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REDUCTION OF ILP SEARCH SPACE WITH BOTTOM-UP PROPOSITIONALISATION

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LEARNING TASK

Let $\mathcal{L}_{\text{BPILP}}$ be a language and let T be the learning task of our approach, such that $T = \langle B, E+, E- \rangle$ is defined in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{BPILP}}$, where:

B Background knowledge, a stratified normal logic program, with no occurrence of the target predicate anywhere in the bodies of rules.

E+ Positive examples, a set of ground atoms of the same predicate with no functor symbols

E- Negative examples, also a set of ground atoms with no functor symbols of the same predicate in $E+$

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Let $\mathcal{L}^*_{\text{BPILP}}$ be an extended language defined as $\{\mathcal{L}_{\text{BPILP}} \cup \varphi\}$ where φ is an invented predicate that does not appear anywhere in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{BPILP}}$. A solution H is a (set of) normal clause(s) such that:

1. $H \in \mathcal{L}^*_{\text{BPILP}}$
2. $\forall e^+ \in E^+ : B \cup H \models e^+$
3. $\forall e^- \in E^- : B \cup H \not\models e^-$

OUR APPROACH

- We develop an algorithmic approach that interleaves incremental feature-construction and selecting useful features using:
 - **Bottom-up Propositionalisation**
 - **Extended Set Operations** -Takes into account *generality*
- It works on normal logic observational learning tasks

EXAMPLE

- **Background**

```
child(X,Y):- son(X,Y).  
child(X,Y):- daughter(X,Y).  
son(sam, sara).  
daughter(alice, mary).  
female(sara).  
female(alice).  
female(mary).  
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```

- **Positive Examples**

```
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```

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EXAMPLE

1. Get model(B):

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <code>child(sam, sara) .</code> | <code>female(sara) .</code> |
| <code>child(alice, mary) .</code> | <code>female(alice) .</code> |
| <code>son(sam, sara) .</code> | <code>female(mary) .</code> |
| <code>daughter(alice, mary) .</code> | <code>male(sam) .</code> |

2. Find Target:

The head of the main clause of the hypothesis is the least general-generalisation of the positive examples

$$\text{lgg}(\text{mother(sara, sam)}, \text{mother(mary, alice)}) = \text{mother(X,Y)}$$

- With $\text{mother}(X,Y)$ as target

- Find mapping of example terms to head vars
- Find relevant atoms in $\text{model}(B)$ by term linking
- Generalise links wrt $\mathcal{M}(e)$

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Select Features:

$$\begin{aligned} & \cap^* \text{feats}(e^+) \quad \forall e^+ \in E^+ \\ & \cup \text{feats}(e^-) \quad \setminus^* \cup \text{feats}(e^+) \end{aligned}$$

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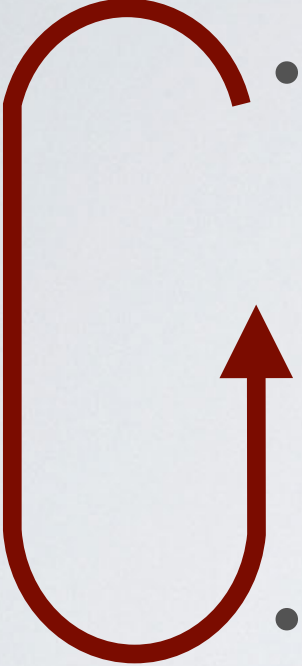
Saturated Hypothesis:

$\text{mother}(X,Y):- \text{child}(Y,X), \text{female}(X), \text{not } \text{child}(X,Y),$
 $\text{not } \text{daughter}(X,Y), \text{not } \text{male}(X).$

Reduced Hypothesis:

$\text{mother}(X,Y):- \text{child}(Y,X), \text{female}(X).$

SUMMARY

- 
- **Bottom-up Propositionalisation** (*feature construction*)
 - Get mapping \mathcal{M}
 - Find links via terms
 - Generalise atoms in Links wrt \mathcal{M}
 - **Extended Set Operations** (*feature selection*)
 - If a simple solution is not found, process is repeated to expand skolem variables or invent predicates

THEORETICAL PROPERTIES

- Stratification of B U H
- Soundness
- Feature minimality
- Existence of solution

