

Advanced ^M Learning Classifier Systems

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Abstracted Rules e.g. 'if side guide setting < width, then poor quality product									
Abstraction checks for patterns in the base rules and crates and abstracted rules for each discovered pattern									
Base rules e.g. if side-guide-setting = 80, width = 82 then poor quality product if side-guide-setting = 79, width = 80 then poor quality product									
Î	Learning system								
Raw Data e.g. Features 'side-guide settir 78	ng', ' width' : 'product quality' 81 : poor								

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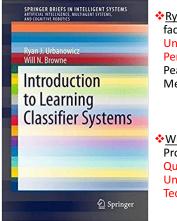
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Data-mining in a Steel Hot Strip Mill



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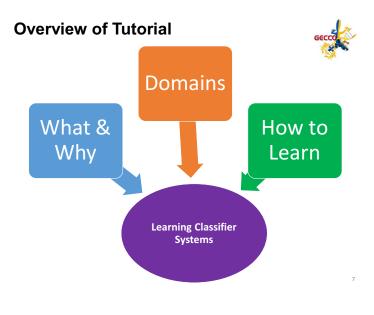
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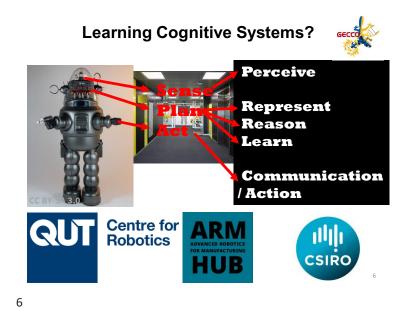


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- x Up-to-Date summary of all the excellent work in the field: IWLCS — 24th International Workshop on Learning Classifier Systems https://iwlcs.organic-computing.de

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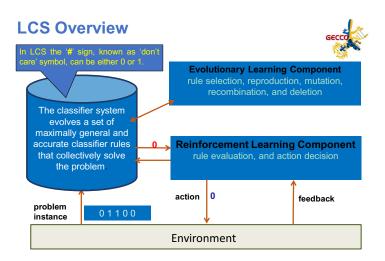


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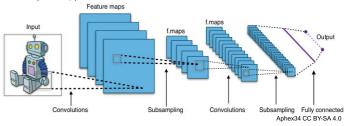
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Connectionist learning



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• While the very first AI systems were easily interpretable, the last years have witnessed the rise of **opaque** decision systems such as Deep Neural Networks (DNNs).



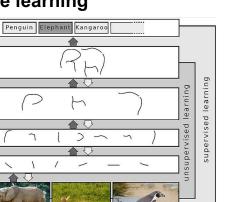
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LCSs are "Wondrous"



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- Learning Classifier Systems combine the global search of Evolutionary Algorithms with the local optimisation of Reinforcement Learning to address classification and regression problems.
- The knowledge extracted though interacting with data or embedded in an environment is human readable.
- 'Inventing' as LCS' flexible nature allows application to many domains with many types of feedback on solution progress.
- Bit 'swampy' as an LCS is not a one line algorithm with independent methods and few parameters.

Symbolic learning



Practical Application of a Learning Classifier System in a Steel Hot Strip Mill

- "NN might learn these rules, but not in transparent form.
- Transparency in the rule base is essential to allow operators, engineers and managers to validate and learn from the rules."



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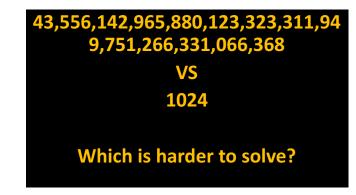


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135-Bit Multiplexer VS 10-Bit Majority-On





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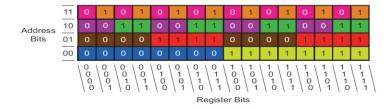
Representation: LCS spaces

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Example : Multiplexer

- Has six features and one action, binary coded [0, 1]
- Used in electronics for efficient input of data
- Samples include: 001000:1, 000111:1, 111111:1
- Given just the data samples can the relationship between Conditions and Acton be learned?



