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Identifying the Group-Theoretic Structure of Machine-Learned Symmetries

Abstract

Symmetries are the cornerstones of modern theoretical physics, as they imply fundamental conservation laws. In a series of papers, our group developed and tested a machine-learning algorithm for the discovery and identification of the continuous group of symmetries present in a labeled dataset. Our loss functions are designed to probe the subalgebra symmetry structure either during the initial stage of symmetry discovery or in a subsequent post-processing stage. The new methods are illustrated with examples from the $U(n)$ Lie group family, as well as the exceptional groups G_2 , F_4 and E_6 .