

# From Statistical Relational AI to Neural Symbolic Computation

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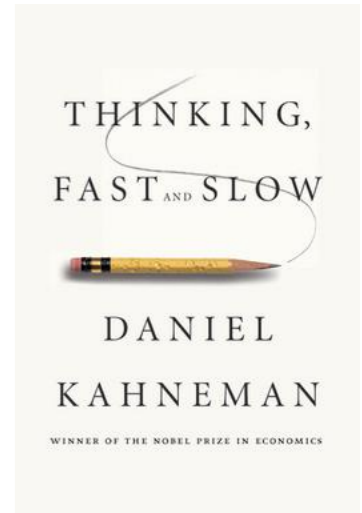


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# Introduction

# Learning and Reasoning both needed



- System 1 - thinking fast - can do things like  $2+2 = ?$  and recognise objects in image
- System 2 - thinking slow - can reason about solving complex problems - planning a complex task
- alternative terms — data-driven vs knowledge-driven, symbolic vs subsymbolic, solvers and learners, neuro-symbolic...
- **A lot of work on integrating learning and reasoning, neural symbolic computation to integrate logic / symbols reasoning with neural networks**

- see also arguments by Marcus, Darwiche, Levesque, Tenenbaum, Geffner, Bengio, Le Cun, Kautz, ...  
see also AI Debates





# Real-life problems involve two important aspects.

 AUTO



<https://www.theorie-blokken.be/nl/gratis-proefexamen>

Who can go first ?

- A. The red car
- B. The blue van
- C. The white car

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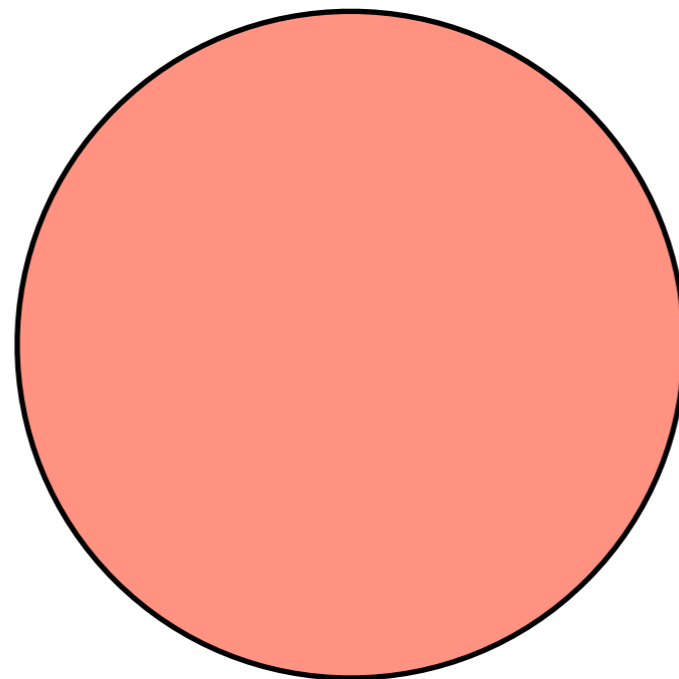
Sub-symbolic perception

Reasoning



# Thinking fast

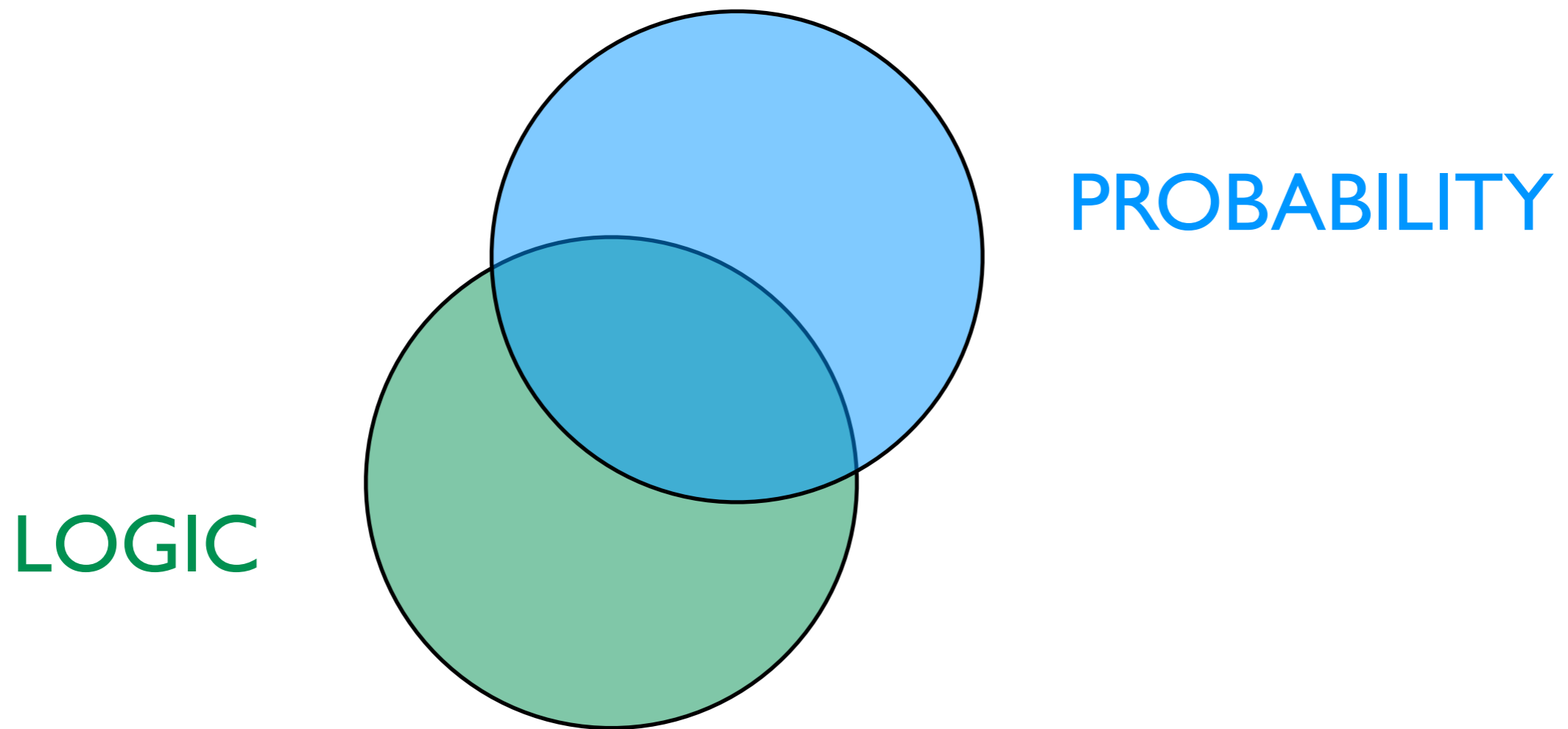
**MAIN PARADIGM in AI**  
**Focus on Learning**



**NEURAL**

# Thinking slow = reasoning

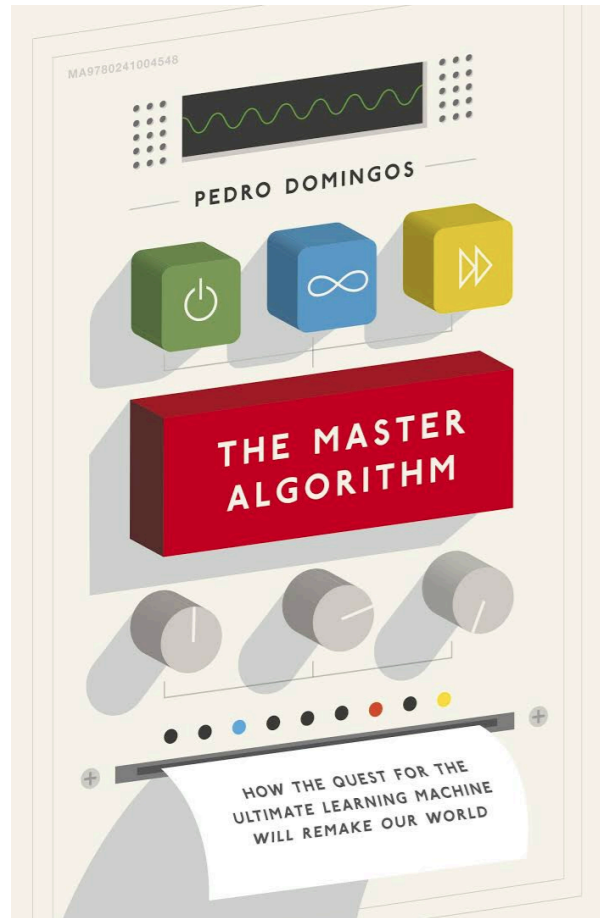
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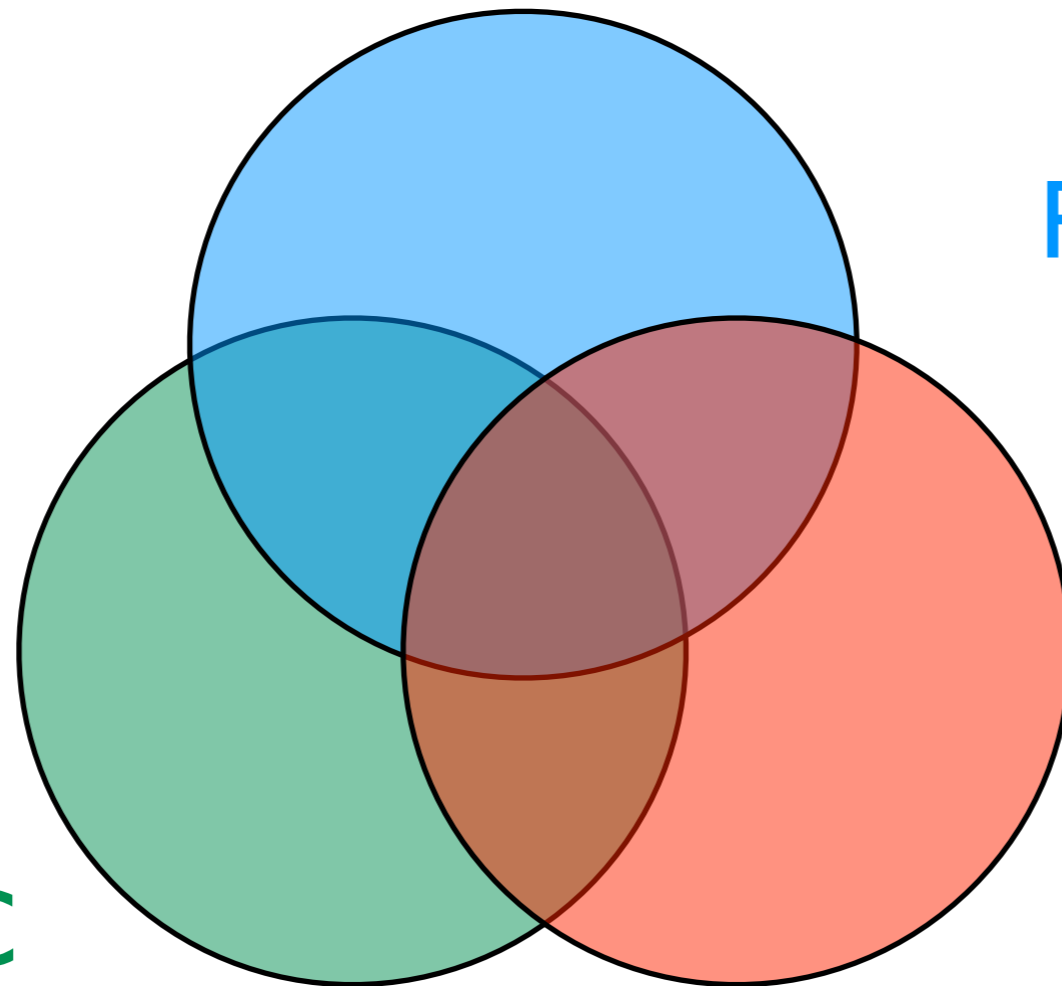
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# Learning



LOGIC

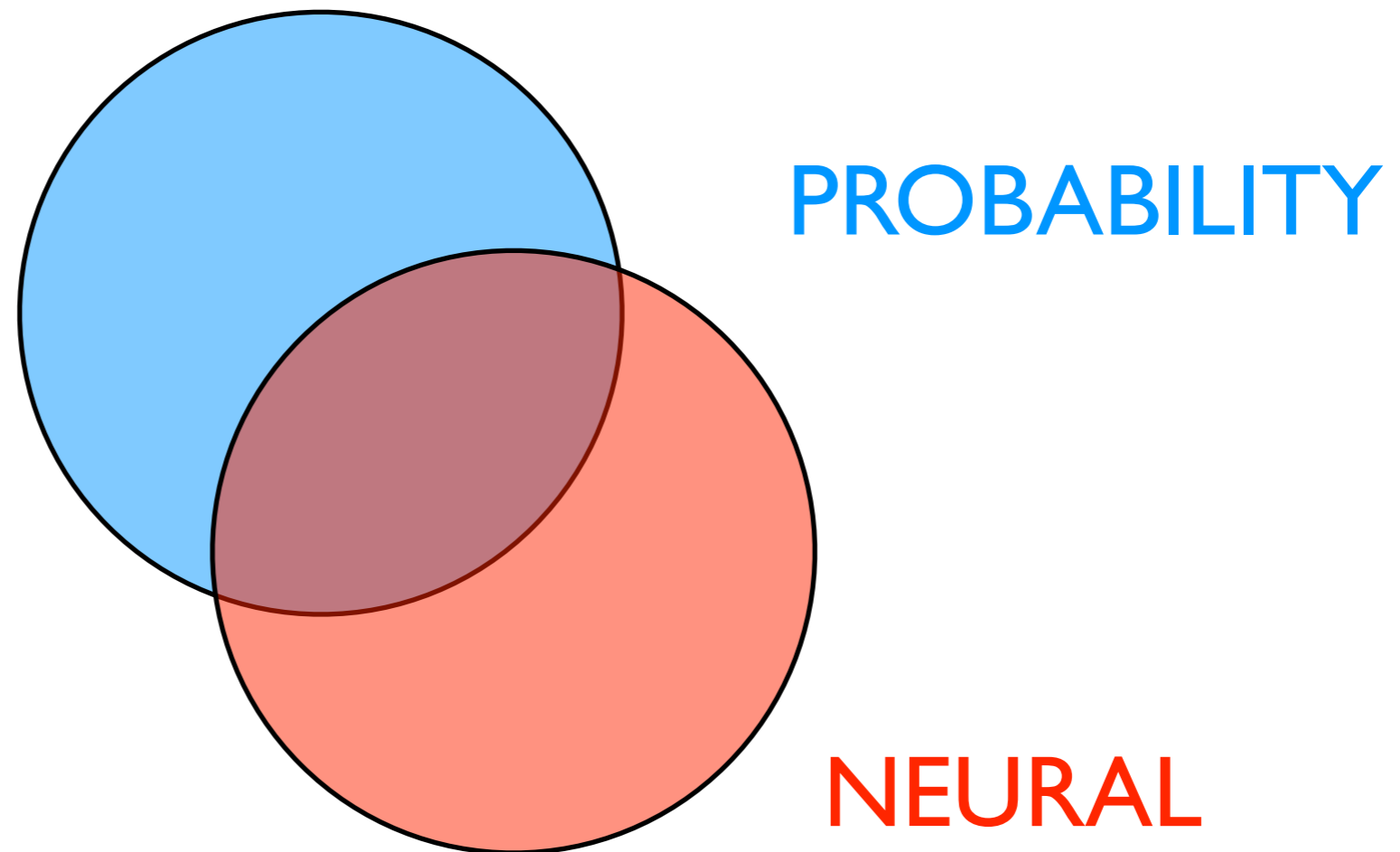


PROBABILITY

NEURAL

**How to integrate these three paradigms in AI ?**

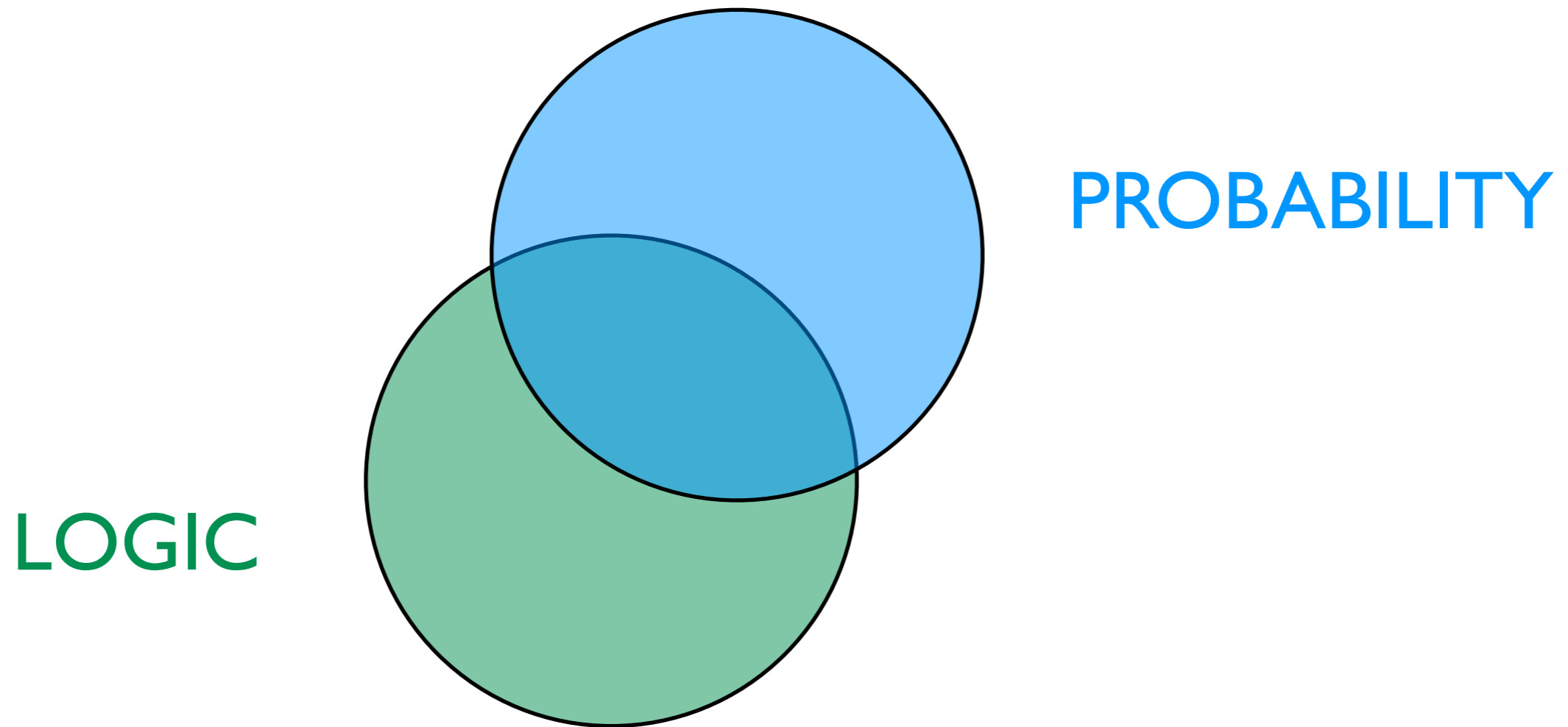
# A lot of ML



**Well studied from a LEARNING perspective  
in Deep Learning**

# Thinking slow = reasoning

TWO MAIN PARADIGMS in AI

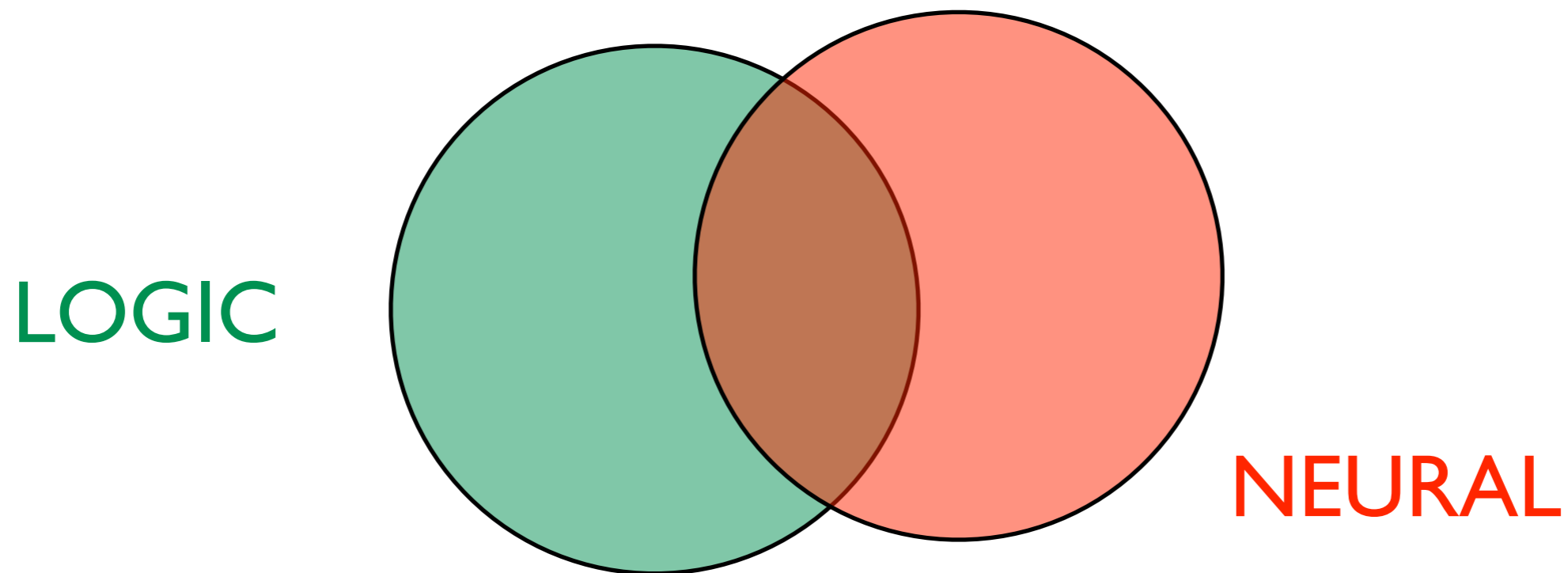


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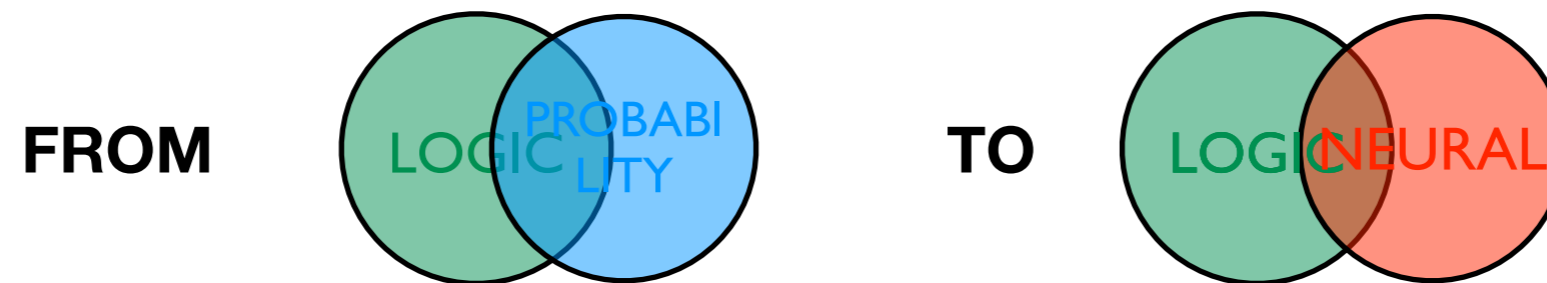
# State of the Art



**Being studied from a LEARNING perspective  
in Neuro Symbolic Computation**



# Key Message



**StarAI and NeSy share similar problems  
and thus similar solutions apply**



**WARNING**

TALK MAY NOT COVER ALL of  
NESY

**See also**

**De Raedt, Dumancic, Marra, Manhaeve**

**From Statistical Relational to Neuro-Symbolic Artificial Intelligence**

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# Applications

# Feedback in two directions

- Logic can help neural networks to use external knowledge:
  - Better performance
  - Less data
- Neural networks can help logic-based systems to explore combinatorial spaces more efficiently.

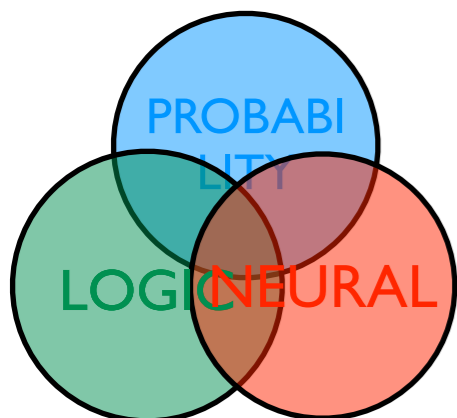
# Addition

Learn to add the sum of lists of MNIST images


$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \boxed{3} & \boxed{5} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{4} & \boxed{1} & + & \boxed{9} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{1} & = & ? & & \mathbf{35\ 962} \end{array}$$

## example multi-addition predicate

Assume you do not know how to map MNIST images to numbers, but do know the rules of addition. Can you learn from these examples how to map MNIST to numbers ?

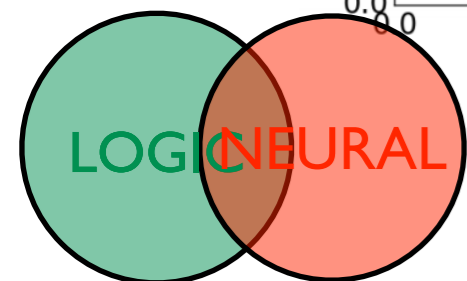
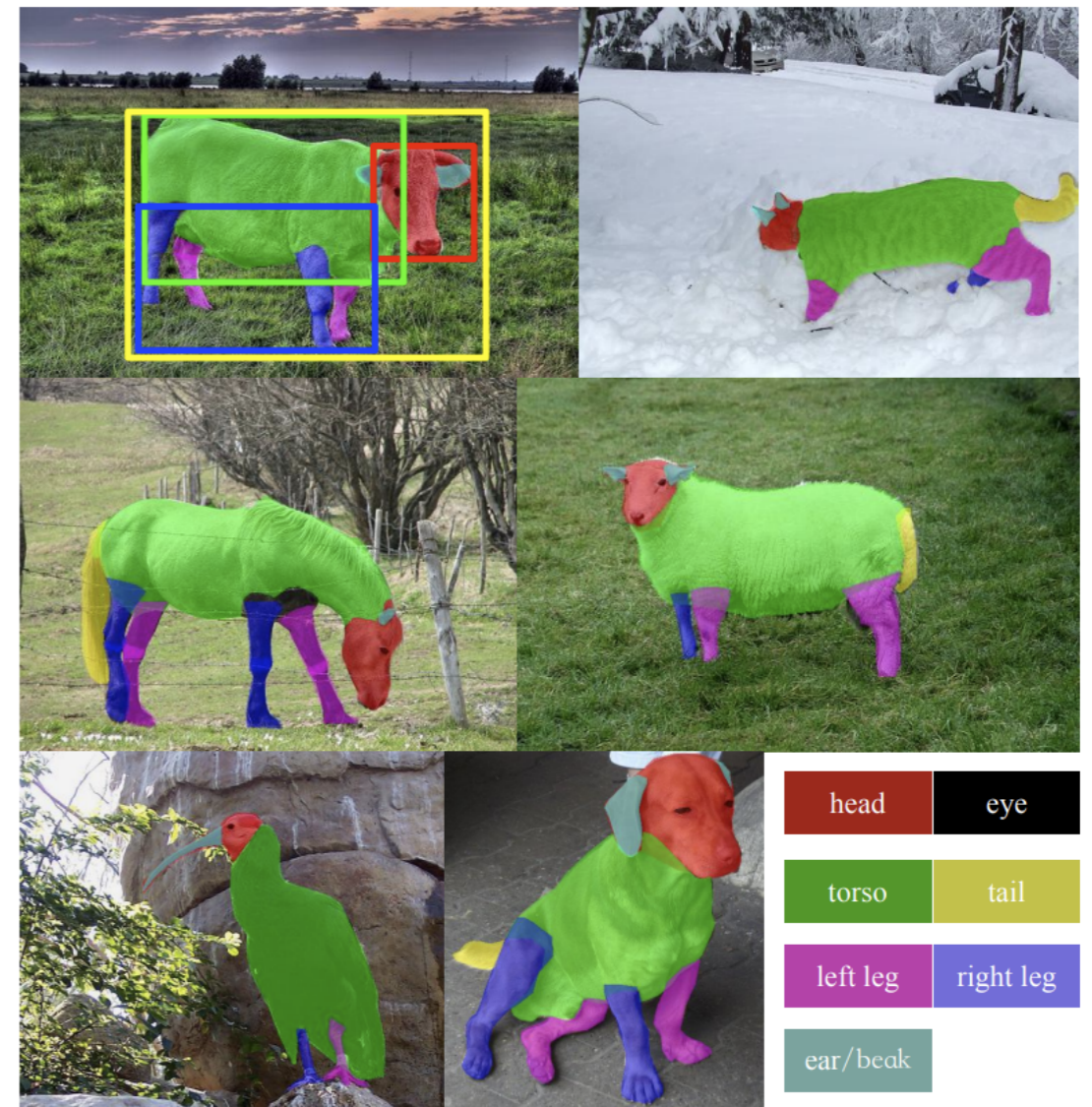
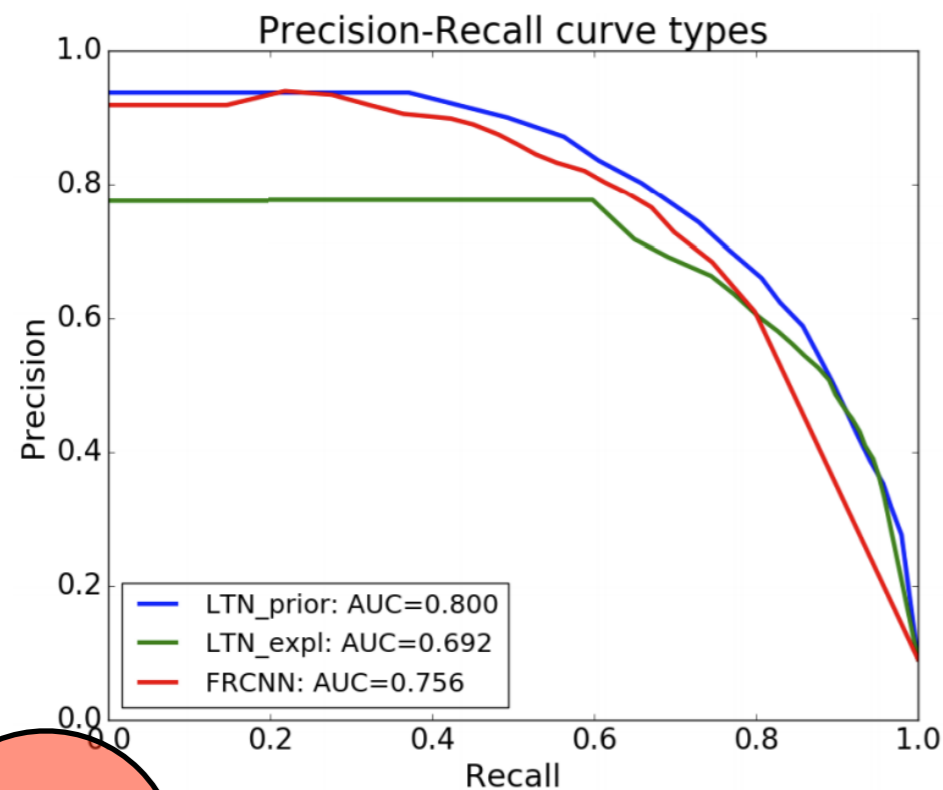


# Semantic Image Interpretation

$$\forall xy(\text{partOf}(x, y) \rightarrow \neg\text{partOf}(y, x))$$

$$\forall xy(\text{Cat}(x) \wedge \text{partOf}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Tail}(y) \vee \text{Muzzle}(y))$$

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# Visual Reasoning

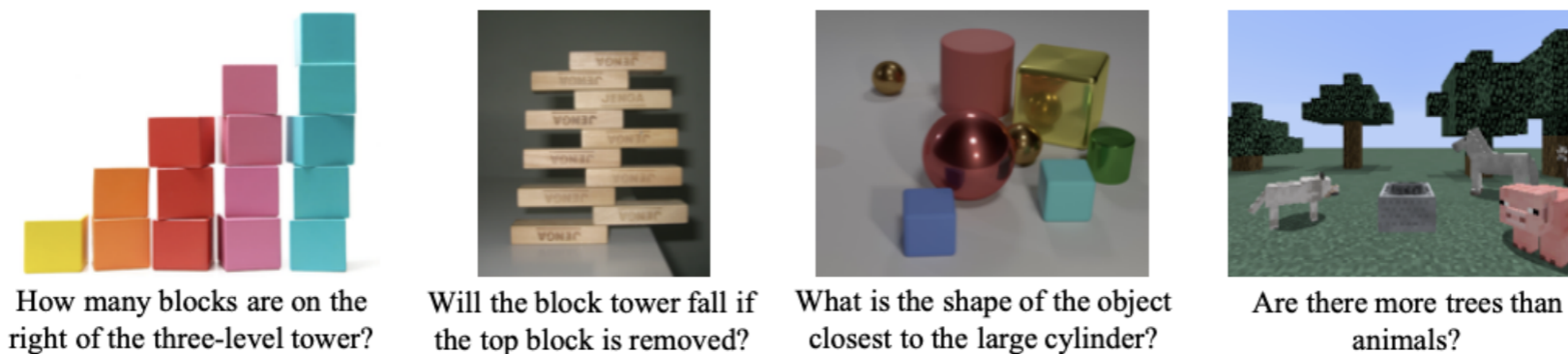


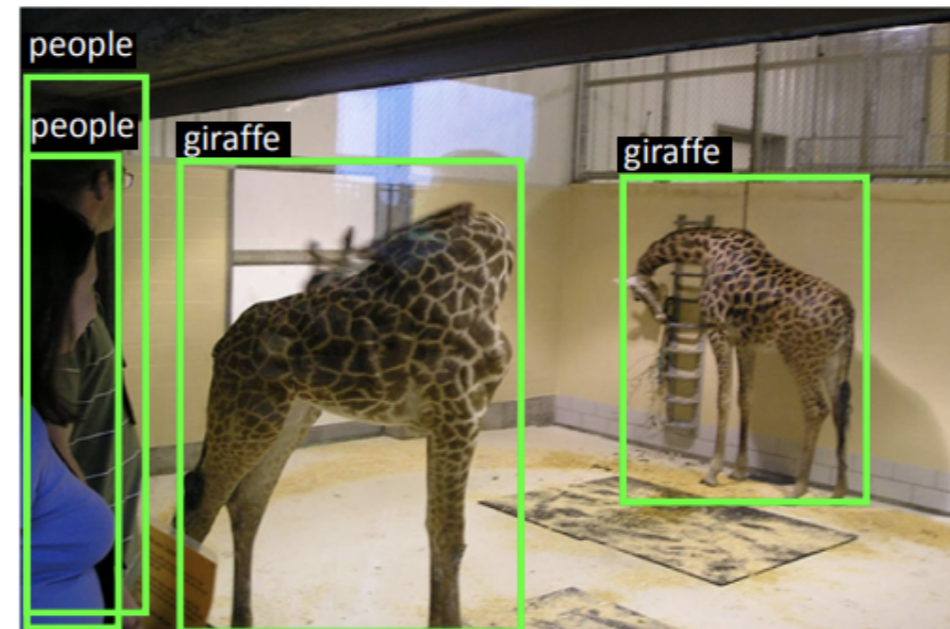
Figure 1: Human reasoning is interpretable and disentangled: we first draw abstract knowledge of the scene via visual perception and then perform logic reasoning on it. This enables compositional, accurate, and generalizable reasoning in rich visual contexts.

Adding a reasoning component on top of the perception can improve performance.



# Visual Reasoning

One can also add ontological knowledge.



**Attributes:**

glass  
house  
room  
standing  
walking  
wall  
zoo

**Scenes:**

museum  
indoor

**Visual Question:** How many giraffes in the image?

**Answer:** Two. **Reason:** Two giraffes are detected.

**Common-Sense Question:** Is this image related to zoology?

**Answer:** Yes. **Reason:** Object/Giraffe --> Herbivorous animals --> Animal --> Zoology; Attribute/Zoo --> Zoology.

**KB-Knowledge Question:** What are the common properties between the animal in this image and the zebra?

**Answer:** Herbivorous animals; Animals; Megafauna of Africa.



# Program Induction from image and language

Goldman et al, ACL 2018

Adding an intermediate symbolic representation helps generalization

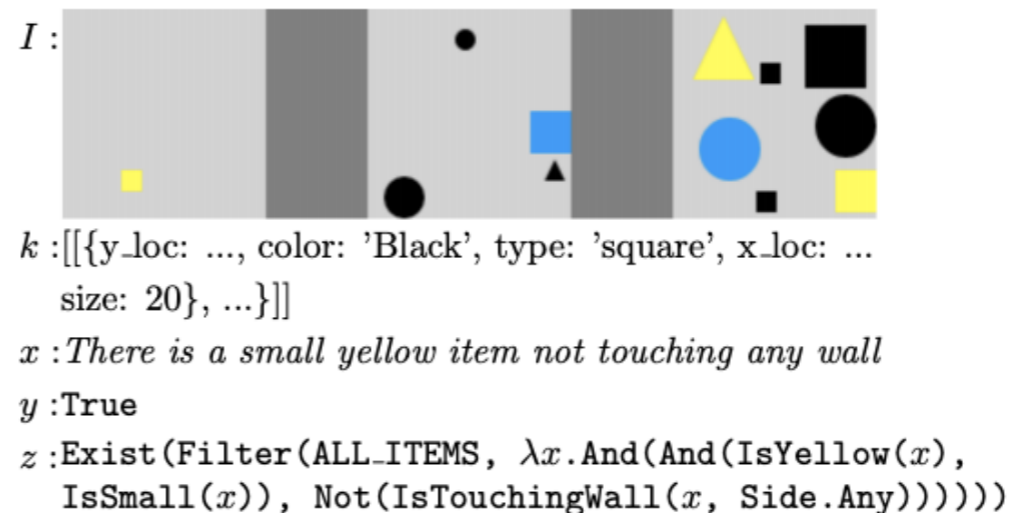


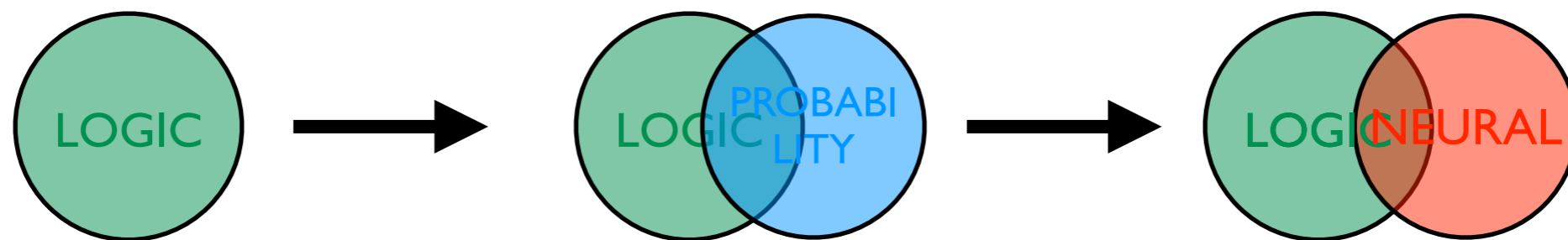
Figure 1: Overview of our visual reasoning setup for the CN-LVR dataset. Given an image rendered from a KB  $k$  and an utterance  $x$ , our goal is to parse  $x$  to a program  $z$  that results in the correct denotation  $y$ . Our training data includes  $(x, k, y)$  triplets.



# The Seven Dimensions

1. Proof vs Model based
2. Directed vs Undirected
3. Type of Logic
4. Symbols vs Subsymbols
5. Parameter vs Structure Learning
6. Semantics
7. Logic vs Probability vs Neural

# 1. Proof vs Model based



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LOGIC

# 1. Proof vs Model based the logic dimension

- Model- vs proof-based
- First order / relational vs propositional
- Grounding
- Differences important for both StarAI and NeSY

# Logic Programs

as in the programming language Prolog

## Propositional logic program

```
burglary.  
hears_alarm_mary.
```

```
earthquake.  
hears_alarm_john.
```

**facts :**  
**burglary = true**

```
alarm :- earthquake.
```

```
alarm :- burglary.
```

```
calls_mary :- alarm, hears_alarm_mary.
```

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calls_john :- alarm, hears_alarm_john.
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alarm :- earthquake.

alarm :- burglary. **rule:**  
**calls\_mary = true IF alarm = true AND hears\_alarm\_mary = true**

calls\_mary :- alarm, hears\_alarm\_mary.

calls\_john :- alarm, hears\_alarm\_john.

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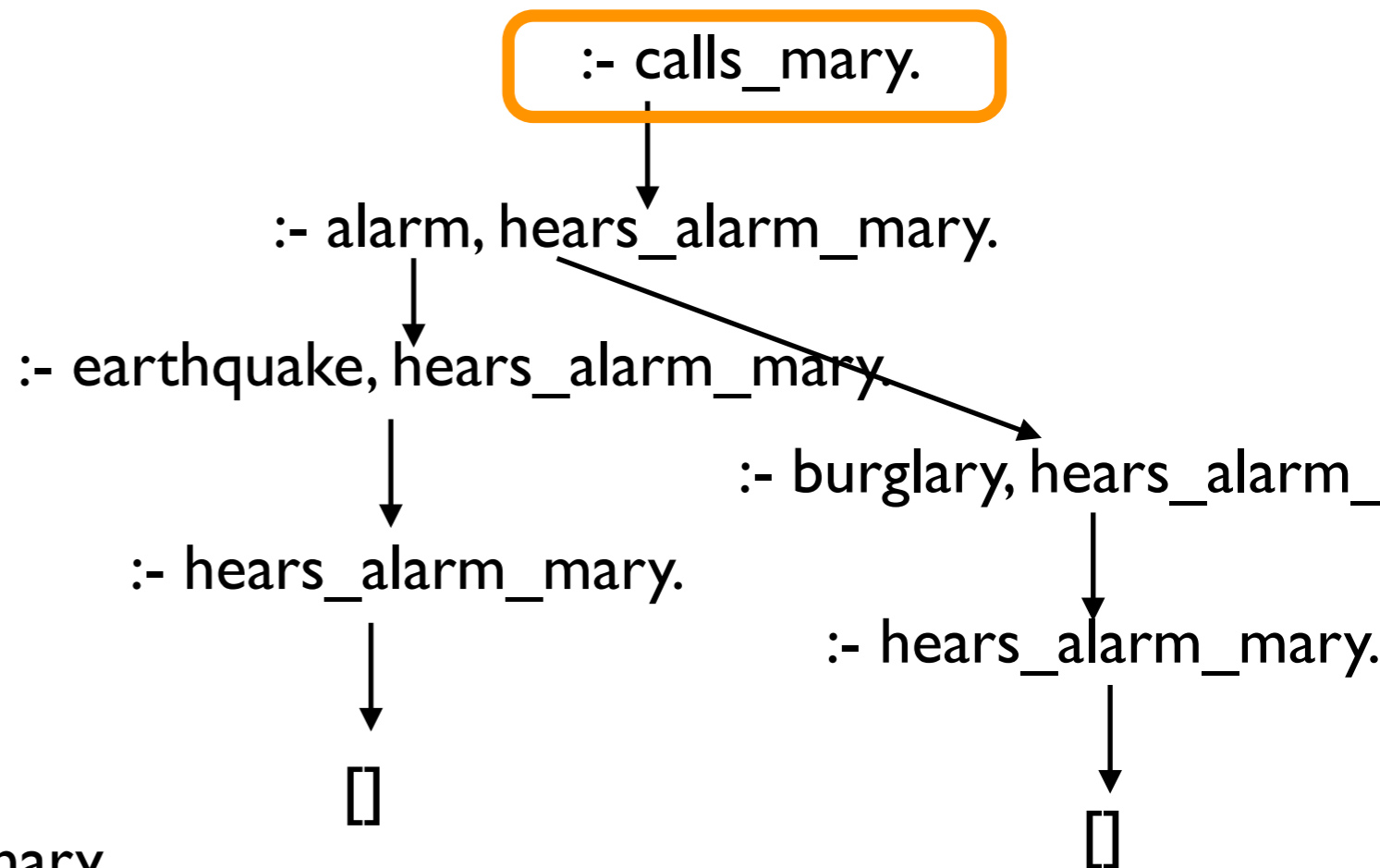
Two proofs (by refutation)

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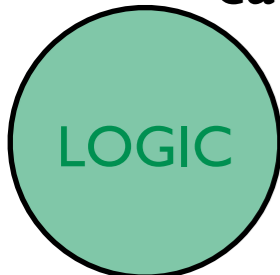
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A proof-theoretic view  
backward chaining



# Logic as constraints

as in SAT solvers

**Propositional logic**

**Model / Possible World**

**IF**

**AND**

$\text{calls}(\text{mary}) \leftarrow \text{hears\_alarm}(\text{mary}) \wedge \text{alarm}$

$\text{calls}(\text{john}) \leftarrow \text{hears\_alarm}(\text{john}) \wedge \text{alarm}$

**OR**

$\text{alarm} \leftarrow \text{earthquake} \vee \text{burglary}$

{ burglary,

hears\_alarm(john),

alarm,

calls(john)}

**the facts that are true  
in this model / possible world**

**SAT: Find a model / possible world that satisfies all the constraints**

**SAT SOLVERS**

**A model-theoretic view** 



# Relational/First Order Logic

Introduce Variables and Domains

The meaning of this is always the **GROUNDED** theory

allows to exploit symmetries / templates ...

burglary.  
hears\_alarm(**mary**).  
earthquake.  
hears\_alarm(**john**).  
alarm :- earthquake.  
alarm :- burglary.  
calls(**X**) :- alarm, hears\_alarm(**X**).

