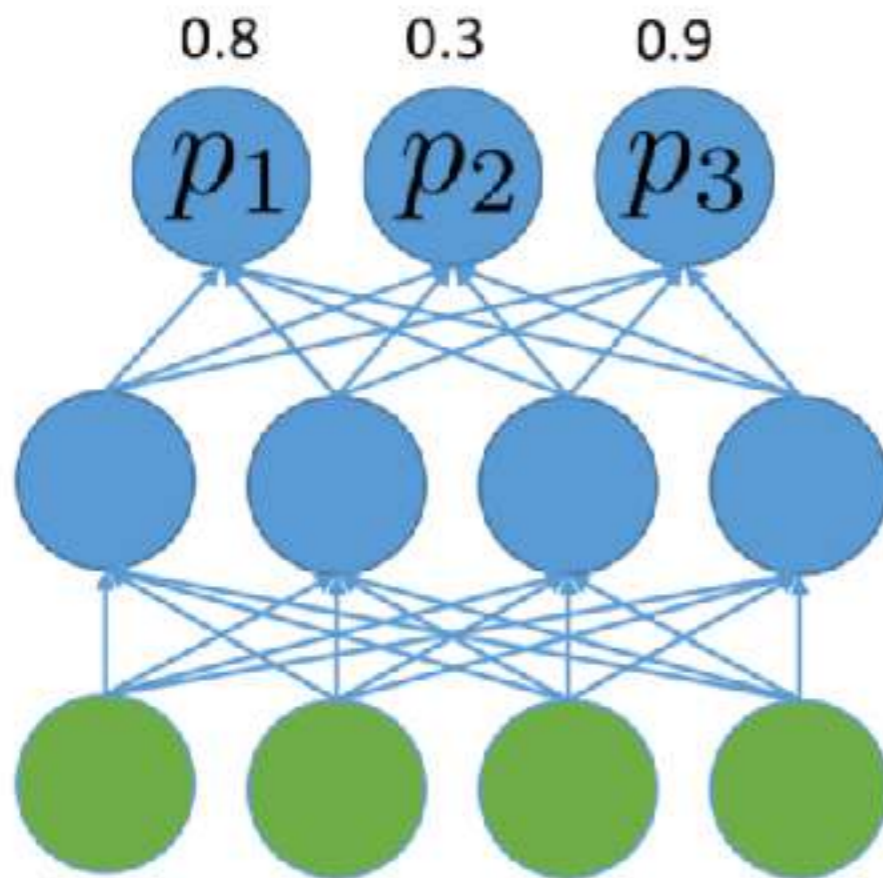
figures and example from Xu et al., ICML 2018



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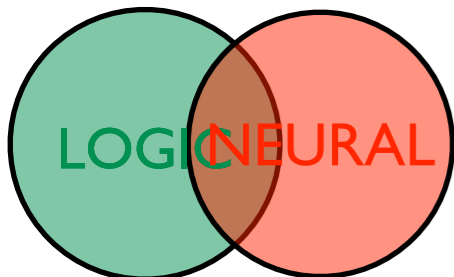
multi-class classification



Probability that constraint is satisfied

$$(1 - x_1)(1 - x_2)x_3 + (1 - x_1)x_2(1 - x_3) + x_1(1 - x_2)(1 - x_3)$$

basis for SEMANTIC LOSS
(weighted model counting)



Logic as a regularizer

undirected StarAI approach and (soft) constraints

Semantic Loss:

- Use logic as constraints (very much like “propositional MLNs)

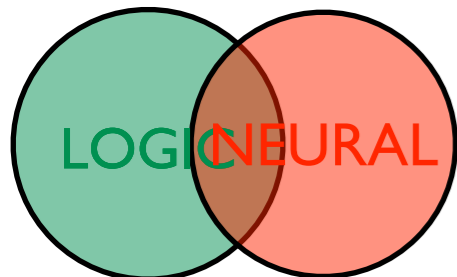
- Semantic loss

$$SLoss(T) \propto -\log \sum_{X \models T} \prod_{x \in X} p_i \prod_{\neg x \in X} (1 - p_i)$$

- Used as regulariser

$$Loss = TraditionalLoss + w.SLoss$$

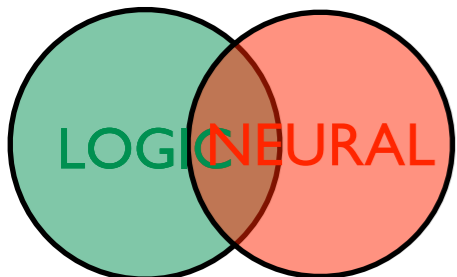
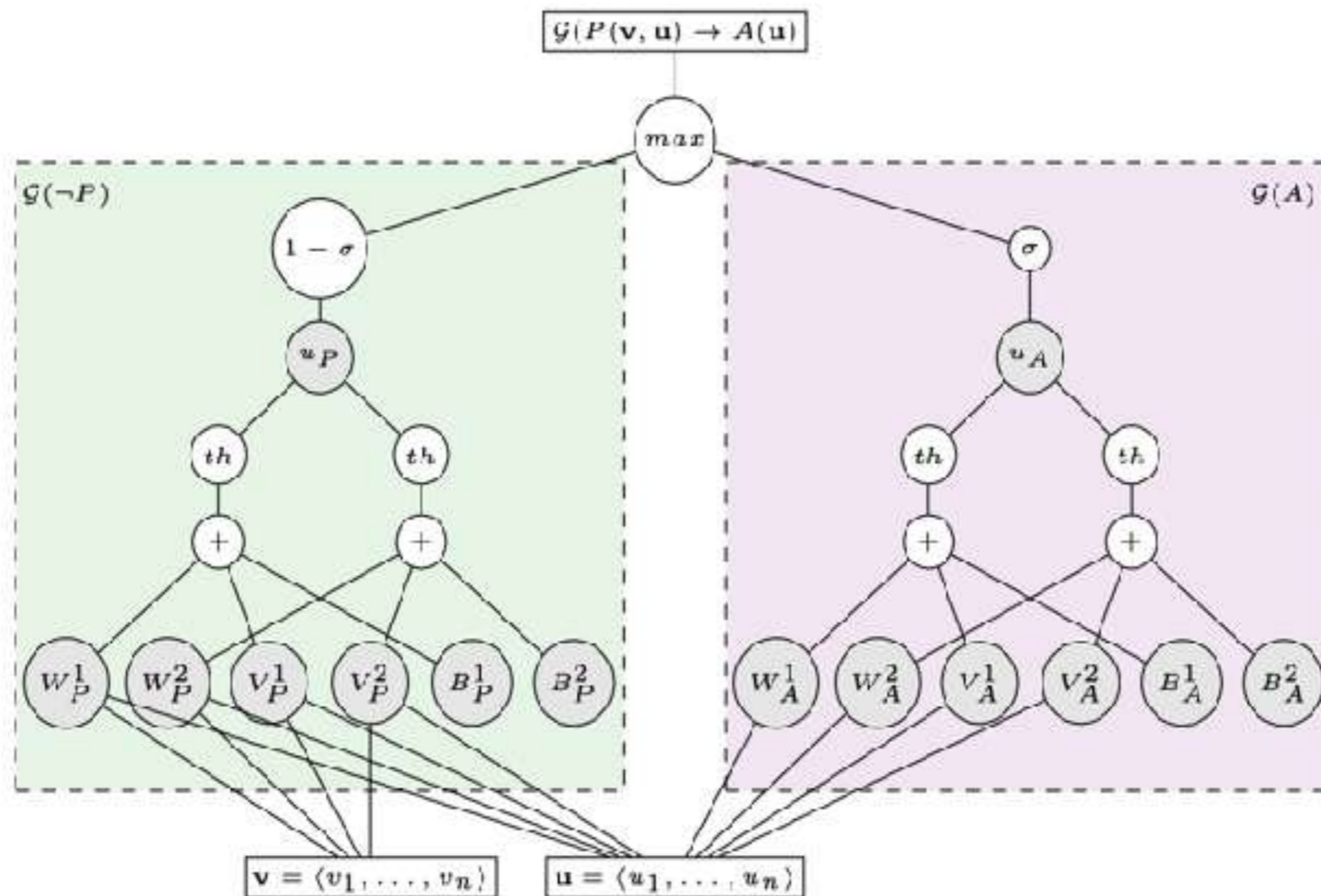
- Use weighted model counting , close to StarAI



Logic Tensor Networks

undirected StarAI approach and (soft) constraints

$$P(x, y) \rightarrow A(y), \text{ with } \mathcal{G}(x) = \mathbf{v} \text{ and } \mathcal{G}(y) = \mathbf{u}$$



Semantic Based Regularization

undirected StarAI approach and (soft) constraints

$$F := \forall d P_A(d) \rightarrow A(d)$$

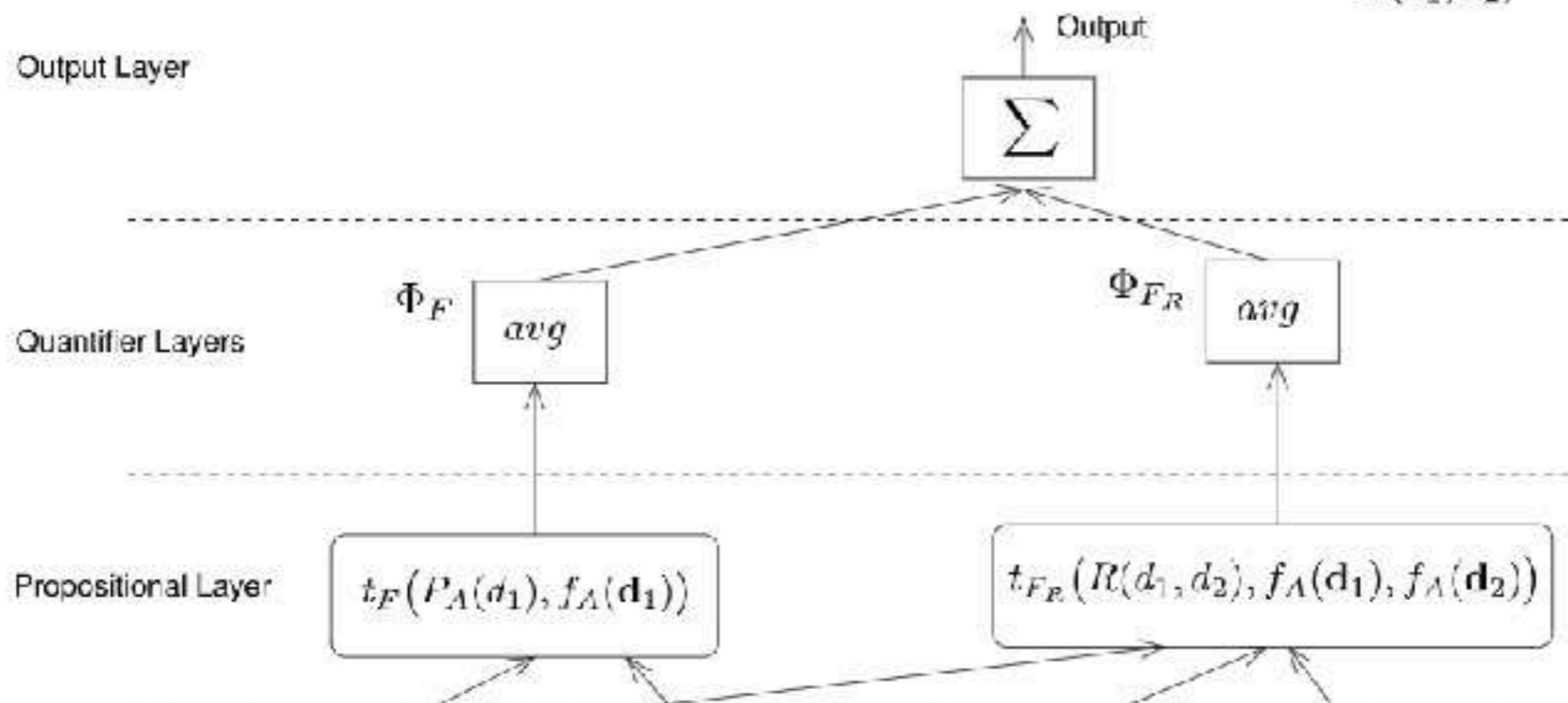
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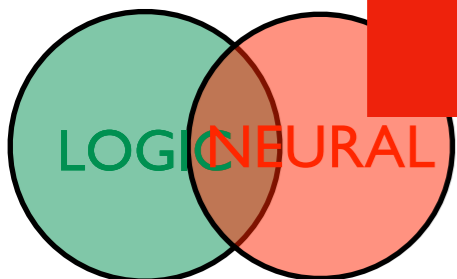
Evidence Predicate
Groundings

$$P_A(d_1) = 1$$

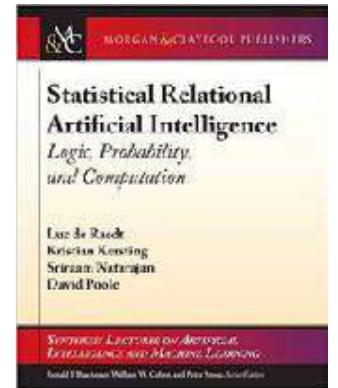
$$R(d_1, d_2) = 1$$



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how to reason logically ?



Two types of Neural Symbolic Systems



Just like in StarAI

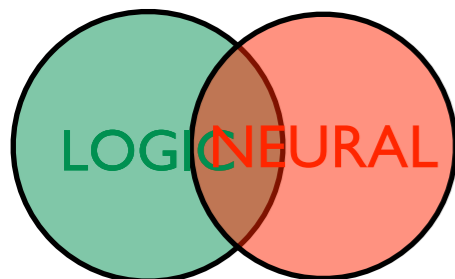
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directed StarAI approach and logic programs

undirected StarAI approach and (soft) constraints

Consequence :
the logic is encoded in the network
the ability to logically reason is lost
logic is not a special case



Key Message 1

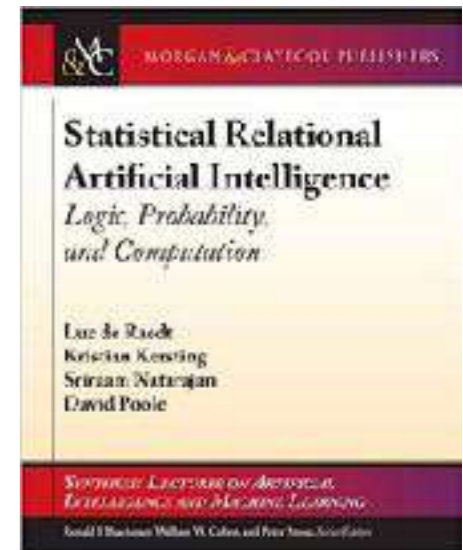
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What do the numbers mean ?

Three possible choices:

Logic,
Probability &
Fuzzy

Just like in StarAI

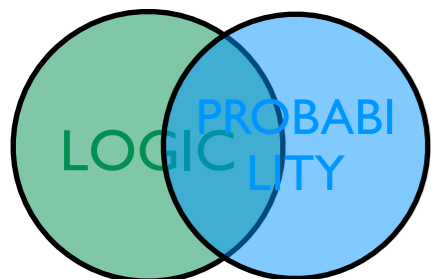


Logic, Probability and Fuzzy

Just like in StarAI

Three types of approaches to NeSy:

- Purely Logic — keep everything logical (e.g., Dai et al, NeurIPS 19)
 - difficult to optimise
- Probabilistic
 - use e.g. arithmetic circuits and knowledge compilation
- Fuzzy
 - easy to translate in neural networks and optimise (but not really logical)



Logic as constraints

Propositional logic

$\text{calls}(\text{mary}) \leftarrow \text{hears_alarm}(\text{mary}) \wedge \text{alarm}$

$\text{calls}(\text{john}) \leftarrow \text{hears_alarm}(\text{john}) \wedge \text{alarm}$

$\text{alarm} \leftarrow \text{earthquake} \vee \text{burglary}$

Model / Possible World

0.1 { burglary,

0.4 hears_alarm(john),

... alarm,

... calls(john)}

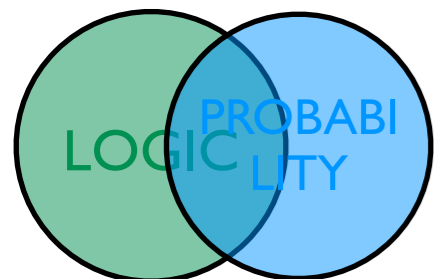
probability of world $\sim 0.1 \times 0.4 \times \dots$

SEMANTIC LOSS =

probability that a random possible world satisfies the formula

using weighted model counting (WMC)

weights/probabilities are on the literals



Logic as soft constraints

Markov Logic

Propositional logic

Model / Possible World

10 : f1 \leftrightarrow calls(mary) \leftarrow hears_alarm(mary) \wedge alarm

e^{10} { f1,

e^{20} f2,

20 : f2 \leftrightarrow calls(john) \leftarrow hears_alarm(john) \wedge alarm

e^{30} f3,

30 : f3 \leftrightarrow alarm \leftarrow earthquake \vee burglary

burglary, hears_alarm(john),
alarm, calls(john),}

probability of world $\sim e^{10} \times e^{20} \times e^{30}$

using weighted model counting (WMC)

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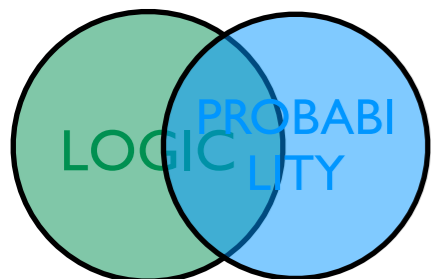
the higher the weight , the harder or more logical the constraint

$$w(f1) = e^{10} \quad w(\text{not } f1) = e^0 = 1$$

$$w(f2) = e^{20} \quad w(\text{not } f2) = e^0 = 1$$

$$w(f3) = e^{30} \quad w(\text{not } f3) = e^0 = 1$$

(need to normalise to get probability distribution)



Logic as soft constraints

Probabilistic Soft Logic [Bach & Getoor]

Propositional logic

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0.8 hears_alarm(john),

0.5 alarm,

30 : $\text{alarm} \leftarrow \text{earthquake} \vee \text{burglary}$

0.3 calls(john),}

atoms are no longer true or false in worlds
but true or false to a certain degree

logic : a constraint is satisfied (1) or not (0) by a world

fuzzy logic : the distance to satisfaction

the higher the distance, the less likely the world

Lukasiewicz T-norm

For 0 and 1 we get boolean logic

$$A \vee B = \min(1, A + B)$$

$$A \wedge B = \min(1, A + B - 1)$$

$$A \leftarrow B = \min(1, 1 + A - B) \text{ (residuum)}$$

evaluates to 1 when rule is satisfied

when $B \leq A$

$\text{calls}(\text{john}) \leftarrow \text{hears_alarm}(\text{john}) \wedge \text{alarm}$

≥ 0.5

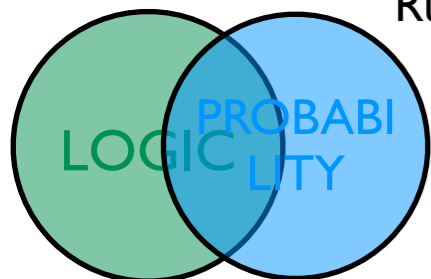
0.7

0.8

$$A \wedge B = \min(1, 1.5 - 1) = 0.5$$

Rule evaluates to $\min(1, 1 - 0.5 + 0.3) = 0.8$ when $\text{calls}(\text{john}) = 0.3$

