Inductive Learning of Answer Set Programs

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Overview

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Inductive Logic Programming

The task of Inductive Logic Programming (ILP) is to find a hypothesis H which, with respect to a background knowledge B, entails a set of positive examples E^+ and does not entail any negative examples E^- .

$$\forall e^+ \in E^+ : B \cup H \models e^+ \\ \forall e^- \in E^- : B \cup H \not\models e^-$$

Most of the previous work on ILP has addressed the learning of monotonic (definite) logic programs where entailment is defined in terms of the least Herbrand model.

Inductive Logic Programming

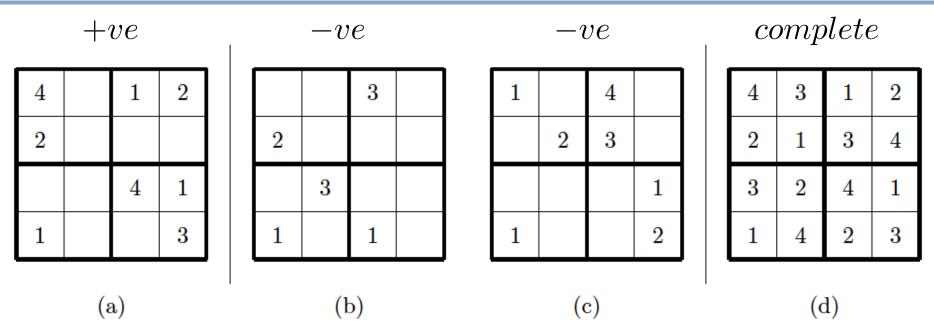
Under the Answer Set (or stable model) semantics a set of normal clauses can have one, many or even no Answer Sets.

We say that a formula is **bravely entailed** by a program *P* if it is true in **at least one** Answer Set of *P*. Conversely a formula is **cautiously entailed** by a program *P* if it is true in **all** Answer Sets of *P*.

Previous work on nonmonotonic ILP under the Answer Set/Stable Model semantics has mostly been restricted to **either** brave **or** cautious reasoning.

Our new learning task, *Learning from Answer Sets*, incorporates **both** brave **and** cautious reasoning with the aim of learning Answer Set Programs containing normal rules, choice rules and constraints.

Sudoku Example



The background knowledge contains definitions of cell, same_row, same_col and same_block. One possible hypothesis is:

1 { value(1, C), value(2, C), value(3, C), value(4, C) } 1 :- cell(C). :- value(V, C1), value(V, C2), same_row(C1, C2). :- value(V, C1), value(V, C2), same_block(C1, C2). :- value(V, C1), value(V, C2), same_col(C1, C2).

Comparison with related works under the Answer Set semantics

Learning Task	Normal Rules	Choice Rules	Constraints	Classical negation	Brave	Cautious	Algorithm for optimal solutions
Brave Induction [Sakama, Inoue 2009]	~	~	×	~	~	×	×
Cautious Induction [Sakama, Inoue 2009]	~	~	×	~	×	v	*
XHAIL [Ray 2009] & ASPAL [Corapi, Russo, Lupu 2011]	V	×	×	×	~	*	~
Induction of Stable Models [Otero 2001]	~	×	×	×	~	×	*
Induction from Answer Sets [Sakama 2005]	V	*	~	~	~	~	*
LAS	~	~	~	×	~	 Image: A start of the start of	

Learning from Answer Sets

A partial interpretation E is a pair of sets of atoms $\langle E^{inc}, E^{exc} \rangle$ called the *inclusions* and *exclusions* respectively.

An Answer Set A extends $\langle E^{inc}, E^{exc} \rangle$ if and only if: $E^{inc} \subseteq A$ and $E^{exc} \cap A = \emptyset$.

A Learning from Answer Sets task is a tuple $T = \langle B, S_M, E^+, E^- \rangle$ where B is an ASP program, S_M is the search space defined by a language bias M, E^+ and E^- are sets of partial interpretations.