Variable X

Domain = {mary, john}

burglary.  
hears\_alarm(mary).  
earthquake.  
hears\_alarm(john).  
alarm :- earthquake.  
alarm :- burglary.  
**calls(mary) :- alarm, hears\_alarm(mary).**  
**calls(john) :- alarm, hears\_alarm(john).**

Grounded Theory

**BOTH for model and proof-based approach**

# Logical Theory

## GROUNDING OUT

```
stress (ann) .  
influences (ann,bob) .  
influences (bob,carl) .
```

```
smokes (ann) :- stress (ann) .  
smokes (bob) :- stress (bob) .  
smokes (carl) :- stress (carl) .
```

```
smokes (ann) :- influences (ann,ann) , smokes (ann) .  
smokes (ann) :- influences (bob,ann) , smokes (bob) .  
smokes (ann) :- influences (carl,ann) , smokes (carl) .
```

```
smokes (bob) :- influences (ann,bob) , smokes (ann) .  
smokes (bob) :- influences (bob,bob) , smokes (bob) .  
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smokes (carl) :- influences (bob,carl) , smokes (bob) .  
smokes (carl) :- influences (carl,carl) , smokes (carl) .
```

```
stress (ann) .  
influences (ann,bob) .  
influences (bob,carl) .  
  
smokes (X) :- stress (X) .  
smokes (X) :-  
    influences (Y,X) ,  
    smokes (Y) .
```

**IF INTERESTED ONLY IN  
CERTAIN QUERIES,  
CLEVER TECHNIQUES EXIST  
TO AVOID GROUNDING OUT  
COMPLETELY**



# Logical Reasoning: Model Theoretic

## FINDING A MODEL

```
stress (ann) .  
influences (ann,bob) .  
influences (bob,carl) .
```

```
smokes (ann) :- stress (ann) .  
-> infer smokes (ann)
```

```
smokes (bob) :- influences (ann,bob) , smokes (ann)  
-> infer smokes (bob)
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```
smokes (carl) :- influences (bob,carl) , smokes (bob) .  
-> infer smokes (carl) .
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stress (ann) .  
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```

## FINDING A MODEL

here — the least Herbrand model as in Prolog using the Tp Operator (forward reasoning)



# Logical Reasoning: Model Theoretic

## Clark's completion AND call a SAT Solver

```
stress (ann) .  
influences (ann,bob) .  
influences (bob,carl) .
```

```
smokes (ann) <-> stress (ann)  
    v influences (ann,ann) , smokes (ann) here  
    v influences (bob,ann) , smokes (bob)  
    v influences (carl,ann) , smokes (carl)
```

```
smokes (bob) <-> stress (bob)  
    v influences (ann,bob) , smokes (ann)  
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Clark's completion's as a  
grounding is incorrect  
for Prolog when there are cycles

but it is too hard to explain why

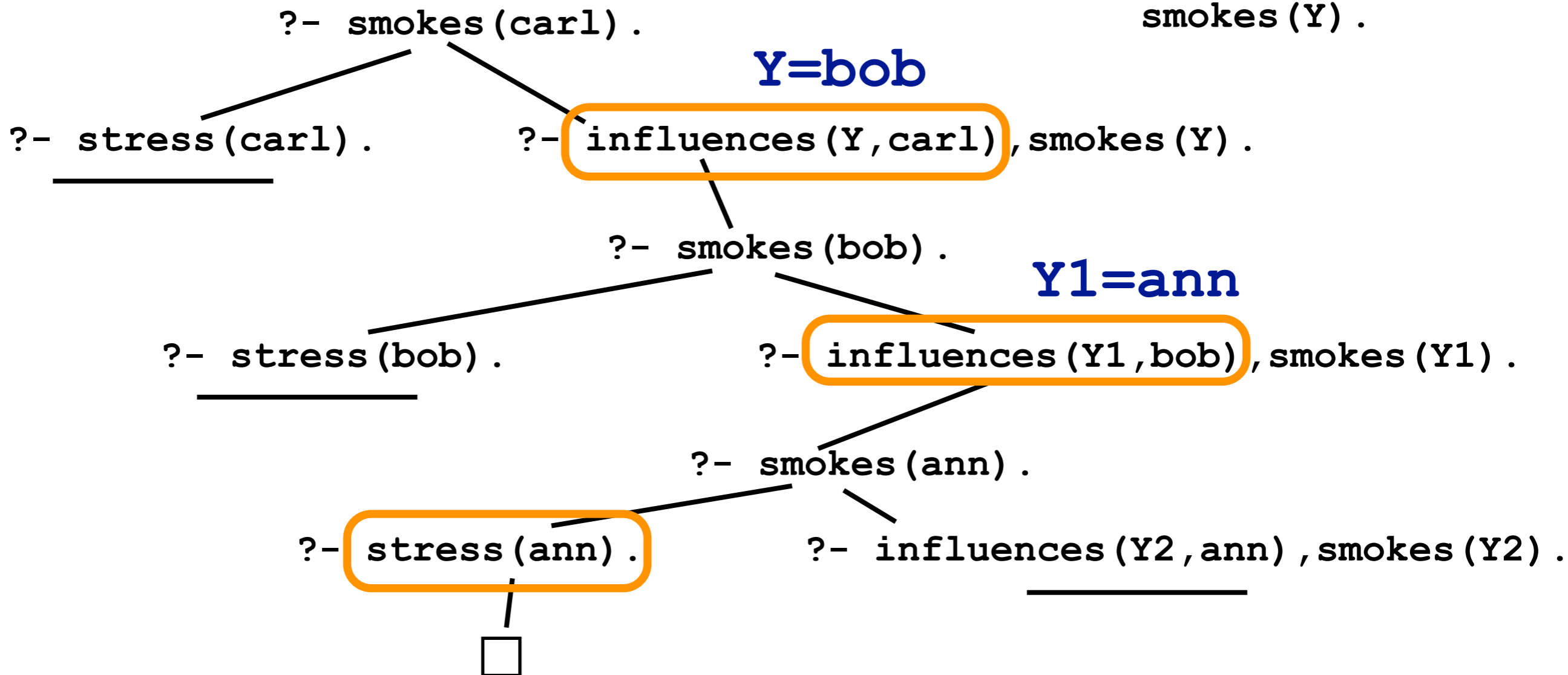
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# Logical Reasoning Proofs

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stress(ann) .
influences(ann,bob) .
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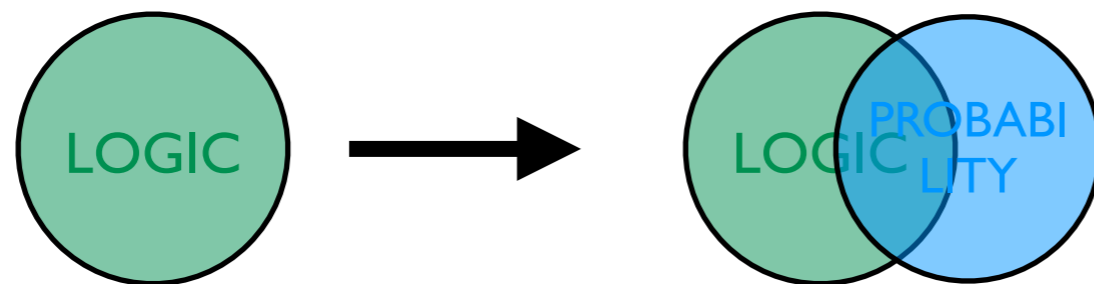
**facts used in successful derivation:**  
`influences(bob,carl) & influences(ann,bob) & stress(ann)`



# 1. Proof vs Model based the logic dimension

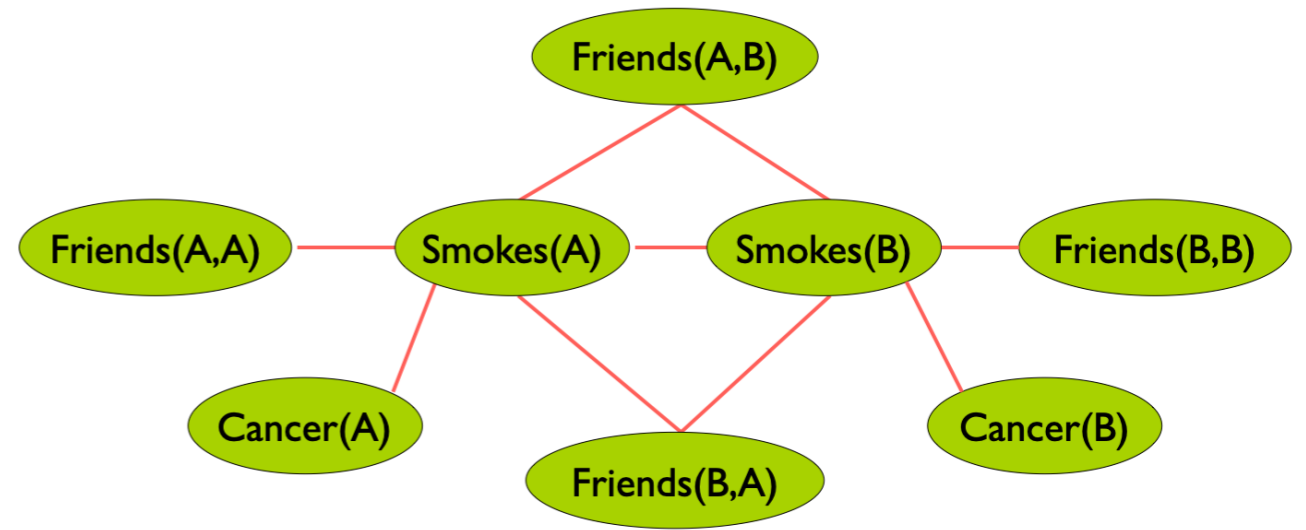
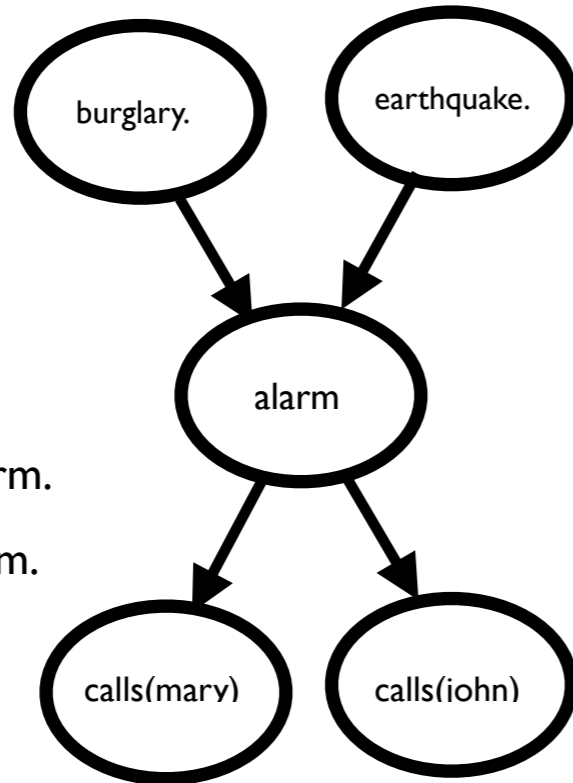
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1. Proof vs Model based
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# 2. Directed vs Undirected the PGM / StarAI dimension

0.1 :: burglary.  
 0.05 :: earthquake.  
 alarm :- earthquake.  
 alarm :- burglary.  
 0.7::calls(mary) :- alarm.  
 0.6::calls(john) :- alarm.



$$1.5 \quad \forall x \text{ Smokes}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Cancer}(x)$$

$$1.1 \quad \forall x, y \text{ Friends}(x, y) \Rightarrow (\text{Smokes}(x) \Leftrightarrow \text{Smokes}(y))$$

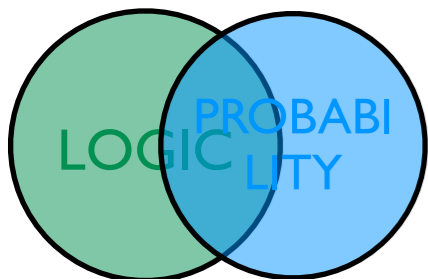
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 ProbLog**

**directed  
 Bayesian Net**

**Markov Logic**

**undirected  
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 model theoretic**

**key representatives**





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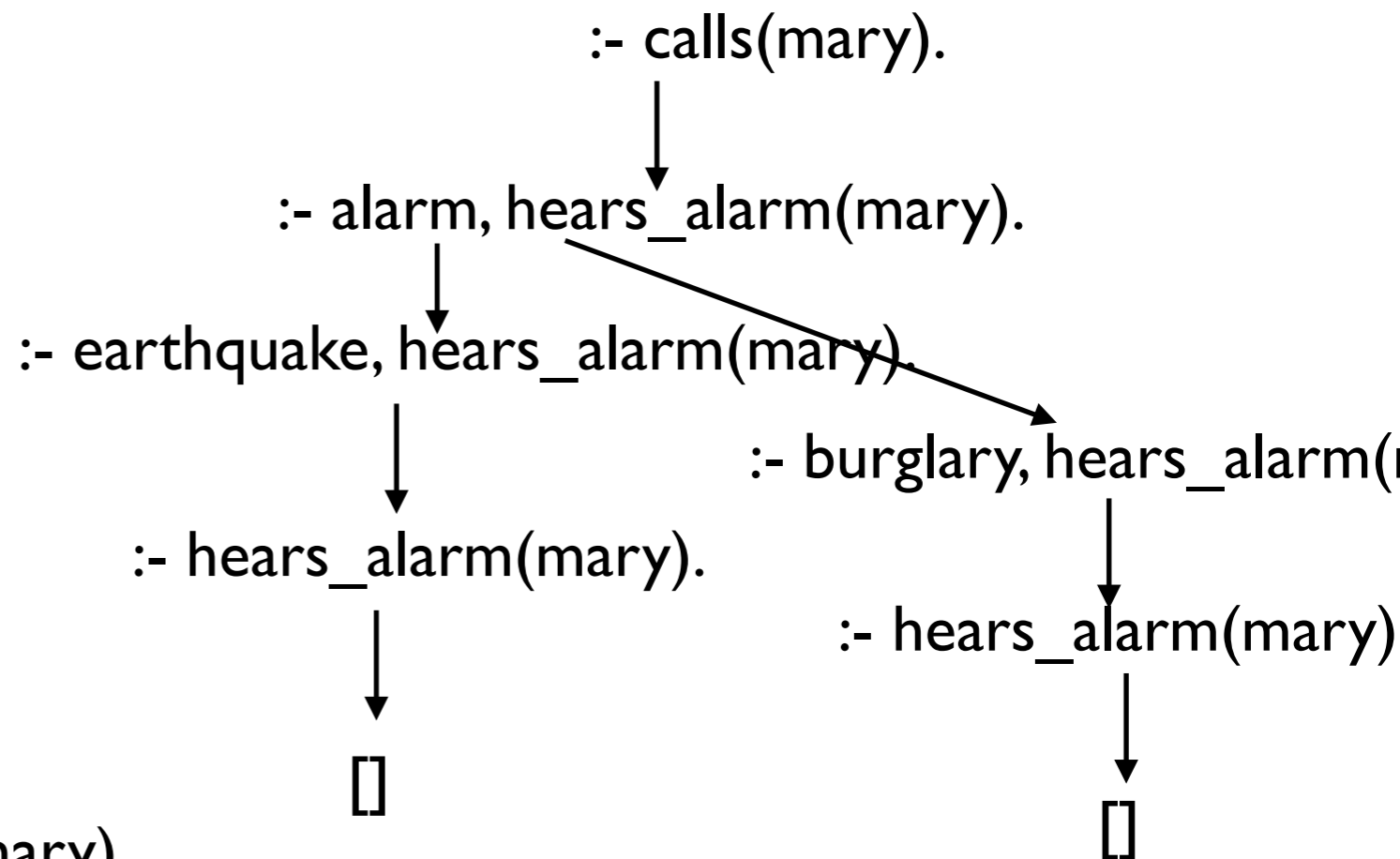
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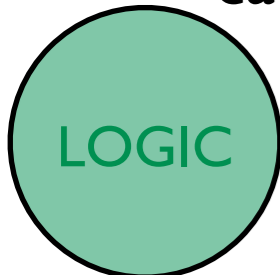
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# Probabilistic Logic Programs

as in the probabilistic programming language ProbLog

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0.3 :: hears\_alarm(mary).

**Probabilistic facts**

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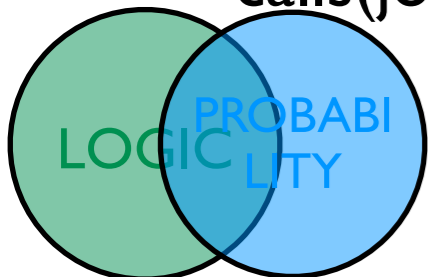
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**Key Idea (Sato & Poole)**  
**the distribution semantics:**

**unify the basic concepts in logic  
and probability:**

**random variable ~ propositional  
variable**

**an interface between logic and  
probability**



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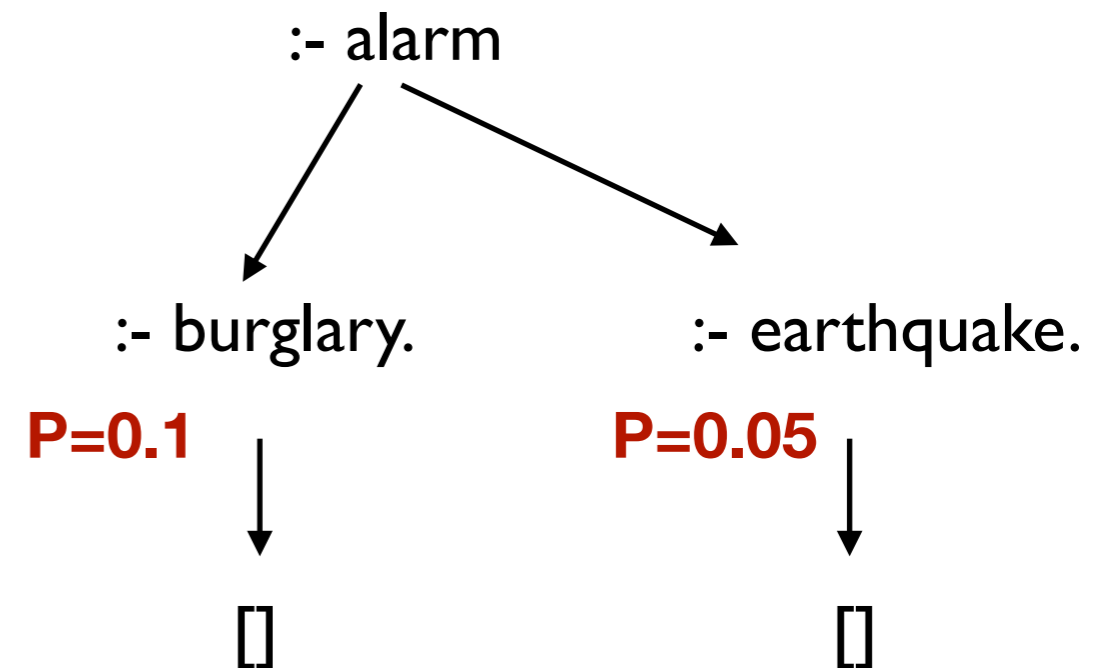
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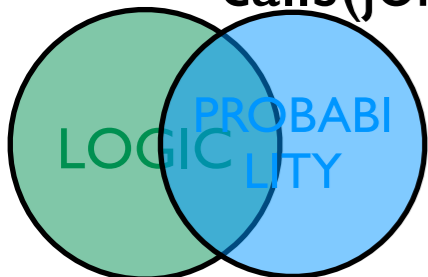
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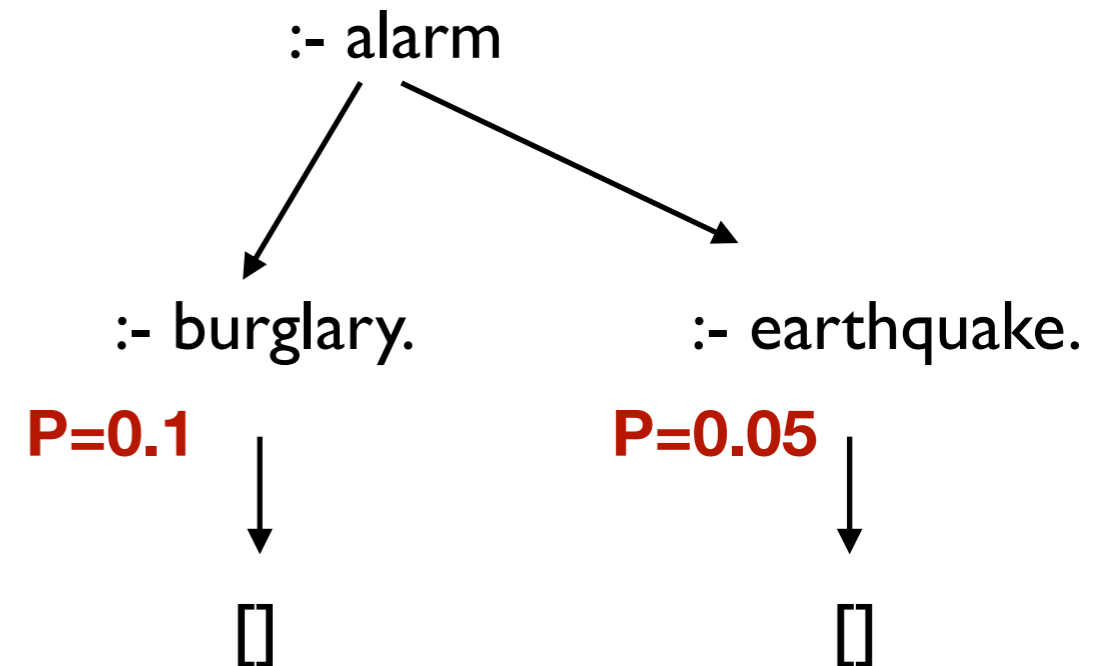
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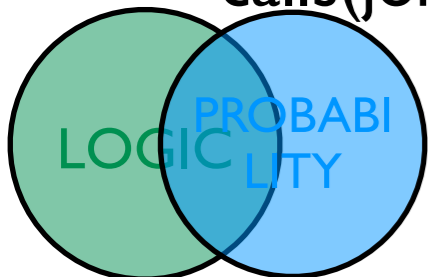
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## Disjoint sum problem



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$P(\text{alarm}) = P(\text{burg OR earth})$   
 $= P(\text{burg}) + P(\text{earth}) - P(\text{burg AND earth})$   
 $\neq P(\text{burg}) + P(\text{earth})$



# Probabilistic Logic Program Semantics

earthquake.

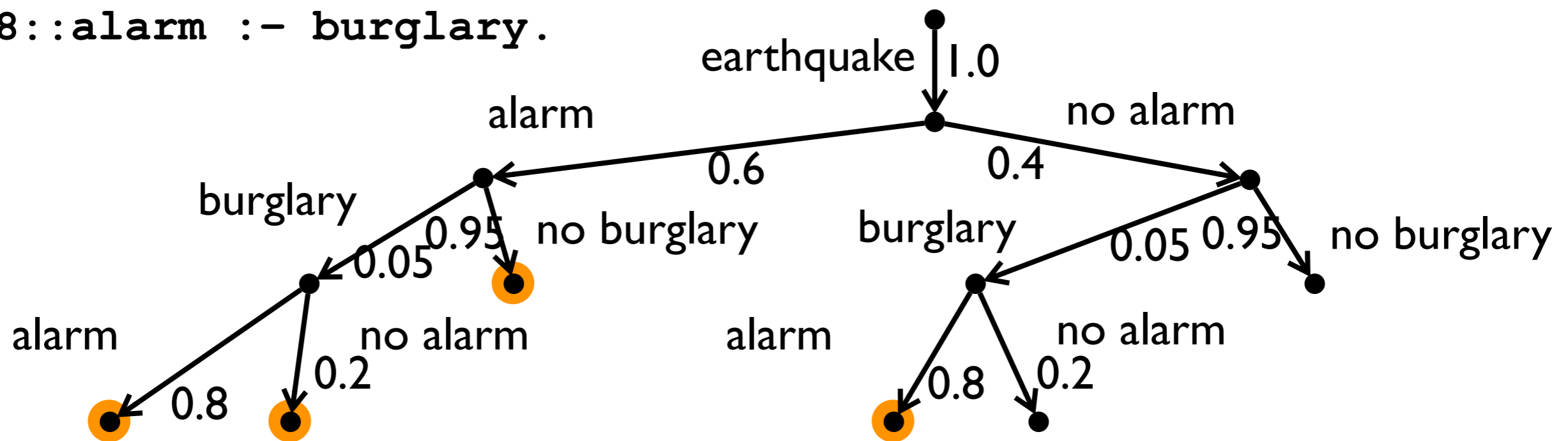
[Vennekens et al, ICLP 04]

0.05::burglary.

probabilistic causal laws

0.6::alarm :- earthquake.

0.8::alarm :- burglary.



$$P(\text{alarm}) = 0.6 \times 0.05 \times 0.8 + 0.6 \times 0.05 \times 0.2 + 0.6 \times 0.95 + 0.4 \times 0.05 \times 0.8$$

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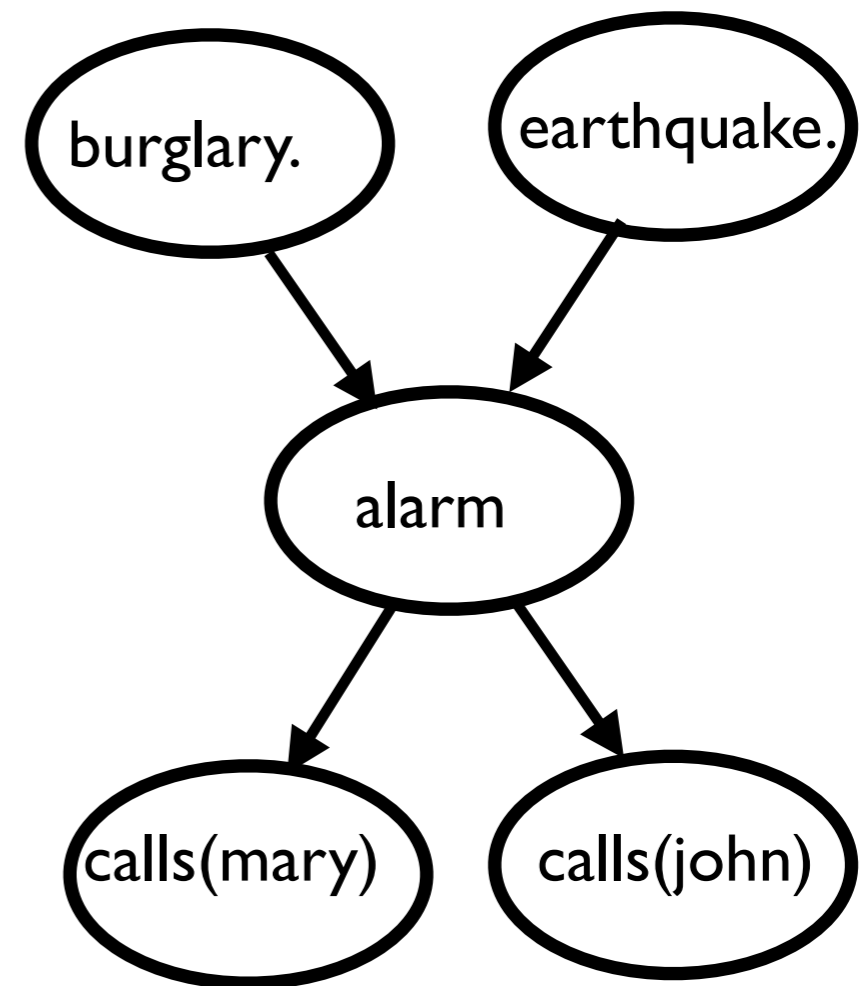
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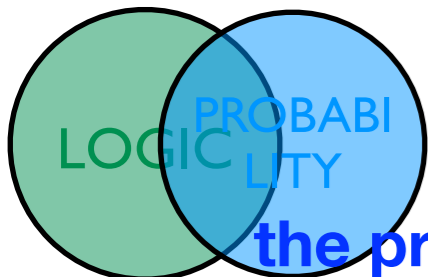
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## Bayesian Network

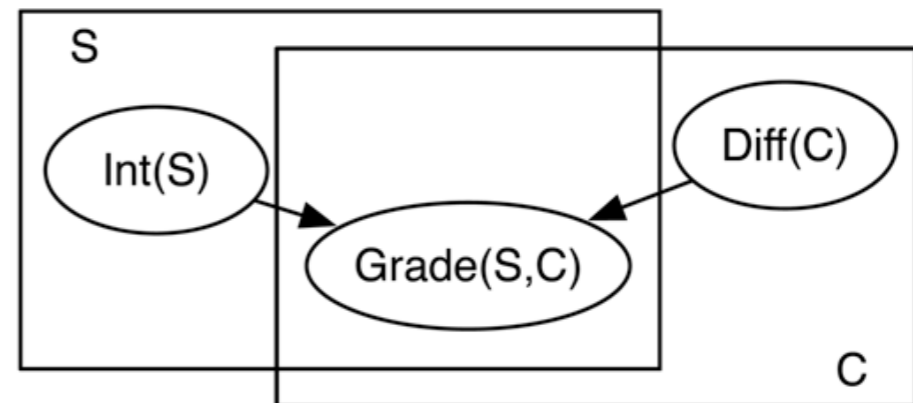


**Bayesian net encoded as Probabilistic Logic Program  
PLPs correspond to directed graphical models**

**ProbLog has both (directed) probabilistic graphic models,  
the programming language Prolog (and probabilistic databases) as special case**



# Flexible and Compact Relational Model for Predicting Grades



## “Program” Abstraction:

- S, C **logical variable** representing students, courses
- the set of individuals of a type is called a **population**
- Int(S), Grade(S, C), D(C) are **parametrized random variables**

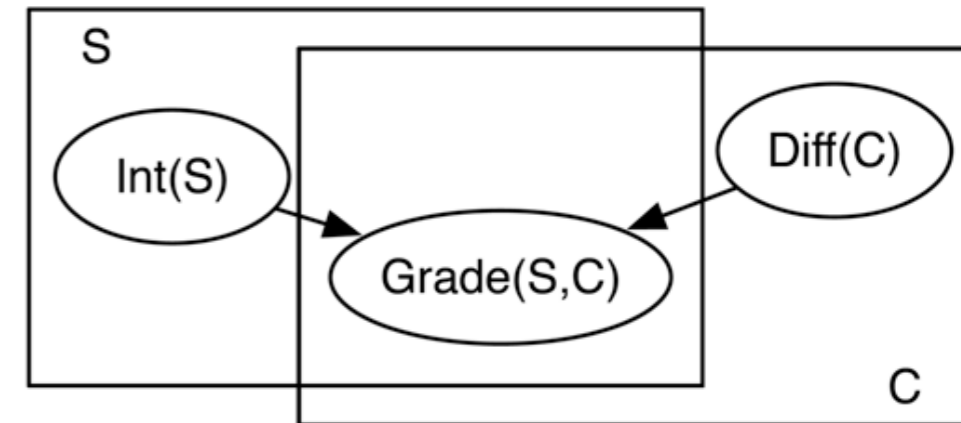
## Grounding:

- for every student  $s$ , there is a random variable  $\text{Int}(s)$
- for every course  $c$ , there is a random variable  $\text{Di}(c)$
- for every  $s, c$  pair there is a random variable  $\text{Grade}(s,c)$
- all instances share the same structure and parameters





# ProbLog by example: Grading



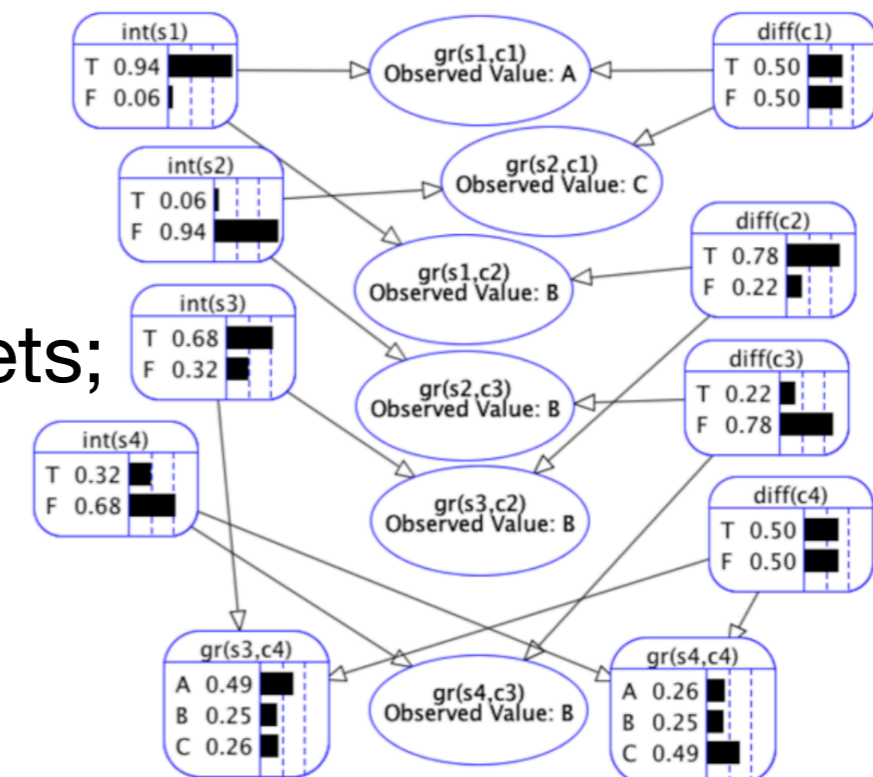
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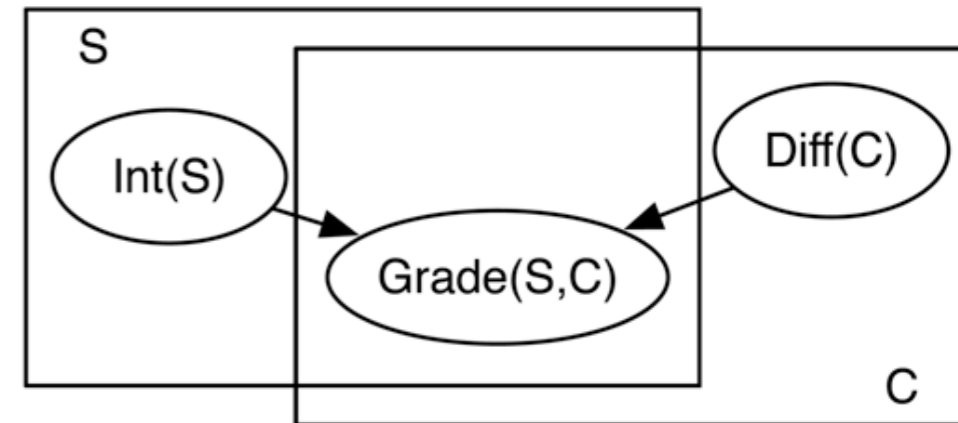
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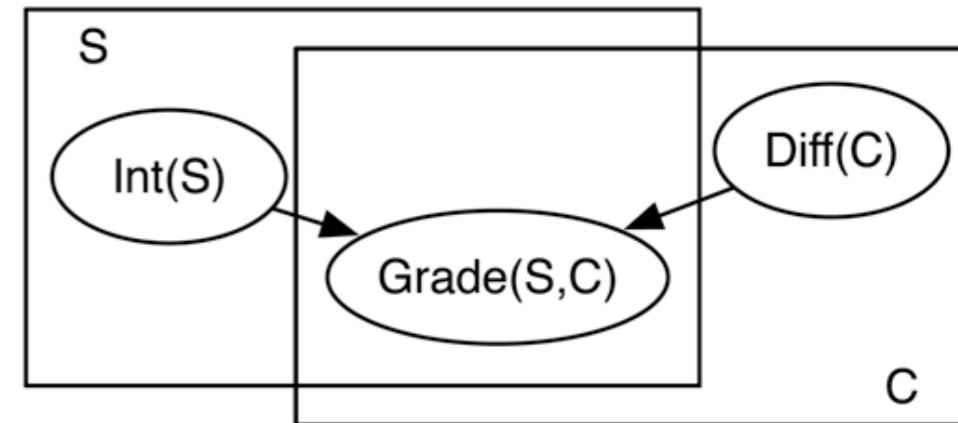
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<i>Student</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Grade</i>
$s_1$	$c_1$	A
$s_2$	$c_1$	C
$s_1$	$c_2$	B
$s_2$	$c_3$	B
$s_3$	$c_2$	B
$s_4$	$c_3$	B
$s_3$	$c_4$	?
$s_4$	$c_4$	?

# ProbLog by example: Grading



```
0.4 :: int(S) :- student(S).  
0.5 :: diff(C) :- course(C).
```

```
student(john). student(anna). student(bob).  
course(ai). course(ml). course(cs).
```

```
gr(S,C,a) :- int(S), not diff(C).
```

```
0.3 :: gr(S,C,a); 0.5 :: gr(S,C,b); 0.2 :: gr(S,C,c) :-  
int(S), diff(C).
```

```
0.1 :: gr(S,C,b); 0.2 :: gr(S,C,c); 0.2 :: gr(S,C,f) :-  
student(S), course(C),  
not int(S), not diff(C).
```

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0.3 :: gr(S,C,c); 0.2 :: gr(S,C,f) :-  
not int(S), diff(C).
```

# ProbLog by example: Grading

```
unsatisfactory(S) :- student(S), grade(S,C,f).
```

```
excellent(S) :- student(S), not(grade(S,C1,G),below(G,a)),  
                grade(S,C2,a).
```

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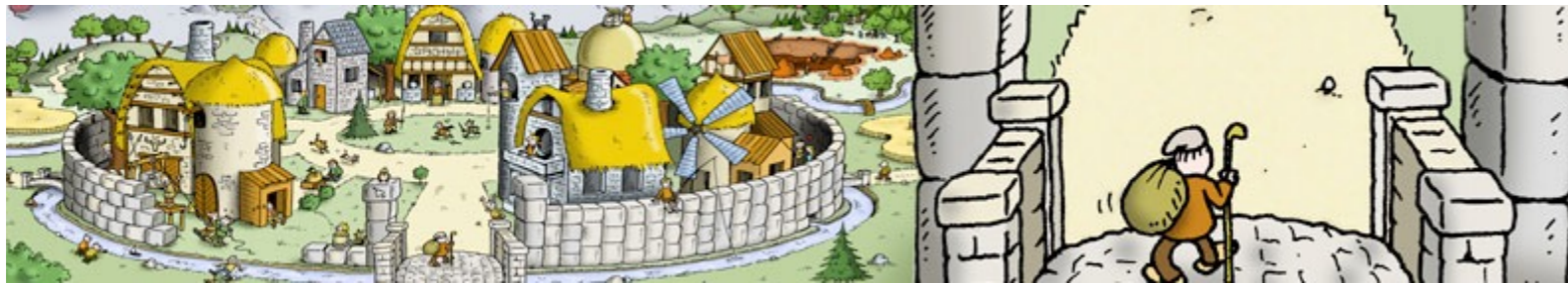
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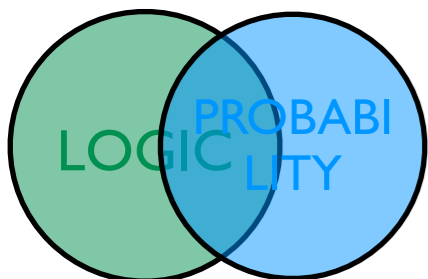
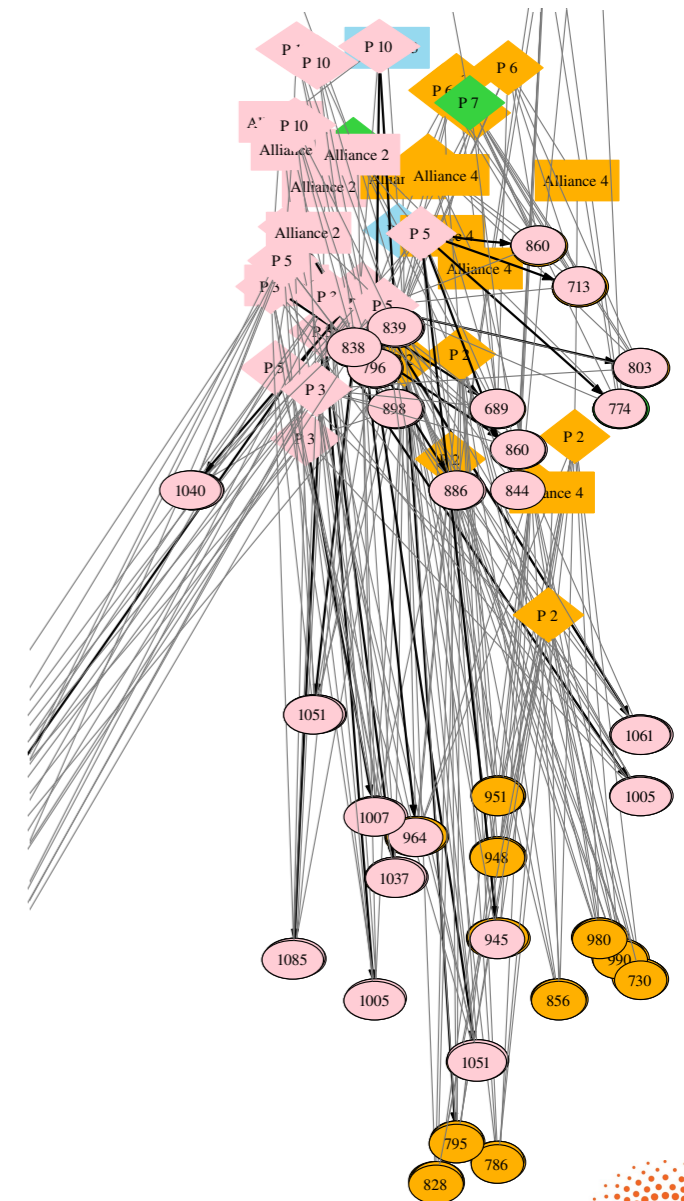
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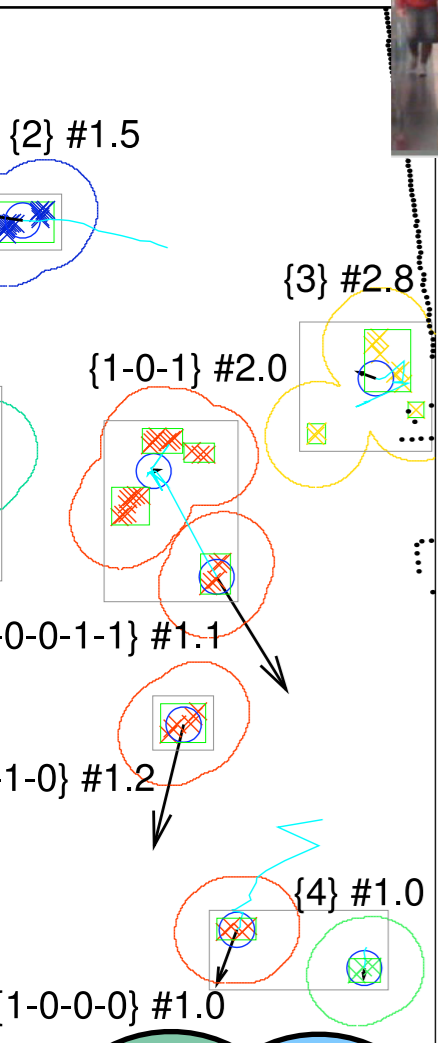
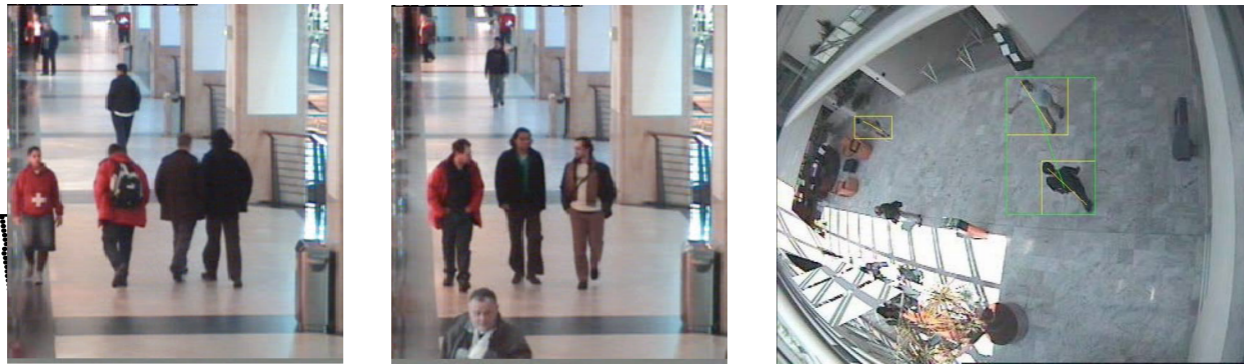
*Travian*: A massively multiplayer real-time strategy game

Can we build a model of this world ?

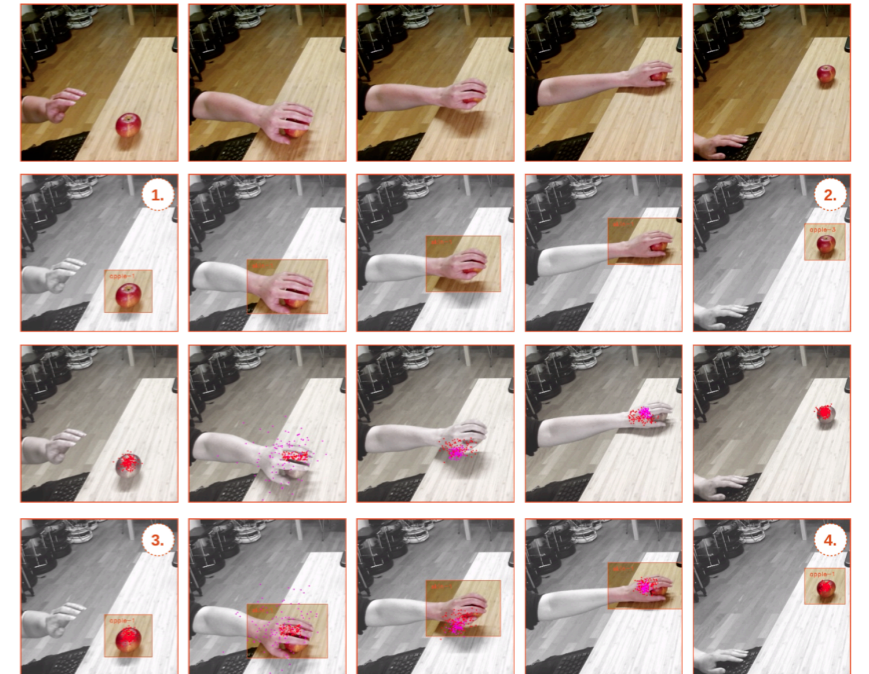
Can we use it for playing better ?



# Activity analysis and tracking video analysis

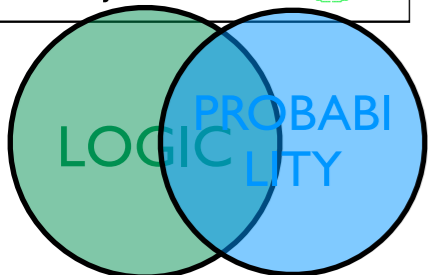


- Track people or objects over time? Even if temporarily hidden?
- Recognize activities?
- Infer object properties?



[Skarlatidis et al, TPLP 14;  
Nitti et al, IROS 13, ICRA 14,  
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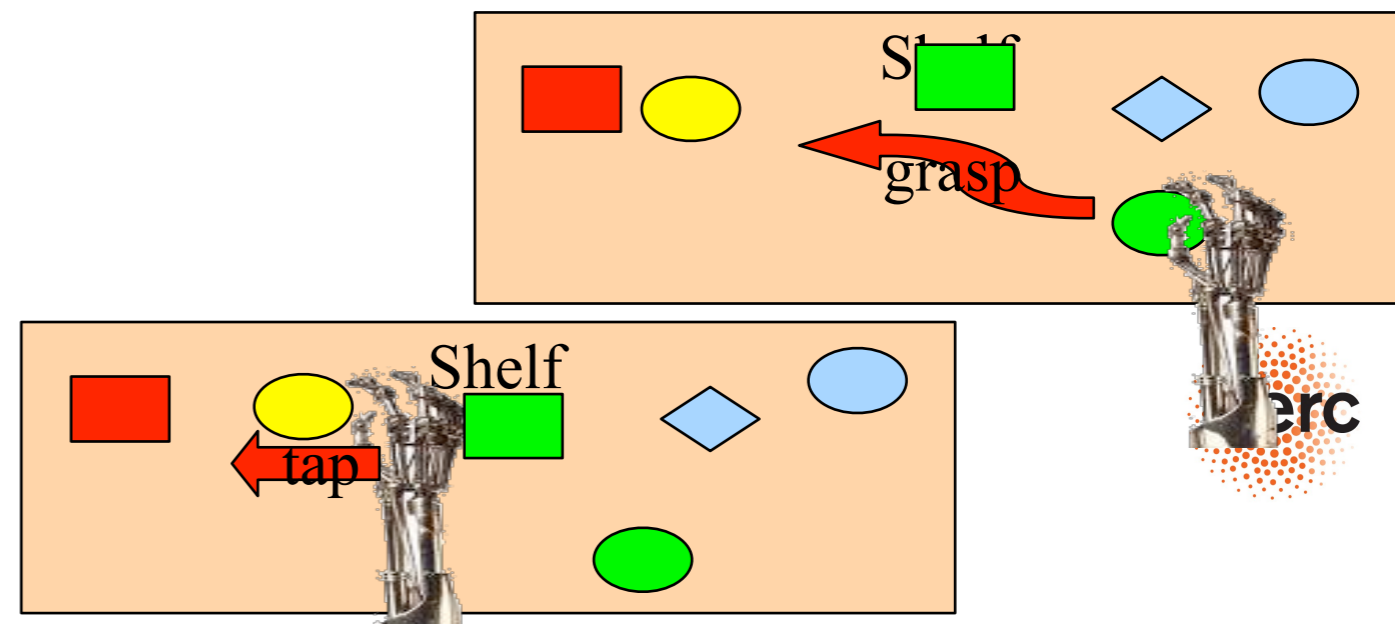
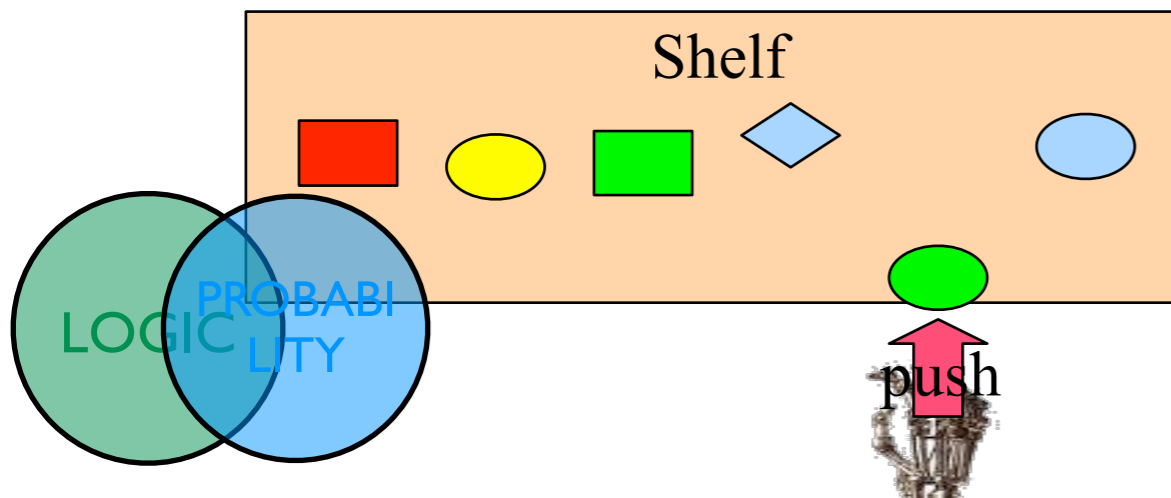
# Learning relational affordances



Learning relational affordances between two objects (learnt by experience)

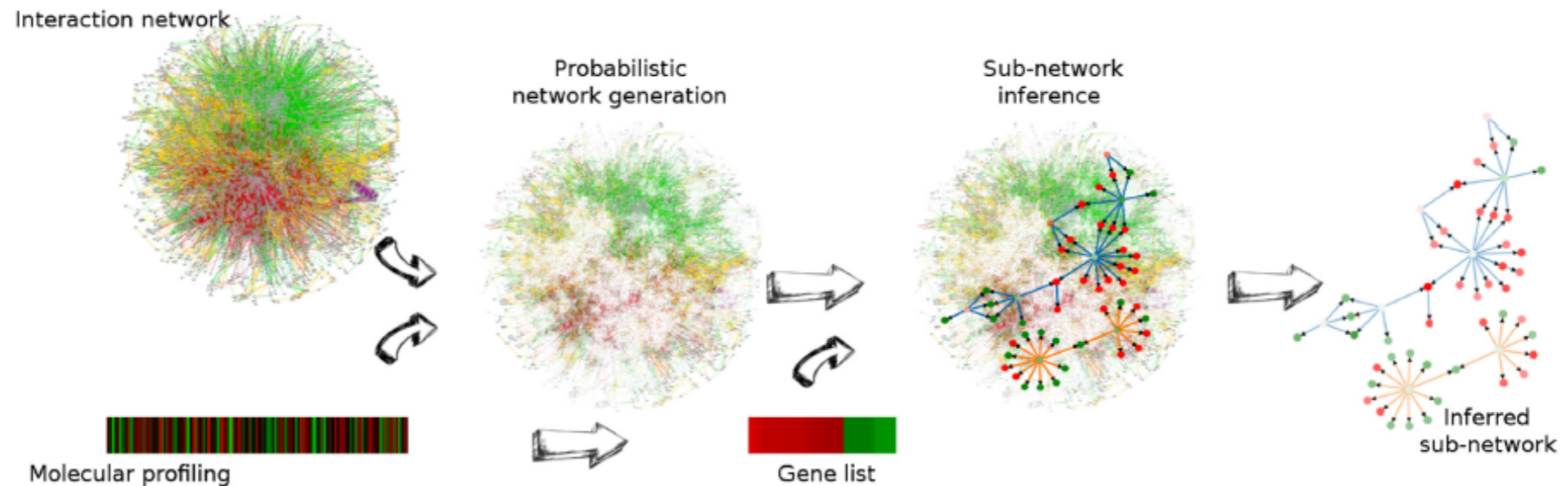
1), and similar to probabilistic Strips (with continuous distributions)

Moldovan et al. ICRA 12, 13, 14; Auton. Robots 18



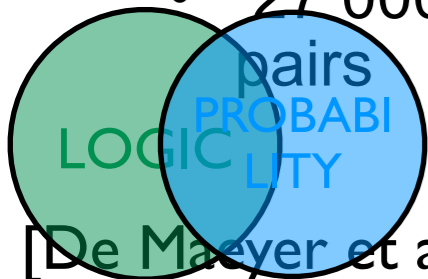


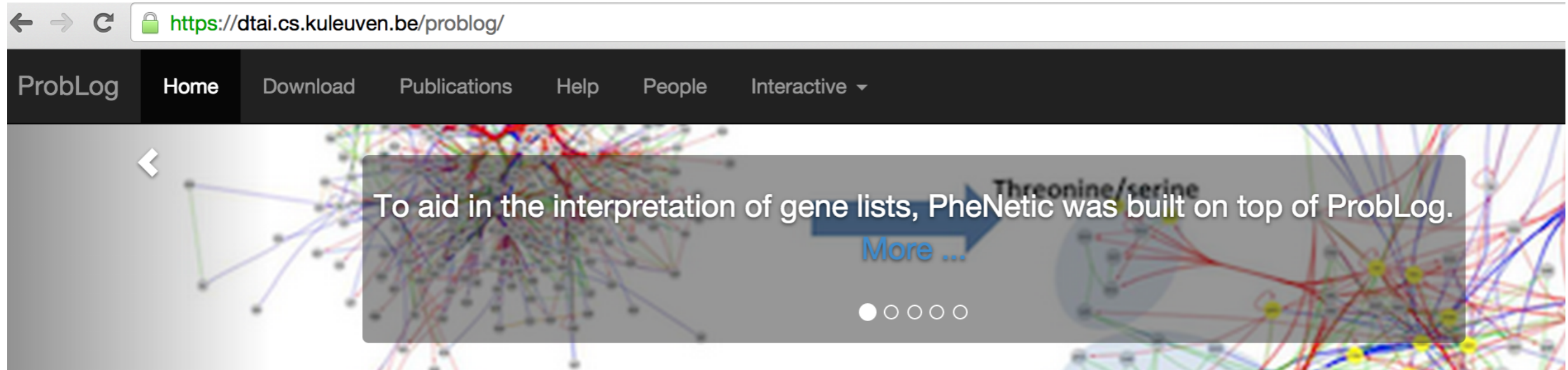
# Biology



**Figure 1.** Overview of PheNetic, a web service for network-based interpretation of ‘omics’ data. The web service uses as input a genome wide interaction network for the organism of interest, a user generated molecular profiling data set and a gene list derived from these data. Interaction networks for a wide variety of organisms are readily available from the web server. Using the uploaded user-generated molecular data the interaction network is converted into a probabilistic network: edges receive a probability proportional to the levels measured for the terminal nodes in the molecular profiling data set. This probabilistic interaction network is used to infer the sub-network that best links the genes from the gene list. The inferred sub-network provides a trade-off between linking as many genes as possible from the gene list and selecting the least number of edges.

- Causes: Mutations
  - All related to similar phenotype
  - Effects: Differentially expressed genes
  - 27 000 cause effect pairs
- Interaction network:
    - 3063 nodes
    - Genes
    - Proteins
    - 16794 edges
    - Molecular interactions
    - Uncertain
- Goal: connect causes to effects through common subnetwork
    - = Find mechanism
  - Techniques:
    - DTPProbLog
    - Approximate inference





## Introduction.

Probabilistic logic programs are logic programs in which some of the facts are annotated with probabilities.

ProbLog is a tool that allows you to intuitively build programs that do not only encode **complex interactions** between a large sets of **heterogenous components** but **uncertainties** that are present in real-life situations.

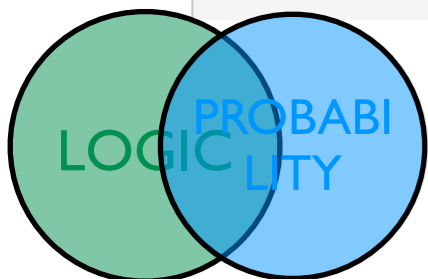
The engine tackles several tasks such as computing the marginals given evidence and learning from (partial) interpretations. ProbLog is a suite of efficient algorithms tasks. It is based on a conversion of the program and the queries and evidence to a weighted Boolean formula. This allows us to reduce the inference tasks to well-s weighted model counting, which can be solved using state-of-the-art methods known from the graphical model and knowledge compilation literature.

## The Language. Probabilistic Logic Programming.

ProbLog makes it easy to express complex, probabilistic models.

