# Learning and Probabilistic Inference with Constraints and its Applications

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## Overview



• **Goal**: To enable machine learning models to perform learning and probabilistic inference under constraints

## Bayesian Deep Learning [arithmetic constraints]

- Goal: Marginalization over the weight space
  - to aggregate models with low loss

Loss Surface

Predictions and Uncertainty



$$egin{aligned} p(y \mid oldsymbol{x}) &= \int p(y \mid oldsymbol{x}, oldsymbol{w}) \, p(oldsymbol{w} \mid \mathcal{D}) \, doldsymbol{w} \ && \mathbb{E}_{p(y \mid oldsymbol{x})}[y] = \int y \, p(y \mid oldsymbol{x}) \, dy \end{aligned}$$

under constraints from ReLU:  $oldsymbol{x}\cdotoldsymbol{w}>0$ 

#### • **Solution**: efficiently and effectively by *Weighted Model Integration*

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## Gradient Estimator for k-Subset [discrete constraints]

• Goal: Modeling a distribution of k-subsets of elements  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z} \mid \sum z_i = k)$ 





Key Words ( <i>k</i> = 10)	Taste Score
a lite bodied beer with a pleasant taste. was like a reddish color. a little like wood and caramel with a hop finish. has a sort of fruity flavor like grapes or cherry that is sort of buried in there. mouth feel was lite, sort of bubbly. not hard to down, though a bit harder then one would expect given the taste.	0.7

• Solution:

SIMPLE that computes exact samples and exact derivatives



# Weakly Supervised Learning [discrete constraints]

• Goal: To train classifiers under weak supervisions



• **Solution**: To use *probability* of these *constraints on label counts* being satisfied as training objectives

Vinay Shukla, Zhe Zeng, Kareem Ahmed, Guy Van den Broeck. A Unified Approach to Count-Based Weakly-Supervised Learning.

# **Ongoing and Future Work**

- To build machine learning models
  - that can deal with complicated constraints
  - and deliver accurate and efficient inference
- Applications to various fields
  - computational chemistry: metal-organic frameworks
  - more .....



### • Thank you for your time!

#### • Q & A

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