

# Hypothesis Formation

**Given** background knowledge  $B$  and positive examples  $E^+ = e_1 \wedge e_2 \dots$ , negative examples  $E^-$  ILP systems are concerned with finding a hypothesis  $H = D_1 \wedge \dots$  that satisfies (note:  $\cup$  and  $\wedge$  used interchangeably)

**Posterior Sufficiency.**  $B \wedge H \models E^+$  and  
 $B \wedge D_j \models e_1 \vee e_2 \vee \dots$

**Posterior Satisfiability.**  $B \wedge H \wedge E^- \not\models \square$

**Recall** that if more than one  $H$  satisfies this, the one with highest posterior probability is chosen

**The**  $D_i$  can be found by examining clauses that “relatively subsume” at least one example

# Single Example, Single Hypothesis Clause

What does it mean for clause  $D$  to “relatively subsume” example  $e$

- Normal subsumption:  $D \succeq e$  means  $\exists \theta$  s.t.  $D\theta \subseteq e$ . This also means  $D\theta \models e$  or  $\models (e \leftarrow D\theta)$

$e$  :  $gfather(henry, john) \leftarrow$   
 $B$  :  $father(henry, jane) \leftarrow$   
 $father(henry, joe) \leftarrow$   
 $parent(jane, john) \leftarrow$   
 $parent(joe, robert) \leftarrow$   
 $D$  :  $gfather(X, Y) \leftarrow father(X, Z), parent(Z, Y)$

- Note that for this  $B, D, e$  with  $\theta = \{X/henry, Y/john, Z/jane\}$ ,  $B \cup \{D\theta\} \models e$
- That is:  $D \succeq_B e$  means  $B \models (e \leftarrow D\theta)$  Clearly if  $B = \emptyset$  normal subsumption between clauses results.

- Using the Deduction Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
 B \models (e \leftarrow D\theta) &\equiv B \cup \{D\theta\} \models e \\
 &\equiv B \cup \bar{e} \models \overline{D\theta} \\
 &\equiv \{D\theta\} \models \overline{B \cup \bar{e}} \\
 &\equiv \models (\overline{B \cup \bar{e}} \leftarrow D\theta)
 \end{aligned}$$

- That is,  $D \succeq_B e$  means  $D \succeq \overline{B \cup \bar{e}}$
- Recall that if  $C_1 \succeq C_2$  then  $C_1 \models C_2$ . In fact, if  $C_{1,2}$  are not self-recursive, then  $C_1 \succeq C_2 \equiv C_1 \models C_2$
- Let  $a_1 \wedge a_2 \dots$  be the ground literals true in all models of  $B \cup \bar{e}$ . Then

$$\frac{B \cup \bar{e} \models a_1 \wedge a_2 \dots}{a_1 \wedge a_2 \wedge \dots \models \overline{B \cup \bar{e}}}$$

- Let  $\perp(B, e) = \overline{a_1 \wedge a_2 \wedge \dots}$ .
- if  $D \succeq \perp(B, e)$  then  $D \models \perp(B, e)$  and therefore  $D \models \overline{\overline{B \cup \bar{e}}}$ .
- In fact, it can be shown that if  $D, e$  are not self-recursive and  $D \succeq \perp(B, e)$  then  $D \succeq \overline{B \cup \bar{e}}$  (that is,  $D \succeq_B e$ )

## A Sufficient Implementation (given $B, E$ )

1.  $h_0 = B, i = 0, E^+ = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$
2. repeat
  - (a) increment  $i$
  - (b) Obtain the most specific clause  $\perp(B, e_i)$
  - (c) Find the clause  $D_i$  that: subsumes  $\perp(B, e_i)$ ;  
and is consistent with the negative examples;
  - (d)  $h_i = h_{i-1} \cup \{D_i\}$
3. until  $i > n$
4. return  $h_n$

- $\perp(B, e_i)$  may be infinite
- May perform a lot of redundant computation ( $D_i \in h_{i-1}$ )
- Need not return in the hypothesis with maximum posterior probability

