



Multiview Symbolic Regression

How to learn laws from examples

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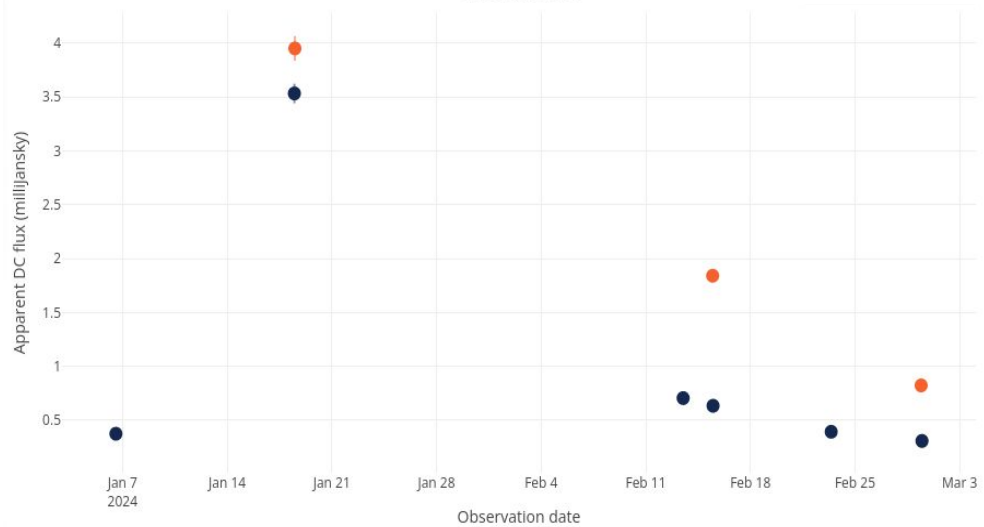
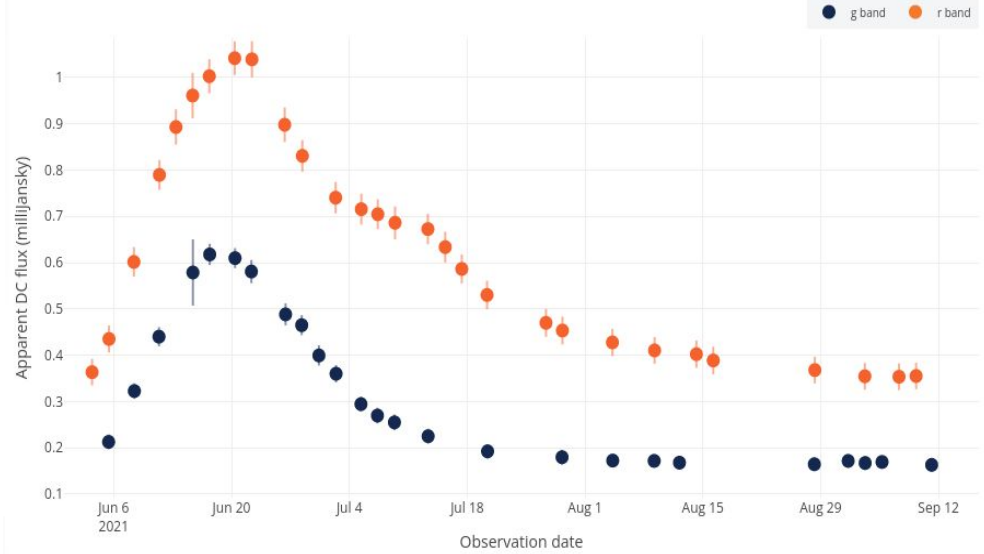
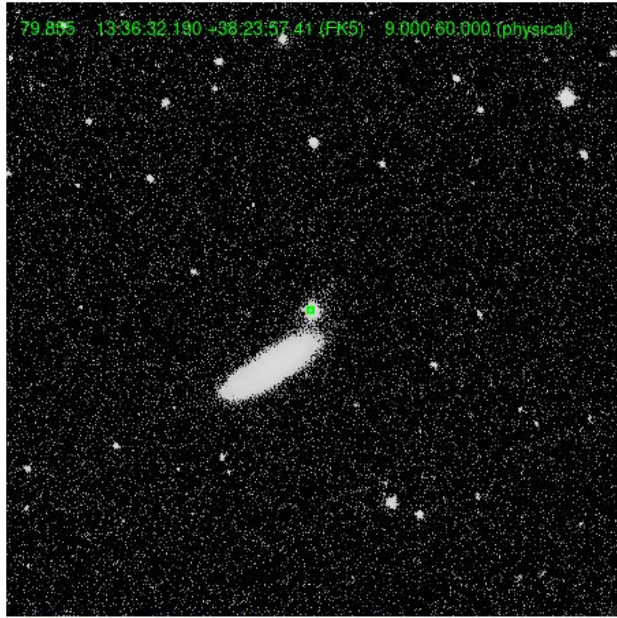
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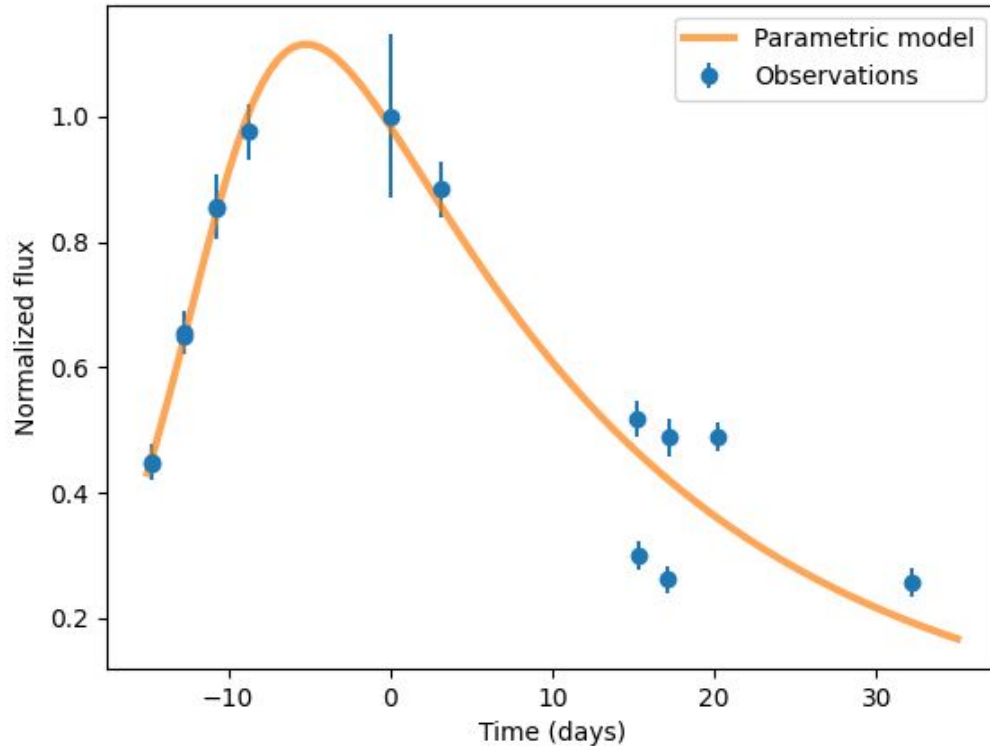


Feature extraction

Dealing with irregular sampling (example of astronomy)



One possible solution

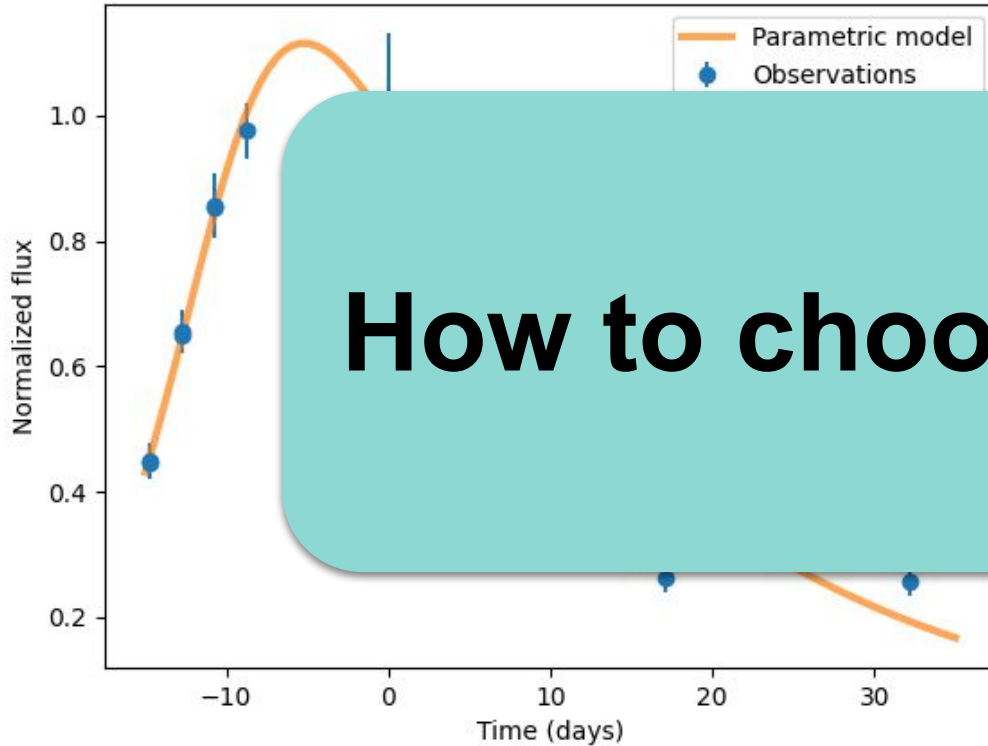


$$f(X; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$$



Extract n minimized parameters as features

One possible solution



How to choose $f(X)$?

