

GEOILP: A SYNTHETIC DATASET TO GUIDE LARGE-SCALE RULE INDUCTION

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ABSTRACT

Inductive logic programming (ILP) is a machine learning approach aiming to learn explanatory rules from data. While existing ILP systems can successfully solve small-scale tasks, large-scale applications with various language biases are rarely explored. Besides, it is crucial for a large majority of current ILP systems to require expert-defined language bias, which hampers the development of ILP towards broader utilizations. In this paper, we introduce GeoILP, a large-scale synthetic dataset of diverse ILP tasks involving numerous aspects of language bias. The ILP tasks are built from geometry problems, at the level from textbook exercise to regional International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO), with the help of a deduction engine. These problems are elaborately selected to cover all challenging language biases, such as recursion, predicate invention, and high arity. Experimental results show that no existing method can solve GeoILP tasks. In addition, along with classic symbolic-form data, we provide image-form data to boost the development of the joint learning of neural perception and symbolic rule induction.

1 INTRODUCTION

Inductive logic programming (ILP), at the intersection of machine learning (ML) and symbolic artificial intelligence, learns hypotheses from background knowledge and examples (Muggleton & De Raedt, 1994; Muggleton et al., 2012; Cropper et al., 2020a; Cropper & Dumančić, 2022; Zhang et al., 2023). ILP adopts logical formulae to represent knowledge, examples, and hypotheses uniformly. The most fascinating merit of ILP, differing from other ML approaches, is the ability to learn highly interpretable hypotheses, which reveals a potential way toward human-comprehensible, controllable, and trust-worthy artificial intelligence.

Classic symbolic ILP are based on discrete search, suffering from the combinatorially growing search space and thus restricting to small-scale scenes. To alleviate this obstacle, symbolic methods require user-defined language bias to limit searching, which is markedly crucial for efficiency (Cropper & Dumančić, 2022). Such hand-crafted work is more or less the same as the feature engineering (Khalid et al., 2014) in other ML tasks at the early stage, requiring certain expert knowledge and considerably many troublesome trial and error. In the modern ML community, feature engineering is often superseded by automatic feature extractors, such as various neural networks, which achieve amazing success in large-scale applications (e.g., GPT-4 (Achiam et al., 2023)). Accordingly, thoroughly turning hand-crafted determination of language bias into automatic language bias discovery is a promising direction toward broader applications of ILP.

Modern neural-symbolic ILP relaxes the hypotheses space into a continuous space and leverage gradient-based optimization techniques to induce solutions, from which interpretable rules can be extracted. Despite not requiring an elaborated language bias, existing neural-symbolic methods are limited to a relatively small hypotheses space, presuming low-arity predicates, function-free clauses, and few rule’s body atoms (Glanois et al., 2022). Scaling up to large-scale scenarios is also the major challenge for this line of work.

However, large-scale ILP datasets are lacking in evaluating more powerful methods and guiding enhancement. Existing datasets are either small or relatively large but lack reference hypotheses. Our goal is to construct a large-scale ILP dataset, providing reference hypotheses to guide the resolution of present limitations in ILP, which would lead ILP to an expert-free learning paradigm (like

modern neural learning) and exceedingly broader utilization. Furthermore, we aim to evaluate ILP systems without much expert priors (like other ML tasks), i.e., training & testing without excessive user-defined bias.

Therefore, we construct GeoILP, a large-scale dataset synthesized from *plane geometry* rules that help generate reference hypotheses involving various language biases. We first adopt a symbolic deduction engine to obtain target examples from the rules and determine the background knowledge and hypotheses by traceback from the examples. We also consider the noisy and multi-task settings, which are closer to real-world applications and actively studied in other ML tasks.

In summary, GeoILP contains 836 single-tasks and 207 multi-tasks. The predicate arity is up to 8, the number of variables in a rule is up to 12, and the number of body atoms is up to 9. Overall, 85% single-tasks and 50% multi-tasks leverage hypothesis with the number of rules ranging from (at least) 10 to 100 (refer to section 5.3 for details). Besides, the language biases also involve argument symmetry, constraints, different types of recursion, and predicate invention.

We conduct experiments on existing applicable methods, which show that GeoILP is completely unreachable.

In addition, GeoILP provides image-form background knowledge, which requires jointly training a perception network, transforming the raw sensory input (image) into symbolic knowledge, and an ILP system inducing the hypothesis. The breakthrough for such joint learning, which remains less explored, would be a breakthrough for the whole artificial intelligence community (Cropper & Dumančić, 2022).

2 RELATED WORK

2.1 ILP METHODS

Symbolic methods search in the hypotheses space defined by language biases. Among these, notable methods include FOIL (Quinlan, 1990), Progol (Muggleton, 1995; Muggleton & Bryant, 2000), TILED (Blockeel & De Raedt, 1997), ALEPH (SRINIVASAN, 2001), Metagol (Muggleton et al., 2015), ILASP (Law et al., 2018; 2020). These methods suffer from combinatorially growing hypotheses, noisy data, and inefficient predicate invention. Popper (Cropper & Morel, 2021a) is a modern symbolic ILP system, which is, to the best of our knowledge, the only symbolic system capable of simultaneously learning recursive rules, inventing predicates (Cropper & Morel, 2021b), handling noise (Hocquette et al., 2024), and scaling better, though still very expensive to do these.

Neural-symbolic methods or differentiable methods, make continuous relaxation of the discrete hypotheses space and induce solutions by minimizing loss function via gradient-based optimizer. While the early-stage methods require user-defined language templates task-by-task to restrict hypotheses (Rocktäschel & Riedel, 2017; Campero et al., 2018), the following works tend to automatically deal with more general language biases (Evans & Grefenstette, 2018; Si et al., 2019; Glanois et al., 2022). As learning interpretable solutions is the outstanding property of ILP, the methods that cannot produce human-readable rules are out of the scope of this paper (e.g., Dong et al. (2019)).

2.2 ILP DATASETS

Real-world datasets Real-world datasets collect background knowledge and examples from real-world observation. The application scenarios cover knowledge base completion (Bordes et al., 2013; Toutanova & Chen, 2015; Yang et al., 2017; Hudson & Manning, 2019), drug design (Inoue et al., 2013; Tamaddoni-Nezhad et al., 2006), ecology (Bohan et al., 2017), etc. The main demerit of real-world datasets is lacking reference hypotheses. Consequently, an ILP system failing on these datasets would have little idea about where to improve.

Synthetic datasets Synthetic datasets covering mathematical formal systems (Evans & Grefenstette, 2018), grammar learning (Muggleton et al., 2014; Law et al., 2019), games (Cropper et al., 2020b), program analysis (Sivaraman et al., 2019; Bartha & Cheney, 2020), etc. They can provide reference hypotheses to guide resolving the limitations of ILP systems. However, current synthetic

108 datasets are small-scale, whose hypotheses typically contain less than 10 rules, and have already
 109 been solved by existing ILP. Our work extends this line of work to much larger scenarios.

111 3 BACKGROUND

112 We first introduce necessary logic notions and then define inductive logic programming (ILP). Fur-
 113 further terminology is illustrated in the next section as well.

116 3.1 LOGIC PRELIMINARIES

117 We assume basic knowledge about first-order logic.

118 **Horn clause** Every formula in first-order language can be transformed into its semantically equiv-
 119 alent *conjunctive normal form*, a conjunction of clauses. A *clause* is a disjunction of literals. A
 120 *literal* is an atom (*positive literal*) or its negation (*negative literal*). An atom is called *ground* if it
 121 contains no variable. *Horn clause* is a widely used subset of clauses that allow at most one positive
 122 literal. Horn clause involve *facts*, which are atoms, and *rules* that can be semantically equivalently
 123 represented as (assumed function-free here)

$$124 \quad H(\mathbf{X}) \leftarrow B_1(\mathbf{X}) \wedge B_2(\mathbf{X}) \wedge \dots \wedge B_k(\mathbf{X})$$

125 where \mathbf{X} denotes a vector of variables, the atom $H(\mathbf{X})$ is the *head* atom of the rule, and the atoms
 126 $B_1(\mathbf{X}), B_2(\mathbf{X}), \dots, B_k(\mathbf{X})$ are the *body* atoms of the rule. A *program* is a set of Horn clauses. We
 127 define *rule size* as the number of atoms in a rule and *program size* as the sum of rule size.

