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# Human Knowledge Models

or When the simplest rules work on par with gradient boostings

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## About the speaker

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# Outline

## 1. Human Knowledge Models

Based on paper: *Dudyrev, E., Semenkov, I., Kuznetsov, S. O., Gusev, G., Sharp, A., and Pianykh, O. S. (2022). Human knowledge models: Learning applied knowledge from the data. Plos one, 17(10), e0275814.*

## 2. Fasten up the search of HKM

Based on paper: *Dudyrev, E., and Kuznetsov, S. O. (2022). Towards Fast Finding Optimal Short Classifiers. FCA4AI 2022, 23.*

## 3. Practical example

(The new notebook that even my supervisor has not seen yet)

## 4. Conclusions



# Human Knowledge Models (HKM)

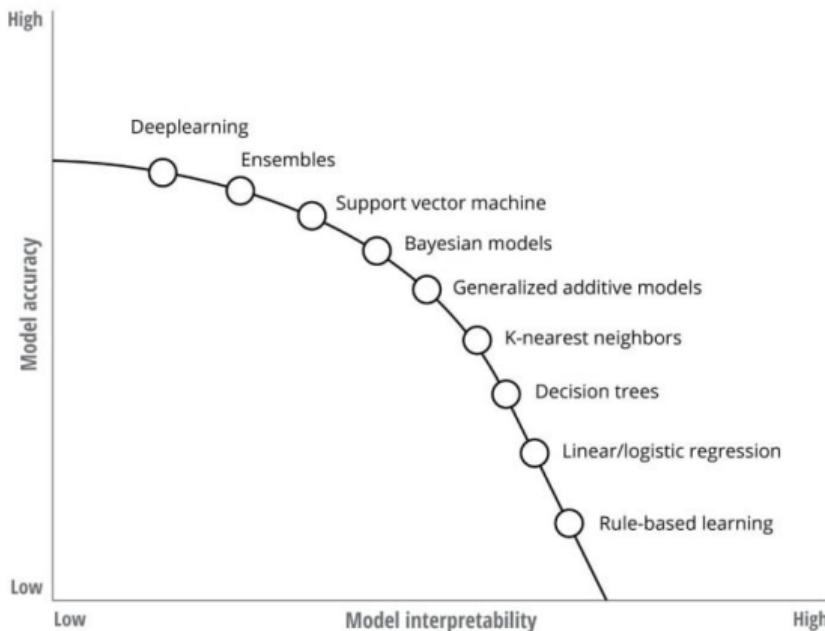


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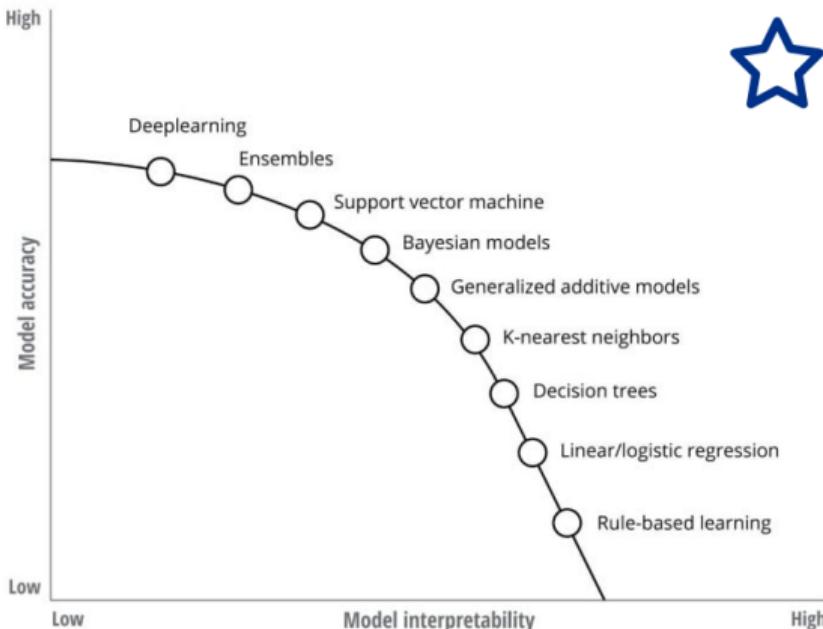
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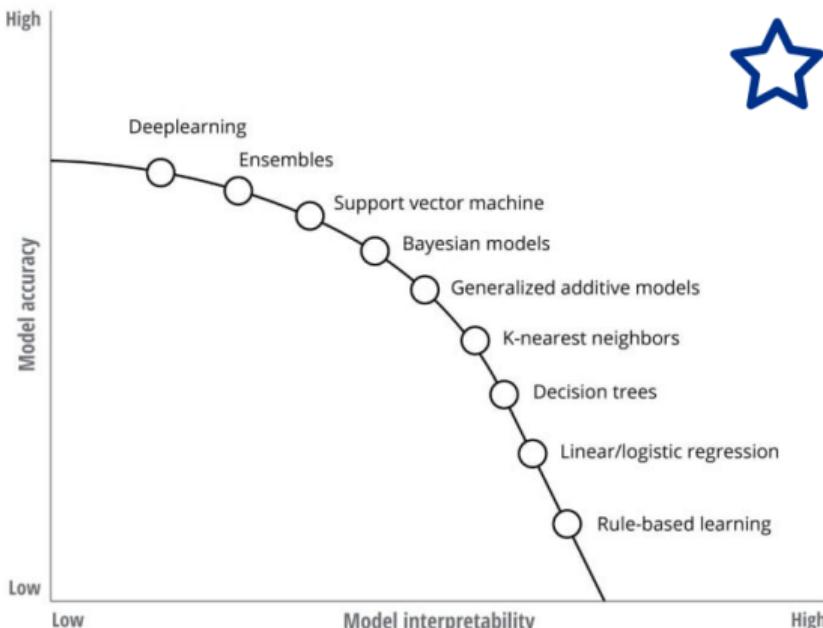
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# The case of COVID



Oleg Pianykh

Investigator  
Radiology, Mass General Research Institute

Assistant Professor of Radiology  
Harvard Medical School

He was looking for simple rules that could describe the COVID mortality reasons.



Sergei O. Kuznetsov

School Head  
School of Data Analysis and Artificial Intelligence, HSE

Laboratory Head  
International Laboratory for Intelligent Systems and Structural Analysis

He was managing the simple rules verification from the data science perspective



## Example of a HKM

A patient has a high risk of complications IF:

- “Low blood oxygen” AND
- (“Age > 79” OR “Fluoroscopy score < 2”)

A model should have no more than 4 binary conditions, each found only once in the rule.

The reasons for the number 4 are provided in the paper:

Cowan N. *The magical number 4 in short-term memory: A reconsideration of mental storage capacity*. Behavioral and Brain Sciences. 2001;24(1):87-114.



## Experiment design

4 datasets:

H COVID-19 diagnosis (shape 1925x229)

E Water potability (shape 3276x9)

F Company bankruptcy (shape 5910x64)

S NIM game (shape 2000x10)

12 model architectures, divided by classes:

- Simulatable AI (e.g. small decision trees)
- Interpretable AI (e.g. big trees, small ensembles)
- Black Box (big ensembles of decision trees)

For every model architecture, we have built from 1000 to 5000 models with cross-validation, hyperparameter optimisation, etc.