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Symbol generation in LCSs



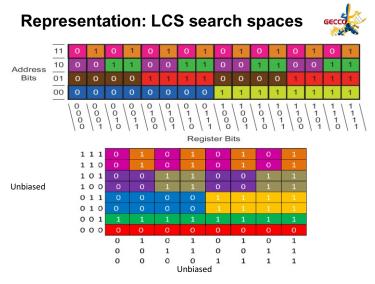
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• Rules:

If *<conditions* then *<action>* Conditions relate to the features in the problem domain Action relates to the target, e.g. class, movement of robot, ...

If < feature 1 is true, feature 2 is false, feature 3 is true> then <Class A> Rule- 101:A

If < f1 is true, f2 is true or false, f3 is false> then <Class B> Rule- 1#0:B



Representation: LCS spaces Sample space

		_																
		11	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	Address	10		0	1	1		0	1	1	0		1	1	0	0	1	1
	Bits	01	0				1	1	1	1				0	1	1	1	1
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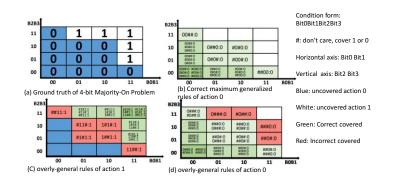
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Overly General Issue



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Overly Specific Issue



- Large number of overly specific plugs a population when evaluation.
- Basic Accuracy-based LCSs produced overly specific rules
- Addressed by the Subsumption method.

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Optimal solution(s)

Describes an ideal ruleset rather than the requirement of individual member rules; multiple [0]s exist;

Previous: [O] set

10##1#:1 10##0#:0 11###1:1 11###0:0 01#1##:1 01#0##:0 001###:1 000###:0 Completeness; Correctness; Minimality; Non-overlapping;



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Proposed: Natural Solution

Describes the member rules rather than the ruleset; A dataset only has one natural solution;

Consistent; Un-subsumable; Allow overlapping;

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Choice of Encoding for real numbers 44



Euclidean and Hamming distances alter search space

Integer	Binary	Gray	Enumerated
0	000	000	0000000
1 :1	001:1	001 :1	0000001 :1 Encoding :Hamming distance
2 :1	010:2	011 :1	0000011 :1
3 :1	011:1	010 :1	0000111 :1
4 :1	100:3	110 :1	0001111 :1
5 :1	101:1	111 :1	0011111 :1
6 :1	110:2	101 :1	0111111 :1
7 :1	111:1	100 :1	1111111 :1

How to encode the range: $0 \rightarrow 3$ and $0 \rightarrow 4$?

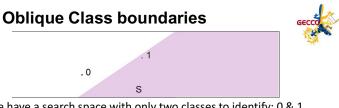
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Alternative representations

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Many other representations available

- Artificial neural networks
- Fuzzy logic/sets
- Horn clauses and logic
- S-expressions, GP-like trees and code fragments.
 - Is a LCS with S-expressions not just GP? NO!
 - How to tailor functions without introducing bias?
 - How to identify building blocks of Subexpressions?
 - When are two Subexpressions equivalent?
- Is trade-off between reduced problem search space to increased solution search space worth it?



We have a search space with only two classes to identify: 0 & 1It's real numbered so we decide to use bounds: e.g. $0 \le x \le 10$



We form Hypercubes / Hyperrectangles, but these are not often suited to oblique domains Imagine sine wave domains.....