A hypothesis $H \in ILP_{LAS}\langle B, S_M, E^+, E^- \rangle$ if and only if:

1. $H \subseteq S_M$

2. $\forall e^+ \in E^+ \exists A \in AS(B \cup H) \text{ st } A \text{ extends } e^+$

3. $\forall e^- \in E^- \not\exists A \in AS(B \cup H)$ st A extends e^-

What is an Optimal Hypothesis?

Previous algorithms for ILP have searched for *optimal* hypotheses which are inductive solutions of the task.

This is usually (but not always) defined in terms of the length of the hypothesis.

For normal rules, this is obvious: we just count the number of literals in the hypothesis.

$$H = \begin{cases} p \leftarrow q, \text{not } s.\\ q \leftarrow r. \end{cases}$$

The length of H is 5.

What is an Optimal Hypothesis?

But what about the hypotheses:

$$H_1 = 0\{p,q\}2.$$
 $H_2 = 1\{p,q\}1.$

Both have 2 literals, but the first generates twice as many Answer Sets as the second.

To calculate the length of a hypothesis with choice rules, we first convert the aggregates into disjunctive normal form:

$$H_1 = (p \land q) \lor (p \land \operatorname{not} q) \lor (\operatorname{not} p \land q) \lor (\operatorname{not} p \land \operatorname{not} q).$$

$$H_2 = (p \wedge \operatorname{not} q) \vee (\operatorname{not} p \wedge q).$$

This gives the first hypothesis length 8 and the second length 4.

Inductive Learning of Answer Set Programs

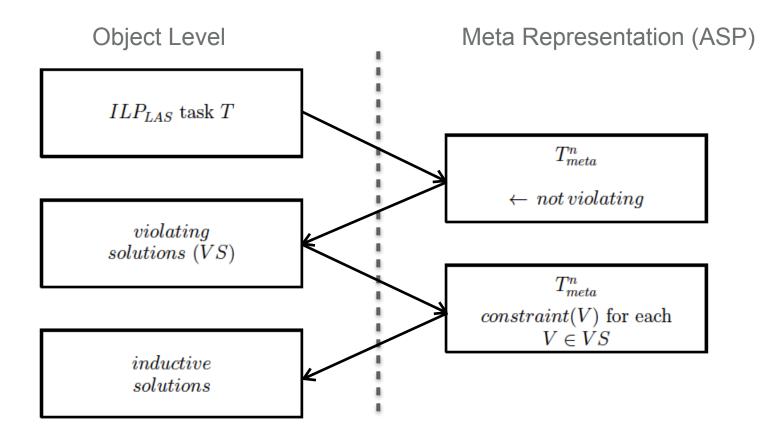
- A hypothesis $H \in positive_solutions\langle B, S_M, E^+, E^- \rangle$ if and only if:
 - 1. $H \subseteq S_M$
 - **2.** $\forall e^+ \in E^+ \exists A \in AS(B \cup H) \text{ st } A \text{ extends } e^+$

A hypothesis $H \in violating_solutions\langle B, S_M, E^+, E^- \rangle$ if and only if:

- 1. $H \subseteq S_M$
- **2.** $\forall e^+ \in E^+ \exists A \in AS(B \cup H) \text{ st } A \text{ extends } e^+$
- **3.** $\exists e^- \in E^- \exists A \in AS(B \cup H)$ st A extends e^-

 $ILP_{LAS}\langle B, S_M, E^+, E^- \rangle$ = positive_solutions $\langle B, S_M, E^+, E^- \rangle \backslash violating_solutions \langle B, S_M, E^+, E^- \rangle$

Inductive Learning of Answer Set Programs



n a given hypothesis length T^n_{meta} : ASP task program (a meta representation of the task T)

Constructing the task program T_{meta}

$$B = p \leftarrow \text{not } q$$
$$S_M = \begin{cases} q \leftarrow \\ q \leftarrow \text{not } p \end{cases}$$
$$E^+ = \begin{cases} \langle \{p\}, \{q\} \rangle \\ \langle \{q\}, \{p\} \rangle \end{cases}$$
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Constructing the task program T_{meta}

$$B = p \leftarrow \text{not } q$$

$$S_M = \begin{cases} q \leftarrow active(1) \\ q \leftarrow \text{not } p, active(2) \end{cases}$$

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 $n\{active(R) = X: length(R, X)\}n; \quad length(1, 1); \quad length(2, 2)$

Each rule R is given a unique identifier R_{id} . active (R_{id}) means that R is in our hypothesis.

