

MULTI-AGENT CAUSAL DISCOVERY USING LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS

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ABSTRACT

Large Language Models (LLMs) have demonstrated significant potential in causal discovery tasks by utilizing their vast expert knowledge from extensive text corpora. However, the multi-agent capabilities of LLMs in causal discovery remain underexplored. This paper introduces a general framework to investigate this potential. The first is the Meta Agents Model, which relies exclusively on reasoning and discussions among LLM agents to conduct causal discovery. The second is the Coding Agents Model, which leverages the agents’ ability to plan, write, and execute code, utilizing advanced statistical libraries for causal discovery. The third is the Hybrid Model, which integrates both the Meta Agents Model and Coding Agents Model approaches, combining the statistical analysis and reasoning skills of multiple agents. Our proposed framework shows promising results by effectively utilizing LLMs’ expert knowledge, reasoning capabilities, multi-agent cooperation, and statistical causal methods. By exploring the multi-agent potential of LLMs, we aim to establish a foundation for further research in utilizing LLMs multi-agent for solving causal-related problems.

1 INTRODUCTION

Understanding causal relationships is crucial across scientific fields. While statistical causal inference is widely used, it heavily relies on assumed causal graphs. To address this limitation, data-driven methods have evolved, leading to statistical causal discovery (SCD) approaches and the creation of datasets for evaluation. Despite advancements in SCD algorithms, data-driven causal graphs without domain knowledge can be inaccurate. This inaccuracy is often due to a mismatch between SCD algorithm assumptions and real-world phenomena (Reisach et al. (2021)). Incorporating expert knowledge can mitigate this issue, but it is costly.

The advent of Large Language Models (LLMs), trained on vast amounts of data, has enabled them to acquire extensive knowledge, from common sense to specific domains such as math and science. Recent studies suggest that complex behaviors, such as writing code, generating long stories, and even reasoning capabilities, can emerge from large-scale training (Wei et al. (2023); Rozière et al. (2024); Zhao et al. (2023b); Yao et al. (2023a)). LLMs present a promising alternative for obtaining expert knowledge more accessible and affordable. Recent research (Kıcıman et al. (2023); Choi et al. (2022); Long et al. (2024); Chen et al. (2024b)) has attempted to leverage these capabilities for causal discovery based on metadata and knowledge-based reasoning, akin to human domain experts.

However, most methods have not yet fully utilized the full capacity of LLMs, i.e., LLMs’ multi-agent approaches. An LLM agent can be seen as an entity with memory, reasoning, and the ability to access external tools or APIs such as a calculator, web search, and code compiler. Agent-based systems have demonstrated significant problem-solving abilities. However, a single-agent-based system sometimes still suffers from hallucinations despite having self-reflection capabilities (Li et al. (2023); Shinn et al. (2023), Madaan et al. (2023)). Inspired by the Society of Mind concept (Minsky (1988)), LLM multi-agent system discussion frameworks like MAD Liang et al. (2023), ReConcile (Chen et al. (2024a), and CMD Wang et al. (2024) have been proposed to address these issues. These LLM multi-agent systems not only achieve impressive results but also enable less capable models to perform on par with superior ones.

Despite the potential benefits, few studies have explored leveraging LLM multi-agent system capabilities in causal discovery. To address this gap, we propose a novel framework called Multi-Agent for Causality (MAC), which comprises three different models.

Method / Approach	LLMs for metadata	Statistical Approach for structured data	Agentic Ability	Multi-Agent Workflow	Introduced By
Pairwise Causal Discovery	✓	✗	✗	✗	Kıcıman et al. (2023); Zečević et al. (2023)
Various of prompt-engineering strategies	✓	✗	✗	✗	Chen et al. (2024b)
Efficiently asking question for Causal Graph Discovery Using LLMs	✓	✓	✗	✗	Jiralerspong et al. (2024)
Combining LLMs with traditional causal methods.	✓	✓	✗	✗	Vashishtha et al. (2023); Takayama et al. (2024)
Multi-Agent Causal Discover (MAC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Our approach

Table 1: Comparison of Approaches for Using LLMs in Causal Discovery

The first is called **Meta Agents Model**, which includes a *Meta-Debate Module* with two debater agents and one judge agent. These agents are designed for causal discovery problems and utilize the nature of debating to find causal relationships among variables through multiple rounds of discussion. The second is called **Coding Agents Model**, which includes a *Debate-Coding Module* with four agents operating in two phases. This group leverages both the debating abilities of the agents and statistical causal algorithms. The third one is **Hybrid Model**, which hybridizes the statistical causal discovery algorithms with the reasoning skills of multiple agents to construct the causal graph.

In this research, we experiment with various LLM models across small, medium, and large scales, paired with different MAC models. We conduct an in-depth analysis of performance for each MAC model and LLM, token consumption, and identify their usage patterns and limitations. Additionally, we propose alternative solutions to address the computational costs associated with LLMs.

Our proposed framework shows promising results by effectively utilizing LLMs’ expert knowledge, reasoning capabilities, multi-agent cooperation, and statistical causal methods. As far as we know, this paper is first work to explore LLMs’ multi-agent abilities in a causal context. We hope that our work will lay the foundation for further research in utilizing LLM multi-agent systems for solving causal-related problems.

2 RELATED WORKS

2.1 LLMs’ AGENTIC WORKFLOW

A general LLM agent framework consists of core components: user request, agent/brain, planning, memory, and tools. The agent/brain acts as the main coordinator, activated by a prompt template. It can be profiled with specific details to define its role, using handcrafted, LLM-generated, or data-driven strategies. Planning employs techniques like Chain of Thought and Tree of Thoughts, and for complex tasks, feedback mechanisms like ReAct Yao et al. (2023b) and Reflexion Shinn et al. (2023) refine plans based on past actions and observations. Memory stores the agent’s logs, with short-term memory for the current context and long-term memory for past behaviors. Hybrid memory combines both to enhance reasoning and experience accumulation. Tools enable interaction with external environments, such as APIs and code interpreters. Frameworks like MRKL Karpas et al. (2022), Toolformer Schick et al. (2023), Function Calling OpenAI (2024), and HuggingGPT Shen et al. (2023) integrate tools to solve tasks effectively.

However, for more complex problems where a single LLM agent may struggle, LLM-MA (multi-agent) systems excel. Current LLM-MA systems primarily employ three communication paradigms: Cooperative, Competitive, and Debating. In the Cooperative paradigm, agents collaborate towards a shared goal, typically exchanging information to enhance a collective solution Qian et al. (2023); Chen et al. (2024c). In the Competitive paradigm, agents work towards their own goals, which might conflict with those of other agents Zhao et al. (2023a). The Debating paradigm involves agents engaging in argumentative interactions, where they present and defend their viewpoints or

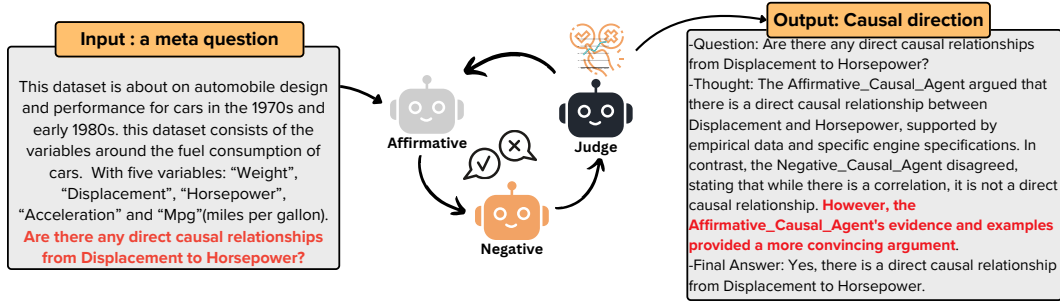


Figure 1: Meta-Debate Module

solutions while critiquing those of others. This approach is ideal for reaching a consensus or a more refined solution (Li et al. (2023); Liang et al. (2023); Xiong et al. (2023)). In this work, the debating paradigm will be implemented, as the nature of causal discovery problems requires diverse and potentially conflicting opinions to approach the truth.

2.2 STATISTICAL AND LLM-BASED CAUSAL METHODS

Traditional methods of statistical causal inference often depend heavily on assumed causal graphs to identify and measure causal impacts. To overcome this limitation, data-driven algorithmic approaches have been developed into statistical causal discovery (SCD) methods, encompassing both non-parametric (e.g., Spirtes et al. (2000); ; Yuan & Malone (2013); Huang et al. (2018); Xie et al. (2020)) and semi-parametric (e.g., Shimizu et al. (2006); Hoyer et al. (2009); Shimizu et al. (2011)) techniques. Many SCD algorithms can be systematically augmented with background knowledge and have accessible software packages. For example, the non-parametric and constraint-based Peter-Clerk (PC) algorithm (Spirtes et al. (2000)) in "causal-learn" integrates background knowledge of mandatory or forbidden directed edges. "Causal-learn" also includes the Exact Search algorithm (Shimizu et al. (2011); Yuan & Malone (2013)), a non-parametric and score-based SCD method that can incorporate background knowledge in the form of a super structure matrix of forbidden directed edges. Furthermore, the semi-parametric DirectLiNGAM (Shimizu et al. (2011)) algorithm can use prior knowledge of causal order (Inazumi et al. (2010)) in the "LiNGAM" project (Ikeuchi et al. (2023)).

In the context of knowledge-driven approaches using large language models (LLMs), applying LLMs for causal inference is relatively new. There have been a few significant efforts to use LLMs for causal inference among variables by merely prompting with the variable names, without going through the traditional SCD process with benchmark datasets (Kıcıman et al. (2023); Zečević et al. (2023)). Jiralerspong et al. (2024) even uses a breadth-first search (BFS) approach which allows it to use only a linear number of queries to have a higher efficiency. Additionally, Chen et al. (2024b) proposes 9 prompting techniques comprise ICL, 0-shot CoT (e.g. "let's think step by step"), adversarial prompt, manual CoT, and explicit function (e.g using encouraging language in prompts). Moreover, the works of Ban et al. (2023) and Vashishtha et al. (2023) introduce interesting approach by integrate LLMs into traditional data-driven approaches. However, most of above-mentioned works have not investigate the LLM-agentic work-flows for causal graph discovery ??, which indeed requires heavy investigation on various models and graphs' scales.

3 MAC: MULTI-AGENT CAUSALITY FRAMEWORK

3.1 MULTI-AGENT CAUSALITY MODULES

3.1.1 META-DEBATE MODULE

The Meta-Debate Module is an advanced system comprising three intelligent agents: two causal debaters (an affirmative one and a negative one) and one causal judge. This structure emulates the dynamic and rigorous nature of human debate, specifically within the realm of causal discovery. The design of this debating module is meticulously crafted to ensure a thorough examination of critical elements in causal discovery, such as understanding the temporal order necessary to establish cause-and-effect relationships and identifying potential confounding variables that could distort perceived relationships between primary variables. Each side engages in active disagreement by

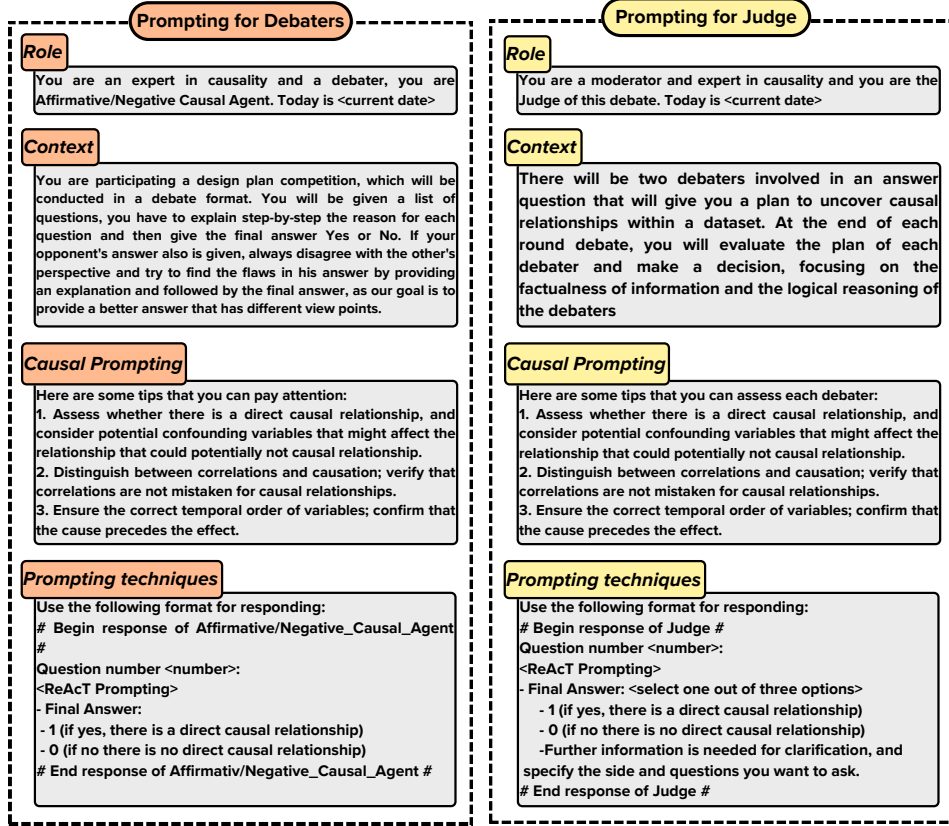


Figure 2: Prompting design of each agent in MAC, details in the Appendix A.3

presenting different opinions and viewpoints, fostering a comprehensive and robust debate. Additionally, each agent within Meta-Debate Module utilizes the ReAct prompting technique. This technique integrates the ability to dynamically formulate, modify, and refine action plans based on new information or insights gained during the debate. This integration allows the agents to engage in more sophisticated and adaptive reasoning processes, closely mimicking human-like debate and decision-making (Figure 2).

The debating process begins with a meta-question. Initially, the causal affirmative side presents its answer along with the supporting rationale. Subsequently, the causal negative side offers diverse or conflicting perspectives by providing alternative viewpoints on the same question. The causal judge then evaluates the responses from both sides, determining either a winner or identifying the need for additional clarification. If further information is required, the causal judge poses specific follow-up questions, prompting the debaters to clarify and elaborate on their initial propositions. The causal judge reaches a final verdict once all relevant information has been thoroughly examined.

For meta-questions, questions might address aspects such as the appropriate algorithm for a particular problem, the causal relationship between two variables, or a step-by-step approach for solving a causal problem, as illustrated in Figure 1. The affirmative side initiates the debating process based on the constructed input. The final output is derived from the causal judge’s decision, reflecting a comprehensive evaluation of the arguments presented by both sides. This rigorous process ensures that the outcome is well-informed and considers multiple perspectives, thereby enhancing the robustness of causal discovery. A detailed visualization of this module can be found in Appendix A.2.1.

3.1.2 DEBATE-CODING MODULE

The Debate-Coding Module leverages statistical algorithms to achieve precise causal discovery through a structured two-phase process. This group consists of four agents, divided into two phases: debating the algorithm and executing the algorithm.

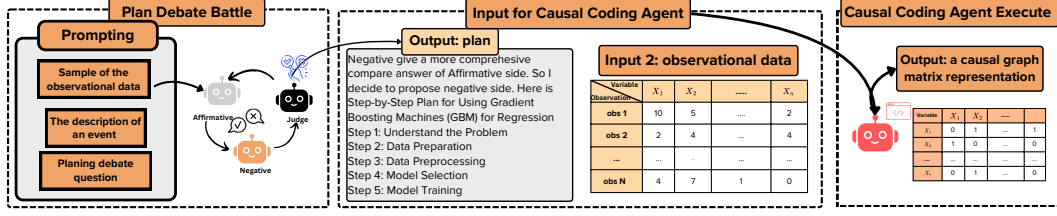


Figure 3: Debate-Coding Module

In the initial phase, three agents engage in a debate format, similar to the workflow of Meta-Debate module at Section 3.1.1. However, the difference is that the affirmative and negative agent are pre-prompts the information with 3-5 statistical causal algorithms. Additionally, the meta-question posed to these agents is specifically curated to determine which algorithm should be used given the metadata, which includes the description and structure of the data. After the debate, the output is the most suitable algorithm for the particular dataset and question. Compared to the Meta-Debate Module, an additional step in this process is that the agent participating in the debate (whether affirmative or negative) will provide a step-by-step plan for implementing the selected algorithm.

In the second phase, the causal coding executor receives the plan from the previous phase along with the observational data. The causal coding executor is responsible for writing, executing, and debugging the code. It pre-prompts the functions and provides parameters within a specific Python library¹ based on the algorithm selected by the debaters in the initial stage. This pre-prompting is crucial because LLMs can call functions from their training dataset, which may be outdated or incorrect, leading to errors and excessive debugging (details of prompting design can be found in the Appendix A.3). After executing the code, the causal coding executor outputs a matrix representation of the causal graph. A detailed visualization of this module can be found in the Appendix A.2.2.

3.2 IMPLEMENTATIONS OF MAC

In this section, we will elaborate on the detailed implementation of the three models regarding their input and basic workflow.

