Preference Trees over Combinatorial Domains

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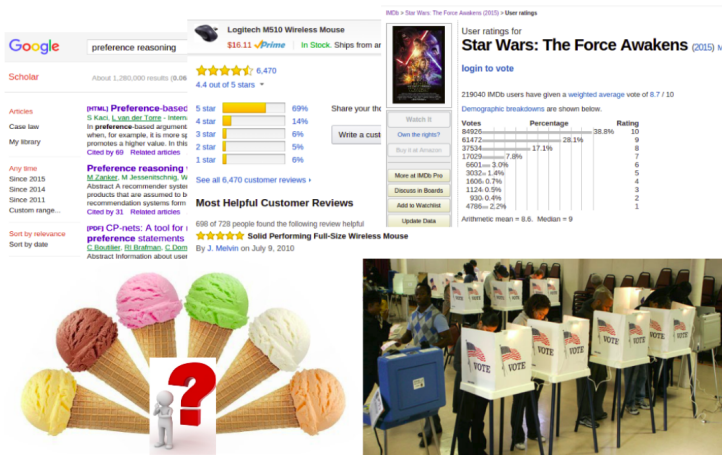Figure : Preferences of different forms

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Relations and Orderings

Binary Relations

Let O be a set of elements. A *binary relation* $\preceq$ over O is a collection of ordered pairs of elements in O; that is,

$$\preceq \,\subseteq O \times O.$$

Properties of binary relations:

1. Reflexivity: $\forall o \in O$, $o \preceq o$.
2. Irreflexivity: $\forall o \in O$, $o \not\preceq o$.
3. Totality: $\forall o_1, o_2$, $o_1 \preceq o_2$ or $o_2 \preceq o_1$.
4. Transitivity: $\forall o_1, o_2, o_3$, if $o_1 \preceq o_2$ and $o_2 \preceq o_3$, then $o_1 \preceq o_3$.
5. Symmetricity: $\forall o_1, o_2$, if $o_1 \preceq o_2$, then $o_2 \preceq o_1$.
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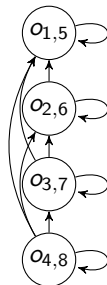
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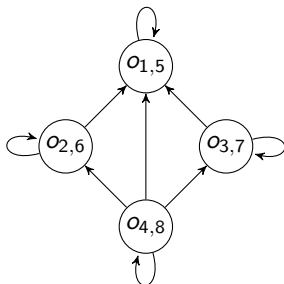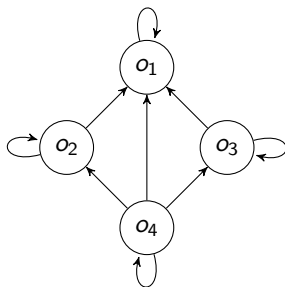

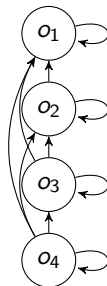(a) partial preorder

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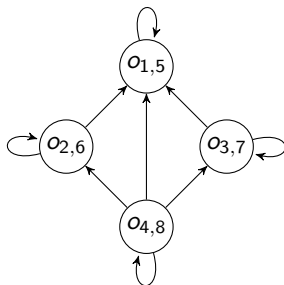

(a) partial order

(b) total order

Relations and Orderings

Preference Relations

Let $\preceq$ be a preference relation that is a partial preorder over O. We say that o_2 is *weakly preferred* to o_1 if $o_1 \preceq o_2$, that o_2 is *strictly preferred* ($\prec$) to o_1 if $o_1 \preceq o_2$ and $o_2 \not\preceq o_1$, that o_1 is *indifferent* ($\approx$) from o_2 if $o_1 \preceq o_2$ and $o_2 \preceq o_1$, and that o_1 is *incomparable* ($\sim$) with o_2 if $o_1 \not\preceq o_2$ and $o_2 \not\preceq o_1$.

