

# From ProbLog to CompLog

## From Probabilistic to Complexity-based Logic Programming

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# Logic programming

- Logic programming is a form of declarative programming introduced to **reproduce formal reasoning mechanisms**.

**Algorithm = Logic + Control** [Kowalski, 1979]

Knowledge as an artifact



Problem-solving method as reusable process



# Example of Prolog program

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```
child(X,Y) :- parent(Y,X).
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```
?- child(lisa, marge).  
true
```



# Extension to probabilistic programs

## ProbLog: A Probabilistic Prolog and its Application in Link Discovery

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### Abstract

We introduce ProbLog, a probabilistic extension of Prolog. A ProbLog program defines a distribution over logic programs by specifying for each clause the probability that it belongs to a randomly sampled program, and these probabilities are mutually independent. The semantics of ProbLog is then defined by the success probability of a query, which corresponds to the probability that the query succeeds in a randomly sampled program. The key contribution of this paper is the introduction of an effective solver for computing such probabilities. It essentially combines SLD-resolution methods for computing the probability of a clause being true with an approximation algorithm for computing the probability of a query being true. Our implementation fits an approximation algorithm that corresponds to deepening with binary decision diagrams. We report on experiments in the context of link discovery in real biological networks, as well as the practical usefulness of the approach.

## Bayesian Synthesis of Probabilistic Programs for Automatic Data Modeling

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## Neural probabilistic logic programming in DeepProbLog\*

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## DeepStochLog: Neural Stochastic Logic Programming

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Recent advances in neural symbolic learning, such as DeepProbLog, extend probabilistic logic programs with neural predicates. Like graphical models, these probabilistic logic programs define a probability distribution over possible worlds, for which inference is computationally hard. We propose DeepStochLog, an