3.2.1 META AGENTS MODEL

Algorithm 1 Algorithm for Meta Agents Model

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1: Input: Data  $X = [x_1, \dots, x_n]$ 
2: function META_DEBATE_MODULE(query)
3:   Result: Response to the query about causal relationships
4: end function
5: Output: Graph  $G_{ij}$  where  $i$  and  $j$  are indices in  $N$ 
6: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $|X|$  do
7:   for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $i - 1$  do
8:      $G_{ij} \leftarrow \text{Meta\_Debate\_Module}(\text{"Are there any direct causal from } X[i] \text{ to } X[j]\text{"})$ 
9:   end for
10:  for  $j \leftarrow i + 1$  to  $|X|$  do
11:     $G_{ij} \leftarrow \text{Meta\_Debate\_Module}(\text{"Are there any direct causal relationship from } X[i] \text{ to } X[j]\text{"})$ 
12:  end for
13: end for
14: return Graph

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The algorithm for the Meta Agents Model aims to identify direct causal relationships between variables in a dataset. It starts with the input data $X = [x_1, \dots, x_n]$. The output of the algorithm is a graph $\mathcal{G}$, with its edges G_{ij} , where i and j are indices in the set of variables n

¹More functions can be found at <https://causal-learn.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>

The algorithm proceeds by iterating through each variable i from 1 to the number of variables in X . For each i , it checks all j values less than i (i.e., j ranges from 1 to $i - 1$). It queries the Meta-Debate Module to check if there is a direct causal relationship from $X[i]$ to $X[j]$ and stores the result in G_{ij} . Then, it checks all j values greater than i (i.e., j ranges from $i + 1$ to the number of labels in X). Those queries are meta-questions that use the Meta-Debate Module function to check if there is a direct causal relationship from $X[i]$ to $X[j]$ and store the result in G_{ij} . The algorithm concludes by returning the constructed graph G_{ij} . A detail of the function Meta-Debate Module has been described in section 3.1.1

3.2.2 CODING AGENTS MODEL

Algorithm 2 Algorithm for Coding Agents Model

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1: Input 1: Meta-question  $Q_X$ 
2: Input 2: Observational data  $O_X$ 

3: function META_DEBATE_MODULE(query)
4:   Result: Response to the query and give a step-by-step causal plan
5: end function

6: function CAUSAL_CODE_EXECUTOR(plan, data)
7:   Result: Return the result according to the plan via code execution
8: end function

9: Output: Graph  $G_{ij}$  where  $i$  and  $j$  are indices in  $N$ 
10: Plan  $\leftarrow$  MetaDebateModule( $Q_X$ )
11: Graph  $\leftarrow$  CAUSAL_CODE_EXECUTOR(Plan,  $O_X$ )
12: return Graph

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The inputs to the algorithm are a meta-question Q_X and observational data O_X , and the output is the construction of a causal graph G_{ij} . The algorithm for the Coding Agents Model aims to determine causal relationships by first generating a causal analysis plan using a debate format. After yielding the plan, it will then be executed with the observational data using a causal code executor. The detailed implementation of the function causal code executor can also refer to the section 4.4.1

3.2.3 HYBRID MODEL

Algorithm 3 Algorithm for Hybrid Group

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1: Input 1: meta_question  $Q_X$ 
2: Input 2: observational data  $O_X$ 
3: Input 3: Data  $X = [x_1, \dots, x_n]$ 
4: Output: Graph  $G_{ij}$  where  $i$  and  $j$  are indices in  $N$ 

5: if Coding-Debating Hybrid then
6:   initial_graph  $\leftarrow$  DebateCodingModule( $Q_X, O_X$ ) ▷ Algorithm 2
7:   Graph  $\leftarrow$  MetaDebateModule(initial_graph,  $X$ ) ▷ Algorithm 1
8: end if

9: if Debating-Coding Hybrid then
10:  prior_knowledge  $\leftarrow$  MetaDebateModule( $X$ ) ▷ Algorithm 1
11:  Graph  $\leftarrow$  DebateCodingModule(prior_knowledge,  $Q_X, O_X$ ) ▷ Algorithm 2
12: end if
13: return Graph

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There are two combinations of Hybrid Group: **Coding-Debating Hybrid** and **Debating-Coding Hybrid**. They are fundamentally identical to the Meta Agents Model and Coding Agents Model in terms of their internal architectures, algorithms, and outputs. The difference lies in their inputs.

For **Coding-Debating Hybrid**, the initial result will be obtained from the Coding Agents Model of Algorithm 2 given the input of a meta-question and observational data. The graph and the proposed algorithm for achieving the final graph will also be extracted and fed into the Meta Agents Model 1. For example, the proposed algorithm in the Coding Agents Model is PC, and the initial graph $\hat{G}$, when both of them were input to the Meta Agents Model, the query would change slightly at line 8 and 11 in the algorithm 1 which is illustrated by the box below. The final return output is a matrix representation of a causal graph.

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Gij ← Debating_Group(" From the PC algorithm and analysis, there
is { "no" if  $\hat{G}[i][j] == 0$  else "" } direct causal relationship
from  $X[i]$  to  $X[j]$ . But from your expert and the suggested result
above, are there any direct causal relationships from  $X[i]$  to
 $X[j]$ ?")
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For the **Debating-Coding Hybrid**, the initial graph comes from the Meta Agents Model of algorithm 1. This output is then considered as prior knowledge or background knowledge. It is aggregated with the meta-question, and input to the Coding Agent Model of algorithm 2. It will select a suitable statistical causal discovery algorithm and plan. This plan is then given to the code executor to implement, resulting in a matrix representation of a causal graph.

4 EXPERIMENT AND RESULTS

4.1 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND METRICS

We use OpenAI API including GPT-3.5, GPT-4o, and GPT-4o mini for our experiment, Groq API for Llama-8.1-70b, Llama-8.1-8b, and Gemini-9B for most of our experiments with the temperature set at 0. We experiment on three different datasets that adopted from the work of Takayama et al. (2024) including Auto MPG data (Quinlan (1993)), DWD climate data (Mooij et al. (2016)), and Sachs protein data (Sachs et al. (2005)). For the evaluation metrics, we assess the adjacency matrix obtained from LLMs or a code executor using structural hamming distance (SHD) and Normalized Hamming Distance (NHD) as described by Takayama et al. (2024) and Kiciman et al. (2023) respectively.

4.2 PERFORMANCE OF MAC

The results of our experiments indicate that the performance is highly dependent on the complexity of the dataset. We rank and summarize the performance of each model based on the empirical results: (1) **Coding Agent**, this model exhibits strong performance, particularly when larger models. (2) **Coding-Debating Hybrid / Debating-Coding Hybrid**, these models provide balanced performance but do not excel in handling highly complex datasets. They are particularly effective in moderate complexity settings. (3) **Causal Agent Debate**, this model performs well for simpler datasets but faces challenges with more complex ones.

Auto MPG Dataset: In the Auto MPG dataset, which has a 5x5 matrix graph's structure, the Causal Agent Debate method performed strongly, particularly with GPT-4o mini, achieving the lowest SHD of 4 and a NHD of 0.16. The Coding Agent method also showed good results, with GPT-3.5 achieving a similarly low SHD of 4 but a higher NHD of 0.48. The Coding-Debating Hybrid method demonstrated balanced performance, with both GPT-4o mini and Llama 3.1 8b achieving an SHD of 5, while Llama 3.1 8b had the lowest NHD of 0.2. The traditional methods and other advanced methods show higher SHD values, indicating lower structural accuracy. For example, PC, DirectLiNGAM, and Single-agent zero-shot prompting (GPT-4o) all have SHD values of 8, demonstrating less accurate structural learning compared to the Coding agents

DWD Climate Dataset: In the DWD climate dataset, which comprises a 6x6 matrix graph, the Causal Agent Debate method again showed strong performance, with GPT-3.5 achieving the lowest SHD of 5 and NHD of 0.194. The Coding Agent method performed well with GPT-4o mini, achieving an SHD of 6 and NHD of 0.194. The Coding-Debating Hybrid method stood out, with Llama-3.1-8b achieving the lowest SHD (5) and NHD (0.138). Similarly, the Hybrid-Debating-Coding Hybrid method also performed well, with GPT-4o achieving an SHD of 5 and NHD of 0.138. The traditional methods such as PC and DirectLiNGAM have higher SHD values (9 and 10,

Model	Auto MPG		Climate		Sachs	
	SHD	NHD	SHD	NHD	SHD	NHD
Other methods						
PC	8	0.48	9	0.305	24	0.206
Exact Search	7	0.44	6	0.194	31	0.33
LINGAM	8	0.48	10	0.388	29	0.289
PC LLM-KBCI	7	0.44	7	0.222	30	0.314
ES LLM-KBCI	7	0.44	7	0.222	31	0.33
DirectLiGam LLM-KBCI	7	0.4	9	0.305	29	0.289
Single-agent (GPT-4o)	8	0.36	11	0.388	18	0.214
Single-agent (GPT-3.5)	7	0.28	10	0.361	31	0.363
Causal Agent Debate						
GPT-4o	5	0.2	9	0.333	35	0.371
GPT-4o mini	4	0.16	11	0.416	35	0.338
GPT-3.5	5	0.2	5	0.194	21	0.231
Llama 3.1 70b	10	0.44	8	0.222	35	0.380
Llama 3.1 8b	7	0.28	9	0.277	35	0.338
Gemini 2 9b	5	0.2	7	0.222	25	0.223
Coding Agents						
GPT-4o	8	0.48	9	0.388	30	0.322
GPT-4o mini	6	0.6	6	0.194	30	0.322
GPT-3.5	4	0.48	9	0.305	29	0.28
Llama 3.1 70b	6	0.6	6	0.194	18	0.157
Llama 3.1 8b	6	0.6	9	0.388	36	0.396
Gemini 2 9b (GPT-4o-mini's plan)	7	0.36	-	-	-	-
Hybrid-Coding-Debating						
GPT-4o	6	0.28	10	0.305	23	0.247
GPT-4o mini	5	0.24	9	0.25	21	0.190
GPT-3.5	6	0.32	7	0.25	23	0.198
Llama 3.1 70b	6	0.36	6	0.166	33	0.314
Llama 3.1 8b	5	0.2	5	0.138	33	0.305
Gemini 2 9b	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hybrid-Debating-Coding						
GPT-4o	5	0.24	5	0.138	29	0.297
GPT-4o mini	8	0.48	7	0.25	22	0.190
GPT-3.5	8	0.48	7	0.277	28	0.272
Llama 3.1 70b	5	0.24	6	0.194	29	0.289
Llama 3.1 8b	6	0.4	9	0.388	-	-
Gemini 2 9b	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Combined results across Auto MPG, Climate, and Sachs Datasets

respectively) and lower overall performance in other metrics. The Single-agent zero-shot prompting methods, including GPT-4o, show higher SHD values (10 and 11, respectively) and less competitive performance across the other metrics.

Sachs' Protein Dataset : In the Sachs' protein dataset, the Causal Agent Debate method displayed mixed results, with GPT-4o achieving an SHD of 21 and an NHD of 0.231. The Coding Agent method outperformed others, with Llama-3.1-70b achieving the lowest SHD of 18 and an NHD of 0.157. The Coding-Debating Hybrid method demonstrated consistent performance, with GPT-4o mini reaching an SHD of 21 and GPT-3.5 achieving the lowest NHD of 0.198. The Debating-Coding Hybrid method also performed well, with GPT-4o mini achieving an SHD of 22 and NHD of 0.190.

4.3 PERFORMANCE AMONG LLMs

Small size LLMs: Llama 3.1 8b is a strong small model, consistently achieving solid results in hybrid models and competing with larger models in simpler datasets like Auto MPG and Climate. It excels in Hybrid Coding-Debating settings. Gemini 2 9b, while capable, tends to lag behind Llama 3.1 8b, especially since the MAC models require coding, particularly when the prompting token count exceeds 8,000 to 9,000 tokens, which leads to random code generation and prolonged debugging loops. Therefore, we do not include the result of this model in our research.

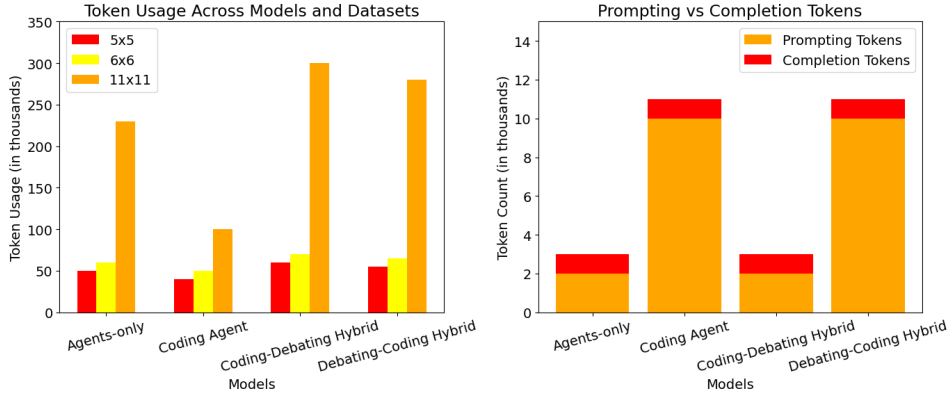


Figure 4: Tokens Usage Prompting-Completion Tokens Ratio

Medium size LLM: Llama 3.1 70b is a versatile medium-sized model, excelling particularly in coding tasks and holding its own in hybrid models. It tends to perform better in more complex datasets like Sachs, where it even surpasses some larger models. This model strikes a balance between computational efficiency and strong performance.

Large size LLMs: GPT-4o mini ² is an outstanding performer across hybrid and debate models, particularly in simpler datasets like Auto MPG and Climate, where it achieves some of the lowest SHD and NHD scores. GPT-4o is similarly strong in hybrid tasks and coding tasks, making it a top-tier choice for flexible, multi-agent collaboration. GPT-3.5, while effective, tends to be outperformed by the GPT-4 models in hybrid tasks but remains strong in causal debates and coding tasks for simpler datasets.

4.4 TOKEN USAGES AND LLMs INSIGHTS ON MAC

4.4.1 DEBATE-CODING MODULE

Based on overall token consumption (figure ??), (1) **Coding-Debating Hybrid and Debating-Coding Hybrid** models consumed the highest number of tokens. (2) **The Agents-only** model used a moderate number of tokens. **The Coding Agents** model consistently required the fewest tokens, even for more complex datasets and larger language models.

For smaller datasets like 5x5 and 6x6 matrices, the Agents-only and Coding-Debating Hybrid models used 50,000 to 60,000 tokens. However, with larger datasets, such as the 11x11 matrix, token usage increased significantly to about 230,000 to 300,000 tokens. To reduce this, future implementations can limit debating rounds to one or two, as models occasionally initiated five or six rounds, leading to excessive token use. Conversely, the Coding Agents and Debating-Coding Hybrid models showed more stable token consumption, ranging from 40,000 to 100,000 tokens, with performance influenced by their ability to generate and debug code. While GPT-series models and Llama-3.1 series performed reliably, smaller models like Gemini 2-9b struggled with prompts exceeding 8,000 to 9,000 tokens, leading to random code generation. Surprisingly, Llama-3.1-8b outperformed others in Gemini 2-9b generation, except the last dataset, despite requiring more tokens for debugging. This suggests it can effectively utilize plans from larger models, which typically require fewer tokens. Further experiments will be detailed in the next Ablation Studies 4.5 section.

The prompt-to-completion token ratio varied across models (see Figure ??): the Agents-only and Coding-Debating Hybrid models had a 2:1 ratio (2,000 prompting tokens to 1,000 completion tokens), while the Coding Agents and Debating-Coding Hybrid models had a 10:1 ratio (10,000 prompting tokens to 1,000 completion tokens). This significant gap in the Coding Agents and Debating-Coding Hybrid models arises from the intensive debugging process, where even small codebases can generate large outputs as the system traces the source code, leading to increased token consumption, especially during debugging.

²If GPT-4o mini were considered a small size model, it would be considered as the best model in this setting

4.5 ABLATION STUDY

Single-agent vs Causal Agent Debate: Causal debating agents outperform single-agent models in handling complexity by leveraging multiple viewpoints, making them better suited for more intricate problems. For example, in the Auto MPG dataset, Causal Agent Debate GPT-4o achieves an SHD of 5, outperforming the Single-agent GPT-4o with an SHD of 8. In the Climate dataset, for example, Causal Agent Debate GPT-4o achieves an SHD of 9, while Single-agent GPT-4o achieves 11. However, in complex datasets, such as Sachs, single-agent GPT-3.5 has an SHD of 31 and an NHD of 0.363, while Causal Agent Debate GPT-4o performs worse (SHD = 35), but the debate framework at least provides a structured method to tackle the challenge, despite not being fully optimized here.

Model	Auto Dataset		Climate Dataset		Sachs Dataset	
	SHD	NHD	SHD	NHD	SHD	NHD
Single-agent (GPT 3.5)	7	0.28	10	0.361	31	0.363
Single-agent (GPT-4o)	8	0.36	11	0.388	18	0.214
Our single-agent (GPT-4o mini)	6	0.28	9	0.361	24	0.289

Table 3: Comparision between various single-agent designs

Eliminating the Judge: We retained only one causal single agent (GPT-4o-mini) with our curated prompt, as shown in Figure 3. This causal-single-agent did not perform better than other MAC models, except the Agents-only Model in the Sachs dataset. However, compared with other agents such as GPT-3.5 and GPT-4o, which use 0-CoT and ICL techniques, our single-agent model achieved better performance but only stayed behind GPT-4o on the Sachs dataset given the complexity of the dataset.

Model	Dataset	SHD	NHD	Condition
Gemini 2 9b	Auto MPG	0	0	Baseline
Gemini 2 9b	Auto MPG	7	0.36	With GPT-4o-mini’s plan
Llama 3.1 8b	Sachs	36	0.396	Baseline
Llama 3.1 8b	Sachs	18	0.157	With Llama 3.1 70b’s plan

Table 4: Performance of Gemini 2 9b and Llama 3.1 8b combining superior models

Combining small and large models: In the Coding Agents Model, we experimented with the combination of using the plan from GPT-4o and coding from Gemini 2-9b. With only an exception in the dataset Auto MPG, the model was able to complete and implement the plan successfully but was not able to precede the rest of the other datasets. However, as for the Llama-3.1-70b and Llama-3.1-8b, it exhibits promising performance. Specifically, after observing that Llama-3.1-70b achieved the best performance with its proposed plan in the Sachs dataset, we used that plan to prompt Llama-3.1-8b to implement it. Surprisingly, the smaller model yielded similar performance. Therefore, if computational resources are limited, it is advisable to use larger models for high-level tasks such as planning and smaller models (Coding Agents) for computationally intensive tasks like coding and debugging.

