

# Neural Network Heuristic Functions: Taking Confidence into Account

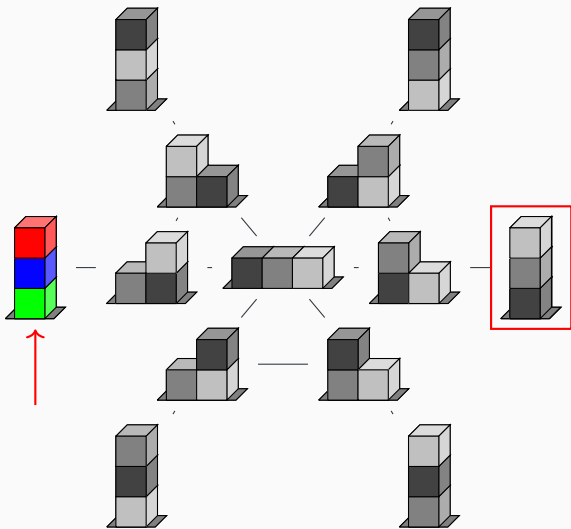
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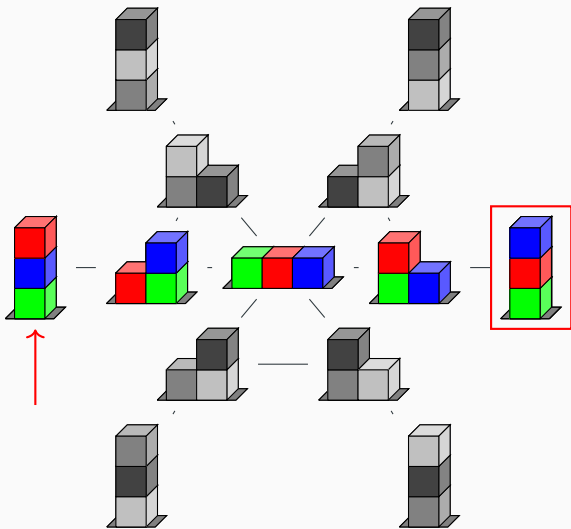