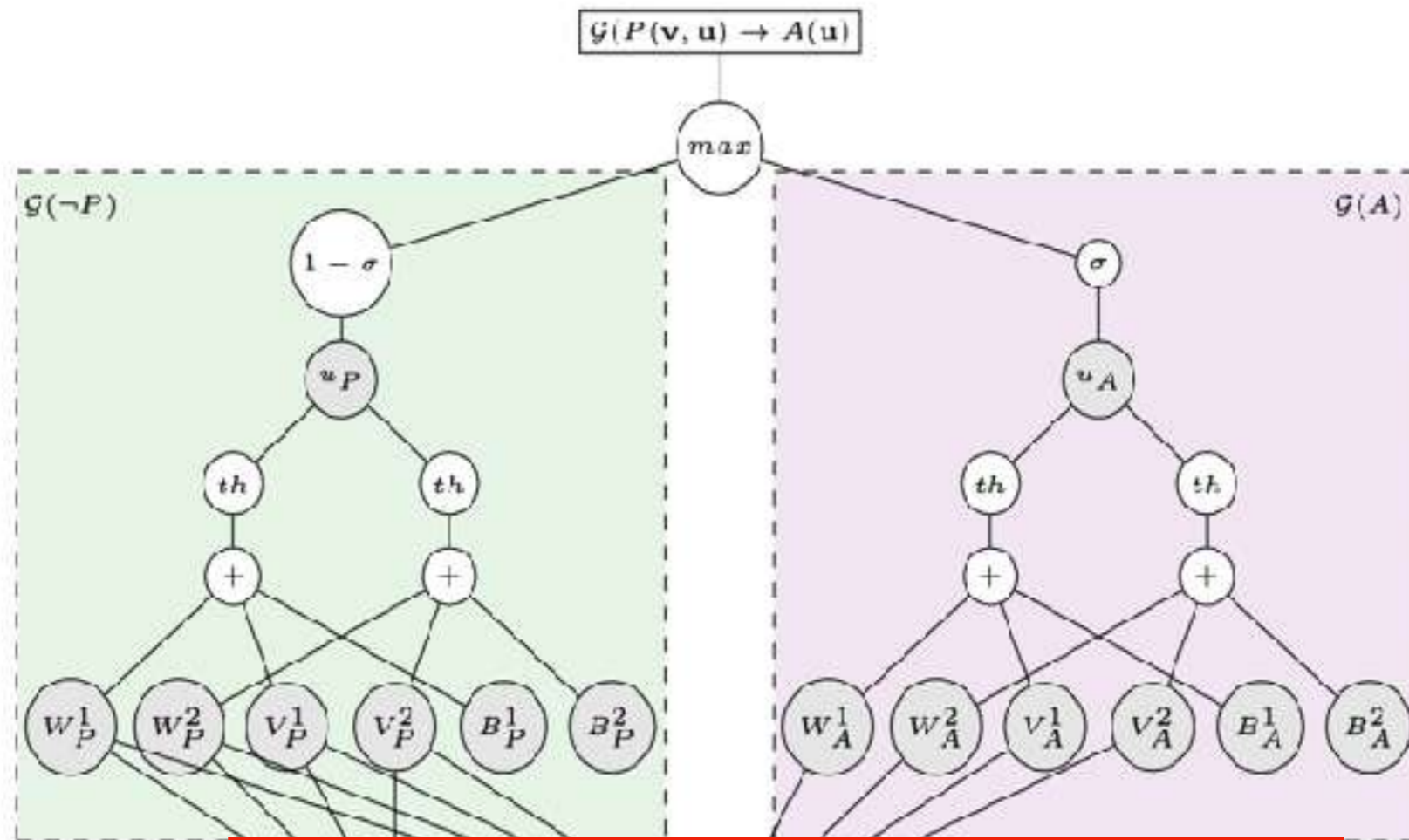
$$w = e^{-20 \times (1 - 0.8)}$$



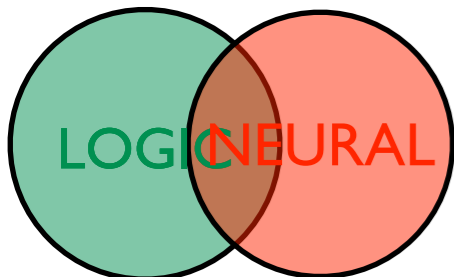
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a fuzzy logic is used



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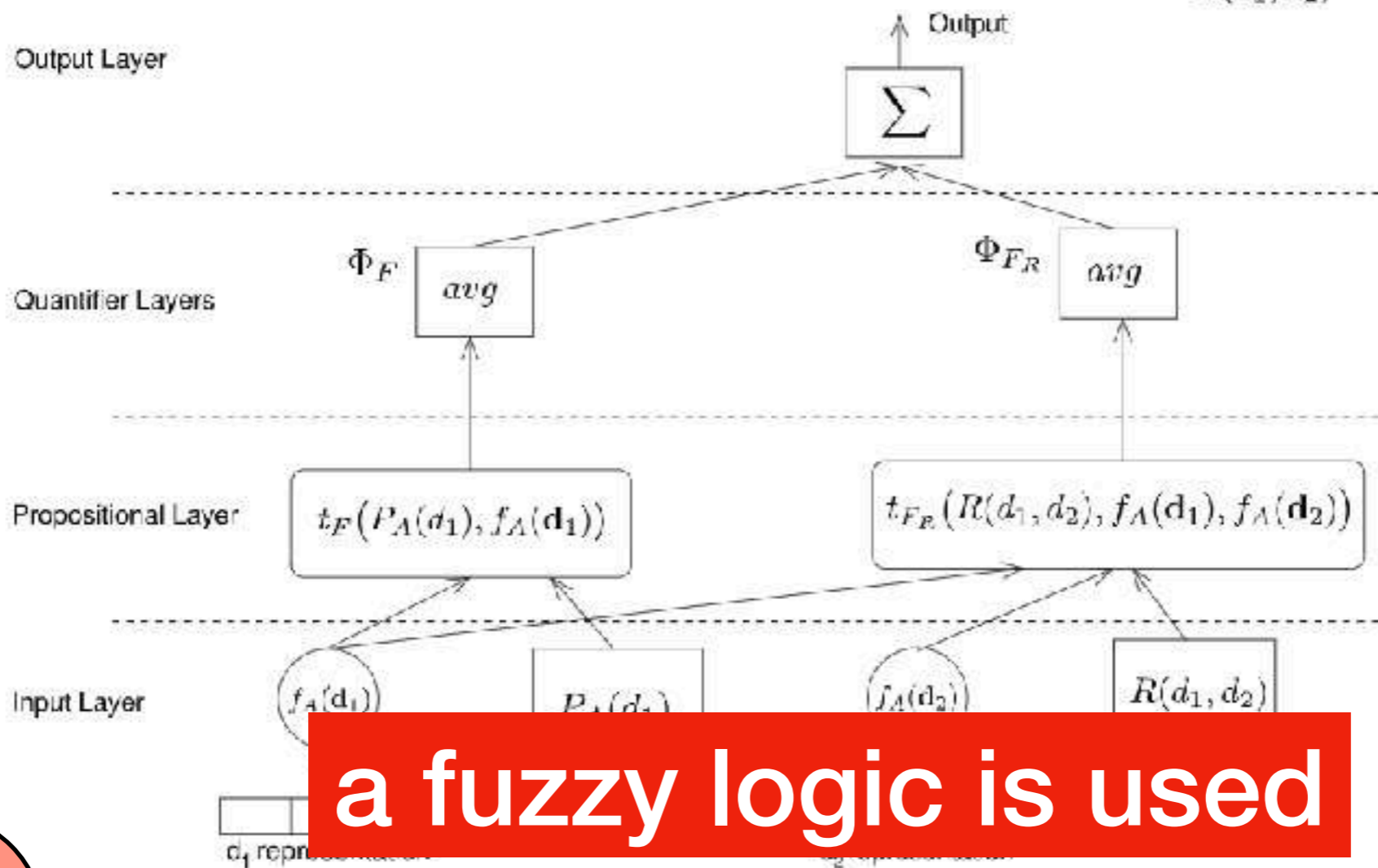
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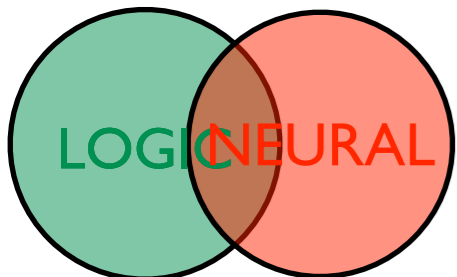
Evidence Predicate
Groundings

$$P_A(d_1) = 1$$

$$R(d_1, d_2) = 1$$



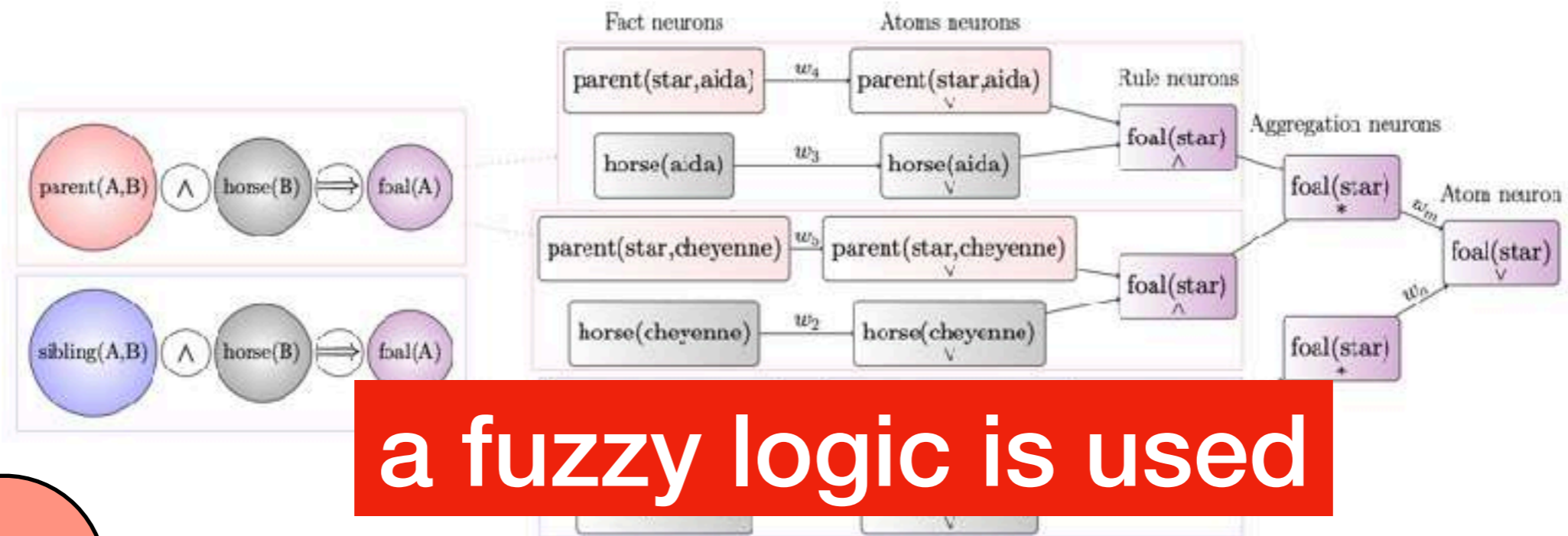
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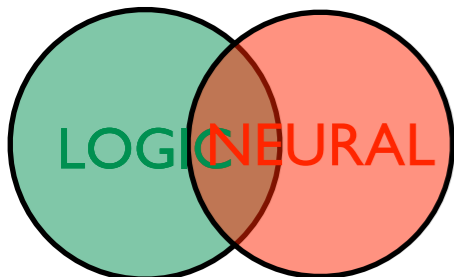
Lifted Relational Neural Networks

directed StarAI approach and logic programs

- Directed (fuzzy) NeSy
- similar in spirit to the Bayesian Logic Programs and Probabilistic Relational Models
- Of course, other kind of (fuzzy) operations for AND, OR and Aggregation (cf. later)



a fuzzy logic is used



Logic, Probability and Fuzzy

Three types of approaches to NeSy:

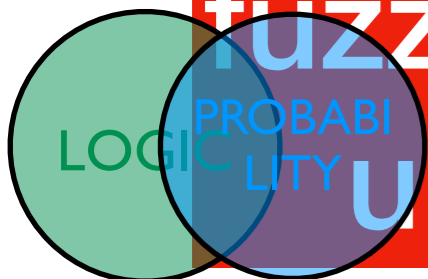
- Purely Logic - keep everything logical (e.g., Dai et al, NeurIPS)
 - difficult to optimise
- Probabilistic with e.g. arithmetic circuits and knowledge compilation
 - knowledge compilation (hard to compile, fast inference and learning afterwards)
- Fuzzy

Consequence :

faster / convex optimisation

fuzzy logic differs from traditional logic

unexpected behaviours can occur



Key Message 2

A different approach

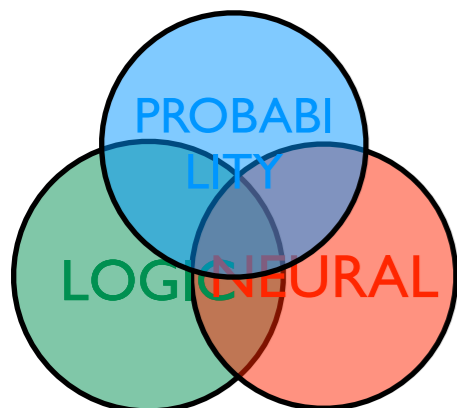
A true integration T of X and Y should allow to reconstruct X and Y as special cases of T

Thus, Neural Symbolic approaches should have both logic and neural networks as special cases

Our approach: “an interface layer (\leftrightarrow pipeline) between neural & symbolic components”

will be illustrated with DeepProbLog

See also [Manhaeve et al., NeurIPS 18; arXiv: 1907.08194]



Part 2 of the talk – illustration with DeepProbLog [NeurIPS 2018]



DeepProbLog

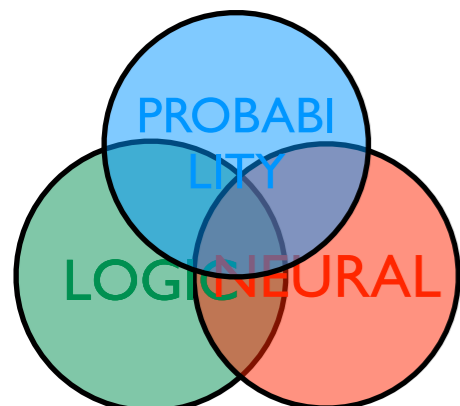
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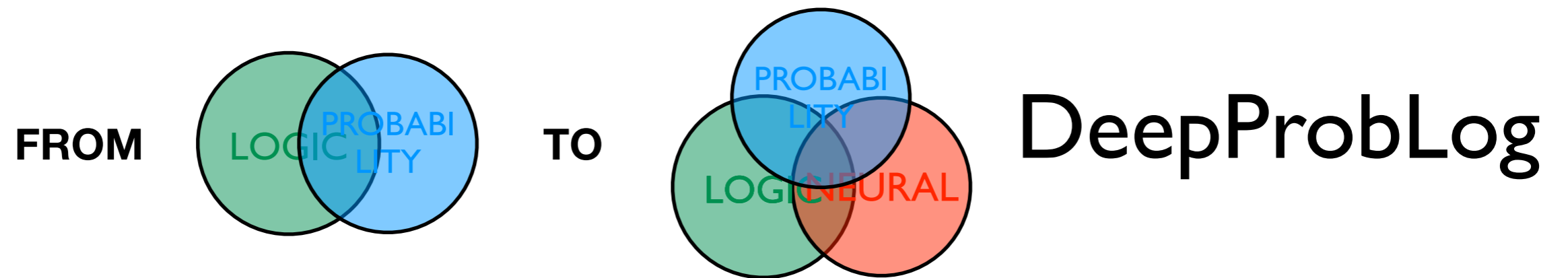
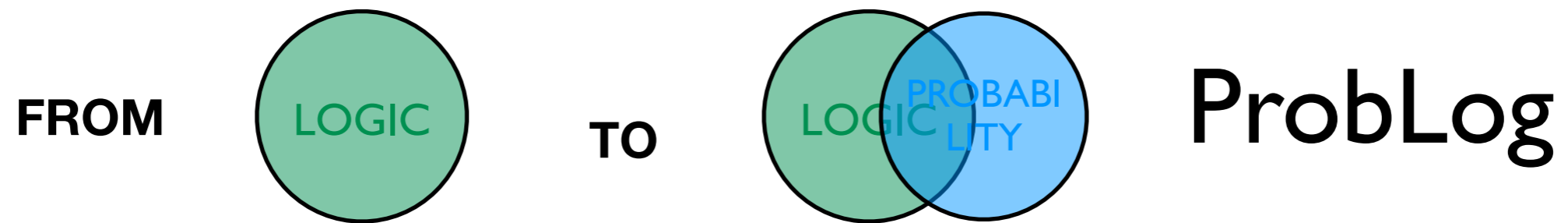
Related work in NeSy

DeepProbLog

Logic is made less expressive	Full expressivity is retained
Logic is pushed into the neural network	Maintain both logic and neural network
Fuzzy logic	Probabilistic logic programming
Language semantics unclear	Clear semantics



PART 2



a logic programming perspective



PART 2 A

From Prolog to ProbLog



Logic Programs

as in the programming language Prolog

Propositional logic program

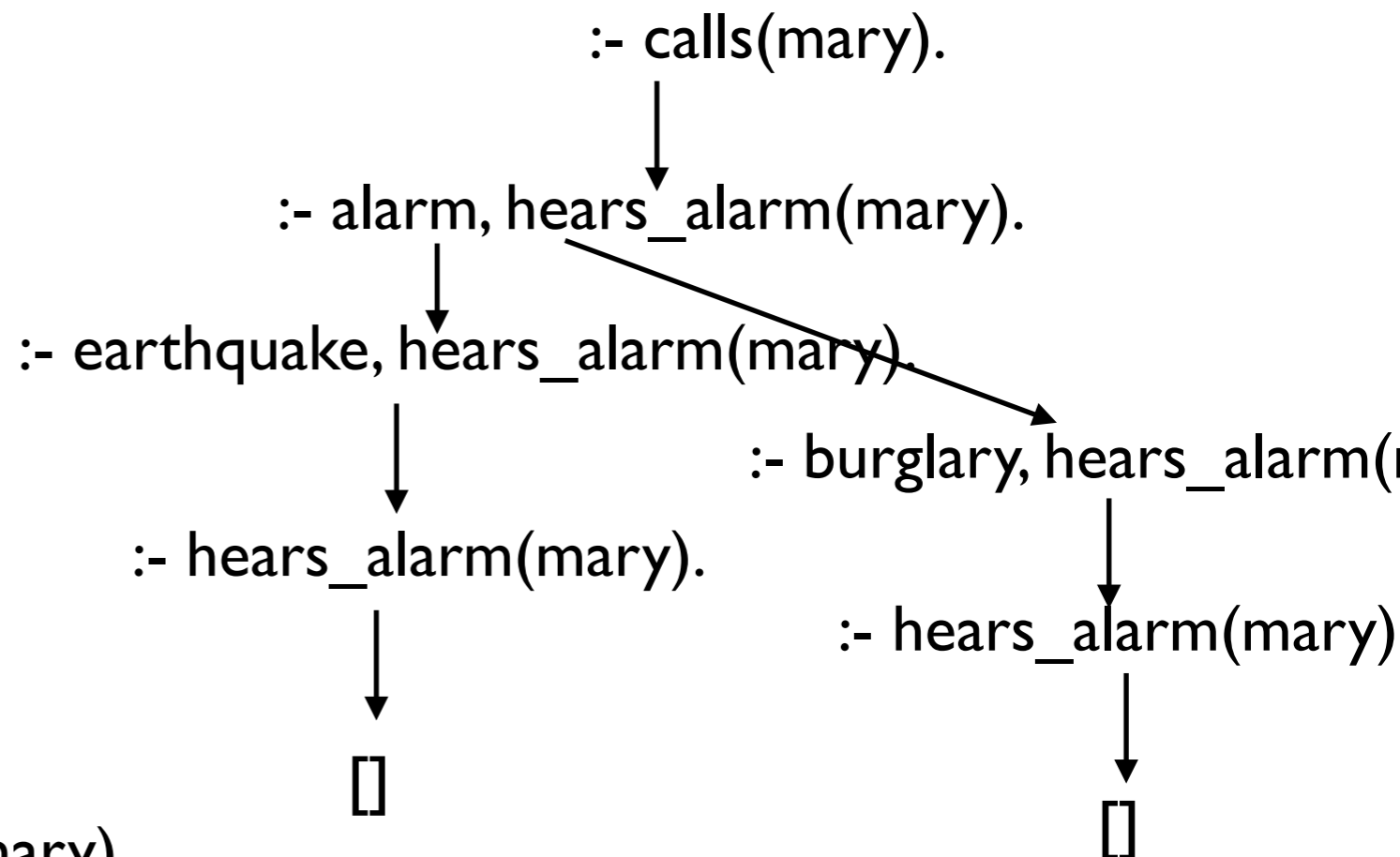
burglary.
hears_alarm(mary).

earthquake.
hears_alarm(john).

alarm :- earthquake.
alarm :- burglary.

calls(mary) :- alarm, hears_alarm(mary).
calls(john) :- alarm, hears_alarm(john).

