

# Iterative Learning of Answer Set Programs from Context Dependent Examples

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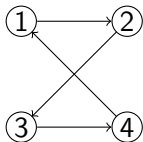
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- ▶ The key advantages are that:
  - ▶ The hypotheses are human readable.
  - ▶ Can define useful concepts in the background knowledge.
  - ▶ Can give a very structured language bias to guide the search.



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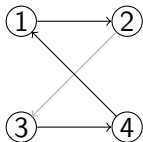


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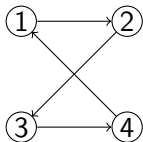


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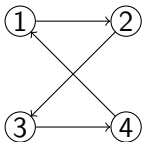


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- ▶ An answer set  $A$  extends  $e$  iff  $e^{inc} \subseteq A$  and  $e^{exc} \cap A = \emptyset$ .
- ▶ A positive (resp. negative) example  $e$  is covered if at least one (resp. no) answer set of  $B \cup H$  extends  $e$ .



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$ILP_{LOAS}$  (Law et al. 2015) is a generalisation of  $ILP_{LAS}$  which enables the learning of weak constraints.

### Definition

*An ordering example  $o$  is a pair  $\langle e_1, e_2 \rangle$ . A program  $P$  is said to bravely (resp. cautiously) respect  $o$  if for at least one (resp. every) pair  $\langle A_1, A_2 \rangle$  such that  $A_1, A_2 \in AS(P)$ ,  $A_1$  extends  $e_1$  and  $A_2$  extends  $e_2$ , it is the case that  $A_1 \prec_P A_2$ .*





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## Journey Preferences

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} :\sim \text{mode}(\text{L}, \text{walk}), \text{crime\_rating}(\text{L}, \text{R}), \text{R} > 3. [\text{1@3}, \text{L}, \text{R}] \\ :\sim \text{mode}(\text{L}, \text{bus}). [\text{1@2}, \text{L}] \\ :\sim \text{mode}(\text{L}, \text{walk}), \text{distance}(\text{L}, \text{D}). [\text{D@1}, \text{L}, \text{D}] \end{array} \right\}$$

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- Walk 400m through an area with crime rating of 2.
- Take the bus 3km through an area with crime rating 4.

### Journey B

- Take the bus 4km through an area with crime rating of 2
- Walk 1km through an area with crime rating 5.

### Journey C

- Take the bus 400m through an area with crime rating of 2.
- Take a second bus 3km through an area with crime rating 4

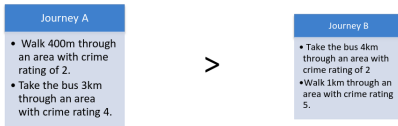
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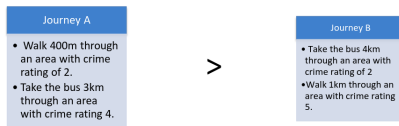
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- Given examples of this form, we can learn:

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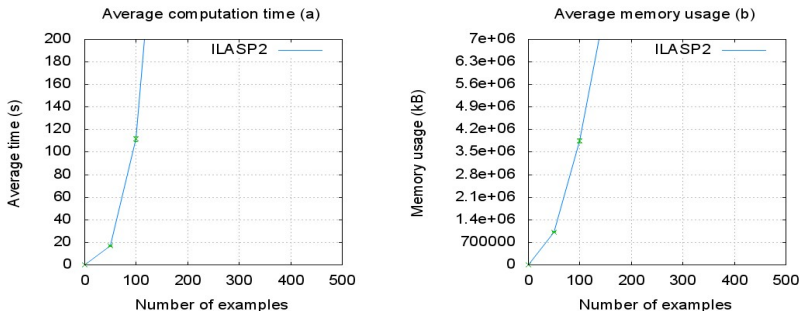
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**Figure:** (a) the average computation time and (b) the memory usage of ILASP2 for learning journey preferences.



## Reason for Scalability Issues

- ▶ The background knowledge contains all the attributes of each journey
- ▶ Can we divide this background knowledge into pieces that only apply for particular examples?



## Context-dependent examples

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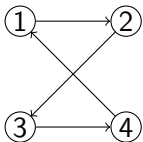
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For example, we may wish to learn that when it is raining a user prefers to take the bus; otherwise, they prefer to walk.

$$E^+ = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \langle \{\text{bus}\}, \emptyset \rangle, \{\text{rain.}\} \rangle, \\ \langle \langle \{\text{walk}\}, \emptyset \rangle, \{\} \rangle \end{array} \right\}, \quad E^- = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \langle \{\text{walk}\}, \emptyset \rangle, \{\text{rain.}\} \rangle, \\ \langle \langle \{\text{bus}\}, \emptyset \rangle, \{\} \rangle \end{array} \right\}$$



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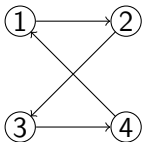
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## Complexity

- In the paper, we present a mapping  $\mathcal{T}_{LOAS}$  from any  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  task to an  $ILP_{LOAS}$  task.

