

# Complexity of Teaching by a Restricted Number of Examples

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# Background

- Computational **teaching** theory
  - Aims to bring out the nature of teaching
  - which is inextricably linked to learning
    - Teachability [Shinohara and Miyano 1991]
    - Teaching dimension [Goldman and Kearns 1991]
    - ...
    - Expected teaching dimension [Balbach 2005]
    - Recursive teaching dimension [Zilles et al. 2008]

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# Illustrative problem: Phone-a-friend lifeline

“Who Wants to Be a  
Millionaire?”

- **Millionaire** (=“Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?”)
  - Challenge multiple-choice questions
  - Win a cash award depending on the number of correct answers
  - Get help from the three lifelines during the game
- **Lifelines**
  - **Phone-a-friend**
    - Will give you advice from friends
  - **50:50**
    - Removes two incorrect answers
  - **Ask the Audience**
    - Lets you see the answers of audience

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# Classical model (1/3)

- Millionaire (one correct choice)

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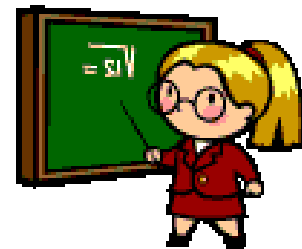
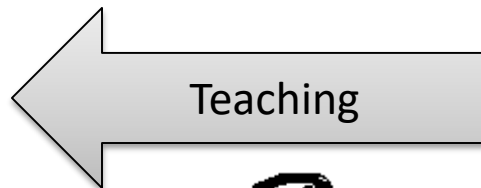
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Concept class (available answers)

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Learner (challenger)



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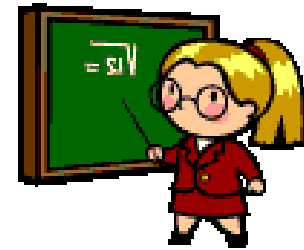
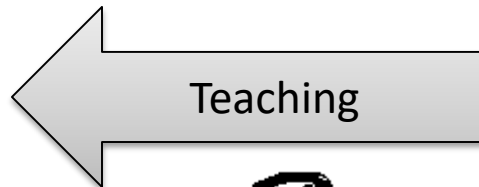
Target concept (correct answer)

$c = \{B\}$



Learner (challenger)

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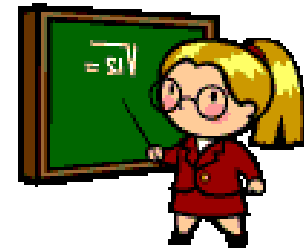
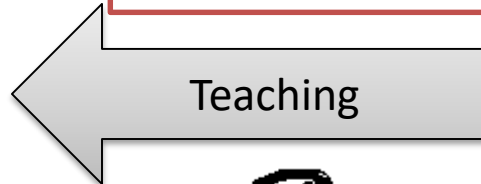
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Teaching set

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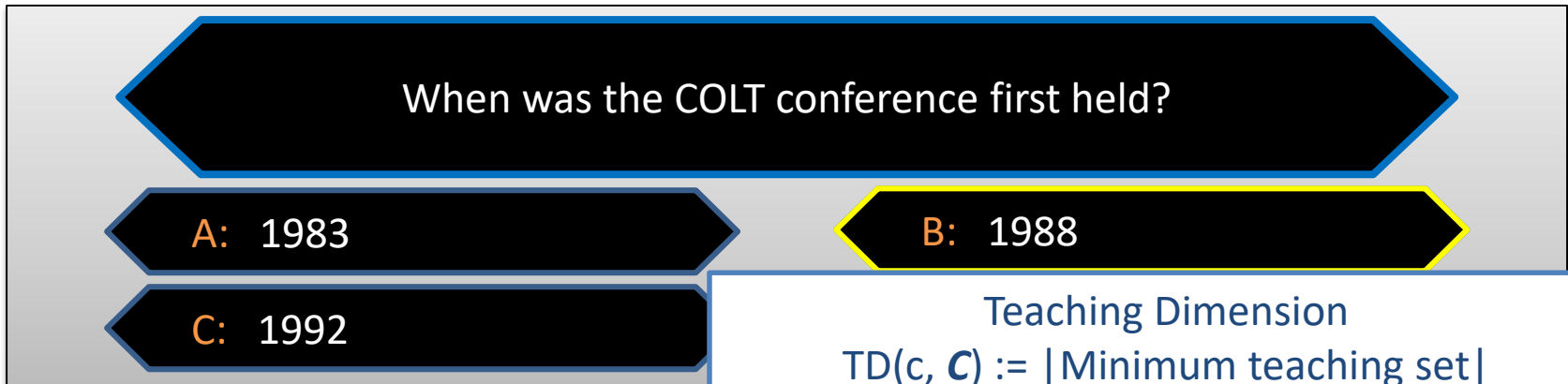
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Teaching Dimension  
 $TD(c, C) := |\text{Minimum teaching set}|$   
In this case,  $TD(c, C)=1$

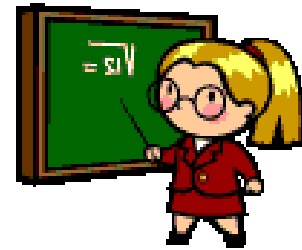
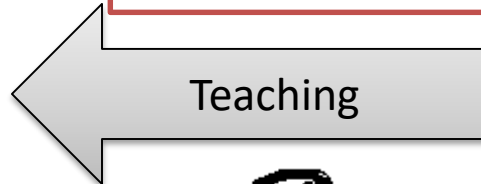
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# Classical model (2/3)

- Millionaire 2.0 (two correct choices)

Which are the two cities where the Olympic games were held in Canada?

