

# Deep Learning with Hard Logical Constraints



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Focus on multi-label classification problems

*Why?*

1. It is possible to assign a human-understandable semantics to the outputs
2. There often exist correlations among outputs
3. We often have background knowledge about such correlations



We can write hard logical constraints that define the admissible output space of the developed models

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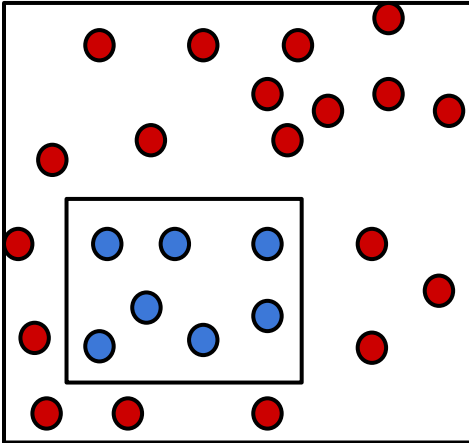
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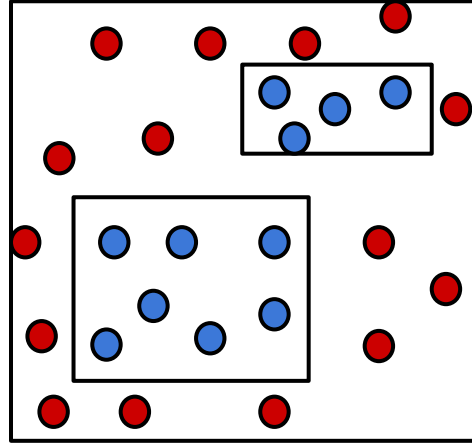
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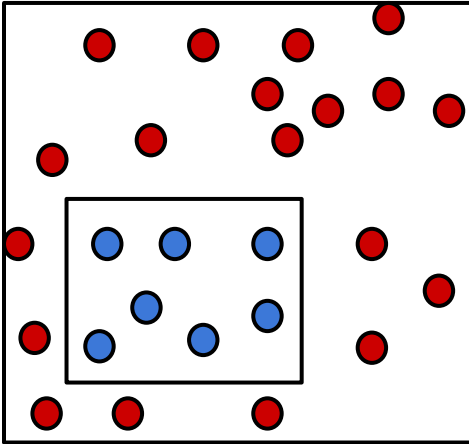


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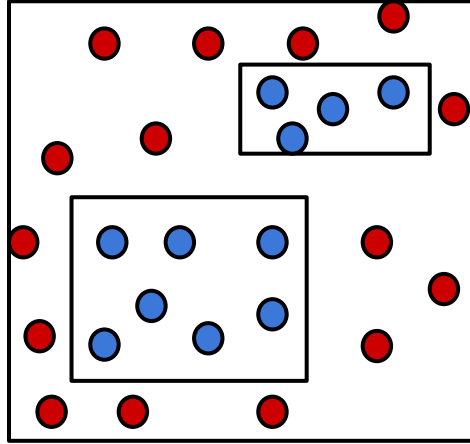
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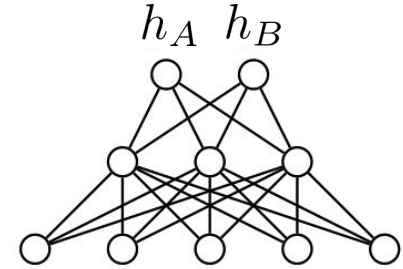
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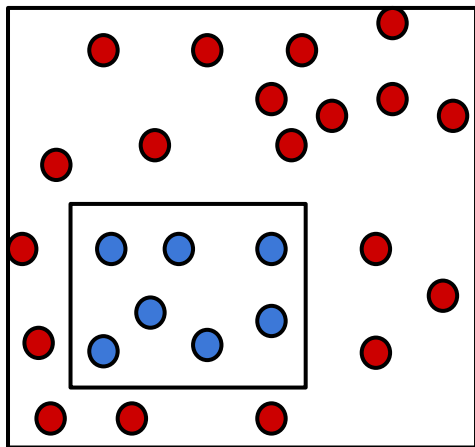


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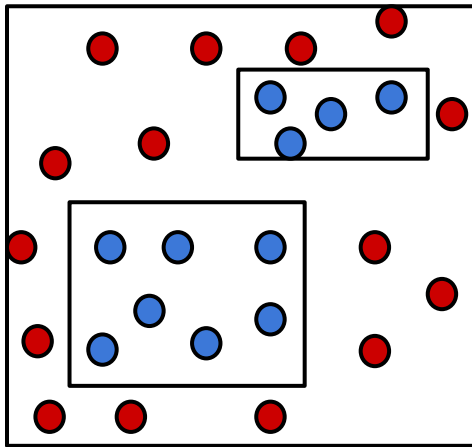
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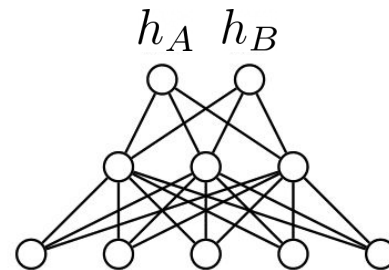
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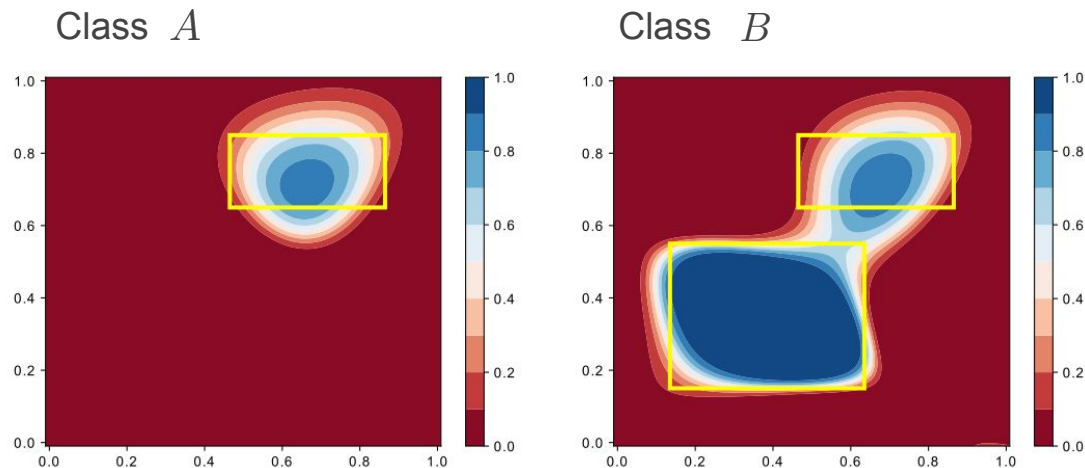
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1. no guarantees to satisfy  $A \rightarrow B$
2. no exploitation of hierarchical knowledge

