

Derivation reduction of metarules in meta-interpretive learning

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| Input | Output |
|--|---------------|
| Examples Background knowledge Bias | Logic program |

Biases

- Mode declarations (Progol, ILASP, Aleph, XHAIL, ...)
- **Metarules** (Metagol, MIL-Hex, ∂ ILP, ProPPR, Clint, MOBAL ...)

Metarules

$$\frac{\exists P Q \forall A B \quad P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B)}{\text{Metarule 1}}$$

$$\frac{\exists P Q R \forall A B \quad P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A), R(A, B)}{\text{Metarule 2}}$$

$$\frac{\exists P Q R \forall A B C \quad P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, C), R(C, B)}{\text{Metarule 3}}$$

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$$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B)$$

$$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A), R(A, B)$$

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P, Q, R are **existentially** quantified **second-order** variables

A, B, C are **universally** quantified **first-order** variables

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| <pre>% metarule P(A,B)←Q(A,C),R(C,B)</pre> | |

Why?

Completeness

cannot learn grandparent/2 with only $P(X) \leftarrow Q(X)$

Efficiency

more metarules = larger hypothesis space

Remove redundant metarules [ILP14]

The Horn clause C is **entailment redundant** in the Horn theory $T \cup \{C\}$ when $T \models C$

Entailment redundancy

$$C1 = h(A, B) \leftarrow s(A, B)$$

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$\text{father}(A,B) \leftarrow \text{parent}(A,B), \text{male}(A)$ ✖

Derivation redundancy

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SLD-resolution



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$\{C1, C2, C3\} \vdash \{C4\}$

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Derivation redundancy

While there is a clause in T such that $T - \{C\} \vdash_k C$:

Set $T = T - \{C\}$

Connected clauses

body literals are connected to the head literal

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A)$ ✓

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, C)$ ✓

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B), R(B, D), S(D, B)$ ✓

$P(A) \leftarrow \mathbf{Q(B)}$ ✗

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A), \mathbf{R(B, C)}$ ✗

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B), \mathbf{S(C)}$ ✗

H^2_m

restriction on literal arity

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B) \quad \checkmark$

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A, B), R(B) \quad \checkmark$

$P(A, B, C) \leftarrow \mathbf{Q(A, B, C)} \quad \times$

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$$H^2_m$$

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$$P(A) \leftarrow \mathbf{Q(A)} \quad \times$$

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H^a_2

restriction on number of body literals

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B) \quad \checkmark$

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A, B, C), R(B, C) \quad \checkmark$

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A), R(A), S(A) \quad \times$

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$H^a_2 =$

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Exactly-two connected

each first-order variable appears exactly twice

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A)$ ✓

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B)$ ✓

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, C), R(C, B)$ ✓

$P(A, \mathbf{B}) \leftarrow Q(A)$ ✗

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A, \mathbf{B})$ ✗

$P(\mathbf{A}) \leftarrow Q(A), R(A)$ ✗

$$E^2=5$$

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$$E^2=2 \vdash E^2=\infty \checkmark$$

$$E^2_5$$

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$E^2_2 \vdash E^2_\infty \checkmark$

Two connected

each first-order variable appears at least twice
(i.e. forbids singleton variables)

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A)$ ✓

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A), R(A)$ ✓

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B), R(B)$ ✓

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, C), R(C, B)$ ✓

$P(A, \mathbf{B}) \leftarrow Q(A)$ ✗

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A, \mathbf{B})$ ✗

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A), R(A, \mathbf{B})$ ✗

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| | $P(A,B) \leftarrow Q(A,B), R(A,C), S(C,D), T(C,D)$ |
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K^2_5 two connected

