

Fast and Slow Enigmas and Parental Guidance

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Abstract. We describe several additions to the ENIGMA system that guides clause selection in the E automated theorem prover. First, we significantly speed up its neural guidance by adding server-based GPU evaluation. The second addition is motivated by fast weight-based rejection filters that are currently used in systems like E and Prover9. Such systems can be made more intelligent by instead training fast versions of ENIGMA that implement more intelligent pre-filtering. This results in combinations of trainable fast and slow thinking that improves over both the fast-only and slow-only methods. The third addition is based on "judging the children by their parents", i.e., possibly rejecting an inference before it produces a clause. This is motivated by standard evolutionary mechanisms, where there is always a cost to producing all possible offsprings in the current population. This saves time by not evaluating all clauses by more expensive methods and provides a complementary view of the generated clauses. The methods are evaluated on a large benchmark coming from the Mizar Mathematical Library, showing good improvements over the state of the art.

1 Introduction: The Fast and The Smart

Throughout the history of automated theorem proving, there have been two very different approaches to strengthening automated theorem provers (ATPs). The first one (*the fast*) relies on better engineering, such as improving the indexing for inference and reduction rules and on optimized low-level implementations. The gains achieved in this way can be quite high [9, 15, 22, 28, 31, 38].

The second approach (*the smart*) relies on advanced strategies and heuristics for guiding the proof search. This includes methods using extensive previous knowledge, e.g., various kinds of *symbolic* machine learning, such as the *hints* method in Otter [37] and Prover9 [19], and its *watchlist* [26] and *proofwatch* [6] variants implemented in E [29, 30]. With the recent advent of *statistical* machine learning (ML), a number of knowledge-based ATP-guiding methods have been created [3, 10, 11, 17]. This is done by compiling (extracting, compressing, generalizing) the previous knowledge into statistical ML *predictors* (models) that are then used to predict the usefulness of inference steps in the proof search.

The *smart* approaches, while potentially sophisticated and AI-motivated, may incur prohibitively high costs in their prediction modules, in particular when naively implemented [21, 36]. This can make them inferior in practice to faster alternative approaches, such as various kinds of randomization [25] and

building of portfolios of complementary fast strategies [13, 27, 35]. This issue is getting increasingly important as deep learning (DL) is used for ATP guidance, sometimes with large cloud-based DL-predictors running on specialized hardware that hides the amount of resources used. It also complicates rigorous comparisons in established ATP competitions such as CASC/LTB [32, 33].

Another issue related to the use of expensive predictors can be summarized as the *explore-exploit tradeoff* introduced in reinforcement learning research [5]. In short, running an ATP guided by a 100-times slower predictor that is only slightly better (possibly due to insufficient previous data for learning) will not only typically solve fewer problems due to much more expensive backtracking but also generate much less data for training the predictor in the next iteration. Hence, given a global time limit allowing many proving/learning iterations over a large set of related problems in a realistic problem-solving setup such as CASC LTB, a faster predictor will in the same time generate much more data to learn from. This in turn often leads to better performance: a slightly weaker ML system trained on much more data will often ultimately outperform a slightly stronger ML system trained on much less data.

1.1 Contributions

In this work we develop combinations of the fast(er) and smart(er) approaches in the context of the learning-guided ENIGMA framework. After giving a summary of ENIGMA in Section 2, Section 3 introduces our new methods.¹

First, Section 3.1 describes a large increase in the speed of neural guidance in ENIGMA. We add an efficient server-based evaluation that uses dedicated GPUs instead of a CPU. When using four commodity GPU cards, this speeds up the neural evaluation of the clauses about four times in real time.

Section 3.2 describes the second addition, motivated by fast weight-based rejection filters used in systems such as E and Prover9. Such methods can be replaced by training fast predictors that implement more intelligent pre-filtering. In the context of ENIGMA, fast(er) is easy to implement by variously parameterized predictors based on gradient-boosted decision trees (GBDTs). Slow(er) models are in those based on graph neural networks (GNNs).

Section 3.3 describes the third addition based on "judging the children by their parents", i.e., possibly rejecting an inference before it even produces a clause. This grants the machine learning methods greater control of the proof search and saves time by not evaluating all clauses by more expensive methods, also providing a complementary view of the generated clauses.

In Section 4 we describe the experimental setting and a large evaluation corpus based on the Mizar Mathematical Library and its MPTP translation. We also present our baseline methods there. Section 5 evaluates the new methods and shows that even in relatively low time limits the methods provide good performance improvements over the previous versions of ENIGMA.

¹ The E and ENIGMA versions used in this paper can be found at <https://github.com/ai4reason/enigma-gpu-server>.

2 Saturation Proving and Its Guidance by ENIGMA

State-of-the-art automated theorem provers (ATP), such as E, Prover9, and Vampire [20], are based on the saturation loop paradigm and the *given clause algorithm* [24]. The input problem, in first-order logic (FOF), is translated into a refutationally equivalent set of clauses, and a search for contradiction is initiated. The ATP maintains two sets of clauses: *processed* (initially empty) and *unprocessed* (initially the input clauses). At each iteration, one unprocessed clause is selected (*given*), and all of the possible inferences with all the processed clauses are generated (typically using resolution, paramodulation, etc.), extending the unprocessed clause set. The selected clause is then moved to the processed clause set. Hence the invariant holds that all the mutual inferences among the processed clauses have been computed.

The selection of the “right” given clause is known to be vital for the success of the proof search. The ENIGMA system [3, 7, 10–12, 14] applies various machine learning methods for given clause selection, learning from a large number of previous successful proof searches. The training data consists of clauses processed during a proof search, labeling the clauses that appear in the discovered proof as *positive*, and the other (thus unnecessary) processed clauses as *negative*.