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Symbolic Regression



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Name	Problem Equation	Tasky Cymrhalia Dagnasaian
Nguyen-01	$x^3 + x^2 + x$	Task: Symbolic Regression
Nguyen-03 Nguyen-04	$x^{5} + x^{4} + x^{3} + x^{2} + x x^{6} + x^{5} + x^{4} + x^{3} + x^{2} + x$	 Success if < 0.01 error
Nguyen-05 Nguyen-06	$\frac{\sin(x^2) * \cos(x) - 1}{\sin(x) + \sin(x + x^2)}$	
Nguyen-07 Nguyen-08	$\frac{\sin(x) + \sin(x + x)}{\ln(x + 1) + \ln(x^2 + 1)}$ $\frac{\sin(x) + \sin(x + x)}{\sin(x + 1)}$	 Solved if 'exact' function learnt
Nguyen-09	$sin(x) + sin(y^2)$	
Nguyen-10	2 * sin(x)cos(y)	
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sin((x1 + x1) + x1))) + x2)) * x1

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eXplainable AI (XAI)?

• The results of the solution can be understood by humans

Or

- Understandability humans can know how the model works
- Comprehensibility represent its learned knowledge in a human understandable fashion
- Interpretability to provide meaning
- Explainability interface between humans and AI
- **Transparency** if by itself it is understandable.



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DARPA - XAI



- Dramatic success in machine learning has led to a torrent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications.
- Continued advances promise to produce autonomous systems that will perceive, learn, decide, and act on their own.
- However, the effectiveness of these systems is limited by the machine's current inability to explain their decisions and actions to human users

https://www.darpa.mil/program/explainable-artificial-intelligence

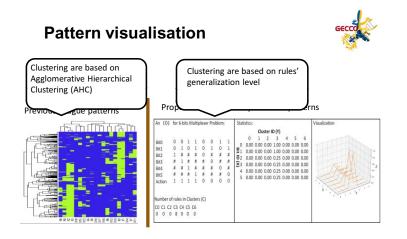
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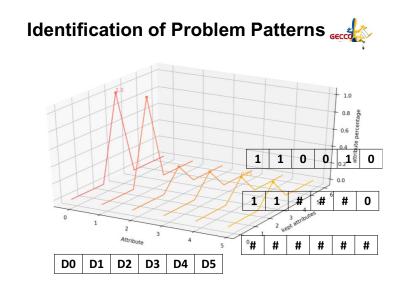
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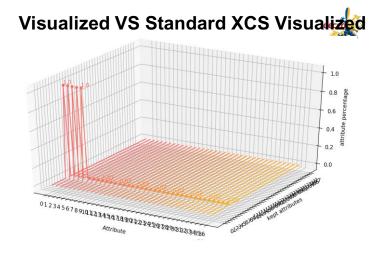
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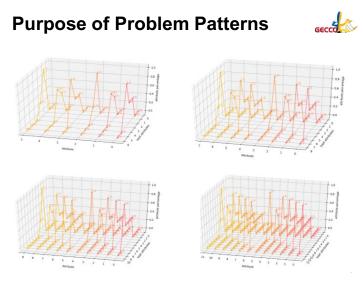
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Discovered size of optimal set in addressed n-bit domains

 $2^{\frac{N}{2}+1} + \sum_{K=1}^{K=\frac{N}{2}-2} * 2^{K}$

 $C_{N}^{\frac{N}{2}+1}+C_{N}^{\frac{N}{2}}$

 $2 * C_N^{\frac{N+1}{2}}$

 2^m

• Multiplexer:

• Majority-On (Even):

• Majority-On (Odd):

• Carry:

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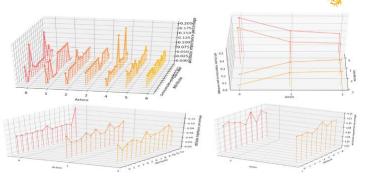
m: the number of address bits

N: the number of involved bits (N>4)

Majority-On is two different problems depending on N being even or odd!

