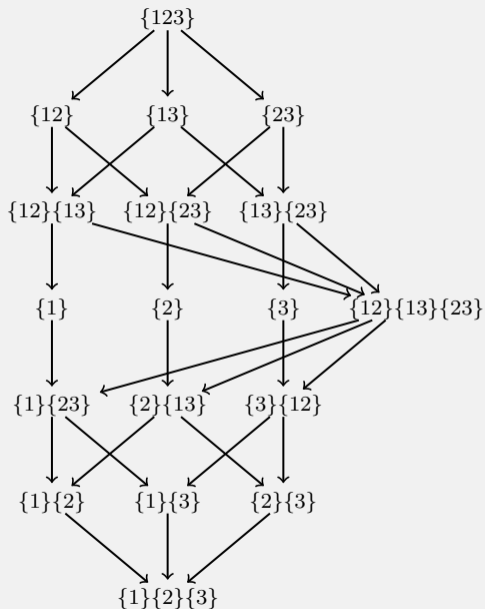


# Pointwise Partial Information Decomposition Using Specificity and Ambiguity Lattices

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# Unique, redundant and synergistic information

Consider three random variables  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $T$

- ▶ Aim: predict  $T$  using  $S_1$  and  $S_2$
- ▶ Several types of information:
  1. **Unique information**  $U(S_1 \setminus S_2 \rightarrow T)$
  2. **Redundant information**  $R(S_1, S_2 \rightarrow T)$
  3. **Complementary information**  $C(S_1, S_2 \rightarrow T)$

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## Bivariate information decomposition

In general, all types of information are present

- ▶ Mutual information captures

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- ▶ Joint mutual information captures

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- ▶ Three equations with four unknowns

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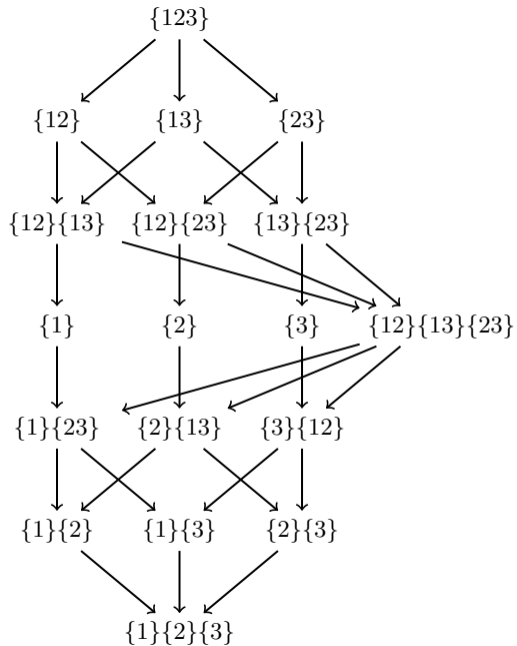
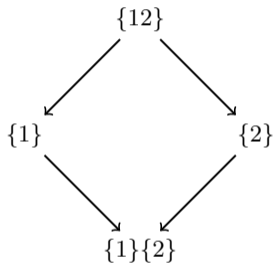
- ▶ Axiomatic framework extending this decomposition to arbitrary number of source

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- ▶ Yields a **redundancy lattice**
- ▶ No well-accepted, compatible definition redundant information
- ▶ Only consistent for one target variable (no target chain rule)

## Redundancy lattice



## Pointwise information theory

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- ▶ Using two postulate, Woodward derived the **pointwise** mutual information

$$i(x; y) = \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} \neq 0$$

- ▶ This was later done more formally by Fano (1961) using four postulates
- ▶ Corollaries: (average) mutual information, pointwise entropy and (Shannon) entropy

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- ▶ According to  $I_{\min}$  Williams and Beer (2010),  $\widetilde{UI}$  of Bertschinger et al. (2014),  $S_{VK}$  of Griffith and Koch (2014) and  $I_{\text{red}}$  of Harder et al. (2013)

$$R = \langle r \rangle = 1/2 \text{ bit} \neq 0 \text{ bit}$$

- ▶ We refer to as the **pointwise unique problem**

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- ▶ Problems:
  1. Pointwise mutual information is not non-negative
  2. Still no clear definition of redundant information
- ▶ PPID needs to overcome this lack of non-negativity



