

Program Synthesis Meets Visual What-Comes-Next Puzzles

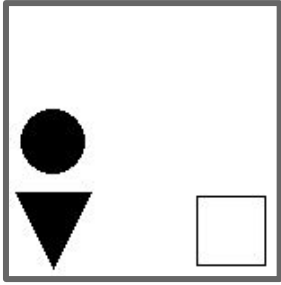
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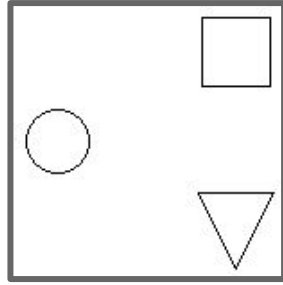
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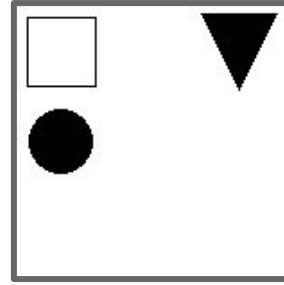
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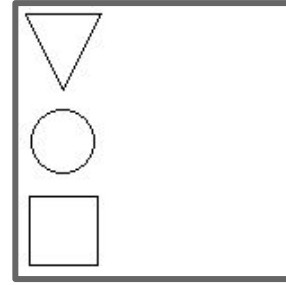
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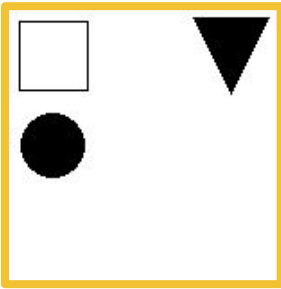
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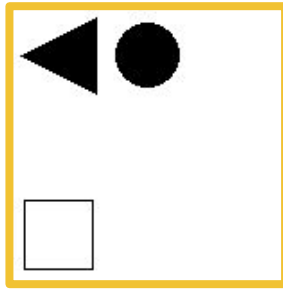
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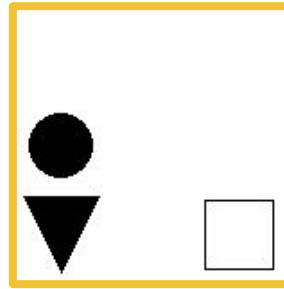
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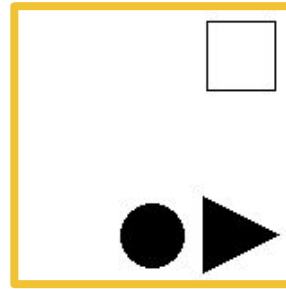
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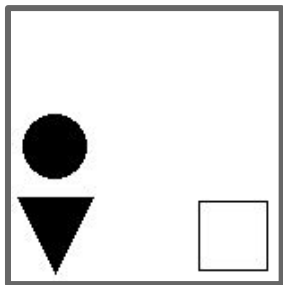


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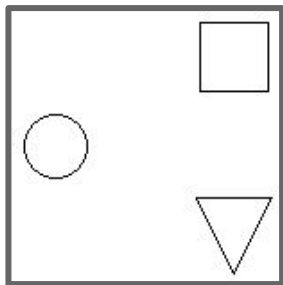


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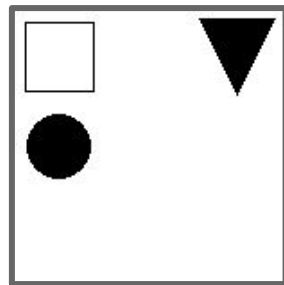
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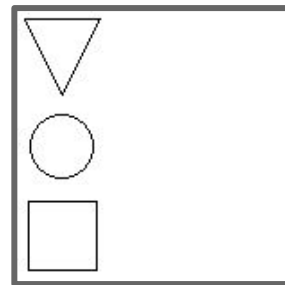
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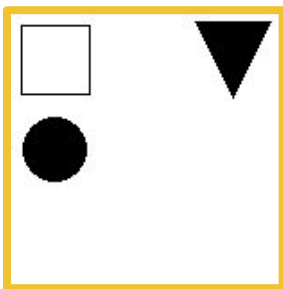
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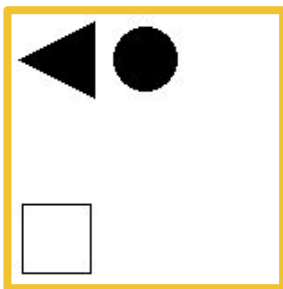
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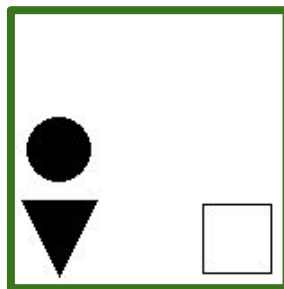
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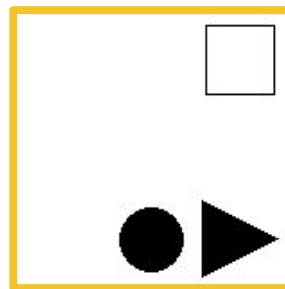
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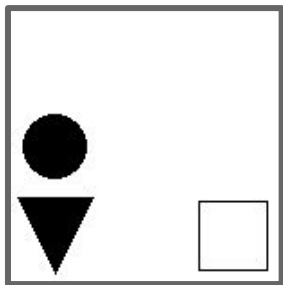


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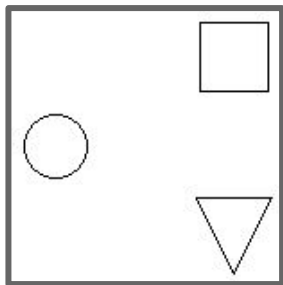


