from tensor factorizations to circuits (and back)

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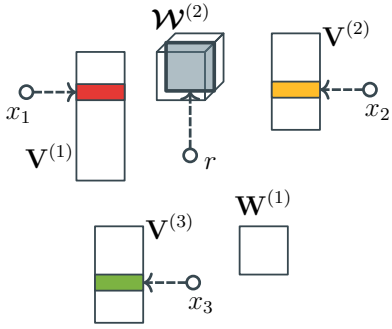

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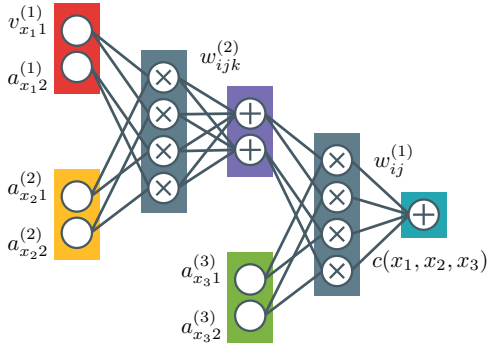

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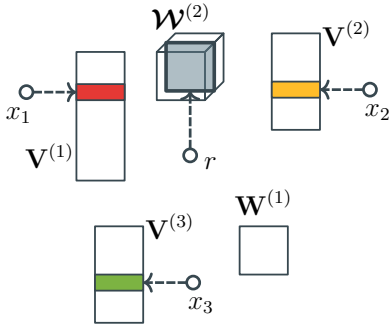

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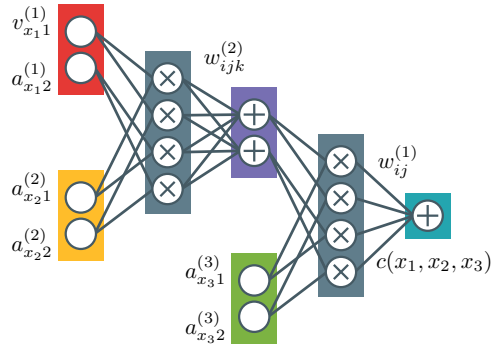

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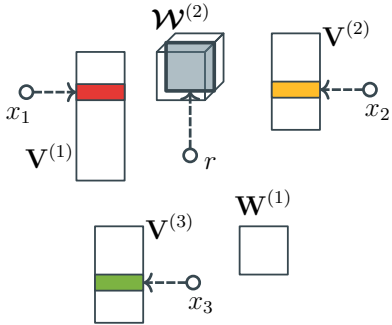

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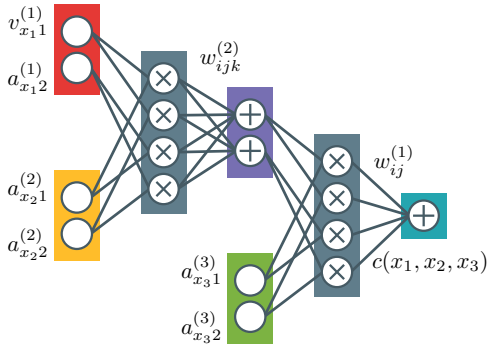

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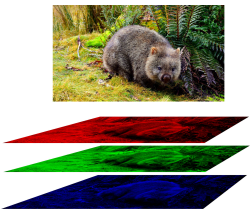
what can one take from another...!?

why tensor factorizations? (1/4)

high-dimensional data as tensors



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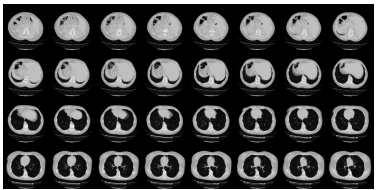

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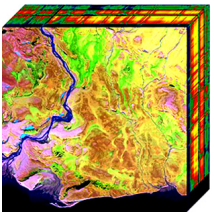

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Panagakis et al., "Tensor Methods in Computer Vision and Deep Learning", 2021

Wang et al., "Tensor Decompositions for Hyperspectral Data Processing in Remote Sensing: A Comprehensive Review", 2022

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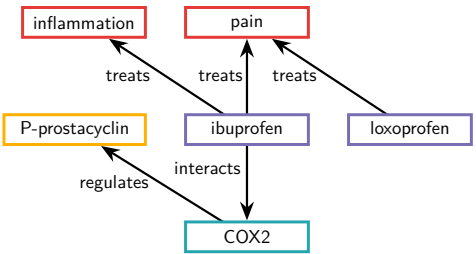
graphs as tensors



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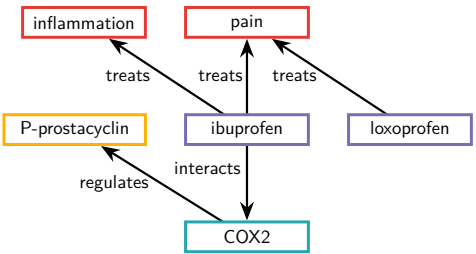

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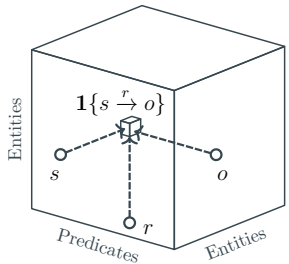

Knowledge base as Boolean tensor

[Nickel et al. 2016]

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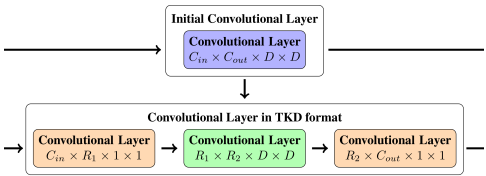

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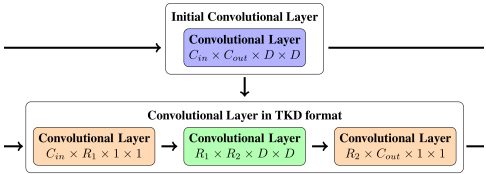

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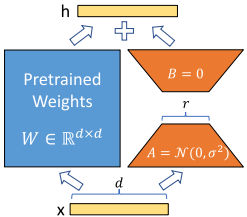

Low-rank adapters in LLMs

[Hu et al. 2022] [Bershatsky et al. 2024]

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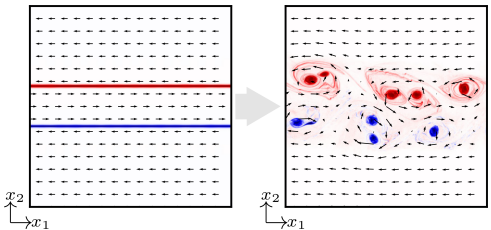

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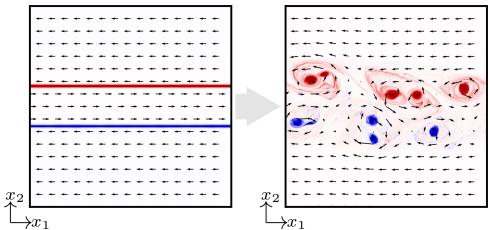

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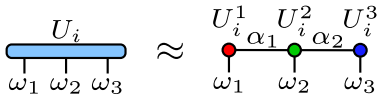

...by factorizing them into chains of low-rank tensors

[Gourianov et al. 2022] [Hölscher et al. 2025]

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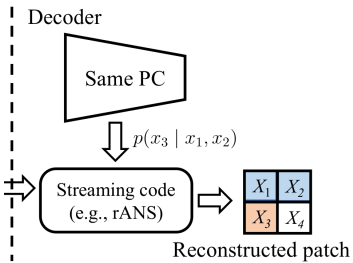

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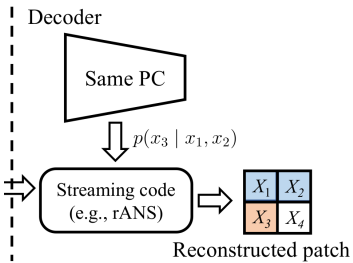

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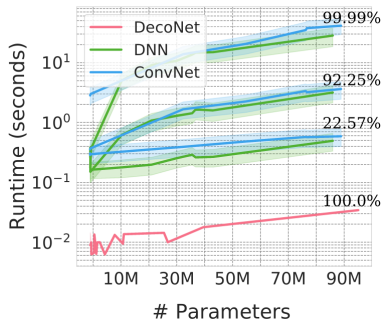

Efficient robustness to adversarial attacks

[Subramani et al. 2021]

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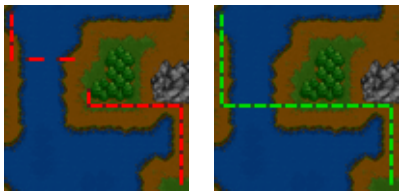

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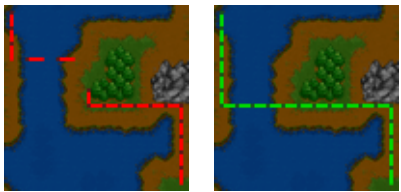

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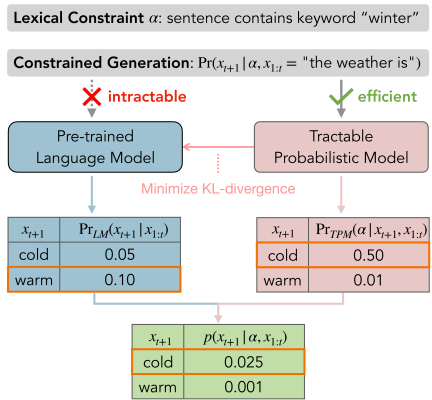

Constrained text generation

[Zhang et al. 2023]

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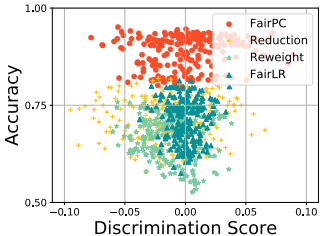

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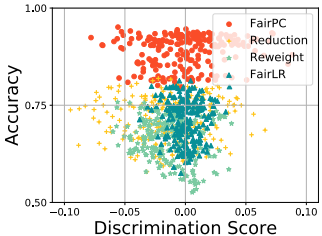

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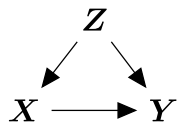
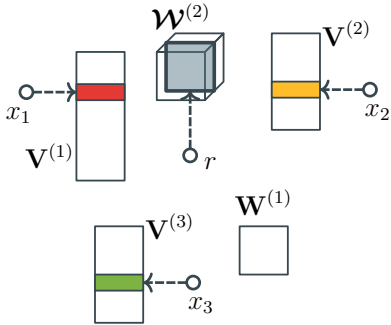


$$\sum_{\mathbf{Z}} p(\mathbf{Z})p(\mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})$$

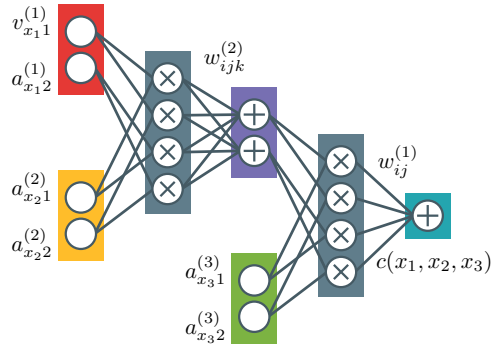
Tractable causal inference

[Wang and Kwiatkowska 2023]



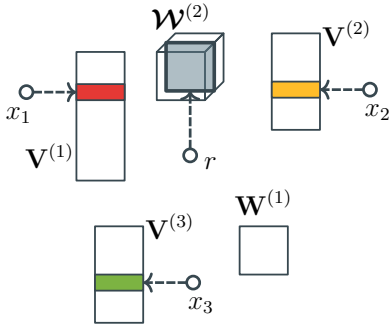
tensor factorizations

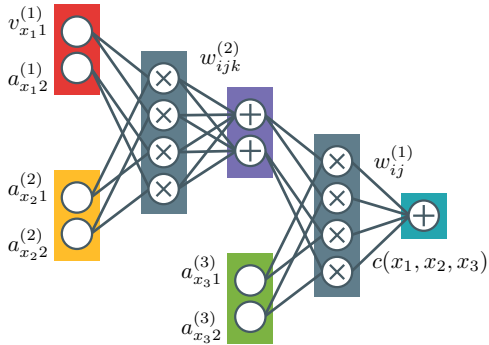
tensor compression, graph data
physics-inspired AI, speed up LLMs…



circuits

property-driven fast inference
neuro-symbolic, trustworthy AI…





tensor factorizations **circuits**

two faces of the same coin...!

