# Machine Learning and Programming Languages: Challenges and Opportunities

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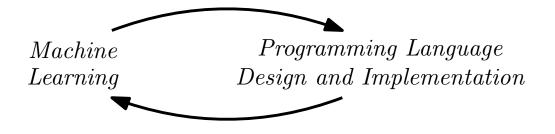


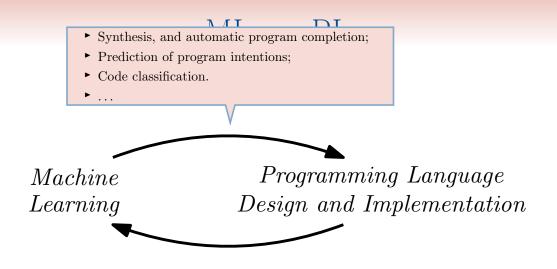


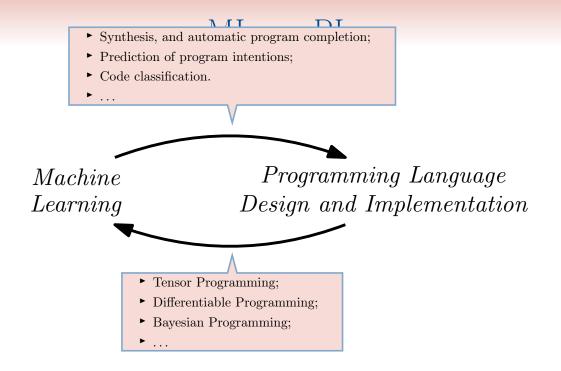


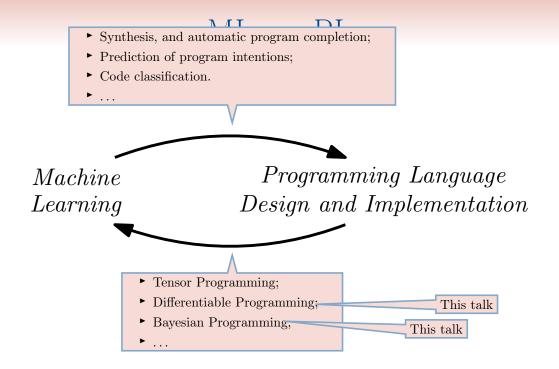
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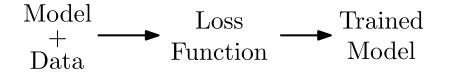
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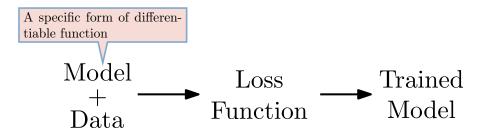


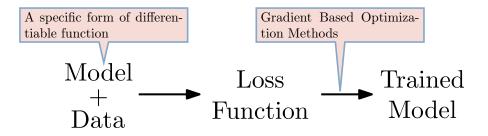


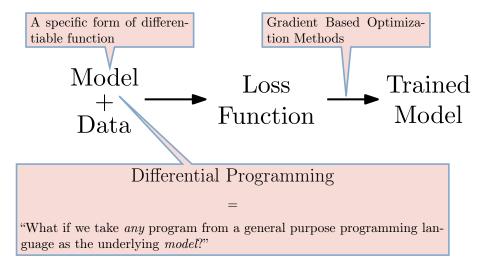




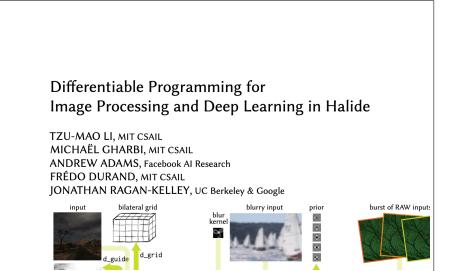








**DP** - Applications



#### Fast Greeks by Algorithmic Differentiation

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We show how Algorithmic Differentiation can be used to implement efficiently the Pathwise Derivative method for the calculation of option sensitivities with Monte Carlo. The main practical difficulty of the Pathwise Derivative method is that it requires the differentiation of the payout function. For the type of structured options for which Monte Carlo simulations are usually employed, these derivatives are typically cumbersome to calculate analytically, and too time consuming to evaluate with standard finite-differences approaches. In this paper we address this problem and show how Algorithmic Differentiation can be employed to calculate very efficiently and with machine precision accuracy these derivatives. We illustrate the basic workings of this computational technique by means of simple examples, and we demonstrate with several numerical tests how the Pathwise Derivative method combined with Algorithmic Differentiation – especially in the adjoint mode – can provide speed-use of several orders of magnitude with respect to standard methods.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Monte Carlo (MC) simulations are becoming the main

