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## Advances in Sum-Product Networks for Probabilistic Modelling

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## Sum-Product Network (SPN) [Poon 2011]

An SPN is a rooted directed acyclic graph consisting of:

leaf



$$p_L(x_{n,d} | \theta_L)$$

sum nodes



$$\sum_{C \in \text{ch}(S)} w_{S,C} p_C(\mathbf{x}_n | \cdot)$$

product nodes



$$\prod_{C \in \text{ch}(P)} p_C(\mathbf{x}_{n, \text{sc}(C)} | \cdot)$$

Weights  $w_{S,C}$  are non-negative and  $\sum_{C \in \text{ch}(S)} w_{S,C} = 1$  ,  
 $\forall S \in \mathcal{S}$

# Interpretations of SPNs

SPNs can be seen as:

- A generalisation of mixture models (*If the SPN is shallow*)
- Deep structured mixture models [Zhao 2016]

$$f(\mathbf{x}_n | \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\kappa} \prod_{w_{S,C} \in \mathcal{T}_k} w_{S,C} \prod_{L \in \mathcal{T}_k} p(\mathbf{x}_n | \theta_L) \quad (1)$$

- Multi-linear feed-forward neural networks with non-linear inputs

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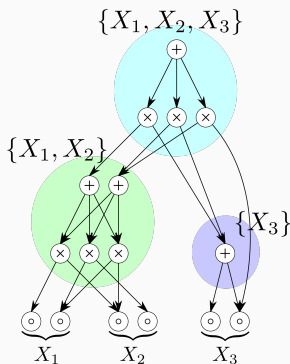
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# Learning Sum-Product Networks

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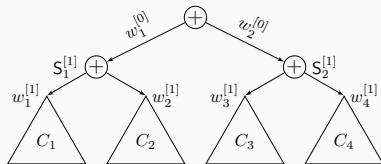
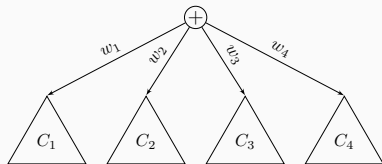
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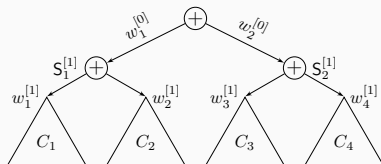
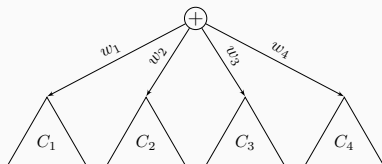
## (Safe) Semi-Supervised Learning [Trapp 2017]

$$\text{CPLE} = \arg\max_{\theta \in \Theta} \arg \min_{\mathbf{q} \in \Delta_{K-1}^M} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{q} \mid \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}) - \mathcal{L}(\theta^+, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{q} \mid \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}) \quad (4)$$

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$$w_k^{(t+1)} = w_{\gamma}^{[0](t+1)} \cdot w_k^{[1](t+1)} \quad (5)$$

$$\approx \mathbf{w}_k^{(t)} + \eta (w_{\gamma}^{[0](t)})^2 \nabla_{w_k^{(t)}} + \eta \nabla_{w_{\gamma}^{[0](t)}} (w_{\gamma}^{[0](t)})^{-1} w_k^{(t)}$$

$$= \mathbf{w}_k^{(t)} + \rho^{(t)} \nabla_{w_k^{(t)}} + \lambda^{(t)} w_k^{(t)} \quad (6)$$

If  $\eta$  is small and all weights are initialised close to zero.

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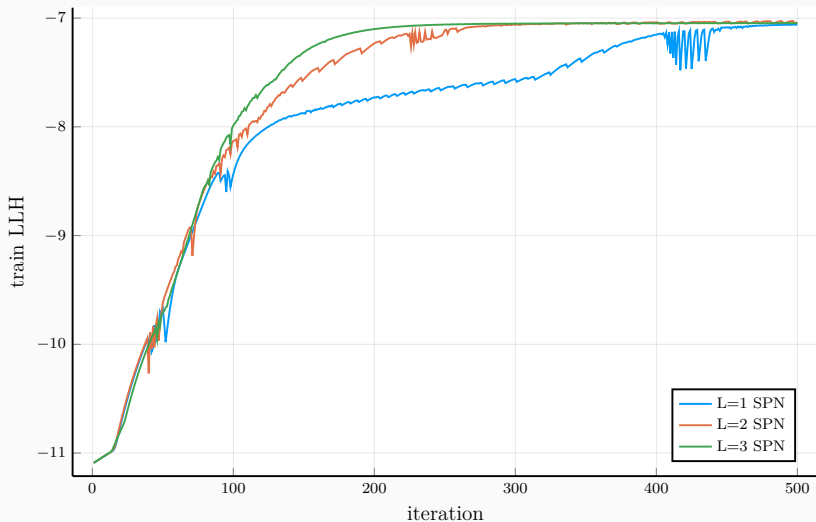
$$= w_k^{(t)} + \rho^{(t)} \nabla_{w_k^{(t)}} + \sum_{\tau=1}^{t-1} \mu^{(t,\tau)} \nabla_{w_k^{(\tau)}} \quad (8)$$

Gradient-based optimisation of any deep tree-structured sum-product network with small (fixed) learning rate and near zero initialisation of the weights is equivalent to gradient-based optimisation with adaptive and time-varying **learning rate** and **momentum term**.