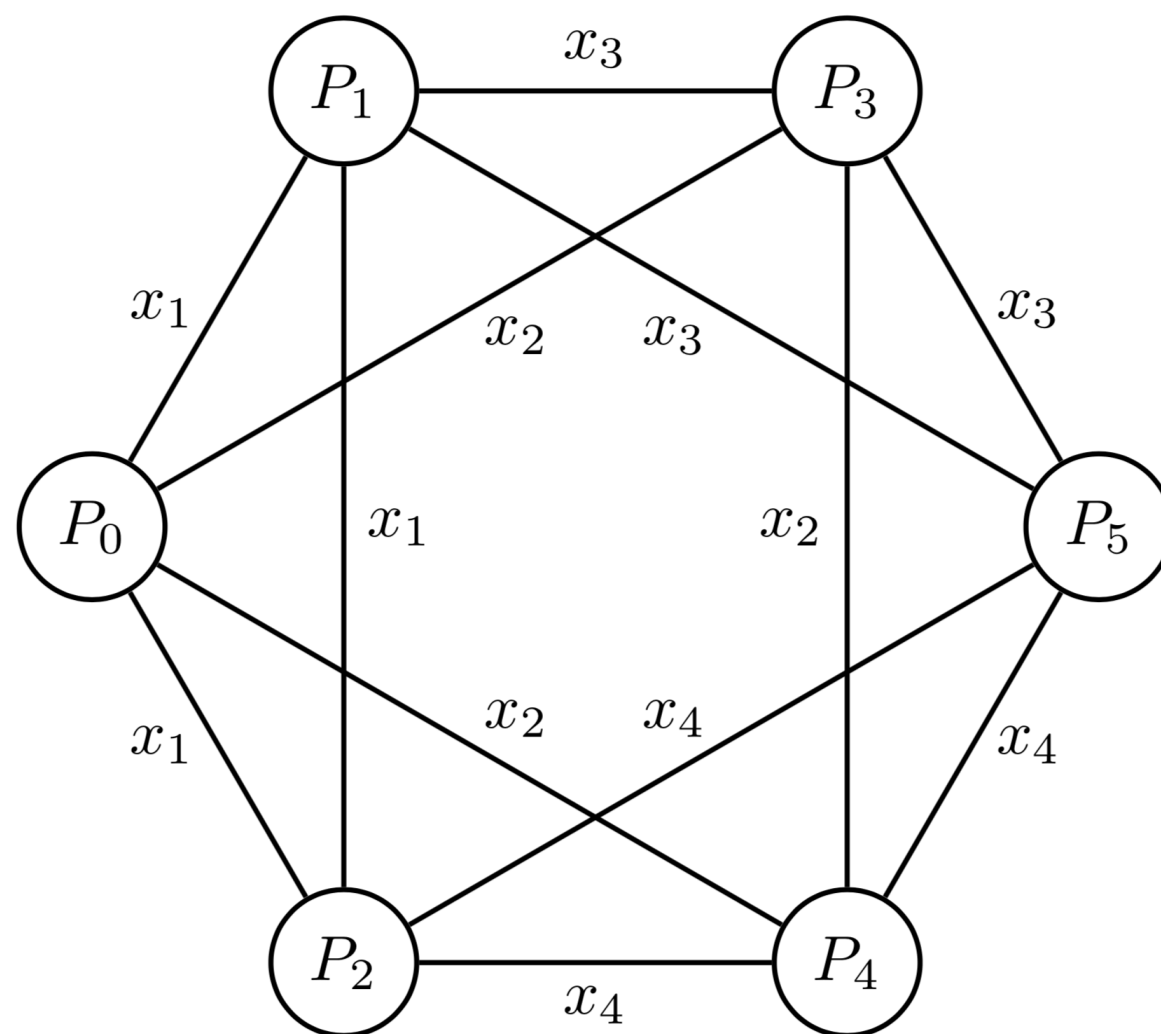
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$K^2=2 \not\models K^2=5 \times$