```
0.3::stress(X) :- person(X).
0.2::influences(X,Y) :- person(X), person(Y).

smokes(X) :- stress(X).
smokes(X) :- friend(X,Y), influences(Y,X), smokes(Y).
```



# Markov Logic: Intuition

- *Undirected graphical model*
- A logical KB is a set of **hard constraints** on the set of possible worlds
- Let's make them **soft constraints**:  
When a world violates a formula,  
it becomes less probable, not impossible
- Give each formula a **weight**  
(Higher weight  $\Rightarrow$  Stronger constraint)

$$P(\text{world}) \propto \exp\left(\sum \text{weights of formulas it satisfies}\right)$$



# A possible worlds view

Say we have two domain elements **Anna** and **Bob** as well as two predicates **Friends** and **Happy**

$\neg \text{Friends}(\text{Anna}, \text{Bob})$		
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	$\neg \text{Happy}(\text{Bob})$	$\text{Happy}(\text{Bob})$

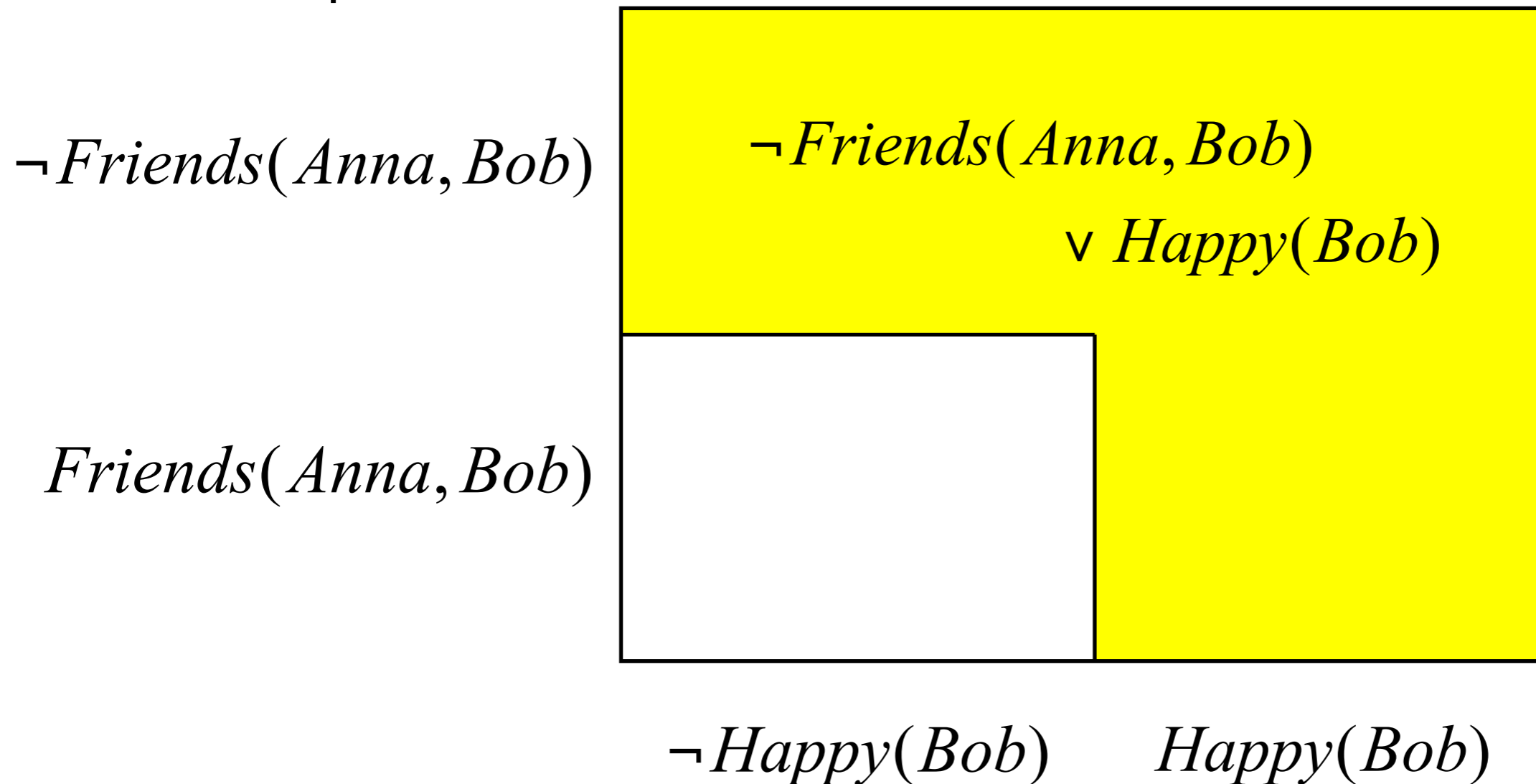


# A possible worlds view

Logical formulas such as

**not Friends(Anna,Bob) or Happy(Bob)**

exclude possible worlds



# A possible worlds view

four times as likely that rule holds

$$\Phi(\neg \text{Friends}(\text{Anna}, \text{Bob}) \vee \text{Happy}(\text{Bob})) = 1$$

$$\Phi(\text{Friends}(\text{Anna}, \text{Bob}) \wedge \neg \text{Happy}(\text{Bob})) = 0.75$$

$\neg \text{Friends}(\text{Anna}, \text{Bob})$	1	1
$\text{Friends}(\text{Anna}, \text{Bob})$	0.75	1
	$\neg \text{Happy}(\text{Bob})$	$\text{Happy}(\text{Bob})$





# A possible worlds view

Or as log-linear model this is:

$$w(\Phi(\neg Friends(Anna, Bob) \vee Happy(Bob)))$$

$$= \log(1 / 0.75) = 0.29$$

$\neg Friends(Anna, Bob)$	1	1
$Friends(Anna, Bob)$	0.75	1
	$\neg Happy(Bob)$	$Happy(Bob)$



**This can also be viewed as <sup>57</sup> building a graphical model**

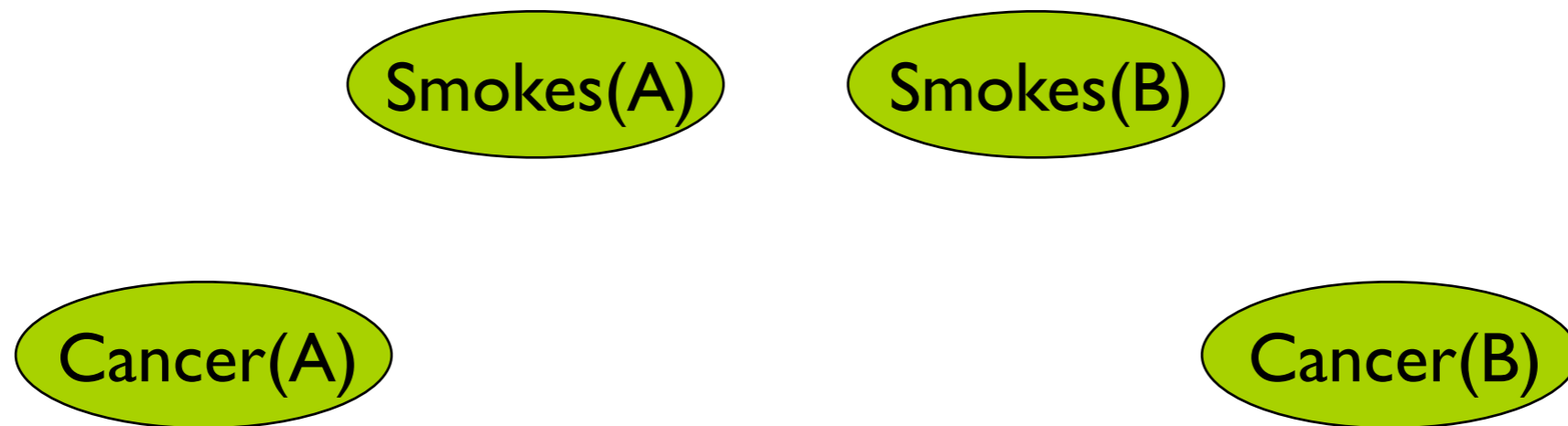


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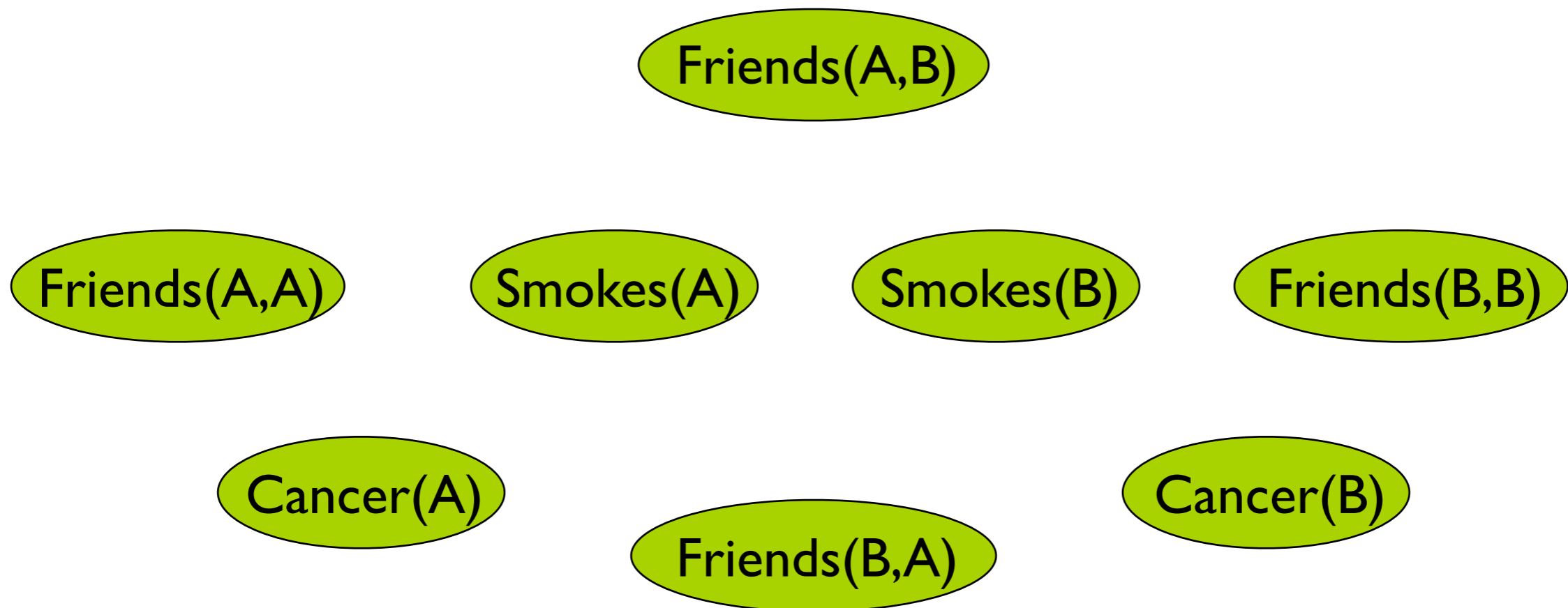


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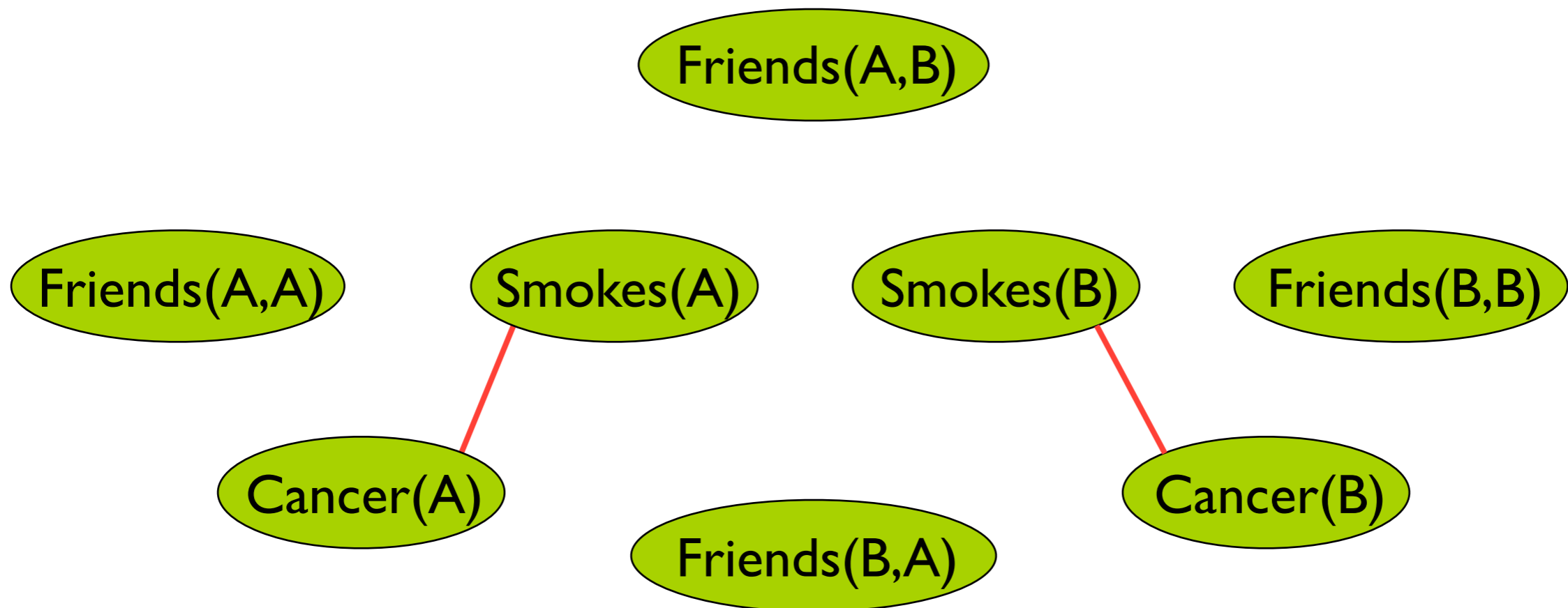
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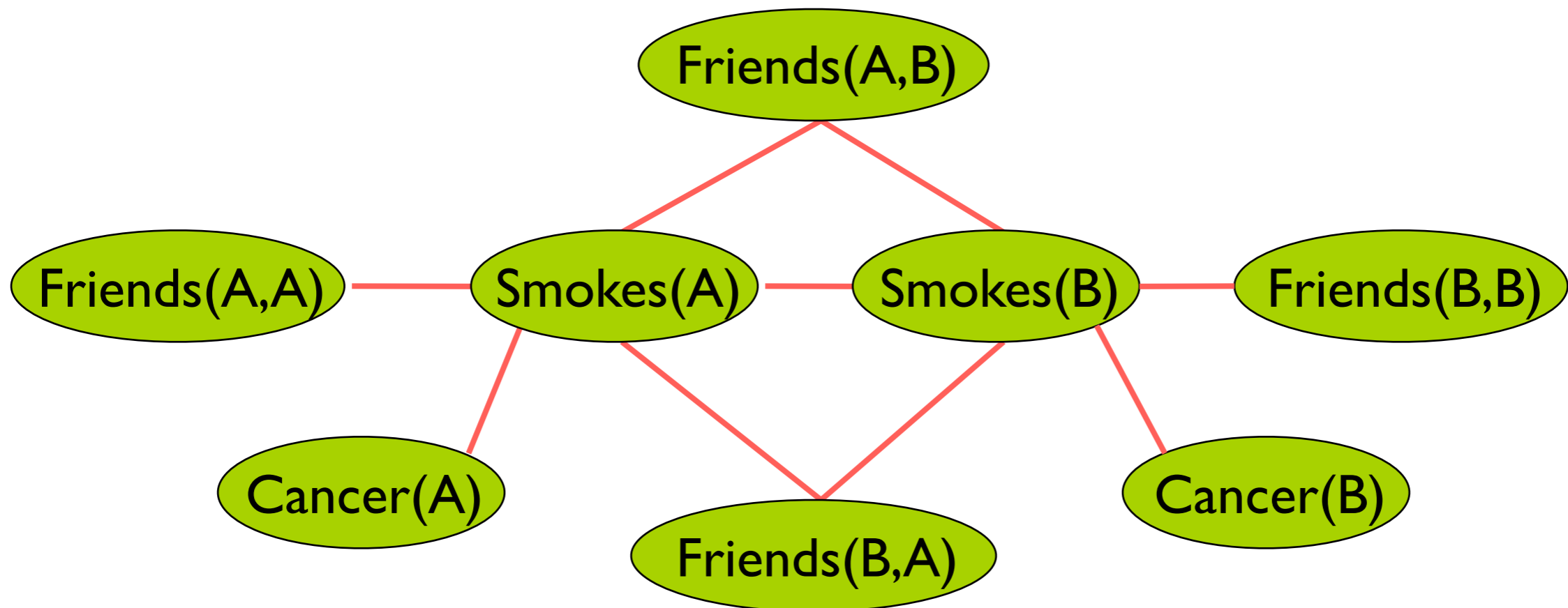
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# Applications

- Natural language processing, Collective Classification, Social Networks, Activity Recognition, ...

## Alchemy: Open Source AI

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### Related Links

Welcome to the Alchemy system! Alchemy is a software package providing a series of algorithms for statistical relational learning and probabilistic logic inference, based on the Markov logic representation. Alchemy allows you to easily develop a wide range of AI applications, including:

- Collective classification
- Link prediction
- Entity resolution
- Social network modeling
- Information extraction

### Choose a version of Alchemy:

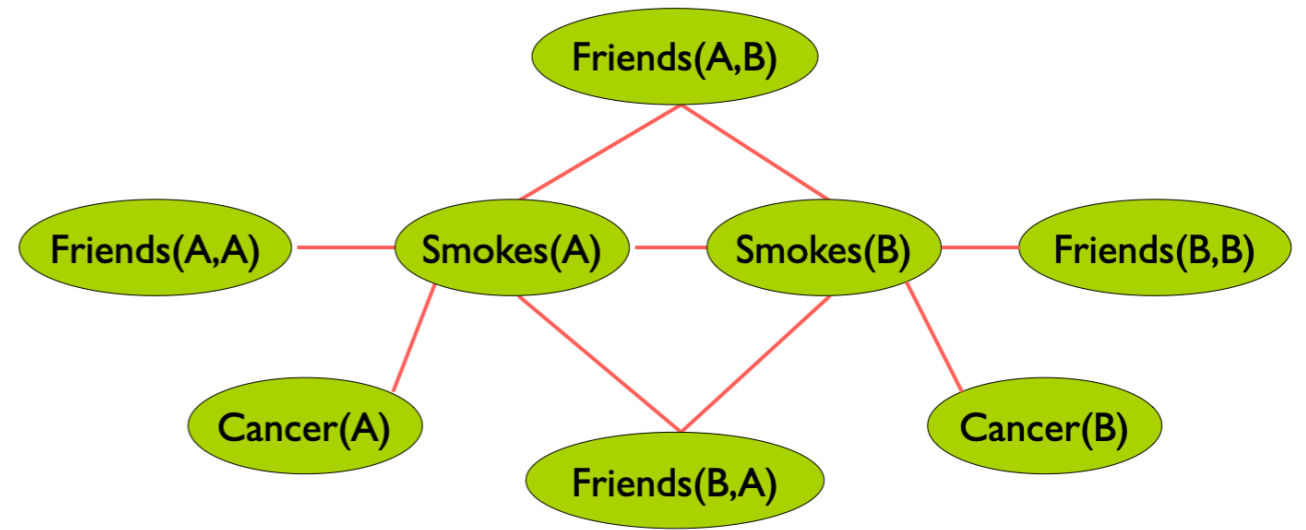
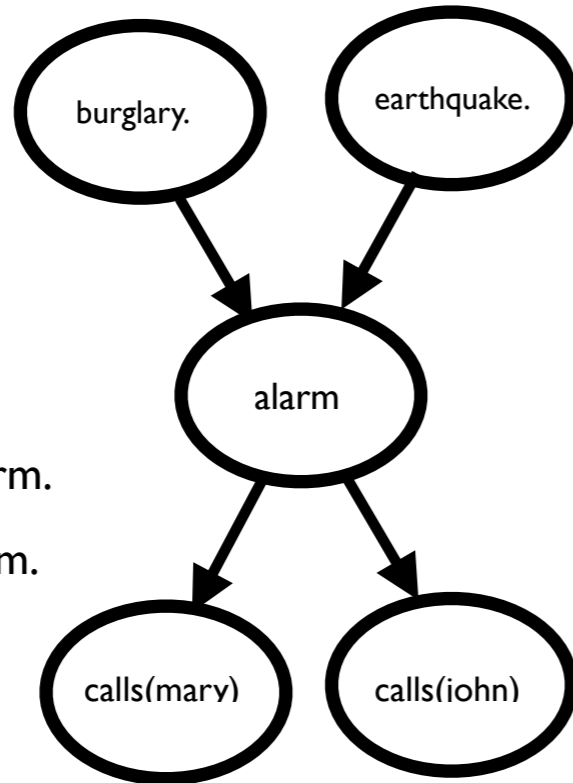
#### [Alchemy Lite](#)

Alchemy Lite is a software package for inference in Tractable Markov Logic (TML), the first tractable first-order probabilistic logic. Alchemy Lite allows for fast, exact inference for models formulated in TML. Alchemy Lite can be used in batch or interactive mode.



# 2. Directed vs Undirected the PGM / StarAI dimension

0.1 :: burglary.  
 0.05 :: earthquake.  
 alarm :- earthquake.  
 alarm :- burglary.  
 0.7::calls(mary) :- alarm.  
 0.6::calls(john) :- alarm.



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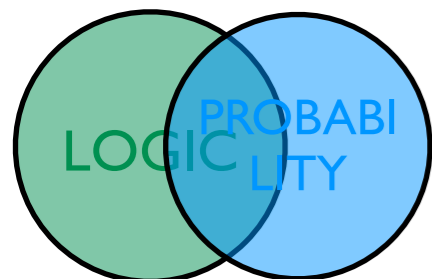
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**Probabilistic Logic Programs  
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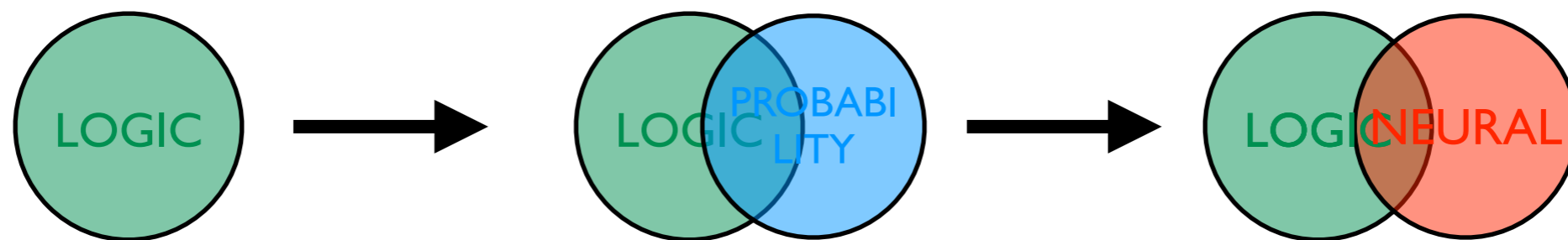
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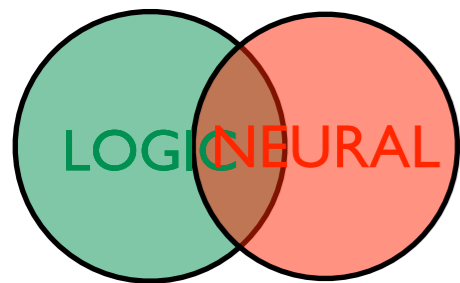
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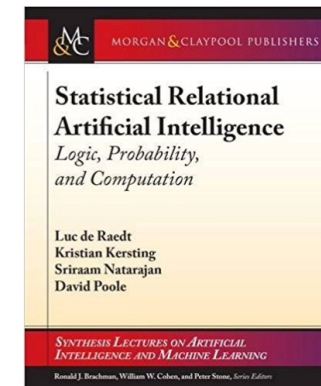






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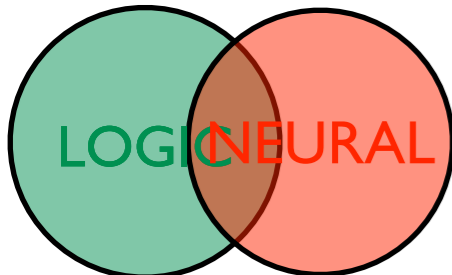
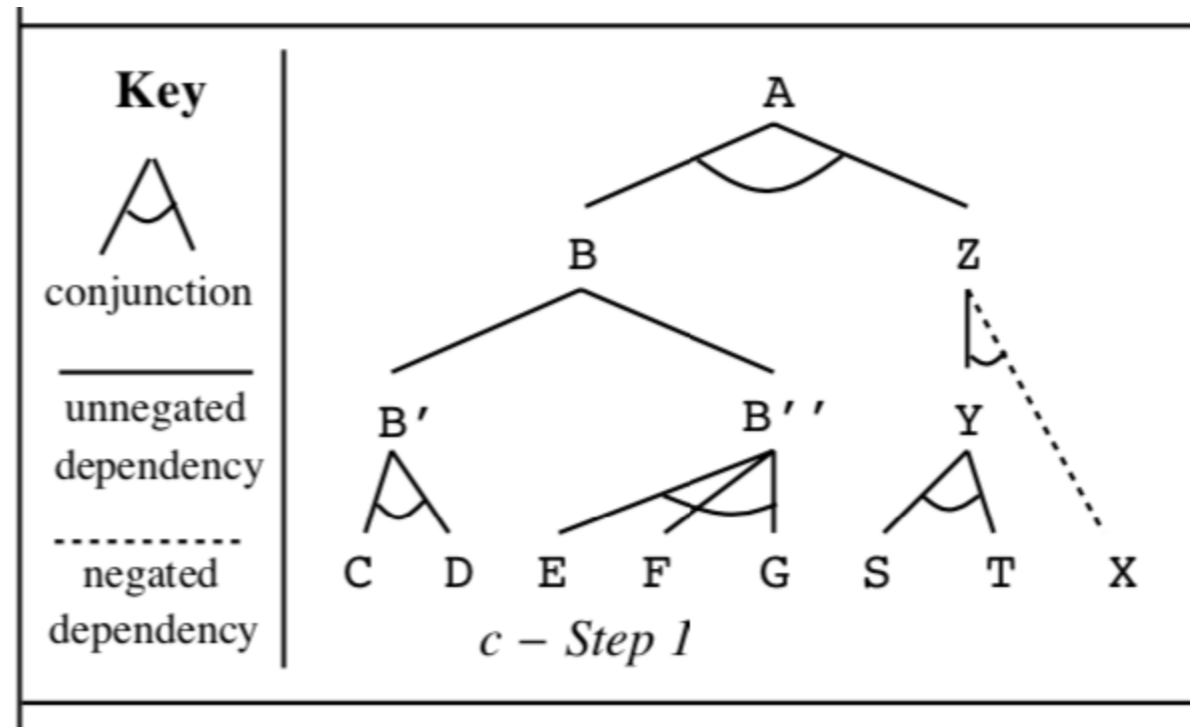


# Logic as a neural program

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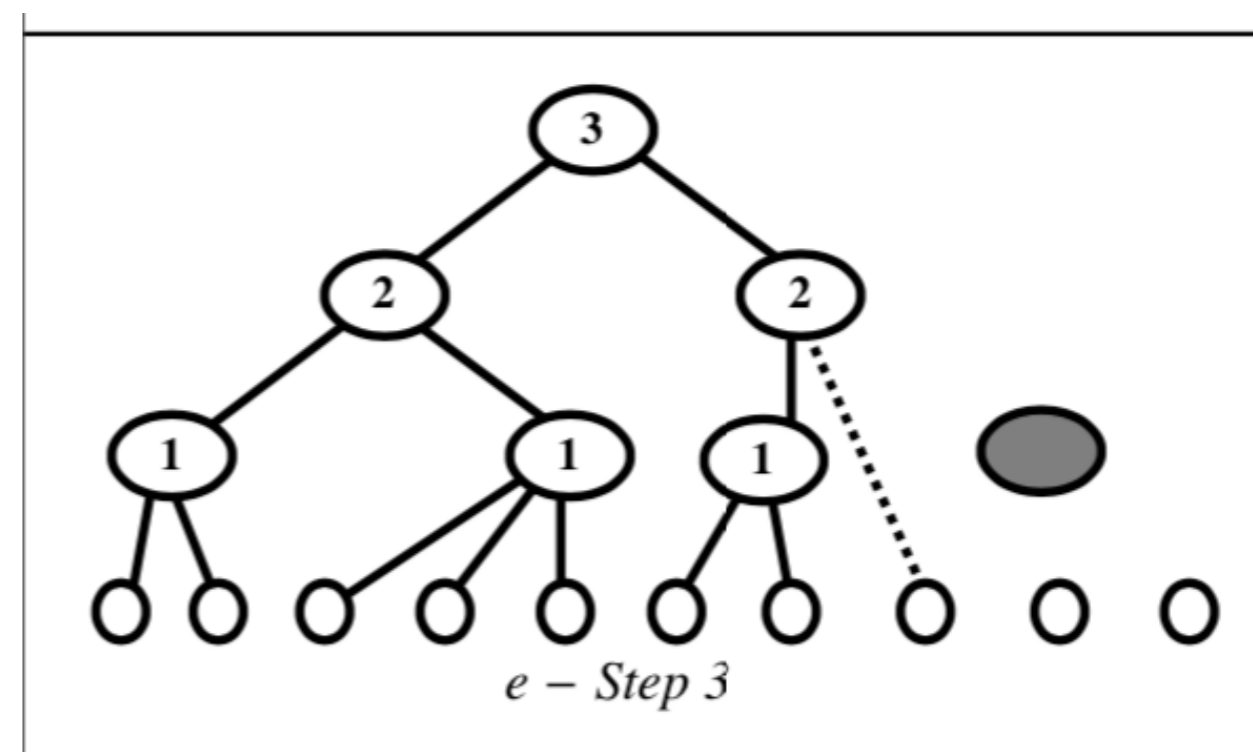
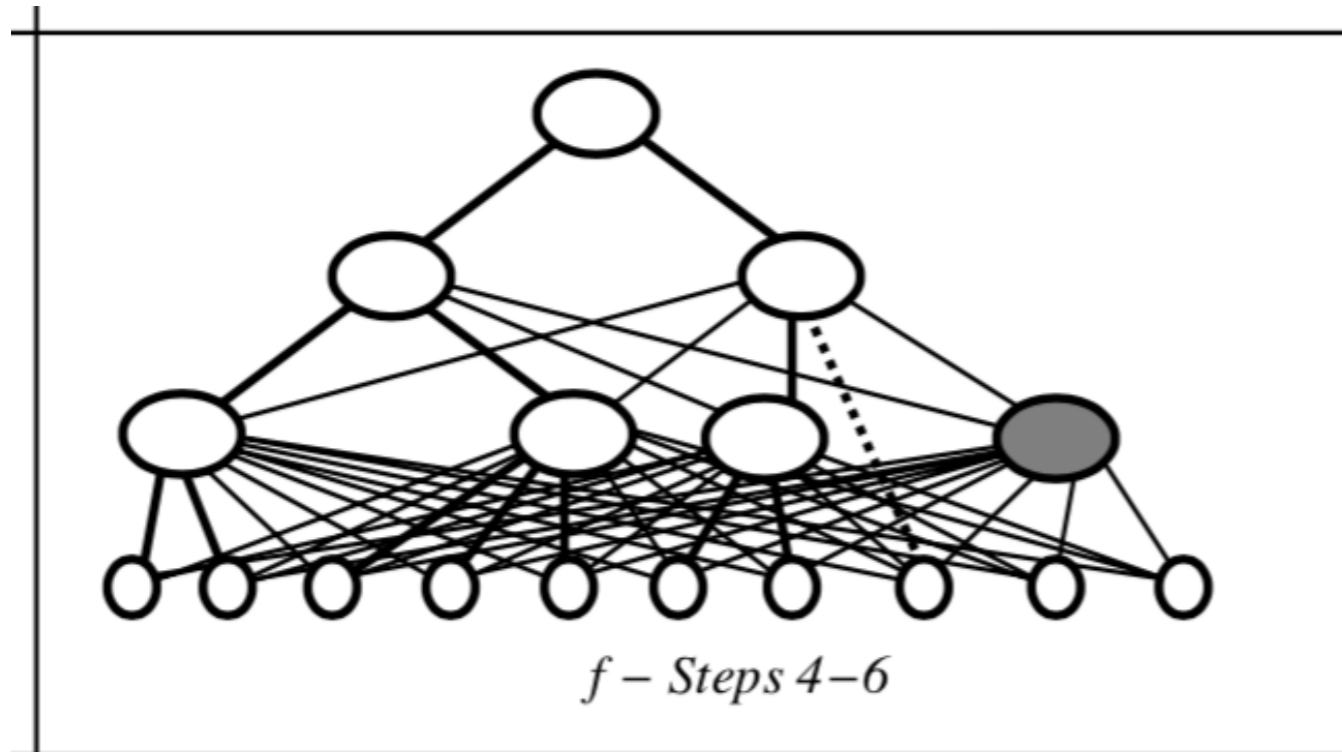
- KBANN (Towell and Shavlik AIJ 94)
- Turn a (propositional) Prolog program into a neural network and learn

A :- B, Z. REWRITE	A :- B, Z.
B :- C, D.	B :- B'.
B :- E, F, G.	B :- B''.
Z :- Y, not X.	B' :- C, D.
Y :- S, T.	B'' :- E, F, G.
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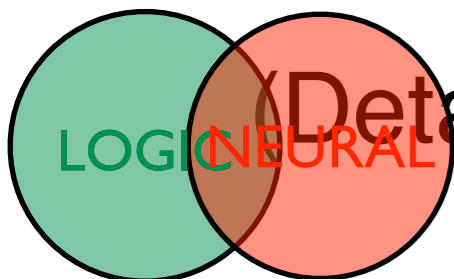
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and then learn

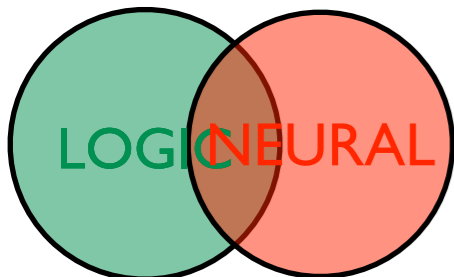
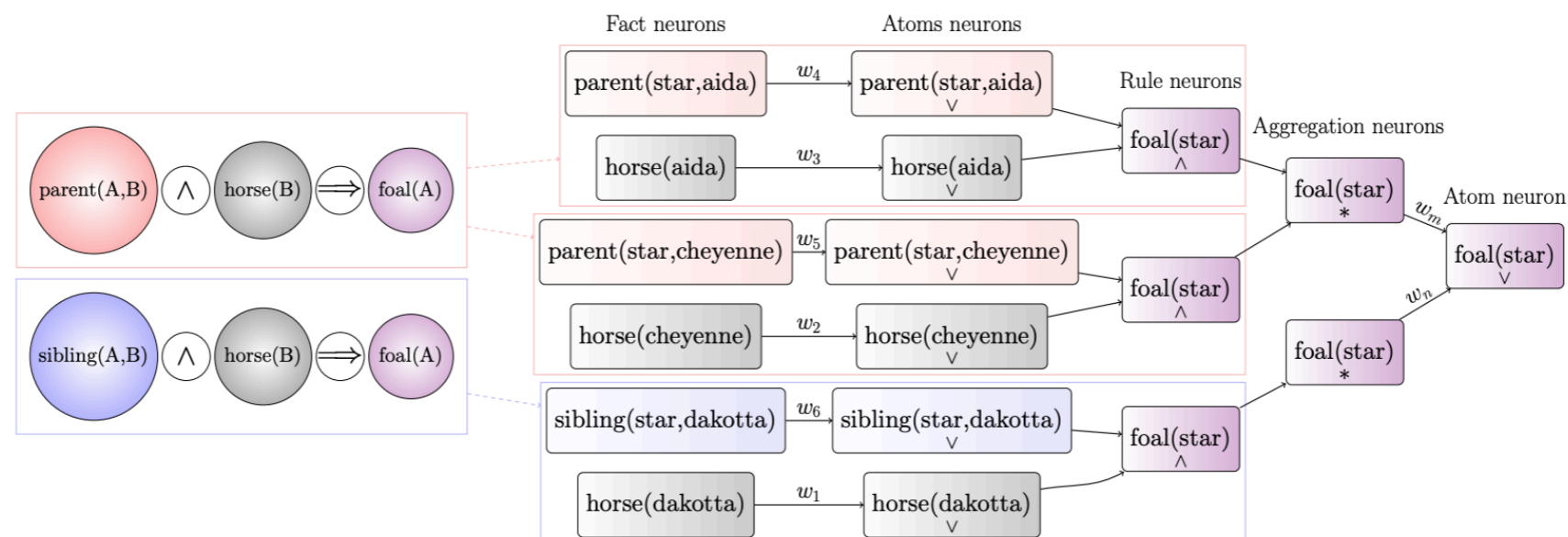


(Details of activation & loss functions not mentioned)erc

# Lifted Relational Neural Networks

directed StarAI approach and logic programs

- Directed (fuzzy) NeSy
- similar in spirit to the Bayesian Logic Programs and Probabilistic Relational Models
- Of course, other kind of (fuzzy) operations for AND, OR and Aggregation (cf. later)



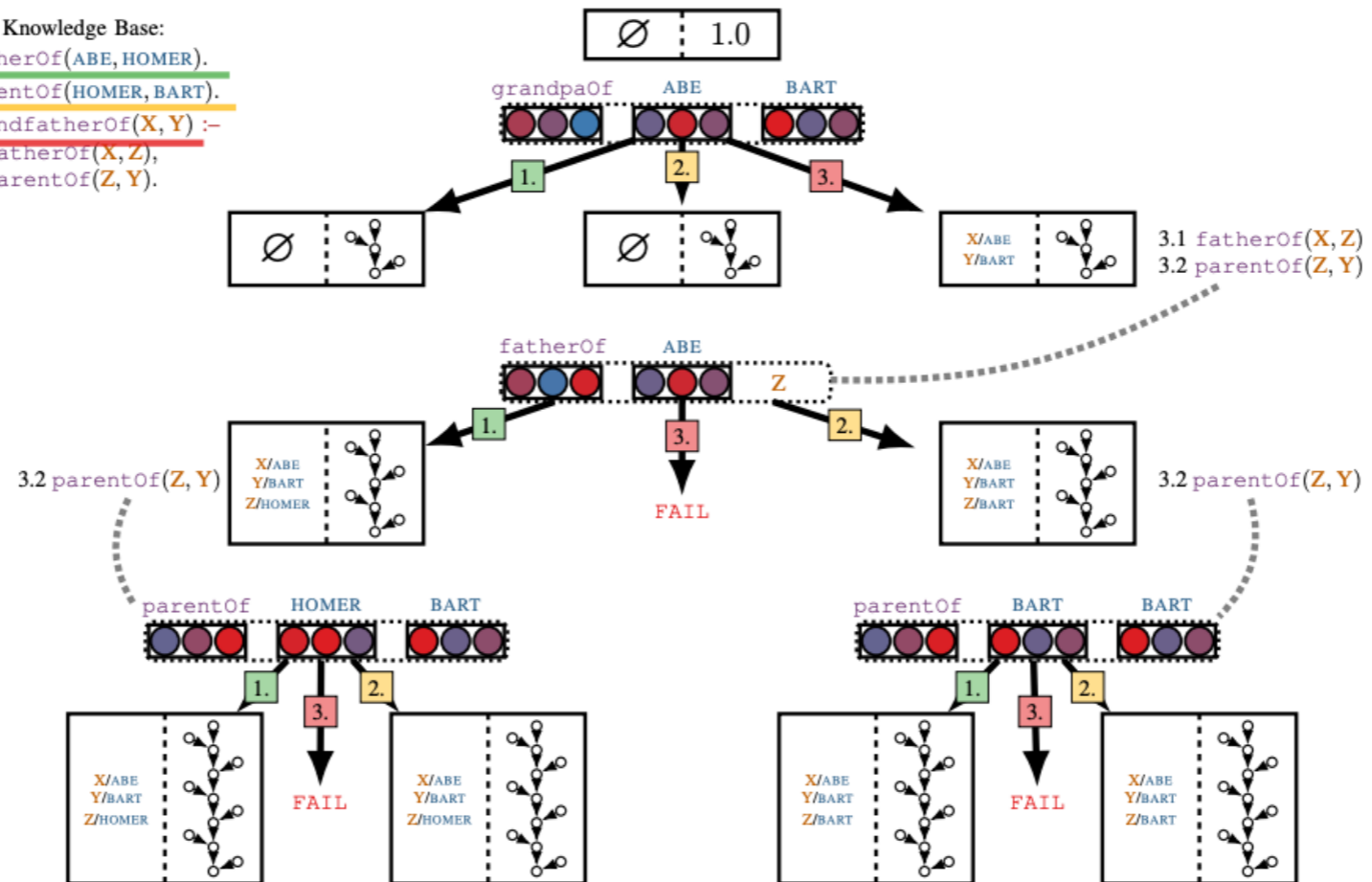
# Neural Theorem Prover

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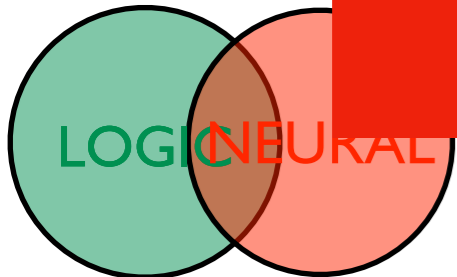
Towards Neural Theorem Proving at Scale

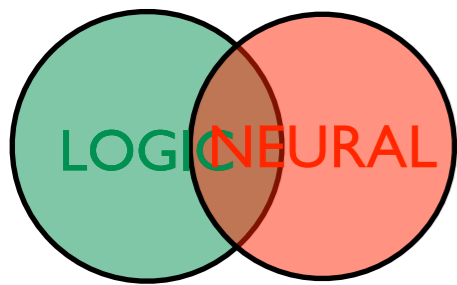
Example Knowledge Base:

1. `fatherOf(ABE, HOMER).`
2. `parentOf(HOMER, BART).`
3. `grandfatherOf(X, Y) :-  
fatherOf(X, Z),  
parentOf(Z, Y).`



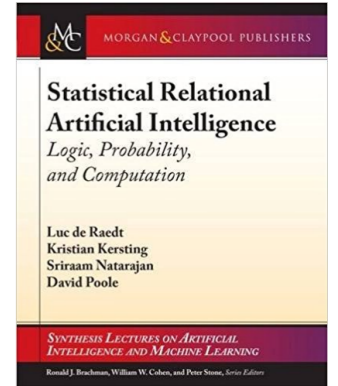
the logic is encoded in the network  
how to reason logically ?





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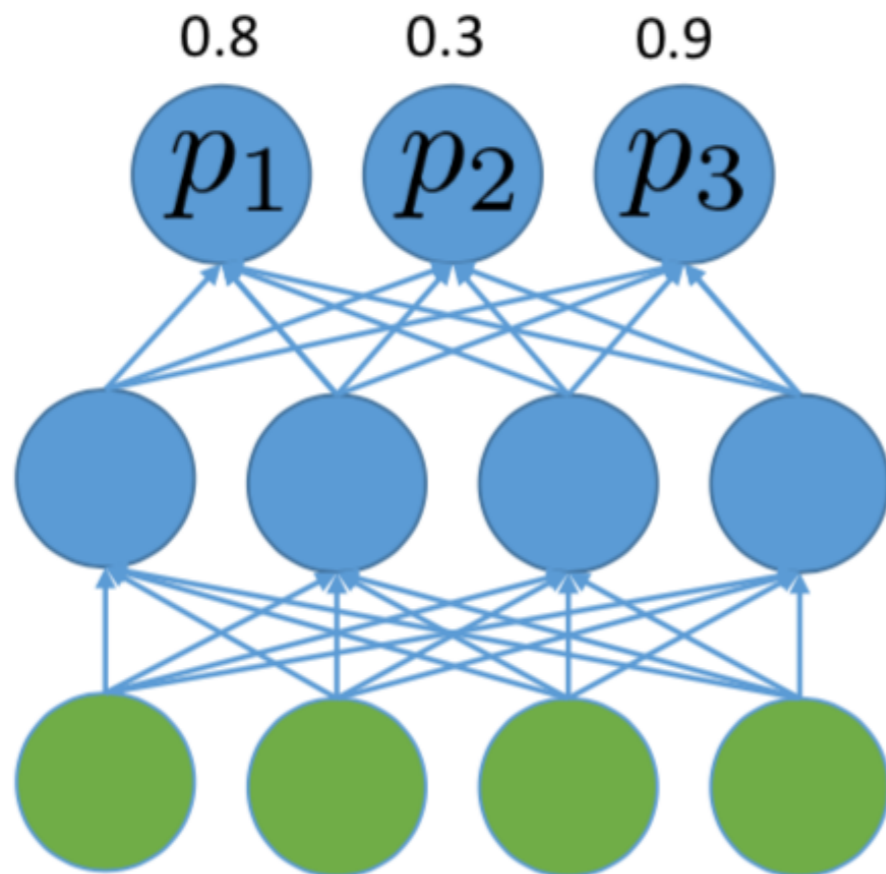




# Logic as constraints

undirected StarAI approach and (soft) constraints

multi-class classification



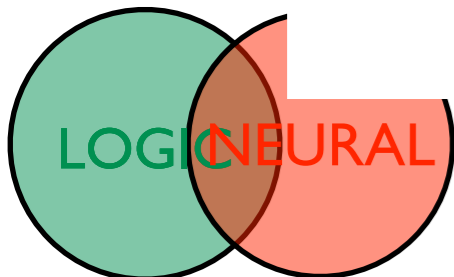
This constraint should be satisfied

$$(\neg x_1 \wedge \neg x_2 \wedge x_3) \vee$$

$$(\neg x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \neg x_3) \vee$$

$$(x_1 \wedge \neg x_2 \wedge \neg x_3)$$

from Xu et al., ICML 2018

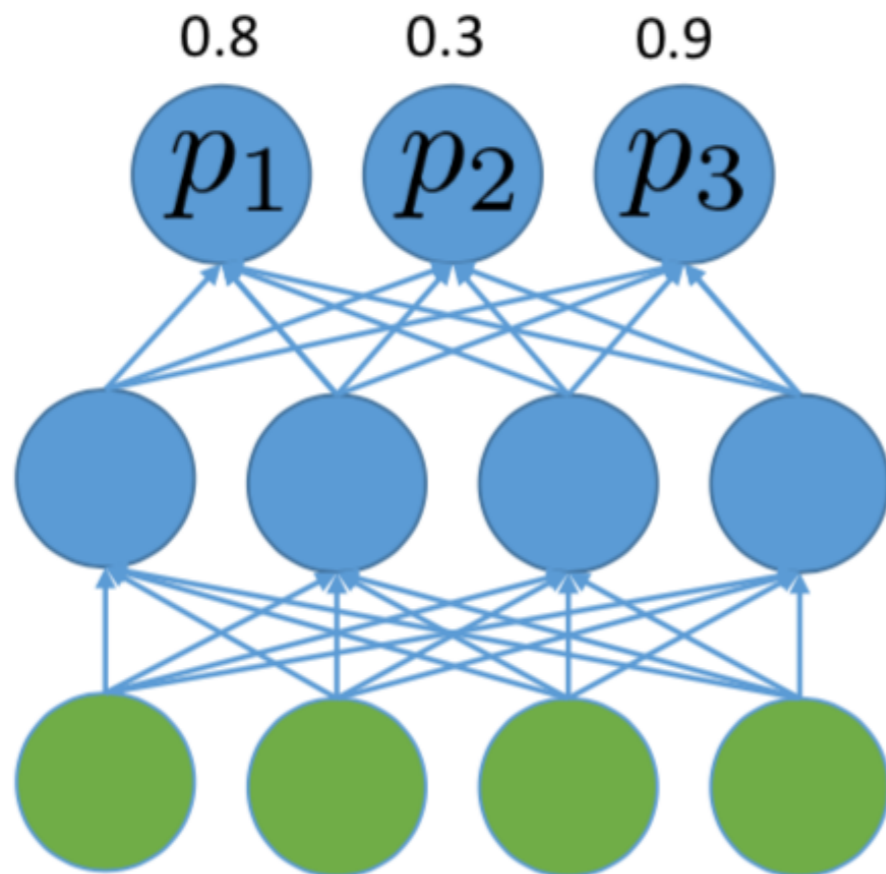




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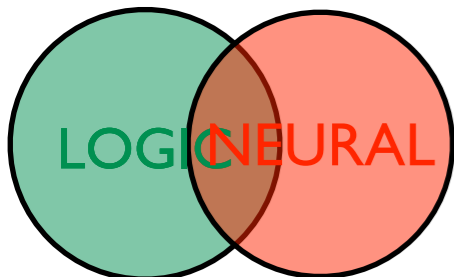
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Probability that constraint is satisfied

$$(1 - x_1)(1 - x_2)x_3 + (1 - x_1)x_2(1 - x_3) + x_1(1 - x_2)(1 - x_3)$$

basis for SEMANTIC LOSS  
(weighted model counting)



# Logic as a regularizer

undirected StarAI approach and (soft) constraints

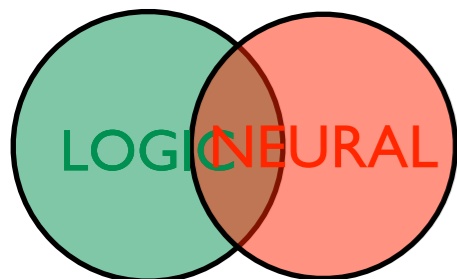
Semantic Loss:

- Use logic as constraints (very much like “propositional MLNs)

- Semantic loss  $SLoss(T) \propto -\log \sum_{X \models T} \prod_{x \in X} p_i \prod_{\neg x \in X} (1 - p_i)$

- Used as regulariser  $Loss = TraditionalLoss + w.SLoss$

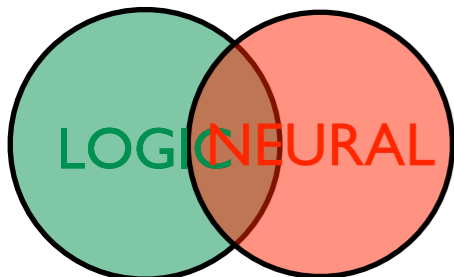
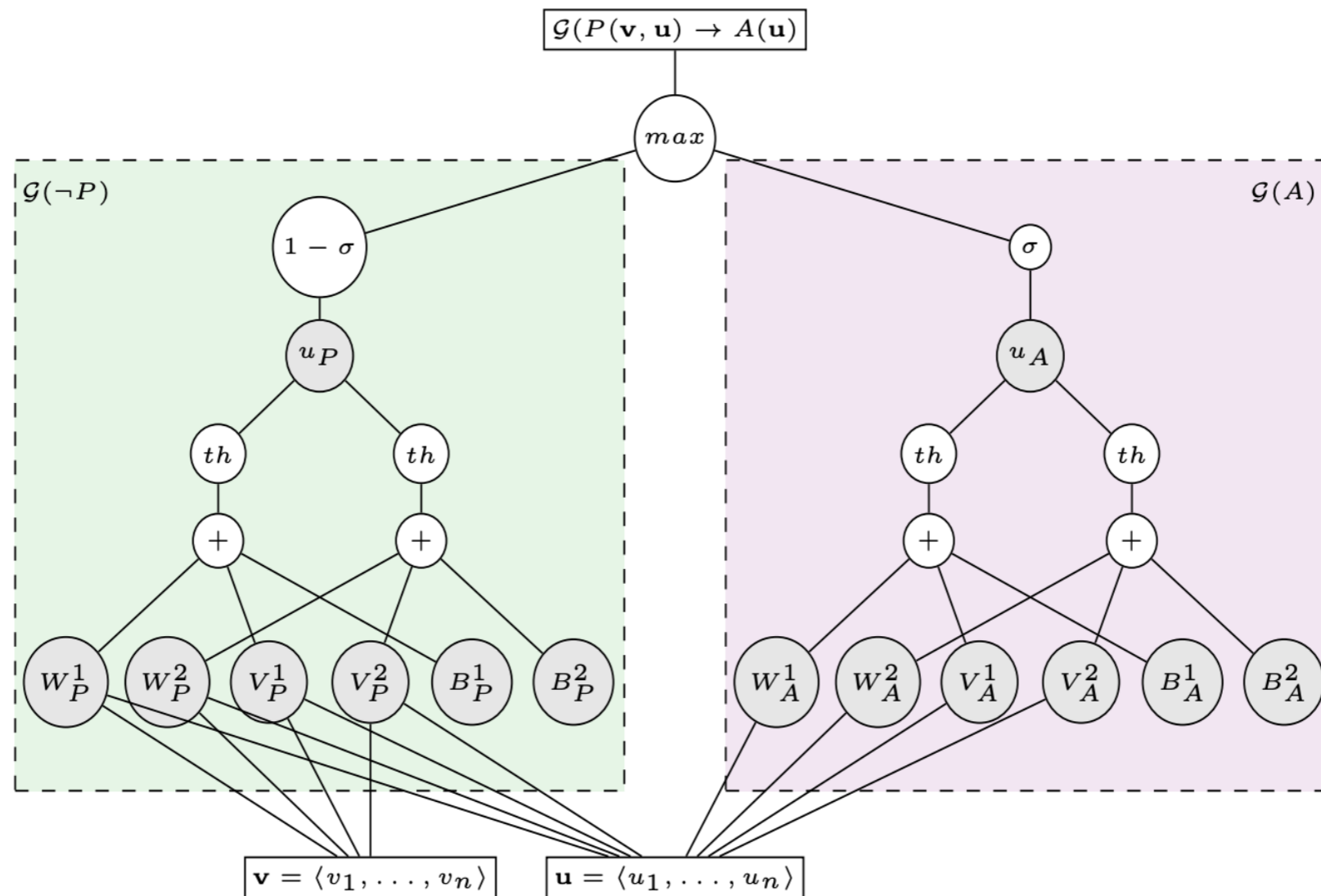
- Use weighted model counting , close to StarAI



# Logic Tensor Networks

undirected StarAI approach and (soft) constraints

$$P(x, y) \rightarrow A(y), \text{ with } \mathcal{G}(x) = \mathbf{v} \text{ and } \mathcal{G}(y) = \mathbf{u}$$



# Semantic Based Regularization

## undirected StarAI approach and (soft) constraints

$$F := \forall d P_A(d) \Rightarrow A(d)$$

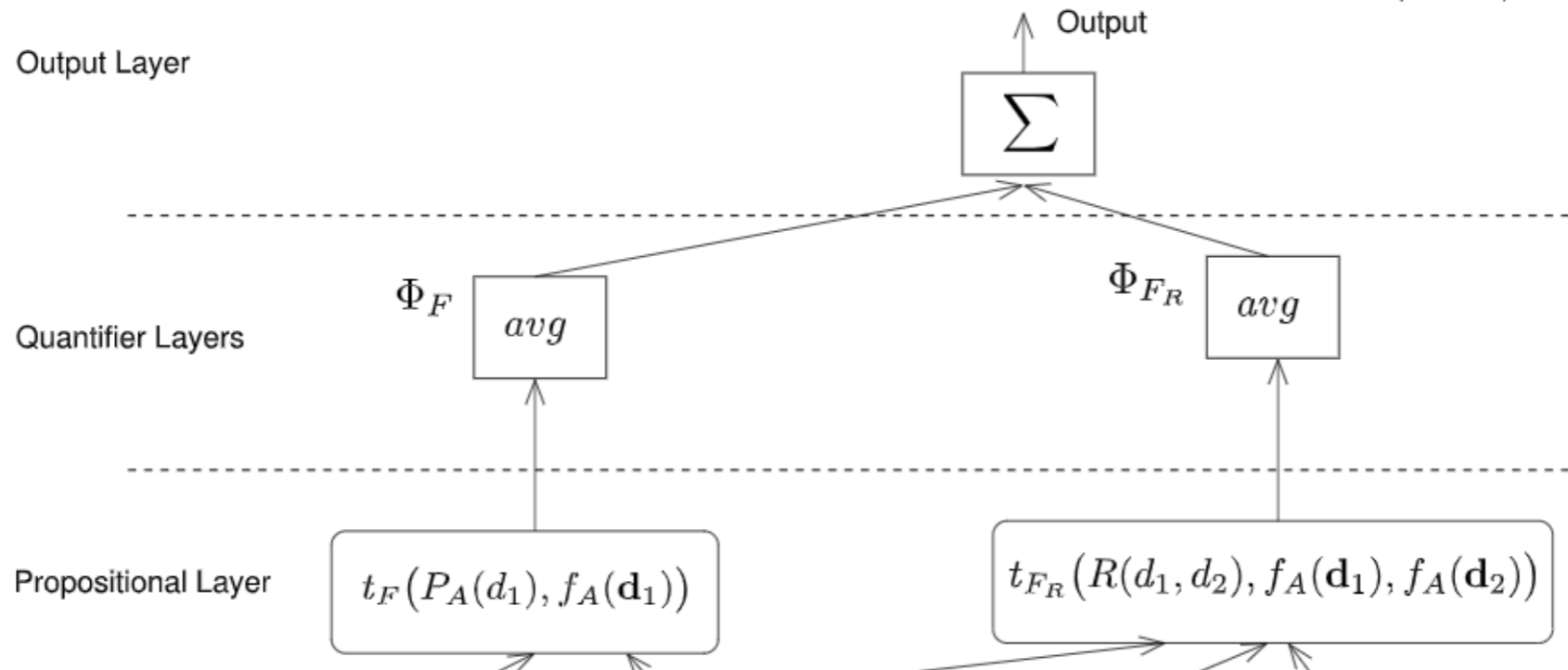
$$F_R := \forall d \forall d' R(d, d') \Rightarrow ((A(d) \wedge A(d')) \vee (\neg A(d) \wedge \neg A(d')))$$

$$C = \{d_1, d_2\}$$

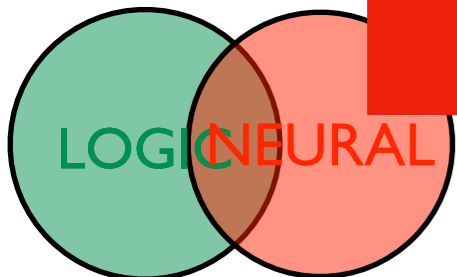
Evidence Predicate  
Groundings

$$P_A(d_1) = 1$$

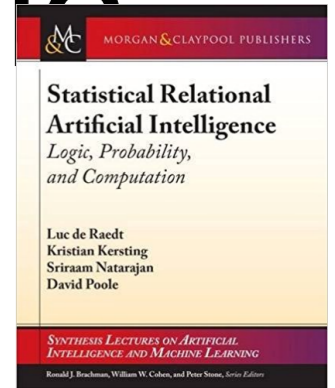
$$R(d_1, d_2) = 1$$



the logic is encoded in the network  
how to reason logically ?



# Two types of Neural Symbolic Systems



Just like in StarAI

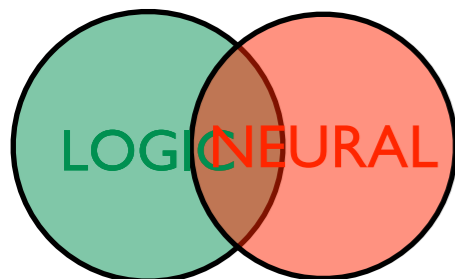
Logic as a kind of *neural program*

directed StarAI approach and logic programs

Logic as the *regularizer* (reminiscent of Markov Logic Networks)

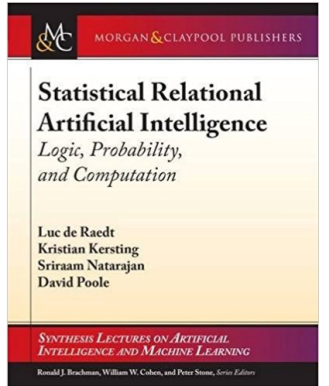
undirected StarAI approach and (soft) constraints

Consequence :  
the logic is encoded in the network  
the ability to logically reason is lost  
logic is not a special case



## 2. Directed vs Undirected the NeSy dimension

### Two types of Neural Symbolic Systems



Just like in StarAI

Logic as a kind of *neural program*

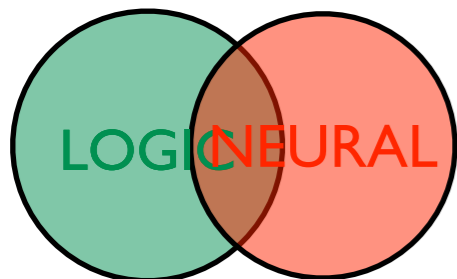
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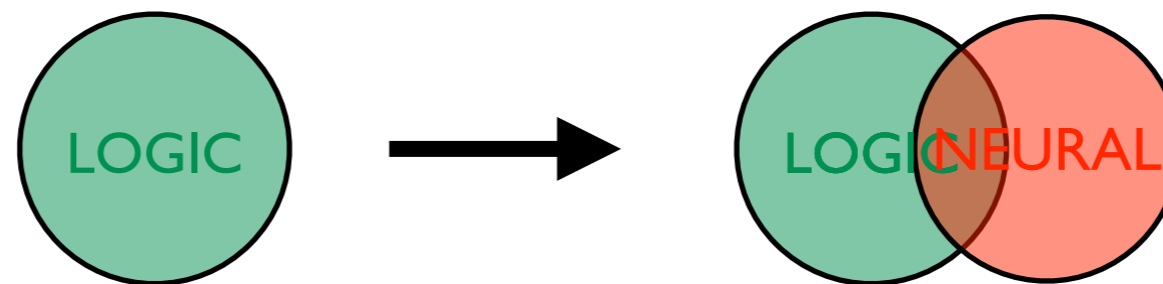
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Also, many NeSy systems are doing  
*knowledge based model construction KBMC*  
*where logic is used as a template*

Just like in StarAI



### 3. Types of Logic



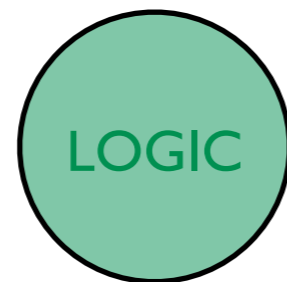


# 3. Types of Logic

## Key Messages

- Different types of logic exist
- Different types of logic enable different functionalities

# 3. Types of Logic



# Various flavours of logic

`alarm :- earthquake.`

`alarm :- burglary.`

`calls_mary :- alarm, hears_alarm_mary.`

`calls_john :- alarm, hears_alarm_john.`

`stress(ann).`

`influences(ann,bob).`

`influences(bob,carl).`

`smokes(X) :- stress(X).`

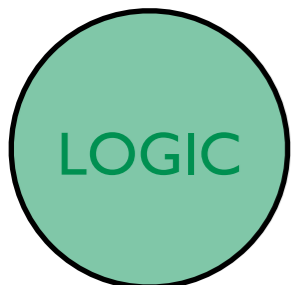
`smokes(X) :-`

`influences(Y,X),`

`smokes(Y).`

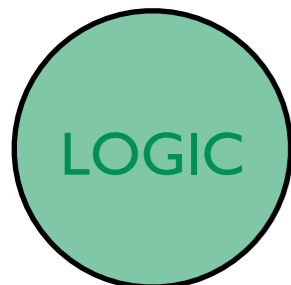
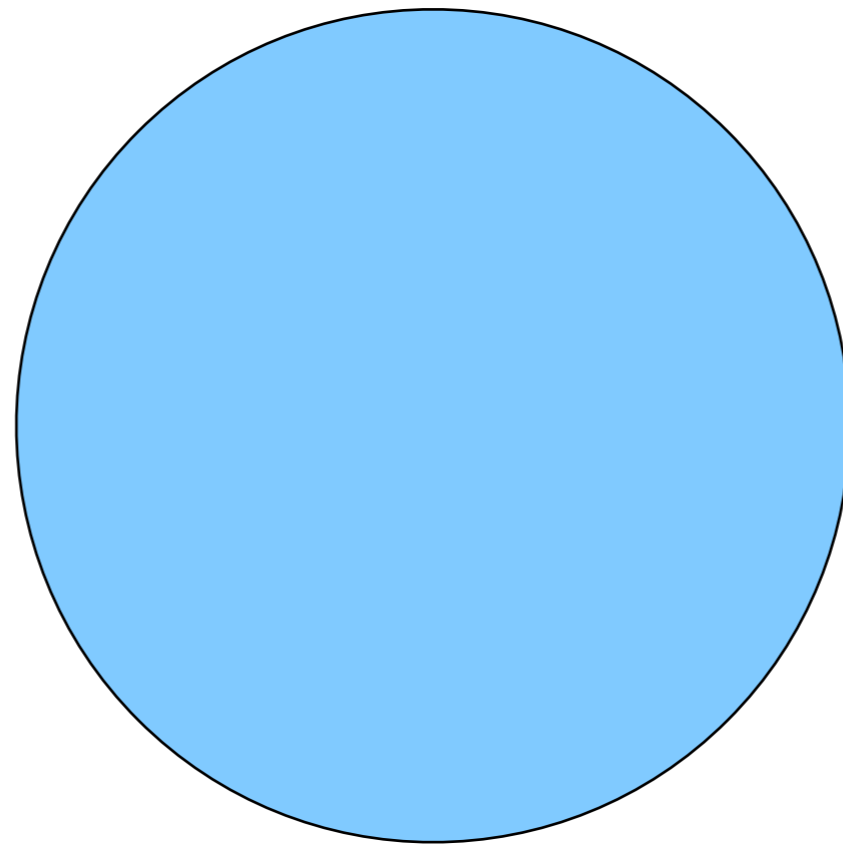
Propositional logic

First-order logic



# Various flavours of first-order logic

Logic programs  
= programming language



# Logic programming and Prolog

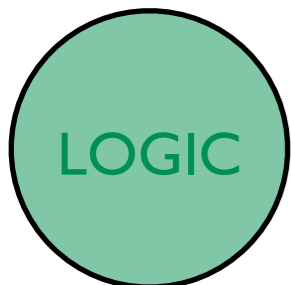
Full-fledged programming language

structured terms