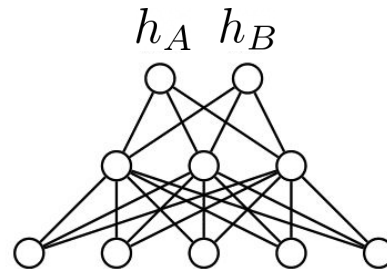
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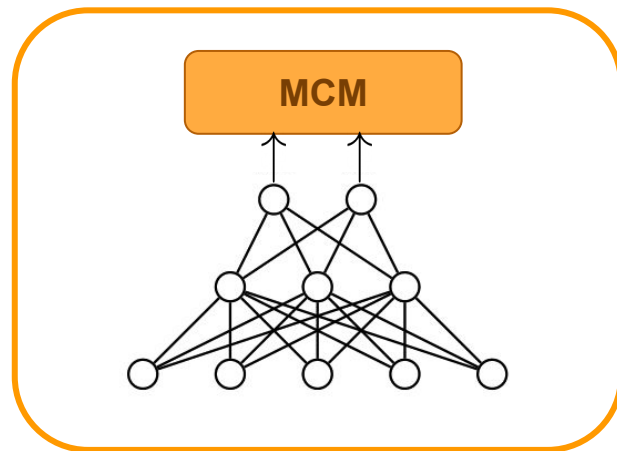
We implemented a simple neural network with one hidden layer and 7 neurons

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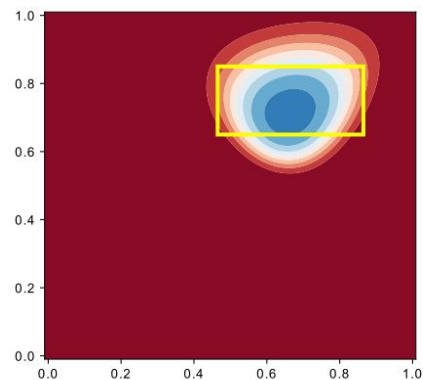
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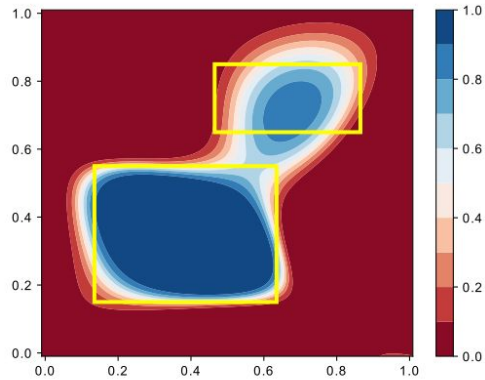
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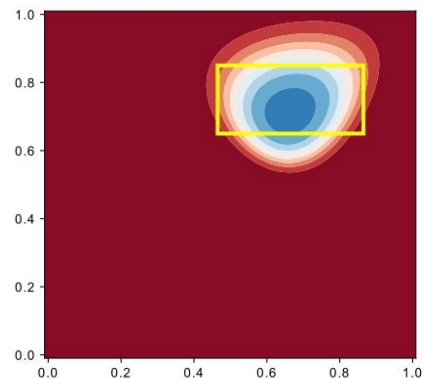
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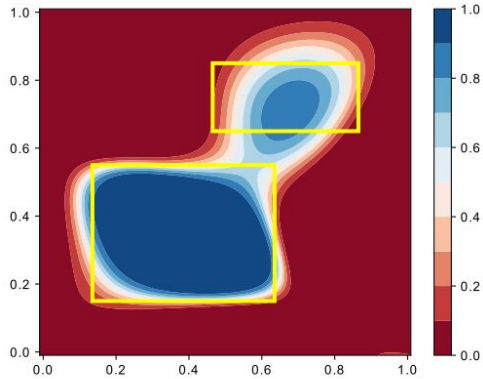
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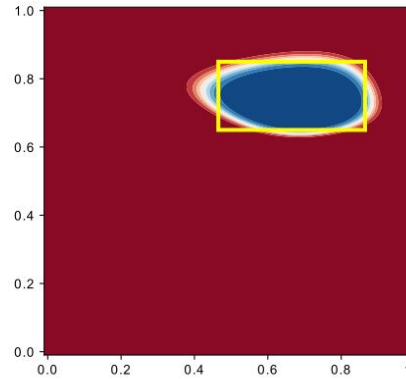


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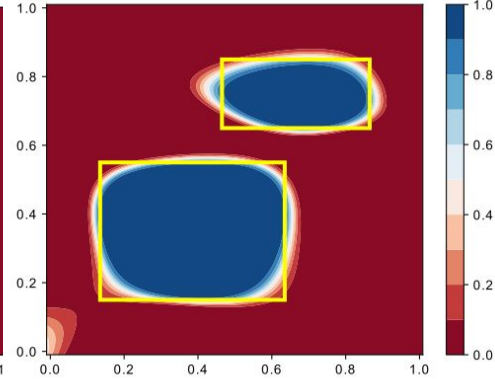