(a) partial preorder

$o_1 \preceq o_5,$
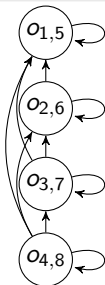
$o_4 \prec o_2,$

$o_4 \approx o_8,$

$o_6 \sim o_7.$

(b) preferences

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(a) total preorder

$$o_1 \preceq o_5,$$
$$o_4 \prec o_2,$$
$$o_4 \approx o_8,$$

(b) preferences

Combinatorial Domains

Combinatorial Domains

Let V be a finite set of variables $\{X_1, \ldots, X_p\}$, D a set of finite domains $\{Dom(X_1), \ldots, Dom(X_p)\}$ for each variable X_i. A *combinatorial domain* $CD(V)$ is a set of *outcomes* described by combinations of values from $Dom(X_i)$:

$$CD(V) = \prod_{X_i \in V} Dom(X_i).$$

Combinatorial Domains: Example

Domain of cars over set V of p binary variables:

1. **BodyType**: {mvan, sedan}.
2. **Capacity**: {5, 7m}.
3. **Color**: {blue, gray}.

⋮

$$CD(V) = \underbrace{\{\langle \text{sedan, 4, blue, } \ldots \rangle, \langle \text{mvan, 6m, gray, } \ldots \rangle, \ldots \}}_{2^p \text{ outcomes, too many!}}.$$

Computational Complexity

1. P (NP): decision problems solvable by a deterministic (nondeterministic, resp.) TM in poly time in the size of the input.
   - We typically believe that $P \subset NP$.
2. coNP: problems whose complements are in NP.
3. Δ_2^P: P^{NP}.
4. Σ_2^P: NP^{NP}.
5. PSPACE: decision problems solvable by a TM in poly space in the size of the input.
6. A decision problem L is C-hard if $L' \leq_p L$ for every L' in class C.
7. A decision problem L is C-complete if L is in class C and L is C-hard.
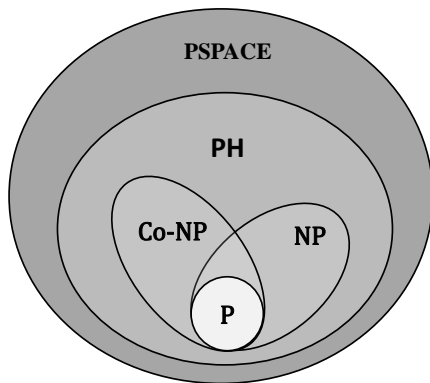
Computational Complexity

Figure : Computational complexity diagram

Combinatorial Domains: Example

Domain of cars (cf. the Car Evaluation Dataset[1])

1. **BodyType**: {mvan, sedan, sport, suv}.
2. **Capacity**: {2, 5, 7m}.
3. **Color**: {black, blue, gray, red, white}.
4. **LuggageSize**: {big, med, small}.
5. **Make**: {bmw, ford, honda, vw}.
6. **Price**: {low, med, high, vhigh}.
7. **Safety**: {low, med, high}.

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[1] http://www.cs.uky.edu/~liu/preflearnlib.php, slightly adapted in the talk.

Individual:

Figure : Dominance Testing

Qualitative Preferences

Collective:

Figure : Social Choice and Welfare

Research Problems of Interest

1. Preference representation formalisms to compactly model qualitative preferences over combinatorial domains.
2. Preference elicitation and learning methods to cast preferences of agents in a formalism.
3. Preference reasoning tasks:
   - Dominance and optimization
   - Manipulation: better off by misreporting preferences untruthfully.

Preference Modeling

Q: How do we compactly represent qualitative preferences over combinatorial domains?

1. Answer-Set Optimization Theories[2]
2. Ceteris Paribus Networks (e.g., CP-nets[3], TCP-nets[4], CI-nets[5])
3. Conditional Preference Theories[6]

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Preference Learning

Q: How do we learn predictive qualitative preference models over combinatorial domains?

1. Ceteris Paribus Networks (e.g., CP-nets[13,14,15])
2. Preference Trees (e.g., LP-trees[16], CLP-trees[17], **PLP-trees**[18])
3. **Preference Forests**[19]

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Preference Reasoning

Q: How do we reason about preferences over combinatorial domains?

1. **Preference Optimization**[20,21,22]:
   - Dominance testing: $o_1 \succ_P o_2$?
   - Optimality testing: $o_1 \succ_P o_2$ for all $o_2 \neq o_1$?
   - Optimality computing: what is the optimal outcome wrt P?
   - Ranking: how are the outcomes ordered wrt P?

2. Preference Misrepresentation[23]:
   - Control
   - **Manipulation**[24]
   - Bribery

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Preference Applications

Q: What fields can we apply preferences to?