```
member(X, [X|_]).
```

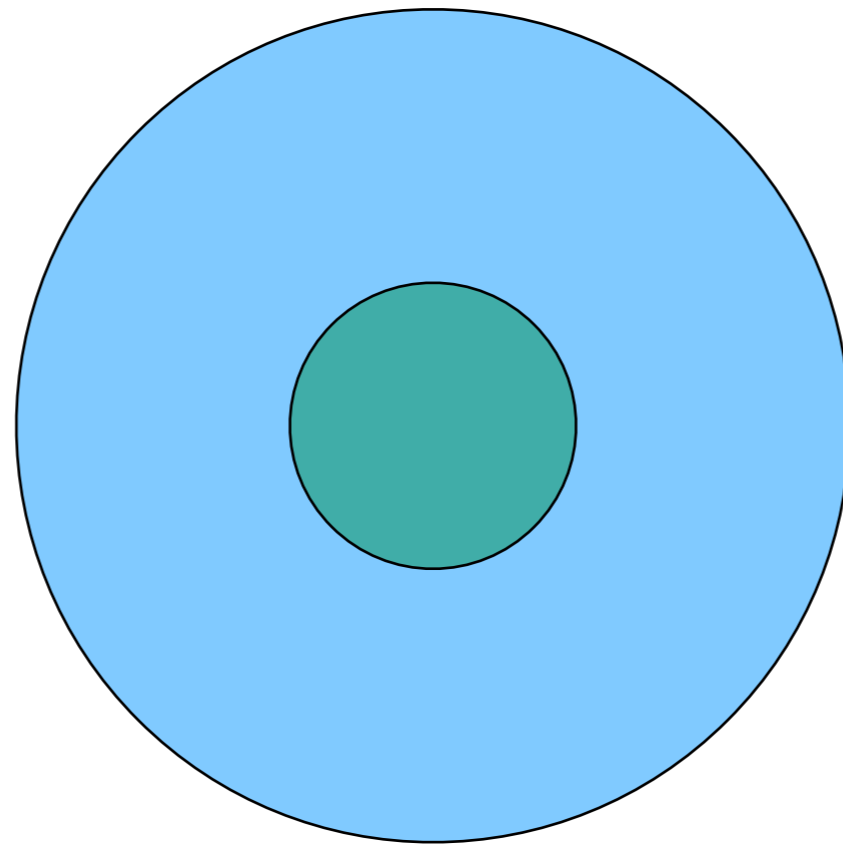
```
member(X, [_|Tail]) :-  
    member(X, Tail).
```

recursion

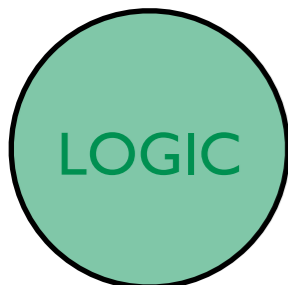


# Various flavours of first-order logic

Logic programs  
= programming language



Datalog  
= Logic programs  
that always terminate



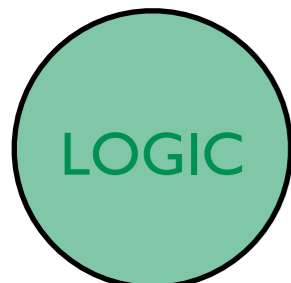
# Datalog

Query language for deductive databases

no structured terms

guaranteed to terminate

```
ancestor(X, Y) :- parent(X, Y).  
ancestor(X, Y) :- parent(X, Z), ancestor(Z, Y).
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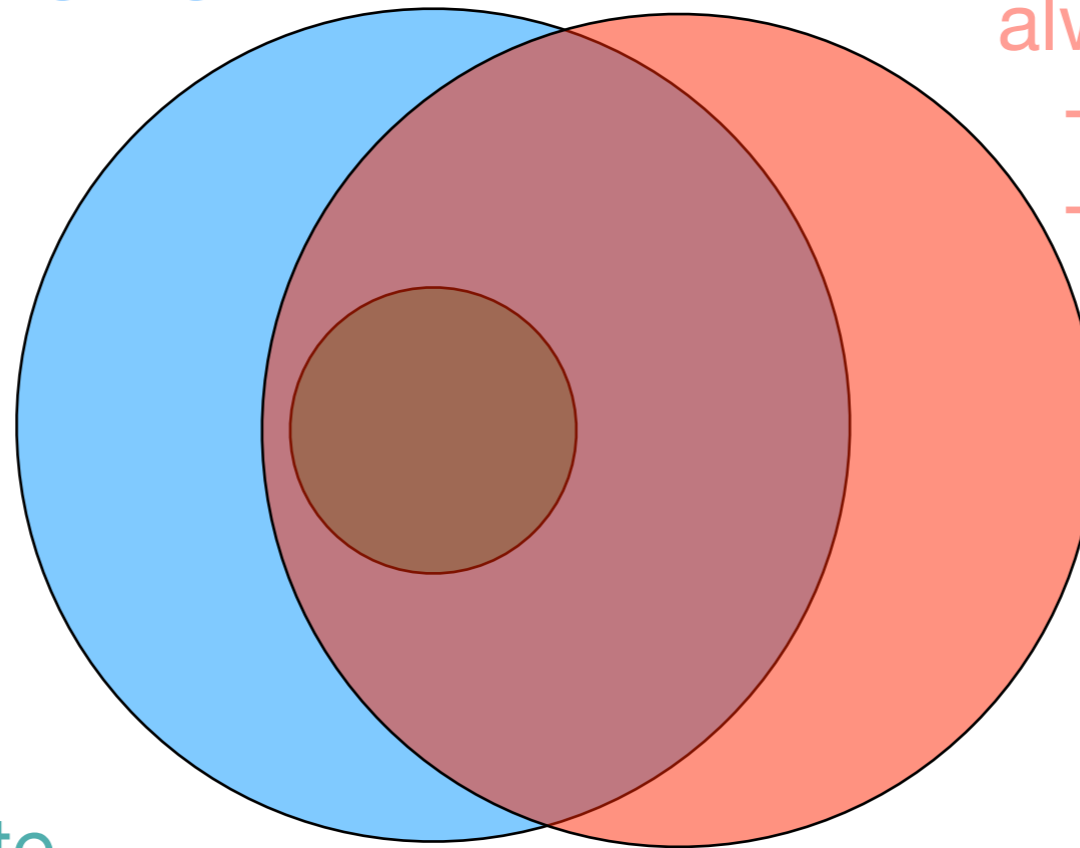




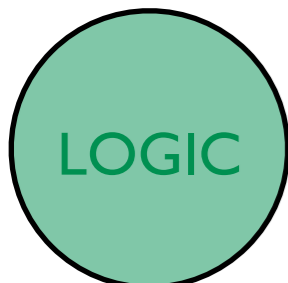
# Various flavours of first-order logic

Logic programs  
= programming language

Answer-set programs  
= Logic programs with  
multiple models that  
always terminate  
+ soft/hard constraints  
+ preferences



Datalog  
= Logic programs  
that always terminate



# Answer-set programming

Prolog with multiple models + interesting features

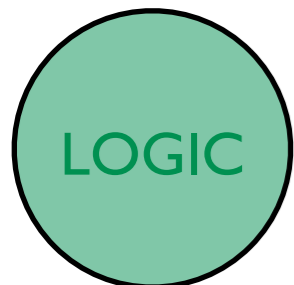
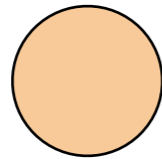
```
col(r). col(g). col(b).
```

```
1 {color(X,C) : col(C)} 1 :- node(X).  
:- edge(X,Y), color(X,C), color(Y,C).
```

choice rules

constraint

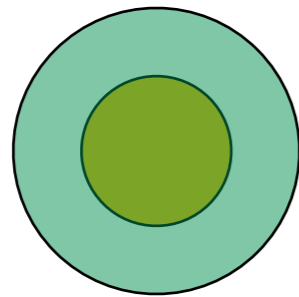
# What can it do?



Propositional logic:  
simple propositional reasoning

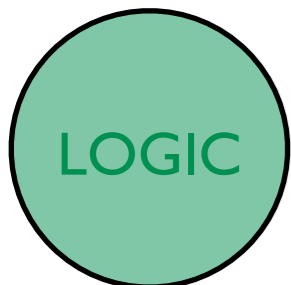


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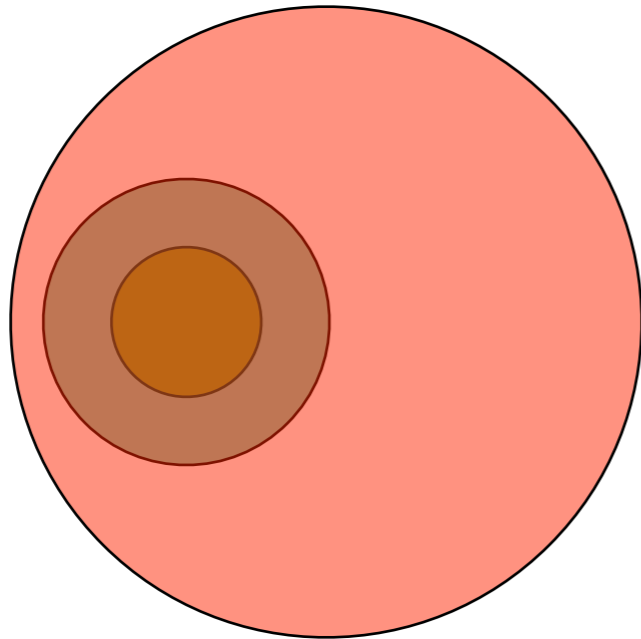


Datalog:  
database queries

Propositional logic:  
simple propositional reasoning



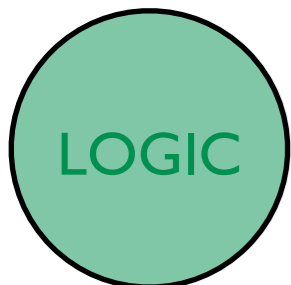
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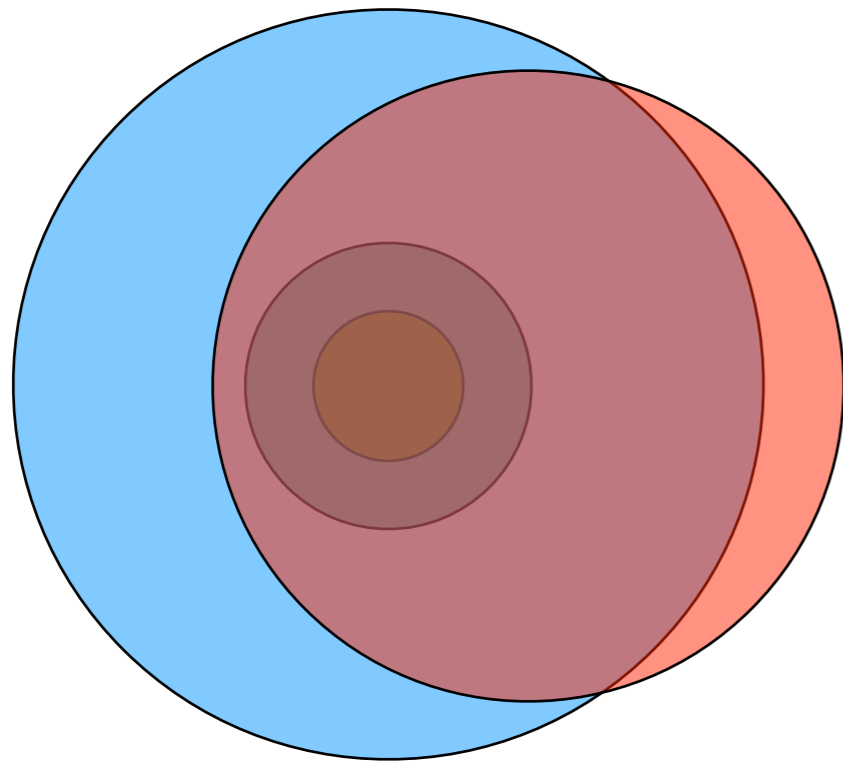
Answer-set programming:  
database queries, common-sense  
reasoning, preferences

Datalog:  
database queries

Propositional logic:  
simple propositional reasoning



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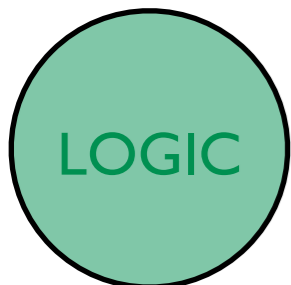


Logic programming:  
programs manipulating structured  
objects, infinite domains, ...

Answer-set programming:  
database queries, common-sense  
reasoning, preferences

Datalog:  
database queries

Propositional logic:  
simple propositional reasoning



# Logic program vs First-order logic

## Issues with transitive closure in first-order logic

$\text{edge}(1,2).$

$\text{path}(A,B) \leftarrow \text{edge}(A,B).$

$\text{path}(A,B) \leftarrow \text{edge}(A,C), \text{path}(C,B).$

Logic programs always  
have one model

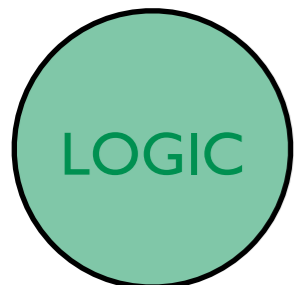
$\{\text{edge}(1,2), \text{path}(1,2)\}$

First-order logic can have  
many models

$\{\text{edge}(1,2), \text{path}(1,2)\}$

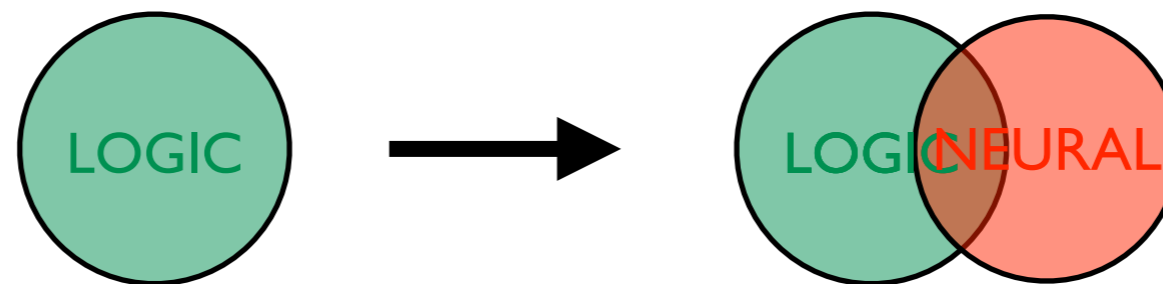
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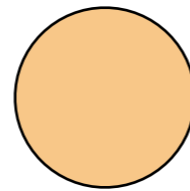




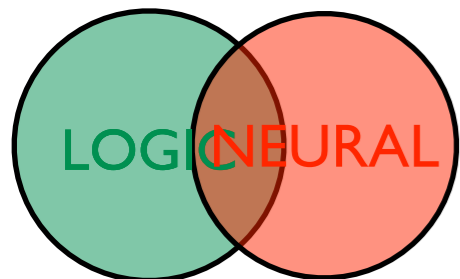
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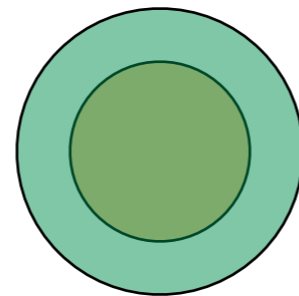
# Logic in NeSy - Propositional logic



Semantic loss

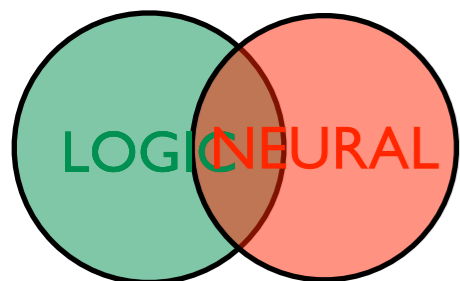


# Logic in NeSy - Datalog

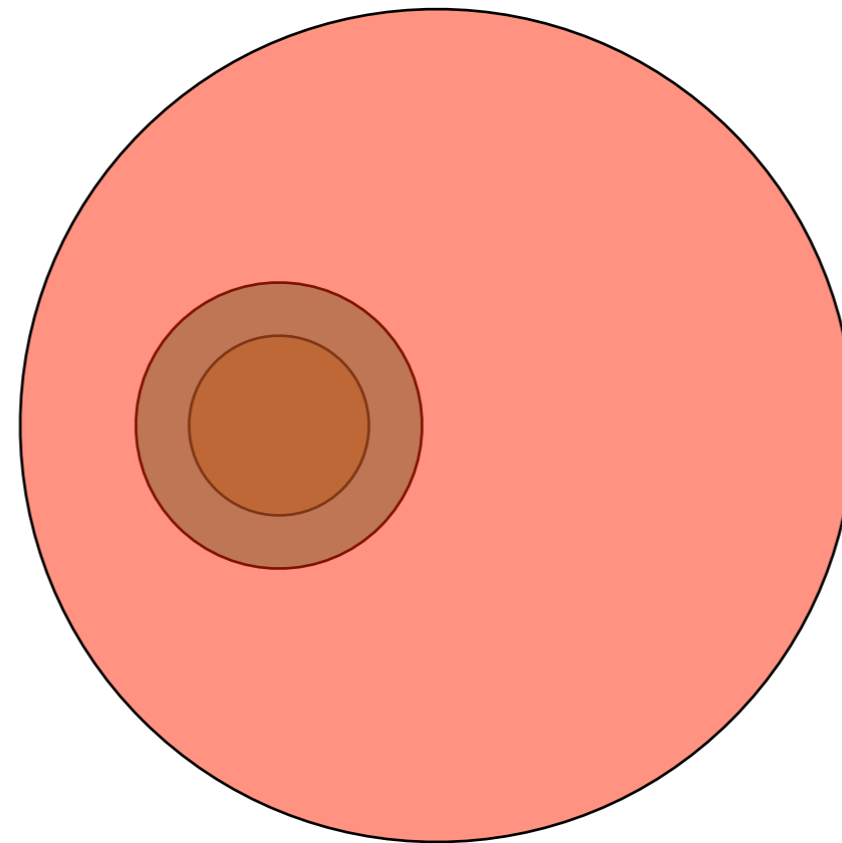


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Provers, LRNN, DiffLog, ...

