

# Logic-based Learning of Answer Set Programs

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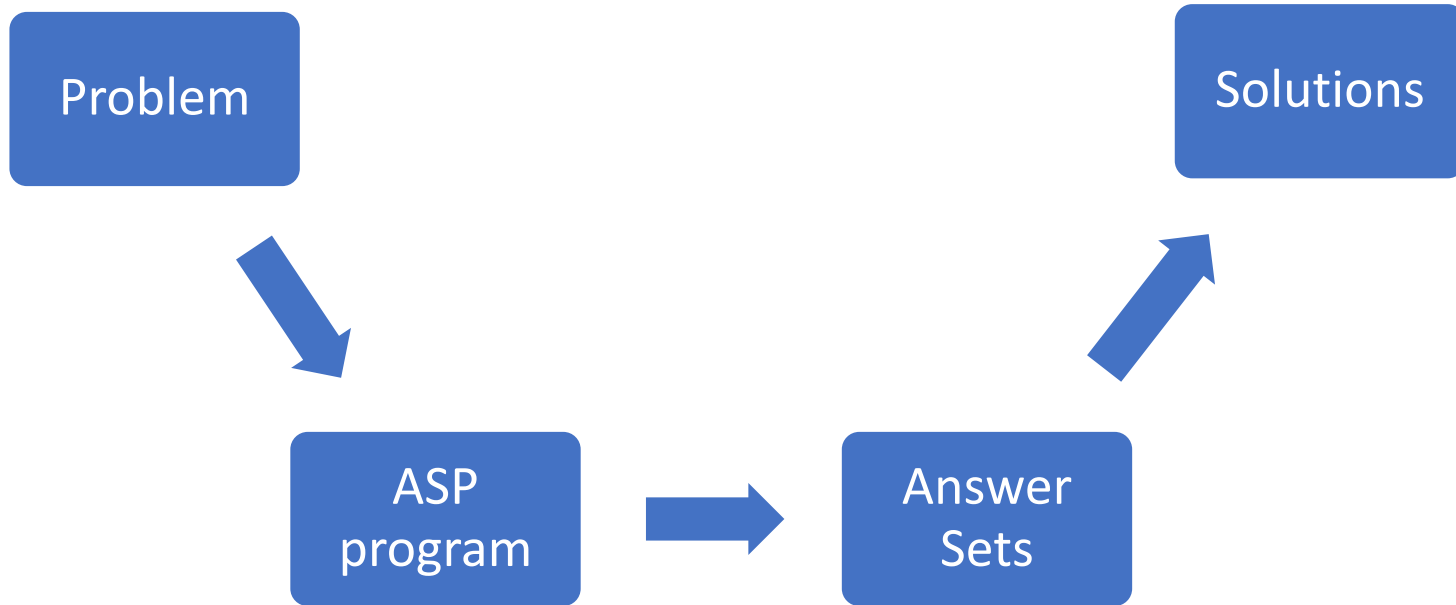
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# Structure



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  - The algorithm of ASPAL
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  - Learning from noisy examples
  - The ILASP Algorithm for computing the optimal solutions of any LAS task

# Answer Set Programming



# Answer Set Programming

Rules of  
Sudoku



```
1 #count { value(1, C); value(2, C); value(3, C);  
value(4, C); } 1 :- same_row(C1, C2).  
:- value(V, C1), value(V, C2), same_block(C1, C2).  
:- value(V, C1), value(V, C2), same_block(C1, C2).  
:- value(V, C1), value(V, C2), same_block(C1, C2).
```

**ASP Representation  
of Sudoku**



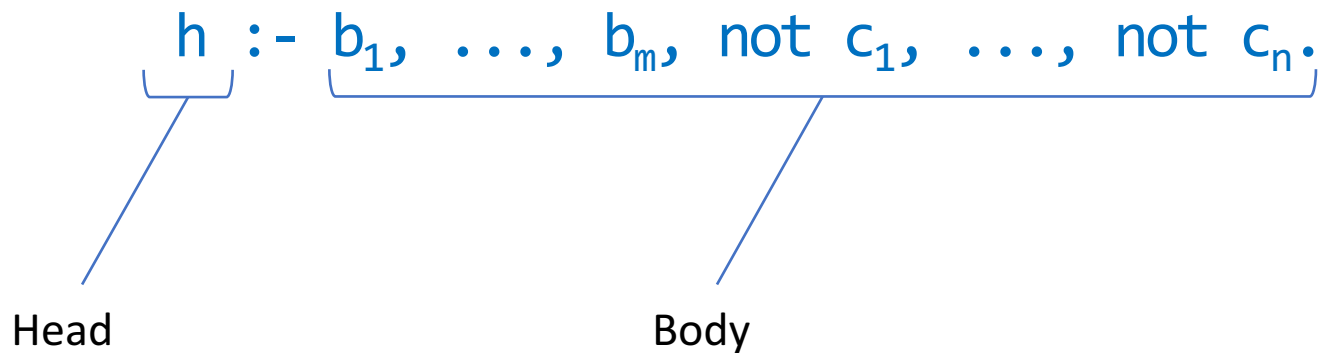
Answer  
Sets

4	3	1	2
2	1	3	4
3	2	4	1
1	4	2	3



# Syntax: Normal rules

Let  $h, b_1, \dots, b_m, c_1, \dots, c_n$  be atoms. A *normal rule* is of the form:



If the body of the rule is satisfied then its head must also be satisfied.

# Syntax: Choice rules

Let  $h_1, \dots, h_k, b_1, \dots, b_m, c_1, \dots, c_n$  be atoms. A *choice rule* is of the form:

$$\underbrace{\text{lb } \{h_1; \dots; h_k\} \text{ ub}}_{\text{Head}} \text{ :- } \underbrace{b_1, \dots, b_m, \text{ not } c_1, \dots, \text{ not } c_n}_{\text{Body}}$$

If the body of the choice rule is satisfied then between **lb** and **ub** of  $\{h_1, \dots, h_k\}$  must be satisfied.

# Syntax: Constraints

Let  $b_1, \dots, b_m, c_1, \dots, c_n$  be atoms. A *constraint* is of the form:

$$:- \underbrace{b_1, \dots, b_m, \text{not } c_1, \dots, \text{not } c_n}_{\text{Body}}$$

The body of the constraint must not be satisfied. Constraints are used to filter out unwanted answer sets.

# Answer Sets and Entailment

The *answer sets* of a program are a special subset of its Herbrand models.

