

# Probabilistic Logic Programming

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# Recap of Last Lecture

- Learning in probabilistic programming
  - Parameter learning, structure learning
  - Still an active research area

# This Lecture

- Probabilistic logic programming
  - Motivation
  - Syntax
  - Semantics
  - Inference

# Classical AI: Logic

- Rich logic systems provide significant expressiveness power
  - Concise and learnable models
- Example: first-order logic. Rules of chess occupy
  - $10^0$  pages of first-order logic
  - $10^5$  pages in propositional logic
  - $10^{38}$  pages in finite automata

# Quick Recap on First-Order Logic

- Compared to propositional logic, introduces predicates and quantifications for expressiveness

$$\forall h1, h2, h3. \textit{sibling}(h1, h2) \wedge \textit{sibling}(h2, h3) \rightarrow \textit{sibling}(h1, h3)$$

- Undecidable

# Modern AI: Probability Theory for Uncertainty

- Bayesian network
- Fixed variables in fixed ranges
  - Similar to propositional logic and Boolean logic

# Probabilistic Logic Programming: Unifying Logic and Probability

- Logic: the ability to describe complex domains concisely in terms of objects and relations
- Probability: the ability to handle uncertainty
- Logic + probability = Probabilistic Logic Programming

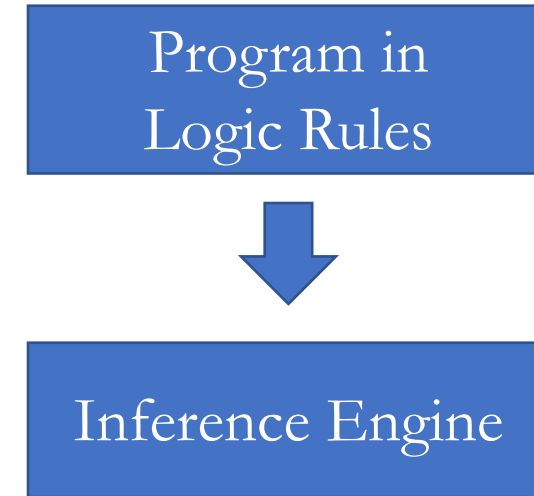
# Example Probabilistic Logic Languages

- Markov Logic Network. University of Washington
- Probabilistic Soft Logic. University of Maryland
- **Problog**. KU Leuven <https://dtai.cs.kuleuven.be/problog/index.html>
- BLOG. UC Berkeley
- ....



# Background: Logic Programming

- Declarative: specifies what rather than how
- Leverages powerful inference engine



# Background: Prolog and Datalog

- Prolog: once popular in AI, still being used in pattern matching (NLP)
  - Turning-complete
- Datalog: a subset of Prolog
  - Can only express polynomial algorithms
  - Originates from the Database community (SQL with recursions)
  - Logic part of Prolog

# Background: Datalog

## Input Relation:

Edge( $e_1, e_2$ )

## Output Relation:

Path( $e_1, e_2$ )

## Rules:

Path( $e_1, e_2$ ) :- edge( $e_1, e_2$ )  $\forall edge(e_1, e_2) \Rightarrow path(e_1, e_2)$

Path( $e_1, e_3$ ) :- path( $e_1, e_2$ ), edge( $e_2, e_3$ )  $\forall path(e_1, e_2) \wedge edge(e_2, e_3) \Rightarrow path(e_1, e_3)$

# Background: Datalog

Edge(1, 2)      Edge(2, 3)

Path(1, 2) :- Edge(1, 2)

Path(2, 3) :- Edge(2, 3)

Path(1, 3) :- Path(1, 2), Edge(2, 3)



# Adding Probabilities to Datalog

- If  $A$  is a friend of  $B$ , and  $B$  is a friend of  $C$ , then  $A$  is likely a friend of  $C$ .

**Can you write a program for the above sentence?**

# Adding Probabilities to Datalog

- Suppose edges exist with probabilities (by observation), compute path reachability.

**Can you write a program for the above sentence?**

**Add probabilities to rules or facts?**

# What is the semantics?

$\text{Path}(E1, E2) \text{ :- edge}(E1, E2)$

0.5:  $\text{Path}(E1, E3) \text{ :- path}(E1, E2), \text{edge}(E2, E3)$

Given a set of derived tuples/facts, assign a probability to them.