Semantic loss



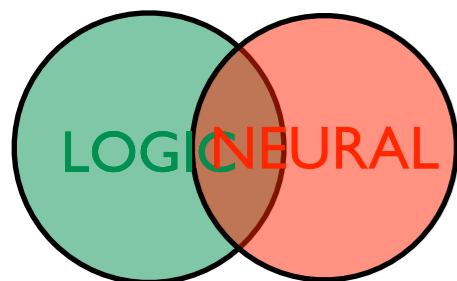
# Logic in NeSy - Answer-set programming



NeurASP

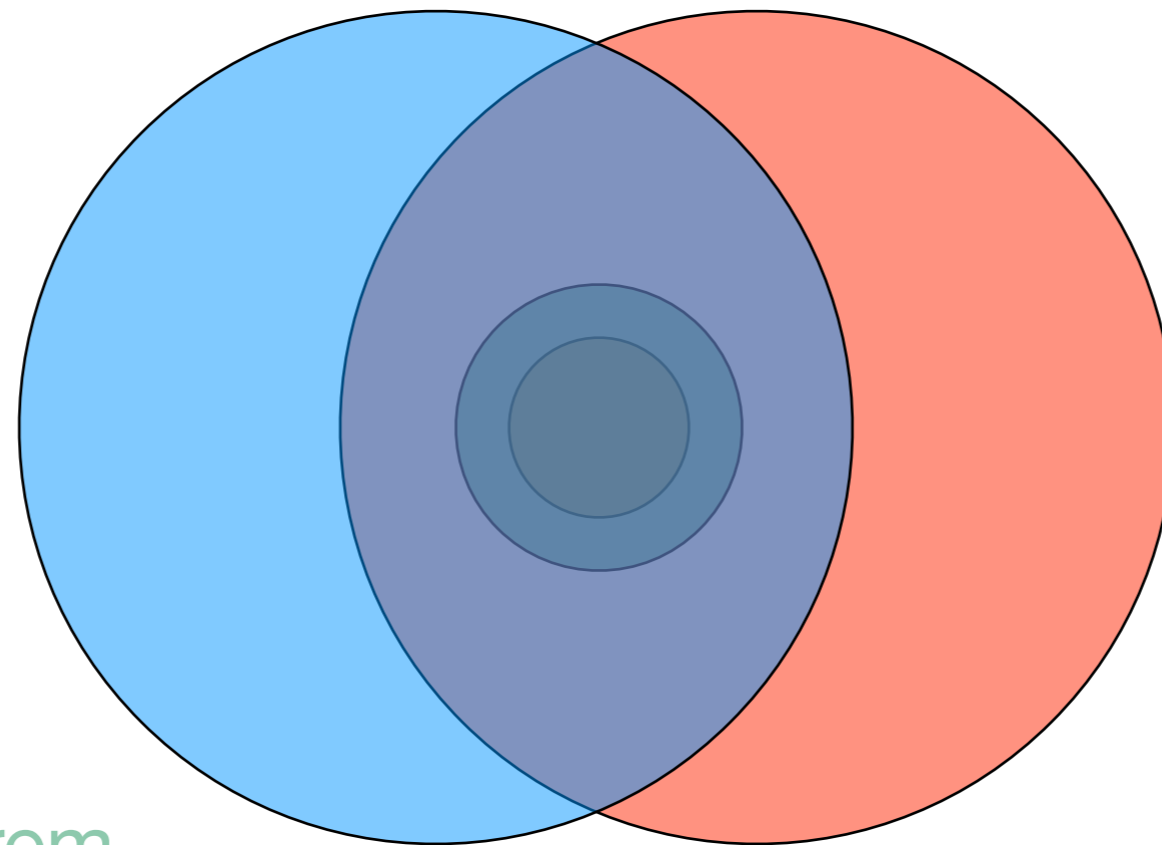
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Semantic loss



# Logic in NeSy - Logic programming

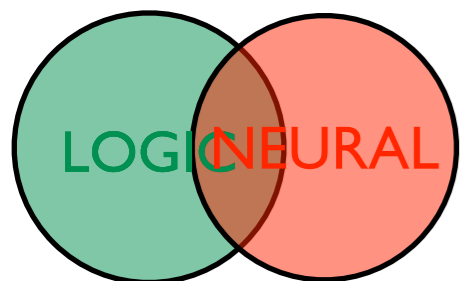
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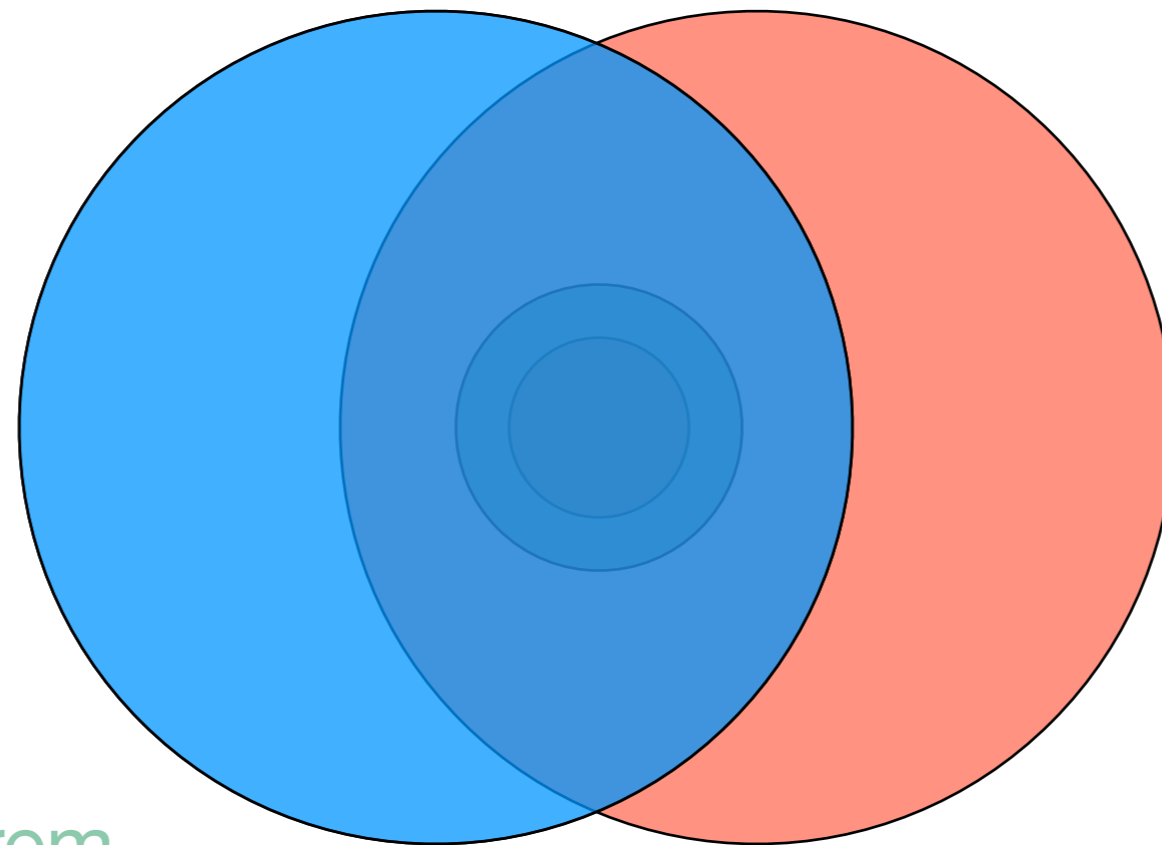
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# Logic in NeSy - First-order logic

Logic tensor networks, NMLN,  
SBT, RNM

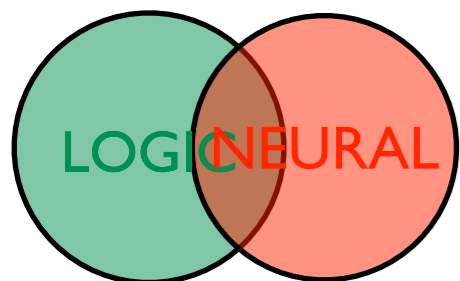
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# 3. Types of Logic

## Key Messages

- Different types of logic exist
- Different types of logic enable different functionalities



## **4. Symbolic vs sub-symbolic**

# 4. Symbolic vs sub-symbolic

## Key Messages

- Entities are represented very differently in symbolic and sub-symbolic systems, but they are complementary
- NeSy systems differ in how they integrate symbolic and sub-symbolic properties

## 4. Symbolic vs sub-symbolic

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# Entities in symbolic AI

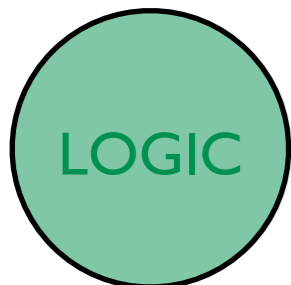
- Atoms: an, bob
- Numbers: 4, -3.5
- Variables: X,Y
- Structured terms
  - mother(an,bob)
  - [1,3,5]
  - plus(3,times(2,5))

However, symbols have no inherent meaning

mother(an, bob)  
brother(bob, charlie)  
mother(X, charlie)  
children(an, [bob, charlie])

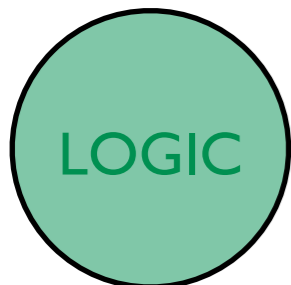
vs

f(x, y)  
g(y, z)  
f(W, z)  
h(x, [y, z])

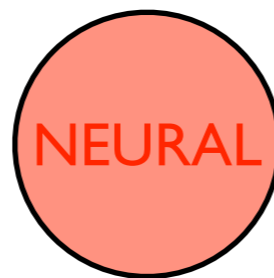


# Symbolic unification

- Powerful mechanism for symbol matching
  - basis for many AI systems
- Finds substitution  $\theta$  such that both symbols match
  - $\text{mother}(X, \text{bob}) = \text{mother}(\text{an}, Y)$
  - $\theta = \{X = \text{an}, Y = \text{bob}\}$
- Not useful to determine similarity
  - $\text{mother}(\text{an}, \text{bob}) \approx \text{mother}(\text{an}, \text{charlie})?$



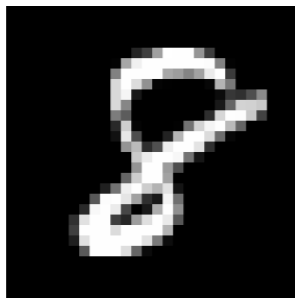
## 4. Symbolic vs sub-symbolic



# Entities in sub-symbolic AI

Sub-symbolic systems require different representation  
Let's call these non-symbolic representation sub-symbols

Entities are already sub-symbolic



0.1	-0.3	...
-0.9	-0.2	...
...	...	...

The transformation is straight-forward

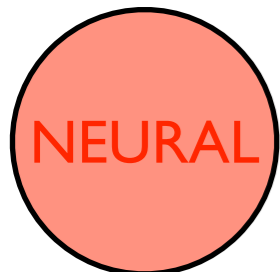
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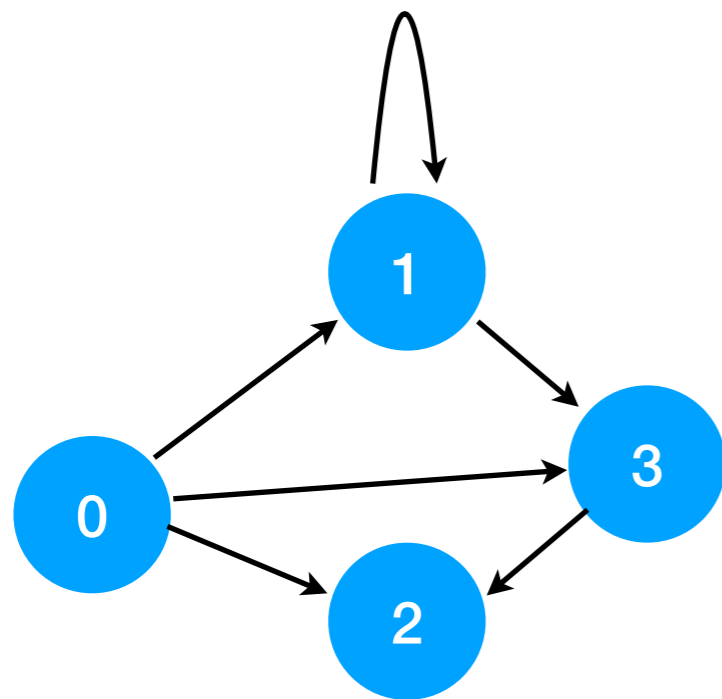
0.5	0.0	0.1	...
-0.8	0.4	0.6	...



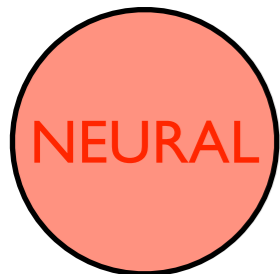


# Entities in sub-symbolic AI

The transformation is not straight-forward

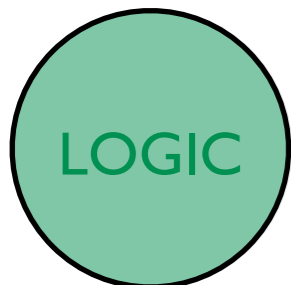


	0.3	-0.5	0.2	0.1
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0
2	1	0	0	1
3	1	1	0	0



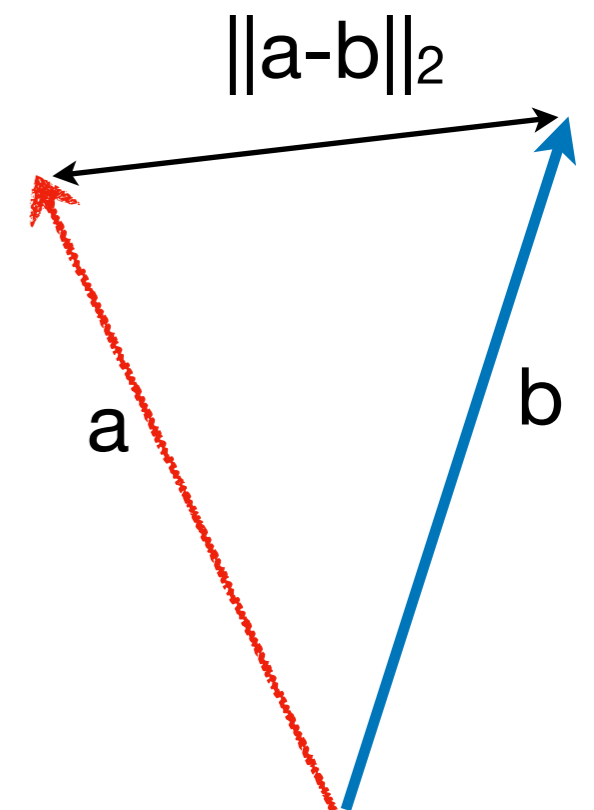
# Sub-symbols in StarAI

- It is possible to represent these sub-symbols in logic
  - vectors:  $[0.1, -0.5, 0.6]$
  - matrices:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0.2, 0.4 \\ 0.3, 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$
- However, they are not part of the computation mechanisms.
  - i.e. we cannot learn its parameters
- They are not first class citizens.

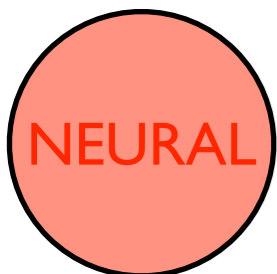


# Comparing sub-symbols

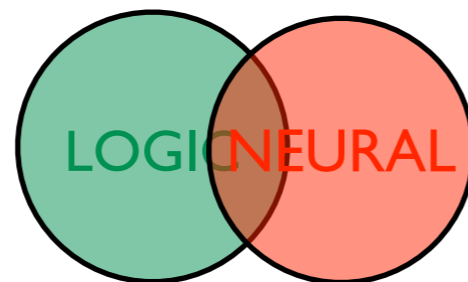
- Similarity can be determined through various metrics
  - L1, L2, radial-basis function, ...
- Can only give a degree of similarity
- When is  $a \neq b$ ? When is  $a = b$ ?
- Generalizability
- Encoding relations  $r(h,t)$ 
  - Many ways to structure embedding space



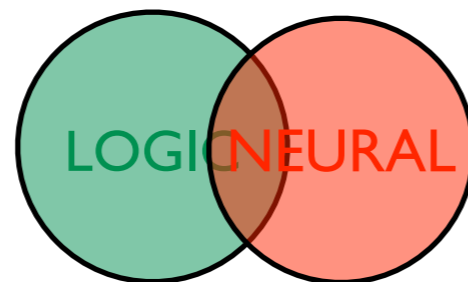
Models	score function $f(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{t})$
TransE [2]	$-\ \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{t}\ _{1/2}$
TransR [10]	$-\ M_r \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{r} - M_r \mathbf{t}\ _2^2$
DistMult [20]	$\mathbf{h}^\top \text{diag}(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{t}$
Complex [16]	$\text{Real}(\mathbf{h}^\top \text{diag}(\mathbf{r}) \bar{\mathbf{t}})$
RESCAL [12]	$\mathbf{h}^\top M_r \mathbf{t}$
RotatE [15]	$-\ \mathbf{h} \circ \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{t}\ ^2$



## 4. Symbolic vs sub-symbolic



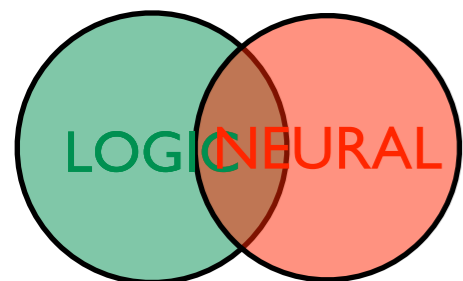
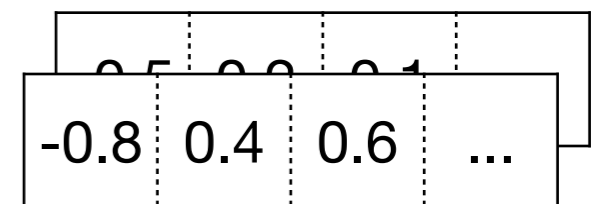
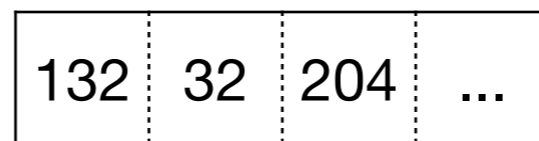
## 4. Symbolic vs sub-symbolic Symbols as sub-symbols



# Symbols as sub-symbols

- Symbols are replaced with sub-symbols
  - One-hot encoding
  - Embeddings
  - Inherent numerical properties
- Natural in systems that originate from a neural base
  - LTN, NLM, ...

The quick brown fox ...



# Logic Tensor Network

- These translations are made explicit in Logic Tensor Networks

**Definition 1.** A grounding  $\mathcal{G}$  for a first order language  $\mathcal{L}$  is a function from the signature of  $\mathcal{L}$  to the real numbers that satisfies the following conditions:

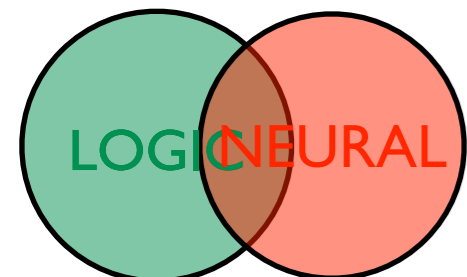
1.  $\mathcal{G}(c) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for every constant symbol  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ ;
2.  $\mathcal{G}(f) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \cdot \alpha(f)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  for every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
3.  $\mathcal{G}(P) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \cdot \alpha(P)} \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  for every  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ ;

$$\mathcal{G}(f(t_1, \dots, t_m)) = \mathcal{G}(f)(\mathcal{G}(t_1), \dots, \mathcal{G}(t_m))$$

$$\mathcal{G}(P(t_1, \dots, t_m)) = \mathcal{G}(P)(\mathcal{G}(t_1), \dots, \mathcal{G}(t_m))$$

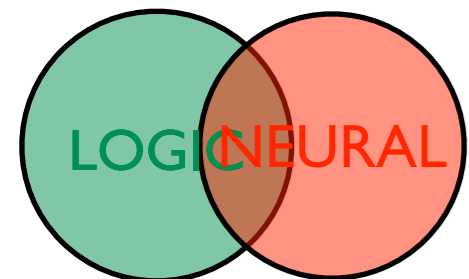
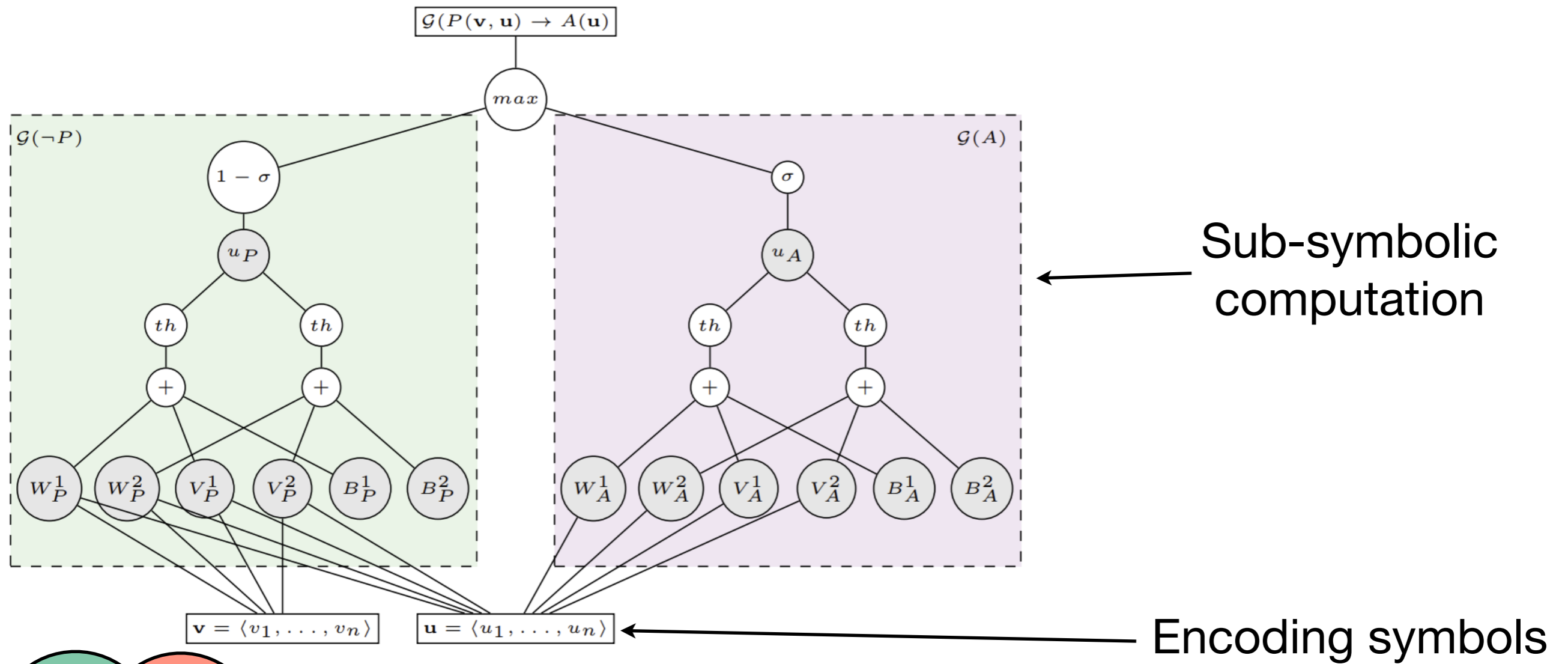
$$\mathcal{G}(\neg P(t_1, \dots, t_m)) = 1 - \mathcal{G}(P(t_1, \dots, t_m))$$

$$\mathcal{G}(\phi_1 \vee \dots \vee \phi_k) = \mu(\mathcal{G}(\phi_1), \dots, \mathcal{G}(\phi_k))$$

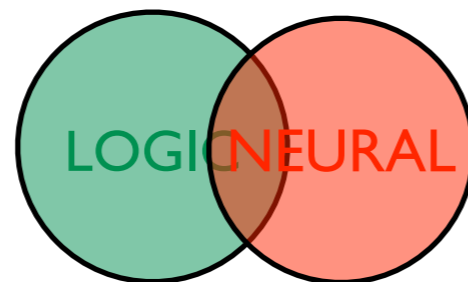




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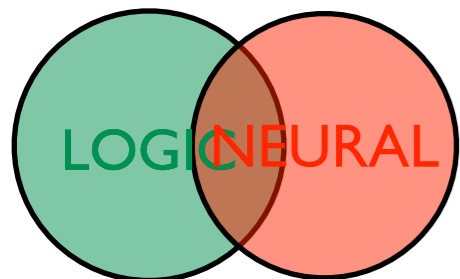


## 4. Symbolic vs sub-symbolic Sub-symbols as symbols



# Sub-symbols as symbols

- The sub-symbolic nature is not considered in the logic
  - Tensors, vectors, ... are treated as symbols
  - Sub-symbolic properties are not directly used in the logic
- Difference with StarAI systems
  - sub-symbolic properties are used on the neural side
  - usually differentiable / learnable
- Natural in systems that originate from a logic base
  - DeepProbLog, NeurASP, ...



# Sub-symbols as symbols: DeepProbLog

- DeepProbLog: interface between PLP (ProbLog) and neural networks.
- This interface takes the form of the neural predicate
  - Output of neural networks represented as probabilistic facts

```
nn(mnist_net, [D], N, [0 ... 9] ) :: digit(D,N).  
addition(X,Y,Z) :- digit(X,N1), digit(Y,N2), Z is N1+N2.
```

- In the logic, the images are represented as constants
- Sub-symbolic properties are used in the neural network to make predictions
- This may seem as a limitation, but isn't

## Examples:

```
addition( 3, 5, 8), addition( 0, 4, 4), addition( 9, 2, 11), ...
```

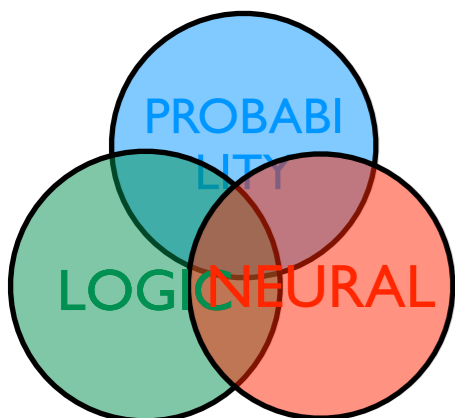
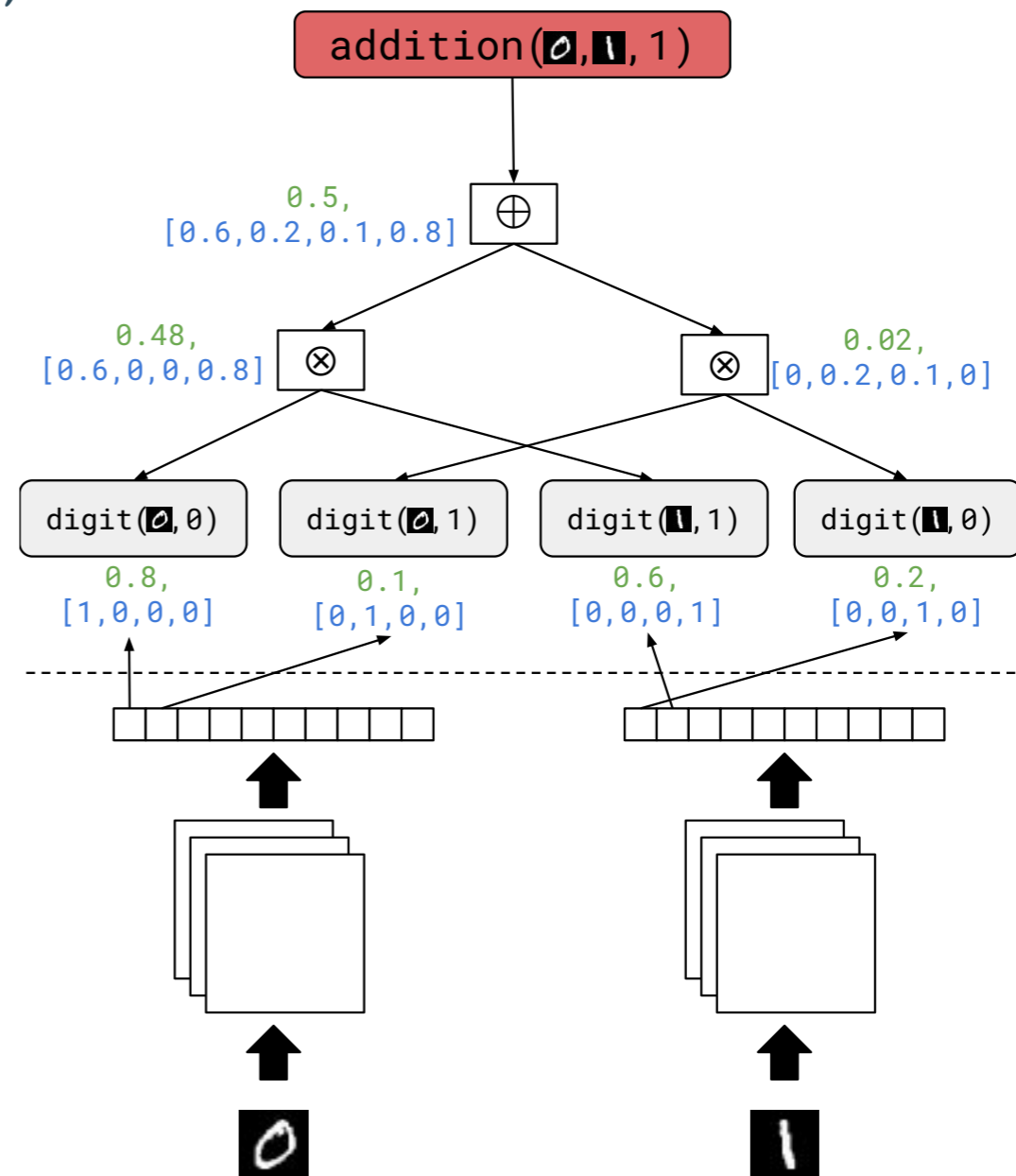


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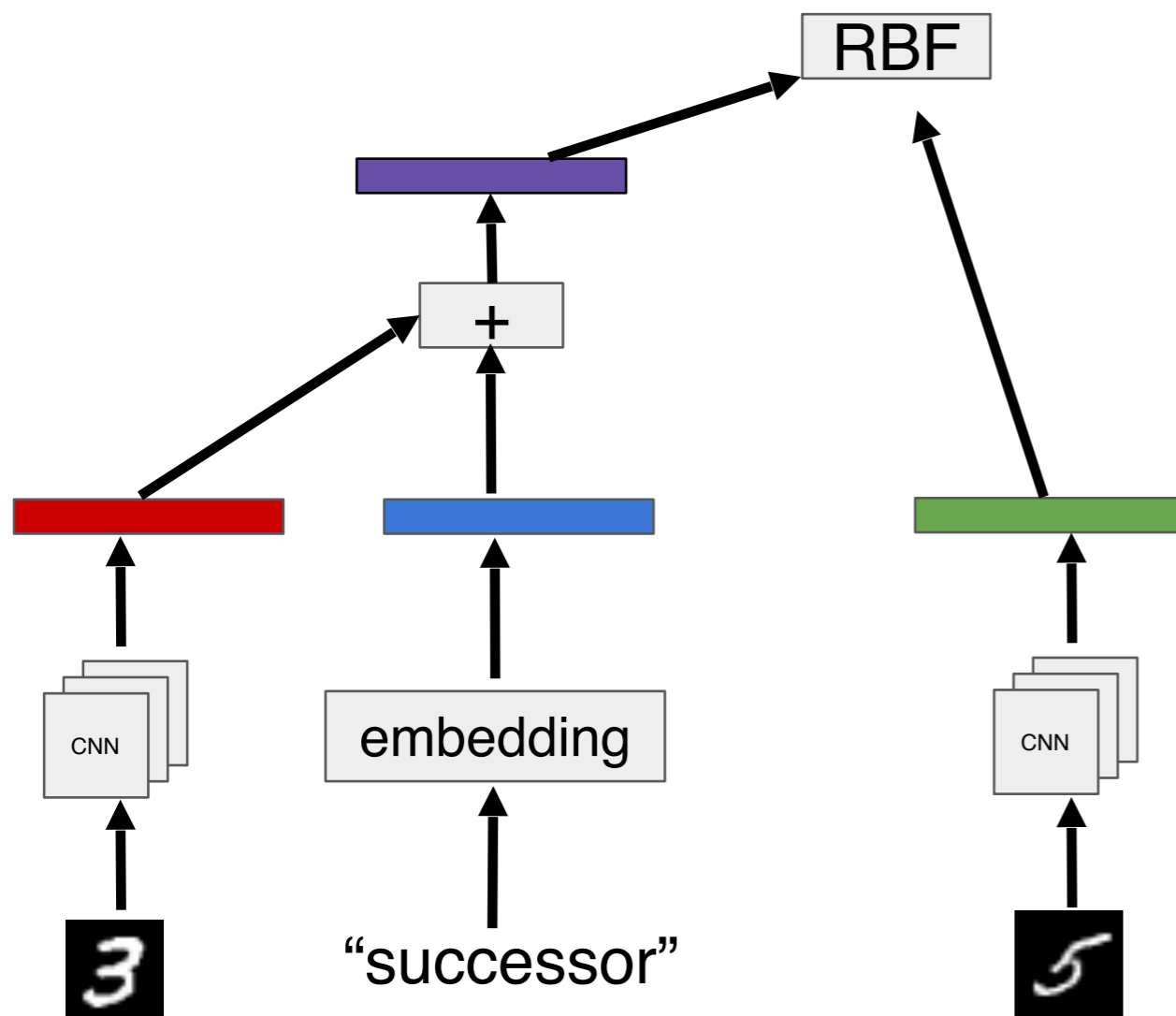
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The ACs are differentiable and there is an interface with the neural nets



# Embeddings as symbols

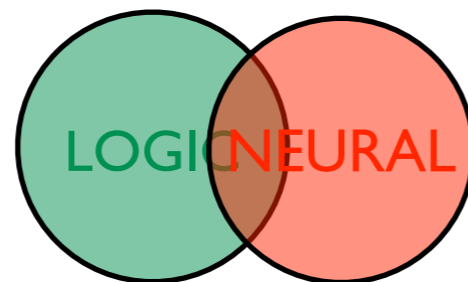
Computational Graph



```
successor_n(3, 5) :-  
  cnn_embed(3, e1),  
  cnn_embed(5, e2),  
  embed("successor", r),  
  add(r, e1, e3),  
  rbf(e2, e3).
```

Idea of TransE [Bordes et al]

## 4. Symbolic vs sub-symbolic Sub-symbols as labels





# Sub-symbols as labels

## T-PRISM

- StarAI
  - probabilities are used as labels
- labels are combined in inference (cfr. arithmetic circuit)
- In this integration, labels are sub-symbols instead
- Example: T-PRISM

$\text{rel}(S,R,O):-$

$\text{tensor}(v(S),[i]),$

$\text{tensor}(v(O),[i]),$

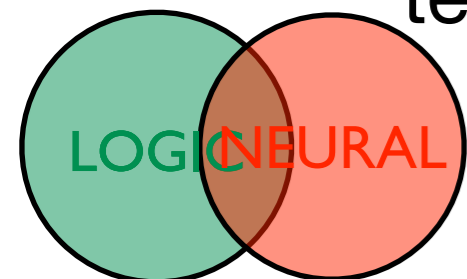
$\text{tensor}(r(R),[i]).$

$\text{label}(\text{rel}(S,R,O))$

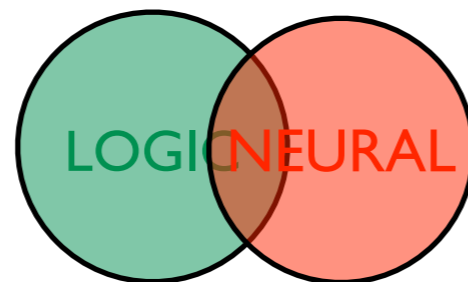
$= \text{label}(S_i \wedge O_i \wedge R_i)$

$= \sum_i s_i o_i r_i$

$= \text{DistMult}(s,o,r)$

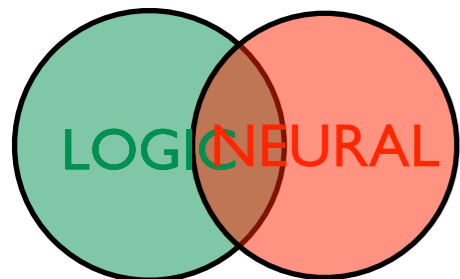


## 4. Symbolic vs sub-symbolic Neural Theorem Prover



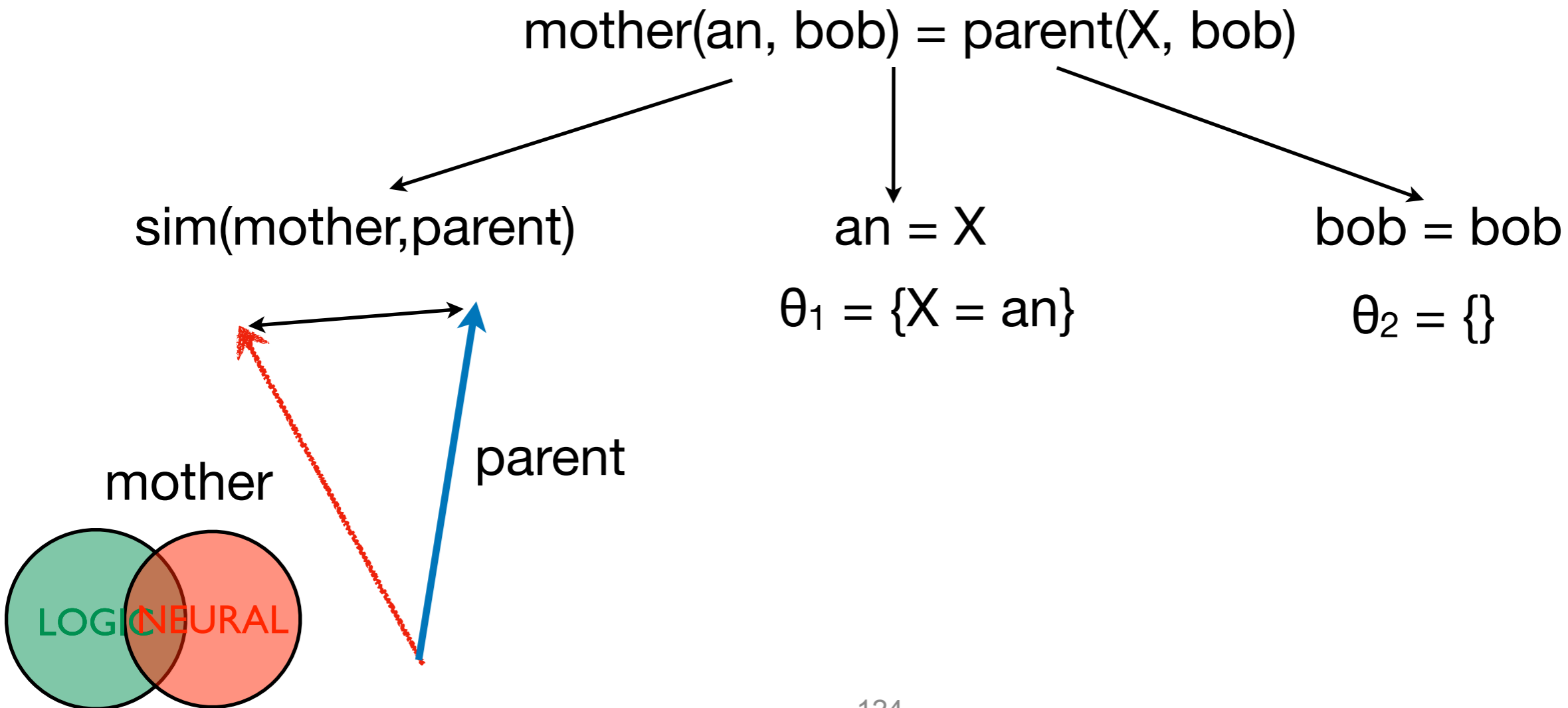
# Neural Theorem Prover

- The neural theorem prover uses both symbols and sub-symbols simultaneously
- Symbols retain their symbolic nature
- Each symbol has a learnable sub-symbol  $T$
  
- Symbol comparison:
  - Normal unification
- Comparison of sub-symbols:
  - $\text{sim}(x,y) = \exp(-\|T_x - T_y\|_2)$



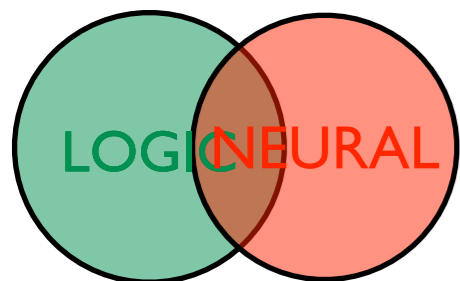
# Soft unification

- Unify what can be unified
- Use similarity to compare other symbols and use it as a score



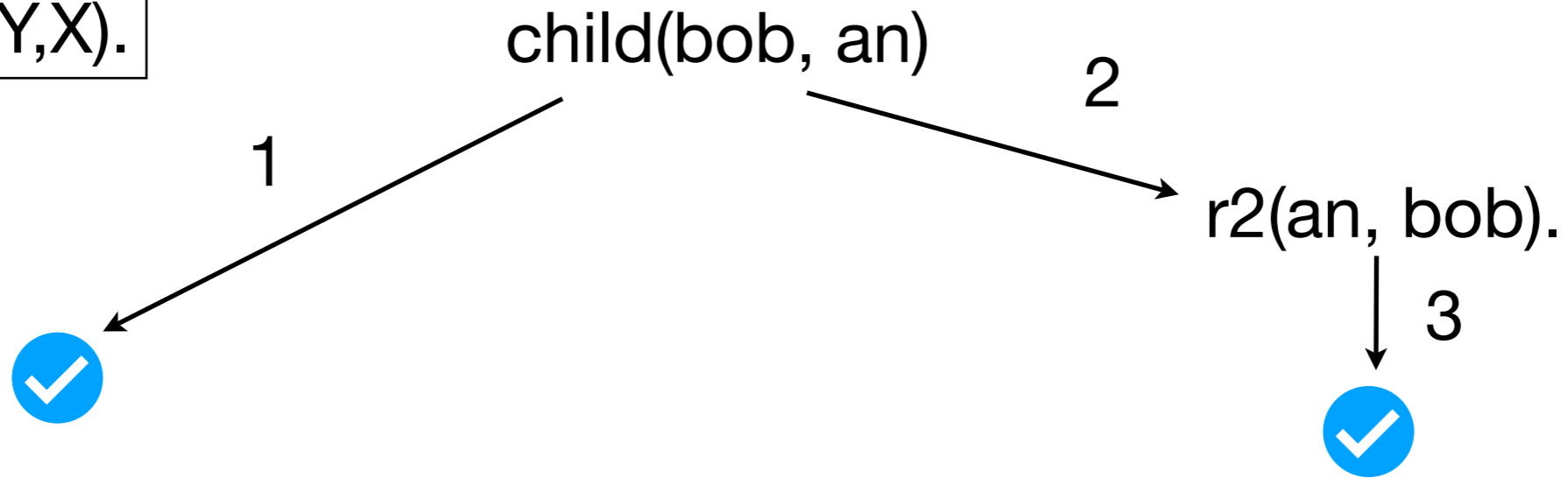
# End-to-end differentiable proving

- OR module
  - Apply every rule whose head soft-unifies with the goal
  - Uses AND module to prove sub-goals in body
- AND module
  - Prove conjunction of sub-goals
  - Uses OR module to prove first goal
  - Uses AND module to recursively prove



# Example

```
mother(an, bob).  
r1(X, Y) :- r2(Y, X).
```

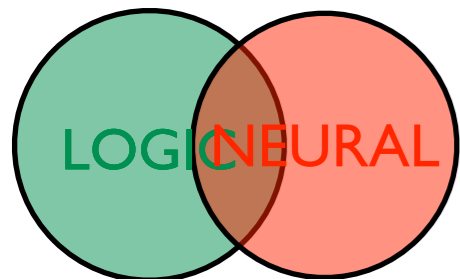


Unifications

1)  $\text{mother}(\text{an}, \text{bob}) = \text{child}(\text{bob}, \text{an})$   
sim(mother, child)  
sim(an, bob)

2)  $r1(X, Y) = \text{child}(\text{bob}, \text{an})$   
sim(r1, child)  
 $X = \text{bob}$   
 $Y = \text{an}$

3)  $r2(\text{an}, \text{bob}) = \text{mother}(\text{an}, \text{bob})$   
sim(r2, mother)

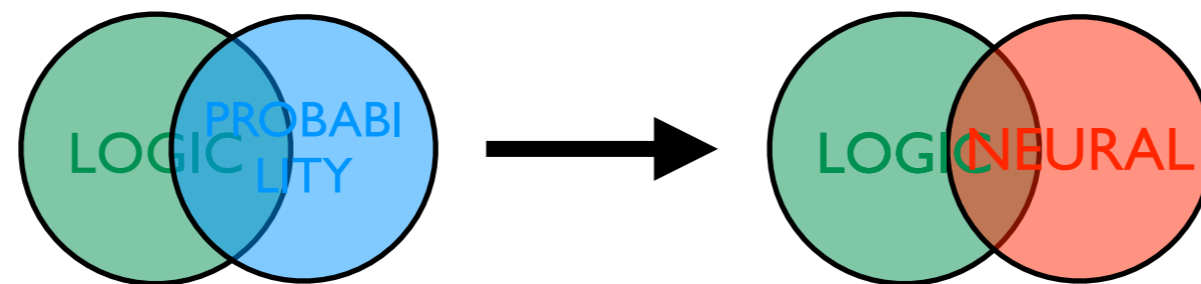


# 4. Symbolic vs sub-symbolic

## Key Messages

- Entities are represented very differently in symbolic and sub-symbolic systems, but they are complementary
- NeSy systems differ in how they integrate symbolic and sub-symbolic properties

# 5. Structure vs parameter learning



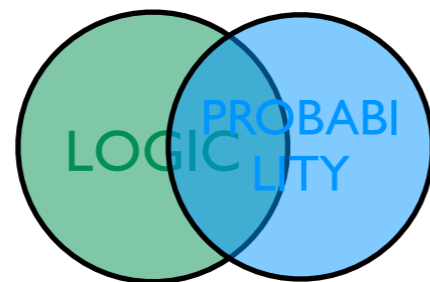


# 5. Learning

## Key Messages

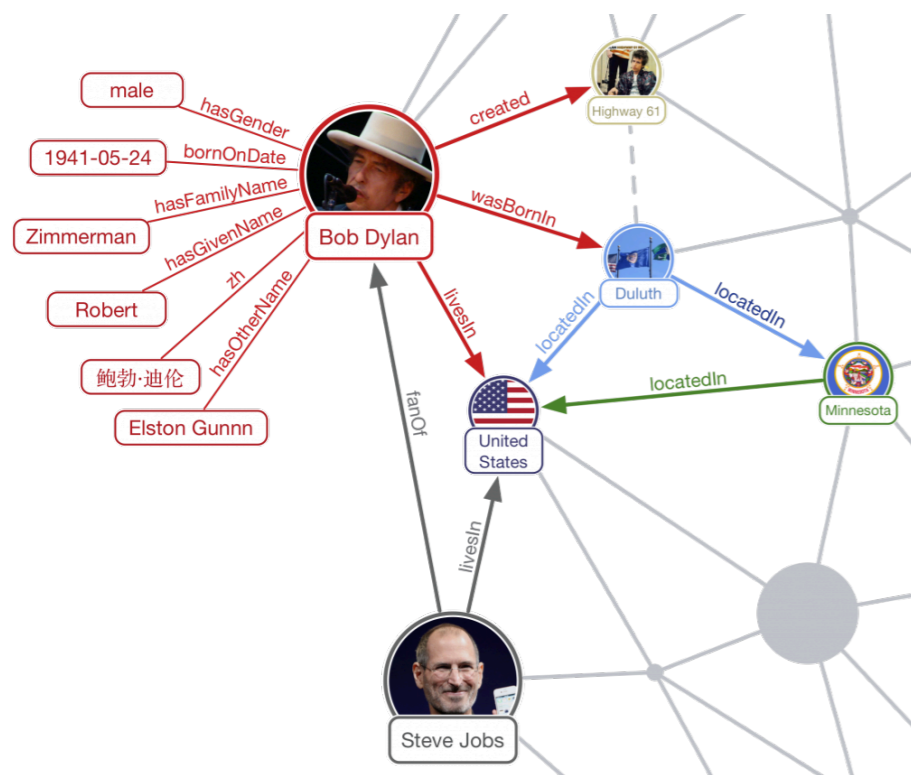
- Learning: finding logical formulas and estimating probabilities
- Structure learning: both formulas and probabilities
- Parameter learning: only probabilities
- Many flavours of learning in NeSy

# 5. Structure vs parameter learning



# Learning in StarAI

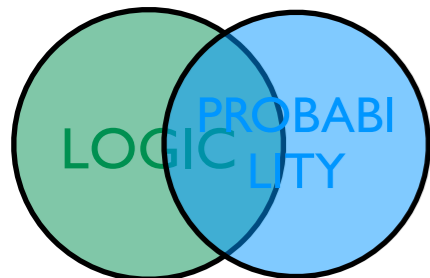
Obtaining models from data



0.7::nationality(X,Y) :-  
livesIn(X,Y).

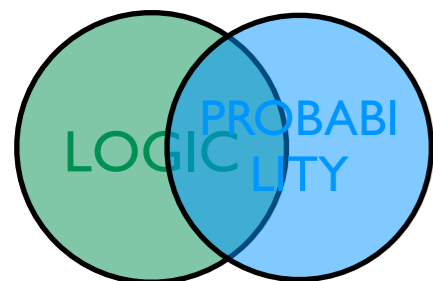
0.7::nationality(X,Y) :-  
livesIn(X,Z), locatedIn(Z,Y).

0.9::nationality(X,Y) :-  
bornIn(X,Y).