An atom  $A$  is *bravely entailed* by a program  $P$  if it is true in *at least one* answer set of  $P$  (written  $P \models_b A$ ).

An atom  $A$  is *cautiously entailed* if it is true in *every* answer set of  $P$  (written  $P \models_c A$ ).

1 {p ; q} 1.  
r.

$\models_b p$

$\models_b q$

$\models_b r$

$\models_c r$



# Abduction in ASP

Consider the abductive task:

B

```
wobblyWheel :- brokenSpokes.  
wobblyWheel :- flatTyre.  
flatTyre :- leakyValve.  
flatTyre :- puncturedTube.
```

IC

```
:- not puncturedTube, leakyValve.
```

O

wobblyWheel

Ab

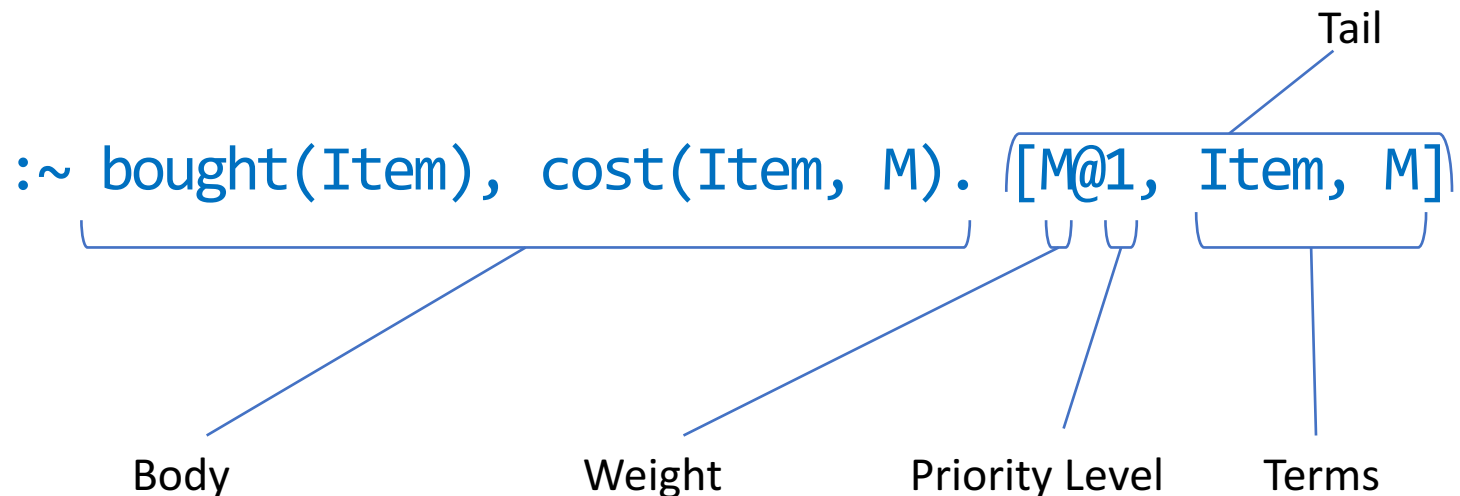
brokenSpokes  
puncturedTube  
leakyValve

How could we represent this in ASP?

```
0 { brokenSpokes; puncturedTube; leakyValve } 3.  
wobblyWheel :- brokenSpokes  
wobblyWheel :- flatTyre  
flatTyre :- leakyValve  
flatTyre :- puncturedTube.  
:- not puncturedTube, leakyValve.  
:- not wobblyWheel.
```

# Semantics of Weak Constraints

*Weak constraints* represent preferences in ASP.



For any program  $P$  and answer set  $A$ ,  $Weak(P, A)$  is the set of all (unique) *tails* of weak constraints in  $ground(P)$  whose body is satisfied by  $A$ .

The aim is to minimise the sum  $\sum_{[wt@lev,t_1,\dots,t_n] \in Weak(P,A)} wt.$

High priority levels are more important than low priority levels.

# Journey Preference Example

Avoid walking through areas with a high crime rating

Minimise the number of buses

Minimise the distance walked

`:~ mode(Leg, walk), crime_rating(Leg, C), C > 4 . [1@3, Leg]`  
`:~ mode(Leg, bus) . [1@2, Leg]`  
`:~ mode(Leg, walk), distance(Leg, Distance) . [Distance@1, Leg]`

## Journey A

- 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

## Journey D

- Take a bus 2km through an area with crime rating 5.
- Walk 2km through an area with crime rating 1.

What is the ordering of the 4 journeys?

Journey A > Journey D > Journey C > Journey B

# Logic-based Learning under the Answer Set Semantics

# Induction for definite programs

Standard setting for ILP:

- Background knowledge  $B$  a definite program
- Positive examples  $E^+$  atoms
- Negative examples  $E^-$  atoms
- Find a hypothesis  $H$  such that:

$$\forall e^+ \in E^+ : B \cup H \models e^+$$

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

# Cautious Induction

Cautious setting for ILP under the Answer Set semantics:

- Background knowledge  $B$  an ASP program
- Positive and negative examples  $E^+$  and  $E^-$  (atoms)
- Find a hypothesis  $H$  such that:
  - $B \cup H$  is satisfiable (has at least one Answer Set)
  - for all Answer Sets  $A$  of  $B \cup H$ :

$$\forall e^+ \in E^+ : e^+ \in A$$

$$\forall e^- \in E^- : e^- \notin A$$

# Cautious Induction : Example

B

```
p :- not q.  
q :- not p, not r.  
s :- r.
```

E<sup>+</sup>

```
s
```

E<sup>-</sup>

```
q
```

Which of the following hypotheses are cautious inductive solutions?

s.

```
:- not s.  
:- q.
```

```
p.  
s.
```

r.