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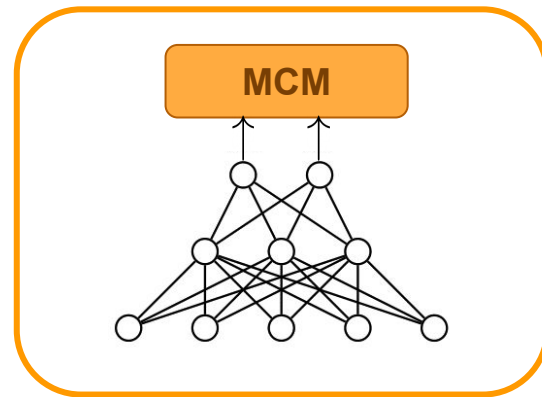
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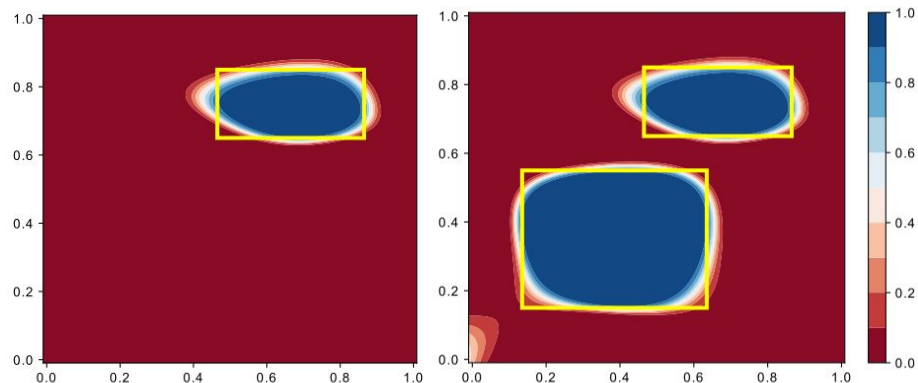
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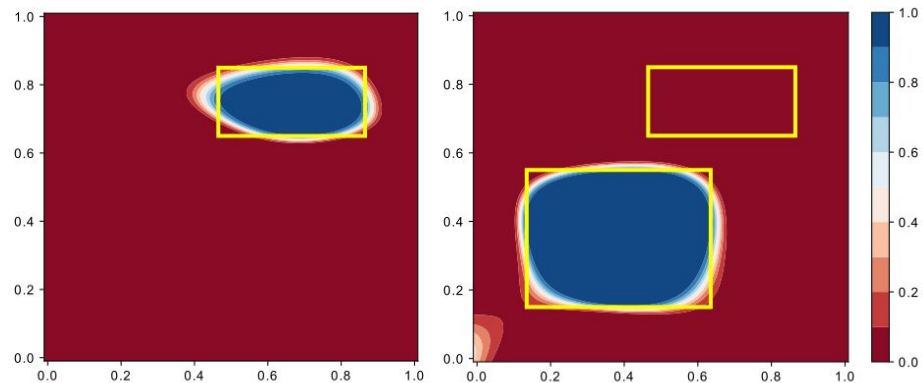
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## Max Constraint Layer

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# Experimental Analysis

Dataset	CCN( $h$ )	HMC-LMLP	CLUS-ENS	HMCN-R	HMCN-F
CELLCYCLE FUN	<b>0.255</b>	0.207	0.227	0.247	0.252
DERISI FUN	<b>0.195</b>	0.182	0.187	0.189	0.193
EISEN FUN	<b>0.306</b>	0.245	0.286	0.298	0.298
EXPR FUN	<b>0.302</b>	0.242	0.271	0.300	0.301
GASCH1 FUN	<b>0.286</b>	0.235	0.267	0.283	0.284
GASCH2 FUN	<b>0.258</b>	0.211	0.231	0.249	0.254
SEQ FUN	<b>0.292</b>	0.236	0.284	0.290	0.291
SPO FUN	<b>0.215</b>	0.186	0.211	0.210	0.211
CELLCYCLE GO	<b>0.413</b>	0.361	0.387	0.395	0.400
DERISI GO	<b>0.370</b>	0.343	0.361	0.368	0.369
EISEN GO	<b>0.455</b>	0.406	0.433	0.435	0.440
EXPR GO	0.447	0.373	0.422	0.450	<b>0.452</b>
GASCH1 GO	<b>0.436</b>	0.380	0.415	0.416	0.428
GASCH2 GO	0.414	0.371	0.395	0.463	<b>0.465</b>
SEQ GO	0.446	0.370	0.438	0.443	<b>0.447</b>
SPO GO	<b>0.382</b>	0.342	0.371	0.375	0.376
DIATOMS	<b>0.758</b>	-	0.501	0.514	0.530
ENRON	<b>0.756</b>	-	0.696	0.710	0.724
IMCLEF07A	<b>0.956</b>	-	0.803	0.904	0.950
IMCLEF07D	<b>0.927</b>	-	0.881	0.897	0.920
AVERAGE RANKING	1.25	5.00	3.93	2.93	1.90

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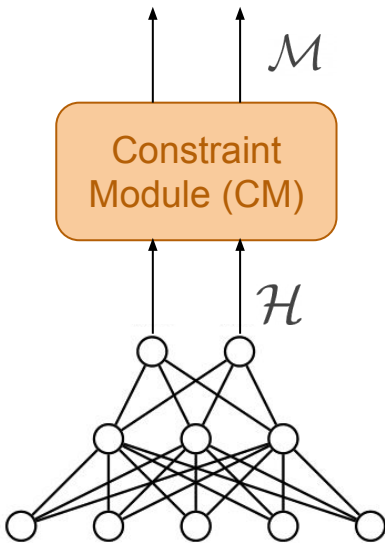
$$A_1, \dots, A_k, \neg A_{k+1}, \dots, \neg A_n \rightarrow A$$

with  $1 \leq k < k+1 \leq n$

If a datapoint is associated with the labels  $A_1, \dots, A_k$  and not with the labels  $A_{k+1}, \dots, A_n$  then it must be associated with the label  $A$



# Goal



Given a set of constraints  $\Pi$  the final output  $\mathcal{M}$  should be:

- coherent with  $\Pi$
- supported relative to  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\Pi$
- minimal relative to  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\Pi$
- unique