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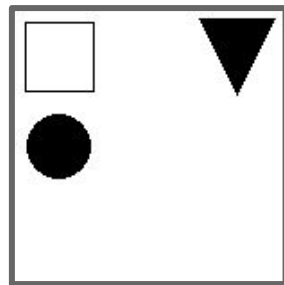
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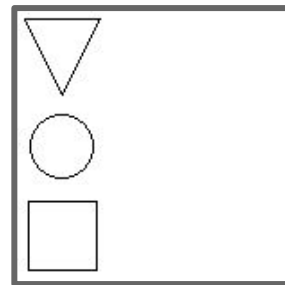
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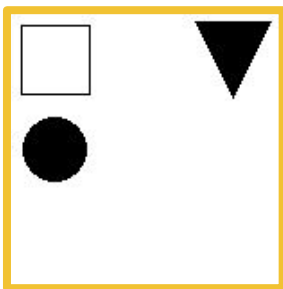
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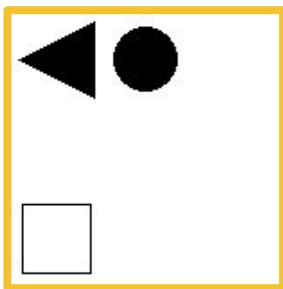
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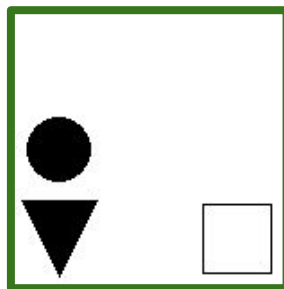
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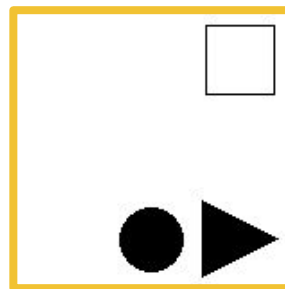
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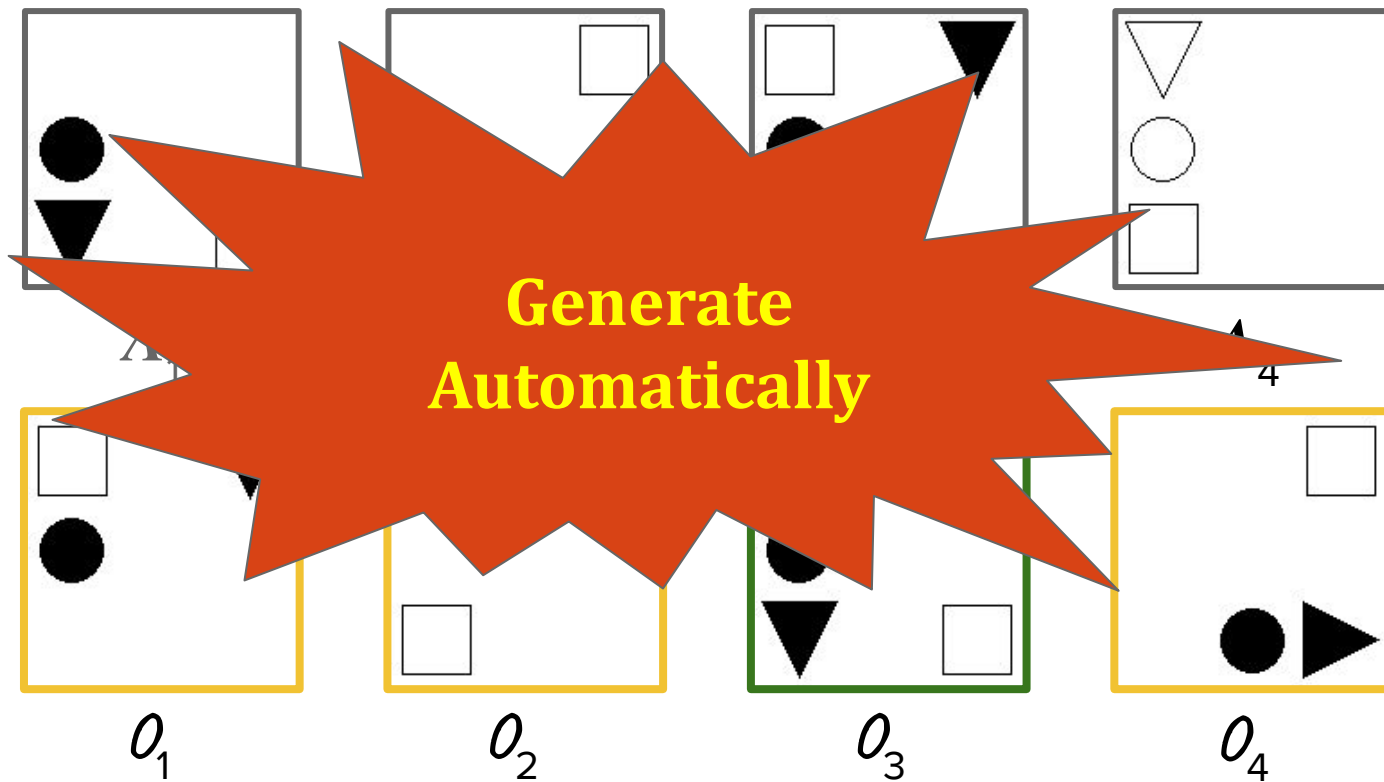


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Challenges

• **Complexity**
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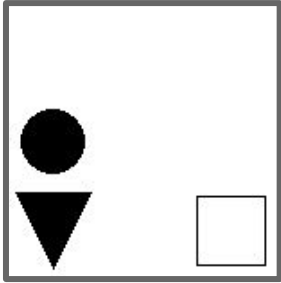
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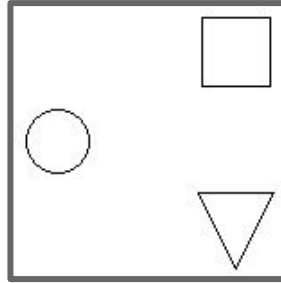
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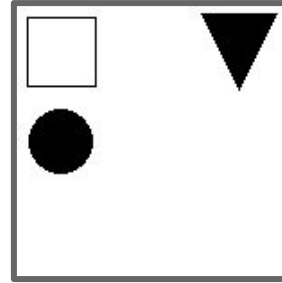
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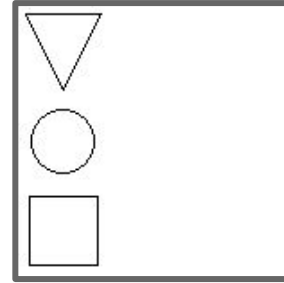
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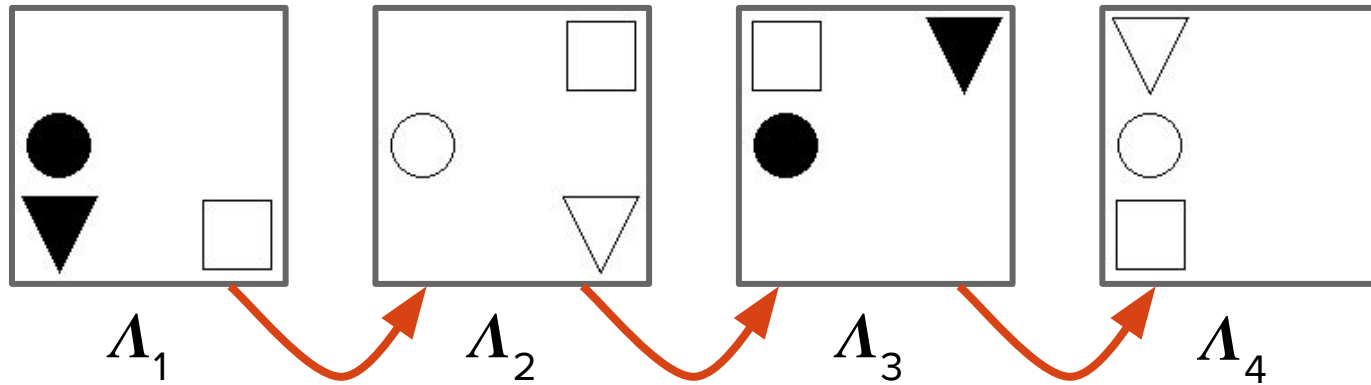