## A “Greedy” Implementation (given $B, E$ )

1.  $h_0 = B, E_0^+ = E^+, i = 0$
2. repeat
  - (a) increment  $i$
  - (b) Randomly choose a positive example  $e_i$  from  $E_{i-1}^+$
  - (c) Obtain the most specific clause  $\perp(B, e_i)$
  - (d) Find the clause  $D_i$  that: subsumes  $\perp(B, e_i)$ ; and is consistent with the negative examples; and maximises  $p(h_{i-1} \cup \{D_i\} | e_i^+ \cup E^-)$  where  $e_i^+$  are the examples in  $E^+$  made redundant by  $h_{i-1} \cup \{D_i\}$
  - (e)  $h_i = h_{i-1} \cup \{D_i\}$
  - (f)  $E_i^+ = E_{i-1}^+ \setminus e_i^+$
3. until  $E_i^+ = \emptyset$
4. return  $h_i$

- $\perp(B, e_i)$  may be infinite
- Need not return in the hypothesis with maximum posterior probability

## Finding $\perp$ : an example

**B:**

gfather(X,Y)  $\leftarrow$  father(X,Z), parent(Z,Y)  
father(henry,jane)  $\leftarrow$   
mother(jane,john)  $\leftarrow$   
mother(jane,alice)  $\leftarrow$

$e_i$ :

gfather(henry,john)  $\leftarrow$

Conjunction of ground atoms provable from  $B \cup \overline{e_i}$ :

$\neg$ parent(jane,john)  $\wedge$   
father(henry,jane)  $\wedge$   
mother(jane,john)  $\wedge$   
mother(jane,alice)  $\wedge$   
 $\neg$ gfather(henry,john)

$\perp(B, e_i)$ :

gfather(henry,john)  $\vee$  parent(jane,john)  $\leftarrow$   
father(henry,jane),  
mother(jane,john),  
mother(jane,alice)

$D_i$ :

parent(X,Y)  $\leftarrow$  mother(X,Y)



## Ways of obtaining a finite $\perp$ : depth-bounded mode language

Finding a clause  $D_i$  that subsumes  $\perp(B, e_i)$  is hampered by the fact that  $\perp(B, e_i)$  may be infinite!

**U**se constrained subset of definite clauses to construct finite most-specific clauses

### **M**ode declarations

*modeh(\*,gfather(+person,-person))*

*modeh(\*,parent(+person,-person))*

*modeb(\*,father(+person,-person))*

*modeb(\*,parent(+person,-person))*

*modeb(\*,mother(+person,-person))*

## Definite mode language

Let  $C : h \leftarrow b_1, \dots, b_n$  be a definite clause with an ordering over literals. Let  $M$  be a set of mode declarations.  $C$  is in the definite mode language  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  iff

1.  $h$  is the atom of a *modeh* declaration in  $M$  with every place-marker of *+type* and *-type* replaced with variables, and every place marker of *#type* replaced by a ground term.
2. Every atom  $b_i$  in body of  $C$  is an atom in a *modeb* declaration in  $M$  with  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\#$  places being replaced as above.
3. Every variable of *+type* in  $b_i$  is either of *+type* in  $h$  or of *-type* in a  $b_j$  ( $1 \leq j < i$ )

Given a set of mode declarations  $M$  it is always possible to decide if a clause  $C$  is in  $\mathcal{L}(M)$

**Depth of variables.** Let  $C$  be a definite clause,  $v$  be a variable in an atom in  $C$ , and  $U_v$  all other variables in body atoms of  $C$  that contain  $v$

$$d(v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v \text{ in head of } C \\ (\max_{u \in U_v} d(u)) + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$C : gfather(X, Y) \leftarrow father(X, Z), parent(Z, Y)$

Then  $d(X) = d(Y) = 0$ ,  $d(Z) = 1$

## **Depth bounded definite mode language**

Let  $C$  be a definite clause with an ordering over literals. Let  $M$  be a set of mode declarations.  $C$  is in the depth-bounded definite mode language  $\mathcal{L}_d(M)$  iff all variables in  $C$  have depth at most  $d$

The clause for  $gfather/2$  earlier is in  $\mathcal{L}_2(M)$

For every  $\perp(B, e_i)$  it is the case that

There is a  $\perp_d(B, e_i)$  in  $\mathcal{L}_d(M)$  s.t.  $\perp_d(B, e_i) \succeq \perp(B, e_i)$

$\perp_d(B, e_i)$  is finite

If  $C \succeq \perp_d(B, e_i)$  then  $C \succeq \perp(B, e_i)$

## Finding $\perp_i$ : an example

$\perp(B, e_i)$ :

gfather(henry, john)  $\vee$  parent(jane, john)  $\leftarrow$   
father(henry, jane),  
mother(jane, john),  
mother(jane, alice)