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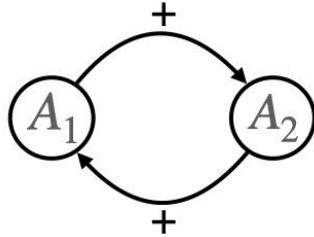
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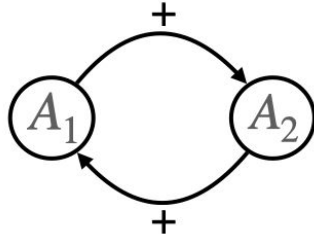
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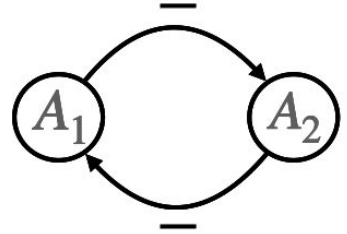
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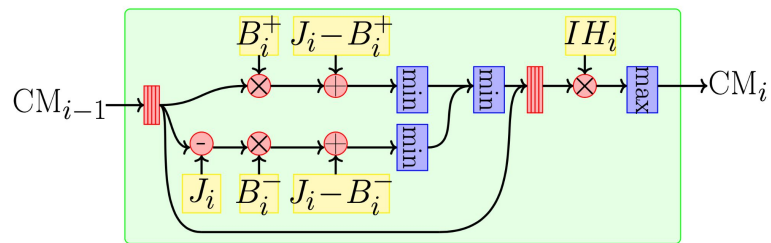
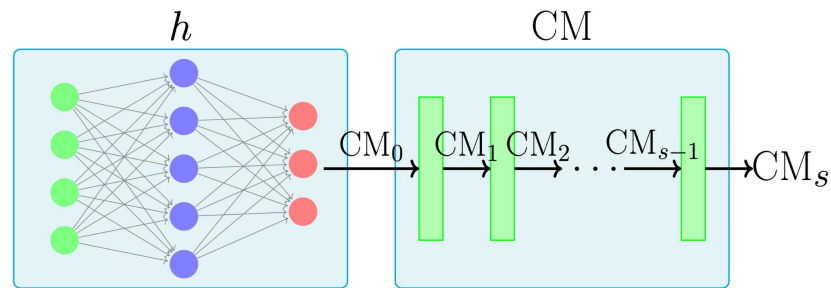
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**Additional assumption needed:** the set of constraints  $\Pi$  needs to be *stratified*.

The set of constraints  $\{\neg A_1 \rightarrow A_2, \neg A_2 \rightarrow A_1\}$  is not stratified.

# Constraint Layer



Legend: Matrix ● Elementwise operation Stack vector ⋈ Concatenate vector

$$\neg A \rightarrow B$$

$$\neg B \rightarrow C$$

$$\Pi_1 = \emptyset$$

$$\Pi_2 = \{\neg A \rightarrow B\}$$

$$\Pi_3 = \{\neg B \rightarrow C\}$$

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ stratum: } \text{CM}_A = h_A$$

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# Experimental Analysis

Model	ARTS	BUSINESS	CAL500	EMOTIONS	ENRON	GENBASE	IMAGE	MEDICAL
Average precision (↑)								
CCN(h)	0.623	<b>0.904</b>	<b>0.520</b>	<b>0.800</b>	0.704	0.996	<b>0.807</b>	<b>0.866</b>
CAMEL	<b>0.625</b>	0.899	0.513	0.756	<b>0.708</b>	0.990	0.793	0.807
ECC	0.544	0.867	0.401	0.772	0.643	<b>1.000</b>	0.738	0.823
BR	0.546	0.863	0.441	0.793	0.643	<b>1.000</b>	0.726	0.823
RAKEL	0.530	0.856	0.433	0.798	0.636	<b>1.000</b>	0.721	0.811
Coverage error (↓)								
CCN(h)	<b>0.172</b>	<b>0.065</b>	<b>0.734</b>	<b>0.315</b>	<b>0.217</b>	0.016	<b>0.187</b>	<b>0.035</b>
CAMEL	0.202	0.083	0.791	0.372	0.256	0.010	0.201	0.036
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RAKEL	0.221	0.085	0.791	0.317	0.294	<b>0.009</b>	0.250	0.049
Hamming loss (↓)								
CCN(h)	<b>0.054</b>	<b>0.023</b>	<b>0.136</b>	<b>0.197</b>	<b>0.046</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.172</b>	<b>0.013</b>
CAMEL	0.055	<b>0.023</b>	0.138	0.265	0.047	0.003	0.174	0.024
ECC	0.081	0.031	0.172	0.245	0.055	<b>0.001</b>	0.218	0.019
BR	0.079	0.032	0.162	0.229	0.054	<b>0.001</b>	0.232	0.019
RAKEL	0.082	0.034	0.165	0.223	0.055	<b>0.001</b>	0.225	0.019
Multi-label accuracy (↑)								
CCN(h)	<b>0.238</b>	0.601	0.203	<b>0.534</b>	<b>0.395</b>	0.986	<b>0.488</b>	<b>0.589</b>
CAMEL	0.218	<b>0.609</b>	0.210	0.354	0.381	0.943	0.456	0.284
ECC	0.217	0.548	0.220	0.446	0.361	<b>0.992</b>	0.387	0.481
BR	0.217	0.538	0.221	0.465	0.365	<b>0.992</b>	0.369	0.477
RAKEL	0.215	0.527	<b>0.222</b>	0.485	0.361	<b>0.992</b>	0.376	0.481
One-error (↓)								
CCN(h)	0.475	0.093	<b>0.113</b>	<b>0.273</b>	0.235	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.296</b>	<b>0.181</b>
CAMEL	<b>0.460</b>	<b>0.090</b>	0.133	0.381	<b>0.223</b>	0.020	0.310	0.285
ECC	0.568	0.137	0.378	0.332	0.309	<b>0.000</b>	0.392	0.251
BR	0.567	0.147	0.232	0.292	0.299	<b>0.000</b>	0.425	0.251
RAKEL	0.586	0.159	0.232	0.292	0.304	<b>0.000</b>	0.430	0.266
Ranking loss (↓)								
CCN(h)	<b>0.115</b>	<b>0.030</b>	<b>0.173</b>	<b>0.161</b>	<b>0.076</b>	0.003	<b>0.159</b>	<b>0.024</b>
CAMEL	0.136	0.040	0.189	0.237	0.086	<b>0.001</b>	0.177	0.026
ECC	0.158	0.046	0.257	0.193	0.107	<b>0.001</b>	0.231	0.033
BR	0.155	0.045	0.218	0.177	0.108	<b>0.001</b>	0.234	0.032
RAKEL	0.159	0.044	0.220	0.169	0.112	<b>0.001</b>	0.242	0.037

