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Probabilistic Programming, Uncertainty in AI, Probabilistic Inference, Knowledge Representation

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under review

Introduction

General Purpose Programming Language

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Probabilistic Modelling

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Probabilistic Programming Language

⇒ easier communication

General Purpose Programming Language

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ProbLog

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Logic Programming

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   \rightarrow 0.5 (50%)
                                      \rightarrow 0.3 (30%)
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    additional facts:
    0.3 :: stress_k. 0.3 :: stress g.
    and rules:
    stress(klara) :- stress k, person(klara).
    stress(george) :- stress g, person(george).
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query(smokes(george)) \rightarrow 0.342

Semantics (1/2)

Facts

```
F = \{ 0.5 :: heads1, 0.6 :: heads2 \}
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Rules

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R = { twoHeads :- heads1, heads2 }
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Total Choice

```
C \subseteq F
```

```
for all f \in \mathcal{F}:

f \in C \Rightarrow f is true

f \not\in C \Rightarrow f is false
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Semantics (2/2)

Probability of a total choice

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Probability of a query

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{P}}(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{\mathbf{C} \subseteq \mathsf{F} \land \mathsf{C} \cup \mathsf{R} \models \mathsf{q}} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{C})$$

probability of all choices that entail the query

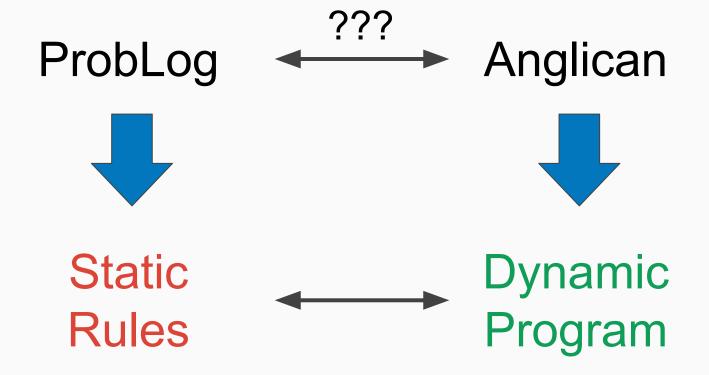
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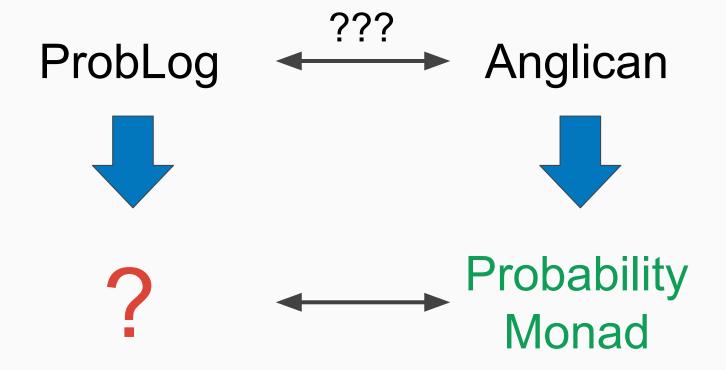
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```
(define (trail prob j)
/(if (flip (prob j));
         (trail prob (+ j 1))))
 recursion depends on flip
 ⇒ structure depends dynamically on flip
 ⇒ semantics requiring static ℜ is useless
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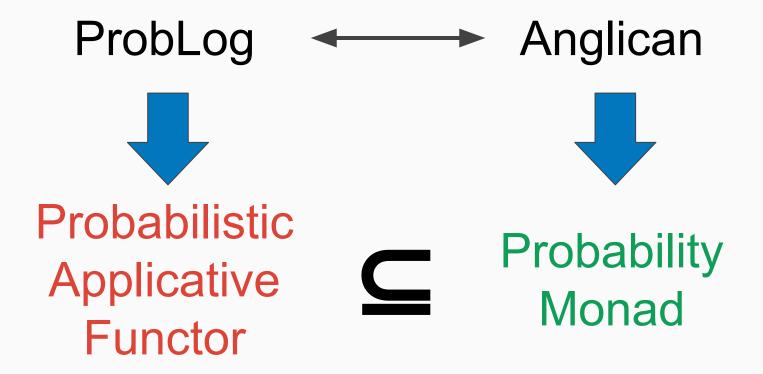
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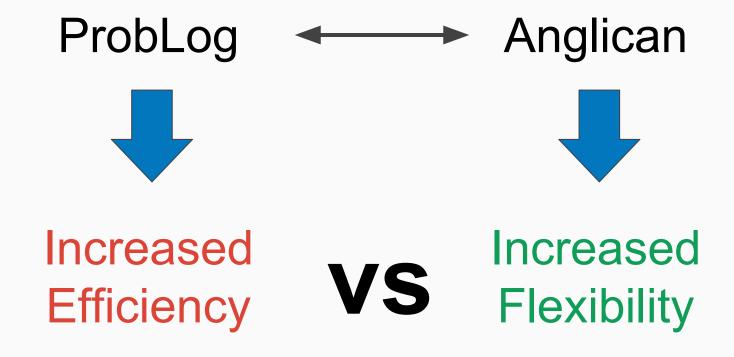
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Spoiler Alert