The first ENIGMA [11] used fast linear classification [4] with hand-crafted clause *features* based on symbol names, representing clauses by fixed-length numeric vectors. Follow-up versions [3, 7, 12, 14] introduced context-based clause evaluation and fast dimensionality reduction by feature hashing, and employed Gradient Boosting Decision Trees (GBDTs), implemented by the XGBoost and LightGBM systems [2, 18]), and Recursive Neural Networks (implemented in PyTorch) as the underlying machine learning methods.

The latest version, ENIGMA Anonymous [10], abstracts from name-based clause representations and provides the best results so far both with GBDTs and Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) [1]. For GBDTs, clauses are again represented by fixed-length vectors based on syntax trees and anonymization is achieved by replacing symbol names by their arities. Our GNN [23] represents clauses by variable-length numeric tensors encapsulating syntax trees as graph structures with symbol names omitted. ENIGMA-GNN evaluates new clauses jointly in larger batches (*queries*) and with respect to a large number of already selected clauses (*context*). The GNN predicts the collectively most useful subset of the clauses in several rounds (*layers*) of message passing. This means that approximative inference rounds done by the GNN are efficiently interleaved with precise symbolic inference rounds done inside E. The GBDT and GNN versions have so far been used separately and only with CPU-based evaluation. In this work, we add efficiently implemented GPU-based evaluation for the GNN and start to use the two methods cooperatively.

3 Cooperative Filtering: Faster and Smarter

The set of generated clauses in saturation-style ATPs typically grows quadratically with the number of processed clauses. Each new given clause is combined

with all compatible previously processed clauses, followed by (possibly expensive) evaluation of all newly generated clauses. In particular, the GNN predictors typically incur a significant evaluation cost per clause. The quadratic growth means that longer ENIGMA-GNN runs may get very slow.

To avoid large memory consumption and similar expensive evaluations in long hint-based Prover9 runs (often taking several days) on the AIM problems [19], Veroff has used weight-based filtering, discarding immediately clauses that reach a certain weight limit. This often helps, but counterexamples are common, and in practice, such schemes often need to be made more complicated.² The three methods that we introduce below are instead targeting this issue by using faster learning-based filtering.

3.1 Fast GNN Evaluation Using a GPU Server

The main weakness of the GNN version of ENIGMA is its slow clause evaluation. In our previous ENIGMA Anonymous experiments [10], we used GPUs for model training, but during the proof search we evaluated the clauses on a single CPU (per each E prover’s instance). This was partly to provide a fair comparison with GBDTs which we also evaluate on a single CPU, but also to avoid large start-up overheads when loading the neural models to a GPU and running with low time limits. Here we instead develop a persistent multi-threaded GPU server that evaluates clauses from multiple E prover runs using multiple GPUs.

The modification is as follows. During the proof search, after computing the tensor representation of the newly generated clauses, an E Prover client sends the tensors (in a JSON text format) over a network socket to a remote server. The client then waits for the server response which provides the scores (GNN evaluations) of the new clauses. This means that the clients are inactive for some time and more of them are needed to saturate the CPUs on the machines (see the detailed experimental discussion in Section 5.1). This is typically not a problem due to many instances of E running with different premises and parameters in hammering and CASC LTB scenarios, as well as in many iterations of the learning/proving loop that attempt to solve harder and harder problems over a large problem set.

The remote server, written in Python, is launched before the E clients, loading the GNN model to the (multiple) GPUs in advance. Once the model is loaded to the GPUs, the server accepts tensor queries on a designated port, evaluates them on the GPUs, and sends the clause evaluations back to the clients. In more detail, the server is parameterized by the number N (our default is 28) of independent worker threads, the batch size b (our default is 8) and the waiting time T (our default is 0.01s). The client queries are accumulated in a shared queue that the N worker threads process. Each worker operates in two steps. First, it checks the queue, and if it contains less than b queries, it waits for T

² We thank Bob Veroff for explaining that this is done by gradually lowering the weight limit inside a single longer Prover9 run, and by raising the initial weight limit and slowing down the weight reduction scheme across multiple Prover9 runs.

seconds. Then it evaluates the first b queries on the queue, or less if there are not enough of them available. Note that when the worker waits or evaluates queries, other workers can process the queue.

The advantage is that the single GNN server amortizes the startup costs and handles queries of many E prover clients and distributes them across multiple GPUs. This means that much larger batches (containing clauses coming from multiple clients) are typically loaded onto the GPUs, amortizing also the relatively high cost of communication with the GPUs. This results in large real time speed-ups over the CPU version, see Section 5.1. In our experiments, we run the GPU server and the E clients on the same machine. Hence the network overhead is low because the communication is done over a local loopback interface. In the case of a remote connection, the architecture would benefit from data compression and/or binary data formats to decrease the network overhead. See Section 5.1 for the current average sizes of the data exchanged.

3.2 Best of Both Worlds: GNN with GBDT Filtering

While the GPU server evaluation provides a considerable speed up, the evaluation of clauses on a GPU is still relatively costly compared to the GBDT clause evaluation. Hence we develop the following combination of the two methods, where the GBDT is used to pre-filter the clauses for the GNN.

In more detail, the set of clauses to be evaluated by the GNN is first evaluated by a fast GBDT model.³ The GBDT model assigns a score between 0 and 1 to each clause, and only the clauses with scores higher than a selected threshold are sent to the GPU server for evaluation by the GNN. The clauses which are filtered out by the GBDT model are assigned a very high weight inside E Prover, which makes them unlikely to ever be selected for processing. This way we prevent E from incorrectly reporting satisfiability when the good clauses run out.

Several requirements must be met for this filtering to be effective. First, the GBDT filtering model must be small enough so that the evaluation is fast, yet precise enough so that the more important clauses are not mistakenly filtered out too often. Second, the score threshold must be properly fine-tuned, which typically requires experimental grid search on smaller samples. Experiments with a GBDT pre-filtering for a GNN are presented in Section 5.2.