Model	Rcv1S1	Rcv1S2	Rcv1S3	Rcv1S4	Rcv1S5	SCIENCE	SCENE	YEAST
Average precision (↑)								
CCN(h)	<b>0.642</b>	<b>0.666</b>	<b>0.647</b>	<b>0.675</b>	0.560	0.603	<b>0.868</b>	<b>0.768</b>
CAMEL	0.622	0.647	0.636	0.654	<b>0.564</b>	<b>0.614</b>	0.824	0.766
ECC	0.549	0.575	0.585	0.609	0.529	0.502	0.794	0.724
BR	0.536	0.563	0.572	0.600	0.524	0.500	0.781	0.743
RAKEL	0.532	0.556	0.562	0.589	0.508	0.493	0.794	0.732
Coverage error (↓)								
CCN(h)	<b>0.092</b>	<b>0.089</b>	<b>0.103</b>	<b>0.080</b>	<b>0.107</b>	<b>0.131</b>	<b>0.077</b>	<b>0.452</b>
CAMEL	0.131	0.115	0.123	0.103	0.130	0.162	0.106	0.457
ECC	0.185	0.166	0.167	0.169	0.196	0.225	0.127	0.495
BR	0.194	0.181	0.178	0.184	0.210	0.227	0.128	0.476
RAKEL	0.201	0.180	0.185	0.195	0.209	0.225	0.123	0.481
Hamming loss (↓)								
CCN(h)	<b>0.026</b>	<b>0.022</b>	<b>0.024</b>	<b>0.019</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.031</b>	<b>0.092</b>	<b>0.196</b>
CAMEL	0.027	<b>0.022</b>	<b>0.024</b>	0.021	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.031</b>	0.109	<b>0.196</b>
ECC	0.031	0.027	0.028	0.026	0.030	0.049	0.131	0.221
BR	0.032	0.028	0.029	0.027	0.031	0.051	0.151	0.214
RAKEL	0.033	0.029	0.030	0.027	0.031	0.051	0.130	0.225
Multi-label accuracy (↑)								
CCN(h)	<b>0.296</b>	<b>0.310</b>	<b>0.303</b>	<b>0.324</b>	<b>0.275</b>	<b>0.255</b>	<b>0.607</b>	<b>0.480</b>
CAMEL	0.204	0.222	0.210	0.257	0.223	0.217	0.528	<b>0.480</b>
ECC	0.264	0.277	0.273	0.297	0.269	0.209	0.478	0.443
BR	0.263	0.279	0.275	0.289	0.263	0.200	0.438	0.456
RAKEL	0.263	0.272	0.268	0.290	0.258	0.201	0.481	0.445
One-error (↓)								
CCN(h)	<b>0.413</b>	<b>0.389</b>	<b>0.405</b>	<b>0.379</b>	<b>0.402</b>	0.494	<b>0.224</b>	0.234
CAMEL	<b>0.413</b>	0.397	0.413	0.399	0.414	<b>0.472</b>	0.287	<b>0.231</b>
ECC	0.477	0.462	0.453	0.436	0.451	0.603	0.319	0.300
BR	0.492	0.474	0.466	0.435	0.466	0.605	0.358	0.259
RAKEL	0.488	0.481	0.471	0.439	0.474	0.606	0.329	0.270
Ranking loss (↓)								
CCN(h)	<b>0.036</b>	<b>0.035</b>	<b>0.046</b>	<b>0.035</b>	<b>0.046</b>	<b>0.094</b>	<b>0.073</b>	<b>0.172</b>
CAMEL	0.051	0.048	0.050	0.046	0.054	0.117	0.101	0.173
ECC	0.086	0.078	0.078	0.086	0.093	0.176	0.103	0.208
BR	0.091	0.088	0.085	0.097	0.101	0.177	0.131	0.190
RAKEL	0.093	0.088	0.089	0.103	0.102	0.180	0.127	0.200

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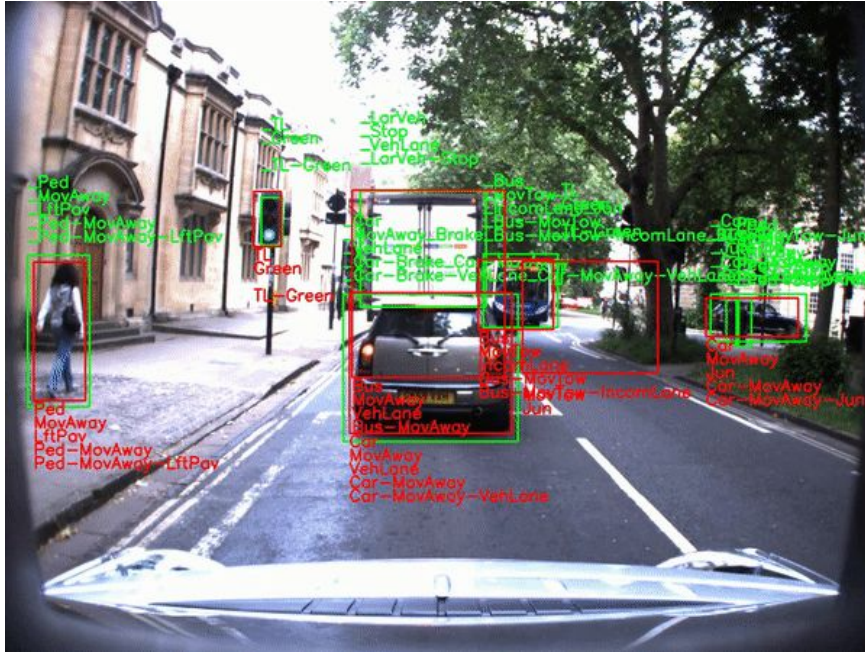
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# Application Domain: Self-driving Cars

