

# Advancing mathematics by guiding human intuition with AI

- Objective of the framework: identify a function which associate  $X(z)$  to  $Y(z)$
- 2 stages
  - Supervised learning: train a function  $f$  that predicts  $Y(z)$  using only  $X(z)$
  - Attribution techniques: using gradient saliency to calculate the derivative of  $f(X(z))$  with respect to  $X(z)$

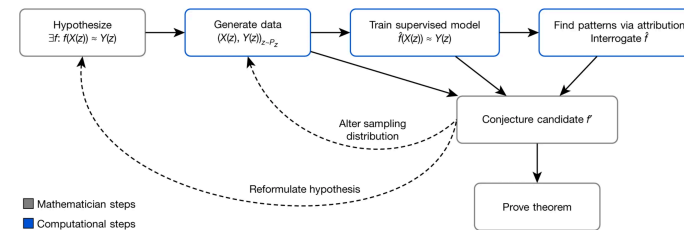


Fig 1, Davies *et al.*

## Supervised learning:




- Training data is labelled and we seek to predict outputs given inputs
- Classification - where outputs are discrete
- Regression - where the outputs are real-valued
- Contribution of this stage: learning non-linear functions
- If  $\hat{f}$  is more accurate than would be expected by chance, there exists such a relationship between  $X(z)$  and  $Y(z)$

## Attribution techniques:

- Quantify component of  $X(z)$  that  $\hat{f}$  is sensitive to
- Calculate how much  $\hat{f}$  changes in predictions of  $Y(z)$  given small changes in  $X(z)$

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- Application in Topology

z: Knot	X(z): Geometric invariants				Y(z): Algebraic invariants		
	Volume	Chern–Simons	Meridional translation	...	Signature	Jones polynomial	...
	2.0299	0	$i$	...	0	$t^{-2} - t^{-1} + 1 - t + t^2$	...
	2.8281	-0.1532	$0.7381 + 0.8831i$	...	-2	$t - t^2 + 2t^3 - t^4 + t^5 - t^6$	...
	3.1640	0.1560	$-0.7237 + 1.0160i$	...	0	$t^{-2} - t^{-1} + 2 - 2t + t^2 - t^3 + t^4$	...

We hypothesized that there was a previously undiscovered relationship between the geometric and algebraic invariants.

Fig 2, Davies *et al.*

Invariants: geometric or numerical quantities that are the same for two equivalent knots.

Notable example conjecture: the hyperbolic volume of a knot (geometric invariant) should be encoded within the asymptotic behaviour of its coloured Jones polynomials (algebraic invariants).

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- Application in Topology
  - Prediction target:  $\sigma(K)$
  - Three most relevant invariants:  $\text{Re}(\mu)$ ,  $\text{Im}(\mu)$ ,  $\lambda$
  - Natural slope:  $\text{slope}(K) = \text{Re}(\lambda/\mu)$  linearly related to  $\sigma(K)$
- Conjectures:
 

$|2\sigma(K) - \text{slope}(K)| < c_1 \text{vol}(K) + c_2$ 
 $|2\sigma(K) - \text{slope}(K)| \leq c \text{vol}(K) \text{inj}(K)^{-3}$
- Insights: the signature controls the non-hyperbolic Dehn surgeries on the knot and that the natural slope controls the genus of surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  whose boundary is the knot.

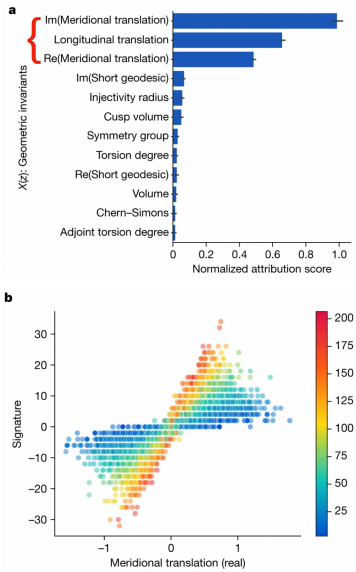


Fig 3, Davies *et al.*

meridional translation  $\mu$  and the longitudinal translation  $\lambda$

Dehn surgeries : diff ways of filling in a loop of the meridian

Inj: injectivity radius

Complement 3D space - the knot