

# Machine-Learning Mathematical Structures

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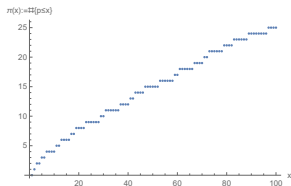
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# How does one do mathematics, II ?

- Late C20th - increasing rôle of computers: **4-color** [**Appel-Haken-Koch** 1976];  
Classif. **Finite Simple Groups** [ **Galois** 1832 - **Gorenstein** et al. 2008] ...
- **Buzzard**: “Future of Maths” 2019: already plenty of proofs unchecked (incorrect?) in the literature, MUST use computers for proof-checking;  
**XenaProject**, **Lean** establish database of mathematical statements
- **Davenport**: ICM 2018 “Computer Assisted Proofs”.
- **Hale & Buzzard**: Foresee within **10 years** AI will help prove “early PhD” level lemmas, all of undergrad-level maths formalized;
- **Szegedy**: more extreme view, computers  $>$  humans @ chess (1990s); @ Go (2018); @ Proving theorems (2030)

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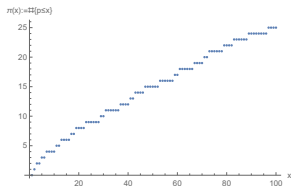


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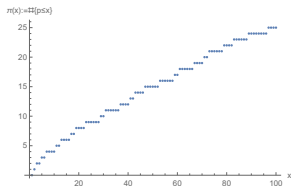


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# Mathematical Data: perfect for mining

- Mathematical Data is more **structured** than “real world” data, much less susceptible to noise; **Outliers** even more interesting, e.g. **Sporadics**, **Exceptionals**, ...
- Last 10-20 years: large collaborations of computational mathematicians, physicists, CS (cf. SageMATH, GAP, Bertini, MAGMA, Macaulay2, Singular, Pari, Wolfram, ...) computed and compiled vast data
  - **Inks**
  - Generic computation *HARD*
  - mining provides some level of “**intuition**” & is based on “**experience**”

# Methodology

Bag of Tricks Hilbert's Programme of *Finitary Methods*, Landau's *theoretical minimum*, Migdal's *Mathmagics* ...

IMO Grand Challenge (2020-) Good set of concrete problems to try on AI

Standard Supervised ML Methods Regressor & Classifiers

- NN: MLPs; CNNs; RNNs, ... (gentle tuning of architecture and hyper-parameters)
- SVM, Bayes, Decision Trees, PCA, Clustering, ...
- ML: emergence of complexity via connectivity  $\rightsquigarrow$  Intuition (?)

This Talk: Status Report of Experiments in the last couple of years

- all standard methods  $\simeq$  same performance
- $\sim$  20-80 split; training on 20 ( precision, Matthews'  $\phi$  or  $R^2$  )

# String/Algebraic Geometry

- CICY configuration  $\rightarrow$  Hodge Numbers: YHH (1706.02714)  
Bull-YHH-Jejjala-Mishra (1806.03121, 1903.03113), Krippendorf-Syvaeri [2003.13679] Erbin-Finotello (2007.13379; : (0.99, 0.9) YHH-Lukas [2009.02544] CICY4: (0.98, 0.9)
- Elliptic fibrations (from CICYs): YHH-SJ Lee (1904.08530) (0.99, 0.9)
- Distinguishing Heterotic SMs from the sum-line-bundle database (Anderson-Constantin-Gray-Lukas-Palti) and extrapolating beyond Deen-YHH-Lee-Lukas (2003.13339): (0.98, 0.99)
- Calabi-Yau metric: improves Donaldson alg. for numerical CY metric by 10-100 times Ashmore-YHH-Ovrut '19, q.v. Anderson, Gray, Krippendorf, Raghuram, Ruehle; Douglas-Lakshminarasimhan-Qi, '20

