# COMPUTATION-ACTIVATION NETWORKS - UNIFYING PROBABILISTIC AND LOGICAL REASONING

#### RESEARCH NOTES IN THE ENEXA PROJECT

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#### **ABSTRACT**

We introduce a novel architecture for tensor networks, which is adapted to represent propositional formulas and exponential distributions.

#### 1 Motivation

Models which combine

- hard features: Always satisfied and necessary for non-vanishing probability.
- soft features: Typically satisfied

## 2 Notation and Basic Concepts

from Chapter cha:notation:

- Tensor Notation: Directed tensors, tensor networks, contractions (from Chapter cha:notation)
- Basis encodings

 $from\ Chapter\ cha: probRepresentation:$ 

• Computation-Activation Networks as contractions of Basis encodings (computing a statistic) and activation tensors (shaping the distribution based on the computed statistic).

from Chapter cha:basisCalculus:

• Tensor Network decompositions for composed functions

# 3 Hard Activation: Propositional Formulas

from Chapter cha:logicalRepresentation:

- Propositional Semantics by Boolean Tensors
- Propositional Syntax leading to Tensor-Network Decompositions
- Contractions to decide entailment

# 4 Soft Activation: Exponential Families

from Chapter cha:probRepresentation:

- Sufficient statistics leading to tensor network decompositions ("the computation mechanism")
- Exponential families in case of elementary activation tensors
- Example of graphical models, reference to "the independence mechanism"
- Contractions to compute marginal probabilities

# 5 Hybrid Logic Networks

from Chapter cha:networkRepresentation:

- Unification of both frameworks by allowing for arbitrary elementary activation tensors
- Entailment decision by hard parts
- Optional: Mean parameter polytope, hard parameters by corresponding face measures
- Optional: Extension by CP activation tensors

from Chapter cha:networkReasoning:

- Alternating Moment Matching for maximum likelihood estimation
- Optional: Structure learning