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B: Calgary

C: Ottawa

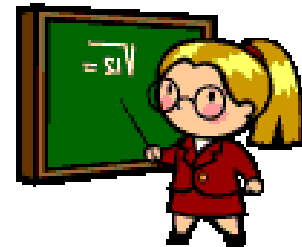
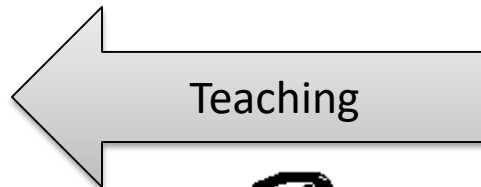
D: Vancouver

Concept class (available answers)

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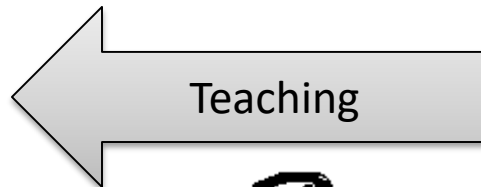
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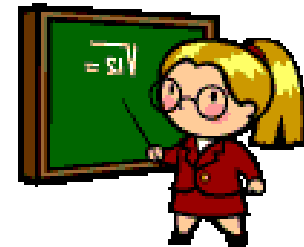
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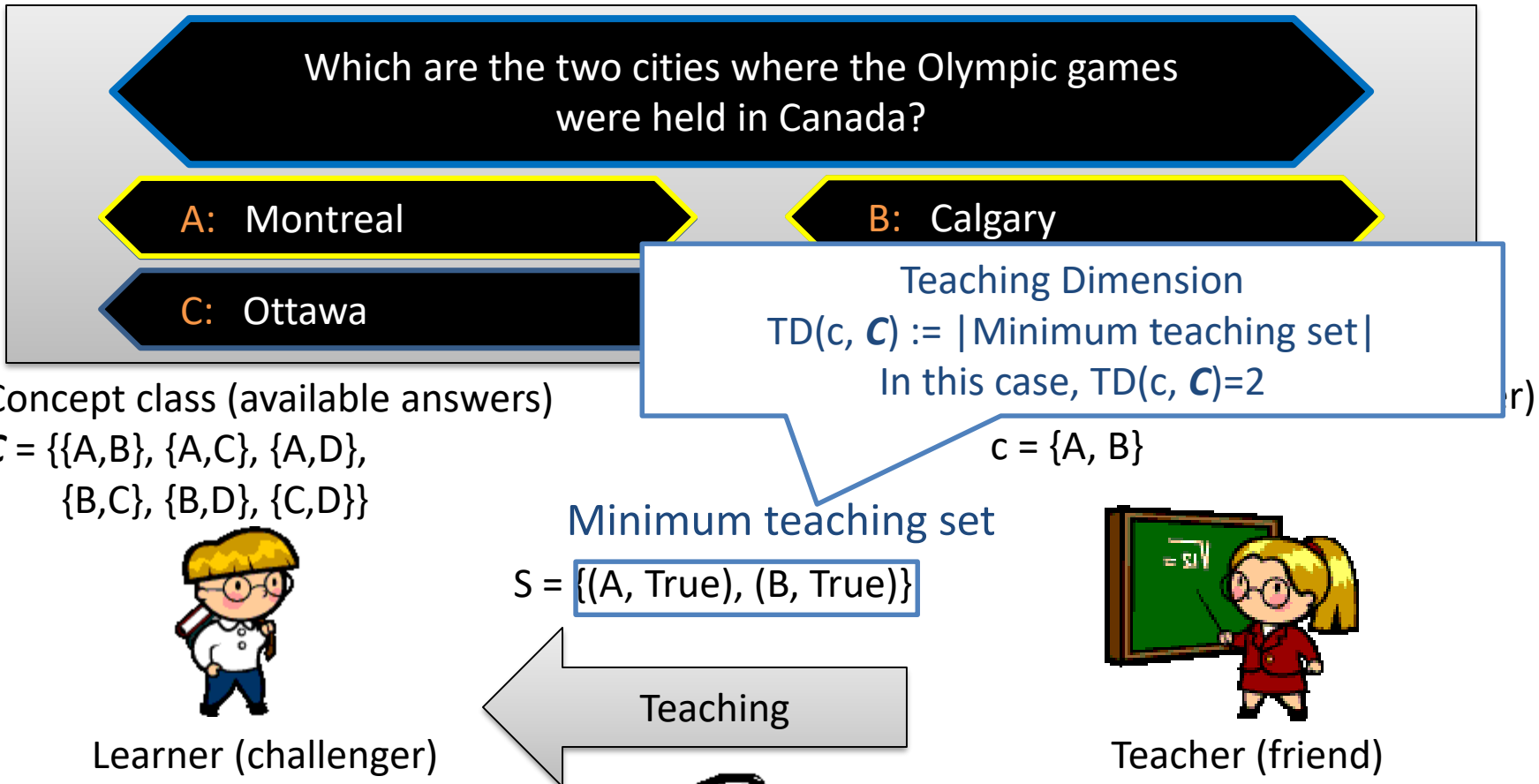
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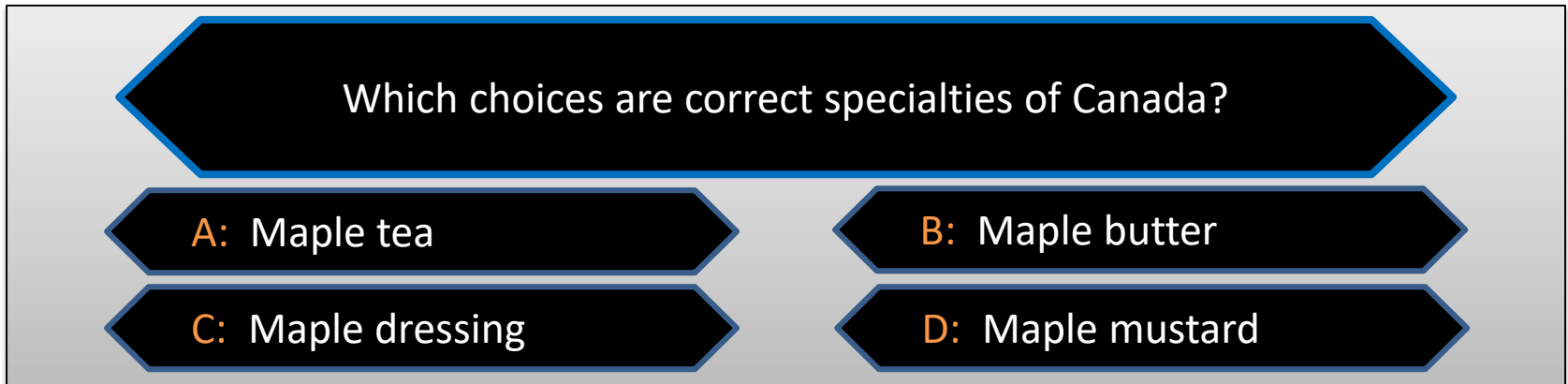
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- Generalized Millionaire (unknown # of correct choices)



