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# Appendix A Proofs

In this section, we give the proofs of the theorems in the main paper. First, we prove the preliminary lemma (Lemma 1). Really, this is a corollary of the splitting set theorem (Lifschitz and Turner 1994).  $e_U(P, X)$  is the partial evaluation of P with respect to X (over the atoms in U), which is described in (Lifschitz and Turner 1994).

## Lemma 1

For any program P (consisting of normal rules, choice rules and constraints) and any set of pairs  $S = \{\langle C_1, \mathbf{a}_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle C_n, \mathbf{a}_n \rangle\}$  such that none of the atoms  $\mathbf{a}_i$  appear in P (or in any of the C's) and each  $\mathbf{a}_i$  atom is unique:  $AS(P \cup \{\mathbf{1}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}\mathbf{1}.\} \cup \{append(C_i, \mathbf{a}_i) | \langle C_i, \mathbf{a}_i \rangle \in S\} = \{A \cup \{\mathbf{a}_i\} | A \in AS(P \cup C_i), \langle C_i, \mathbf{a}_i \rangle \in S\}$ 

# Proof

The answer sets of  $\{1\{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}1.\}$  are  $\{a_1\}, \ldots, \{a_n\}$ , hence by the splitting set theorem (using  $U = \{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$  as a splitting set):

$$\begin{split} &AS(P \cup \{\mathbf{1}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}\mathbf{1}.\} \cup \{append(C_i, \mathbf{a}_i) | \langle C_i, \mathbf{a}_i \rangle \in S\}) \\ &= \begin{cases} A' \cup \{\mathbf{a}_j\} \\ A' \in AS(e_U(P \cup \{append(C_i, \mathbf{a}_i) \mid \langle C_i, \mathbf{a}_i \rangle \in A\}, \{\mathbf{a}_j\})) \end{cases} \\ &= \{A \cup \{\mathbf{a}_i\} | A \in AS(P \cup C_i), \langle C_i, \mathbf{a}_i \rangle \in S\}. \end{split}$$

Theorem 2

The complexity of deciding whether an  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  task is satisfiable is  $\Sigma_2^P$ -complete.

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# Proof

Deciding satisfiability for  $ILP_{LOAS}$  is  $\Sigma_2^P$ -complete ((Law et al. 2015a)). It is therefore sufficient to show that there is a polynomial mapping from  $ILP_{LOAS}$ to  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  and a polynomial mapping from  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  to  $ILP_{LOAS}$ . The former is trivial (any  $ILP_{LOAS}$  task can be mapped to the same task in  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  with empty contexts). The latter follows from theorem 1.  $\Box$ 

## $Theorem \ 3$

ILASP2i terminates for any well defined  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  task.

## Proof

Assume that the task  $T = \langle B, S_M, E \rangle$  is well defined. This means that  $T_1 = \mathcal{T}_{LOAS}(T)$  is a well defined  $ILP_{LOAS}$  task (every possible hypothesis has a finite grounding when combined with the background knowledge of  $T_1$ ). Note that this also means that  $T_2 = \mathcal{T}_{LOAS}(\langle B, S_M, Relevant \rangle)$  is well defined in each iteration as the size of the grounding of the background knowledge of  $T_2$  combined with each hypothesis will be smaller than or equal to the size of the background in  $T_1$  (the background knowledge of  $T_2$  is almost a subset of the background in  $T_1$ , other than the extra choice rule, which is smaller).

The soundness of ILASP2 (Law et al. 2015a) can be used to show that H will always cover every example in *Relevant*; hence, at each step re must be an example which is in E but not in *Relevant*. As there are a finite number of examples in E, this means there can only be a finite number of iterations; hence, it remains to show that each iteration terminates. This is the case because, as  $\mathcal{T}_{LOAS}(\langle B, S_M, Relevant \rangle)$  is well defined, the call to ILASP2 terminates ((Law et al. 2015a)) and *findRelevantExample* terminates (Appendix B).  $\Box$ 

#### Theorem 4

ILASP2i is sound for any well defined  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  task, and returns an optimal solution if one exists.