3.3 Parental Guidance: Pruning the Given Clause Loop

We define (*clausal*) *parental guidance* as clause evaluation based on the features of the parents of a clause rather than on the clause itself. Such fast rejection filters often help: in nature, mating is typically highly restricted by various features of parents (e.g., their age, appearance, finances, etc.). Similarly, it does not often happen that clauses from very different parts of mathematics (e.g., differential geometry and graph theory) need to be resolved.

³ This feature is implemented for the LightGBM models, which seem more easily tunable for such tasks.

Parental guidance can be seen as “just another filter” of the generated clauses, but its motivation is more radical: The “good old”⁴ given clause loop [24] insists, for completeness reasons, on performing all possible inferences between the processed clauses and the given clause, typically leading to a quadratic growth of the set of generated clauses. However, if we had perfect information about the proof, this would be wasteful and could be replaced by just performing the inferences needed for the proof in each given clause loop. With parental guidance, we instead propose to prune the given clause loop in a soft way: a trained predictor judges the likelihood of the particular inference being needed for the proof. When an inference is deemed useless, the clause is still generated but immediately *frozen* so that it does not have to be evaluated by additional heuristics.

The parental guidance is implemented using GBDTs (our *parental model*), and the filter is directly put inside E’s given clause loop as follows. When E selects a given clause g , E uses term indexes to efficiently determine which clauses can be combined with g to generate new clauses. After generating the clauses, E performs simplifications, removes trivial clauses, evaluates the remaining clauses with the clause evaluation functions, and inserts them into the unprocessed set. The call to the parental model is executed after the clause generation and prior to the simplifications. Clauses generated by paramodulation, which also implements resolution in E, have two parents, and these are judged by the parental model. Clauses whose parents are jointly scored below a chosen threshold are put into the *freezer* set to avoid impairing the completeness of the proof search. Clauses with good parents continue on to the unprocessed set. In case the unprocessed set becomes empty, the frozen clauses are revived and treated as usual.

Note that a naive alternative way to implement parental guidance would be to evaluate each given clause’s compatibility with all previously processed clauses. This would, however, result in many unnecessary GBDT queries and evaluations. Instead, our approach allows E’s indexing to find the typically much smaller set of potential inferences and to limit the parental evaluation to them.⁵

There are various ways to represent the pair of parent clauses for the learning of the parental model. In this work, we evaluate two methods:

1. $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}$ merges the feature vectors of the parent clauses into one vector, typically by simply adding the feature counts⁶
2. \mathcal{P}_{cat} concatenates the feature vectors of the parent clauses to preserve their information in full.

An interesting future alternative is to include the difference of the parents’ feature vectors in addition to their union and concatenation, which allows the GBDT to choose the most informative features.

⁴ The given clause loop is almost 50 years old as of 2021.

⁵ The efficiency boost obtained by using intelligent indexing is analogous to the boost obtained by using our structure-aware GNN for context-based neural clause selection (Section 2) rather than off-the-shelf Transformer models. The latter would quadratically consider interactions of all symbols in the context and query clauses, decreasing the evaluation speed by orders of magnitude, resulting in a very inefficient prover.

⁶ In some special cases of features, we instead take their maximum/minimum.

4 Experimental Setting and Baselines

4.1 Evaluation Problems and Training Data

All our experiments are performed⁷ on a large benchmark of 57 880 problems⁸ originating from the Mizar Mathematical Library (MML) [16] exported to first-order logic by MPTP [34]. We make use of our ongoing extensive evaluation of many AI/TP methods over this corpus⁹ that measures the overall improvement on this large dataset over the last similar evaluation done in [16]. In these experiments we have significantly extended our previously published results [10].¹⁰ Proofs of 73.5% (more than 40k) Mizar problems have been so far found by learning-guided ATPs, and numerous GBDT and GNN models for ATP guidance have been trained.

In that experiment, all Mizar problems¹¹ are split (in a 90-5-5% ratio) into 3 subsets: (1) 52k problems for *training*, (2) 2896 problems for *development*, and (3) 2896 problems for final evaluation (*holdout*). We use this split here, and additionally we use a random subset of 5792 of the training problems to speed up the training of various experimental methods.

4.2 Baseline ENIGMA Models

Out of the 52k training problems, we were previously able to prove more than 36k problems, obtaining varied numbers of proofs for each problem (ranging from 1 to hundreds). On these 36k problems we train our baseline GBDT and GNN predictors. To balance the contribution of different problems during the training of the predictors, we randomly choose at most 3 proofs for every proved training problem. This yields a set of about 100k proofs, denoted further as the *large* (training) set. When limited to the 5792 random subset of the training problems, this yields 11 748 proofs, denoted further as the *small* training set.

On the *large* set we train the first baseline predictor denoted by $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$. This is a GBDT model (implemented by the LightGBM framework) trained using the ENIGMA Anonymous clause representation (Section 2). The model consists of 150 decision trees of depth 40 with 2048 leaves. This model was selected as it performed best in our previous experiments with standard GBDTs, being able to prove 1377 of the *holdout* problems using a 5 second limit per problem. Additionally, we train another model $\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}$ only on the *small* set of training problems. The model $\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}$ is a LightGBM model with 150 trees of depth 30 and with 9728 leaves. The training of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ took around 27 minutes and the training of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}$ around 10 minutes, both on 30 CPUs. These are relatively low and practical times compared to the training of neural networks.

⁷ On a server with 36 hyperthreading Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6140 CPU @ 2.30GHz cores, 755 GB of memory, and 4 NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1080 Ti GPUs.

⁸ http://grid01.ciirc.cvut.cz/~mptp/1147/MPTP2/problems_small_consist.tar.gz

⁹ https://github.com/ai4reason/ATP_Proofs

¹⁰ The publication of this large evaluation is in preparation.