1. Game Theory:
   - **Hedonic games**[25]
2. Automated Planning and Scheduling:
   - **Trip planning**[26]
3. Data-Driven Decision Making:
   - **Predictive decisions**[27]

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Outline

1. The languages of P-trees, PLP-trees, and LP-trees
2. Learning of preference models (PLP-trees and P-forests)
3. Reasoning with preferences:
   - Computing winners and "strong" outcomes when votes are LP-trees
   - Application in trip planning
4. Future research directions

Outline

Preference Trees

1. Let $\mathcal{I} = \{X_1, \ldots, X_p\}$ be a set of attributes, and $D(\mathcal{I}) = \{Dom(X_1), \ldots, Dom(X_p)\}$ a set of finite domains for $\mathcal{I}$.

2. A *literal* is an assignment to an attribute. We denote by $X_i := x_{i,j}$ the literal that assigns value $x_{i,j} \in Dom(X_i)$ to X_i. When no confusion, we write $x_{i,j}$, instead of $X_i := x_{i,j}$, as a literal. We then denote by $\mathcal{L} = \{x_{i,j} \in Dom(X_i) : X_i \in \mathcal{I}\}$ the set of literals given $\mathcal{I}$ and $D(\mathcal{I})$.

3. The combinatorial domain $CD(\mathcal{I})$ is defined as earlier.

Preference Trees

4. A **P-tree** T over $CD(\mathcal{I})$ is a binary tree, where non-leaf nodes are labeled with propositional formulas over $\mathcal{L}$.

5. Given an outcome $o \in CD(\mathcal{I})$, the **leaf** $l_T(o)$ is the leaf reached by traversing the tree T according to o. When at a node N labeled with φ, if $o \models \varphi$, we descend to the left child of N; otherwise, to the right.

6. For $o_1, o_2 \in CD(\mathcal{I})$, we have $o_1 \succ_T o_2$ if $l_T(o_1) \succ_T l_T(o_2)$, and $o_1 \approx_T o_2$ if $l_T(o_1) = l_T(o_2)$. Outcome o_1 is **optimal** if there exists no o_2 such that $o_2 \succ_T o_1$.

Example: The Cars Domain

1. **BodyType**(X_1): {mvan($x_{1,1}$), sedan($x_{1,2}$), sport($x_{1,3}$), suv($x_{1,4}$)}.
2. **Capacity**(X_2): {2, 5, 7m}.
3. **Color**(X_3): {black, blue, gray, red, white}.
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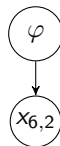**Price**(X_6): {low, med, high, vhigh}.
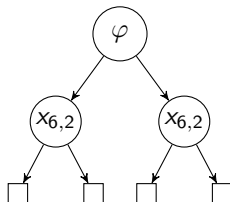
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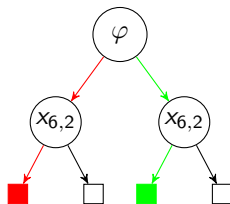
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$Car2 \succ Car1$

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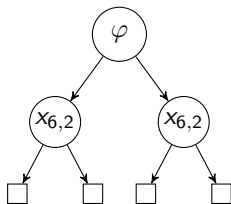
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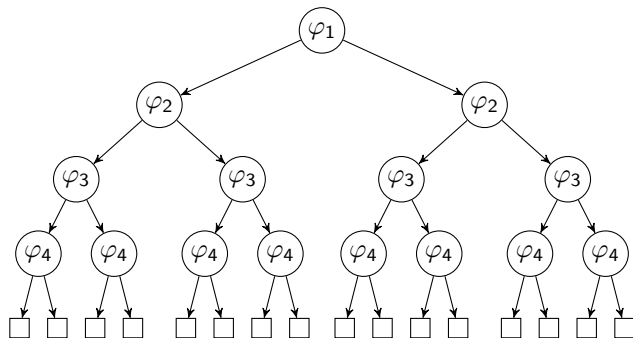
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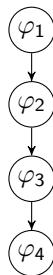
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Compact Representation of P-trees