alternative neural symbolic framework based on stochastic definite clause grammars, a type of stochastic logic program, which defines a probability distribution over possible derivations. More specifically, we introduce neural grammar rules



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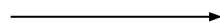
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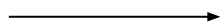
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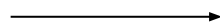


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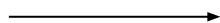
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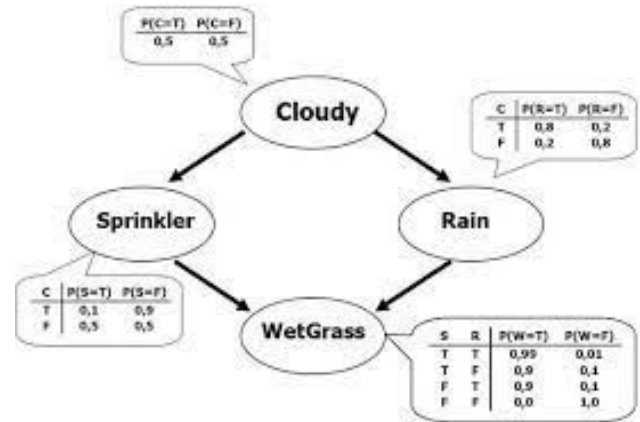
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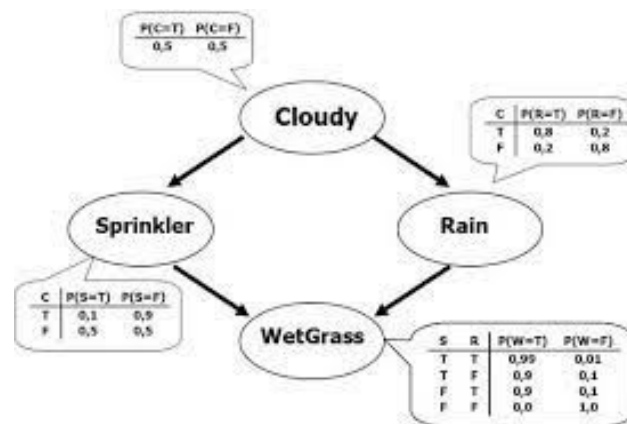
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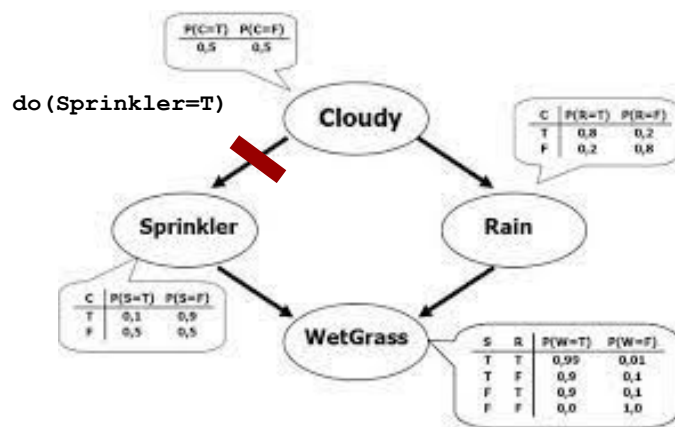
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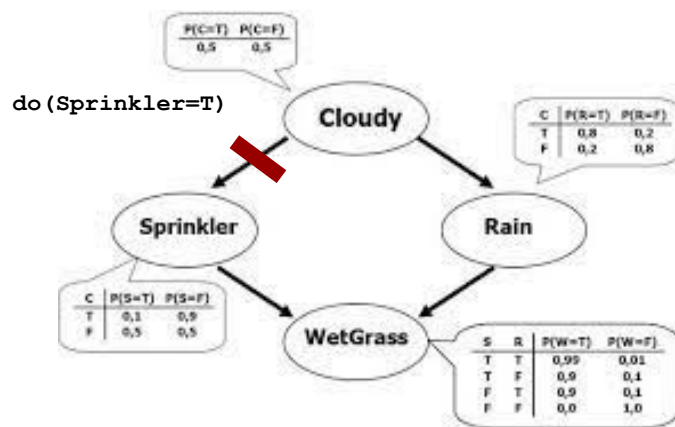
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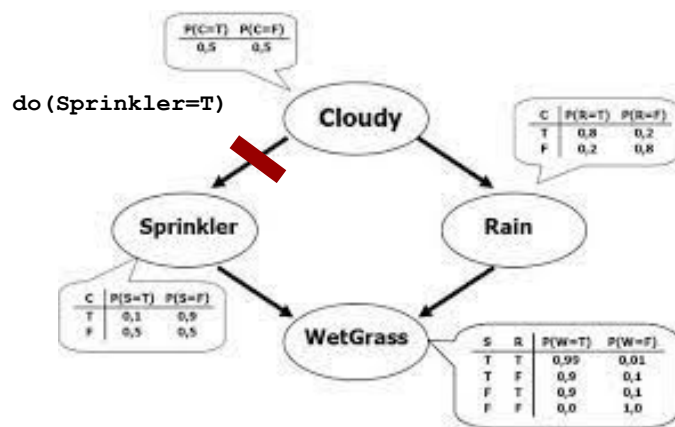
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*It seems we should not interchange the two dimensions so easily...*