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s.	:- not s. :- q.	p. s.	r.
{ p, s }, { q, s }	NONE!	{ p, s }	{ p, r, s }



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<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓	✓

# Cautious Induction : Limitations

What examples could we give to learn the program:

```
1 { value(C, heads); value(C, tails) } 1 :- coin(C).  
    coin(c1).
```

# Brave Induction

Brave setting for ILP under the Answer Set semantics:

- Background knowledge  $B$  an ASP program
- Positive and negative examples  $E^+$  and  $E^-$  (atoms)
- Find a hypothesis  $H$  such that:
  - there is *at least one* Answer Set  $A$  of  $B \cup H$  :

$$\forall e^+ \in E^+ : e^+ \in A$$

$$\forall e^- \in E^- : e^- \notin A$$

# Brave Induction : Example

B

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p :- not q.
q :- not p, not r.
s :- r.
```

E<sup>+</sup>

s

E<sup>-</sup>

q

Which of the following hypotheses are brave inductive solutions?

s.	:- not s. :- q.	p. s.	r.
{ p, s }, { q, s }	NONE!	{ p, s }	{ p, r, s }

# Brave Induction : Example

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```
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q :- not p, not r.  
s :- r.
```

E<sup>+</sup>

```
s
```

E<sup>-</sup>

```
q
```

Which of the following hypotheses are brave inductive solutions?

s.	<pre>:- not s. :- q.</pre>	<pre>p. s.</pre>	r.
<pre>{ p, s }, { q, s }</pre>	NONE!	<pre>{ p, s }</pre>	<pre>{ p, r, s }</pre>
✓	✗	✓	✓

# Implementations

Two of the main non-monotonic ILP algorithms compute the solutions to brave induction tasks:

- XHAIL (Ray 09)
  - An extension of the HAIL algorithm.
  - ILED (Katzouris, Artikis, Paliouras, 2015) and Inspire (Kamzi, Schüller, Saygın, 2017) are extensions of XHAIL.
- ASPAL (Corapi, Russo, Lupu 2011)
  - Encodes of a brave ILP task into an ASP program.
  - RASPAL (Athakravi, Corapi, Broda, Russo) is an extension of ASPAL.
- We will only have time to cover ASPAL in this tutorial.

# ASPAL: Skeleton rules

A skeleton rule for mode declarations  $\langle M_h, M_b \rangle$  is a compatible rule where all the constants placemarkers are replaced with different variables instead of constants.

$M_h, M_b$

```
modeh(penguin(+bird))  
modeb(not can(+bird, #ability))
```

B

```
bird(a).      bird(b).  
ability(fly). ability(swim).  
can(a, fly).  can(b, swim).
```

The rule `penguin(V1) :- bird(V1), not can(V1, C1).` represents:

```
penguin(V1) :- bird(V1), not can(V1, fly).  
penguin(V1) :- bird(V1), not can(V1, swim).
```

# ASPAL: Skeleton Rules

$M_h, M_b$

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can(a, fly).  can(b, swim).
```

$L_{\max} = 2, V_{\max} = 1$

$L_{\max}$  is the maximum number of literals allowed to appear in the body (not including atoms used to enforce types).

$V_{\max}$  is the maximum number of variables.

$Sk_M$

```
penguin(V1) :- bird(V1).  
penguin(V1) :- bird(V1), not can(V1, C1).  
penguin(V1) :- bird(V1), not can(V1, C1), not can(V1, C2).
```



# ASPAL: ASP encoding

Given  $S_M$ ,  $B$ ,  $E^+$ , and  $E^-$ , we can encode the search for inductive solutions as an ASP program.

We assign each rule  $R$  in  $Sk_M$  a unique identifier  $R_{ID}$ .

Each  $R$  in  $Sk_M$  is associated with a meta level atom  $rule(R_{ID}, C_1, \dots, C_n)$ , called  $R_{meta}$ . The ground instances of these atoms represent rules in  $S_M$ .

e.g. Given the skeleton rule  $p(V_1, V_2) :- q(V_1, C_1), r(V_2, C_2)$  with ID 2, the atom  $rule(2, a, b)$  represents:

$$p(V_1, V_2) :- q(V_1, a), r(V_2, b).$$

The goal is to find these atoms using ASP.

# ASPAL: ASP encoding example

B

```
bird(a).      bird(b).  
ability(fly). ability(swim).  
can(a, fly).  can(b, swim).
```

E<sup>+</sup>

```
penguin(b)
```

E<sup>-</sup>

```
penguin(a)
```

% Background

```
bird(a). bird(b).  
ability(fly). ability(swim).  
can(a, fly). can(b, swim).
```

% Skeleton Rules

```
penguin(V1) :- bird(V1), rule(1).  
penguin(V1) :- bird(V1), not can(V1, C1), rule(2, C1).  
penguin(V1) :- bird(V1), not can(V1, C1), not can(V1, C2), rule(3, C1, C2).
```

% Generate Hypotheses

```
0 {rule(1); rule(2, fly); rule(2, swim); rule(3, fly, swim) } 4.
```

% Examples

```
goal :- penguin(b), not penguin(a).  
:- not goal.
```

# ASPAL: ASP encoding

Given  $S_M$ ,  $B$ ,  $E^+$ , and  $E^-$ , we can encode the search for inductive solutions as an ASP program.

**Definition 4.** Let  $T$  be the  $ILP_b$  task  $\langle B, S_M, \langle \{e_1^+, \dots, e_n^+\}, \{e_1^-, \dots, e_m^-\} \rangle \rangle$ , where  $S_M$  is characterised by the set of mode declarations  $M$ . Let  $Sk_M$  be the set of skeleton rules derivable from  $M$ . The ASPAL meta-representation is the program consisting of the following components:

- $B$
- $h :- b_1, \dots, b_{r1}, R_{meta}$ , for each rule  $R \in Sk_M$ , where  $R$  is the rule  $h :- b_1, \dots, b_{r1}$ .
- A choice rule  $0\{ab_1, \dots, ab_k\}k.$ , where  $\{ab_1, \dots, ab_k\} = \{R_{meta} \mid R \in Sk_M\}$ .
- The rule  $goal :- e_1^+, \dots, e_n^+, \text{not } e_1^-, \dots, \text{not } e_m^-$ .
- The constraint  $:- \text{not } goal$ .

If we add a weak constraint  $:\sim R_{meta} \cdot [ |R|@1, R_{meta} ]$  for each  $R$  in  $Sk_M$ , the optimal answer sets represent the optimal solutions of  $T$ .

# ASPAL: ASP encoding example

B

```
bird(a).      bird(b).  
ability(fly). ability(swim).  
can(a, fly).  can(b, swim).
```

E<sup>+</sup>

```
penguin(b)
```

E<sup>-</sup>

```
penguin(a)
```

% Background

```
bird(a). bird(b).  
ability(fly). ability(swim).  
can(a, fly). can(b, swim).
```

% Skeleton Rules

```
penguin(V1) :- bird(V1), rule(1).  
penguin(V1) :- bird(V1), not can(V1, C1), rule(2, C1).  
penguin(V1) :- bird(V1), not can(V1, C1), not can(V1, C2), rule(3, C1, C2).
```

% Generate Hypotheses

