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- **Default Rules:** express what is true in a majority of cases but not always. E.g., “by default birds fly, but there are exceptional ones that do not”.
`flies(X) :- bird(X), not ab0(X). ab0(X) :- penguin(X).`

Commonsense Reasoning: Event Calculus

Commonsense Reasoning (CR)

- Requires modelling:
 - Non-monotonicity.
 - Continuous characteristics of the world.
- Event Calculus (**EC**): formalism that represents continuous change and captures *law of inertia*.
- EC components:
 - Narrative** A description of the world we want to model. Assumes circumscription.
 - Axioms** A generic description of how the world behaves given a narrative.
- Implementing EC: logic + continuous domains.

Example:



A tap fills a vessel [37].

Commonsense Reasoning: Event Calculus (cont.)

Reasoning on EC:

- Deduction / proving in first order logic (+ circumscription).

Related Work

- Non-interactive theorem prover: likely won't always answer.
- **Prolog**: incomplete implementations [12; 30; 38].
- Answer Set Programming (**ASP**): logic programming paradigm.
 - Has been used to model (discrete) EC [23; 24].
- Classical (C)ASP systems require *grounding*:
 - Limited to variables ranging over discrete, finite domains.
- CASP proposals not applied (yet) to modeling EC:
 - ASPMT [22]: Action languages [17] + continuous time.
 - PDDL+ [6; 14]: Planning & Diagnosis.

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- Non-monotonic reasoning
 - Different scenarios/worlds (uncertainty). Vessel size `10` or `16`.
 - Abductive reasoning: events may happens or not. Sequence of events.

Foundations of Constraint ASP without Grounding

ASP + Constraints - Grounding = s(CASP)

- s(CASP) evaluates ASP programs with constraints:

- Follows a top-down execution strategy based on s(ASP) [Marple et al. 2017].
- Constructive negation, `not p(X)`, is resolved against the dual of `p(X)`.

```
1 p(0) :- s.
```

```
2 p(X) :- q(X,Y).
```

```
1 not p(X) :- not p1(X), not p2(X).
```

```
2 not p1(X) :- X\=0.
```

```
3 not p1(X) :- X=0, not s.
```

```
4 not p2(X) :- c_forall(Y, not q(X,Y)).
```