#### Proof

If the ILASP2i algorithm returns a hypothesis then the while loop must terminate. For this to happen *findRelevantExample* must return nil. This means that H must cover every example in E. Hence ILASP2i is sound. As the algorithm terminates (see Theorem 3), the only way for a solution not to be returned is when *ILASP2* returns nil. Since *ILASP2* is complete (Law et al. 2015a), this is only possible when  $\langle B, S_M, Relevant \rangle$  is unsatisfiable. But if  $\langle B, S_M, Relevant \rangle$  is unsatisfiable then so is  $\langle B, S_M, E \rangle$ .

It remains to show that when a solution is returned, it is an optimal solution. Any solution H returned must be an optimal solution of  $\langle B, S_M, Relevant \rangle$ , (as ILASP2 returns an optimal solution). As it must also be a solution of  $\langle B, S_M, E \rangle$ , it must be an optimal solution (any shorter solution would be a solution of  $\langle B, S_M, Relevant \rangle$ , contradicting that H is an optimal solution for  $\langle B, S_M, Relevant \rangle$ ).  $\Box$ 

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#### Appendix B findRelevantExamples

In this section, we describe (and prove the correctness of) the *findRelevantExamples* method which was omitted from the main paper. The method uses a meta encoding in ASP. Given a learning task and a hypothesis from the hypothesis space, this meta encoding is used to compute the set of examples that are covered and the set that are not covered. The meta encoding is formalised in definition 4, but we first introduce some notation in order to simplify the main definition. Some definitions are similar to those used in the ILASP2 meta representation (Law et al. 2015a).

#### Definition 1

For any ASP program P and predicate name pred, reify(P, pred) denotes the program constructed by replacing every atom  $\mathbf{a} \in P'$  (where P' is P with the weak constraints removed) by  $pred(\mathbf{a})$ . We use the same notation for sets of literals/partial interpretations, so for a set S:  $reify(S, pred) = \{pred(atom) : atom \in S\}$ .

Definition 2 formalises the way we represent weak constraints in our meta encoding. We use this representation to check whether ordering examples are covered. We use as1 and as2 to represent the atoms in two answer sets (as1 and as2 occur elsewhere in our encoding). The w atoms are then used to capture the penalties paid by each answer set at each level.

# Definition 2

For any ASP program P, we write weak(P) to mean the program constructed from the weak constraints in P, translating each weak constraint :~  $b_1, \ldots, b_m$ , not  $b_{m+1}, \ldots, not \ b_n.[lev@wt, t_1, \ldots, t_k]$  to the rules:

$$\left\{\begin{array}{c} \texttt{w}(\texttt{wt},\texttt{lev},\texttt{terms}(\texttt{t}_1,\ldots,\texttt{t}_k),\texttt{as1})\texttt{:-} \texttt{as1}(\texttt{b}_1),\ldots,\texttt{as1}(\texttt{b}_m),\\ \texttt{not} \texttt{as1}(\texttt{b}_{m+1}),\ldots,\texttt{not} \texttt{as1}(\texttt{b}_n).\\ \texttt{w}(\texttt{wt},\texttt{lev},\texttt{terms}(\texttt{t}_1,\ldots,\texttt{t}_k),\texttt{as2})\texttt{:-} \texttt{as2}(\texttt{b}_1),\ldots,\texttt{as2}(\texttt{b}_m),\\ \texttt{not} \texttt{as2}(\texttt{b}_{m+1}),\ldots,\texttt{not} \texttt{as2}(\texttt{b}_n).\end{array}\right\}$$

We now introduce a simplified version of the ASP program fragment which is used by ILASP2 to check whether one answer set dominates another. This is used in determining whether an ordering example is covered by a hypothesis. This makes use of the w atoms which are generated by the w rules in definition 2, and captures the definition of dominates given in Section 2.