Constructing the task program T_{meta}

$$B = e(p, X) \leftarrow ex(X), \text{ not } e(q, X)$$

$$S_M = \begin{cases} e(q, X) \leftarrow ex(X), active(1) \\ e(q, X) \leftarrow ex(X), \text{ not } e(p, X), active(2) \end{cases}$$

$$E^+ = \begin{cases} ex(1); & covered(1) \leftarrow e(p, 1), \text{ not } e(q, 1); \\ ex(2); & covered(2) \leftarrow e(q, 2), \text{ not } e(p, 2); & \leftarrow \text{ not } covered(2) \end{cases}$$

 $E^{-} = \begin{cases} ex(negative); & violating \leftarrow not \ e(p, negative), not \ e(q, negative) \\ violating \leftarrow e(p, negative), e(q, negative) \end{cases}$

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Each Answer Set of T_{meta}^n has many ex(X) atoms. Each X is "assigned" an Answer Set of $B \cup H$. e(A, X) means A is in the Answer Set "assigned" to X.

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When n = 1, we must choose the first rule as our hypothesis H. $B \cup H$ has one Answer Set: $\{q\}$.

Constructing the task program T_{meta}

The only Answer Set of $B \cup H$ is $\{q\}$.

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We must "assign" all of ex(1), ex(2) and ex(negative) to $\{q\}$.

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There are no Answer Sets of T_{meta}^n as H is not a positive solution.

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When n = 2, we must choose the second rule as our hypothesis H. $B \cup H$ now has two Answer Sets: $\{p\}$ and $\{q\}$.

Constructing the task program T_{meta}

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There are two Answer Sets of T_{meta}^n :

 $\{ e(p,1), e(q,2), active(2), covered(1), covered(2), e(p, negative) \dots \} \\ \{ e(p,1), e(q,2), active(2), covered(1), covered(2), e(q, negative) \dots \}$

which both correspond to the hypothesis: $q \leftarrow not p$.

Constructing the task program T_{meta}

$$B = \emptyset$$

$$S_M = \begin{cases} q \leftarrow \\ q \leftarrow \text{not } p \\ 1\{p,q\}2 \end{cases}$$

$$E^+ = \begin{cases} \langle \{p\}, \{q\} \rangle \\ \langle \{q\}, \{p\} \rangle \end{pmatrix} \qquad E^- = \begin{cases} \langle \emptyset, \{p,q\} \rangle \\ \langle \{p,q\}, \emptyset \rangle \end{cases}$$

Consider the new (incorrect) hypothesis (of length 6): $1\{p,q\}2$

 $B \cup H$ has three Answer Sets: $\{p\}, \{q\}$ and $\{p,q\}$. The Answer Set $\{p,q\}$ extends a negative example.

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We must "assign" ex(1) to $\{p\}$ and ex(2) to $\{q\}$.

There are three different Answer Sets of T_{meta}^n where we "assign" ex(negative) to each of the three Answer Sets of $B \cup H$. The third one, where we "assign" ex(negative) to $\{p,q\}$, contains the atom violating.