128 Note that the variables in a clause are implicitly quantified by universal quantifiers that are supposed
 129 to be placed at the beginning. The variables appearing only in the body but not the head are called
 130 *existentially quantified*.¹

131 **Forward chaining** *Forward chaining* can be used to deduce all the true ground facts from given
 132 rules and background facts. Formally, given a set of ground atoms \mathcal{A} and a Horn rule set \mathcal{R} , the
 133 immediate consequence through one-step forward chaining is defined as the set

$$134 \quad \text{con}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{A} \cup \left\{ \alpha \mid \alpha \leftarrow \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in \text{ground}(\mathcal{R}), \bigwedge_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \in \mathcal{A} \right\}$$

135 where $\text{ground}(\mathcal{R})$ consists of all the *ground rules* instantiated from \mathcal{R} . Then, we recursively define
 136 the consequence through t steps $C_{\mathcal{R},t}(\mathcal{A})$

$$137 \quad C_{\mathcal{R},0}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{A}, \quad C_{\mathcal{R},t+1}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{con}_{\mathcal{R}}(C_{\mathcal{R},t}(\mathcal{A}))$$

138 We say the *fix point* is reached at step T if T is the smallest natural number satisfying $C_{\mathcal{R},T}(\mathcal{A}) =$
 139 $C_{\mathcal{R},T+1}(\mathcal{A})$, and $C_{\mathcal{R},T}(\mathcal{A})$ is the set of all the consequences of the forward chaining.

142 3.2 INDUCTIVE LOGIC PROGRAMMING

143 We adopt the most popular ILP setting *learning from entailment* (LFE) (Cropper & Dumančić,
 144 2022). The training data is a tuple $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{E}^+, \mathcal{E}^-)$ of *background knowledge* \mathcal{B} , *positive examples* of
 145 the concept \mathcal{E}^+ , and *negative examples* of the concept \mathcal{E}^- . $\mathcal{E}^+, \mathcal{E}^-$ are sets of ground atoms relevant
 146 to the target predicate we want to learn. \mathcal{B} is a set of clauses that act as background knowledge (BK),
 147 typically a set of ground atoms irrelevant to the target predicate (rules can also be in BK). The goal
 148 of ILP is to induce a *hypothesis* \mathcal{H} , consisting also of clauses, satisfying the following conditions

$$149 \quad \forall e \in \mathcal{E}^+, H \cup \mathcal{B} \models e \quad (\text{completeness})$$

$$150 \quad \forall e \in \mathcal{E}^-, H \cup \mathcal{B} \not\models e \quad (\text{consistency})$$

151 The *completeness* condition states that the hypothesis and BK entail all positive examples. The
 152 *consistency* condition states that the hypothesis and BK do not entail any negative examples.

153 ¹Take an example to explain the name, $\forall X \forall Y \forall Z H(X, Y) \leftarrow B_1(X, Z) \wedge B_2(Z, Y)$ is equivalent to
 154 $\forall X \forall Y H(X, Y) \leftarrow \exists Z (B_1(X, Z) \wedge B_2(Z, Y))$. Z is existentially quantified in this rule.

162 For example, given

$$\begin{aligned}
 163 & \mathcal{B} = \{\text{Father}(\text{John}, \text{Mary}), \text{Father}(\text{Tom}, \text{John})\} \\
 164 & \mathcal{E}^+ = \{\text{Grandfather}(\text{Tom}, \text{Mary})\} \\
 165 & \mathcal{E}^- = \{\text{Grandfather}(\text{Mary}, \text{Tom}), \text{Grandfather}(\text{John}, \text{Mary})\} \\
 166 & \\
 167 &
 \end{aligned}$$

168 , an ILP task learner may learn the following hypothesis \mathcal{H} (upper italic letters denote variables)

$$169 \text{Grandfather}(X, Y) \leftarrow \text{Father}(X, Z) \wedge \text{Father}(Z, Y)$$

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171 With the learned hypothesis, an automated theorem prover can derive all the facts regarding the
172 *target predicate* Grandfather from the background facts regarding the relation *Father*.

174 4 LIMITATIONS OF CURRENT ILP

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176 In this section, we identify the critical limitations of current ILP that impede the development of
177 broader applications. Our proposed dataset is intended to cover all these challenges and is thus a
178 good testbed for elaborating more sophisticated rule induction systems.

180 4.1 HAND-CRAFTED LANGUAGE BIAS

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182 Language bias is used to limit the hypothesis space in symbolic ILP. As calculated by Cropper &
183 Morel (2021a), the number of possible hypotheses grows combinatorially fast.

184 Without carefully human-determined language bias, such as the predicates allowed to appear in the
185 rule’s head, the predicates allowed to appear in the rule’s body, enabling recursion or not, enabling
186 predicate invention or not, the maximum number of clauses allowed in a hypothesis, the maximum
187 number of unique variables in a clause, the maximum number of body atoms in a clause, the number
188 of allowed existentially quantified variables, the maximum times a predicate can appear in a rule,
189 symbolic ILP tends to be extremely slow, even useless (Cropper & Dumančić, 2022). Determining
190 a good language bias is onerous and requires a vast amount of trial and error.

191 Below, we introduce the most dominant language biases, which notably increase hypothesis space
192 and should thus be completely automatically determined by ILP systems.

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194 **Predicate arity** Real-world relations may involve several entities. For instance, the dyadic re-
195 lation GoodAt(student, math) asserts that a student is good at math (subject), while the triadic
196 relation Course(teacher, math, student) asserts that a teacher teaches math to a student. However,
197 current neuro-symbolic methods typically support arity lower than two (Evans & Grefenstette, 2018;
198 Campero et al., 2018; Glanois et al., 2022). Several symbolic methods can support arbitrary arity
199 but exceedingly increase search complexity (Cropper & Morel, 2021a).

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201 **Argument symmetry** Argument symmetry may exist for predicates. For example, if John is
202 Mary’s cousin, then Mary must also be John’s cousin. As this example, argument symmetry can
203 be represented as a Horn rule, yet complex symmetry may yield too many rules. For instance, the
204 triadic atom asserting whether 3 people queue in a straight line evaluates to the same truth value if
205 permuting all 3 arguments (any 3 people), which yields $\binom{3!}{2} = 15$ Horn rules. To the best of our
206 knowledge, there is no specialized way to learn compact representations for argument symmetry.

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208 **Predicate constraint** Atoms’ truth value may be forced to be opposite under some constraints.
209 Asymmetry constraint can be considered as Horn *goal* (clause with only negative literals) \leftarrow
210 $\text{Pred}(X, Y) \wedge \text{Pred}(Y, X)$. The representation of other constraints (e.g., irreflexivity, anti-
211 transitivity, anti-triangularity, functionality, exclusivity) can be found in Cropper & Hocquette
(2023). Current neuro-symbolic methods do not cover this aspect.