- A new `clp(≠)` solver handles (partially) the negation of the unification.
- A new `c_forall/2` predicate computes the universal quantifier.
- To ensure consistency the *extended* compiler synthesizes NMR-check.

```
1 p(X) :- q(X,Y), not p(X).      ∀x( chki(x) ↔ ∀y( ¬q(x,y) ∨ p(x) ) )
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- Facilitates the integration of different constraint domains, e.g., `clp(Q)` and `clp(R)`.

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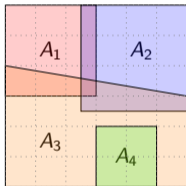
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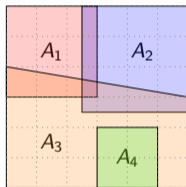
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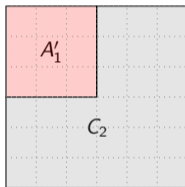
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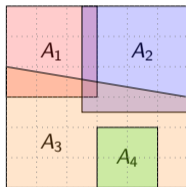
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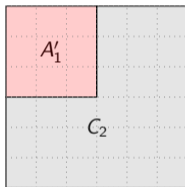
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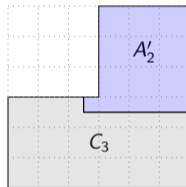
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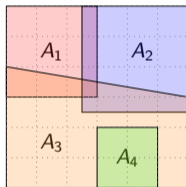
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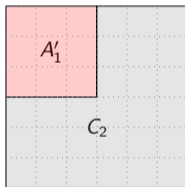
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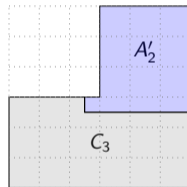
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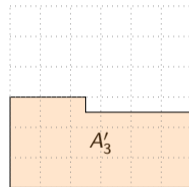
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(c)

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 End

The *C-forall* evaluation succeeds.

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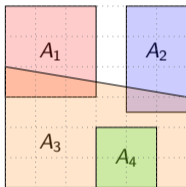
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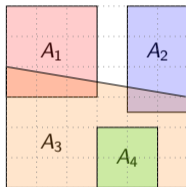
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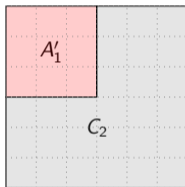
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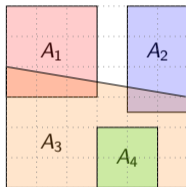
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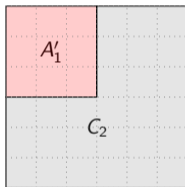
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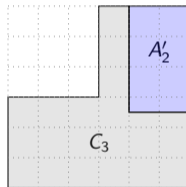
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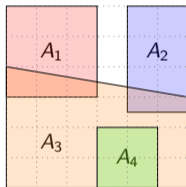
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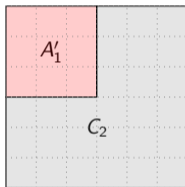
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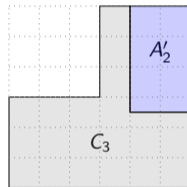
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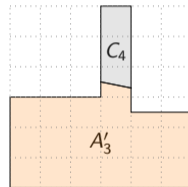
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Our Proposal: s(LAW)

- Based on s(CASP) [Arias et al. 2018].
- Allows modeling legal rules involving ambiguity:
 - E.g. awarding school places in “Comunidad de Madrid”.
- Supports reasoning and infers conclusion based on these rules.
- Provides justifications of the inferences (in NL) [Arias et al. 2020].

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Related Work:

- *Human-Understandable* explanation for AI advice:
 - Not possible for ML-based systems.
- *Current ASP explanation frameworks* [10; 32; 34]:
 - Only support grounded programs,
 - ... or do not justify negated literals,
 - ... and, do not support constraints and/or dense domains.

s(LAW): latest *BREAKING use case*



Australian Open

Novak Djokovic's deportation dramas overshadow Australian Open



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Novak Djokovic recognises mistakes in Australia travel document

s(LAW): Patterns to translate law into ASP

Requirement For Applying

- Disjunction
- Conjunction

S/he obtains a school place **if one** of the following common requirements are met

In addition, some of the specific requirements must be met

Exceptions For Applying Ambiguity

Students coming from non-bilingual schools, **need** to accredit B1

In case of *force majeure*, students may be reassigned to a school from another district

This pattern generates two models:

- One where *force_majeure* is assumed to hold.
- Another model where there is **no** evidence that *force_majeure* holds.

Discretion To Act Unknown Information

The School Council **may add** another complementary criterion
It **may be unclear** whether the documents we have are valid or not

- *-evidence/1*: The *strong* negation (-) is used to specify that we have evidences supporting the falsehood of some information.

s(LAW): The framework

ArticleESO.pl

- Contains the legislation rules in Fig. 1 following the patterns described.

ArticleESO.pre.pl

- Contains the natural language patterns to provide readable justifications.
- The directive `#pred` defines the natural language patterns, e.g.:

```
#pred obtain_place :: 's/he may obtain a school place'.
```
- Additionally, we can obtain a readable code in NL by invoking `scasp --code --human`.

StudentXX.pl

- Last module in Fig. 2 encodes the evidences of a student and links the previous modules.
- The code `XX` corresponds to the 'id' of each student (from 01 to 06).
- Table 1 shows the data corresponding to the candidates and the conclusion generated by s(LAW) for the query `?-obtain_place`.
 - Students 01, 03, 04, and 05 obtain a place at the school while students 02 and 06 do not.

s(LAW): The framework - ArticleESO.pl

