Specifying Credal Sets With Probabilistic Answer Set Programming

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MOTIVATION

- Probabilistic answer set programming provides a flexible and powerful relational language for representing and computing with uncertain knowledge containing recursive definitions, logical constraints and incomparability
 - Sato's semantics describe Bayesian networks and cyclic dependences

0.3::**a**. c :- not d. d :- not c. c :- a. d :- a.

- Credal semantics: describe belief functions by multivalued-mappings
- This work: Extend semantics to general imprecise probability models

PROBABILISTIC ANSWER SET PROGRAMMING

- Atoms represent basic unit of knowledge, e.g. edge(a,b)
- Normal rules constrain models, e.g. edge(X,Y) :- edge(Y,X)
- Disjunctions state incomparable choices, e.g. red(X); blue(X)
- Default negation: not a is true if a cannot be proved
- Annotated disjunctions state probabilistic choices, e.g. 0.2::red; 0.5::green; 0.3::blue
- Stable model semantics: models of the program are minimal models of reduct, where default negation is interpreted away
- **Credal semantics**: Infinitely-monotone probability induced by:
 - Total choices Λ : selections of independent probabilistic choices
 - Probability mass function $Pr(\lambda)$ is the product of selected choices
 - Γ maps total choices to stable models of corresponding program

$$\underline{\Pr}(A) = \Pr\left(\{\lambda \in \Lambda \mid \Gamma(\lambda) \subseteq A\}\right) \qquad \underline{\Pr}(A \mid B) = \frac{\underline{\Pr}(A \cap B)}{\Pr(A \cap B) + \overline{\Pr}(A^c \cap B)}$$

EXAMPLE

% A random undirected random graph

0.12 0.12 0.28 0.03 0.28 0.07 0.03



0.5::edge(a,b). 0.2::edge(a,c). 0.7::edge(b,c). edge(X,Y) := edge(Y,X). color(a,red). % (recursive) definition of node reachability reachable(X,Y) :- edge(X,Y). reachable(X,Y) :- edge(X,Z), reachable(Z,Y). % (disjunctive) definition of 2-colorability color(X,red); color(X,blue). conflict :- edge(X,Y), color(X,C), color(Y,C). color(X,red) :- node(X), conflict. color(X,blue) :- node(X), conflict.





network; if only probabilistic facts and nonprobabilistic rules appear, the network structure is the dependency graph of the program.

Proof. Take focal sets A_1, \ldots, A_n and write:

 $m(A_1)::m(1);...;m(A_n)::m(n).$ x(o1);...;x(ok):-m(1).

• • • x(o1);...;x(ok):=m(n).

where the constants o1, . . ., ok denote the elements of focal set $A_i = \{\omega_1, \ldots, \omega_k\}$. The stable models correspond to the focal sets.

program with a single vacuous interval-valued annotated disjunction.

Thm. Any program with interval-valued annotated disjunctions can be converted into an equivalent program containing only interval-valued probabilistic facts; if the original program is acyclic (nondisjunctive), the resulting program is also acyclic (nondisjunctive).

Inferential complexity: Deciding whether the unconditional lower probability of an atom is above a given threshold is *NP^{PP}*-complete.

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