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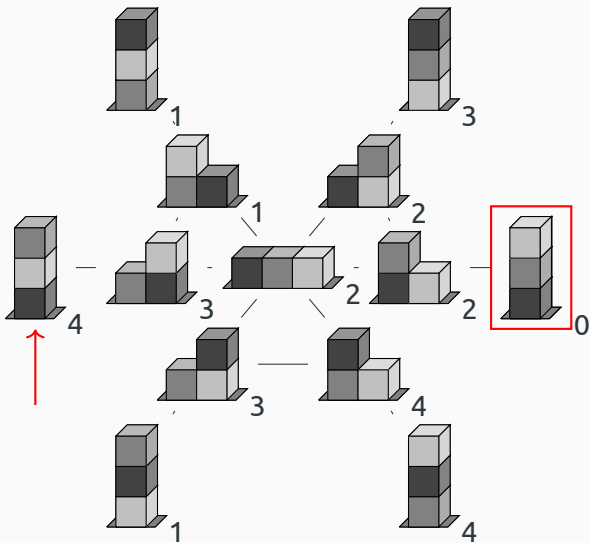
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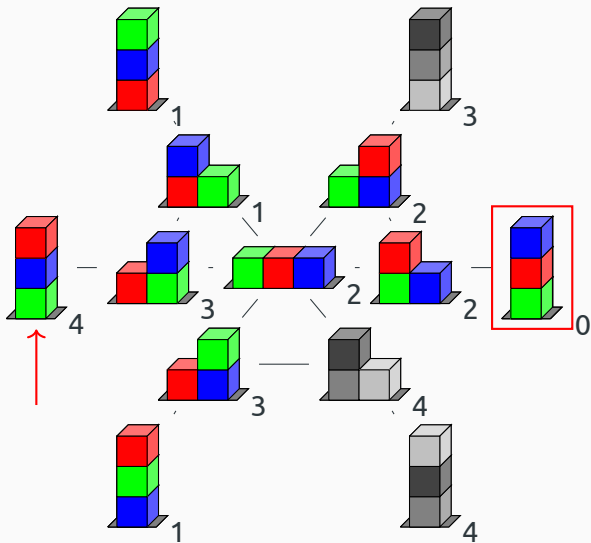
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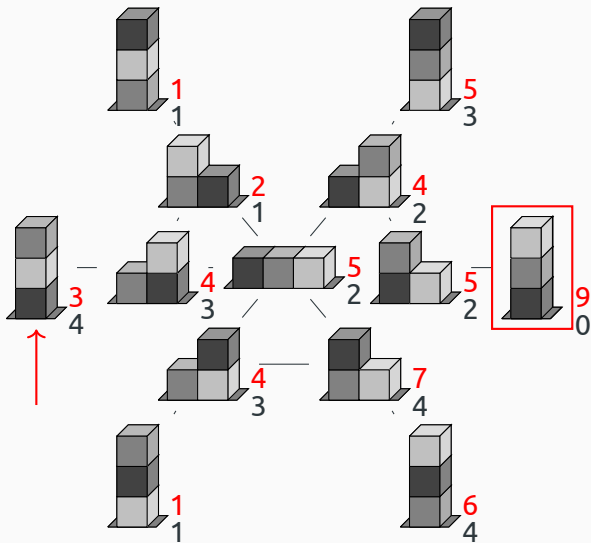
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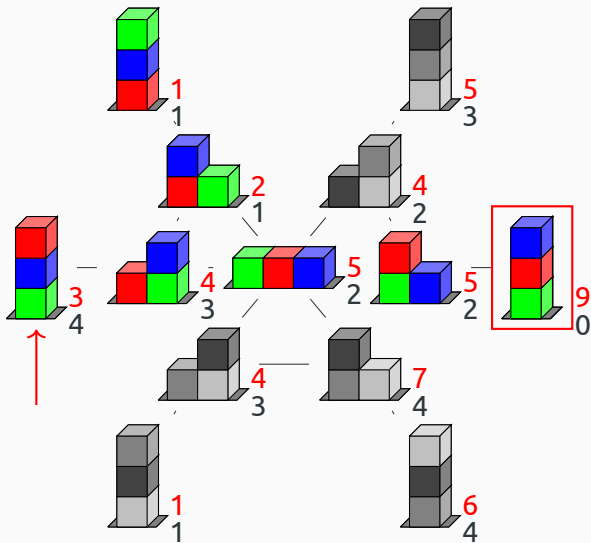
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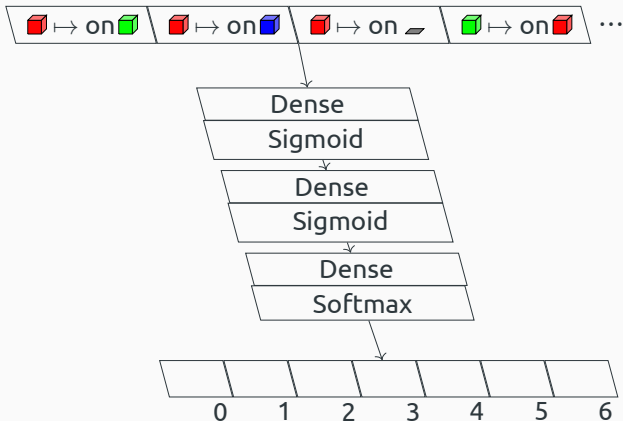
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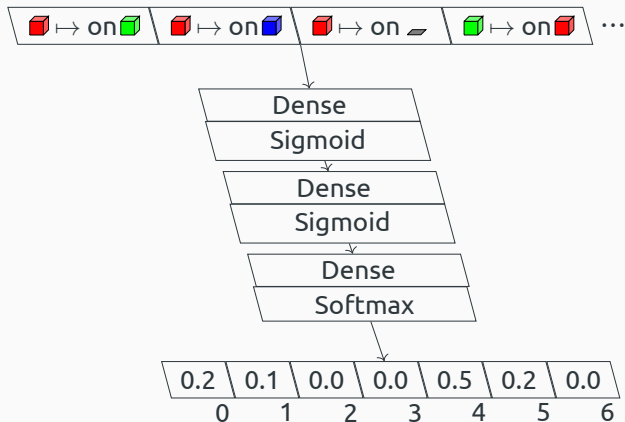