```

1  obtain_place :-
2      met_requirement,
3      not exception.
4  met_requirement :-
5      met_common_requirement,
6      met_specific_requirement.
7  %% Common requirements:
8  met_common_requirement :-
9      large_family.
10
11 met_common_requirement :-
12     recipient_social_benefits.
13 recipient_social_benefits :-
14     renta_minima_insercion.
15 recipient_social_benefits :-
16     ingreso_minimo_vital.
17
18 met_common_requirement :-
19     disability_status.
20 disability_status :-
21     disabled_parent.
22 disability_status :-
23     disabled_sibling.
24 %% Specific requirements:
25 met_specific_requirement :-
26     sibling_enroll_center.
27 met_specific_requirement :-
28     legal_guardian_work_center.
29
30 met_specific_requirement :-
31     relative_former_student.
32 met_specific_requirement :-
33     school_proximity.
34 school_proximity :-
35     same_education_district.
36 school_proximity :-
37     not_same_education_district,
38     force_majeure.    % Ambiguity
39
40 force_majeure :-
41     not_n_force_majeure.
42 n_force_majeure :-
43     not_force_majeure.
44 %% Exceptions:
45 exception :-
46     come_non_bilingual,
47     want_bilingual_section(Course),
48     not_accredit_english_level(Course).
49
50 accredit_english_level('1st ESO') :-
51     b1_certificate.
52 accredit_english_level('2nd ESO') :-
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54 accredit_english_level('3rd ESO') :-
55     b2_certificate.
56 accredit_english_level('4th ESO') :-
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58
59 %% Discretion To Act:
60 obtain_place :-
61     not met_requirement,
62     met_complementary_criterion(CC).
63 obtain_place :-
64     met_requirement, exception,
65     met_complementary_criterion(CC).
66 met_complementary_criterion(CC) :-
67     school_criteria(CC),
68     purpose(CC), not unlawful(CC),
69     not_n_met_complementary_criterion(CC).
70 n_rmet_complementary_criterion(CC) :-
71     not met_complementary_criterion(CC).
72
73 purpose(CC) :- promote_diversity(CC).
74 unlawful(CC) :- sex_discrimination(CC).
75 unlawful(CC) :- race_discrimination(CC).
76 unlawful(CC) :- religion_discrimination(CC).
77
78 school_criteria(foreign_student) :-
79     foreign_student.
80 school_criteria(specific_etnia) :-
81     specific_etnia.
82 promote_diversity(foreign_student).
83 promote_diversity(specific_etnia).
84 race_discrimination(specific_etnia).

```

Figure: Translation of the procedure for awarding school places under s(LAW).

s(LAW): The framework - Student01.pl

```
1  #include('ArticleESO.pl').
2  #include('ArticleESO.pred.pl').
3
4  come_non_bilingual.
5  want_bilingual_section('2nd ESO').
6
7  evidence(large_family).
8  evidence(renta_minima_insercion).
9  evidence(sibling_enroll_center).
10  evidence(same_education_district).
11  evidence(b1_certificate).
12  -evidence(foreign_student).
13  -evidence(specific_etnia).
```

Figure: Data of student 01.

Evaluation: Reasoning and Deduction with Real Use-Cases

Table: Case of different students evaluated using s(LAW).

Note: '+' is a positive evidence, '-' is a negative evidence, '?' means unknown.

	Student01	Student02	Student03	Student04	Student05	Student06
large_family	+	+	+	-	-	-
renta_minima_insercion	+	+	+	?	-	-
sibling_enroll_center	+	+	-	+	-	-
same_education_district	+	+	-	+	-	-
b1_certificate	+	-	+	?	-	-
foreign_student	-	-	-	-	+	-
specific_etnia	-	-	-	-	-	+
?- obtain_place	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no

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- Student 01: S/he meets the requirements and has B1:

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... and the corresponding justification in NL.

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s/he may obtain a school place, because  
  a common requirement is met, because  
    s/he is part of a large family.  
a specific requirement is met, because  
  s/he has siblings enrolled in the center.  
there is no evidence that an exception applies, because  
  s/he came from a non-bilingual public school, and  
  s/he wish to study 2nd ESO in the Bilingual Section, and  
  s/he accredit required level of English for 2nd ESO, because  
    in the four skills certificate level b1.
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Figure: Justification in Natural Language for the evaluation of `student01.pl`.

Evaluation: A Posteriori Deduction

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there is no evidence that s/he may obtain a school place, because
there is no evidence that a common requirement is met, because
there is no evidence that s/he is part of a large family, and
there is no evidence that s/he is a recipient of the RMI, and
there is no evidence that a parent or sibling has disability status.
there is no evidence that the criterion foreign_student is met, because
there is no evidence that s/he meets the criteria foreign_student, because
there is no evidence that s/he is a foreign student.
there is no evidence that the criterion specific_etnia is met, because
s/he meets the criteria specific_etnia, because
s/he belongs to a specific etnia.
specific_etnia follows the purpose of the procedure, because
specific_etnia promotes the diversity.
specific_etnia is illegal, because
specific_etnia discriminates based on race.

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Future work

- Modeling the complete legislation by tabulation for the criteria.
- Exploit the underlying constraint solver of $s(\text{CASP})$.
- Extend $s(\text{LAW})$ considering “Epistemic Specifications” [15]:
 - What is true in all/some models, models sharing assumptions...

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Our Proposal: Spatial Reasoner

- Use tools integrating Constraint Logic Programming with ASP to model dynamic information and restrictions in BIM models.
- Shift from BIM verification to BIM refinement and to facilitate the implementation of new specifications, construction standards, etc.

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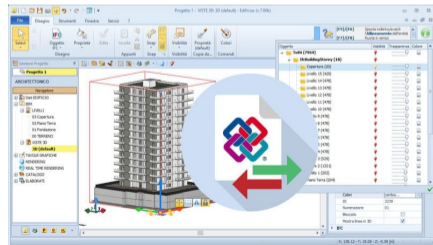
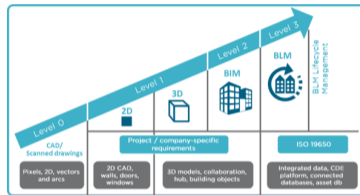
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Evidence of advantages of s(CASP) in evaluating BIM models:

- It has the *relevance* property,
- It can generate justifications for negative queries, and
- It makes representing and reasoning with ambiguities easier.

Spatial Reasoner: Background, BIM + IFC

- Building information modeling (BIM):
 - Combine geometrical information with: costs, materials, process, etc.
 - Allow cost estimations, quantify takeoffs, energy analysis, etc.
 - Goal: achieve consistent of digital models:
 - shared with architects, engineers...
 - throughout the life cycle of a facility.
- The UK Government requires Level 2 of BIM maturity for any public project.
- BIM authoring tools: Revit, ArchiCAD, Tekla Structures, Allplan...
- Common data model: Industry Foundation Classes (IFC) [9].



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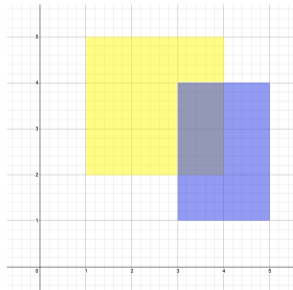
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```