A *compact P-tree* over $CD(\mathcal{I})$ is a binary tree where

1. every node is labeled with a Boolean formula over $\mathcal{I}$, and
2. every non-leaf node t labeled with φ has either two outgoing edges (Figure (a)), or one outgoing edge pointing left (Figure (b)), right (Figure (c)), or straight-down (Figure (d)).
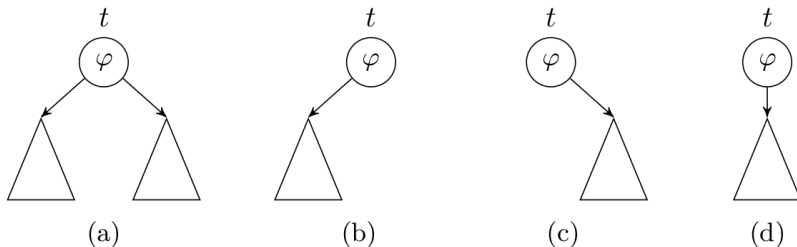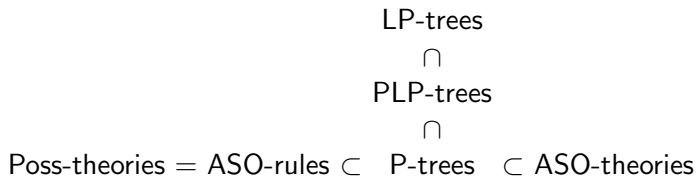

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Relative Expressivity of Preference Languages

LP-trees
$\cap$
PLP-trees
$\cap$
Poss-theories = ASO-rules $\subset$ P-trees $\subset$ ASO-theories

Computational Complexity Results

$\textsc{DomTest}$: is it that $o \succeq_T o'$ in P-tree T?
$\textsc{OptTest}$: is outcome o optimal w.r.t T?
$\textsc{OptProp}$: is there an optimal outcome o w.r.t T st $o \models \alpha$?

	$\textsc{DomTest}$	$\textsc{OptTest}$	$\textsc{OptProp}$
LP-tree	P	P	P
ASO-rule/ Poss-theory	P	coNP-c	$\Delta_2^P(P^{NP})$
P-tree	**P**	**coNP-c**[29]	$\Delta_2^P(P^{NP})$**-c**[30]
ASO-theory	P	coNP-c	$\Sigma_2^P(NP^{NP})$-c

Figure : Computational complexity results

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[29] The complement problem is reduced from the SAT problem.

[30] The problem is reduced from the Maximum Satisfying Assignment (MSA) problem.

Partial Lexicographic Preference Trees (PLP-Tree)

A *PLP-tree* over $CD(\mathcal{I})$ is a tree, where

1. every node t is labeled with an attribute $Attr(t)$ in $\mathcal{I}$ and a conditional preference table $CPT(t)$,
2. every non-leaf node t has either one unlabeled outgoing edge or multiple outgoing edges labeled, each labeled by some value in $Dom(Attr(t))$, and
3. every attribute appears *at most* once on every branch.
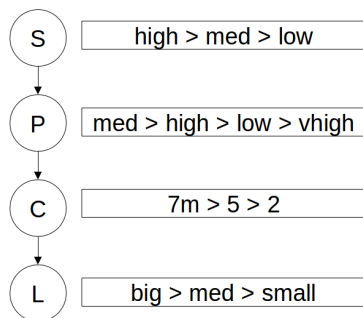
Partial Lexicographic Preference Trees (PLP-Tree)

Figure : Unconditional Importance & Unconditional Preference (UIUP) PLP-tree

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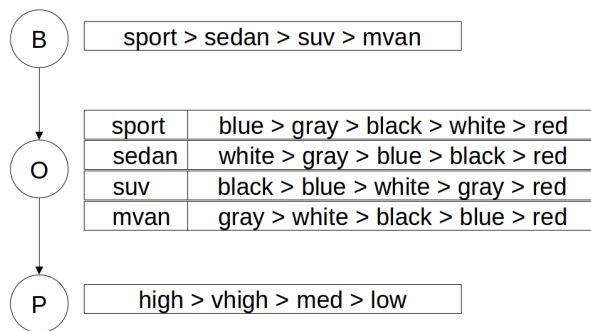
Figure : Unconditional Importance & Conditional Preference (UICP) PLP-tree