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tl;dr

"Understand when and how a tensor factorization can be exactly encoded as a circuit representation"

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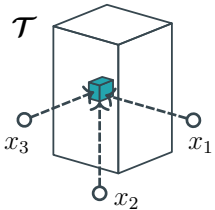

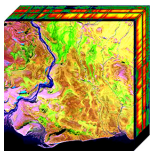

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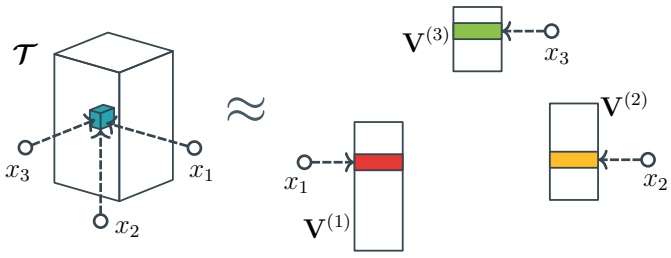

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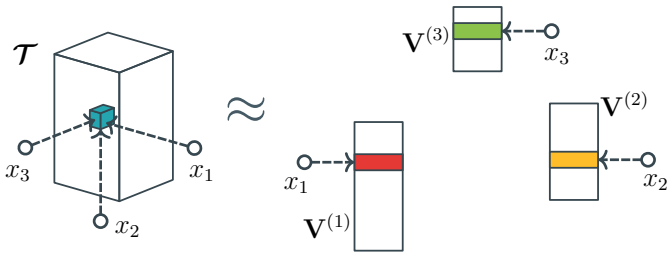

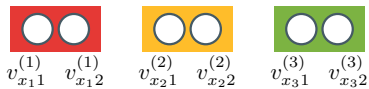

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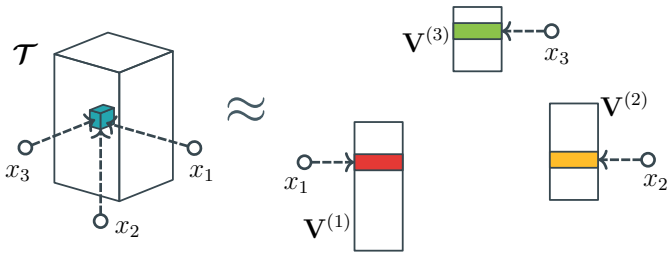

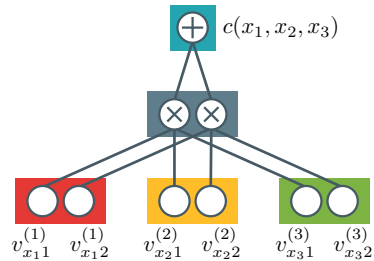

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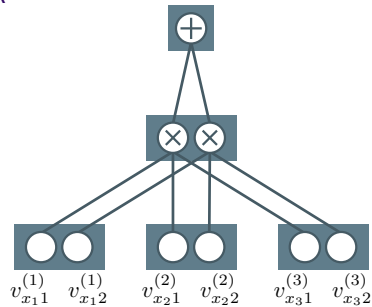

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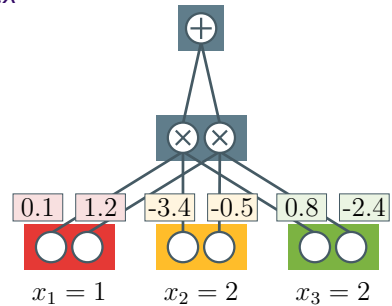

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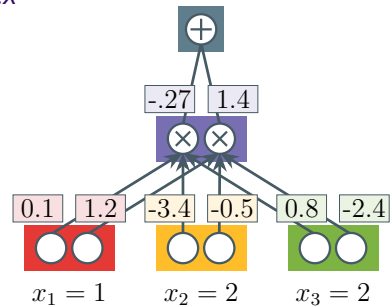

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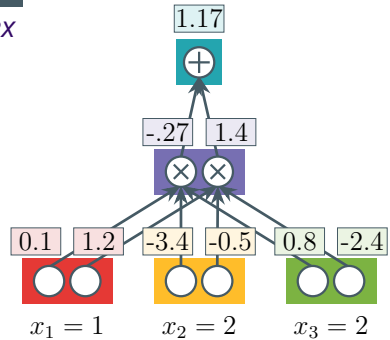

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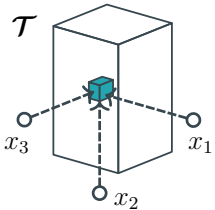

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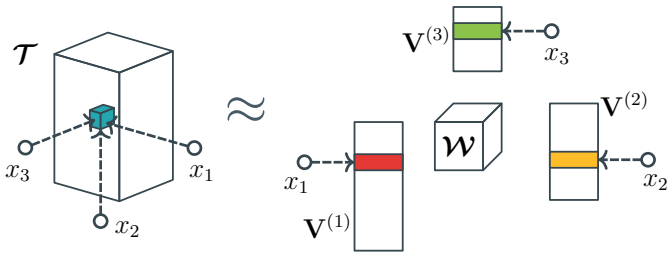

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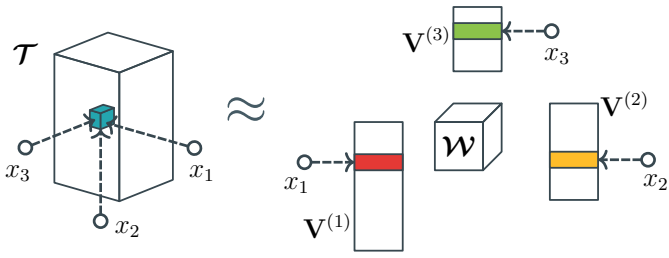

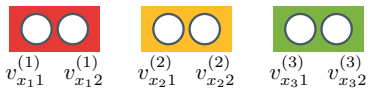

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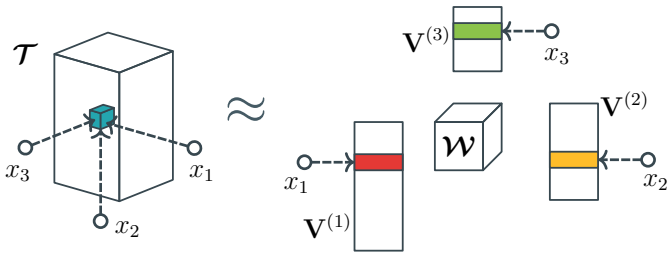

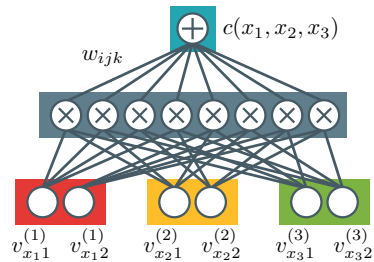

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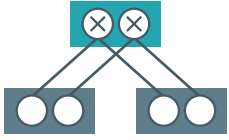

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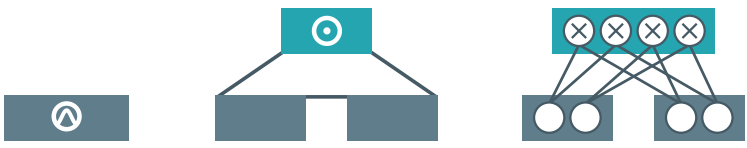

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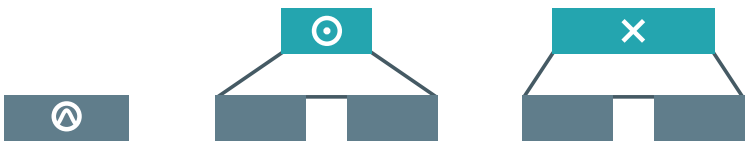

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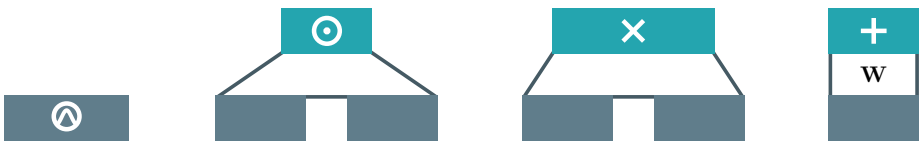

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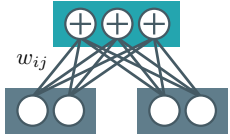

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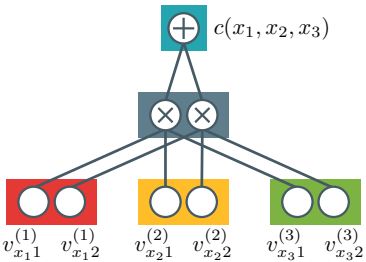

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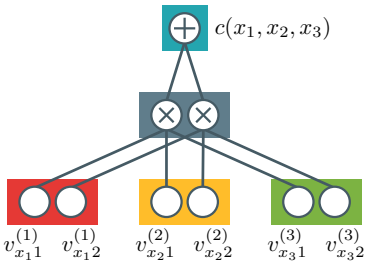

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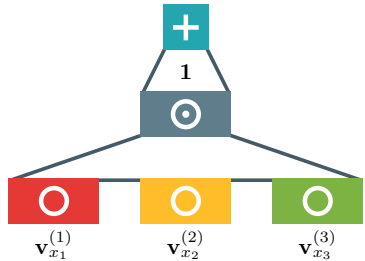

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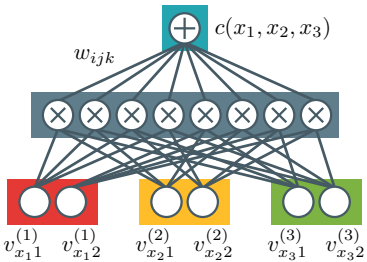

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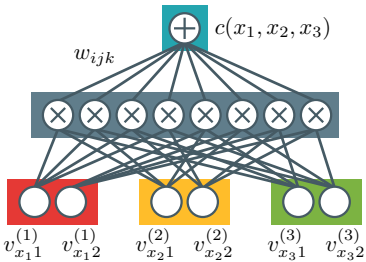

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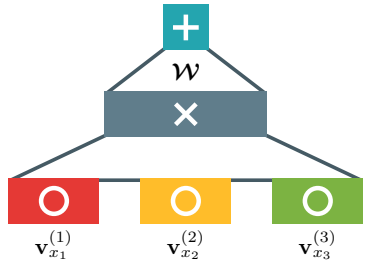

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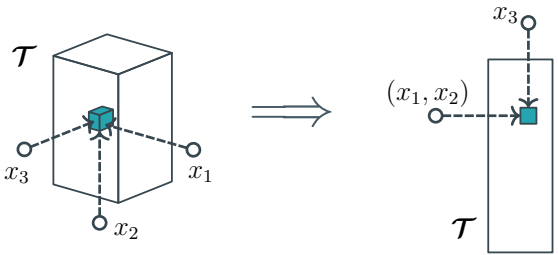

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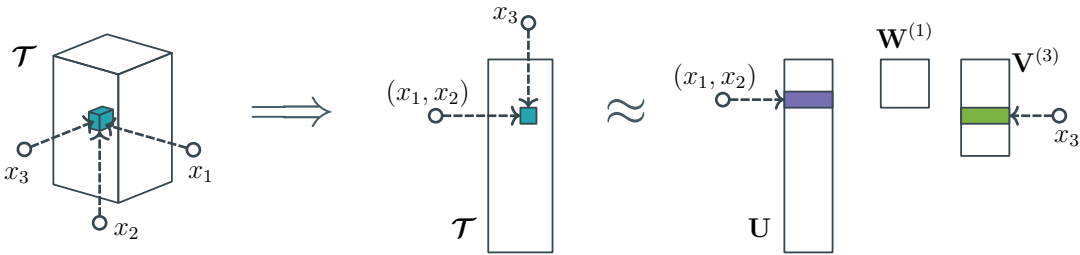

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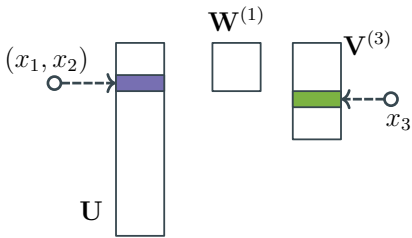

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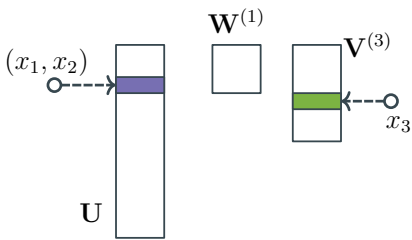

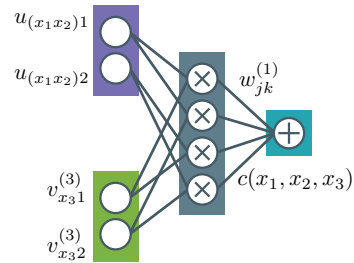

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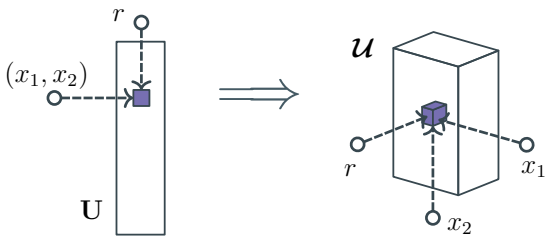

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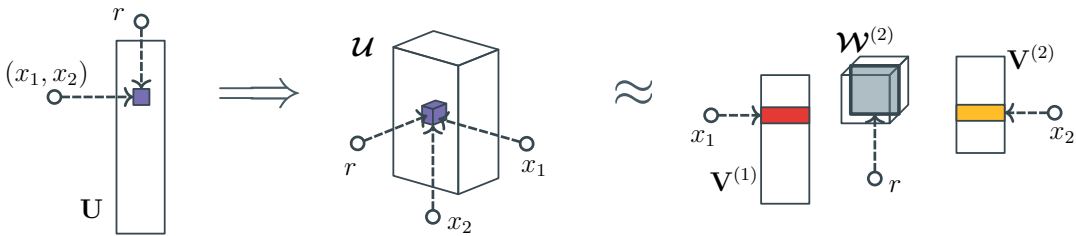

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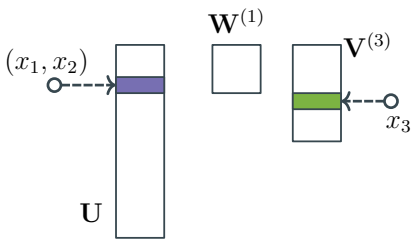