```
0 {rule(1); rule(2, fly); rule(2, swim); rule(3, fly, swim) } 4.  
:~ rule(1).[1@1, 1]  
:~ rule(2, C1).[2@1, 2, C1]  
:~ rule(3, C1, C2).[3@1, 3, C1, C2]
```

% Examples

```
goal :- penguin(b), not penguin(a).  
:- not goal.
```

# Brave Induction : Limitations

Consider a background knowledge:

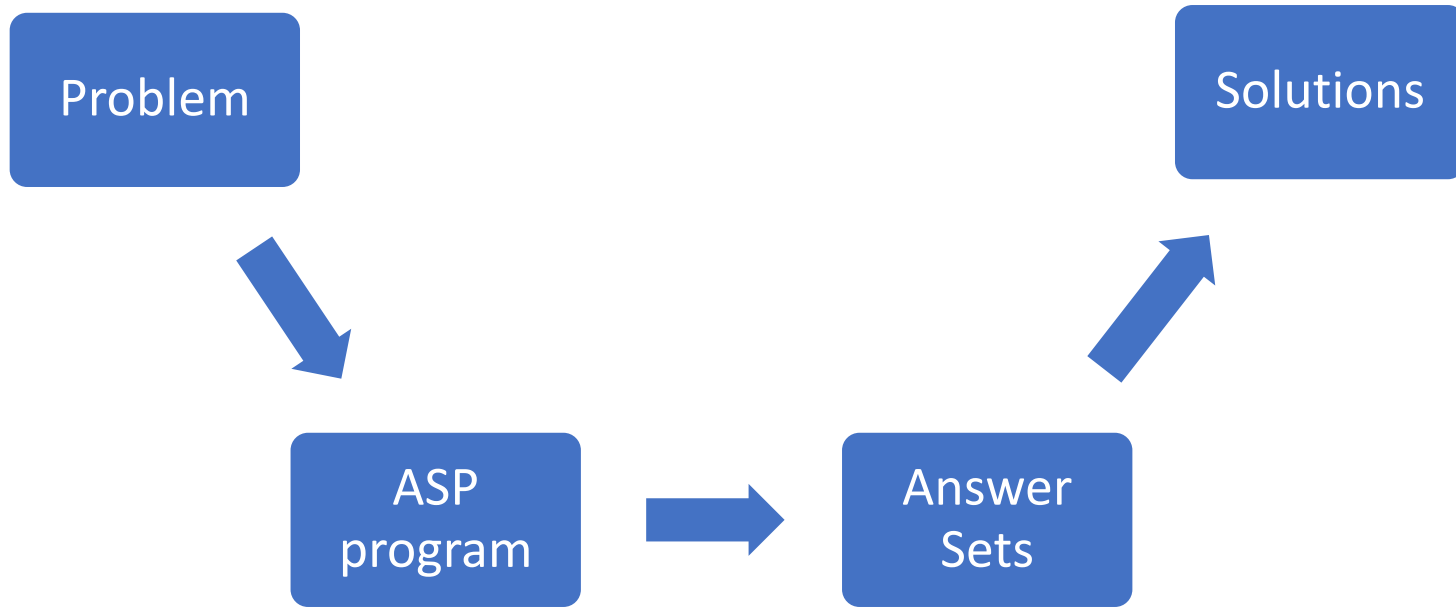
```
1 {value(C, heads); value(C, tails) } 1 :- coin(C).  
    coin(c1).  
    biased_coin(c1).
```

What examples could we give to learn the constraint

```
:- value(C, heads), biased_coin(C).
```

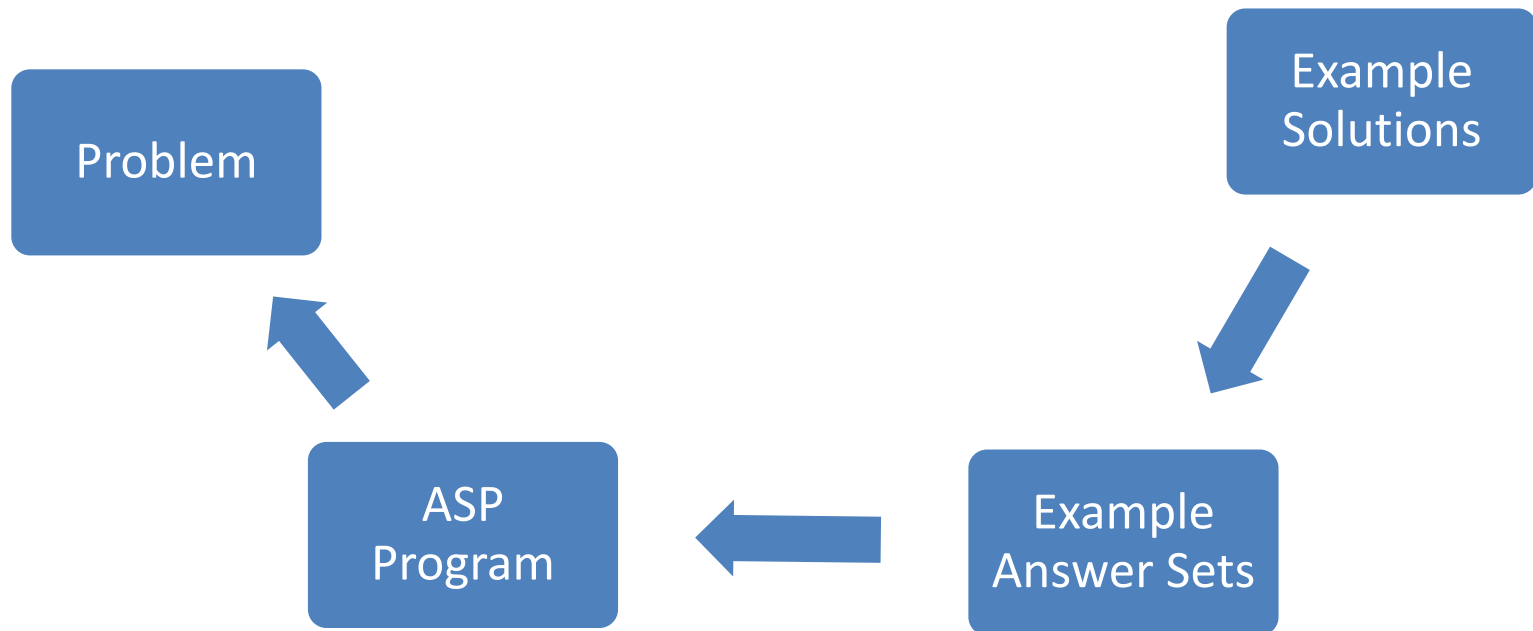
# Learning from Answer Sets

# Answer Set Programming



# Inductive Learning of Answer Set Programs

From examples of what should/shouldn't be an Answer Set, we learn an appropriate hypothesis





# Inductive Learning of Answer Set Programs

We can learn the rules of sudoku from examples boards

Rules of  
Sudoku

4	3	1	2
2	1	3	4
3	2	4	1
1	4	2	3