Concept class (available answers)

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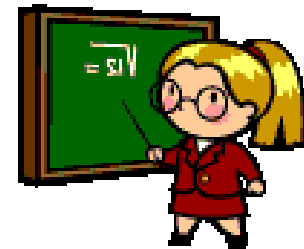
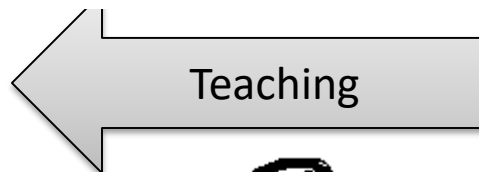
Target concept (correct answer)

$$c = \{A, B, C, D\}$$



Learner (challenger)

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Teacher (friend)

# Classical model (3/3)

- Generalized Millionaire (unknown # of correct choices)

Which choices are correct specialties of Canada?

A: Maple tea

B: Maple butter

C: Maple dressing

D: Maple mustard

Concept class (available answers)

$$C = 2^{\{A,B,C,D\}}$$

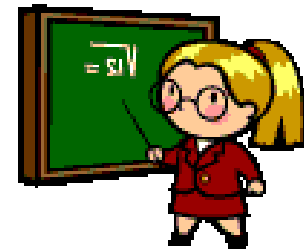
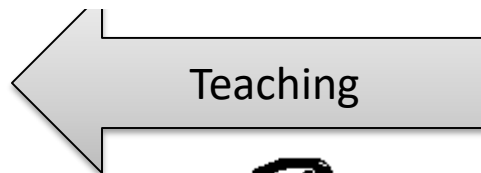
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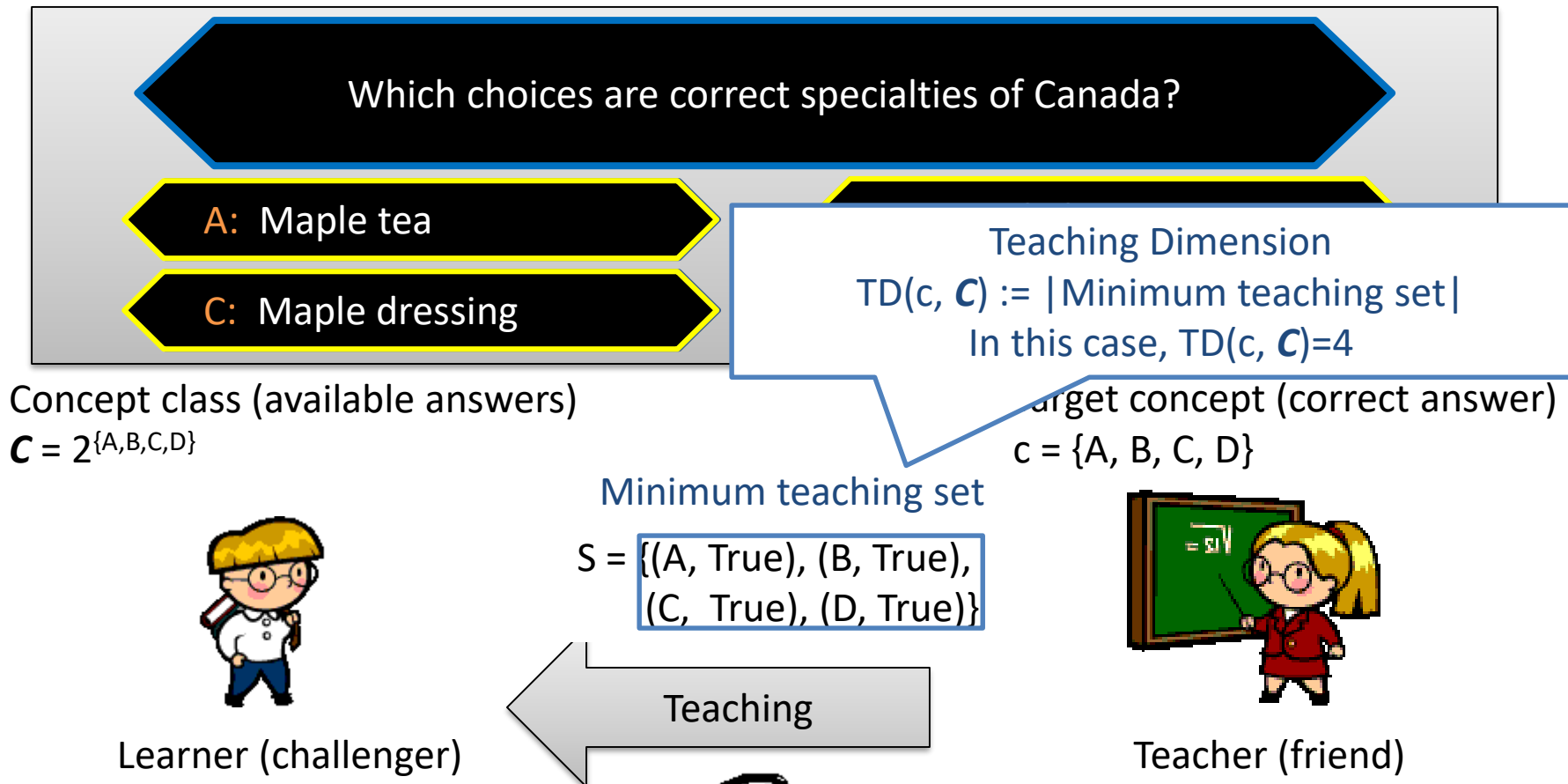
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# Our contributions

