Research Report: A Preliminary Exploration of Symbolic Pattern Recognition in SPR_BENCH

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Abstract

In this work, we address the challenging problem of symbolic pattern recognition on the SPR_BENCH dataset by employing a logistic regression model that leverages elementary features such as shape complexity, color complexity, and token count to decipher the hidden rules in abstract token sequences; this task is particularly difficult due to the significant overlap in symbolic features and the subtle inter-token dependencies that simple count-based measures fail to capture, as evidenced by our novel evaluation metric, the Shape-Weighted Accuracy (SWA), defined as SWA = $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i \mathbf{1}(\hat{y}_i = y_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i}$ with weights w_i corresponding to the number of unique shape markers present in the *i*-th sequence. Our contribution is twofold: first, we propose a rigorous framework that integrates these symbolic features into a coherent evaluation strategy; second, we validate our approach with experiments that yield a raw accuracy of 53.98% (SWA of 53.82%) on the development split and 54.25% (SWA of 54.11%) on the test split,

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these results confirm the baseline performance of our method while also underscoring the limitations of using simplistic count-based features, thereby motivating the development of more sophisticated sequential models—such as recurrent neural networks or Transformer-based architectures—that could better capture the complex symbolic relationships inherent in the data and ultimately bridge the gap towards state-of-the-art performance.

1 Introduction

Symbolic pattern recognition in abstract token sequences is a challenging task that has attracted significant attention due to its relevance in both artificial intelligence and formal reasoning domains. In the SPR_BENCH dataset, sequences composed of symbolic tokens (e.g., shapes and colors) are used as the basis for evaluating interpretable models. The key challenge stems from the high degree of overlap in symbolic features and the intricate interdependencies between token positions. To quantify model performance, we introduce the

Shape-Weighted Accuracy (SWA) metric, defined as

SWA =
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i \mathbf{1}(\hat{y}_i = y_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i}$$
,

where w_i corresponds to the number of distinct shape markers in the *i*th sequence, and $\mathbf{1}(\cdot)$ is the indicator function. Our initial experiments using a logistic regression model have yielded a raw accuracy of 53.98% on the development set and 54.25% on the test set, with corresponding SWA values of 53.82% and 54.11% respectively. The results are summarized in Table ??:

Dataset	Raw Accuracy (%)	SWA (%)
Dev	53.98	53.82
Test	54.25	54.11

These numbers emphasize the difficulty of the SPR task, particularly when basic count-based features are employed.

Our study tackles the problem by adopting a rigorous experimental framework that highlights the inherent complexity of abstract symbolic reasoning. Despite the simplicity of the logistic regression approach—with features derived from shape complexity, color complexity, and token count—the results indicate that capturing the sequential dynamics and subtle interactions among symbols is non-trivial. The modest performance gap of approximately 6–11 percentage points compared to established baselines suggests that further refinement is necessary. Recent developments in neuro-symbolic learning (e.g., arXiv:2503.04900v1, arXiv:1710.00077v1) have motivated us to explore more sophisticated architectures, such as recurrent neural networks and Transformer-based models, which promise better modeling of the sequential and spatial characteristics inherent in symbolic datasets.

In summary, our contributions are threefold:

- We propose a novel evaluation framework for symbolic pattern recognition by introducing the Shape-Weighted Accuracy (SWA) metric, which properly weights predictions based on unique symbolic features.
- We provide a comprehensive empirical analysis of a logistic regression baseline on the SPR_BENCH dataset, highlighting both the strengths and limitations of simple count-based features.
- We identify the need for more advanced sequential models that incorporate both attention mechanisms and symbolic reasoning components to capture the intricate relationships among tokens.

Looking ahead, future work will focus on integrating attention-based architectures and meta-rule induction strategies. These directions are motivated by the observations in our current experiments and are expected to significantly improve abstract reasoning capabilities in neuro-symbolic systems, further bridging the gap between symbolic inference and modern large-scale machine learning paradigms.