212
213 **Recursion** There are two types of recursion in Horn programs: recursion and mutual recursion
214 (Bancilhon & Ramakrishnan, 1986). *Recursion* refers to the phenomenon that the same predicate ap-
215 pears simultaneously in a rule’s head and body. For instance, $\text{Even}(X) \leftarrow \text{Even}(Y) \wedge \text{Succ}_2(Y, X)$
is recursive, where Even asserts whether a natural number is even and $\text{Succ}_2(Y, X)$ asserts whether

216 $X = Y + 2$. Even is the *recursive predicate* in this case. Besides, this recursive rule is also called
 217 *linear* because the recursive predicate only appears once in the body. *Mutual recursion* refers to the
 218 phenomenon that two predicates mutually derive from each other. We say a predicate Pred_1 *derives*
 219 another predicate Pred_2 if there exists such a set of rules (variables omitted)

$$220 \quad \text{Pred}_2 \leftarrow \dots \wedge Q_1 \quad Q_1 \leftarrow \dots \wedge Q_2 \quad Q_2 \leftarrow \dots \wedge Q_3 \quad \dots \quad Q_n \leftarrow \dots \wedge \text{Pred}_1$$

222 where Q s denote other predicates and \dots denote any other body atoms. Therefore, two mutually
 223 recursive predicates can be mutually deduced via forward chaining. For instance,

$$224 \quad \text{Even}(X) \leftarrow \text{Odd}(Y) \wedge \text{Succ}(Y, X) \quad \text{Odd}(X) \leftarrow \text{Even}(Y) \wedge \text{Succ}(Y, X)$$

226 , where $\text{Succ}(X, Y)$ asserts whether $Y = X + 1$, show that Even and Odd (asserting whether a
 227 natural number is odd) are mutually recursive. A rule is also called *recursive* if the head predicate is
 228 mutually recursive with one of its body predicates, and the rule is called *linear* if only one mutually
 229 recursive predicate appears in the body. Enabling recursion is expensive for symbolic ILP, while the
 230 state-of-the-art neuro-symbolic ILP does not support mutual recursion (Glanois et al., 2022).

231 **Predicate invention** Predicate invention is a crucial part of automatically discovering
 232 new concepts, which may lead to breakthroughs in AI development (Russell, 2019,
 233 chap. 3). Specifically, predicate invention enables predicates that are unused in BK &
 234 target examples appearing in the hypothesis. For example, learning Even from the BK
 235 $\{\text{Zero}(0), \text{Succ}(0, 1), \text{Succ}(1, 2), \text{Succ}(2, 3), \dots\}$ may require inventing dyadic relation Succ_2 and
 236 the following rules

$$237 \quad \begin{aligned} 238 \quad & \text{Even}(X) \leftarrow \text{Even}(Y) \wedge \text{Succ}_2(Y, X) & \text{Even}(0) \leftarrow \text{Zero}(0) \\ 239 \quad & \text{Succ}_2(Y, X) \leftarrow \text{Succ}(Z, X) \wedge \text{Succ}(Y, Z) \end{aligned}$$

240 While inventing such auxiliary predicates substantially reduces hypotheses (Cropper & Dumančić,
 241 2022) and improves learning performance (Cropper, 2019), predicate invention is expensive, inac-
 242 curate, restricted to low-arity invention (Cropper & Morel, 2021b).

244 4.2 INSUFFICIENT NOISE HANDLING

246 **Mislabeled & ambiguous data** Noise is ubiquitous in realistic data. While symbolic methods
 247 struggle to learn from noisy data (Hocquette et al., 2024), neuro-symbolic methods can deal with
 248 mislabeled examples (Glanois et al., 2022) and ambiguous BK (Evans & Grefenstette, 2018). Han-
 249 dling mislabeled BK is still an open problem (Cropper & Dumančić, 2022). Further study on large-
 250 scale noisy tasks lacks synthesized datasets to control the noise rate in experiments.

252 **Open-world assumption** While the *closed-world assumption* (CWA) asserts any ground atom,
 253 whose predicate appears in the BK, to be false if it is not given in BK, the *open-world assumption*
 254 (OWA) allows those ground atoms that are not known to be true to have the possibility of being
 255 true (Reiter, 1981). Almost all existing ILP systems assume CWA. However, OWA is a more real-
 256 istic setup since a complete BK is inaccessible in real-world applications. A set of incomplete
 257 background ground atoms is considered noisy if an ILP system assumes CWA.

258 4.3 MULTI-TASK LEARNING

260 Existing ILP focuses on once learning one target predicate. However, simultaneously learning sev-
 261 eral target predicates can share common rules and capture mutual recursions among target predi-
 262 cates. Glanois et al. (2022) proposes an iterative multi-task learning scheme for their neuro-symbolic
 263 model and successfully learns certain hypotheses at a small program size. Large-scale multi-task
 264 learning is a promising direction for building broader applications, which remains unexplored.

266 4.4 UNABLE TO LEARN FROM RAW INPUT

268 One major gap between ILP and modern ML systems is the ability to induce knowledge from raw
 269 sensory input. Most ILP systems only receive symbolic data as input, while raw data is usually
 images, speech, natural language, etc. There are initial works that use neural networks to perceive

and transform raw input into symbolic form and use symbolic deduction to do reasoning (Manhaeve et al., 2018; Dai et al., 2019; Dai & Muggleton, 2021). Efficiently jointly training perception network and ILP system in large-scale tasks would be a promising direction for robust and reliable artificial intelligence. See Evans (2020); Evans et al. (2021; 2022) for more possibilities to induce rules from raw sensory input.

5 GEOILP

In this section, we formally introduce GeoILP, our proposed dataset for elaborating large-scale sophisticated rule induction systems, in four parts. First, a general guide for synthesizing ILP tasks from predefined rules. Second, the steps for identifying the examples (*deduction* step) and the BK (*traceback* step) of GeoILP. Third, the features of GeoILP critically differ from other ILP testbeds. Fourth, the approach to transform symbolic input into raw sensory input.

5.1 A GENERAL GUIDE FOR ILP TASK SYNTHESIS

Inductive reasoning can be seen as a "reverse" procedure of deductive reasoning in the sense that the former learns rules from premises and conclusions while the latter infers conclusions from premises and valid rules. In ILP, premises correspond to the BK, and the conclusions correspond to the target examples. Therefore, to construct ILP data, we can derive target examples from selected premises and predefined rules using a deduction engine.

Concretely, the data-synthesizing procedure works as follows:

1. Randomly or intentionally choose several ground atoms as premises.
2. Define a consistent set of rules.²
3. Deduce all the conclusions from the premises and rules using any deduction engine.
4. Select a part or all of the conclusions (also ground atoms) as **positive examples**.³
5. Trace back from the conclusions to identify a minimum set of premises contributing to deducing the conclusions as **ILP BK**.
6. Optionally, obtain **negative examples** by removing the conclusions from all syntactically possible ground atoms (all combinations of target predicate and constants).

5.2 SYNTHESIZING GEOILP

We choose *plane geometry* as the application domain as its formal system covers all the difficulties indicated in section 4 (see section 5.3).

Formalizing plane geometry and building a corresponding symbolic deduction engine are challenging works outside this paper's scope. We adopt an expert-designed deduction engine based on deductive database theory (Gallaire et al., 1984), similar to the ones used in automated geometry theorem proving (e.g., GEX (Chou et al., 2000), JGEX (Ye et al., 2010a;b; 2011), AlphaGeometry (Trinh et al., 2024)).⁴ The only constants are the points in the plane. The engine leverages a set of Horn rules for deduction. Table 1 shows the characteristics of predicates.

Deduction To initialize *deduction* step with premises, we use 231 plane geometry problems given in JGEX (Ye et al., 2010a;b; 2011), ranging from textbook exercises, regional olympiads, and famous theorems. An example of premises is depicted in Figure 1. The final dataset, built from such selected premises, can effectively help construct automated geometry theorem provers without needing expert-defined rules, as the rules learned by ILP can be useful. Then, the deduction engine

²A set of rules is *consistent* if the rules do not contradict each other.