- **When # of examples < teaching dimension**
- Formal proofs that
  - Special teaching strategies are necessary
    - A subset of a teaching set is not always optimal
  - Smart teachers dare to tell a lie
    - Inconsistent examples are more useful
- Exact analyses of optimal teaching errors and optimally incremental teachabilities for concept classes of
  - $M_n^+$  : Monotone monomials
  - $M_n'$  : Monomials without the empty concept
  - $M_n$  : Monomials

# Our model

- Restriction: # of examples  $\leq k$ 
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  - This presentation: 25 min.
  - Lectures in our univ.: 90 min.

Millionaire 2.0 (two correct choices)

Concept class (available answers)

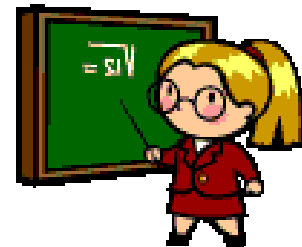
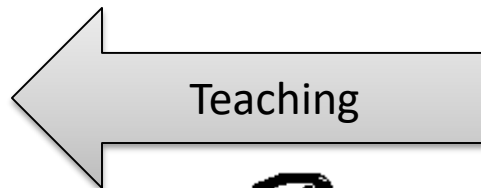
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Target concept (correct answer)

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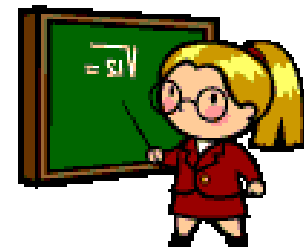
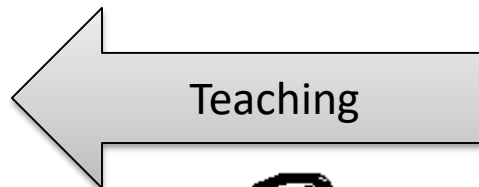
“The question is  
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(He used 29 sec.)

Target concept (correct answer)

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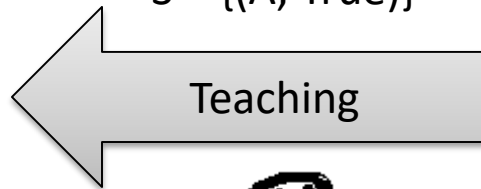
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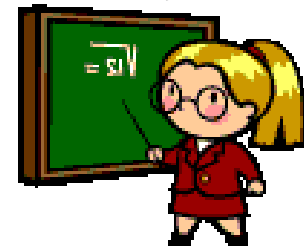
$S = \{(A, \text{True})\}$

Teaching



Target concept (correct answer)

$c = \{A$  “A is True. B is”



Teacher (friend)

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  - Phone-a-friend lifeline: 30 sec.
  - This presentation: 25 min.
  - Lecture (Complexity) 10 min.

Optimal Teaching Error

Millionaire 2.0 (two set choices)

Concept class (available at)

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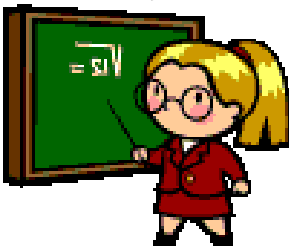
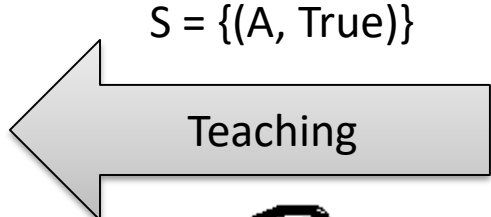
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Err(c, {A,C}) = 2/4 (two correct choices)

{A, B}, {A, C}, {A, D}, {B, C}, {B, D}, {C, D}

c = {A, B}

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Millionaire 2.0 (two correct choices)

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$Err(c, \{C, D\}) = 4/4$

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Worst case error = 2/4  
if teaching (A, True)  
(It is optimal)

correct choices)

{A, B}, {B, C}, {B, D}, {C, D}}

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Millionaire 2.0 (two correct choices)