K²₅ two connected

| E-reduction | D-reduction |
|----------------------|---|
| P(A)←Q(A) | P(A)←Q(A) |
| P(A)←R(A,B),Q(A,B) | P(A)←R(A,B),Q(A,B) |
| | P(A)←Q(A),R(A) |
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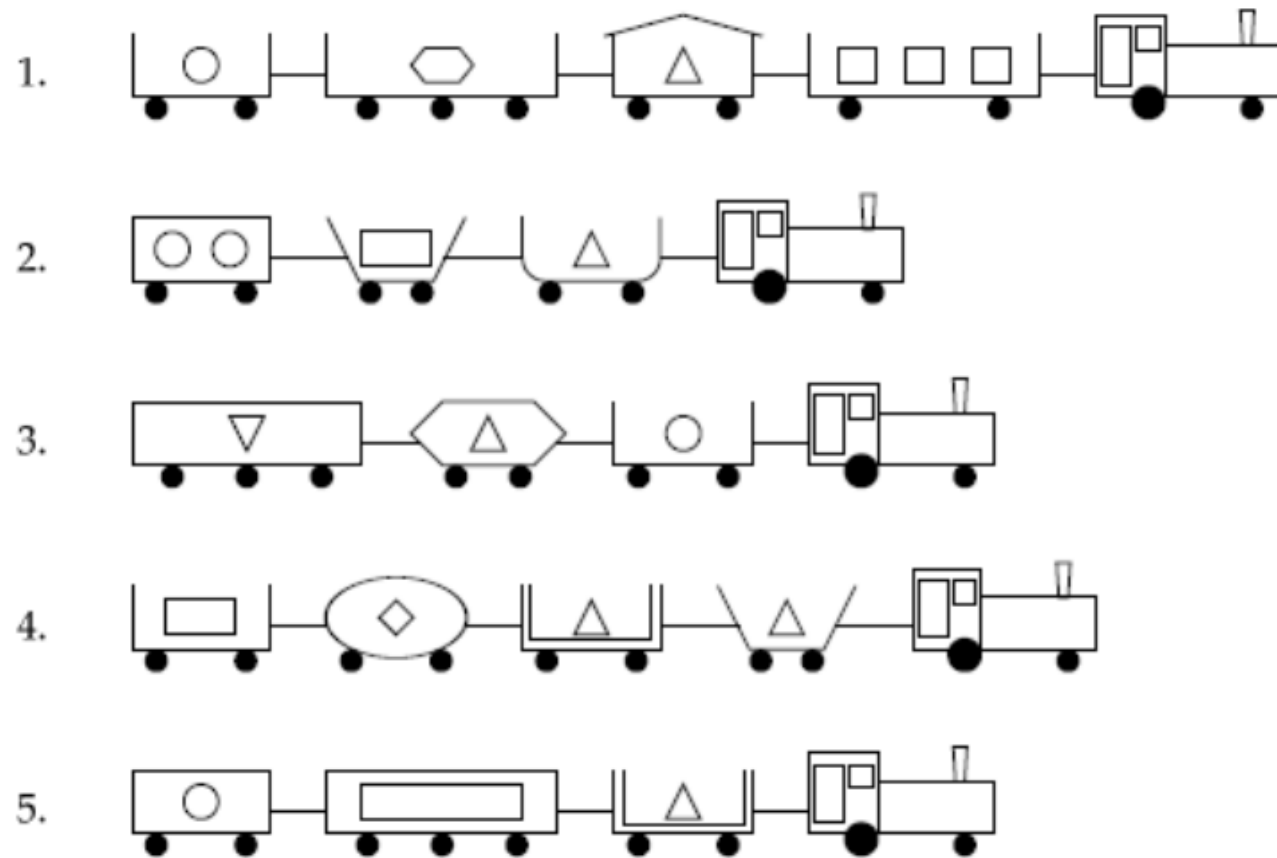
K²=_∞ cannot be reduced ✖



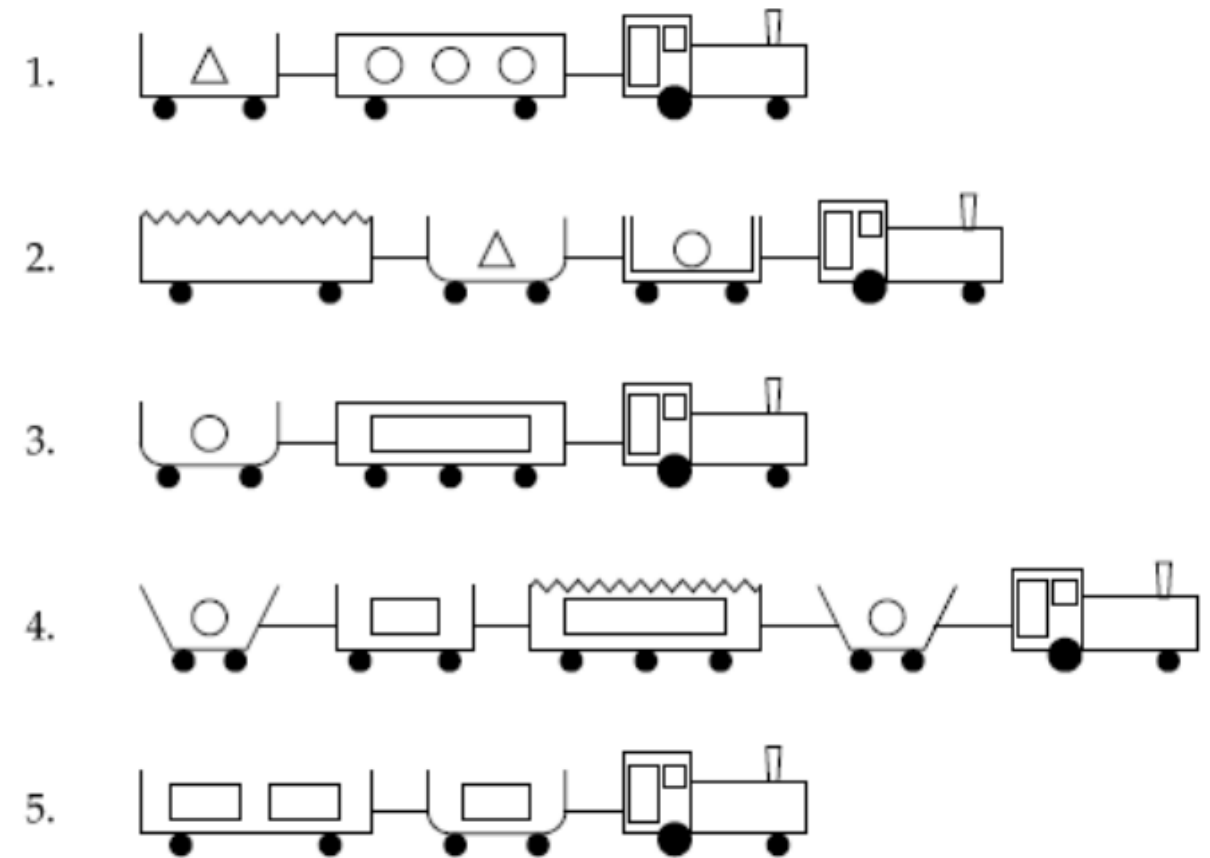
$$P_0(x_1, x_2) \leftarrow P_1(x_1, x_3), P_2(x_1, x_4), P_3(x_2, x_3), P_4(x_2, x_4), P_5(x_3, x_4)$$