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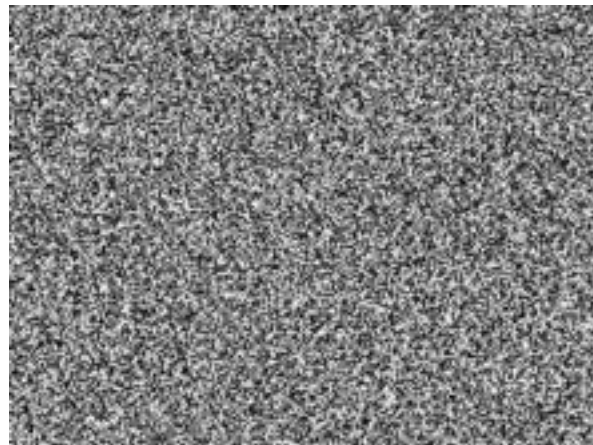
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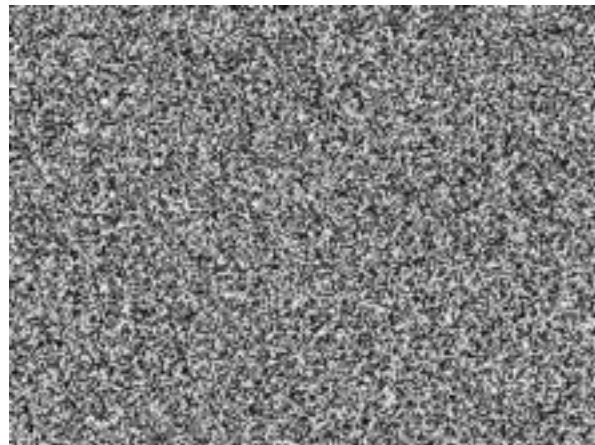
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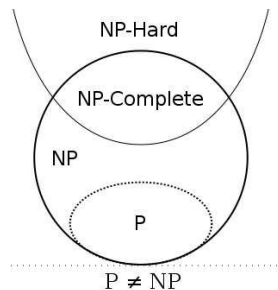
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- Kolmogorov complexity is generally incomputable (due to the halting problem), but it is computable on ***bounded Turing machines***.

We denote bounded complexities with  $C$ .

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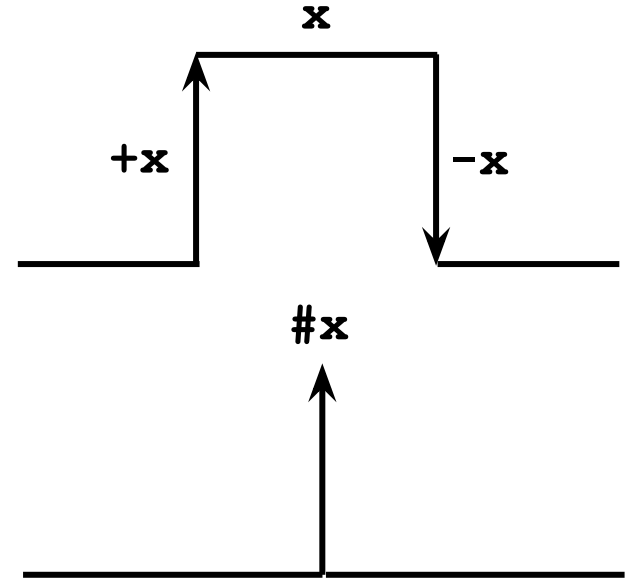
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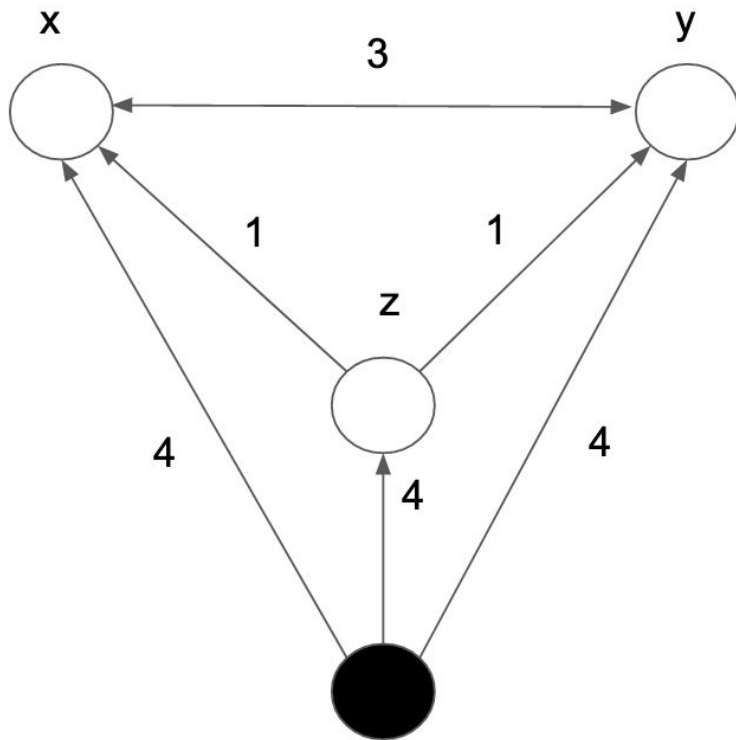


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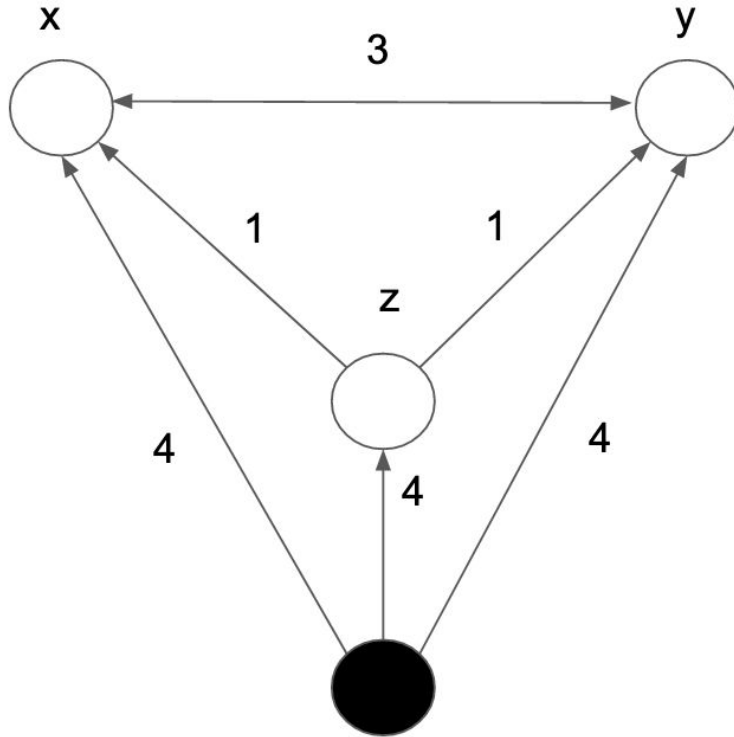


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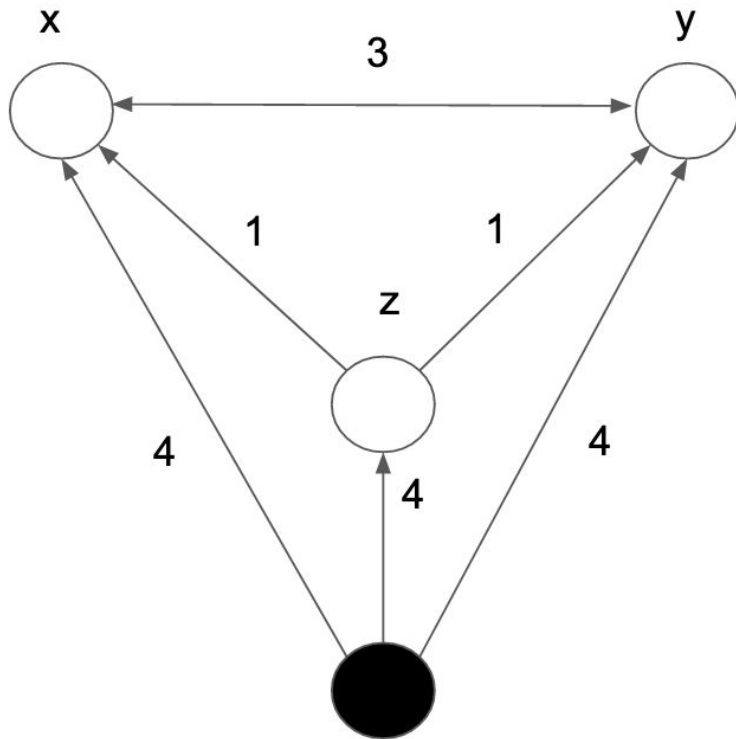
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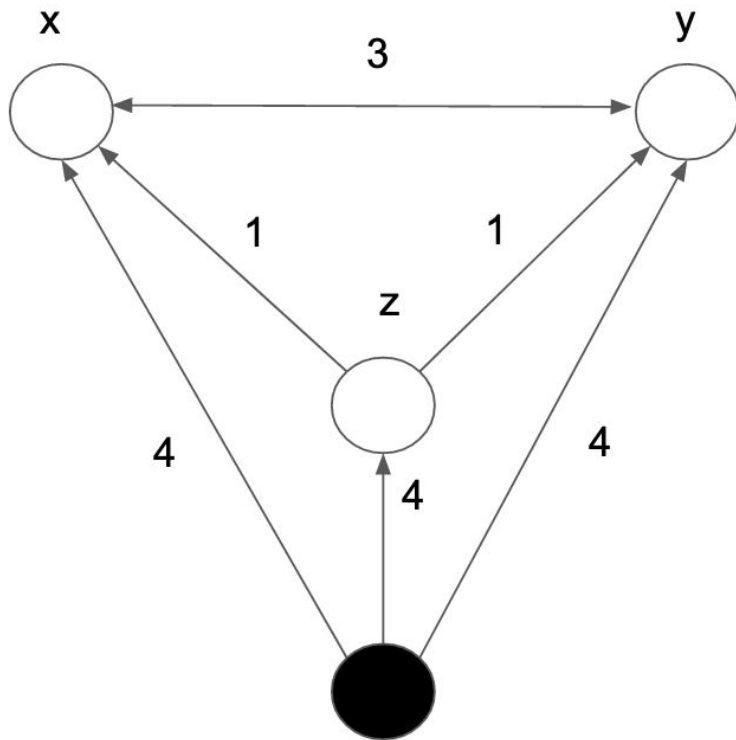
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**: => +y.**

**: => +z.**

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**: z => +y.**

**: x => +y.**

**: y => +x.**

# Program augmentation

- Given a declarative program....