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$c = \{A, B\}$

Worst case error = 4/4  
if teaching (A, False)  
(It is NOT optimal)

$OptTSets_2(c, C) = MinTSets(c, C)$

$= \{ \{(A, True), (B, True)\}, \{(C, False), (D, False)\} \}$

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	{B}	F	T	F	2/3

$$\mathbf{C} = \{\{A, B, C\}, \{A, C\},$$

$$\{A\}, \{B, C\}, \{B\}\}$$

$$c = \{A, B, C\}$$

$$k = 1$$

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$$k = 1$$

Minimum set to teach c

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$$\mathbf{C} = \{\{A, B, C\}, \{A, C\}, \\ \{A\}, \{B, C\}, \{B\}\}$$

Worst case error = 2/3

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- A subset of a minimum teaching set is not always optimal

(Proof)

	h	A	B	C	Err(c, h)
c =	{A,B,C}	T	T	T	0/3
	{A,C}	T	F	T	1/3
	{A}	T	F	F	2/3
	{B,C}	F	T	T	1/3
	{B}	F	T	F	2/3

$$\mathbf{C} = \{\{A, B, C\}, \{A, C\},$$

$$\{A\}, \{B, C\}, \{B\}\}$$

$$c = \{A, B, C\}$$

$$k = 1$$

Worst case error = 2/3

$$\text{MinTsets}(c, \mathbf{C}) = \{ \{(A, \text{True}), (B, \text{True})\} \}$$

$$\text{OptTsets}_1(c, \mathbf{C}) = \{ \{(C, \text{True})\} \}$$

# Features of our model (1/2)

## Theorem

$$\exists \mathbf{C}, \exists c \in \mathbf{C}, \exists k > 0,$$

$$\forall S \in \text{MinTsets}(c, \mathbf{C}), \forall S' \subseteq S, S' \notin \text{OptTsets}_k(c, \mathbf{C}),$$

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	{B,C}	F	T	T	1/3
	{B}	F	T	F	2/3

$$\mathbf{C} = \{\{A, B, C\}, \{A, C\},$$

$$\{A\}, \{B, C\}, \{B\}\}$$

$$c = \{A, B, C\}$$

Worst case error = 1/3 (optimal)

$$\text{MinTsets}(c, \mathbf{C}) = \{ \{(A, \text{True}), (B, \text{True})\} \}$$

$$\text{OptTsets}_1(c, \mathbf{C}) = \{ \{(C, \text{True})\} \}$$

# Features of our model (2/2)

## Theorem

$$\exists \mathbf{C}, \exists c \in \mathbf{C}, \exists k > 0,$$

$$\forall S \in \text{OptTsets}_k(c, \mathbf{C}), c \notin \text{CONS}(S, \mathbf{C})$$

– Smart teachers dare to **tell a lie**

- A  $k$ -optimal teaching set can be **inconsistent** with  $c$

(Proof)

	h	A	B	C	D	E	Err(c, h)
$c =$	{A,B,C,D,E}	T	T	T	T	T	0/5
	{B,C,D,E}	F	T	T	T	T	1/5
	{A,B}	T	T	F	F	F	3/5
	{A,C}	T	F	T	F	F	3/5
	{A,D}	T	F	F	T	F	3/5
	{A,E}	T	F	F	F	T	3/5

$$\mathbf{C} = \{\{A, B, C, D, E\}, \{B, C, D, E\},$$

$$\{A, B\}, \{A, C\}, \{A, D\}, \{A, E\}\}$$

$$c = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$$

$$k = 1$$

$$\text{OptTsets}_1(c, \mathbf{C}) = \{ \{(A, \text{False})\} \}$$

$$\text{CONS}(\{(A, \text{False})\}, \mathbf{C}) = \{ \{B, C, D, E\} \}$$

# Features of our model (2/2)

## Theorem

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	{B,C,D,E}	F	T	T	T	T	1/5
	{A,B}	T	T	F	F	F	3/5
	{A,C}	T	F	T	F	F	3/5
	{A,D}	T	F	F	T	F	3/5
	{A,E}	T	F	F	F	T	3/5

Worst case error = 1/5 (optimal) , D, E},  
 although (A, False) is a lie , {A, E}}

$c = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$   
 $k = 1$

$\text{OptTsets}_1(c, \mathbf{C}) = \{ \{(A, \text{False})\} \}$   
 $\text{CONS}( \{(A, \text{False})\}, \mathbf{C}) = \{ \{B, C, D, E\} \}$

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	{B,C,D,E}	F	T	T	T	T	1/5
	{A,B}	T	T	F	F	F	3/5
	{A,C}	T	F	T	F	F	3/5
	{A,D}	T	F	F	T	F	3/5
	{A,E}	T	F	F	F	T	3/5

$$\mathbf{C} = \{ \{A, B, C, D, E\}, \{B, C, D, E\}, \\ \{A, B\}, \{A, C\}, \{A, D\}, \{A, E\} \}$$

Worst case error = 3/5  
If teaching the truth (A, True)

$$\text{OptTsets}_1(c, \mathbf{C}) = \{ \{(A, \text{False})\} \}$$

$$\text{CONS}(\{(A, \text{False})\}, \mathbf{C}) = \{ \{B, C, D, E\} \}$$

# Optimally Incremental Teachability

## Definition

$c$  is optimally incrementally teachable w.r.t.  $\mathbf{C}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Updownarrow \text{def} \\ & \exists \langle z_1, \dots, z_{TD(c, \mathbf{C})} \rangle, \forall k \in [1, TD(c, \mathbf{C})], \\ & \{z_1, \dots, z_k\} \in \text{OptTSets}_k(c, \mathbf{C}) \end{aligned}$$