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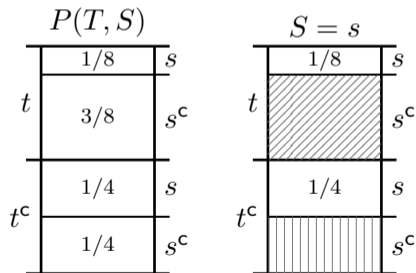
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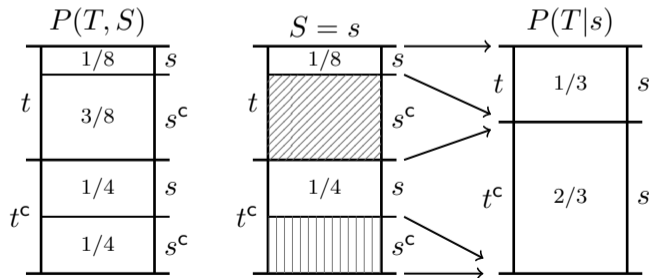


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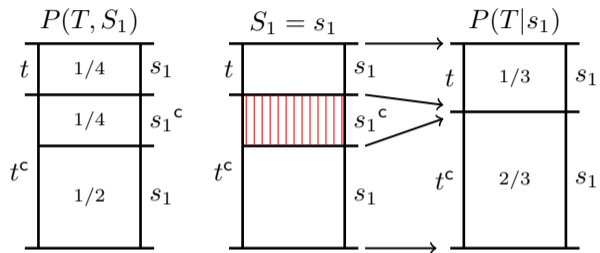
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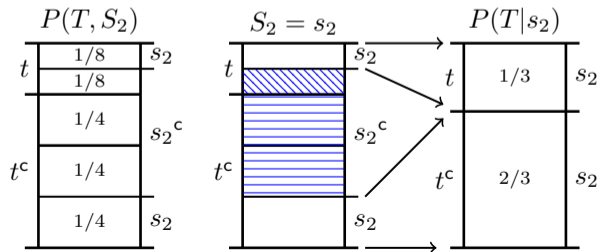


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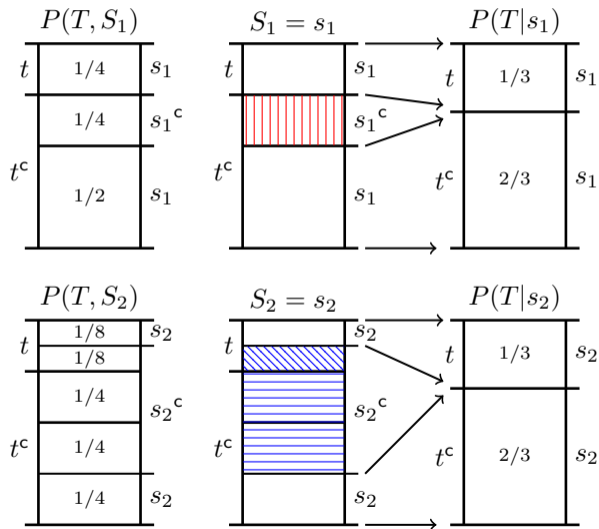


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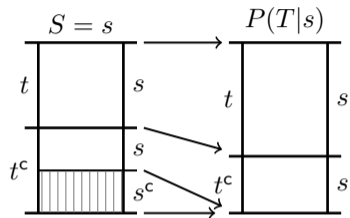
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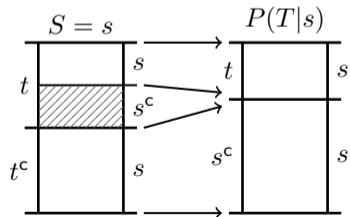
- ▶ Pointwise MI is not injective

