# Nonmonotonic Inductive Logic Programming (NMILP)

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# Why NMILP?

## Nonmonotonic Logic Programming (NMLP)

- normal logic programs (CAW by NAF)  $A_0 \leftarrow A_1, \ldots, A_m, notA_{m+1}, \ldots, notA_n$
- mainly, stable model semantics (beliefs)
- default reasoning on incomplete knowledge (defaults + observation → conclusion)
- rules acts as contraints or derivation rules (not as definitions)
- nonmonotonicity (addition of new info may contradict previous conclusions)
- No learning mechanisms are provided

## Inductive Logic Programming (ILP)

- Given :
  - Background Knowledge  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{B}}$  and
  - Examples  $E = E^+ \cup E^-$  ( $\mathcal{B} \not\models E$ )

Find a theory H such that

- $\mathcal{B} \cup H \models e$  for every  $e \in E^+$
- $\mathcal{B} \cup H \not\models f$  for every  $f \in E^-$
- Present ILP uses Horn clauses for  ${\cal B}$  and  ${\cal H}$ 
  - less expressive language
  - monotonic reasoning
- armed with various learning mechanisms
  - incremental learning (non-monotonic learning)
  - batch learning (monotonic learning)
  - top-down search and bottom-up search
  - inverse resolution
  - inverse entailment

## Nonmonotonic Inductive Logic Programming (NMILP)

- **NMLP:** expressive language, human commonsense reasoning, but no learning mechanisms
- **ILP:** language with limited expressiveness, armed with learning mechanisms, but does not simulate human commonsense reasoning
- NMILP: hopefully takes advantages of both paradigms

## NMILP = NMLP + ILP

# **SLDNF Based Approaches**

## **Representive Efforts**

- Non-monotonic learning, M. Bain, S. Muggleton, 1992
- Learning Logic Programs with negation as failure, 1996
- Learning nonmonotonic logic program: learning exeptions, 1995
- Normal programs and multiple predicate learning, 1998
- Learning extended logic programs, 1997
- A three-valued framework for the induction of general programs, 1996

## **Incremental Learning**

Initialize 
$$\Sigma$$
 to  $\{\Box\}$ 

repeat

read the next (positive or negative) example while  $\Sigma$  is not correct with the

while 
$$\Sigma$$
 is not correct w.r.t. the examples read so far

if  $\exists e^-$  s.t.  $\Sigma \models e^-$ 

specialize  $\Sigma$  by identifying a false clause and delete it from  $\Sigma$ 

if  $\exists e^+$  s.t.  $\Sigma \not\models e^+$ 

generalize  $\Sigma$  by constructing a clause  $C \models e$ and add it to  $\Sigma$ 

until no examples left to read.

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#### **An Example**

 $\mathcal{B} = \{bird(swan), bird(eagle), bird(penguin), bird(pigeon).\}$  $E = \{ \oplus flies(swan). \oplus flies(eagle). \oplus flies(penguin). \}$ 

$$\Sigma_{0} = \Box$$

$$\downarrow \oplus: flies(swan)$$

$$\Sigma_{1} = \{flies(X) \leftarrow bird(X).\}$$

$$\downarrow \oplus: flies(eagle)$$

$$\Sigma_{2} = \{flies(X) \leftarrow bird(X).\}$$

$$\downarrow \oplus: flies(penguin)$$

$$\Sigma_{3} = \{flies(swan). \quad flies(eagle).\}$$

## An Example

 $\mathcal{B} = \{bird(swan). \ bird(eagle). \ bird(penguin). \ bird(pigeon).\}$   $E = \{ \oplus flies(swan). \ \oplus flies(eagle). \ \oplus flies(penguin).\}$   $\Sigma_0 = \Box$   $\downarrow \oplus: flies(swan)$   $\Sigma_1 = \{flies(X) \leftarrow bird(X).\}$   $\downarrow \oplus: flies(eagle)$   $\Sigma_2 = \{flies(X) \leftarrow bird(X).\}$   $\downarrow \oplus: flies(penguin)$   $\Sigma_3 = \{flies(swan). \ flies(eagle).\}$ 

#### comments

- 1. monotonic reasoning (Horn clauses based)
- 2. non-monotonic learning (correct info not preserved, e.g., both  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  imply flies(pegion), but  $\Sigma_3$  does not.)
- 3. may result in poor learning quality
- 4. due to problem of "overly(drastic)-specialization"
- 5. we desire to preserve correct info
- 6. can not be achieved by any forms of "incrementalspecialization" within classical logic framework
- 7. SOLUTION: introducing negation !