– Optimal teaching strategies independent of  $k$

## Fact

$c$  of Millionaire 2.0 is opt. inc. teachable w.r.t.  $\mathbf{C}$

1-opt.    2-opt.  
 $\langle (A, \text{True}), (B, \text{True}) \rangle$

Optimal order 

Millionaire 2.0 (two correct choices)

$\mathbf{C} = \{\{A, B\}, \{A, C\}, \{A, D\}, \{B, C\}, \{B, D\}, \{C, D\}\}$

$c = \{A, B\}$

$\text{OptTSets}_2(c, \mathbf{C}) = \text{MinTSets}(c, \mathbf{C})$

$= \{ \{(A, \text{True}), (B, \text{True})\}, \{(C, \text{False}), (D, \text{False})\} \}$

$\text{OptTSets}_1(c, \mathbf{C}) = \{ \{(A, \text{True})\}, \{(B, \text{True})\}$

$\{(C, \text{False})\}, \{(D, \text{False})\} \}$



# Concept classes $M_n^+$ , $M_n'$ , $M_n$

- $M_n$ : Monomials
  - A concept is a set of  $x \in \{0,1\}^n$  satisfying a monomial
  - Ex.) Concepts for monomials on 3 variables
    - $v_1$  : {100, 101, 110, 111} ← Monotone monomial
    - $\bar{v}_1 v_2 \bar{v}_3$  : {010}
    - $v_1 \bar{v}_1$  :  $\phi$  (Empty concept)
- $M_n'$ : Monomials w/o the empty concept
  - $M_n' := M_n - \{\phi\}$
- $M_n^+$ : Monotone monomials
  - Monomials consisting of only positive literals

# Opt. inc. teachability of $M_n^+$

## Theorem

$M_n^+$  is opt. inc. teachable

(Proof sketch)

The condition for  $c$  is satisfied by  $\langle z_1, z_2, \dots \rangle$

$$z_i := \begin{cases} (1^{i-1}01^{n-i}, \text{False}) & (i \leq \ell) \\ (1^\ell 0^{n-\ell}, \text{True}) & (i > \ell) \end{cases}$$

$\ell$ : # of variables of the target monomial

Ex.)  $c \in M_3^+ : v_1 v_2$

$$z_1 = (0 \ 1 \ 1, \text{False})$$

$$z_2 = (1 \ 0 \ 1, \text{False})$$

$$z_3 = (1 \ 1 \ 0, \text{True})$$

Optimal order

Minimum teaching set

$h \in M_3^+$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$
(All true)	$6/2^3$
$v_1$	$2/2^3$
$v_2$	$2/2^3$
$v_3$	$4/2^3$
$v_1 v_2$	$0/2^3$
$v_2 v_3$	$2/2^3$
$v_1 v_3$	$2/2^3$
$v_1 v_2 v_3$	$1/2^3$

$c \rightarrow$

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Optimal order

Minimum teaching set

$h \in M_3^+$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$	
(All true)	$6/2^3$	by $z_1$
$v_1$	$2/2^3$	
$v_2$	$2/2^3$	by $z_1$
$v_3$	$4/2^3$	by $z_1$
$v_1 v_2$	$0/2^3$	
$v_2 v_3$	$2/2^3$	by $z_1$
$v_1 v_3$	$2/2^3$	
$v_1 v_2 v_3$	$1/2^3$	

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Optimal order

Minimum teaching set

$h \in M_3^+$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$	
(All true)	$6/2^3$	by $z_1$
<del><math>v_1</math></del>	<del><math>2/2^3</math></del>	by $z_2$
<del><math>v_2</math></del>	<del><math>2/2^3</math></del>	by $z_1$
<del><math>v_3</math></del>	<del><math>4/2^3</math></del>	by $z_1$
$c \rightarrow v_1 v_2$	$0/2^3$	
<del><math>v_2 v_3</math></del>	<del><math>2/2^3</math></del>	by $z_1$
<del><math>v_1 v_3</math></del>	<del><math>2/2^3</math></del>	by $z_2$
$v_1 v_2 v_3$	$1/2^3$	

# Opt. inc. teachability of $M_n^+$

## Theorem

$M_n^+$  is opt. inc. teachable

(Proof sketch)

The condition for  $c$  is satisfied by  $\langle z_1, z_2, \dots \rangle$

$$z_i := \begin{cases} (1^{i-1}01^{n-i}, \text{False}) & (i \leq \ell) \\ (1^\ell 0^{n-\ell}, \text{True}) & (i > \ell) \end{cases}$$

$\ell$ : # of variables of the target monomial



Ex.)  $c \in M_3^+$  :  $v_1 v_2$   

$z_1 =$	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">0</span> <span style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">1</span> <span style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">1</span> , False)	<div style="border-left: 2px solid green; border-right: 2px solid green; height: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> Optimal order
$z_2 =$	(1 <span style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">0</span> <span style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">1</span> , False)	
$z_3 =$	(1 1 <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">0</span> , True)	

Minimum teaching set

$h \in M_3^+$	Err( $c, h$ )	
(All true)	6/2 <sup>3</sup>	by $z_1$
$v_1$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	by $z_2$
$v_2$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	by $z_1$
$v_3$	4/2 <sup>3</sup>	by $z_1$
$c \rightarrow v_1 v_2$	0/2 <sup>3</sup>	
$v_2 v_3$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	by $z_1$
$v_1 v_3$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	by $z_2$
$v_1 v_2 v_3$	1/2 <sup>3</sup>	by $z_3$