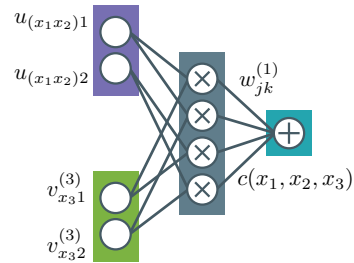

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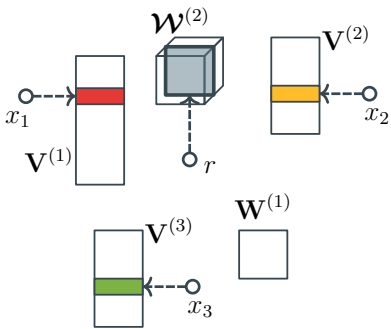

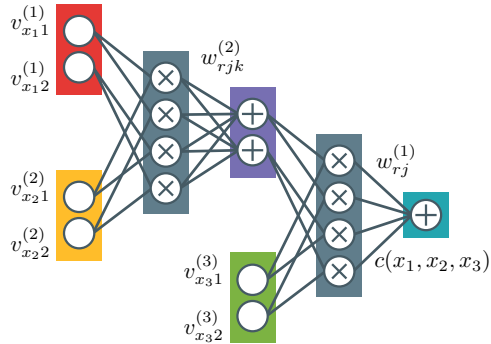

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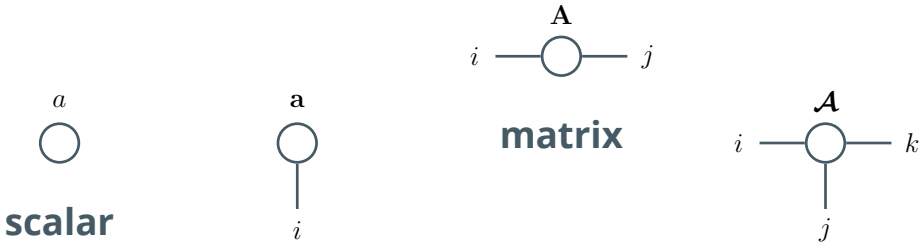

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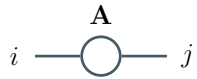

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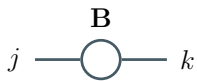

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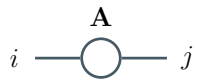

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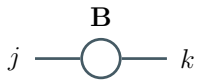

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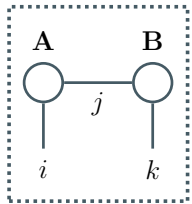

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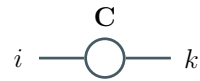

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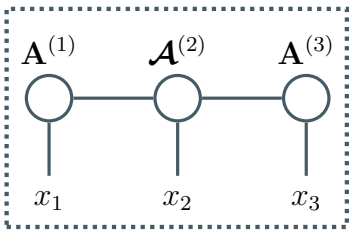

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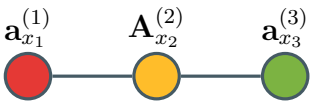

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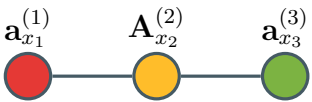

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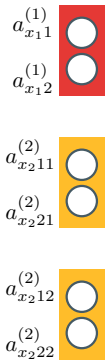

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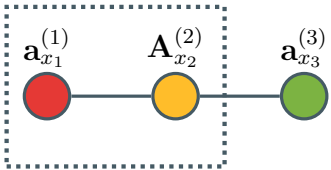

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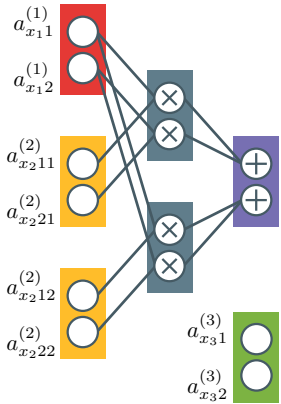

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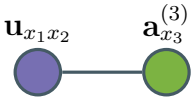

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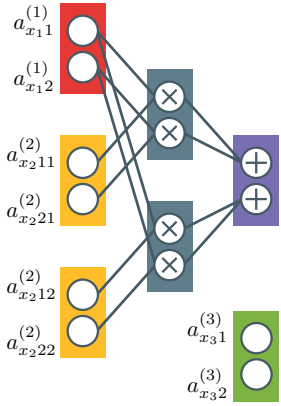

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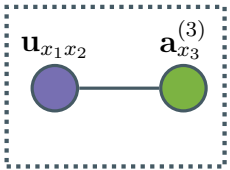

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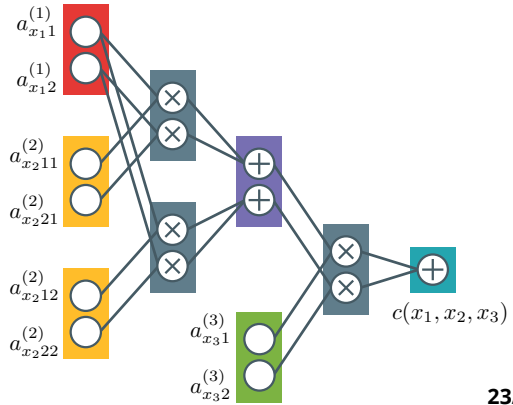

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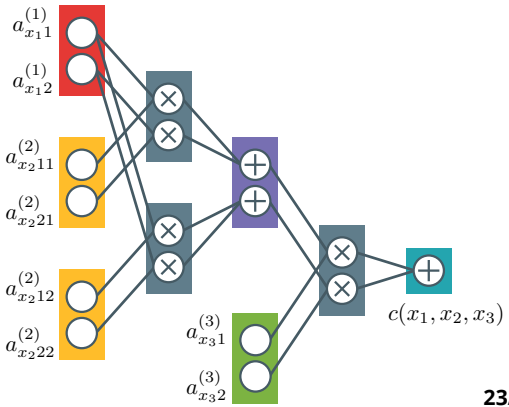

Many tensor factorizations are circuits

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"What do we gain from circuits?"

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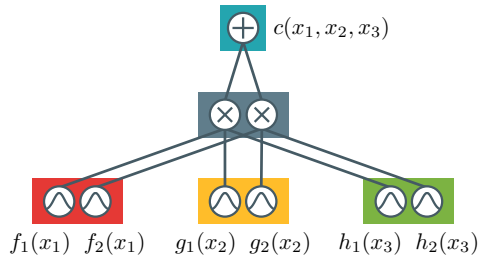

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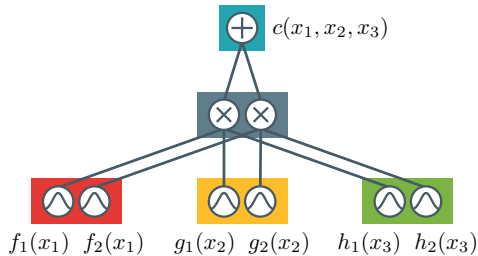

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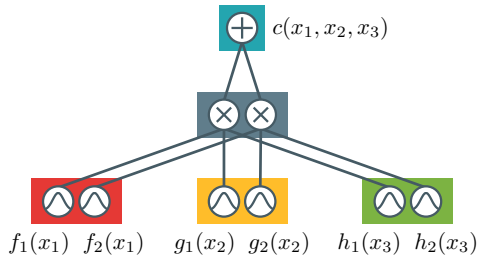
$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_n x^n$$

$$f(x) = \text{Normal}(x; \mu, \sigma^2)$$

$\Rightarrow$ **infinite-dimensional tensors (or functions)**



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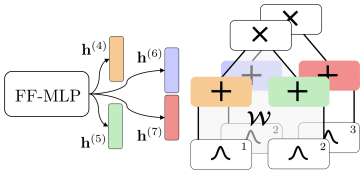

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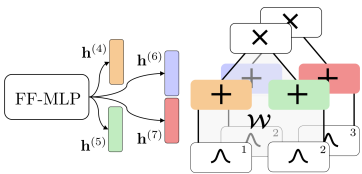

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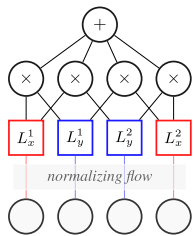

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learning & reasoning with circuits in pytorch

`https://github.com/april-tools/cirkit`

```python
from cirkit.symbolic.layers import (
    EmbeddingLayer, SumLayer, KroneckerLayer,
    Scope
)

# Tensor shape and rank
shape = (3, 1280, 720)
rank = 42

# Construct the Tucker factorization layers
v1 = EmbeddingLayer(Scope([0]), rank, num_states=shape[0])
v2 = EmbeddingLayer(Scope([1]), rank, num_states=shape[1])
v3 = EmbeddingLayer(Scope([2]), rank, num_states=shape[2])
kron = KroneckerLayer(rank, arity=3)
tucker = SumLayer(rank ** 3, num_output_units=1)