# Problog: Introduction

- A language developed by the group led by Luc De Raedt at KU Leuven
- Extends Prolog with probabilities
  - Actually closer to Datalog



# Problog: Syntax

- **Value:** numbers, mixed numbers and letters starting with a letter in lower cases
  
- **Variable:** starting with a capital letter

# Problog: Syntax

Definition	Example
fact	<code>a.</code>
probabilistic fact	<code>0.5::a.</code>
clause	<code>a :- x.</code>
probabilistic clause	<code>0.5::a :- x.</code>
annotated disjunction	<code>0.5::a; 0.5::b.</code>
annotated disjunction	<code>0.5::a; 0.5::b :- x.</code>

From the documentation of Problog

# Problog: Syntax

Queries:

```
0.5::heads(C).  
two_heads :- heads(c1), heads(c2).  
query(two_heads).
```

```
0.5::heads(C) :- between(1, 4, C).  
query(heads(C)).
```

```
0.5::heads(C) :- between(1, 4, C).  
query(heads(C)).
```

Evidence:

```
0.5::heads(C).  
two_heads :- heads(c1), heads(c2).  
evidence(\+ two_heads).  
query(heads(c1)).
```

From the documentation of Problog

# Example Program I

0.5 :: stayUp.

0.7 :: drinkCoffee :- stayUp.

0.5 :: drinkCoffee :- \+ stayUp.

0.9 :: fallSleep :- \+ drinkCoffee, stayUp.

0.3 :: fallSleep :- drinkCoffee, stayUp.

0.1 :: fallSleep :- \+stayUp.

evidence(fallSleep).

query(stayUp).

# What does the following program compute?

0.5 :: stayUp.

0.7 :: drinkCoffee :- stayUp.

0.5 :: drinkCoffee :- \+ stayUp.

0.9 :: fallSleep :- \+ drinkCoffee, stayUp.

0.3 :: fallSleep :- drinkCoffee, stayUp.

0.1 :: fallSleep :- \+stayUp.

query(stayUp).

evidence(fallSleep).

# What does the following program compute?

0.5::heads1.

0.5::heads2.

heads1 :- heads2.

query(heads1).

query(heads2).

# What does the following program compute?

0.5::heads1.

0.5::heads2.

\+ heads1 :- heads2.

query(heads1).

query(heads2).

# Example Program 2

0.9 :: edge(0,1).

0.8 :: edge(1,2).

0.7 :: edge(2,3).

0.8 :: edge(2,4).

1 :: path(A,B) :- edge(A,B).

0.8 :: path(A,C) :- path(A,B), edge(B,C).

evidence(\+ path(0,3)).

query(path(0,4)).



# Semantics of Problog

- What is the semantics of the following program?

0.5 :: stayUp.

0.7 :: drinkCoffee :- stayUp.

0.3 :: fallSleep :- drinkCoffee, stayUp.

query(fallSleep).

# Semantics of Problog

- For simplicity, we assume all probabilities are attached to facts
  
- First idea: we can convert the program into a Bayesian network, but how?

# Semantics of Problog

- Converting into a Bayesian network is viable, but there are small catches
- We give another semantics that defines a distribution of Datalog programs

# Semantics of Problog

- From a Problog program, we can sample a Datalog program by sampling the facts

```
0.5 :: stayUp.
0.7 :: drinkCoffee :- stayUp.
0.3 :: fallSleep :- drinkCoffee, stayUp.
```

```
=
0.5 :: stayUp.
0.7 :: r1.
0.3 :: r2.
drinkCoffee :- stayUp, r1.
fallSleep :- drinkCoffee, stayUp, r2.
```



```
stayUp.
r1.
r2.
drinkCoffee :- stayUp, r1.
fallSleep :- drinkCoffee, stayUp, r2.
```

Probability:  $0.5 * 0.7 * 0.3$

# Semantics of Problog

- What about queries?

0.5 :: stayUp.

0.7 :: r1.

0.3 :: r2.

drinkCoffee :- stayUp, r1.

fallSleep :- drinkCoffee, stayUp, r2.

query(fallSleep)

A query calculates a marginal probability of a fact. Informally,

$$p(f) = \frac{\sum p(\text{any program that derives } f)}{\sum p(\text{any program})}$$

# Semantics of Problog

- What about evidence?

```

0.5 :: stayUp.
0.7 :: r1.
0.3 :: r2.
drinkCoffee :- stayUp, r1.
fallSleep :- drinkCoffee, stayUp, r2.

```

```

evidence(\+ fallSleep)
query(stayUp)

```

Evidence filters out certain programs. Informally,

$$p(f) = \frac{\sum p(\text{any program that derives } f | \text{evidence})}{\sum p(\text{any program} | \text{evidence})}$$

# Semantics of Problog

- What about relations and quantified variables?

0.9 :: edge(0,1).

0.8 :: edge(1,2).

0.7 :: edge(2,3).

0.8 :: edge(2,4).

path(A,B) :- edge(A,B).