According to this UICP PLP-tree, *Car2* is preferred to *Car1*.
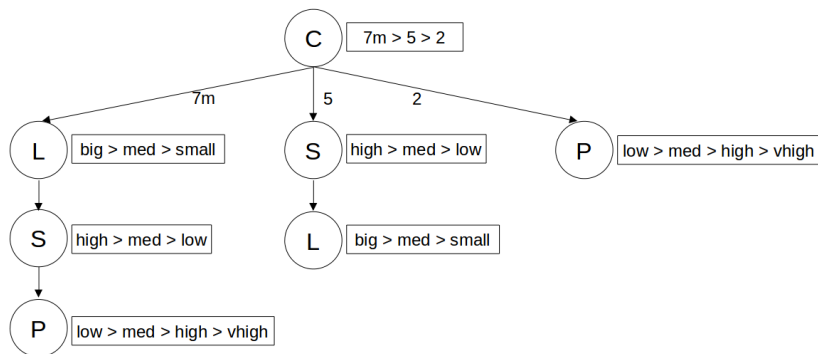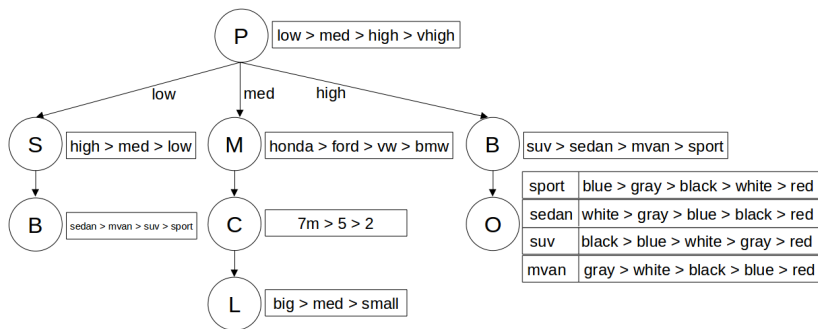
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Lexicographic Preference Trees (LP-Trees)

1. An *LP-tree* $\mathcal{L}$ over $CD(\mathcal{I})$ is a PLP-tree, where
   - each attribute appears **exactly once** on every path from the root to a leaf.

Outline

Learning Problems on PLP-trees

Consistent Learning (CONSLEARN)

Given an example set $\mathcal{E}$, decide whether there exists a PLP-tree T (of a particular type) such that T is consistent with $\mathcal{E}$.

Small Learning (SMALLLEARN)

Given an example set $\mathcal{E}$ and a positive integer l ($l \leq |\mathcal{E}|$), decide whether there exists a PLP-tree T (of a particular type) such that T is consistent with $\mathcal{E}$ and $|T| \leq l$.

Maixmal Learning (MAXLEARN)

Given an example set $\mathcal{E}$ and a positive integer k ($k \leq m$), decide whether there exists a PLP-tree T (of a particular type) such that T satisfies at least k examples in $\mathcal{E}$.

	UP	CP
UI	P	P
CI	NPC[31]	P

(a) CONSLEARN

	UP	CP
UI	NPC	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(b) SMALLLEARN

	UP	CP
UI	NPC[32]	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(c) MAXLEARN

Figure : Complexity results for passive learning problems

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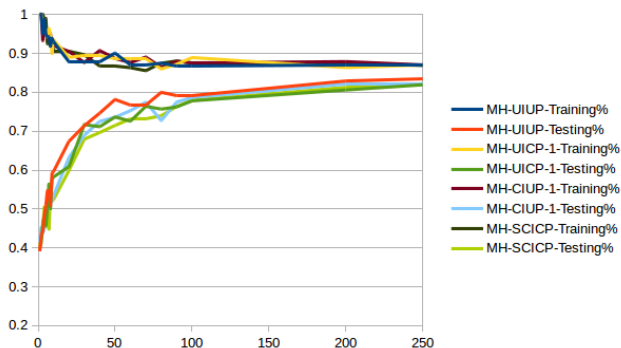Figure : Learning curve for UIUP using ASP and greedy heuristic

Figure : Learning curve for all four classes using greedy heuristic

Preference Forests (P-Forests)