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Logically Follows

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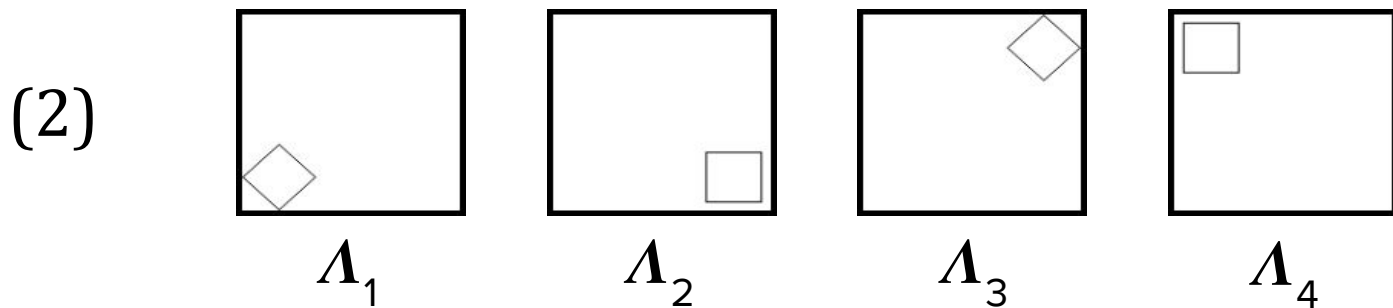
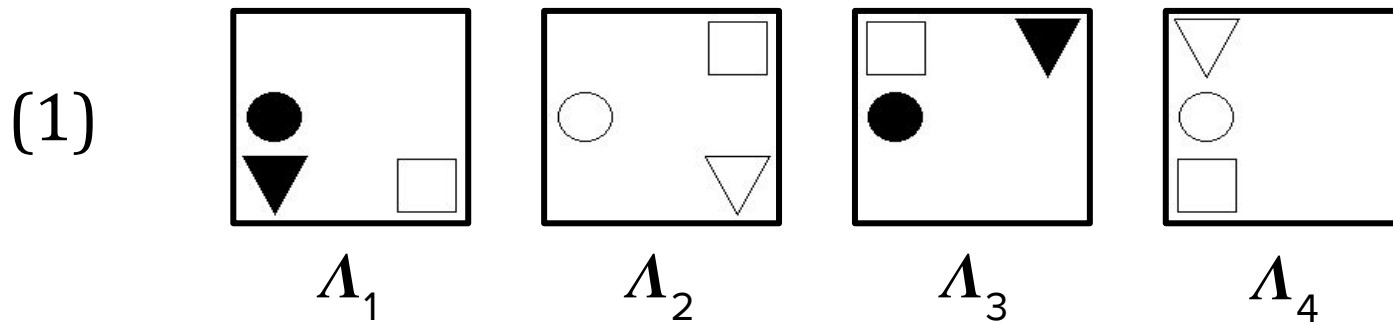
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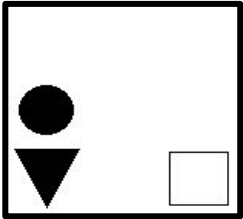
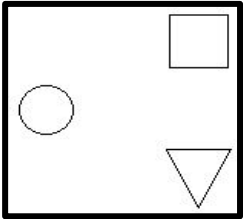
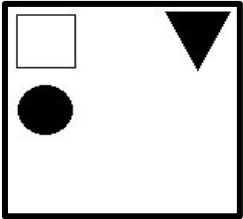
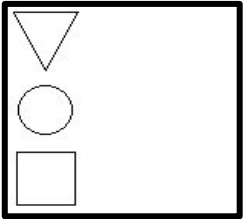
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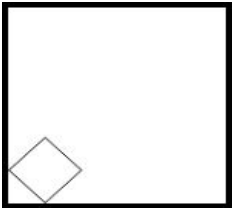
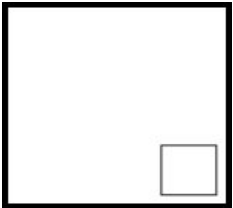
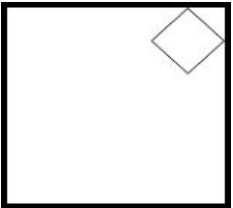
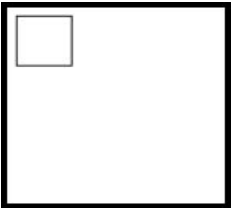
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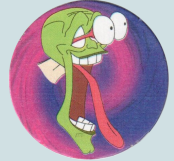
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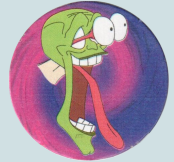
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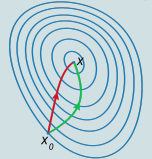
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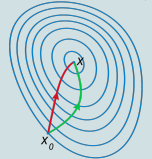
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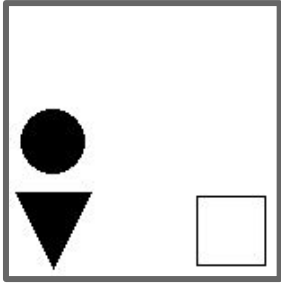
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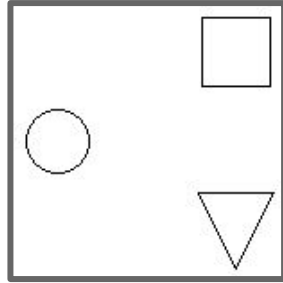
Constrained Optimization
Problem
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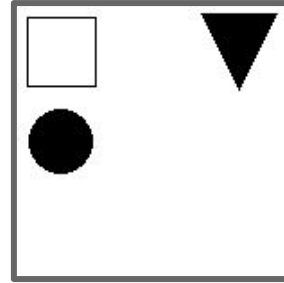
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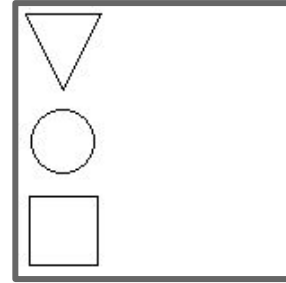
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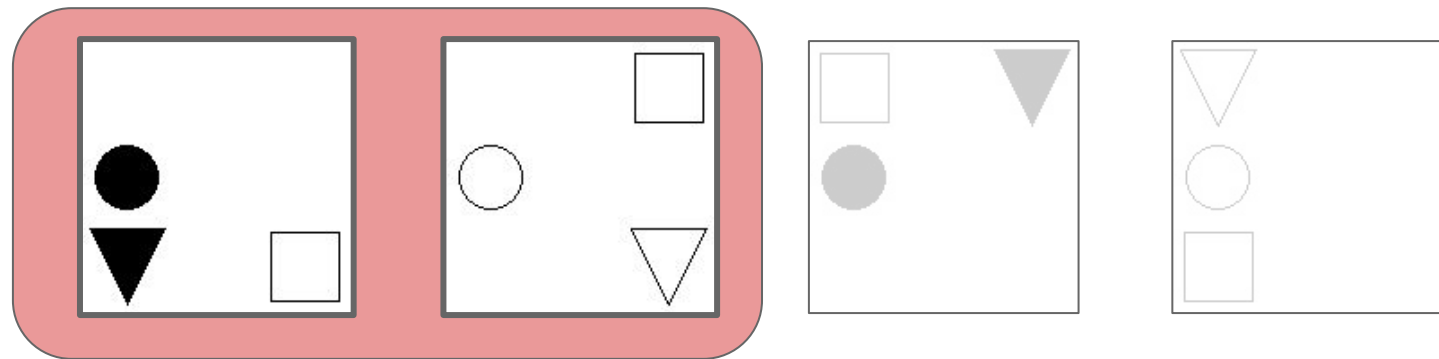