# Opt. inc. teachability of $M_n'$

Theorem

$M_n'$  is **not** opt. inc. teachable

(Proof sketch)

$z_{\text{opt}} := (0^n, \text{False})$  is a special teaching strategy when  $k=1$

Ex.)  $c \in M_3'$ :  $v_1 v_2$  4/2<sup>3</sup>

$z_{\text{opt}} = (0\ 0\ 0, \text{False})$   
1-optimal teaching set

Not subset

Not all negated

$z_0 = (1\ 1\ 1, \text{True})$   
 $z_1 = (0\ 1\ 1, \text{False})$   
 $z_2 = (1\ 0\ 1, \text{False})$   
 $z_3 = (1\ 1\ 0, \text{True})$

$h \in M_3'$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$	$h \in M_3'$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$
(All true)	$6/2^3$	$\bar{v}_1$	$6/2^3$
$v_1$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_2$	$6/2^3$
$v_2$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_3$	$4/2^3$
$v_3$	$4/2^3$	$\bar{v}_1 v_2$	$4/2^3$
$c \rightarrow v_1 v_2$	$0/2^3$	$v_1 \bar{v}_2$	$4/2^3$
$v_2 v_3$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_1 \bar{v}_2$	$4/2^3$
$v_1 v_3$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_2 v_3$	$4/2^3$
$v_1 v_2 v_3$	$1/2^3$	...	...

# Opt. inc. teachability of $M_n'$

## Theorem

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$z_{\text{opt}} := (0^n, \text{False})$  is a special teaching strategy when  $k=1$

Ex.)  $c \in M_3'$ :  $v_1 v_2$  4/2<sup>3</sup>  
 $z_{\text{opt}} = (0\ 0\ 0, \text{False})$   
 1-optimal teaching set

Not subset

$z_0 = (1\ 1\ 1, \text{True})$   
 $z_1 = (0\ 1\ 1, \text{False})$   
 $z_2 = (1\ 0\ 1, \text{False})$   
 $z_3 = (1\ 1\ 0, \text{True})$

For  $M_n^+$

$h \in M_3'$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$	$h \in M_3'$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$
(All true)	$6/2^3$	$\bar{v}_1$	$6/2^3$
$v_1$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_2$	$6/2^3$
$v_2$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_3$	$4/2^3$
$v_3$	$4/2^3$	$\bar{v}_1 v_2$	$4/2^3$
$c \rightarrow v_1 v_2$	$0/2^3$	$v_1 \bar{v}_2$	$4/2^3$
$v_2 v_3$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_1 \bar{v}_2$	$4/2^3$
$v_1 v_3$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_2 v_3$	$4/2^3$
$v_1 v_2 v_3$	$1/2^3$	...	...

# Opt. inc. teachability of $M_n'$

Theorem

$M_n'$  is **not** opt. inc. teachable

(Proof sketch)

$z_{\text{opt}} := (0^n, \text{False})$  is a special teaching strategy when  $k=1$

Ex.)  $c \in M_3'$ :  $v_1 v_2$  4/2<sup>3</sup>

$z_{\text{opt}} = (0\ 0\ 0, \text{False})$

Not negated

1-optimal

Can't exclude (All true)

Not subset

$z_0 = (1\ 1\ 1, \text{True})$   
 $z_1 = (0\ 1\ 1, \text{False})$   
 $z_2 = (1\ 0\ 1, \text{False})$   
 $z_3 = (1\ 1\ 0, \text{True})$

For  $M_n^+$

$h \in M_3'$	Err(c, h)	$h \in M_3'$	Err(c, h)
(All true)	6/2 <sup>3</sup>	<del><math>\bar{v}_1</math></del>	6/2 <sup>3</sup>
$v_1$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	<del><math>\bar{v}_2</math></del>	6/2 <sup>3</sup>
$v_2$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	<del><math>\bar{v}_3</math></del>	4/2 <sup>3</sup>
$v_3$	4/2 <sup>3</sup>	<del><math>\bar{v}_1 v_2</math></del>	4/2 <sup>3</sup>
$c \rightarrow v_1 v_2$	0/2 <sup>3</sup>	<del><math>\bar{v}_1 \bar{v}_2</math></del>	4/2 <sup>3</sup>
$v_2 v_3$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	<del><math>\bar{v}_1 \bar{v}_2</math></del>	4/2 <sup>3</sup>
$v_1 v_3$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	<del><math>\bar{v}_2 v_3</math></del>	4/2 <sup>3</sup>
$v_1 v_2 v_3$	1/2 <sup>3</sup>	...	...



# Opt. inc. teachability of $M_n'$

Theorem

$M_n'$  is **not** opt. inc. teachable

(Proof sketch)

$z_{\text{opt}} := (0^n, \text{False})$  is a special teaching strategy when  $k=1$

Ex.)  $c \in M_3'$ :  $v_1 v_2$

Not negated

$4/2^3$

$z_{\text{opt}} = (0\ 0\ 0, \text{False})$

1-optimal

Can't exclude (All true)

Can't exclude  $\bar{v}_2$

$z_0 = (1\ 1\ 1, \text{True})$

$z_1 = (0\ 1\ 1, \text{False})$

$z_2 = (1\ 0\ 1, \text{False})$

$z_3 = (1\ 1\ 0, \text{True})$

For  $M_n^+$

Not subset

$h \in M_3'$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$	$h \in M_3'$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$
(All true)	$6/2^3$	$\bar{v}_1$	$6/2^3$
$v_1$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_2$	$6/2^3$
$v_2$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_3$	$4/2^3$
$v_3$	$4/2^3$	$\bar{v}_1 v_2$	$4/2^3$
$v_1 v_2$	$0/2^3$	$v_1 \bar{v}_2$	$4/2^3$
$v_2 v_3$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_1 \bar{v}_2$	$4/2^3$
$v_1 v_3$	$2/2^3$	$\bar{v}_2 v_3$	$4/2^3$
$v_1 v_2 v_3$	$1/2^3$	...	...