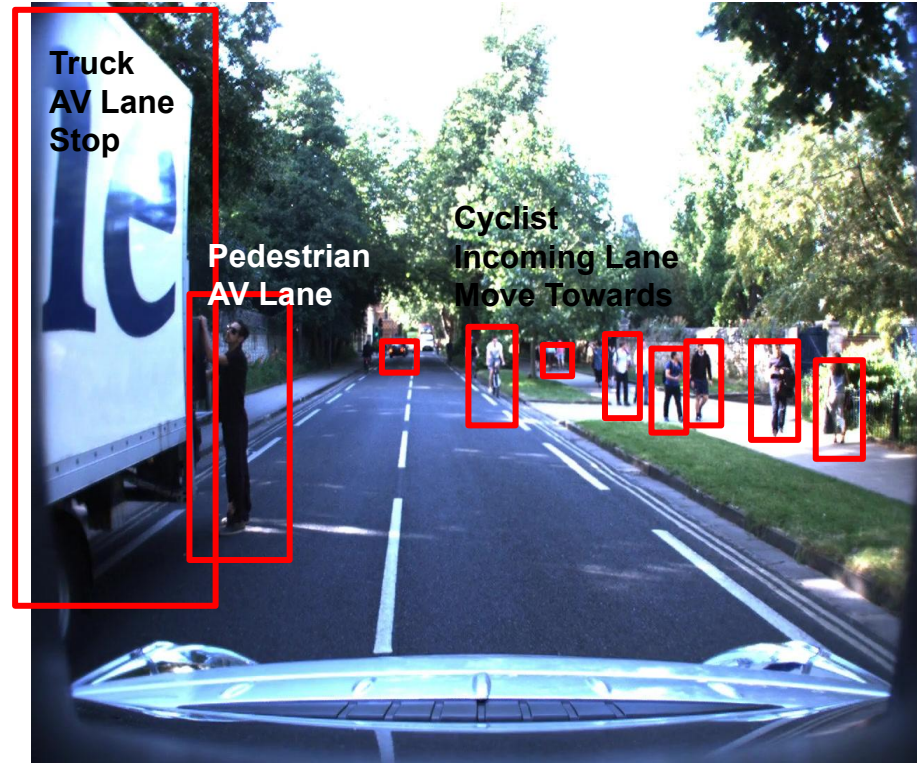


ROAD [5]: multi-label classification dataset for autonomous driving

# Dataset Annotations



# Dataset Annotations



# ROAD-R: Our Annotations

We annotated ROAD with 243 logical requirements on the output space expressed as propositional logic rules

**The requirements define the space of the admissible outputs**

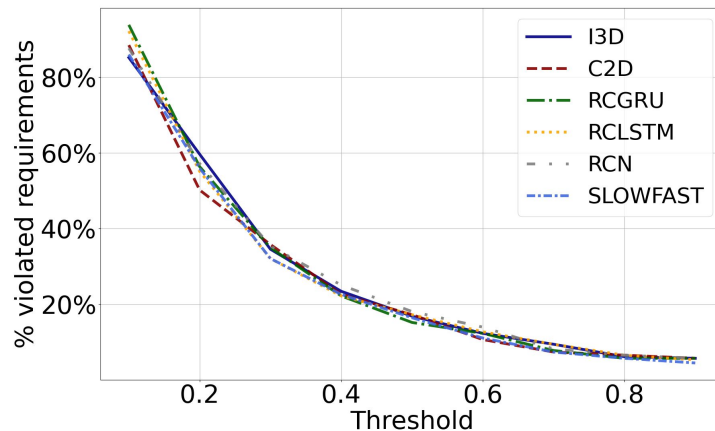
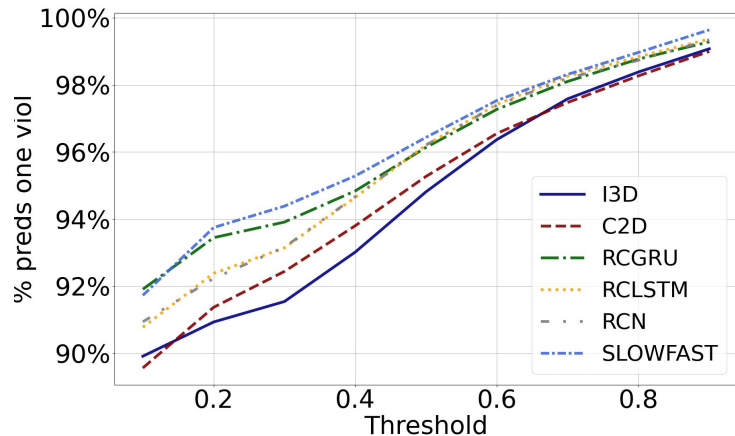
*Some examples of constraints:*

- *A traffic light cannot be red and green at the same time*
- *An agent cannot move away and towards you at the same time*
- *An agent is either on the right pavement or on the left pavement*

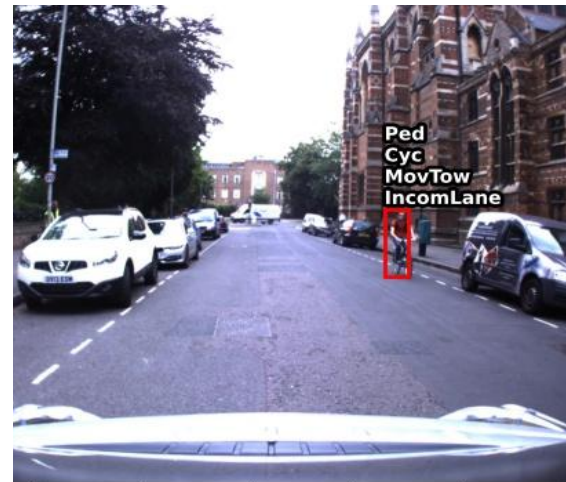


# Quantitative Results

Neural networks very often violate even such simple requirements



# Qualitative Results



# Available Baselines

- Incorporate the constraints during the training phase in the loss

Pros: neural network can learn from the constraints

Cons: no guarantee that the constraints will be satisfied

- Include the post-processing at inference time

Pros: the constraints are guaranteed to be satisfied

Cons: the neural network is “unaware” of the post-processing step

# Neuro-symbolic Baseline vs Standard NN

Comparison of the performance in terms of *frame mean average precision (f-mAP)* between the standard models and the same models trained with the requirements loss and with post-processing