**modes:**

*modeh(\*, parent(+person, -person))*  
*modeb(\*, mother(+person, -person))*  
*modeb(\*, father(+person, -person))*

$\perp_0(B, e_i)$ :

parent(X, Y)  $\leftarrow$

$\perp_1(B, e_i)$ :

parent(X, Y)  $\leftarrow$   
mother(X, Y),  
mother(X, Z)

# Revised “Greedy” Implementation (given $B, E, d$ )



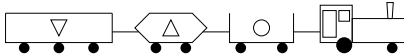

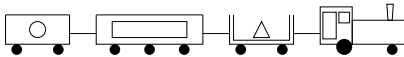
1.  $h_0 = B, E_0^+ = E^+, i = 0$
2. repeat
  - (a) increment  $i$
  - (b) Randomly choose a positive example  $e_i$  from  $E_{i-1}^+$
  - (c) Obtain the most specific clause  $\perp_d(B, e_i)$
  - (d) Find the clause  $D_i$  that: subsumes  $\perp(B, e_i)$ ; and is consistent with the negative examples; and maximises  $p(h_{i-1} \cup \{D_i\} | e_i^+ \cup E^-)$  where  $e_i^+$  are the examples in  $E^+$  made redundant by  $h_{i-1} \cup \{D_i\}$
  - (e)  $h_i = h_{i-1} \cup \{D_i\}$
  - (f)  $E_i^+ = E_{i-1}^+ \setminus e_i^+$
3. until  $E_i^+ = \emptyset$
4. return  $h_i$

- Need not return in the hypothesis with maximum posterior probability

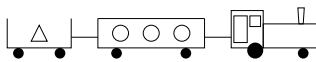
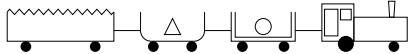



**Question.** How should the implementation be modified so that it returns the hypothesis with maximum posterior probability?

# An example: trainspotting

## 1. TRAINS GOING EAST

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

## 2. TRAINS GOING WEST

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 



## Trainspotting: Modes

```
:- modeh(1, eastbound(+train)).
:- modeb(1, short(+car)).
:- modeb(1, closed(+car)).
:- modeb(1, long(+car)).
:- modeb(1, open_car(+car)).
:- modeb(1, double(+car)).
:- modeb(1, jagged(+car)).
:- modeb(1, shape(+car, #shape)).
:- modeb(1, load(+car, #shape, #int)).
:- modeb(1, wheels(+car, #int)).
:- modeb(*, has_car(+train, -car)).
```

# Trainspotting: Examples & Background

## Positive

```
eastbound(east1).  
eastbound(east2).  
eastbound(east3).  
eastbound(east4).  
eastbound(east5).
```

## Negative

```
eastbound(west6).  
eastbound(west7).  
eastbound(west8).  
eastbound(west9).  
eastbound(west10).
```

```
% type definitions
```

```
car(car_11).  car(car_12).  ...  
car(car_21).  car(car_22).  ...  
...
```

```
shape(ellipse).  shape(hexagon).  ...  
...
```

```
% eastbound train 1
```

```
has_car(east1,car_11).  has_car(east1,car_12).  ...  
shape(car_11,rectangle).  shape(car_12,rectangle).  ...  
open_car(car_11).  closed(car_12).  
long(car_11).  short(car_12).  ...  
...
```

```
% westbound train 6
```

```
has_car(west6,car_61).  has_car(west6,car_62).  ...  
long(car_61).  short(car_62).  
shape(car_61,rectangle).  shape(car_62,rectangle).  
...
```

# Trainspotting: Search

```
eastbound(A) :-  
    has_car(A,B).
```

```
[5/5]
```

```
eastbound(A) :-  
    has_car(A,B), short(B).
```

```
[5/5]
```

```
eastbound(A) :-  
    has_car(A,B), open_car(B).
```

```
[5/5]
```

```
eastbound(A) :-  
    has_car(A,B), shape(B,rectangle).
```

```
[5/5]
```

```
...
```

```
[theory]
```

```
[Rule 1] [Pos cover = 5 Neg cover = 0]
```

```
eastbound(A) :-  
    has_car(A,B), short(B), closed(B).
```

```
[pos-neg] [5]
```