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When n = 6, the Answer Sets of T_{meta}^n are:

 $\begin{array}{l} \{e(p,1), e(q,2), active(3), covered(1), covered(2), e(p, negative) \dots \} \\ \{e(p,1), e(q,2), active(3), covered(1), covered(2), e(q, negative) \dots \} \\ \{e(p,1), e(q,2), active(3), covered(1), covered(2), e(p, negative), \\ e(q, negative), violating \dots \} \end{array}$

Inductive Learning of Answer Set Programs

Algorithm 1 ILASP

procedure ILASP(T) solutions = [] for n = 0; solutions.empty; n++ do $vs = AS(T_{meta}^n \cup \{\leftarrow \text{ not } violating\})$ $ps = AS(T_{meta}^n \cup \{constraint(meta^{-1}(V)) : V \in vs\})$ solutions = { $meta^{-1}(A) : A \in ps$ } end for return solutions end procedure

 T_{meta}^{n} : ASP task program (a meta representation of the task T) vs: violating solutions ps: positive solutions

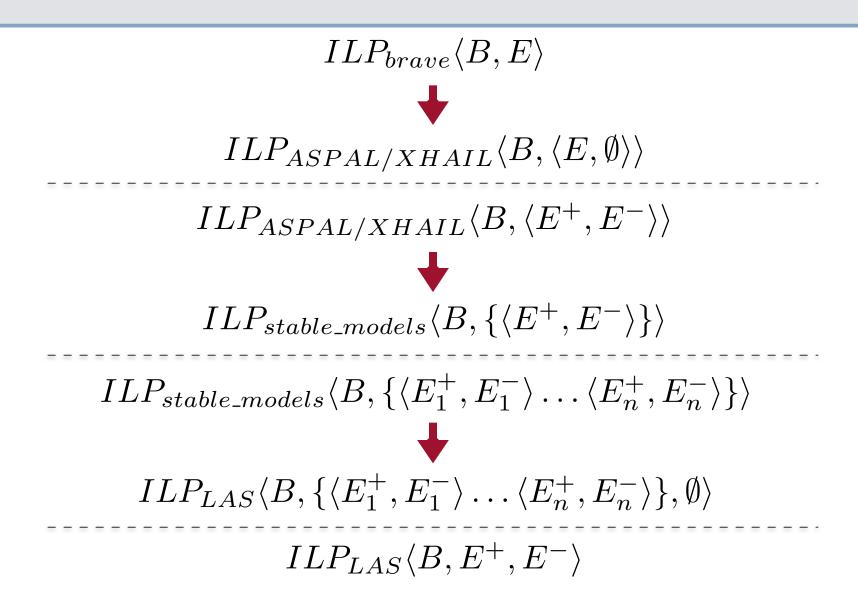
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Let $ILP_{LAS}^{*}(T)$ be the optimal inductive solutions of the task T.

Theorem 2. Let T be any ILP_{LAS} learning task such that there is at least one inductive solution.

Then $ILASP(T) = ILP_{LAS}^{*}(T)$.

Comparison with related works

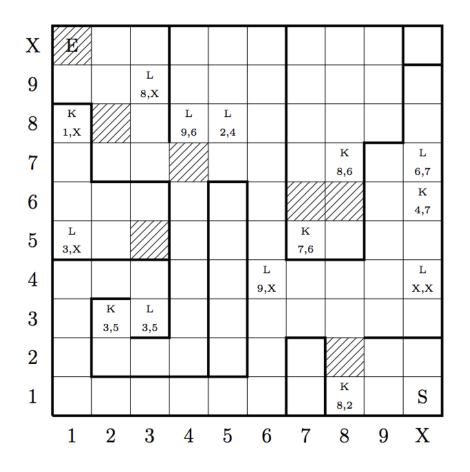


Comparison with related works

 $ILP_{cautious}\langle B, \{e_1, \ldots, e_n\}\rangle$

 $ILP_{LAS}\langle B, \emptyset, \{\langle \emptyset, \{e_1\} \rangle \dots \langle \emptyset, \{e_n\} \rangle\} \rangle$