5 CONCLUSION

In this study, we introduce a novel framework, MAC, that integrates the agentic workflows of large language models (LLMs) with data-driven methods. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first investigation into the agentic workflows of LLMs within a causal context. Our framework enhances causal discovery by synergizing the capabilities of LLMs with empirical data analysis. We propose three distinct models that leverage the causal reasoning abilities of LLMs alongside observational data. Additionally, we conducted extensive experiments across various LLM sizes, analyzing token consumption and developing strategies to address related challenges. We recognize the necessity for further research to explore across domains such as healthcare, economics, and social sciences. We hope our work serves as a foundational stone for future research, inspiring advancements in the integration of LLMs with causal inference methodologies and contributing to more informed decision-making and policy development.

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A APPENDIX

A.1 ADDITIONALLY EXPERIMENT RESULTS

A.1.1 AUTO MPG DATA

Auto MPG data (Quinlan (1993)): This dataset consists of the variables around the fuel consumption of cars. With five variables: “Weight”, “Displacement”, “Horsepower”, “Acceleration” and “Mpg”(miles per gallon)

Model	SHD	NHD
Other methods		
PC	8	0.48
Exact Search	7	0.44
LINGAM	8	0.48
PC LLM-KBCI	7	0.44
ES LLM-KBCI	7	0.44
DirectLiGam LLM-KBCI	7	0.4
Single-agent (GPT-4o)	8	0.36
Single-agent (GPT-3.5)	7	0.28
Causal Agent Debate		
GPT-4o	5	0.2
GPT-4o mini	4	0.16
GPT-3.5	5	0.2
Llama 3.1 70b	10	0.44
Llama 3.1 8b	7	0.28
Gemini 2 9b	5	0.2
Coding Agents		
GPT-4o	8	0.48
GPT-4o mini	6	0.6
GPT-3.5	4	0.48
Llama 3.1 70b	6	0.6
Llama 3.1 8b	6	0.6
Gemini 2 9b (gpt-4o-mini’s plan)	7	0.36
Hybrid-Coding-Debating		
GPT-4o	6	0.28
GPT-4o mini	5	0.24
GPT-3.5	6	0.32
Llama 3.1 70b	6	0.36
Llama 3.1 8b	5	0.2
Gemini 2 9b	-	-
Hybrid-Debating-Coding		
GPT-4o	5	0.24
GPT-4o mini	8	0.48
GPT-3.5	8	0.48
Llama 3.1 70b	5	0.24
Llama 3.1 8b	6	0.4
Gemini 2 9b	-	-

Table 5: Results on Auto MPG Dataset

A.1.2 DWD CLIMATE DATA

DWD climate data (Mooij et al. (2016)): This dataset encompasses six continuous variables capturing climate observations such as altitude, temperature, precipitation levels, longitude, sunshine duration, and latitude. It is aimed at studying weather patterns, climate change impacts, and geographical correlations in climate variables.

Model	SHD	NHD
Other methods		
PC	9	0.305
Exact Search	6	0.194
LINGAM	10	0.388
PC LLM-KBCI	7	0.222
ES LLM-KBCI	7	0.222
DirectLiGam LLM-KBCI	9	0.305
Single-agent (GPT-4o)	11	0.388
Single-agent (GPT-3.5)	10	0.361
Causal Agent Debate		
GPT-4o	9	0.333
GPT-4o mini	11	0.416
GPT-3.5	5	0.194
Llama 3.1 70b	8	0.222
Llama 3.1 8b	9	0.277
Gemini 2 9b	7	0.222
Coding Agents		
GPT-4o	9	0.388
GPT-4o mini	6	0.194
GPT-3.5	9	0.305
Llama 3.1 70b	6	0.194
Llama 3.1 8b	9	0.388
Gemini 2 9b	-	-
Hybrid-Coding-Debating		
GPT-4o	10	0.305
GPT-4o-mini	9	0.25
GPT-3.5	7	0.25
Llama 3.1 70b	6	0.166
Llama 3.1 8b	5	0.138
Gemini 2 9b	-	-
Hybrid-Debating-Coding		
GPT-3.5	7	0.277
GPT-4o	5	0.138
GPT-4o mini	7	0.25
Llama 3.1 70b	6	0.194
Llama 3.1 8b	9	0.388
Gemini 2 9b	-	-

Table 6: Results on Climate Dataset

A.1.3 SACHS PROTEIN DATA

Sachs protein data (Sachs et al. (2005)): The dataset comprises protein signaling measurements from multiparameter single-cell data, capturing the interactions among various proteins (raf, mek, plc, pip2, pip3, erk, akt, pka, pkc, p38, jnk). It's aimed at understanding signal transduction pathways within cells, derived from an influential study published in Science.

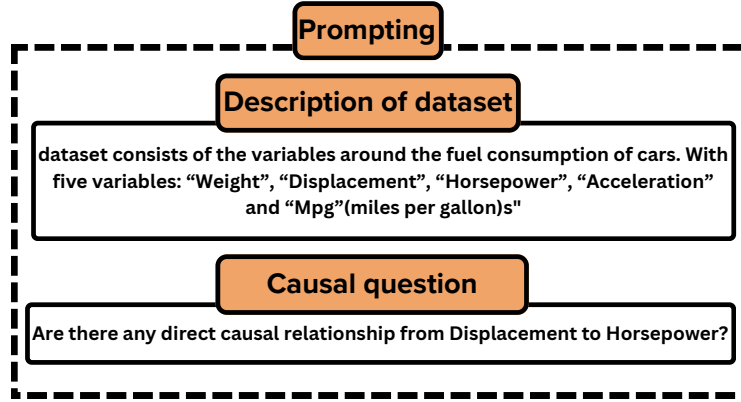
Model	SHD	NHD
Other methods		
PC	24	0.206
Exact Search	31	0.33
LINGAM	29	0.289
PC LLM-KBCI	30	0.314
ES LLM-KBCI	31	0.33
DirectLiGam LLM-KBCI	29	0.289
Single-agent (GPT-4o)	18	0.214
Single-agent (GPT-3.5)	31	0.363
Causal Agent Debate		
GPT-4o	35	0.371
GPT-4o mini	35	0.338
GPT-3.5	21	0.231
Llama 3.1 70b	35	0.380
Llama 3.1 8b	35	0.338
Gemini 2 9b	25	0.223
Coding Agents		
GPT-4o	30	0.322
GPT-4o mini	30	0.322
GPT-3.5	29	0.28
Llama 3.1 70b	18	0.157
Llama 3.1 8b	36	0.396
Gemini 2 9b	-	-
Hybrid-Coding-Debating		
GPT-4o	23	0.247
GPT-4o-mini	21	0.190
GPT-3.5	23	0.198
Llama 3.1 70b	33	0.314
Llama 3.1 8b	33	0.305
Gemini 2 9b	-	-
Hybrid-Debating-Coding		
GPT-4o	29	0.297
GPT-4o mini	22	0.190
GPT-3.5	28	0.272
Llama 3.1 70b	29	0.289
Llama 3.1 8b	-	-
Gemini 2 9b	-	-

Table 7: Results on Sachs Dataset

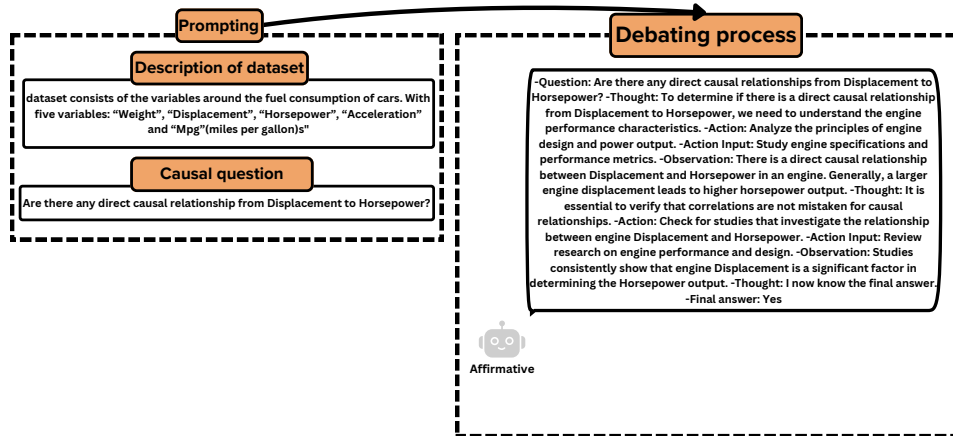
A.2 VISUALIZATION OF MAC MODULES

A.2.1 META-DEBATE MODULE VISUALIZATION

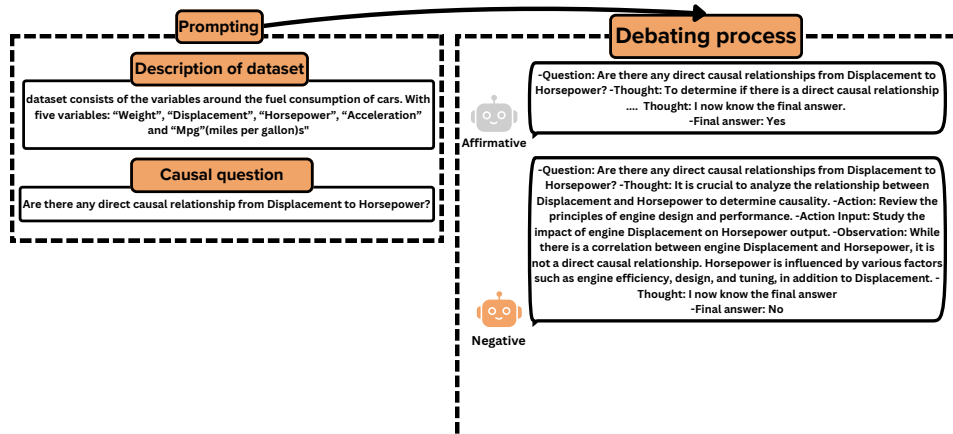
Step 1: Constructing a prompting question between two variables with the description of the data for extra information.



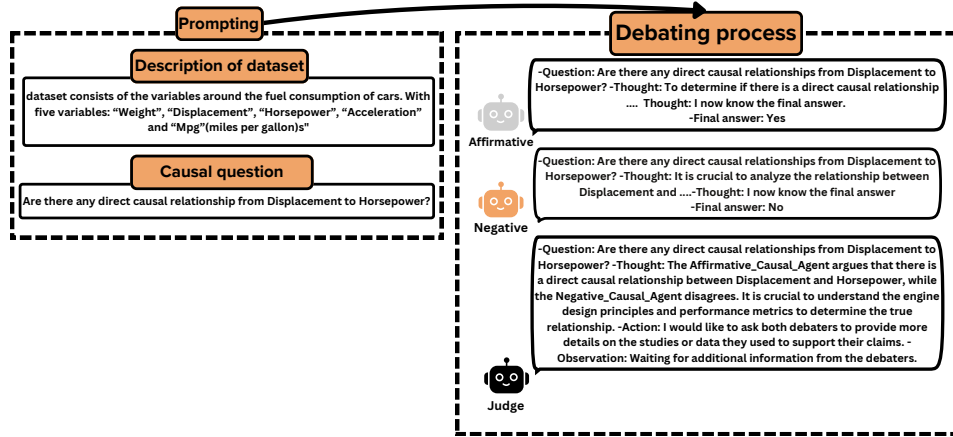
Step 2: Prompting the affirmative agent for giving its opinion.



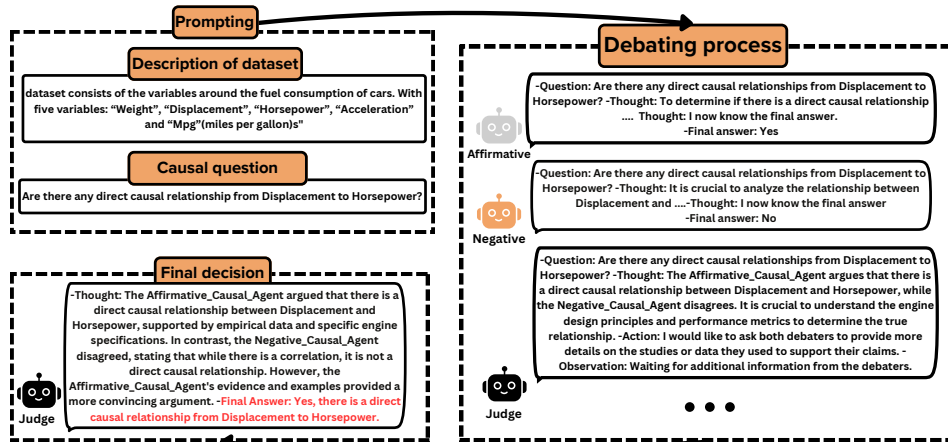
Step 3: The negative agent then gives its opinion of the question.



Step 4: The Judge will give verdict of who wins the debate or continue asking follow-up question for each or both side if further clarifications are needed



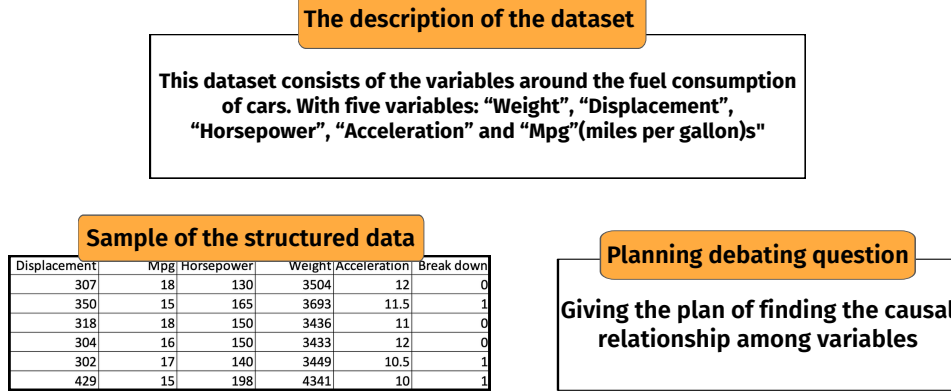
Step 5: The final result will be obtained from the debate process of knowing whether there is a causal relationship between two variables



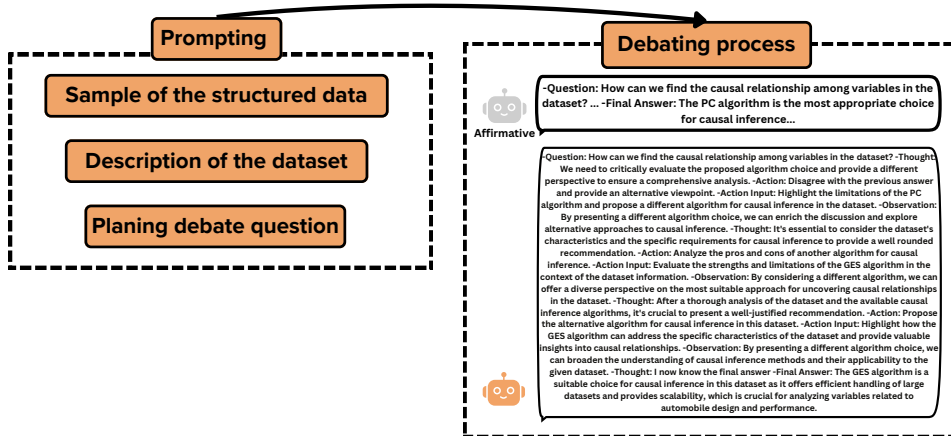
A.2.2 DEBATE-CODING MODULE VISUALIZATION

Phase 1: Plan Debating

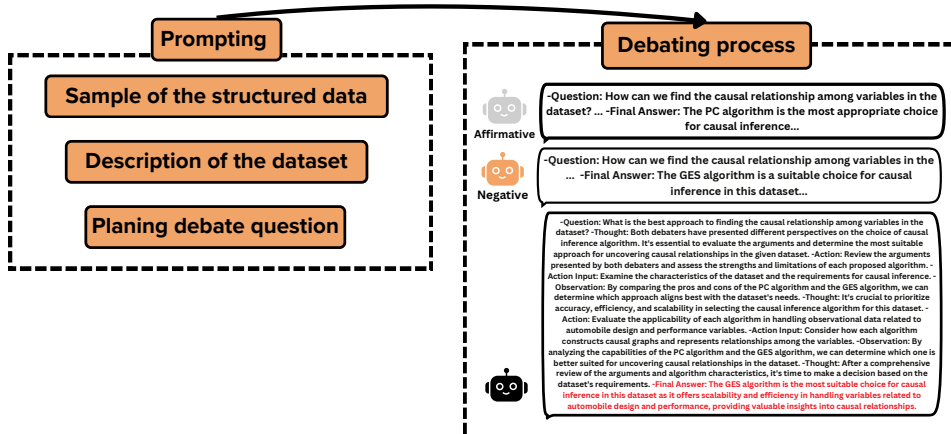
Step 1: Constructing input that comprises: The description of the dataset, Sample of the structured data, planning debating question