### Theorem 1

*For any  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  task  $T$ ,  $ILP_{LOAS}(\mathcal{T}_{LOAS}(T)) = ILP_{LOAS}^{context}(T)$ .*

### Theorem 2

*The complexity of deciding whether an  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  task is satisfiable is  $\Sigma_2^P$ -complete.*



## ILASP2i

- ▶ The mapping  $\mathcal{T}_{LOAS}$  means that we can use ILASP2 to compute solutions for any context dependent task:
  - ▶ This would be by calling  $ILASP2(\mathcal{T}_{LOAS}(\langle B, S_M, E \rangle))$ .
  - ▶ However, ILASP2 is known to scale poorly wrt the number of examples.
- ▶ Our new algorithm, ILASP2i, iteratively computes a subset of the examples  $Rel$ , called *relevant examples*.
  - ▶ In each iteration, we call  $ILASP2(\mathcal{T}_{LOAS}(\langle B, S_M, Rel \rangle))$ .



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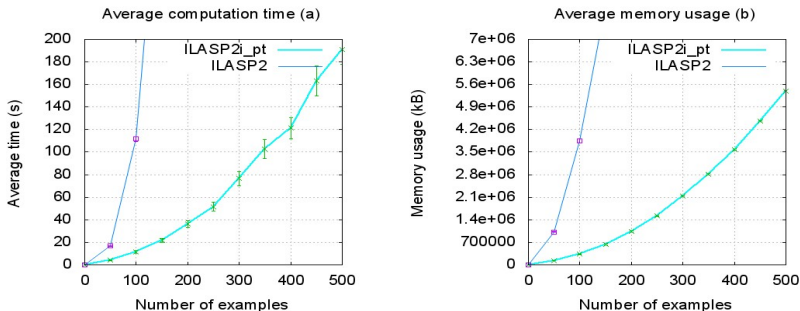
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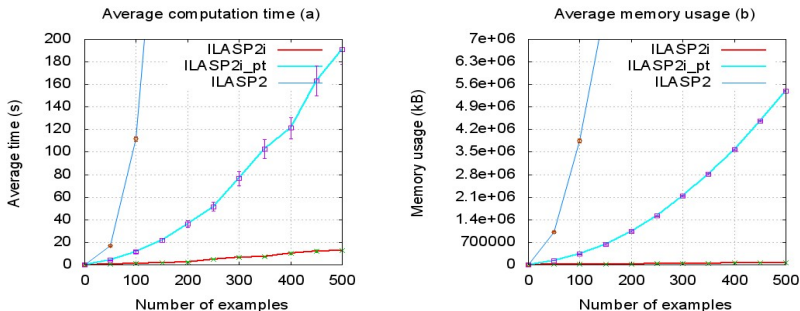
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### Theorem 4

*ILASP2i is sound for any well defined  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  task, and returns an optimal solution if one exists.*



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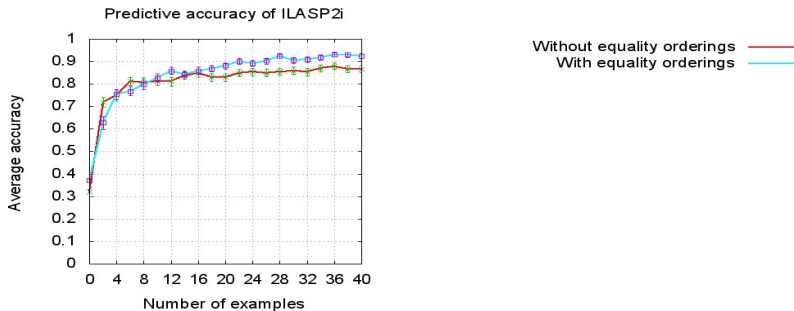


Figure: average accuracy of ILASP2i



## Experiments

Learning task	#examples				time/s				Memory/kB	
	$E^+$	$E^-$	$O^b$	$O^c$	2	2i_pt	2i	2	2i_pt	2i
Hamilton A (no context)	100	100	0	0	10.3	4.2	<b>4.3</b>	$9.7 \times 10^4$	$1.2 \times 10^4$	<b><math>1.2 \times 10^4</math></b>
Hamilton B (context dep.)	100	100	0	0	32.0	84.9	<b>3.6</b>	$3.6 \times 10^5$	$2.7 \times 10^5$	<b><math>1.4 \times 10^4</math></b>
Journeys (context dep.)	386	0	200	0	1031.4	45.2	<b>5.0</b>	$1.4 \times 10^7$	$1.1 \times 10^6$	<b><math>3.4 \times 10^4</math></b>