- ▶ Same info  $\leftrightarrow$  same exclusions

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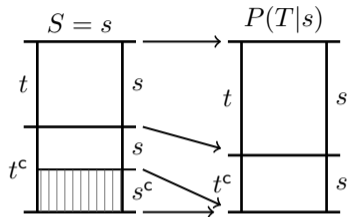
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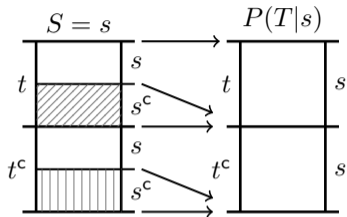
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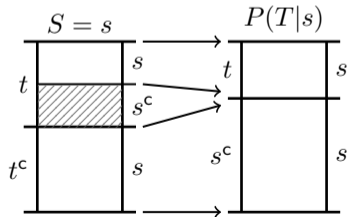
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General case



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- Idea: split the pointwise MI into two components

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## Postulates for the decomposition

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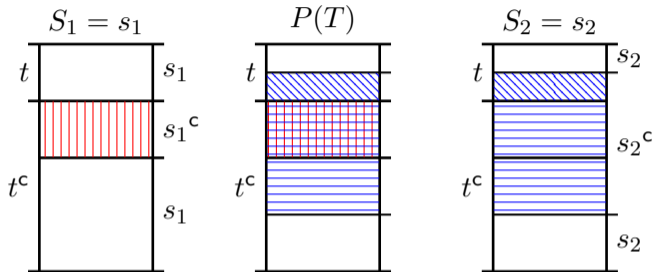
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► Finn and Lizier (2017a) proved that

$$\text{(Specificity)} \quad i^+(s \rightarrow t) = h(s) \quad i^-(s \rightarrow t) = h(s|t) \quad \text{(Ambiguity)}$$

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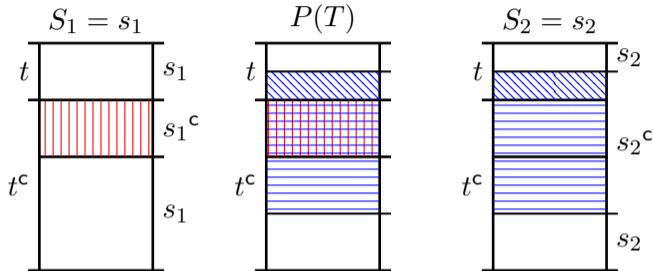
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- ▶ Yields a **specificity lattice** and an **ambiguity lattice** for every joint realisation
- ▶ Circumvents the non-negativity problem
- ▶ Require a measure of redundant specificity and redundant ambiguity

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- ▶ Leads us to define the redundant specificity and redundant ambiguity

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- ▶ Upon recombination, this measure satisfies the target chain rule

$$r_{\min}(s_1, \dots, s_n \rightarrow t_{1,2}) = r_{\min}(s_1, \dots, s_n \rightarrow t_1) + r_{\min}(s_1, \dots, s_n \rightarrow t_2 | t_1),$$

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- And we have a decomposition of average specificity and ambiguity

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- ▶ Which satisfy the PPID

$$i(s_1; t) = r(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t) + u(s_1 \setminus s_2 \rightarrow t)$$

$$i(s_2; t) = r(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t) + u(s_2 \setminus s_1 \rightarrow t)$$

$$i(s_{1,2}; t) = r(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t) + u(s_1 \setminus s_2 \rightarrow t) + u(s_2 \setminus s_1 \rightarrow t) + c(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t)$$

## Bivariate PPID using specificity and ambiguity (cont.)

- ▶ Or recombine the specificity and ambiguity for pointwise information

$$r(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t) = r^+(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t) - r^-(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t)$$

$$u(s_1 \setminus s_2 \rightarrow t) = u^+(s_1 \setminus s_2 \rightarrow t) - u^-(s_1 \setminus s_2 \rightarrow t)$$

$$u(s_2 \setminus s_1 \rightarrow t) = u^+(s_2 \setminus s_1 \rightarrow t) - u^-(s_2 \setminus s_1 \rightarrow t)$$

$$c(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t) = c^+(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t) - c^-(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t)$$