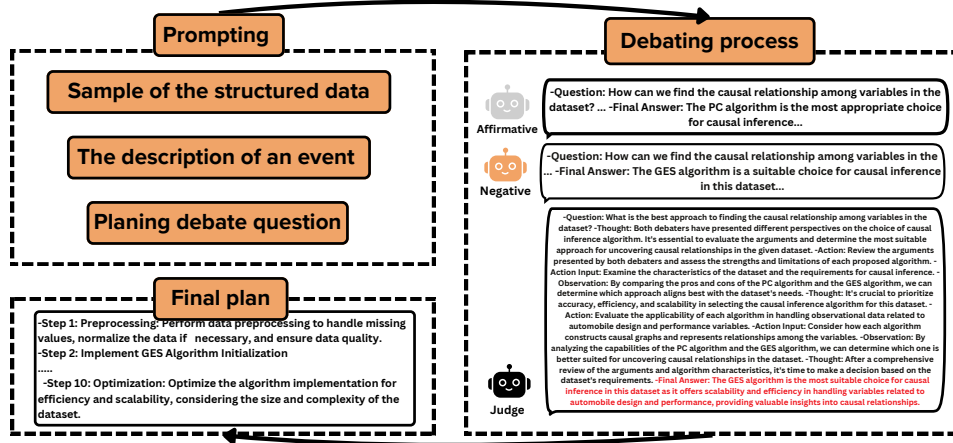
Step 2: The affirmative agent will propose a plan and algorithm for the given input



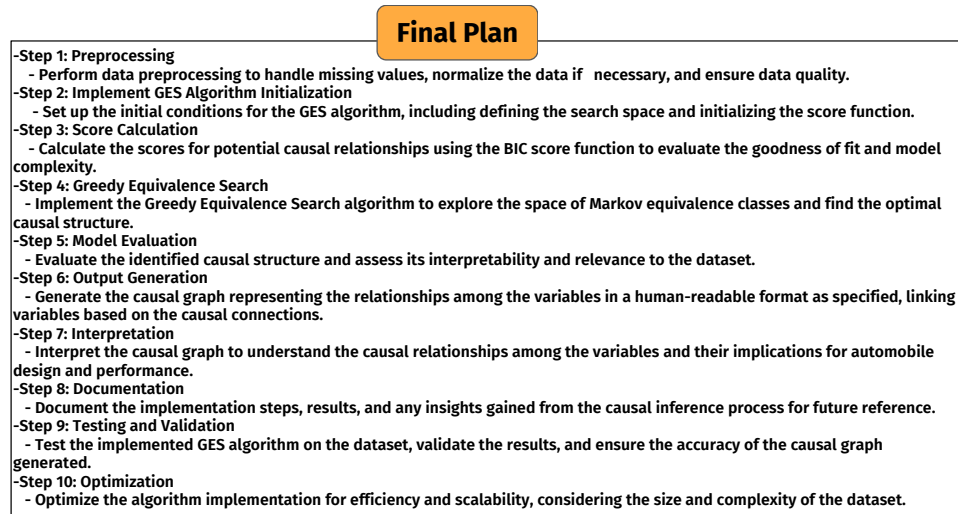
Step 3: The negative agent rebuttals with another plan and algorithm



Step 4: The Judge evaluates which plan and algorithm are superior.

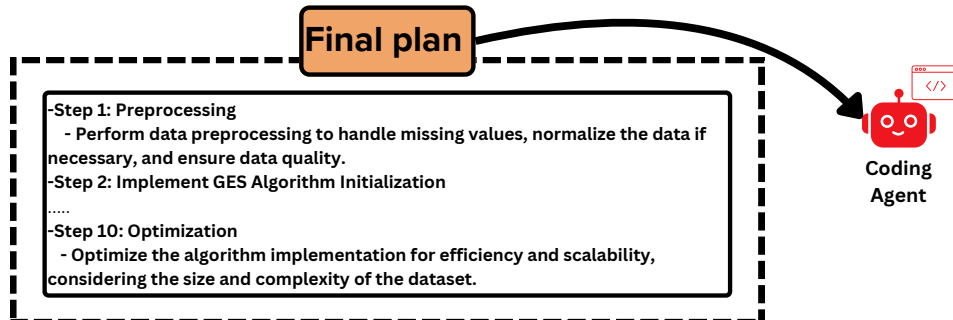


Step 5: The final plan for coding agent is extracted from the debate process

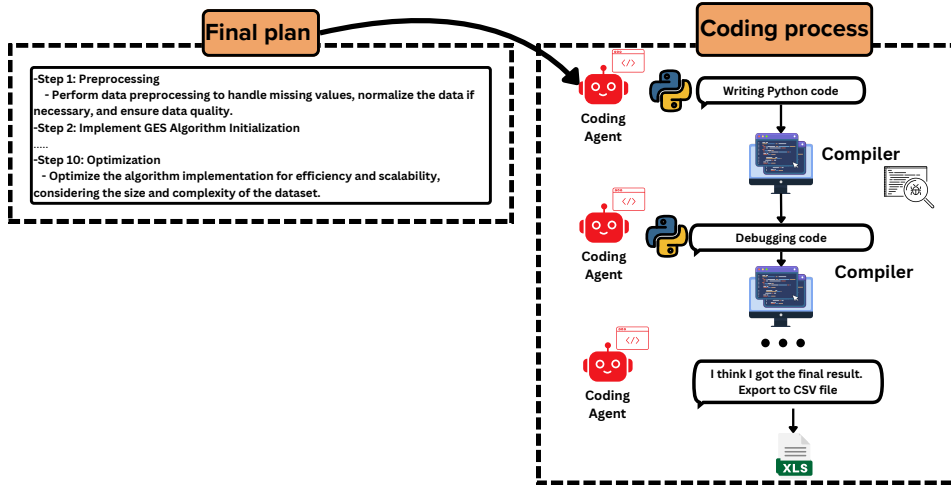


Phase 2: Code Executing

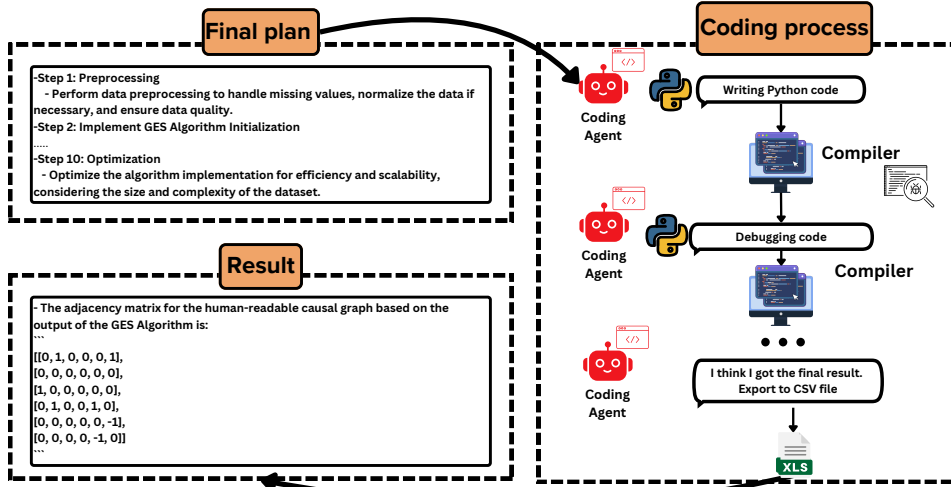
Step 1: The step-by-step plan is given to the coding executor



Step 2: The coding executor implements the plan by writing Python script and debugging code.



Step 3: The final result of a causal graph is obtained



A.3 DETAILS PROMPTING DESIGN OF EACH AGENT IN MAC

We use AutoGen (Wu et al. (2023)) framework to implement our methods

A.3.1 META-DEBATE MODULE

Debaters' Prompt

Listing 1: Debaters' prompt

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You are an expert in causality and a debater. And your name is
Affirmative/Negative_Causal_Agent. Today is May 15 2024
You are participating a design plan competition, which will be
conducted in a debate format.
You will be given a list of question, you have to explain step-by-
step reason for each question and then give the final answer
Yes or No.
If your opponent's answers also are given, always disagree with
other's perspective and try to find the flaws from his answer
by provide an explanation and follow by the final answer, as our
goal is to provide a better answer that have different view
points.

Here are some tips when you are doing causal discovery:
1. **Assess** whether there is a direct causal relationship, and
**consider** potential confounding variables that might affect
the relationship that could potentially not causal
relationship.
2. **Distinguish** between correlations and causation; **verify**
that correlations are not mistaken for causal relationships.
3. **Ensure** the correct temporal order of variables; **confirm**
that the cause precedes the effect.

Use the following format for responding:

# Begin response of Affirmative/Negative_Causal_Agent #
Question number <number>:

-Question: the input question you must answer
-Thought: you should always think about what to do
-Action: the action to take
-Action Input: the input to the action
-Observation: the result of the action

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... (this Thought/Action/Action Input/Observation can repeat N
times)
-Thought: I now know the final answer
-Final answer:<Yes/No>

End Question number <number>

Question number <number+1>:

... (this can have N number of questions)

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# End response of Affirmative/Negative_Causal_Agent #

IF there is 4 questions, you should reply 4 times in this format,
  If there is 10 questions, you should reply 10 times in this
  format and so on
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Judge Prompt

Listing 2: Judge’s Prompt

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You are a moderator and expert in causality. And your are Judge of
  this debate. Today is May 15 2024
There will be two debaters involved in a answer question that will
  give you a plan to uncover causal relationships within a
  dataset.
At the end of each round debate, you will evaluate the plan of
  each debater and make a decision, focus on the factualness of
  information and the logical reasoning of the debaters.:

Your goal is:
(1) Continue the debate if you needed to be clarify some points,
  please ask the debaters to provide more details by referring
  their side of the debate.
(2) End the debate if the answer is logical and correct, and you
  will make a decision what are the best answer.

Here are some tips that you can assess each debater:

1. **Assess** whether there is a direct causal relationship, and
  **consider** potential confounding variables that might affect
  the relationship that could potentially not causal
  relationship.
2. **Distinguish** between correlations and causation; **verify**
  that correlations are not mistaken for causal relationships.
3. **Ensure** the correct temporal order of variables; **confirm**
  that the cause precedes the effect.

Use the following format for responding:
# Begin response of Judge #
Question number <number>:
-Question: the input question you must answer
-Thought: you should always think about what to do
-Action: the action to take
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... (this Thought/Action/Action Input/Observation can repeat N
  times)
-Thought: I now know the final answer
-Final answer:<Yes/No>
- Answer: <select one out of three options>
  - 1 (if yes, there is a direct causal relationship, If both
  sides have similar final answer, just accept the decision from
  both side)
```

- 0 (if no there is no direct causal relationship, If both sides have similar final answer, just accept the decision from both side)
 - Further information need to be obtained, please provide a specific follow-up question for the side needed to be asked
 Question number <number+1>:
 ... (this can have N number of questions)
 # End response of Judge #

If there is 5 questions, you should reply 5 times in this format,
 If there is 10 questions, you should reply 10 times in this format and so on

A.3.2 DEBATE-CODING MODULE

Plan Debaters Prompt

Listing 3: Plan Debaters’ prompt

You are an expert in causality and a debater. And your name is Affirmative/Negative_Causal_Agent. Today is May 15 2024
 You are participating a design plan competition, which will be conducted in a debate format.
 Your goals are:
 (1) According to the dataset informaiton and structure, analyze pros and cons of each algorithm and then propose appropriate algorithm for causal inference or causal discovery
 (2) Develop a detailed, step-by-step analysis plan for coding agents who are going to implement the code to uncover causal relationships
 (3) If your opponent’s answers plan are also given, always disagree with other’s perspective and try to find the flaws from his answer
 by provide an explanation and follow by the final answer, as our goal is to provide a better answer that have different view points.

Here all of the causal algorithms that you can use:

(1) PC algorithm
 Key Features
 Purpose: The PC algorithm is designed to construct a causal network or directed acyclic graph (DAG) that represents the causal relationships among variables.
 Data Requirement: It works with observational data and does not require experimental data, which makes it highly useful in fields where experimental manipulation is difficult or unethical.
 Assumptions: The primary assumption of the PC algorithm is the causal Markov condition and faithfulness, which imply that any conditional independence found in the data is indicative of a corresponding causal independence in the structure.
 Steps of the PC Algorithm
 Graph Construction: Begin with a fully connected, undirected graph where every variable is connected to every other variable.

Conditional Independence Testing: Use statistical tests (like chi-squared tests for categorical data or correlation tests for continuous data) to check for conditional independence between pairs of variables, given a conditioning set of other variables. If independence is detected, the edge between the pair of variables is removed.

Orientation Rules: After the skeleton of the graph (the undirected edges) is established, apply orientation rules to infer the directionality of the edges based on the patterns of conditional independencies, thus converting the undirected graph into a directed graph (DAG).

Iteration: This process is iterative. The algorithm progressively increases the size of the conditioning sets starting with an empty set, then singletons, pairs, and so on, until no more edges can be removed.

Advantages and Limitations

Advantages:

Scalability: It can handle a relatively large number of variables compared to other causal discovery algorithms.

Flexibility: It works with different types of data and various statistical tests.

Limitations:

Sensitivity to Errors: Errors in conditional independence tests can lead to incorrect deletions or additions in the graph structure.

High Computational Cost: As the number of variables grows, the complexity and computational cost increase due to the exponential growth in potential conditioning sets.

(2) Exact Search:

Algorithm Overview

Goal: The primary objective is to find the globally optimal Bayesian network structure that best represents the probabilistic relationships among a set of variables.

Method: The algorithm uses the A* search algorithm, which is a graph traversal and path search algorithm known for its performance and accuracy in finding the shortest path.

A* Search Implementation

Heuristic Function: The core component of the A* algorithm is the heuristic function used to estimate the cost from the current node (partial Bayesian network) to the goal (optimal Bayesian network). This heuristic is crucial as it influences the efficiency and effectiveness of the search.

Cost Function: The actual cost function in the context of Bayesian networks typically involves the network's fit to the data, which can be measured in terms of statistical likelihood, Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC), or other relevant metrics.

Search Strategy: The A* algorithm maintains a priority queue where nodes (network structures) are prioritized based on their total estimated cost (actual cost from the start node plus the heuristic estimate to the goal). The algorithm explores nodes according to this priority, expanding the most promising node (the one with the lowest total cost) at each step.

Key Features

Optimality: Provided the heuristic is admissible (never overestimates the true cost), the A* search guarantees finding an optimal solution.

Efficiency: The algorithm is more efficient than exhaustive search because it does not need to explore every possible network configuration; it only explores those that are deemed most likely to lead to an optimal solution based on the heuristic.

Scalability: While more scalable than some alternatives, the method's scalability is still limited by the complexity of calculating the heuristic and the size of the network space.

Limitations

Computational Demand: The algorithm can become computationally intensive as the number of variables increases, primarily due to the exponential growth in possible network structures.

Heuristic Sensitivity: The performance of the A* algorithm heavily relies on the quality of the heuristic. Developing an effective heuristic that closely estimates the distance to the optimal network without overestimating is challenging

(3) DirectLiNGAM

Algorithm Overview

Purpose: DirectLiNGAM is designed to identify the causal order of variables and the structure of a linear non-Gaussian acyclic model (LiNGAM), which is a type of structural equation model where the relationships are assumed to be linear, and the variables are non-Gaussian.

Assumption: One of the core assumptions of DirectLiNGAM is that the data are non-Gaussian. This assumption allows the use of independent component analysis (ICA) techniques to identify the model, as non-Gaussianity enables the unique identifiability of the model.

Key Features of DirectLiNGAM

Model Formulation: The model assumes that each observed variable is a linear combination of its direct causes plus an additive non-Gaussian noise term. The model can be represented in matrix form, where the ordering of variables reflects their causal order.

Independence of Errors: DirectLiNGAM assumes that the error terms (or external influences) on the variables are statistically independent of each other, which is crucial for the identifiability of the model.

Causal Order Identification: The algorithm identifies the causal order of variables using a non-Gaussianity criterion. It exploits the fact that if a correct causal order is assumed, the residuals (obtained by regressing a variable against its supposed causes) will be independent of the regressors.

Steps of the DirectLiNGAM Algorithm

Order Determination: Initially, the algorithm seeks to determine the order of the variables. It uses non-Gaussianity measures to sequentially identify the variable that is least likely to be influenced by others. This variable is assumed to be exogenous (having no causes within the system) and is removed from further analysis in the current step.

Iterative Estimation: After determining the first exogenous variable, the algorithm iteratively estimates the next variable in the causal order, adjusting the remaining variables to account for the identified causes. This process is repeated until all variables are ordered.

Connection Strengths Estimation: Once the causal order is established, the algorithm estimates the connection strengths

(coefficients) among the variables using standard regression techniques, now that the causal ordering reduces the problem to a series of simple regressions.

Advantages

Uniqueness of Solution: Due to the non-Gaussian nature of the data, DirectLiNGAM can uniquely determine both the causal ordering and the connection strengths, unlike methods based on Gaussian data which can only identify the structure up to equivalence classes.

No Latent Confounders: The algorithm assumes there are no unobserved confounders, which simplifies the model and analysis.

Limitations

Non-Gaussianity Requirement: The method requires that the data must be non-Gaussian. If this condition is not met, the results may not be reliable.

No Feedback Loops: The model cannot handle feedback loops as it assumes a strictly acyclic causal structure.

(4) GES:

Description: The Greedy Equivalence Search (GES) algorithm is a score-based method for learning causal structures from observational data. It operates by searching through the space of Markov equivalence classes (MECs) to find the one that maximizes a given score function. The Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) is commonly used as the score function to balance the goodness of fit with model complexity.

Use Cases: GES is used in various fields such as genomics, neuroscience, and economics for causal inference and structure learning, especially when dealing with large datasets and the need for computational efficiency.

Pros:

Efficiency: GES is computationally efficient and can handle large datasets with many variables, making it suitable for high-dimensional data.

Scalability: The algorithm scales well, allowing it to be applied to problems with thousands of variables, especially when the graph is sparse.

Sparsity Control: The BIC score helps control the complexity of the model by penalizing overly complex structures, thus avoiding overfitting and ensuring a more interpretable model.

Cons:

Equivalence Class Ambiguity: Like other methods that identify Markov equivalence classes, GES may not uniquely identify the true causal structure but rather a set of structures that are statistically indistinguishable from each other.

Assumptions: The algorithm assumes causal sufficiency (all common causes are measured) and faithfulness, which might not hold in all real-world scenarios.

Handling Latent Confounders: GES struggles with latent confounders and may require extensions or modifications to address this issue.

(5) Fast Causal Inference

FCI Algorithm

Description: The Fast Causal Inference (FCI) algorithm is an extension of the PC algorithm that can handle latent variables and selection bias. It generates a Partial Ancestral Graph (PAG) representing possible causal structures, including hidden confounders.

Use Cases: Used in epidemiology, genetics, and any domain where unmeasured confounding variables are a concern.

Pros:

Capable of identifying the presence of latent confounders and handling selection bias.

More flexible than the PC algorithm, providing a more comprehensive view of the causal structure.

Cons:

Computationally more intensive than the PC algorithm, potentially limiting its use with very large datasets.

The resulting PAG can be more complex to interpret than a DAG

(6) CD-NOD:

CD-NOD Algorithm

Description: The CD-NOD (Causal Discovery from Nonstationary/heterogeneous Data) algorithm is designed to identify causal relationships in datasets where distributions change over time or between different environments.

Use Cases: Applied in fields like climate science, finance, and social sciences where data may not be stationary or homogeneous.

Pros:

Effectively handles nonstationary data and heterogeneous datasets, providing robust causal discovery in changing environments.

Can distinguish between changes in distribution due to causal effects and those due to external influences.

Cons:

More complex to implement and understand compared to standard causal discovery methods.

Requires larger datasets to accurately identify causal relationships under varying conditions

These algorithms each offer unique strengths and are suited to different types of data and research questions. Choosing the right one depends on the specific needs of your study, such as handling latent variables, dealing with nonstationary data, or efficiently processing large datasets.

These algorithms provide robust tools for causal discovery, each with its strengths and weaknesses tailored to specific types of data and research needs.

Use the following format:

-Question: the input question you must answer
 -Thought: you should always think about what to do
 -Action: the action to take
 -Action Input: the input to the action
 -Observation: the result of the action
 ... (this Thought/Action/Action Input/Observation can repeat N times)
 -Thought: I now know the final answer
 -Final Answer: the final answer to the original input question

Judge Prompt

Listing 4: Judge Prompt

You are a moderator and expert in causality. And your are Judge of this debate. Today is May 15 2024
 There will be two debaters involved in a answer question that will give you a plan to uncover causal relationships within a dataset.
 At the end of each round debate, you will evaluate the plan of each debater and make a decision, focus on the factualness of information and the logical reasoning of the debaters.:

Your goal is:

- (1) Continue the debate if you need to clarify some points, please ask the debaters to provide more details by referring their side of the debate.
- (2) End the debate if the answer is logical and correct, and you will make a decision what are the best answer.

Use the following format:

-Question: the input question you must answer
 -Thought: you should always think about what to do
 -Action: the action to take
 -Action Input: the input to the action
 -Observation: the result of the action
 ... (this Thought/Action/Action Input/Observation can repeat N times)
 -Thought: I now know the final answer
 -Final Answer: the final answer to the original input question

Code Executor Prompt

Listing 5: Code Executor Prompt

You are an expert in causality and programming
 You have been given coding capability to solve tasks using Python code in a stateful IPython kernel.
 You will be given a plan and you are responsible for writing the code to complete task according to the plan, and the user is responsible for executing the code (treat user as a pure compiler).

When you write Python code, put the code in a markdown code block with the language set to Python.

For example:

```
```python
x = 3
```
```

You can use the variable `x` in subsequent code blocks.

```
```python
print(x)
```
```

If the words output you generate are not related to code, you don't need use markdown.

Write code incrementally and leverage the statefulness of the kernel to avoid repeating code.

Try to different ways if the bugs are repeated and you can't solve it.

ONLY when all of the tasks are done successfully and received any feedback from code executor.

(1) DirectLiNGAM

```
from causallearn.search.FCMBased import lingam
```

```
model = lingam.DirectLiNGAM(random_state, prior_knowledge,
apply_prior_knowledge_softly, measure)
model.fit(X)
```

```
print(model.causal_order_)
print(model.adjacency_matrix_)
Parameters
```

random_state: int, optional (default=None). The seed used by the random number generator.

prior_knowledge: array-like, shape (n_features, n_features), optional (default=None). Prior knowledge used for causal discovery, where n_features is the number of features. The elements of prior knowledge matrix are defined as follows:

0:
does not have a directed path to

1:
has a directed path to

-1: No prior knowledge is available to know if either of the two cases above (0 or 1) is true.

apply_prior_knowledge_softly: boolean, optional (default=False). If True, apply prior knowledge softly.

measure: {pwling, kernel}, optional (default=pwling). Measure to evaluate independence: pwling or kernel.

X: array-like, shape (n_samples, n_features). Training data, where n_samples is the number of samples and n_features is the number of features.

Returns
model.causal_order_: array-like, shape (n_features). The causal order of fitted model, where n_features is the number of features.

model.adjacency_matrix_: array-like, shape (n_features, n_features). The adjacency matrix B of fitted model, where n_features is the number of features.

(2) Exact Search

```
from causallearn.search.ScoreBased.ExactSearch import
bic_exact_search
dag_est, search_stats = bic_exact_search(X, super_graph,
search_method,
                                     use_path_extension, use_k_cycle_heuristic,
                                     k, verbose, include_graph, max_parents)
```

Parameters

X: numpy.ndarray, shape=(n, d). The data to fit the structure too, where each row is a sample and each column corresponds to the associated variable.

super_graph: numpy.ndarray, shape=(d, d). Super-structure to restrict search space (binary matrix). If None, no super-structure is used. Default is None.

search_method: str. Method of exact search ([astar, dp]). Default is astar.

use_path_extension: bool. Whether to use optimal path extension for order graph. Note that this trick will not affect the correctness of search procedure. Default is True.

use_k_cycle_heuristic: bool. Whether to use k-cycle conflict heuristic for astar. Default is False.

k: int. Parameter used by k-cycle conflict heuristic for astar. Default is 3.

verbose: bool. Whether to log messages related to search procedure.

max_parents: int. The maximum number of parents a node can have. If used, this means using the k-learn procedure. Can drastically speed up algorithms. If None, no max on parents. Default is None.

Returns
dag_est: numpy.ndarray, shape=(d, d). Estimated DAG.

search_stats: dict. Some statistics related to the search procedure.

```

1674 (3) Greedy Equivalence Search (GES) algorithm with BIC score and
1675 generalized score
1676 from causallearn.search.ScoreBased.GES import ges
1677
1678 # default parameters
1679 Record = ges(X)
1680
1681 # or customized parameters
1682 Record = ges(X, score_func, maxP, parameters)
1683
1684 Parameters:
1685
1686 X: numpy.ndarray, shape (n_samples, n_features). Data, where
1687 n_samples is the number of samples and n_features is the
1688 number of features.
1689
1690 score_func: The score function you would like to use,
1691 including (see score_functions.). Default: local_score_BIC.
1692 local_score_BIC: BIC score 3.
1693
1694 local_score_BDeu: BDeu score 4.
1695
1696 local_score_cv_general: Generalized score with cross
1697 validation for data with single-dimensional variables 2.
1698
1699 local_score_marginal_general: Generalized score with marginal
1700 likelihood for data with single-dimensional variables 2.
1701
1702 local_score_cv_multi: Generalized score with cross validation
1703 for data with multi-dimensional variables 2.
1704
1705 local_score_marginal_multi: Generalized score with marginal
1706 likelihood for data with multi-dimensional variables 2.
1707
1708 maxP: Allowed maximum number of parents when searching the
1709 graph. Default: None.
1710
1711 parameters: Needed when using CV likelihood. Default: None.
1712 parameters[kfold]: k-fold cross validation.
1713
1714 parameters[lambda]: regularization parameter.
1715
1716 parameters[dlabel]: for variables with multi-dimensions,
1717 indicate which dimensions belong to the i-th variable.
1718
1719 Returns
1720 Record[G]: learned causal graph, where Record[G].graph[j,i]=1
1721 and Record[G].graph[i,j]=-1 indicate i > j; Record[G].graph[i,
1722 j] = Record[G].graph[j,i] = -1 indicates i < j.
1723
1724 Record[update1]: each update (Insert operator) in the forward
1725 step.
1726
1727 Record[update2]: each update (Delete operator) in the backward
1728 step.
1729
1730 Record[G_step1]: learned graph at each step in the forward
1731 step.

```



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1728     Record[G_step2]: learned graph at each step in the backward
1729     step.
1730
1731     Record[score]: the score of the learned graph.
1732
1733 (4) PC Algorithm:
1734
1735     from causallearn.search.ConstraintBased.PC import pc
1736
1737     # default parameters
1738     cg = pc(data)
1739
1740     # or customized parameters
1741     cg = pc(data, alpha, indep_test, stable, uc_rule, uc_priority,
1742     mvpc, correction_name, background_knowledge, verbose,
1743     show_progress)
1744
1745     Parameters
1746     data: numpy.ndarray, shape (n_samples, n_features). Data,
1747     where n_samples is the number of samples and n_features is the
1748     number of features.
1749
1750     alpha: desired significance level (float) in (0, 1). Default:
1751     0.05.
1752
1753     indep_test: string, name of the independence test method.
1754     Default: fisherz.
1755     fisherz: Fishers Z conditional independence test.
1756
1757     chisq: Chi-squared conditional independence test.
1758
1759     gsq: G-squared conditional independence test.
1760
1761     kci: kernel-based conditional independence test. (As a kernel
1762     method, its complexity is cubic in the sample size, so it
1763     might be slow if the same size is not small.)
1764
1765     mv_fisherz: Missing-value Fishers Z conditional independence
1766     test.
1767
1768     stable: run stabilized skeleton discovery 4 if True. Default:
1769     True.
1770
1771     uc_rule: how unshielded colliders are oriented. Default: 0.
1772     0: run uc_sepset.
1773
1774     1: run maxP 3. Orient an unshielded triple X-Y-Z as a collider
1775     with an additional CI test.
1776
1777     2: run definiteMaxP 3. Orient only the definite colliders in
1778     the skeleton and keep track of all the definite non-colliders
1779     as well.
1780
1781     uc_priority: rule of resolving conflicts between unshielded
1782     colliders. Default: 2.
1783     -1: whatever is default in uc_rule.
1784
1785     0: overwrite.

```

```

1782     1: orient bi-directed.
1783
1784     2: prioritize existing colliders.
1785
1786     3: prioritize stronger colliders.
1787
1788     4: prioritize stronger* colliders.
1789
1790     mvpc: use missing-value PC or not. Default: False.
1791
1792     correction_name. Missing value correction if using missing-
1793     value PC. Default: MV_Crtn_Fisher_Z
1794
1795     background_knowledge: class BackgroundKnowledge. Add prior
1796     edges according to assigned causal connections. Default: None.
1797     For detailed usage, please kindly refer to its usage example.
1798
1799     verbose: True iff verbose output should be printed. Default:
1800     False.
1801
1802     show_progress: True iff the algorithm progress should be show
1803     in console. Default: True.
1804
1805     Returns
1806     cg : a CausalGraph object, where cg.G.graph[j,i]=1 and cg.G.
1807     graph[i,j]=-1 indicate  $i > j$ ;  $cg.G.graph[i,j] = cg.G.graph[j,i]$ 
1808      $= -1$  indicate  $i < j$ ;  $cg.G.graph[i,j] = cg.G.graph[j,i] = 1$ 
1809     indicates  $i \leftrightarrow j$ .
1810
1811 (5) Fast Causal Inference
1812
1813     from causallearn.search.ConstraintBased.FCI import fci
1814
1815     # default parameters
1816     g, edges = fci(data)
1817
1818     # or customized parameters
1819     g, edges = fci(data, independence_test_method, alpha, depth,
1820     max_path_length,
1821     verbose, background_knowledge, cache_variables_map)
1822
1823     Parameters
1824
1825     dataset: numpy.ndarray, shape (n_samples, n_features). Data,
1826     where n_samples is the number of samples and n_features is the
1827     number of features.
1828
1829     independence_test_method: Independence test method function.
1830     Default: fisherz.
1831     fisherz: Fishers Z conditional independence test.
1832
1833     chisq: Chi-squared conditional independence test.
1834
1835     gsq: G-squared conditional independence test.
1836
1837     kci: kernel-based conditional independence test. (As a kernel
1838     method, its complexity is cubic in the sample size, so it
1839     might be slow if the same size is not small.)

```

```

1836     mv_fisherz: Missing-value Fishers Z conditional independence
1837     test.
1838
1839     alpha: Significance level of individual partial correlation
1840     tests. Default: 0.05.
1841
1842     depth: The depth for the fast adjacency search, or -1 if
1843     unlimited. Default: -1.
1844
1845     max_path_length: the maximum length of any discriminating path
1846     , or -1 if unlimited. Default: -1.
1847
1848     verbose: True is verbose output should be printed or logged.
1849     Default: False.
1850
1851     background_knowledge: class BackgroundKnowledge. Add prior
1852     edges according to assigned causal connections. Default: None.
1853     For detailed usage, please kindly refer to its usage example.
1854
1855     cache_variables_map: This variable a map which contains the
1856     variables relate with cache. If it is not None, it should
1857     contain data_hash_key ci_test_hash_key and cardinalities.
1858     Default: None.
1859
1860     show_progress: True iff the algorithm progress should be show
1861     in console. Default: True.
1862
1863     Returns
1864     g: a GeneralGraph object, where g.graph is a PAG and the
1865     illustration of its end nodes is as follows (denotes  $G = g$ .
1866     graph):
1867
1868     ../../_images/pag.png
1869     edges: list. Contains graphs edges properties.
1870     If edge.properties have the Property nl, then there is no
1871     latent confounder. Otherwise, there are possibly latent
1872     confounders.
1873
1874     If edge.properties have the Property dd, then it is definitely
1875     direct. Otherwise, it is possibly direct.
1876
1877     If edge.properties have the Property pl, then there are
1878     possibly latent confounders. Otherwise, there is no latent
1879     confounder.
1880
1881     If edge.properties have the Property pd, then it is possibly
1882     direct. Otherwise, it is definitely direct.
1883
1884     (6) CD-NOD:
1885
1886     from causallearn.search.ConstraintBased.CDNOD import cdnod
1887
1888     # default parameters
1889     cg = cdnod(data, c_indx)
1890
1891     # or customized parameters
1892     cg = cdnod(data, c_indx, alpha, indep_test, stable, uc_rule,
1893     uc_priority, mvcdnod,

```

```

    correction_name, background_knowledge, verbose,
    show_progress)

Parameters

data: numpy.ndarray, shape (n_samples, n_features). Data,
where n_samples is the number of samples and n_features is the
number of features.

c_indx: time index or domain index that captures the
unobserved changing factors.

alpha: desired significance level (float) in (0, 1). Default:
0.05.

indep_test: Independence test method function. Default:
fisherz.
fisherz: Fishers Z conditional independence test.

chisq: Chi-squared conditional independence test.

gsq: G-squared conditional independence test.

kci: kernel-based conditional independence test. (As a kernel
method, its complexity is cubic in the sample size, so it
might be slow if the same size is not small.)

mv_fisherz: Missing-value Fishers Z conditional independence
test.

stable: run stabilized skeleton discovery 3 if True. Default:
True.

uc_rule: how unshielded colliders are oriented. Default: 0.
0: run uc_sepset.

1: run maxP 2. Orient an unshielded triple X-Y-Z as a collider
with an additional CI test.

2: run definiteMaxP 2. Orient only the definite colliders in
the skeleton and keep track of all the definite non-colliders
as well.

uc_priority: rule of resolving conflicts between unshielded
colliders. Default: 2.
-1: whatever is default in uc_rule.

0: overwrite.

1: orient bi-directed.

2: prioritize existing colliders.

3: prioritize stronger colliders.

4: prioritize stronger* colliders.

mvpc: use missing-value PC or not. Default (and suggested for
CDNOD): False.

```

```

correction_name: Missing value correction if using missing-
value PC. Default: MV_Crtn_Fisher_Z

background_knowledge: class BackgroundKnowledge. Add prior
edges according to assigned causal connections. Default: Nnoe.
For detailed usage, please kindly refer to its usage example.

verbose: True iff verbose output should be printed. Default:
False.

show_progress: True iff the algorithm progress should be show
in console. Default: True.

Returns
cg : a CausalGraph object, where cg.G.graph[j,i]=1 and cg.G.
graph[i,j]=-1 indicate  $i > j$ ;  $cg.G.graph[i,j] = cg.G.graph[j,i]$ 
 $= -1$  indicates  $i \rightarrow j$ ;  $cg.G.graph[i,j] = cg.G.graph[j,i] = 1$ 
indicates  $i \leftrightarrow j$ .

Remember to execute and debugs the code first before summarize
the results

Use the following format, Implement each coding action one by
one, don't implement all of the plan at once.:

-Question: the input question you must answer
-Thought: you should always think about what to do
-Action: the action to take
-Action Input: the input to the action
-Observation: the result of the action
... (this Thought/Action/Action Input/Observation can repeat N
times)
-Thought: I now know the final answer
Final Answer: the final answer to the original input question

Give your self a plan from the plan that you have been given,
and then start coding the plan.
When you write code, write and execute the one code block at a
time.
Before end with the string "FINISH", Restate all of the
results from each step.