Application to a planning problem





The agent *starts* here



The agent is aiming to end here



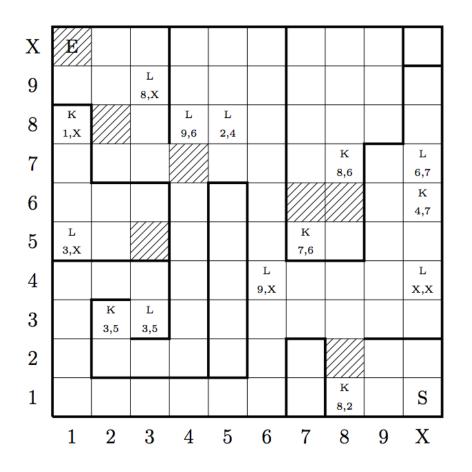
This cell starts off as being *locked* Cell



This is the key for the locked cell (4,7)

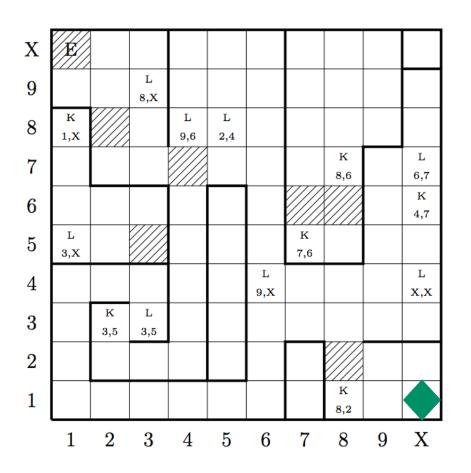


This is a *link* cell which allows the agent to move to (8, X)

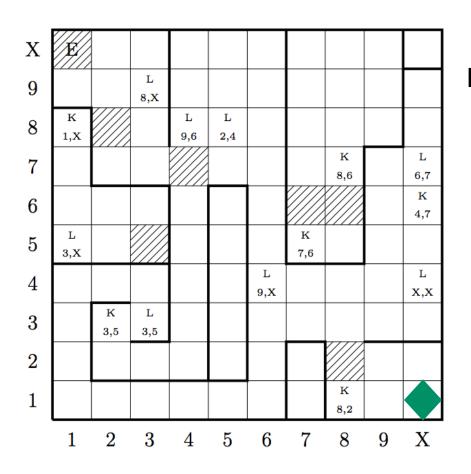


unlocked(C, T) :-	not locked(C),
	cell(C),
	time(T).

unlocked(C, T) :- visited_cell(Key, T), key(Key, C).

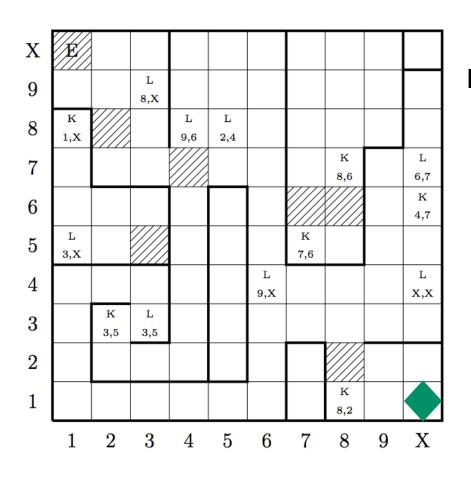


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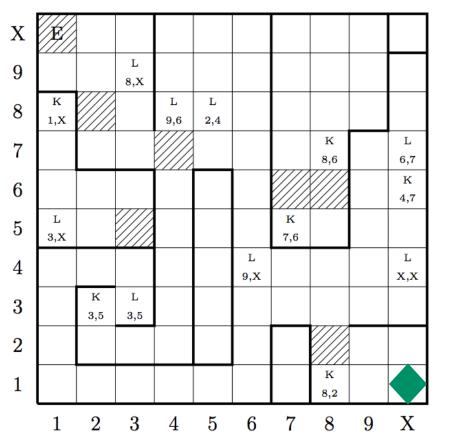
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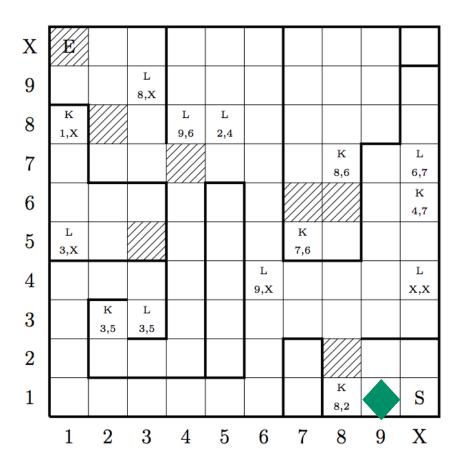
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valid_move(C, T) :- unlocked(C, T).