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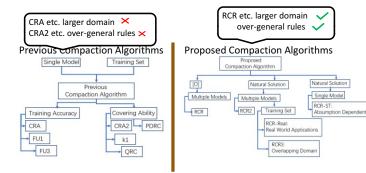
RCR Visualized Results (Real Domains)



From left to right first line: ZOO, IRIS, second line: Wine, WBCD

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Identify the Optimal Solution

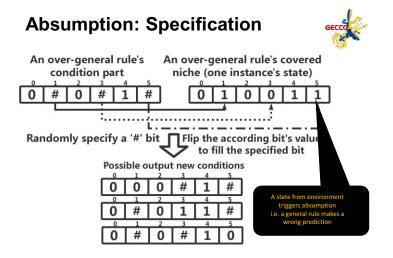






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Domain	CRA	FU1	FU3	CRA2	K1	QRC	PDRC	RCR	RCR2	RCR3
Zoo	0.58	0.52	0.95	0.92	0.19	0.94	0.92	0.98	0.98	0.93
Mushroom	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.34	1.0	0.99	1.0	1.0	0.99
German	0.63	0.65	0.63	0.63	0.57	0.67	0.63	0.71	0.71	0.64



Improve LCS: ASCS (Training Accuracy)

Domain	UCS (rules)	UCS (optimal)	ASCS (rules)	ASCS (optimal)			
20 MUX (32)	6786	99%	108	100%			
37 MUX (64)	7174	71%	320	100%			
70 MUX (128)	13488	30% ASCS	can directly produce	e complex model to			
10 Carry (78)	4954	56.0					
12 carry (158)	6978	26.2		e rules to construct			
14 carry (318)	8968	14.9 an op	timal solution				
12 Majority-On (1716)	8490	17%		100%			
13 Majority-On (3432)	8739	7%	~4	100%			
14 Majority-On (6435)	10747	3.6%	12870	100%			

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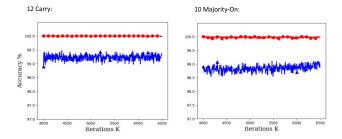
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Training Performance



Symbol generation & its transfer



- Modeling a capacity to generate and then reuse symbols and functionalities
 - Different problems in the same domain are likely to contain common patterns
 - Patterns in one domain are useful in related domains _
- XCSCFC [lqbal, Browne 2014]

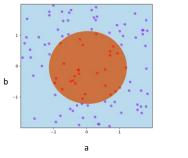


- Generate GP-like logics as a hierarchical combination of symbols from basic symbols
- Based on the XCS's powerful search capacity _

Representation: LCS search spaces

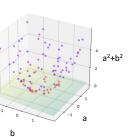
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Classifier: a2+b2 < 1, for class 'red'

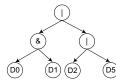
Code: ((a*a)+(b*b)) < 1 Code Fragment Rules: aa*bb*+1< : red aa*bb*+1>= : blue





- Reusable + Rich Alphabet
- Part solutions and solution parts
- Condition bits Independent number, location
- Action bits State machines, computed actions

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CF Leaf nodes: Features from the environment or other CF

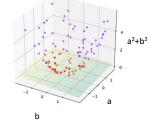
CF Root nodes: Originally predefined functions

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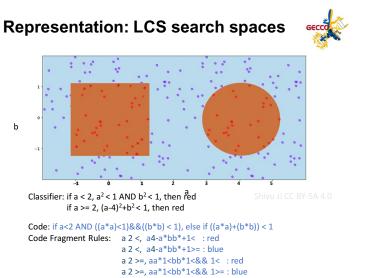


Classifier: a² < 1 AND b² < 1,

Code: ((a*a)<1)&&((b*b) < 1) Code Fragment Rules: aa*1<bb*1<&&1< : red aa*1<bb*1<&&1 >= : blue

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Code fragments



Rule-condition is a set of GP-like trees

		Condition			91 SO 1	Action	٦
D0D0~	D0D5d~	D1D4r~	D0D0~	D0D0~	D0D0~	0	1

Where features (D0, \dots , D5) are the leafs of the trees, functions at nodes

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Building blocks for knowledge



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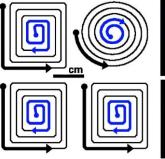
- Improvement of performance through experience
- Knowledge gained through experience
- EC is very good at searching, e.g. for building blocks but ...