# String/Algebraic Geometry: 2018-

- q.v., Bundle Cohomology (Ruehle, Brodie-Constantin-Lukas, Larfors-Schneider, Otsuka-Takemoto, Klaewer-Schlechter)
- q.v., Kreuzer-Skarke Dataset (Halverson, Long, Nelson; McCallister-Stillman)
- q.v., Calabi-Yau volumes in AdS/CFT (Krefl-Seong)
- q.v., MSSM from orbifold models (Parr-Vaudrevange-Wimmer)
- q.v. Particle Masses Gal-Jejjala-Pena-Mishra ...
- q.v. Knot invariants: Jejjala-Kar-Parrikar, Craven-Jejjala-Kar Gukov-Halverson-Ruehle-Sułkowski, using NLP
- YHH-Jejjala-Nelson NLP on ArXiv sections
- q.v. DEEP CONNECTIONS K. Hashimoto: AdS/CFT = Boltzmann Machine; Halverson-Maiti-Stoner: QFT = NN; de Mello-Koch: NN = RG; Vanchurin 2008: Universe = NN.

# Representation/Group Theory

- ML Algebraic Structures ([GAP DB](#)) [[YHH-MH. Kim 1905.02263](#)]
  - When is a Latin Square (Sudoku) the Cayley (multiplication) table of a finite group? Bypass quadrangle thm ([0.95](#), [0.9](#))
  - Can one look at the Cayley table and recognize a **finite simple group**?
    - bypass Sylow and Noether Thm; ([0.97](#), [0.95](#)) rmk: can do it via character-table  $T$ , but getting  $T$  not trivial
    - **SVM**: space of finite-groups (point-cloud of Cayley tables) **seems to exist a hypersurface separating simple/non-simple**
- ML Lie Structure [Chen-YHH-Lal-Majumder \[2011.00871\]](#) Weight vector  $\rightarrow$  length of irrep decomp / tensor product: ([0.97](#), [0.93](#)); (train on small dim, predict high dim: ([0.9](#), [0.8](#)))
- [[Chen-YHH-Lal-Zas 2006.16114](#)]: even/odd/reflection sym ( $>0.99$ ); distinguishing CFT 3pt functions ( $>0.99$ ); Fourier coefficients / conformal block presence ( $>0.97$ ) ...  
(q.v. [[Krippendorf-Syvaeri 2003.13679](#)])



- [YHH-ST. Yau 2006.16619] Wolfram Finite simple graphs DB
  - ML standard graph properties:
    - ?acyclic (0.95, 0.96); ?planar (0.8, 0.6); ?genus  $>, =, < 0$  (0.8, 0.7); ? $\exists$  Hamilton cycles (0.8, 0.6); ? $\exists$  Euler cycles (0.8, 0.6)
    - (Rmk: NB. Only “solving” the likes of traveling salesman *stochastically*)
  - spectral bounds ( $R^2 \sim 0.9$ ) ...
  - Recognition of Ricci-Flatness (0.9, 0.9) (todo: find new Ricci-flat graphs);
- [Bao-Franco-YHH-Hirst-Musiker-Xiao 2006.10783]: categorizing different quiver mutation (Seiberg-dual) classes (0.9 - 1.0, 0.9)

# Number Theory: A Classical Reprobate?

## Arithmetic (prime numbers are Difficult!)

- [YHH 1706.02714, 1812.02893:]
  - Predicting primes  $2 \rightarrow 3$ ,  $2, 3 \rightarrow 5$ ,  $2, 3, 5 \rightarrow 7$ ; no way
  - fixed window of  $(\text{yes/no})_{1,2,\dots,k}$  to  $(\text{yes/no})_{k+i}$  for some  $i$ ; ML PRIMES problem (0.7, 0.8) NOT random! (perhaps related to AKS algorithm [2002], PRIMES is in P)
  - Sarnak's challenge: same window  $\rightarrow$  Liouville Lambda (0.5, 0.001) Truly random (no simple algorithm for Lambda)
- [Alessandretti-Baronchelli-YHH 1911.02008]  
ML/TDA@Birch-Swinnerton-Dyer III and  $\Omega$  ok with regression & decision trees: RMS  $< 0.1$ ; Weierstrass  $\rightarrow$  rank: random