0.8 :: path(A,C) :- path(A,B), edge(B,C).

evidence(\+ path(0,3)).

query(path(0,4)).

# Semantics of Problog

- Move probabilities to facts

0.9 :: edge(0,1).

0.8 :: edge(1,2).

0.7 :: edge(2,3).

0.8 :: edge(2,4).

0.8 :: r(A,B,C).

path(A,B) :- edge(A,B).

path(A,C) :- path(A,B), edge(B,C), r(A,B,C).

evidence(\+ path(0,3)).

query(path(0,4)).



# Semantics of Problog

- Ground

Constants: 0, 1, 2, 3 4

$\text{path}(A,C) \text{ :- path}(A,B), \text{edge}(B,C), r(A,B,C).$

## Generates

$\text{path}(0,0) \text{ :- path}(0,0), \text{edge}(0,0), r(0,0,0).$

$A=0, B=0, C=0$

$\text{path}(0,1) \text{ :- path}(0,0), \text{edge}(0,1), r(0,0,1).$

$A=0, B=0, C=1$

$\text{path}(0,1) \text{ :- path}(0,0), \text{edge}(0,1), r(0,0,1).$

$A=0, B=0, C=1$

...

# Semantics of Problog

- After grounding, each ground term can be seen as a Boolean variable, then the whole program can be solved using the semantics of the Boolean case

$\text{path}(0,0) \rightarrow t1, \text{edge}(0,0) \rightarrow t2, \text{r}(0,0,0) \rightarrow t3$

$\text{path}(0,0) \text{ :- } \text{path}(0,0), \text{edge}(0,0), \text{r}(0,0,0).$



$t1 \text{ :- } t1, t2, t3$

# Semantics of Problog

- First, ground the program into a Boolean program
- The Boolean program describes a distribution of Datalog program, which in turn defines a distribution of outputs

# Questions

- Can you use Problog to express uniform distributions?
- What about loops?

# Logic Part in Problog is more than Datalog

```
:- use_module(library(aggregate)).
```

```
pull(0).
```

```
count(1).
```

```
pull(N+1) :- pull(N), N < 10.
```

```
0.1 :: pull_SSR(N) :- pull(N).
```

```
num_SSRs(sum<X>) :- pull_SSR(N),count(X).
```

```
query(num_SSRs(X)).
```

# But It is also Not Prolog

- The following program terminates in Prolog but not in Prolog

```
child(anne,bridget).
```

```
child(bridget,caroline).
```

```
child(caroline,donna).
```

```
child(donna,emily).
```

```
descend(X,Y) :- descend(Z,Y), child(X,Z).
```

```
descend(X,Y) :- child(X,Y).
```

```
query(descend(anne,emily))
```

# Inference

- As described before, inference can be done in two steps:
  - **Grounding.** Convert the program into a probabilistic program with only Boolean variables (no quantifiers)
  - **Solving.** Solve with the Boolean program produced above.

# Optimization on Grounding

- Grounding replaces all variables with their values
  - Number of grounded rules is proportional to cartesian product of the domain sizes
- How to optimize?
  - A simple idea: only ground the part that is relevant to the queries and evidence.
  - Backtrack over the rules starting from the queries and evidence (SLD resolution).
  - A further optimization: stop tracking if a rule body doesn't hold according to the evidence



# Optimization on Grounding

- If the logic part is Datalog without negation, we can use a Datalog solver to compute the grounding
- Datalog without negation is monotonic: the more rules or input facts, the more output facts
- If negation is on the input, it is still fine

# Negation in Problog

- Unfortunately, Problog allows the following program:

one(1).

odd(X) :- one(X).

even(X) :- \+ odd(X).

And

0.5::a.      0.9 :: e:-a.

0.5::b.      0.9 :: e:-b.

0.1 :: \+e:-a,b

If such negations are not present, we can use a Datalog solver to ground, which is highly efficient.

# Solving

- Once we have a grounded program, we can leverage existing techniques
- Idea 1: convert the program into a Bayesian network
- Idea 2: convert the program into a Boolean formula with weights (MaxSAT)

# Solving: Converting into a Bayesian Net

0.8 :: a.

0.7 :: b.

0.5 :: c:- a.

0.5 :: c:- b.

query(c).