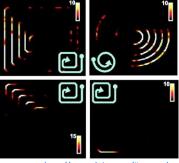


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Building block evidence – Doug Nitz

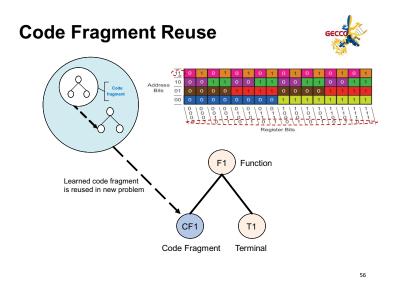




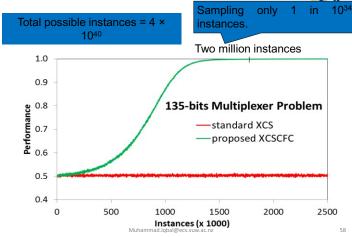


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XCS with Code-Fragment Conditions

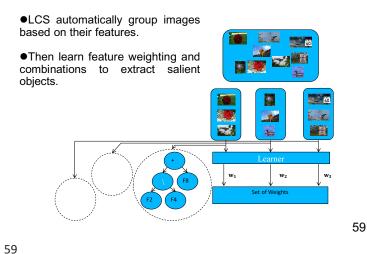


Reusing the Extracted Knowledge	
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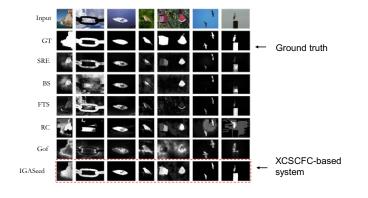
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	L1_0	D1 D0 D4 d r
Level 1	L1_1	D5 ~ D1 D0 & &
	L2_0	L1_15 D2 L1_4 r &
Level 2	L2_1	L1_5 D2 L1_11 D3 & r
	L3_0	L2_9 L1_7 D2 r
Level 3	L3_1	L1_10 L2_17 L2_1 L2_1 r &

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Salient object detection with XCSCFC







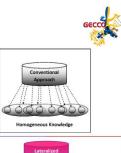
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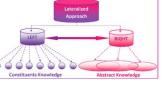
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Lateralized AI Approach

- Left half considers individual features and simple niches
- Right half creates abstract knowledge representation, i.e. high order features extracted across niches
- Input Signal Processing
- A new input signal is placed in the context of system knowledge
- Attention is given to the more salient parts of a signal

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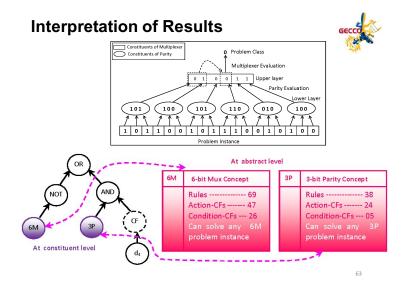


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Interpretation of Results



Is learning the *n*-th thing any easier than learning the first? Life-long learning, Thrun 1996

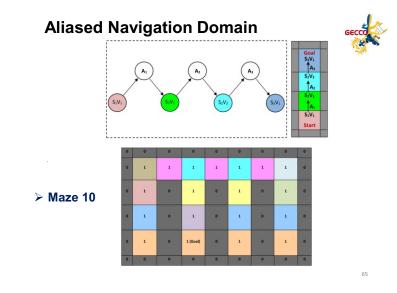
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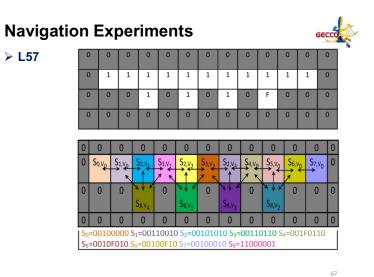
Almost, 7-bit parity is as easy as 2-bit parity if know 6-bit parity!