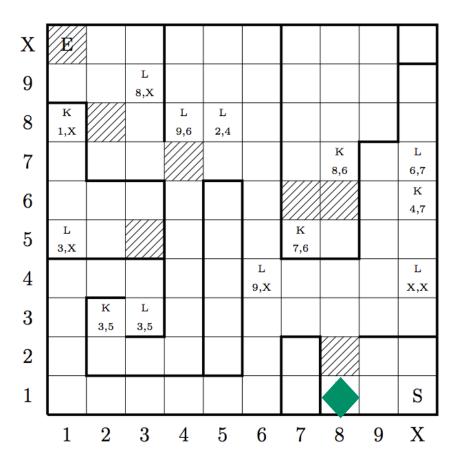
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valid_move(C1, T) :agent_at(C2, T), adjacent(C1, C2).



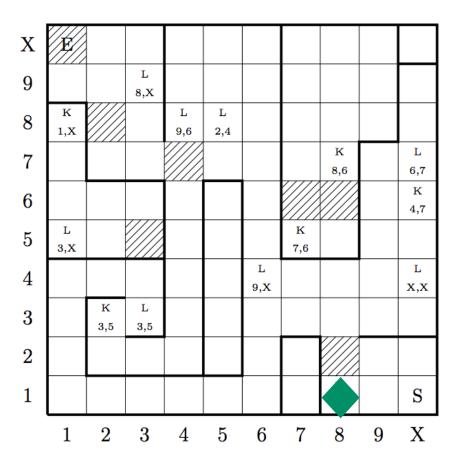
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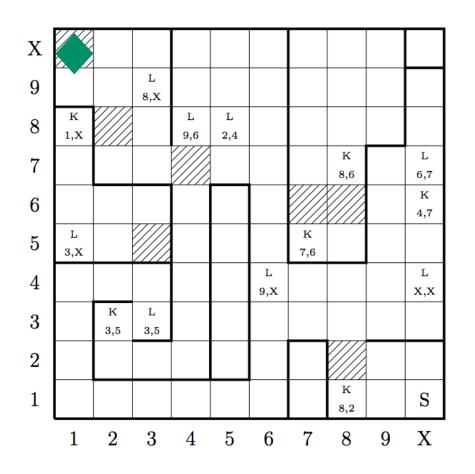
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valid_move(C1, T) :agent_at(C2, T), *not wall(C1, C2),* adjacent(C1, C2).



valid_move(C1, T) :unlocked(C1, T), agent_at(C2, T), not wall(C1, C2), adjacent(C1, C2).

valid_move(C1, T) :unlocked(C1, T), agent_at(C2, T), link(C1, C2).

Predicate Invention

We took away the rule for unlocked from the background knowledge:

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unlocked(C, T) :- not locked(C), cell(C), time(T).
unlocked(C, T) :- visited_cell(Key, T), key(Key, C).
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We expected the agent to relearn this definition, along with the previous definition for valid move. In fact the agent learned the shorter hypothesis:

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extra(C,T) :- agent_at(C1, V1), link(C1,C).
extra(C,T) :- adjacent(C,C1), agent_at(C1, T), not wall(C,C1).
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valid_move(C, T) :- extra(C,T), not locked(C).
valid_move(C, T) :- extra(C,T), key(C1,C), visited_cell(C1,T).
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Non-deterministic rules

Up until now, we have been learning programs with one Answer Set. We now change the moves given by the oracle:

• A cell with a link to (X,Y) will now either allow the agent to go to (X, Y), or it will allow the agent to go to (Y, X).