¹¹ http://grid01.ciirc.cvut.cz/~mptp/Mizar_eval_final_split

We also train baseline GNN models on the same data, denoted $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$ respectively. The training of $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ for 45 epochs takes about 15 hours on the full set of 100k proofs on a high-end NVIDIA V100 GPU card.¹² It would likely take days when training with CPUs only. We choose for the ATP evaluation the (39th) snapshot that achieves both the best loss (0.2063) and the best weighted accuracy (0.9147) on 5% of the data that we do not use for training. The training of $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$ for 100 epochs takes about 4 hours on the *small* set using the same GPU card. We choose for the ATP evaluation the (56th) snapshot that achieves the best loss (0.2988) on 5% of the data that we do not use for training. The weighted accuracy on this set is 0.8685, which is also among the highest values.

In the evaluation we run all our baseline ENIGMA predictors in an equal combination with a strong non-learning E strategy \mathcal{S} (see Appendix A). This means that the processed clauses are selected in (equal) turns by ENIGMA and by \mathcal{S} . This *coop* mode has typically worked better than the *solo* mode, where only the ENIGMA predictor is doing the clause selection.

4.3 Training of the Parental GBDT Models

The training data for the parental guidance models are generated by running E using either $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ or $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ on the 52k *training* problems with a 30 second time limit and by printing the derivation of all clauses generated during the proof search.¹³ We considered the following two schemes to classify the good pairs of parents and to generate the training data:

1. $\mathcal{P}^{\text{proof}}$ classifies parents of only the proof clauses as *positive* and all other generated clauses as *negative*.
2. $\mathcal{P}^{\text{given}}$ classifies parents of all processed (selected) clauses as *positive* and the unprocessed generated clauses as *negative*.

The rationale behind $\mathcal{P}^{\text{proof}}$ is that every non-proof clause should be pruned if possible. The rationale behind $\mathcal{P}^{\text{given}}$ is that if an effective clause selection strategy, such as $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$, predicted a clause to be useful, then it is probably worth generating. However, such data may be confusing as it includes clauses that did not contribute to the proof.

If a pair of parents produces both positive and negative clauses, we consider the pair positive in our implementation. However, this does not happen very often. Based on a survey on the *small* set labeled according to $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{proof}}$, 73% of the problems have no conflict. There are 1519 parents of both positive and negative clauses, 53 359 are positive, and 6 086 414 are negative. Under $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{given}}$, 9798 of the parents are mixed, 854 778 are positive, and 5 178 592 are negative. In either case, the primary learning task is to identify and prune as many negative clauses as possible without filtering a necessary proof clause by mistake.

¹² We use the same GNN hyper-parameters as in [10, 23] with the exception of the number of *layers* that we increase here to 10.

¹³ Using E’s option “--full-deriv”.

One parameter to experimentally tune is the *pos-neg ratio* used in the GBDT training: the ratio of positive and negative examples. The pos-neg ratio is 1:192 over the *large* $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{proof}}$ data, which is more than ten times more than the ratio of the training data for $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$. Hence, reducing the pos-neg ratio by randomly sampling negative examples could further boost the training performance.

The parental guidance models are trained using GBDTs. Trained models are evaluated in combination with the GBDT or GNN clause evaluation heuristic using either the $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ or $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ model, see Section 5.3.

5 Evaluation of the New Methods

5.1 Speedup by Using a GPU Server

First we measure the speedup obtained by evaluating the ENIGMA GNN calls on a separate GPU server. To avoid network latency and for a cleaner comparison, we run both the clients (E/ENIGMA) and the GPU server on the same machine equipped with four NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1080 GPU cards and 36 hyperthreading CPU cores. We configure the server to use all four GPU cards. Its other important parameters are the number of worker threads and the batch size. We experimentally set them to 28 and 8, and we use $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ for all proof runs.

Comparison of the CPU-only and GPU-server versions is complicated by the fact that the server-based GNN evaluations do not count towards the CPU time taken by E, as reported by the operating system. Still, a comparison using the CPU time is interesting and we include it, using 30 and 60 second CPU limits for the CPU-only version, and a 30 second CPU limit for the client-server version.

Another way to compare the two is by using parallelization, i.e., running many instances of E in parallel. In the client-server version the instances talk to the GPU server simultaneously. We saturate the machine’s CPUs fully for both versions, and run for approximately equal overall real time over the development and holdout sets. This is roughly achieved by using 60s time limit with 70-fold parallelization for the CPU version, and 30s time limit with 160-fold parallelization for the client/server version. The CPU version then takes about 27.5 minutes to finish on the 2896 problems, while the client-server takes about 34 minutes to finish. Table 1 compares the number of solved problems on the development and holdout sets. The GPU server improves the performance on the development resp. holdout sets by 9.5% resp. 11.5%.

We also compare the average number of generated clauses on the problems that timed out in both versions. In the 60s CPU version it is 16 835, while in the 30s client-server it is 63 305. This is a considerable speedup, achieved by employing the additional custom hardware—our four GPU cards. The average number of GNN queries in the 1358 problems that timed out in the 30s GPU server runs is 243.8, and on average the communication with the GPU server took 155MB in a timed-out problem. A single GNN query took on average 637kB.

Table 1. Comparison of the CPU-only GNN ENIGMA with the client-server version using GPUs. All runs are evaluating $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ on the whole development (D) and holdout (H) datasets. The percentage improvement is computed over the 60s CPU version that corresponds more closely in real time to the client-server version. All runs use queries of size 256 and contexts of size 768.

set model method time solved					set model method time solved				
D	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	CPU	30	1311	H	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	CPU	30	1301
D	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	CPU	60	1380	H	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	CPU	60	1371
D	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	GPU	30	1511 (+9.5%)	H	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	GPU	30	1529 (+11.5%)

5.2 Evaluation of 2-phase ENIGMA

Small GBDT and Small GNN: In the first experiment we use the GBDT and GNN predictors $\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$ trained on the *small* subset of the training dataset.