```
x.  
y.  
z.  
z -> x.  
z -> y.  
x -> y.  
y -> x.
```

- We can transform it in an active program with race conditions:

```
=> +x.  
=> +y.  
=> +z.  
+z => +x.  
+z => +y.  
+x => +y.  
+y => +x.
```

or with no race conditions:

```
: => +x.  
: => +y.  
: => +z.  
: z => +x.  
: z => +y.  
: x => +y.  
: y => +x.
```

here we capture  
the **catalyst** case, and the  
relation with *ergodicity*  
(as asymptotic growth)



# CompLog

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## code

```
4 :: x.  
4 :: y.  
4 :: z.  
z -> 1 :: x.  
z -> 1 :: y.  
x -> 3 :: y.  
y -> 3 :: x.
```

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Parse

Separate

Augment

Reset

[See examples ...](#)

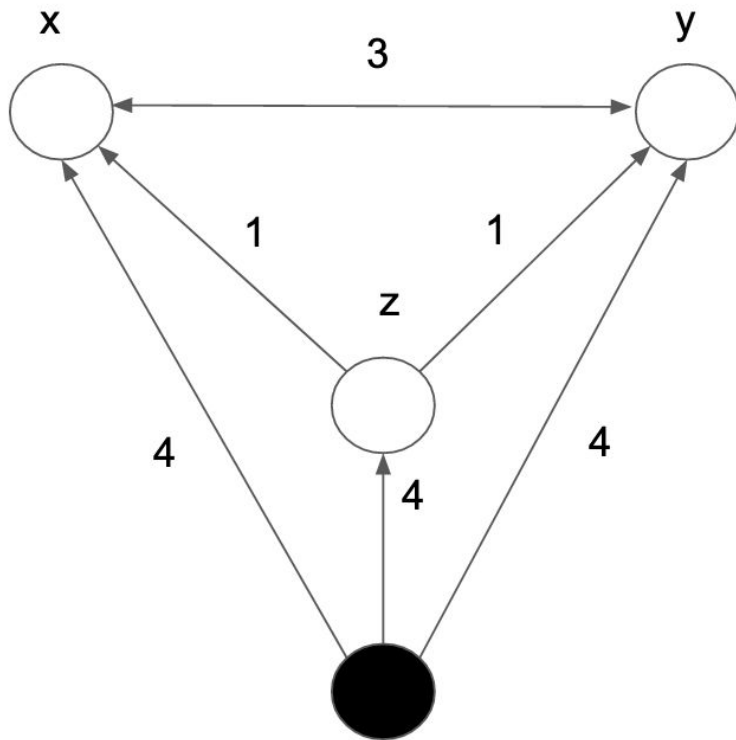
## output