Two proofs (by refutation)



A proof-theoretic view 

Probabilistic Logic Programs

as in the probabilistic programming language ProbLog

Propositional logic program

0.1 :: burglary.

0.3 :: hears_alarm(mary).

Probabilistic facts

0.05 :: earthquake.

0.6 :: hears_alarm(john).

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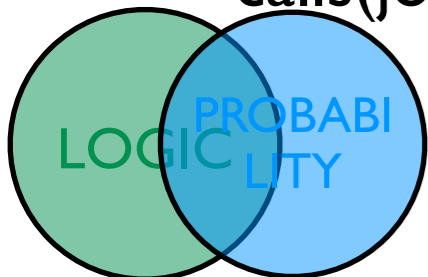
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Key Idea (Sato & Poole)
the distribution semantics:

**unify the basic concepts in logic
and probability:**

**random variable ~ propositional
variable**

**an interface between logic and
probability**



Probabilistic Logic Programs

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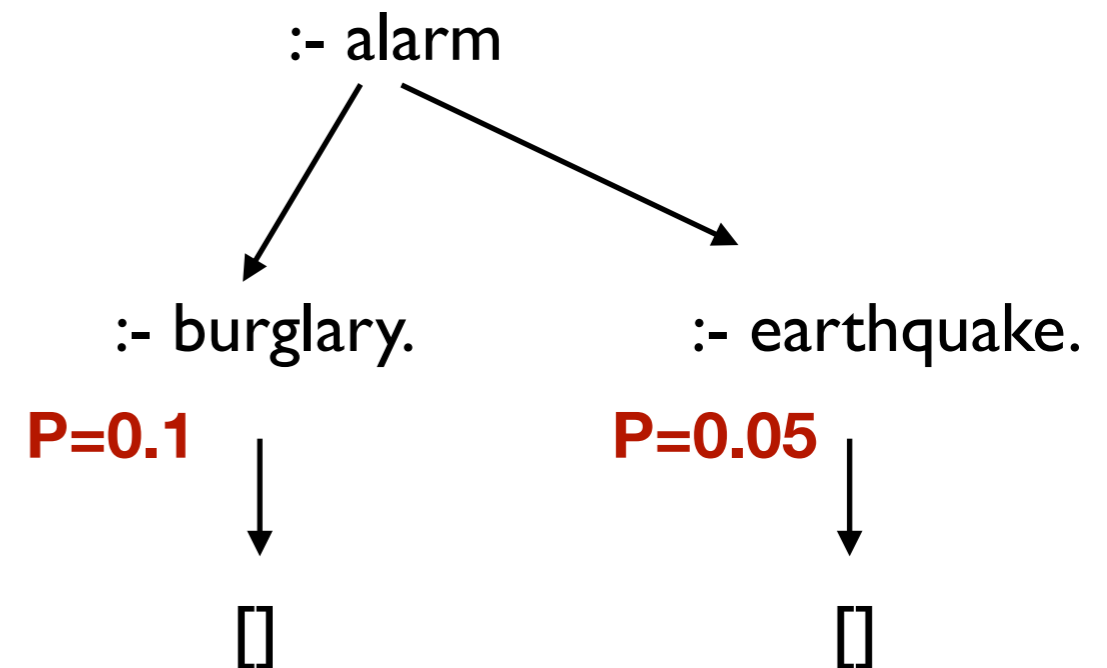
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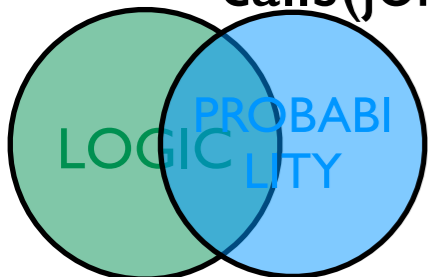
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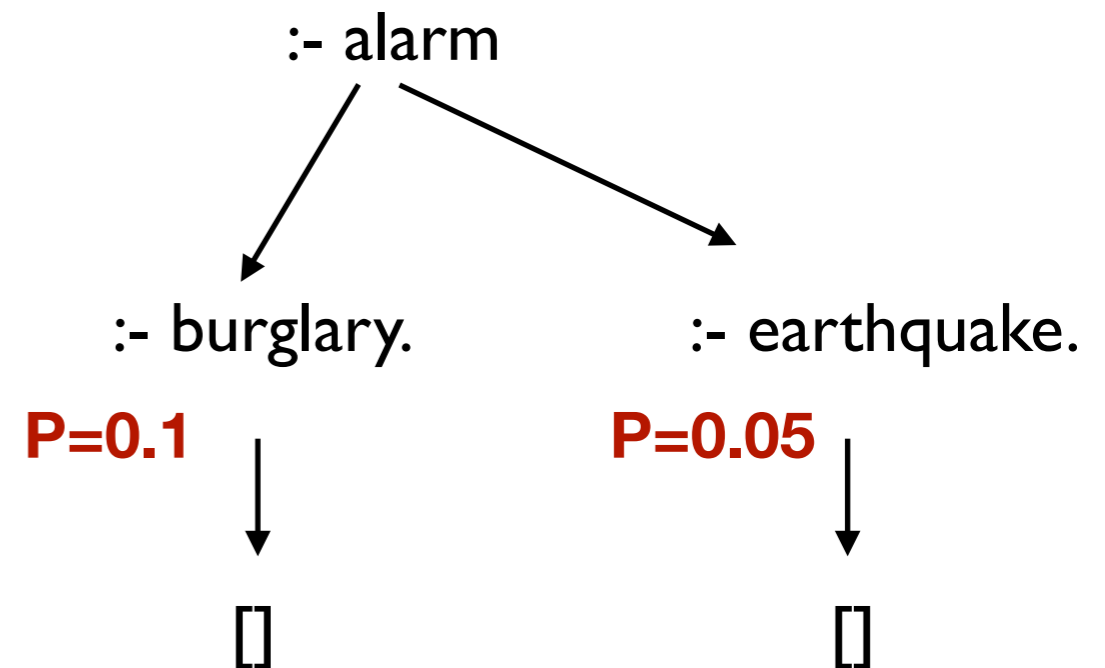
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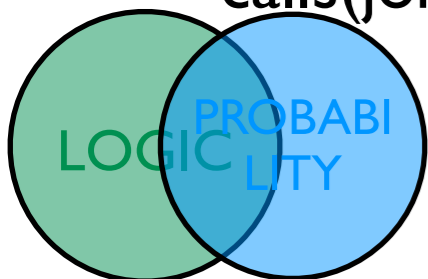
calls(john) :- alarm, hears_alarm(john).

Disjoint sum problem



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P(alarm) = P(burg OR earth)
= P(burg) + P(earth) - P(burg AND earth)
≠ P(burg) + P(earth)



Probabilistic Logic Program Semantics

earthquake.

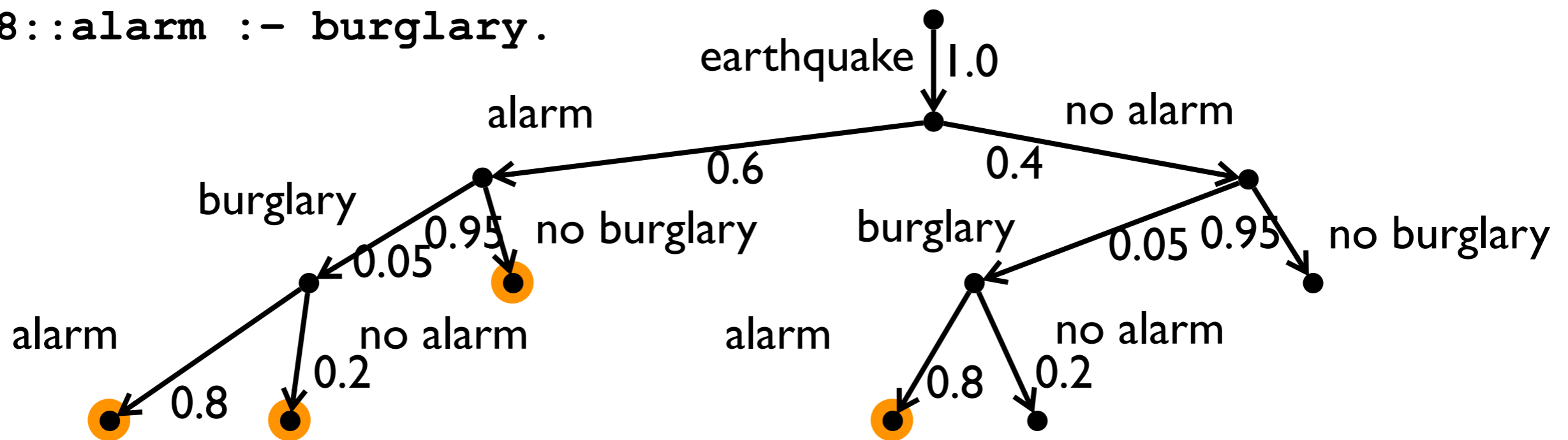
[Vennekens et al, ICLP 04]

0.05::burglary.

probabilistic causal laws

0.6::alarm :- earthquake.

0.8::alarm :- burglary.



$$P(\text{alarm}) = 0.6 \times 0.05 \times 0.8 + 0.6 \times 0.05 \times 0.2 + 0.6 \times 0.95 + 0.4 \times 0.05 \times 0.8$$

Probabilistic Logic Program Semantics

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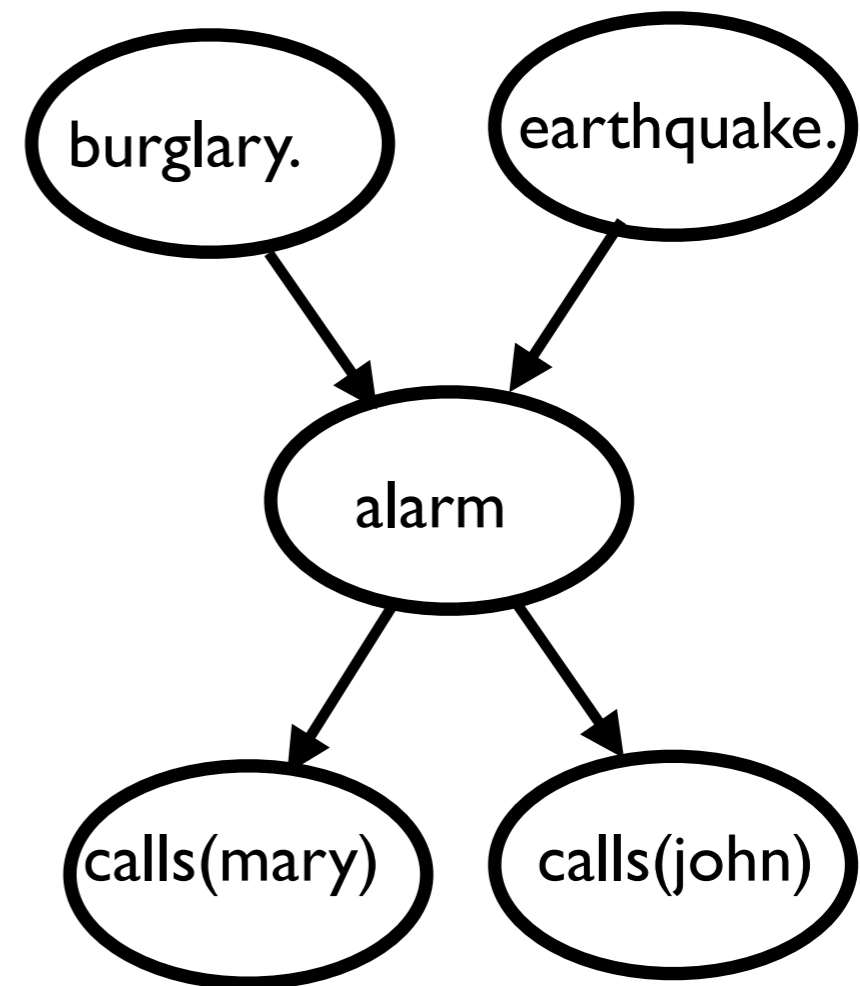
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alarm :- burglary.

0.7::calls(mary) :- alarm.

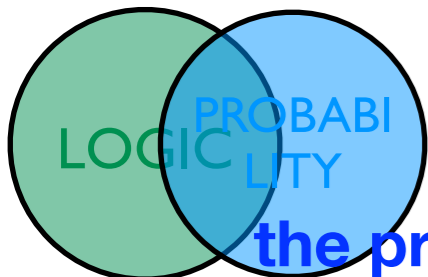
0.6::calls(john) :- alarm.

Bayesian Network

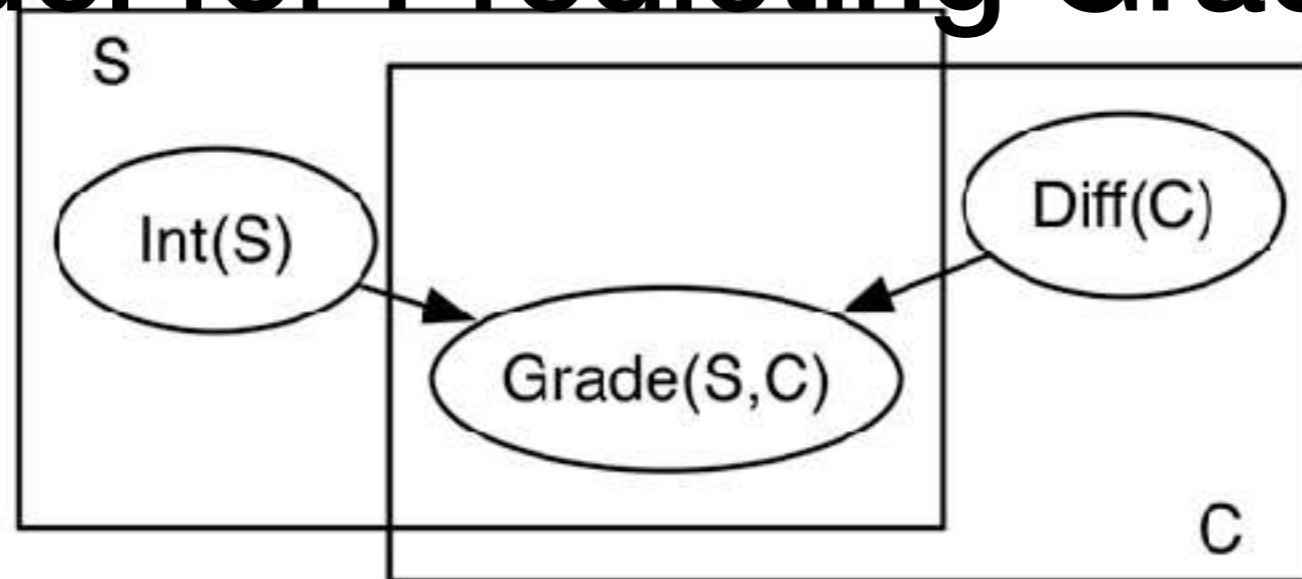


Bayesian net encoded as Probabilistic Logic Program
PLPs correspond to directed graphical models

**ProbLog has both (directed) probabilistic graphic models,
the programming language Prolog (and probabilistic databases) as special case**



Flexible and Compact Relational Model for Predicting Grades

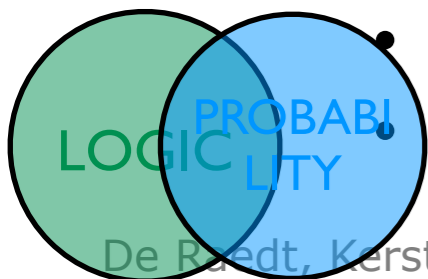


“Program” Abstraction:

- S, C **logical variable** representing students, courses
- the set of individuals of a type is called a **population**
- $\text{Int}(S), \text{Grade}(S, C), \text{D}(C)$ are **parametrized random variables**

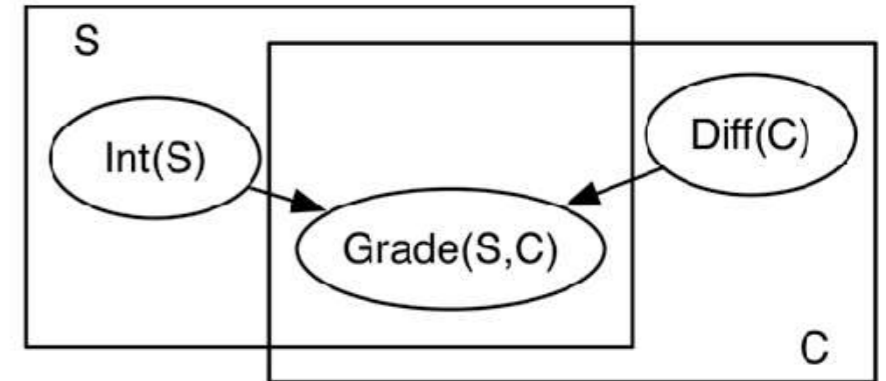
Grounding:

- for every student s , there is a random variable $\text{Int}(s)$
- for every course c , there is a random variable $\text{D}_i(c)$
- for every s, c pair there is a random variable $\text{Grade}(s, c)$
- all instances share the same structure and parameters



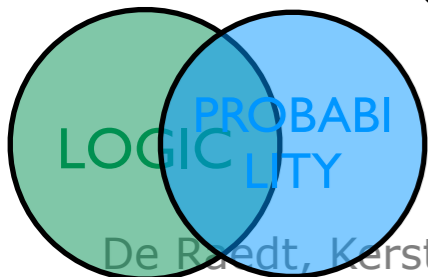
Probabilistic Logic Programs

0.4 :: int(S) :- student(S).
 0.5 :: diff(C):- course(C).



student(john). student(anna). student(bob).
 course(ai). course(ml). course(cs).

gr(S,C,a) :- int(S), not diff(C).
 0.3::gr(S,C,a); 0.5::gr(S,C,b);0.2::gr(S,C,c) :- int(S), diff(C).
 0.1::gr(S,C,b); 0.2::gr(S,C,c); 0.2::gr(S,C,f) :-
 student(S), course(C),
 not int(S), not diff(C).
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ProbLog by example: Grading

unsatisfactory(S) :- student(S), grade(S,C,f).

excellent(S):- student(S), not(grade(S,C1,G),below(G,a)), grade(S,C2,a).

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0.5 :: diff(C):- course(C).