³Merely selecting a part of the conclusions as positive examples may yield fewer rules with more body atoms. $P_1 \leftarrow P_2 \wedge Q$ and $P_2 \leftarrow R_1 \wedge R_2$ may be reduced to $P_1 \leftarrow R_1 \wedge R_2 \wedge Q$ if the premises involve Q, R_1, R_2 and only select P_1 as conclusions.

⁴Note that GEX, JGEX, and AlphaGeometry are deductive reasoning algorithms and are not applicable to ILP, which is inductive reasoning.

Table 1: Predicates used in GeoILP (Target=can be used as target predicate; Head=can be used in the head; Body=can be used in the body). Details see Appendix A.1.

Name	Arity	Target	Argument Symmetry	Constraints	Head	Body	Full Name
Coll	3	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	collinear
Ncoll	3	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	not collinear
Sameside	6	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	same side
Midp	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	midpoint
Cong	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	segment congruent
Perp	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	perpendicular
Para	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	parallel
Cyclic	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	conccyclic
Circle	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	circle
Eqangle	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	equal angle
Eqratio	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	equal ratio

uses forward chaining to reach the fix point. In the single-task setting, we separate conclusions with different predicates.

Note that the deduction engine regards argument-permutation equivalent atoms as the same, which substantially reduces deduction costs since argument symmetry is omnipresent. Therefore, rules for argument permutation and several trivial rules are not explicitly listed. See Appendix A.4 for details.

Traceback Since the conclusions deduced from one set of premises may involve all 8 predicates, synthesizing a single ILP task should filter out those premises irrelevant to the target predicate. To achieve this, the deduction engine constructs a deduction graph when doing forward chaining, which illustrates the immediate dependence of the ground atoms in the graph. Every body atom in a matched (ground) rule has a directed edge pointing to the head atom (see Figure 1). Starting from the conclusions involving only the target predicate, we trace back along the directed edges in the reverse direction until reaching the premises. The trace-backed premises are regarded as the BK. The directed edges alongside (red arrows in Figure 1) constitute a reference hypothesis.

After deduction and traceback, we repeat the BK and target examples ten times, retaining predicates unchanged but mapping every point (constants) to new, unique points. In other words, the initial group of points is duplicated into ten groups. Then, the data are divided into training set and evaluation set according to 8:2 point groups.

5.3 DATASET FEATURES

In total, 65 expert-defined rules and much more trivial rules encoded in the deductive database are used for synthesizing GeoILP (see Appendix A.4). Several rules are listed here to demonstrate how GeoILP covers the limitations mentioned in section 4.

- (1) $\text{Midp}(M, C, D) \leftarrow \text{Midp}(M, A, B) \wedge \text{Para}(A, C, B, D) \wedge \text{Para}(A, D, B, C)$
- (2) $\text{Para}(A, B, E, F) \leftarrow \text{Para}(A, B, C, D) \wedge \text{Para}(C, D, E, F)$
- (3) $\text{Cong}(A, M, B, M) \leftarrow \text{Perp}(A, B, B, C) \wedge \text{Midp}(M, A, C)$
- (4) $\text{Cong}(O, A, O, B) \leftarrow \text{Midp}(M, A, B) \wedge \text{Perp}(O, M, A, B)$
- (5) $\text{Perp}(A, B, P, Q) \leftarrow \text{Cong}(A, P, B, P) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, Q, B, Q)$

We briefly introduce the meaning of the predicates appearing in the above rules and Figure 1 to facilitate understanding them. See Appendix A.1 for exhaustive descriptions. $\text{Midp}(M, A, B)$ asserts M is the midpoint of segment AB . $\text{Para}(A, B, C, D)$ asserts lines AB & CD are parallel. $\text{Perp}(A, B, C, D)$ asserts lines AB & CD are perpendicular. $\text{Cong}(A, B, C, D)$ asserts segments AB & CD are of same length. $\text{Coll}(A, B, C)$ asserts A, B, C are collinear. $\text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$ asserts A, B, C are not collinear. $\text{Cyclic}(A, B, C, D)$ asserts A, B, C, D are con-

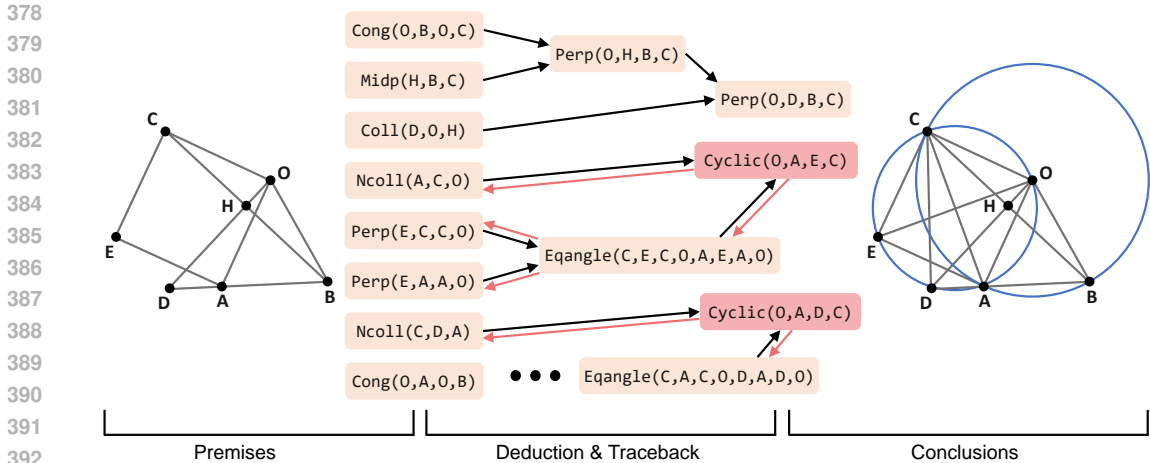


Figure 1: Synthesizing one of GeoILP (single) tasks from one set of premises with Cyclic as target predicate. Black arrows denote deduction (forward chaining), and red arrows denote traceback.

cyclic. Eqangle(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) asserts full-angles $[AB, CD]$ & $[EF, GH]$ are equal. Full-angle is defined by two lines and, intuitively, two full-angles $[AB, CD]$ & $[EF, GH]$ are equal if, supposing Rot denotes a rotation, $Rot(AB) \parallel EF$ and $Rot(EF) \parallel GH$. Refer to Ye et al. (2010b) for the formal definition.

Predicate Characteristics of predicates are provided in Table 1. The predicates are of arity from 3 to 8, all involving argument symmetry (see Appendix A.2) and different constraints (see Appendix A.3). Note that, among constraints, Midp and Circle are functional; thus, our dataset can be easily adapted to study the setting with functions. In addition, nearly all the predicates can be used in the head and body of a rule.

Rules The number of rules in a task ranges from 10 to 91, which do not consider rules for argument symmetry and trivial rules. See Appendix A.4 for details about trivial rules. The maximum number of body atoms is 5. the maximum number of variables in a rule is 12. Existentially quantified variables usually exist. For instance, A, B of Rule(1), C, D of Rule(2), C of Rule(3), M of Rule(4).

Recursion All types of recursion are omnipresent in the whole rule set, and almost any two predicates are mutually recursive. In the example rule subset above, Rule(1) is recursive and linear; Rule(2) is recursive but not linear; Rule(3) & Rule(5) (or Rule(4) & Rule(5)) justify that they are recursive because Cong and Perp are mutually recursive; while Rule(3) (also Rule(4)) is linear, Rule(5) is not linear.

Predicate invention Almost all GeoILP tasks require predicate invention. For example, a task learning Para with Cong, Coll, Ncoll, Eqangle, Perp may need to invent Midp as auxiliary predicate (Appendix B.1). In addition, extra meaningful relations that are not used in GeoILP may also be invented to reduce hypothesis space, e.g., congruent triangle, similar triangle (Appendix B.1).