# Definition 3

*dominates* is the program:

 $\begin{cases} \mbox{dom_lv(L):- lv(L), \#sum\{w(W, L, A, as1) = W, w(W, L, A, as2) = -W\} < 0.} \\ \mbox{non_dom_lv(L):- lv(L), \#sum\{w(W, L, A, as2) = W, w(W, L, A, as1) = -W\} < 0.} \\ \mbox{non_bef(L):- lv(L), lv(L2), L < L2, non_dom_lv(L2).} \\ \mbox{dominated:- dom_lv(L), not non_bef(L).} \end{cases}$ 

In (Law et al. 2015a), multiple instances of *dominates* were included in the same meta encoding, and hence the program was slightly more complicated in order to track the different instances. The main structure of the program is the same however, and hence the same results apply. The result we need for this paper is proven (for the more general program) in (Law et al. 2015b) and is given by Lemma 2.

## Lemma 2

Let  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be interpretations, P be an ASP program and L be the set of levels used in the weak constraints in P. The unique answer set of dominates  $\cup \{ lv(l), l \}$  $l \in L$   $\cup$  weak $(P) \cup$  reify $(I_1, as1) \cup$  reify $(I_1, as2)$  contains the atom dominated if and only if  $I_1$  dominates  $I_2$  wrt the weak constraints in P.

Definition 4 captures the meta encoding we use in *findRelevantExamples*. This encoding is made of 6 components.  $\mathcal{R}_1$  captures the background knowledge and hypothesis – by reifying  $B \cup H$ , the as1 and as2 atoms represent two answer sets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , and the *dominates* program (together with  $weak(B \cup H)$  and the priority levels) checks whether  $A_1$  dominates  $A_2$ . The programs  $\mathcal{R}_2$  to  $\mathcal{R}_5$  are used to check whether each type of example is covered. These programs make use of the predicate test\_on of arity 2 and the test predicate of arity 1. The meaning of test(ex<sub>id</sub>) is that the example ex should be tested. There is a choice rule in  $\mathcal{R}_6$  to say that each example should be tested. For the positive and negative examples, this means that they should be tested on **as1** (meaning to check whether it is possible that an answer set of  $B \cup H$  extends this example). For an ordering example  $\langle ex_1, ex_2 \rangle$  it is slightly more involved:  $ex_1$  should be tested on as1 and  $ex_2$  should be tested on as2 (and the ordering should be checked).

# Definition 4

Let T be the  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  task  $\langle B, S_M, \langle E^+, E^-, O^b, O^c \rangle \rangle$  and H be a hypothesis such that  $H \subseteq S_M$ . Let L be the set of all priority levels in  $B \cup H \mathcal{R}(T, H)$  is the ASP program  $\mathcal{R}_1(B \cup H) \cup \mathcal{R}_2(E^+) \cup \mathcal{R}_3(E^-) \cup \mathcal{R}_4(O^b) \cup \mathcal{R}_5(O^c) \cup \mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup O^c),$ where the individual components are as follows:

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$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \ \mathcal{R}_{1}(B \cup H) &= reify(B \cup H, \mathrm{as1}) \cup reify(B \cup H, \mathrm{as2}) \cup weak(B \cup H) \cup \{\mathrm{lv}(1). \mid \\ \mathbf{l} \in L\} \cup dominates \end{aligned} \\ \left. \bullet \ \mathcal{R}_{2}(E^{+}) &= \begin{cases} \operatorname{cov}(\mathrm{as1}): - \ \mathrm{test\_on}(\mathrm{ex\_ans1}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \dots, \mathrm{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \\ & \operatorname{not} \ \mathrm{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \dots, \mathrm{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{exc}}) \\ & \operatorname{cov}(\mathrm{as2}): - \ \mathrm{test\_on}(\mathrm{ex\_ans2}), \\ & \operatorname{as2}(\mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \dots, \mathrm{as2}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \\ & \operatorname{not} \ \mathrm{as2}(\mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \dots, \mathrm{not} \ \mathrm{as2}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{exc}}) \\ & \operatorname{rot} \ \mathrm{cov}(\mathrm{as1}), \ \mathrm{test\_on}(\mathrm{ex\_ans1}), \\ & \operatorname{not} \ \mathrm{as2}(\mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \dots, \mathrm{not} \ \mathrm{as2}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{exc}}) \\ & \operatorname{rot} \ \mathrm{cov}(\mathrm{as1}), \ \mathrm{test\_on}(\mathrm{ex\_ans2}), \\ & \operatorname{append}(\operatorname{reify}(C, \mathrm{as1}), \ \mathrm{test\_on}(\mathrm{ex\_ans1}), \\ & \operatorname{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \dots, \mathrm{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \\ & \operatorname{not} \ \mathrm{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \dots, \mathrm{not} \ \mathrm{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{exc}}), \\ & \operatorname{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \dots, \mathrm{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \\ & \operatorname{not} \ \mathrm{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{exc}}), \dots, \mathrm{not} \ \mathrm{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{exc}}), \\ & \operatorname{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \dots, \mathrm{not} \ \mathrm{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{exc}}), \\ & \operatorname{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{inc}}), \dots, \mathrm{not} \ \mathrm{as1}(\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{exc}}), \\ & \operatorname{ex} \in \langle \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{C} \rangle, \\ & \mathrm{ex} = \langle \mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{e}}, \dots, \mathrm{em}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{e}} \} \\ & \mathrm{ex} \in \langle \mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{e}}, \dots, \mathrm{em}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{e}} \} \\ & \mathrm{ex} \in \langle \mathrm{e}_{1}^{\mathrm{e}}, \dots, \mathrm{em}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{e}} \} \\ & \mathrm{ex} \in \langle \mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{e}}^{\mathrm{e}}, \dots, \mathrm{em}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{e}} \} \\ & \mathrm{ex} \in \langle \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{em}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{e}} ] \\ & \mathrm{ex} \in \langle \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{e$$

## 4

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 \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|} \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \texttt{test\_on(ex_i,as1):-test(ex_i).} & ex_i \in \{ex_1, \dots, ex_m\} \end{array} \right\} \\ \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \texttt{test\_on(ex_1,as1):-test(o_i).} & o_i \in \{o_1, \dots, o_n\} \\ \texttt{test\_on(ex_2,as2):-test(o_i).} & o_i = \langle ex_1, ex_2 \rangle \end{array} \right\} \end{array}
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## Theorem 5

Let T be any  $ILP_{LOAS}^{context}$  task and H be any subset of the hypothesis space.

- 1.  $\forall ex \in E^+, \exists A \in AS(\mathcal{R}(T, H)) \text{ st test}(ex_{id}) \in A \text{ iff } H \text{ covers } ex.$ 
  - 2.  $\forall ex \in E^-, \exists A \in AS(\mathcal{R}(T, H)) \text{ st test}(ex_{id}) \in A \text{ iff } H \text{ does not cover } ex.$
  - 3.  $\forall o \in O^b, \exists A \in AS(\mathcal{R}(T, H)) \text{ st test}(o_{id}) \in A \text{ iff } H \text{ bravely respects} o.$
  - 4.  $\forall o \in O^c, \exists A \in AS(\mathcal{R}(T, H)) \text{ st test}(o_{id}) \in A \text{ iff } H \text{ does not cautiously respect } o.$

Proof

1. Let 
$$ex = \langle e, C \rangle$$
 be a CDPI in  $E^+$  st  $e = \langle \{\mathbf{e}_1^i, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m^i\}, \{\mathbf{e}_1^e, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n^e\} \rangle$ .  
 $H$  covers  $ex \Leftrightarrow \exists A \in AS(B \cup H \cup C)$  st  $A$  extends  $e$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \exists A \in AS(reify(B \cup H \cup C, as1))$  st  $A$  extends  $reify(e, as1)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow reify(B \cup H \cup C, as1) \cup \begin{cases} \operatorname{cov}(as1): - as1(e_1), \dots, as1(e_m), \\ & \operatorname{not} as1(e_1), \dots, \operatorname{not} as1(e_n). \\ :- & \operatorname{not} \operatorname{cov}(as1). \end{cases}$ 

is satisfiable (we refer to this program as  $P_1$  later in the proof).