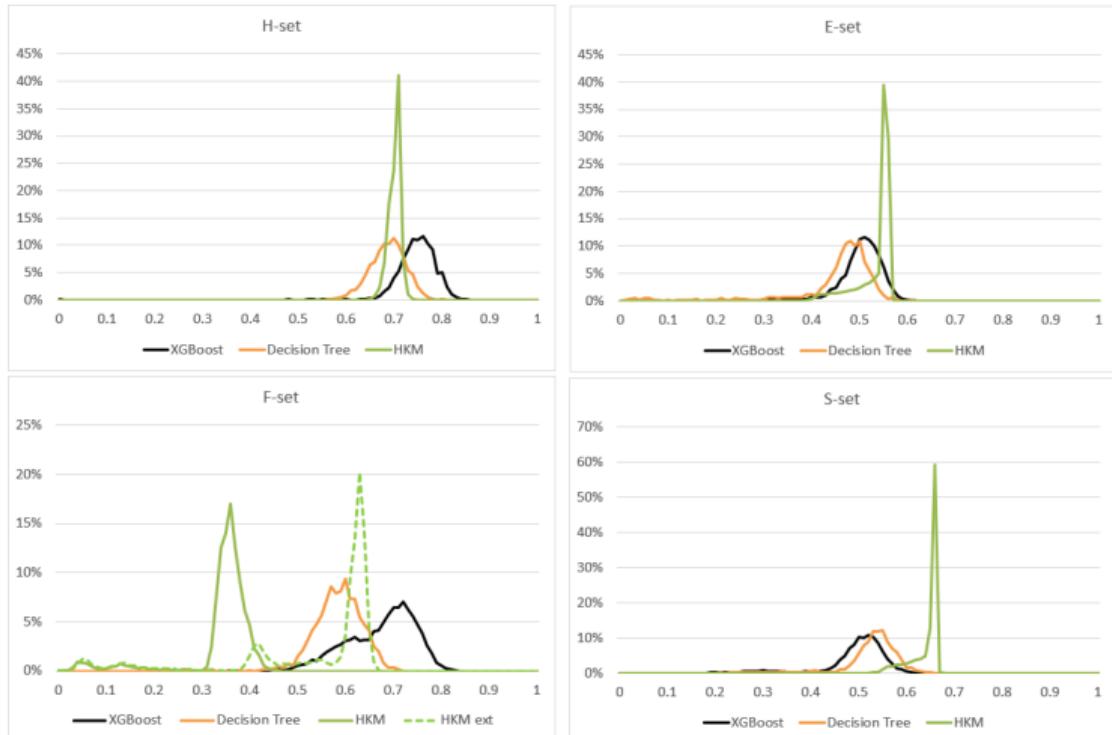


# Prediction quality

F1 score distribution on test data depending on the model.

For the H-set, HKMs work almost on par with XGBoost, and for the E-set and S-set they even work better than the boostings.

For the F-set, HKMs work much worse than XGBoost. However, feature engineering helps improve their predictions.