Noisy data First, our synthetic data makes the open-world assumption. For instance, in Figure 1, Perp appears twice in the BK (premises), while two new atoms of Perp not given in the BK also appear in the deduced conclusions, which means that atoms not given in the BK can also be true. In GeoILP, it is common for all true atoms not to be given in BK. Second, the negative examples are noisy since our rule set is incomplete for the entire *plane geometry* (i.e., several true atoms may not be deduced based on the incomplete rule set).

Multi-task In the multi-task setting, we trace back premises from all conclusions; thus, all predicates in the deduction graph are considered target predicates for an ILP multi-task. In most cases, the trace-backed premises are the same as the initial premises.

Table 2: Detailed comparison between GeoILP and the existing dataset. (# denotes *number of*)

Dataset	∂ ILP	GeoILP
#Tasks	20 single-tasks	836 single-tasks; 207 multi-tasks
Predicate Arity	1 - 2	3 - 8
Predicate Invention	$\sim 60\%$	96% for single-tasks
Max #Variables	6	12
Max #Body Atoms	2	9
#Rules	1 - 5	10-100 for 85% single-tasks and 50% multi-tasks; up to 2000 for single-tasks; up to 3500 for multi-tasks
Argument Symmetry	in just a few predicates; limited to dyadic predicates	in every predicate; various symmetries in up to octoadic predicates
Predicate Constraints	in a few predicates	in every predicate
Recursion	linear recursion: 30% non-linear recursion: 10% linear mutual recursion: 10%	recursion: $\sim 100\%$ mutual recursion: $\sim 90\%$ all 4 kinds of recursion are common

5.3.1 COMPARISON WITH OTHER ILP DATASETS

We compare GeoILP with the dataset proposed in ∂ ILP (Evans & Grefenstette, 2018), which is the only synthetic dataset used by recent neuro-symbolic methods (e.g., HRI [20]). Table 2 reveals GeoILP’s extremely strong complexity from various aspects.⁵

5.4 CONSTRUCTING RAW INPUT

An essential difference distinguishing it from other datasets is that GeoILP additionally provides raw inputs corresponding to each task. Like in Figure 1, the BK (premises) is transformed into an image like in the plane geometry textbook. We adopt the constructive diagram builder language developed in AlphaGeometry (Trinh et al., 2024) to construct the image point by point from a given set of premises, which works well with the symbolic deduction engine. The goal is to provide data for learning rules from raw sub-symbolic inputs (images) and symbolic target examples. The images only contain basic geometry objects, reducing the burden of perception and making them a good testbed for this immature research topic. We also attach a corresponding image of conclusions (BK + positive examples) to each task, like the rightmost diagram in Figure 1. Handling GeoILP in geometric form at least requires the ability to identify geometric objects, to identify the relations among objects, and to induce interpretable rules. Developing such a complex system requires great effort, which is out of the scope of a dataset constructing work and is left to future work.⁶

More details about datasets and example data are provided in Appendix A & B, respectively.

6 EXPERIMENTS

6.1 SETUP

Considering the great difficulty of GeoILP, we divide it into four progressive levels, which provides chances for gradually strengthening ILP systems. Table 3 illustrates the specification of each level.

⁵Multi-tasks do not involve predicate invention since they regard all available predicates as target predicates.

⁶For readers interested in the induction ability of large language models, we provide a guide on how to translate GeoILP into natural-language form in Appendix C.

Table 3: GeoILP’s specification of four progressive levels for single-tasks & specification of multi-tasks.

Level	basic	simple	advanced	complex	multi-task
(single) tasks%	2%	7%	23%	66%	-
arity	≤ 8	≤ 8	≤ 8	≤ 8	≤ 8
# body atoms	≤ 2	≤ 9	≤ 9	≤ 9	≤ 9
mutual recursion?	X	X	✓	✓	✓
# rules	≤ 20	≤ 20	≤ 20	≤ 2014	≤ 3553

The four levels are set according to four dimensionalities: predicate arity, number of body atoms, involving mutual recursion or not, and number of rules. The former three are critical bottlenecks of many neuro-symbolic ILP methods, e.g., Glanois et al. (2022). The last one is a critical aspect affecting search complexity for both symbolic and neuro-symbolic ILP methods.

6.2 RESULTS

Symbolic Among symbolic methods, Popper (Cropper & Morel, 2021a) is the most powerful one that simultaneously supports learning recursion, involving hypothesis constraints, inventing predicates (Cropper & Morel, 2021b), and handling noise (Hocquette et al., 2024), and scales better as well. We conduct experiments using Popper⁷, enabling predicate invention, recursion and noise handling. Noise handling is turned on because GeoILP follows OWA, while Popper follows CWA. The maximum number of variables in a rule is set to 12, which is the maximum value in every four levels. When conducting experiments on different levels, we set the maximum number of body atoms and the maximum number of rules to the maximum values of the learning level. This setup aligns with our purpose of not injecting many priors into training. After 1-day searching, Popper does not return any hypothesis, even at the *basic* level. We regard GeoILP as unsolvable by Popper since the searching time is already about two orders of magnitude longer than in previous works (about hundreds of seconds or less, e.g., Cropper & Morel (2021a); Glanois et al. (2022))

Neuro-symbolic Several neuro-symbolic methods (Evans & Grefenstette, 2018; Glanois et al., 2022) do not support higher-arity predicates, rules with more than two body atoms, or using target predicate in the rule’s body, which are their primary bottlenecks of being inapplicable to GeoILP. Several others (Rocktäschel & Riedel, 2017; Campero et al., 2018) require expert-defined rule templates task-by-task, which is inappropriate for large-scale applications like GeoILP. Difflog (Si et al., 2019) is a neural-symbolic method that supports arbitrary hypothesis space. However, our experiments show that, even at the *basic* level, Difflog⁸ throws an out-of-memory error on a server with 500GB of memory, an order of magnitude larger than in the original paper (64GB). We leave further investigation on improving memory usage for future work.

7 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

We propose GeoILP, a large-scale synthetic dataset for inductive logic programming involving all challenging language biases in reference hypotheses. GeoILP is, in terms of the hypothesis size, at least one magnitude larger than existing datasets that can provide guiding hypotheses. Although GeoILP may be biased towards plane geometry, it is still a good testbed for large-scale ILP. Besides, we also provide image-form background knowledge, aiming to boost the development of joint learning of neural perception and symbolic rule induction.

⁷Version 4.3.0: <https://github.com/logic-and-learning-lab/Popper/tree/v4.3.0>

⁸We leverage the implementation and recommend parameter setting in <https://github.com/petablox/difflog/tree/3c2d5218d9a0a1e200ebbf2d6a1e5d077fb18826>.

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A DETAILS OF GEOILP

A.1 PREDICATES DESCRIPTION

In this section, we exhaustively describe the predicates.

The constants in GeoILP are points in the plane. The exact meaning of each predicate is listed below.

- Midp(M, A, B) asserts M is the midpoint of segment AB .
- Para(A, B, C, D) asserts line AB and line CD are parallel.
- Perp(A, B, C, D) asserts line AB and line CD are perpendicular.
- Cong(A, B, C, D) asserts segment AB and segment CD are of same length.
- Coll(A, B, C) asserts A, B, C are collinear.
- Ncoll(A, B, C) asserts A, B, C are not collinear.
- Cyclic(A, B, C, D) asserts A, B, C, D are concyclic.
- Eqangle(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) asserts full-angles $[AB, CD]$ & $[EF, GH]$ are equal.
 - Full-angle is defined by two lines. Intuitively, two full-angles $[AB, CD]$ & $[EF, GH]$ are equal if, supposing Rot denotes a rotation, $Rot(AB) \parallel EF$ and $Rot(CD) \parallel GH$.
 - Refer to Ye et al. (2010b) for the formal definition.
- Eqratio(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) asserts the ratio of segment AB and segment CD equals to the ratio of segment EF and GH .
- Circle(O, A, B, C) asserts A, B, C are concyclic and the center is O .
- Sameside(B, A, C, Y, X, Z) asserts B is to the same side of $A \& C$ as Y is to $X \& Z$. Mathematically, this is equivalent to $(\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC})(\vec{YX} \cdot \vec{YZ}) > 0$.