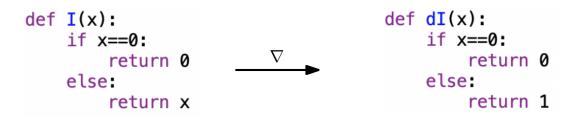
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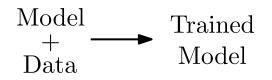
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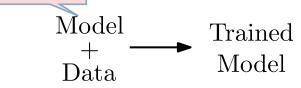
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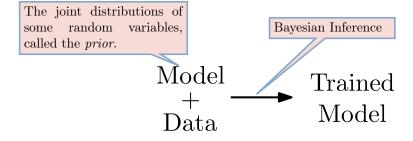


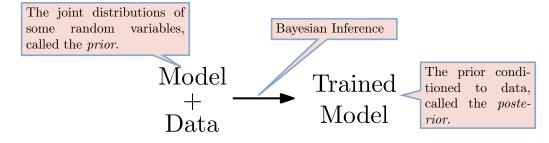
- ▶ Soundness: to which extent does the derivative program  $\nabla P$  compute the actual derivative of P?
- Generality: for which program constructs could  $\nabla(\cdot)$  be defined?
- Efficiency: what if the program P gets complex? How long does it take to compute  $\nabla(P)$ ?

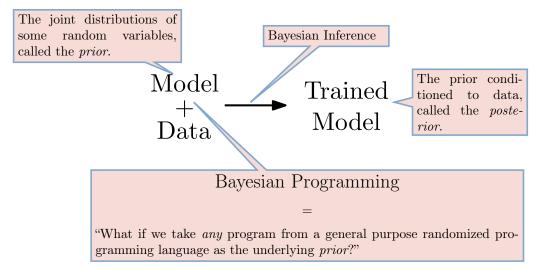


The joint distributions of some random variables, called the *prior*.



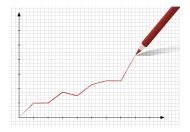
















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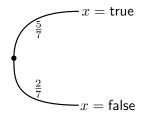
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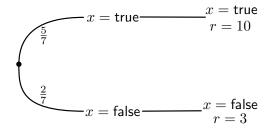


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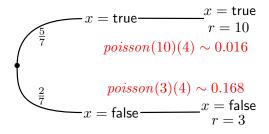


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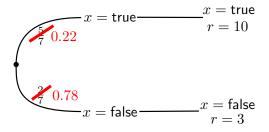


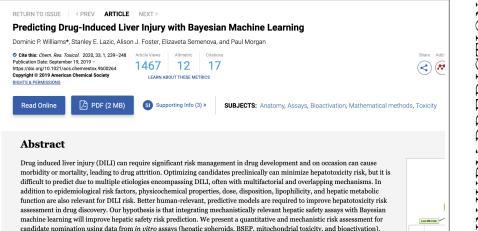
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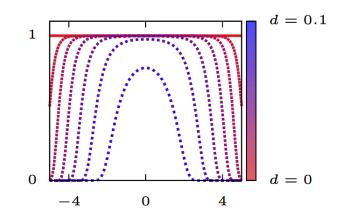




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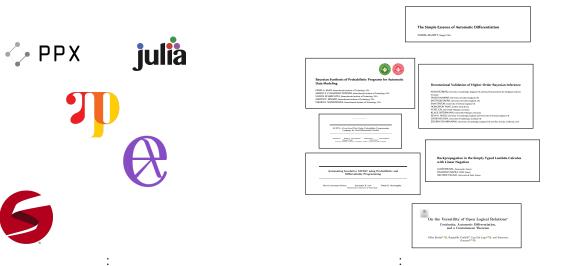
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- Semantics: can we give a satisfactory semantics to BP programs sampling from continuous distributions?
- ► **Sound Inference**: can we prove inference algorithms correct, or even *formulate* their correctness?

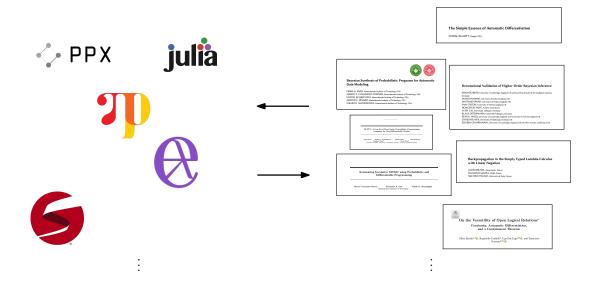
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#### Thank You!

### Questions?