```

?- obj(r1,Sh1), obj(r2,Sh2),sh_intersection(Sh1, Sh2, Int).
   Int = [convex([A,B]), A#>=3, A#<4, B#>=2, B#<4] ?
?- obj(r1,Sh1), obj(r2,Sh2),sh_subtraction(Sh1, Sh2, Sub).
   Sub = [convex([A,B]),convex([C,D])],
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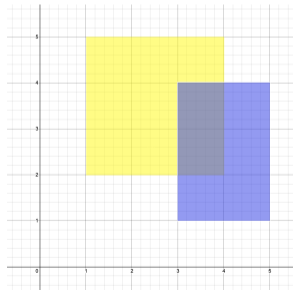
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?- shape_subtract(r1,r2,Sub).
   Sub = convex([A | { A#>=1, A#<3 }, B | { B#>=2, B#<5 }]) ? ;
   Sub = convex([A | { A#>=3, A#<4 }, B | { B#>=4, B#<5 }]) ?
```



Modeling and manipulating 3D objects: s(CASP) II

Operations on a 2D space using s(CASP)

```
1  % Union = ShA  $\cup$  ShB
2  shape_union(IdA, IdB, convex([X,Y])) :- convex(IdA,X,Y).
3  shape_union(IdA, IdB, convex([X,Y])) :- convex(IdB,X,Y).
4  % Intersection = ShA  $\cap$  ShB
5  shape_intersect(IdA, IdB, convex([X,Y])) :- convex(IdA,X,Y), convex(IdB,X,Y).
6  % Complement =  $\neg$  ShA
7  shape_complement(IdA, convex([X,Y])) :- not convex(IdA,X,Y).
8  % Subtract = ShA  $\cap$   $\neg$  ShB
9  shape_subtract(IdA, IdB, convex([X,Y])) :- convex(IdA,X,Y), not convex(IdB,X,Y).
```

- 9 lines of code instead of 39 lines.
- Spatial operations are translated into logical operations.

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 - makes a decision based on that.
 - notifies the other party to confirm the adjustments.

(Non)-monotonic iteration in BIM models (cont.)

Encoding of a Continuous Integration reasoner

```
1 %% BIM Continuous Integration
2 valid_data(P,Data) :-
3     data(P,Data),
4     not canceled(P, Data).
5
6 canceled(P, Data) :-
7     higher_confidence(P1, P),
8     data(P1, Data1),
9     inconsistent(Data, Data1).
10 higher_confidence(PHi, PLo) :-
11     PHi.>.PLo.
12 %% Example
13 inconsistent(boiler(gas),
14             ventilation(artificial)).
15 inconsistent(ventilation(artificial),
16             boiler(gas)).
17 data(1,ventilation(X)).
18 data(2,ventilation(natural)).
19 data(2,boiler(gas)).
20 % data(3,ventilation(artificial)).
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... reduces the comprehensibility.