- ▶ Which satisfy the PPID

$$i(s_1; t) = r(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t) + u(s_1 \setminus s_2 \rightarrow t)$$

$$i(s_2; t) = r(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t) + u(s_2 \setminus s_1 \rightarrow t)$$

$$i(s_{1,2}; t) = r(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t) + u(s_1 \setminus s_2 \rightarrow t) + u(s_2 \setminus s_1 \rightarrow t) + c(s_1, s_2 \rightarrow t)$$

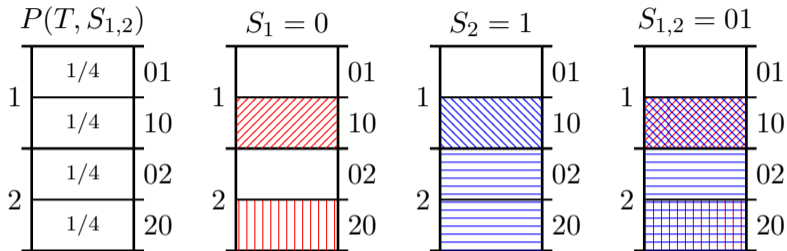
- ▶ While taking the expectation yields the PID

$$I(T; S_1) = R(T : S_1, S_2) + U(T : S_1 \setminus S_2)$$

$$I(T; S_2) = R(T : S_1, S_2) + U(T : S_2 \setminus S_1)$$

$$I(T; S_1 S_2) = R(T : S_1, S_2) + U(T : S_1 \setminus S_2) + U(T : S_2 \setminus S_1) + C(T : S_1, S_2)$$

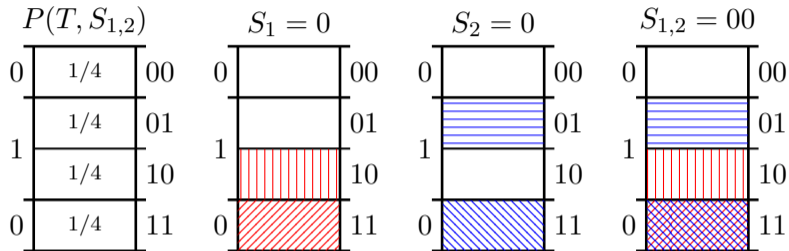
## Example: PwUNQ



$p$	$s_1$	$s_2$	$t$	$i_1^+$	$i_1^-$	$i_2^+$	$i_2^-$	$i_{1,2}^+$	$i_{1,2}^-$	$r^+$	$u_1^+$	$u_2^+$	$c^+$	$r^-$	$u_1^-$	$u_2^-$	$c^-$
1/4	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
1/4	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1/4	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
1/4	2	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Expected values				3/2	1	3/2	1	2	1	1	1/2	1/2	0	1	0	0	0

$$R(S_1, S_2 \rightarrow T) = 0 \quad U(S_1 \setminus S_2 \rightarrow T) = 1/2 \quad U(S_2 \setminus S_1 \rightarrow T) = 1/2 \quad C(S_1, S_2 \rightarrow T) = 0$$

## Example: XOR



$p$	$s_1$	$s_2$	$t$	$i_1^+$	$i_1^-$	$i_2^+$	$i_2^-$	$i_{1,2}^+$	$i_{1,2}^-$	$r^+$	$u_1^+$	$u_2^+$	$c^+$	$r^-$	$u_1^-$	$u_2^-$	$c^-$
1/4	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
1/4	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
1/4	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
1/4	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Expected values				1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0

$$R(S_1, S_2 \rightarrow T) = 0 \quad U(S_1 \setminus S_2 \rightarrow T) = 0 \quad U(S_2 \setminus S_1 \rightarrow T) = 0 \quad C(S_1, S_2 \rightarrow T) = 1$$