Sameside are not allowed as target predicates because it does not appear in the head of any rules. Coll and Ncoll are not allowed as target predicates because the rules where they appear in the head are either too few or trivial (see Appendix A.4 for trivial rules).

A.2 ARGUMENT SYMMETRY OF PREDICATES

We use biconditional to describe the argument symmetry of predicates.

- Midp(M, A, B) \leftrightarrow Midp(M, B, A)
- Para(A, B, C, D) \leftrightarrow Para(C, D, A, B)
- Para(A, B, C, D) \leftrightarrow Para(B, A, C, D)
- Perp(A, B, C, D) \leftrightarrow Perp(C, D, A, B)
- Perp(A, B, C, D) \leftrightarrow Perp(B, A, C, D)
- Cong(A, B, C, D) \leftrightarrow Cong(C, D, A, B)
- Cong(A, B, C, D) \leftrightarrow Cong(B, A, C, D)
- Coll(A, B, C) \leftrightarrow Coll(A, C, B)
- Coll(A, B, C) \leftrightarrow Coll(B, C, A)
- Ncoll(A, B, C) \leftrightarrow Ncoll(A, C, B)
- Ncoll(A, B, C) \leftrightarrow Ncoll(B, C, A)
- Cyclic(A, B, C, D) \leftrightarrow Cyclic(B, C, D, A)
- Cyclic(A, B, C, D) \leftrightarrow Cyclic(B, A, C, D)
- Circle(O, A, B, C) \leftrightarrow Circle(O, B, C, A)
- Circle(O, A, B, C) \leftrightarrow Circle(O, A, C, B)
- Sameside(B, A, C, Y, X, Z) \leftrightarrow Sameside(Y, X, Z, B, A, C)

- 810 • $\text{Sameside}(B, A, C, Y, X, Z) \leftrightarrow \text{Sameside}(B, C, A, Y, X, Z)$
- 811 • $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) \leftrightarrow \text{Eqangle}(E, F, G, H, A, B, C, D)$
- 812 • $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) \leftrightarrow \text{Eqangle}(C, D, A, B, G, H, E, F)$
- 813 • $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) \leftrightarrow \text{Eqangle}(B, A, C, D, E, F, G, H)$
- 814 • $\text{Eqratio}(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) \leftrightarrow \text{Eqratio}(E, F, G, H, A, B, C, D)$
- 815 • $\text{Eqratio}(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) \leftrightarrow \text{Eqratio}(C, D, A, B, G, H, E, F)$
- 816 • $\text{Eqratio}(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) \leftrightarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, C, D, E, F, G, H)$

819 Note that these biconditional formulae constitute a minimal representation of argument symmetry.
820 Much more symmetries can be derived by combining several of them.

821 The rule set would be too large if these argument symmetries were all represented as Horn rules. A
822 compact representation and effective handling should be thus considered by ILP methods.

824 A.3 CONSTRAINTS OF PREDICATES

825 We describe the constraints of predicates. We express the constraints by Horn goal, as in Cropper &
826 Hocquette (2023).

- 829 • $\leftarrow \text{Sameside}(B, A, C, Y, X, Z) \wedge \text{Sameside}(A, B, C, Y, X, Z)$
- 830 • $\leftarrow \text{Midp}(M, A, B) \wedge \text{Midp}(N, A, B) \wedge M \neq N$
- 831 • $\leftarrow \text{Circle}(O, A, B, C) \wedge \text{Circle}(Q, A, B, C) \wedge O \neq Q$
- 832 • $\leftarrow \text{Perp}(A, B, C, D) \wedge \text{Perp}(C, D, E, F) \wedge \text{Perp}(A, B, E, F)$
- 833 • $\leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) \wedge \text{Eqangle}(C, D, A, B, E, F, G, H) \wedge$
834 $\text{Npara}(A, B, C, D)$
- 835 • $\leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) \wedge \text{Eqangle}(C, D, A, B, E, F, G, H) \wedge$
836 $\text{Ncong}(A, B, C, D)$

837 (Npara for not parallel; Ncong for not congruent)

840 A.4 RULES

841 All the Horn rules utilized to synthesize GeoILP are divided into expert-defined rules, trivial rules,
842 and argument-symmetry rules (if representing argument symmetries by Horn rules).

843 Trivial rules are Horn rules trivial for human. For example, $\text{Coll}(A, B, C) \leftarrow \text{Coll}(A, D, B) \wedge$
844 $\text{Coll}(A, D, C)$. Note that, though trivial for human, an ILP learner may suffer from the large number
845 of trivial rules. A whole set of such trivial rules is illustrated in Chou et al. (2000) and is encoded
846 into the deductive database.

847 The 65 expert-defined rules are

- 849 1. $\text{Para}(A, B, E, F) \leftarrow \text{Perp}(A, B, C, D) \wedge \text{Perp}(C, D, E, F) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, E)$
- 850 2. $\text{Cyclic}(A, B, C, D) \leftarrow \text{Cong}(O, A, O, B) \wedge \text{Cong}(O, B, O, C) \wedge \text{Cong}(O, C, O, D)$
- 851 3. $\text{Para}(A, B, C, D) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(A, B, P, Q, C, D, P, Q)$
- 852 4. $\text{Eqangle}(P, A, P, B, Q, A, Q, B) \leftarrow \text{Cyclic}(A, B, P, Q)$
- 853 5. $\text{Cyclic}(A, B, P, Q) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(P, A, P, B, Q, A, Q, B) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(P, Q, A)$
- 854 6. $\text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q) \leftarrow \text{Cyclic}(A, B, C, P) \wedge \text{Cyclic}(A, B, C, Q) \wedge \text{Cyclic}(A, B, C, R) \wedge$
855 $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q)$
- 856 7. $\text{Para}(E, F, B, C) \leftarrow \text{Midp}(E, A, B) \wedge \text{Midp}(F, A, C)$
- 857 8. $\text{Eqratio3}(A, B, C, D, O, O) \leftarrow \text{Para}(A, B, C, D) \wedge \text{Coll}(O, A, C) \wedge \text{Coll}(O, B, D)$
- 858 9. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, E, F, C, D, G, H) \leftarrow \text{Perp}(A, B, C, D) \wedge \text{Perp}(E, F, G, H)$
- 859 10. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, E, F, M, N, R, U) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(A, B, C, D, M, N, P, Q) \wedge$
860 $\text{Eqangle}(C, D, E, F, P, Q, R, U)$