# Переобученность моделей

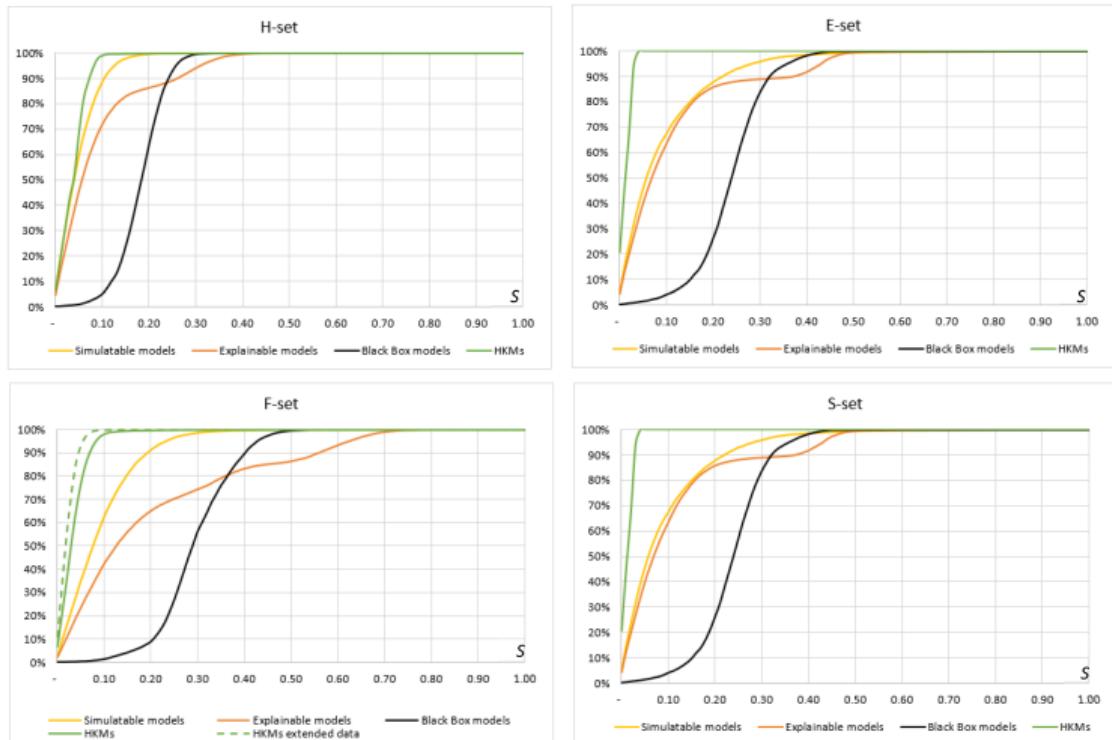
Reading the plot:

“Overfitting of y per cents of models is not higher than x”.

Overfitting of a model =  
 $\frac{|\text{train} - \text{test}|}{\text{train}}$ .

I.e. the more the line is on the left, the smaller is the overfitting.

For all the datasets, HKMs almost never overfit.





Fasten up the search of HKMs



## Problems with running the models from the paper

We found that Human Knowledge Models work (sometimes). However, the original code for the models is written with Matlab and works for 2 days on a dedicated server. This is OK for the medecin (acc. to O. Pianykh). But it is very weird for the ML world.

So, we should find out how to fasten up the process of finding efficient Human Knowledge Models.



## Problem formulation

$$\text{Best rule} = \arg \max_{\text{short rules}} F1(\text{rule})$$

The rising questions:

1. What is a “rule”?
2. What are the “short rules”?
3. How to optimise the F1 score?



# Formal Context

We use the notation of Formal Concept Analysis (FCA).

	needs water to live	lives in water	lives on land	needs chlorophyll	di-cotyledon	mono-cotyledon	can move	has limbs	breast feeds
fish leech	X	X					X		
bream	X	X					X	X	
frog	X	X	X				X	X	
dog	X		X				X	X	X
water weeds	X	X		X		X			
reed	X	X	X	X		X			
bean	X		X	X	X				
corn	X		X	X		X			

Objects  $G = \{\text{fish leech, bream, frog, ...}\}$ ,

Attributes  $M = \{\text{needs water to live, lives in water, ...}\}$ .

//  $G$  and  $M$  come from German: object = der Gegenstand, attribute = das Merkmal.

Also say that  $G_+$  are the “positive” objects, and  $G_- = G \setminus G_+$  are the “negative” objects.



## Set of premises

Let us setup the set of premises  $\mathbb{P}$ :

$$M \subseteq \mathbb{P}, \quad \forall p, q \in \mathbb{P}, \quad p \wedge q, p \vee q \in \mathbb{P}$$

Or, depending on the premise size:

$$\mathbb{P}_1 = M$$

$$\mathbb{P}_2 = \{p \wedge q, p \vee q \mid p, q \in \mathbb{P}_1\}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_3 = \{p \wedge q, p \vee q \mid p \in \mathbb{P}_1, q \in \mathbb{P}_2\}$$

We will search the optimal rules in the space  $\mathbb{P}_1 \cup \mathbb{P}_2 \cup \mathbb{P}_3$ .

