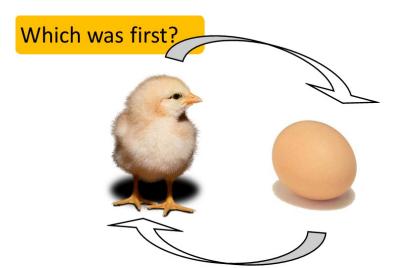
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Unified theory of temporal causal discover

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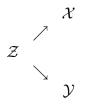


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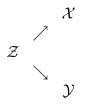


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Fact

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Driving and observation

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Summary (but not the end)

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	SDS	DDS	DDAS	both
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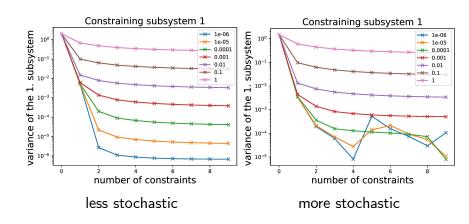
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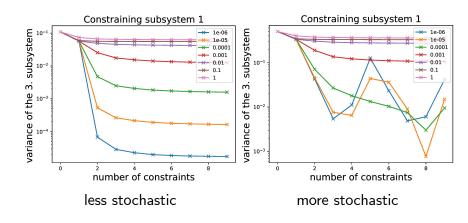
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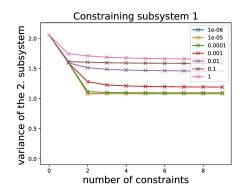


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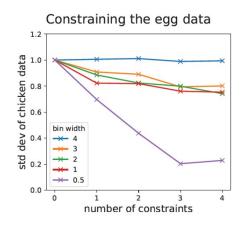


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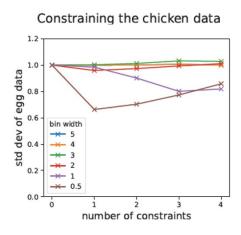
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Thanks Q&A?