# StarAI learning paradigms

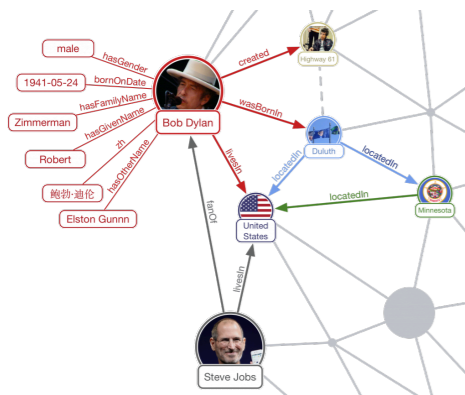
	<b>Structure learning</b>	<b>Parameter learning</b>
<b>What is provided?</b>	Data	Data and discrete structure
<b>What is the learning goal?</b>	Structure and parameters	Parameters



# Learning types: Parameter learning

Learning the probabilities/weights of a specified model

Model (the formulas) are given



$\text{nationality}(X, Y) :-$   
     $\text{livesIn}(X, Y).$

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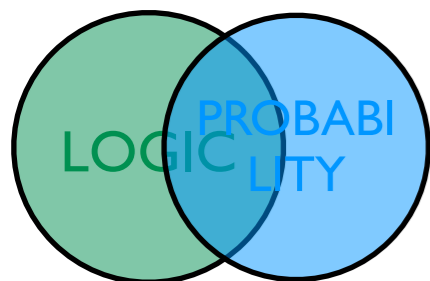
the goal of learning



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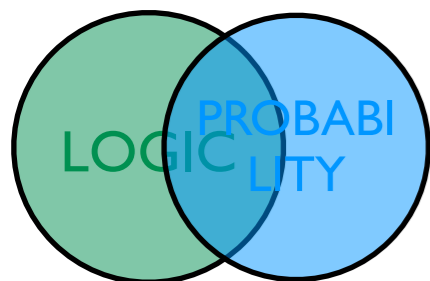
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Learning principles: identical to learning parameters of any parametric model

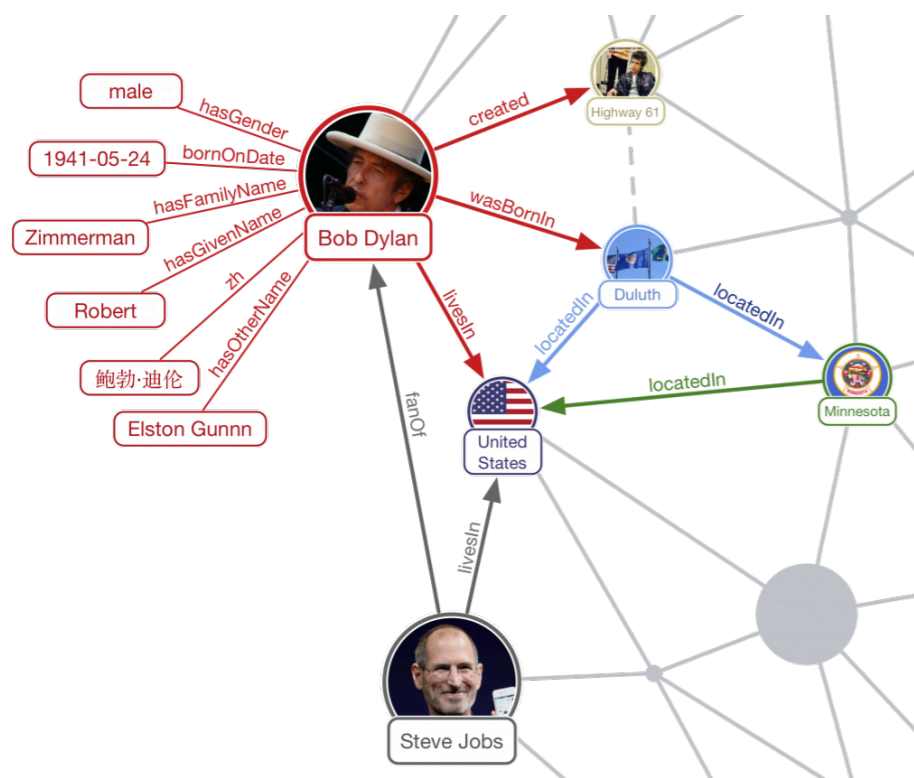
- gradient descent [Lowd & Domingos, 2007]
- least squares [Gutmann et al, 2008]
- Expectation Maximisation [Gutmann et al, 2011]



# Learning types: Structure learning

Finding the clauses/logical formulas of a model

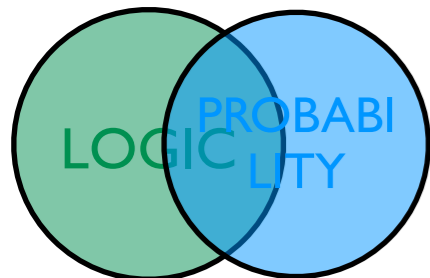
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# Learning types: Structure learning

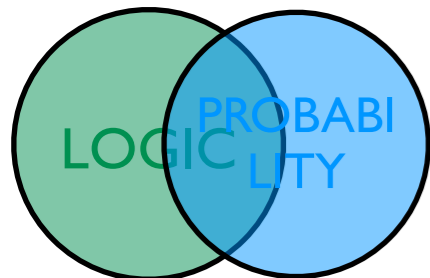
Two types of structure learning

## Discriminative

- specific target relation
- separate background knowledge

## Generative

- no specific target relation
- learning generative process behind data



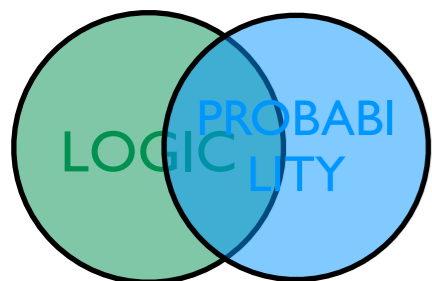
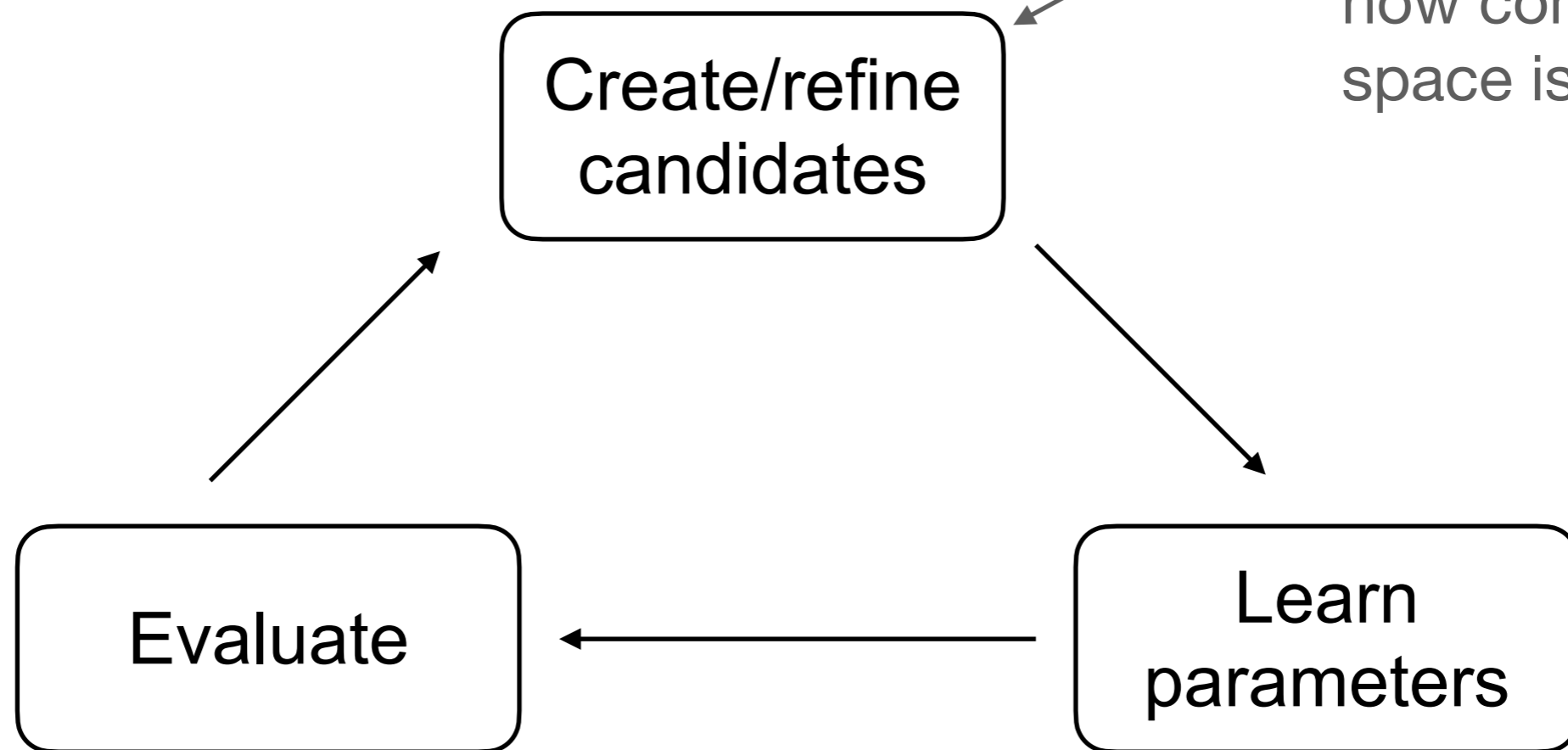


# Learning types: Structure learning

Learning by searching

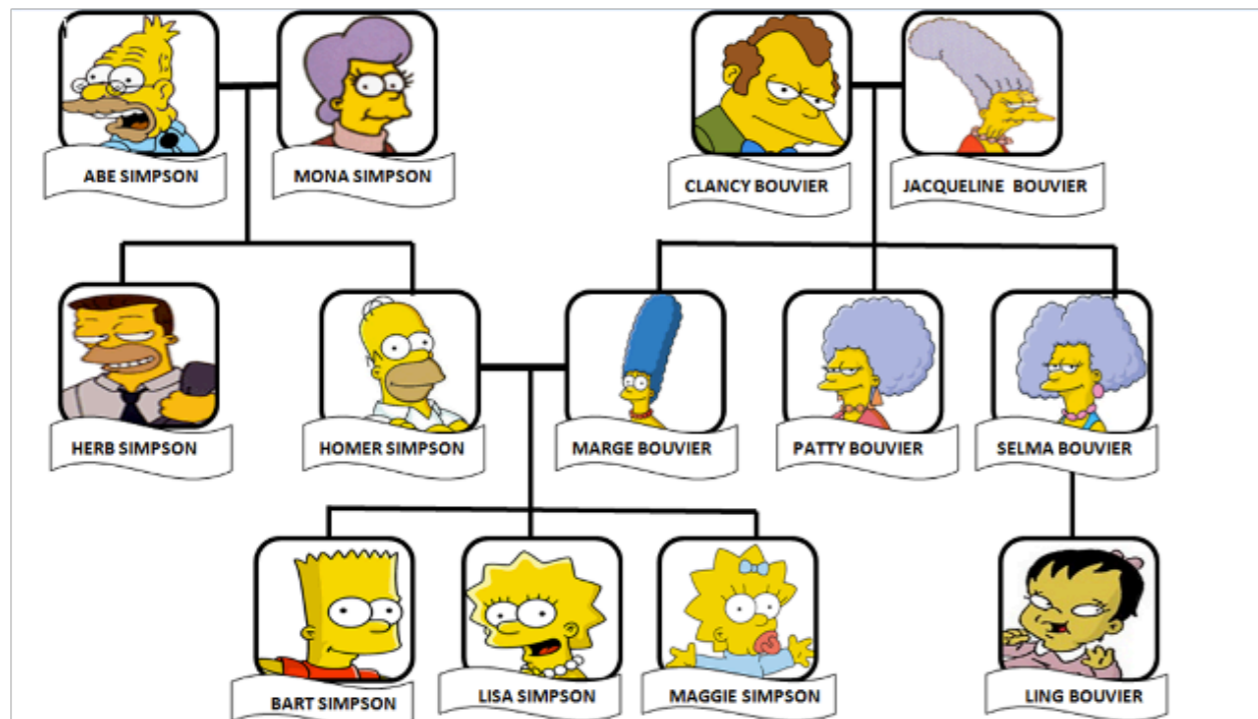
Combinatorial enumeration

need to control  
how complex this  
space is

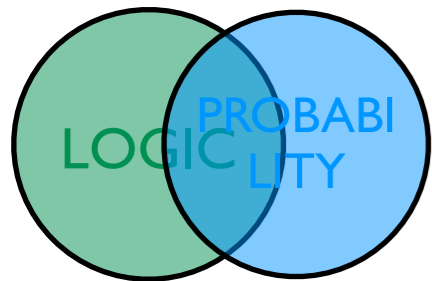


# Learning via enumeration - Probfoil+

[De Raedt et al, 2015]



grandparent(abe,lisa).  
grandparent(abe,bart).  
grandparent(jacqueline,lisa).  
grandparent(jacqueline,maggie.)



# Learning via enumeration - Probfoil+

[De Raedt et al, 2015]

Model:  $\{\}.0:: \text{grandparent}(X,Y) \leftarrow \text{mother}(X,Z), \text{father}(Z,Y)\}$

if not good enough, refine!  
start again with a single rule!

Learn one rule:

~~$p:: \text{grandparent}(X,Y) \leftarrow \text{true}$~~

$p:: \text{grandparent}(X,Y) \leftarrow \text{mother}(X,Y)$

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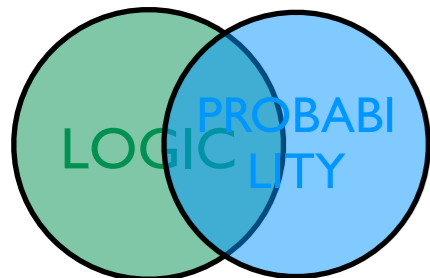
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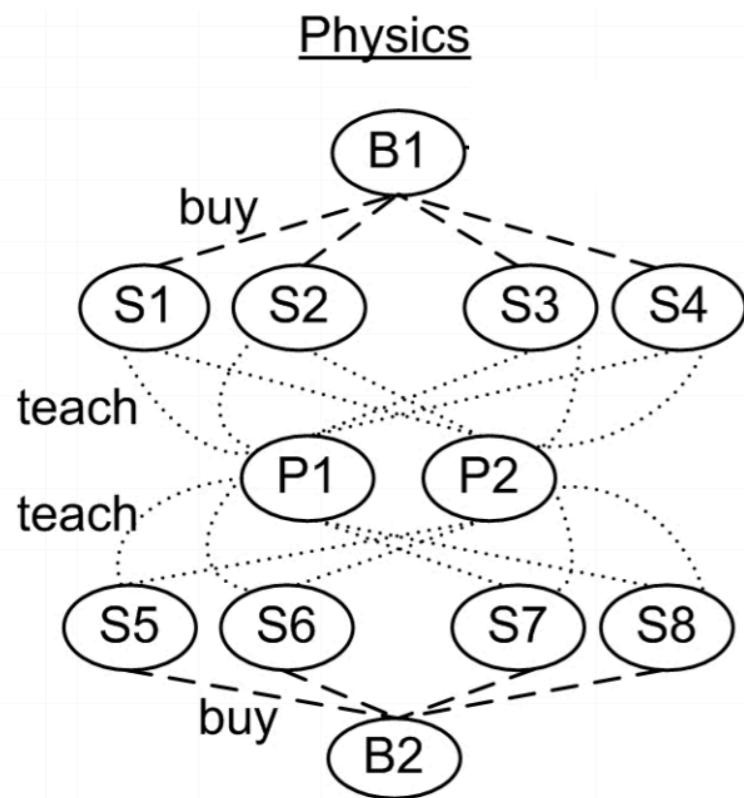
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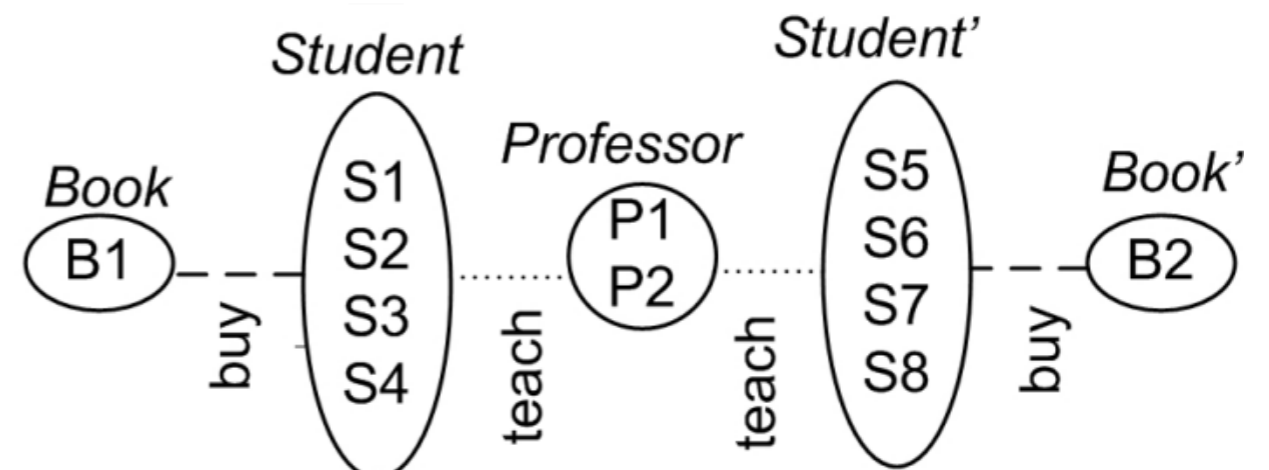


# Learning via random walks

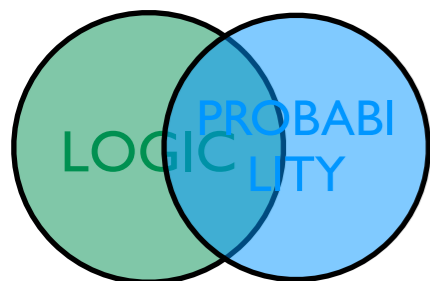
[Kok & Domingos, 2009]



“Lift” a knowledge graph by identifying nodes with the same role



Traverse the lifted knowledge graph  
and  
turn every path into a clause/rule



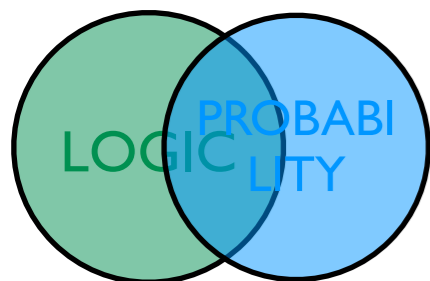
# Learning in StarAI - overview

## Structure learning

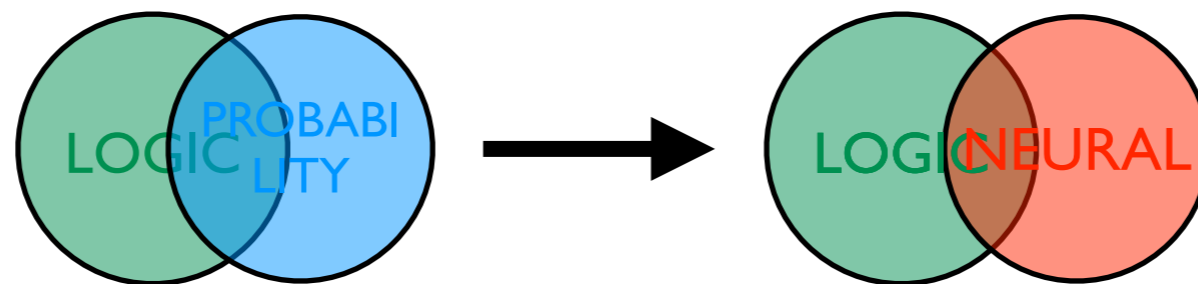
- + Starts directly from data
- Combinatorial problem
- User needs to design a language

## Parameter learning

- + Learning is easier
- + Scales better
- An expert needs to provide the rules
- Sensitive to the choice of rules



# 5. Structure vs parameter learning



# Spectrum of learning paradigms

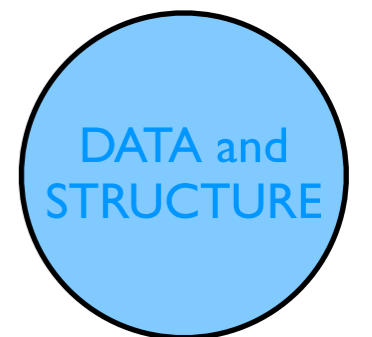
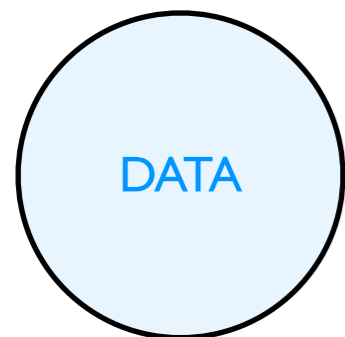
Soft patterns

Neural generation

Structure via  
parameter learning

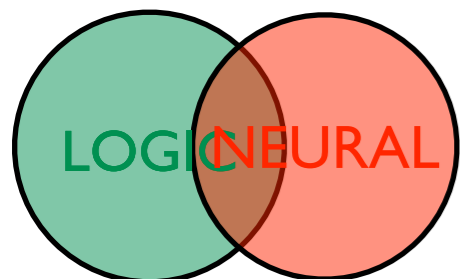
Neurally-guided  
learning

Program sketching



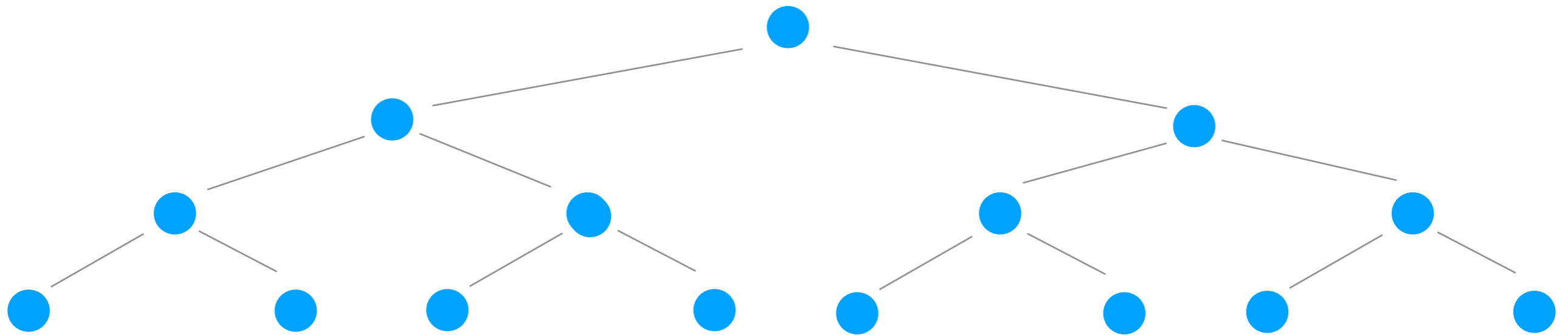
Structure learning

Parameter learning

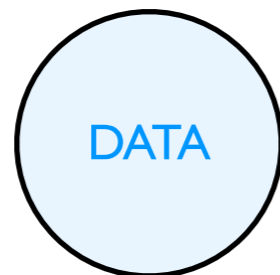
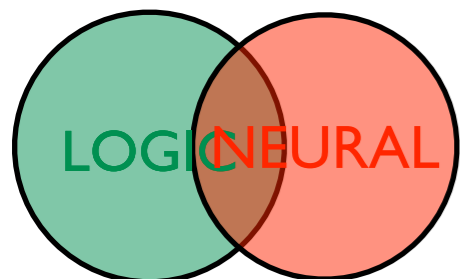


# DeepCoder

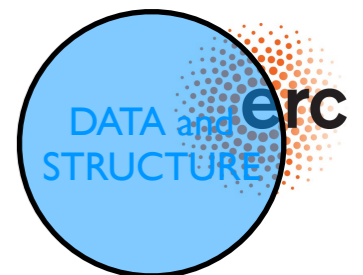
[Balog et al, 2017]



StarAI techniques search for clauses/rules systematically



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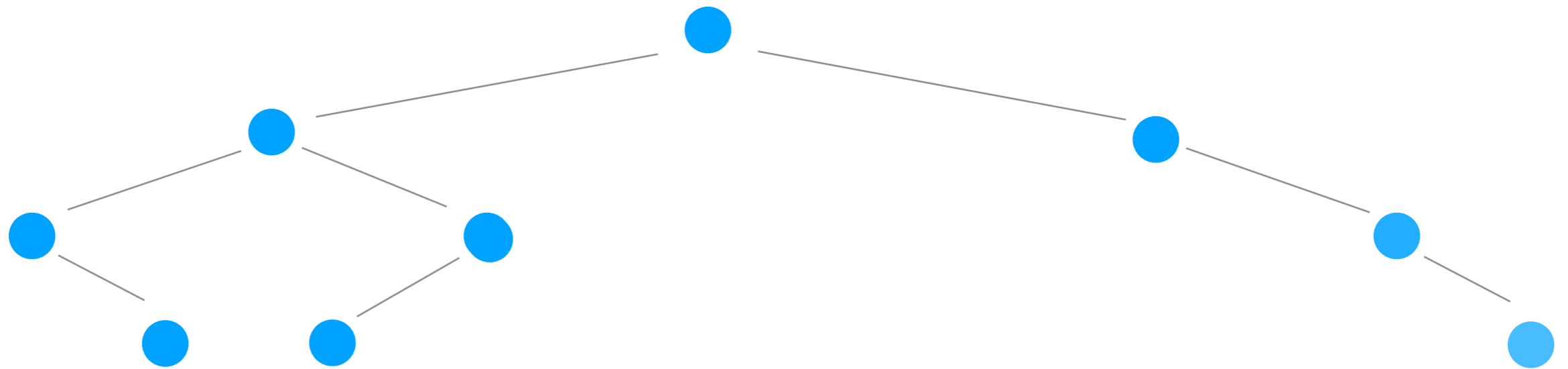




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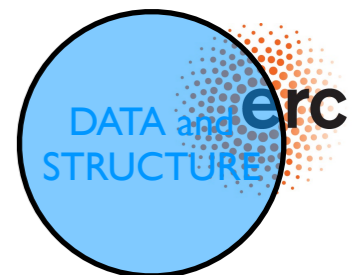
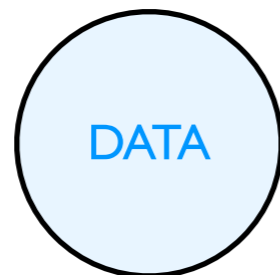
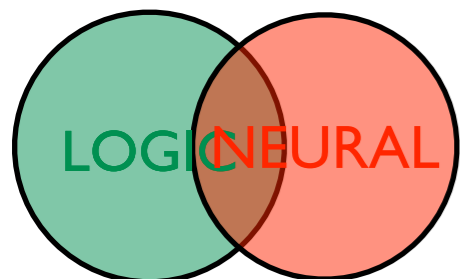
[Balog et al, 2017]

Preferences of learning 'primitives'



Explore the subpart of the space with primitives that are likely to solve the problem

likely to solve a problem = learned from data



# DeepCoder

[Balog et al, 2017]

Preferences of learning ‘primitives’

Learn from pairs  
(examples, program)

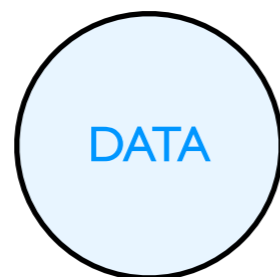
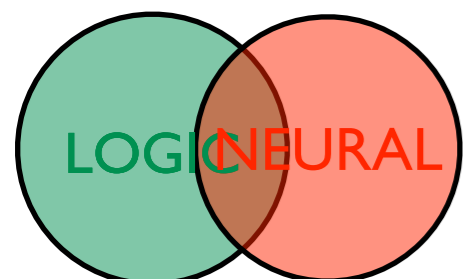
```

a ← [int]
b ← FILTER (<0) a
c ← MAP (*4) b
d ← SORT c
e ← REVERSE d
    
```

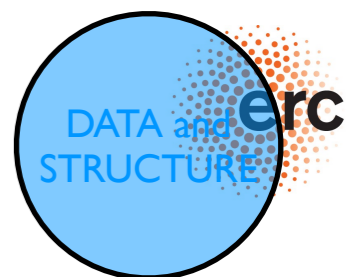
**An input-output example:**

```

Input:
[-17, -3, 4, 11, 0, -5, -9, 13, 6, 6, -8, 11]
Output:
[-12, -20, -32, -36, -68]
    
```



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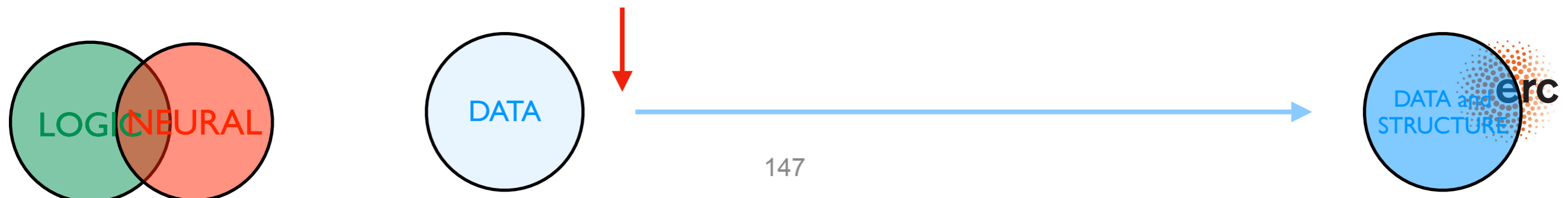
# DreamCoder

[Ellis et al, 2018]

Distribution of primitives defines a generative model of programs

$$q(\text{programs} \mid \text{examples})$$

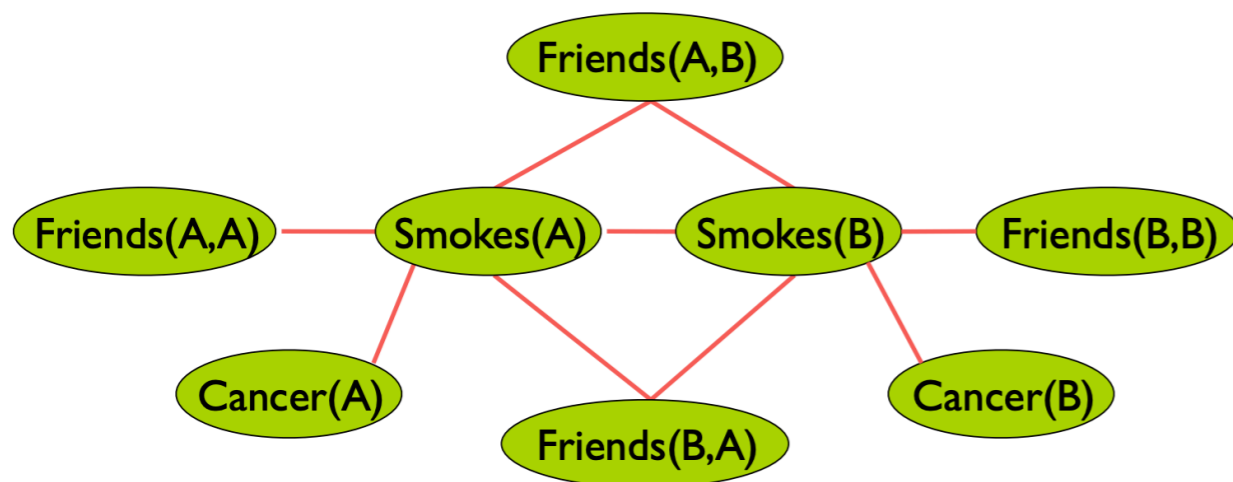
Neural network outputs the posterior distribution over programs likely to solve a specific task



# Neural Markov Logic Networks

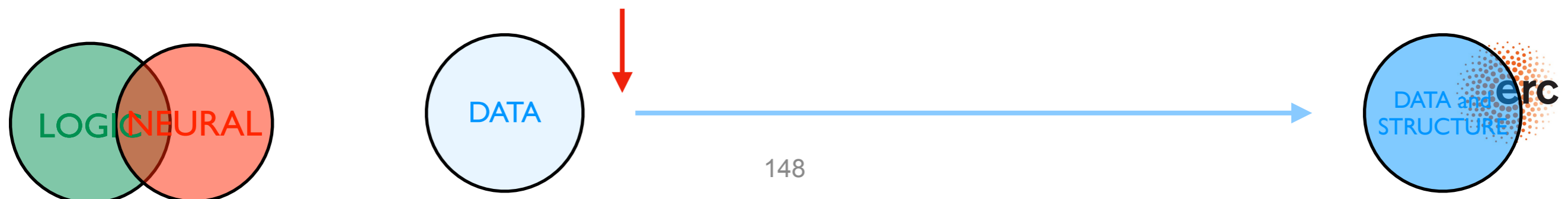
[Marra et al, 2020]

MLNs can be interpreted as log-linear models



$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_i \phi_i(x_{\{i\}})^{n_i(x)}$$

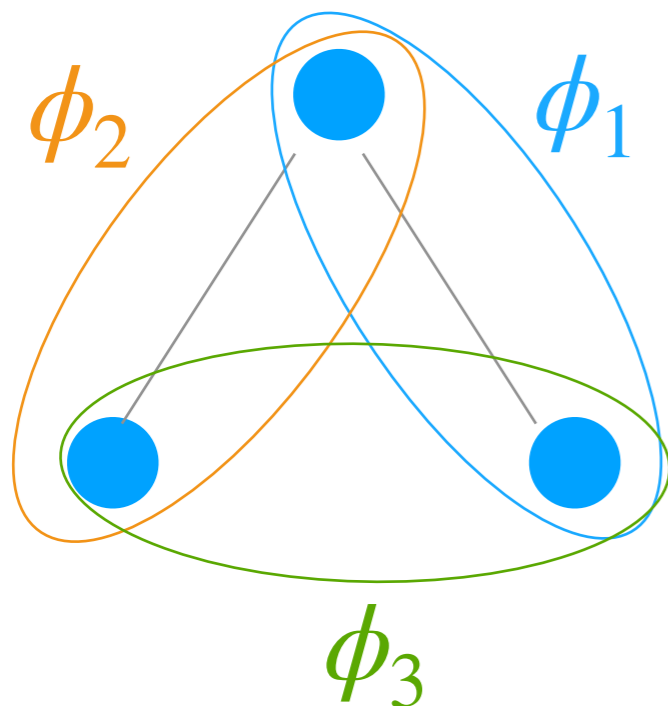
potentials come from formulas  
provided by the expert  
(cliques in Markov network)



# Neural Markov Logic Networks

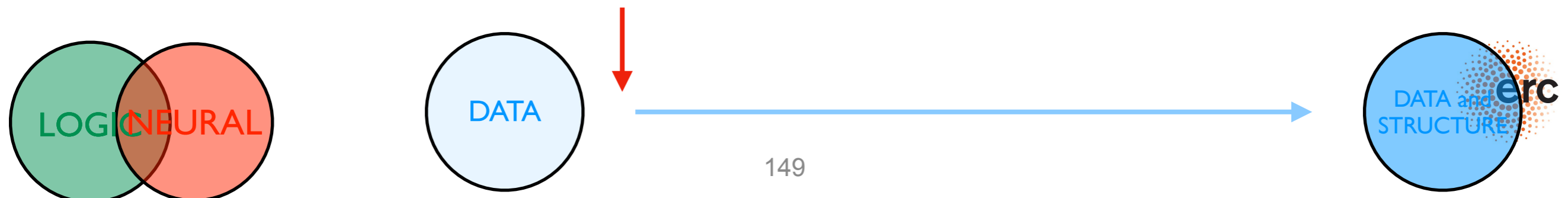
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Learn neural potentials from fragments of data



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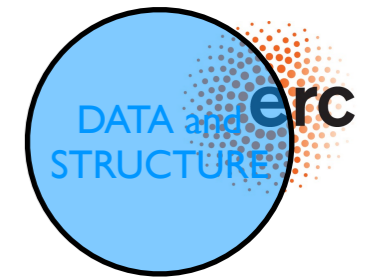
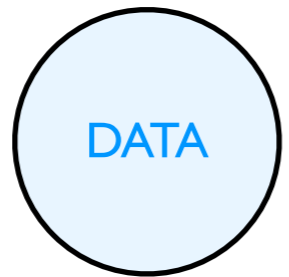
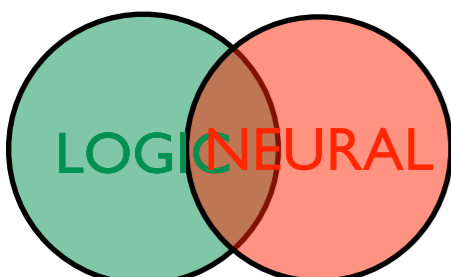
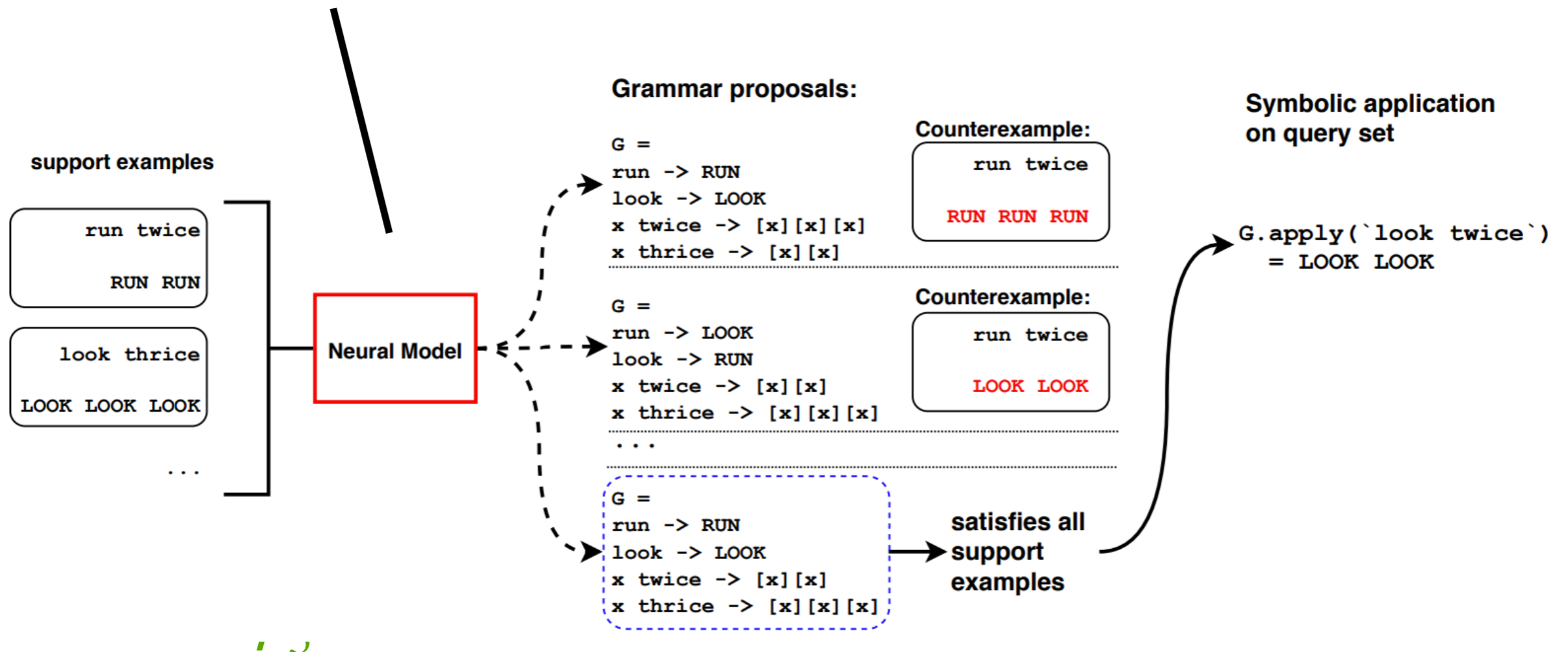
potentials come from fragments of data (knowledge graph)



# Neural Generation

[Nye et al, 2020]

Neural model generates discrete structure



# Program sketching

[Bosnjak et al, 2018; Manhaeve et al, 2018]

Provide partial code

Fill in the missing functionality with neural networks

Examples:

$[1,4,5] \mapsto [1,16,25]$

$[2,2,5,1] \mapsto [4,4,25,1]$

```
def target_function(input_array):  
    rarray = []
```

```
    for element in input_array:  
        rarray.append(??(element))
```

```
    return rarray
```

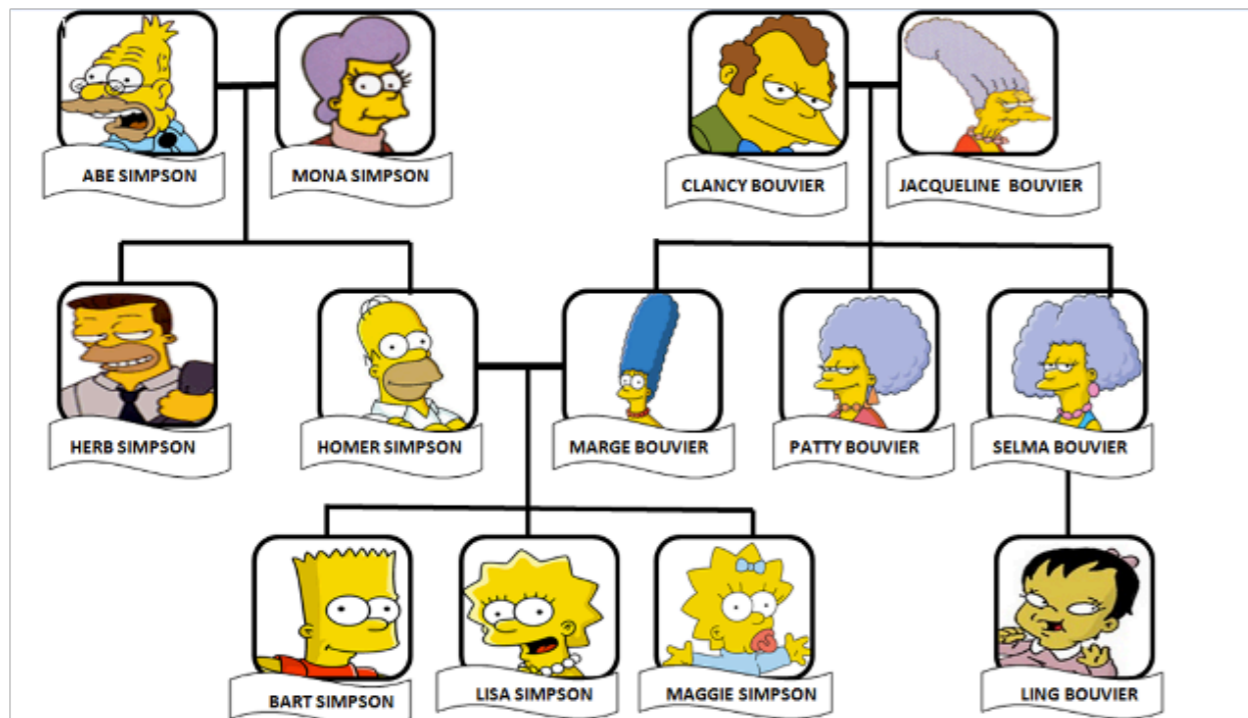
partial functionality  
that needs to be learned



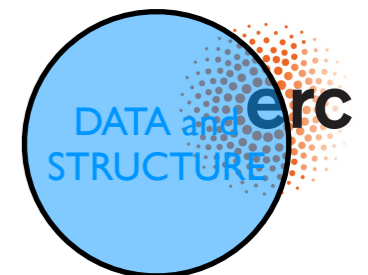
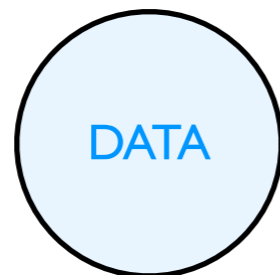
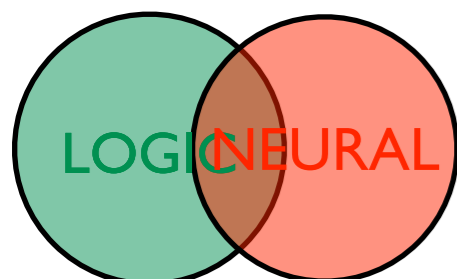
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[Su et al, 2019]

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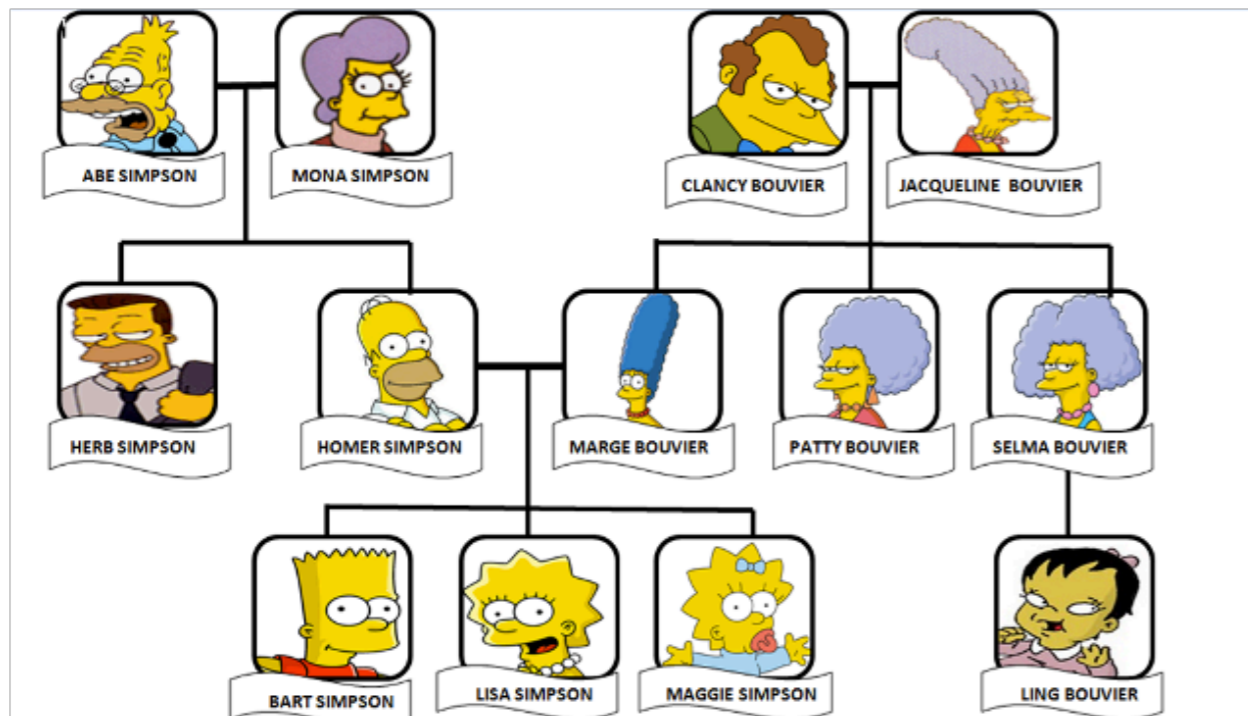