For every premise  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  we say that  $p' \subseteq G$  are the objects, described by  $p$ .



## Problem formulation (v2)

$$p_{\text{best}} = \arg \max_{p \in \mathbb{P}_1 \cup \mathbb{P}_2 \cup \mathbb{P}_3} F1(p)$$

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## F1 score

F1 score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall:

$$F1 = 2 \frac{\text{precision} * \text{recall}}{\text{precision} + \text{recall}},$$

$$\text{precision} = \frac{\text{tp}}{\text{predicted\_positive}}, \quad \text{recall} = \frac{\text{tp}}{\text{real\_positive}}.$$

So, how to optimise it?

F1 score can be express in terms of basic measures tp, fp, fn:

$$F1 = \frac{2\text{tp}}{2\text{tp} + \text{fp} + \text{fn}}$$

And still, how to optimise it?



## Jaccard Score

It turned out that F1 score is comonotonic to Jaccard score:

$$\text{F1}(p) \sim J(p)$$

That is, for every  $p, q \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $\text{F1}(p) \leq \text{F1}(q) \iff J(p) \leq J(q)$ .

Where Jaccard score is the Jaccard coefficient between the positive objects  $G_+$  and the objects that are predicted positive  $p'$ :

$$J(p) = \frac{|G_+ \cap p'|}{|G_+ \cup p'|}$$

$$J(p) = \frac{\text{tp}}{|G| - \text{tn}} = \frac{\text{tp}}{|G_+| + \text{fp}}$$



## Problem formulation (v3)

$$p_{\text{best}} = \arg \max_{p \in \mathbb{P}_1 \cup \mathbb{P}_2 \cup \mathbb{P}_3} J(p)$$

The rising questions:

1. What is a "rule"?
2. What are the "short rules"?
3. How to optimise the F1 Jaccard score?

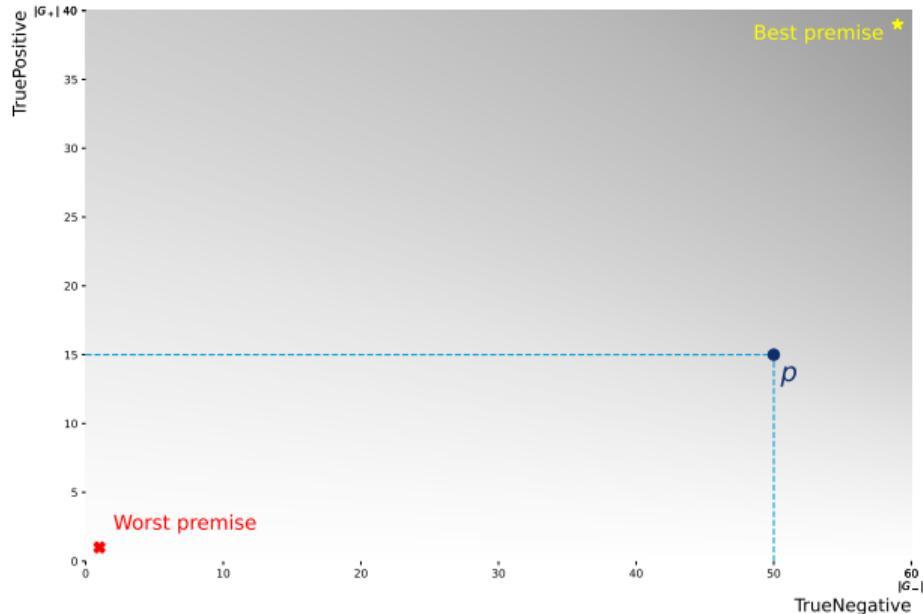


## TP TN space

Every premise  $p$  (so as any binary classifier) can be placed on  $TP$ ,  $TN$  plane.

The axes:

- x: amount of true-negative predictions  
 $tn_p = 0, 1, \dots, |G_-|$ ,
- y: amount of true-positive predictions  
 $tp_p = 0, 1, \dots, |G_+|$ .