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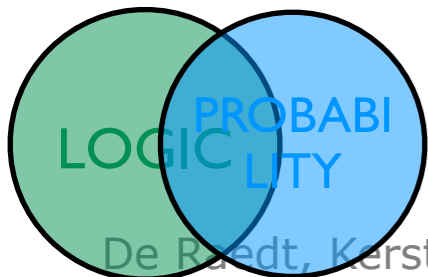
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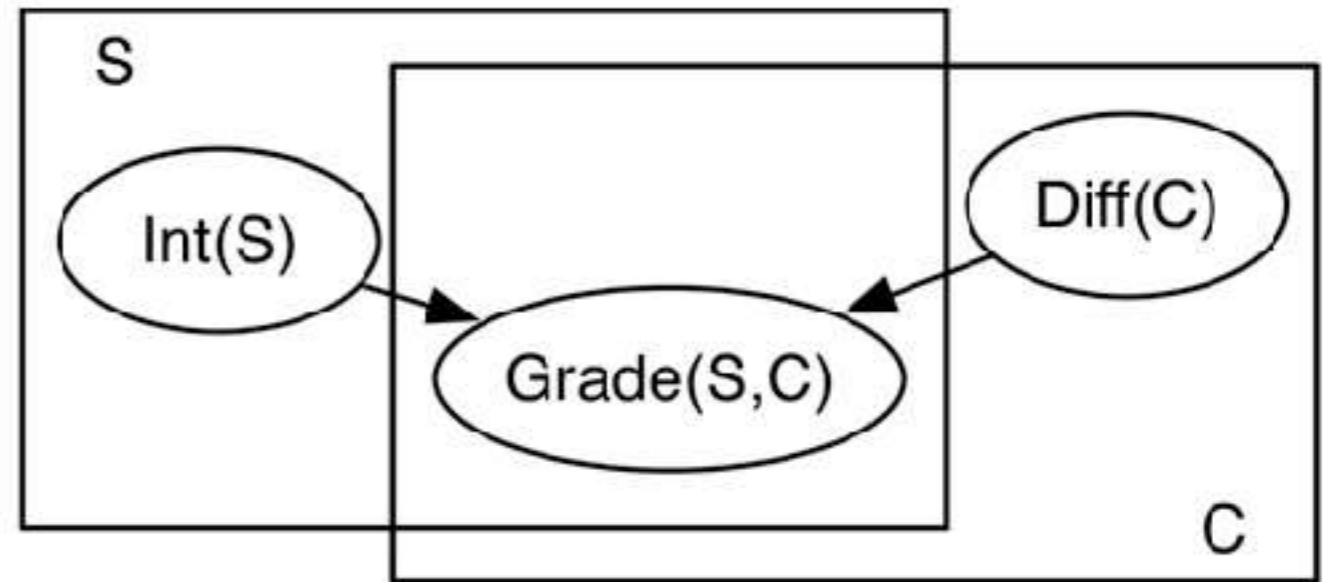
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ProbLog by example: Grading



Shows relational structure

grounded model: replace variables by constants

Works for any number of students / classes (for 1000 students and 100 classes, you get 101100 random variables); still only few parameters

With SRL / PP

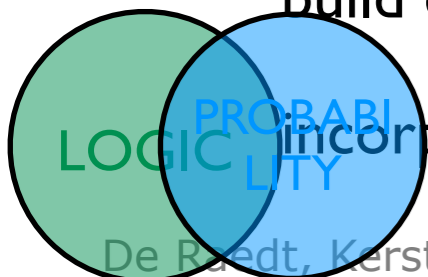
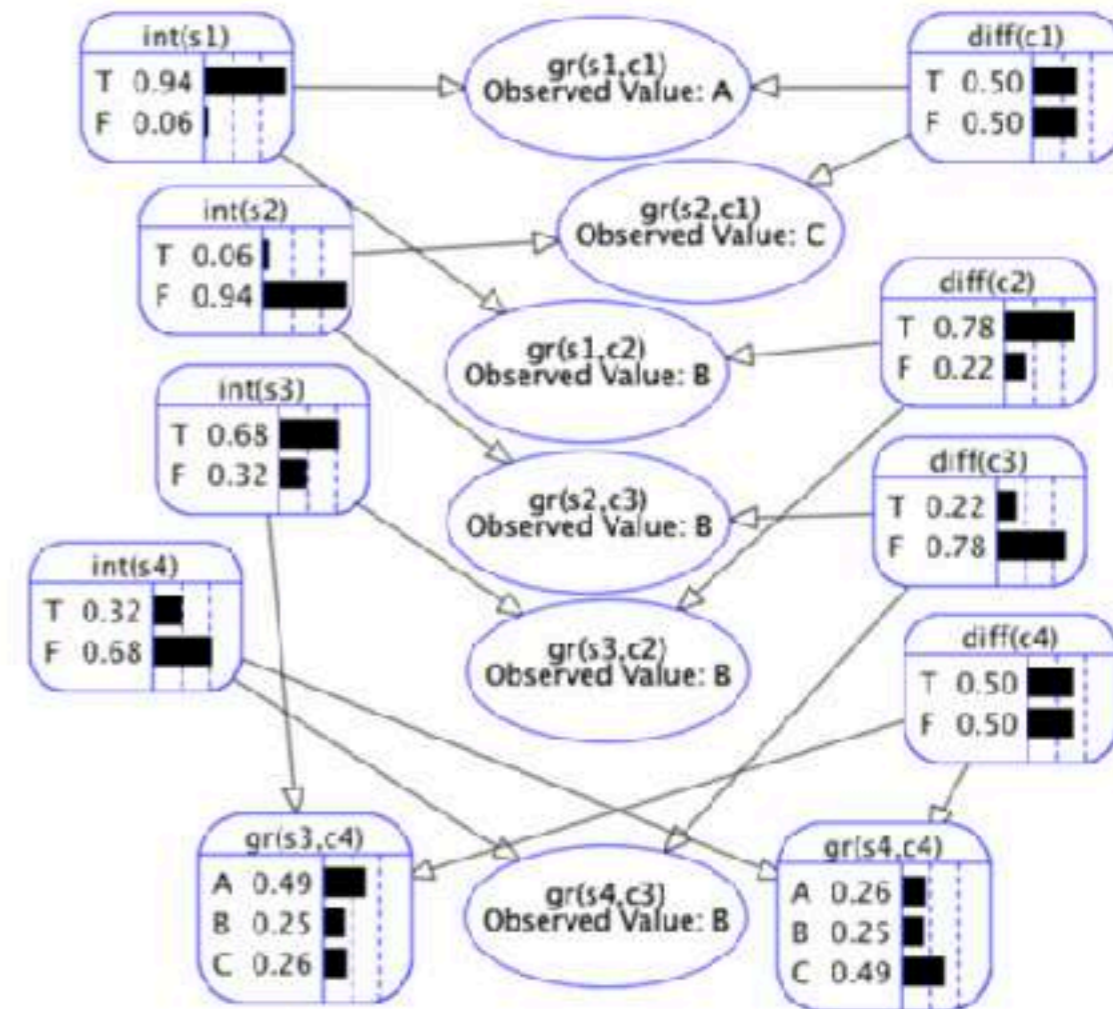
build and learn compact models,

from one set of individuals - > other sets;

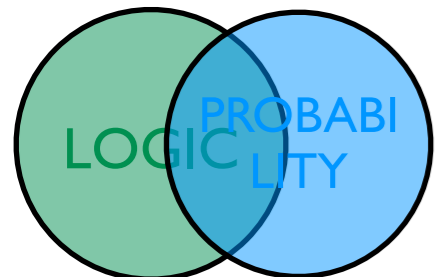
reason also about exchangeability,

build even more complex models,

incorporate background knowledge



ProbLog Inference



ProbLog Inference

Answering a query in a ProbLog program happens in four steps

1. Grounding the program w.r.t. the query
2. Rewrite the ground logic program into a propositional logic formula
3. Compile the formula into an arithmetic circuit
4. Evaluate the arithmetic circuit

0.1 :: burglary.

0.5 :: hears_alarm(**mary**).

0.2 :: earthquake.

0.4 :: hears_alarm(**john**).

alarm :- earthquake.

alarm :- burglary.

calls(**X**) :- alarm, hears_alarm(**X**).

Query

P(calls(mary))



ProbLog Inference

Answering a query in a ProbLog program happens in four steps

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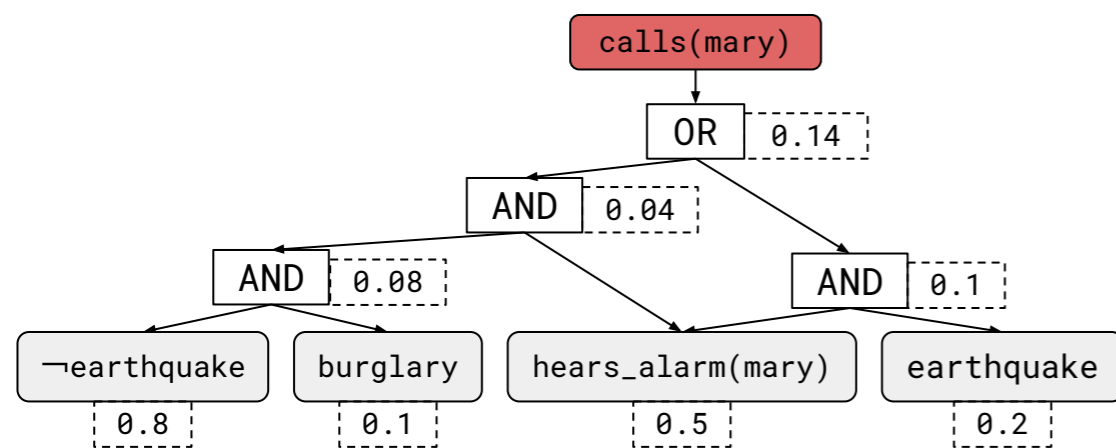
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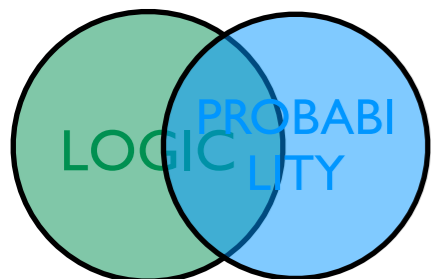
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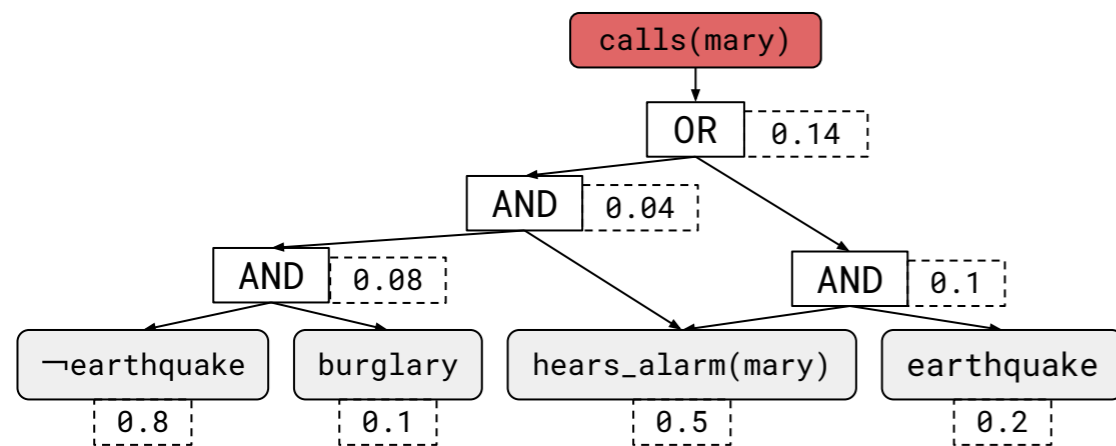
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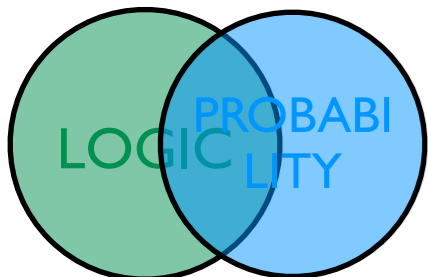
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4. **Evaluate the arithmetic circuit - replace AND by X and OR by +**



`calls(mary)`

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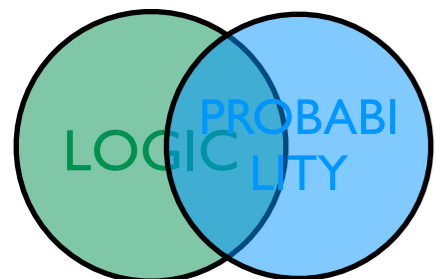
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The AC deals with the disjoint sum problem



ProbLog applications

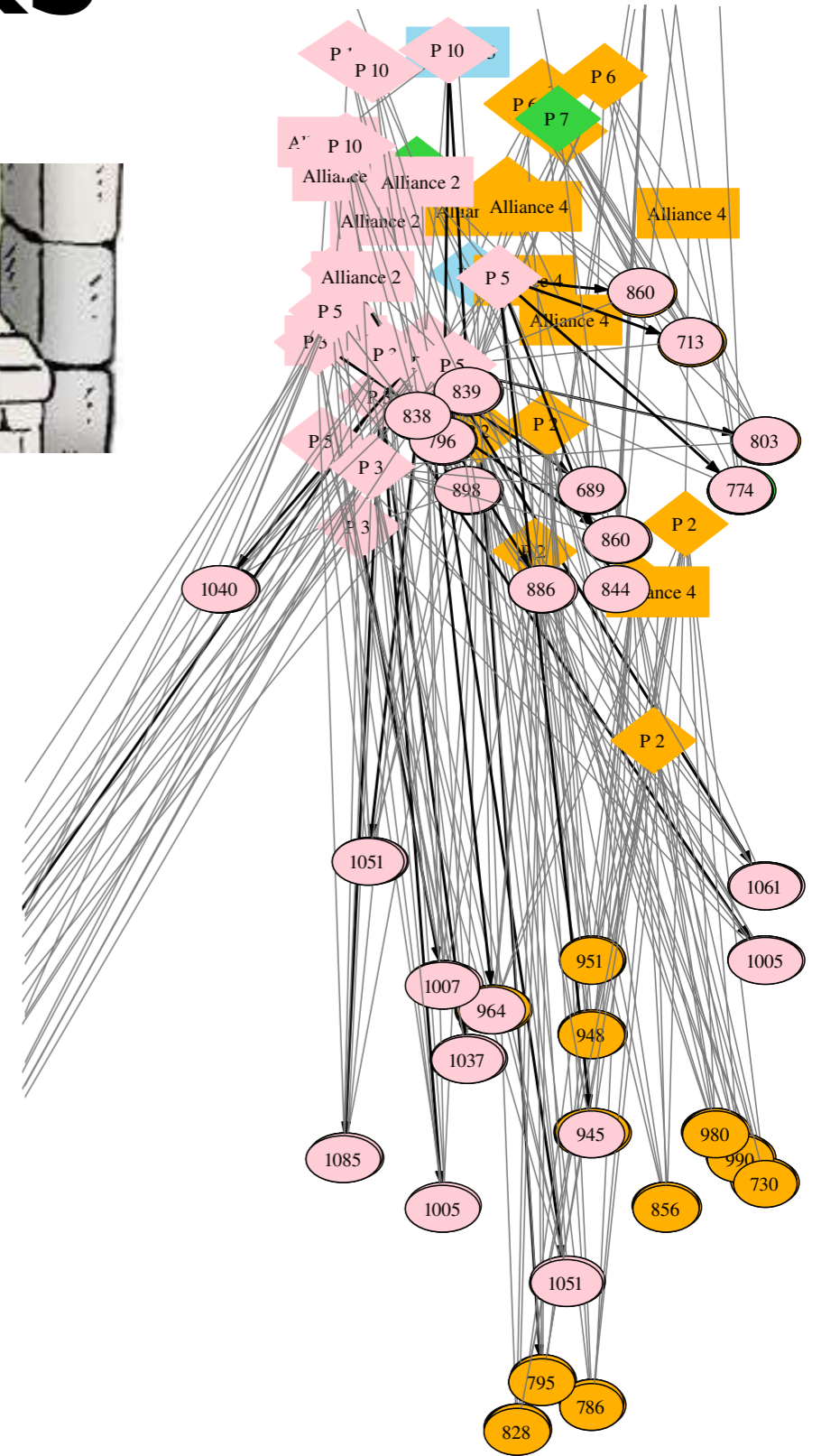


Dynamic networks

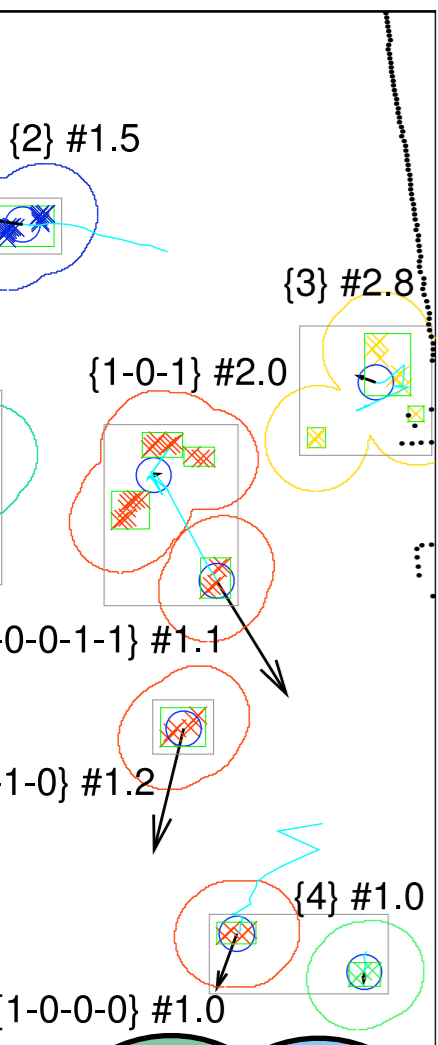


Travian: A massively multiplayer real-time strategy game

Can we build a model of this world?
Can we use it for playing better?

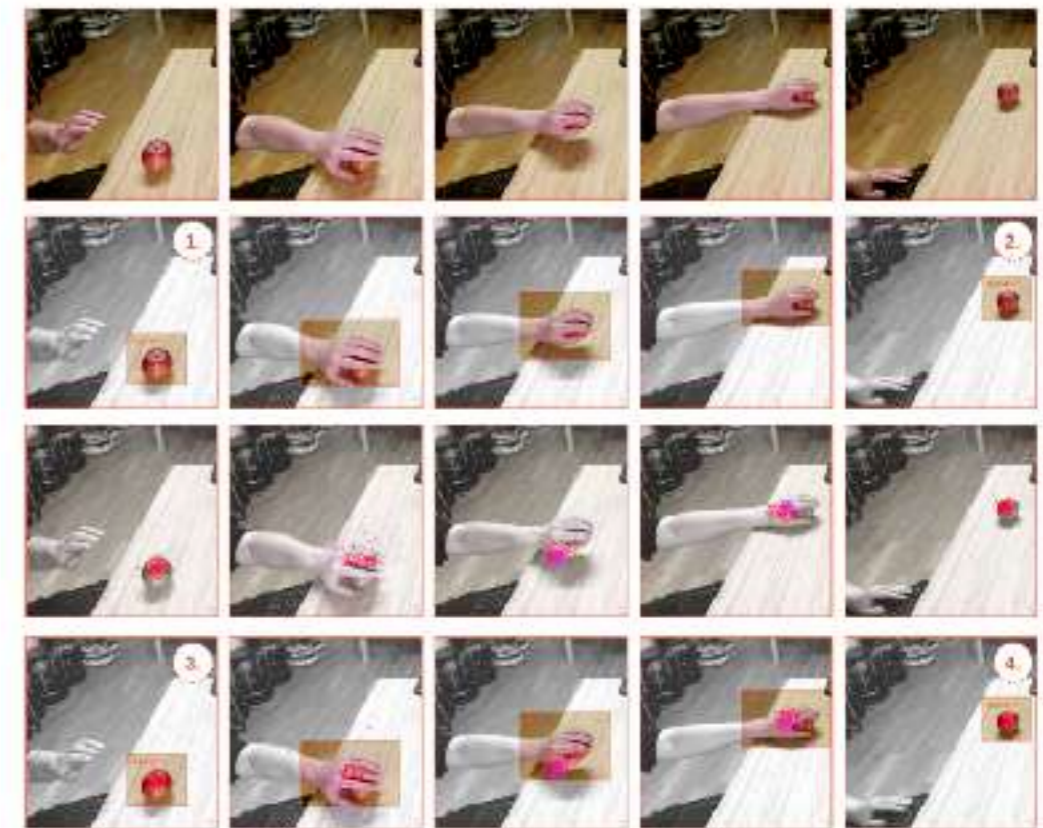


Activity analysis and tracking

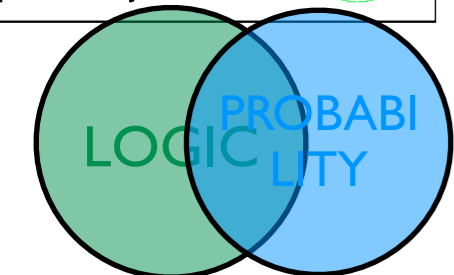


- Track people or objects over time? Even if temporarily hidden?
- Recognize activities?
- Infer object properties?