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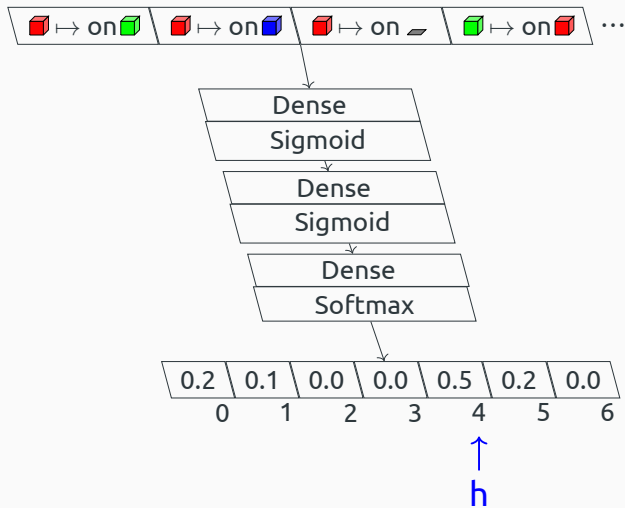
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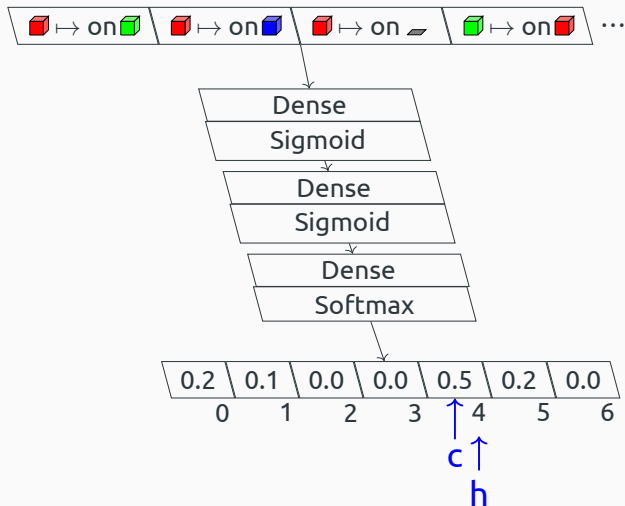
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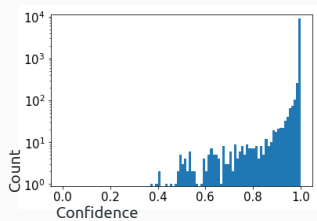
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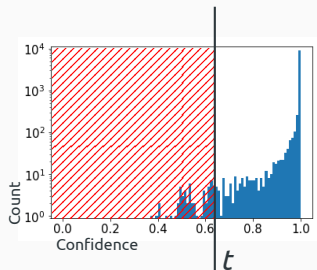
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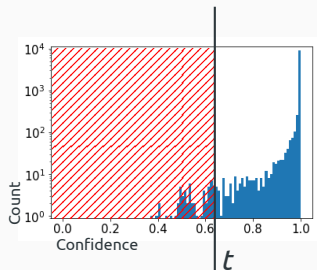