```

```
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18 # Construct the Tucker circuit
19 circuit = Circuit(
20     layers=[v1, v2, v3, kron, tucker],
21     in_layers={   # The layers input connections
22         kron: [v1, v2, v3],
23         tucker: [kron]
24     },
25     outputs=[tucker]
26 )
```

```python
# Compile the circuit to PyTorch code
from cirkit.pipeline import compile
pth_circuit = compile(circuit)

print(pth_circuit)  # Tucker factorization
# TorchCircuit(
#   (0): TorchEmbeddingLayer(...)
#   (1): TorchEmbeddingLayer(...)
#   (2): TorchEmbeddingLayer(...)
#   (3): TorchKroneckerLayer(...)
#   (4): TorchSumLayer(...)
#)

# Compute one entry of the encoded tensor
x = torch.tensor([[1, 500, 300]])
t_x = pth_circuit(x)
```

```python
from cirkit.templates import tensor_factorizations

shape = (3, 1280, 720)

# CP factorization
circuit = tensor_factorizations.cp(shape, rank=42)

# Tucker factorization
circuit = tensor_factorizations.tucker(shape, rank=42)

# Tensor-train / matrix-product state
circuit = tensor_factorizations.tensor_train(shape, rank=42)
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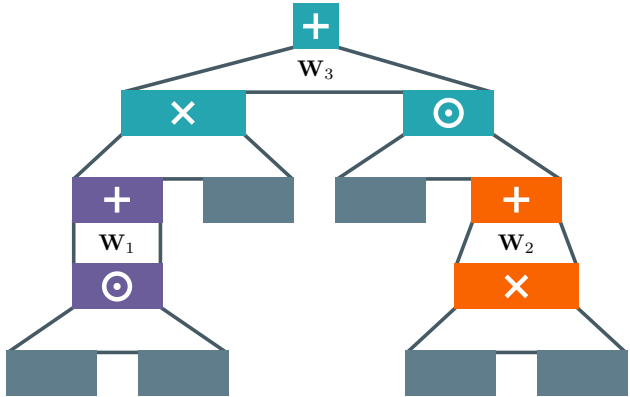
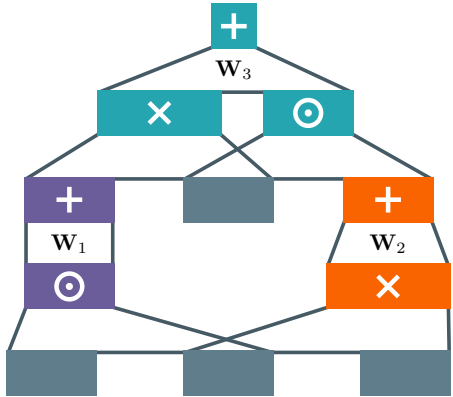


Stack layers to build a deep factorization!



Save computation by sharing sub-factorizations!

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shape = (17, 3, 1280, 720)
rank1, rank2 = 2, 4

# Construct the layers
v1 = EmbeddingLayer(Scope([0]), rank1, num_states=shape[0])
v2 = EmbeddingLayer(Scope([1]), rank1, num_states=shape[1])
v3 = EmbeddingLayer(Scope([2]), rank1, num_states=shape[2])
v4 = EmbeddingLayer(Scope([3]), rank1, num_states=shape[3])
kron1 = KroneckerLayer(rank1, arity=2)
kron2 = KroneckerLayer(rank1, arity=2)
hada1 = HadamardLayer(rank1, arity=2)
```

```
hada2 = HadamardLayer(rank1, arity=2)
sum1 = SumLayer(rank1, num_output_units=rank1)
sum2 = SumLayer(rank1 ** 2, num_output_units=rank1)
sum3 = SumLayer(rank1 + rank2, num_output_units=1, arity=2)

# Construct the "Fankenstein" circuit
circuit = Circuit(
    layers=[v1, v2, v3, v4, kron1, kron2, ...],
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outline

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tl;dr

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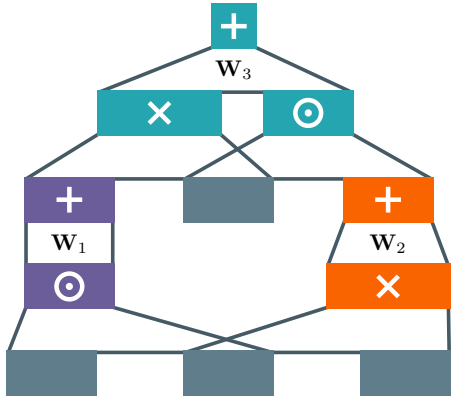

...but do we always get a tensor factorization?

Multilinear forms

tensor factorizations are typically multilinear

linear in each univariate basis/input function

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Vasilescu and Terzopoulos, "Multilinear Image Analysis for Facial Recognition", 2002
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“How to enforce multilinearity in deep circuits?”

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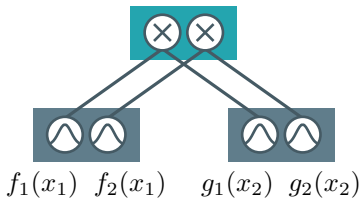

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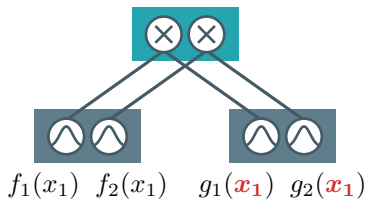

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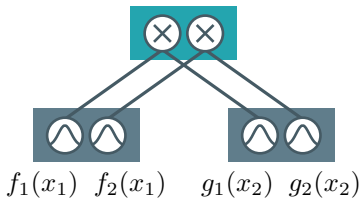

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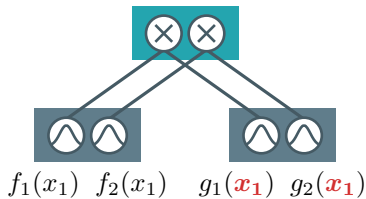

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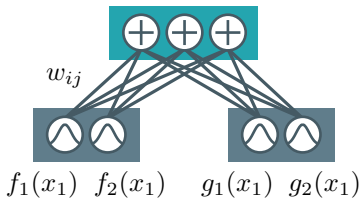

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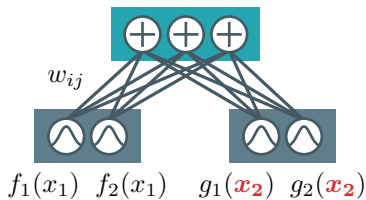

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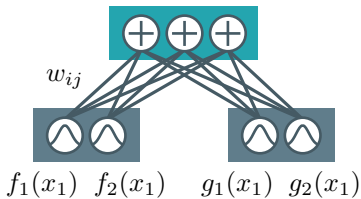

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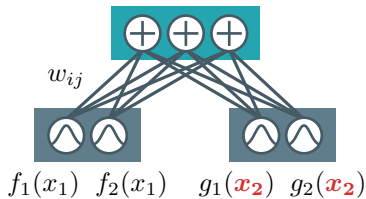

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tractable computation of **arbitrary integrals** in probabilistic circuits

$$p(\mathbf{y}) = \int p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{z}, \quad \forall \mathbf{Y} \subseteq \mathbf{X}, \quad \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{X} \setminus \mathbf{Y}$$

$\Longrightarrow$ tractable partition function

$\Longrightarrow$ also any conditional is tractable

tractable marginals on PCs

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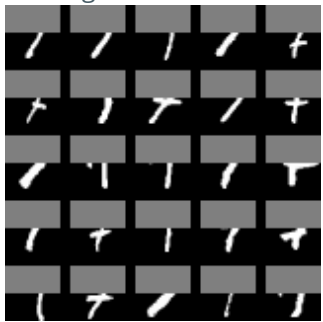

Conditional sample

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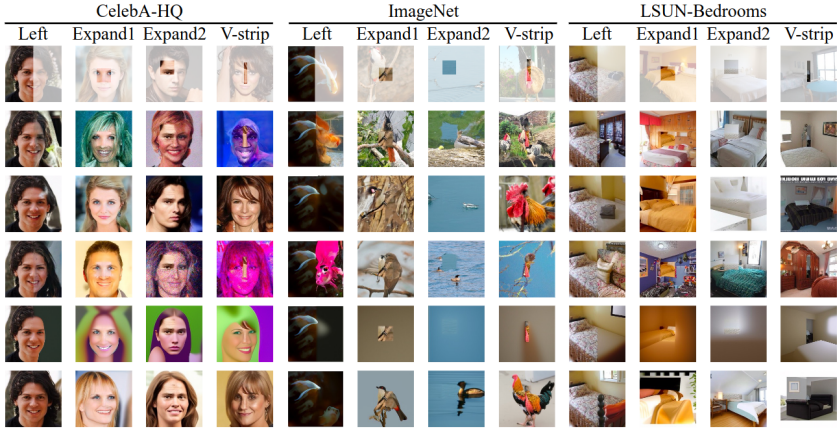

Liu, Niepert, and Broeck, "Image Inpainting via Tractable Steering of Diffusion Models", 2024

smooth + ***decomposable*** circuits = ...

compute arbitrary summations (or integrals)

$\Longrightarrow$ linear time in circuit size!

E.g., partition function $\sum_{\mathbf{x}} c(\mathbf{x})$

or $\int c(\mathbf{x})\, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}$ in the continuous case

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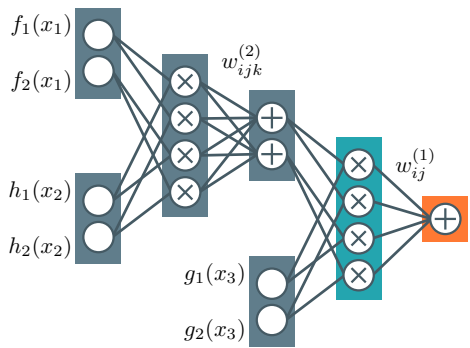
If $c(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i w_i \; c_i(\mathbf{x})$ (**smoothness**):

$$\int c(\mathbf{x}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x} = \int \sum_i w_i \; c_i(\mathbf{x}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}$$

$$= \sum_i w_i \int c_i(\mathbf{x}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}$$

$\Rightarrow$ integrals are “pushed down” to the inputs



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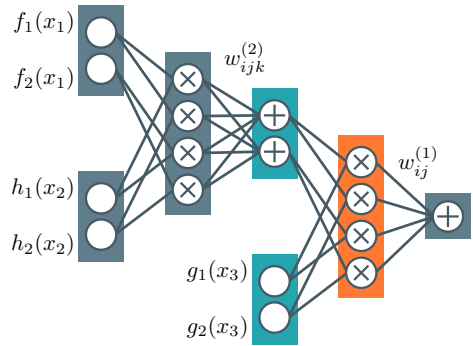
$$= \left(\int c_1(\mathbf{y})\,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{y}\right)\left(\int c_2(\mathbf{z})\,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{z}\right)$$

$\Rightarrow$ integrals "decompose" into easier ones



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Integrate simple input functions $f(x)$
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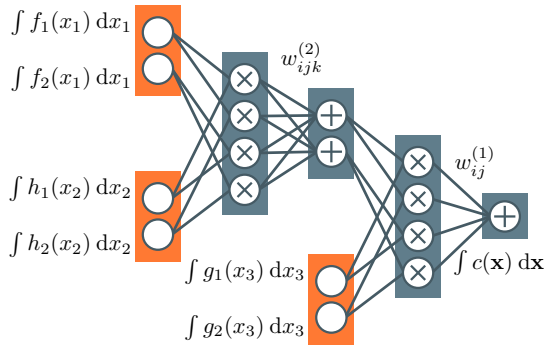

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“How to build smooth & decomposable circuits?”

“Can we re-use known tensor factorization methods?”

A zoo of probabilistic circuits...

PC Architecture
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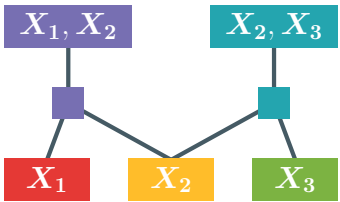

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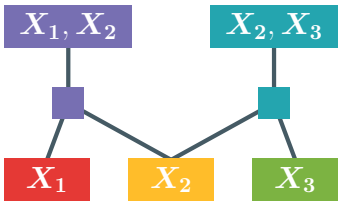

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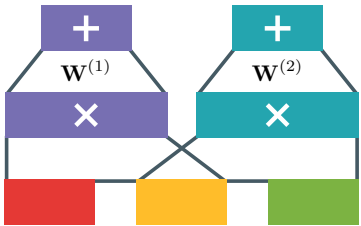

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Region graphs

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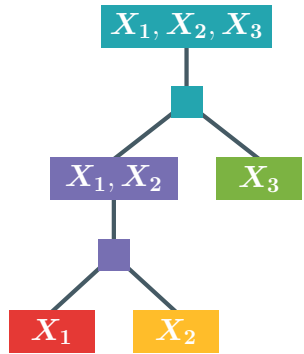

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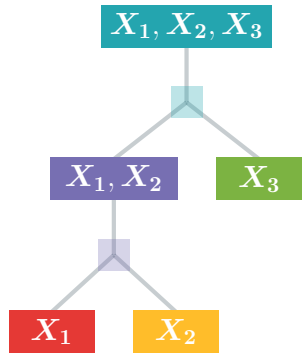

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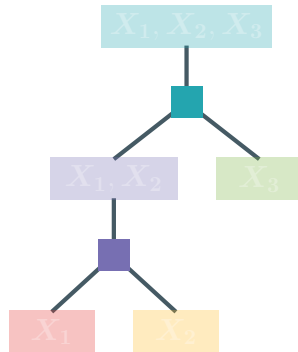

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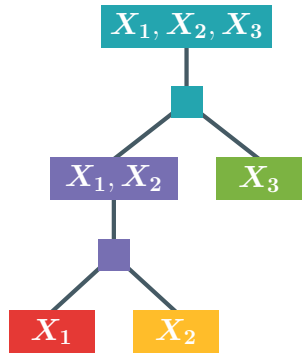

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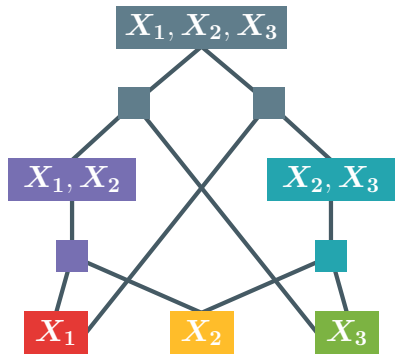
$\Longrightarrow$ generalizes mode cluster trees



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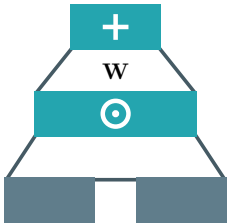
Circuit sum-product layers as factorizations



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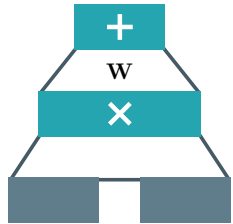
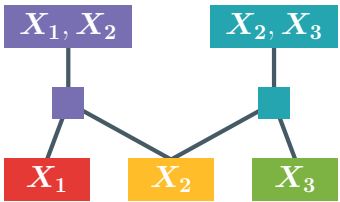


Tucker layer

From region graphs to circuits



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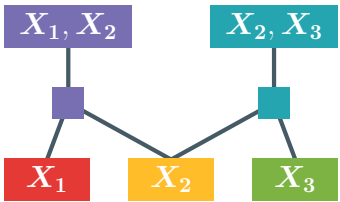

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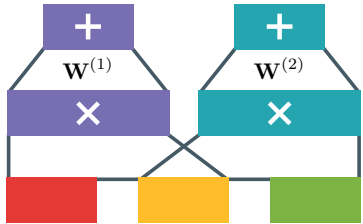

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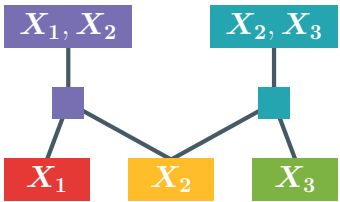

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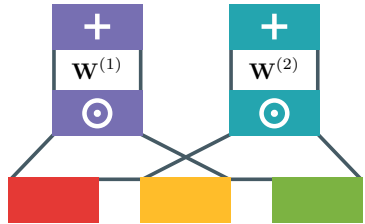

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Which region graph?

learned or randomized trees

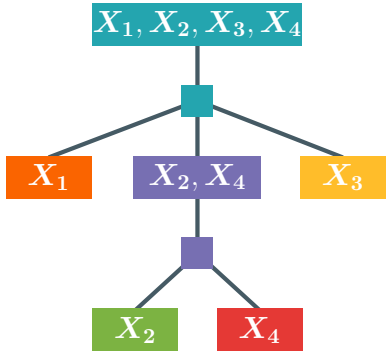

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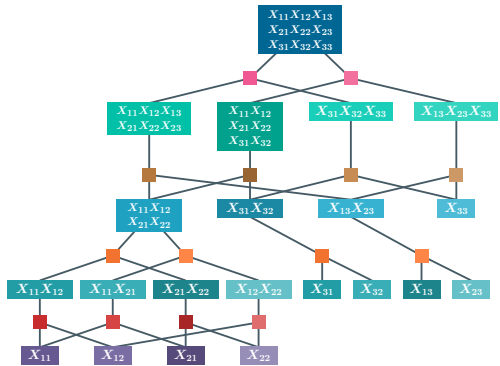
image-tailored graphs

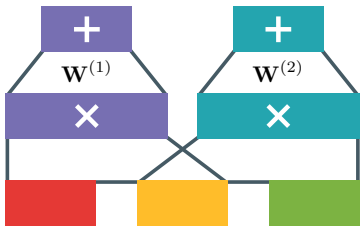


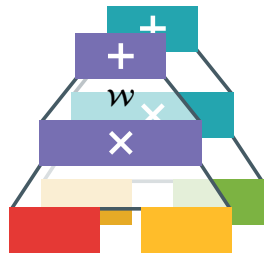
Mari, Vessio, and Vergari, "Unifying and Understanding Overparameterized Circuit Representations via Low-Rank Tensor Decompositions", 2023

folding

to speed-up inference

parallelize layers that can be evaluated independently





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A unifying circuit construction pipeline

PC Architecture	Region Graph	Sum-Product Layer	Fold
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TTDE (Novikov et al., 2021)	LT	$\text{CP}^\top$	✗
NPC^2 (Loconte et al., 2024)	{ LT, RND }	{ $\text{CP}^\top$, Tucker }	✓
TTN (Cheng et al., 2019)	QT-2	Tucker	✗
Mix & Match (our pipeline)	{ RND, PD, LT, CL, QG, QT-2, QT-4 }	× { Tucker, CP, $\text{CP}^\top$ } ∪ { CP^S, CP^XS | Fold ✓ }	× { ✗, ✓ }

enrich the pipeline

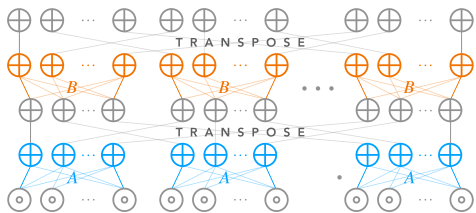
with new layers

Monarch matrix factorization:

$$\mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{M}} = \mathbf{P}_L \mathbf{L} \mathbf{P}_R \mathbf{R}$$

Monarch circuit layer:

$$\ell(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{M}}\, \ell_{\mathsf{i}}(\mathbf{x})$$



More tensor factorizations with new layers!

Zhang et al., "Scaling up Probabilistic Circuits via Monarch Transformations", 2025