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Navigation Experiments

Problem Instances





Steps to Food

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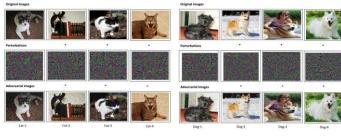
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Computer Vision Domain



Separating Cats from Dogs, even after Adversarial Attacks



https://www.kaggle.com/c/dogs-vs-cats

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Take-Homes of Tutorial:

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- What & Why
 - What are the important systems in the LCSs concept.
 - Why LCSs are important/useful,
- Domains of application
 - Requirements from different classification domains
 - eXplainable AI (XAI) using LCSs,
- How to Learn
 - Visualising learnt patterns
 - Combining blocks of knowledge
 - Constituent & holistic (lateralized) learning
 - Layered, continual and cognitive learning.

Interpretation of Results



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Lateralized System Cat

Image Name	Whole Image Prediction (DL Model)	Constituents Predictions (DL-Models)	Constituent Predictions (LCSs-Models)
Cat-1	33.05 % Cat	99% CM, 99% DM	87.61% CM, 12.39% DM

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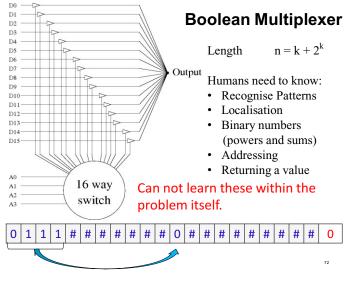
Layered Learning

- One unwieldy problem split into several steps
- Each step feeds into the next
- Educator Instructs using Threshold Concepts

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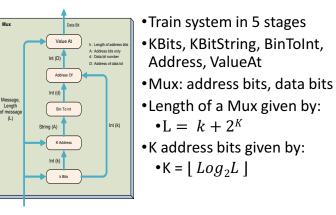
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Layered-learning in LCSs

Mux

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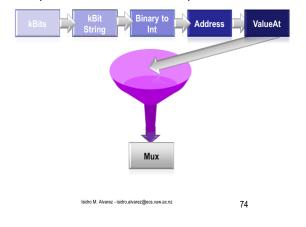
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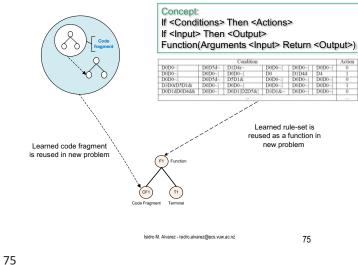
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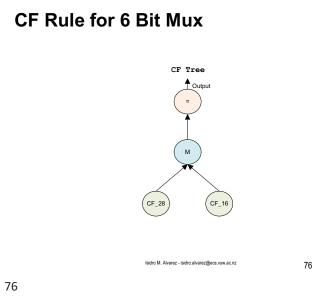
Training Path: Layered Learning

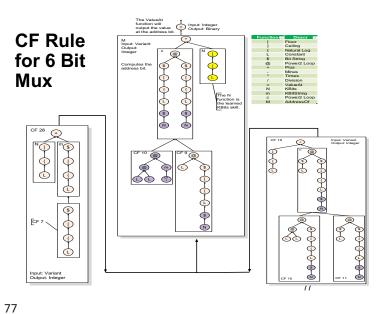
· Sub-problem solutions feed Mux problem