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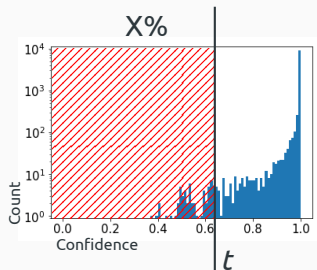




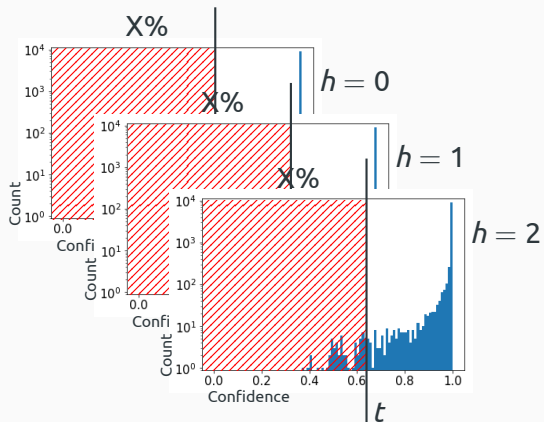
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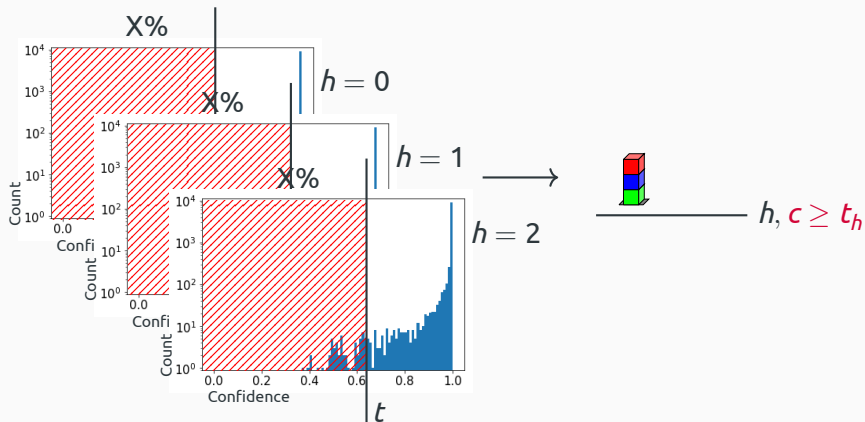
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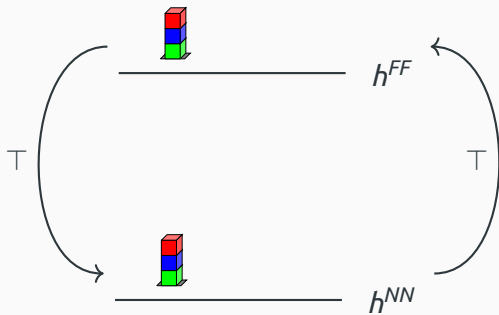
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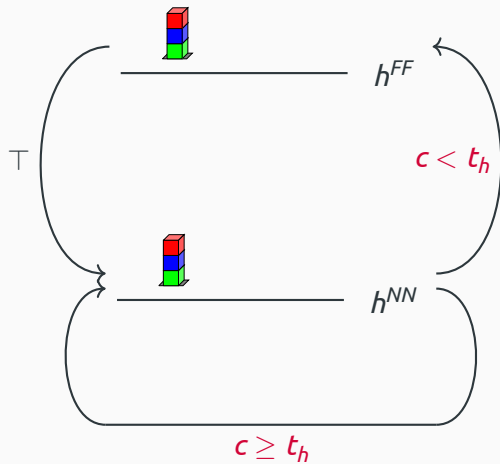
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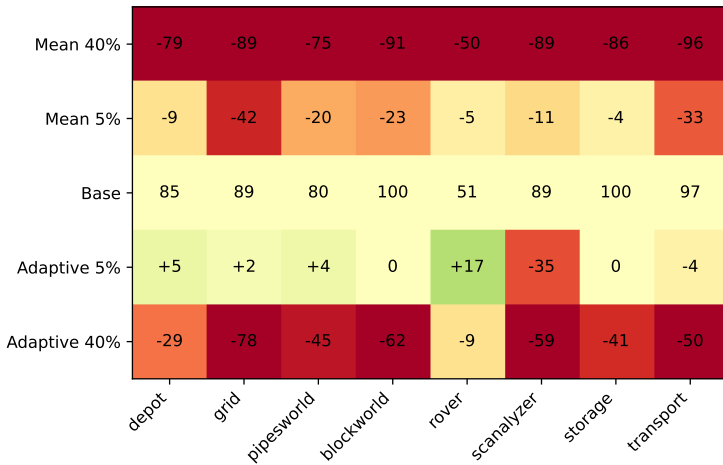
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# Effect on Coverage: Single Queue