```python
# Construct a region graph
from cirkit.templates.region_graph import (
    RandomBinaryTree)  # or QuadGraph, LinearTree, ...
region_graph = RandomBinaryTree(num_variables=10)

# Build the circuit from the region graph
from cirkit.symbolic.layers import EmbeddingLayer
circuit = region_graph.build_circuit(
    sum_product='tucker',           # or 'cp'
    input_factory=EmbeddingLayer    # or GaussianLayer, ...
    num_sum_units=32,
    num_input_units=32)

# Compile the circuit to PyTorch
from circkit.pipeline import compile
pth_circuit = compile(circuit)
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outline

1. connecting *tensor factorizations* and *circuits*
2. a *unifying pipeline* to build factorizations & circuits
3. a ***property-driven*** approach to inference & reasoning

tl;dr

"Understand when and how we can build a deep factorization that guarantees tractable reasoning"

reasoning about ML models

q_1 *"What is the probability of a treatment for a patient with* ***unavailable records****?"*

q_2 *"How* ***fair*** *is the prediction with respect protected attribute changes?"*

q_3 *"Can we certify no* ***adversarial examples*** *exist?"*

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(missing values)

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...in the language of probabilities

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it is crucial we compute them exactly and in polytime!

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Which properties for expectations?

smoothness

decomposability

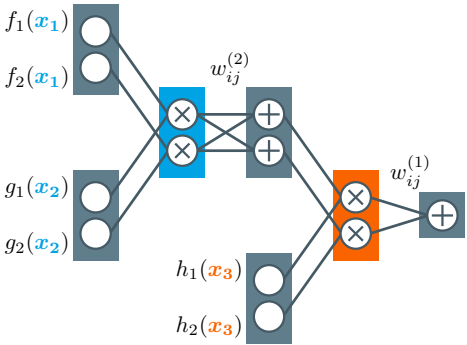
compatibility

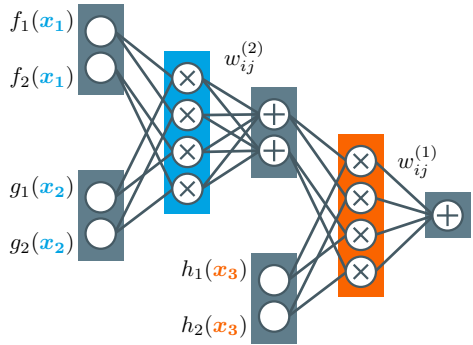
Integrals involving two or more functions:
e.g., expectations

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}\sim p}\, f(\mathbf{x}) = \int p(\mathbf{x})\; f(\mathbf{x})\; \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}$$

when both $p(\mathbf{x})$ and $f(\mathbf{x})$ are circuits

Compatibility





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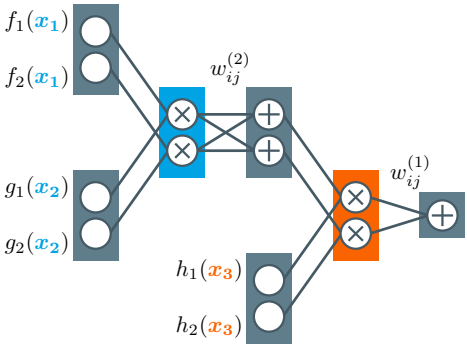

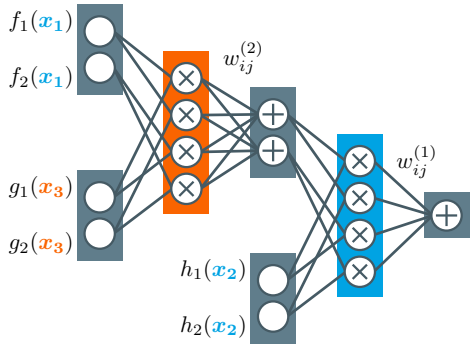

non-compatibile circuits

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Structural properties

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decomposability

compatibility

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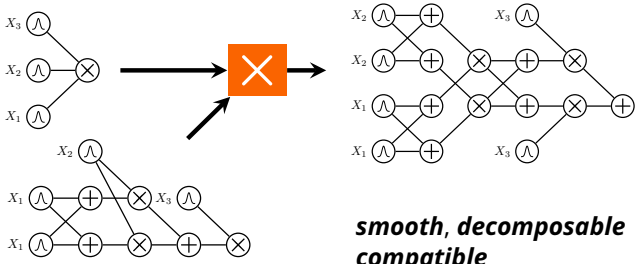
$\Downarrow$

smoothness $\wedge$ **decomposability**

compatiblity $\Rightarrow$ tractable expectations

Tractable products



smooth, decomposable compatible

compute $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}\sim p} f(\mathbf{x}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}$ **in** $O(|p||f|)$

Vergari et al., "A Compositional Atlas of Tractable Circuit Operations for Probabilistic Inference", 2021

```python
from cirkit.symbolic.circuit import Circuit
from cirkit.symbolic.functional import (
    integrate, multiply)

# Circuits expectation \int [p(x) f(x)]dx
def expectation(p: Circuit, f: Circuit) -> Circuit:
    i = multiply(p, f)
    return integrate(i)

# Squared loss \int [p(x)-q(x)]^2dx = E_p[p] + E_q[q] - 2E_p[q]
#             = \int p^2(x)dx + \int q^2(x)dx - 2\int p(x)q(x)dx
def squared_loss(p: Circuit, q: Circuit) -> Circuit:
    p2 = multiply(p, p)
    q2 = multiply(q, q)
    pq = multiply(p, q)
    return integrate(p2) + integrate(q2) - 2 * integrate(pq)
```

Which structural properties

for complex reasoning

q1 $\int p(\mathbf{x}_o, \mathbf{x}_m) d\mathbf{X}_m$
(missing values)

smooth + decomposability

q2 $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_c \sim p(\mathbf{x}_c | X_s=0)} [f_0(\mathbf{x}_c)] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_c \sim p(\mathbf{x}_c | X_s=1)} [f_1(\mathbf{x}_c)]$
(fairness)

compatibility

q3 $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e} \sim p_{\text{noise}}(\mathbf{E})} [f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e})]$
(adversarial robust.)

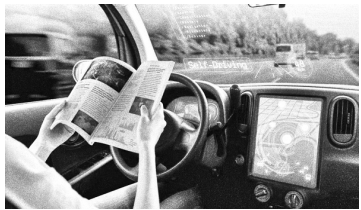
compatibility

What if compatibility does not apply?

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{e}\sim p_{\text{noise}}(\mathbf{E})}\left[f(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{e})\right]$$

p_{noise} a circuit

f **not** a circuit (e.g., neural net)



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How to approximate it by sampling?

wait...!

"How can we sample from a deep factorization or tensor network?"

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e.g., via sampling

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$\Rightarrow$ *yes, for non-negative factorizations/monotonic PCs*

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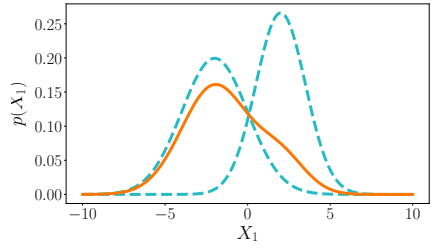
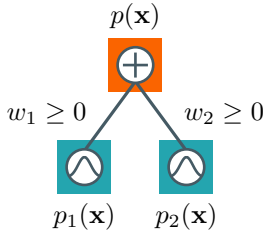
non-negative factorizations as latent-variable models





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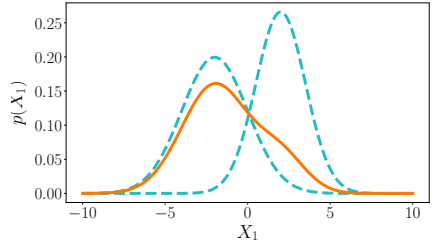
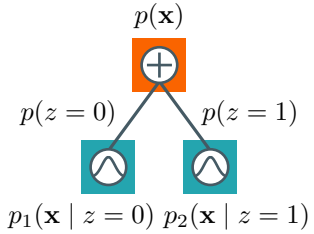




$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(z=0)\; p_1(\mathbf{x} \mid z=0) + p(z=1)\; p_2(\mathbf{x} \mid z=1)$$

Structural properties

smoothness

decomposability

compatibility

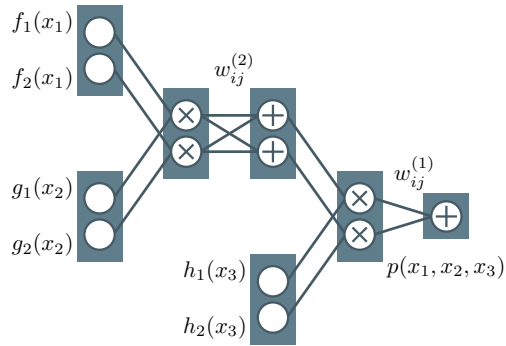
sampling in a single backward pass

draw $\mathbf{x} \sim p(\mathbf{X})$

$\Longrightarrow$ **exact** sampling method

smooth + ***decomposable*** circuits = ...

sample variables $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ from $p(\mathbf{x})$
$\Longrightarrow$ linear time in circuit size!



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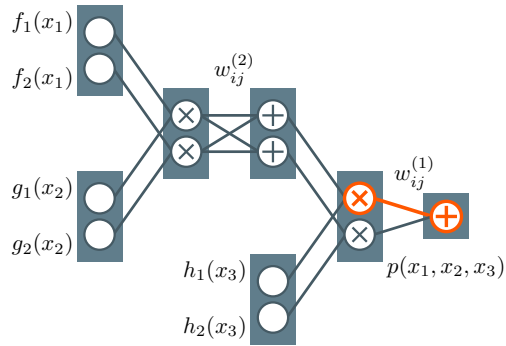

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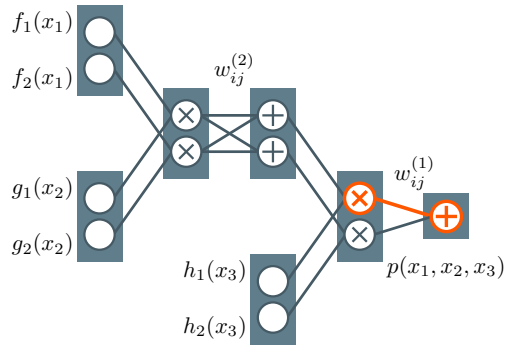
sample $z = i$ from $p(z)$,
then sample $\mathbf{x}$ from $p_i(\mathbf{x} \mid z = i)$



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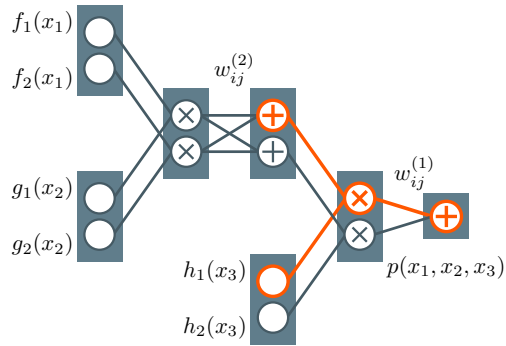
If $p(\mathbf{x}) = p_1(\mathbf{y})\ p_2(\mathbf{z})$
(**decomposability**):

sample $\mathbf{y}$ from p_1 and $\mathbf{z}$ from p_2
(as they are disjoint)



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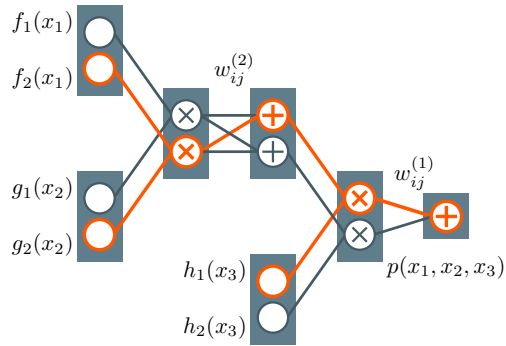
Sample from simple input distributions:

$\Rightarrow$ easy for Categorical, Gaussian, ...