Does it matter?

1. TRAINS GOING EAST



2. TRAINS GOING WEST



Accuracies

| Task | E-reduction | D-reduction | D*-reduction |
|------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| T1 | 95 \pm 1 | 100 \pm 0 | 100 \pm 0 |
| T2 | 99 \pm 1 | 100 \pm 0 | 100 \pm 0 |
| T3 | 56 \pm 3 | 96 \pm 2 | 96 \pm 2 |
| T4 | 69 \pm 4 | 96 \pm 2 | 96 \pm 2 |
| T5 | 59 \pm 3 | 93 \pm 3 | 93 \pm 3 |
| T6 | 50 \pm 1 | 96 \pm 3 | 96 \pm 3 |
| T7 | 68 \pm 4 | 95 \pm 2 | 95 \pm 2 |
| T8 | 54 \pm 3 | 60 \pm 3 | 90 \pm 3 |

Learning times

| Task | E-reduction | D-reduction | D*-reduction |
|------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| T1 | 0.01 ± 0 | 0 ± 0 | 0 ± 0 |
| T2 | 0.01 ± 0 | 0 ± 0 | 0 ± 0 |
| T3 | 431 ± 59 | 0.01 ± 0 | 0.01 ± 0 |
| T4 | 300 ± 68 | 0 ± 0 | 0.01 ± 0 |
| T5 | 427 ± 60 | 1 ± 0.3 | 1 ± 0.41 |
| T6 | 600 ± 0 | 1 ± 0.41 | 1 ± 0.42 |
| T7 | 917 ± 535 | 1 ± 0.27 | 1 ± 0.36 |
| T8 | 487 ± 51 | 360 ± 67 | 26 ± 5 |

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% target program  
f(X):-has_car(X,C1),  
      long(C1),  
      two_wheels(C1),  
      has_car(X,C2),  
      long(C2),  
      three_wheels(C2).
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% E-reduction

$f(A) :- \text{has_car}(A, B), f1(A, B).$

$f1(A, B) :- \text{has_car}(A, C), f2(C, B).$

$f2(A, B) :- \text{long}(A), \text{three_wheels}(B).$

% D-reduction

$f(A) :- \neg f1(A), f2(A).$

$f1(A) :- \neg has_car(A, B), three_wheels(B).$

$f2(A) :- \neg has_car(A, B), roof_open(B).$

% D*-reduction

$f(A) : \neg f_1(A), f_2(A).$

$f_1(A) : \neg \text{has_car}(A, B), \text{three_wheels}(B).$

$f_2(A) : \neg \text{has_car}(A, B), f_3(B).$

$f_3(A) : \neg \text{long}(A), \text{two_wheels}(A).$

% target program

f(X):-

 has_car(X,C1),
 long(C1),
 two_wheels(C1),
 has_car(X,C2),
 long(C2),
 three_wheels(C2).

% D*-reduction

f(A):-

 has_car(A,B),
 three_wheels(B),
 has_car(A,C),
 long(C),
 two_wheels(C).

Todo

- Study derivation reduction problem
- Other fragments
 - Triadics
 - Connected
- Unconstrained resolution