

1 **Thank you for your reviews and the excellent constructive feedback!**

2 **Reviewer 1**

3 The intuition of the rules is provided in their titles. We agree that further intuitive explanation of them is in order and
4 we will gladly add this. In particular:

- 5 • Rule 1 follows from the definition of CSI which includes CI as a special case.
- 6 • Marginalization, conditioning and factorization from standard probability calculus are operationalized by rules
7 2–4, respectively.
- 8 • Rule 5 uses the law of total probability to obtain the probability of the complement.
- 9 • Rule 6 explicates that if we know the expression for each assignment $Z = z$ then we also know the expression
10 without a specific assignment for Z .
- 11 • Rules 7 and 8 formulate the fact that if an expression is known for all assignments to Z , it is known for a
12 specific assignment $Z = z$.

13 We will add the rules of do-calculus into the paper to make it more self-sufficient. Note that due to Theorem 2 we do
14 not explicitly need to use them in our approach.

15 Could the reviewer explicitly point out what is meant by “some variables” that need more explicit definition and what
16 “parameters of interest” need explicit explanation, so that we could remedy this issue? We would also appreciate explicit
17 pointers to where the paper “has complicated notation”, as reviewers 2 and 3 label it as “easy to follow”.

18 **Reviewer 2**

19 Yes, Section 4.1 lists all the rules that are in use.

20 We would like to note that “greedy” is a somewhat misleading description of our algorithm (we do not use this term in
21 the paper). We do always first expand the term that our heuristic judges to be closest to the target. When the target is
22 identifiable, we stop when the target is first derived. The goal of the heuristic is to reach identifiability faster when the
23 target is identifiable. However, when the target is non-identifiable, we need to expand enough terms such that we can
24 guarantee that the target cannot be reached. If we were to expand *only* the closest term to the target greedily, several
25 identifiable instances would be left non-identified because the formulas and derivations are highly non-trivial (see e.g.
26 the several paths leading from the input to the target in Figure 3). We will explain this in the paper. We shall also try to
27 find ways to study greedy and exhaustive behavior in simulations, any more detailed suggestions are welcome.

28 In the implementation, representatives of $val(C)/\approx$ are obtained by going through the assignments of C in lexico-
29 graphic order. The representative of a context-specific DAG is the value assignment that was evaluated first. There is no
30 need to specifically perform a search to obtain the representatives.

31 **Reviewer 3**

32 Implementation is not the primary contribution as the reviewer suggests in the detailed comments. We formulate the
33 important and relevant previously unconsidered problem, show computational NP-hardness result and solve the problem
34 by designing a calculus and a search algorithm. We identify causal effects (using CSIs) when previous algorithms can’t
35 do so. We think that the whole methodology is a significant contribution and there is impact e.g. in the extensions to
36 transportability and selection bias. We will reformulate the beginning of Section 7 to highlight these (similarly as in the
37 abstract).

38 We spent a considerable amount of effort and time in finding and formulating the set of rules we use. Note that the
39 current set is special enough e.g. to prevent the need for the 3 arguably special rules of do-calculus. Each rule is
40 necessary, there are identifiable instances that are cannot be identified when excluding any single rule. We will further
41 highlight these points in the paper.

42 How would CSI-faithfulness (with regard to CIs and CSIs due to labels) help in getting a sufficient and necessary
43 separation criterion? For DAGs, d-separation is a sufficient and necessary condition for CIs implied by the structure.
44 CI-faithfulness then assumes that no additional CIs are present due to the parameters. A necessary condition for CSIs
45 would be already needed for a formal definition of the applicable CSI-faithfulness assumption.

46 We agree that searching for special settings that allow for polynomial decision procedures is interesting, but it is a
47 complicated question that needs further research. Limiting treewidth of the underlying DAG makes exact inference
48 polynomial for BNs, so it might work here, however, in our case some variables are unobserved. When no labels exist,
49 one can use polynomial ID, thus some clever limit on the labels may also work. However, in a real application there is
50 no guarantee that any such limits would apply.