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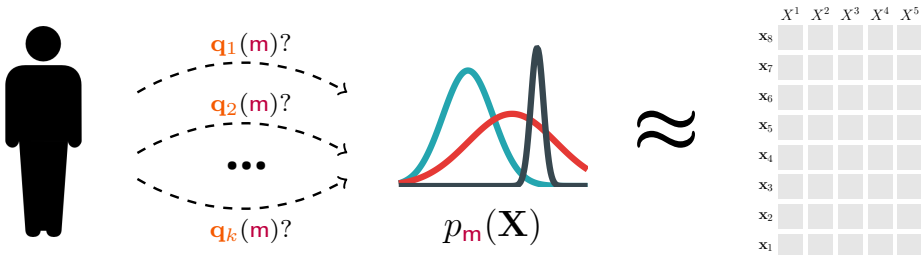
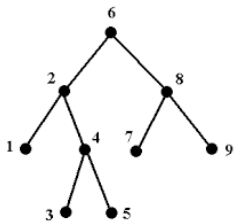


generative models that can reason probabilistically

...but some events are certain!

When?



given $\mathbf{x}$ *// e.g. a feature map*

find $\mathbf{y}^* = \text{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}}\, p_\theta(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x})$ *// e.g. labels of classes*

s.t. $\mathbf{y} \models \mathsf{K}$ *// e.g., constraints over superclasses*

$\mathsf{K} : (Y_{\mathsf{cat}} \implies Y_{\mathsf{animal}}) \wedge (Y_{\mathsf{dog}} \implies Y_{\mathsf{animal}})$

hierarchical multi-label classification

Giunchiglia and Lukasiewicz, "Coherent Hierarchical Multi-Label Classification Networks", 2020

When?

Ground Truth

given $\mathbf{x}$ *// e.g. a tile map*

find $\mathbf{y}^* = \text{argmax}_{\mathbf{y}}\, p_\theta(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x})$ *// e.g. a configurations of edges in a grid*

s.t. $\mathbf{y} \models \mathsf{K}$ *// e.g., that form a valid path*

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

nesy structured output prediction (SOP) tasks

Pogančić et al., "Differentiation of Blackbox Combinatorial Solvers", 2020

When?

Ground Truth

ResNet-18

neural nets struggle to satisfy validity constraints!

Constraint losses

Ground Truth

ResNet-18

Semantic Loss

...but cannot guarantee consistency at test time!

Xu et al., "A semantic loss function for deep learning with symbolic knowledge", 2018

SPL

Ground Truth

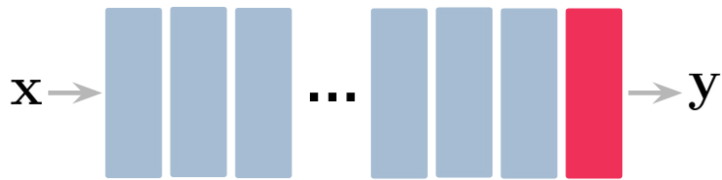
ResNet-18

Semantic Loss

circuits

you can predict valid paths 100% of the time!

How?



take an unreliable neural network architecture...

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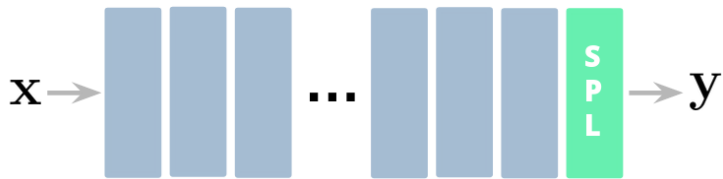

.....and replace the last layer with a semantic probabilistic layer (SPL)

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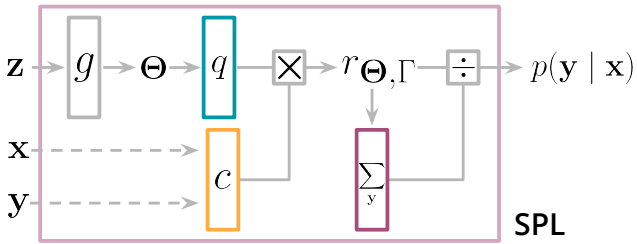

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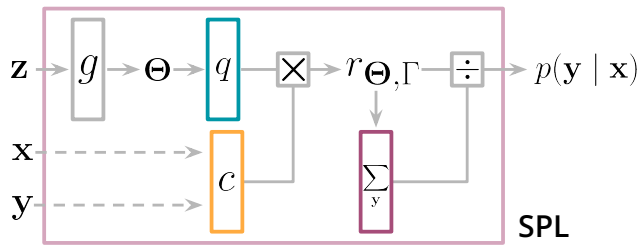

$$p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}(\mathbf{y} \mid g(\mathbf{z}))$$

$\boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}(\mathbf{y} \mid g(\mathbf{z}))$ is an expressive distribution over labels

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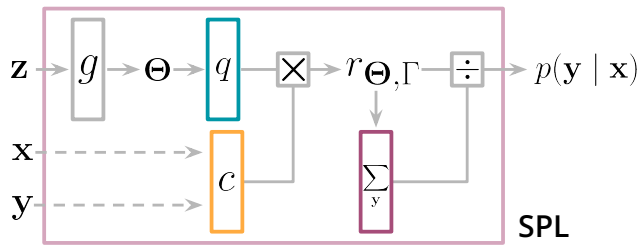

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$\boldsymbol{c}_{\mathsf{K}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ encodes the constraint $\mathbb{1}\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \models \mathsf{K}\}$

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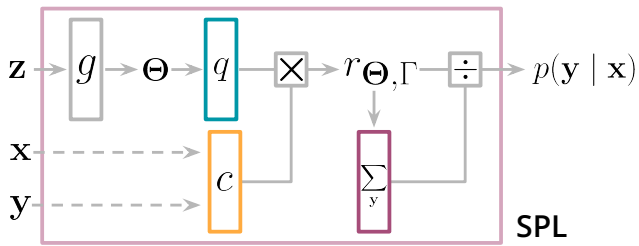

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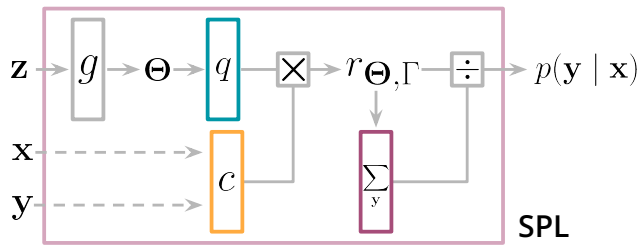

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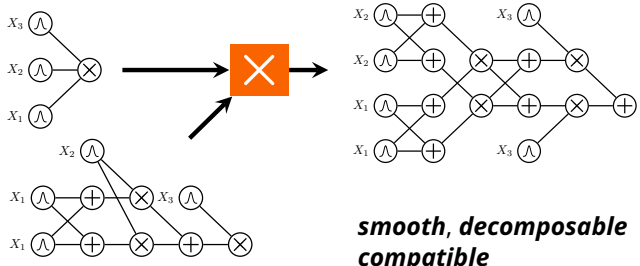
Tractable products



smooth, decomposable compatible

exactly compute $\mathcal{Z}$ in time $O(|\boldsymbol{q}||\boldsymbol{c}|)$

Vergari et al., "A Compositional Atlas of Tractable Circuit Operations for Probabilistic Inference", 2021

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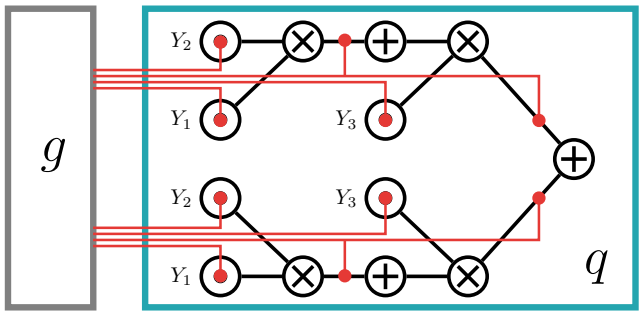

a conditional circuit $q(\mathbf{y}; \Theta = g(\mathbf{z}))$

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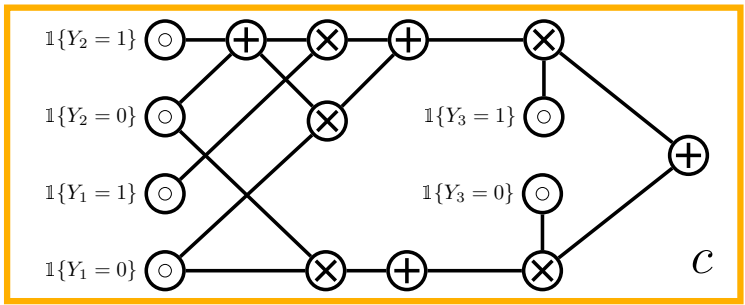

and a logical circuit $c(\mathrm{y}, \mathrm{x})$ **encoding** K

knowledge compilation

(as a Boolean tensor factorization)

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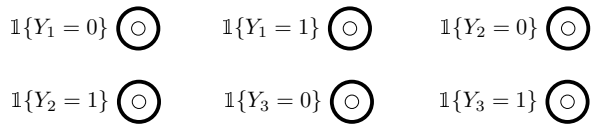

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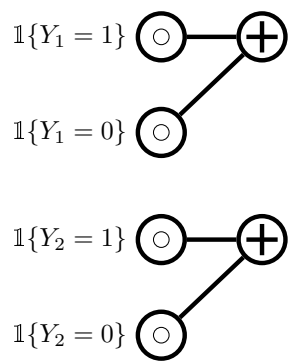

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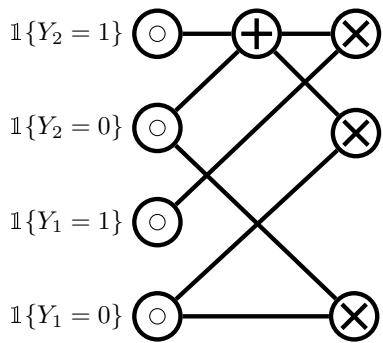

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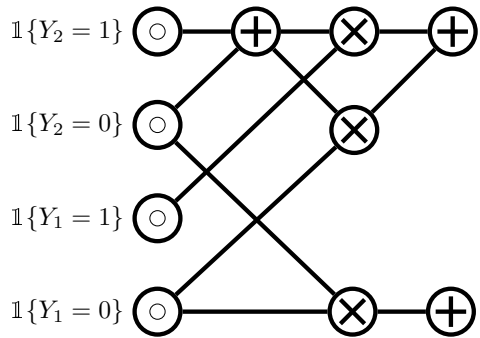

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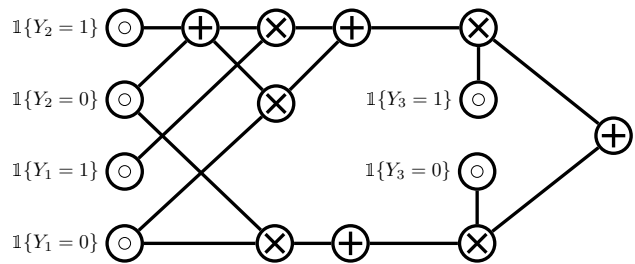

$c_{\mathsf{K}}(y_1, y_2, y_3)$

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Tensor Decomposition Meets Knowledge Compilation: A Study Comparing Tensor Trains with OBDDs

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more tensor factorizations for NeSy at AAAI 2025

NeSy AI recipe

with circuits (and tensor factorizations)

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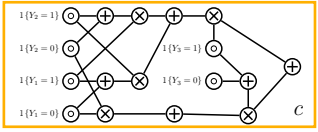

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2) Compile it into a Boolean circuit

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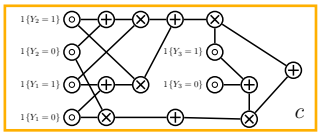

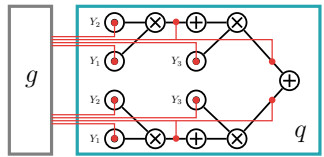

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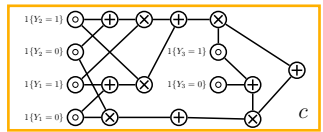

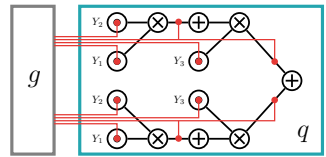

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SPLs

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Tractable Control for Autoregressive Language Generation

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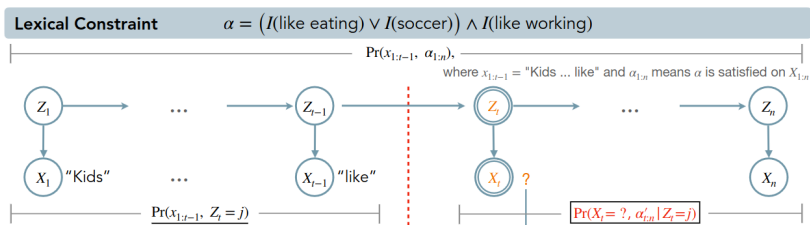

constrained text generation with LLMs (ICML 2023)

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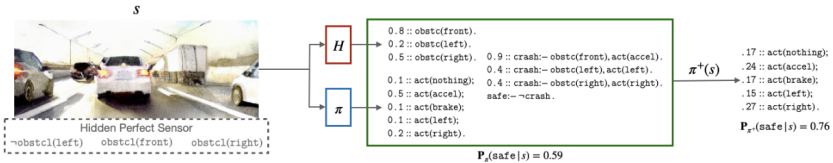

reliable reinforcement learning (AAAI 23)

How to Turn Your Knowledge Graph Embeddings into Generative Models

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enforce constraints in knowledge graph embeddings
oral at NeurIPS 2023

Which structural properties

for complex reasoning

$\mathbf{q}_1$ $\int p(\mathbf{x}_o, \mathbf{x}_m) d\mathbf{X}_m$
(missing values)

smooth + decomposability

$\mathbf{q}_2$ $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_c \sim p(\mathbf{x}_c | X_s = 0)} \left[f_0(\mathbf{x}_c) \right] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_c \sim p(\mathbf{x}_c | X_s = 1)} \left[f_1(\mathbf{x}_c) \right]$
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compatibility

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wait...!