# Number Theory: A Modern Hope?

## Arithmetic Geometry (Surprisingly Good)

- [Hirst-YHH-Peterken 2004.05218]: adjacency+permutation triple of dessin d'enfants (Grothendieck's Esquisse for  $Gal(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ ) ; predicting transcendental degree (0.92, 0.9)
- YHH-KH Lee-Oliver arithmetic of curves
  - 2010.01213: Complex Multiplication, Sato-Tate (0.99 ~ 1.0, 0.99 ~ 1.0)
  - 2011.08958: Number Fields: rank and Galois group (0.97, 0.9)
  - 2012.04084: BSD from Euler coeffs, integer points, torsion (0.99, 0.9); Tate-Shafarevich III (0.6, 0.8) [Hardest quantity of BSD]

# Clearly useful for maths and physics

looking for new conjectures e.g.,

- '19 YHH-Kim: separating hyperplane - simple/non-simple groups; open
- '19 Brodie-Constantin-Lukas: exact formulae for cohomology surf.; proved.
- '20 YHH-Lee-Oliver: L-coefficients and integer point/torsion on elliptic curve; proved.
- '20 Craven-Jejjala-Par: Jones polynomial best-fit function; open
- ...

speed up computations and accuracies e.g.,

- computing/estimating (topology invariants, charges, etc) MUCH FASTER
- '19 Ashmore-YHH-Ovrut: speed up Donaldson algorithm@CY metric 10-100
- '20 Douglas et al., Anderson et al. accuracy improvement on Donaldson 10-100 times
- ...

# The other Extreme (?) View-Point

On the other hand, **what is analyticity?**

- $n$ -th prime =  $\left\lfloor \frac{n! \bmod (n+1)}{n} \right\rfloor (n-1) + 2$  (not efficient)

- bundle-cohomology:

Bott for Projective space:

$$h^q(\mathbb{P}^n, (\wedge^p T\mathbb{P}^n) \otimes \mathcal{O}(k)) = \begin{cases} \binom{k+n+p+1}{p} \binom{k+n}{n-p} & q=0 & k > -p-1, \\ 1 & q=n-p & k = -n-1, \\ \binom{-k-p-1}{-k-n-1} \binom{-k-n-2}{p} & q=n & k < -n-p-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

e.g. (2, 4)-CY3 hypersurface:

$$h^q(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-k, m)) = \begin{cases} (k+1) \binom{m}{3} - (k-1) \binom{m+3}{3} & q=0 & k < \frac{(1+2m)(6+m+m^2)}{3(2+3m(1-m))} \\ (k-1) \binom{m+3}{3} - (k+1) \binom{m}{3} & q=1 & k > \frac{(1+2m)(6+m+m^2)}{3(2+3m(1-m))} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- ...

- better suited for a computer programme any way

# An Inherent Hierarchy?

- In decreasing precision/increasing difficulty:

numerical  
string theory  $\rightarrow$  algebraic geometry over  $\mathbb{C} \sim$  arithmetic geometry  
algebra  
string theory  $\rightarrow$  combinatorics  
analytic number theory

- **Categorical Theory**

- suggested by & in prog. w/ B. Zilber, Merton Prof. of Logic, Ox
- major part of **Model Theory**: Morley-Shelah Categoricity Thm
- Hart-Hruskovski-Laskowski Thm: 13 classes (levels) of iso-classes  $I(T, k)$  of a theory  $T$  in first order logic over some cardinality  $k$ .

# Thank you!

Syntax		Semantics
Alpha Go	→	Alpha Zero
ML Patterns	→	Auto Thm Pf&Chk

- [Renner et al.](#), PRL/Nature News, 2019:  
ML (*SciNet*, *autoencoder*)
- [Lample-Charton](#), 2019: ML Symbolic  
manipulations in mathematics
- [Tegmark et al.](#), 2019 AI Feynman, symb  
regressor
- [Raayoni et al.](#) 2020 Ramanujan-Machine
- [Barbaresco-Nielson](#) 2021 Infor Geom/ML



**Sophia** (Hanson Robotics, HK)

1st non-human citizen (2017, Saudi)

1st non-human with UN title (2017)