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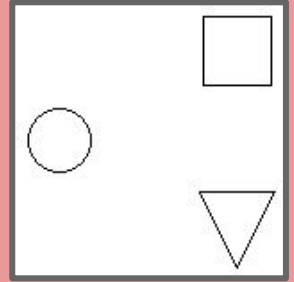
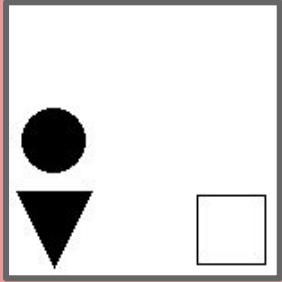


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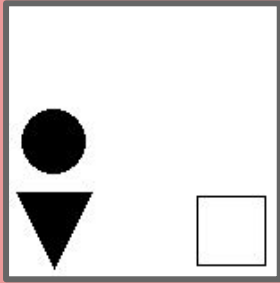
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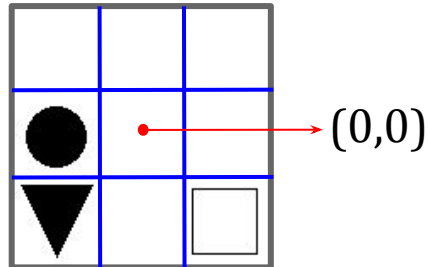
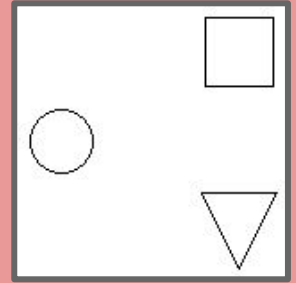
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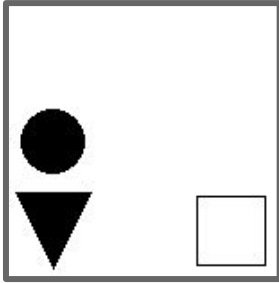
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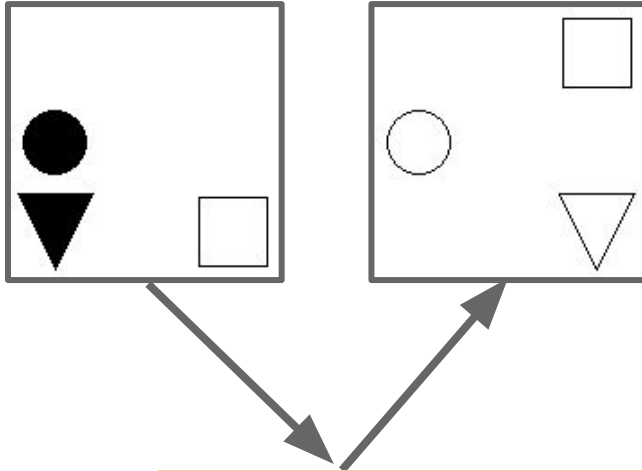