```
1 #count { value(1, C); value(2, C); value(3, C); value(4, C) } 1  
:- !C, !V, !C2.  
:- 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).
```

**ASP Representation of  
Sudoku**

Example  
Answer Sets

# Partial Interpretations

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

A Herbrand Interpretation  $I$  *extends* a partial interpretation  $e$  if and only if:

$$e^{inc} \subseteq I$$

$$e^{exc} \cap I = \emptyset$$

$\{ p, q \}$  and  $\{ p, q, s \}$  both extend  $\langle \{ p, q \}, \{ r \} \rangle$

Neither  $\{ p \}$  or  $\{ p, q, r \}$  do.

# Learning from Answer Sets

LAS setting for ILP under the Answer Set semantics:

- Background knowledge  $B$  an ASP program
- Positive and negative examples  $E^+$  and  $E^-$  (partial interpretations)
- Hypothesis space  $S_M$  (a set of normal rules, choice rules and constraints):
- Find a hypothesis  $H$  such that:
  - $H \subseteq S_M$

$\forall e^+ \in E^+ : \exists A \in AS(B \cup H)$  st  $A$  extends  $e^+$

$\forall e^- \in E^- : \nexists A \in AS(B \cup H)$  st  $A$  extends  $e^-$

# LAS: relation to brave induction

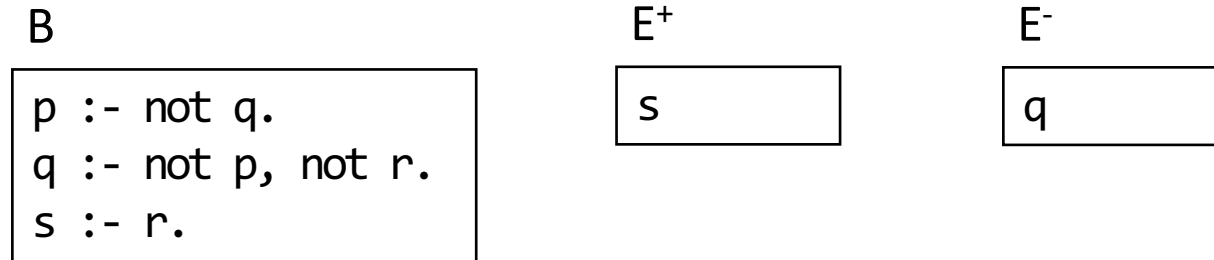
$$ILP_{brave} \langle B, E^+, E^- \rangle$$



$$ILP_{LAS} \langle B, \{ \langle E^+, E^- \rangle \}, \emptyset \rangle$$

# Brave Induction Relationship : Example

Reconsider the Brave Induction task:



s.	:- not s. :- q.	p. s.	r.
{ p, s }, { q, s }	NONE!	{ p, s }	{ p, r, s }
✓	✗	✓	✓

What is the equivalent  $ILP_{LAS}$  task?

$\langle B, \{ \langle \{s\}, \{q\} \rangle \}, \{ \} \rangle$

# LAS: relation to cautious induction

$$ILP_{cautious} \langle B, \{e_1^+, \dots, e_m^+\}, \{e_1^-, \dots, e_n^-\} \rangle$$



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

Positive  
Example

Negative  
Example

# Cautious Induction Relationship: Example

Reconsider the Cautious Induction task:

B

```
p :- not q.
q :- not p, not r.
s :- r.
```

E<sup>+</sup>

s

E<sup>-</sup>

q

s.	:- not s. :- q.	p. s.	r.
{ p, s }, { q, s }	NONE!	{ p, s }	{ p, r, s }
<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓	✓

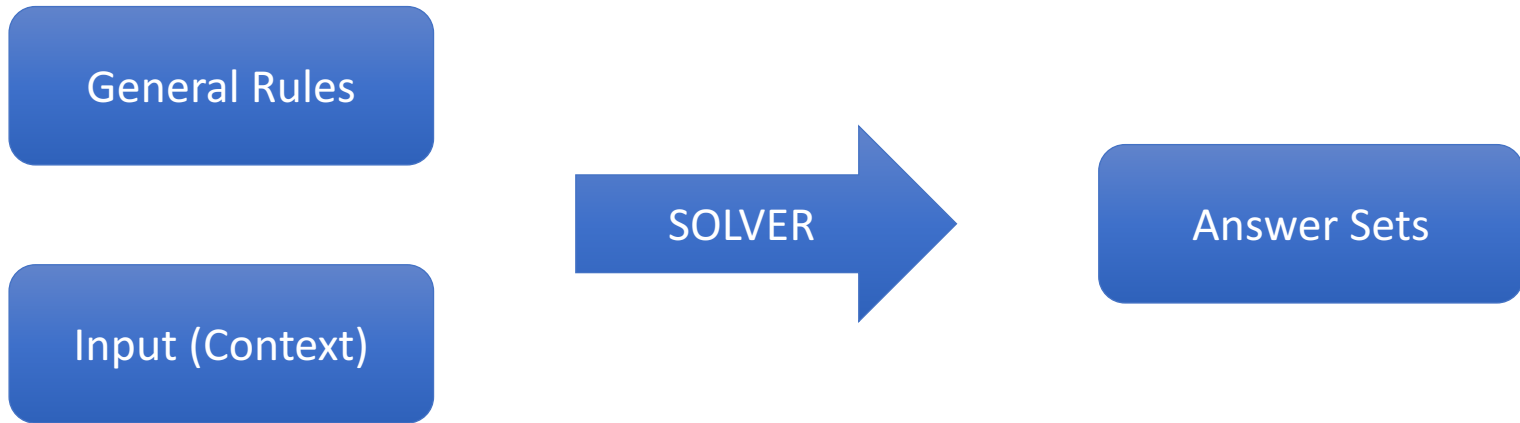
What is the equivalent *ILP<sub>LAS</sub>* task?

< B, { < {}, {} > }, { < {}, {s}>, < {q}, {} > } >

# Context-dependent Examples



# Input to Answer Set Programs



**% General rules:**

