

Scaling Machine Learning on Knowledge Graphs

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Résumé Automated knowledge extraction have engendered a plethora of knowledge graphs, which are used in a large number of applications. Symbolic machine learning on these knowledge graphs has a plethora of advantages. First, this family of approaches is often less data-hungry than sub-symbolic models. Moreover, the models computed in this manner are ante-hoc globally explainable. In this talk, we present some recent results on accelerating symbolic machine learning based on inductive logic programming on knowledge graphs with rich semantics. In particular, we focus on algorithms which improve the runtime of ML approaches while maintaining completeness guarantees. We also discuss some of most pertinent challenges faced by this family of approaches.

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