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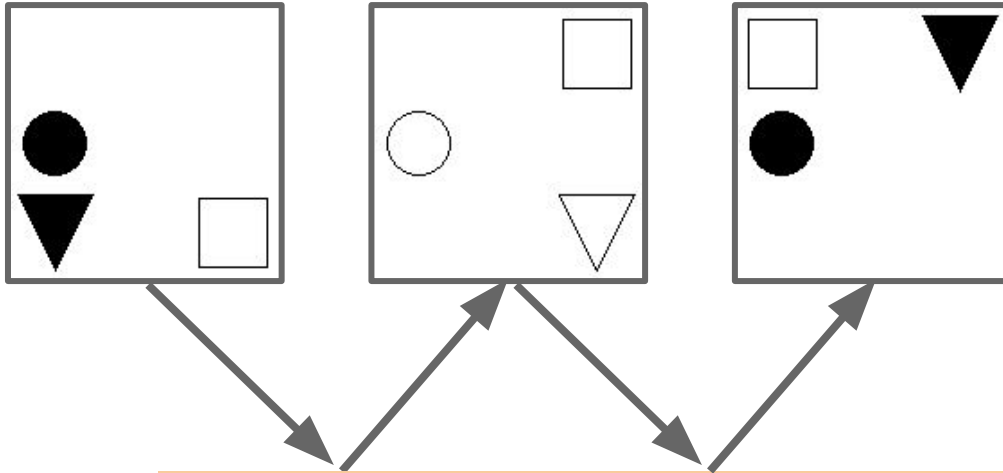
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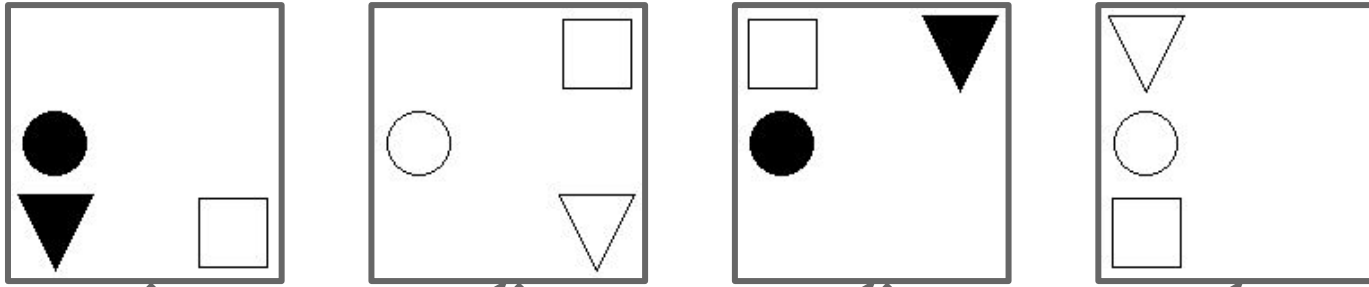
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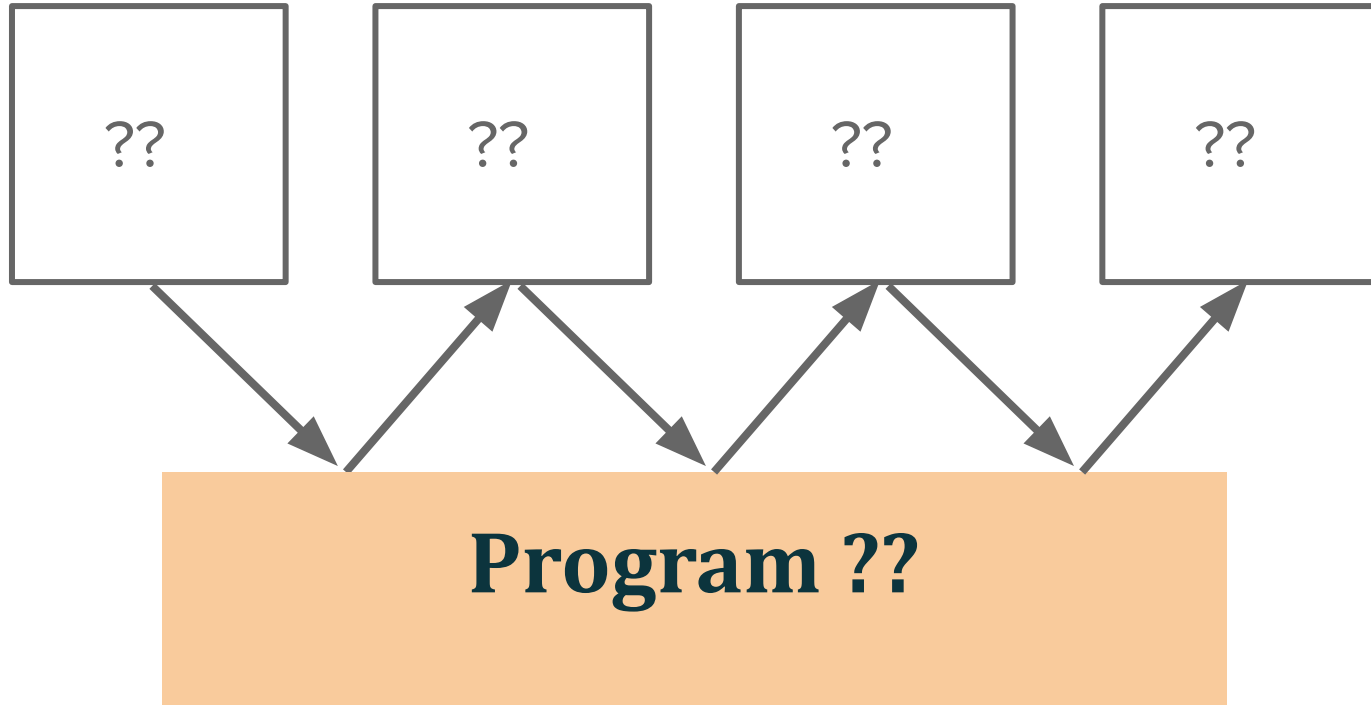
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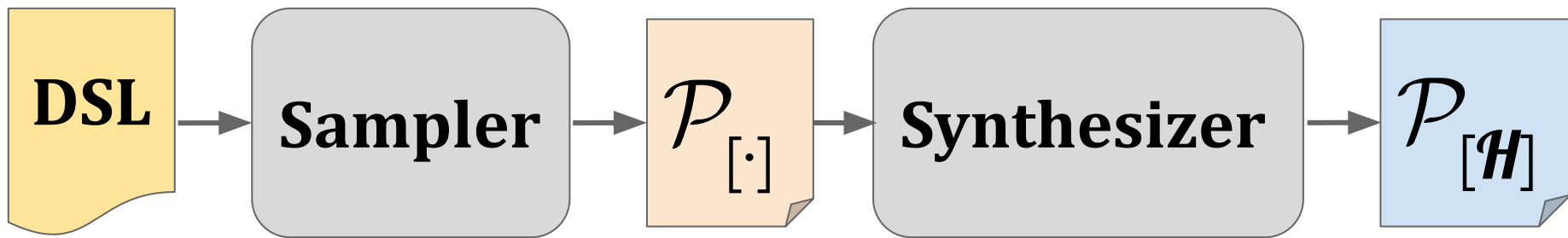


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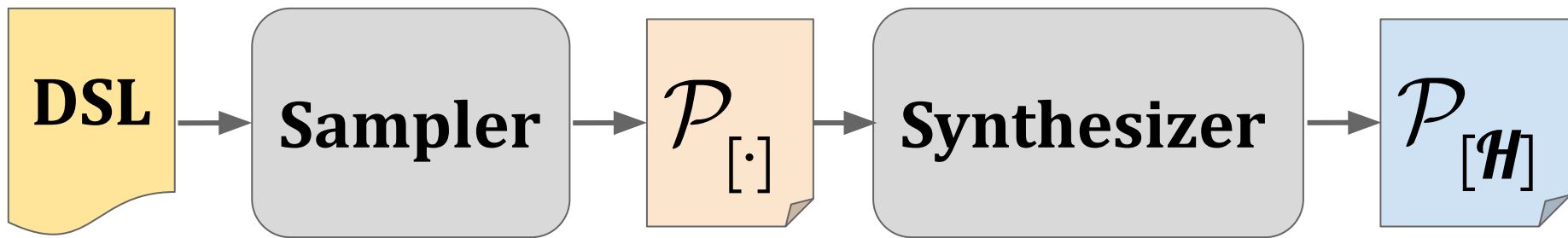
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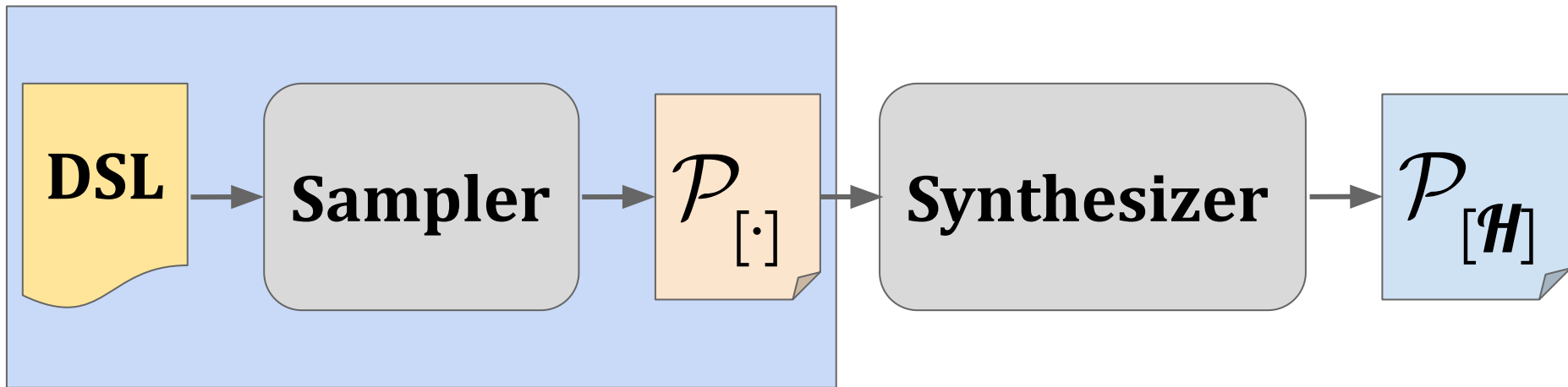