1. A *preference forest* F is a collection of PLP-trees $F = \{T_1, \ldots, T_n\}$.
2. Denote by $N_F(o_1, o_2) = |\{T \in F : o_1 \succ_T o_2\}|$.
3. Given a preference forest F, and two outcomes o_1 and o_2, we say that $o_1 \succ_F^{Maj} o_2$ iff $N_F(o_1, o_2) > N_F(o_2, o_1)$, and that $o_1 \approx_F^{Maj} o_2$ iff $N_F(o_1, o_2) = N_F(o_2, o_1)$.
   - Pro: intuitive, decided in polynomial time.
   - Con: Condorcet paradox.
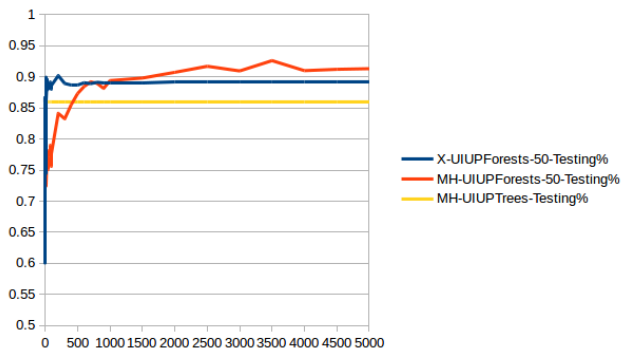   - Other aggregating rules: positional scoring rules, Copeland's method, etc.

Figure : Learning UIUP using ASP and greedy heuristic
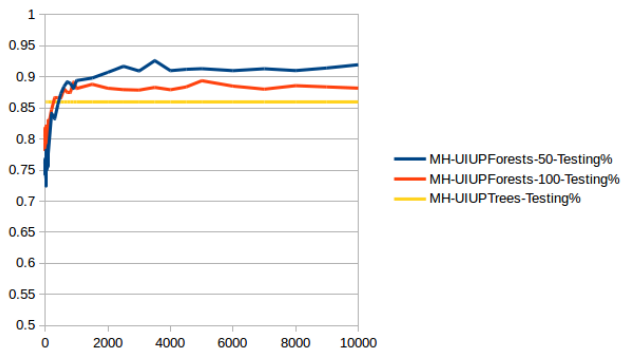
Experimental Results on P-Forests

Figure : Learning all four classes using greedy heuristic

Outline

Positional Scoring Rules

- k-approval: $(1, \ldots, 1, 0, \ldots, 0)$ with k being the number of 1's and $m - k$ the number of 0's where $m = 2^p$.

- (k, l)-approval: $(a, \ldots, a, b, \ldots, b, 0 \ldots, 0)$, where a and b are constants ($a > b$) and the numbers of a's and b's equal to k and l, respectively.

- b-Borda: $(b, b - 1, \ldots, 0)$, where if $b > m - 1$, b-Borda is reduced to the regular Borda rule with $(m - 1, m - 2, \ldots, 1, 0)$.

The Evaluation and Winner Problems

The Evaluation Problem

Let r be a positional scoring rule with a scoring vector w, $\mathcal{C}$ a class of LP-trees. Given a $\mathcal{C}$-profile P of n LP-trees over p attributes and a positive integer R, the *evaluation* problem is to decide whether there exists an alternative $o \in \mathcal{X}$ such that $s_w(o, P) \geq R$.

The Winner Problem

Let r be a positional scoring rule with a scoring vector w, $\mathcal{C}$ a class of LP-trees. Given a $\mathcal{C}$-profile P of n LP-trees over p attributes, the *winner* problem is to compute an alternative $o \in \mathcal{X}$ with the maximum score $s_w(o, P)$.

	UP	CP
UI	P	P
CI	P	P

(a) $k = 2^{p-1} \pm f(p)$, $f(p)$ is a poly

	UP	CP
UI	NPC	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(b) $k = 2^{p-c}$, $c > 1$ is a const

Figure : k-Approval

	UP	CP
UI	P	P
CI	P	P

(a) $k = l = 2^{p-1}$

	UP	CP
UI	NPC	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(b) $k = l = 2^{p-c}$, $c > 1$ is a const

Figure : (k, l)-Approval [33]

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[33] Liu and Truszczynski, *Aggregating Conditionally Lexicographic Preferences Using Answer Set Programming*, ADT, 2013.