Consequences



Probabilistic Applicative Functors

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Applicative Functor

Functor F

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$$pure : A \rightarrow F A$$
 $⊗ : F (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow F A \rightarrow F B$

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Laws

Applicative Functor

Functor F

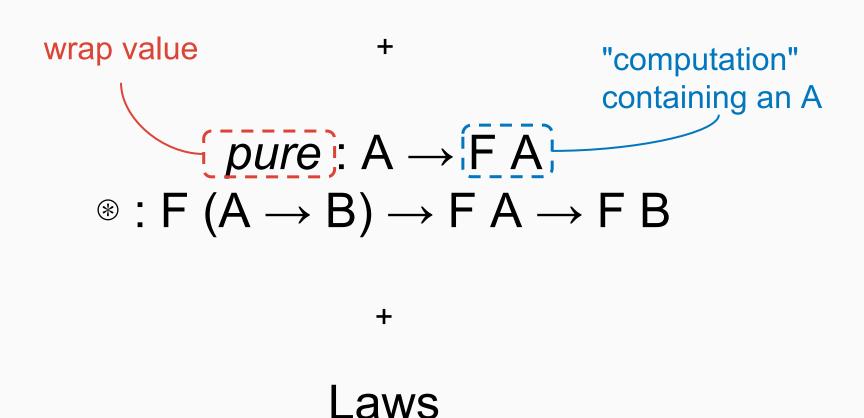
* 'computation' containing an A pure:
$$A \rightarrow FA$$

* : $F(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow FA \rightarrow FB$

Laws

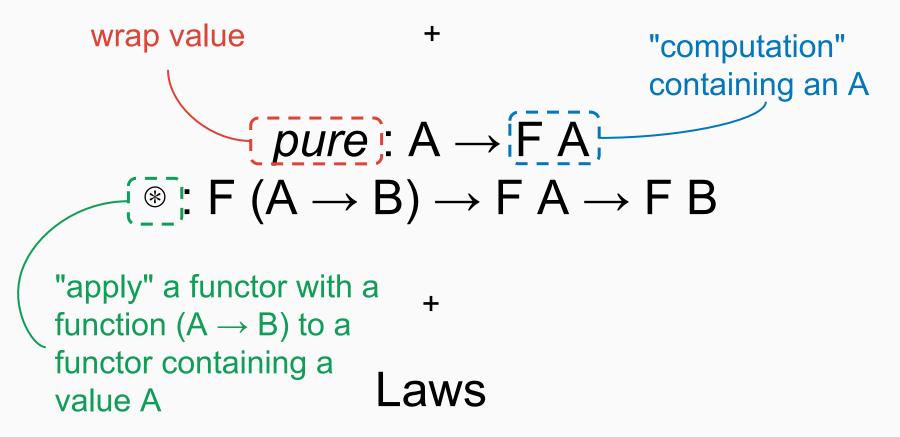
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Applicative Functor - Laws

identity pure(id) ⊕ u = u

composition u * (v * w) = pure(○) * u * v * w

homomorphism pure(f) * pure(x) = pure(f x)

interchange
u ** pure(x) = pure(\f → f x) ** u

Applicative Functor - Laws

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Applicative Functor - Canonical Form

pure(f)
$$\circledast$$
 (pure(g) \circledast a \circledast b)

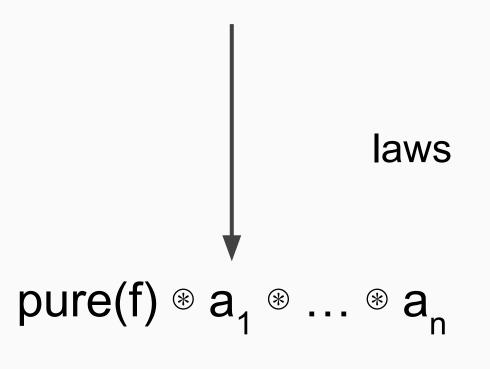
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pure(\x y \rightarrow f (g x y)) \circledast a \circledast b

Applicative Functor - Canonical Form

any applicative expression



Canonical Form

Probabilistic Applicative Functor

Applicative Functor *F*

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$$\langle . \rangle : A \rightarrow [0,1] \rightarrow A \rightarrow F A$$