We first do a grid search over the parameters on a smaller dataset of 300 development problems (see Table 9 in Appendix B for the full grid search). Then we evaluate the best parameters on the development and holdout sets and compare them with the standalone performance of $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$, which is the stronger of the two baselines (Table 2). The best combined methods are then evaluated also in 60s. This gives a relatively fair real-time comparison to the standalone GNN, because the reported CPU times do not include the time taken by the GPU server.¹⁴

Our best combined method solves (in real time) 10.4%, resp. 9.0%, more problems on the development, resp. holdout, set than the standalone GNN. This is a significant improvement, which will likely get even more visible with higher time limits, because of the quadratic growth of the set of generated clauses. The performance improvement over the standalone GBDT model is even larger.

Large GBDT and Small GNN: In the next experiment, we want to see how much the training of the less expensive model (GBDT) on more data helps. I.e., we replace $\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}$ with $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ and keep $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$. This has practical applications in real time, because cheaper ML predictors such as GBDTs are faster to train than more expensive ones such as the GNN. We again first do a grid search over the parameters on a small dataset of 300 development problems (see Table 10 in Appendix B). Then we evaluate the best models on the development and holdout sets and compare them with the standalone performance of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$ (Table 3). The best combined methods are then again evaluated also in 60s, which makes it comparable in real time to the standalone GNN model.

Our best combined method solves (in CPU time) 7.1%, resp. 5.5%, more problems on the development, resp. holdout, set than the standalone GBDT. For the GNN, this is (in real time) 9.3% resp. 7.5%. These are smaller gains

¹⁴ We have made this estimate based on a comparison of real and CPU times done on a set of problems that time out in both methods.

Table 2. Final evaluation of the best combination of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}$ with $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$ on the whole development (D) and holdout (H) datasets.

set	model	thresh.	time	query	context	solved
D	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	-	30	256	768	1251
D	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}$	-	30	-	-	1011
D	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.01	60	512	1024	1381 (+10.4%)
D	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.03	60	512	1024	1371 (+9.6%)
D	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.03	30	512	1024	1341 (+7.2%)
D	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.01	30	512	1024	1339 (+7.0%)
H	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	-	30	256	768	1277
H	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}$	-	30	-	-	1002
H	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.01	60	512	1024	1392 (+9.0%)
H	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.03	60	512	1024	1387 (+8.6%)
H	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.01	30	512	1024	1361 (+6.6%)
H	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.03	30	512	1024	1353 (+6.0%)

Table 3. Final evaluation of the best combination of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$ on the whole development (D) and holdout (H) datasets.

set	model	thresh.	time	query	context	solved
D	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	-	30	256	768	1251
D	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$	-	30	-	-	1397
D	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.3	60	2048	768	1527 (+9.3%)
D	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.3	30	2048	768	1496 (+7.1%)
H	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	-	30	256	768	1277
H	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$	-	30	-	-	1390
H	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.3	60	2048	768	1494 (+7.5%)
H	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}+\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$	0.3	30	2048	768	1467 (+5.5%)

than in the previous $\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}} + \mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$ scenario, most likely because the stronger predictor dominates here. Also note that the large query (2048) used in our strongest model is typically diminished a lot by the GBDT pre-filter, resulting in average query sizes after the GBDT pre-filtering of 256–512.

Large GBDT and Large GNN: Finally, we evaluate the large setting, using the GBDT and GNN predictors $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ trained on the full training dataset. Again, we first do a grid search over the parameters on the small set of 300 development problems (Table 11 in Appendix B). Then we evaluate the best parameters on the development and holdout sets, and we compare them with the standalone performance of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ (Table 4). The improvements on the development, resp. holdout, set is 9.1%, resp. 7.3%, in real time, and 6.9%, resp. 4.8%, when using CPU time. The E auto-schedule solves in 30s (CPU time) 1020 of the holdout problems. Our strongest 2-phase method solves 1602 of these problems in the same CPU time, i.e., 57.1% more problems.

Table 4. Final evaluation of the best combination of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ on the whole development (D) and holdout (H) datasets.

set	model	thresh.	time	query	context	solved
D	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	-	30	256	768	1511
D	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$	-	30	-	-	1397
D	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}} + \mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	0.1	60	1024	768	1648 (+9.1%)
D	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}} + \mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	0.1	30	1024	768	1615 (+6.9%)
H	$\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	-	30	256	768	1529
H	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$	-	30	-	-	1390
H	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}} + \mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	0.1	60	1024	768	1640 (+7.3%)
H	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}} + \mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$	0.1	30	1024	768	1602 (+4.8%)

5.3 Evaluation of the Parental Guidance Combined with $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$

The parameters for parental guidance models are explored via a series of grid searches to reduce the number of combinations. Initially, we only use $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ in conjunction with the parental models. First, the training data classification schemes, $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{proof}}$ and $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{given}}$, are compared with a grid search over the pos-neg reduction ratio. The best combination of reduction ratio and classification scheme is used to perform a grid search over LightGBM parameters for $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}$. Next, reduction ratio and LightGBM parameter grid searches are done with the \mathcal{P}_{cat} featurization method data, starting with the best $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}$ parameters from the previous experiments. Every model is evaluated with the same set of nine parental filtering thresholds $\{0.005, 0.01, 0.03, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5\}$. The grid searches are done over the 300 problem development set and run for 30 seconds. On this dataset, $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ solves 159 problems.

Pos-neg reduction ratio tuning (merge): The first grid search examines the pos-neg reduction ratio denoted as ρ . Before the reduction, the average pos-neg ratio for $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{given}}$ is 1 : 9.2 and the average for $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{proof}}$ is 1 : 191.8. We reduce the pos-neg ratio to a given ρ by randomly sampling the negative examples on a problem-specific basis. This means that the average pos-neg ratio over the whole dataset is typically a bit smaller than ρ . For example, using $\rho = 4$ on the $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{proof}}$ results in an average of 3.95 times more negative than positive examples. Both $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{given}}$ and $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{proof}}$ are tested using $\rho \in \{-, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16\}$ where “-” denotes using the full training dataset. We use the best LightGBM model parameters discovered during prototyping of the parental guidance features: the parameters are 50 trees of depth 13 with 1024 leaves.