```
0 { in(X, Y) } 1 :- edge(X, Y).  
reach(1). reach(Y) :- reach(X), in(X, Y).  
:- node(X), not reach(X).  
:- in(X, Y), in(X, Z), Y != Z.
```

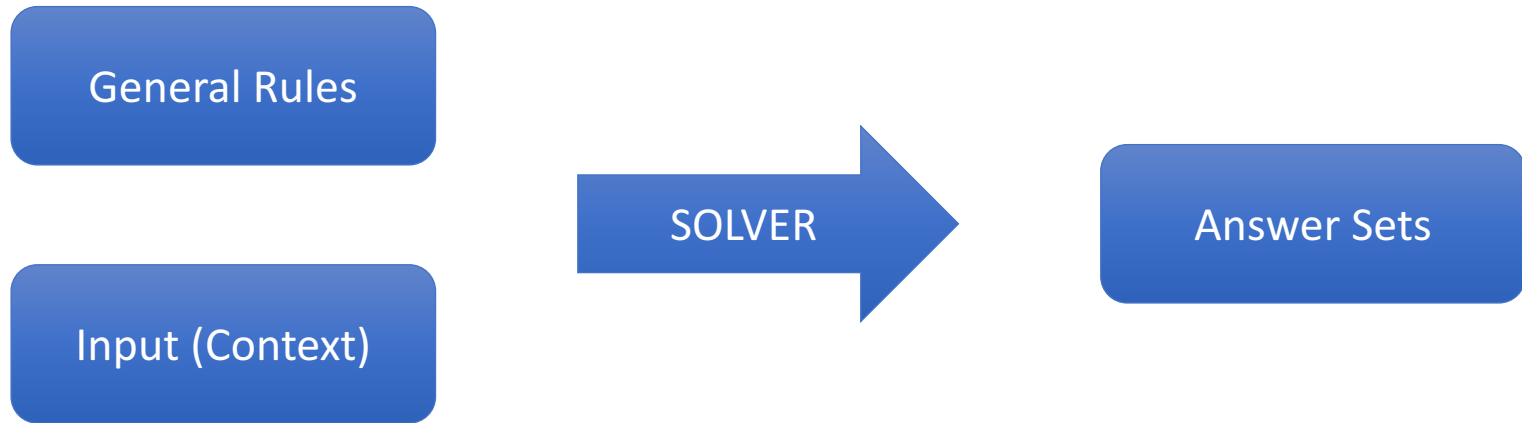
**% Input context:**

```
node(1..4). edge(1, 2). edge(2, 3).  
edge(2, 4). edge(3, 4). edge(4, 1).
```

**Answer Sets:**

```
{ node(1..4), edge(1, 2), edge(2, 3),  
edge(2, 4), edge(3, 4), edge(4, 1),  
reach(1..4), in(1, 2), in(2, 3),  
in(3, 4), in(4, 1) }
```

# Input to Answer Set Programs



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:- in(X, Y), in(X, Z), Y != Z.
```

**Answer Sets:**

UNSATISFIABLE

**% Input context:**

```
node(1..4). edge(1, 2). edge(2, 4).  
edge(3, 4). edge(4, 1).
```

# Context-dependent Examples

A *Context Dependent Partial Interpretation* (CDPI) is a pair  $e = \langle e_{pi}, e_{ctx} \rangle$ , where  $e_{pi}$  is a partial interpretation and  $e_{ctx}$  is an ASP program.

Given a program  $P$  and an interpretation  $I$ ,  $I$  is an *accepting answer set* of  $e$  wrt  $P$  iff  $I \in AS(P \cup e_{ctx})$  and  $I$  extends  $e_{pi}$ .

```
% P:  
p :- not q.
```

1.  $\{p\}$  **is** an accepting answer set of  $\langle \langle \{p\}, \emptyset \rangle, \emptyset \rangle$  wrt  $P$
2.  $\{\}$  **is not** an accepting answer set of  $\langle \langle \emptyset, \{p\} \rangle, \emptyset \rangle$  wrt  $P$
3.  $\{p\}$  **is not** an accepting answer set of  $\langle \langle \{p\}, \emptyset \rangle, \{q.\} \rangle$  wrt  $P$
4.  $\{q\}$  **is** an accepting answer set of  $\langle \langle \emptyset, \{p\} \rangle, \{q.\} \rangle$  wrt  $P$

# Context-dependent LAS

Context-dependent LAS setting:

- Background knowledge  $B$  (ASP program)
- Positive and negative examples  $E^+$  and  $E^-$  (CDPIs)
- Hypothesis space  $S_M$  (normal/choice rules, constraints)
- Find a hypothesis  $H$  such that:

1.  $H \subseteq S_M$

2.  $\forall e^+ \in E^+$ : **at least one** accepting answer set of  $e^+$  wrt  $B \cup H$

3.  $\forall e^- \in E^-$ : **no** accepting answer sets of  $e^-$  wrt  $B \cup H$

# Example

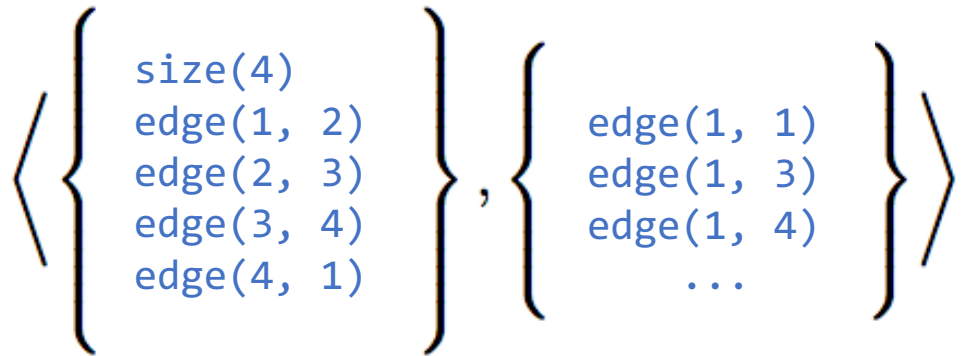
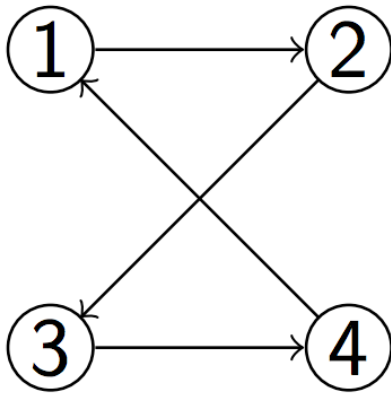
$ILP_{LAS}^{context}$  allows for a natural representation of contextual information (such as weather conditions).