## **Closed World Specialization**

#### Input:

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set of clauses T (possibly with negation) and ground atom A s.t. T \models A and A is incorrect
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#### **Operations:**

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Generate proof of T \models A using SLDNF-resolution

Assume C \in T resolved with \leftarrow A

Let C = Hd : -Bd

Let \theta be the substitution for variables in C

If literal notB \in Bd

Let T' = T \cup \{B\theta\}

else

Let \{V_1, \dots, V_n\} be the domain of \theta

Let q be a predicate symbol not found in T

Let B = q(V_1, \dots, V_n)

Let T' = T - \{C\} \cup \{Hd : -(Bd \cup notB\} \cup \{B\theta\}
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## Output: T'

derive *flies*(*penguin*) any more.

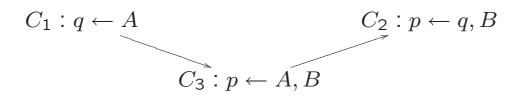
Note: T' specializes T, but not in traditional sense, since T' has a new predicate symbol.

In our example, the following theory will be learned  $\{flies(X) \leftarrow bird(X), not flightless(X). flightless(penguin).\}$ Now since flightless(penguin) is true, not flightless(penguin)is false. Therefore, the newly learned theory does not

## Moving from ILP to NMILP

# Inverse Resolution is not directly applicable in NMILP !

## Inverse resolution: (absorption)



- $\Sigma_1$  generalizes  $\Sigma_2$  if  $\Sigma_2 \models a$  implies  $\Sigma_1 \models a$
- Denote  $\Sigma = \{C_1, C_3\}, A(\Sigma) = \{C_1, C_2\}.$
- $A(\Sigma)$  generalizes  $\Sigma$  in Horn clausal logic

## In NMLP, however

- $A(\Sigma)$  does not necessarily generalizes  $\Sigma$   $\Sigma = \{p \leftarrow \neg q, q \leftarrow r, s \leftarrow r, s \leftarrow \}$  (V:3,2,2)  $A(\Sigma) = \{p \leftarrow \neg q, q \leftarrow s, s \leftarrow r, s \leftarrow \}$ Then,  $\Sigma \models p$  but  $A(\Sigma) \not\models p$ .
- It may be the case that Σ is consistent, but A(Σ) is not.
  Σ = {p ← q, ¬p, q ← r, s ← r, s ←} (V:3,2,2)) A(Σ) = {p ← q, ¬q, q ← s, s ← r, s ←} Then, Σ is consistent, but A(Σ) is not.
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# Inverse Entailment is not directly applicable to NMILP !

#### Deduction Theorem (Horn clausal logic)

For any formula A, we have

 $P \cup \{R\} \models A \Longleftrightarrow P \models R \to A$ 

#### Inverse entailment:

Given Horn program B and an example E, deduction theorem gives:

$$B \cup \{H\} \models E \iff B \models (H \to E) \tag{1}$$

$$\iff B \models (\neg E \to \neg H) \tag{2}$$

$$\iff B \cup \{\neg E\} \models \neg H \tag{3}$$

 $B \wedge \neg E \models \neg H$  serves as a necessary condition for constructing H. In NMLP, however

- Deduction theorem in Eq. (1) and (3) does not hold in general
- Contrapositive implication in Eq. (2) is undefined

## **Stable Model Based Approaches**

## Main Results (by Chiaka Sakama)

#### Deduction Theorem (Horn clausal logic)

For any formula A, we have

 $P \cup \{R\} \models A \Longleftrightarrow P \models R \to A$ 

#### Entailment Theorem (NMLP)

For any ground literal A, we have

$$P \cup \{R\} \models_S A \Longrightarrow P \models_S R \to A \tag{i}$$

$$P \cup \{R\} \models_S A \Longleftarrow P \models_S R \to A \text{ and } P \models_S R$$
(ii)

