

# **Max-Margin Weight Learning for Markov Logic Networks**

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# Motivation

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- Markov Logic Network (MLN) combining probability and first-order logic is an expressive formalism which subsumes other SRL models
- All of the existing training methods for MLNs learn a model that produce good predictive probabilities

# Motivation (cont.)

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- In many applications, the actual goal is to optimize some application specific performance measures such as classification accuracy,  $F_1$  score, etc...
  - Max-margin training methods, especially Structural Support Vector Machines (SVMs), provide the framework to optimize these application specific measures
- Training MLNs under the max-margin framework

# Outline

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- Max-Margin Markov Logic Networks
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# Background

# Markov Logic Networks (MLNs)

[Richardson & Domingos, 2006]

- An MLN is a weighted set of first-order formulas

0.25 HasWord("assignment",p) => PageClass(Course,p)

0.19 PageClass(Course,p1) ^ Linked(p1,p2) => PageClass(Faculty,p2)

- Larger weight indicates stronger belief that the clause should hold
- Probability of a possible world (a truth assignment to all ground atoms)  $x$ :

$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left( \sum_i w_i n_i(x) \right)$$

Weight of formula  $i$

No. of true groundings of formula  $i$  in  $x$

# Inference in MLNs

- **MAP/MPE inference:** find the most likely state of a set of query atoms given the evidence

$$y_{MAP} = \arg \max_{y \in Y} P(y | x)$$

- MaxWalkSAT algorithm [Kautz et al., 1997]
- Cutting Plane Inference algorithm [Riedel, 2008]
- **Computing the marginal conditional probability of a set of query atoms:  $P(y|x)$** 
  - MC-SAT algorithm [Poon & Domingos, 2006]
  - Lifted first-order belief propagation [Singla & Domingos, 2008]

# Existing weight learning methods in MLNs

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- **Generative**: maximize the Pseudo-Log Likelihood [Richardson & Domingos, 2006]
- **Discriminative** : maximize the Conditional Log Likelihood (CLL) [Singla & Domingos, 2005], [Lowd & Domingos, 2007], [Huynh & Mooney, 2008]



# Generic Structural SVMs [Tsochantaridis et.al., 2004]

- Learn a discriminant function  $f: \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{Y} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

$$f(x, y; w) = w^T \Phi(x, y)$$

- Predict for a given input  $x$ :

$$h(x; w) = \arg \max_{y \in Y} w^T \Phi(x, y)$$

- Maximize the separation margin:

$$\gamma(x, y; w) = w^T \Phi(x, y) - \max_{y' \in Y \setminus y} w^T \Phi(x, y')$$

- Can be formulated as a quadratic optimization problem

# Generic Structural SVMs (cont.)

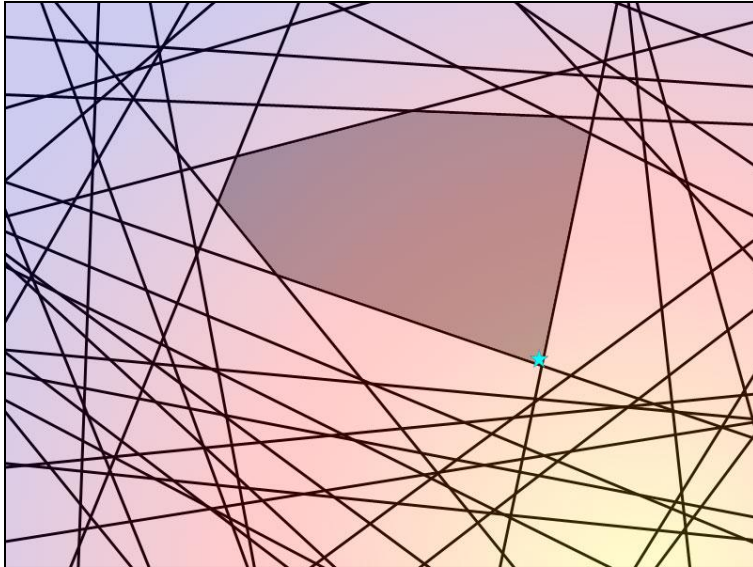
- [Joachims et.al., 2009] proposed the 1-slack formulation of the Structural SVM:

$$\min_{w, \xi > 0} \frac{1}{2} w^T w + C \xi$$

$$st. \quad \forall (y'_1, \dots, y'_n) \in Y^n : \frac{1}{n} w^T \sum_{i=1}^n [\Phi(x_i, y_i) - \Phi(x_i, \bar{y}_i)] \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(y_i, y'_i) - \xi$$