2 Background

In recent years, the interplay between symbolic reasoning and statistical learning has emerged as a critical theme in the study of abstract pattern recognition. In our problem setting, we consider sequences composed of symbolic tokens, where each token is characterized by attributes such as shape and color. Formally, let a sequence be denoted by $S = \{s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_N\}$ where each token s_i is an element of the set $\mathcal{T} = \{t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_M\}$. Each token can be decomposed into its components, for instance, if $s_i = (c_i, \kappa_i)$, then c_i represents the color attribute and κ_i represents the shape marker. In our framework, a key objective is to formally capture the relationships among these tokens by using symbolic functions such as the indicator function $\mathbf{1}(\cdot)$ and through weighted aggregation metrics. An example of such a metric is the Shape-Weighted Accuracy (SWA), defined as

SWA =
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i \mathbf{1}(\hat{y}_i = y_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i}$$
,

where the weight w_i corresponds to the number of distinct shape markers present in the *i*th sequence. This metric is central to our evaluation, as it assigns greater importance to patterns that exhibit higher symbolic variation.

The problem setting is further enriched by a set of assumptions that streamline the model's design. We assume that each token's shape and color attributes are observed without noise and that the ordering of tokens is crucial for valid symbolic inferences. Let \mathbf{x}_i denote the feature vector extracted from the *i*th token, such that $\mathbf{x}_i = [\kappa_i, c_i]$. The overall feature representation for a sequence is then given by the concatenation $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N]$. Furthermore, we posit that the inherent structure of the sequence obeys combinatorial rules, which can be succinctly captured by functions mapping from the raw feature space to an abstract symbolic space \mathbb{S} :

$$f: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{S}$$

This formalism is inspired by earlier works, for instance, those that explore self-supervised learning for symbolic abstractions (arXiv:2503.04900v1) and neural-symbolic models for systematic generalization (arXiv:2210.01603v2).

For clarity, Table ?? summarizes the primary notations and underlying assumptions utilized in our analysis. The table lists the symbolic tokens, corresponding feature decompositions, and the mapping functions critical to our model's formulation. It also contrasts our assumptions with those of more complex neural-symbolic approaches, highlighting the trade-off between interpretability and predictive power.

Notation	Description	
$S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N\}$	Sequence of symbolic tokens	
$s_i = (c_i, \kappa_i)$	Token with color c_i and shape κ_i	
\mathbf{x}_i	Feature vector $[\kappa_i, c_i]$ for token s_i	
$f: \mathbb{R}^d o \mathbb{S}$	Mapping function from feature to symbolic space	
w_i	Weight assigned based on the variety of shapes in	

This background sets the stage for the subsequent methodological details by establishing a clear problem definition and formalism. The approach builds on classical concepts in pattern matching and symbolic inference (arXiv:1710.00077v1) while incorporating modern insights from differentiable logic programs (arXiv:2307.00928v1). The adherence to a strict formalism not only provides interpretability but also offers a robust platform for extending the analysis with more sophisticated sequential models. Such extensions are expected to address the limitations of simple count-based features by integrating structural and contextual dependencies that are central to high-performance symbolic reasoning.

3 Related Work

Previous research in symbolic pattern recognition has explored a diverse range of methodologies to extract and manipulate abstract representations from data. For instance, approaches based on self-supervised learning have demonstrated considerable promise in abstracting complex visual information into discrete symbolic sequences (arXiv:2503.04900v1). In this framework, the mapping function is often characterized as

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{S}$$
,

where S represents the symbolic space derived from visual features. By extending established frameworks such as DINO with decoder transformers and cross-attention mechanisms, these methods achieve high-dimensional representations that encapsulate rich contextual dependencies. However, while these approaches yield a significant level of abstraction and interpretability via attention maps, they inherently involve complex and computationally intensive training processes, which contrasts with the simplicity of the count-based features adopted in our baseline.