- 864 11. $\text{Eqratio}(A, B, E, F, M, N, R, U) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(A, B, C, D, M, N, P, Q) \wedge$
865 $\text{Eqratio}(C, D, E, F, P, Q, R, U)$
- 866 12. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, D, A, D, A, C) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(D, B, D, C, A, B, A, C) \wedge \text{Coll}(D, B, C) \wedge$
867 $\text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$
- 868 13. $\text{Eqratio}(D, B, D, C, A, B, A, C) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, D, A, D, A, C) \wedge \text{Coll}(D, B, C) \wedge$
869 $\text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$
- 870 14. $\text{Eqangle}(O, A, A, B, A, B, O, B) \leftarrow \text{Cong}(O, A, O, B) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(O, A, B)$
- 871 15. $\text{Cong}(O, A, O, B) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(A, O, A, B, B, A, B, O) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(O, A, B)$
- 872 16. $\text{Eqangle}(A, X, A, B, C, A, C, B) \leftarrow \text{Circle}(O, A, B, C) \wedge \text{Perp}(O, A, A, X)$
- 873 17. $\text{Perp}(O, A, A, X) \leftarrow \text{Circle}(O, A, B, C) \wedge \text{Eqangle}(A, X, A, B, C, A, C, B)$
- 874 18. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, C, O, B, O, M) \leftarrow \text{Circle}(O, A, B, C) \wedge \text{Midp}(M, B, C)$
- 875 19. $\text{Midp}(M, B, C) \leftarrow \text{Circle}(O, A, B, C) \wedge \text{Coll}(M, B, C) \wedge$
876 $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, C, O, B, O, M)$
- 877 20. $\text{Cong}(A, M, B, M) \leftarrow \text{Perp}(A, B, B, C) \wedge \text{Midp}(M, A, C)$
- 878 21. $\text{Perp}(A, B, B, C) \leftarrow \text{Circle}(O, A, B, C) \wedge \text{Coll}(O, A, C)$
- 879 22. $\text{Eqangle}(A, D, C, D, C, D, C, B) \leftarrow \text{Cyclic}(A, B, C, D) \wedge \text{Para}(A, B, C, D)$
- 880 23. $\text{Cong}(O, A, O, B) \leftarrow \text{Midp}(M, A, B) \wedge \text{Perp}(O, M, A, B)$
- 881 24. $\text{Perp}(A, B, P, Q) \leftarrow \text{Cong}(A, P, B, P) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, Q, B, Q)$
- 882 25. $\text{Perp}(P, A, A, Q) \leftarrow \text{Cong}(A, P, B, P) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, Q, B, Q) \wedge \text{Cyclic}(A, B, P, Q)$
- 883 26. $\text{Para}(A, C, B, D) \leftarrow \text{Midp}(M, A, B) \wedge \text{Midp}(M, C, D)$
- 884 27. $\text{Midp}(M, C, D) \leftarrow \text{Midp}(M, A, B) \wedge \text{Para}(A, C, B, D) \wedge \text{Para}(A, D, B, C)$
- 885 28. $\text{Para}(A, B, C, D) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(O, A, A, C, O, B, B, D) \wedge \text{Coll}(O, A, C) \wedge \text{Coll}(O, B, D) \wedge$
886 $\text{Ncoll}(A, B, C) \wedge \text{Sameside}(A, O, C, B, O, D)$
- 887 29. $\text{Coll}(A, B, C) \leftarrow \text{Para}(A, B, A, C)$
- 888 30. $\text{Eqratio}(M, A, A, B, N, C, C, D) \leftarrow \text{Midp}(M, A, B) \wedge \text{Midp}(N, C, D)$
- 889 31. $\text{Perp}(A, B, C, D) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(A, B, P, Q, C, D, U, V) \wedge \text{Perp}(P, Q, U, V)$
- 890 32. $\text{Cong}(A, B, C, D) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(A, B, P, Q, C, D, U, V) \wedge \text{Cong}(P, Q, U, V)$
- 891 33. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, C, P, Q, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q) \wedge \text{Cong}(B, C, Q, R) \wedge$
892 $\text{Cong}(C, A, R, P) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$
- 893 34. $\text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \leftarrow \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q) \wedge \text{Cong}(B, C, Q, R) \wedge$
894 $\text{Cong}(C, A, R, P) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$
- 895 35. $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \leftarrow \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q) \wedge \text{Cong}(B, C, Q, R) \wedge$
896 $\text{Cong}(C, A, R, P) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$
- 897 36. $\text{Cong}(A, C, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q) \wedge \text{Cong}(B, C, Q, R) \wedge$
898 $\text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$
- 899 37. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, C, P, Q, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q) \wedge \text{Cong}(B, C, Q, R) \wedge$
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- 901 38. $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \leftarrow \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q) \wedge \text{Cong}(B, C, Q, R) \wedge$
902 $\text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$
- 903 39. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, C, P, Q, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
904 $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$
- 905 40. $\text{Eqratio}(A, B, P, Q, B, C, Q, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
906 $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$
- 907 41. $\text{Eqratio}(B, C, Q, R, C, A, R, P) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
908 $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$
- 909 42. $\text{Eqratio}(C, A, R, P, A, B, P, Q) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
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- 921 44. $\text{Cong}(A, C, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
922 $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q)$ \wedge
- 923 45. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, C, P, Q, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
924 $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q)$ \wedge
- 925 46. $\text{Cong}(A, C, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, R, Q, P) \wedge$
926 $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, Q, R, P) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q)$ \wedge
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- 928 47. $\text{Cong}(B, C, Q, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, R, Q, P) \wedge$
929 $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, Q, R, P) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q)$ \wedge
- 930 48. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, C, P, Q, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, R, Q, P) \wedge$
931 $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, Q, R, P) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q)$ \wedge
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- 933 49. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, C, P, Q, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
934 $\text{Eqratio}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$ \wedge
- 935 50. $\text{Eqratio}(C, A, R, P, A, B, P, Q) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
936 $\text{Eqratio}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$ \wedge
- 937 51. $\text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
938 $\text{Eqratio}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$ \wedge
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- 940 52. $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
941 $\text{Eqratio}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$ \wedge
- 942 53. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, C, P, Q, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
943 $\text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$ \wedge
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- 945 54. $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
946 $\text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$ \wedge
- 947 55. $\text{Eqratio}(B, C, C, A, Q, R, R, P) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
948 $\text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$ \wedge
- 949 56. $\text{Eqratio}(C, A, A, B, R, P, P, Q) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
950 $\text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C)$ \wedge
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- 952 57. $\text{Cong}(B, C, Q, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
953 $\text{Eqratio}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q)$ \wedge
- 954 58. $\text{Cong}(A, C, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
955 $\text{Eqratio}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q)$ \wedge
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- 957 59. $\text{Eqangle}(A, B, A, C, P, Q, P, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
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- 959 60. $\text{Eqangle}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
960 $\text{Eqratio}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q)$ \wedge
- 961 61. $\text{Eqangle}(C, A, C, B, R, Q, R, P) \leftarrow \text{Eqratio}(B, A, B, C, Q, P, Q, R) \wedge$
962 $\text{Eqratio}(C, A, C, B, R, P, R, Q) \wedge \text{Ncoll}(A, B, C) \wedge \text{Cong}(A, B, P, Q)$ \wedge
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- 964 62. $\text{Para}(M, N, A, B) \leftarrow \text{Para}(A, B, C, D) \wedge \text{Coll}(M, A, D) \wedge \text{Coll}(N, B, C) \wedge$
965 $\text{Eqratio}(M, A, M, D, N, B, N, C) \wedge \text{Sameside}(M, A, D, N, B, C)$
- 966 63. $\text{Eqratio}(M, A, M, D, N, B, N, C) \leftarrow \text{Para}(A, B, C, D) \wedge \text{Coll}(M, A, D) \wedge$
967 $\text{Coll}(N, B, C) \wedge \text{Para}(M, N, A, B)$

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969 These rules are adapted from those in AlphaGeometry.⁹
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971 ⁹https://github.com/google-deepmind/alphageometry/blob/main/jgex_ag_231.txt

972 B DATA EXAMPLES FROM GEOILP

973 B.1 PREDICATE INVENTION

974 The example below requires the invention of Eqangle

975 Background Knowledge:

- 979 • Cong(D8,A8,D8,B8)
- 980 • Cong(D8,B8,D8,C8)
- 981 • Cong(D8,E8,D8,A8)
- 982 • Coll(C8,A8,F8)
- 983 • Perp(E8,F8,A8,C8)
- 984 • Coll(G8,A8,B8)
- 985 • Perp(E8,G8,A8,B8)
- 986 • Ncoll(F8,G8,A8)
- 987 • Cong(D9,A9,D9,B9)
- 988 • Cong(D9,B9,D9,C9)
- 989 • Cong(D9,E9,D9,A9)
- 990 • Coll(C9,A9,F9)
- 991 • Perp(E9,F9,A9,C9)
- 992 • Coll(G9,A9,B9)
- 993 • Perp(E9,G9,A9,B9)
- 994 • Ncoll(F9,G9,A9)