 $\Leftrightarrow \mathit{reify}(B \cup H, \texttt{as1}) \cup \mathit{append}(\mathit{reify}(C, \texttt{as1}), \texttt{test\_on}(\texttt{ex_{id}}, \texttt{as1}))$ 

$$\cup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as1}):=\operatorname{test_on}(\operatorname{ex}_{\operatorname{id}},\operatorname{as1}), \\ \operatorname{as1}(\operatorname{e}_1),\ldots,\operatorname{as1}(\operatorname{e}_{\operatorname{m}}), \\ \operatorname{not} \operatorname{as1}(\operatorname{e}_1),\ldots,\operatorname{not} \operatorname{as1}(\operatorname{e}_{\operatorname{n}}). \\ := \operatorname{not} \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as1}),\operatorname{test_on}(\operatorname{ex}_{\operatorname{id}},\operatorname{as1}). \end{array} \right\} \cup \mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup O^c)$$

has an answer set which contains  $\texttt{test}(\texttt{ex}_{id})$  (we refer to this program as  $P_2$ ). This follows from the splitting set theorem, using the atoms in  $\mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup O^c)$  as a splitting set –  $\{\texttt{test}(\texttt{ex}_{id}), \texttt{test\_on}(\texttt{ex}_{id}, \texttt{as1})\}$  is an answer set of the bottom program, leading to  $P_1$  as the partially evaluated top program

 $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}(T, H)$  has an answer set which contains  $\texttt{test}(\texttt{ex_{id}})$ . Again, this is by the splitting set theorem, using the atoms in  $\mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup O^c)$  as a splitting set, as  $P_2 \subseteq \mathcal{R}(T, H)$  and each of the extra rules in  $\mathcal{R}(T, H)$  which are not in  $P_2$  contain a  $\texttt{test_on}$  or test atom in the body that is not in the answer set  $\{\texttt{test}(\texttt{ex_{id}}), \texttt{test_on}(\texttt{ex_{id}}, \texttt{as1})\}$  and hence they are removed from the partially evaluated top program.

2. Let  $ex = \langle e, C \rangle$  be a CDPI in  $E^-$  st  $e = \langle \{\mathbf{e}_1^i, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m^i\}, \{\mathbf{e}_1^e, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n^e\} \rangle$ .

*H* does not cover  $ex \Leftrightarrow \exists A \in AS(B \cup H \cup C)$  st *A* extends  $e \Leftrightarrow \exists A \in AS(reif_u(B \cup H \cup C, as1))$  st *A* extends  $reif_u(e, as1)$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow reify(B \cup H \cup C, as1) \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{violated:} - as1(e_1), \dots, as1(e_n), \\ \text{not } as1(e_1), \dots, \text{not } as1(e_n), \\ \text{:- not violated.} \end{array} \right\} \text{ is sat-}$$

is fiable (we refer to this program as  $P_3$  later in the proof)