#### Contrapositive rule in NMLP

$$R : A_0 \leftarrow A_1, \dots, A_m, not \ A_{m+1}, \dots, not \ A_n$$

$$R^c : not \ A_1; \dots, not \ A_m; not \ not A_{m+1}, \dots, not \ not \ A_n \leftarrow not \ A_0$$

$$R^c : \leftarrow A_1, \dots, A_m, not \ A_{m+1}, \dots, not \ A_n, not \ A_0$$
We can prove that  $P \models_S R \iff P \models_S R_C$  (iii)

#### Inverse Entailment in NMLP

Given normal program B and a positive example E such that

$$B \models_S not E$$
 (iv)

Then

$$B \cup \{H\} \models_{S} E \iff \stackrel{by (i)}{\iff} B \models_{S} (H \to E)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \stackrel{by (ii)}{\iff} B \models_{S} (not \ E \to not \ H)$$

$$consider \ H = p(x_{1}, \dots, x_{k}) \qquad where \qquad p \ is \ a \ new \ atom$$

$$\implies \stackrel{by (ii) \ and \ (iv)}{\implies} B \cup \{not \ E\} \models_{S} not \ H$$

So  $B \cup \{not \ E\} \models_S not \ H$  serves as a necessary condition for H. This necessary condition can be simplified as  $B \models_S not \ H$ .

## Learning from a single positive example Classical Inverse Entailment(IE):

- necessary condition for  $H: B \land \neg E \models \neg H$  (\*)
- let Bot be the conjunction of ground literals which are true in every model of  $B \land \neg E$ .
- we consider  $Bot \models \neg H$  (but note: this IE is not complete since condition (\*) does not imply  $Bot \models \neg H$ ).
- $H_0 = \neg Bot$  is a trivial valid (ground) candidate of H.
- organize  $H_0$  s.t. target predicate atom A is left to " $\leftarrow$ ".
- generalizing  $H_0$  by replacing constants with variables, we get a most specific hypothesis with variables.

### NMLP Inverse Entailment(NMLP\_IE):

- necessary condition for H:  $B \models_S not H$  (\*\*) (same as  $B \cup \{not \ E\} \models_S not H$ )
- let  $M^+ = M \cup \{not \ l \mid l \notin M \text{ and } l \in \mathcal{HB}\}$ , where M is the stable model of B and  $\mathcal{HB}$  is the Herbrand model of B.
- condition (\*\*) implies  $M^+ \models not H$ .
- let  $\Gamma = \{K \in M^+ \mid K \text{ is relevant to } L \text{ and is involved } inB \cup \{E\}\}.$
- since  $M^+ \models \Gamma$ , we have  $M^+ \models not r_0$  where  $r_0 \models \leftarrow \Gamma$ .
- integrity constraint r<sub>0</sub> =← Γ is a trivial valid (ground) candidate of H.
- shift the target predicate atom to the left of " $\leftarrow$ " in  $r_0$ .
- generalizing  $r_0$  by replacing constants with variables, we get a most specific hypothesis with variables.

## Illustration

#### Given:

 $\mathcal{B} = \{ bird(X) \leftarrow penguin(X). \ bird(tweety). \ penguin(polly). \}$ 

 $E = \{ \oplus flies(tweety). \}$ 

Note:  $B \models not flies(tweety)$ .

#### Steps:

stable model of B (same as that of B not E):  $M = \{ bird(tweety), bird(polly), penguin(polly), \}$ 

expansion of M:  $M^+ = \{ bird(tweety). bird(polly). penguin(polly).$ not penguin(tweety). not flies(tweety). not flies(polly).  $\}$ 

integrity constraint:  $r_0 = \leftarrow bird(tweety), not penguin(tweety), not flies(tweety).$ 

shift the atom with target predicate to the left side:  $r_0 = flies(tweety) \leftarrow bird(tweety), not penguin(tweety).$ 

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generalize r_0 by replacing constant with variables:

H = flies(X) \leftarrow bird(X), not penguin(X).
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