Model	Standard Models	Neuro-symbolic Baseline
C2D	27.57	<b>28.16</b>
I3D	30.12	<b>31.21</b>
RCGRU	30.78	<b>31.81</b>
RCLSTM	30.49	<b>31.65</b>
RCN	29.64	<b>31.02</b>
SlowFast	28.79	<b>28.98</b>

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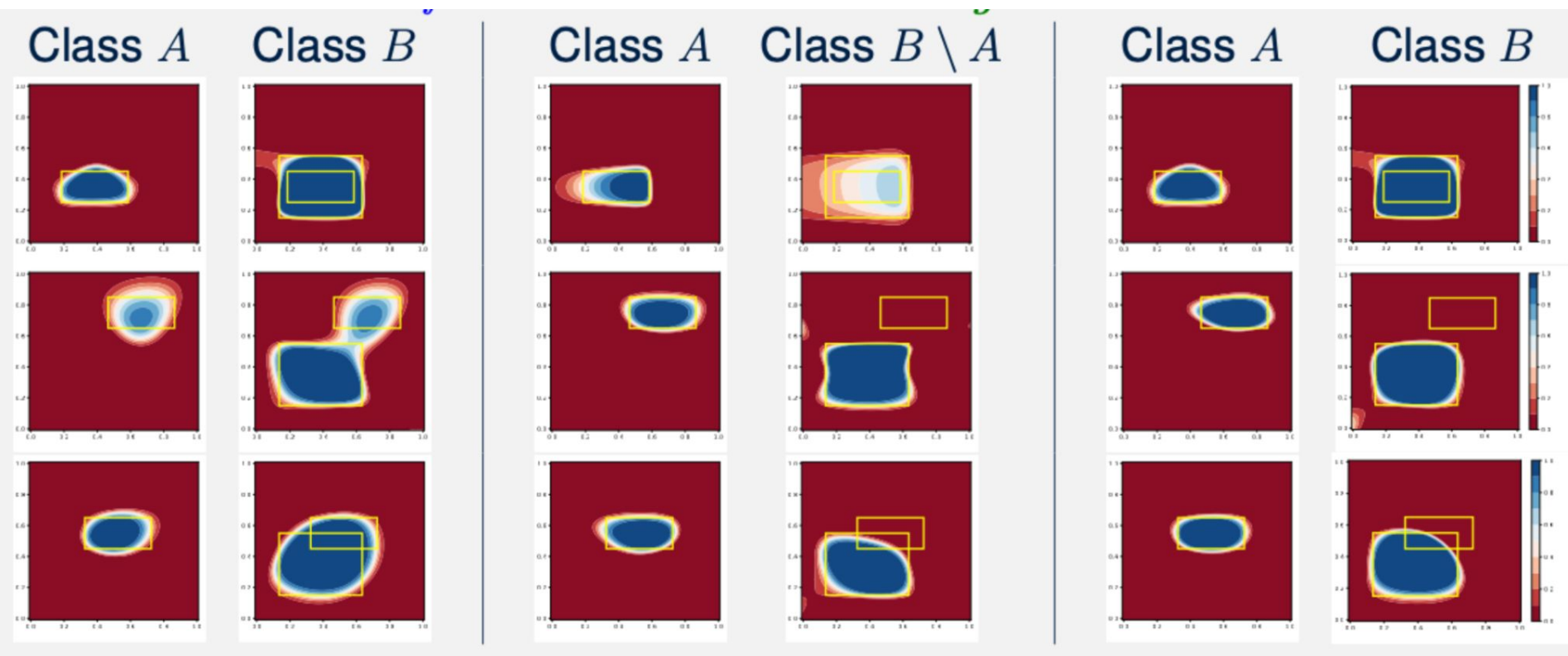
# Open Questions

- How can we integrate even more expressive constraints?
- Is it possible to seemingly integrate hard and soft constraints?
- Can we integrate not only constraints over the output space, but also input/output constraints?
- Can we extend this approach to other problem types (e.g., binary classification, regression etc.)?

# Thank you! Questions?



# Other synthetic experiments





# Dependency graph

The dependency graph  $G_{\Pi}$  of  $\Pi$  is the directed graph having the set of labels as nodes and with, for each constraint  $r \in \Pi$ ,

1. a positive edge from each class in  $body^+(r)$  to  $head(r)$ ,
2. a negative edge from each class  $A$  such that  $\neg A \in body^-(r)$  to  $head(r)$ .



# Stratification

A set of constraints  $\Pi$  is stratified if there is a partition  $\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_s$  of  $\Pi$ , with  $\Pi_1$  possibly empty, such that, for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, s\}$

- For every  $A \in \bigcup_{r \in \Pi_i} \text{body}^+(r)$ , all the constraints with head  $A$  in  $\Pi$  belong to  $\bigcup_{j=1}^i \Pi_j$
- For every  $A \in \bigcup_{r \in \Pi_i} \text{body}^-(r)$ , all the constraints with head  $A$  in  $\Pi$  belong to  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} \Pi_j$

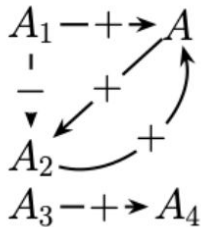
$\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_s$  is a stratification of  $\Pi$ , and each  $\Pi_i$  is a stratum.

# Supported Set of Classes

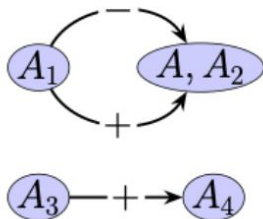
Let  $(\mathcal{P}, \Pi)$  be an LCMC problem. Let  $h$  be a model for  $\mathcal{P}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the set of classes predicted by  $h$ . A set of classes  $\mathcal{M}$  is supported relative to  $\Pi$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  if for any class  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ , or there exists a constraint  $\Pi$  such that  $h(r) = A$   $body^+(r) \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ , and for each  $B \in body^-(r)$   $B \notin \mathcal{M}$ .