\dots, θ_n

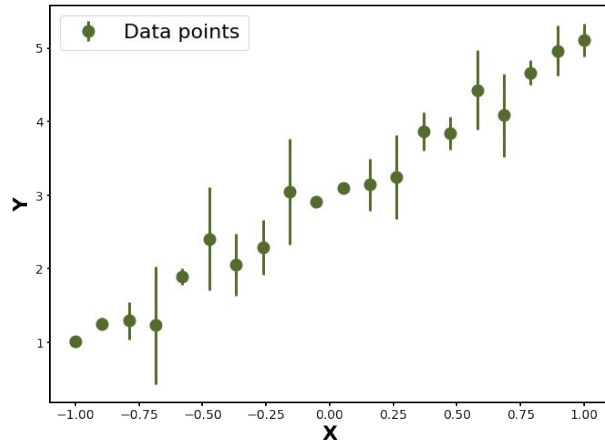
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Symbolic Regression

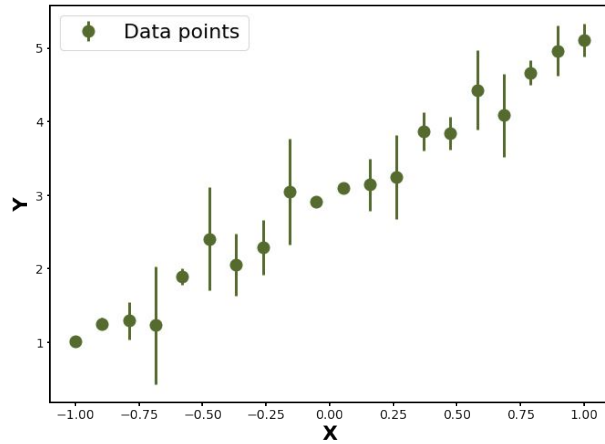
Traditional Symbolic Regression

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RANDOM EQUATIONS

$$f(X) = \sin(X) + 2$$

$$f(X) = X^2 - 1$$

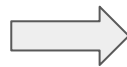
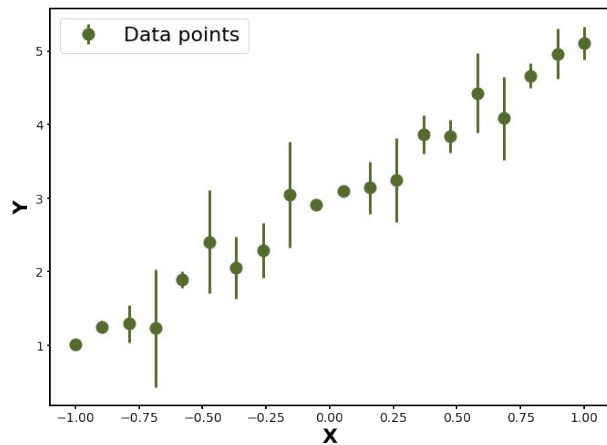
$$f(X) = 42$$

$$f(X) = -4X + 8$$

$$f(X) = X$$

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RANDOM
EQUATIONS

COST
FUNCTION

$$f(X) = \sin(X) + 2$$

COST = 12

$$f(X) = X^2 - 1$$

COST = 24

$$f(X) = 42$$

COST = 43

$$f(X) = -4X + 8$$

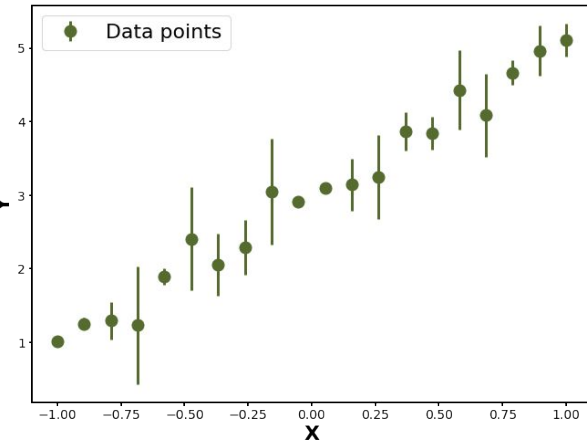
COST = 7

$$f(X) = X$$

COST = 3

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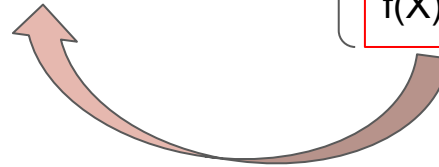
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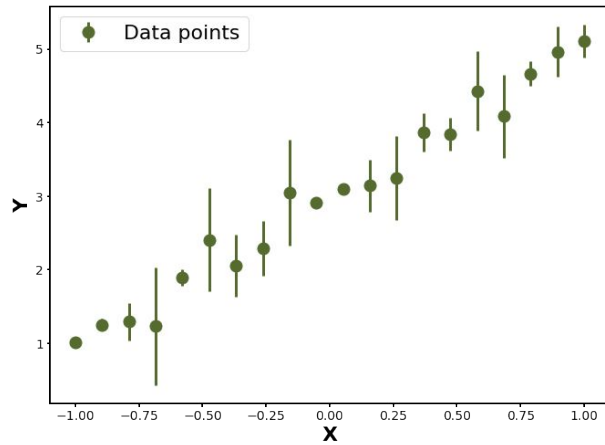
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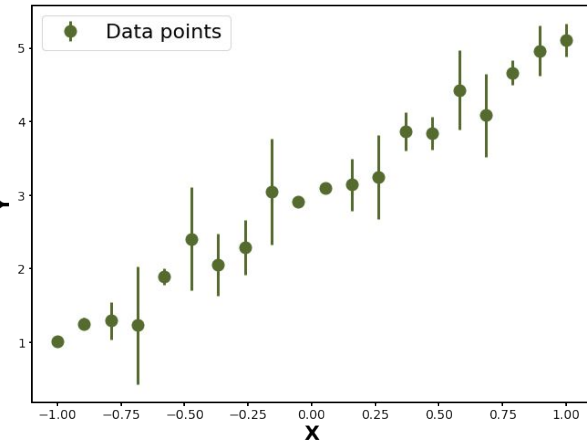
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EVOLVED EQUATIONS

COST FUNCTION

$$f(X) = 2X - 8$$

$$\text{COST} = 10$$

$$f(X) = X$$

$$\text{COST} = 7$$

$$f(X) = 2X + 2$$

$$\text{COST} = 0.5$$

$$f(X) = 2X$$

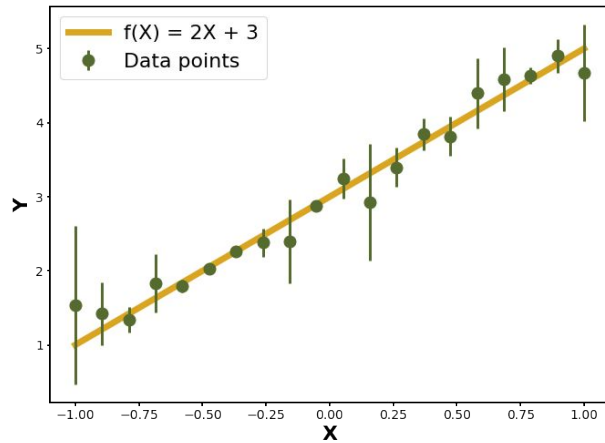
$$\text{COST} = 7$$

$$f(X) = 1/X$$

$$\text{COST} = 42$$

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After many
generation



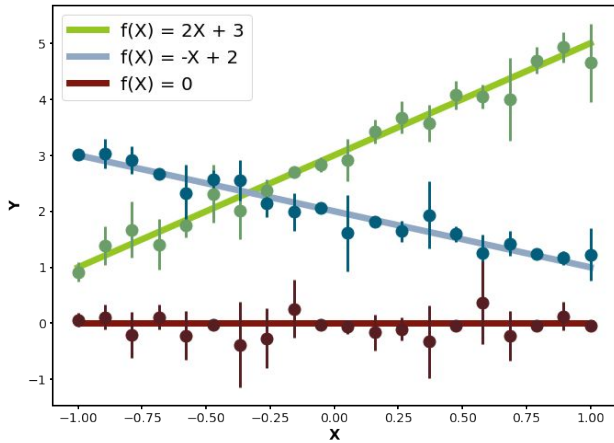
Best answer

$$f(X) = 2 X + 3$$

COST ~ 0

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Best answers

$$f(X) = 2 X + 3$$

$$f(X) = -X + 2$$

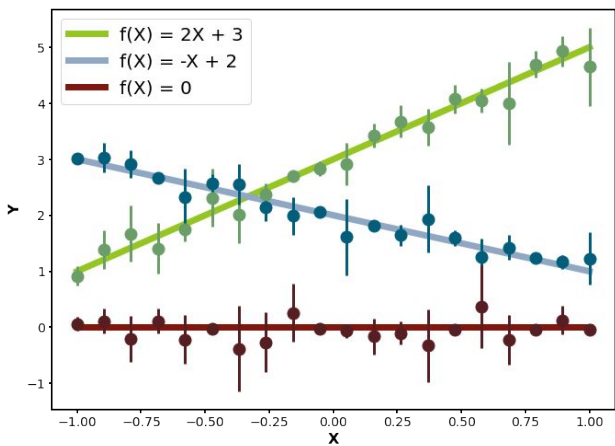
$$f(X) = 0$$



MultiView Symbolic Regression

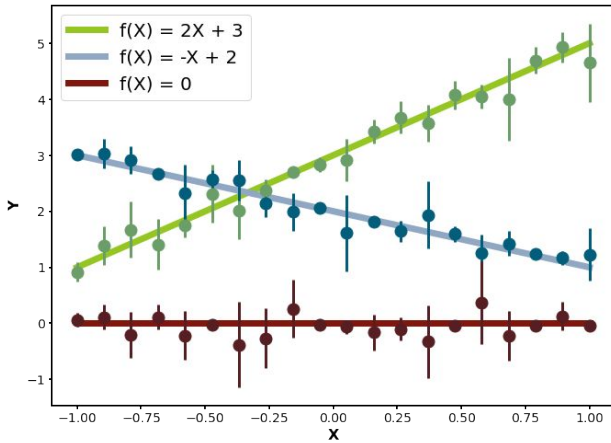
Multiview Symbolic Regression (MvSR)

