Constructing Markov Logic Networks from First-Order Default Rules

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Introduction

 Expert knowledge can often be represented using default rules of the form "if A then typically B".

• Example (Penguins):

- "Birds typically fly" If X is a bird then X typically flies.
- "Antarctic birds typically do not fly" If X is an antarctic bird then X typically does not fly.
- We show how to construct Markov logic networks from rules of this type.

Preliminaries

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Markov Logic Networks

[Richardson and Domingos, 2006]

A set of rules (F_i, w_i) and a universe —> prob. distribution

$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(\sum_{(F_i, w_i) \in \mathcal{M}} w_i n_{F_i}(x)\right)$$



[Richardson and Domingos, 2006]

 $(friends(A, B) \Rightarrow (smokes(A) \Leftrightarrow smokes(B)), 1)$

 $(smokes(A) \Rightarrow cancer(A), 1)$



(Preliminaries) MAP Inference

[Richardson and Domingos, 2006]

- Given an MLN M and evidence E, find a possible world x which maximises P(X=x) i.e. a most probable world of (M,E)
- MAP-entailment relation [Dupin de Saint-Cyr et al., 1994] $(\mathcal{M}, E) \vdash_{MAP} \alpha \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall \omega \in \max(\mathcal{M}, E) : \omega \models \alpha$
- Example:

 $(\mathcal{M}, \{smokes(alice), \neg smokes(bob)\}) \vdash_{MAP} \neg friends(alice, bob)$

(Preliminaries) Default Rules and System P [Kraus et al., 1990]

• Rules of the form:

if α then typically β (written $\alpha \succ \beta$)

• Example:

 $bird(X) \sim flies(X)$ $bird(X) \wedge antarctic(X) \sim \neg flies(X)$



From evidence *bird(tweety)*, we should be able to derive *flies(tweety)*, but if *antarctic(tweety)* is added we should withdraw flies(tweety).



System P and Rational Monotony

• Axioms of System P

[Kraus et al., 1990]

Reflexivity	$\alpha \sim \alpha$
Left logical equivalence	If $\alpha \equiv \alpha'$ and $\alpha \triangleright \beta$ then $\alpha' \triangleright \beta$
Right weakening	If $\beta \models \beta'$ and $\alpha \triangleright \beta$ then $\alpha \triangleright \beta'$
Or	If $\alpha \triangleright \gamma$ and $\beta \triangleright \gamma$ then $\alpha \lor \beta \triangleright \gamma$
Cautious monotonicity	If $\alpha \triangleright \beta$ and $\alpha \triangleright \gamma$ then $\alpha \land \beta \triangleright \gamma$
Cut	If $\alpha \wedge \beta \triangleright \gamma$ and $\alpha \triangleright \beta$ then $\alpha \triangleright \gamma$

• The following rational monotonicity axiom is often added: If $\alpha \triangleright \beta$ and we cannot derive $\alpha \triangleright \neg \gamma$ then $\alpha \land \gamma \triangleright \beta$



System P and Rational Monotony (representation)

[Kraus et al., 1990]

• A set of defaults closed under axioms of System P and rational monotony corresponds to a linear ranking κ of possible worlds such that

 $\alpha \succ \beta \text{ iff } \max\{\kappa(\omega) : \omega \models \alpha \land \beta\} > \max\{\kappa(\omega) : \omega \models \alpha \land \neg \beta\}$

 The MAP-entailment relation also satisfies the axioms of System P and the rational monotony axiom.

(Preliminaries) Closures of Default Theories

• A non-exhaustive set of default rules under System P + rational monotony may be completed in many ways.

- Rational closure [Lehmann & Magidor, 92]
 rankings of possible worlds based on rules.
- Lexicographic closure [Lehmann, 95]
- Maximum-entropy closure [Goldzmidt, Morris, Pearl, 93]



Z-Ranking

 Rational closure and lexicographic closure are based on socalled Z-ranking of default rules.*

Partition $\Delta_1 \cup ... \cup \Delta_k$ of Δ , where each Δ_j contains all formulas $\alpha \mid \sim \beta$ from Δ for which the following set of classical formulas is consistent:

 $\{\alpha \land \beta\} \cup \{\neg \alpha_i \lor \beta_i \mid (\alpha_i \triangleright \beta_i) \in \Delta \setminus (\Delta_1 \cup \ldots \cup \Delta_{j-1})\}$

 $\begin{array}{c} bird(X) \succ flies(X) \\ bird(X) \wedge antarctic(X) \succ \neg flies(X) \\ hasFeather(X) \wedge laysEggs(X) \succ bird(X) \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} bird(X) \succ flies(X) \\ hasFeather(X) \wedge laysEggs(X) \succ bird(X) \\ \hline bird(X) \wedge antarctic(X) \succ \neg flies(X) \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \Delta_1 \\ hasFeather(X) \wedge laysEggs(X) \succ bird(X) \\ \hline bird(X) \wedge antarctic(X) \succ \neg flies(X) \\ \hline \Delta_2 \end{array}$

*For simplicity, we do not consider hard rules here, see the paper for the full version.