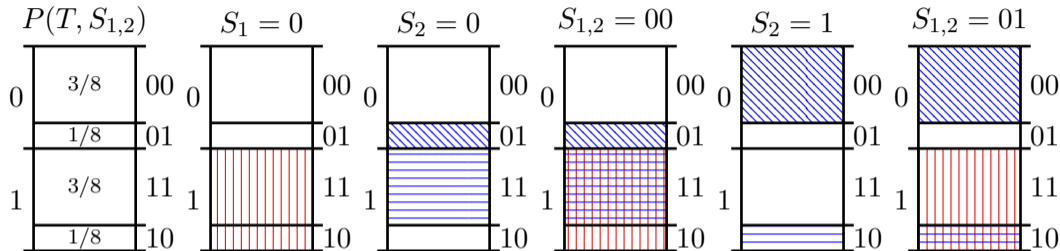
## Comparison to Other Decompositions and Measures

- ▶ Similar to Ince (2017) but the monotonicity issue is dealt with in a principled way
- ▶ Similar to  $I_{\min}$  of Williams and Beer (2010) but now fully pointwise
- ▶ Axiom 4 is similar to Assumption (\*\*) of Bertschinger et al. (2014), i.e. measure  $\widetilde{UI}$
- ▶ This also makes it similar to  $S_{VK}$  of Griffith and Koch (2014)
- ▶ There is a target chain rule but no target monotonicity
- ▶ There is local positivity on the specificity and ambiguity lattices
- ▶ However, upon recombination and taking the expectation, the PI atoms can be negative

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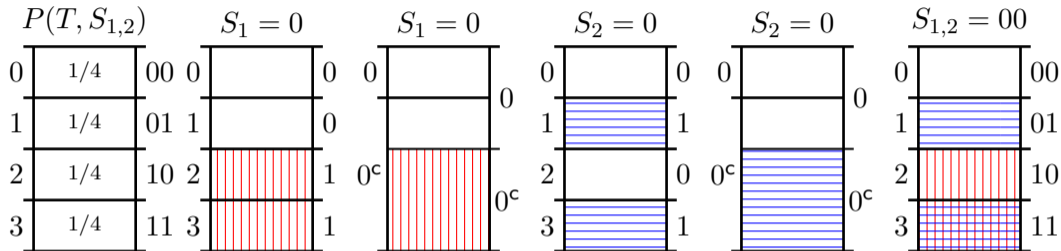
## Example: IMPRDN



$p$	$s_1$	$s_2$	$t$	$i_1^+$	$i_1^-$	$i_2^+$	$i_2^-$	$i_{12}^+$	$i_{1,2}^-$	$r^+$	$u_1^+$	$u_2^+$	$c^+$	$r^-$	$u_1^-$	$u_2^-$	$c^-$
$3/8$	0	0	0	1	0	1	$\lg 4/3$	$\lg 8/3$	$\lg 4/3$	1	0	0	$\lg 4/3$	0	0	$\lg 4/3$	0
$3/8$	1	1	1	1	0	1	$\lg 4/3$	$\lg 8/3$	$\lg 4/3$	1	0	0	$\lg 4/3$	0	0	$\lg 4/3$	0
$1/8$	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
$1/8$	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Expected values				1	0	1	0.811	1.811	0.811	1	0	0	0.811	0	0	0.811	0

$$R(S_1, S_2 \rightarrow T) = 1 \quad U(S_1 \setminus S_2 \rightarrow T) = 0 \quad U(S_2 \setminus S_1 \rightarrow T) = -0.811 \quad C(S_1, S_2 \rightarrow T) = 0.811$$

## Example: TwoBITCOPY



$p$	$s_1$	$s_2$	$t$	$t_{1,2}$	$t_{1,3}$	$t_{2,3}$	$i_1^+$	$i_1^-$	$i_2^+$	$i_2^-$	$i_{12}^+$	$i_{12}^-$	$r^+$	$u_1^+$	$u_2^+$	$c^+$	$r^-$	$u_1^-$	$u_2^-$	$c^-$
1/4	0	0	0	00	00	00	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1/4	0	1	1	01	01	11	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1/4	1	0	2	10	11	01	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1/4	1	1	3	11	10	10	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Expected values							1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

$$R(S_1, S_2 \rightarrow T) = 1 \quad U(S_1 \setminus S_2 \rightarrow T) = 0 \quad U(S_2 \setminus S_1 \rightarrow T) = 0 \quad C(S_1, S_2 \rightarrow T) = 1$$