	UP	CP
UI	P	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(a) $b = 2^p - 1$

	UP	CP
UI	NPC	NPC
CI	NPC	NPC

(b) $b = 2^{p-c} - 1$, $c \geq 1$ is a const
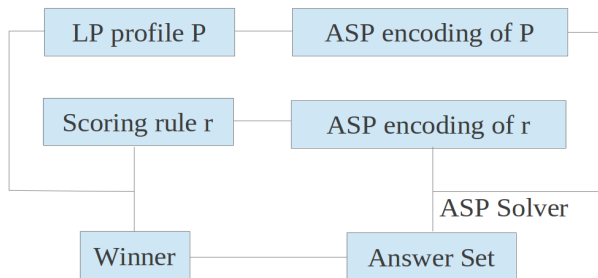
Figure : b-Borda

Modeling the Problems in ASP

Figure : The winner problem

- Solvers: *clingo*[34], *clingcon*[35]

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[34] M. Gebser et al. "Potassco: The Potsdam Answer Set Solving Collection". In: AI Communications (2011)

[35] Max Ostrowski and Torsten Schaub. "ASP modulo CSP: The clingcon system". In: TPLP (2012)
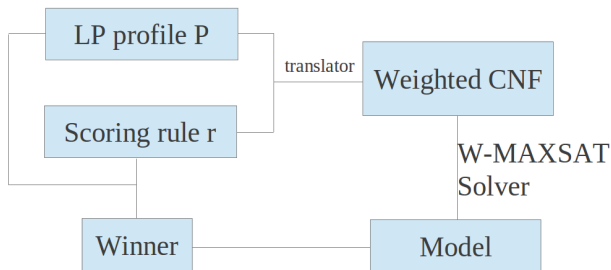
Modeling the Problems in W-MAXSAT

Figure : The winner problem

- Solver: *toulbar*[36]

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[36]M Sanchez et al. "Max-CSP competition 2008: toulbar2 solver description". In: the Third International CSP Solver Competition (2008)

Random LP Profiles

- To experiment with LP profiles, we developed methods to randomly generate *encodings* of a special type of CI-CP LP-tree of size linear in the number of attributes
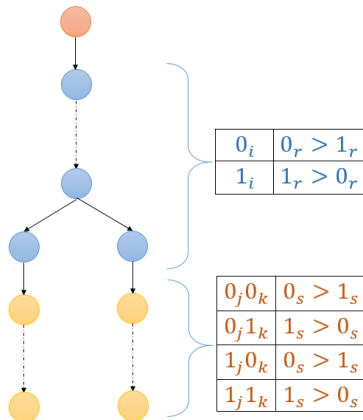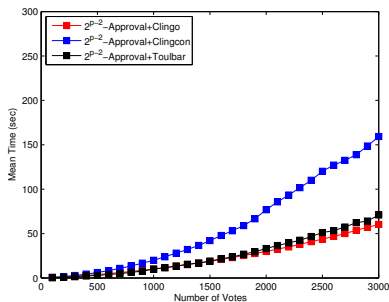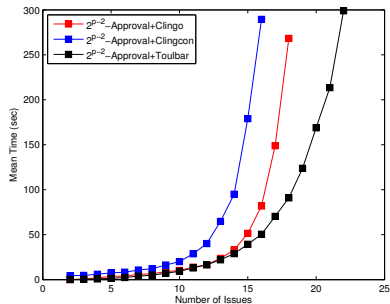

0_i	$0_r > 1_r$
1_i	$1_r > 0_r$

$0_j 0_k$	$0_s > 1_s$
$0_j 1_k$	$1_s > 0_s$
$1_j 0_k$	$0_s > 1_s$
$1_j 1_k$	$1_s > 0_s$

Figure : Random LP-tree

(a) Fixed #attributes (10)   (b) Fixed #votes (1000)

Figure : Solving the winner problem
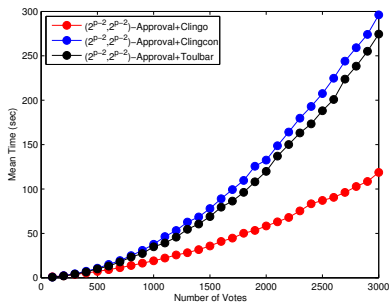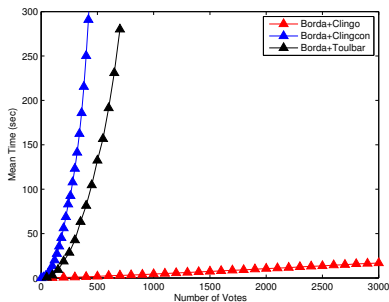
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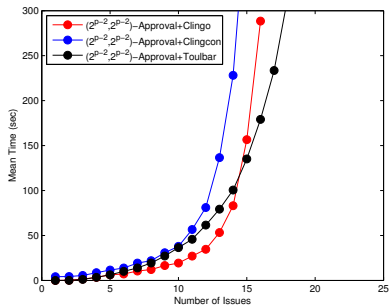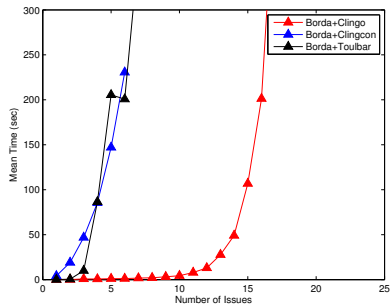
(b) Fixed #votes (1000)