$$B = \emptyset, \quad E^+ = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \langle \{go\_out\}, \emptyset \rangle, \emptyset \rangle \\ \langle \langle \emptyset, \{go\_out\} \rangle, \{raining.\} \rangle \end{array} \right\}, \quad E^- = \emptyset$$

One solution is:

`go_out :- not raining.`

# Hamilton in LAS



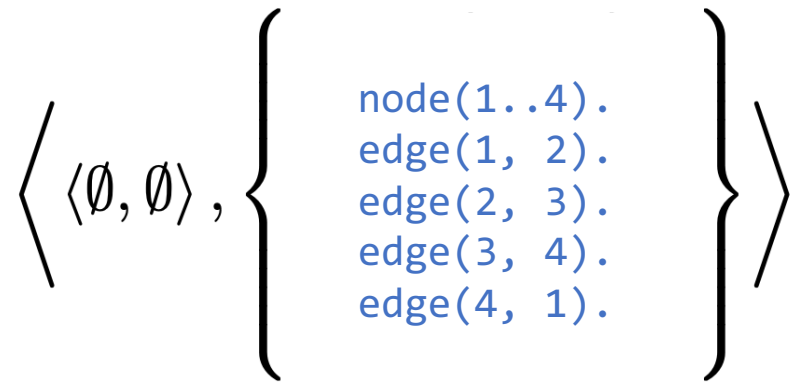
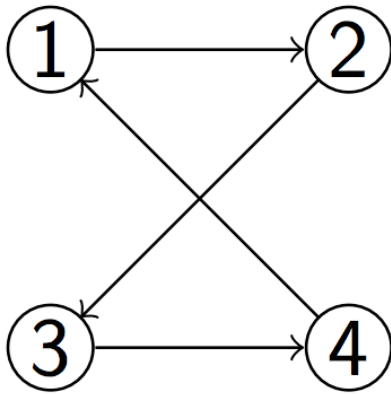
**B:**

```
1 { size(1..4) } 1.  
node(1..N) :- size(N).  
0 { edge(V0, V1) } 1 :- node(V0),  
                        node(V1).
```

**H:**

```
0 { in(V0, V1) } 1 :- edge(V0, V1).  
reach(V0) :- in(1, V0).  
reach(V1) :- in(V0, V1), reach(V0).  
:- node(V0), not reach(V0).  
:- in(V0, V1), in(V0, V2), V1 != V2.
```

# Efficient Hamilton in Context-dependent LAS



*B:*

```
% EMPTY
```

*H:*

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 $\emptyset$  { in( $v_0$ ,  $v_1$ ) } 1 :- edge( $v_0$ ,  $v_1$ ).  
reach( $v_0$ ) :- in(1,  $v_0$ ).  
reach( $v_1$ ) :- in( $v_0$ ,  $v_1$ ), reach( $v_0$ ).  
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:- in( $v_0$ ,  $v_1$ ), in( $v_0$ ,  $v_2$ ),  $v_1 \neq v_2$ .
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# Logic-based Learning of Preferences



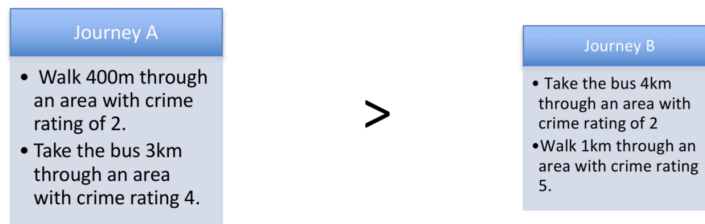
# Preference Learning

There are many approaches to preference learning:

*Collaborative filtering* approaches identify similar users, and one user is recommended an item based on the actions of other users.

*“Students with your chosen courses also took knowledge representation.”*

*Object ranking* approaches, aim to learn an ordering over a set of objects, based on examples of which objects are *preferred* to others.



In ASP, objects are represented by answer sets, and the preference ordering is represented by the weak constraints' ordering of the answer sets.

# (Context-dependent) Ordering Examples

An ordering example is a pair of CDPIs  $\langle e_1, e_2 \rangle$ .

- Roughly speaking, the learned weak constraints should mean that  $e_1$  is preferred to  $e_2$ .

There are two notions of coverage for ordering examples: *brave* and *cautious*.

- For an ordering to be *bravely respected*, there must be **at least one** pair of accepting answer sets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  of  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  (wrt  $B \cup H$ ) such that  $A_1$  is preferred to  $A_2$ .
- For an ordering to be *cautiously respected*, **for each** pair of accepting answer sets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  of  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  (wrt  $B \cup H$ ),  $A_1$  must be preferred to  $A_2$ .

# Example

$$H = \begin{cases} \sim \text{mode}(\text{Leg}, \text{walk}), \text{crime\_rating}(\text{Leg}, C), C > 4 . [1@3, \text{Leg}] \\ \sim \text{mode}(\text{Leg}, \text{bus}) . [1@2, \text{Leg}] \\ \sim \text{mode}(\text{Leg}, \text{walk}), \text{distance}(\text{Leg}, \text{Distance}) . [\text{Distance}@1, \text{Leg}] \end{cases}$$

$$B = \emptyset$$

Does  $B \cup H$  bravely respect the following example?

$$\left\langle \left\langle \langle \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle, \begin{cases} \text{mode}(1, \text{walk}). \\ \text{mode}(2, \text{bus}). \\ \text{distance}(1, 1000). \\ \text{distance}(2, 4000). \\ \text{crime\_rating}(1, 2). \\ \text{crime\_rating}(2, 5). \end{cases} \right\rangle, \left\langle \langle \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle, \begin{cases} \text{mode}(1, \text{bus}). \\ \text{mode}(2, \text{walk}). \\ \text{distance}(1, 3000). \\ \text{distance}(2, 2000). \\ \text{crime\_rating}(1, 4). \\ \text{crime\_rating}(2, 5). \end{cases} \right\rangle \right\rangle$$



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# Context-dependent LOAS

Context-dependent Learning from Ordered Answer Sets setting:

- Background knowledge  $B$  (ASP program)
- Positive and negative examples  $E^+$  and  $E^-$  (CDPIs)
- Brave and cautious ordering examples (CDOEs)
- Hypothesis space  $S_M$  (normal/choice rules, hard/weak constraints)
- Find a hypothesis  $H$  such that:

1.  $H \subseteq S_M$

2.  $\forall e \in E^+$ : *at least one* accepting answer set of  $e$  wrt  $B \cup H$

3.  $\forall e \in E^-$ : *no* accepting answer sets of  $e$  wrt  $B \cup H$

4.  $\forall o \in O^b$ :  $B \cup H$  must *bravely respect*  $o$

5.  $\forall o \in O^c$ :  $B \cup H$  must *cautiously respect*  $o$

# Logic Based Learning from Noisy Examples



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Until now, we have assumed that all examples are *perfectly labelled*. In the real world some examples may be noisy.