# Opt. inc. teachability of $M_n'$

Theorem

$M_n'$  is **not** opt. inc. teachable

(Proof sketch)

$z_{\text{opt}} := (0^n, \text{False})$  is a special teaching strategy when  $k=1$

Ex.)  $c \in M_3'$ :  $v_1 v_2$  4/2<sup>3</sup>

$z_{\text{opt}} = (0\ 0\ 0, \text{False})$  Not negated

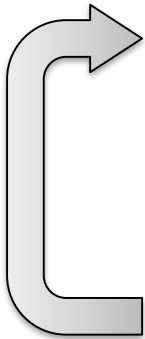
1-optimal Can't exclude (All true)

$z_0 = (1\ 1\ 1, \text{True})$  Can't exclude  $\bar{v}_2$

$z_1 = (0\ 1\ 1, \text{True})$  Can't exclude  $\bar{v}_1$

$z_2 = (1\ 0\ 1, \text{False})$

$z_3 = (1\ 1\ 0, \text{True})$

Not subset 

For  $M_n^+$

$h \in M_3'$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$	$h \in M_3'$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$
<del>(All true)</del>	<del>6/2<sup>3</sup></del>	$\bar{v}_1$	6/2 <sup>3</sup>
<del><math>v_1</math></del>	<del>2/2<sup>3</sup></del>	<del><math>\bar{v}_2</math></del>	<del>6/2<sup>3</sup></del>
$v_2$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	$\bar{v}_3$	4/2 <sup>3</sup>
<del><math>v_3</math></del>	<del>4/2<sup>3</sup></del>	$\bar{v}_1 v_2$	4/2 <sup>3</sup>
$v_1 v_2$	0/2 <sup>3</sup>	<del><math>v_1 \bar{v}_2</math></del>	<del>4/2<sup>3</sup></del>
$v_2 v_3$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	$\bar{v}_1 \bar{v}_2$	4/2 <sup>3</sup>
<del><math>v_1 v_3</math></del>	<del>2/2<sup>3</sup></del>	<del><math>\bar{v}_2 v_3</math></del>	<del>4/2<sup>3</sup></del>
$v_1 v_2 v_3$	1/2 <sup>3</sup>	...	...

# Opt. inc. teachability of $M_n'$

Theorem

$M_n'$  is **not** opt. inc. teachable

(Proof sketch)

$z_{\text{opt}} := (0^n, \text{False})$  is a special teaching strategy when  $k=1$

Ex.)  $c \in M_3'$ :  $v_1 v_2$  4/2<sup>3</sup>

$z_{\text{opt}} = (0\ 0\ 0, \text{False})$

1-optimal

Not subset

Not negated

Can't exclude (All true)

Can't exclude  $\bar{v}_2$

Can't exclude  $\bar{v}_1$

Can't exclude (All true)

True

$z_0 = (1\ 1\ 1, \text{False})$

$z_1 = (0\ 1\ 1, \text{False})$

$z_2 = (1\ 0\ 1, \text{False})$

$z_3 = (1\ 1\ 0, \text{True})$

$c \rightarrow v_1 v_2$

$h \in M_3'$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$	$h \in M_3'$	$\text{Err}(c, h)$
(All true)	6/2 <sup>3</sup>	<del><math>\bar{v}_1</math></del>	<del>6/2<sup>3</sup></del>
$v_1$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	<del><math>\bar{v}_2</math></del>	<del>6/2<sup>3</sup></del>
$v_2$	2/2 <sup>3</sup>	<del><math>\bar{v}_3</math></del>	<del>4/2<sup>3</sup></del>
<del><math>\bar{v}_3</math></del>	<del>4/2<sup>3</sup></del>	<del><math>\bar{v}_1 v_2</math></del>	<del>4/2<sup>3</sup></del>
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$z_{\text{opt}} := (0^n, \text{False})$  is a special teaching strategy when  $k=1$

Ex.)  $c \in M_3'$ :  $v_1 v_2$

Not negated

$4/2^3$

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1-optimal

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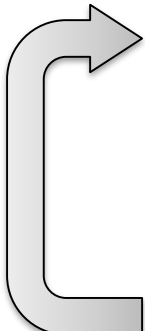
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True

Not subset



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$c \rightarrow v_1 v_2$

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# Summary

	$M_n^+$	$M_n'$	$M_n$
Teaching Dim., TD(C) [Goldman and Kearns 1991]	$n$	$n+1$	$2^n$
Teachability [Shinohara and Miyano 1991]	True	True	False
Opt. Teaching Error OptTE <sub>k</sub> (C)	$\frac{2^{n-k} - 1}{2^n}$	$\frac{2^{n-k+1} - 1}{2^n}$	$\begin{cases} \frac{2^{n-k+1} - 1}{2^n} & (k \leq 2) \\ \frac{2^n}{2^{n-k+1}} & (2 < k \leq n) \\ \frac{1}{2^n} & (n < k < 2^n) \end{cases}$
Opt. Inc. Teachability	True	False	False

Our results

Different boundary

Quite small



# Thank you for your attention!