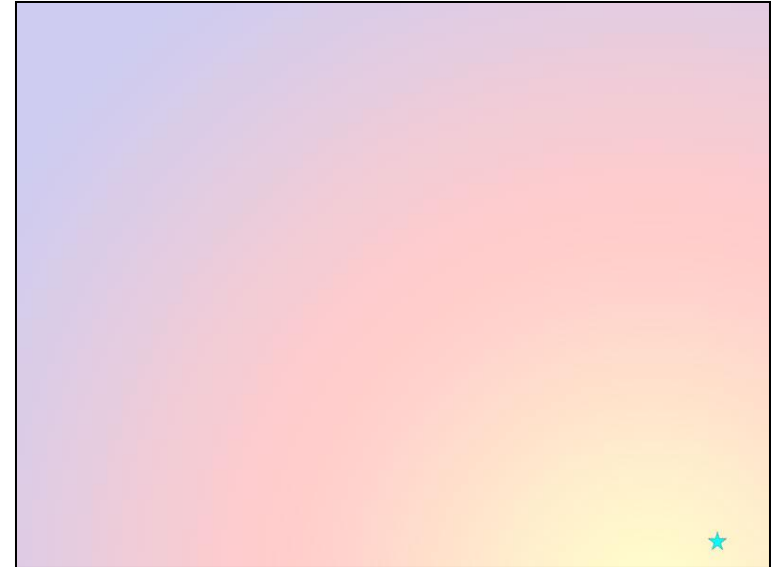
→ Make the original cutting-plane algorithm [Tsochantaridis et.al., 2004] run faster and more scalable

# Cutting plane algorithm for solving the structural SVMs



## Structural SVM Problem

- Exponential constraints
- Most are dominated by a small set of “important” constraints

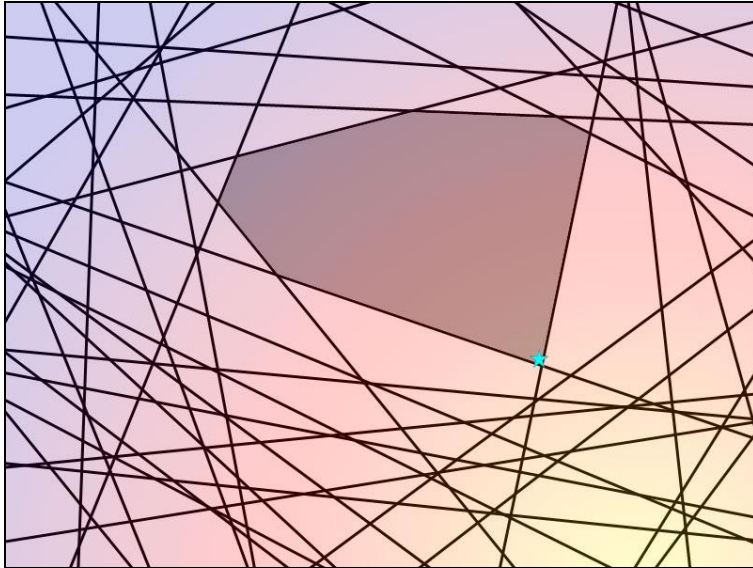


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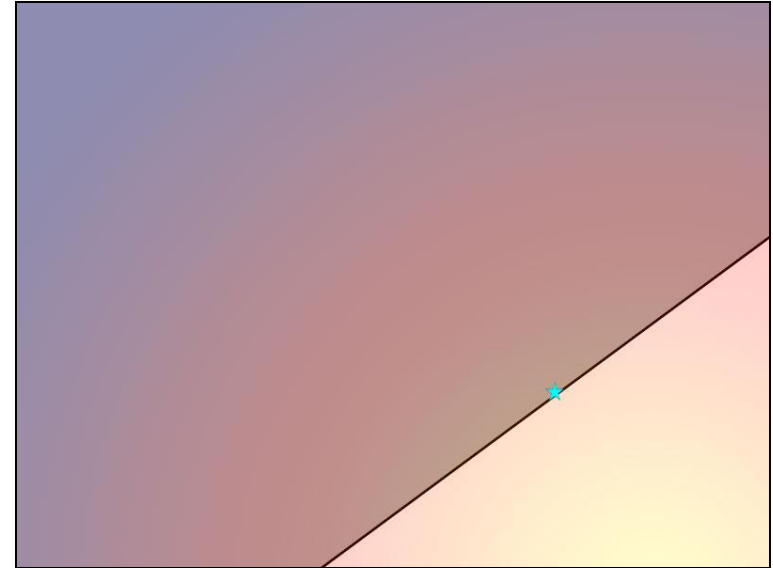
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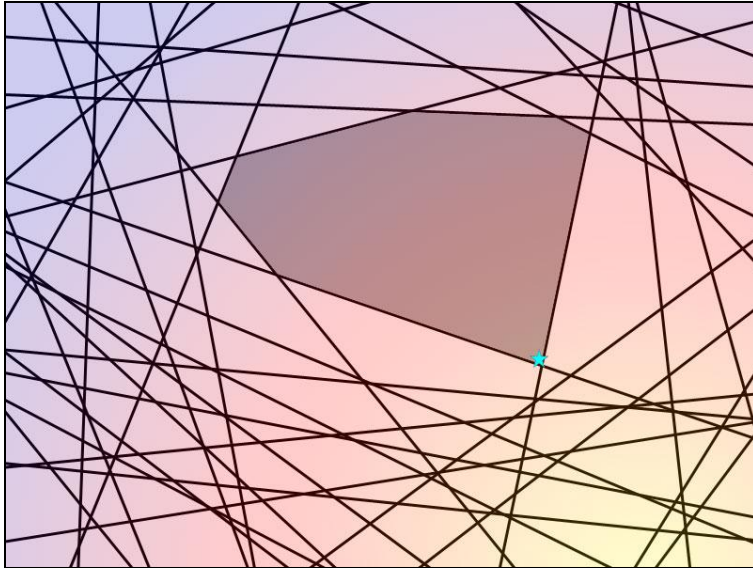