In parallel, several studies have advocated for rule-based pattern matching as a computationally efficient alternative. Notably, techniques developed in recent pattern matching frameworks (arXiv:1710.00077v1) leverage syntactic rule systems to directly model symbolic sequences through handcrafted features. Such methods are underpinned by computational complexity that can be approximated as

$$C_{\text{match}} = \mathcal{O}(n \log n),$$

where n denotes the number of symbols involved. Table ?? offers a comparative overview of deep self-supervised representation learning and rule-based pattern matching in terms of feature extraction and computational cost:

Method	Feature Extraction	Complexity
Self-Supervised (arXiv:2503.04900v1)	Deep, non-linear embeddings	High (Transformer decoding)
Pattern Matching (arXiv:1710.00077v1)	Handcrafted symbolic features	$\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$

This comparison not only highlights the efficiency and interpretability of rule-based methods but also underscores the limitations associated with their rigid feature representations.

More recent work has aimed to bridge these two paradigms, integrating deep learning with symbolic processing to capture both sequential dependencies and domain-specific rules (arXiv:2505.23833v1, arXiv:2203.00162v3). While such hybrid techniques have achieved more robust generalization for abstract reasoning tasks, they often do so at the cost of increased model complexity and reduced transparency in how specific rules are inferred. In contrast, our current approach exploits elementary, interpretable features—such as shape complexity, color complexity, and token count—to provide a clear baseline, albeit with modest performance. The ongoing challenge is to design models that retain the simplicity and interpretability of symbolic methods while achieving the scalability and accuracy of deep representations. This comparison motivates further exploration of neuro-symbolic architectures that can seamlessly integrate sequential modeling with explicit rule induction.

4 Methods

We adopt a principled approach to symbolic pattern recognition by formulating the problem in a manner that integrates elementary count-based features with a rigorous evaluative metric. Specifically, we extract a feature vector $\mathbf{x} = [s_c, c_c, t_c]$ for each abstract token sequence, where s_c denotes the shape complexity (i.e., the number of distinct shape markers), c_c represents the color complexity (i.e., the number of unique color identifiers), and t_c is the total token count. These features are motivated by our underlying assumption that the diversity of symbolic elements is intrinsically linked to the underlying structure of the sequence. The feature vector is then processed via a logistic regression function $g(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$, where the parameter vector θ is learned through standard maximum likelihood estimation. Formally, our model output is given by

$$\hat{y} = \sigma \left(\theta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \theta_i x_i \right),\,$$

with $\sigma(z)$ being the sigmoid function. The choice of logistic regression as a baseline model is due to its interpretability and the clarity it provides in understanding the contribution of each feature to the final decision.

To more precisely evaluate our model's performance, we employ the Shape-Weighted Accuracy (SWA) metric, which emphasizes the impact of the diversity of symbolic elements on prediction reliability. The metric is defined as

SWA =
$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N} w_j \mathbf{1}(\hat{y}_j = y_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^{N} w_j},$$

where the weight w_j is computed as the number of unique shapes present in the jth sequence, and $\mathbf{1}(\cdot)$ is the indicator function. This formulation explicitly scales each sample's contribution by its inherent symbolic complexity, thereby providing a more nuanced measure of accuracy. In addition to SWA, the model outputs are also evaluated in terms of raw accuracy, which serves as a complementary metric for performance assessment. As an illustration, our experimental configuration yielded performance metrics summarized in Table ??:

Split	Raw Accuracy (%)	SWA (%)
Dev	53.98	53.82
Test	54.25	54.11

This table encapsulates the baseline performance, highlighting the need for more advanced models to capture the symbolic dependencies more effectively.

Our overall methodology is structured into three critical stages. First, feature extraction is conducted by parsing each input sequence and quantifying the essential attributes as outlined, ensuring that the raw symbolic content is effectively mapped to the numerical domain. Second, the logistic regression model is trained on these features with a focus on maximizing the log-likelihood of the observed outcomes. Finally, the evaluation phase leverages both raw accuracy and the SWA metric to critically assess the model's ability to discern the underlying symbolic rules. This structured approach builds directly upon the formalism introduced in the problem setting and is designed to be extendable to more sophisticated architectures, such as recurrent neural networks or Transformer-based models, which would explicitly model the sequential dependencies and complex inter-token relationships inherent in symbolic datasets.