999 Positive Examples:

- 1001 • Cyclic(C8,E8,A8,B8)
- 1002 • Cyclic(E8,A8,F8,G8)
- 1003 • Cyclic(C9,E9,A9,B9)
- 1004 • Cyclic(E9,A9,F9,G9)

1006 Proof steps:

- 1008 • Cyclic(C8,E8,A8,B8) \leftarrow Cong(D8,A8,D8,B8) \wedge Cong(D8,E8,D8,A8) \wedge
1009 Cong(D8,B8,D8,C8)
- 1010 • Coll(F8,A8,C8) \leftarrow Coll(C8,A8,F8)
- 1011 • Coll(G8,A8,B8) \leftarrow Coll(G8,A8,B8)
- 1012 • Eqangle(A8,C8,E8,F8,A8,B8,E8,G8) \leftarrow Perp(E8,G8,A8,B8) \wedge Perp(E8,F8,A8,C8)
- 1013 • Eqangle(F8,A8,F8,E8,G8,A8,G8,E8) \leftarrow Coll(F8,A8,C8) \wedge Coll(G8,A8,B8) \wedge Eqan-
1014 gle(A8,C8,E8,F8,A8,B8,E8,G8)
- 1015 • Cyclic(E8,A8,F8,G8) \leftarrow Eqangle(F8,A8,F8,E8,G8,A8,G8,E8) \wedge Ncoll(F8,G8,A8)
- 1016 • Cyclic(C9,E9,A9,B9) \leftarrow Cong(D9,A9,D9,B9) \wedge Cong(D9,E9,D9,A9) \wedge
1017 Cong(D9,B9,D9,C9)
- 1018 • Coll(F9,A9,C9) \leftarrow Coll(C9,A9,F9)
- 1019 • Coll(G9,A9,B9) \leftarrow Coll(G9,A9,B9)
- 1020 • Eqangle(A9,C9,E9,F9,A9,B9,E9,G9) \leftarrow Perp(E9,G9,A9,B9) \wedge Perp(E9,F9,A9,C9)
- 1021 • Eqangle(F9,A9,F9,E9,G9,A9,G9,E9) \leftarrow Coll(F9,A9,C9) \wedge Coll(G9,A9,B9) \wedge Eqan-
1022 gle(A9,C9,E9,F9,A9,B9,E9,G9)
- 1023 • Cyclic(E9,A9,F9,G9) \leftarrow Eqangle(F9,A9,F9,E9,G9,A9,G9,E9) \wedge Ncoll(F9,G9,A9)

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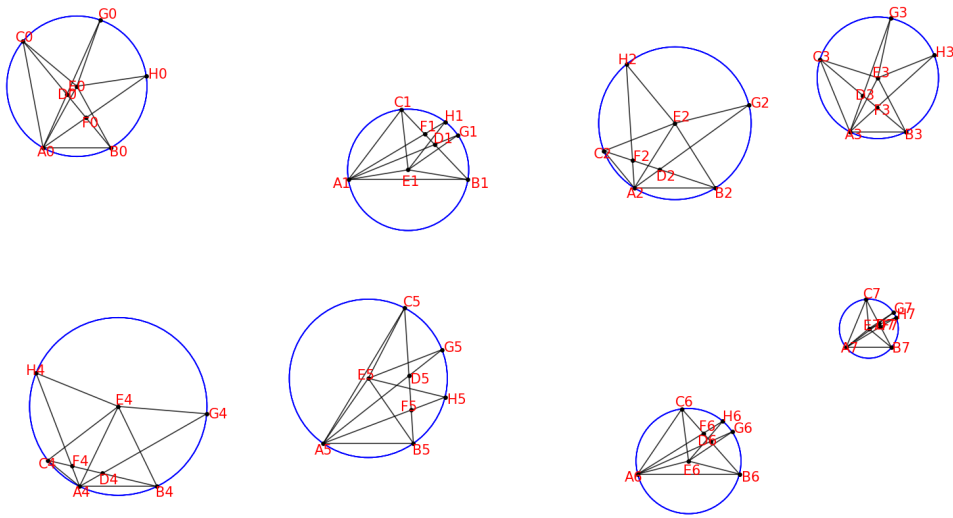


Figure 2: An example of image-form background knowledge.

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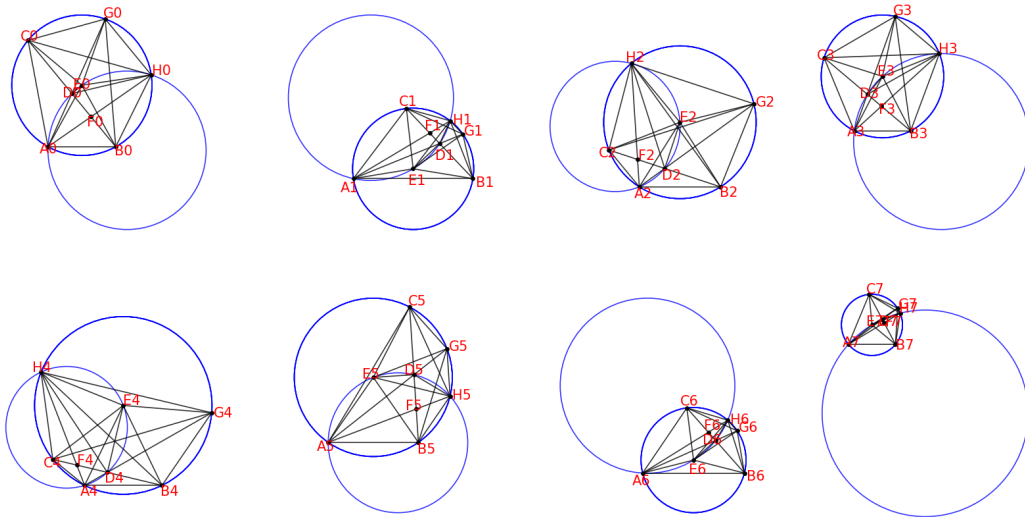


Figure 3: An example of image-form background knowledge + positive examples.

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B.2 RAW SENSORY DATA

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See Figure 2 for an example of image-form background knowledge. See Figure 3 for an example of image-form conclusions, which is a combination of background knowledge and positive examples.

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C TRANSLATING GEOILP INTO NATURAL-LANGUAGE FORM

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For readers interested in the induction ability of large language models (LLMs), we provide guidance for translating GeoILP into natural-language form.

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The prompt fed to LLMs should consist of three parts: task description, task data, and a command requiring LLMs to induce a hypothesis. The difficult part is the task data, containing background knowledge and positive & negative examples, which are ground atoms. The translation from symbolic atoms to natural-language forms varies in different domains. For *plane geometry*, AlphaGeom-

1080 erty (Trinh et al., 2024) provides several templates. For example, $\text{Coll}(A, B, C)$ is translated into
1081 A, B, C are collinear. All the predicates used in GeoILP can be found in AlphaGeometry, and thus
1082 all GeoILP’s atoms can be translated into natural-language forms. In addition, to enforce LLMs
1083 generating Horn rules (in natural-language forms), the command could ask LLMs to generate rules
1084 in the form of “If ... and ..., then ...”, where each “...” corresponds to a ground atom. “...” can be
1085 repeated multiple times and must be concatenated by “and”.

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