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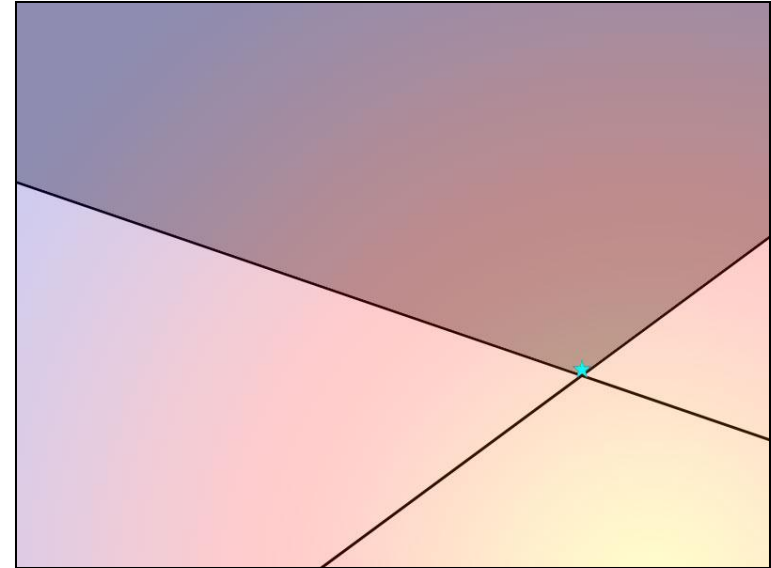
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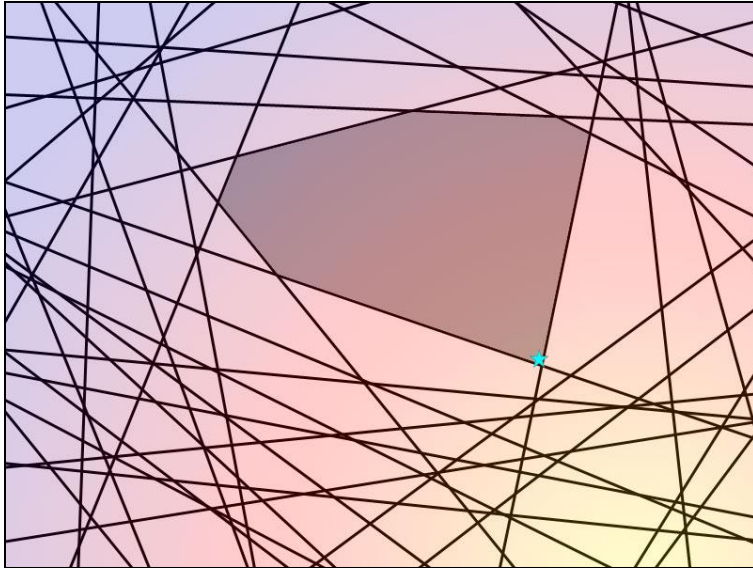