# Dependency graph

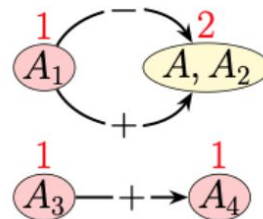
$$\Pi = \{A_1 \rightarrow A; A_2 \rightarrow A; A, \neg A_1 \rightarrow A_2; A_3 \rightarrow A_4\}$$



(a)  $G_\Pi$



(b) DAGs from step 1



(c) Numbers from step 2

$$\mathcal{A}_1 = \{A_1, A_3, A_4\}, \mathcal{A}_2 = \{A, A_2\}$$

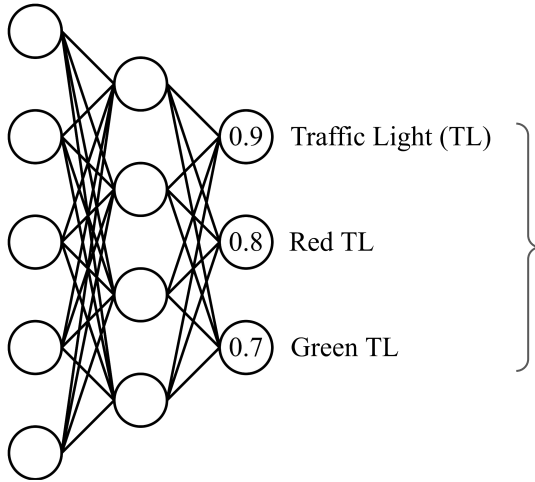
$$\Pi_1 = \{A_3 \rightarrow A_4\} \quad \Pi_2 = \Pi \setminus \Pi_1$$

# T-norms

Operation	Minimum/Godel	Product	Lukasiewicz
$\neg x$	$1 - x$	$1 - x$	$1 - x$
$x \wedge y$	$\min(x, y)$	$x \cdot y$	$\max(0, x + y - 1)$
$x \vee y$	$\max(x, y)$	$x + y - x \cdot y$	$\min(1, x + y)$
$x \Rightarrow y$	$x < y ? 1 : y$	$\min(1, \frac{y}{x})$	$x < y ? 1 : 1 - (x - y)$

# Inference time: Post-processing step

The problem of finding the *optimal correction* of a prediction can be formulated as a weighted partial maximum satisfiability (PMaxSat) problem. **How?**



Prediction:  
 $\{TL, GreenTL, RedTL\}$

$GreenTL \rightarrow TL$   
 $RedTL \rightarrow TL$   
 $GreenTL \rightarrow \neg RedTL$

$$cost = \sum_i c_i$$

**PMaxSat formulation:**

Hard clauses:

$$\neg GreenTL \vee TL$$

$$\neg RedTL \vee TL$$

$$\neg GreenTL \vee \neg RedTL$$

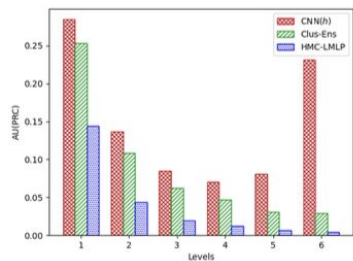
Soft Clauses:

$$c_1 TL$$

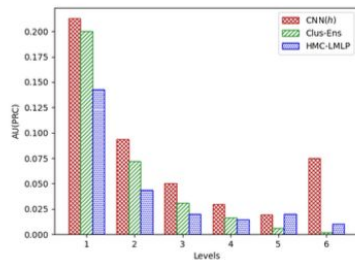
$$c_2 RedTL$$

$$c_3 GreenTL$$

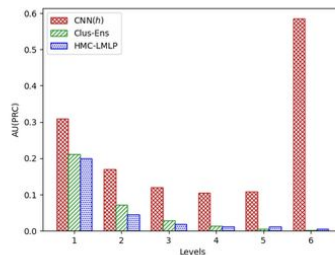
# CCN Performance by Level



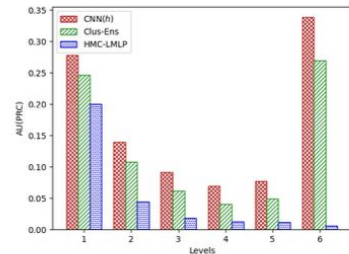
(a) CELLCYCLE FUN



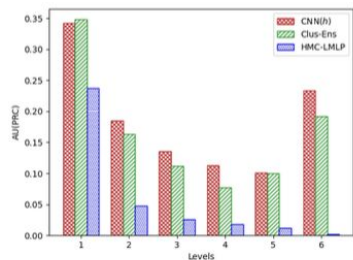
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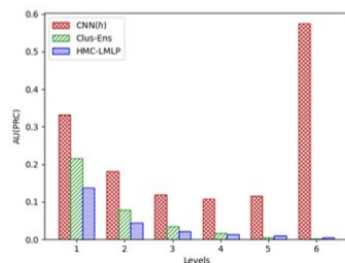
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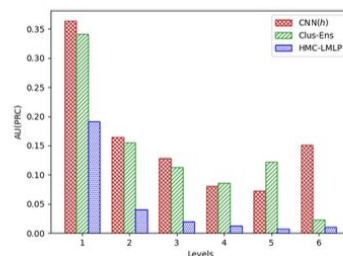
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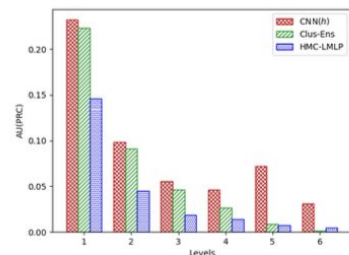
(e) EISEN FUN



(f) EXPR FUN



(g) SEQ FUN



(h) SPO FUN

# How can we avoid “meaningless” mistakes?



Requirements specification is a key step in standard software development

→ Machine learning models development requires the same step