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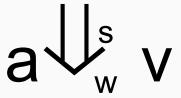
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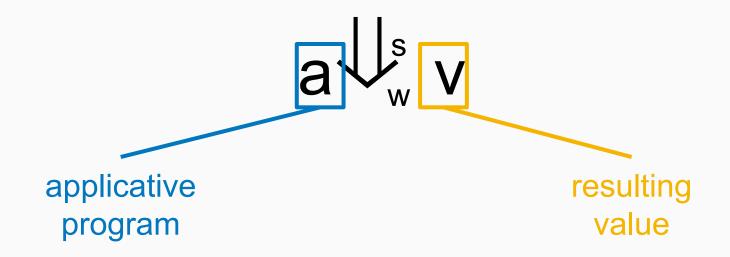
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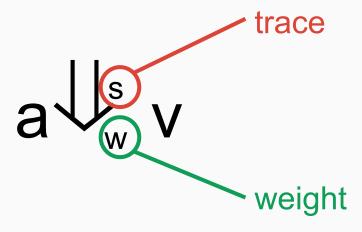
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pure(twoHeads) @ flip(0.5) @ flip(0.6) where twoHeads = \h1 h2 \rightarrow h1 && h2 flip p = True \langle p \rangle False
```

a coin flip







pure(v)
$$\psi_1$$
 v

$$t \langle p \rangle f \stackrel{L}{\downarrow}_{p} t$$

$$t \langle p \rangle f \stackrel{\perp}{\downarrow} p t$$

$$t \langle p \rangle f \stackrel{R}{\downarrow}_{1-p} f$$

$$u \circledast v \bigvee_{pq}^{r++s} y$$

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Formal Semantics - Associated Probability

$$\mathbb{P}_{a}(v) = \sum_{\exists s: a \downarrow_{w}^{s} v} w$$
all traces evaluating to v

Transformation

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                                  query(twoHeads).
% Rules:
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twoHeads: - heads1, heads2.
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pure(<) * (1 (0.5) 10) * (2 (0.3) 5)

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pure(<) * (1 ( 0.5 ) 10) * (2 ( 0.3 ) 5)
     \downarrow pick = \x y b -> if b then x else y
pure(\b1 b2 -> pick 1 10 b1 < pick 2 5 b2)</pre>

  flip(0.5)
# flip(0.3)
```

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Canonicalisation

weights

$$[].]_{w}: FA \rightarrow \mathbb{R} * \cdots * \mathbb{R}$$

pure rules

$$[|.|]_R$$
: F A \rightarrow (Bool \rightarrow $\cdots \rightarrow$ Bool \rightarrow A)

canonical form

$$f \cong pure([|f|]_R) \otimes flip(w_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes flip(w_n)$$

where $(w_1,...,w_n) = [|f|]_W$

Conclusion

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Preserve Probabilities

Evidence

ProbLog evidence

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```

```
query(twoHeads). \rightarrow 0.3
```

ProbLog evidence

```
% Probabilistic facts:
0.5 :: heads1.
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% Rules:
twoHeads :- heads1, heads2.
evidence(heads1,true).
```

```
query(twoHeads). \rightarrow 0.6
```

Prob. App. with Observations

Applicative Functor *F*

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$$\Rightarrow$$
: F A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Bool) \rightarrow F A

+

Laws

Prob. App. with Observations - Laws

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composition
$$(u \gg p) \gg q = u \gg (\x \to p \ x \ \& \ q \ x)$$
left interchange
$$(u \gg p) \circledast v$$

$$=$$
pure(π_3) \circledast ((pure(t) \circledast u \circledast v) \gg p $^\circ$ π_1)
where
$$t = \f x \to (f, x, f(x))$$
...
Push \gg to the right

Prob. App. with Observations - Laws

composition
$$(u \twoheadrightarrow p) \twoheadrightarrow q = u \twoheadrightarrow (\x \to p \ x \ \& \ q \ x)$$
 left interchange
$$(u \twoheadrightarrow p) \circledast v =$$
 pure
$$(\pi_3) \circledast ((pure(t) \circledast u \circledast v) \twoheadrightarrow p \cap \pi_1)$$
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ProbLog ← Prob. App.

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p : F Bool
                           canonicalise
pure(f) * ((pure (,...,)*flip(w1)*...*flip(wn))
            » obs )
          w1 :: fact1
          wn :: factn
                   truth table
          obs: - truth table
          evidence(obs, true)
```

Summary

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- ★ ProbLog is a Probabilistic Logic Programming Language
- ★ whose computational model is probabilistic applicative functors
- * with observations.
- * as opposed to monadic computations

Questions



... or just come talk to me.

Smokers Example

```
smokes @ stressA @ stressG @ inflAG @ inflGA where
  stressA = flip(0.3)
  stressG = flip(0.3)
  inflAG = flip(0.2)
  iflGA = flip(0.2)
  smokes = \slash sG iAG iGA -> \mu smk -> \p ->
    if p == amr then
     sA || (smk george && iGA)
   else
     sG || (smk amr && iAG)
```