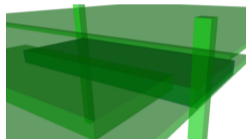
Evaluation II: Geometrical and non-geometrical information.



(a) Duplex_Q1.html



(b) Duplex_Q2.html



(c) Office_Q1.html



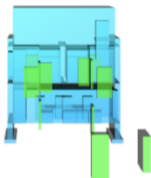
(d) Office_Q2.html

Query Duplex_Q1: The doors are in green and the rest of the objects are in blue.

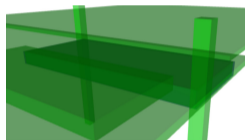
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Query Duplex_Q2: imposes the constraints $Y_{a\#} < -4$ to select certain doors, and $Y_{\#} \geq -7$, $Y_{\#} < -4$ to create a space (unbounded in the axis x and z) that defines a *slice* of the model.

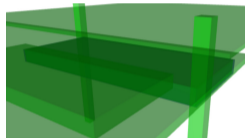
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Constraints can be used in s(CASP) to reason about unbounded spaces

- Finer constraints, such as $Ya\#\leftarrow 4.002$, can be used without performance impact.
- That is in general not the case with other ASP systems.

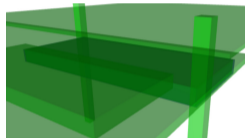
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Query Office_Q1/Q2: selects objects of type *IfcBeam* in the Architecture model that are not covered by objects in the Structural BIM model.

(c) shows the objects that intersect the beam.

(d) shows the uncovered parts drawn in red.

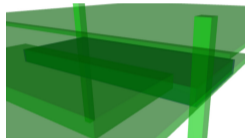
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(d) Office_Q2.html

Performance Query Office_Q1/Q2

- Finds the first beam with uncovered parts in only 0.104 sec.
- Selects 691 beams out of 3639 objects in the architecture model and detected 511 beams not covered by the more than 1300 objects in the structure model in 48 sec.

Evaluation III: Explainability of the inferred conclusions.

The screenshot displays the SWISH web interface. On the left, a Prolog program is shown in a code editor. The program defines a module for a Continuous Integration Reasoner, including predicates for data consistency, confidence, and cancellation. It also includes an example and a query.

```

1 :- use_module(library(scaspl)).
2
3 %% BIM Continuous Integration Reasoner
4 %% BIM Continuous Integration
5 valid_data(P,Data) :-
6     data(P,Data),
7     not canceled(P, Data).
8
9 canceled(P, Data) :-
10    higher_confidence(P1, P),
11    data(P1, Datal),
12    inconsistent(Data, Datal).
13 higher_confidence(PHI, PLO) :-
14    PHI #> PLO.
15
16 %% Example:
17 inconsistent(boiler(gas),
18             ventilation(artificial)).
19 inconsistent(ventilation(artificial),
20             boiler(gas)).
21 data(1,ventilation(_X)).
22 data(2,ventilation(natural)).
23 data(2,boiler(gas)).
24 data(3,ventilation(artificial)).
25 data(3,boiler(electrical)).
26 data(4,boiler(gas)).
27
28 %% Query:
29 ?- valid_data(Pr, Data).
30 #show valid_data/2.
  
```

On the right, the SWISH interface shows the execution of the query `? valid_data(Pr,Data).`. The results are displayed as follows:

```

Data = ventilation(_58424),
Pr = 1,
_56284#artificial
  
```

The explanation is provided under the heading `s(CASP) model` and `s(CASP) justification`.