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Overparameterization of SPNs on NLTCs



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## Recent Approaches

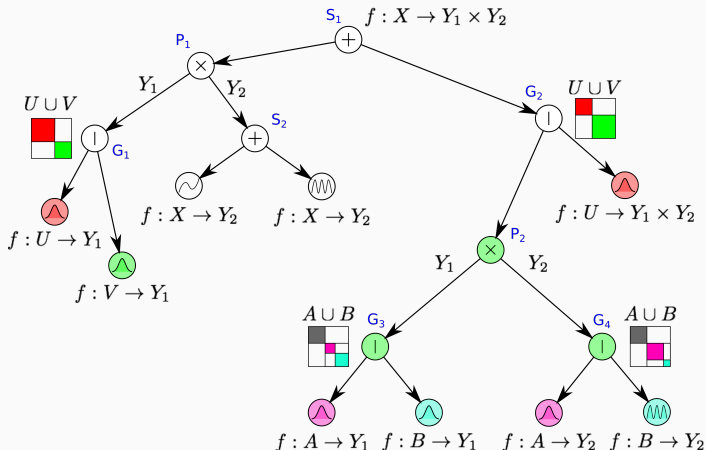
- Random tensorized SPNs. [Peharz 2019]
- Bayesian structure and parameter learning. [Trapp 2019 (ArXiv)]

# Applications

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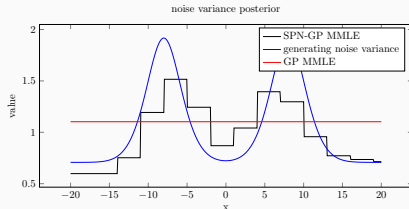
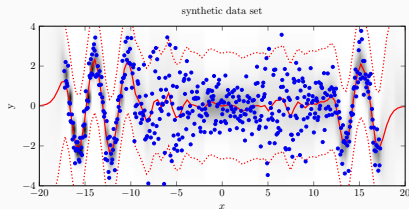
An SPN over GPs (SPN-GP) [Trapp (2018)] is a hierarchically structured mixture model which recursively combines mixtures over SPN-GPs or GPs with sub-divisions of the input space.



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## Experiments on non-stationary data

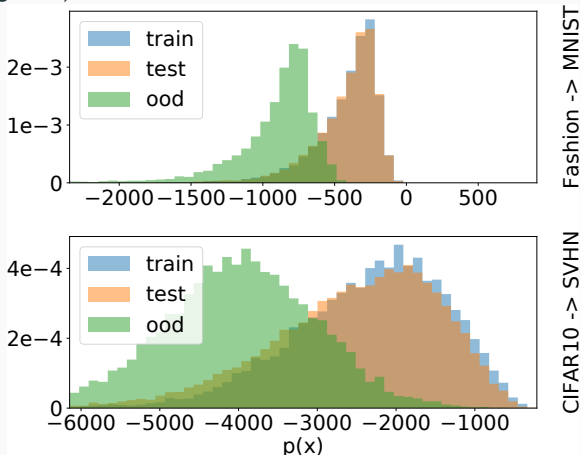
Left figure shows the density region of an SPN-GP and a full GP on non-stationary data with conditional heteroscedastic noise. The right figure shows the estimated variance hyper-parameter of the noise model for a GP and an SPN-GP.



# SPNs for Out-Of-Domain Detection

## RAT-SPNs know what they don't know

Histograms of the log-likelihoods of RAT-SPNs [Peharz 2019] on the native data set (blue: train, orange: test) and out-of-domain (ood) data set (green).

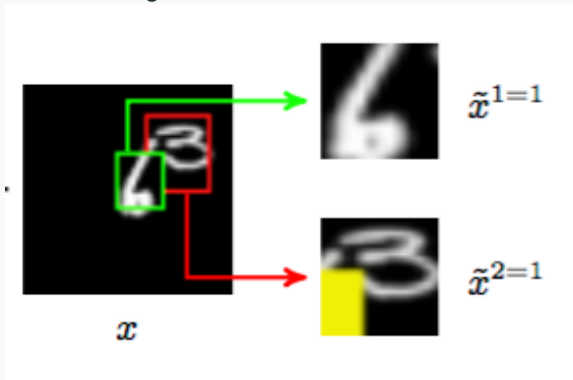




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## Faster Attend-Infer-Repeat with SPNs [Stelzner 2019]

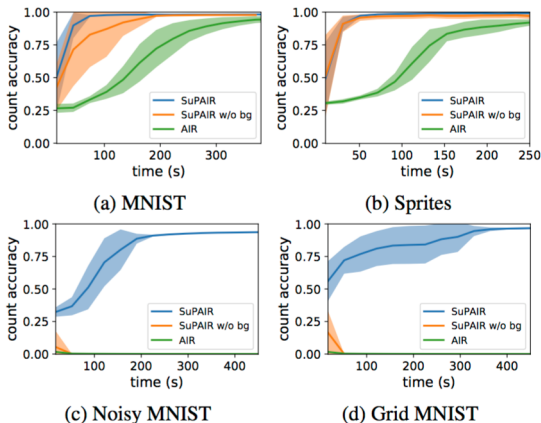
SuPAIR integrates SPNs as a subroutine into the Attend-Infer-Repeat (AIR) framework. SuPAIR learns an order of magnitude faster than AIR, treats object occlusions in a consistent manner and allows for the inclusion of a background noise model.



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Learning progress of SuPAIR and AIR on the four datasets.



**Thank you for your attention!**

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