```
% generative model constructed from declarative model  
=> 4 :: +x.  
=> 4 :: +y.  
=> 4 :: +z.  
: z => 1 :: +x.  
: z => 1 :: +y.  
: x => 3 :: +y.  
: y => 3 :: +x.
```

## CompLog: main characteristics (3)

- A complexity-based program consists of a world model (with **causal relationships**), and a mental model (with **associationistic relationships**, including logical).
- The two models can be represented as two networks, with different search algorithms, connecting to two different characterization of computations
  - **Productive characterization**: with consumption of resources
  - **Epistemic characterization**: no consumption of resources
- **Unexpectedness** (related to posterior probability) becomes the primary target of inference. **Priors** are derived by adding back the determination cost.

## Example program



4 :: x.

4 :: y.

4 :: z.

1 :: z -> x.

1 :: z -> y.

3 :: x -> y.

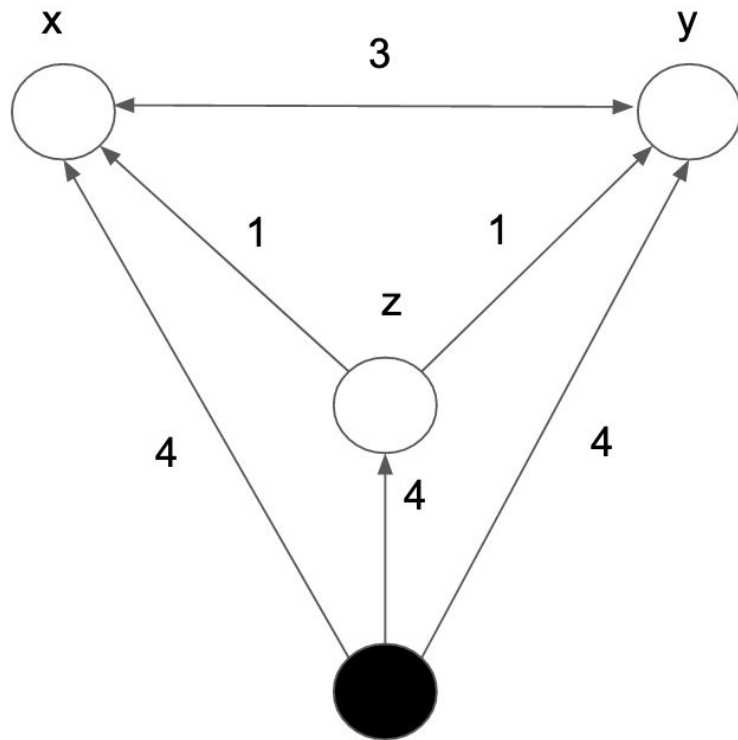
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$Cd(\langle x, y \rangle) = 6$

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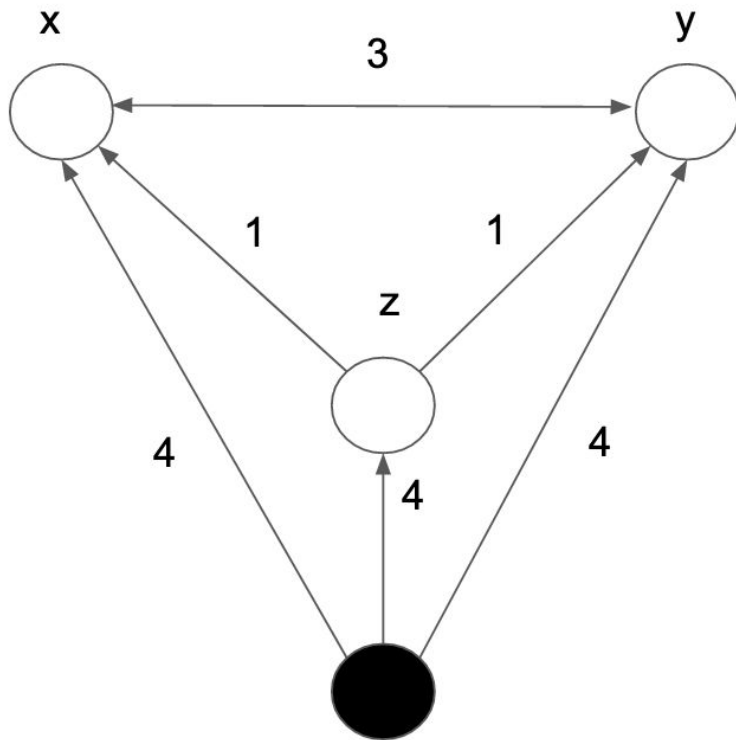
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$Cw(+x) = 4$

$Cw(+x * +y) = 7$

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$U(\langle x, y \rangle) = 1$

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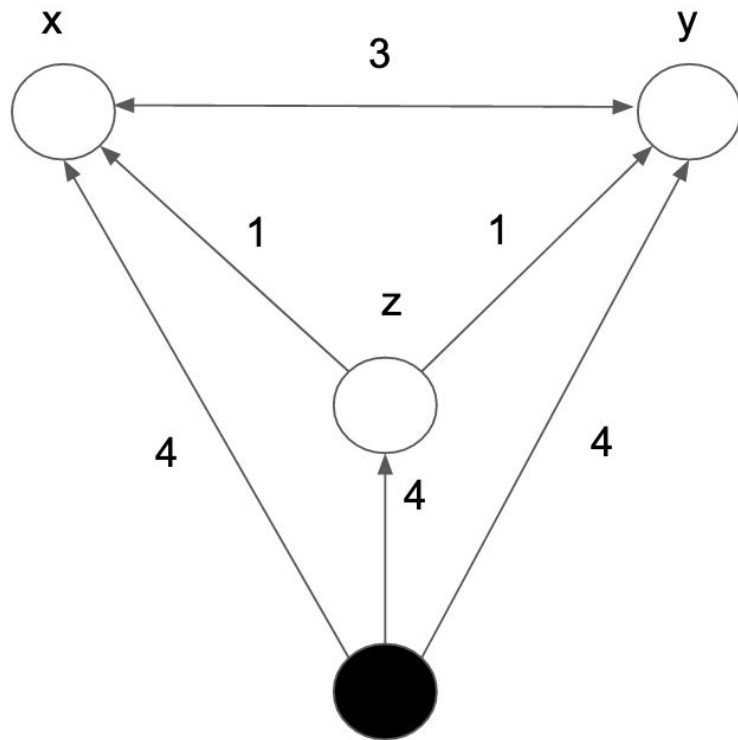
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base for **learning**?

perhaps we should

introduce a new

situation z that

aggregates x and y?

CompLog: implementation

# Derivation via ASP

## EXPLORATION