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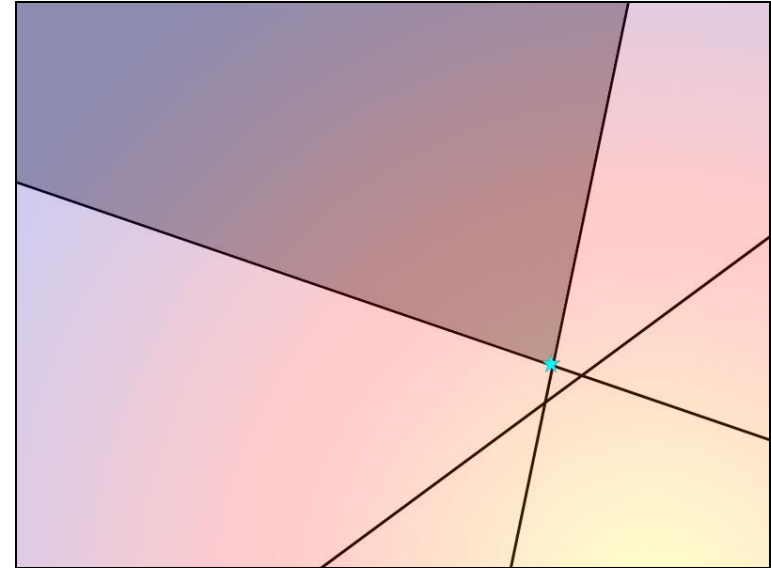
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# Applying the generic structural SVMs to a new problem

- Representation:  $\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$
- Loss function:  $\Delta(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}')$
- Algorithms to compute

- Prediction:

$$\hat{y} = \arg \max_{y' \in Y} \{w^T \Phi(x, y')\}$$

- Most violated constraint: separation oracle [Tsochantaridis et.al., 2004] or loss-augmented inference [Taskar et.al., 2005]

$$\hat{y} = \arg \max_{y' \in Y} \{w^T \Phi(x, y') + \Delta(y, y')\}$$

# Max-Margin Markov Logic Networks



# Formulation

- Maximize the ratio:

$$\frac{P(y | x)}{P(\hat{y} | x)} = \frac{\sum_i w_i n_i(x, y)}{\sum_i w_i n_i(x, \hat{y})}$$

$$\hat{y} = \arg \max_{\bar{y} \in Y \setminus y} P(\bar{y} | x)$$

- Equivalent to maximize the separation margin:

$$\gamma(x, y; w) = w^T n(x, y) - w^T n(x, \hat{y})$$

$$= w^T n(x, y) - \max_{y' \in Y \setminus y} w^T n(x, y')$$

Joint feature:  $\Phi(x, y)$

- Can be formulated as a 1-slack Structural SVMs

# Problems need to be solved

- MPE inference:

$$\hat{y} = \arg \max_{y' \in Y} w^T n(x, y')$$

- Loss-augmented MPE inference:

$$\hat{y} = \arg \max_{y' \in Y} \{ \Delta(y, y') + w^T n(x, y') \}$$

**Problem:** Exact MPE inference in MLNs are intractable

**Solution:** Approximation inference via relaxation methods [Finley et.al.,2008]

# Relaxation MPE inference for MLNs

- Many work on approximating the Weighted MAX-SAT via Linear Programming (LP) relaxation  
[Goemans and Williamson, 1994], [Asano and Williamson, 2002], [Asano, 2006]
  - Convert the problem into an Integer Linear Programming (ILP) problem
  - Relax the integer constraints to linear constraints
  - Round the LP solution by some randomized procedures
  - **Assume the weights are finite and positive**

# Relaxation MPE inference for MLNs (cont.)

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- Translate the MPE inference in a ground MLN into an Integer Linear Programming (ILP) problem:
  - ▣ Convert all the ground clauses into clausal form
  - ▣ Assign a binary variable  $y_i$  to each unknown ground atom and a binary variable  $z_j$  to each non-deterministic ground clause
  - ▣ Translate each ground clause into linear constraints of  $y_i$ 's and  $z_j$ 's

# Relaxation MPE inference for MLNs (cont.)

## Ground MLN

3 InField(B1,Fauthor,P01)

0.5 InField(B1,Fauthor,P01) v InField(B1,Fvenue,P01)

-1 InField(B1,Ftitle,P01) v InField(B1,Fvenue,P01)

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## Translated ILP problem

max<sub>y,z</sub>  $3y_1 + 0.5z_1 + z_2$

st.  $y_1 + y_2 \geq z_1$

$1 - y_2 \geq z_2$

$1 - y_3 \geq z_2$

$(1 - y_1) + (1 - y_2) \geq 1$

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$y_i, z_j \in \{0,1\}$

# Relaxation MPE inference for MLNs (cont.)

- LP-relaxation: relax the integer constraints  $\{0,1\}$  to linear constraints  $[0,1]$ .
- Adapt the ROUNDUP [Boros and Hammer, 2002] procedure to round the solution of the LP problem
  - ▣ Pick a non-integral component and round it in each step

# Loss-augmented LP-relaxation MPE inference

- Represent the loss function as a linear function of  $y_i$ 's:

$$\Delta_{\text{Hammming}}(y^T, y) = \sum_{i:y_i^T=0} y_i + \sum_{i:y_i^T=1} (1 - y_i)$$

- Add the loss term to the objective of the LP-relaxation → the problem is still a LP problem  
→ can be solved by the previous algorithm