- ▶ ILASP2 runs the automatic translation ( $\mathcal{T}_{LOAS}$ ) of context dependent tasks.
- ▶  $\mathcal{T}_{LOAS}$ (Hamilton B) is less efficient than Hamilton A.
- ▶  $\mathcal{T}_{LOAS}$ (Journeys) is the same as the non-context dependent Journey task.



## Related work under the answer set semantics

Learning Task	Normal Rules	Choice Rules	Constraints	Classical Negation	Brave	Cautious	Weak Constraints	Context	Algorithm for optimal solutions
<i>Brave Induction</i> [Sakama, Inoue 2009]	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
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<i>LOAS</i> [Law et al 2015]	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
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## Related Incremental Learner

- ▶ ILASP2i incrementally constructs the set of relevant examples, learning a new hypothesis each time.
  - ▶ ILASP2i's relevant example set could become very large.
  - ▶ ILASP2i is guaranteed to find an optimal solution.
- ▶ ILED (Katzouris et al. 2015) is an incremental extension of XHAIL, which is targeted at learning event definitions.
  - ▶ ILED incrementally learns a hypothesis through theory revision.
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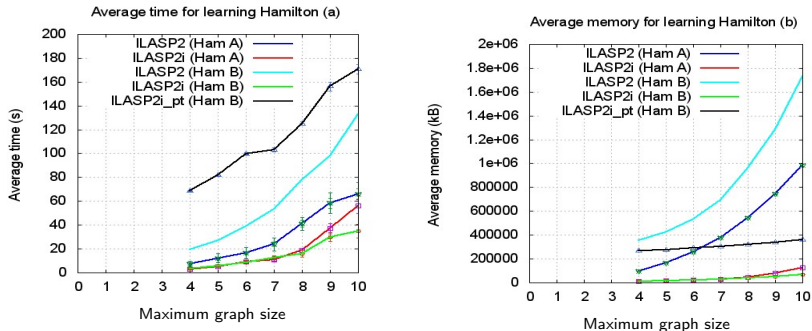


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### Definition

An  $ILP_{LAS}^{context}$  task is a tuple  $T = \langle B, S_M, E^+, E^- \rangle$ .

A hypothesis  $H \subseteq S_M$  is in  $ILP_{LAS}^{context}(T)$ , the set of all inductive solutions of  $T$ , if and only if:

- ▶  $\forall \langle e, C \rangle \in E^+ \exists A \in AS(B \cup C \cup H)$  such that  $A$  extends  $e$
- ▶  $\forall \langle e, C \rangle \in E^- \nexists A \in AS(B \cup C \cup H)$  such that  $A$  extends  $e$ .



## Definition

*A context-dependent ordering example  $o$  is a pair  $\langle \langle e_1, C_1 \rangle, \langle e_2, C_2 \rangle \rangle$ . A program  $P$  is said to bravely (resp. cautiously) respect  $o$  if for at least one (resp. every) pair  $\langle A_1, A_2 \rangle$  such that  $A_1 \in AS(P \cup C_1)$ ,  $A_2 \in AS(P \cup C_2)$ ,  $A_1$  extends  $e_1$  and  $A_2$  extends  $e_2$ , it is the case that  $A_1 \prec_P A_2$ .*



## Context-dependent examples





- ▶ In standard ILP, we search for hypotheses  $H$  such that:
  - ▶  $\forall e \in E^+ \ B \cup H \models e$
  - ▶  $\forall e \in E^- \ B \cup H \not\models e$
- ▶ Given *context-dependent examples*, it must be the case that:
  - ▶  $\forall \langle e, C \rangle \in E^+ \ B \cup H \cup C \models e$
  - ▶  $\forall \langle e, C \rangle \in E^- \ B \cup H \cup C \not\models e$ .

For example, we may wish to learn that when it is raining a user prefers to take the bus; otherwise, they prefer to walk.

$$E^+ = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \text{"take bus"}, \{1\{\text{rain, snow}\}1.\} \rangle, \\ \langle \text{"walk"}, \{\} \rangle \end{array} \right\}, \quad E^- = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \text{"walk"}, \{\text{rain.}\} \rangle, \\ \langle \text{"take bus"}, \{\} \rangle \end{array} \right\}$$





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