1st String Data Conference (2017)

# Various Databases

- **Kreuzer-Skarke:** <http://hep.itp.tuwien.ac.at/~kreuzer/CY/>
  - new PALP: Braun-Walliser: ArXiv 1106.4529
  - Triang: Altmann-YHH-Jejjala-Nelson: <http://www.rossealtman.com/>
- **CICYs:** resurrected Anderson-Gray-YHH-Lukas, <http://www-thphys.physics.ox.ac.uk/projects/CalabiYau/cicylist/index.html>
- q.v. other databases of interesting to the math/physics community:
  - Graded Rings/Varieties:** Brown, Kasprzyk, et al. <http://www.grdb.co.uk/>
  - Finite Groups/Rings:** GAP <https://www.gap-system.org/>
  - Modular Forms:** Sutherland, Cremona et al. <https://www.lmfdb.org/>
  - Knots & Invariants:** KnotAtlas <http://katlas.org/> Return

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# A Prototypical Question

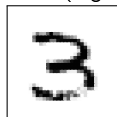
- Hand-writing Recognition, e.g., my 0 to 9 is different from yours:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

- How to set up a bijection that takes these to  $\{1, 2, \dots, 9, 0\}$ ? Find a clever Morse function? Compute persistent homology? Find topological invariants? ALL are inefficient and too sensitive to variation.

- What does your iPhone/tablet do? What does Google do? **Machine-Learn**
  - Take large sample, take a few hundred thousand (e.g. NIST database)

6  $\rightarrow$  6, 8  $\rightarrow$  8, 2  $\rightarrow$  2, 4  $\rightarrow$  4, 8  $\rightarrow$  8, 7  $\rightarrow$  7, 8  $\rightarrow$  8,  
0  $\rightarrow$  0, 4  $\rightarrow$  4, 2  $\rightarrow$  2, 5  $\rightarrow$  5, 6  $\rightarrow$  6, 3  $\rightarrow$  3, 2  $\rightarrow$  2,  
9  $\rightarrow$  9, 0  $\rightarrow$  0, 3  $\rightarrow$  3, 8  $\rightarrow$  8, 8  $\rightarrow$  8, 1  $\rightarrow$  1, 0  $\rightarrow$  0, ...



$28 \times 28 \times (RGB)$

# A Single Neuron: The Perceptron

- began in 1957 (!! ) in early AI experiments (using CdS photo-cells)
- DEF: Imitates a **neuron**: activates upon certain inputs, so define
  - Activation Function  $f(z_i)$  for input tensor  $z_i$  for some multi-index  $i$ ;
  - consider:  $f(w_i z_i + b)$  with  $w_i$  weights and  $b$  bias/off-set;
  - typically,  $f(z)$  is sigmoid, Tanh, etc.
- Given **training data**:  $D = \{(x_i^{(j)}, d^{(j)})\}$  with input  $x_i$  and **known output**  $d^{(j)}$ , minimize

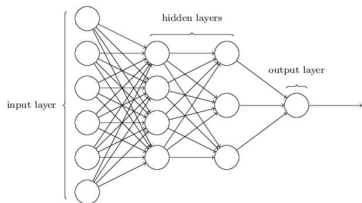
$$SD = \sum_j \left( f\left(\sum_i w_i x_i^{(j)} + b\right) - d^{(j)} \right)^2$$

to find optimal  $w_i$  and  $b \rightsquigarrow$  “learning”, then check against **Validation Data**

- Essentially (non-linear) regression

# The Neural Network: network of neurons $\rightsquigarrow$ the “brain”

- DEF: a **connected graph**, each node is a perceptron (*Implemented on Mathematica  $\geq 11.1$  / TensorFlow-Keras on Python*)
  - 1 adjustable weights/bias;
  - 2 distinguished nodes: 1 set for input and 1 for output;
  - 3 iterated training rounds.



Simple case: forward directed only,  
called **multilayer perceptron**

Many Layers : DEEP Learning

**Connectivity  $\rightsquigarrow$  Emergence of Complexity**

- Essentially how brain learns complex tasks; **apply to our Landscape Data**

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