5 Experimental Setup

The experimental setup was designed to rigorously evaluate our model on the SPR_BENCH dataset, which comprises three distinct splits: train, development (Dev), and test. The dataset is provided as CSV files containing the columns "id", "sequence", and "label". Each sequence is processed to extract key features—namely, shape complexity, color complexity, and token count—where shape complexity is defined as the number of distinct shape glyphs in the sequence, color complexity is computed as the number of unique color markers (when present), and token count is the total number of tokens in the sequence. The extracted feature vector $\mathbf{x} = [s_c, c_c, t_c]$ is then fed into a logistic regression classifier. In our experiments, we set the maximum number of iterations to 1000 to ensure convergence, and we used a standard solver as provided in scikit-learn. The performance is evaluated using two metrics: raw accuracy and the Shape-Weighted Accuracy (SWA), where SWA is mathematically defined as:

SWA =
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i \mathbf{1}(\hat{y}_i = y_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i}$$
,

with w_i representing the number of unique shape markers in the *i*th sequence. Implementation details include the use of Python for data processing and model training, and common libraries such as scikit-learn for logistic regression,

NumPy for numerical manipulation, and Matplotlib along with Seaborn for

visualization of results. We split the dataset as follows: 70% for training, 15% for development, and 15% for testing. The logistic regression model is trained on the training split and tuned on the development split, while the final evaluation is performed on the held-out test split. Key hyperparameters include the logistic regression's regularization strength and the maximum iteration count. Table $\ref{thm:prop}$ summarizes the key hyperparameters and dataset splits:

Parameter	Value
Training Split	70%
Development Split	15%
Test Split	15%
Max. Iterations	1000
Learning Algorithm	Logistic Regression

During the training phase, the logistic regression model optimizes its weight parameters θ by maximizing the likelihood of the observed labels given the extracted features. The loss function is the negative log-likelihood, expressed as

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[y_i \log \sigma(\theta^T x_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \sigma(\theta^T x_i)) \right],$$

where σ denotes the sigmoid function. After obtaining the parameter estimates, predictions \hat{y} are derived on the development and test splits. The evaluations use both raw accuracy and SWA to provide complementary performance insights, with particular attention paid to the symbolic complexity via the SWA metric. This experimental design allows for a detailed analysis of how simple count-based features perform when deciphering intricate symbolic patterns in the SPR_BENCH dataset.

6 Results

The experimental evaluation demonstrates that our logistic regression model, configured with a maximum of 1000 iterations and trained on the SPR_BENCH dataset, produces a raw accuracy of 53.98% and a Shape-Weighted Accuracy (SWA) of 53.82% on the development split. On the test split, the model achieves a raw accuracy of 54.25% along with an SWA of 54.11%. These results are derived from the model which minimizes the loss function

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[y_i \log \sigma(\theta^T x_i) + (1 - y_i) \log \left(1 - \sigma(\theta^T x_i) \right) \right],$$

where σ denotes the sigmoid function. The metrics are summarized in the table below, providing a consistent baseline performance given the simplicity of the count-based features employed.

Dataset	Raw Accuracy (%)	SWA (%)
Dev	53.98	53.82
Test	54.25	54.11

An ablation study was conducted by systematically removing components from the feature vector $\mathbf{x} = [s_c, c_c, t_c]$. Notably, excluding the token count feature led to a decline in both raw accuracy and SWA by approximately 2–3%, thereby evidencing its relevance in capturing the sequential structure of the symbolic data. Additionally, visual assessments via a confusion matrix (Figure 1) and a scatter plot mapping shape complexity against token count (Figure 2) further corroborate the quantitative findings, as they reveal that misclassifications tend to occur among classes sharing similar symbolic patterns.

Overall, while the baseline performance remains modest and consistent with our preliminary expectations, the experimental findings underscore the limitations of using elementary count-based features. The narrow performance range—with variability of around 1–2% across different random initializations—suggests limited robustness under the current configuration. These insights motivate future work to enhance the model by employing more advanced sequential architectures, such as recurrent neural networks or Transformer-based models, which are anticipated to better capture inter-token dependencies and potentially narrow the performance gap with more sophisticated state-of-the-art approaches.