"Given a reasoning task can we automatically distill a tractable algorithm for it?"

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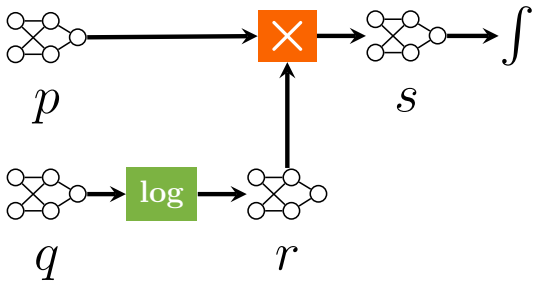

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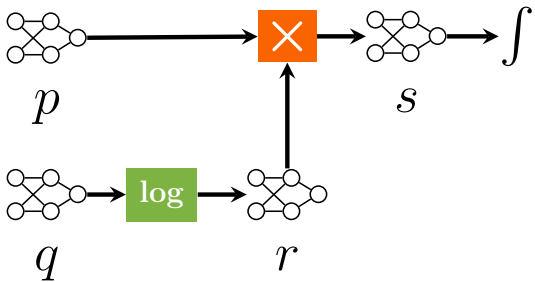

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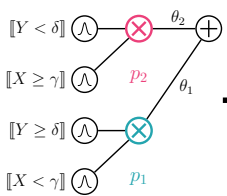

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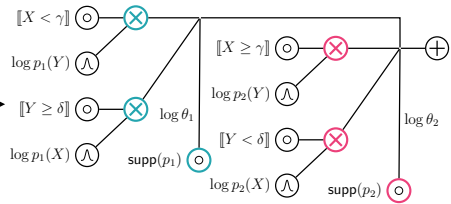

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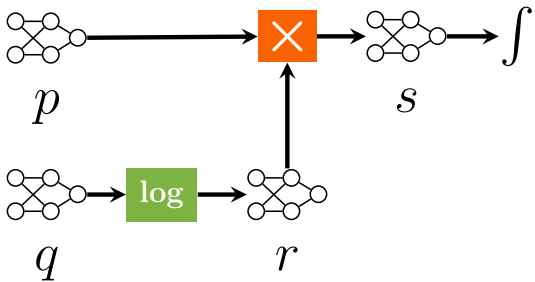

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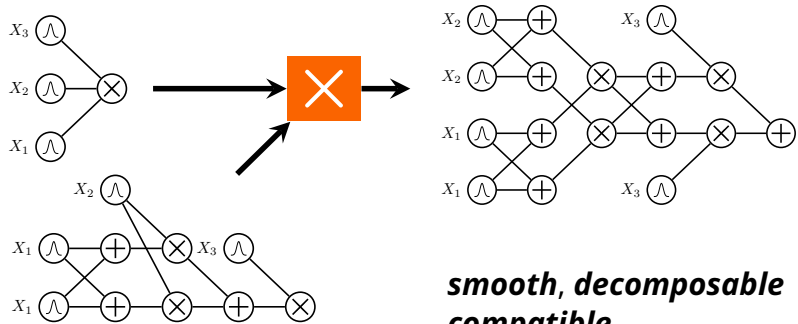

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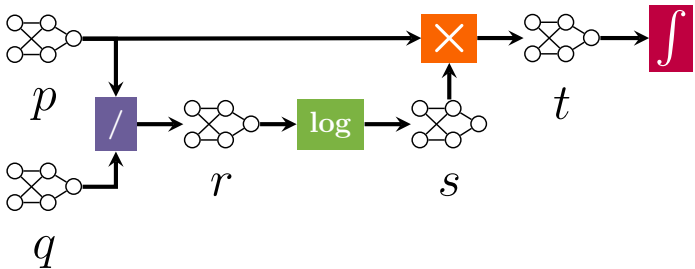

build a LEGO-like query calculus...

	Query	Tract. Conditions	Hardness
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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
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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
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outline

1. connecting *tensor factorizations* and *circuits*
2. a *unifying pipeline* to build factorizations & circuits
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4. ***expressiveness analysis***: known and new results

tl;dr

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Cohen, Sharir, and Shashua, "On the Expressive Power of Deep Learning: A Tensor Analysis", 2015

wait...!

what about circuits?

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SUBTRACTIVE MIXTURE MODELS VIA SQUARING: REPRESENTATION AND LEARNING

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A limitation of monotonic circuits

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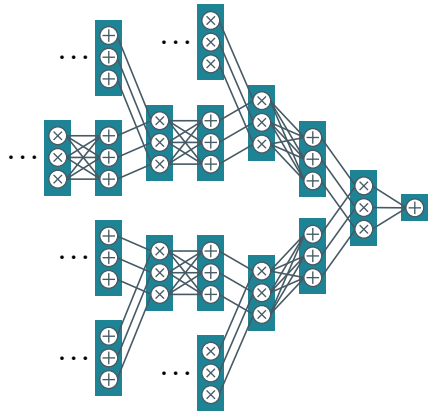

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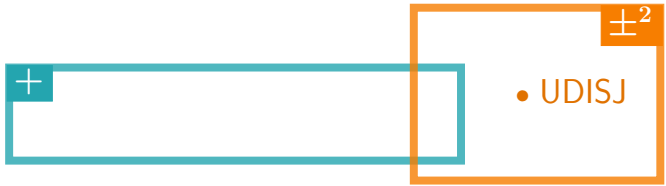

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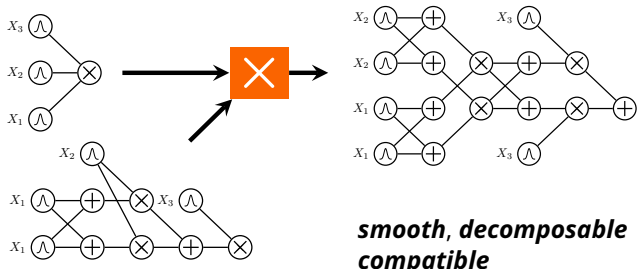

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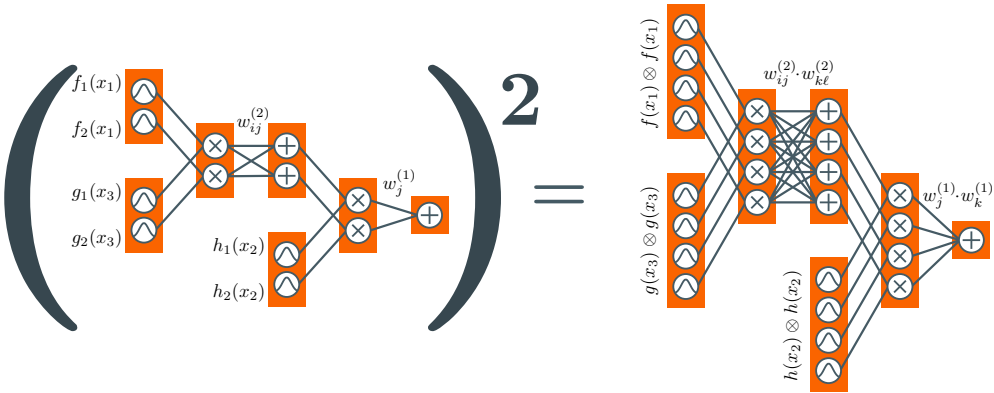

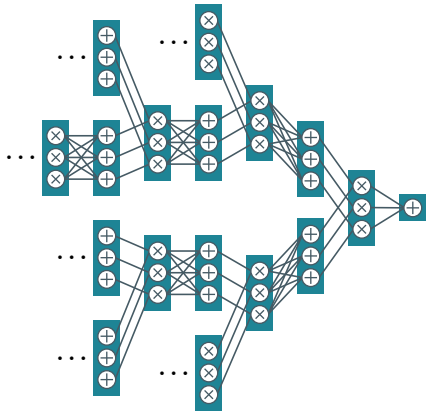

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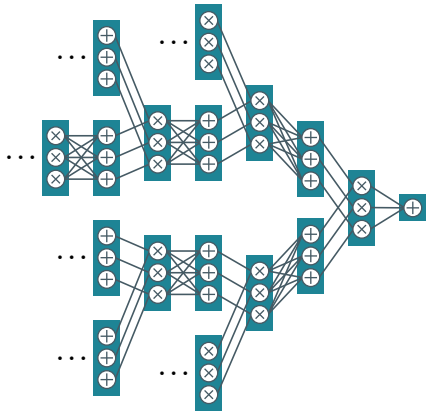
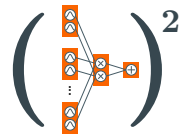
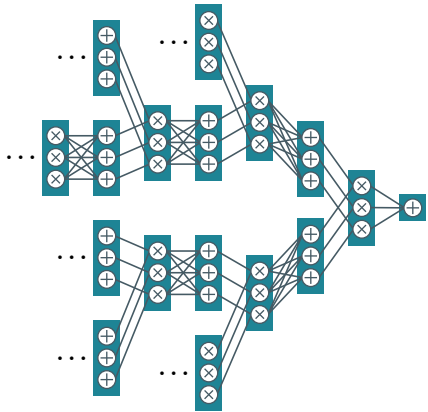
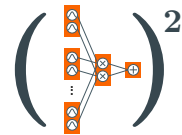




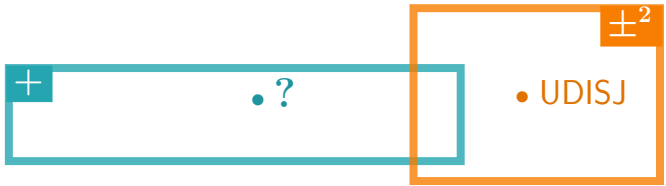
...instead **squared circuits** require **polynomial size**





Squared circuits more expressive than **monotonic** ones

Colnet and Mengel, "A Compilation of Succinctness Results for Arithmetic Circuits", 2021



“Can monotonic circuits be more expressive than squared?”

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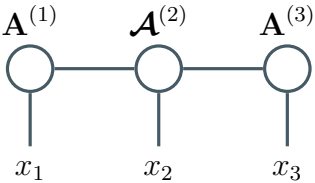

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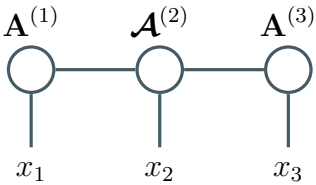

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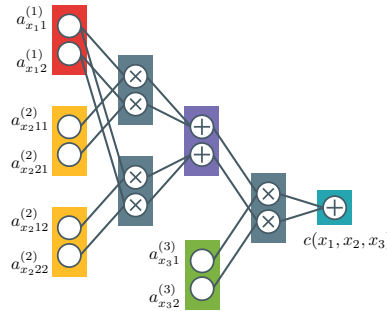

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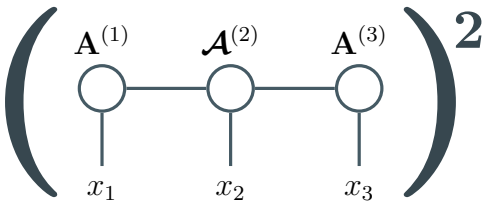

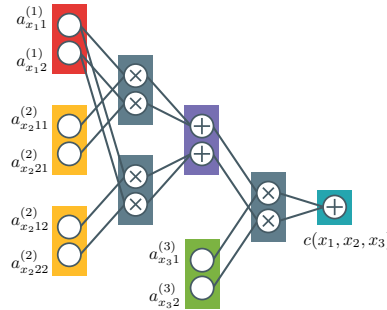

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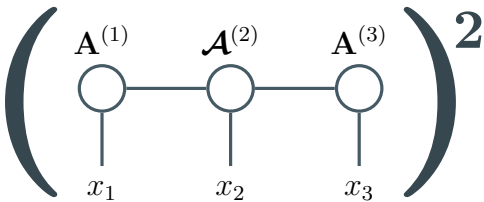

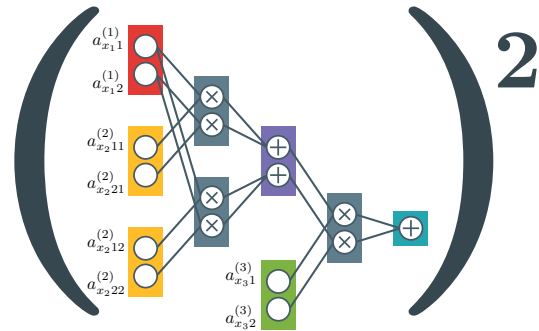

$$t_{x_1 x_2 x_3} = \sum_{r_1=1}^{R} \sum_{r_2=1}^{R} a^{(1)}_{x_1 r_1} \, a^{(2)}_{r_1 x_2 r_2} \, a^{(3)}_{r_2 x_3}$$