 $\Leftrightarrow reify(B \cup H, \mathtt{as1}) \cup append(reify(C, \mathtt{as1}), \mathtt{test\_on}(\mathtt{ex_{id}}, \mathtt{as1})) \\ \cup \begin{cases} \mathtt{violated:-test\_on}(\mathtt{ex_{id}}, \mathtt{as1}), \\ \mathtt{as1}(\mathtt{e_1}), \dots, \mathtt{as1}(\mathtt{e_m}), \\ \mathtt{not} \ \mathtt{as1}(\mathtt{e_1}), \dots, \mathtt{not} \ \mathtt{as1}(\mathtt{e_n}). \\ \vdots - \ \mathtt{not} \ \mathtt{violated}, \mathtt{test\_on}(\mathtt{ex_{id}}, \mathtt{as1}). \end{cases} \cup \mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup \mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-))$ 

has an answer set which contains  $\texttt{test}(\texttt{ex}_{id})$  (we refer to this program as  $P_4$ ). This follows by the splitting set theorem, using the atoms in  $\mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup O^c)$  as a splitting set,  $\{\texttt{test}(\texttt{ex}_{id}), \texttt{test}_on(\texttt{ex}_{id}, \texttt{as1})\}$ is an answer set of the bottom program, leading to  $P_3$  as the partially evaluated top program.

 $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}(T, H)$  has an answer set which contains  $\texttt{test}(\texttt{ex}_{id})$ . Again, this is by the splitting set theorem, using the atoms in  $\mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup O^c)$  as a splitting set, as  $P_4 \subseteq \mathcal{R}(T, H)$  and each of the extra rules in  $\mathcal{R}(T, H)$ which are not in  $P_4$  contain a  $\texttt{test\_on}$  or test atom in the body that is not in the answer set  $\{\texttt{test}(\texttt{ex}_{id}), \texttt{test\_on}(\texttt{ex}_{id}, \texttt{as1})\}$  and hence they are removed from the partially evaluated top program.

3. Let  $o = \langle ex1, ex2 \rangle$  be a CDOE in  $O^b$  st  $ex1 = \langle e1, C_1 \rangle$ ,  $ex2 = \langle e2, C_2 \rangle$ ,  $e_1 = \langle \{e1_1^i, \dots, e1_m^i\}, \{e1_1^e, \dots, e1_n^e\} \rangle$  and  $e_2 = \langle \{e2_1^i, \dots, e2_i^i\}, \{e2_1^e, \dots, e2_k^e\} \rangle$ .

*H* bravely respects  $o \Leftrightarrow \exists A_1 \in AS(B \cup H \cup C_1), \exists A_2 \in AS(B \cup H \cup C_2)$  st  $A_1$  extends  $e_1, A_2$  extends  $e_2$  and  $A_1 \prec_{B \cup H} A_2$ 

 $\Leftrightarrow \exists A_1 \in AS(reify(B \cup H \cup C_1, \mathtt{as1})), \exists A_2 \in AS(reify(B \cup H \cup C_2, \mathtt{as2}))$ st  $A_1$  extends  $reify(e_1, \mathtt{as1}), A_2$  extends  $reify(e_2, \mathtt{as2})$  and dominated is in the unique answer set of  $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup weak(B \cup H) \cup \{\mathtt{lv}(\mathtt{l}), | \mathtt{l} \in L\} \cup$ dominates (by Lemma 2)

 $\Leftrightarrow reify(B \cup H \cup C_1, as1) \cup reify(B \cup H \cup C_2, as2) \cup weak(B \cup H) \cup \{lv(l), | l \in L\} \cup dominates)$ 

$$\cup \left\{\begin{array}{l} \text{cov}(as1)\text{:-} as1(e1_1^i),\ldots,as1(e1_m^i),\\ not as1(e1_1^e),\ldots,not as1(e1_n^e).\\ \text{:-} not cov(as1).\\ \text{cov}(as2)\text{:-} as2(e2_1^i),\ldots,as2(e2_j^i),\\ not as2(e2_1^e),\ldots,not as2(e2_k^e).\\ \text{:-} not cov(as2).\\ \text{:-} not dominated.} \right\} \text{ is satisfiable (we}$$

refer to this program as  $P_5$  later in the proof)  $\Leftrightarrow reify(B \cup H \cup C_1, as1) \cup reify(B \cup H \cup C_2, as2) \cup weak(B \cup H) \cup \{lv(l), | l \in L\} \cup dominates)$ 