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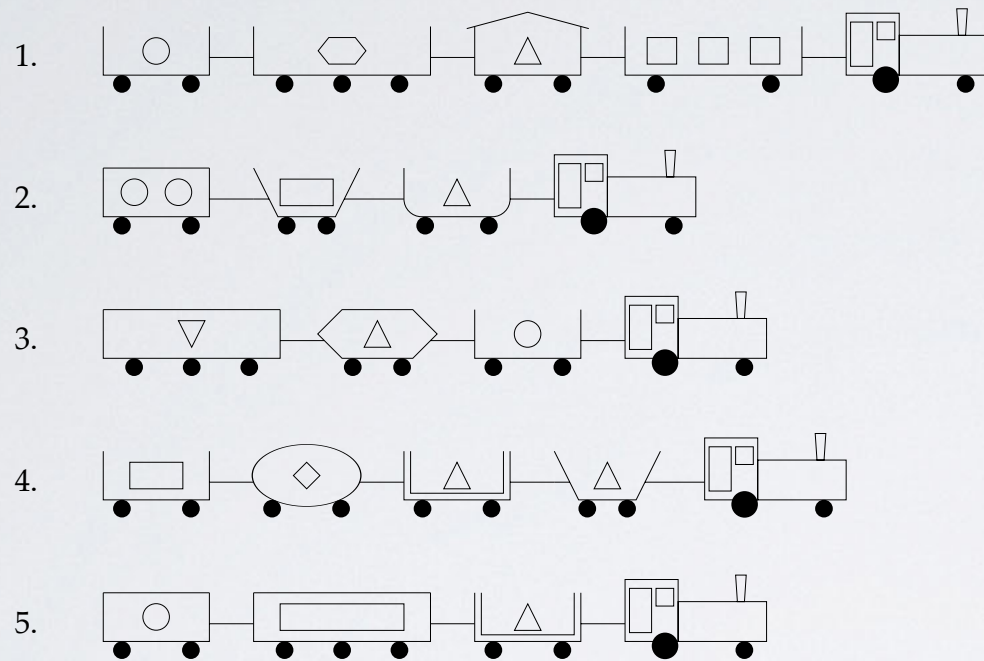
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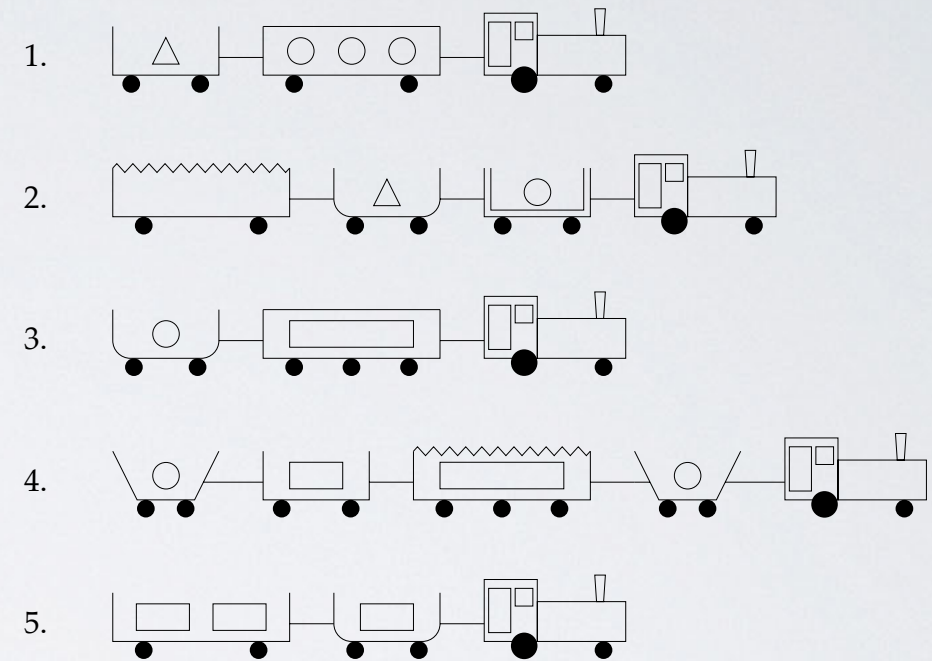
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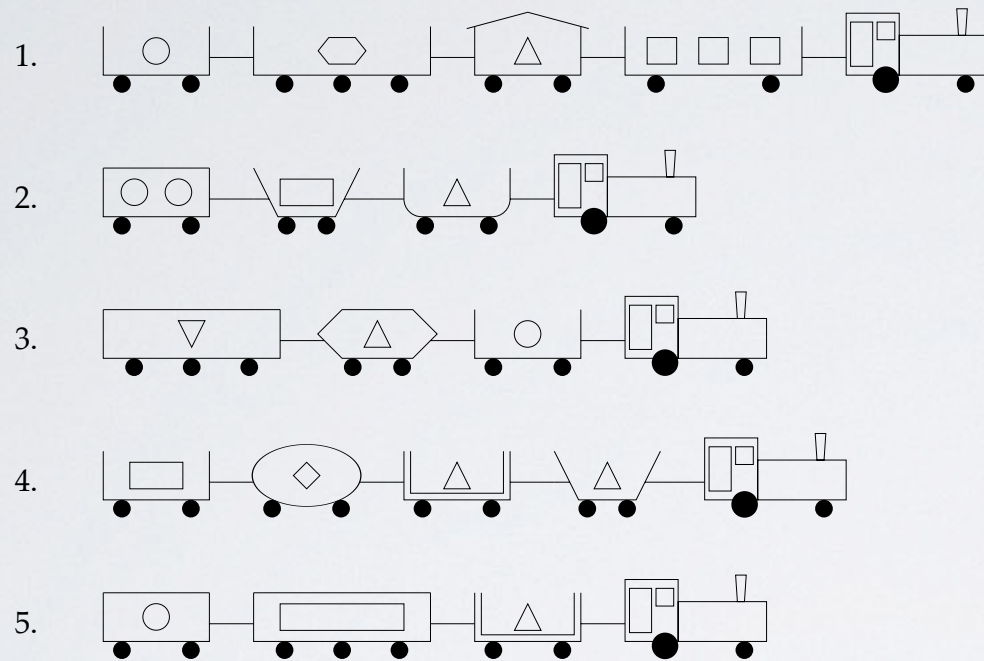
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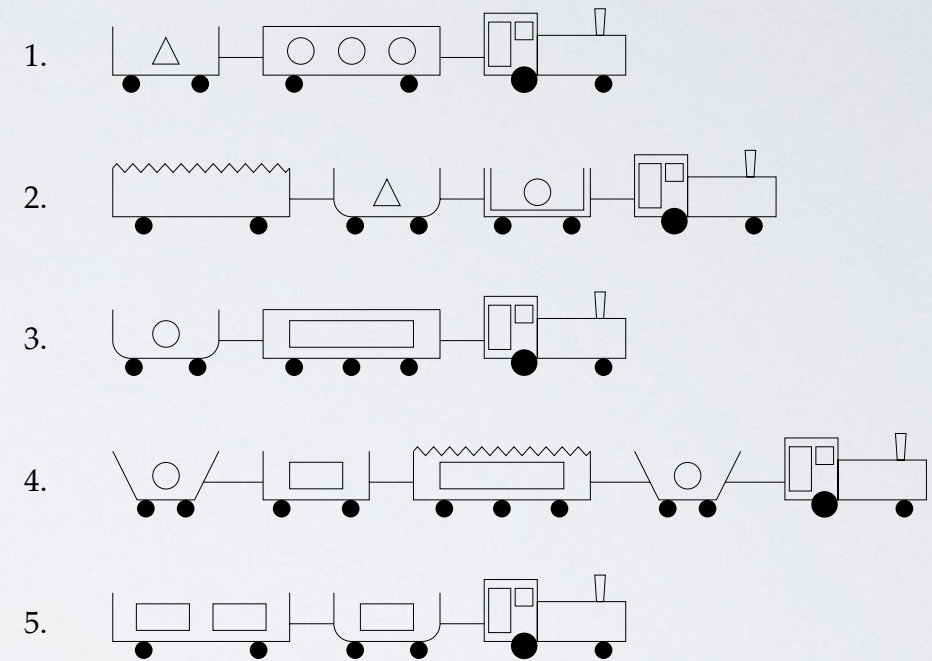
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Weaknesses