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3) \propto (\, t_{x_1 x_2 x_3} \,)^2 \quad \text{(Born machine)}$$

Schollwoeck, "The density-matrix renormalization group in the age of matrix product states", 2010

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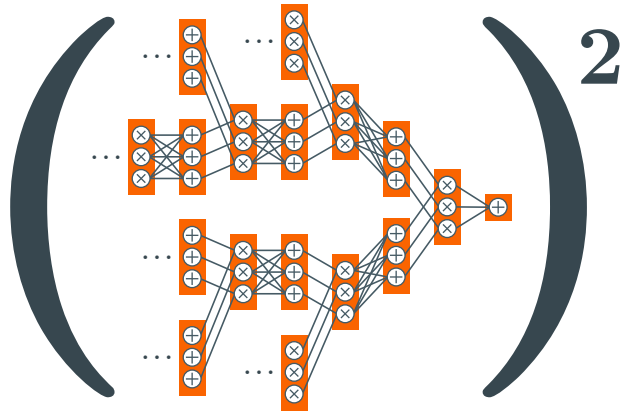

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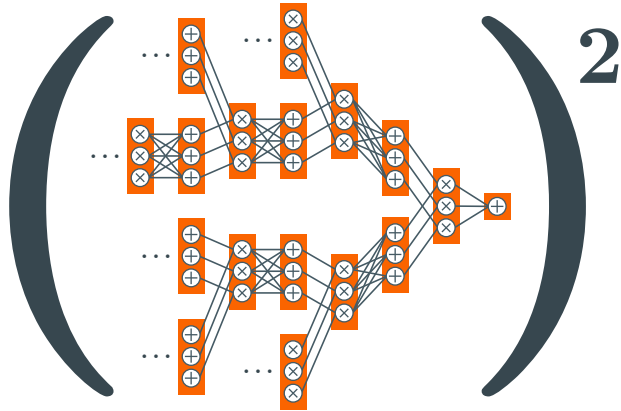
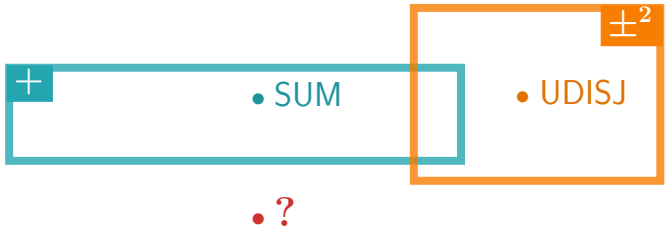


Squaring alone can reduce expressiveness!
(generalizes to factorizations other than tensor-trains)



“How to build circuits more expressive than both?”

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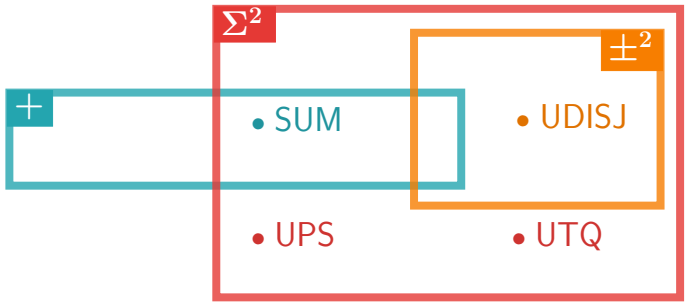

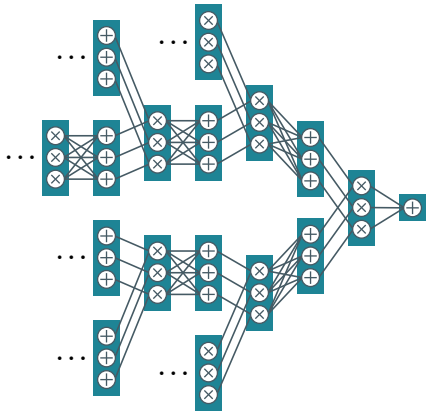

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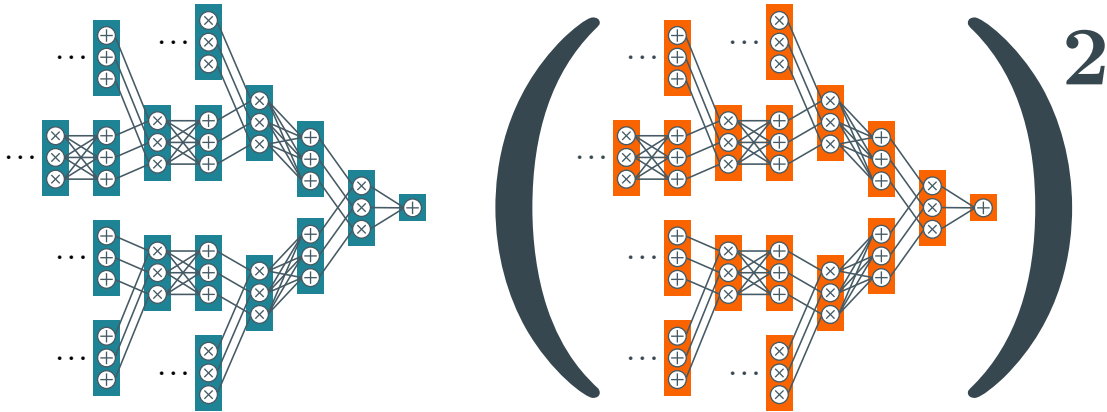

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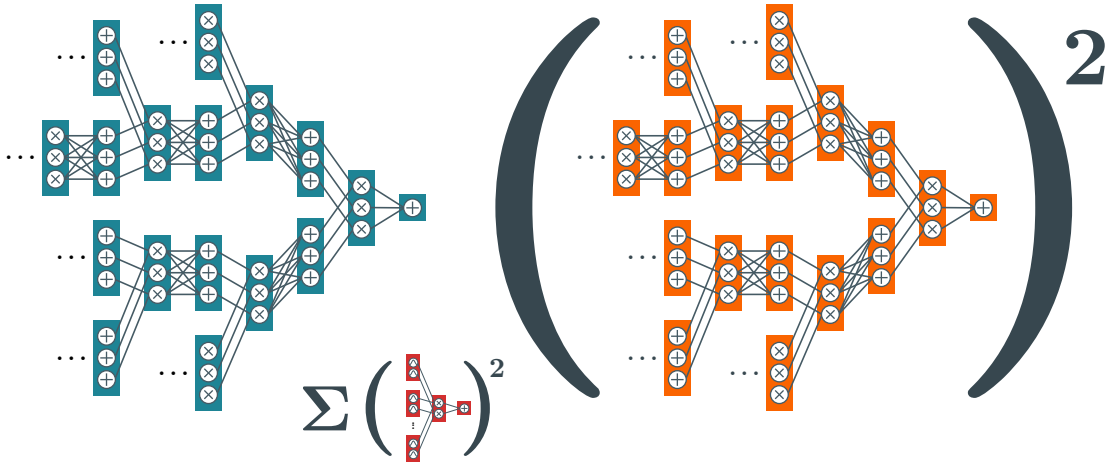

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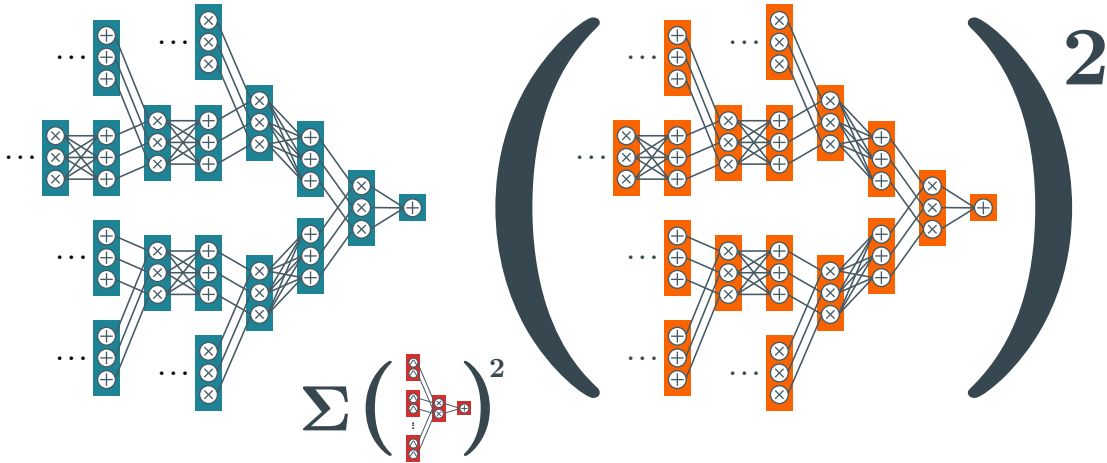
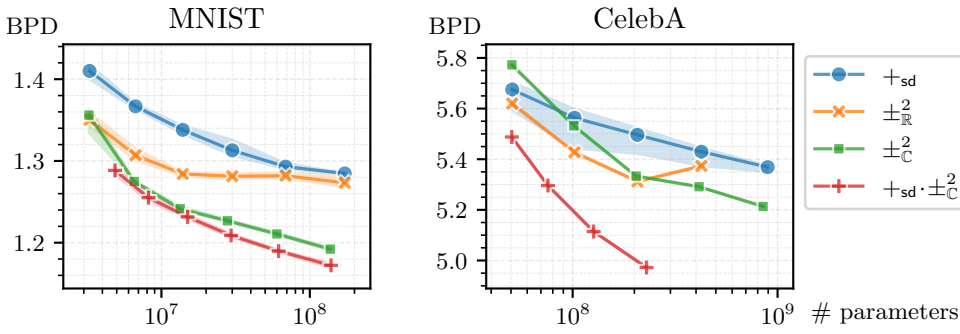


SOS can surpass both expressiveness limitations!

Experiments



Complex **squared circuits are SOS (and scale better!)**

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wait...!

conclusions...?

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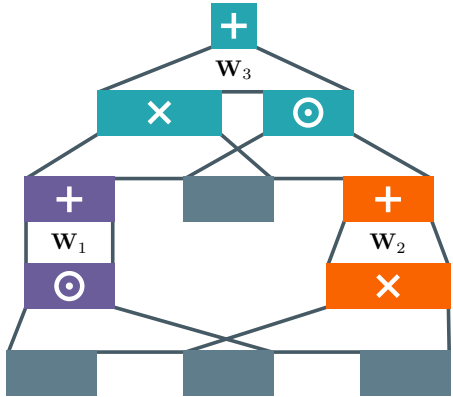
RAT-SPN (Peharz et al., 2020c)	RND	Tucker	✗
EiNet (Peharz et al., 2020a)	{ RND, PD }	Tucker	✓
HCLT (Liu & Van den Broeck, 2021b)	CL	$\text{CP}^\top$	✓
HMM/$\text{MPS}_{\mathbb{R}\geqslant 0}$ (Glasser et al., 2019)	LT	$\text{CP}^\top$	✗
BM (Han et al., 2018)	LT	$\text{CP}^\top$	✗
TTDE (Novikov et al., 2021)	LT	$\text{CP}^\top$	✗
NPC^2 (Loconte et al., 2024)	{ LT, RND }	{ $\text{CP}^\top$, Tucker }	✓
TTN (Cheng et al., 2019)	QT-2	Tucker	✗
Mix & Match (our pipeline)	{ RND, PD, LT, CL, QG, QT-2, QT-4 }	× { Tucker, CP, $\text{CP}^\top$ } ∪ { CP^S, CP^XS | Fold ✓ }	× { ✗, ✓ }

takeaway #1: unifying a fragmented literature



takeaway #2: easily build novel factorizations

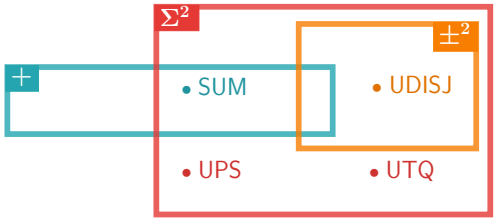
Ground Truth

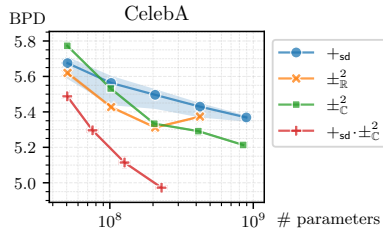
ResNet-18

Semantic Loss

circuits

takeaway #3: use them for efficient & reliable inference





takeaway #4: SOS circuits are provably more expressive factorizations

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`https://github.com/april-tools/cirkit`

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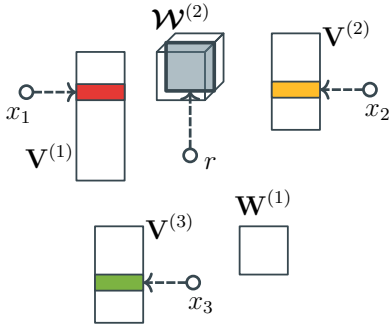
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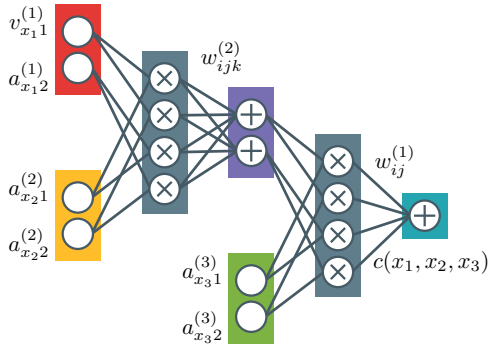
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