 $\cup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} {\rm cov}({\rm as1}){\rm :- test\_on}({\rm ex1}_{id},{\rm as2}),{\rm as1}({\rm e1}_1^i),\ldots,{\rm as1}({\rm e1}_m^i), \\ {\rm not } {\rm as1}({\rm e1}_1^e),\ldots,{\rm not } {\rm as1}({\rm e1}_n^e). \\ {\rm :- not } {\rm test\_on}({\rm ex1}_{id},{\rm as1}),{\rm cov}({\rm as1}). \\ {\rm cov}({\rm as2}){\rm :- test\_on}({\rm ex2}_{id},{\rm as2}),{\rm as2}({\rm e2}_1^i),\ldots,{\rm as2}({\rm e2}_j^i), \\ {\rm not } {\rm as2}({\rm e2}_1^e),\ldots,{\rm not } {\rm as2}({\rm e2}_k^e). \\ {\rm :- test\_on}({\rm ex2}_{id},{\rm as2}),{\rm not } {\rm cov}({\rm as2}). \\ {\rm :- test}({\rm oid}),{\rm not } {\rm dominated}. \end{array} \right) \right\} \\ \cup \mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup O^c)$ 

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has an answer set which contains  $test(o_{id})$  (we refer to this program as  $P_6$ ). This follows by the splitting set theorem, using the atoms in  $\mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup O^c)$  as a splitting set, { $test(o_{id}), test_on(ex1_{id}, as1)$ ,  $test_on(ex2_{id}, as2)$ } is an answer set of the bottom program, leading to  $P_5$  as the partially evaluated top program

 $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}(T, H)$  has an answer set which contains  $\mathtt{test}(\mathtt{o_{id}})$ . Again, this is by the splitting set theorem, using the atoms in  $\mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup O^c)$  as a splitting set, as  $P_6 \subseteq \mathcal{R}_6(T, H)$  and each of the extra rules which are in  $\mathcal{R}_6(T, H)$  but not in  $P_6$  contain a  $\mathtt{test\_on}$  or  $\mathtt{test}$  atom which is not in the answer set { $\mathtt{test}(\mathtt{o}_{id}), \mathtt{test\_on}(\mathtt{ex1}_{id}, \mathtt{as1}), \mathtt{test\_on}(\mathtt{ex2}_{id}, \mathtt{as2})$ } and hence they are removed from the partially evaluated top program

4. Let  $o = \langle ex1, ex2 \rangle$  be a CDOE in  $O^c$  st  $ex1 = \langle e1, C_1 \rangle$ ,  $ex2 = \langle e2, C_2 \rangle$ ,  $e_1 = \langle \{e1_1^i, \dots, e1_m^i\}, \{e1_1^e, \dots, e1_n^e\} \rangle$  and  $e_2 = \langle \{e2_1^i, \dots, e2_j^i\}, \{e2_1^e, \dots, e2_k^e\} \rangle$ H does not cautiously respect  $o \Leftrightarrow \exists A_1 \in AS(B \cup H \cup C_1), \exists A_2 \in AS(B \cup H \cup C_1)$ 

 $H \cup C_2$ ) st  $A_1$  extends  $e_1$ ,  $A_2$  extends  $e_2$  and  $A_1 \not\prec_{B \cup H} A_2$ 

 $\Leftrightarrow \exists A_1 \in AS(reify(B \cup H \cup C_1, as1)), \exists A_2 \in AS(reify(B \cup H \cup C_2, as2))$ st  $A_1$  extends  $reify(e_1, as1), A_2$  extends  $reify(e_2, as2)$  and dominated is not in the unique answer set of  $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup weak(B \cup H) \cup \{lv(l), | l \in L\} \cup dominates$  (by Lemma 2)

