Two Learning Operators for Clause Selection Guidance

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2 ENIGMA-style Guidance

- 3 RL-Inspired Guigance
- 4 Compare and Contrast

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