Figure : Solving the winner problem

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[37] scoring vector: $(2, \ldots, 2, 1, \ldots, 1, 0, \ldots, 0)$ with the numbers of 2's and 1's equal to 2^{p-2}

(a) Fixed #attributes (10) (b) Fixed #votes (1000)

Figure : Solving the winner problem

Outline

1. The languages of P-trees, PLP-trees, and LP-trees

2. Learning of preference models (PLP-trees and P-forests)

3. Reasoning with preferences:
   - Computing winners and "strong" outcomes when votes are LP-trees
   - Application in trip planning

4. Future research directions
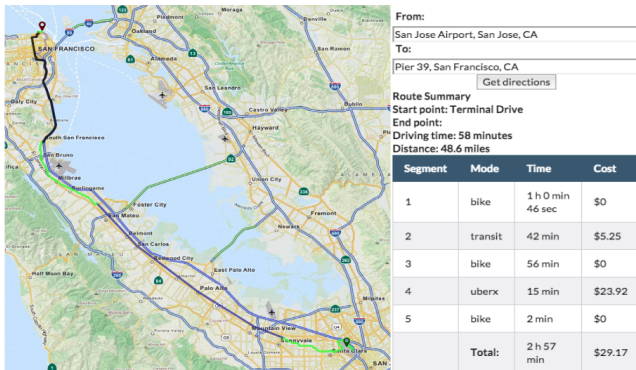
Personalization in Trip Planning

1. Important to incorporate user constraints and preferences into trip planning systems.
2. Collaboration with experts (in AI, planning, optimization, multi-agent systems) at PARC.
3. Developed a hipergraph-based trip planner that accommodates constraints specified as *linear temporal logic* and preferences expressed as *preferential cost function* to compute optimal routes using A*[38].
4. Available later for trip planning in the Bay Area, LA, and Denver.

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[38]Xudong Liu et al. "On Personalizability and Extensibility of Multi-Modal Trip Planning". In: PARC Symposium. 2015

Personalization in Trip Planning

1. From SJC, to Pier 39, Monday, 9am.
2. Constraints: never drive a car, and bike for 1 to 2 hours.
3. Preferences: bike = public (0.25) > wait(2) > walk(3), and 30$/hr.

Outline

Data-Driven Preference Engineering

1. Recommender Systems[39]:
   1. Collaborative
   2. Content-based
   3. Hybrid
2. Machine Learning:
   1. Supervised learning (e.g., decision trees, random forests)
   2. Label ranking[40]
3. Preference Elicitation (Human-in-the-Loop):
   1. Context-based
4. Preference Learning:
   1. Conditional Preference Networks, Preference Trees
   2. Stochastic Models (e.g., Choquet integral[41], TOPSIS-like models[42])

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[41] Agnes Leroy, Vincent Mousseau, and Marc Pirlot. "Learning the parameters of a multiple criteria sorting method". In: Algorithmic decision theory. 2011

[42] Manish Agarwal, Ali Fallah Tehrani, and Eyke Hüllermeier. "Preference-based Learning of Ideal Solutions in TOPSIS-like Decision Models". In: Journal of Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (2014)

Preference Reasoning and Applications

1. Social Choice and Welfare[43]:
   1. Voting
   2. Fair devision
   3. Strategyproof Social Choice
2. Automated Planning and Scheduling:
   1. Travel scheduling
   2. Manufacturing
   3. Traffic control
3. Computer Vision and Image Processing:
   1. Image retrieval
   2. Image and video understanding

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[43]Kenneth J Arrow, Amartya Sen, and Kotaro Suzumura. Handbook of Social Choice and Welfare. Vol. 1 & 2. 2010

Questions?

Thank you!