- Observational learning only
- Works best on single-clause hypothesis
- Does not work well with recursive definitions

EXTRA

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- Let $A = \{p(x, x), p(SK, y), q(x)\}$
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$$q(x) \neq q(y)$$

**Since they are
head variables
they are treated
as constants and
cannot be unified
to another value**

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Recursive Definitions

- At its current implementation, this approach does not work very well with recursive definitions
- This has to do with checking feature coverage, target predicate is treated the same as other features

Recursive Definitions

- Learnable Recursive Theory
 - $vp(X,Y):- vp(X,Z), \text{modif}(Z,Y)$

| B | E ⁺ | E ⁻ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| np(0,1). vp(1,2). modif(2,3). | vp(1,3). vp(5,7). | vp(1,7). |
| np(4,5). vp(5,6). modif(6,7). | | |

Recursive Definitions

- Unlearnable Recursive Theory
 - $\text{ancestor}(X,Y):- \text{parent}(X,Z), \text{ancestor}(Z,Y)$

| B | E^+ | E^- |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| parent(a,b). parent(b,c). parent(b,f). parent(f,g). parent(c,d). parent(d,e). ancestor(X,Y):- parent(X,Y). | ancestor(a,c). ancestor(a,d). ancestor(b,e). ancestor(a,e). | ancestor(d,a). ancestor(f,e). |

Multiple Mappings

- Let target be $p(X, Y)$
- Let $e = p(\text{bob}, \text{bob})$
- $\mathcal{M}(e) = \{ \text{bob} \mapsto \{X, Y\} \}$

How do we generalise links in this case?

A feature is generated for each mapping

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If $q(\text{bob})$ is in $\text{Links}(e)$ then both

$q(X)$ and $q(Y)$

are generalisations with respect to $\mathcal{M}(e)$

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- Let $t = |\text{head vars}|$
- Any atom can be generalised in $(t+1)^n$ ways where n is the arity of the predicate

Reduction In Feature Templates

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- Example:

Let $t = 2$ (target = $p(X, Y)$)

let $r/2$ be a predicate, it can be generalised as

- $r(X, X)$
- $r(X, Y)$
- $r(X, SK)$
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