[Skarlatidis et al, TPLP 14;
Nitti et al, IROS 13, ICRA 14,
MLJ 16]



[Persson et al, IEEE Trans on
Cogn. & Dev. Sys. 19;
IJCAI 20]



Learning relational affordances

Learn probabilistic model



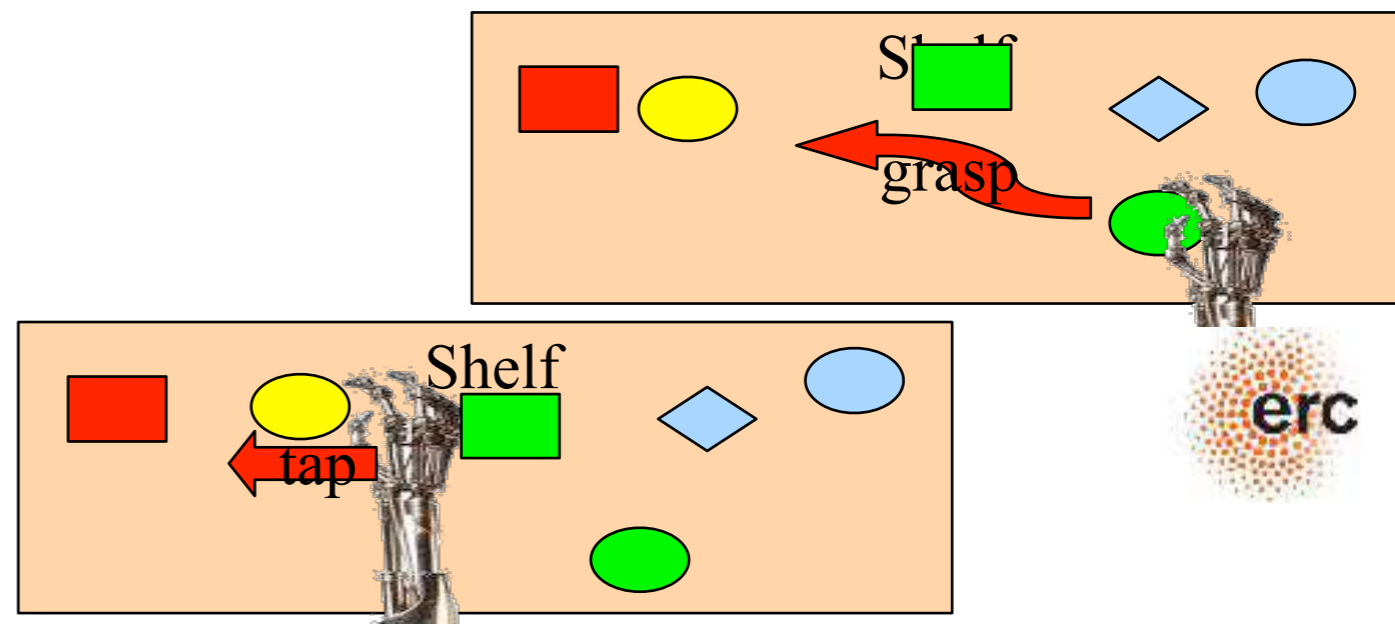
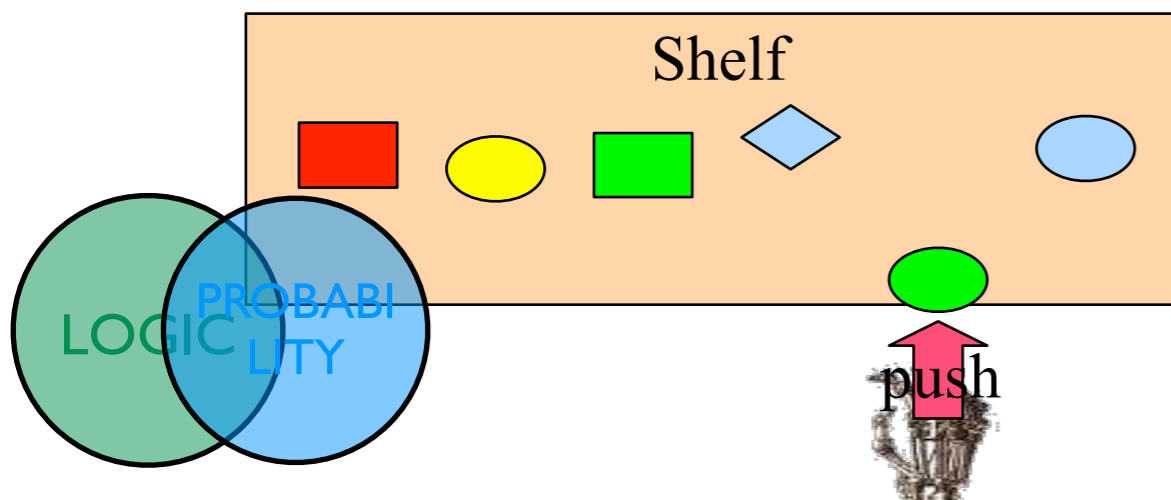
Learning relational affordances between two objects (learnt by experience)

similar to probabilistic Strips (with continuous distributions)

From two object interactions

Generalize to N

Moldovan et al. ICRA 12, 13, 14; Auton. Robots 18



Biology

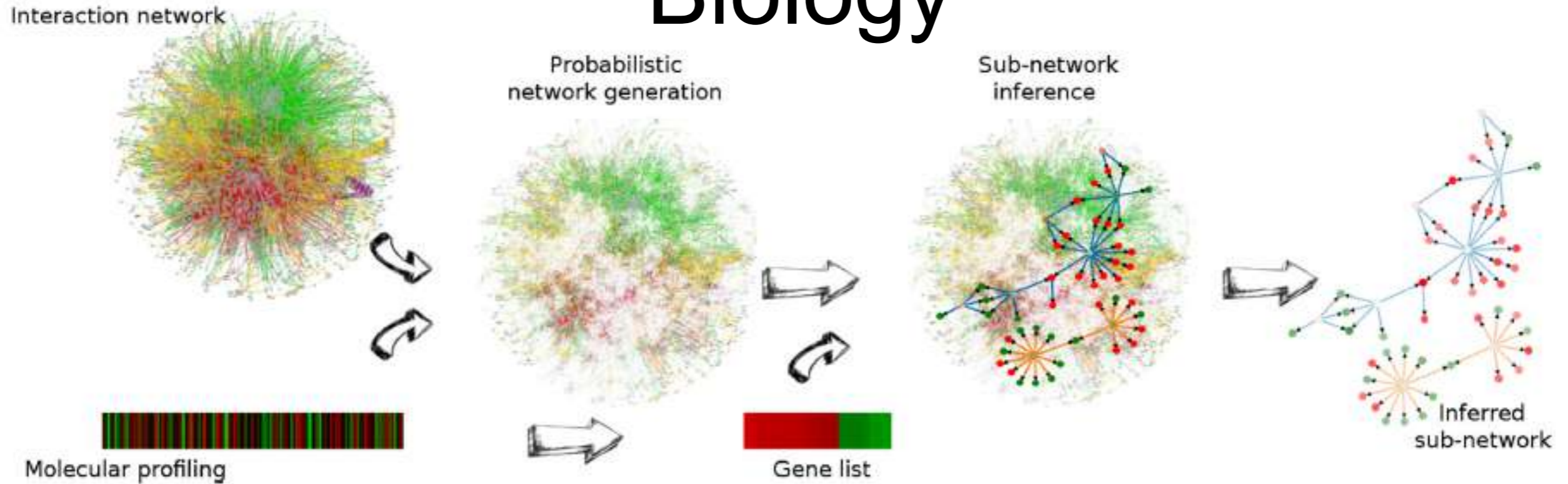
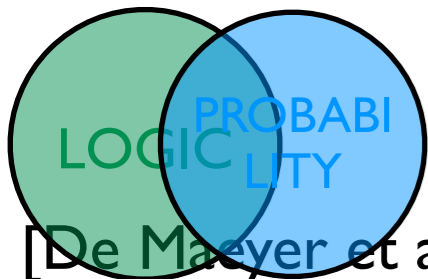
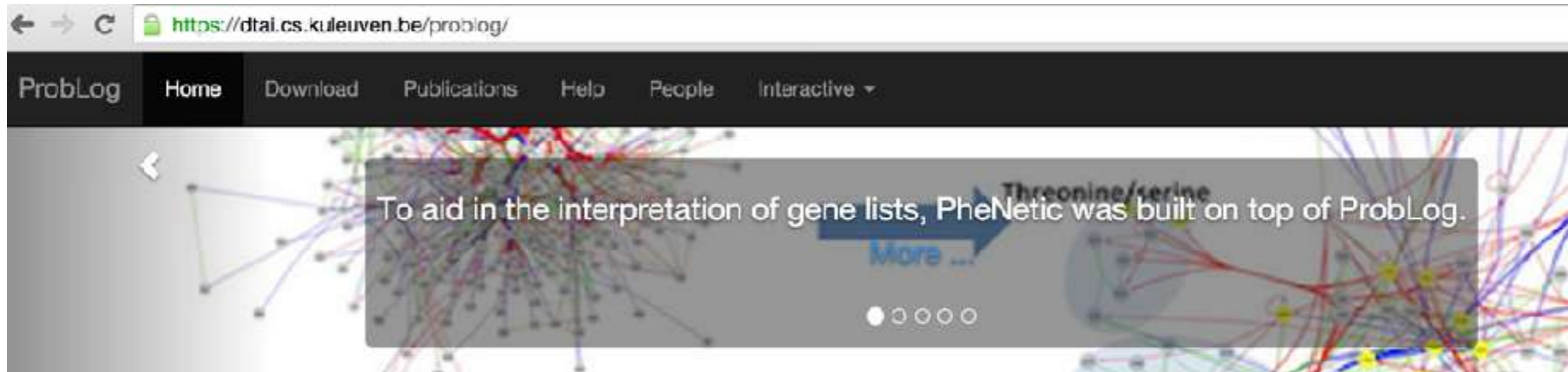


Figure 1. Overview of PheNetic, a web service for network-based interpretation of ‘omics’ data. The web service uses as input a genome wide interaction network for the organism of interest, a user generated molecular profiling data set and a gene list derived from these data. Interaction networks for a wide variety of organisms are readily available from the web server. Using the uploaded user-generated molecular data the interaction network is converted into a probabilistic network: edges receive a probability proportional to the levels measured for the terminal nodes in the molecular profiling data set. This probabilistic interaction network is used to infer the sub-network that best links the genes from the gene list. The inferred sub-network provides a trade-off between linking as many genes as possible from the gene list and selecting the least number of edges.

- Causes: Mutations
 - All related to similar phenotype
- Effects: Differentially expressed genes
 - 27 000 cause effect pairs
- Interaction network:
 - 3063 nodes
 - Genes
 - Proteins
 - 16794 edges
 - Molecular interactions
 - Uncertain
- Goal: connect causes to effects through common subnetwork
 - = Find mechanism
- Techniques:
 - DTProbLog
 - Approximate inference





Introduction.

Probabilistic logic programs are logic programs in which some of the facts are annotated with probabilities.

ProbLog is a tool that allows you to intuitively build programs that do not only encode **complex interactions** between a large sets of **heterogenous components** but **uncertainties** that are present in real-life situations.

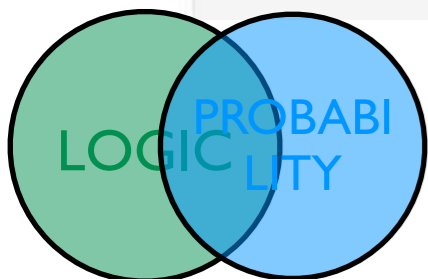
The engine tackles several tasks such as computing the marginals given evidence and learning from (partial) interpretations. ProbLog is a suite of efficient algorithms tasks. It is based on a conversion of the program and the queries and evidence to a weighted Boolean formula. This allows us to reduce the inference tasks to well-s weighted model counting, which can be solved using state-of-the-art methods known from the graphical model and knowledge compilation literature.

The Language. Probabilistic Logic Programming.

ProbLog makes it easy to express complex, probabilistic models.

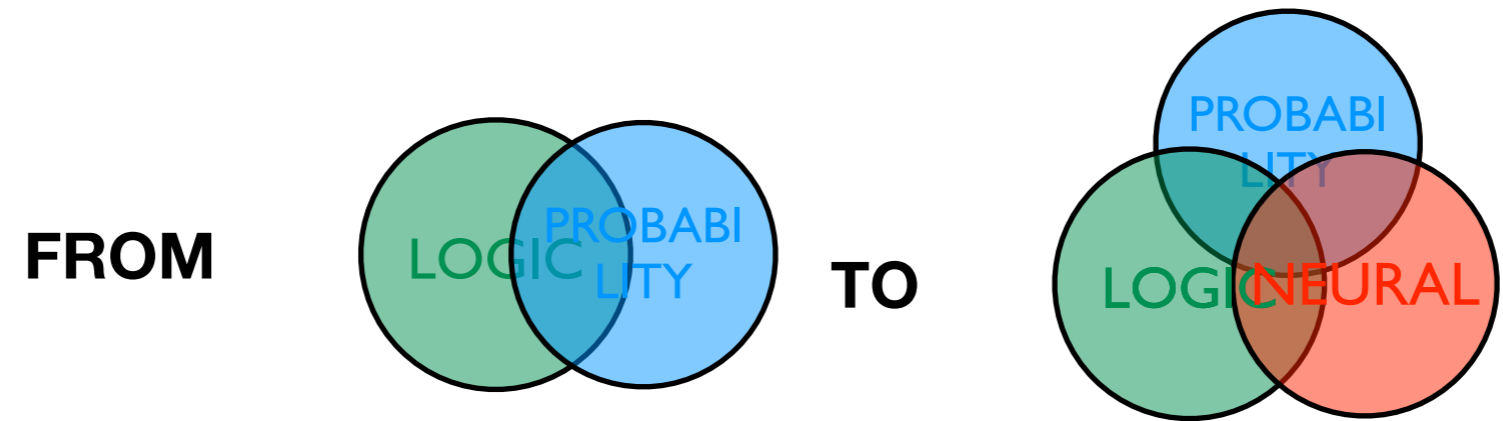
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0.3::stress(X) :- person(X).
0.2::influences(X,Y) :- person(X), person(Y).

smokes(X) :- stress(X).
smokes(X) :- friend(X,Y), influences(Y,X), smokes(Y).
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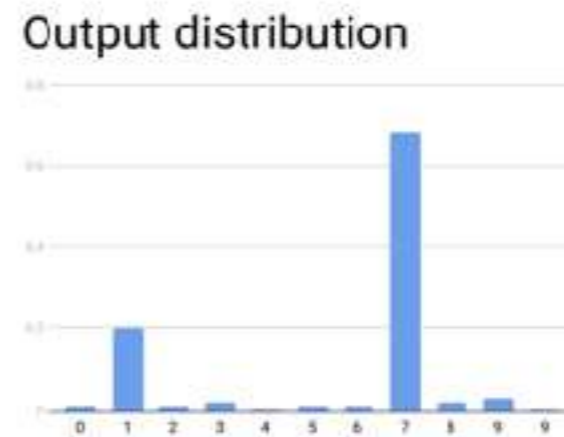
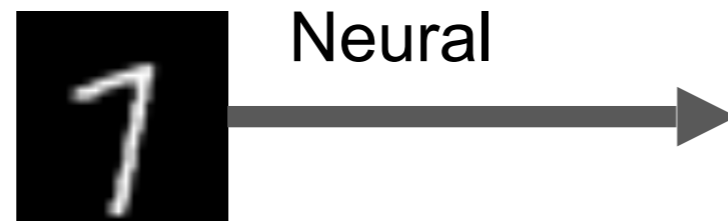


PART 2 B

From ProbLog to DeepProbLog

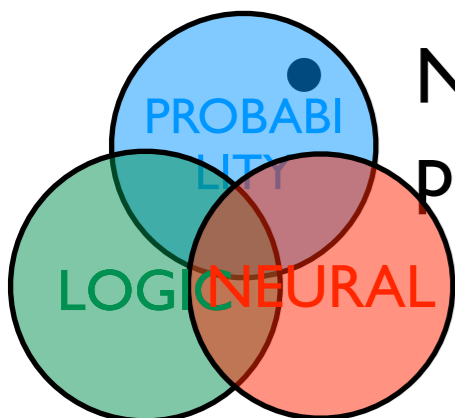


Neural predicate



- Neural networks have uncertainty in their predictions
- A normalized output can be interpreted as a probability distribution
- Neural predicate models the output as probabilistic facts

No changes needed in the probabilistic host language



Key Idea DeepProbLog

unify the basic concepts in logic and neural networks:

neural predicate ~ neural net

an interface between logic and neural nets



The neural predicate

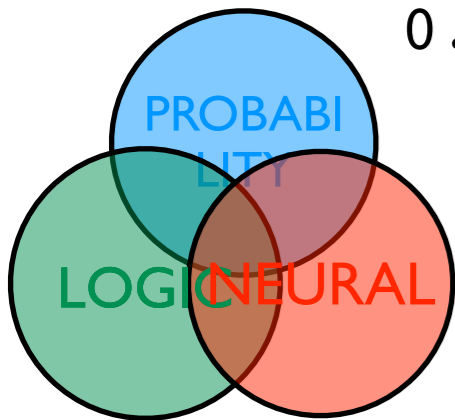
The output of the neural network is probabilistic facts in DeepProbLog

Example:

```
nn(mnist_net, [X], Y, [0 ... 9] ) :: digit(X,Y).
```

Instantiated into a (neural) Annotated Disjunction:

```
0.04::digit(1,0) ; 0.35::digit(1,1) ; ... ;  
0.53::digit(1,7) ; ... ; 0.014::digit(1,9).
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DeepProbLog exemplified: MNIST addition

Task: Classify pairs of MNIST digits with their sum

Benefit of DeepProbLog:

- Encode addition in logic
- Separate addition from digit classification



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nn(mnist_net, [X], Y, [0 ... 9] ) :: digit(X,Y).
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addition(X,Y,Z) :- digit(X,N1), digit(Y,N2), Z is N1+N2.
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Examples:

```
addition( 3 , 5 , 8 ), addition( 0 , 4 , 4 ), addition( 9 , 2 , 11 ), ...
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addition(3,5,8) :- digit(3,N1), digit(5,N2), 8 is N1 + N2.
```

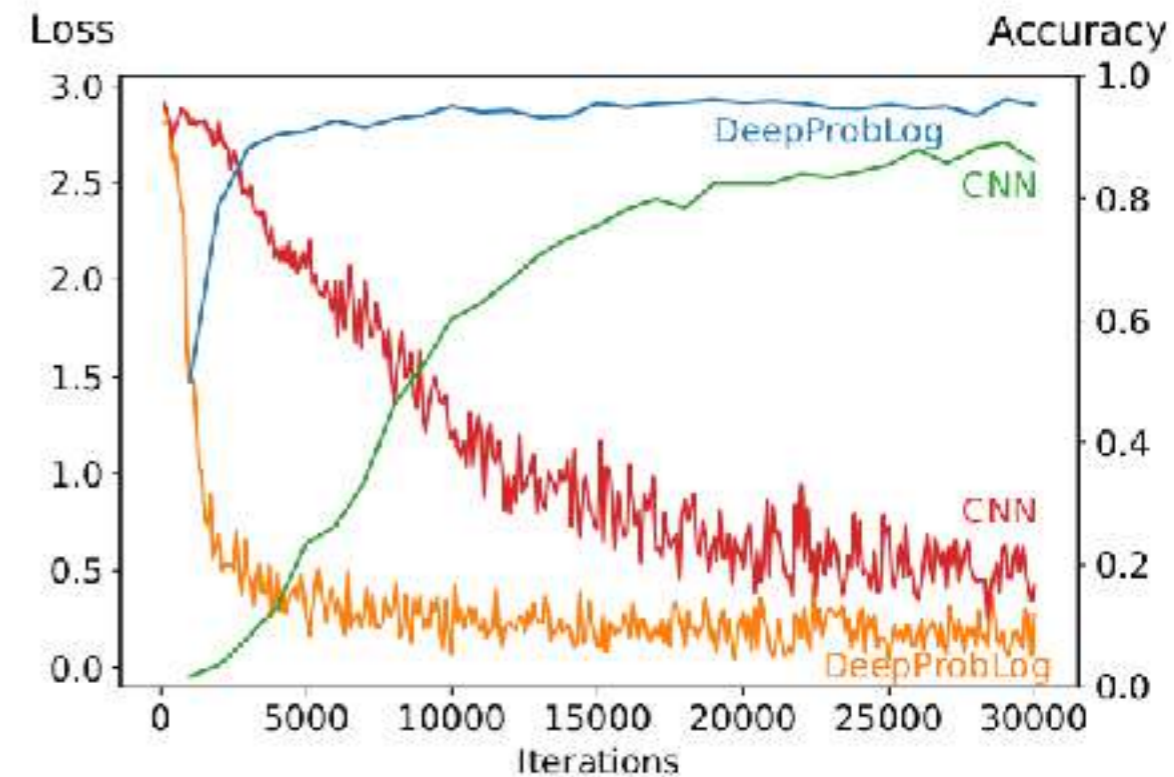
Examples:

