

# **Derivation reduction of metarules in meta-interpretive learning**

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## **Input**

Examples

Background knowledge

**Bias**

## **Output**

Logic program

# Biases

- Mode declarations (Progol, ILASP, Aleph, XHAIL, ...)
- **Metarules** (Metagol, MIL-Hex,  $\partial$ ILP, ProPPR, Clint, MOBAL ...)

# Metarules

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$P, Q, R$  are **existentially** quantified **second-order** variables

$A, B, C$  are **universally** quantified **first-order** variables

## Input

```
% background
parent(ann, amy)←
parent(amy, amelia)←

% example
grandparent(ann, amelia)←

% metarule
P(A, B)←Q(A, C), R(C, B)
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## Output

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<pre>% background parent(ann, amy)← parent(amy, amelia)←</pre>	<pre>grandparent(A,B)←   parent(A,C),   parent(C,B)</pre>
<pre>% example grandparent(ann, amelia)←</pre>	<pre>{   P\granparent,   Q\parent,   R\parent</pre>
<pre>% metarule P(A,B)←Q(A,C),R(C,B)</pre>	<pre>}</pre>

# Why?

## **Completeness**

cannot learn grandparent/2 with only  $P(X) \leftarrow Q(X)$

## **Efficiency**

more metarules = larger hypothesis space

## **Usability**

Users do not want to provide metarules



## Remove redundant metarules [ILP14]

The Horn clause  $C$  is **entailment redundant**  
in the Horn theory  $T \cup \{C\}$  when  $T \models C$

# Entailment redundancy

$$C1 = h(A, B) \leftarrow s(A, B)$$

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**$\text{father}(A, B) \leftarrow \text{parent}(A, B), \text{male}(A)$  ✖**



# Derivation redundancy

The Horn clause  $C$  is **derivationally redundant** in the Horn theory  $T \cup \{C\}$  when  $T \vdash C$

SLD-resolution



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$\{C1, C2, C3\} \vdash \{C4\}$

**father(A, B) ← parent(A, B), male(A) ✓**

## Derivation redundancy

While there is a clause in  $T$  such that  $T - \{C\} \vdash_k C$ :

Set  $T = T - \{C\}$

## Connected clauses

body literals are connected to the head literal