# Experiments



# Collective multi-label webpage classification

- WebKB dataset [Craven and Slattery, 2001] [Lowd and Domingos, 2007]
- 4,165 web pages and 10,935 web links of 4 departments
- Each page is labeled with a subset of 7 categories: *Course, Department, Faculty, Person, Professor, Research Project, Student*
- MLN [Lowd and Domingos, 2007] :

$\text{Has}(+\text{word}, \text{page}) \rightarrow \text{PageClass}(+\text{class}, \text{page})$

$\neg \text{Has}(+\text{word}, \text{page}) \rightarrow \text{PageClass}(+\text{class}, \text{page})$

$\text{PageClass}(+\text{c1}, \text{p1}) \wedge \text{Linked}(\text{p1}, \text{p2}) \rightarrow \text{PageClass}(+\text{c2}, \text{p2})$

# Collective multi-label webpage classification (cont.)

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- Largest ground MLN for one department:
  - 8,876 query atoms
  - 174,594 ground clauses

# Citation segmentation

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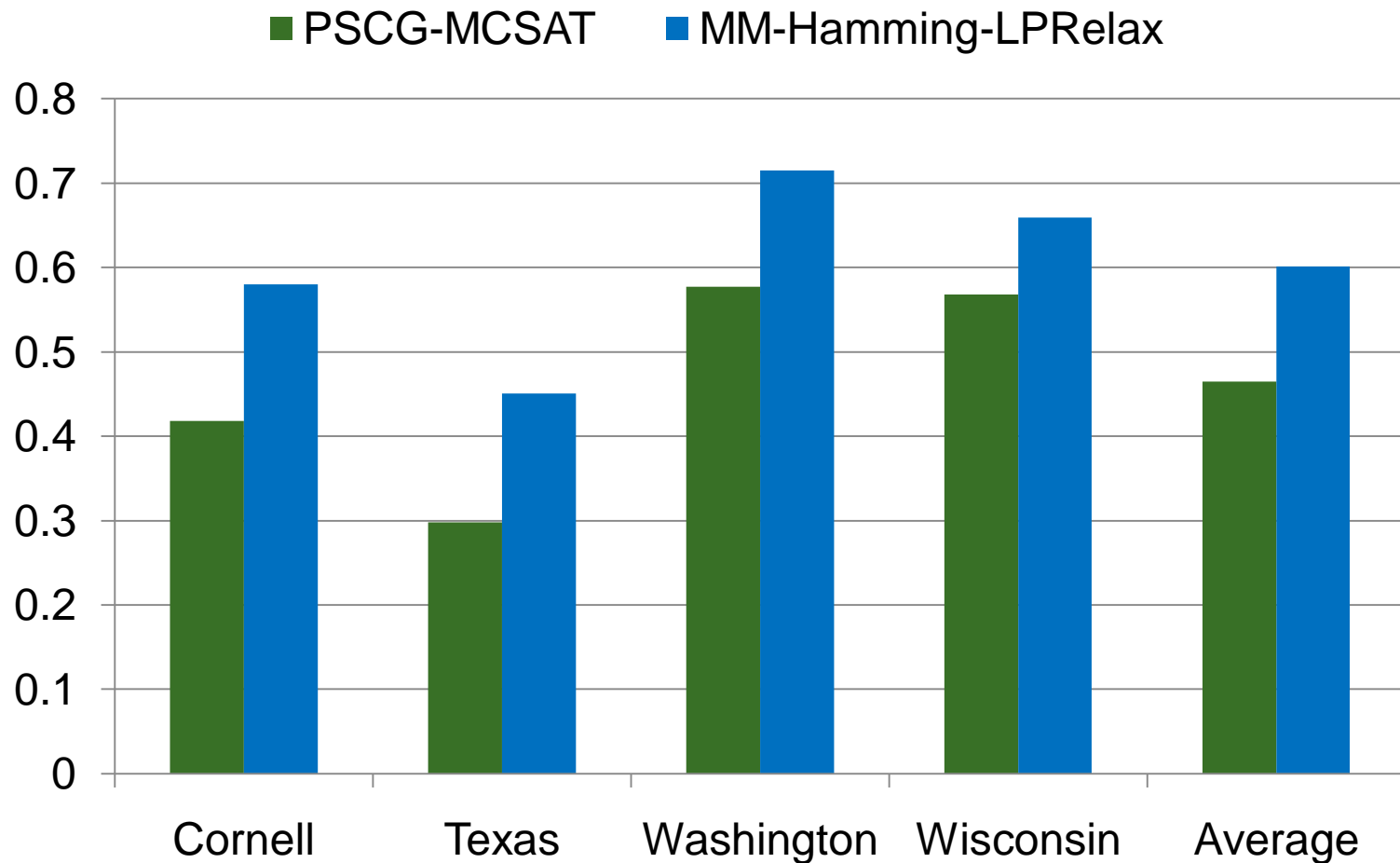
- Citeseer dataset [Lawrence et.al., 1999] [Poon and Domingos, 2007]
- 1,563 citations, divided into 4 research topics
- Each citation is segmented into 3 fields:  
*Author, Title, Venue*
- Used the simplest MLN in [Poon and Domingos, 2007]
- Largest ground MLN for one topic:
  - 37,692 query atoms
  - 131,573 ground clauses