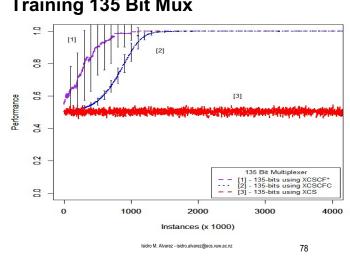


Rule-sets as Functions



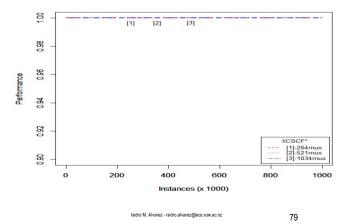


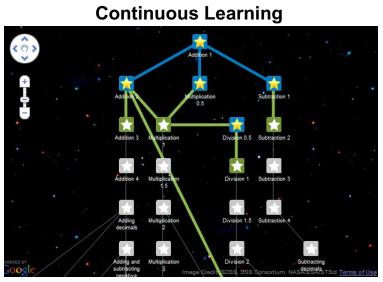




Training 135 Bit Mux

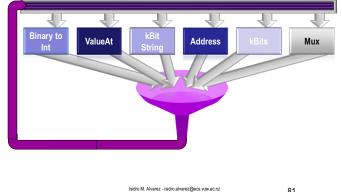






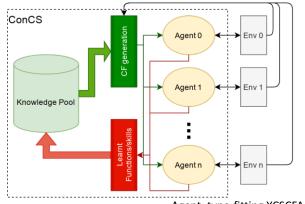
Transfer Learning

• All problem solutions could feed unsolved problems



Continual Learning Classifier System: ConCS





Agent: type-fitting XCSCFA

Solve problems concomitantly

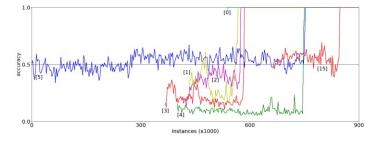


Id	Functions (abbreviations)	Inputs	Input types	Output type	Anticipated operation to be learnt
0	Address Length given Mux size	x_0	integer	integer	$\lfloor log_2(x_0) \rfloor$
1	Address Length given Mux bitstring	x_0	list	integer	$\lfloor log_2(len(x_0)) \rfloor$
2	Address Bits	x_0	list	list	$x_0[0 : \lfloor log_2(len(x_0)) \rfloor]$
3	Decimal value of Address Bits	x_0	list	integer	$bin2dec(x_0[0:\lfloor log_2(len(x_0)) \rfloor])$
4	Data Bit Position	x_0	list	integer	$\lfloor log_2(len(x_0)) \rfloor +$ $bin2dec(x_0[0 : \lfloor log_2(len(x_0)) \rfloor])$
5	General Multiplexer (mux)	x_0	list	Boolean	$x_0[\lfloor log_2(len(x_0)) \rfloor + bin2dec(x_0[0 : \lfloor log_2(len(x_0)) \rfloor)])$
6	Half String Size	x_0	list	integer	$len(x_0)/2$
7	First Half	x_0	list	list	$x_0[0:(len(x_0)/2)]$
8	Second Half	x_0	list	list	$x_0[(len(x_0)/2) : len(x_0)]$
9	Binary Addition of 2 halves	x_0	list	list	$x_0[0 : (len(x_0)/2)] \oplus$ $x_0[(len(x_0)/2) : l]$
10	Length of Binary Addition	x_0	list	integer	$len(x_0[0 : (len(x_0)/2)])$ $\oplus x_0[(len(x_0)/2) : l))$
11	General Carry-one (carr)	x_0	list	Boolean	$len(x_0[0 : (len(x_0)/2)] \oplus$ $x_0[(len(x_0)/2) : l]) > len(x_0)/2$
12	Sum Modulo 2	x_0	list	Boolean	$sum(x_{0})\%2$
13	General Even-parity (epar)	x_0	list	Boolean	$sum(x_0)\%2 = 0?$
14	General Majority-on (maj)	x_0	list	Boolean	$sum(x_0)>len(x_0)/2?$
15	Hierarchical Multiplexer	x_0	list	Boolean	$mux(loop(epar, x_0, 3))$

Solve problems concomitantly



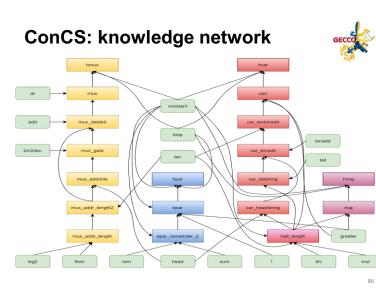
ConCS: learning curve on Hierarchical Multiplexer domain and its subproblems with random arrivals