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RANDOM EQUATIONS

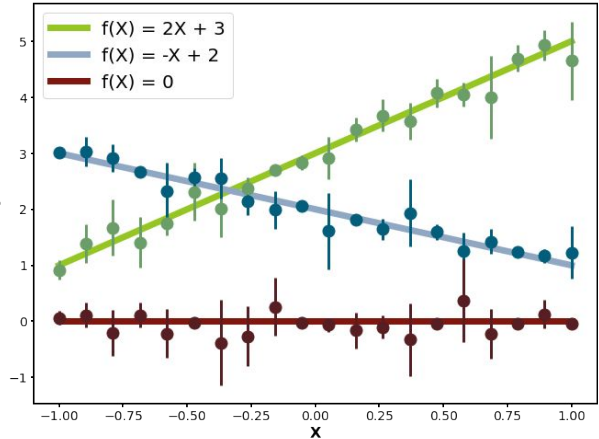
$$f(X) = \sin(X) + \mathbf{A}$$

$$f(X) = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} X^2$$

$$f(X) = \mathbf{A}$$

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$f(X) = \sin(X) + A$

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$f(X) = A$

COST FUNCTION AFTER MINIMIZATION

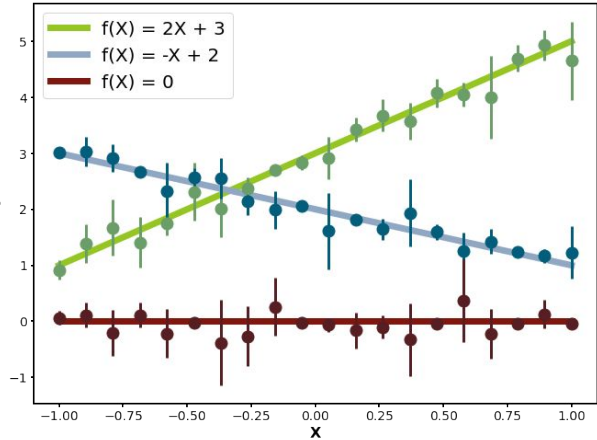
COST = 24
32
7

COST = 17
8
0

COST = 19
10
0

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$$f(X) = A + B X^2$$

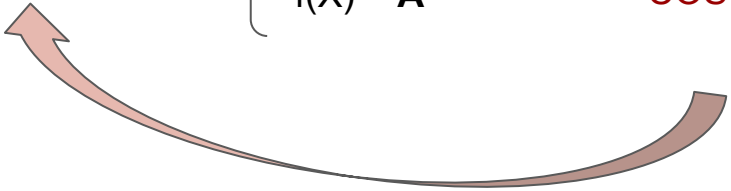
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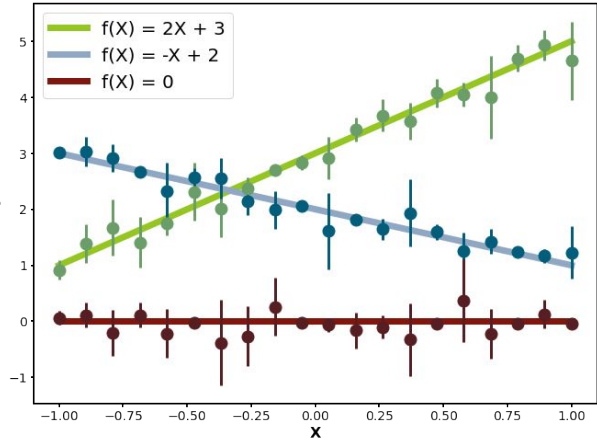
COST = 19
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Average COST

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After many generation



Best answer
 $f(X) = A X + B$

COST = 0
0
0

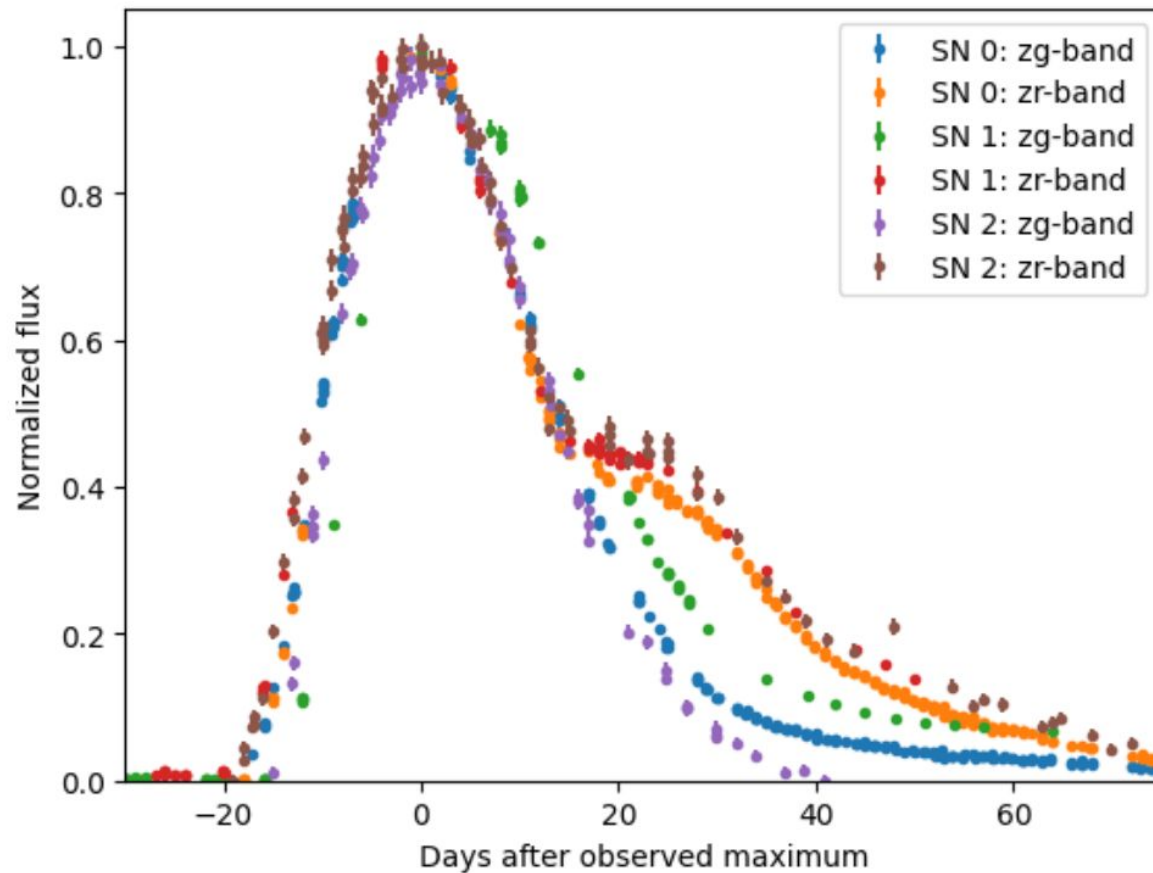
MvSR in a nutshell

- (1) Receive multiple datasets as input.
- (2) Perform a minimization of the parameters independently for each dataset.
- (3) Use an aggregation function to compute an overall loss.
- (4) Allow parameters to be repeated.
- (5) Control the maximum number of parameters.
- (6) Penalise solutions based on the number of parameters used