# Experimental setup

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- 4-fold cross-validation
- Metric:  $F_1$  score
- Compare against the Preconditioned Scaled Conjugated Gradient (PSCG) algorithm
- Train with 5 different values of C: 1, 10, 100, 1000, 10000 and test with the one that performs best on training
- Use Mosek to solve the QP and LP problems

# F<sub>1</sub> scores on WebKB

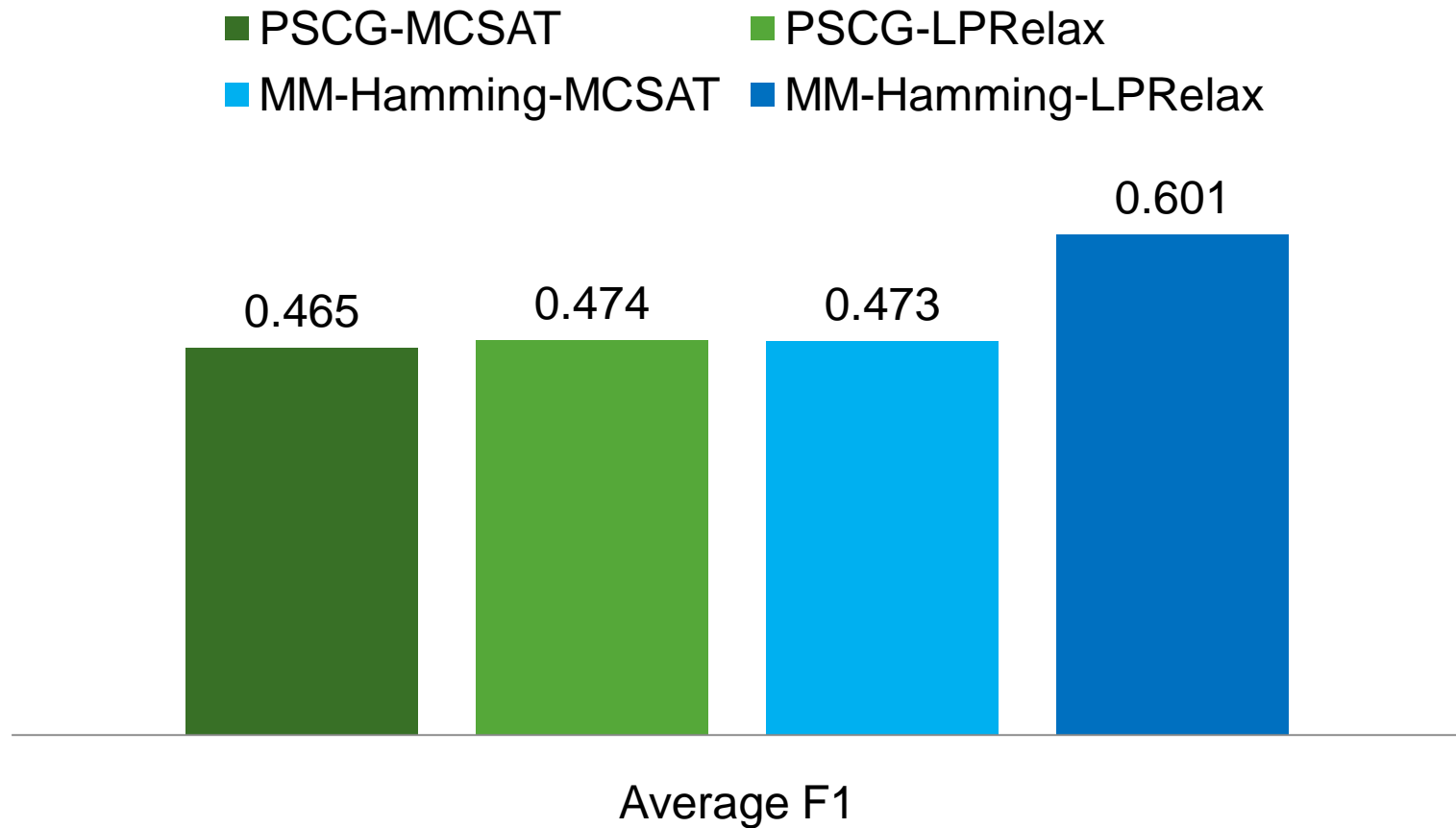


# Where does the improvement come from?

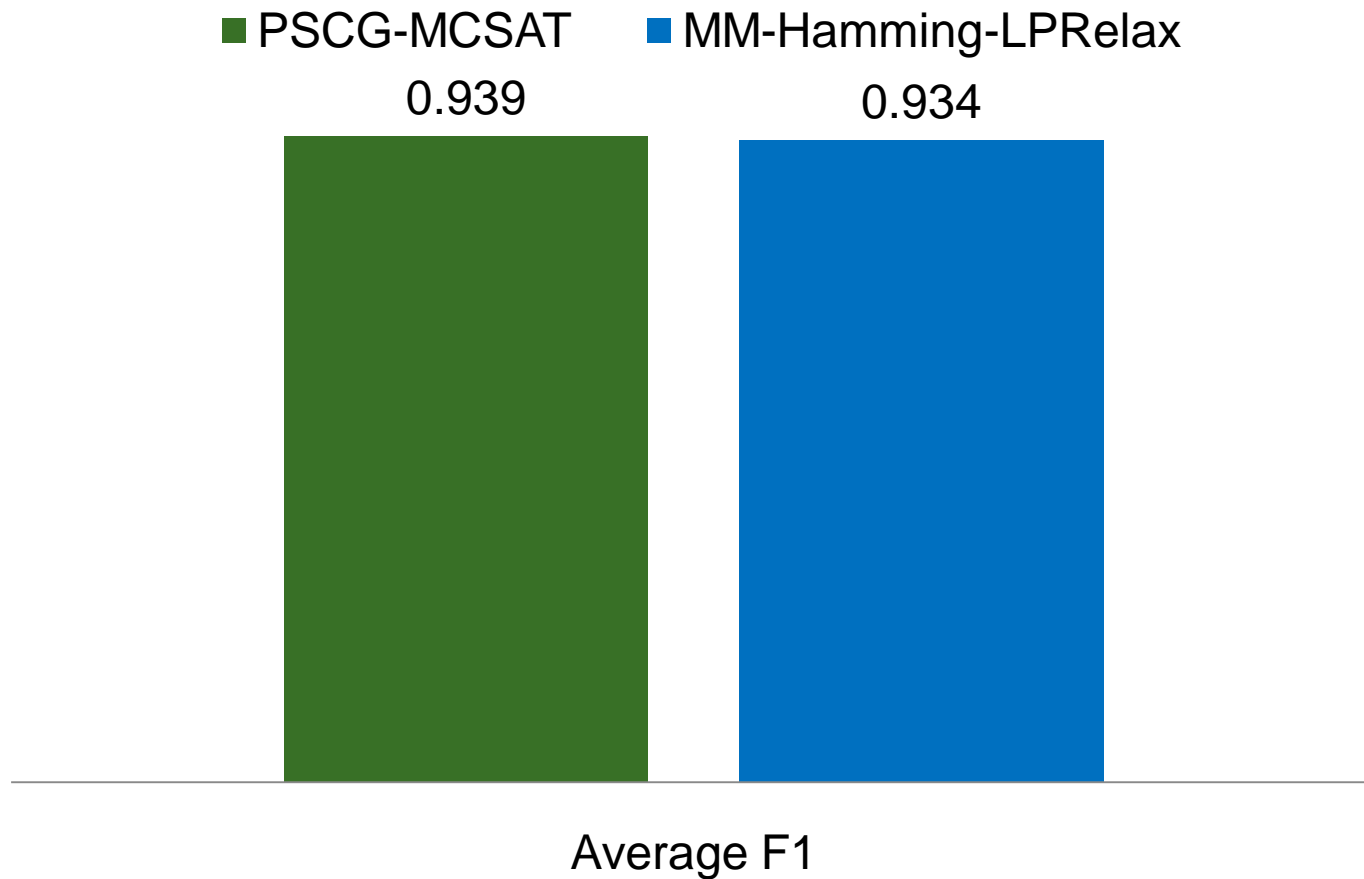
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- PSCG-LPRelax: run the new LP-relaxation MPE algorithm on the model learnt by PSCG-MCSAT
- MM-Hamming-MCSAT: run the MCSAT inference on the model learnt by MM-Hamming-LPRelax