```
addition(3,5,8), addition(0,4,4), addition(9,2,11), ...
```

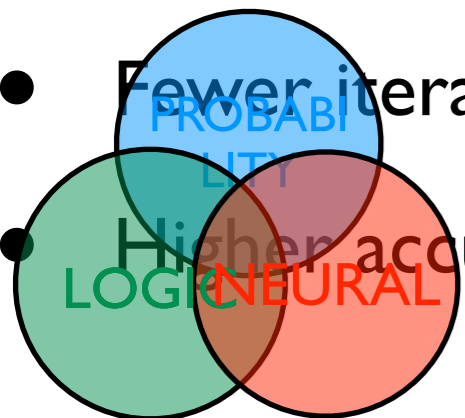


MNIST Addition

- Pairs of MNIST images, labeled with sum
- Baseline: CNN
 - Classifies concatenation of both images into classes 0 ... 18
- DeepProbLog:
 - CNN that classifies images into 0 ... 9
 - Two lines of DeepProbLog code



- Result:
- Fewer iterations necessary
- Higher accuracy achieved



Example

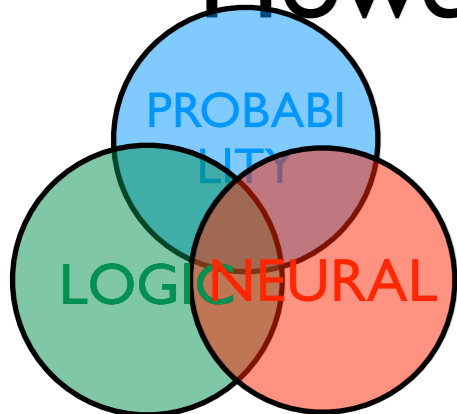
Learn to classify the sum of pairs of MNIST digits

Individual digits are not labeled!

E.g. ( ,  , 8)

Could be done by a CNN: classify the concatenation of both images into 19 classes

However:      +    = ?



Multi-digit MNIST addition with MNIST

```

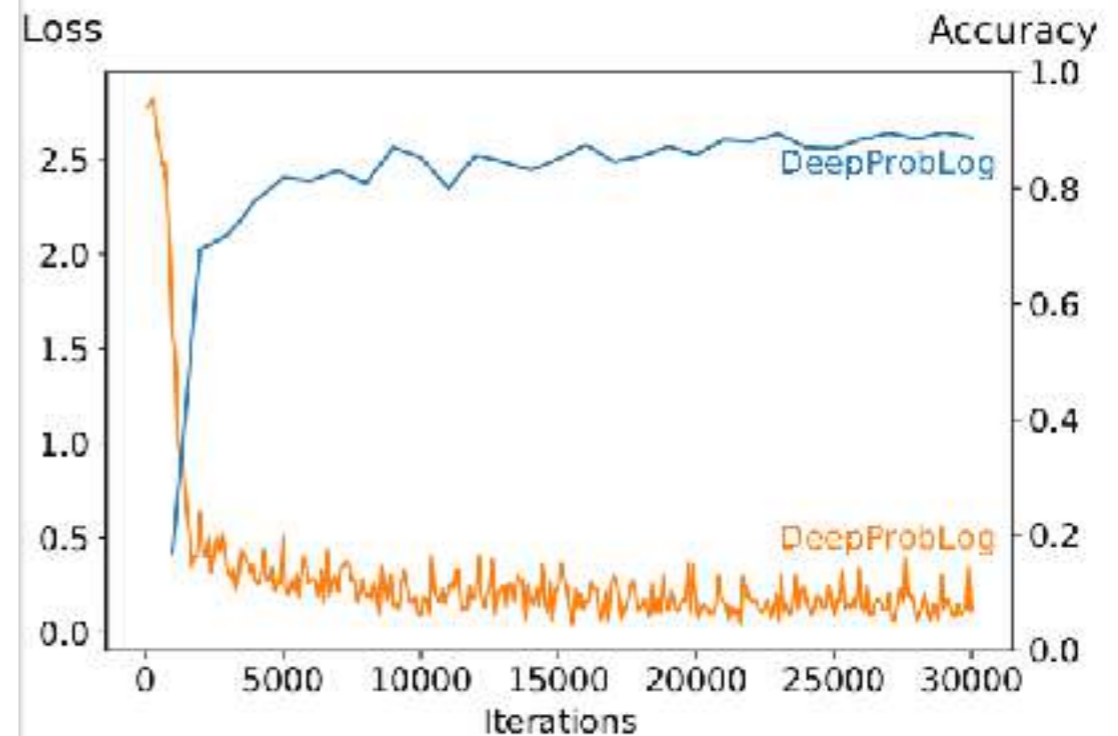
number ( [ ] , Result , Result ) .
number ( [H | T ] , Acc , Result) :-
    digit(H, Nr ), Acc2 is Nr +10*Acc ,
    number ( T , Acc2 , Result ) .
number (X,Y) :- number (X, 0 ,Y) .

```

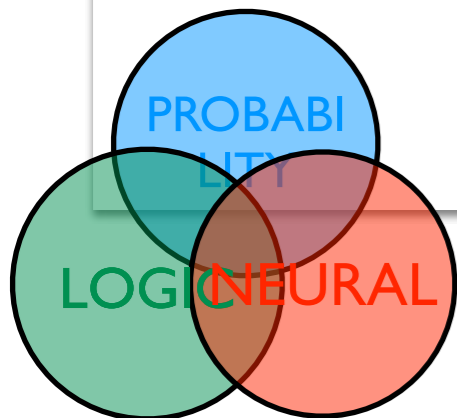
```

multiaddition(X, Y, Z) :-
    number (X, X2 ) ,
    number (Y, Y2 ) ,
    Z is X2+Y2 .

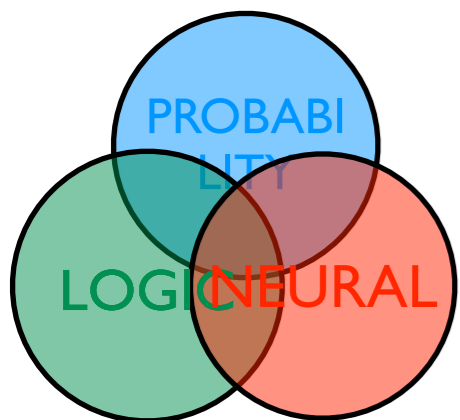
```



(b) Multi-digit (T2)



Inference & Learning



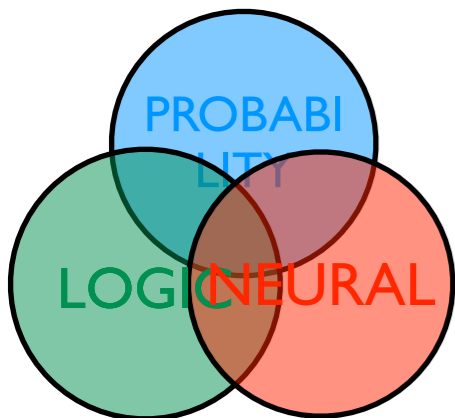
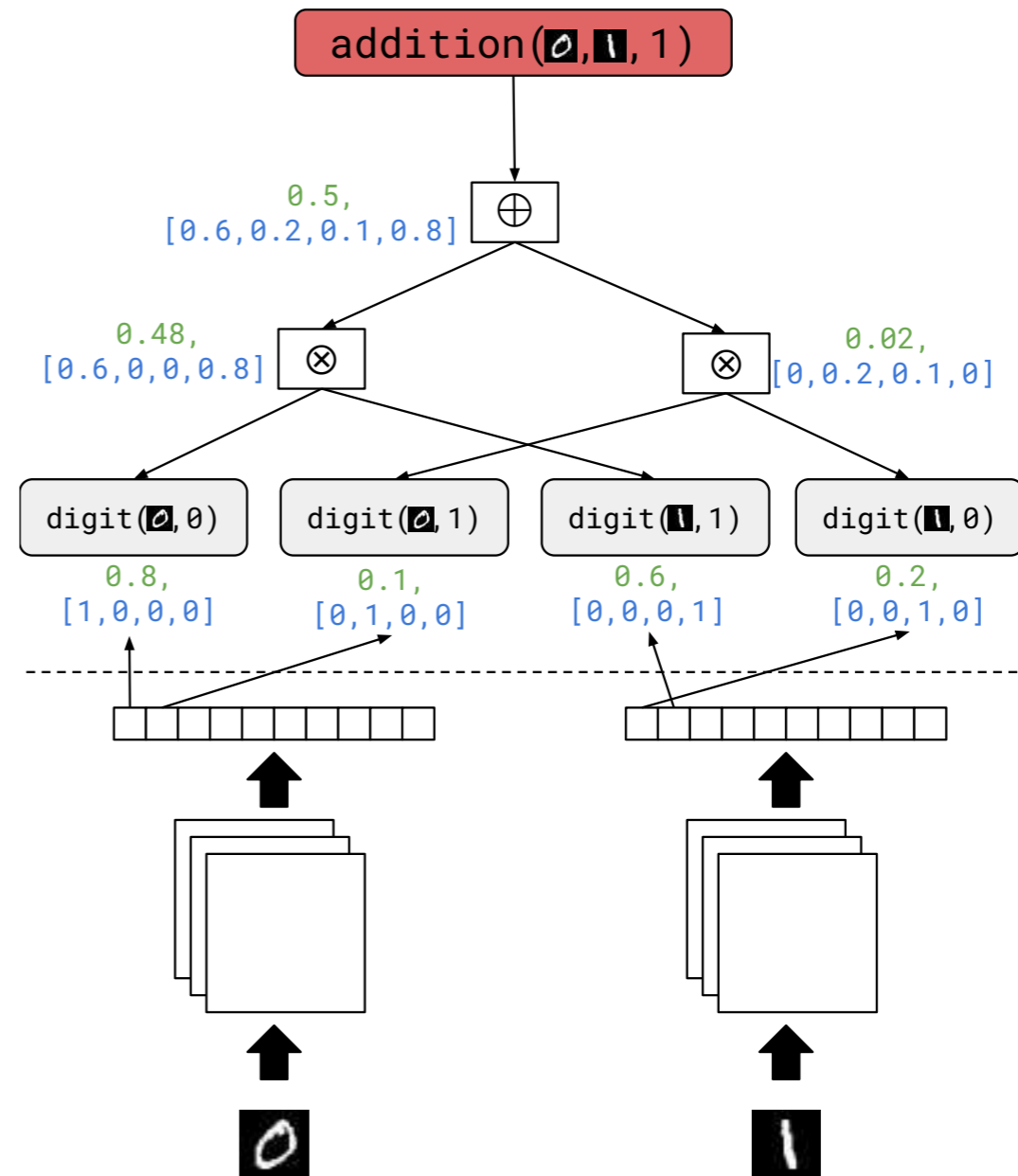
Gradient Semiring

```
nn(mnist_net, [X], Y, [0 ... 9] ) ::
  digit(X,Y).
```

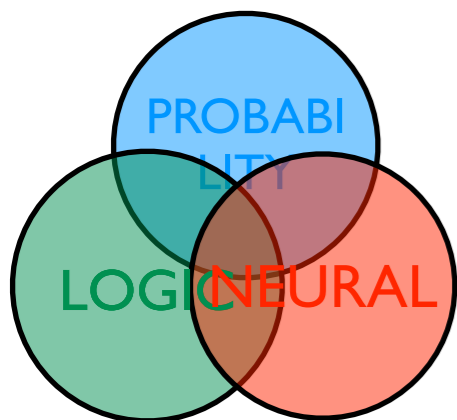
```
addition(X,Y,Z) :-
  digit(X,N1),
  digit(Y,N2),
  Z is N1+N2.
```

The ACs are differentiable
and there is an interface
with the neural nets

(Pretty elegant in ProbLog
we use the “gradient” semi-ring)



Experiments



Program Induction/Sketching

In Neural Symbolic methods

- Rule Induction — work with templates

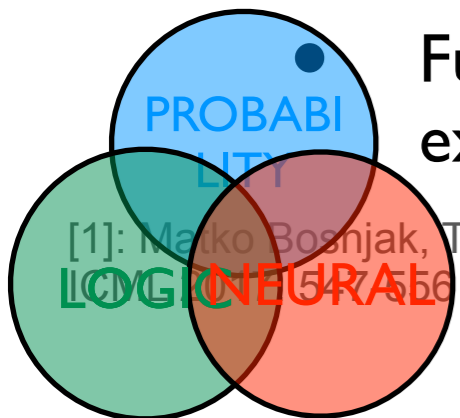
$$P(X) :- R(X,Y), Q(Y)$$

- and have the “predicate” variables / slots P,Q, R determined by the NN
- Simpler form, fill just a few slots / holes

Approach similar to ‘*Programming with a Differentiable Forth Interpreter*’ [1] 24

- Partially defined Forth program with slots / holes
- Slots are filled by neural network (encoder / decoder)

Fully differentiable interpreter: NNs are trained with input / output examples

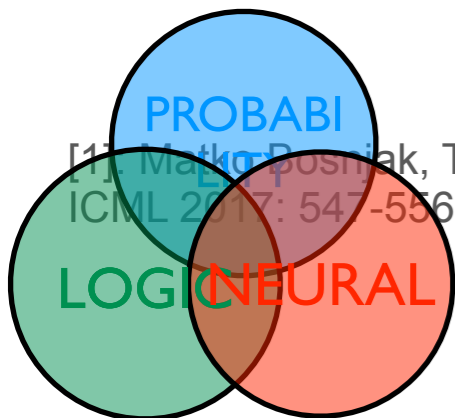


[1]: Marko Boshnjak, Tim Rocktäschel, Jason Naradowsky, Sebastian Riedel: Programming with a Differentiable Forth Interpreter



Tasks^[1]

- **Sorting**
 - Sort lists of numbers using Bubble sort
 - Hole: Swap or don't swap when comparing two numbers
- **Addition**
 - Add two numbers and a carry
 - Hole: What is the resulting digit and carry on each step
 - (Note: not MNIST digits, but actual numbers)
- **Word Algebra Problems**
 - E.g. "Ann has 8 apples. She buys 4 more. She distributes them equally among her 3 kids. How many apples does each child receive?"
 - Hole: Sequence of permuting, swapping and performing operations on the three numbers



[1] Matko Posnjak, Tim Rocktäschel, Jason Naradowsky, Sebastian Riedel: Programming with a Differentiable Forth Interpreter. ICML 2017: 547-556



Example DeepProbLog

neural predicate

```
hole(X,Y,X,Y):-
  swap(X,Y,0).
```

```
hole(X,Y,Y,X):-
  swap(X,Y,1).
```

bubble sort

```
bubble([X],[],X).
bubble([H1,H2|T],[X1|T1],X):-
  hole(H1,H2,X1,X2),
  bubble([X2|T],T1,X).
```

```
bubblesort([],L,L).
```

```
bubblesort(L,L3,Sorted) :-
  bubble(L,L2,X),
  bubblesort(L2,[X|L3],Sorted).
```

```
sort(L,L2) :- bubblesort(L,[],L2).
```

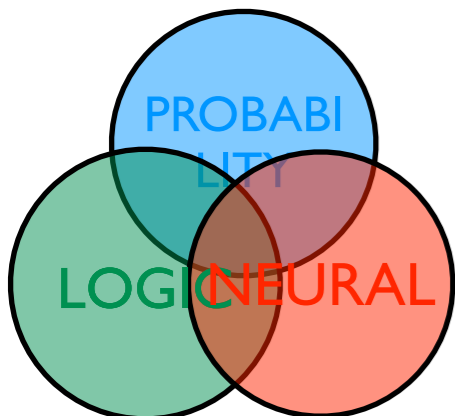
	Test Length	Sorting: Training length					Addition: training length		
		2	3	4	5	6	2	4	8
$\partial 4$ [Bošnjak et al., 2017]	8	100.0	100.0	49.22	-	-	100.0	100.0	100.0
	64	100.0	100.0	20.65	-	-	100.0	100.0	100.0
DeepProbLog	8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	64	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Accuracy on the sorting and addition problems (results for $\partial 4$ reported by Bošnjak et al. [2017]).

Training length \rightarrow	2	3	4	5	6
$\partial 4$ on GPU	42 s	160 s	-	-	-
$\partial 4$ on CPU	61 s	390 s	-	-	-
DeepProbLog on CPU	11 s	14 s	32 s	114 s	245 s

(b) Time until 100% accurate on test length 8 for the sorting problem.

Table 1: Results on the Differentiable Forth experiments



Noisy Addition

```
mn(classifier, [X], Y, [0 .. 9]) :: digit(X,Y).  
t(0.2) :: noisy.
```

```
1/19 :: uniform(X,Y,0) ; ... ; 1/19 :: uniform(X,Y,18).
```

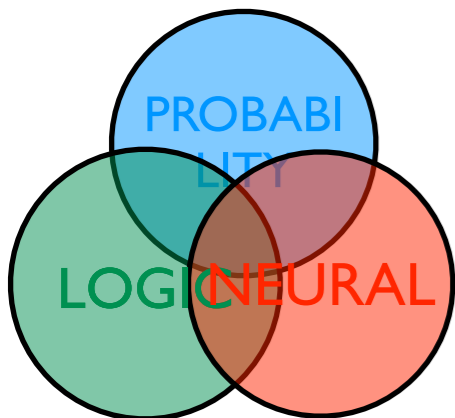
```
addition(X,Y,Z) :- noisy, uniform(X,Y,Z).
```