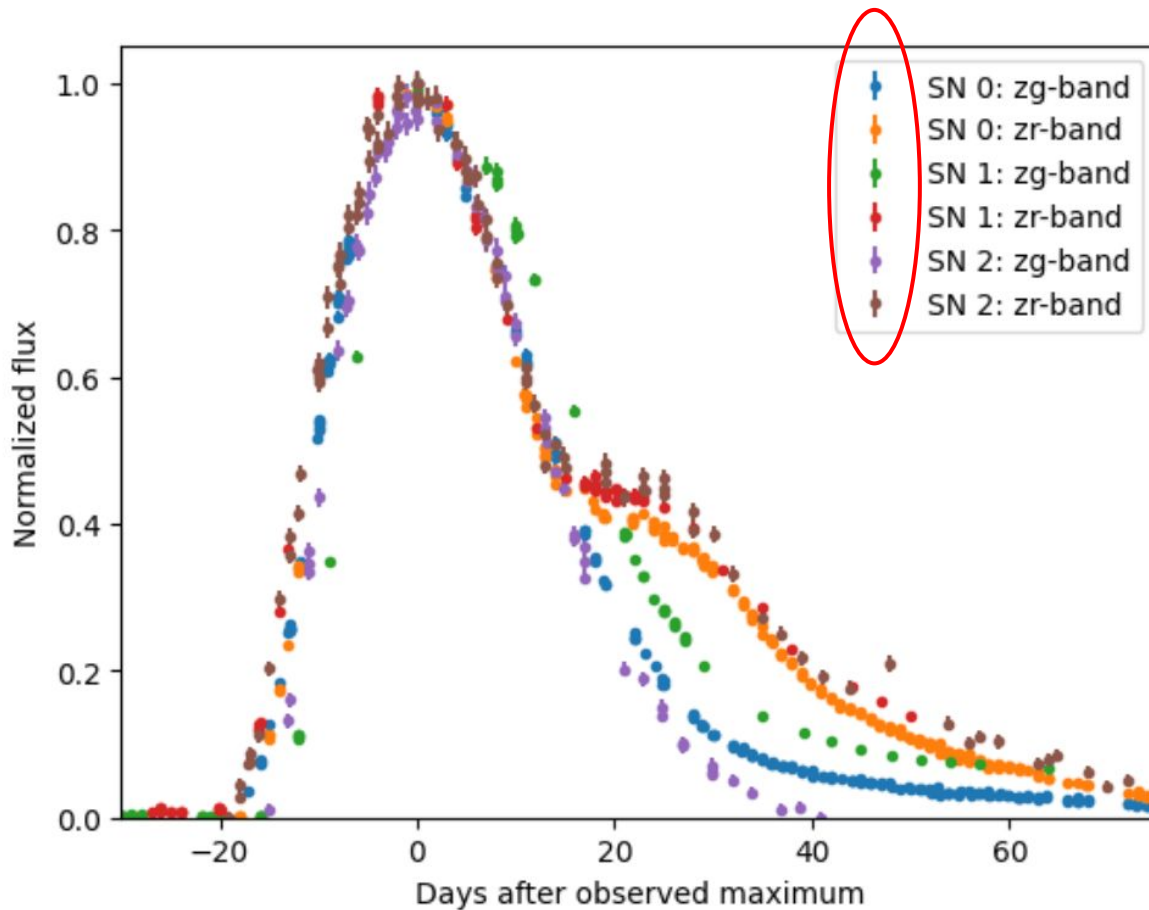
Scientific applications

Astrophysical database

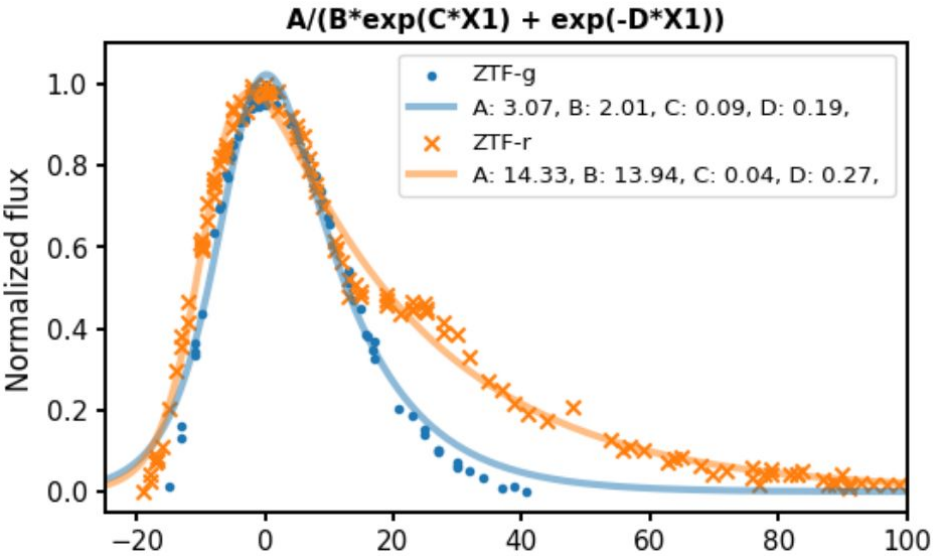


Astrophysical database

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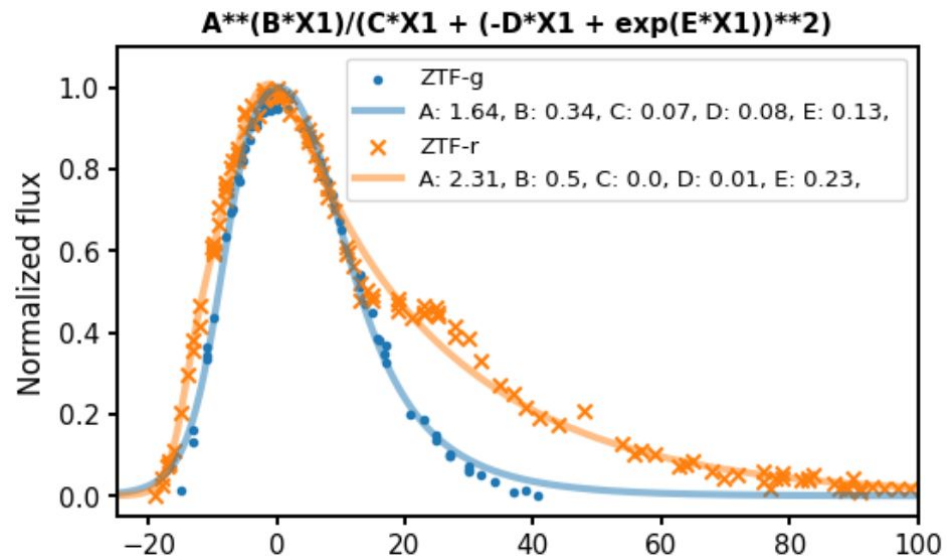
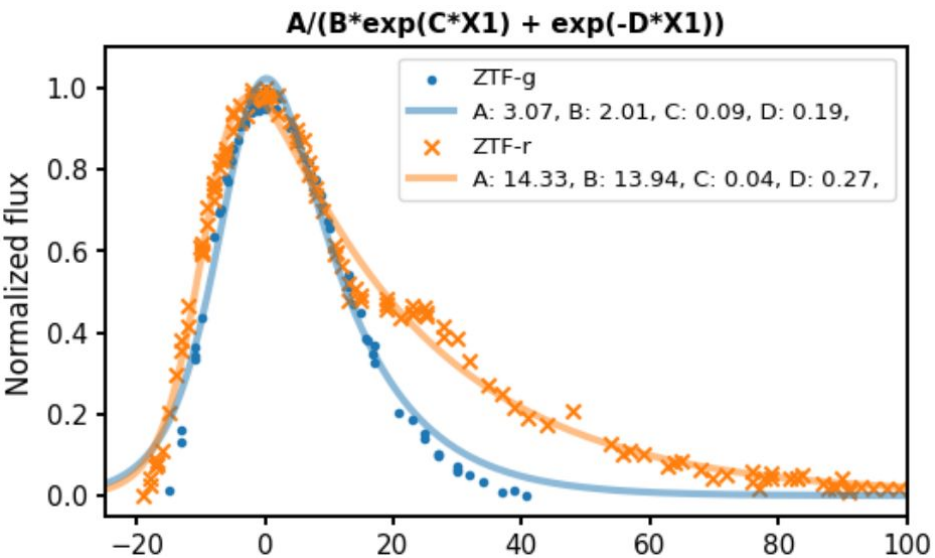


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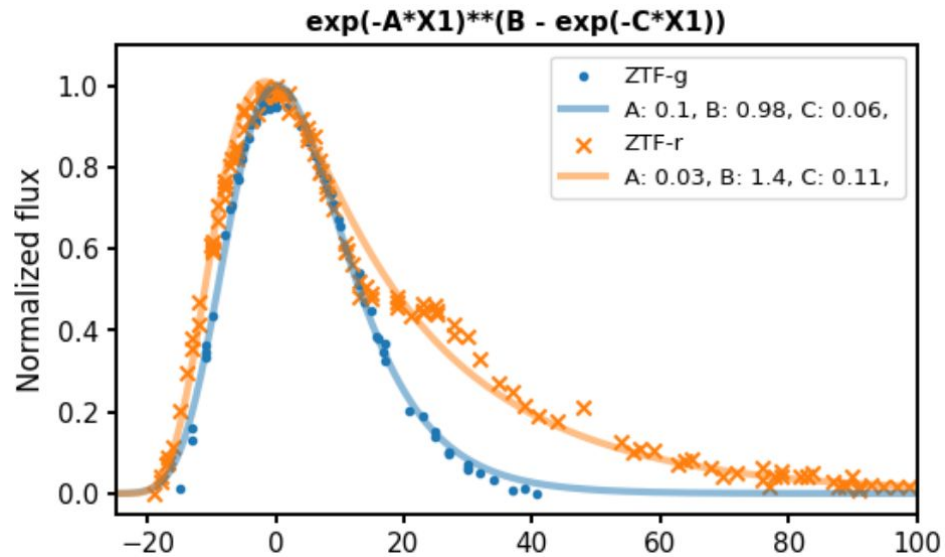
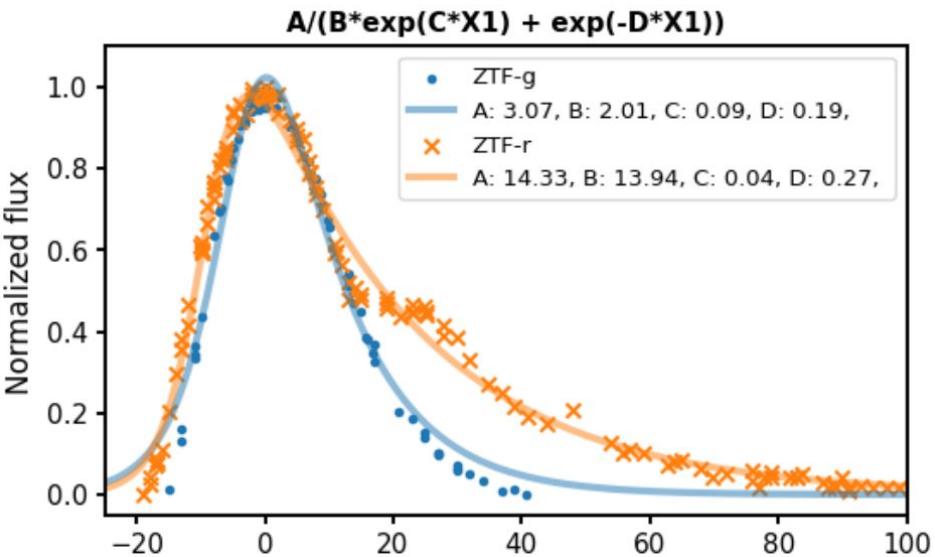
MvSR recovers the literature !