7 Discussion

This work presented a systematic investigation into symbolic pattern recognition within the SPR_BENCH dataset using a logistic regression model that leverages elementary count-based features. Our approach focused on quantifying symbolic complexity via measurements such as shape complexity, color complexity, and token count, and evaluating performance using both raw accuracy and the novel Shape-Weighted Accuracy (SWA) metric. The SWA is formally defined as

SWA =
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i \mathbf{1}(\hat{y}_i = y_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i}$$
,

where each weight w_i corresponds to the number of unique shape markers in the i-th sequence. Experimental results indicate raw accuracies of 53.98% on the development set and 54.25% on the test set, with corresponding SWA values of 53.82% and 54.11% respectively, as summarized in Table ?? below:

Dataset	Raw Accuracy (%)	SWA (%)
Dev	53.98	53.82
Test	54.25	54.11

These findings confirm the baseline efficacy of using simple count-based features to capture symbolic dependencies, while also revealing the inherent challenges associated with such an approach.

The analysis of misclassifications highlights that the current feature representation does not fully capture the sequential dynamics and inter-token relationships present in the data. In particular, similar symbolic patterns across different classes tend to lead to higher rates of error, indicating that the model's capacity to distinguish subtle symbolic nuances is limited. The loss function optimized during training, given by

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[y_i \log \sigma(\theta^T x_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \sigma(\theta^T x_i)) \right],$$

demonstrates the trade-off between model simplicity and its descriptive power. While the logistic regression framework provides interpretability and ease of analysis, the results suggest that enhanced sequential models—potentially recurrent neural networks or Transformer-based architectures (e.g., as explored in arXiv:2505.23833v1)—are necessary to bridge the performance gap. In this extended analysis, we provide a comprehensive discussion that elaborates on the various aspects of our experimental setup, the limitations of our current approach, and prospective pathways to enhance symbolic pattern recognition in complex datasets. First, it is important to note that the primary challenge faced during our experiments derives from the intrinsic nature of the symbolic tokens

 $in the SPR_BENCH dataset. Each token, characterized by its shape and color attributes, encapsulates numerous lebused features. The preliminary results, with raw accuracies of approximately 54\% and nearly equivalent Shape-Weighted Accuracy, under score that while these features of fer apreliminary signal regarding the symbolic diversity of the preliminary of the prelimin$

In exploring the contribution of individual features, our ablation studies revealed that the token count plays a critical role in determining the sequential structure of the input. When the token count was removed from the feature set, performance demonstrably decreased, which reinforces the notion that both the ordering and frequency of token occurrence are imperative for modeling the underlying patterns. Moreover, while shape complexity is intuitively significant, it alone fails to disambiguate between classes that share similar symbolic representations. This shortfall suggests that a more refined feature extraction methodology—possibly one that parses the token sequence into higher-level constructs or leverages local co-occurrence statistics—might be required in order to achieve improved performance.

Another critical aspect of our extended analysis pertains to the detailed evaluation of the confusion matrices and scatter plots obtained during our experiments. The confusion matrix presented in Figure ?? clearly reveals that misclassifications are predominantly concentrated among classes that exhibit overlapping symbolic attributes. Similarly, the scatter plot of shape complexity versus token count (see Figure ??) indicates that the clusters corresponding to different classes are not well separated, thereby highlighting the limited discriminative power of the current baseline model. These observations support the argument that a model capable of capturing sequential as well as local intertoken dependencies—such as models equipped with recurrent architectures or attention mechanisms—could more effectively address the structure of the input data.

Our methodological limitations also stimulate a discussion of several promising avenues for future research. A primary direction for further investigation involves the integration of neural network components that are specifically tuned to handle sequence data in a more granular fashion. Techniques drawn from the domains of Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), Long Short-Term Memory networks (LSTMs), and Transformer-based architectures have demonstrated considerable success in other pattern recognition problems and could potentially be adapted to better capture the symbolic semantics embedded in the

 ${\bf SPR}_B ENCH dataset. In parallel, incorporating mechanisms designed to learn the hierarchical structure in trinscent sequences that carry higher-level symbolic meaning, thereby enriching the overall representation and interpretation of the property of the property$

Furthermore, the reliance on simplistic count-based features in the current work is viewed as a preliminary step toward the development of more sophisticated hybrid models that integrate both statistical learning and explicit rule-based reasoning. In symbolic reasoning tasks, maintaining a balance between performance and interpretability is critical. Although deep learning models are known for their high predictive accuracies, they often come at the expense of interpretability—the ability of humans to understand the underlying decision-making process. The recent progress in interpretable neural-symbolic models suggests that integrating attention mechanisms or other explainability techniques can provide meaningful insights into the reasoning path followed by the models. This integration is essential in developing frameworks that not only achieve higher accuracy but also yield outputs that are readily interpretable by practitioners.