# Conjunction and disjunction

Given the coordinates of premises  $p, q$ , one can estimate the coordinates of their conjunction and disjunction:

Conjunction:

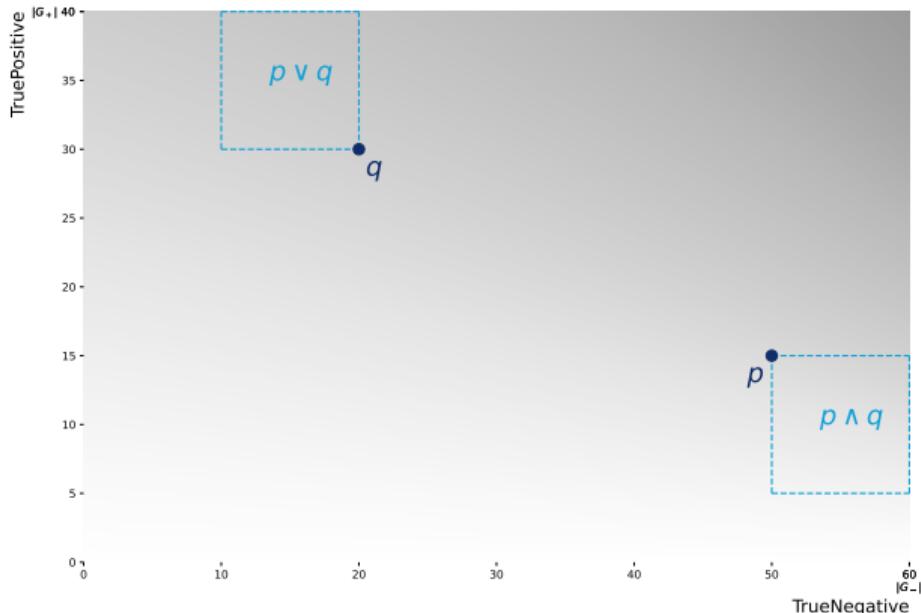
$$tp_{p \wedge q} = |TP_{p \wedge q}| = |TP_p \cap TP_q|$$

$$tn_{p \wedge q} = |TN_{p \wedge q}| = |TN_p \cup TN_q|$$

Disjunction:

$$tp_{p \vee q} = |TP_{p \vee q}| = |TP_p \cup TP_q|$$

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# Comparing with a threshold

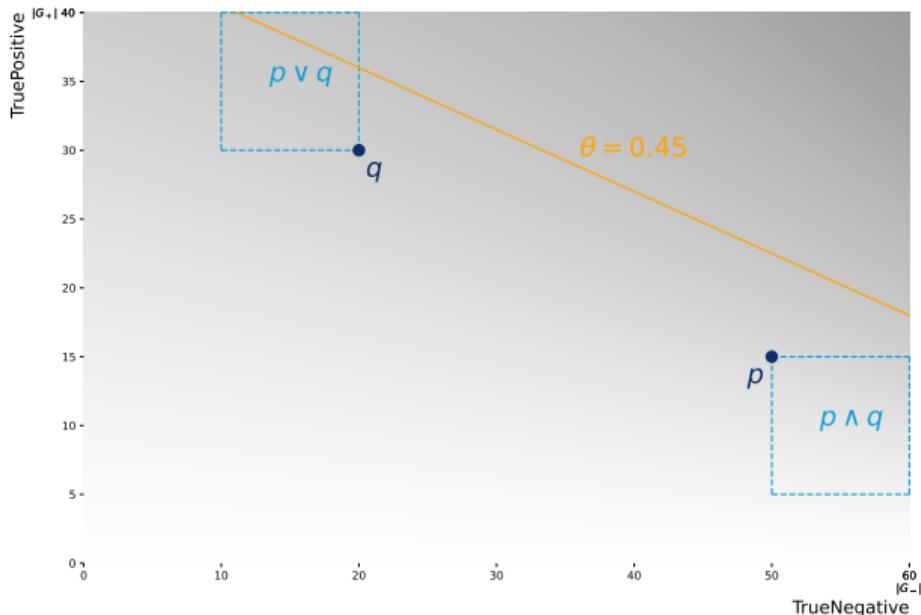
Given two premises  $p, q$  and a prediction quality threshold  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ , one can compare the quality of  $p \wedge q, p \vee q$  with the threshold  $\theta$ :