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A)$  ✓

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, C)$  ✓

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B), R(B, D), S(D, B)$  ✓

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(B)$  ✗

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A), R(B, C)$  ✗

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B), S(C)$  ✗

$H^2_m$

restriction on literal arity

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B) \checkmark$

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A, B), R(B) \checkmark$

$P(A, B, C) \leftarrow Q(A, B, C) \times$

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A, B, C), R(B, C) \times$

$$H^2 =_m$$

$$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B) \quad \checkmark$$

$$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, C), R(C, B) \quad \checkmark$$

$$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A) \quad \times$$

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$H^a_2$

restriction on number of body literals

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B) \checkmark$

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A, B, C), R(B, C) \checkmark$

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A), R(A), S(A) \times$

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$H^a_{2=}$

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## Exactly-two connected

each first-order variable appears exactly twice

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A)$  ✓

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, B)$  ✓

$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(A, C), R(C, B)$  ✓

$P(A, \mathbf{B}) \leftarrow Q(A)$  ✗

$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A, \mathbf{B})$  ✗

$P(\mathbf{A}) \leftarrow Q(\mathbf{A}), R(\mathbf{A})$  ✗

# Idea

1. Run **derivation reduction** with a SLD-resolution depth bound of **10** on **sub-fragments** of an **infinite** fragment.
2. Study the results.

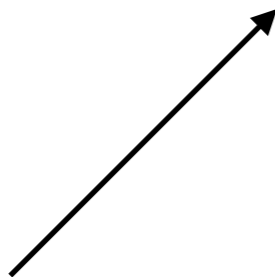