Table 5. The best threshold for each tested reduction ratio. The threshold of 0.03 was identical to 0.05 for all tested ratios with $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{given}}$, whereas there are no ties among thresholds for $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{proof}}$.

$\rho_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{given}}$	-	1	2	4	8	16	$\rho_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{proof}}$	-	1	2	4	8	16
threshold	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	threshold	0.005	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
solved	161	161	161	161	161	160	solved	111	164	163	165	162	164

Table 5 shows that the reduction ratio makes significant difference for the $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{proof}}$ data and almost none for $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{given}}$ data, which is probably because the $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{given}}$ data are already reasonably balanced. Moreover, parental guidance seems to perform better with $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{proof}}$ data than $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{given}}$ data, probably because mistakes of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ are included in the training data. In the following experiments, only the $\mathcal{P}^{\text{proof}}$ classification scheme is used (so the prefix is dropped).

LightGBM parameter tuning (merge): Next we perform the second grid search over the LightGBM training hyper-parameters for $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}$, fixing $\rho = 4$ as it performed best. We try the following values for the three main hyper-parameters, namely, for the number of trees in a model, the maximum number of tree leaves, and the maximum tree depth:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{trees} &\in \{50, 100, 150\} \\ \text{leaves} &\in \{1024, 2048, 4096, 8192, 16384\} \\ \text{depth} &\in \{13, 40, 60, 256\} \end{aligned}$$

The best model for $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}$ solves 171 problems and consists of 100 trees, with the depth 40, and 8192 leaves, and a threshold of 0.05. Another eight models solve 169 problems. We also tested these parameters to find a better model for $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{given}}$, which solves 163 problems with $\rho = 8$ and a threshold of 0.1.

Pos-neg reduction ratio tuning (concat): This grid search uses the best LightGBM hyper-parameters for $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}$ to test the same reduction ratios and

Table 6. The best threshold for each tested reduction ratio of \mathcal{P}_{cat} .

ρ_{cat}	-	1	2	4	8	16
threshold	0.5	0.1	0.05	0.3	0.1	0.05
solved	117	168	170	168	173	169

thresholds for \mathcal{P}_{cat} . Table 6 shows that \mathcal{P}_{cat} outperforms $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}$ and $\rho = 8$ is the best. Reducing the negatives is even more important here.

LightGBM parameter tuning (concat): The grid search for the \mathcal{P}_{cat} data is done over the following hyper-parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{trees} &\in \{50, 100, 150, 200\} \\ \text{leaves} &\in \{1024, 2048, 4096, 8192, 16384, 32768\} \\ \text{depth} &\in \{13, 40, 60, 256, 512\} \end{aligned}$$

The upper limits have increased compared to the $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}$ grid-search because one of the best models had 150 trees of depth 256, placing it at the edge of the grid. The best models solve 174-175 problems. These are evaluated on the full development set (Table 7). The larger models seem to work best with a threshold of 0.05 and the smaller models with a threshold of 0.2, which is likely because they can be less precise. The full distribution of the results can be seen in Figure 1. The number of parameter configurations that outperform the baseline suggests that parental guidance is an effective method.

Table 7. The best \mathcal{P}_{cat} models with $\rho = 8$.

trees	depth	leaves	threshold	solved (300)	solved (D)
200	60	4096	0.05	175	1557
200	512	4096	0.05	175	1561
200	256	4096	0.05	174	1558
150	512	1024	0.2	174	1568
150	256	1024	0.2	174	1556
100	60	8192	0.05	174	1571
100	40	2048	0.2	174	1544
100	40	2048	0.1	174	1544

Finally we evaluate the best models on the small training, development, and holdout sets, and we compare them with the standalone performance of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ (Table 8). Parental guidance achieves a significant improvement in performance on all datasets, solving 11.7% more on the holdout set. It is interesting to note that the improvement is greater on the development and holdout sets than on the training set. For parental guidance it seems superior to classify only *proof clauses* as positive examples. This is most likely due to LightGBM being confused by processed clauses that did not contribute to any proof. The method

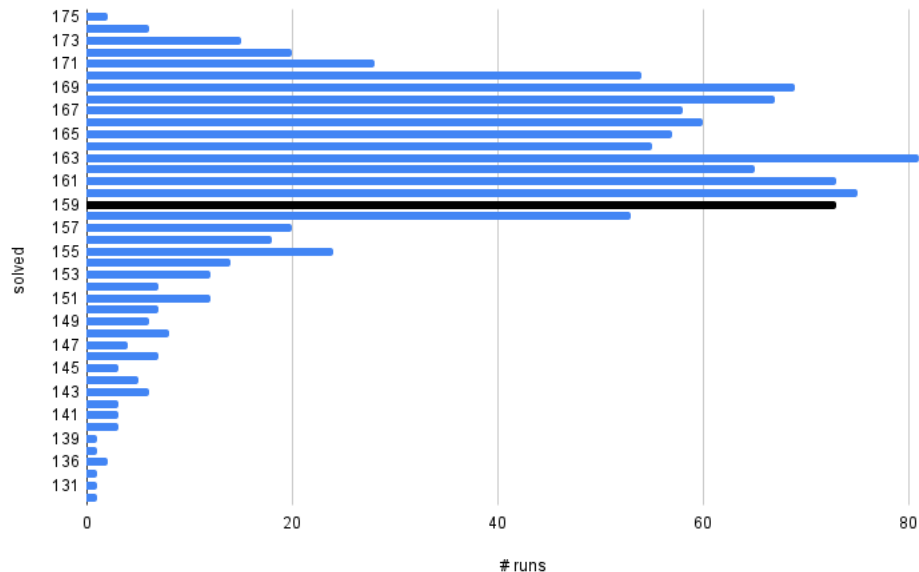


Fig. 1. The number of settings (and runs) corresponding to each number of solutions for the \mathcal{P}_{cat} grid search. The black bar is 159, the number of problems solved by $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$. Only 154 (20%) of the runs interfere with $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$'s performance and solve fewer problems. These runs largely consist of the thresholds, $\{0.3, 0.4, 0.5\}$, but the only parameter whose majority of runs score below $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ is a threshold of 0.5. The outliers tend to be larger models.