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$\text{SelfRotate}(\langle \text{Entity} \rangle, \langle \text{Value} \rangle) \quad [p_5] \mid$

$\text{Translate}(\langle \text{Entity} \rangle, \langle \text{Coord} \rangle) \quad [p_6] \mid$

$\text{Ite}(\langle \text{Cond} \rangle, \langle \text{Entity} \rangle, \langle \text{Entity} \rangle) \quad [p_7]$

$\langle \text{Cond} \rangle ::= \Lambda. \text{sid mod } \Lambda. \text{id} \quad [p_8]$

$\langle \text{Coord} \rangle ::= (\langle \text{Value} \rangle, \langle \text{Value} \rangle) \quad [p_9]$


$\langle \text{Value} \rangle ::= \text{Progress}(\alpha) \quad [p_{10}] \mid$

$\text{Num} \quad [p_{11}]$

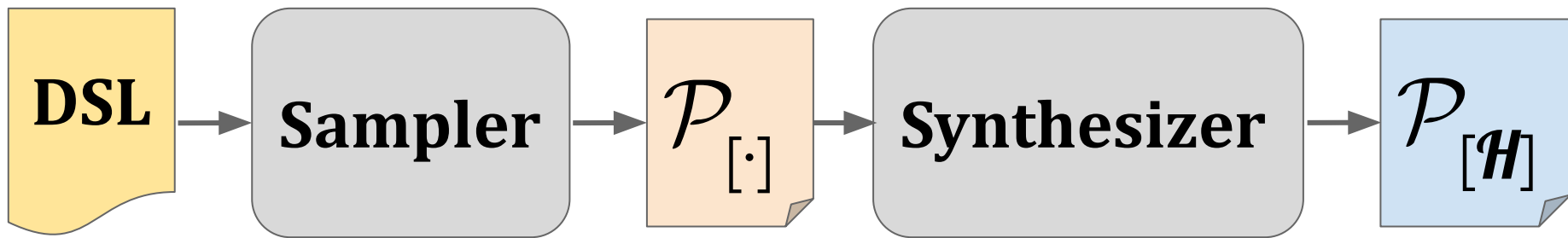
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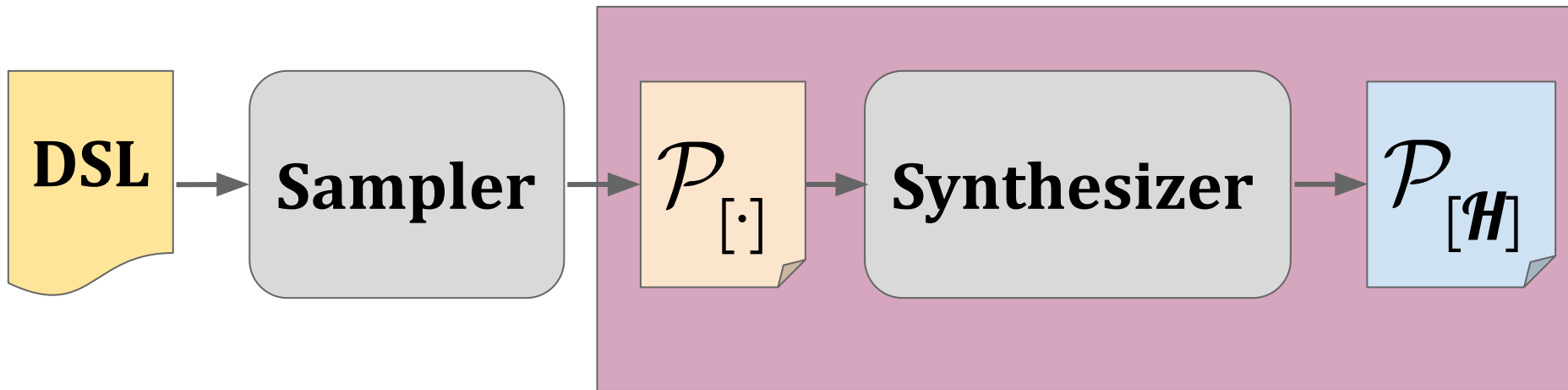
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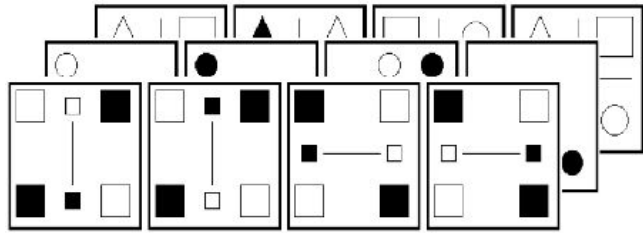
Puzzle Generation Using Program Synthesis



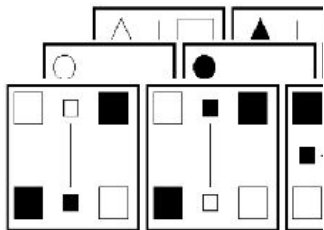
Puzzle Generation Using Program Synthesis



Make Appealing Puzzle



Make A



Puzzler AI

Please use your judgement at rating the puzzles. The rating scale shown below are just representative. A good puzzle is creative, challenging, deductive and enjoyable to solve!.

① Rating 1 Star
Puzzle is poor.