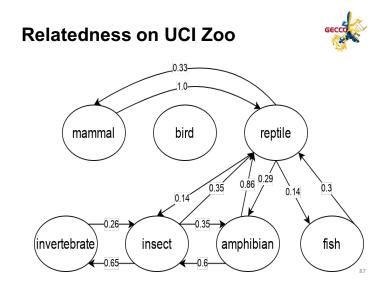
0-5: subproblems of Multiplexer; 15 Hierarchical Multiplexer

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Functions & Skills	Function Name	Learned Solutions
Address Length given Multiplexer size	mux.addr.length	$floor(log2(x_0))$
Address Length given MUX attributes	mux.addr.length2	$mux_addr_length(len(attlst))$
Address Bits	mux_addrbits	head(att1st, mux.addr.length2(att1st)
Decimal value of Address Bits	mux_gate	bin2dec(mux.addrbits(attlst))
Data Bit Position	mux_databit	add(mux.gate(attlst), mux.addr.length2(attlst))
Variable-size Multiplexer	mux	$@(attlst, mux_databit(attlst))$
Hierarchical Multiplexer	hpar	$mux(loop(epar, x_0, 3))$
Sum Modulo 2	epar_mod_2	mod(sum(attlst), 2)
Variable-size Even-parity	epar	$\neg(epar_mod_2(attlst))$ $greater(c(1), epar_mod_2(attlst))$ $greater(div(i, k), epar_mod_2(attlst))$ $(i \le k)$
Hierarchical Even-parity	hpar	$epar(loop(epar, x_0, 3))$ $epar(loop(epar, x_0, 1))$
Half String Size	half length	div(len(attlst), 2) mul(len(attlst), div(c(i), c(2i)))
First Half	car_headstring	head(attlst, half_length(attlst))
Second Half	car_tailstring	$tail(attlst, half_length(attlst))$
Binary Addition of two halves	car_binadd	binadd(car_headstring(attlst), car_tailstring(attlst)))
Length of Binary Sum	car_lenbinadd	len(car_binadd(attlst))
Variable-size Carry-one	carr	greater(car_lenbinadd(attlst), half_length(attlst))
Hierarchical Carry-one	hcar	$carr(loop(epar, x_0, 3))$
Variable-size Majority-on	maj	$greater(sum(x_0), half_length(attlst)$
Hierarchical Majority-on	hmaj	$maj(loop(epar, x_0, 3))$

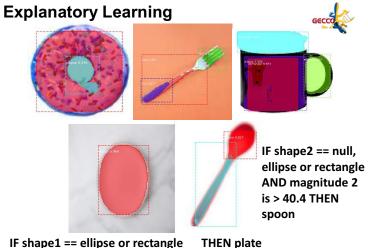


Summary of Advanced LCSs



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- eXplainable Al
 - Readable rules form a model, learned knowledge in CFs, can explain decisions, with time it is understandable.
- Exact, visualisable patterns
 - Interrogate meaning and scaling within large sample/solution space problems with interacting rules.
- Lateralized learning
 - Consider constituent and holistic knowledge at different levels of abstraction simultaneously.
- · Continual learning classifier systems
 - · Multitask learning while learning a curricula.
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IF shape1 == ellipse or rectangle I HEN plate IF shape2 == ellipse THEN plate

Explanatory Learning



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Getting there?



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"the results of computer induction should be symbolic descriptions of given entities, semantically and structurally similar to those a human expert might produce observing the same entities.

Components of these descriptions should be comprehensible as single 'chunks' of information, directly interpretable in natural language, and should relate quantitative and qualitative concepts in an integrated fashion"

 R. S. Michalski, A theory and methodology of inductive learning, in Machine learning, Springer, 1983, pp. 83–134

Cognitive System



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LCSs have a role as Cognitive Systems:

- Perceive problems
 Applicable to a wide range
- Represent, Reason, Learn Exceptionally flexible framework
- Communication / Action
- Transparent and reusable solutions

What's missing?

Memory to only consider relevant details of problems Epochs to allow for parallel cloud computing