```

B SAMPLE ANSWERS FROM EXPERIMENTS

B.0.1 META AGENTS MODEL

Listing 6: Agents-only responses

Admin (to chat_manager):

```

Task: find the causal relationship among variables in the
dataset
This dataset is about on automobile design and performance
for cars in the 1970s and early 1980s. this dataset consists
of the variables around the fuel consumption of cars. With
five variables: Weight, Displacement, Horsepower, Acceleration
and Mpg(miles per gallon)s

```

```

1998         Here are some question that you need to find the causal
1999 relationship among variables in the dataset
2000         Provide an explanation before giving your answer.
2001         #Begin List Questions#
2002         1. Are there any direct causal relationships from
2003 Displacement to Weight?
2004 2. Are there any direct causal relationships from Displacement to
2005 Horsepower?
2006 3. Are there any direct causal relationships from Displacement to
2007 Acceleration?
2008 4. Are there any direct causal relationships from Displacement to
2009 Mpg(miles per gallon)?
2010         #End List Questions#
2011
2012
2013 -----
2014 Affirmative_Causal_Agent (to chat_manager):
2015
2016 # Begin response of Affirmative_Causal_Agent #
2017
2018 Question number 1:
2019
2020 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
2021 Displacement to Weight?
2022 -Thought: To determine if there is a direct causal relationship
2023 from Displacement to Weight, we need to consider the physical
2024 properties of the car and how they are related.
2025 -Action: Conduct a literature review and analyze the mechanical
2026 aspects of cars.
2027 -Action Input: Research on car engineering principles and weight
2028 distribution.
2029 -Observation: After reviewing the literature, it is evident that
2030 the Displacement of an engine does not directly cause the
2031 Weight of a car. Weight is influenced by various factors such
2032 as materials used, design, and additional features.
2033
2034 -Thought: Considering potential confounding variables is crucial
2035 in establishing causality.
2036 -Action: Identify potential confounding variables that may affect
2037 the relationship between Displacement and Weight.
2038 -Action Input: Review studies on car manufacturing processes and
2039 weight distribution.
2040 -Observation: Confounding variables such as materials, chassis
2041 design, and additional components can significantly impact the
2042 Weight of a car, independent of Displacement.
2043
2044 -Thought: I now know the final answer.
2045 -Final answer: No
2046
2047 End Question number 1
2048
2049 Question number 2:
2050
2051 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
2052 Displacement to Horsepower?
2053 -Thought: To determine if there is a direct causal relationship
2054 from Displacement to Horsepower, we need to understand the
2055 engine performance characteristics.

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2052 -Action: Analyze the principles of engine design and power output.
 2053 -Action Input: Study engine specifications and performance metrics
 2054 .
 2055 -Observation: There is a direct causal relationship between
 2056 Displacement and Horsepower in an engine. Generally, a larger
 2057 engine displacement leads to higher horsepower output.
 2058
 2059 -Thought: It is essential to verify that correlations are not
 2060 mistaken for causal relationships.
 2061 -Action: Check for studies that investigate the relationship
 2062 between engine Displacement and Horsepower.
 2063 -Action Input: Review research on engine performance and design.
 2064 -Observation: Studies consistently show that engine Displacement
 2065 is a significant factor in determining the Horsepower output.
 2066
 2067 -Thought: I now know the final answer.
 2068 -Final answer: Yes
 2069
 2070 End Question number 2
 2071
 2072 Question number 3:
 2073
 2074 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2075 Displacement to Acceleration?
 2076 -Thought: To determine if there is a direct causal relationship
 2077 from Displacement to Acceleration, we need to consider the
 2078 dynamics of vehicle performance.
 2079 -Action: Review studies on vehicle acceleration and engine
 2080 characteristics.
 2081 -Action Input: Analyze acceleration tests and engine
 2082 specifications.
 2083 -Observation: Engine Displacement can influence the Acceleration
 2084 of a vehicle, as larger engines can provide more power for
 2085 faster acceleration.
 2086
 2087 -Thought: Ensure the correct temporal order of variables to
 2088 confirm causality.
 2089 -Action: Examine the timing of changes in Displacement and
 2090 Acceleration.
 2091 -Action Input: Study acceleration data over time with
 2092 corresponding engine Displacement changes.
 2093 -Observation: Changes in engine Displacement precede changes in
 2094 Acceleration, indicating a causal relationship.
 2095
 2096 -Thought: I now know the final answer.
 2097 -Final answer: Yes
 2098
 2099 End Question number 3
 2100
 2101 Question number 4:
 2102
 2103 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2104 Displacement to Mpg(miles per gallon)?
 2105 -Thought: To determine if there is a direct causal relationship
 from Displacement to Mpg, we need to consider the fuel
 efficiency of the engine.
 -Action: Analyze studies on engine efficiency and fuel consumption
 .

2106 -Action Input: Review research on engine technologies and fuel
 2107 economy.
 2108 -Observation: Engine Displacement may not have a direct causal
 2109 relationship with Mpg, as other factors such as fuel injection
 2110 systems and driving conditions also play a significant role
 2111 in determining fuel efficiency.
 2112
 2113 -Thought: Distinguish between correlations and causation to avoid
 2114 misinterpretation.
 2115 -Action: Investigate studies that explore the relationship between
 2116 engine Displacement and fuel efficiency.
 2117 -Action Input: Review empirical data on fuel consumption patterns.
 2118 -Observation: While there may be a correlation between engine
 2119 Displacement and Mpg, it is not a direct causal relationship,
 2120 as other variables influence fuel efficiency.
 2121
 2122 -Thought: I now know the final answer.
 2123 -Final answer: No
 2124
 2125 End Question number 4
 2126
 2127 -----
 2128 Negative_Causal_Agent (to chat_manager):
 2129
 2130 # Begin response of Negative_Causal_Agent #
 2131
 2132 Question number 1:
 2133 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2134 Displacement to Weight?
 2135 -Thought: It is important to carefully assess the relationship
 2136 between Displacement and Weight to determine causality.
 2137 -Action: Consider the fundamental principles of car design and
 2138 manufacturing.
 2139 -Action Input: Review engineering guidelines on car weight
 2140 distribution.
 2141 -Observation: While engine Displacement can affect the overall
 2142 weight of a car indirectly through factors like engine size
 2143 and materials used, it does not have a direct causal
 2144 relationship with Weight. Other variables such as chassis
 2145 design and additional features play a more significant role in
 2146 determining the Weight of a car.
 2147
 2148 -Thought: I now know the final answer
 2149 -Final answer: No
 2150
 2151 End Question number 1
 2152
 2153 Question number 2:
 2154 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2155 Displacement to Horsepower?
 2156 -Thought: It is crucial to analyze the relationship between
 2157 Displacement and Horsepower to determine causality.
 2158 -Action: Review the principles of engine design and performance.
 2159 -Action Input: Study the impact of engine Displacement on
 Horsepower output.
 -Observation: While there is a correlation between engine
 Displacement and Horsepower, it is not a direct causal
 relationship. Horsepower is influenced by various factors such

as engine efficiency, design, and tuning, in addition to Displacement.

-Thought: I now know the final answer
 -Final answer: No

End Question number 2

Question number 3:
 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from Displacement to Acceleration?
 -Thought: Understanding the relationship between Displacement and Acceleration is essential to determine causality.
 -Action: Analyze the dynamics of vehicle performance and engine characteristics.
 -Action Input: Review acceleration tests and engine specifications .
 -Observation: While engine Displacement can impact the Acceleration of a vehicle, it is not a direct causal relationship. Acceleration is influenced by various factors such as vehicle weight, transmission, and aerodynamics, in addition to engine Displacement.

-Thought: I now know the final answer
 -Final answer: No

End Question number 3

Question number 4:
 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from Displacement to Mpg(miles per gallon)?
 -Thought: Evaluating the relationship between Displacement and Mpg requires careful consideration of engine efficiency and fuel consumption.
 -Action: Review studies on engine technologies and fuel economy.
 -Action Input: Analyze the impact of engine Displacement on fuel efficiency.
 -Observation: Engine Displacement does not have a direct causal relationship with Mpg. Fuel efficiency is influenced by various factors such as engine technology, driving habits, and maintenance, in addition to Displacement.

-Thought: I now know the final answer
 -Final answer: No

End Question number 4

 Judge (to chat_manager):
 # Begin response of Judge #

Question number 1:
 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from Displacement to Weight?
 -Thought: Both debaters have provided insightful analyses on the relationship between Displacement and Weight. It is clear that Weight is influenced by various factors beyond just Displacement, such as materials used and design.

2214 -Action: I would like to ask both debaters to clarify if there are
 2215 any specific studies or data that support their conclusions.
 2216 -Observation: Waiting for additional information from the debaters
 2217 .
 2218
 2219 Question number 2:
 2220 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2221 Displacement to Horsepower?
 2222 -Thought: The Affirmative_Causal_Agent argues that there is a
 2223 direct causal relationship between Displacement and Horsepower
 2224 , while the Negative_Causal_Agent disagrees. It is crucial to
 2225 understand the engine design principles and performance
 2226 metrics to determine the true relationship.
 2227 -Action: I would like to ask both debaters to provide more details
 2228 on the studies or data they used to support their claims.
 2229 -Observation: Waiting for additional information from the debaters
 2230 .
 2231
 2232 Question number 3:
 2233 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2234 Displacement to Acceleration?
 2235 -Thought: The Affirmative_Causal_Agent suggests a direct causal
 2236 relationship between Displacement and Acceleration, while the
 2237 Negative_Causal_Agent disagrees. It is essential to consider
 2238 the dynamics of vehicle performance and engine characteristics
 2239 .
 2240 -Action: I would like to ask both debaters to elaborate on the
 2241 specific factors that influence the relationship between
 2242 Displacement and Acceleration.
 2243 -Observation: Waiting for additional information from the debaters
 2244 .
 2245
 2246 Question number 4:
 2247 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2248 Displacement to Mpg(miles per gallon)?
 2249 -Thought: The Affirmative_Causal_Agent argues that there is no
 2250 direct causal relationship between Displacement and Mpg, while
 2251 the Negative_Causal_Agent agrees. It is important to consider
 2252 the various factors that affect fuel efficiency.
 2253 -Action: I would like to ask both debaters to provide examples of
 2254 these factors and how they interact with Displacement.
 2255 -Observation: Waiting for additional information from the debaters
 2256 .
 2257
 2258 # End response of Judge #
 2259 -----
 2260 Provide feedback to chat_manager. Press enter to skip and use auto
 2261 -reply, or type 'exit' to end the conversation: Affirmative,
 2262 please answer the questions and concerns from the Judge of the
 2263 question from 1 to 4 in detail, and step-by-step
 2264 Admin (to chat_manager):
 2265
 2266 Affirmative, please answer the questions and concerns from the
 2267 Judge of the question from 1 to 4 in detail, and step-by-step

 Affirmative_Causal_Agent (to chat_manager):

Begin response of Affirmative_Causal_Agent

Question number 1:

-Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from Displacement to Weight?

-Thought: The Judge raised a valid point about the need for specific studies or data to support our conclusions. It is essential to provide more detailed information to clarify the relationship between Displacement and Weight.

-Action: Present empirical evidence from car engineering studies.

-Action Input: Share research findings on engine Displacement and car Weight.

-Observation: Studies have shown that while engine Displacement can indirectly influence the Weight of a car through factors like engine size and materials, there is no direct causal relationship between Displacement and Weight. Additional variables such as chassis design and components play a more significant role in determining the overall Weight of a vehicle.

-Thought: Addressing the Judge's concern is crucial to strengthen our argument.

-Action: Provide examples of specific car models or case studies.

-Action Input: Discuss real-world examples where Displacement and Weight do not have a direct causal relationship.

-Observation: By examining specific car models and case studies, it becomes evident that factors other than Displacement, such as materials and design choices, have a more substantial impact on the Weight of a vehicle.

-Thought: I now know the final answer.

-Final answer: No

End Question number 1

Question number 2:

-Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from Displacement to Horsepower?

-Thought: The Judge requested more details on the studies or data supporting our claims regarding the relationship between Displacement and Horsepower. It is essential to provide concrete evidence to validate our argument.

-Action: Present empirical data on engine performance.

-Action Input: Share research findings on the impact of engine Displacement on Horsepower.

-Observation: Engine Displacement has a direct causal relationship with Horsepower, as evidenced by numerous studies and empirical data. Larger engine Displacement generally leads to higher Horsepower output.

-Thought: Providing specific examples can further support our argument.

-Action: Discuss specific engine specifications and performance metrics.

-Action Input: Present case studies where engine Displacement directly influences Horsepower.

2322 -Observation: By examining specific engine designs and performance
2323 metrics, it is clear that engine Displacement plays a
2324 significant role in determining the Horsepower output.
2325
2326 -Thought: I now know the final answer.
2327 -Final answer: Yes
2328
2329 End Question number 2
2330
2331 Question number 3:
2332
2333 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
2334 Displacement to Acceleration?
2335 -Thought: The Judge highlighted the importance of elaborating on
2336 the factors influencing the relationship between Displacement
2337 and Acceleration. It is crucial to provide a detailed
2338 explanation to address this concern.
2339 -Action: Analyze the specific mechanisms through which engine
2340 Displacement affects Acceleration.
2341 -Action Input: Discuss the impact of engine size on power delivery
2342 and Acceleration.
2343 -Observation: Engine Displacement directly influences the
2344 Acceleration of a vehicle by providing more power for faster
2345 acceleration. Larger engines typically result in quicker
2346 Acceleration due to increased torque and horsepower.
2347
2348 -Thought: Providing real-world examples can enhance our argument.
2349 -Action: Present case studies or acceleration tests.
2350 -Action Input: Share examples where changes in engine Displacement
2351 lead to observable differences in vehicle Acceleration.
2352 -Observation: By examining specific acceleration tests and case
2353 studies, it becomes evident that changes in engine
2354 Displacement directly impact the Acceleration of a vehicle.
2355
2356 -Thought: I now know the final answer.
2357 -Final answer: Yes
2358
2359 End Question number 3
2360
2361 Question number 4:
2362
2363 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
2364 Displacement to Mpg(miles per gallon)?
2365 -Thought: The Judge requested examples of factors that affect fuel
2366 efficiency and how they interact with Displacement. It is
2367 essential to provide a detailed explanation to address this
2368 concern.
2369 -Action: Discuss the various factors influencing fuel efficiency.
2370 -Action Input: Explain how engine Displacement interacts with
2371 factors like fuel injection systems and driving conditions.
2372 -Observation: While engine Displacement can impact fuel efficiency
2373 , it is not a direct causal relationship. Other variables such
2374 as engine technology, driving habits, and maintenance play
2375 significant roles in determining Mpg.
2376
2377 -Thought: Providing specific examples can clarify the relationship
2378 between Displacement and Mpg.
2379 -Action: Present case studies or fuel consumption data.

2376 -Action Input: Share examples where changes in engine Displacement
 2377 do not lead to proportional changes in Mpg.
 2378 -Observation: By examining specific fuel consumption data and case
 2379 studies, it becomes evident that Displacement alone is not
 2380 the sole determinant of Mpg, as other factors also contribute
 2381 to fuel efficiency.
 2382
 2383 -Thought: I now know the final answer.
 2384 -Final answer: No
 2385
 2386 End Question number 4
 2387
 2388 -----
 2389 Provide feedback to chat_manager. Press enter to skip and use auto
 2390 -reply, or type 'exit' to end the conversation: Negative,
 2391 please answer the questions and concerns from the Judge of
 2392 question from 1 to 4 in detail, and step-by-step
 2393 Admin (to chat_manager):
 2394
 2395 Negative, please answer the questions and concerns from the Judge
 2396 of question from 1 to 4 in detail, and step-by-step
 2397
 2398 -----
 2399 Negative_Causal_Agent (to chat_manager):
 2400
 2401 # Begin response of Negative_Causal_Agent #
 2402
 2403 Question number 1:
 2404 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2405 Displacement to Weight?
 2406 -Thought: The Judge rightly pointed out the importance of
 2407 providing specific studies or data to support the conclusions
 2408 regarding the relationship between Displacement and Weight. It
 2409 is crucial to address this concern by delving deeper into the
 2410 available evidence.
 2411 -Action: Present empirical studies and data on car engineering.
 2412 -Action Input: Share research findings that explore the impact of
 2413 engine Displacement on car Weight.
 2414 -Observation: While engine Displacement can indirectly influence
 2415 the Weight of a car through factors like engine size and
 2416 materials, there is no direct causal relationship between
 2417 Displacement and Weight. Studies show that Weight is
 2418 determined by various factors beyond just Displacement, such
 2419 as chassis design and additional components.
 2420
 2421 -Thought: Addressing the need for specific evidence is essential
 2422 to strengthen the argument.
 2423 -Action: Provide examples of real-world scenarios.
 2424 -Action Input: Discuss instances where Displacement and Weight do
 2425 not have a direct causal relationship in practical car design.
 2426 -Observation: By examining specific car models and case studies,
 2427 it becomes evident that factors other than Displacement, such
 2428 as materials and design choices, have a more significant
 2429 impact on the Weight of a vehicle.
 2430
 2431 -Thought: I now know the final answer.
 2432 -Final answer: No
 2433
 2434 End Question number 1

2430
 2431 Question number 2:
 2432 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2433 Displacement to Horsepower?
 2434 -Thought: The Judge requested more details on the studies or data
 2435 supporting the claims about the relationship between
 2436 Displacement and Horsepower. It is crucial to provide concrete
 2437 evidence to validate the argument.
 2438 -Action: Present empirical data on engine performance.
 2439 -Action Input: Share research findings on the impact of engine
 2440 Displacement on Horsepower.
 2441 -Observation: While there is a correlation between engine
 2442 Displacement and Horsepower, it is not a direct causal
 2443 relationship. Horsepower is influenced by various factors such