② Rating 2 Star
Puzzle is average.

③ Rating 3 Star
Puzzle is good.

④ Rating 4 Star
Puzzle is excellent.

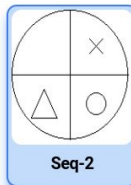
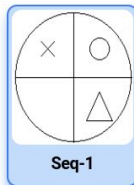
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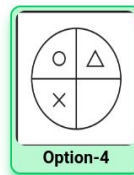
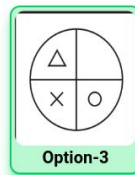
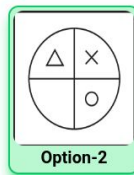
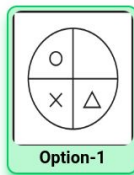
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See the sequence of puzzle images above. Choose the next sequence from the options shown below and give a rating for the puzzle. The option you choose will appear "red".

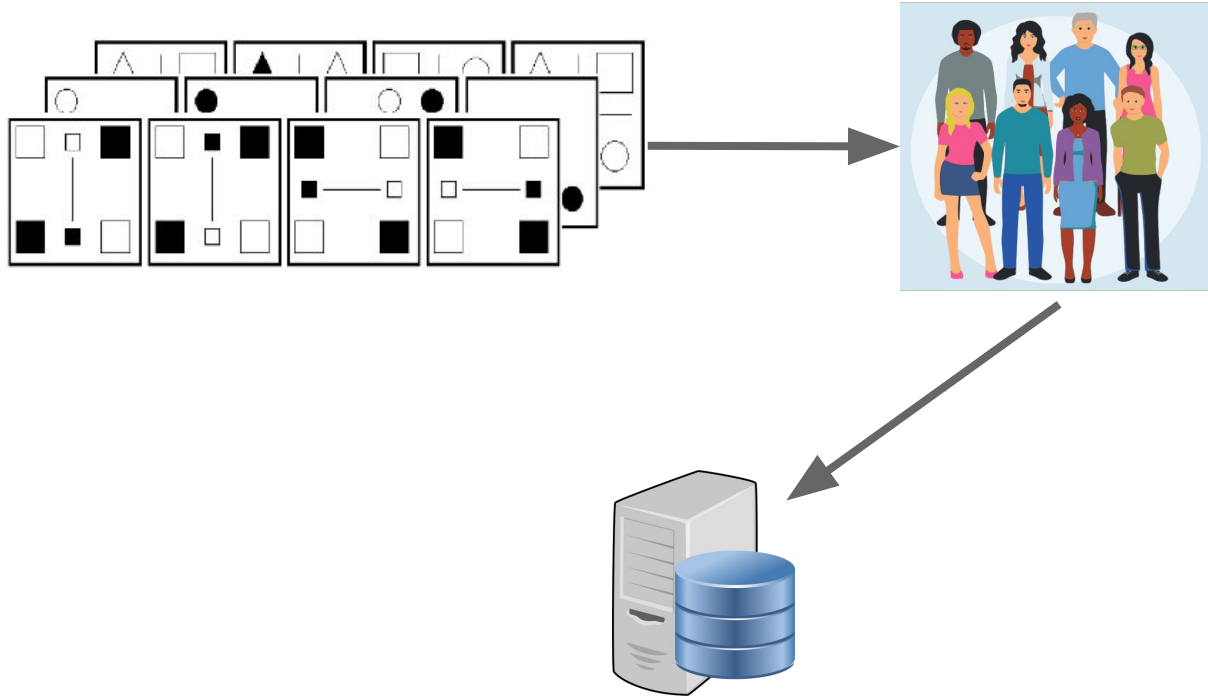
Puzzle Rating: ★★☆☆ 0 out of 4

None of these

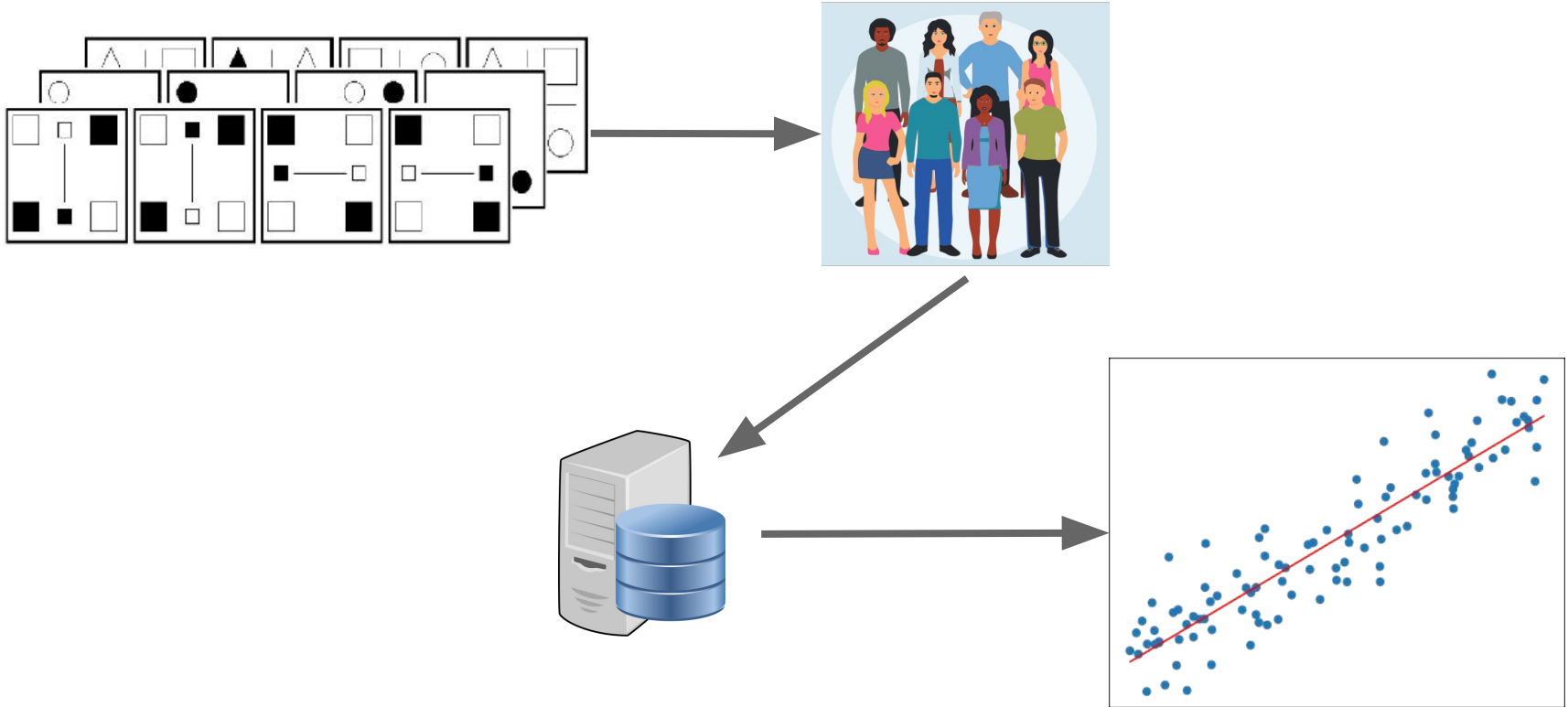


Submit option and rating







Make Appealing Puzzle



Make Appealing Puzzle

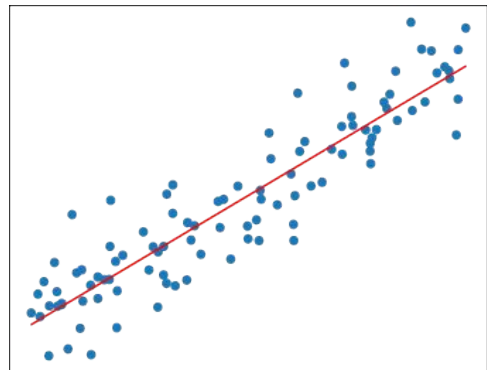


Make Appealing Puzzle

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FlipFill(Circle)  
FlipFill(Rotate(Triangle, , (, )))  
Rotate(Square, , (, ))
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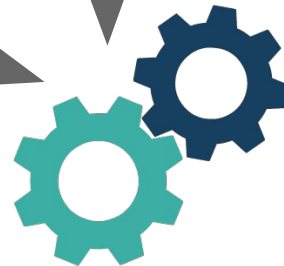
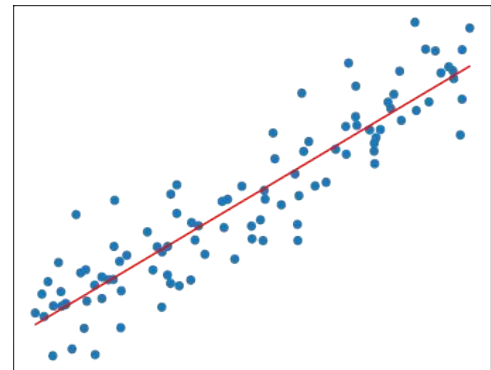
Make Appealing Puzzle

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FlipFill(Circle)  
FlipFill(Rotate(Triangle, , (, )))  
Rotate(Square, , (, ))
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Make Appealing Puzzle

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FlipFill(Circle)  
FlipFill(Rotate(Triangle, , (, )))  
Rotate(Square, , (, ))
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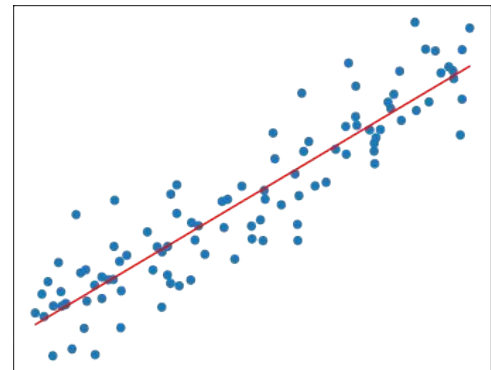


Synthesizer

Make Appealing Puzzle

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FlipFill(Circle)  
FlipFill(Rotate(Triangle, , (, )))  