Rational and Lexicographic Closures

- Given: Z-ranking $\Delta_1 \cup ... \cup \Delta_k$
- Rational Closure:
 - Let *j* be the smallest index for which $\Delta^{rat}{}_{\alpha} = \Delta_j \cup ... \cup \Delta_k \cup \{\alpha\}$ is consistent. Then $\alpha \mid \sim \beta$ is in the **rational closure** of Δ if $\Delta^{rat}{}_{\alpha} \mid = \beta$.

• Lexicographic Closure:

- Let sat(ω , Δ_j) denote number of defaults from Δ_j satisfied by ω (as classical formulas).
- ω_1 is lex-preferred over an interpretation ω_2 , if there exists a *j* such that sat(ω_1, Δ_j) > sat(ω_2, Δ_j) while sat(ω_1, Δ_l) = sat(ω_2, Δ_l) for all i>j.
- The default α|~ β is in the lexicographic closure of Δ if β is satisfied in all the most lex-preferred models of α.

Encoding Non-ground Default Theories in MLNs

Rationale

- The ranking function κ may also be probability of possible worlds (*leads to MAP-entailment* as |~).
- Markov logic networks can represent any distribution on a finite set of possible worlds.

=> We can encode closures of default theories in MLNs

But can we do it efficiently? And will the MLNs be compact and intuitive? With non-ground theories? Yes! (this work)

Non-Ground Default Theories

- We view non-ground as templates for specifying ground default theories (*similar to MLNs*).
- Ground default rules are interpreted as MAP constraints.

Example:

 $bird(X) \sim flies(X)$ $bird(X) \wedge antarctic(X) \sim \neg flies(X)$

 $\{tweety, donald\}$





A MLN satisfying:

 $bird(tweety) \vdash_{MAP} flies(tweety)$ $bird(tweety) \land antarctic(tweety) \vdash_{MAP} \neg flies(tweety)$ $bird(donald) \vdash_{MAP} flies(donald)$ $bird(donald) \land antarctic(donald) \vdash_{MAP} \neg flies(donald)$

Models of Non-Ground Default Theories

Definition:

Let $\Delta \cup \Theta$ be a default theory where Δ is a set of default rules and Θ is a set of hard rules. A Markov logic network \mathcal{M} is a model of the default logic theory $\Delta \cup \Theta$ if the following holds:

- 1. $P[X = \omega] = 0$ whenever $\omega \not\models \Theta$,
- 2. for any default rule $\alpha \triangleright \beta \in \Delta$ and any grounding substitution θ of the unquantified (open) variables of $\alpha \triangleright \beta$, either $\{\alpha \theta\} \cup \Theta \vdash \bot$ or



Lifted Z-Ranking

• **Given:** a default theory Δ , universe U

• Procedure:

- 1. Group interchangeable constants.
- 2. Let $G = \{G_1, ..., G_k\}$ contain ground nonisomorphic representatives^{**} of rules in Δ (w.r.t. interchangeability of constants).
- 3. Let $L = \{L_1, ..., L_k\}$ contain variabilized variants of the rules from *G* (using typing to distinguish variables corresponding to non-interchangeable constants).

4. Find partition $\Delta_1 \cup \ldots \cup \Delta_k$ of L, where each Δ_j contains all formulas $L_i = \alpha \mid \sim \beta$ from L for which the following set of classical formulas $\{G_i\} \cup \{\neg \alpha_i \lor \beta_i : (\alpha_i \mid \sim \beta_i) \in L \setminus (L_1 \cup \ldots L_{j-1})\}$

has a Herbrand model with universe U.

*For simplicity, we do not consider hard rules here, see the paper for the full version. **This is related to shattering from lifted inference [Poole, 2003].

"Rational" MLNs

- Given: Lifted Z-ranking $\Delta_1 \cup ... \cup \Delta_k$
- Output:

$$\mathcal{M} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{k} \{ (\neg a_i \lor \neg \alpha \lor \beta, \infty) \colon \alpha \models \beta \in \Delta_i^* \} \cup \\ \cup \{ (a_i, 1) \} \cup \{ (\phi, \infty) \colon \phi \in \Theta \} \cup \{ (a_i \lor \neg a_{i-1}, \infty) \}$$

where a_i are auxiliary (ground) literals.

• If (Δ, Θ) is satisfiable then *M* is a Markov logic model of (Δ, Θ) .

(Corresponds to reasoning in possibilistic logic.)