Consider the  $ILP_b$  task  $T = \langle B, M, E^+, E^- \rangle$ , where:

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{ t(1) \dots t(10) \} \\ M &= \{ \#modeh(q(+t)) \} \\ E^+ &= \{ q(1), q(2), \dots, q(9) \} \\ E^- &= \{ q(10) \} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{ t(1..12). f(2..4). mul(2, \dots). mul(3, \dots). mul(4, \dots). \} \\ M &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} modeh(q(+t)). \\ modeb(*, mul(\#f, +t)). \\ modeb(*, not mul(\#f, +t)) \end{array} \right\} \\ E^+ &= \{ q(1), q(2), \dots, q(5), q(7), \dots, q(12) \} \\ E^- &= \{ q(6) \} \end{aligned}$$

The only solution of this task is:

$$\begin{aligned} q(X) &\leftarrow t(X), not mul(2, X). \\ q(X) &\leftarrow t(X), not mul(3, X). \\ q(X) &\leftarrow t(X), mul(4, X). \end{aligned}$$

There is a simpler hypothesis that covers all but one example:

$$q(X) \leftarrow t(X).$$

# Weighted/Penalised Examples

Given any ILP framework  $ILP_F$ , an  $n(ILP_F)$  task is an  $ILP_F$  task such that every example has been annotated with a *weight* – either a positive integer or  $\infty$ .

Consider the  $n(ILP_b)$  task  $T = \langle B, M, E^+, E^- \rangle$ , where:

$$B = \{ t(1..10). \}$$

$$M = \{ \#modeh(q(+t)). \}$$

$$E^+ = \{ q(1)@1, q(2)@1, \dots, q(9)@1 \}$$

$$E^- = \{ q(10)@1 \}$$

Given any hypothesis  $H$ ,  $S(H, T) = |H| + \sum_{e@w \in U} w$ , where  $U$  is the set of examples in  $T$  that are not covered by  $H$ .

An inductive solution must have a finite score and an optimal inductive solution is a solution with minimum score.

**What are the (optimal) inductive solutions of  $T$ ?**

$$\emptyset \text{ (with the score of 9)}$$
$$q(X) \leftarrow t(X). \text{ (with the score of 2)}$$

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*UNSATISFIABLE*

# Solving penalised brave induction with ASP

The ASPAL encoding of an  $ILP_b$  task  $\langle B, M, \{e_1^+, \dots, e_m^+\}, \{e_1^-, \dots, e_n^-\} \rangle$  contains the rules:

```
goal :- e_1^+, ..., e_m^+, not e_1^-, ..., e_n^-.
:- not goal.
```

The n(ASPAL) encoding of an n(ILP<sub>b</sub>) task  $\langle B, M, \{e_1^+ @ w_1^+, \dots, e_m^+ @ w_m^+\}, \{e_1^- @ w_1^-, \dots, e_n^- @ w_n^-\} \rangle$  instead contains the weak constraints:

```
:~ not e_1^+. [w_1^+ @ 1, e_1^+]
...
:~ not e_m^+. [w_m^+ @ 1, e_m^+]
:~ e_1^-. [w_1^- @ 1, e_1^-]
...
:~ e_n^-. [w_n^- @ 1, e_n^-]
```

# Learning from Noisy Examples Demo

# ILASP summary

Version	Efficient for tasks with			
	negative examples	many examples	noise	large hypothesis spaces
1	✗	✗	✗	✗
2	✓	✗	✗	✗
2i	✓	✓	✗	✗
3	✓	✓	✓	✗

All versions of ILASP are sound and complete, and therefore guaranteed to return an optimal solution of any satisfiable task.

ILASP4 is currently in development. The aim is to address scalability with respect to the size of the hypothesis space.

ILASP is available to download from [www.ilasp.com](http://www.ilasp.com)



# Summary

This tutorial has covered:

- Brave and cautious induction
- ASPAL
- Learning from Answer Sets
  - Context-dependent learning
  - Preference learning
- ILASP
- Learning from noisy examples

The lecture notes also cover:

- Other ASP-based ILP algorithms
- Complexity/generalizability of the learning frameworks

ILASP

# Inductive Learning of Answer Set Programs

Inductive Learning of Answer Set Programs (ILASP) is the algorithm which was developed to solve LAS tasks.

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

1.  $H \subseteq S_M$
2.  $\forall e^+ \in E^+ \exists A \in AS(B \cup H)$  st  $A$  extends  $e^+$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} & ILP_{LAS}\langle B, S_M, E^+, E^- \rangle \\ &= \text{positive\_solutions}\langle B, S_M, E^+, E^- \rangle \setminus \text{violating\_solutions}\langle B, S_M, E^+, E^- \rangle \end{aligned}$$

# ILASP: Summary

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## Algorithm 1 ILASP

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**procedure** ILASP( $T$ )

$solutions = []$

**for**  $n = 0$ ;  $solutions.empty$ ;  $n++$  **do**

$vs =$  *violating solutions of length  $n$*

$solutions =$  *positive solutions of length  $n$  not in  $vs$*

**end for**

**return**  $solutions$

**end procedure**

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# ILASP1/2 Demo

# ILASP1/2 are slow...

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## Algorithm 1 ILASP

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

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Both ILASP1 and ILASP2 use a meta representation whose grounding is proportional to the number of examples.

# Relevant Examples

In real tasks, many examples may be explained by the same hypotheses.

- In ILASP1 and ILASP2, the grounding of the meta-program is proportional to the number of examples.
- As ILASP learns non-monotonic programs, it cannot iteratively learn a hypothesis using a traditional cover loop.
- Instead, ILASP2i iteratively builds a *relevant* subset of the examples, and in each iteration uses ILASP2 to solve a task with this (usually) smaller subset of the examples.