 $\Leftrightarrow reify(B \cup H \cup C_1, as1) \cup reify(B \cup H \cup C_2, as2) \cup weak(B \cup H) \cup \{lv(l), | l \in L\} \cup dominates)$ 

$$\cup \left\{\begin{array}{l} \text{cov}(as1) \text{:-} as1(e1_1^i), \dots, as1(e1_m^i), \\ not as1(e1_1^e), \dots, not as1(e1_n^e). \\ \text{:-} not cov(as1). \\ \text{cov}(as2) \text{:-} as2(e2_1^i), \dots, as2(e2_j^i), \\ not as2(e2_1^e), \dots, not as2(e2_k^e). \\ \text{:-} not cov(as2). \\ \text{:-} dominated. \end{array}\right\} \text{ is satisfiable (we have: a state of the set of the se$$

refer to this program as  $P_7$  later in the proof)  $\Leftrightarrow reify(B \cup H \cup C_1, as1) \cup reify(B \cup H \cup C_2, as2) \cup weak(B \cup H) \cup \{lv(1), | l \in L\} \cup dominates)$ 

 $\cup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as1}): - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex1}_{id}, \operatorname{as2}), \operatorname{as1}(\operatorname{e1}_1^i), \ldots, \operatorname{as1}(\operatorname{e1}_m^i), \\ \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{as1}(\operatorname{e1}_1^e), \ldots, \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{as1}(\operatorname{e1}_n^e). \\ : - \ \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex1}_{id}, \operatorname{as1}), \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as1}). \\ \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as2}): - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{as2}), \operatorname{as2}(\operatorname{e2}_1^i), \ldots, \operatorname{as2}(\operatorname{e2}_j^i), \\ \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{as2}(\operatorname{e2}_1^e), \ldots, \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{as2}(\operatorname{e2}_k^e). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{as2}), \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{as2}), \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{as2}), \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{as2}), \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{as2}), \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{as2}), \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{as2}), \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{cov}(\operatorname{as2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{ex2}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{ex2}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{ex2}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{test\_on}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{ex2}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{ex2}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}). \\ : - \ \operatorname{tes1}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{ex2}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{ex2}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{ex2}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{ex2}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \\ : - \ \operatorname{tes1}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{ex2}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}), \operatorname{ex2}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}, \operatorname{ex2}, \operatorname{ex2}), \\ : - \ \operatorname{tes1}(\operatorname{ex2}_{id}, \operatorname{ex2}, \operatorname$ 

has an answer set which contains the atom  $test(o_{id})$  (we refer to this program as  $P_8$ ). This follows from the splitting set theorem, using the atoms in  $\mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup O^c)$  as a splitting set, { $test(o_{id}), test_on(ex1_{id}, as1), test_on(ex2_{id}, as2)$ } is an answer set of the bottom program, leading to  $P_7$  as the partially evaluated top program

 $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}(T, H)$  has an answer set which contains  $test(o_{id})$ . Again, this is by

the splitting set theorem, using the atoms in  $\mathcal{R}_6(E^+ \cup E^-, O^b \cup O^c)$  as a splitting set, as  $P_8 \subseteq \mathcal{R}_6(T, H)$  and each of the extra rules which are in  $\mathcal{R}_6(T, H)$  but not in  $P_8$  contain a test\_on or test atom which is not in the answer set {test(o<sub>id</sub>), test\_on(ex1<sub>id</sub>, as1), test\_on(ex2<sub>id</sub>, as2)} and hence they are removed from the partially evaluated top program.

findRelevantExamples(T, H) works by constructing  $\mathcal{R}(T, H)$  and computing its answer sets. For each example ex, whether of not ex is covered by T can be computed from the answer sets, using the results in Theorem 5. The first example which is not covered is returned. If no such example is found, **nil** is returned. The correctness of findRelevantExamples follows directly from Theorem 5. If the task T is well defined then  $\mathcal{R}(T, H)$  will ground finitely (and have a finite number of answer sets), and therefore solving  $\mathcal{R}(T, H)$  for answer sets will terminate in a finite time; hence as there are a finite number of examples, findRelevantExamples will terminate in a finite time.

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