s(CASP) model

- > `valid_data` holds for 1, and `ventilation(A | {A#artificial})`

s(CASP) justification

- Expand All +1 -1 Collapse All
- ▼ `valid_data` holds for 1, and `ventilation(A | {A#artificial})`, because `data` holds for 1, and `ventilation(A | {A#artificial})`, and
 - ▼ there is no evidence that `canceled` holds for 1, and `ventilation(A | {A#artificial})`, because
 - there is no evidence that `higher_confidence` holds for any `_` less than or equal to 1, and 1, and `higher_confidence` holds for any `B` greater than 4, and 1, and
 - there is no evidence that `data` holds for any `B` greater than 4, and `_`, and `higher_confidence` holds for any `C` greater than 3 and less than 4, and 1, and
 - there is no evidence that `data` holds for any `C` greater than 3 and less than 4, and `_`, and `higher_confidence` holds for any `D` greater than 2 and less than 3, and 1, and
 - there is no evidence that `data` holds for any `D` greater than 2 and less than 3, and `_`, and `higher_confidence` holds for any `E` greater than 1 and less than 2, and 1, and
 - there is no evidence that `data` holds for any `E` greater than 1 and less than 2, and `_`, and `higher_confidence` holds for 2, and 1, and
 - there is no evidence that `data` holds for 2, and anything except for `boiler(gas)`, or `ventilation(natural)`, and `higher_confidence` holds for 2, and 1, justified above, and
 - `data` holds for 2, and `boiler(gas)`, and
 - there is no evidence that `inconsistent` holds for `ventilation(A | {A#artificial})`, and `boiler(gas)`, and `higher_confidence` holds for 2, and 1, justified above, and
 - `data` holds for 2, and `ventilation(natural)`, and

At the bottom of the interface, there are tabs for Examples, History, and Solutions, and a checkbox for "table results" and a "Run!" button.

Evaluation III: Explainability of the inferred conclusions.

 playground for s(CASP)

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 Share!

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19 data(2,ventilation(natural)).
20 data(2,boiler(gas)).
21 data(3,ventilation(artificial)).
22 data(3,boiler(electrical)).
23 data(4,boiler(gas)).
24
25 %?- valid_data(Pr, Data).
26
27 #show valid_data.2.
```

```

?- load('/draft.pl').

yes
?- valid_data(Pr,Data).

{ valid_data(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial})) }
Pr = 1
Data = ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}) ?

yes
?-
```

Justification: [Expand All](#) +1 -1 [Collapse All](#)

```

v valid_data(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial})) :-
  data(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial})),
  v not canceled(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial})) :-
    v not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial})) :-
      forall(Var15,forall(Var16,not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),Var15,Var16))) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),Var3 | {Var3 #=< 1},Var17) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),Var18 | {Var18 #> 4},Var5) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),Var21 | {Var21 #> 3,Var21 #< 4},Var7) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),Var24 | {Var24 #> 2,Var24 #< 3},Var9) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),Var27 | {Var27 #> 1,Var27 #< 2},Var11) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),2,Var12 | {Var12 \= boiler(gas),Var12 \=
          ventilation(natural)}) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),2,boiler(gas)) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),2,ventilation(natural)) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),3,Var13 | {Var13 \= boiler(electrical),Var13 \=
          ventilation(artificial)}) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),3,boiler(electrical)) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),3,ventilation(artificial)) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),4,Var14 | {Var14 \= boiler(gas)}) :-
        > not o_canceled_1(1,ventilation(Var2 | {Var2 \= artificial}),4,boiler(gas)) :-

global_constraint.
```



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Future work

- Shift from BIM verification to BIM refinement.
- Develop non-monotonic model refinement methods.
- Integrate logical reasoning in BIM Software.

Explainable AI w/ Default Rules: FOLD Family of Algorithms.

Gopal Gupta's lab (specially Farhad Shakerin, and Huaduo Wang).

Explainable AI w/ Default Rules

- Idea is to learn rules from data, i.e., express patterns in data as rules.
- These rules are represented as default rules with exceptions.
- Since we use default rules, our representation of knowledge learned is very close to how humans will represent, understand and learn patterns from data.
- Many advantages:
 - Unlike other Machine Learning techniques, distinguishes noise from exception.
 - Represents concepts with fewer number of rules.
 - Supported by a powerful formalism (Answer Set Programming).

FOLD Family of Algorithms

[Gupta et al. 2023]

- FOLD family of algorithms are distinct machine learning algorithms
 - FOLD, FOLD-R, LIME-FOLD, SHAP-FOLD... [Shakerin and Gupta 2019]
- FOLD-R++ algorithm: Performs binary classification [Wang and Gupta 2022a]
 - both categorical and numerical data
 - no data prep required, uses prefix sum computation for fast execution;
 - competitive with XGBoost and Neural Networks;
- FOLD-RM algorithm: Performs multi-category classification [Wang et al. 2022]
 - requires no data preparation; uses prefix sum computation for fast execution;
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- FOLD-LTR: Learning to rank, but explainable

FOLD-SE

Improved FOLD-R++ and FOLD-RM with scalable interpretability. [Wang and Gupta 2022b]

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