# On the Relationship between Neural Networks and Quantitative Argumentation Frameworks

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### Overview

**Multilayer Perceptrons** 

### **Argumentation Frameworks**



Black-Box?

White-Box?

# Gradual Bipolar Argumentation Frameworks

- Ingredients
  - BAG
  - Base Scores (Argument Weights)
  - Update Function





# Edge-Weighted GAFs

- Ingredients
  - BAG
  - Base Scores (Argument Weights)
  - Edge Weights
  - Update Function





### Neural Networks and BAFs



### Question 1: Update Function (AAAI 2021)



# Question 2: Semantical Guarantees (AAAI 2021)

### Desirable properties

- Adding attacker should weaken argument
- Adding supporter should strengthen argument
- Attack and support should have symmetric effects
- Adding attackers should make argument arbitrarily weak
- Adding supporters should make argument arbitrarily strong

Property	DfQ	Euler	QEM	MLP
Anonymity	✓	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	✓	✓
Independence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Directionality	✓	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	✓
Equivalence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stability	✓	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	✓
Neutrality	✓	✓	✓	✓
(Strict) Monotony	(✓)	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	✓	✓
(Strict) Reinforcement	(✓)	✓	✓	✓
Resilience	(✓)	✓	✓	✓
Franklin	✓	✓	✓	✓
Weakening	(✓)	✓	✓	✓
Strengthening	(✓)	✓	✓	✓
Duality	✓	×	✓	✓
Open-Mindedness	×	×	✓	(✓)

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## Beyond Layered Graphs (AAAI 2021)



**Discrete Updates** 

**Continuous Updates** 

https://sourceforge.net/projects/attractorproject/

### Conclusions



### Future Work: Interpretable ML (XI-ML 2020, Arxiv)







#### https://github.com/jspieler/QBAF-Learning

### More Details

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