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integrate *hard* (logical) and *soft* constraints

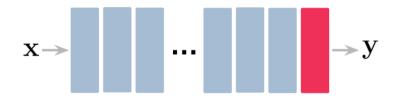


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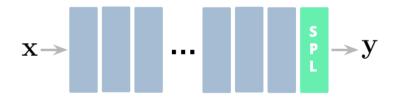
fast and exact gradients





#### make any neural network architecture...





#### ... guarantee all predictions conform to constraints





Ground Truth

#### e.g. predict shortest path in a map





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Ground Truth

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// for a  $12 \times 12$  grid,  $2^{144}$  states but only  $10^{10}$  valid ones!

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Ground Truth

ResNet-18

### neural nets struggle to satisfy validity constraints!

## **Constraint losses**





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Semantic Loss

### even losses cannot guarantee consistency at test time!











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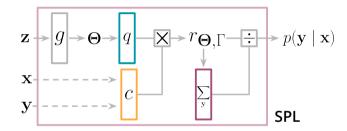
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SPL (ours)

## you can predict valid paths 100% of the time!

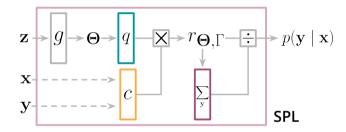




$$p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}(\mathbf{y} \mid g(\mathbf{z}))$$

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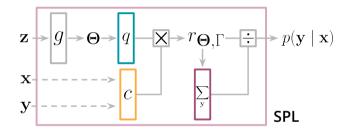




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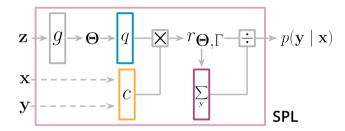
 $c_{\mathsf{K}}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})$  encodes the constraint  $\mathbbm{1}\{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}\models\mathsf{K}\}$ 





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a product of experts :(





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$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{Z}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{y}} q_{\Theta}(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}) \cdot \boldsymbol{c}_{\mathsf{K}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$



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## yes! as circuits!

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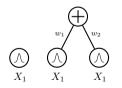
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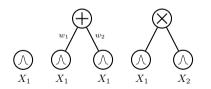
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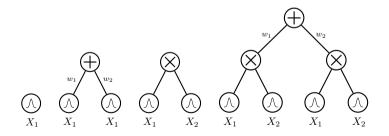


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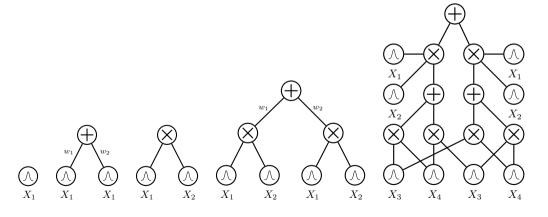
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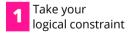
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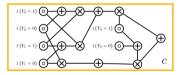
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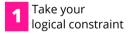
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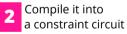
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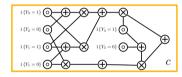
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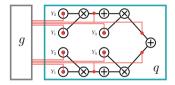


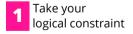


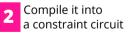


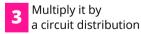
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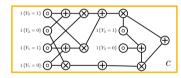


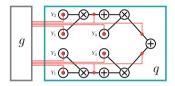


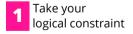


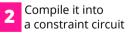


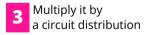
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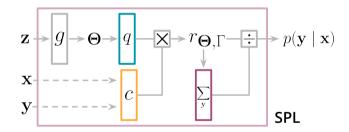












how good are SPLs?



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	Simple Path			Preference Learning		
Architecture	Exact	Hamming	Consistent	Exact	Hamming	Consistent
MLP+FIL	5.6	85.9	7.0	1.0	75.8	2.7
MLP+ $\mathcal{L}_{SL}$	28.5	83.1	75.2	15.0	72.4	69.8
MLP+NeSyEnt	30.1	83.0	91.6	18.2	71.5	96.0
MLP+SPL	37.6	88.5	100.0	20.8	72.4	100.0

# Experiments

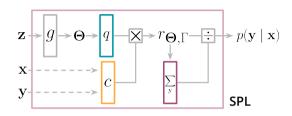


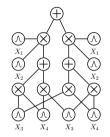
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ResNet-18+FIL	55.0	97.7	56.9
ResNet-18+ $\mathcal{L}_{SL}$	59.4	97.7	61.2
ResNet-18+SPL	78.2	96.3	100.0

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DATASET	EXACT MATCH		
	HMCNN	MLP+SPL	
CellCycle	$3.05\pm0.11$	$3.79 \pm 0.18$	
Derisi	$1.39\pm0.47$	$2.28 \pm 0.23$	
Eisen	$5.40\pm0.15$	$6.18 \pm 0.33$	
Expr	$4.20\pm0.21$	$5.54 \pm 0.36$	
Gasch1	$3.48\pm0.96$	$4.65 \pm 0.30$	
Gasch2	$3.11\pm0.08$	$3.95 \pm 0.28$	
Seq	$5.24 \pm 0.27$	$7.98 \pm 0.28$	
Spo	$1.97 \pm 0.06$	$1.92 \pm 0.11$	
DIATOMS	$48.21 \pm 0.57$	$58.71 \pm 0.68$	
ENRON	$5.97\pm0.56$	$8.18 \pm 0.68$	
IMCLEF07A	$79.75 \pm 0.38$	$86.08 \pm 0.45$	
Imclef07d	$76.47 \pm 0.35$	$81.06 \pm 0.68$	







## Check out our code at github.com/KareemYousrii/SPL and come to our poster to learn more!