**Conjunction:**

$$tp_p \leq |G_+|\theta \implies J(p \wedge q) \leq \theta$$

**Disjunction:**

$$tn_p \leq |G| - \frac{|G_+|}{\theta} \implies J(p \vee q) \leq \theta$$

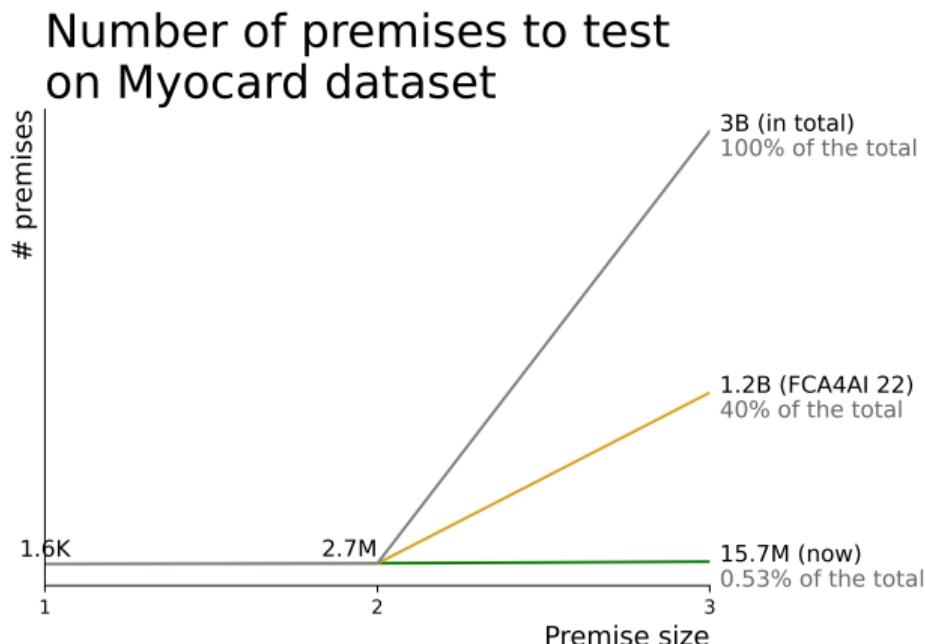




## Conclusions regarding the fast search

The paper from FCA4AI'22 describes the algorithm that passes through every premise of 1 and 2 attributes, and through the filtered set of premises of 3 attributes. The filtering of premises is based on comparing the conjunction and disjunction borders to the threshold.

A new (unpublished) algorithm uses the idea of logically equivalent premises and makes the search space even smaller.





## Practical example



## Google Colab with the example

The link: <https://github.com/EgorDudyrev/PeaViner/blob/main/Myocard%20case%20with%20PeaViner.ipynb>

The Python package: <https://github.com/EgorDudyrev/PeaViner>



## Conclusions



## Conclusion

During the talk we:

- described the Human Knowledge Models (HKM);
- showed that sometimes even the simplest HKMs work with SOTA accuracy;
- and given all this, HKMs do not overfit;
- discussed how to fasten up the search for the short rules;
- found out that F1 score is almost the same thing as Jaccard score; and
- built HKM models on Myocard data.



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# Appendix



# The relation between F1 and Jaccard scores

$$F1(p) = \frac{2}{1 + \frac{1}{J(p)}}$$