of concatenating the parent clause feature vectors (\mathcal{P}_{cat}) seems far superior to merging them ($\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}$). This is likely because merging the features is lossy and the order of the parents matters when performing inferences.

The results indicate that pruning clauses prior to clause evaluation is helpful. ENIGMA models tend to run best in equal combination with a strong E strategy, but this means they have no control over 50% of the clauses selected for processing. The ability to filter which clauses the strong E strategy can evaluate and select may be part of the strength behind parental guidance.

5.4 Parental Guidance with $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ and 3-phase ENIGMAS

We also explore a limited number of the most useful hyper-parameters from Sections 5.3 and 5.2 to combine the parental filtering with ENIGMA-GNN using $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ and to create a 3-phase ENIGMA. We train a new LightGBM parental filtering model on the \mathcal{P}_{cat} data generated by running $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$, using $\rho = 8$, trees = 100, leaves = 8192, and depth = 60. The grid search on the 300 development problems leads to the best threshold values of 0.005 and 0.01 when using context = 768 and query = 256 for ENIGMA-GNN with $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$.

Table 8. Final 30s evaluation on small trains (T), development (D), and holdout (H) compared with $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$.

model	threshold	solved (T)	solved (D)	solved (H)
$\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$	-	3269	1397	1390
$\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{given}} + \mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$	0.05	3302 (+1.0%)	1411 (+1.0%)	1417 (+1.9%)
$\mathcal{P}_{\text{fuse}}^{\text{proof}} + \mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$	0.1	3389 (+3.7%)	1489 (+6.6%)	1486 (+6.9%)
$\mathcal{P}_{\text{cat}} + \mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$	0.05	3452 (+5.6%)	1571 (+12.4%)	1553 (+11.7%)

The version with the 0.01 threshold then reaches so far the highest value of 1621 development problems in 30s CPU time. This is 50 more than the best parental result using $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ and 6 more than the best 2-phase result. On the holdout set this setting yields 1623 problems, i.e., 70 more than the best $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ parental result and 21 more than the best 2-phase result.

Finally, we explore 3-phase ENIGMAs, i.e., combinations of all the methods developed in this work. This means that we first use the parental guidance filtering, followed by the 2-phase evaluation which in turn uses the GPU server. This implies a higher evaluation cost, since both the parental and the first-stage LightGBM models are loaded on startup and are used to filter the clauses.

We only tune the parental threshold and context and query values, keeping the 2-phase threshold fixed at 0.1. The best result is again obtained by setting the parental threshold to 0.01, context = 768 and query = 256. This solves 1631 resp. **1632** of the development resp. holdout problems in 30s CPU time. This is our ultimate result, which is exactly 60% higher than the 1020 problems solved by E’s auto-schedule in 30s CPU time. It is also 17.4% higher than the best ENIGMA result prior to this work (1390 by standalone $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$).

6 Conclusion and Examples

We have described several additions to the ENIGMA system. The new methods combine fast(er) and smart(er) clause evaluation using ENIGMA’s parameterizable learning-based setting. The GPU server allows much faster runs of the neurally-guided ENIGMA, improving its real-time performance by about 10%. The parental guidance allows one to train clause evaluation differently from standard ENIGMA, providing an improvement of 11.7% on the holdout set. Both when training on small and on large datasets, the 2-phase methods provide good improvements on the holdout sets (9% and 7.3%) over the strongest standalone methods. The methods are adjustable and they will likely lead to even higher improvements in longer runtimes, due to the typically quadratic growth of the set of generated clauses in saturation-style ATPs. Our strongest 3-phase method improves E’s auto-schedule on the holdout set by 60% in 30 seconds and our best prior ENIGMA result by 17.4%.

Several examples of the new proofs produced only by the methods developed here are available on our project’s web page. Theorem `INTEGR13:27`¹⁵ about the differentiation of $-cot(\ln(x))$ needed 3904 nontrivial given clause loops and 38826 nontrivial generated clauses, taking only 18s with the 2-phase ENIGMA. This can be compared to the previous related theorem `FDIFF_7:36`¹⁶ (differentiation of $exp(cos(x))$) done in the old setting, taking 28.4s to do only 1284 nontrivial given clause loops and 13287 nontrivial generated clauses. Other examples include a 486-long proof¹⁷ of a theorem about integrals done only in 41s with the 2-phase ENIGMA evaluating 100k clauses, or a 259-long computational proof¹⁸ about Fermat primes found in 11s while evaluating 52k clauses. Such proofs are found despite hundreds of redundant axioms, by using new combinations of faster and smarter trained ENIGMAs that efficiently guide the search.

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¹⁷ https://github.com/ai4reason/ATP_Proofs/#integral-chi-aa-is-integrable--integral-chi-aa--vol-a-486-long-atp-proof-from-63-premises

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A Strategy \mathcal{S} used in the Experiments

The following E strategy has been used to undertake the experimental evaluation. The given clause selection strategy (heuristic) is defined using parameter “-H”.

