

Toward Statistical Predicate Invention

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Predicate Invention

- Ø **Inductive Logic Programming (ILP)** approach
- Ø Form predicates to represent
 - Commonalities (interconstruction) [Wogulis & Langley, 1989]
 - Differences (intraconstruction) [Muggleton & Buntine, 1988]
 - § a. and b. prone to over-generating predicates
 - Exceptions to rules [Srinivasan et. al., 1992]
- Ø Form predicates from 2nd-order templates [Silverstein & Pazzani, 1991]
- Ø **Limited ability to handle noisy data**

Latent/Hidden Variable Discovery

- Ø **Statistical learning** approach
- Ø Form hidden variables from
 - Structural patterns in Bayesian networks [Elidan et. al., 2001]
 - Observed variables grouped by mutual information [Elidan & Friedman, 2005]
- Ø EM algorithm iteratively
 - Creates hidden variables
 - Hypothesizes hidden variables values
 - Learns parameters of resulting Bayesian network
- Ø **Assumes data independent and identically distributed**

Statistical Predicate Invention (SPI)

What is SPI?

- Ø Discovery of new concepts, relations, properties
- Ø Combines **ILP** and **statistical learning** approaches
- Ø Invented predicates → discover more predicates
- Ø More powerful than learning from fix set of primitives

Benefits

- Ø More compact and comprehensible model
- Ø Reduce # parameters from exponential to linear
- Ø Reduce risk of overfitting
- Ø Less memory
- Ø Potentially faster inference
- Ø Invented predicate used to learn new formulas
=> larger steps through search space
- Ø Represent unobserved aspects => better accuracy

Applications

Activity Recognition

Robotics

Perception
(speech/handwritg
recognition)

Molecular biology

Security

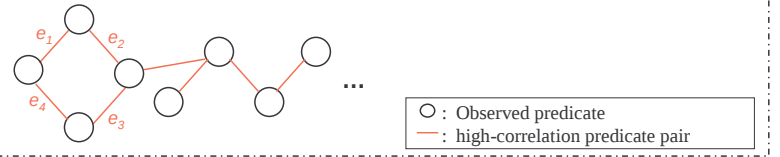
Many more...

Invented Predicates

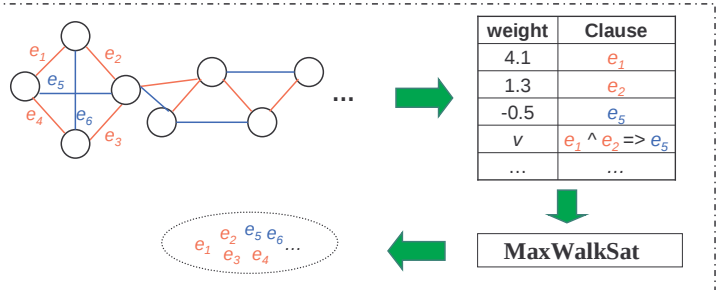
- High-level activity (e.g., cooking, taking medication)
- Daily routines from high-level activities
- Corridors, doorways, etc.
- Parts of objects
- Objects as related set of parts
- Gene modules
- Metabolic pathways
- Cell substructures
- Steps of criminals' plan
- Relations among steps
- Criminal's roles

Proposed Approach

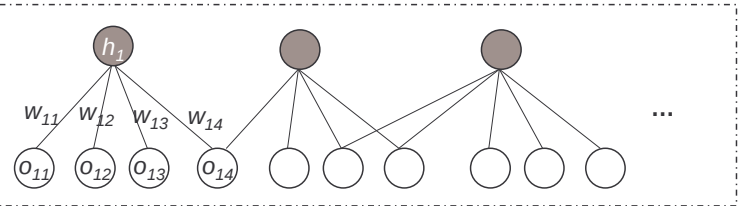
- 1a. Compute correlations of all pairs of predicates
(all variabilizations)
- 1b. Discard low correlation pairs



2. Find clusters of predicates that are highly correlated
 - Ø Express as weighted satisfiability problem
 - Ø Each pair of predicates is an atom and unit clause:
Edge(P1,P2) with weight = log(|correlation(P1,P2)|) - *thresh*
 - Ø Apply "soft" transitive closure:
Edge(P1,P2) ∧ Edge(P2,P3) => Edge(P1,P3) with weight ν
Higher ν => Larger clusters of predicates
 - Ø Use MaxWalkSat [Kautz et. al. 1997] to solve sat. problem & select edges



- 3a. Invent a predicate for each clique of predicates
 - Ø Arguments are (a subset of) the observed predicates' arguments
- 3b. Model correlation among predicates in clique
 - Ø Associate a weight w_{ij} between invented predicate h_i and each of its observed predicate o_{ij}



- 4a. Define a potential f_{ijk} between the k^{th} grounding of invented predicate h_i and each of its observed predicate o_{ij}
- 4b. When the invented predicates are independent given the observables, we can sum them out and avoid using EM
- 5a. Init weights w_{ij} to the average (log) correlation between o_{ij} and other observed predicates of h_i
- 5b. Find locally optimal weights using gradient ascent
6. Iterate by treating the hidden predicates as observed predicates, and setting them to their MAP values

$$f_{ijk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } o_{ijk} = 1 \text{ \& } h_{ik} = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$Q_i(x, h_{ik}) = \exp(\sum_j w_{ij} f_{ijk})$$

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i \in IP} \prod_{k \in G_i} (Q_i(x, h_{ik} = 1) + 1)$$

where Z is a partition function,
 IP is a set of invented predicates,
 G_i is a set of all groundings of invented predicate h_i , and
 h_{ik} is the value of the k^{th} grounding of h_i .