# F<sub>1</sub> scores on WebKB(cont.)

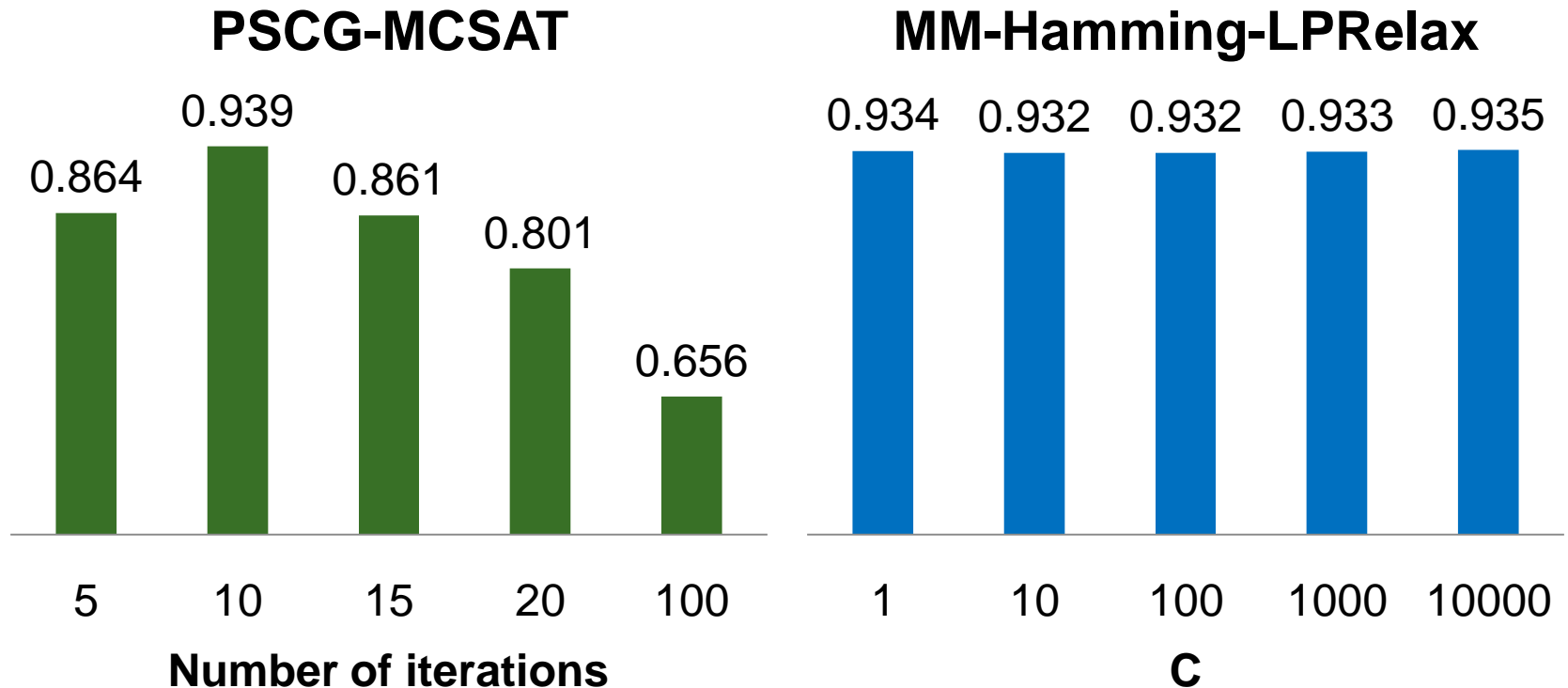


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# Sensitivity to the tuning parameter



# Future work

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- Approximation algorithms for optimizing other application specific loss functions
- More efficient inference algorithm
- Online max-margin weight learning
  - ▣ 1-best MIRA [[Crammer et.al., 2005](#)]
- More experiments on structured prediction and compare to other existing models

# Summary

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- All existing discriminative weight learners for MLNs try to optimize the CLL
- Proposed a max-margin approach to weight learning in MLNs, which can optimize application specific measures
- Developed a new LP-relaxation MPE inference for MLNs
- The max-margin weight learner achieves better or equally good but more stable performance.

# Questions?

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Thank you!

# Cutting plane algorithm [Joachims et.al., 2009]

$$(w, \xi) \leftarrow \arg \min_{w, \xi > 0} \frac{1}{2} w^T w + C \xi$$

QP solver

$$\text{st. } \forall (\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_n) \in W : \frac{1}{n} w^T \sum_{i=1}^n [n(x_i, y_i) - n(x_i, \bar{y}_i)] \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(y_i, \bar{y}_i) - \xi$$

Separation oracle

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do  
 $\bar{y}_i \leftarrow \arg \max_{y \in Y} \{ \Delta(y_i, y) + w^T n(x_i, y) \}$   
 end for

The most violated constraint

$$\frac{1}{n} w^T \sum_{i=1}^n [n(x_i, y_i) - n(x_i, \bar{y}_i)] \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(y_i, \bar{y}_i) - \xi - \epsilon$$

Stopping condition

$$W \leftarrow W \cup (\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_n)$$