This forces the agent to learn the rules:

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1 {valid_move(C, T); valid_move(FC, T)} 1 :- unlocked(C, T),
link(C2, C, FC),
agent_at(C2, T).
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valid_move(C, T) :- unlocked(C, T),
joined(C, C2),
agent_at(C2, T).
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Current work: modification of ILASP

- For some classes of problem there could be many violating solutions before we find an inductive solution.
- The sudoku example is one such problem, with 413044 before the first inductive solution it takes over 14 minutes to solve with ILASP.
- In fact, many of these are violating for the same reason (they share Answer Sets which extend negative examples).
- With our new system based on ruling out classes of hypothesis, we need only 7 classes and the problem is solved in less than 1 second.

Other current work

- Expand the subset of ASP that we can learn
 - conditions, weighted aggregates etc.
 - weak constraints/optimisation statements
- Real applications
 - Ideally not achievable by other ILP tasks
 - Will motivate the work from a practical point of view
 - Measure the accuracy of the learning task

Questions?

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How does this compare to the learning of Prolog programs?

• The main advantage of learning ASP rather than Prolog is that it is purely declarative. The sudoku problem can be written in Prolog as follows:

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value(1). value(2). value(3). value(4).
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board(B) :- partial(B, 0).
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partial([], 16).
partial([V|Prev], C-1) :- value(V), partial(Prev, C), not violation(V, Prev, C-1).
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violation(V, [V, Prev] Index, Cell) :- same_row(Index, Cell). violation(V, [V, Prev] Index, Cell) :- same_col(Index, Cell). violation(V, [V, Prev] Index, Cell) :- same_block(Index, Cell). violation(V, [V2, Prev], Index, Cell) :- violation(V, Prev, Index - 1, Cell).

 In fact, this also relies on negation as failure, which not many Prolog ILP systems allow for!

Learning from Interpretation Transitions

Take the ILP_{LFIT} task:

$$B = \emptyset, \qquad E = \begin{cases} \langle \{p\}, \{q\} \rangle \\ \langle \{q\}, \{p\} \rangle \end{cases}, \qquad S_M = \begin{cases} p \leftarrow q \\ q \leftarrow p \end{cases}$$

We could map this to the ILP_{LAS} task:

$$B = \begin{cases} 1\{example1, example2\}1\\ p \leftarrow example1\\ q \leftarrow example2 \end{cases}, \qquad E^+ = \begin{cases} \langle \{example1, next(q)\}, \{next(p)\}\rangle\\ \langle \{example2, next(p)\}, \{next(q)\}\rangle \end{cases},$$

$$E^{-} = \emptyset, \qquad S_{M} = \begin{cases} next(p) \leftarrow q \\ next(q) \leftarrow p \end{cases}$$

This would have the hypothesis: $\{next(p) \leftarrow q; next(q) \leftarrow p\}$. This could then be mapped back to the hypothesis: $\{p \leftarrow q; q \leftarrow p\}$

How does this compare to the learning of Prolog programs?

- Most ILP systems which learn Prolog are restricted to learning monotonic logic programs.
- If we restrict ourselves to only the shared syntax of ASP and Prolog (no lists, aggregates, constraints or optimisation statements), then the "usual" monotonic ILP task maps trivially to a Learning from Answer Sets task with one positive example.

$$ILP_{monotonic}\langle B, \{e_1^+, \dots, e_n^+\}, \{e_1^-, \dots, e_m^-\}\rangle$$
$$\downarrow$$
$$ILP_{LAS}\langle B, \{\langle\{e_1^+, \dots, e_n^+\}, \{e_1^-, \dots, e_m^-\}\rangle\}, \emptyset\rangle$$