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--definitional-cnf=24 --split-aggressive --simul-paramod -tKB06 -c1 -F1
-Ginvfreq -winvfreqrank --forward-context-sr --destructive-er-aggressive
--destructive-er --prefer-initial-clauses -WSelectMaxLComplexAvoidPosPred
-H' (1*ConjectureTermPrefixWeight(DeferSOS,1,3,0.1,5,0,0.1,1,4),
    1*ConjectureTermPrefixWeight(DeferSOS,1,3,0.5,100,0,0.2,0.2,4),
    1*Refinedweight(ConstPrio,4,300,4,4,0.7),
    1*RelevanceLevelWeight2(PreferProcessed,0,1,2,1,1,1,200,200,2.5,
                            9999.9,9999.9),
    1*StaggeredWeight(DeferSOS,1),
    1*SymbolTypeweight(DeferSOS,18,7,-2,5,9999.9,2,1.5),
    2*Clauseweight(ConstPrio,20,9999,4),
    2*ConjectureSymbolWeight(DeferSOS,9999,20,50,-1,50,3,3,0.5),
    2*StaggeredWeight(DeferSOS,2))'
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B Results of Parameter Grid Search

Table 9. Parameter grid search on a 300 problem development dataset for the combination of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$ sorted by performance. $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$ alone solves 140 problems.

Threshold time query context solved					Threshold time query context solved				
0.03	60	512	1024	151	0.2	30	512	768	132
0.01	60	512	1024	151	0.2	30	256	768	131
0.03	60	1024	768	149	0.3	30	256	768	130
0.03	30	512	1024	149	0.2	30	512	1024	129
0.03	30	1024	768	147	0.2	30	2048	768	129
0.01	60	1024	768	146	0.3	30	512	768	127
0.01	30	2048	768	146	0.3	30	512	1024	127
0.03	30	256	768	145	0.3	30	2048	768	126
0.01	30	512	1024	145	0.4	30	256	768	121
0.01	30	256	768	145	0.4	30	512	768	119
0.01	30	1024	768	145	0.5	30	512	768	118
0.07	30	512	1024	143	0.4	30	512	1024	118
0.05	30	256	768	143	0.4	30	2048	768	118
0.05	60	256	768	142	0.5	30	512	1024	117
0.05	30	1024	768	142	0.5	30	256	768	114
0.07	30	512	768	141	0.5	30	2048	768	113
0.03	30	2048	768	141	0.6	30	2048	768	108
0.05	30	512	768	140	0.6	30	512	768	106
0.05	30	512	1024	140	0.6	30	512	1024	105
0.07	30	2048	768	139	0.6	30	256	768	104
0.07	30	1024	768	138	0.7	30	512	768	103
0.1	30	512	768	137	0.7	30	512	1024	103
0.1	30	256	768	137	0.7	30	2048	768	101
0.1	30	1024	768	137	0.7	30	256	768	100
0.07	30	256	768	137	0.8	30	512	768	97
0.05	30	2048	768	137	0.8	30	512	1024	97
0.1	30	512	1024	136	0.8	30	2048	768	97
0.1	30	2048	768	134	0.8	30	256	768	94

Table 10. Parameter grid search on a 300-big development dataset for the combination of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$ sorted by performance. $\mathcal{G}_{\text{small}}$ alone solves 140 problems.

Threshold time query context solved					Threshold time query context solved				
0.4	60	2048	768	164	0.1	30	512	768	152
0.3	30	2048	768	163	0.07	30	512	768	152
0.4	30	512	1024	161	0.05	30	512	1024	152
0.3	30	512	768	161	0.07	30	2048	768	149
0.2	30	2048	768	161	0.05	30	256	768	149
0.2	30	256	768	161	0.05	30	2048	768	148
0.4	30	512	768	160	0.05	30	512	768	147
0.4	30	256	768	160	0.07	30	512	1024	146
0.2	30	512	1024	160	0.07	30	256	768	146
0.4	30	2048	768	159	0.6	30	256	768	144
0.3	30	512	1024	158	0.6	30	512	768	143
0.3	30	256	768	158	0.6	30	512	1024	143
0.2	30	2048	768	156	0.6	30	2048	768	137
0.1	30	256	768	156	0.7	30	256	768	122
0.5	30	512	1024	155	0.7	30	512	768	121
0.1	30	512	1024	155	0.7	30	512	1024	121
0.1	30	2048	768	155	0.7	30	2048	768	120
0.5	30	256	768	154	0.8	30	512	768	106
0.2	30	512	768	154	0.8	30	512	1024	106
0.5	30	512	768	153	0.8	30	256	768	106
0.5	30	2048	768	152	0.8	30	2048	768	103

Table 11. Parameter grid search on a 300-big development dataset for combinations of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{large}}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ sorted by performance. $\mathcal{G}_{\text{large}}$ alone solves 165 problems.

Threshold time query context solved					Threshold time query context solved				
0.1	60	1024	768	180	0.4	30	2048	768	163
0.2	60	512	1024	177	0.4	30	256	768	161
0.1	60	512	1024	176	0.5	30	256	768	158
0.1	30	1024	768	176	0.5	30	512	1024	156
0.2	30	512	1024	175	0.5	30	1024	768	155
0.1	30	512	1024	174	0.5	30	2048	768	151
0.1	30	256	768	172	0.6	30	256	768	144
0.1	30	2048	768	172	0.6	30	512	1024	143
0.2	30	256	768	171	0.6	30	1024	768	138
0.2	30	1024	768	171	0.6	30	2048	768	137
0.2	30	2048	768	170	0.7	30	512	1024	121
0.05	30	1024	768	170	0.7	30	256	768	120
0.07	30	1024	768	168	0.7	30	2048	768	120
0.3	30	256	768	167	0.7	30	1024	768	119
0.3	30	512	1024	166	0.8	30	1024	768	108
0.3	30	1024	768	166	0.8	30	512	1024	107
0.4	30	1024	768	164	0.8	30	256	768	107
0.3	30	2048	768	164	0.8	30	2048	768	105
0.4	30	512	1024	163					