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E-reduction	D-reduction
$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(B, A)$	$P(A, B) \leftarrow Q(B, A)$
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Same as ILP14 paper

$$E^2=2 \vdash E^2=\infty \checkmark$$

$E^2_5$

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$E^2_2 \vdash E^2_\infty \checkmark$

## Two connected

each first-order variable appears at least twice  
(i.e. prevents singleton variables)

$$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A) \quad \checkmark$$

$$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A), R(A) \quad \checkmark$$

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$P(A) \leftarrow R(A, B), Q(A, B)$	$P(A) \leftarrow R(A, B), Q(A, B)$
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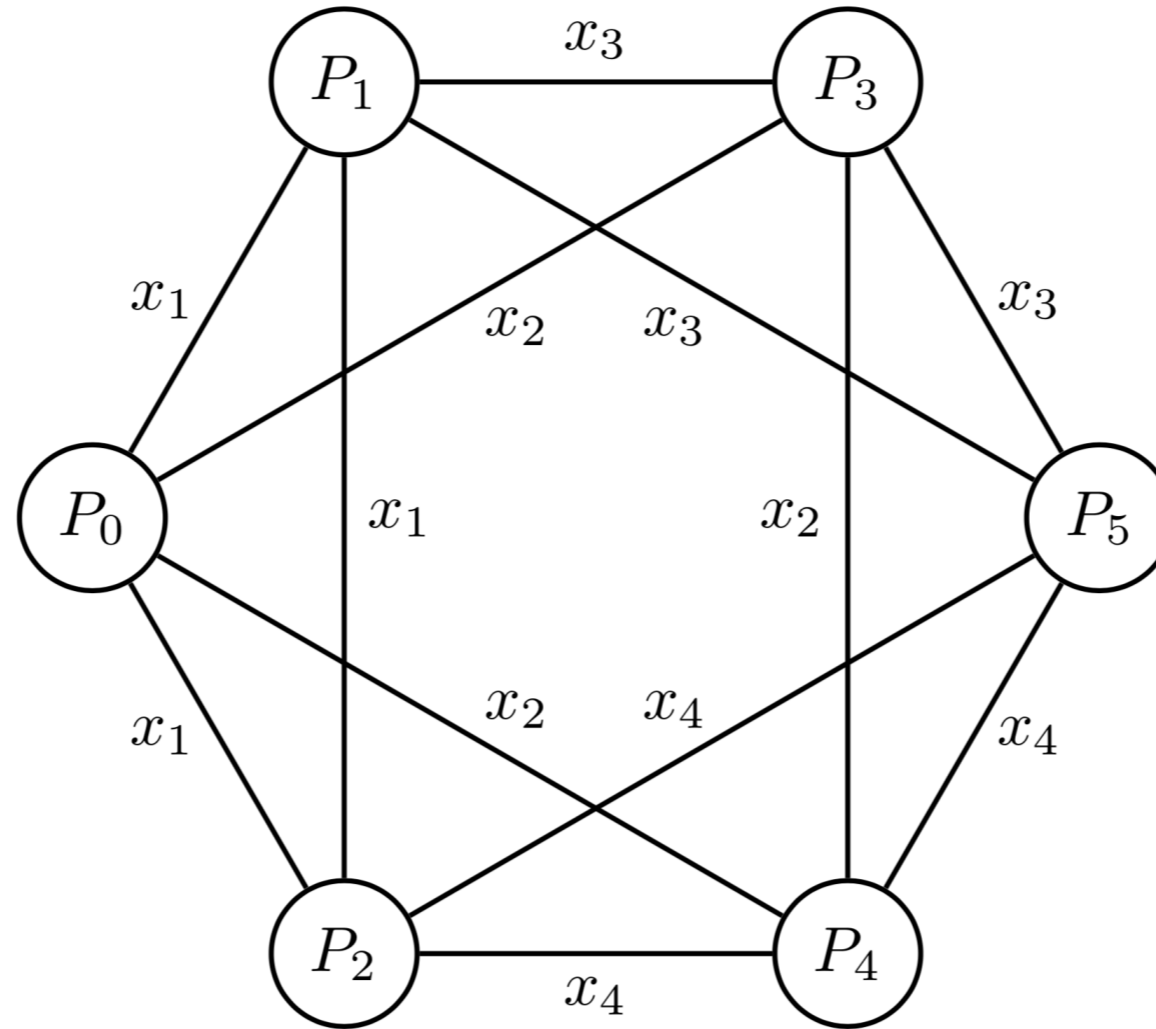


## $K^2_5$ two connected

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$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A)$	$P(A) \leftarrow Q(A)$
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$K^{2=\infty}$  cannot be reduced ✘

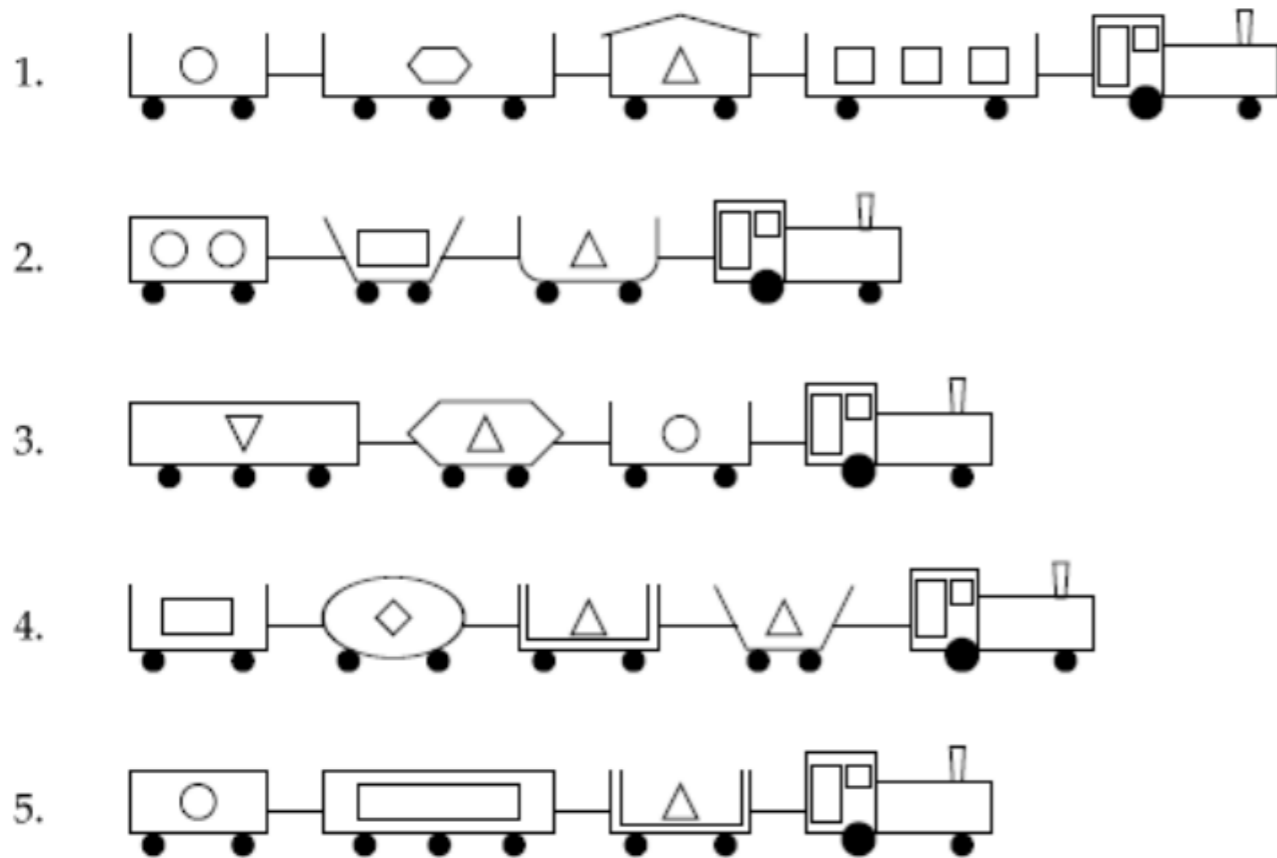
# Why not?



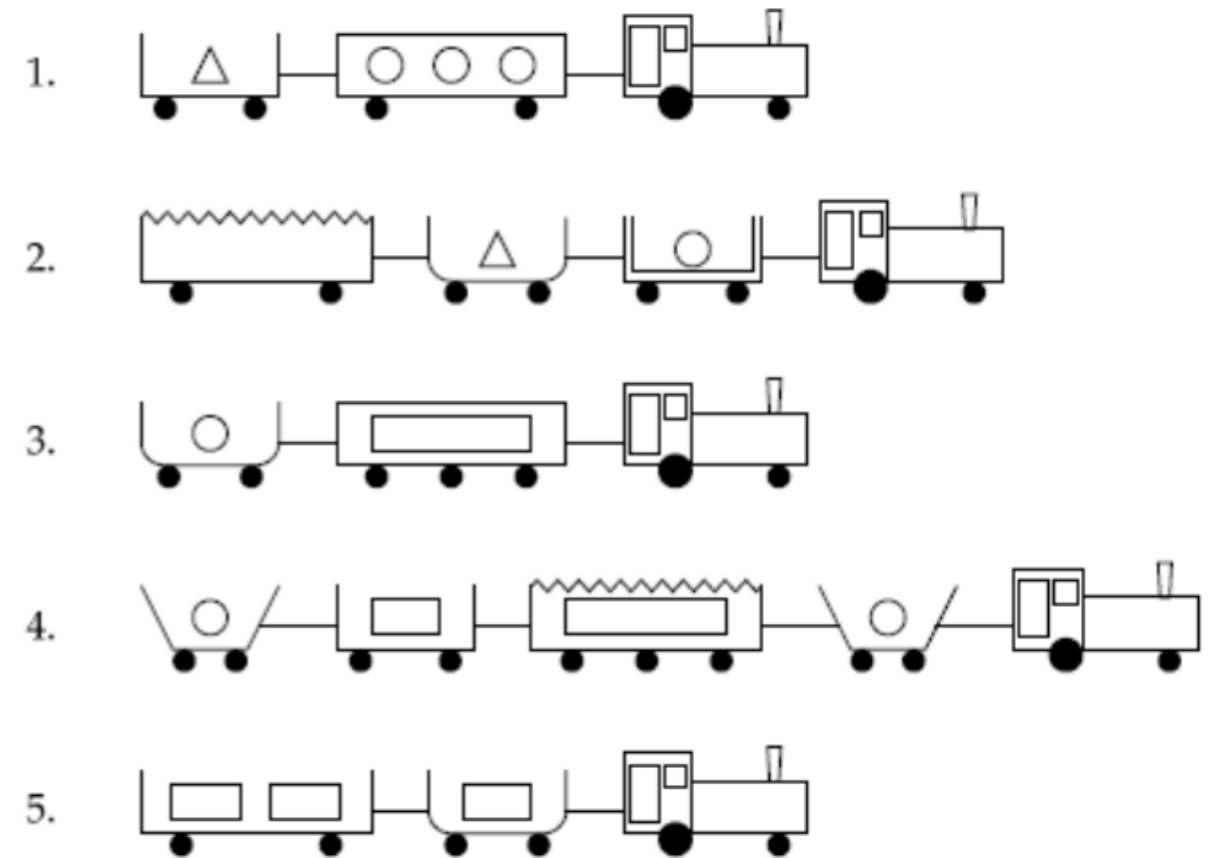
$$P_0(x_1, x_2) \leftarrow P_1(x_1, x_3), P_2(x_1, x_4), P_3(x_2, x_3), P_4(x_2, x_4), P_5(x_3, x_4)$$

# Does it matter?

## 1. TRAINS GOING EAST



## 2. TRAINS GOING WEST



## Accuracies

<b>Task</b>	<b>E-reduction</b>	<b>D-reduction</b>	<b>D*-reduction</b>
T1	95 ± 1	100 ± 0	100 ± 0
T2	99 ± 1	100 ± 0	100 ± 0
T3	56 ± 3	96 ± 2	96 ± 2
T4	69 ± 4	96 ± 2	96 ± 2
T5	59 ± 3	93 ± 3	93 ± 3
T6	50 ± 1	96 ± 3	96 ± 3
T7	68 ± 4	95 ± 2	95 ± 2
T8	54 ± 3	60 ± 3	90 ± 3

## Learning times

<b>Task</b>	<b>E-reduction</b>	<b>D-reduction</b>	<b>D*-reduction</b>
T1	$0.01 \pm 0$	$0 \pm 0$	$0 \pm 0$
T2	$0.01 \pm 0$	$0 \pm 0$	$0 \pm 0$
T3	$431 \pm 59$	$0.01 \pm 0$	$0.01 \pm 0$
T4	$300 \pm 68$	$0 \pm 0$	$0.01 \pm 0$
T5	$427 \pm 60$	$1 \pm 0.3$	$1 \pm 0.41$
T6	$600 \pm 0$	$1 \pm 0.41$	$1 \pm 0.42$
T7	$917 \pm 535$	$1 \pm 0.27$	$1 \pm 0.36$
T8	$487 \pm 51$	$360 \pm 67$	$26 \pm 5$

