

IV-Applications

Applications of tnreason

Foundations of Neuro-Symbolic AI

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Contraction Calculus

Tensors appear naturally when representing factored systems, such as in

- ▶ Probabilistic Representation: Probability tensors
- ▶ Logical Representation: Semantic tensors

Reasoning amounts to calculate contractions of the representations

- ▶ Probabilistic Inference: Marginal distributions
- ▶ Logical Inference: Model counts (to decide entailment)

`tnreason` is a tool for contraction calculus

`representation` represents semantic and probability tensors and `engine` executes their contractions.

Efficient Contraction Calculus

Efficient tensor representations by contractions of **tensor networks**

- ▶ Representation of empirical distributions \mathbb{P}^D by datacores β^{D_k}
- ▶ Representations of complex formulas f by connective encodings β°

Localized algorithms demand only contractions with **small number of open variables**

- ▶ Gibbs Sampling
- ▶ Alternating Weight Optimization

Advanced: Algorithms with **small number of tensor cores** based on *Message Passing Approaches*.

Approaching Use Cases with `tnreason`

Buildtime (Generation of a model):

`tnreason.knowledge.HybridKnowledgeBase`

- ▶ Elicitation from experts: Generation of formulas
- ▶ Calibration on Data: Optimization of weights to probabilistic formulas given data
- ▶ *Advanced Approach: Neuro-Symbolic AI*

Runtime (Usage of the model):

`tnreason.knowledge.InferenceProvider`

- ▶ Analysis of distributions by queries
- ▶ Inferring missing information based on evidence
- ▶ Sampling random data from the model