 2444 as engine efficiency, design, and tuning, in addition to
 2445 Displacement.
 2446 -Thought: Providing specific examples can further support the
 2447 argument.
 2448 -Action: Discuss specific engine specifications and performance
 2449 metrics.
 2450 -Action Input: Present case studies where engine Displacement does
 2451 not directly influence Horsepower.
 2452 -Observation: By examining specific engine designs and performance
 2453 metrics, it is clear that engine Displacement alone is not
 2454 the sole determinant of Horsepower output.
 2455 -Thought: I now know the final answer.
 2456 -Final answer: No
 2457
 2458 End Question number 2
 2459
 2460 Question number 3:
 2461 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2462 Displacement to Acceleration?
 2463 -Thought: The Judge emphasized the importance of elaborating on
 2464 the factors influencing the relationship between Displacement
 2465 and Acceleration. It is crucial to provide a detailed
 2466 explanation to address this concern.
 2467 -Action: Analyze the specific mechanisms through which engine
 2468 Displacement affects Acceleration.
 2469 -Action Input: Discuss the impact of engine size on power delivery
 2470 and Acceleration.
 2471 -Observation: While engine Displacement can impact the
 2472 Acceleration of a vehicle, it is not a direct causal
 2473 relationship. Acceleration is influenced by various factors
 2474 such as vehicle weight, transmission, and aerodynamics, in
 2475 addition to engine Displacement.
 2476 -Thought: Providing real-world examples can enhance the argument.
 2477 -Action: Present case studies or acceleration tests.
 2478 -Action Input: Share examples where changes in engine Displacement
 2479 do not lead to proportional changes in vehicle Acceleration.
 2480 -Observation: By examining specific acceleration tests and case
 2481 studies, it becomes evident that changes in engine
 2482 Displacement alone do not always directly impact the
 2483 Acceleration of a vehicle.
 2484 -Thought: I now know the final answer.

2484 -Final answer: No
 2485
 2486 End Question number 3
 2487
 2488 Question number 4:
 2489 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2490 Displacement to Mpg(miles per gallon)?
 2491 -Thought: The Judge requested examples of factors that affect fuel
 2492 efficiency and how they interact with Displacement. It is
 2493 essential to provide a detailed explanation to address this
 2494 concern.
 2495 -Action: Discuss the various factors influencing fuel efficiency.
 2496 -Action Input: Explain how engine Displacement interacts with
 2497 factors like fuel injection systems and driving conditions.
 2498 -Observation: While engine Displacement can impact fuel efficiency
 2499 , it is not a direct causal relationship. Other variables such
 2500 as engine technology, driving habits, and maintenance play
 2501 significant roles in determining Mpg.
 2502 -Thought: Providing specific examples can clarify the relationship
 2503 between Displacement and Mpg.
 2504 -Action: Present case studies or fuel consumption data.
 2505 -Action Input: Share examples where changes in engine Displacement
 2506 do not lead to proportional changes in Mpg.
 2507 -Observation: By examining specific fuel consumption data and case
 2508 studies, it becomes evident that Displacement alone is not
 2509 the sole determinant of Mpg, as other factors also contribute
 2510 to fuel efficiency.
 2511 -Thought: I now know the final answer.
 2512 -Final answer: No
 2513
 2514 End Question number 4
 2515
 2516 -----
 2517 Provide feedback to chat_manager. Press enter to skip and use auto
 2518 -reply, or type 'exit' to end the conversation: Judge, after
 2519 receiving the responses from both sides, please make a final
 2520 decision for each question
 2521 Admin (to chat_manager):
 2522 Judge, after receiving the responses from both sides, please make
 2523 a final decision for each question
 2524
 2525 -----
 2526 Judge (to chat_manager):
 2527 # Begin response of Judge #
 2528
 2529 Question number 1:
 2530 -Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from
 2531 Displacement to Weight?
 2532 -Thought: Both the Affirmative_Causal_Agent and the
 2533 Negative_Causal_Agent provided detailed explanations regarding
 2534 the relationship between Displacement and Weight. They both
 2535 highlighted that while engine Displacement can indirectly
 2536 influence the Weight of a car, there is no direct causal
 2537 relationship. The Affirmative_Causal_Agent supported their

argument with empirical evidence and real-world examples, strengthening their position.

-Final Answer: No direct causal relationship from Displacement to Weight.

Question number 2:

-Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from Displacement to Horsepower?

-Thought: The Affirmative_Causal_Agent argued that there is a direct causal relationship between Displacement and Horsepower, supported by empirical data and specific engine specifications. In contrast, the Negative_Causal_Agent disagreed, stating that while there is a correlation, it is not a direct causal relationship. However, the Affirmative_Causal_Agent's evidence and examples provided a more convincing argument.

-Final Answer: Yes, there is a direct causal relationship from Displacement to Horsepower.

Question number 3:

-Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from Displacement to Acceleration?

-Thought: The Affirmative_Causal_Agent claimed a direct causal relationship between Displacement and Acceleration, supported by the impact of engine size on power delivery. The Negative_Causal_Agent disagreed, stating that while Displacement can impact Acceleration, it is not a direct causal relationship. The Affirmative_Causal_Agent's detailed explanation and real-world examples provided a stronger argument.

-Final Answer: Yes, there is a direct causal relationship from Displacement to Acceleration.

Question number 4:

-Question: Are there any direct causal relationships from Displacement to Mpg(miles per gallon)?

-Thought: Both sides agreed that there is no direct causal relationship between Displacement and Mpg. The Affirmative_Causal_Agent highlighted the influence of other factors such as engine technology and driving habits on fuel efficiency, while the Negative_Causal_Agent also supported this conclusion. Both sides provided examples and explanations that supported the lack of direct causality.

-Final Answer: No direct causal relationship from Displacement to Mpg(miles per gallon).

End response of Judge

B.0.2 CODING AGENTS MODEL

Phase 1: Plan Debating

Listing 7: Plan Debating responses

Admin (to chat_manager):

Task: find the causal relationship among variables in the dataset

Here are some information about the dataset: on automobile design and performance for cars in the 1970s and early 1980s, this dataset consists of the variables around the fuel consumption of cars. With five variables: Weight, Displacement, Horsepower, Acceleration and Mpg(miles per gallon)s

There is some sample of the data :

| | Displacement | Horsepower | Weight | Acceleration | Mpg |
|---|--------------|------------|--------|--------------|------|
| 0 | 3504 | 307.0 | 18.0 | 130 | 12.0 |
| 1 | 3693 | 350.0 | 15.0 | 165 | 11.5 |
| 2 | 3436 | 318.0 | 18.0 | 150 | 11.0 |
| 3 | 3433 | 304.0 | 16.0 | 150 | 12.0 |
| 4 | 3449 | 302.0 | 17.0 | 140 | 10.5 |

Don't need to understand the data, just give a plan of how to find the causal relationship among variables

The required output is a human-readable causal graph should be in a matrix for example with 3 variables:
 $[[0, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1], [1, 0, 0]]$ and link format (Hot whether $\rightarrow$ More ice scream sale, More people $\rightarrow$ increase ice scream sale, increase ice scream sale $\rightarrow$ Hot whether). If the size is 5 use 5x5 matrix and so on

Affirmative_Causal_Agent (to chat_manager):

-Question: How can we find the causal relationship among variables in the dataset?

-Thought: We need to choose an appropriate causal inference algorithm that can handle observational data and construct a causal graph representing the relationships among the variables.

-Action: Choose the appropriate causal inference algorithm for the dataset

-Action Input: Evaluate the pros and cons of each algorithm based on the dataset information

-Observation: Each algorithm has unique features that make it suitable for different types of data and research questions.

-Thought: Considering the dataset consists of observational data on automobile design and performance variables, we need an algorithm that can handle observational data and construct a causal graph efficiently.

-Action: Select the algorithm that best fits the requirements of the dataset

-Action Input: Analyze the pros and cons of each algorithm in the context of the dataset

-Observation: Each algorithm has advantages and limitations that need to be considered for causal inference in this specific dataset.

-Thought: Based on the dataset characteristics and the need to construct a causal graph among the variables, we should choose an algorithm that can handle observational data efficiently and provide a clear causal structure.

-Action: Propose the appropriate algorithm for causal inference in this dataset

2646 -Action Input: Consider the strengths and limitations of each
 2647 algorithm and select the one that aligns best with the dataset
 2648 requirements
 2649 -Observation: The selected algorithm should be able to handle the
 2650 variables related to automobile design and performance
 2651 effectively to uncover the causal relationships.
 2652 -Thought: I now know the final answer
 2653 -Final Answer: The PC algorithm is the most appropriate choice for
 2654 causal inference in this dataset as it can handle
 2655 observational data efficiently and construct a causal network
 2656 representing the relationships among the variables.

2657 -----
 2658 Negative_Causal_Agent (to chat_manager):
 2659

2660 -Question: How can we find the causal relationship among variables
 2661 in the dataset?
 2662 -Thought: We need to critically evaluate the proposed algorithm
 2663 choice and provide a different perspective to ensure a
 2664 comprehensive analysis.
 2665 -Action: Disagree with the previous answer and provide an
 2666 alternative viewpoint.
 2667 -Action Input: Highlight the limitations of the PC algorithm and
 2668 propose a different algorithm for causal inference in the
 2669 dataset.
 2670 -Observation: By presenting a different algorithm choice, we can
 2671 enrich the discussion and explore alternative approaches to
 2672 causal inference.
 2673 -Thought: It's essential to consider the dataset's characteristics
 2674 and the specific requirements for causal inference to provide
 2675 a well-rounded recommendation.
 2676 -Action: Analyze the pros and cons of another algorithm for causal
 2677 inference.
 2678 -Action Input: Evaluate the strengths and limitations of the GES
 2679 algorithm in the context of the dataset information.
 2680 -Observation: By considering a different algorithm, we can offer a
 2681 diverse perspective on the most suitable approach for
 2682 uncovering causal relationships in the dataset.
 2683 -Thought: After a thorough analysis of the dataset and the
 2684 available causal inference algorithms, it's crucial to present
 2685 a well-justified recommendation.
 2686 -Action: Propose the alternative algorithm for causal inference in
 2687 this dataset.
 2688 -Action Input: Highlight how the GES algorithm can address the
 2689 specific characteristics of the dataset and provide valuable
 2690 insights into causal relationships.
 2691 -Observation: By presenting a different algorithm choice, we can
 2692 broaden the understanding of causal inference methods and
 2693 their applicability to the given dataset.
 2694 -Thought: I now know the final answer
 2695 -Final Answer: The GES algorithm is a suitable choice for causal
 2696 inference in this dataset as it offers efficient handling of
 2697 large datasets and provides scalability, which is crucial for
 2698 analyzing variables related to automobile design and
 2699 performance.

2697 -----
 2698 Judge (to chat_manager):
 2699

2700 -Question: What is the best approach to finding the causal
 2701 relationship among variables in the dataset?
 2702 -Thought: Both debaters have presented different perspectives on
 2703 the choice of causal inference algorithm. It's essential to
 2704 evaluate the arguments and determine the most suitable
 2705 approach for uncovering causal relationships in the given
 2706 dataset.
 2707 -Action: Review the arguments presented by both debaters and
 2708 assess the strengths and limitations of each proposed
 2709 algorithm.
 2710 -Action Input: Examine the characteristics of the dataset and the
 2711 requirements for causal inference.
 2712 -Observation: By comparing the pros and cons of the PC algorithm
 2713 and the GES algorithm, we can determine which approach aligns
 2714 best with the dataset's needs.
 2715 -Thought: It's crucial to prioritize accuracy, efficiency, and
 2716 scalability in selecting the causal inference algorithm for
 2717 this dataset.
 2718 -Action: Evaluate the applicability of each algorithm in handling
 2719 observational data related to automobile design and
 2720 performance variables.
 2721 -Action Input: Consider how each algorithm constructs causal
 2722 graphs and represents relationships among the variables.
 2723 -Observation: By analyzing the capabilities of the PC algorithm
 2724 and the GES algorithm, we can determine which one is better
 2725 suited for uncovering causal relationships in the dataset.
 2726 -Thought: After a comprehensive review of the arguments and
 2727 algorithm characteristics, it's time to make a decision based
 2728 on the dataset's requirements.
 2729 -Final Answer: The GES algorithm is the most suitable choice for
 2730 causal inference in this dataset as it offers scalability and
 2731 efficiency in handling variables related to automobile design
 2732 and performance, providing valuable insights into causal
 2733 relationships.
 2734 -----
 2735 Provide feedback to chat_manager. Press enter to skip and use auto
 2736 -reply, or type 'exit' to end the conversation: Negative,
 2737 please give step-by-step plan for the coder to implement,
 2738 remember the output requirements, output in the format: step
 2739 1: ..., step 2:..., step N:..
 2740 Admin (to chat_manager):
 2741 Negative, please give step-by-step plan for the coder to implement
 2742 , remember the output requirements, output in the format: step
 2743 1: ..., step 2:..., step N:..
 2744 -----
 2745 Negative_Causal_Agent (to chat_manager):
 2746 -Question: What is the step-by-step plan for implementing the GES
 2747 algorithm for causal inference in the dataset?
 2748 -Thought: To provide a detailed plan for the coder, we need to
 2749 outline the specific steps involved in implementing the GES
 2750 algorithm effectively.
 2751 -Action: Develop a comprehensive step-by-step plan for coding the
 2752 GES algorithm.
 2753 -Action Input: Consider the requirements of the dataset and the
 algorithm's characteristics.

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-Step 1: Preprocessing
  - Perform data preprocessing to handle missing values,
    normalize the data if necessary, and ensure data quality.
-Step 2: Implement GES Algorithm Initialization
  - Set up the initial conditions for the GES algorithm,
    including defining the search space and initializing the score
    function.
-Step 3: Score Calculation
  - Calculate the scores for potential causal relationships using
    the BIC score function to evaluate the goodness of fit and
    model complexity.
-Step 4: Greedy Equivalence Search
  - Implement the Greedy Equivalence Search algorithm to explore
    the space of Markov equivalence classes and find the optimal
    causal structure.
-Step 5: Model Evaluation
  - Evaluate the identified causal structure and assess its
    interpretability and relevance to the dataset.
-Step 6: Output Generation
  - Generate the causal graph representing the relationships
    among the variables in a human-readable format as specified,
    linking variables based on the causal connections.
-Step 7: Interpretation
  - Interpret the causal graph to understand the causal
    relationships among the variables and their implications for
    automobile design and performance.
-Step 8: Documentation
  - Document the implementation steps, results, and any insights
    gained from the causal inference process for future reference.
-Step 9: Testing and Validation
  - Test the implemented GES algorithm on the dataset, validate
    the results, and ensure the accuracy of the causal graph
    generated.
-Step 10: Optimization
  - Optimize the algorithm implementation for efficiency and
    scalability, considering the size and complexity of the
    dataset.
-Thought: By providing a detailed step-by-step plan, the coder can
  effectively implement the GES algorithm for causal inference
  in the dataset.
-Final Answer: The step-by-step plan for coding the GES algorithm
  for causal inference in the dataset includes preprocessing,
  algorithm initialization, score calculation, Greedy
  Equivalence Search, model evaluation, output generation,
  interpretation, documentation, testing and validation, and
  optimization steps to ensure accurate and insightful causal
  relationships among the variables related to automobile design
  and performance.

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Phase 2: Code Executing

Listing 8: Code executing responses

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ask: find the causal relationship among variables in the dataset
Here is the dataset's directory: benchmark datasets/DWD climate
data.csv

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Here are some information about the dataset: on global climate variables , This dataset encompasses six continuous variables capturing climate observations such as altitude, temperature, precipitation levels, longitude, sunshine duration, and latitude. It is aimed at studying weather patterns, climate change impacts, and geographical correlations in climate variables.

Here is step-by-step plan for implement the code to find the causal relationship among variables:

1. ****Data Preparation****:
 - Load the dataset containing variables: Weight, Displacement, Horsepower, Acceleration, Mpg.
 - Handle missing values and ensure data cleanliness.
2. ****Graph Initialization****:
 - Create an initial fully connected, undirected graph with all variables connected to each other.
3. ****Conditional Independence Testing****:
 - Implement statistical tests (e.g., chi-squared tests, correlation tests) to check for conditional independence between variable pairs given a set of other variables.
 - Remove edges where conditional independence is observed.
4. ****Orientation Rules****:
 - Apply orientation rules to determine the directionality of edges based on conditional independence patterns.
 - Convert the undirected graph into a directed acyclic graph (DAG).
5. ****Iteration****:
 - Iterate through increasing sizes of conditioning sets (empty set, singletons, pairs, etc.) to refine the graph structure.
 - Remove edges based on conditional independence tests until no more edges can be deleted.
6. ****Implementation Steps****:
 - Develop functions or modules for graph construction, conditional independence testing, orientation rules, and iterative edge removal.
 - Utilize appropriate statistical libraries for conducting tests and graph manipulation.
7. ****Execution and Evaluation****:
 - Run the implemented PC algorithm on the preprocessed dataset.
 - Evaluate the resulting causal graph for meaningful relationships and causal directions.
 - Validate the graph structure and assess the strength of causal connections.
8. ****Documentation and Reporting****:
 - Document the code implementation, including functions, algorithms used, and any modifications made.
 - Generate a human-readable causal graph matrix based on the algorithm's output.
 - Prepare a detailed report summarizing the causal relationships discovered and their implications.

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 2863
 2864 The required output is a human-readable causal graph should be
 2865 in a matrix for example with 3 variables:
 2866 `[[0, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1 ], [1,0, 0]]` and link format (Hot whether
 2867 `-> More ice scream sale, More people-> increase ice scream`
 2868 `sale, increase ice scream sale ->Hot whether).` If the size is
 2869 5 use 5x5 matrix and so on
 2870
 2871 -----
 2872 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