```
addition(X,Y,Z) :- \+noisy, digit(X,N1), digit(Y,N2), Z is N1+N2.
```

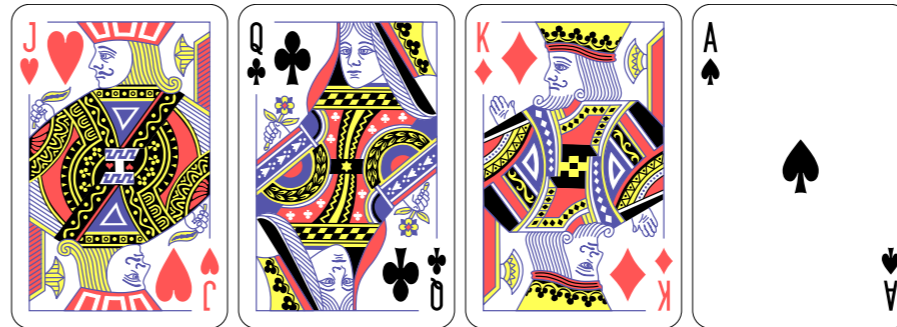
(a) The DeepProbLog program.

	Fraction of noise					
	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
Baseline	93.46	87.85	82.49	52.67	8.79	5.87
DeepProbLog	97.20	95.78	94.50	92.90	46.42	0.88
DeepProbLog w/ explicit noise	96.64	95.96	95.58	94.12	73.22	2.92
Learned fraction of noise	0.000	0.212	0.415	0.618	0.803	0.985

Table 3: The accuracy on the test set for **T4**.

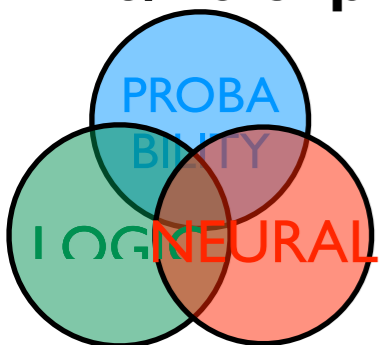


Simplified Poker



- dealing with uncertainty
- ignore suits and just with A, J, Q and K
- two players, two cards, and one community card
 - train the neural network to recognize the four cards
 - reason probabilistically about the non-observed card
 - learn the distribution of the unlabeled community card
- $0.8 :: \text{poker}([Q♥, Q♦, A♦, K♣], \text{loss}) \quad \text{poker}([Q♥, Q♦, A♦, K♣], A♦, \text{loss})$.

in 6/10 experiments



Distribution	Jack	Queen	King	Ace
Actual	0.2	0.4	0.15	0.25
Learned	0.203 ± 0.002	0.396 ± 0.002	0.155 ± 0.003	0.246 ± 0.002

Table 8: The results for the Poker experiment (T9).



Neural Theorem Prover

Towards Neural Theorem Proving at Scale

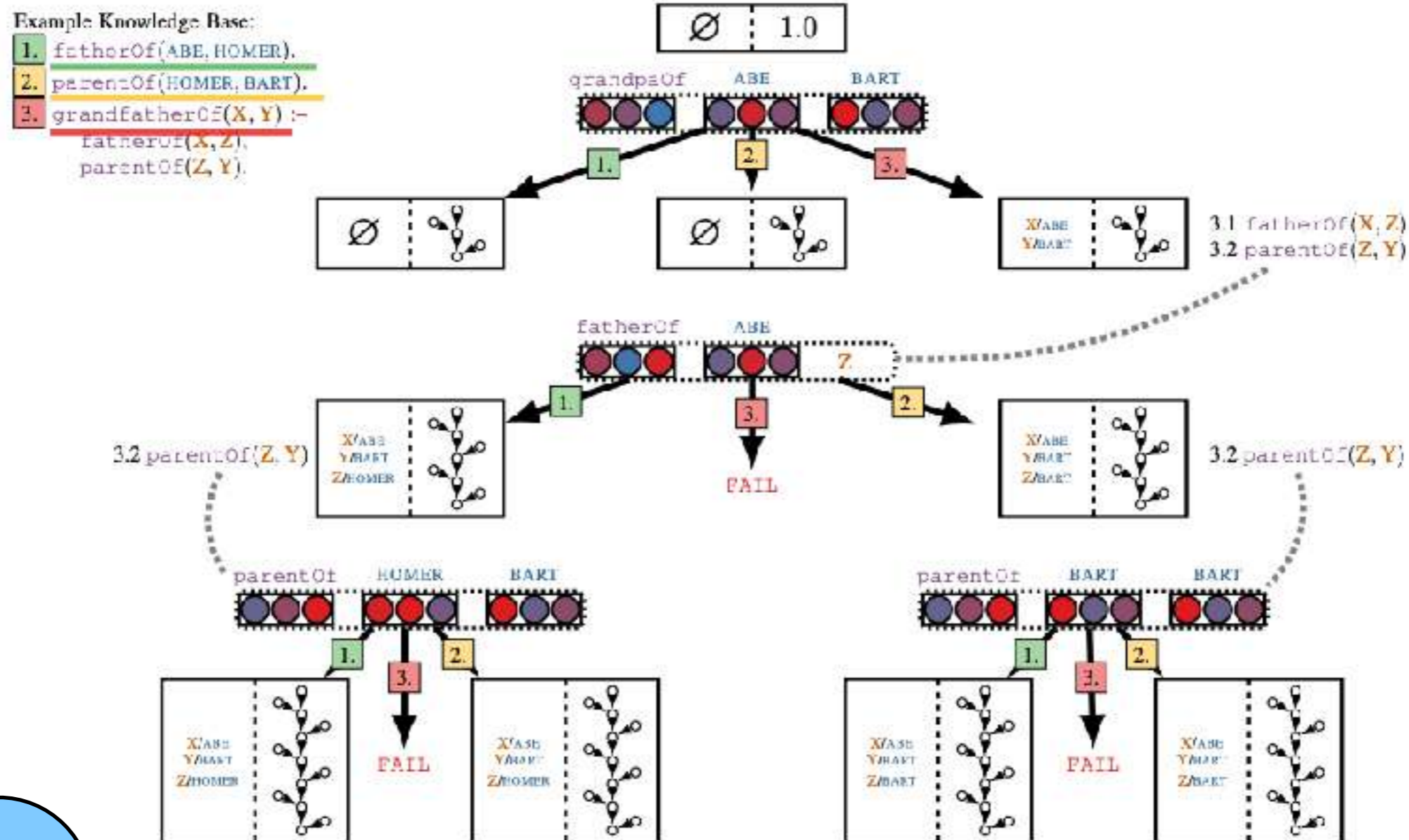
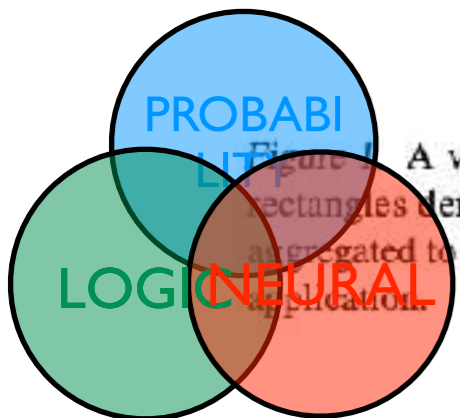


Figure 1: A visual depiction of the NTP's recursive computation graph construction, applied to a toy KB (top left). Dash-separated rectangles denote proof states (left: substitutions, right: proof score -generating neural network). All the non-FAIL proof states are aggregated to obtain the final proof success (depicted in Figure 2). Colours and indices on arrows correspond to the respective KB rule application.



Soft Unification

- NTP : “grandpa” **softly unifies** with “grandfather”, as embeddings are close
- DeepProblog : define

$\text{softunification}(X, Y) :- \text{embed}(X, EX), \text{embed}(Y, EY), \text{rbf}(EX, EY).$

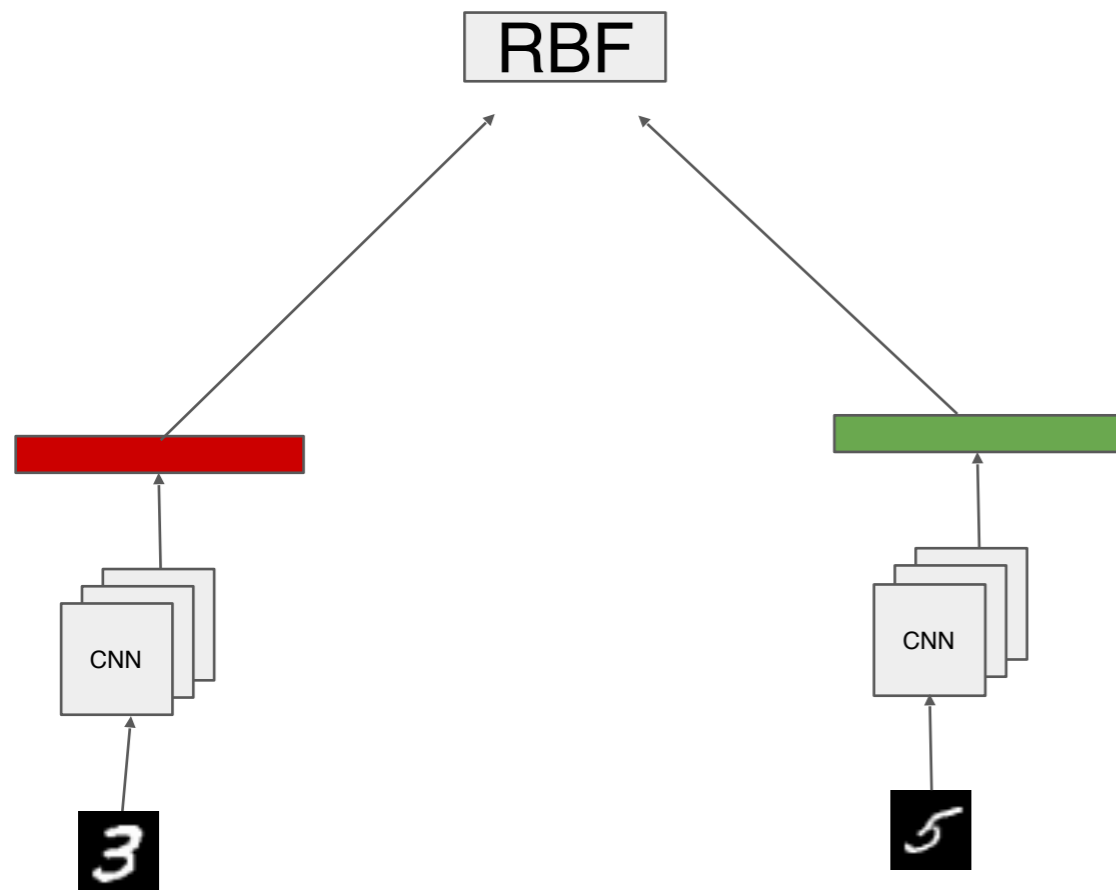
$\text{softunification}(X, Y)$ returns 1 if X and Y unify

otherwise returns $\exp\left(\frac{-\|e_X - e_Y\|_2}{2\mu^2}\right)$

$\text{grandPaOf}(X, Y) :- \text{softunification}(\text{grandPaOf}, R), R(X, Y).$

Embeddings in MNIST

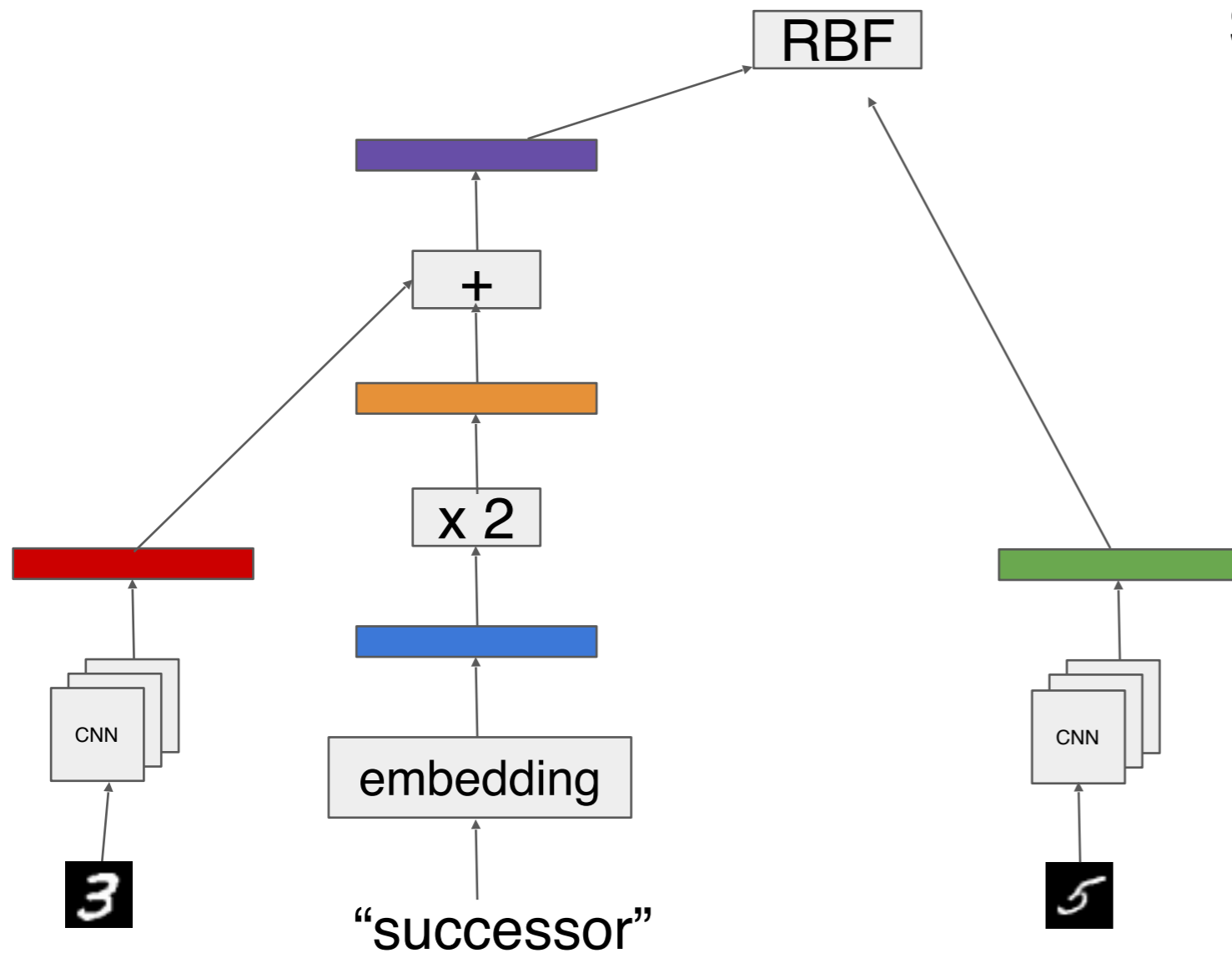
Computational Graph



`soft(3, 3) :-`
 `cnn_embed(3, e1),`
 `cnn_embed(3, e2),`
 `rbf(e2, e3).`

Embeddings in MNIST

Computational Graph



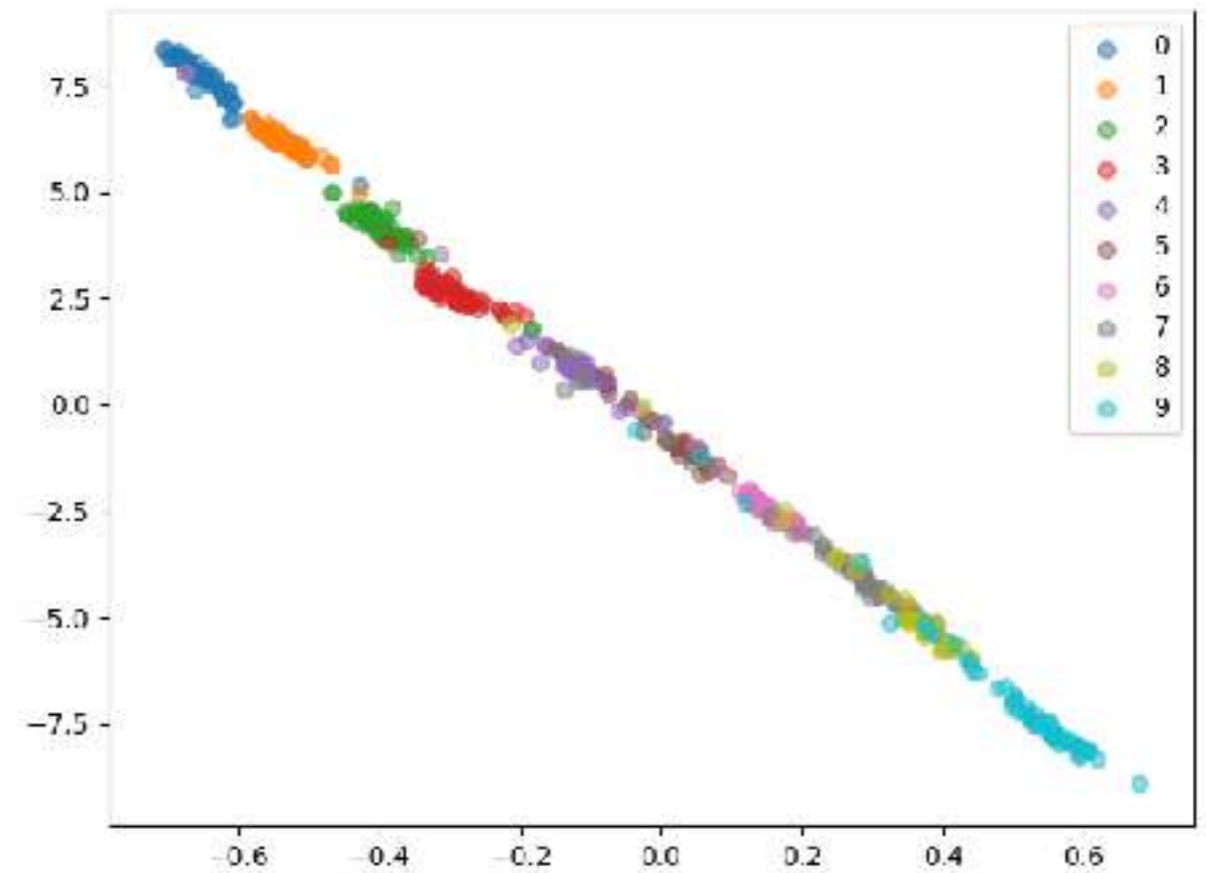
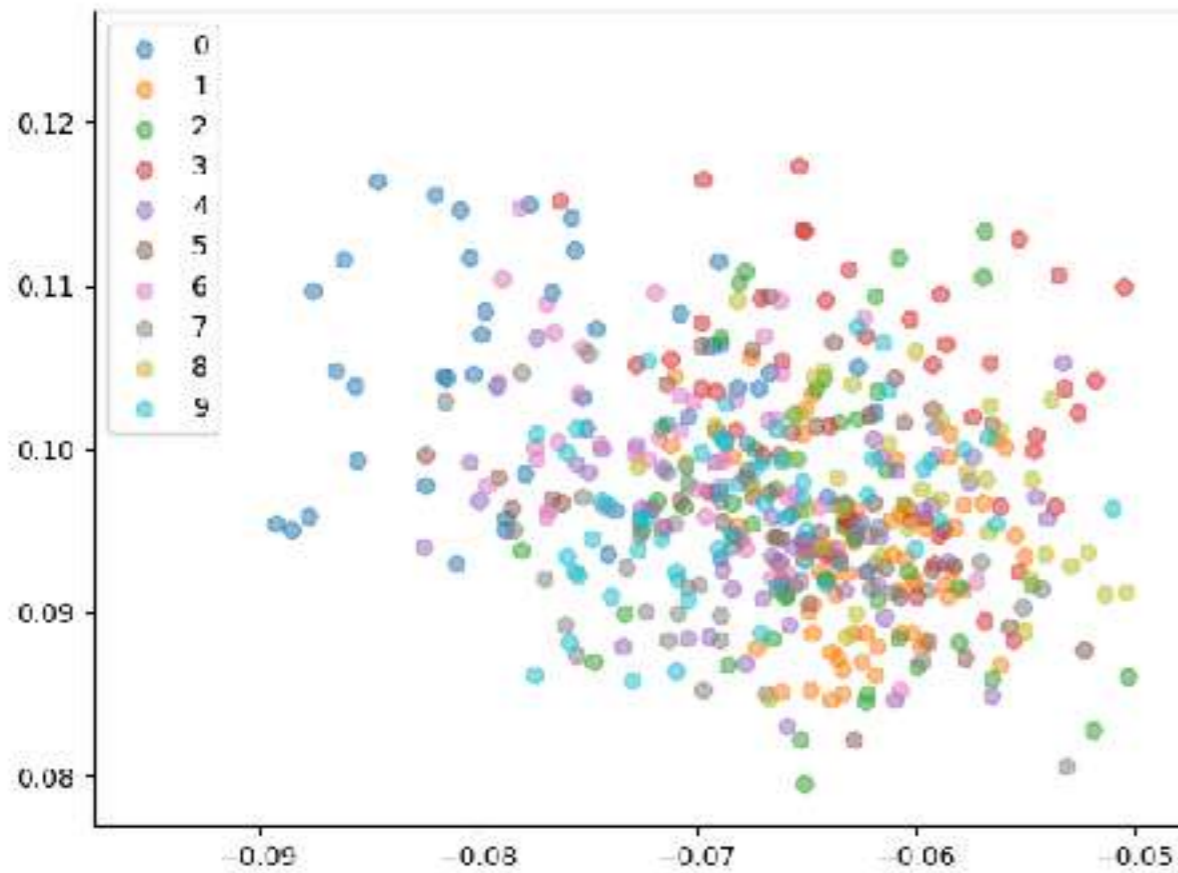
```