```
% every outgoing edge from a reached node is a path
path(X, Y) :- reached(X, N), edge(X, Y).
```

```
% a starting node qualifies as reached
reached(X, 0) :- start(X).
```

```
% all goals should be reached
:- goal(Y), not reached(Y, _).
```

## OPTIMIZATION

```
totalcost(T) :- T = #sum{C, X, Y : path(X, Y), cost(X,Y,C)}.
#minimize {T: totalcost(T)}.
```

## CONSTRAINTS

```
% IF non-sequential search
{ reached(Y, N) } :- path(X, Y), reached(X, N).

% ELSE IF sequential search
{ reached(Y, N + 1) } :- path(X, Y), reached(X, N), N < 10.

% IF race conditions (interleaved semantics)
:- reached(X, N), reached(Y, N), X != Y.
```

## COMPLOG PROGRAM

```
cost(s, x, 4).
cost(s, y, 4).
cost(s, z, 4).
cost(z, x, 1).
cost(z, y, 1).
cost(x, y, 3).
cost(y, x, 3).
start(s).

goal(x). goal(y).
```

CompLog: examples of application

# Finding the most relevant description!

eagle -> bird.  
pigeon -> bird.  
canary -> bird.  
tiger -> mammal.  
dog -> mammal.  
cat -> mammal.  
dog -> pet.  
cat -> pet.  
canary -> pet.

eg. from frequency of  
presence in the  
communications

4 :: eagle.  
4 :: pigeon.  
6 :: canary.  
4 :: tiger.  
3 :: dog.  
3 :: cat.

eg. from frequency of actual encounters

12 :: #eagle.  
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by computing the various unexpectedness we can settle on what is the best descriptor (min **U**) of the current situation, eg. given **#pigeon**, we may say **bird**

# Disjunction?

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% declarative model with disjunction (as in ProbLog)
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% correspondent procedural model with race conditions
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(exclusive) disjunction in probability specification  
conveys implicitly the presence of race conditions!

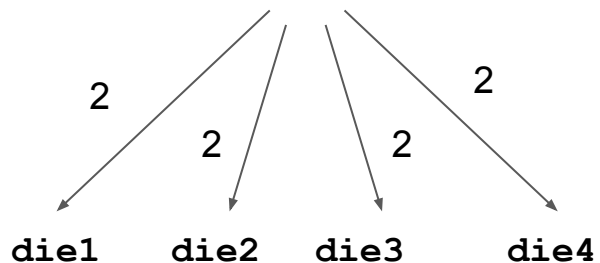


# Negation?

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```

```
query ~die1.
```



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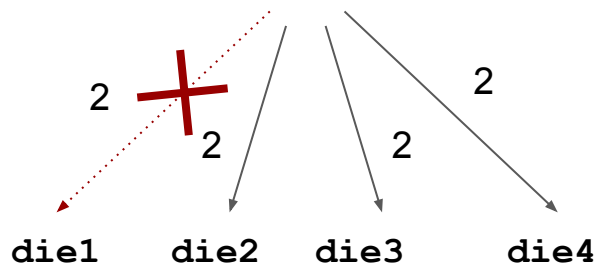
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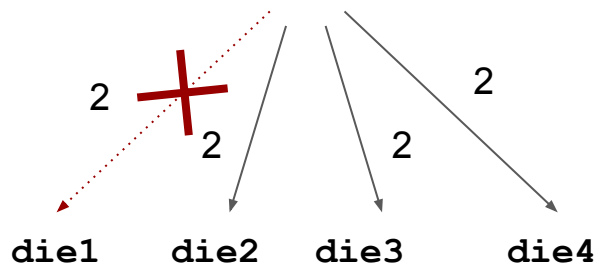
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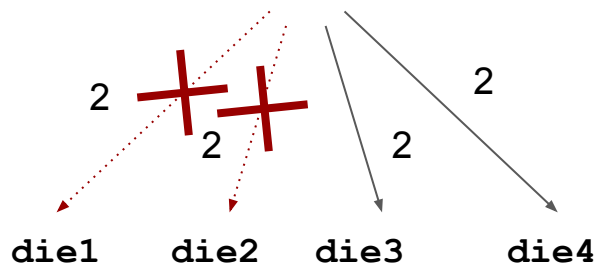
$$C(\sim\text{die1}) = C(\text{die2}) = 2$$

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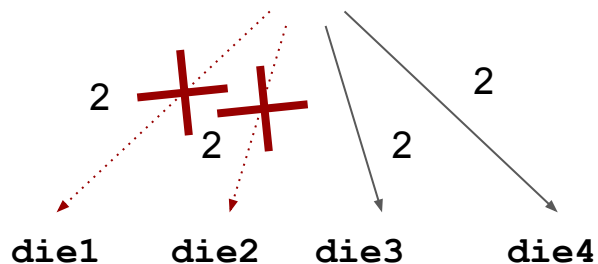
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*possibility of sequential, approximated computation!*

# Conclusions

- We presented a novel framework for automated inference in context of uncertainty based on **Simplicity Theory**, relying on the computation of two distinct Kolmogorov complexities by means of min-path search.
- Three additional practical reasons motivates continuing the exploration:
  - **Integration potential**: Enabling by design the distinction of descriptive and causal dimensions, it supports support the development of dedicated tools;
  - **Efficiency**: because of the greedy search related to the minimization of complexity, we hypothesize that it is faster than a probabilistic equivalent system;
  - **Cognitive modeling soundness**: the framework can mimic cognitive mechanisms observable in humans.

# From ProbLog to CompLog

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