Rotate(Square, , (, ))
```

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FlipFill(Circle)  
FlipFill(Rotate(Triangle, 270, (0, 0)))  
Rotate(Square, 270, (0, 0))
```



Synthesizer

Formally...

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathcal{H}} \left\{ \text{AppealScore}(\mathcal{P}_{[\mathcal{H}]}) \mid \mathcal{P}_{[\mathcal{H}]} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}) \text{ s.t.} \right.$$

$$\left. \exists \Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_{k+1} \cdot \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^k (\mathcal{P}_{[\mathcal{H}]}(\Lambda_i) = \Lambda_{i+1}) \right) \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k+1} \Omega(\Lambda_i) \right\}$$

logically follows

state constraints

Are generated
puzzles any
good?



Humans as a classifier

Clicking  will reveal a possible solution.

2. Puzzle Information

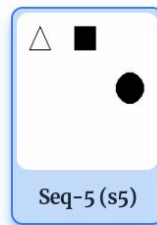
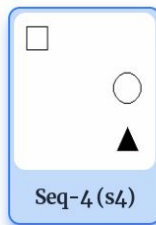
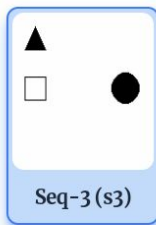
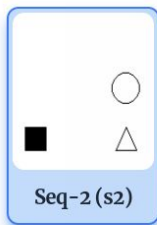
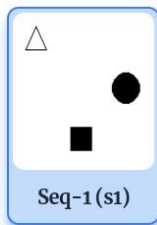
Puzzle-2

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See the sequence of puzzle images and guess the next next possible sequence.



Is this puzzle created by a human being or a computer?

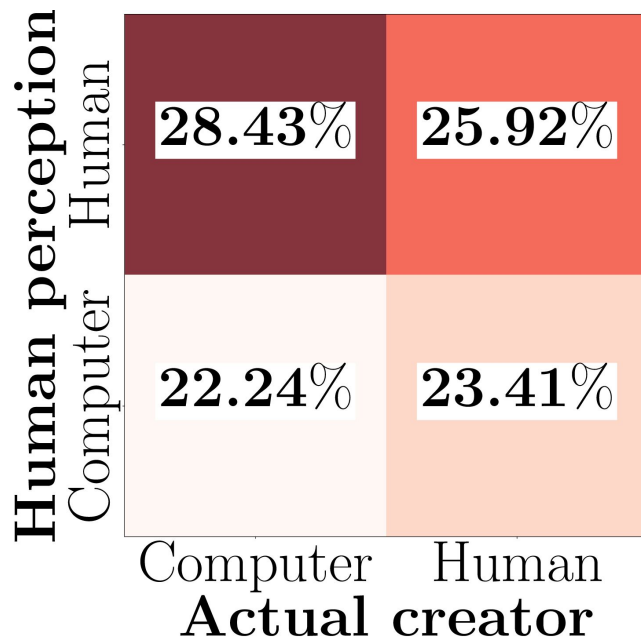


Puzzle generated by a computer



Puzzle generated by a human being

Humans as a classifier



The user responses were almost random.

Conclusion

- Synergistic combination of formal methods and machine learning to generate appealing puzzles
- PuzzleGen took 3.4 secs on average to generate puzzles
- Can be extended to generate puzzles of different categories

Thank You

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Artifact