"Lexicographic" MLNs

- **Given:** Lifted Z-ranking $\Delta_1 \cup \ldots \cup \Delta_k$, universe U
- Output:

$$\begin{split} & \bigcup_{i=1}^{k} \{ (\neg \alpha \lor \beta, \lambda_i) \colon \alpha \triangleright \beta \in \Delta_i \} \cup \{ (\phi, \infty) \colon \phi \in \Theta \} \\ & \text{where} \quad \lambda_i = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sum_{\alpha \models \beta \in \Delta_j^*} |\mathcal{U}|^{vars(\alpha \models \beta)} \cdot \lambda_j \text{ for } i > 1 \\ & \text{and } \lambda_1 = 1. \end{split}$$

• If (Δ, Θ) is satisfiable then *M* is a Markov logic model of (Δ, Θ) .

Example

 $bird(X) \land (X \neq tweety) \succ flies(X),$ $bird(X) \land antarctic(X) \succ \neg flies(X)$ $bird(X) \land antarctic(X) \land (X \neq Y) \land sameSpecies(X, Y) \succ antarctic(Y)$

$$\mathcal{U} = \{ tweety, donald, beeper \}$$

 $\begin{aligned} \phi_1 = (\neg bird(\tau_{tweety} : X) \lor \neg antarctic(\tau_{tweety} : X) \lor \neg flies(\tau_{tweety} : X), 1) \\ \phi_2 = (\neg bird(X) \lor \neg (X \neq \tau_{tweety} : tweety) \lor flies(Y), 1) \\ \phi_3 = (\neg bird(\tau_{beeper} : X) \lor \neg antarctic(\tau_{beeper} : X) \lor \neg flies(\tau_{beeper} : X), 7) \\ \phi_4 = (\neg bird(X) \lor \neg sameSpecies(X, Y) \lor \neg (X \neq Y) \lor \neg antarctic(X) \lor antarctic(Y), 7) \end{aligned}$

"Max-Entropy" MLNs

- Based on a ranking which refines Z-ranking.
- Computationally more expensive than rational and lexicographic transformations, because it requires running MAP-inference to get the ranking.
- (Covered in the paper in detail.)

Experiments

- UW-CSE, prediction of *advisedBy* relation
- A hand-crafted set of default rules:
 - $D_1: \vdash \neg advisedBy(S, P)$
 - $D_2: advisedBy(S, P_1) \sim \neg tempAdvisedBy(S, P_2)$
 - $D_3: advisedBy(S, P) \land publication(Pub, S) \succ publication(Pub, P)$
 - $D_4: (P_1 \neq P_2) \land advisedBy(S, P_1) \sim \neg advisedBy(S, P_2)$
 - $D_5: advisedBy(S, P) \land ta(C, S, T) \succ taughtBy(C, P, T)$
 - $D_{6}: professor(P) \land student(S) \land publication(Pub, P) \land publication(Pub, S) \\ \sim advisedBy(S, P)$

 - $D_8: \quad (S_1 \neq S_2) \land advisedBy(S_2, P) \land ta(C, S_2, T) \land ta(C, S_1, T) \land taughtBy(C, P, T) \land student(S_1) \land professor(P) \sim advisedBy(S_1, P)$
 - $D_{9}: (S_{1} \neq S_{2}) \land advisedBy(S_{2}, P) \land ta(C, S_{2}, T) \land ta(C, S_{1}, T) \land taughtBy(C, P, T) \land student(S_{1}) \land professor(P) \land tempAdvisedBy(S_{1}, P_{2}) \\ \sim \neg advisedBy(S_{1}, P)$

Experimental Results

	MaxEnt		\mathbf{LEX}		ONES		LEARNED	
	\mathbf{TP}	\mathbf{FP}	TP	\mathbf{FP}	TP	\mathbf{FP}	\mathbf{TP}	\mathbf{FP}
AI	10 ± 0	7 ± 0	10 ± 0	7 ± 0	8.6 ± 0.7	4.9 ± 0.9	10 ± 0	2 ± 0
GRA.	4 ± 0	5 ± 0	4 ± 0	5 ± 0	3.5 ± 0.7	3.9 ± 0.7	2 ± 0	2 ± 0
LAN.	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	2 ± 0	1 ± 0
SYS.	10.5 ± 0.5	3.5 ± 0.5	11 ± 0	3 ± 0	7.2 ± 1.1	2.4 ± 0.5	4 ± 0	0 ± 0
THE.	3 ± 0	3 ± 0	3 ± 0	3 ± 0	3 ± 0	1.7 ± 0.7	2 ± 0	1 ± 0

Table 1: Experimental results for MLNs obtained by the described methods.

Conclusions

- It is possible to construct MLNs capturing default reasoning with non-ground rules.
- The method is efficient and allows us to construct MLNs with meaningful "MAP-results" even if only expert rules and no training examples are available.
- Next step: Combine this with weight learning (default rules as constraints on MAP inference)

Thank You!