# Solving: Converting into a Bayesian Net

- We move all probabilities to input facts
- We add a root node whose prior distribution is  $P(r = 1) = 1$ . Then we add a rule  $p :: f:-r$  for each input fact  $p::f$
- For each fact  $f$ , suppose it is derived using  $r_1, \dots, r_n$ , we add arcs from all facts in the rule bodies to  $f$ .
- We set conditional probabilities:  
$$p(f | \vee body(r_i) == True) = 1$$
$$p(f | \vee body(r_i) == False) = 0$$

**Only works for program without cycles**

# Solving: Converting into a MaxSAT

- Finding the most likely solution becomes solving the MaxSAT
- Computing marginal probabilities becomes weighted model counting

# Brief Introduction on MaxSAT

## MaxSAT:

$  \begin{array}{rcl}  & a \wedge & (C1) \\  & \neg a \vee b \wedge & (C2) \\  4 & \neg b \vee c \wedge & (C3) \\  2 & \neg c \vee d \wedge & (C4) \\  7 & \neg d & (C5)  \end{array}  $	=	$  \begin{array}{rcl}  \text{Subject to} & C1 \\  & C2 \\  \\   \text{Maximize} & 4 \times C3 + 2 \times C4 + 7 \times C5  \end{array}  $
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**Solution:**  $a = \text{true}$ ,  $b = \text{true}$ ,  $c = \text{true}$ ,  $d = \text{false}$   
 (Objective = **11**)

# Brief Introduction on MaxSAT

- Popular MaxSAT solving techniques: converting the problem into a series of SAT problem
- Brief idea: can any solution satisfy  $k$  clauses?
  - Linear search
  - Binary search
  - (UNSAT) core guided



# Core-Guided MaxSAT Solving

- UNSAT core: a set of clauses which are not satisfiable
  - Minimum UNSAT core: removing any clause will make it satisfiable
  - Modern SAT solvers come with the ability to return UNSAT cores
  
- [Fu & Malik]: Each time allow one and only one clause to be relaxed

# Example using MaxSAT for Inference

0.6 :: rain.

0.5 :: sprinkle.

0.9 :: grass\_wet :- rain, sprinkle.



0.6 rain

0.4 !rain

0.5 sprinkle

0.5 !sprinkle

0.9 r

0.1 !r

grass\_wet or !rain or !sprinkle or !r

!grass\_wet or rain

!grass\_wet or sprinle

!grass\_wet or r

grass\_wet :- rain, sprinkle is translated into  
 $grass_{wet} \leftrightarrow rain \wedge sprinkle \wedge r$

# Example using MaxSAT for Inference

- When translating rules, we have to consider the least fixed point semantics of Datalog
- Suppose the rules are acyclic, for a given fact  $f$ , we have to consider all grounded rules that derive  $f$

$$f \leftrightarrow \bigvee body(r_i)$$

# Example using MaxSAT for Inference

- When rules are cyclic, problems become complicated:  
0.5::a. b:-a. b:-c. c:-b
- For reference:
  - Janhunen, T. 2004. Representing normal programs with clauses. In In Proc. of the 16th European Conference on Artificial Intelligence. IOS Press, 358–362.
  - Mantadelis, T. and Janssens, G. 2010. Dedicated tabling for a probabilistic setting. In Tech. Comm. of 26th International Conf. on Logic Programming. 124–133.

# Brief Introduction on Weighted Model Counting

- Model counting: compute the number of assignments to a SAT expression

a or b      3 assignments

- Weighted model counting
  - Each variable has a weight for each assignment:  $w(v)$
  - The model weight is the the product of variable weights
  - Now the count is a weighted sum

# Example using WMC for Inference

0.6 rain

0.4 !rain

0.5 sprinkle

0.5 !sprinkle

0.9 r

0.1 !r

grass\_wet or !rain or !sprinkle

!grass\_wet or rain

!grass\_wet or sprinle

$$w(\text{rain} = \text{true}) = 0.6$$

$$w(\text{rain} = \text{false}) = 0.4$$

$$w(\text{sprinkle} = \text{true}) = 0.5$$

$$w(\text{sprinkle} = \text{false}) = 0.5$$

$$w(r = \text{true}) = 0.9$$

$$w(r = \text{false}) = 0.1$$

$$P(\text{grass\_wet} = \text{true}) = \text{WMC}(M \wedge \text{grass\_wet} = \text{true})$$

What if we want to evaluate

$$P(\text{rain} \mid \text{grass\_wet} = \text{true})?$$

# Using WMC for Marginal Inference

- Let the constructed weighted formula be  $M$ , queries be  $Q$ , evidence be  $E$ , then

$$P(Q) = \frac{WMC(M \wedge Q \wedge E)}{WMC(M \wedge E)}$$

- For more, refer to

Sang, T., Beame, P. and Kautz, H., 2005. Solving Bayesian networks by weighted model counting. In Proceedings of the Twentieth National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-05) (Vol. 1, pp. 475-482). AAAI Press.

# Further Reading on Problog

- <https://dtai.cs.kuleuven.be/problog/index.html>



# Next Lecture

- Causality