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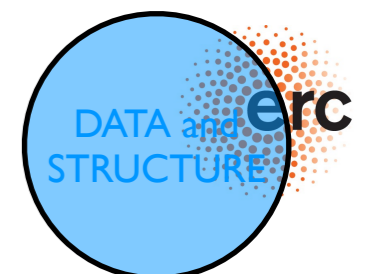
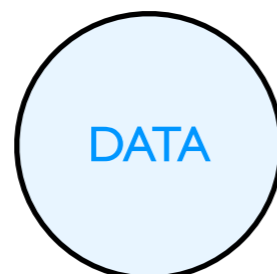
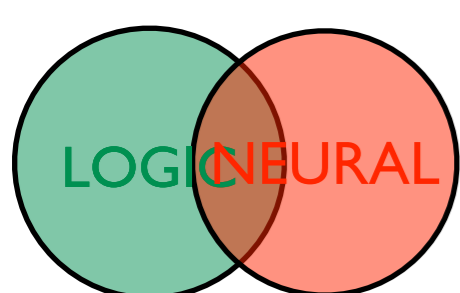
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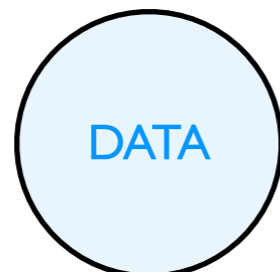
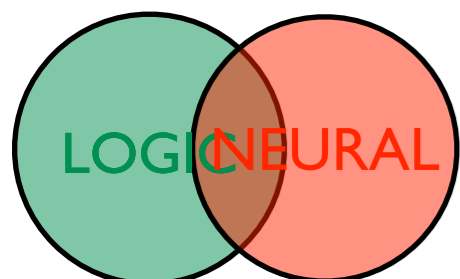
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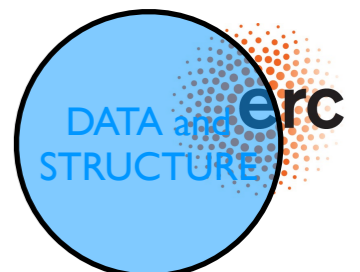
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# Pros

# Cons

Neural guidance

makes discrete search tractable

lots of training data

Soft patterns

efficient learning

no explicit structure

Neural generation

focused combinatorial search

lots of training data

Sketching

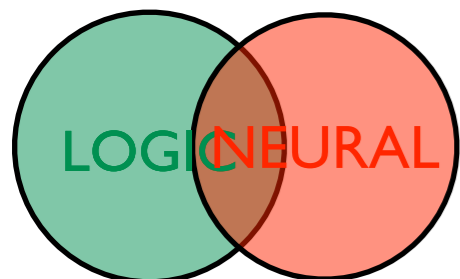
reduces combinatorial search

significant user effort

Structure via params

removes combinatorial search

spurious interactions

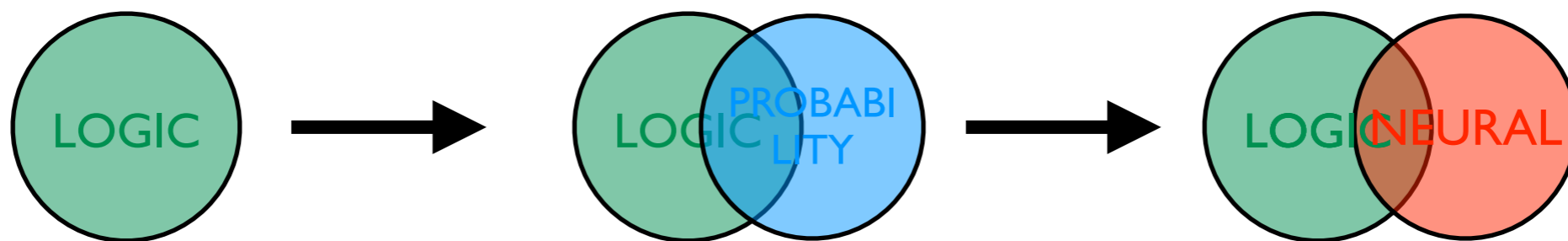


# 5. Learning

## Key Messages

- Learning: finding logical formulas and estimating probabilities
- Structure learning: both formulas and probabilities
- Parameter learning: only probabilities
- Many flavours of learning in NeSy

# 6. Semantics



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## Key Messages

- StarAI and NeSy share the same underlying semantics
- Semantics can be described in terms of parametric circuits
- Differentiable semantics/circuits allows an easy integration
- NeSy models can be seen as neural reparameterization of StarAI models

# Semantics

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“42(47)”

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*“human(socrates)”*

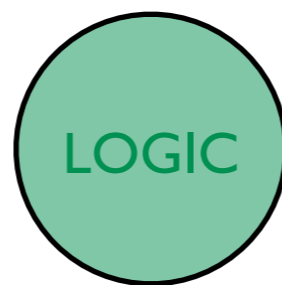
- Given a propositional language  $L$ , a **labelling function** is a function:

$$\ell : L \rightarrow V$$



# 6. Semantics

## Boolean logic



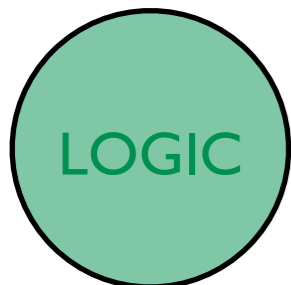
# Semantics in Boolean Logic

- Defining a **semantics** for a propositional language  $L$  is about **assigning a truth value** to all the sentences of the logic
- The labelling function  $\ell_B$  is:

$$\ell_B : L \rightarrow \{True, False\}$$

Three steps:

1. Labels for propositions
2. Labels for operators
3. Labels for formulas



# Semantics in Boolean Logic

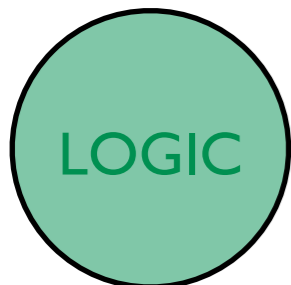
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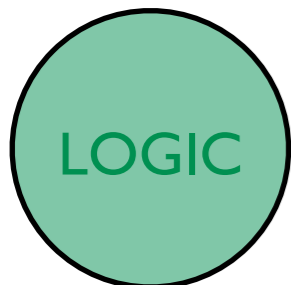


# Semantics in Boolean Logic

## 2. Providing the semantics for operators

$\mathcal{L}_B^{\rightarrow}$

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
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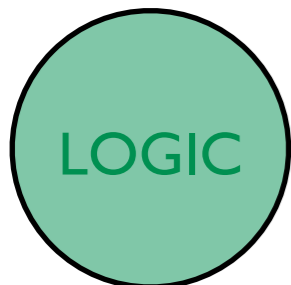


# Semantics in Boolean Logic

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$$\ell_B(A \rightarrow B) = \ell_B^{\rightarrow}(\tilde{\ell}_B(A), \tilde{\ell}_B(B))$$

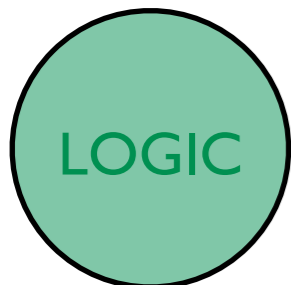
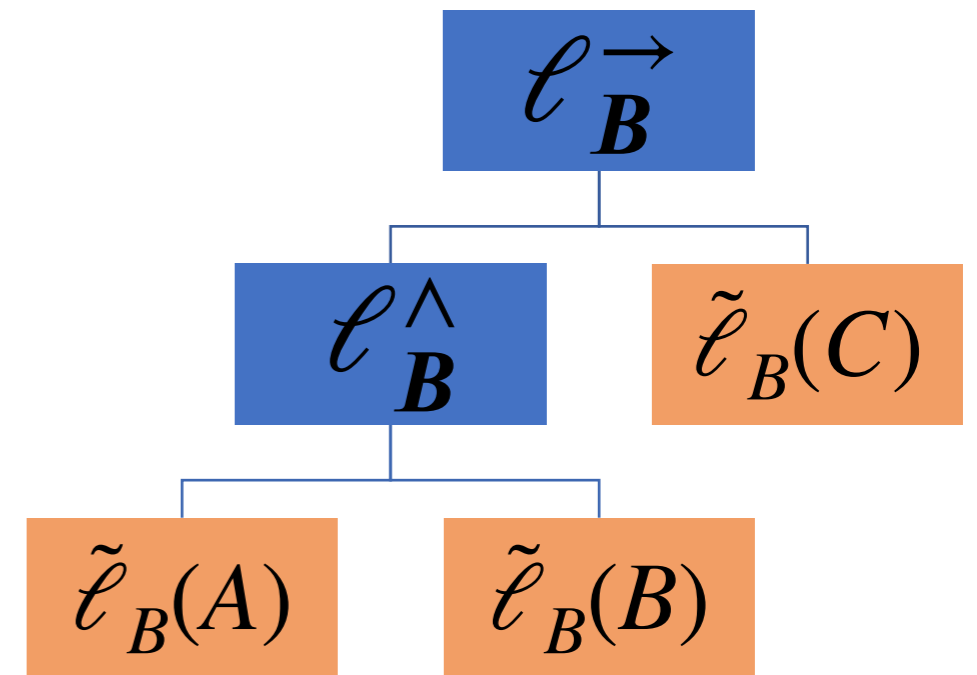
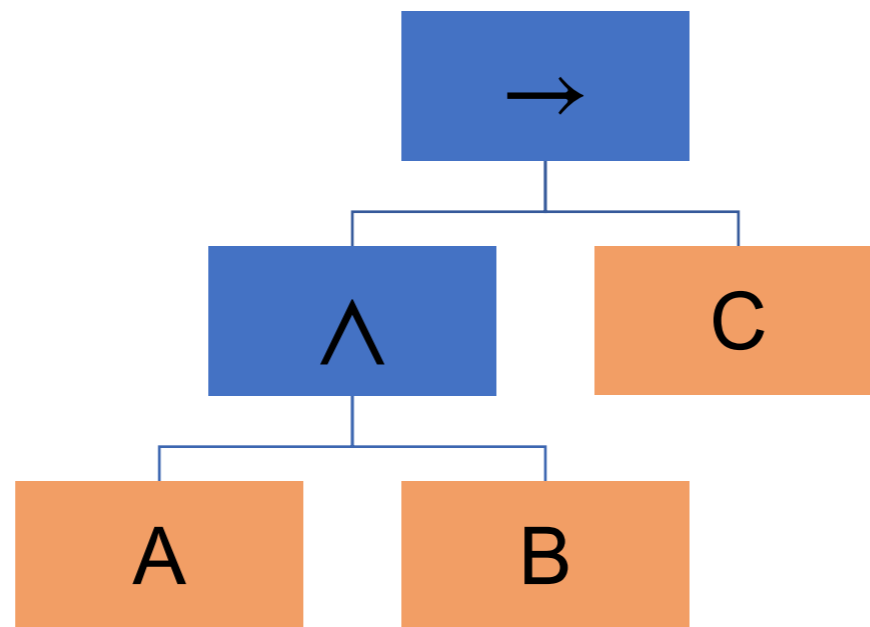
This recursive evaluation of formulas is said to be **extensional approach**.



# Semantics in Boolean Logic

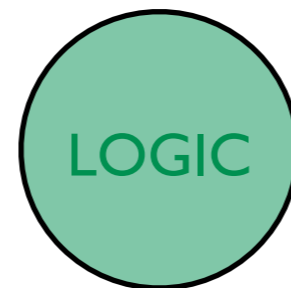
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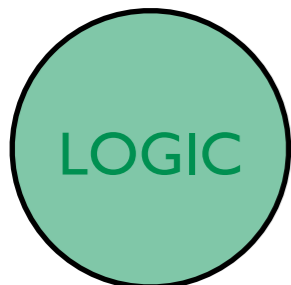
# 6. Semantics

## Fuzzy logic



# Fuzzy Logic Semantics

- There are many fuzzy logics
- Here we are interested in a subclass, in particular *t-norm fuzzy logic*





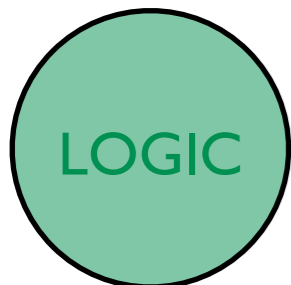
# Fuzzy Logic Semantics

- Defining a **semantics** for a propositional fuzzy language  $L$  is again about **assigning a truth degree** to all the sentences of the logic
- We define a **labeling function**:

$$\ell_F: L \rightarrow [0,1]$$

Three steps:

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2. Labels for operators
3. Labels for formulas



# Fuzzy Logic Semantics

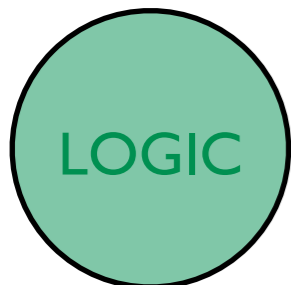
1. Providing the **labels for propositions**

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$$\tilde{\ell}_B(A) = 0.9$$

$$\tilde{\ell}_B(B) = 0.3$$

$$\tilde{\ell}_B(C) = 0.5$$



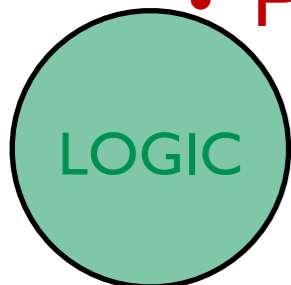
# Fuzzy Logic Semantics

## 2. Providing the labels for operators: t-norm theory

- A **t-norm** is a binary function that extends the **conjunction** to the continuous case

$$t : [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$$

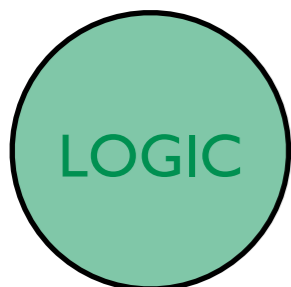
- There are **3 fundamental t-norms**:
  - **Lukasiewicz t-norm**:  $t_L(x, y) = \max(0, x + y - 1)$
  - **Goedel t-norm**:  $t_G(x, y) = \min(x, y)$
  - **Product t-norm**:  $t_P(x, y) = x \cdot y$



# Fuzzy Logic Semantics

- All the other operators can be derived from the t-norm (and its residuum)

	Product	Łukasiewicz	Gödel
$x \wedge y$	$x \cdot y$	$\max(0, x + y - 1)$	$\min(x, y)$
$x \vee y$	$x + y - x \cdot y$	$\min(1, x + y)$	$\max(x, y)$
$\neg x$	$1 - x$	$1 - x$	$1 - x$
$x \Rightarrow y$ ( $x > y$ )	$y/x$	$\min(1, 1 - x + y)$	$y$



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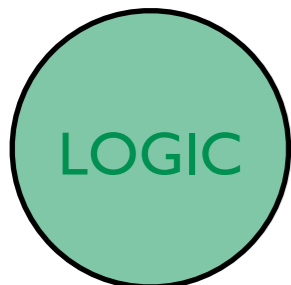
$$\ell_F(A \rightarrow B) = \ell_F^{\rightarrow}(\tilde{\ell}_F(A), \tilde{\ell}_F(B))$$

This recursive evaluation of formulas is said to be **extensional approach**.

e.g.

$$\tilde{\ell}_F(A) = 0.9, \tilde{\ell}_F(B) = 0.3, \ell_F^{\rightarrow} = \min(1, 1 - x + y)$$

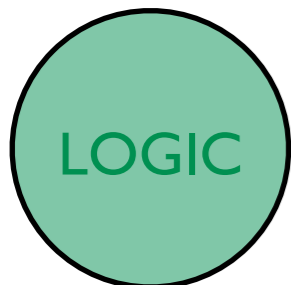
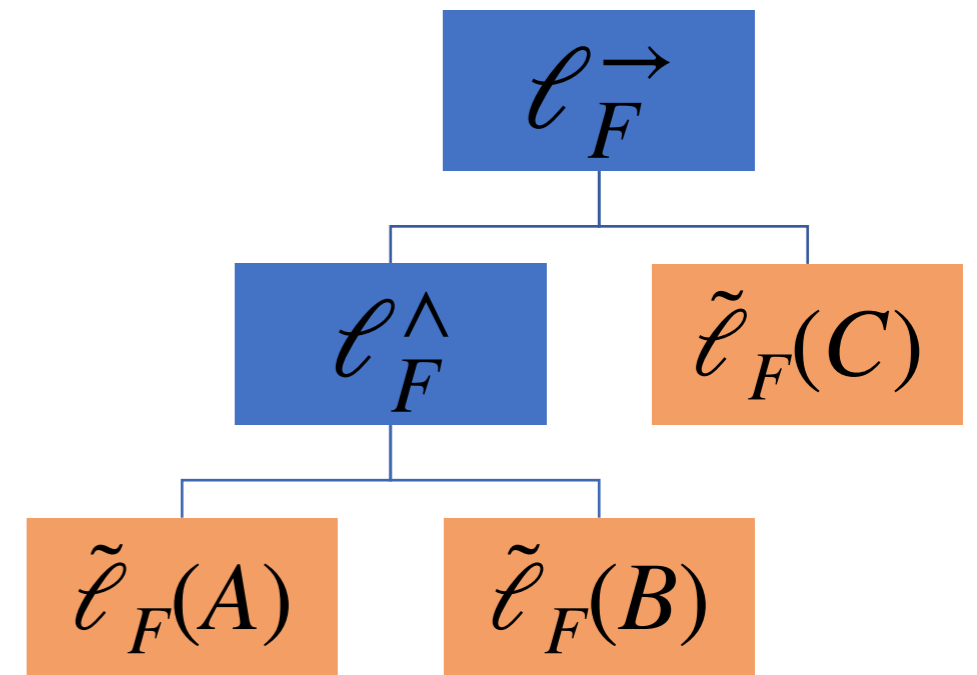
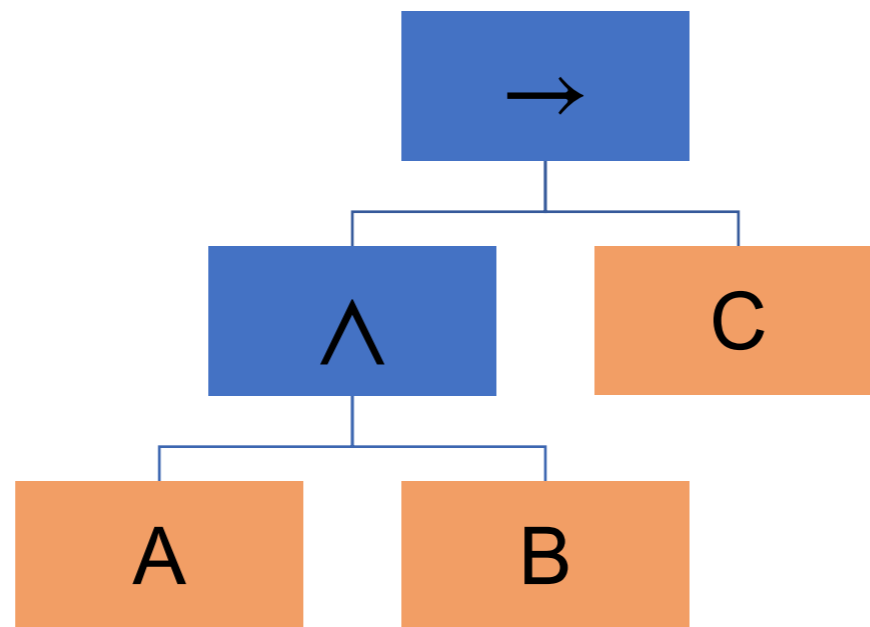
$$\ell_F(A \rightarrow B) = \min(1, 1 - 0.9 + 0.3) = 0.4$$



# Fuzzy Logic Semantics

- Consider:

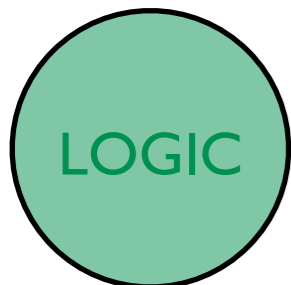
$$(A \wedge B) \rightarrow C$$



# Fuzzy Logic Semantics

## Properties of t-norms

- Most common t-norms are:
  - **Continuous**
  - **Differentiable** -> This turns to be one of the reason of their adoption in NeSY
- Convex fragments of the logic can be defined (Giannini et al, 2019)



# Fuzzy vs Boolean

- Fuzzy and Boolean have different properties
- When fuzzy is used as a “relaxation” (**fuzzification**) of Boolean **undesired effects** can happen.

- Consider the rule:

1.  $\ell_B(A \vee B \vee C) = \text{True}$

2.  $\ell_F(A \vee B \vee C) = \min(1, \ell_F(A) + \ell_F(B) + \ell_F(C)) = 1$

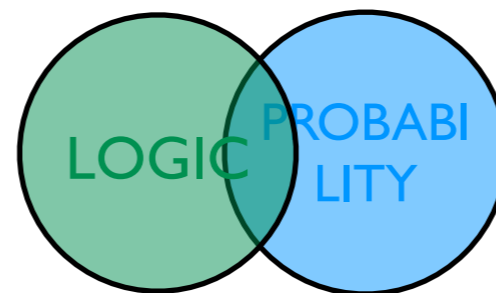
3.  $\ell_F(A) = \ell_F(B) = \ell_F(C) = 0.35$

4.  $\ell_B(A) = \ell_B(B) = \ell_B(C) = \text{False}$



# Semantics

## Probabilistic logic



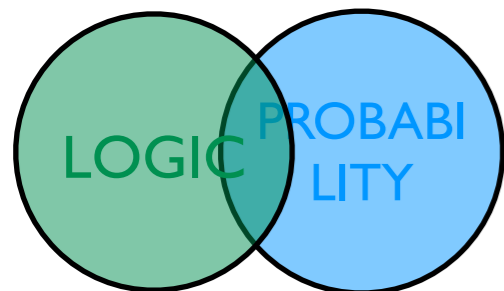
# Probabilistic Logic Semantics

Given a proposition language  $L$ , the basic idea is to introduce a **probability function**  $\ell_P$ :

$$\ell_P: L \rightarrow [0,1]$$

Three steps:

1. Labels for propositions / formulas
2. Distribution over possible interpretations
3. Labels for formulas = Weighted Model Count using distribution



# Probabilistic Logic Semantics

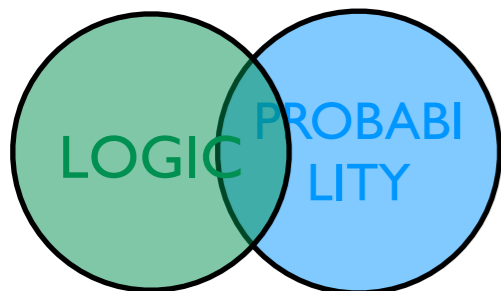
1. Provide

A. the **labels for propositions** (e.g. ProbLog)

$$A, B \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\ell}_P(A) &= 0.1 \\ \tilde{\ell}_P(B) &= 0.7 \end{aligned}$$

B. the labels for **formulas of interest** (e.g. Markov Logic)

$$A \wedge B \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\ell}_P(A \wedge B) &= 1.5 \\ &(\neq \ell_P(A \wedge B)) \end{aligned}$$

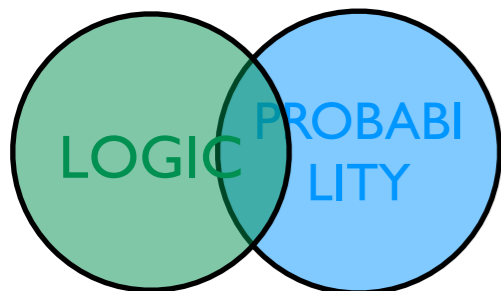


# Probabilistic Logic Semantics

2. Usually  $\ell_P$  is defined in terms of a probabilistic distribution  $p$  over **truth assignments or interpretations** of the propositional variables.

$$p(\ell_B(x_1), \dots, \ell_B(x_n))$$

e.g.  $p(A=\text{True}, B=\text{False}) = ?$



# Probabilistic Logic Semantics

e.g. in ProbLog:

$$p(\ell_B(x_1), \dots, \ell_B(x_n)) = \prod_{i:\ell_B(x_i)=True} \tilde{\ell}_P(x_i) \prod_{i:\ell_B(x_i)=False} (1 - \tilde{\ell}_P(x_i))$$

0.1 :: burglary. (B)

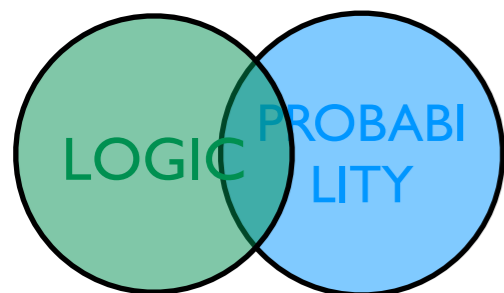
0.05 :: earthquake. (E)


0.6 :: hears\_alarm(john). (H)

alarm :- earthquake.

alarm :- burglary.

B	E	H	p(B,E,H)
F	F	F	0.342
F	F	T	0.513
F	T	F	0.018
F	T	T	0.027
T	F	F	0.038
T	F	T	0.057
T	T	F	0.002
T	T	T	0.003



0.1 x 0.05 x (1 - 0.6) 

# Probabilistic Logic Semantics

e.g. Markov Logic

$$p(\ell_B(x_1), \dots, \ell_B(x_n)) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left( \sum_{\alpha} \tilde{\ell}_P(\alpha) \sum_x \ell_B(\alpha(x)) \right)$$

Weight formula

Number of true groundings  
(Each true grounding contributes with 1)

stress(X) -> smokes(X): **1.5**

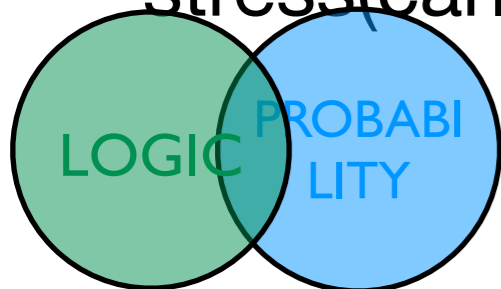
stress(ann) -> smokes(ann): **True (1)**

stress(bob) -> smokes(bob): **False (0)**

stress(carl) -> smokes(carl): **True (1)**

$$\propto \exp(1.5 \cdot (1 + 0 + 1))$$

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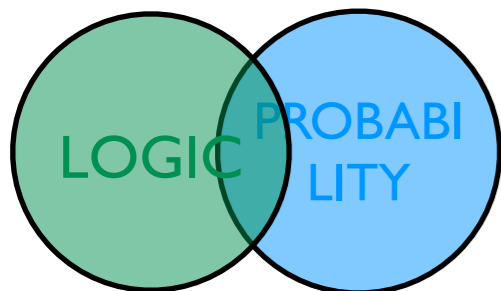


# Probabilistic Logic Semantics

3. Given any **sentence**  $Q$  of the propositional language  $L$ , with variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ :

$$\ell_P(Q) = \sum_{\ell_B(x_1), \dots, \ell_B(x_n) \models Q} p(\ell_B(x_1), \dots, \ell_B(x_n))$$

WMC - Weighted Model Counting  
(for both ProbLog and Markov Logic)



# Probabilistic Logic Semantics

For example:

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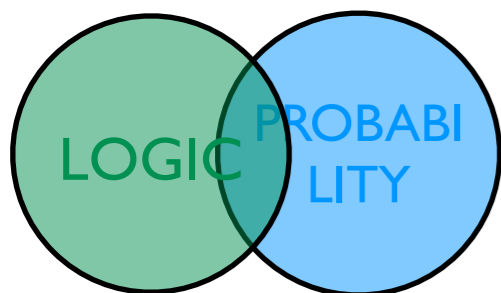
0.6 :: hears\_alarm(john). (H)

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alarm :- burglary.

$$Q = B \wedge H$$

$$\ell_P(Q) = 0.06$$

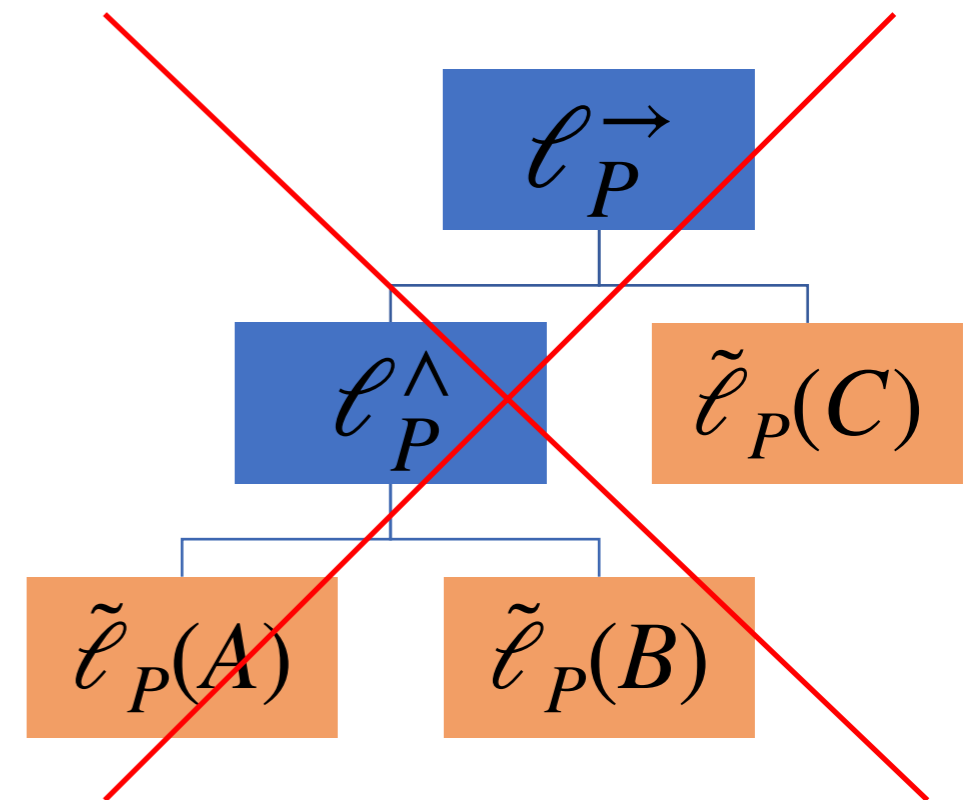
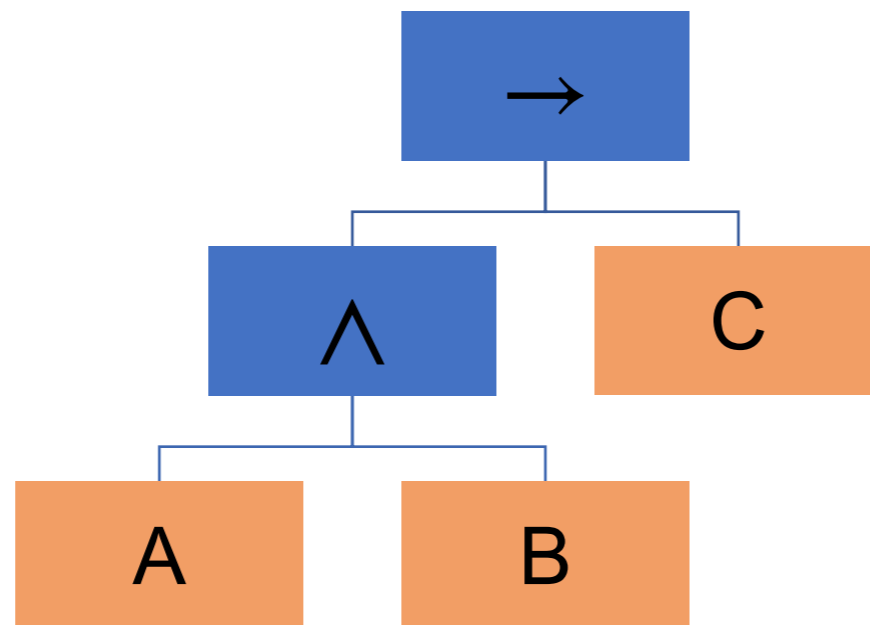




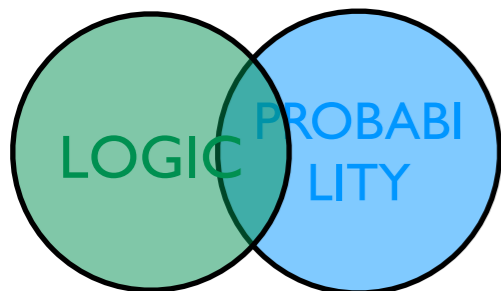
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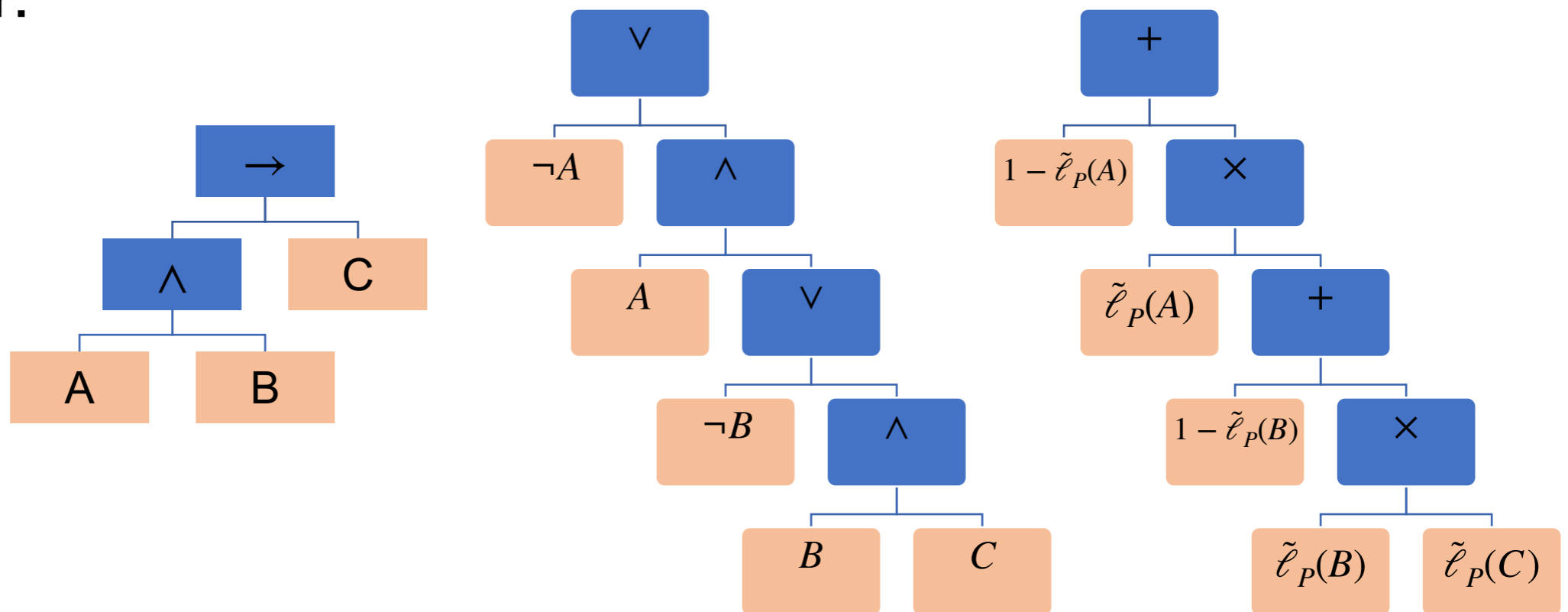
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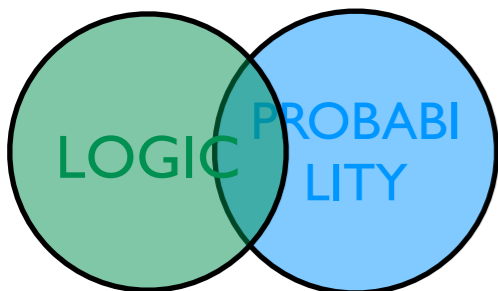
# Probabilistic Logic Semantics

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Knowledge Compilation



The probabilistic structure is now explicit in the compiled formula.

# Probabilistic Soft Logic (PSL)

Bach, Stephen H., et al. *JMLR* 2017

- Let's start by an example of a Markov Logic Network:

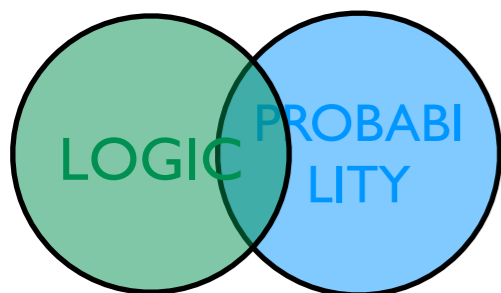
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- In PSL, we relax the **Boolean semantics**  $\ell_B$  to a **fuzzy semantics**  $\ell_F$

$$p(\ell_F(x_1), \dots, \ell_F(x_n)) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left( \sum_{\alpha} \tilde{\ell}_P(\alpha) \sum_x \ell_F(\alpha(x)) \right)$$

Weight formula

Each grounding contributes with a value in  $[0, 1]$



# Probabilistic Soft Logic (PSL)

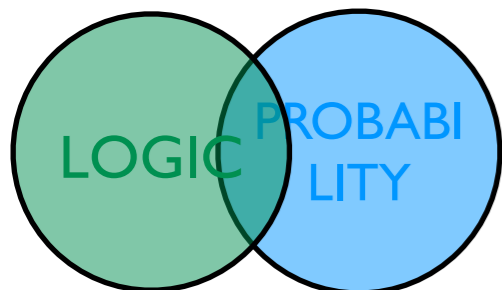
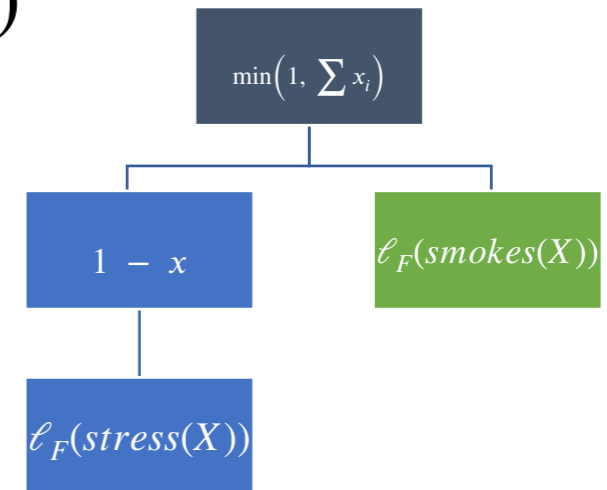
$\alpha(X) : stress(X) \rightarrow smokes(X)$

$$\ell_F(\alpha(X)) = \min(1, 1 - \ell_F(stress(X)) + \ell_F(smokes(X)))$$

MPE:

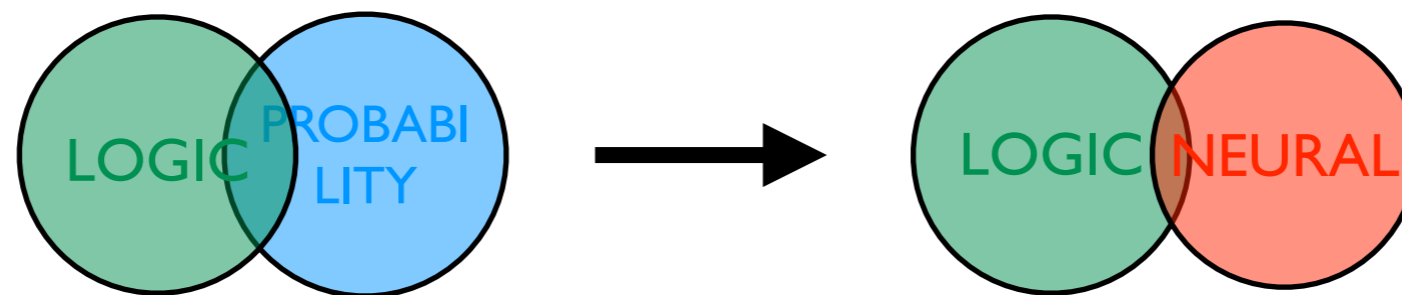
$$\max_{\ell_F(stress(X)), \ell_F(smokes(X))} \ell_P(\alpha) \sum_X \ell_F(\alpha(X))$$

$$\ell_F(stress(X)) = \ell_F(stress(X)) + \lambda \frac{\partial \ell_P(\alpha) \sum_X \ell_f(X)}{\partial \ell_F(stress(X))}$$



## 6. Semantics

# Neural Symbolic



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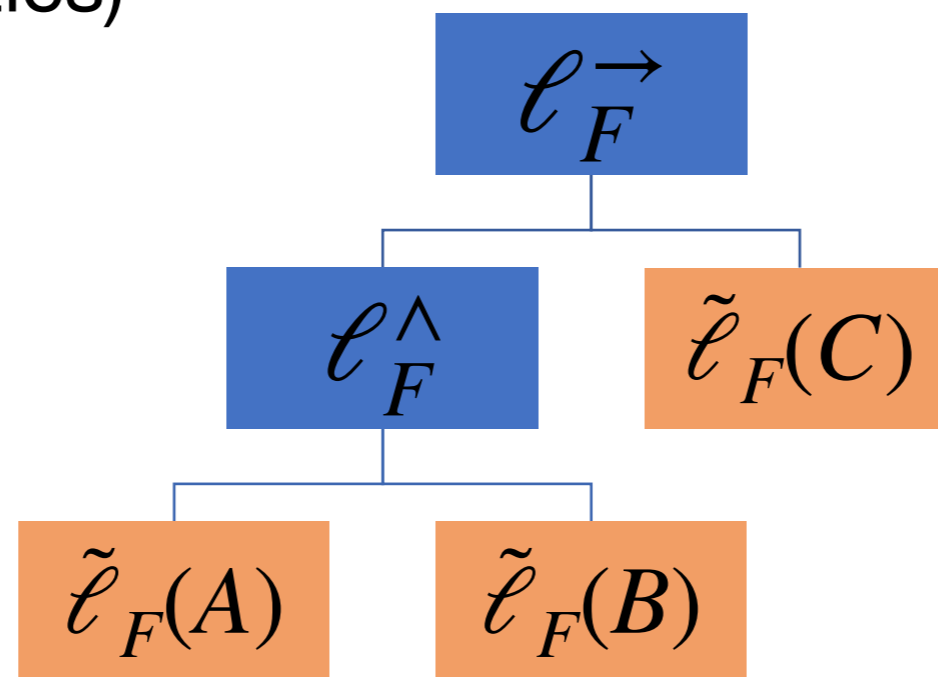
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The query Q determine the **structure** (potentially after knowledge compilation)



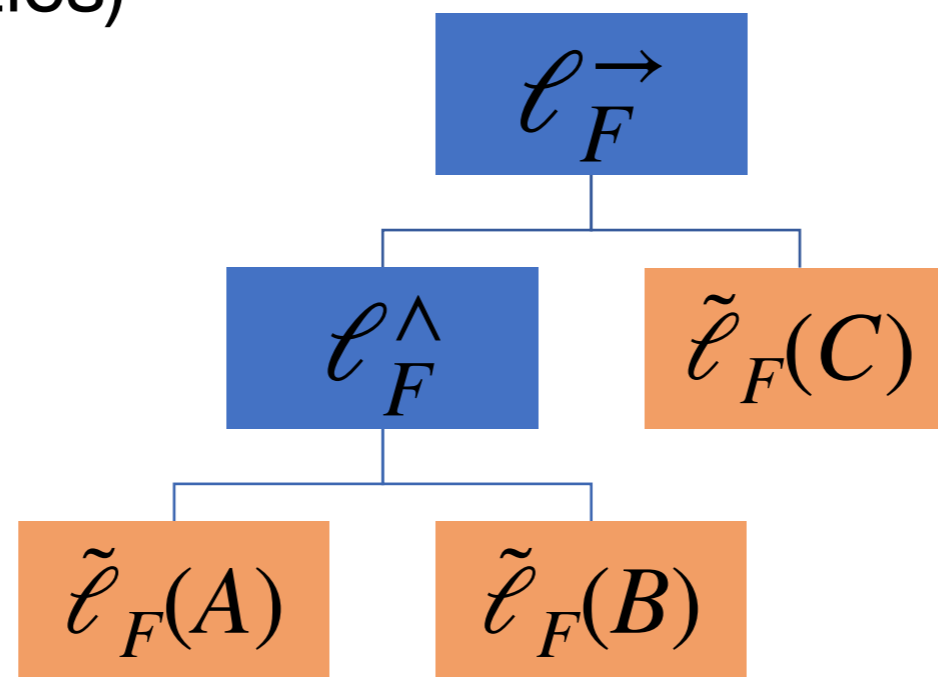
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- Atomic labels  $\tilde{\ell}$  are just **scalar tables of parameters**

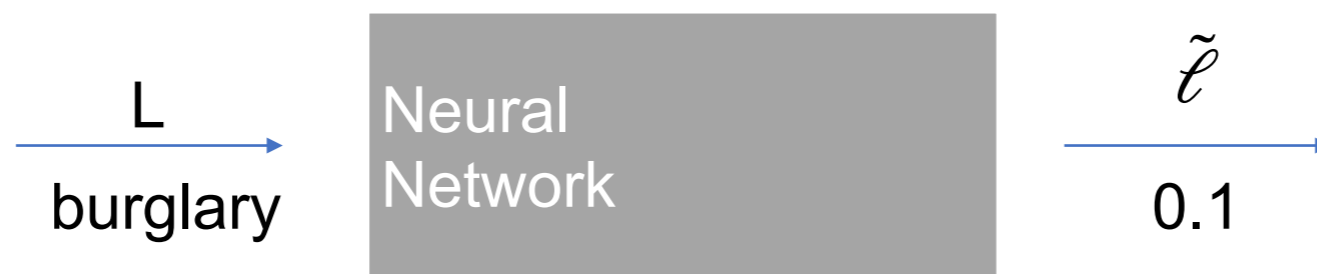
0.1 :: burglary. (B)  
0.05 :: earthquake. (E)  
0.6 :: hears\_alarm(john). (H)  
alarm :- earthquake.  
alarm :- burglary.

L	$\tilde{\ell}$
Burglary	0.1
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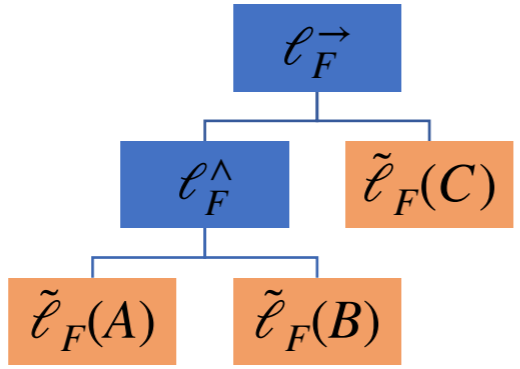
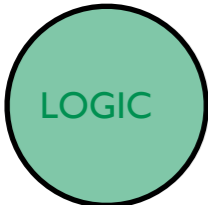
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- What if we turn **scalar parameters**  $\tilde{\ell}$  to **neural networks**?