Astrophysical database



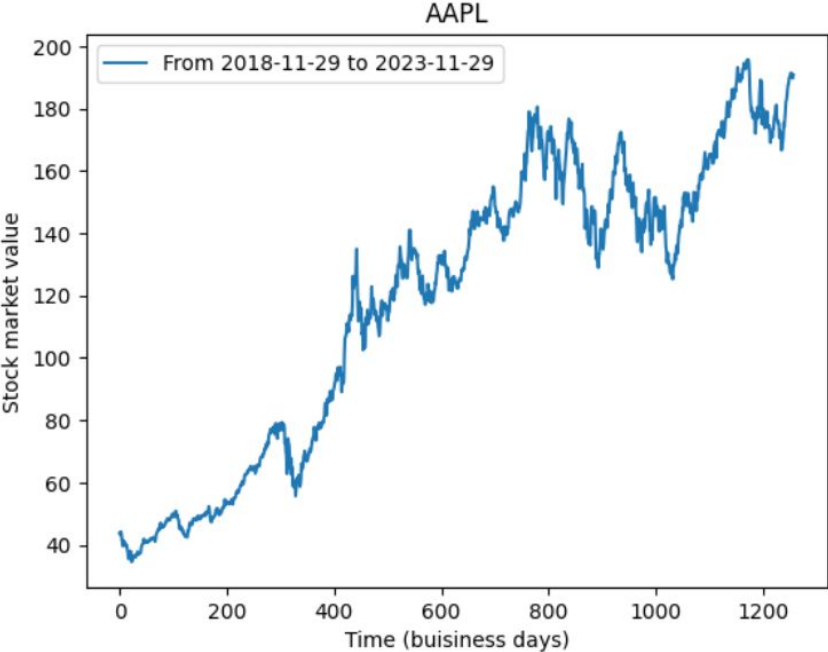
It can also generate more complex and better solutions

Astrophysical database

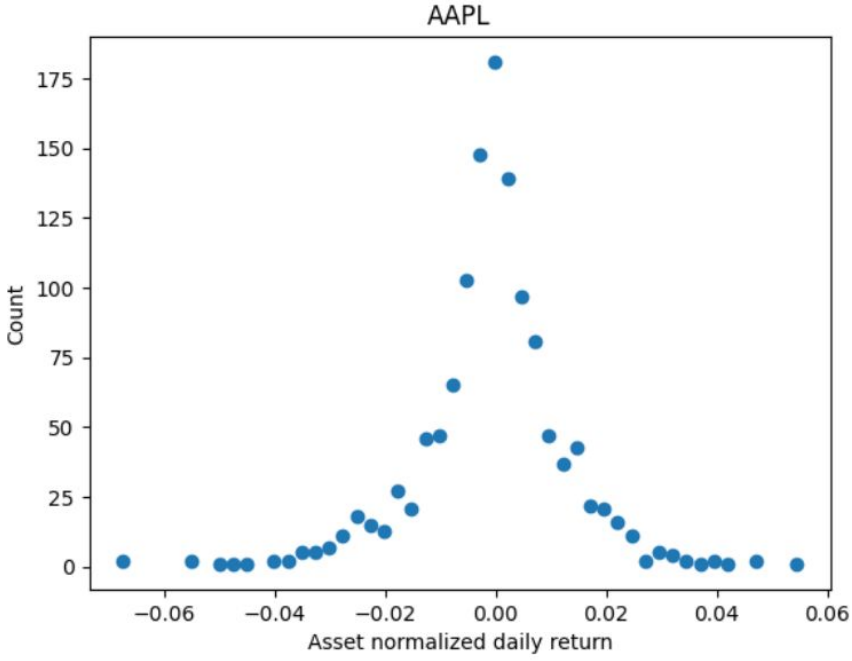
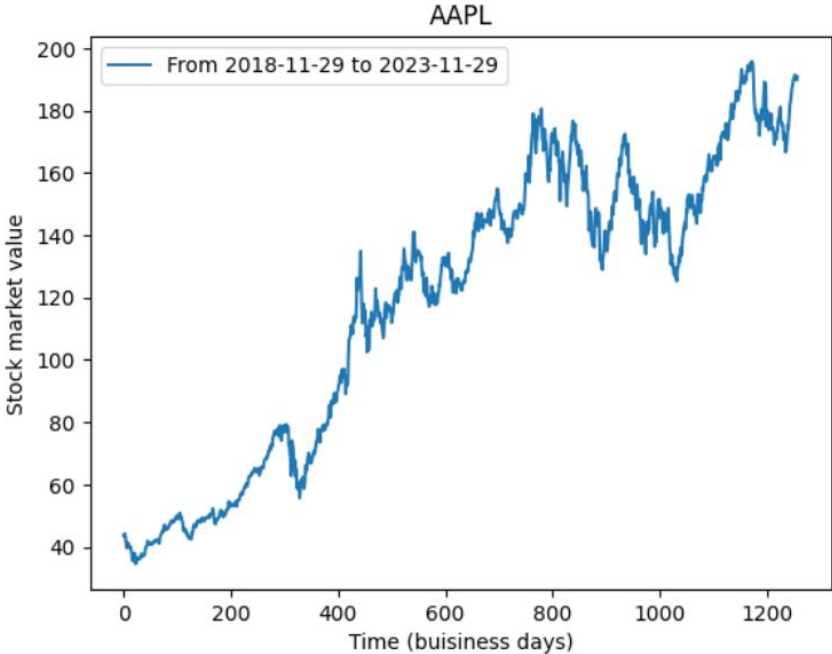


As well as unexpected but very effective forms

Finance database



Finance database



Finance database

S&P500

Stock market of the 500
biggest US companies

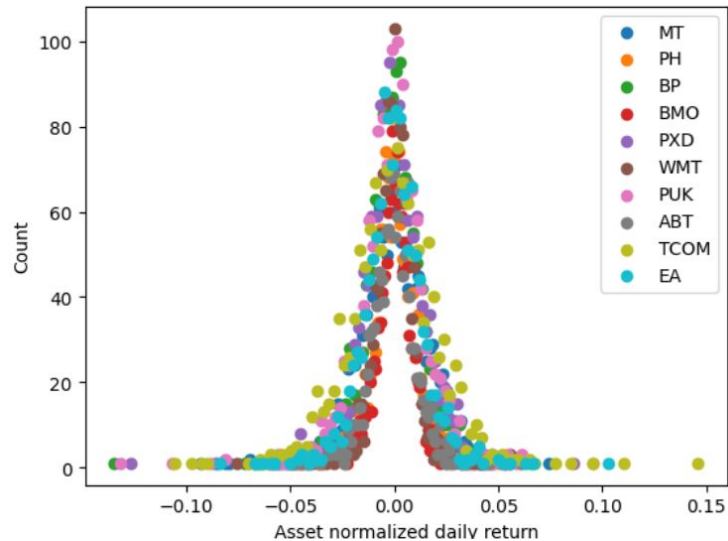
**Usually aggregated
for analysis**

Finance database

S&P500

Stock market of the 500
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10 random
companies



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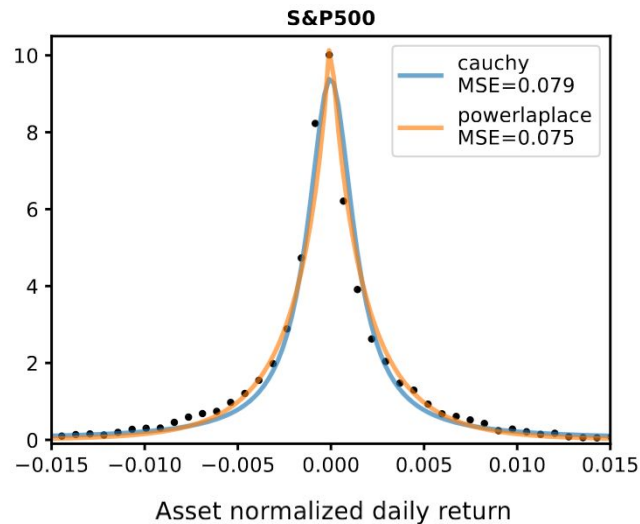
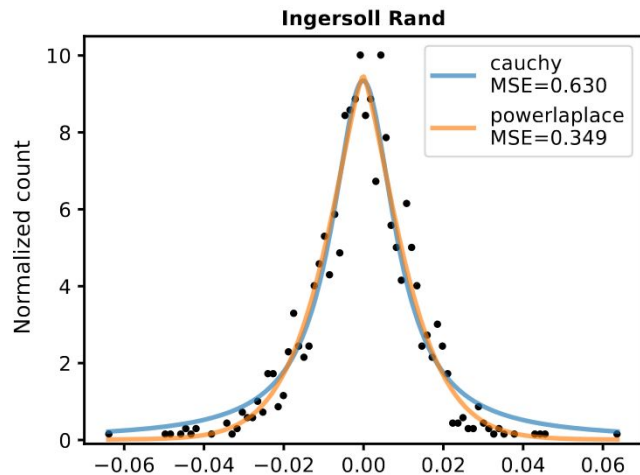
Recover literature