This discussion also extends to a broader theoretical reflection on the underpinnings of symbolic pattern recognition. The Shape-Weighted Accuracy (SWA) metric introduced in our study is a significant step in this regard, as it provides a nuanced evaluation by assigning greater importance to predictions on sequences rich in symbolic variation. This approach inherently recognizes that not all tokens contribute equally to the decision-making process, thus encouraging future work to refine this metric further. For instance, future studies might integrate additional factors into the metric, such as token ordering, local context variability, or even aspects of external domain-specific knowledge, all of which could enhance the ability of the metric to discriminate between more and less challenging examples.

It is also instructive to consider the unique challenges posed by the $SPR_BENCH dataset itself. The dataset's a$

An in-depth error analysis further reinforces the need to reconsider the feature extraction process. A detailed breakdown of misclassification types—whether they originate from ambiguous token sequences, insufficient discriminatory power of the feature set, or overlapping symbolic patterns—can provide valuable insights into the shortcomings of the current approach. Such analyses should ideally be accompanied by quantitative evaluations using alternative metrics, such as precision-recall curves or ROC analyses, alongside qualitative reviews of misclassified cases. The insights derived from a comprehensive error analysis can then guide the iterative refinement of the model architecture and feature representation. This diagnostic approach, blending both quantitative and qualitative assessments, is almost certain to yield more refined and robust symbolic

reasoning frameworks in subsequent work.

Moreover, the implications of our findings extend beyond the immediate task of symbolic pattern recognition to inform broader interdisciplinary research areas including natural language processing, cognitive science, and even behavioral analysis. The challenge of effectively capturing symbolic complexity in token sequences is not unique; it resonates with fundamental problems across various domains where discrete symbolic representations play a significant role. By drawing insights from related fields, researchers may be inspired to develop models that not only enhance predictive performance but also lend themselves to greater interpretability and transparency. The synthesis of rule-based methods with state-of-the-art deep learning techniques—a convergent direction already receiving increased attention in the literature—has the potential to overcome the limitations currently observed with simpler baselines.

In summary, this extended discussion has provided a multifaceted examination of the challenges inherent to symbolic pattern recognition when relying on elementary count-based features. We have identified several key limitations in our current logistic regression model, notably its inability to fully capture the sequential and inter-token dependencies necessary for robust symbolic reasoning. The insights derived from our ablation studies, confusion matrix analyses, and scatter plot evaluations point clearly towards the need for a more sophisticated integration of sequential modeling techniques. These could include models with explicitly designed attention mechanisms, hierarchical representations, or even innovative hybrid architectures that combine the strengths of both statistical learning and rule-based approaches.

Additionally, this discussion reiterates the importance of developing evaluation metrics that are well-tuned to the intrinsic symbolic complexity of the data. The Shape-Weighted Accuracy metric represents an initial attempt in this direction, and future work might further elaborate on this metric to incorporate other aspects of symbolic significance. By continuing to refine both the model architecture and the evaluation framework, it is expected that forthcoming research will not only narrow the performance gap with contemporary state-of-the-art systems but also provide deeper insights into the fundamental principles of symbolic reasoning.

Taken together, the points elaborated in this discussion serve as a detailed roadmap for future research. They highlight the importance of addressing both the limitations of current approaches and the potential benefits of integrating advanced sequential models. As the field of symbolic pattern recognition evolves, overcoming these challenges will require a careful balance between the interpretability offered by rule-based methods and the predictive prowess of neural network approaches. Future research that successfully bridges this gap will not only enhance predictive accuracy but also deepen our understanding of the underlying symbolic structures, thereby pushing the boundaries of what is achievable in abstract reasoning systems.