```
% target program  
f(X):-has_car(X,C1),  
      long(C1),  
      two_wheels(C1),  
      has_car(X,C2),  
      long(C2),  
      three_wheels(C2).
```

% E-reduction

$f(A) : \neg \text{has\_car}(A, B), f1(A, B).$

$f1(A, B) : \neg \text{has\_car}(A, C), f2(C, B).$

$f2(A, B) : \neg \text{long}(A), \text{three\_wheels}(B).$

% D-reduction

$f(A) :- \neg f1(A), f2(A).$

$f1(A) :- \neg has\_car(A, B), three\_wheels(B).$

$f2(A) :- \neg has\_car(A, B), roof\_open(B).$



% D\*-reduction

$f(A) :- f1(A), f2(A).$

$f1(A) :- \text{has\_car}(A, B), \text{three\_wheels}(B).$

$f2(A) :- \text{has\_car}(A, B), f3(B).$

$f3(A) :- \text{long}(A), \text{two\_wheels}(A).$

```
% target program
f(X):-
    has_car(X,C1),
    long(C1),
    two_wheels(C1),
    has_car(X,C2),
    long(C2),
    three_wheels(C2).
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```
% D*-reduction
f(A):-
    has_car(A,B),
    three_wheels(B),
    has_car(A,C),
    long(C),
    two_wheels(C).
```

# Todo

- Study derivation reduction problem
- Other fragments
  - Triadics
  - Connected
- Unconstrained resolution