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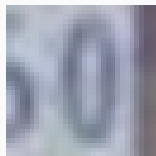
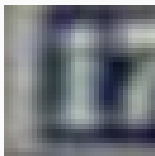
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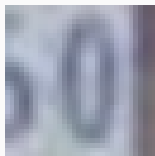
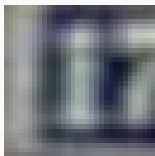


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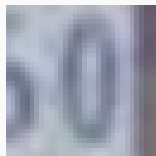
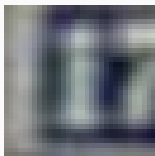
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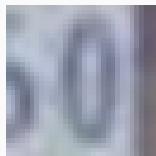
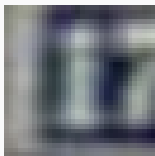
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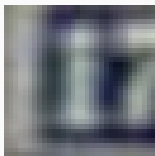
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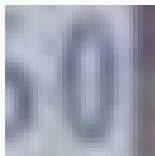
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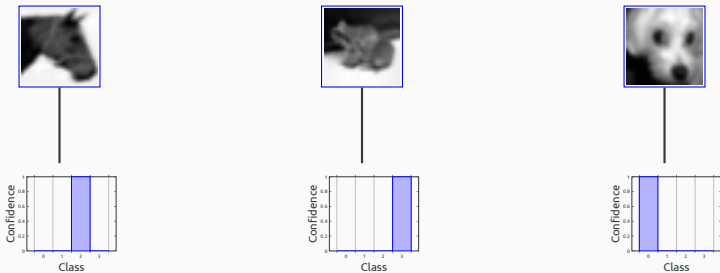
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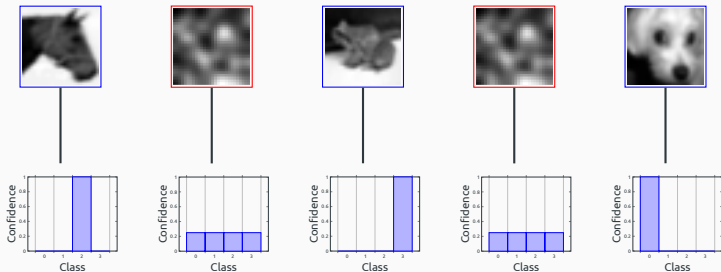
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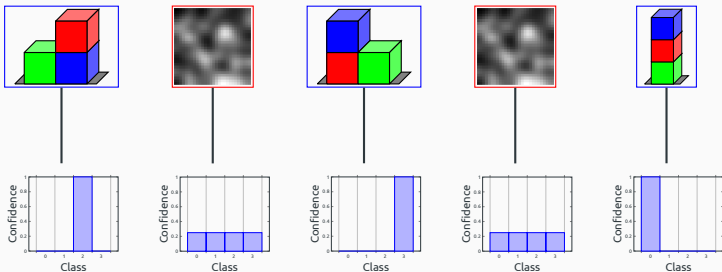
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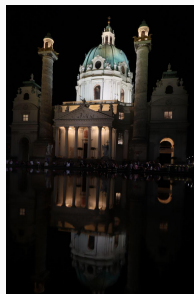


# Effect on Coverage: Noise

Weighted 50%	+1	+2	+1	0	0	0	0	0
Weighted 90%	+2	+3	+1	0	0	-1	0	0
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Uniform 50	0	+1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uniform 90%	-1	+3	-1	0	0	0	0	0
	depot	grid	pipeworld	blockworld	rover	scanalyzer	storage	transport

# Summary

- Confidence-awareness improves search
- Adapt out-of-distribution training for planning
- Improving confidence did not yet improve search



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