successor_n(3, 5, 2) :-
  cnn_embed(3, e1),
  cnn_embed(5, e2),
  embed("successor", r),
  mul(r, 2, r2),
  add(r2, e1, e3),
  rbf(e2, e3).
  
```

Idea of TransE [Bordes et al]



2D MNIST image embeddings



The CLUTRR Dataset

Goal of the dataset [Sinha et al. EMNLP 19]:

Predict relations between named entities in the text that are not explicitly mentioned, but can be deduced using other mentioned relations.

E.g.

“Alice has a son called Bob. Bob has a brother called Charlie. Yesterday, Charlie and Bob went to visit Alice.”

INFER `son(alice,charlie)`

FROM `son(alice,bob)` and `brother(bob,charlie)` .



CFG: Context-Free Grammar

$E \rightarrow N$

$E \rightarrow E, P, N$

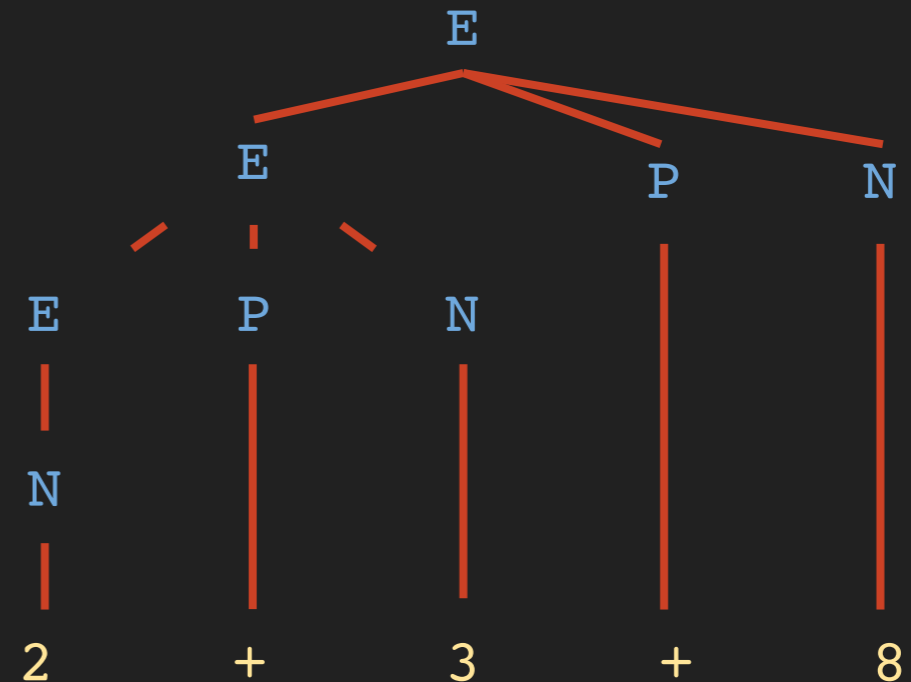
$P \rightarrow ["+"]$

$N \rightarrow ["0"]$

$N \rightarrow ["1"]$

...

$N \rightarrow ["9"]$



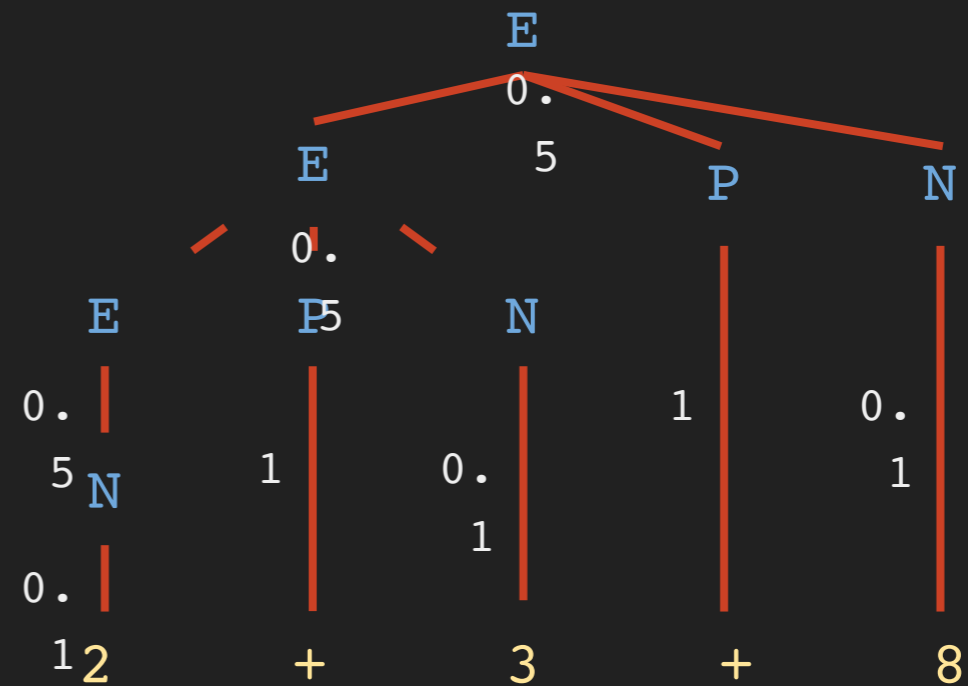
Useful for:

- Is sequence an **element of** the specified language?
- What is the "*part of speech*"-**tag** of a terminal
- **Generate** all elements of language

PCFG: Probabilistic Context-Free Grammar

0.5	::	E	-->	N
0.5	::	E	-->	E, P, N
1.0	::	P	-->	["+"]
0.1	::	N	-->	["0"]
0.1	::	N	-->	["1"]
		...		
0.1	::	N	-->	["9"]

Always sums to 1 per non-terminal



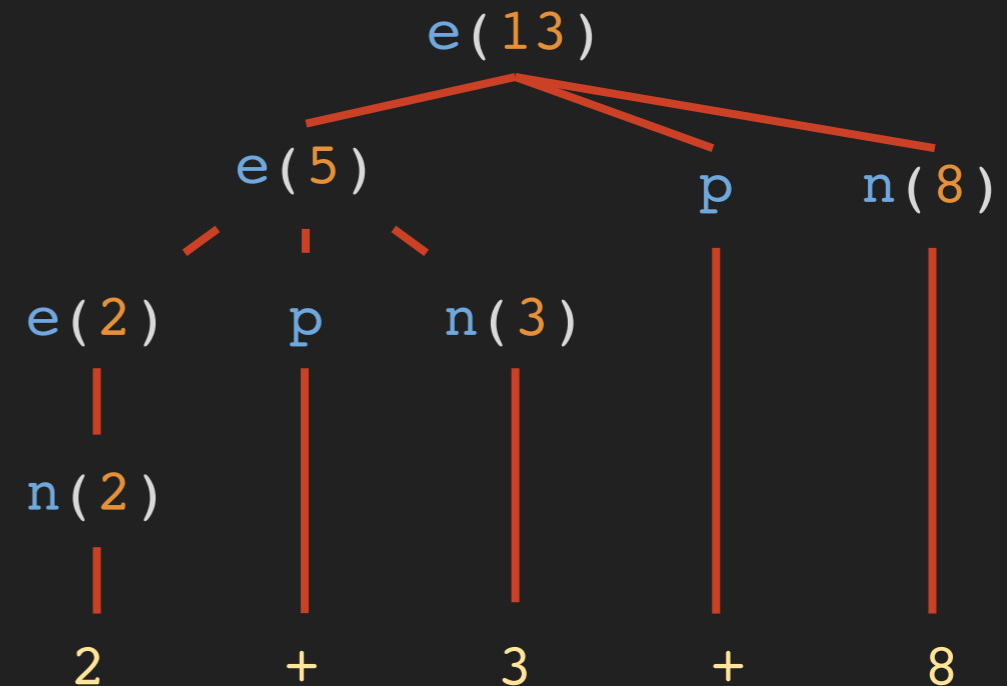
Probability of this parse = $0.5 * 0.5 * 0.5 * 0.1 * 1 * 0.1 * 1 * 0.1$
 $= 0.000125$

Useful for:

- What is the **most likely parse** for this sequence of terminals? *(useful for ambiguous grammars)*
- What is the **probability of generating** this string?

DCG: Definite Clause Grammar

```
e(N) --> n(N) .
e(N) --> e(N1), p, n(N2),
         {N is N1 + N2} .
p      --> ["+"].
n(0)  --> ["0"].
n(1)  --> ["1"].
...
n(9)  --> ["9"].
```

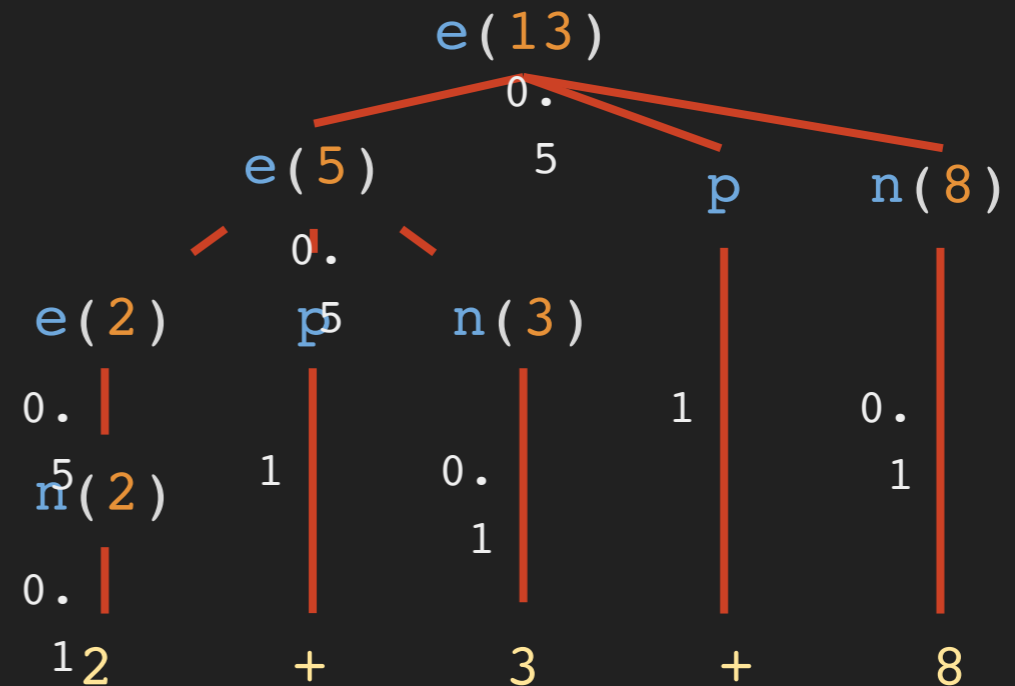


Useful for:

- Modelling **more complex** languages *(e.g. context-sensitive)*
- Adding constraints between non-terminals thanks to **Prolog** power *(e.g. through unification)*
- **Extra inputs & outputs** aside from terminal sequence *(through unification of input variables)*

SDCG: Stochastic Definite Clause Grammar

$0.5 :: e(N) \rightarrow n(N) .$
 $0.5 :: e(N) \rightarrow e(N1), p, n(N2),$
 $\{N \text{ is } N1 + N2\} .$
 $1.0 :: p \rightarrow ["+"] .$
 $0.1 :: n(0) \rightarrow ["0"] .$
 $0.1 :: n(1) \rightarrow ["1"] .$
 \dots
 $0.1 :: n(9) \rightarrow ["9"] .$



*Probability of this parse = $0.5 * 0.5 * 0.5 * 0.1 * 1 * 0.1 * 1 * 0.1$
 $= 0.000125$*

Useful for:

- Same benefits as PCFGs give to CFG (e.g. most likely parse)
- But: loss of probability mass possible due to failing derivations

NDCG: Neural Definite Clause Grammar (= DeepStochLog)

```

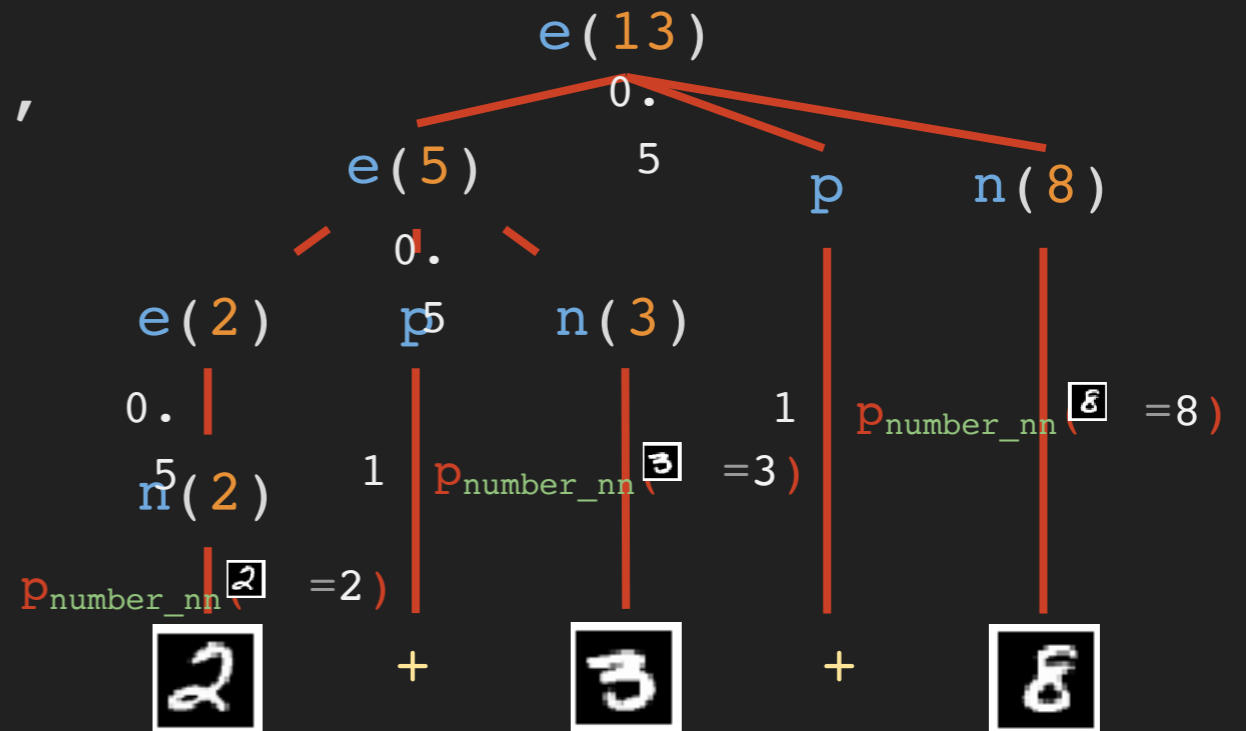
0.5 :: e(N) --> n(N).
0.5 :: e(N) --> e(N1), p, n(N2),
           {N is N1 + N2}.
1.0 :: p --> ["+"].

```

```

nn(number_nn,[X],[Y],[digit]) :: n(Y) -->
[X].
digit(Y) :- member(Y,[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]).

```



Useful for:

- **Subsymbolic** processing: e.g. tensors as terminals
- Learning rule probabilities using **neural networks**

Probability of this parse =

$$0.5 * 0.5 * 0.5 * p_{\text{number_nn}}(2) * 1 * p_{\text{number_nn}}(3) * 1 * p_{\text{number_nn}}(8)$$

DeepStochLog

- Little sibling of DeepProbLog [Winters, Marra, et al AAI 22]
- Based on a different semantics
 - probabilistic graphical models vs grammars
 - random graphs vs random walks
- Underlying StarAI representation is Stochastic Logic Programs (Muggleton, Cussens)
 - close to Probabilistic Definite Clause Grammars, aka probabilistic unification based grammar formalism
 - again the idea of neural predicates
- Scales better, is faster than DeepProbLog



DeepStochLog

Examples of the form

4 + 5 - 1

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```
digit(Y) :- member(Y [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]).  
op(Y) :- member(Y, [+,-]).
```

```
nn(mnist,[I],[N],[digit]) :: n(N) --> [I].  
nn(operator,[I],[N],[op]) :: o(N) --> [I].
```

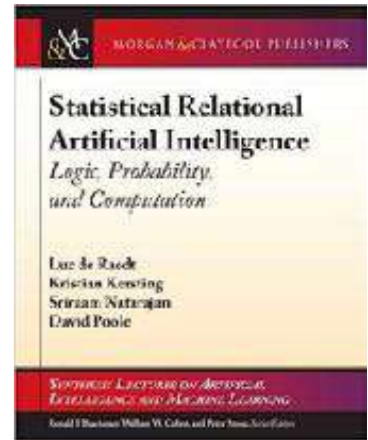
```
0.33::e(N) --> n(N).  
0.33::e(S) --> e(E1), o(+), n(E2), {S is E1 + E2}.  
0.33::e(S) --> e(E1), o(-), n(E2), {S is E1 - E2}.
```

Challenges

- For NeSy, DeepProbLog and others
 - scaling up (in DeepProbLog — now has both approximate and exact inference — an A* like algorithm to find the best proofs)
 - which models to use
 - real life applications
 - peculiarities of neural nets
 - need to have a signal (cf. addition of images only, and Poker ...); aka curriculum learning + regularization
- This is an excellent area for starting researchers / PhDs



Key Message 1



**StarAI and NeSy share similar problems
and thus similar solutions apply**

Part 1 of the talk

See also [De Raedt et al., IJCAI 20]



Key Message 2

A different approach

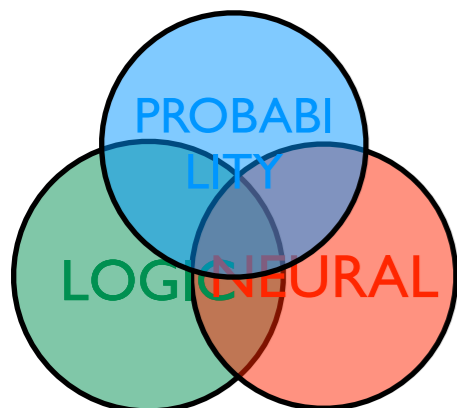
A true integration T of X and Y should allow to reconstruct X and Y as special cases of T

Thus, Neural Symbolic approaches should have both logic and neural networks as special cases

Our approach: “an interface layer (\leftrightarrow pipeline) between neural & symbolic components”

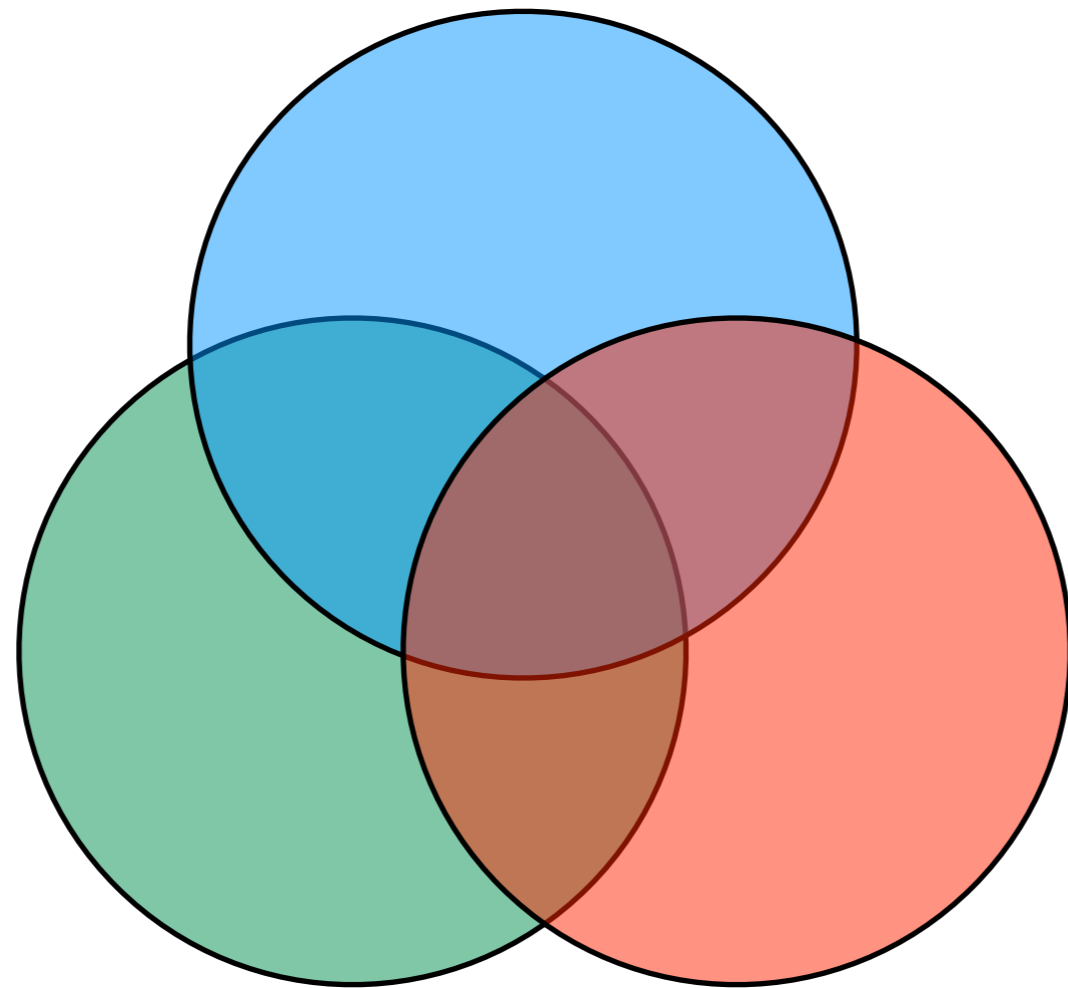
will be illustrated with DeepProbLog

See also [Manhaeve et al., NeurIPS 18; arXiv: 1907.08194]



Part 2 of the talk – illustration with DeepProbLog [NeurIPS 2018]





THANKS