<i>Models</i>	Equation $f(x)$
Gaussian [2, 5]	$A \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{B}}$
Laplace [17]	$A \cdot e^{-B x }$
Cauchy [20]	$A \cdot B^2 / (x^2 + B^2)$
Linear-Laplace	$(A - Bx) \cdot e^{-C x }$
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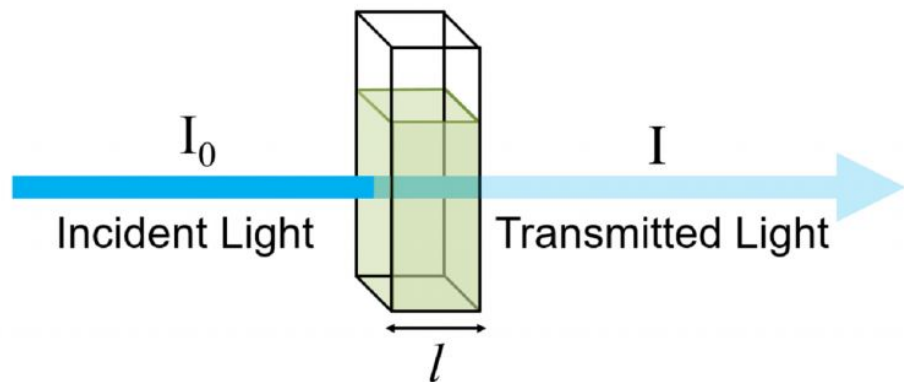
Find new models

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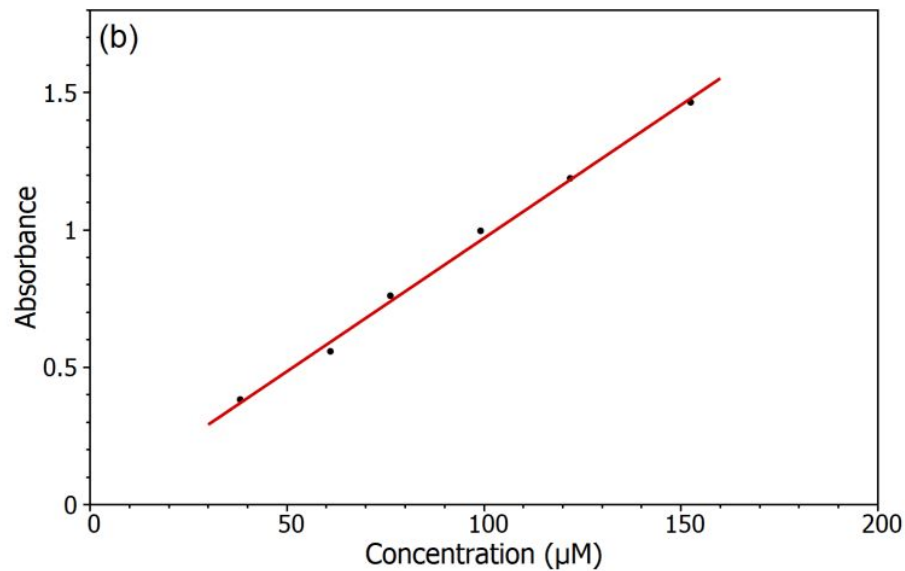


Chemistry database

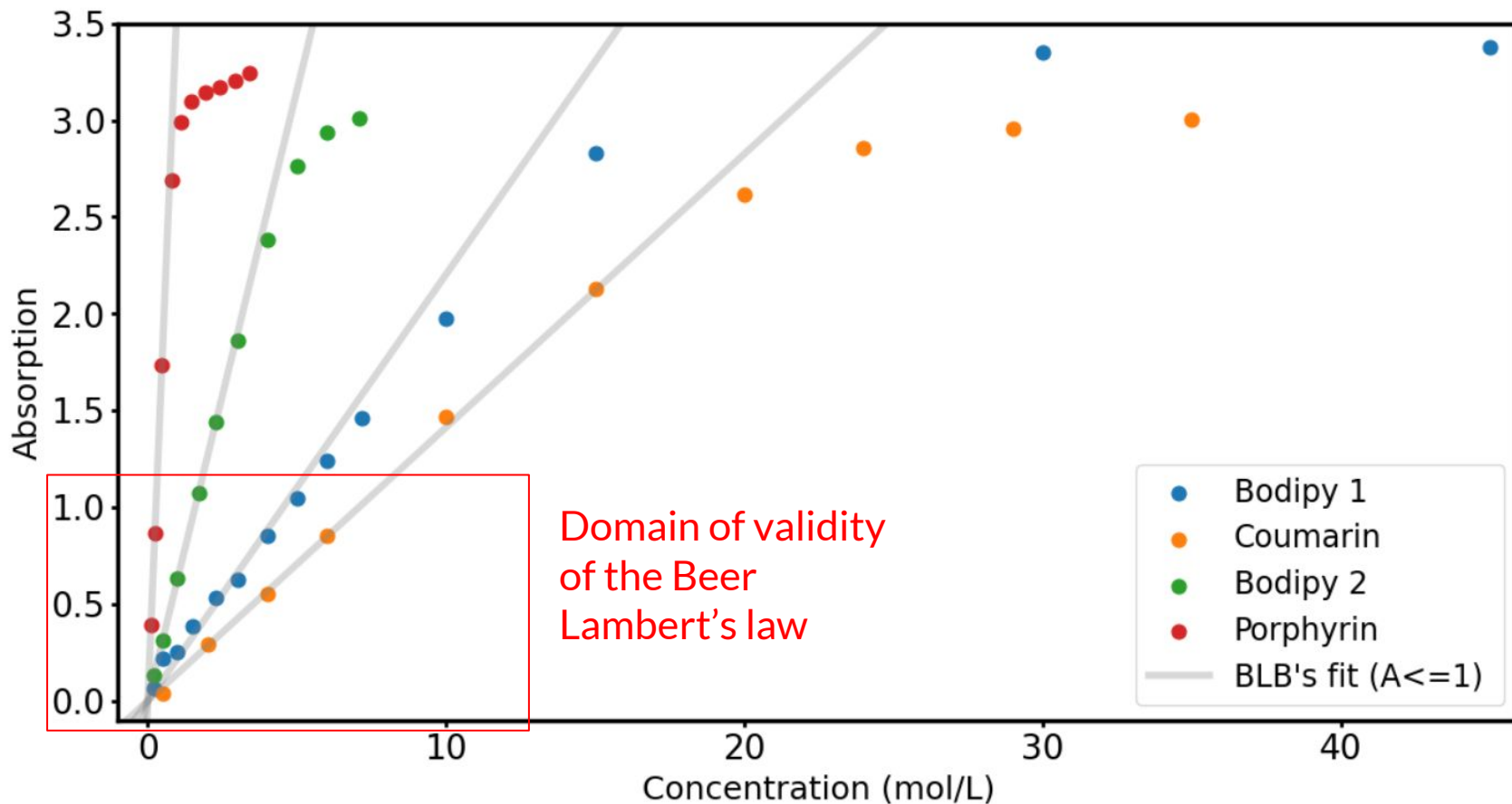


$$\log_{10}\left(\frac{I_0}{I}\right) = A = k \cdot C$$

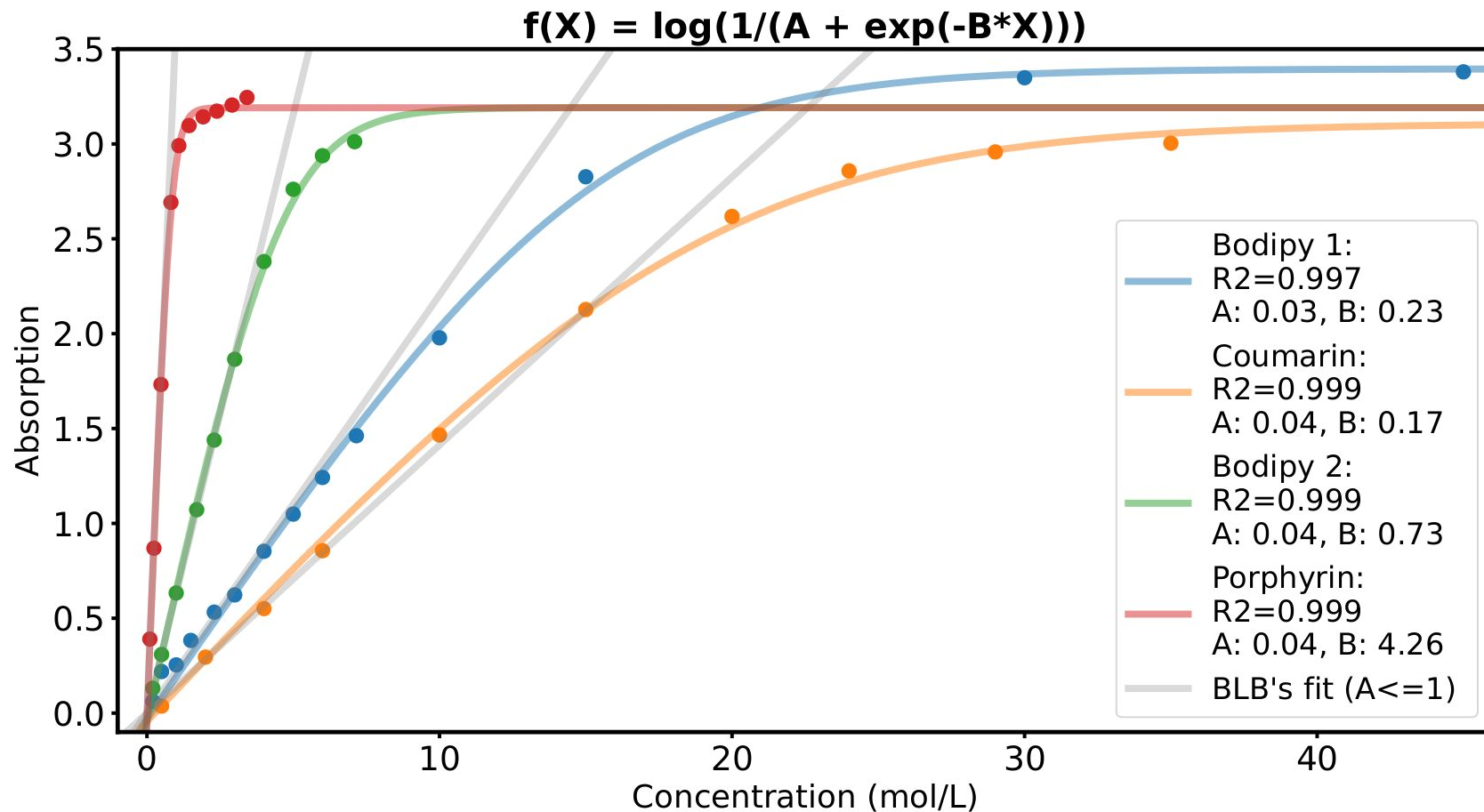
Beer Lambert's law



Chemistry database



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General Beer Lambert's law:

$$f(x; \mu, \epsilon) = \log \left(\frac{1}{\mu + e^{-\epsilon x}} \right)$$

Saturation parameter

Linear slope



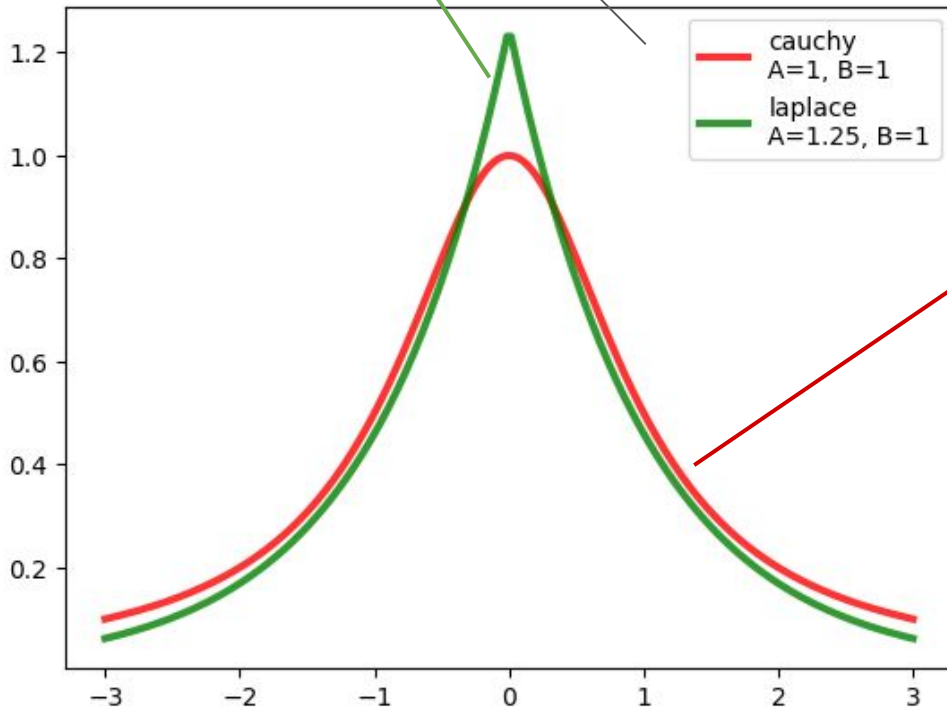
Simple anomaly detection

Generate toy data

100

Hidden anomalies

$$f(X) = A \cdot e^{-B \cdot |X|}$$

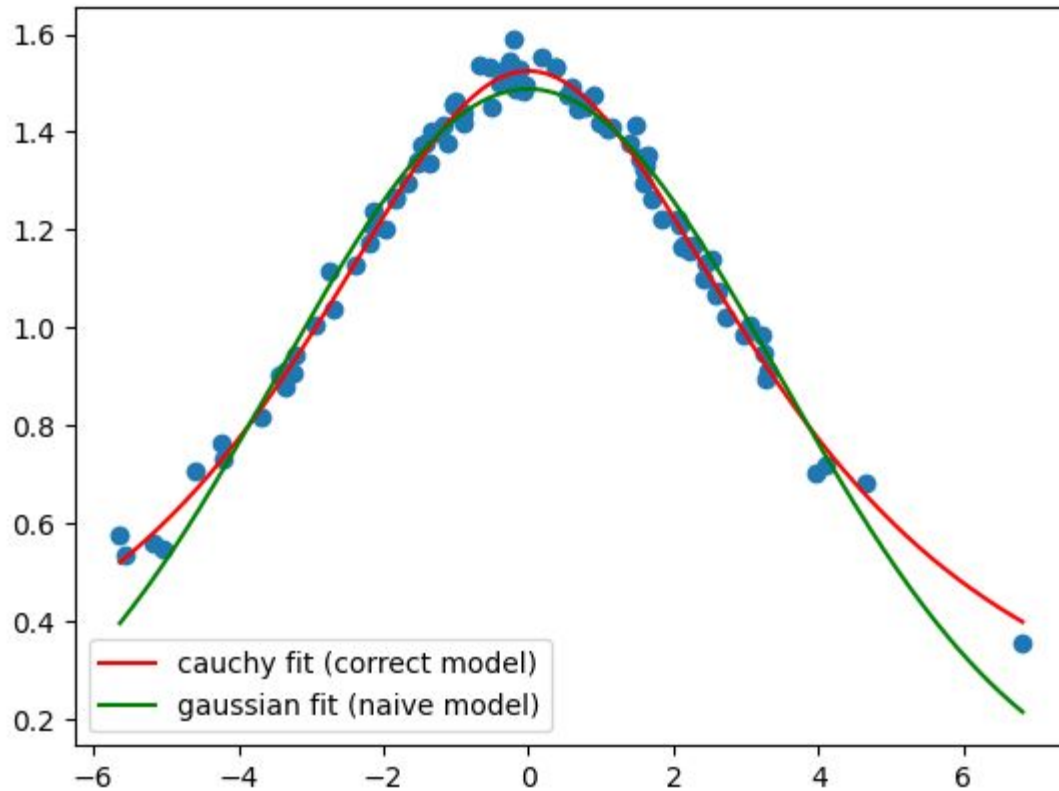


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Normal behavior

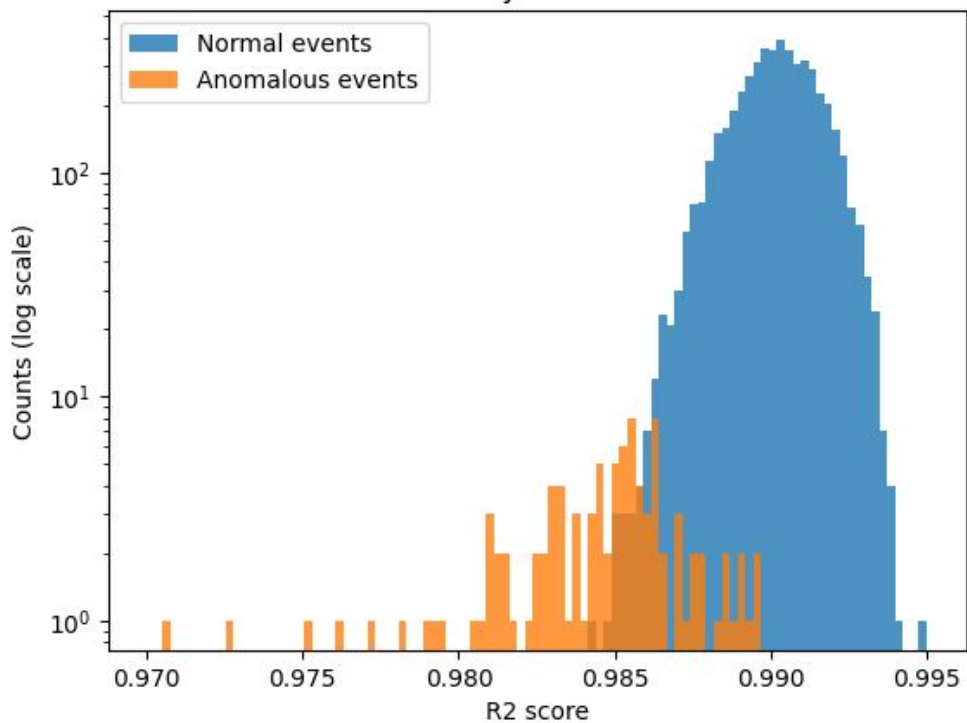
$$f(X) = A \cdot \frac{B^2}{X^2 + B^2}$$

Data example

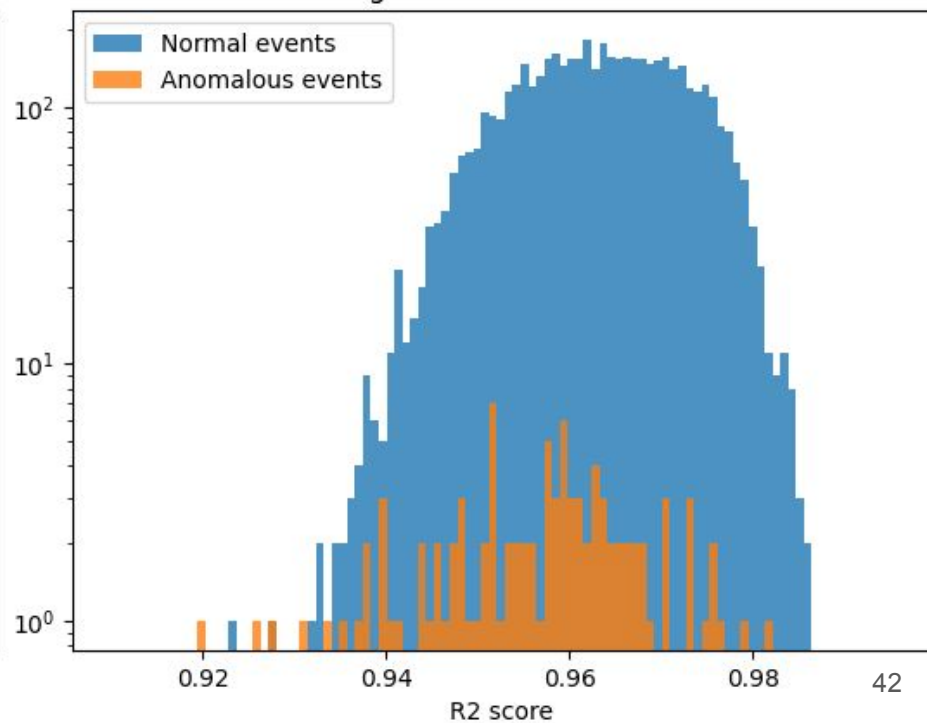


Simple isolation forest results

cauchy model fit



gaussian model fit





Conclusion

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- **MvSR is working**, have a look at the [arXiv](#)
- It has potential to be used in **every science**
- It represent the first step of **future anomaly detection** studies
- Still need some work on our side for a proper full implementation