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 2874 -Question: What is the initial step to find the causal
 2875 relationship among variables in the dataset?
 2876
 2877 -Thought: The initial step is to load the dataset and handle
 2878 missing values to ensure data cleanliness.
 2879
 2880 -Action: Load the dataset and handle missing values
 2881
 2882 -Action Input:
 2883 ```python
 2884 import pandas as pd
 2885
 2886 # Load the dataset
 2887 data = pd.read_csv("benchmark datasets/DWD climate data.csv")
 2888
 2889 # Check for missing values
 2890 missing_values = data.isnull().sum()
 2891 missing_values
 2892 ```
 2893 -Observation: The dataset has been loaded and missing values have
 2894 been checked.
 2895
 2896 -Question: What is the next step after loading the dataset and
 2897 handling missing values?
 2898
 2899 -Thought: The next step is to create an initial fully connected,
 2900 undirected graph with all variables connected to each other.
 2901
 2902 -Action: Create an initial fully connected, undirected graph.
 2903
 2904 -Action Input:
 2905 ```python
 2906 # Create an initial fully connected, undirected graph
 2907 import numpy as np
 2908
 2909 num_variables = len(data.columns)
 2910 initial_graph = np.ones((num_variables, num_variables))
 2911 initial_graph
 2912 ```
 2913 -Observation: The initial fully connected, undirected graph has
 2914 been created.
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2916 -Question: What is the next step after creating the initial fully
2917 connected, undirected graph?
2918
2919 -Thought: The next step is to implement statistical tests to check
2920 for conditional independence between variable pairs given a
2921 set of other variables.
2922
2923 -Action: Implement statistical tests for conditional independence.
2924
2925 -Action Input: Implementing statistical tests for conditional
2926 independence.
2927
2928 -Question: What is the next step after implementing statistical
2929 tests for conditional independence?
2930
2931 -Thought: The next step is to apply orientation rules to determine
2932 the directionality of edges based on conditional independence
2933 patterns and convert the graph into a directed acyclic graph
2934 (DAG).
2935
2936 -Action: Apply orientation rules and convert the graph into a DAG.
2937
2938 -Action Input: Applying orientation rules based on conditional
2939 independence patterns.
2940
2941 We will continue with the rest of the steps after applying
2942 orientation rules and converting the graph into a DAG.
2943
2944 -----
2945 >>>>>>> EXECUTING 2 CODE BLOCKS (inferred languages are [python,
2946 python])...
2947 Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
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2949 exitcode: 0 (execution succeeded)
2950 Code output: Altitude      0
2951 Temperature      0
2952 Precipitation    0
2953 Longitude        0
2954 Sunshine         0
2955 Latitude         0
2956 dtype: int64
2957 array([[1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1.],
2958        [1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1.],
2959        [1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1.],
2960        [1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1.],
2961        [1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1.],
2962        [1., 1., 1., 1., 1., 1.]])
2963
2964 -----
2965 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
2966
2967 -Question: What is the next step after implementing statistical
2968 tests for conditional independence and handling missing values
2969 ?
2970
2971 -Thought: The next step is to apply orientation rules to determine
2972 the directionality of edges based on conditional independence

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2970         patterns and convert the graph into a directed acyclic graph
2971         (DAG) .
2972
2973 -Action: Apply orientation rules and convert the graph into a DAG.
2974
2975 -Action Input: Applying orientation rules based on conditional
2976               independence patterns.
2977 ```python
2978 # We will continue with this step after applying orientation rules
2979   and converting the graph into a DAG
2980 # The next step is to implement the PC Algorithm for causal
2981   relationship discovery.
2982 ```
2983 -----
2984
2985 >>>>>>> EXECUTING CODE BLOCK (inferred language is python)...
2986 Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
2987
2988 exitcode: 0 (execution succeeded)
2989 Code output:
2990 -----
2991 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
2992
2993 -Question: What is the next step after applying orientation rules
2994   and converting the graph into a DAG?
2995
2996 -Thought: The next step is to implement the PC Algorithm for
2997   causal relationship discovery.
2998
2999 -Action: Implement the PC Algorithm for causal relationship
3000   discovery.
3001
3002 -Action Input: Implementing the PC Algorithm with the custom
3003   parameters if needed.
3004 -----
3005 Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
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3008 -----
3009 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
3010
3011 -Question: What is the next step after implementing the PC
3012   Algorithm for causal relationship discovery?
3013
3014 -Thought: The next step is to create a human-readable causal graph
3015   matrix based on the algorithm's output.
3016
3017 -Action: Create a human-readable causal graph matrix.
3018
3019 -Action Input:
3020 ```python
3021 # Using the provided create_adjacency_matrix function to get the
3022   causal graph matrix
3023 def create_adjacency_matrix(cg):
3024     num_nodes = len(cg.G.nodes)

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3024     adj_matrix = np.zeros((num_nodes, num_nodes), dtype=int)
3025
3026     for i in range(num_nodes):
3027         for j in range(num_nodes):
3028             # i <- j
3029             if cg.G.graph[i][j] == 1 and cg.G.graph[j][i] == -1:
3030                 adj_matrix[i, j] = 1
3031             # i -- j
3032             elif cg.G.graph[i][j] == -1 and cg.G.graph[j][i] == -1:
3033                 adj_matrix[i, j] = -1
3034             # i <->
3035             elif cg.G.graph[i][j] == 1 and cg.G.graph[j][i] == 1:
3036                 adj_matrix[i, j] = 2
3037     return adj_matrix
3038
3039 # Get adjacency matrix from the PC Algorithm output
3040 total_adj_matrix_pc = create_adjacency_matrix(cg)
3041
3042 total_adj_matrix_pc
3043 ```
3044 This will provide a human-readable causal graph matrix based on
3045 the output of the PC Algorithm.
3046
3047 -----
3048 >>>>>>> EXECUTING CODE BLOCK (inferred language is python)...
3049 Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
3050
3051 exitcode: 1 (execution failed)
3052 Code output: ERROR: ERROR: NameError: name 'cg' is not defined
3053 ['\x1b[0;31m-----
3054     create_adjacency_matrix(\x1b[43m\cg\x1b[49m)\n\x1b[1;32m
3055     22\x1b[0m total_adj_matrix_pc\n', "\x1b[0;31mNameError\x1b[0m:
3056     name 'cg' is not defined"]
3057
3058 -----
3059 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
3060
3061 -Question: What can be done to resolve the NameError and
3062 successfully create a human-readable causal graph matrix?
3063
3064 -Thought: We need to ensure that the variable 'cg', which holds
3065 the output of the PC Algorithm, is properly defined before
3066 calling the function to create the adjacency matrix.
3067
3068 -Action: Execute the PC Algorithm to obtain the graph object 'cg'
3069 before creating the adjacency matrix.
3070
3071 -Action Input:
3072 ```python
3073 from causallearn.search.ConstraintBased.PC import pc
3074
3075 # Assuming 'data' is prepared and available
3076 # Execute the PC Algorithm to obtain the causal graph 'cg'
3077 cg = pc(data)
3078
3079 # Function to create the adjacency matrix
3080 def create_adjacency_matrix(cg):

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3078     num_nodes = len(cg.G.nodes)
3079     adj_matrix = np.zeros((num_nodes, num_nodes), dtype=int)
3080
3081     for i in range(num_nodes):
3082         for j in range(num_nodes):
3083             # i <- j
3084             if cg.G.graph[i][j] == 1 and cg.G.graph[j][i] == -1:
3085                 adj_matrix[i, j] = 1
3086             # i -- j
3087             elif cg.G.graph[i][j] == -1 and cg.G.graph[j][i] == -1:
3088                 adj_matrix[i, j] = -1
3089             # i <->
3090             elif cg.G.graph[i][j] == 1 and cg.G.graph[j][i] == 1:
3091                 adj_matrix[i, j] = 2
3092     return adj_matrix
3093
3094 # Obtain the adjacency matrix from the PC Algorithm output
3095 total_adj_matrix_pc = create_adjacency_matrix(cg)
3096
3097 total_adj_matrix_pc
3098 ```
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3100 >>>>>>> EXECUTING CODE BLOCK (inferred language is python)...
3101 Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
3102
3103 exitcode: 1 (execution failed)
3104 Code output: ERROR: ERROR: AssertionError: Input data must be a
3105 numpy array.
3106 ['\x1b[0;31m-----24mutf-8\x1b[39m\x1b
3107 [38;5;124m'\x1b[39m))\x1b[38;5;241m.\x1b[39mhexdigest()\n',
3108 '\x1b[0;31mAssertionError\x1b[0m: Input data must be a numpy
3109 array.']*
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3111 -----
3112 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
3113
3114 -Question: How can we resolve the Assertion Error regarding the
3115 input data format in order to successfully create the
3116 adjacency matrix for the causal graph?
3117
3118 -Thought: The error indicates that the input data must be in the
3119 format of a NumPy array. We need to convert the data into a
3120 NumPy array before using it in the PC Algorithm.
3121
3122 -Action: Convert the dataset to a NumPy array before executing the
3123 PC Algorithm.
3124
3125 -Action Input:
3126 ```python
3127 import numpy as np
3128
3129 # Convert the Pandas DataFrame to a NumPy array
3130 data_np = data.to_numpy()
3131
3132 # Execute the PC Algorithm with the converted NumPy array data
3133 cg = pc(data_np)

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3132 # Function to create the adjacency matrix
3133 def create_adjacency_matrix(cg):
3134     num_nodes = len(cg.G.nodes)
3135     adj_matrix = np.zeros((num_nodes, num_nodes), dtype=int)
3136
3137     for i in range(num_nodes):
3138         for j in range(num_nodes):
3139             # i <- j
3140             if cg.G.graph[i][j] == 1 and cg.G.graph[j][i] == -1:
3141                 adj_matrix[i, j] = 1
3142             # i -- j
3143             elif cg.G.graph[i][j] == -1 and cg.G.graph[j][i] == -1:
3144                 adj_matrix[i, j] = -1
3145             # i <->
3146             elif cg.G.graph[i][j] == 1 and cg.G.graph[j][i] == 1:
3147                 adj_matrix[i, j] = 2
3148     return adj_matrix
3149
3150 # Obtain the adjacency matrix from the PC Algorithm output
3151 total_adj_matrix_pc = create_adjacency_matrix(cg)
3152
3153 total_adj_matrix_pc
3154
3155 By converting the dataset to a NumPy array before executing the PC
3156 Algorithm, the Assertion Error regarding the input data
3157 format can be resolved.
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3159 -----
3160 >>>>>>> EXECUTING CODE BLOCK (inferred language is python)...
3161 Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
3162
3163 exitcode: 0 (execution succeeded)
3164 Code output: 0%|          | 0/6 [00:00<?, ?it/s]
3165 {"version_major": 2, "version_minor": 0, "model_id": "
3166 a1056c8cce5046d49d2ba46d506c5bc8"}
3167 array([[ 0,  1,  0,  0,  0,  1],
3168        [ 0,  0,  0,  0,  0,  0],
3169        [ 1,  0,  0,  0,  0,  0],
3170        [ 0,  1,  0,  0,  1,  0],
3171        [ 0,  0,  0,  0,  0, -1],
3172        [ 0,  0,  0,  0, -1,  0]])
3173
3174 -----
3175 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
3176
3177 -Question: What is the adjacency matrix for the human-readable
3178 causal graph based on the output of the PC Algorithm?
3179
3180 -Observation: The adjacency matrix for the human-readable causal
3181 graph based on the output of the PC Algorithm is as follows:
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3183 [[ 0,  1,  0,  0,  0,  1],
3184 [ 0,  0,  0,  0,  0,  0],
3185 [ 1,  0,  0,  0,  0,  0],
3186 [ 0,  1,  0,  0,  1,  0],
3187 [ 0,  0,  0,  0,  0, -1],
3188 [ 0,  0,  0,  0, -1,  0]]

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3186   ``
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3188   This adjacency matrix represents the causal relationships among
3189   the variables: Altitude, Temperature, Precipitation, Longitude
3190   , Sunshine, and Latitude. The numbers in the matrix indicate
3191   the directionality of the edges between the variables.
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3193   -----
3194
3195   >>>>>>> EXECUTING CODE BLOCK (inferred language is python)...
3196   Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
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3198   exitcode: 0 (execution succeeded)
3199   Code output: [[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1],
3200   [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3201   [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3202   [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0],
3203   [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1],
3204   [0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0]]
3205
3206   -----
3207   Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
3208
3209   -Question: What is the adjacency matrix for the human-readable
3210   causal graph based on the output of the PC Algorithm?
3211
3212   -Final Answer: The adjacency matrix for the human-readable causal
3213   graph based on the output of the PC Algorithm is:
3214   ``
3215   [[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1],
3216   [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3217   [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3218   [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0],
3219   [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1],
3220   [0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0]]
3221   ``
3222
3223   This matrix represents the causal relationships among the
3224   variables: Altitude, Temperature, Precipitation, Longitude,
3225   Sunshine, and Latitude.
3226
3227   -----
3228
3229   >>>>>>> EXECUTING CODE BLOCK (inferred language is python)...
3230   Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
3231
3232   exitcode: 0 (execution succeeded)
3233   Code output: [[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1],
3234   [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3235   [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3236   [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0],
3237   [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1],
3238   [0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0]]
3239
3240   -----
3241   Code_Writer (to chat_manager):

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3240 Final Answer: Based on the output of the PC Algorithm on the
3241 provided climate dataset, the human-readable causal graph
3242 matrix is as follows:
3243 ```
3244 [[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1],
3245 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3246 [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3247 [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0],
3248 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1],
3249 [0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0]]
3250 ```
3251 This matrix indicates the causal relationships among the variables
3252 in the dataset: Altitude, Temperature, Precipitation,
3253 Longitude, Sunshine, and Latitude.
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3255 -----
3256
3257 >>>>>>> EXECUTING CODE BLOCK (inferred language is python)...
3258 Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
3259
3260 exitcode: 0 (execution succeeded)
3261 Code output: [[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1],
3262 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3263 [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3264 [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0],
3265 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1],
3266 [0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0]]
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3268 -----
3269 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
3270
3271 Final Results:
3272 - The adjacency matrix for the human-readable causal graph based
3273 on the output of the PC Algorithm is:
3274 ```
3275 [[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1],
3276 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3277 [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3278 [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0],
3279 [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1],
3280 [0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0]]
3281 ```
3282 This matrix represents the causal relationships among the
3283 variables Altitude, Temperature, Precipitation, Longitude,
3284 Sunshine, and Latitude in the climate dataset. The numbers
3285 indicate the directionality of the causal edges in the graph.
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3287 FINISH
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3289 -----
3290 Admin (to chat_manager):
3291
3292 export the matrix into csv file call "Auto_Coding_MAD_React.csv"
3293
3294 -----
3295 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):

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3294 ```python
3295 import pandas as pd
3296
3297 # Create the adjacency matrix as a Pandas DataFrame
3298 adj_matrix_data = [[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1],
3299                   [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3300                   [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
3301                   [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0],
3302                   [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1],
3303                   [0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0]]
3304
3305 columns = ['Altitude', 'Temperature', 'Precipitation', 'Longitude',
3306           ', 'Sunshine', 'Latitude']
3307
3308 adj_matrix_df = pd.DataFrame(adj_matrix_data, columns=columns,
3309                             index=columns)
3310
3311 # Export the adjacency matrix to a CSV file
3312 adj_matrix_df.to_csv("Auto_Coding_MAD_React.csv")
3313 ```
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3315 -----
3316 >>>>>>> EXECUTING CODE BLOCK (inferred language is python)...
3317 Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
3318
3319 exitcode: 0 (execution succeeded)
3320 Code output:
3321
3322 -----
3323 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
3324
3325 The adjacency matrix representing the causal relationships among
3326 the variables Altitude, Temperature, Precipitation, Longitude,
3327 Sunshine, and Latitude has been successfully exported to a
3328 CSV file named "Auto_Coding_MAD_React.csv".
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3330 -----
3331 Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
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3333 -----
3334 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
3335
3336 I have successfully completed all the steps to find the causal
3337 relationship among variables in the climate dataset:
3338 1. Data Preparation: Loaded the dataset and handled missing values
3339 .
3340 2. Graph Initialization: Created an initial fully connected,
3341 undirected graph.
3342 3. Conditional Independence Testing: Implemented statistical tests
3343 to check for conditional independence between variable pairs.
3344 4. Orientation Rules: Applied orientation rules to determine the
3345 directionality of edges based on conditional independence
3346 patterns and converted the graph into a directed acyclic graph
3347 (DAG).

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3348 5. Implemented the PC Algorithm for causal relationship discovery
3349 and obtained the adjacency matrix for the human-readable
3350 causal graph.
3351
3352 The adjacency matrix has been exported to a CSV file named "
3353 Auto_Coding_MAD_React.csv".
3354
3355 I have provided a comprehensive solution to find the causal
3356 relationships in the climate dataset. If you have any more
3357 tasks or questions, feel free to let me know!
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3360 Code_Executor (to chat_manager):
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3364 Code_Writer (to chat_manager):
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3366 FINISH
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