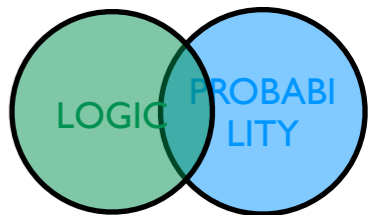
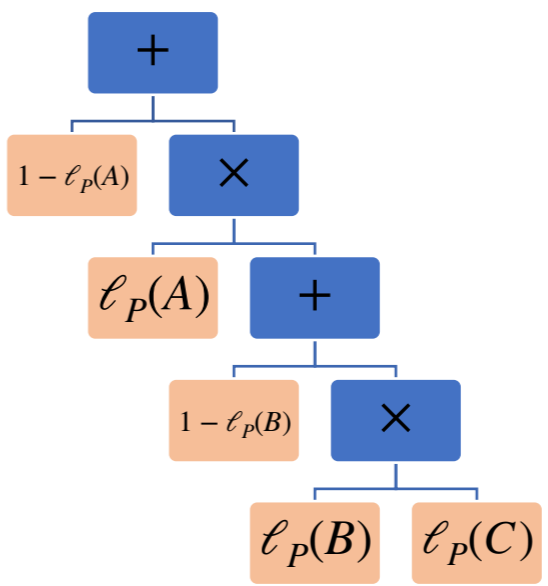


- Two main reasons:
  - **Perceptive queries** (burglary =  , earthquake= )
  - **Semantic sub-symbolic queries** (burglary=[0.33,0.56,7.45])

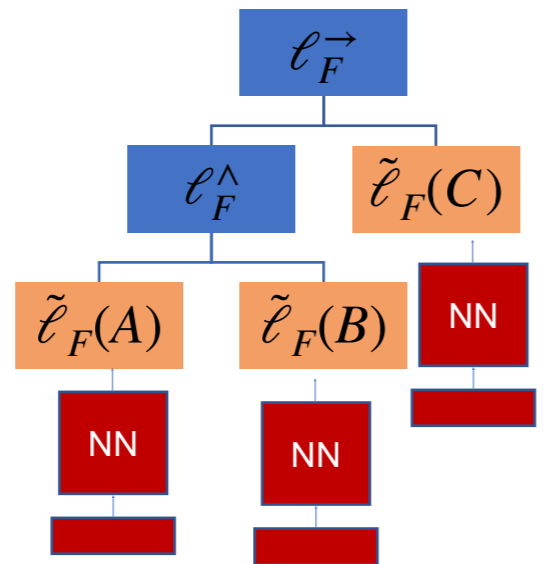
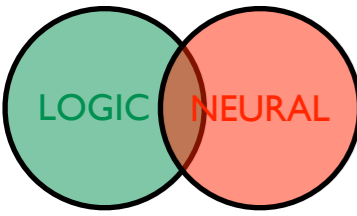
# StarAI to Neural Symbolic



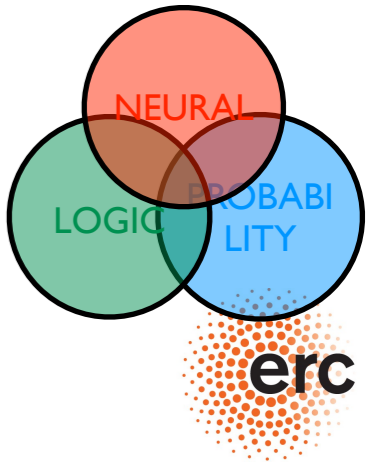
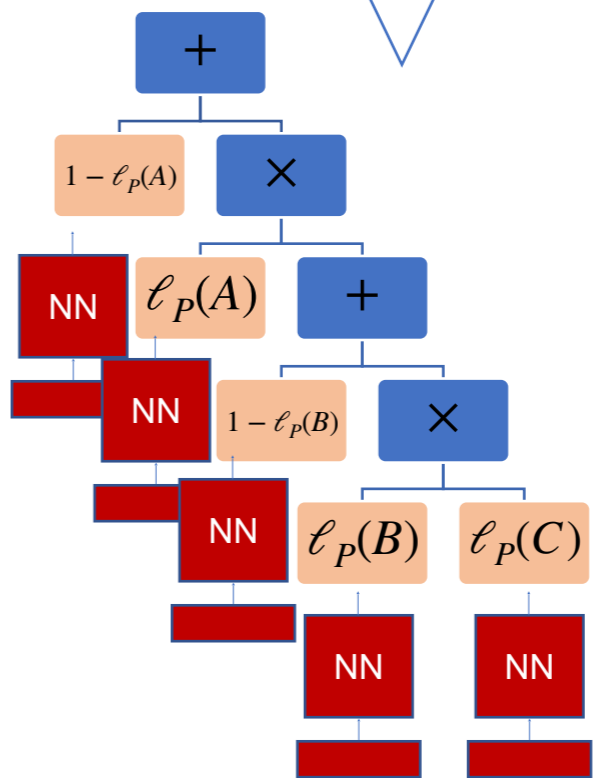
StarAI



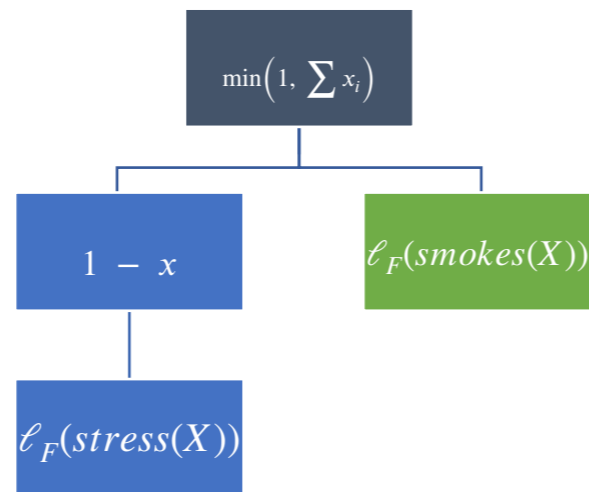
REPARAMETERIZATION



NeSy

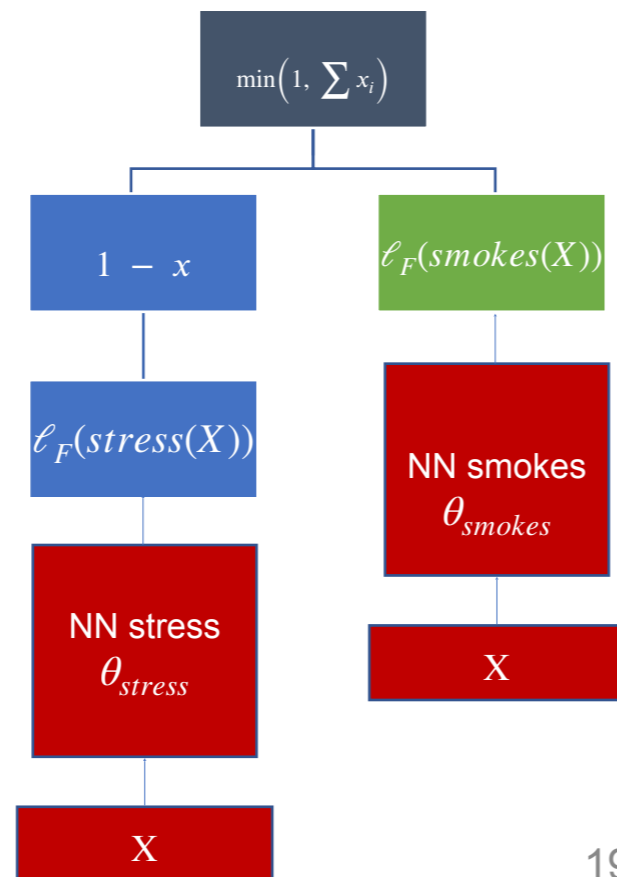
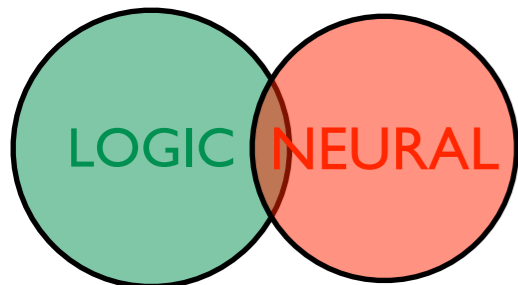


# Fuzzy Reparameterization



Semantic Based Regularization (Diligenti et al, AI 2017)

Logic Tensor Network (Donadello et al, IJCAI 2017)



StarAI (PSL)

$$\max_{\ell_F(stress(X)), \ell_F(smokes(X))} \sum_{\alpha} \ell_P(\alpha) \ell_F(\alpha(X))$$

NeSy (SBR, LTN)

$$\max_{\theta_{stress}, \theta_{smokes}} \sum_{\alpha} \ell_P(\alpha) \ell_F(\alpha(X))$$

Parameters of the neural nets



# Probabilistic Reparameterization

■ Probabilistic parameters

- ProbLog:

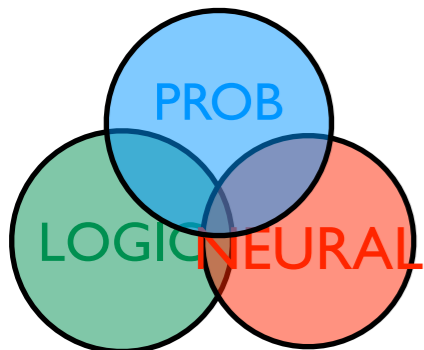
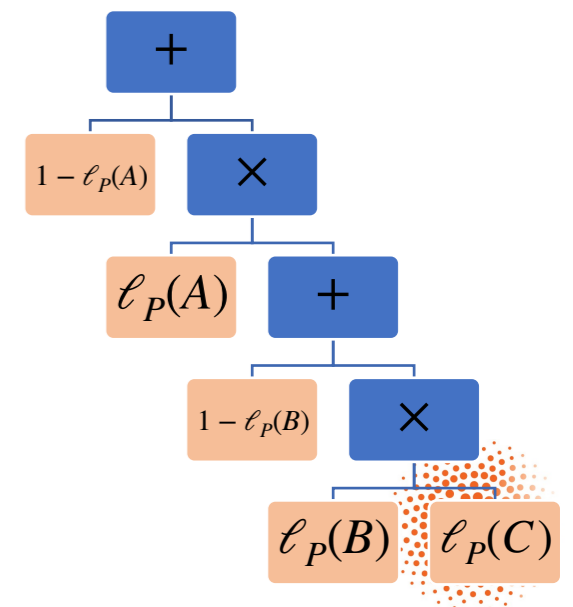
$$p(\ell_B(x_1), \dots, \ell_B(x_n)) = \prod_{i:\ell_B(x_i)=True} \tilde{\ell}_P(x_i) \prod_{i:\ell_B(x_i)=False} (1 - \tilde{\ell}_P(x_i))$$

- Markov Logic:

$$p(\ell_B(x_1), \dots, \ell_B(x_n)) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(\sum_{\alpha} \tilde{\ell}_P(\alpha) \sum_x \ell_B(\alpha(x))\right)$$

WMC

$$\ell_P(Q) = \sum_{\ell_B(x_1), \dots, \ell_B(x_n) \models Q} p(\ell_B(x_1), \dots, \ell_B(x_n))$$



# Probabilistic Reparameterization

■ Neural parameters

- **DeepProbLog** (Manhaeve et al, NeurIPS (2018))

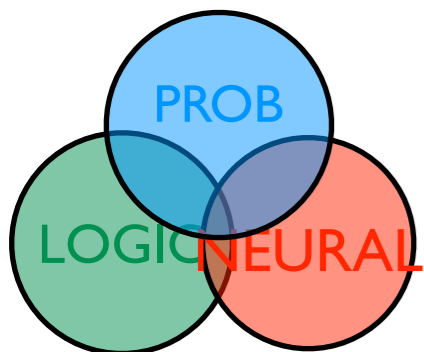
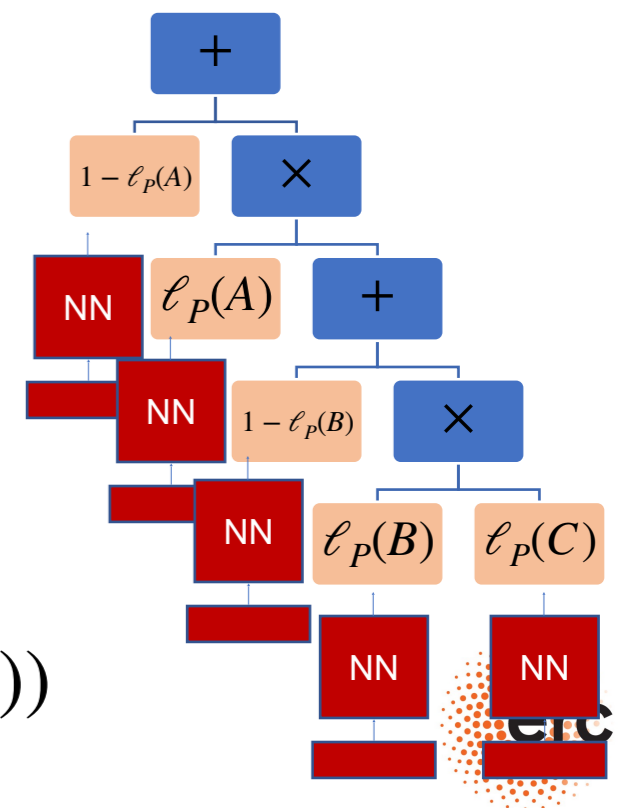
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- **Relational Neural Machines** (Marra et al, ECAI 2020)

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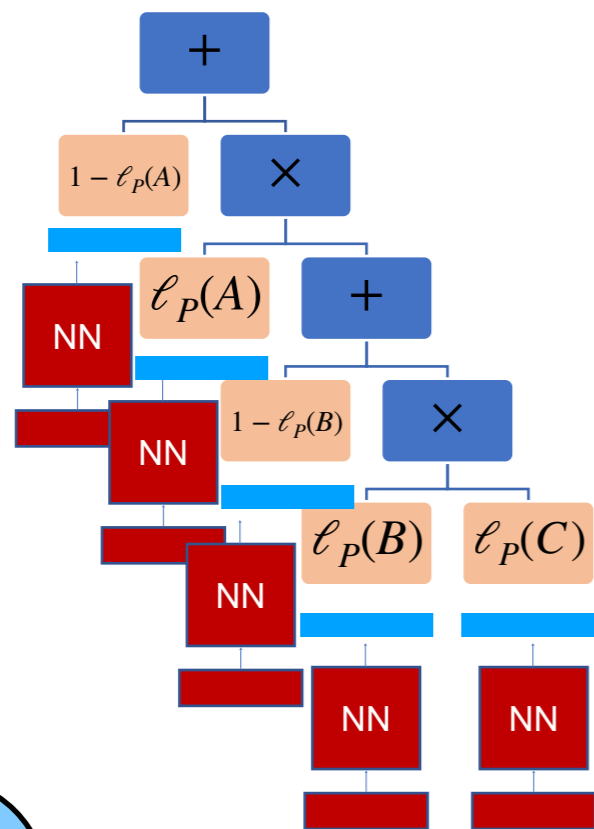
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- **DeepProbLog** (Manhaeve et al, NeurIPS (2018))



Interface

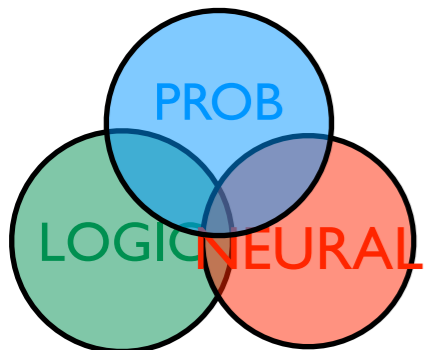
Probabilistic fact

0.01 :: burglary.



Neural Predicate

nn(mnist\_net, [X], Y, [0 ... 9]) :: digit(X,Y).



# 6. Semantics

## Key Messages

- StarAI and NeSy share the same underlying semantics
- Semantics can be described in terms of parametric circuits
- Differentiable semantics/circuits allow an easy integration
- NeSy models can be seen as neural reparameterization of StarAI models

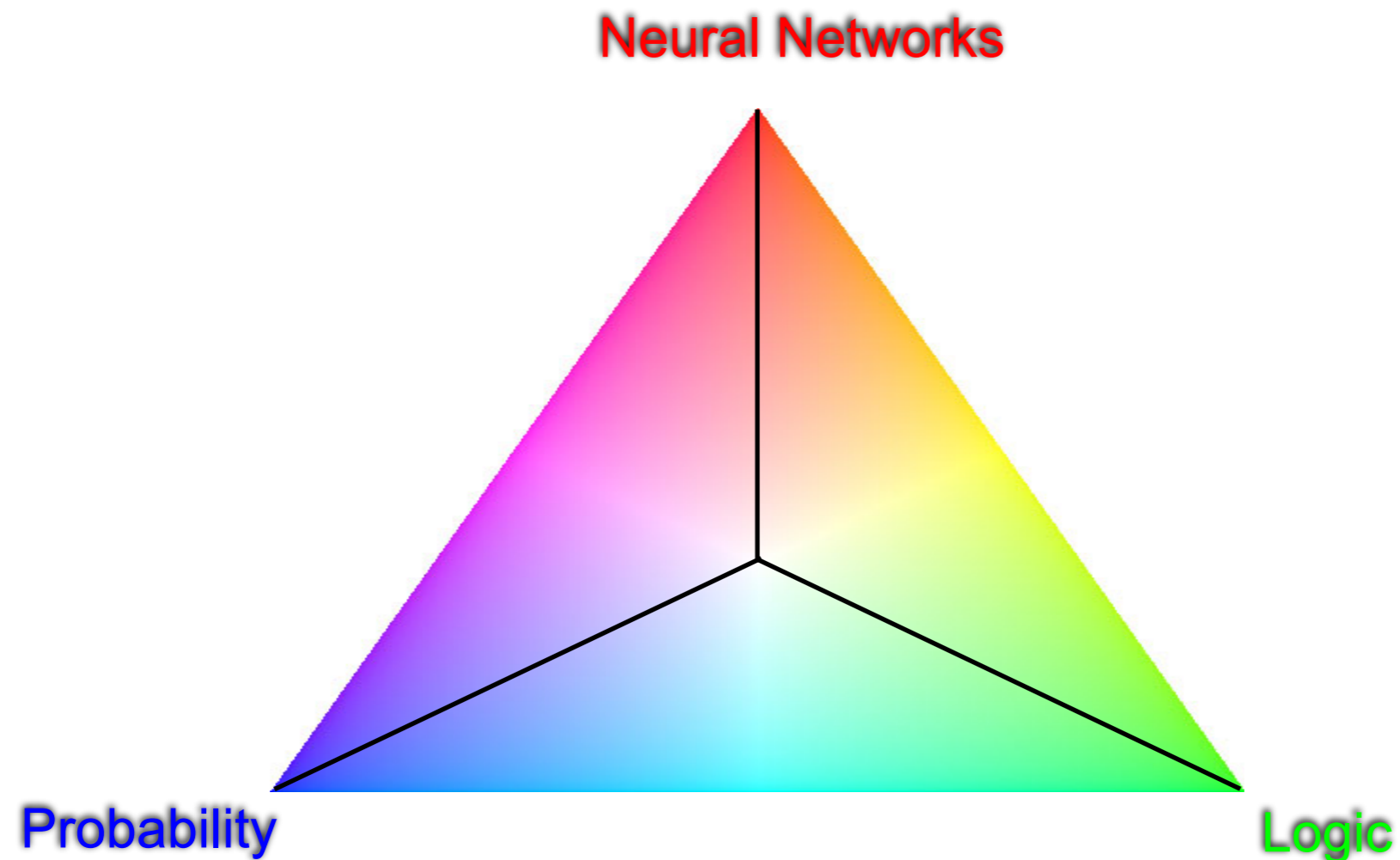
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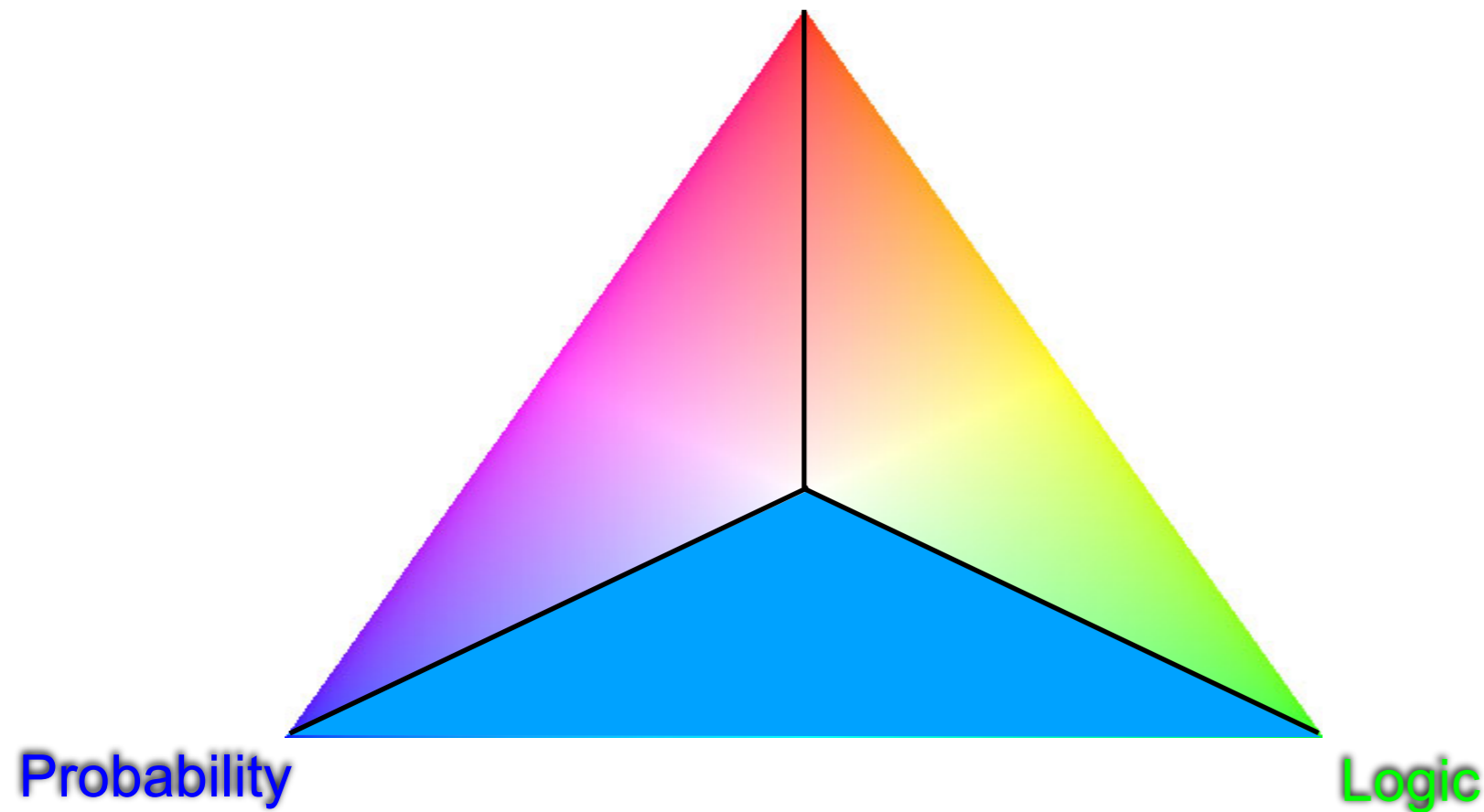
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# About integration in neural symbolic



# Statistical Relational AI

Neural Networks

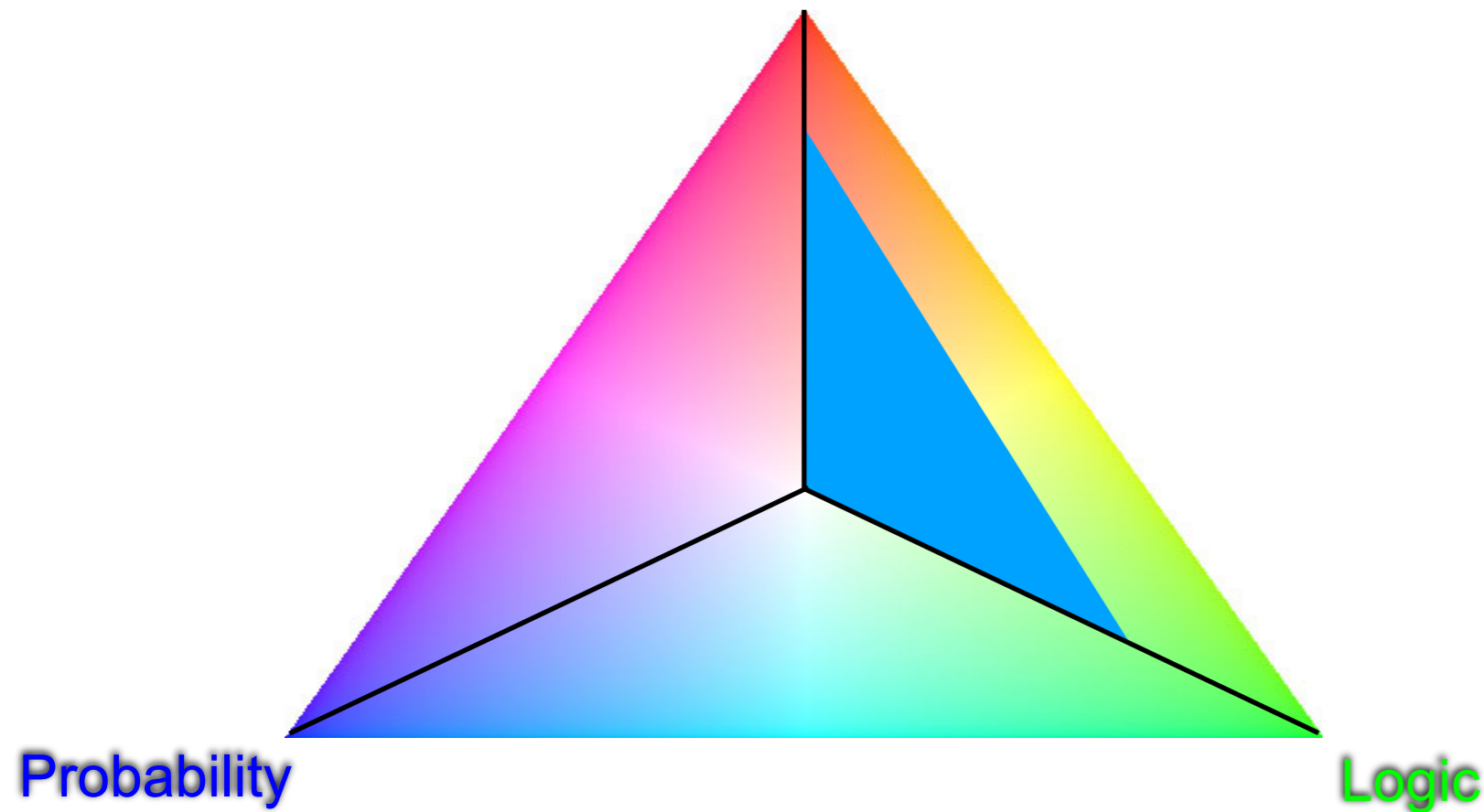


They perfectly integrate probability theory (Probabilistic Graphical Models) and Logic.



# Relaxed theorem provers

Neural Networks



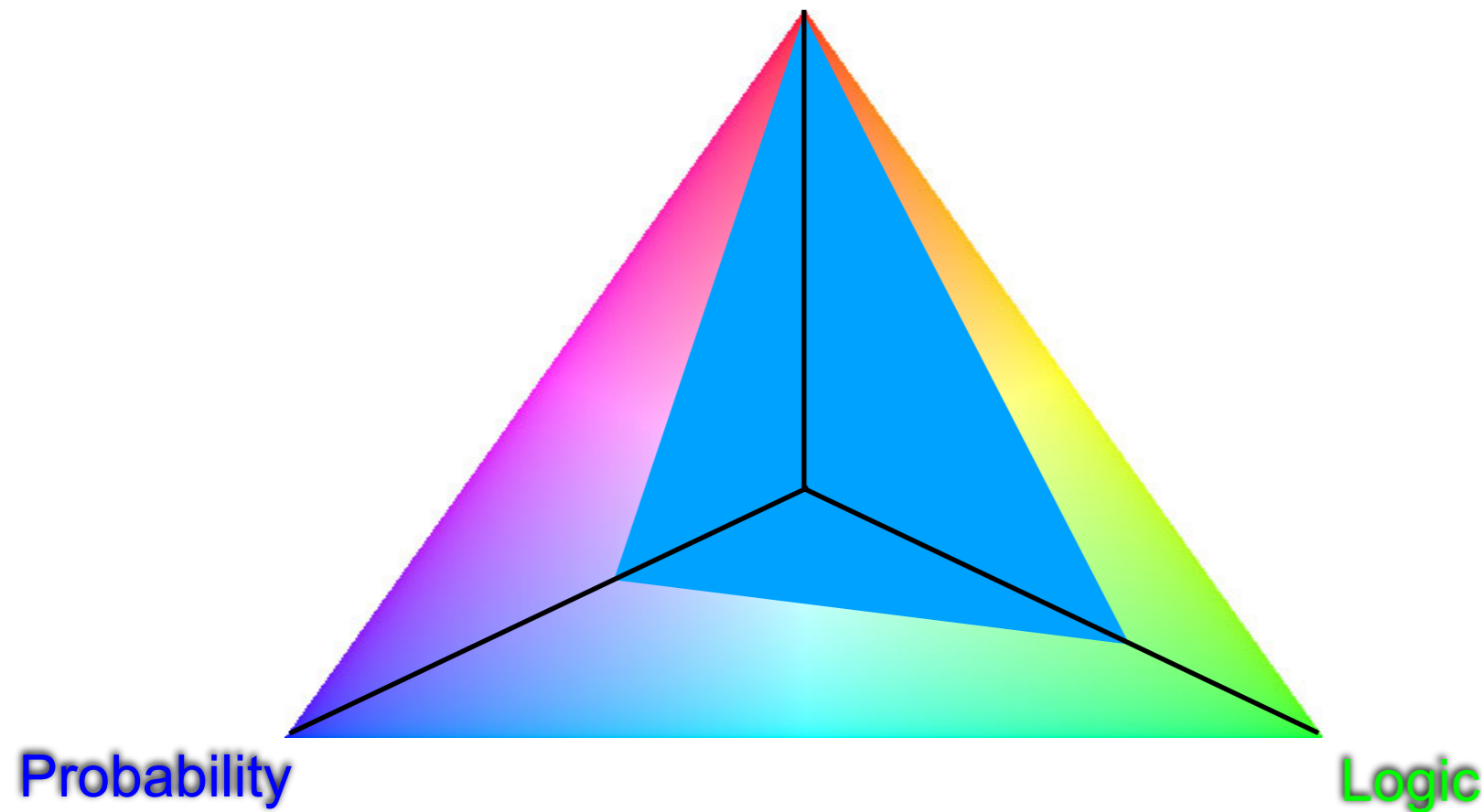
They sacrifice a bit the pure boolean semantics to obtain some soft neural capabilities (weighted reasoning, embeddings).

KBANN (Towell 1994)  
LRNN (Sourek, 2017)  
NTPs (Rocktäschel, 2017)  
DiffLog (Si et al, 2018)  
NN for Relational Data ( 2019)



# Regularization methods

Neural Networks



They sacrifice the logic and probability a lot by pushing everything inside the weights of the neural network.

Logic and probability are used only at training time. At inference time, only the neural net is used.

SBR (Diligenti et al, AI 2017)  
LTN (Donatello et al, IJCAI 2017)  
SL (Xu et al, ICML 2018)

# Knowledge Graph Embeddings

## Neural Networks

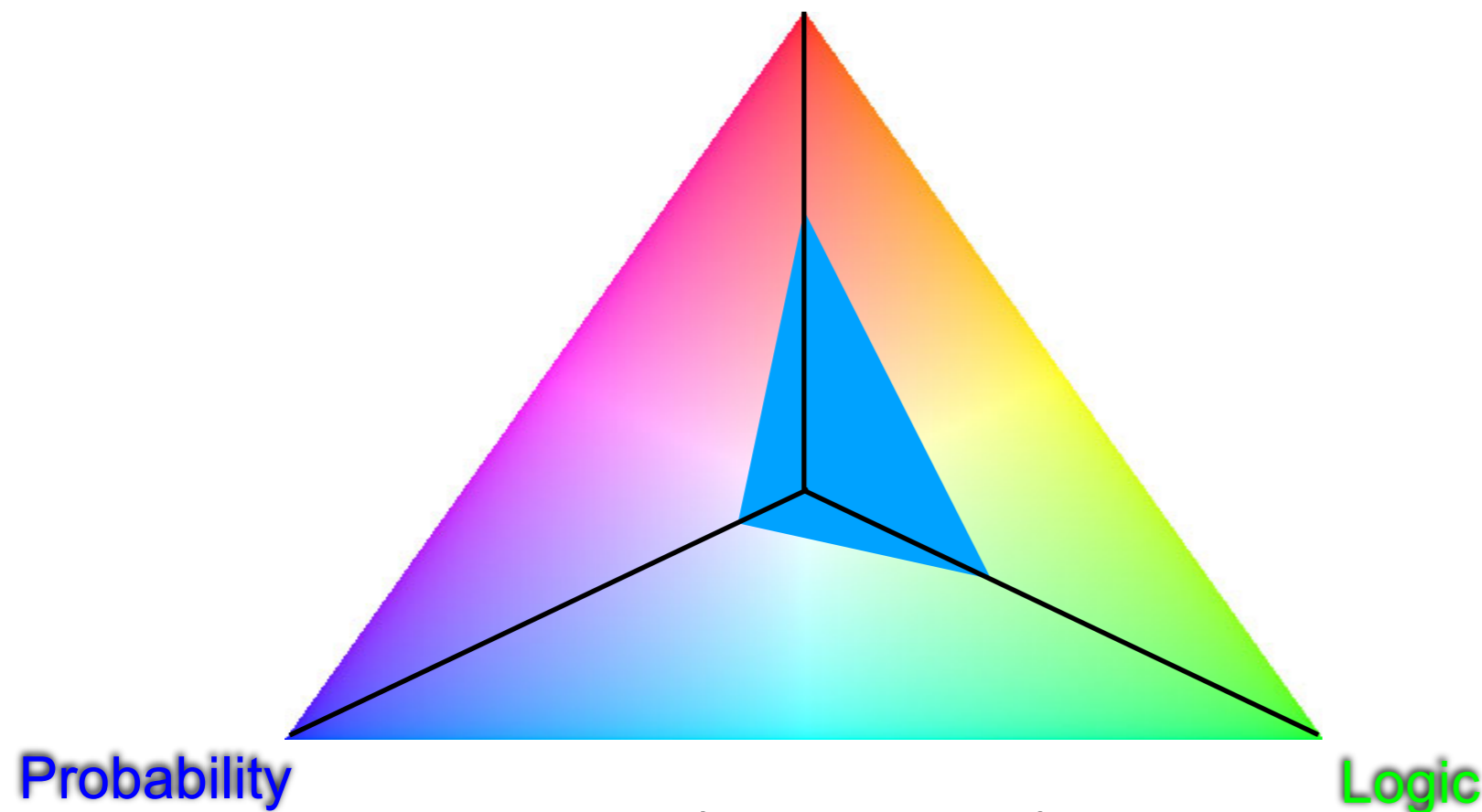
They use latent spaces, typical of neural computation to encode a relational structure of the data.

Neural networks cannot be recovered.

Logic is declined to encoding relations

Probabilistic modelling is strongly approximated (e.g. atom mean field)

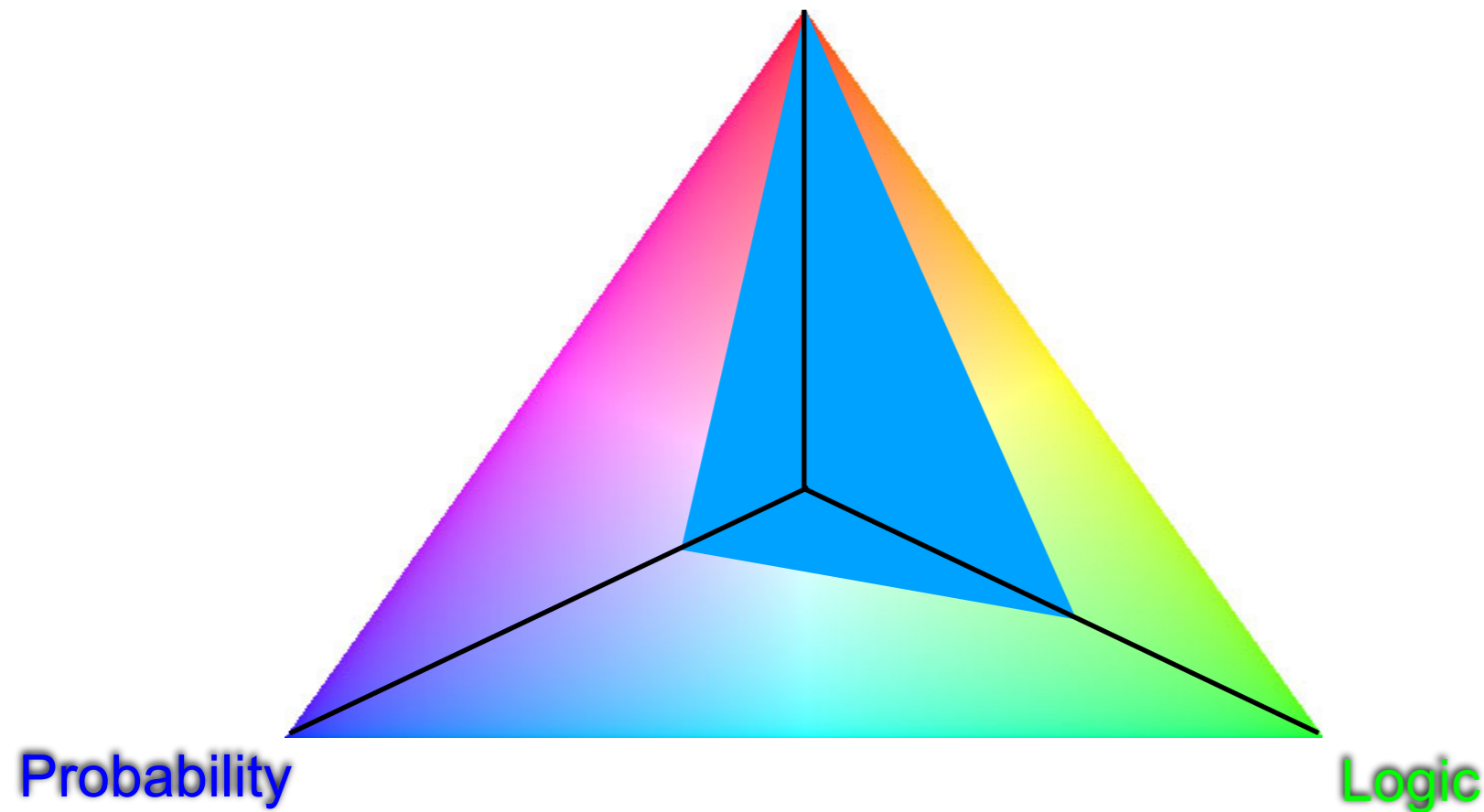
Most scalable solutions.



TransE (Bordes 2013)  
DistMult (Yang, 2014)  
Complex (Trouillon, 2016)  
NTN (Socher, 2013)

# Graph Neural Networks

Neural Networks



They extend neural network to provide some relational and multihop reasoning.

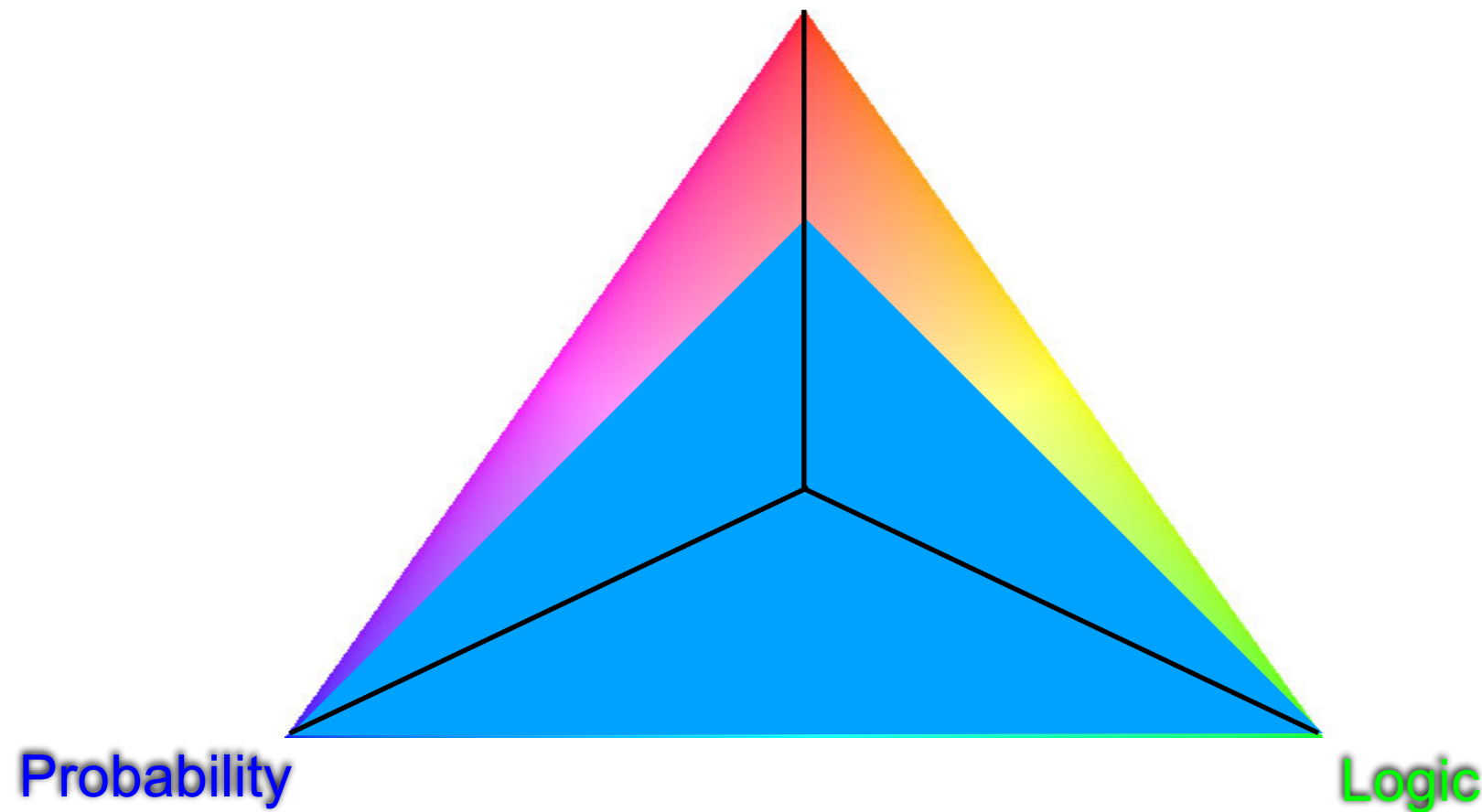
Logical semantics is not preserved.

R-GCN - Schlichtkrull et al, 2017



# Probabilistic reparameterization

Neural Networks




They extend StarAI with perception capabilities.

Subsymbols at the level of the constants only

- Not at the level of the atoms (like KGE)
- Not at the level of the rules (like GNNs)

One of the most promising direction for NeSy.

Main problem is scalability.

DeepProbLog (Manhaeve, 2016)   
RNM (Marra, 2020)

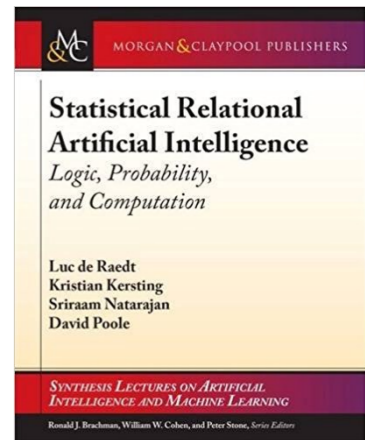


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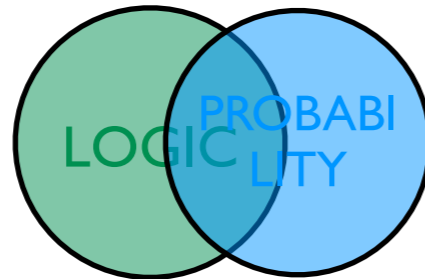
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# Conclusions

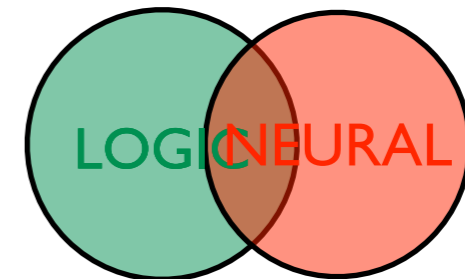
# Key Message



FROM



TO



**StarAI and NeSy share similar problems  
and thus similar solutions apply**

See also [De Raedt et al., IJCAI 20]



# The Seven Dimensions

1. Proof vs Model based
2. Directed vs Undirected
3. Type of Logic
4. Symbols vs Subsymbols
5. Parameter vs Structure Learning
6. Semantics
7. Logic vs Probability vs Neural

# Many questions to ask

- What properties should integrated representations satisfy ?
  - Should one representation take over ? (As in most approaches to NeSy — push the logic inside and forget about it afterwards)
  - Should one build a pipeline or an interface between the integrated representations ?
  - Should one have the originals as a special case ?
    - (yes we believe you should be able to do all what you can do with the original representations)

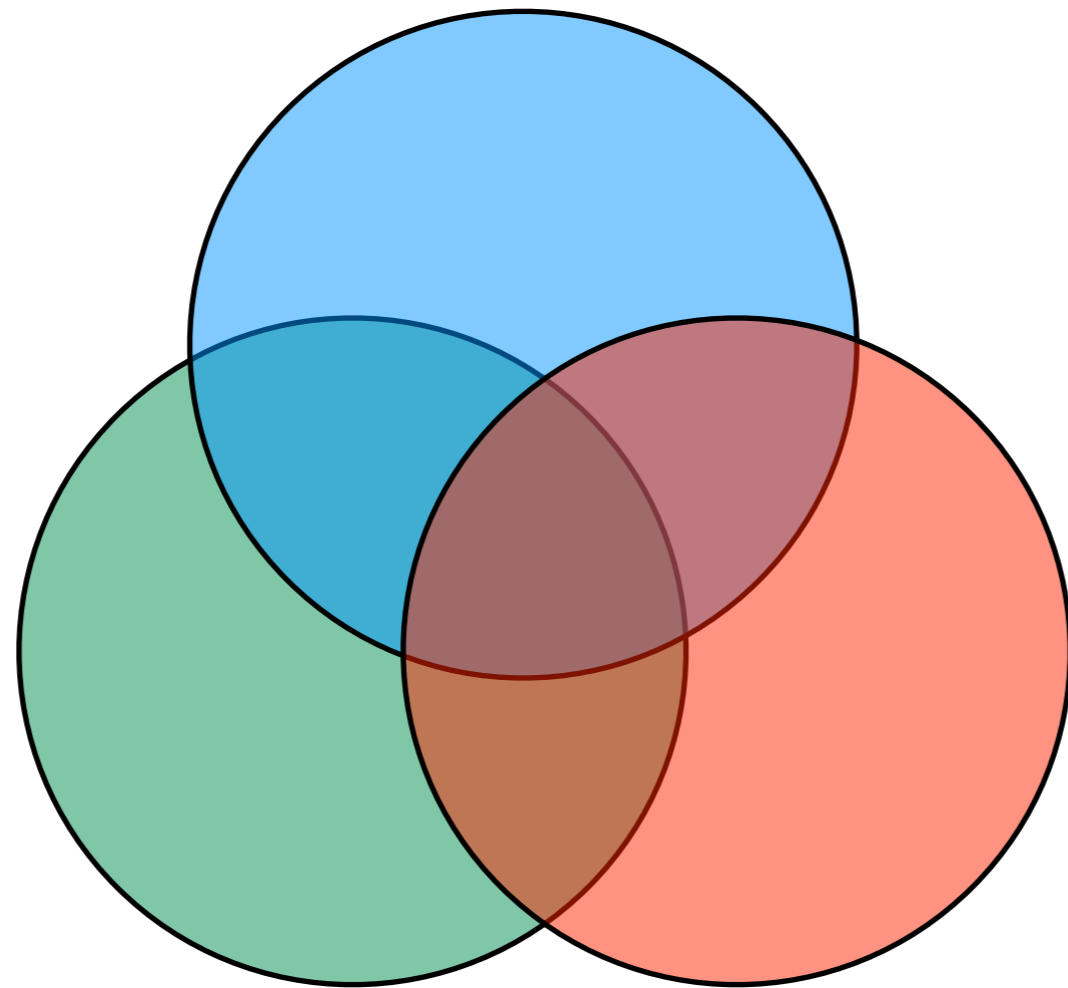
# Many questions to ask

- Which learning and reasoning techniques apply ?
  - Can you still reason logically / probabilistically ?
  - Can you still apply standard learning methods (like gradient descent) ?
  - Is everything explainable / trustworthy ?
- How to evaluate integrated representations ?
  - $1 + 1 = 3$  ?
  - Can they do what the originals can do, and can they do more ?
  - Can they do something different ?



# Challenges

- For NeSy,
  - scaling up
  - which models to use
  - real life applications
  - peculiarities of neural nets
  - logical inference can be expensive
- **This is an excellent area for starting researchers / PhDs**



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