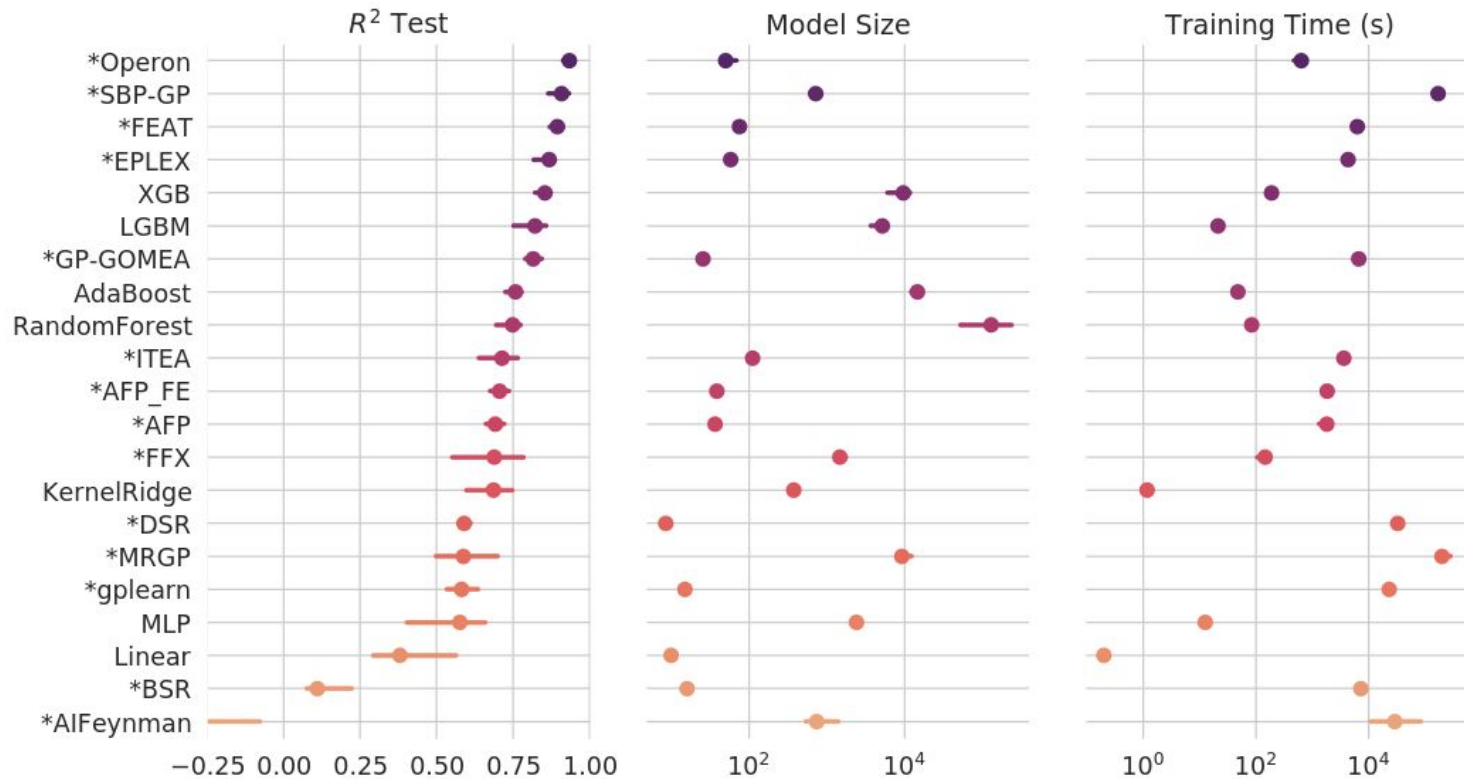
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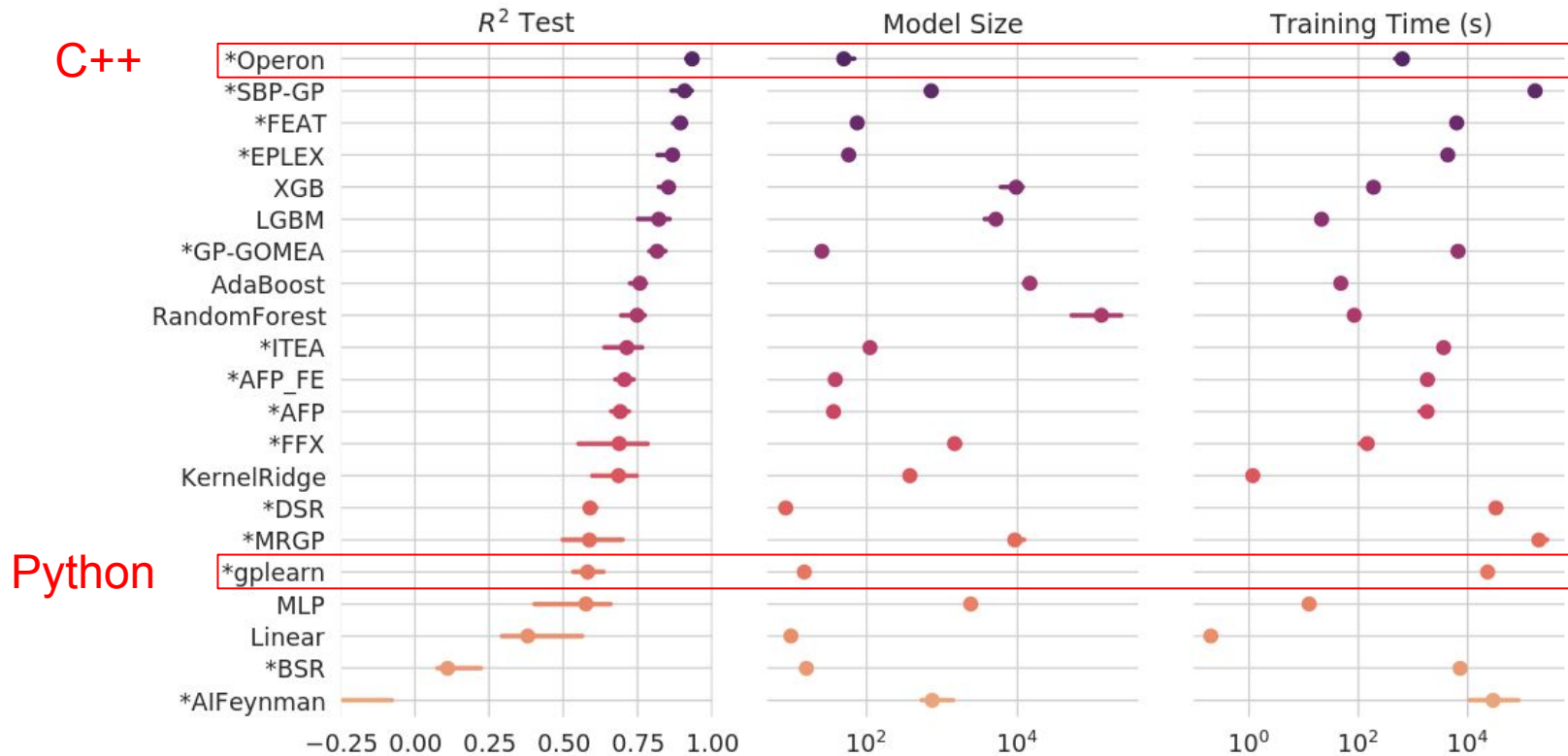
AI for science, science for AI

BACKUP SLIDES

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Multi-View Symbolic Regression

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Symbolic regression (SR) searches for analytical expressions representing the relationship between a set of explanatory and response variables. Current SR methods assume a single dataset extracted from a single experiment. Nevertheless, frequently, the researcher is confronted with multiple sets of results obtained from experiments conducted with different setups. Traditional SR methods may fail to find the underlying expression since the parameters of each experiment can be different. In this work we present Multi-View Symbolic Regression (MvSR), which takes into account multiple datasets simultaneously, mimicking experimental environments, and outputs a general parametric solution. This approach fits the evaluated expression to each independent dataset and returns a parametric family of functions $f(x; \theta)$ simultaneously capable of accurately fitting all datasets. We demonstrate the effectiveness of MvSR using data generated from known expressions, as well as real-world data from astronomy, chemistry and economy, for which an a priori analytical expression is not available. Results show that MvSR obtains the correct expression more frequently and is robust to hyperparameters change. In real-world data, it is able to grasp the group behaviour, recovering known expressions from the literature as well as promising alternatives, thus enabling the use SR to a large range of experimental scenarios.

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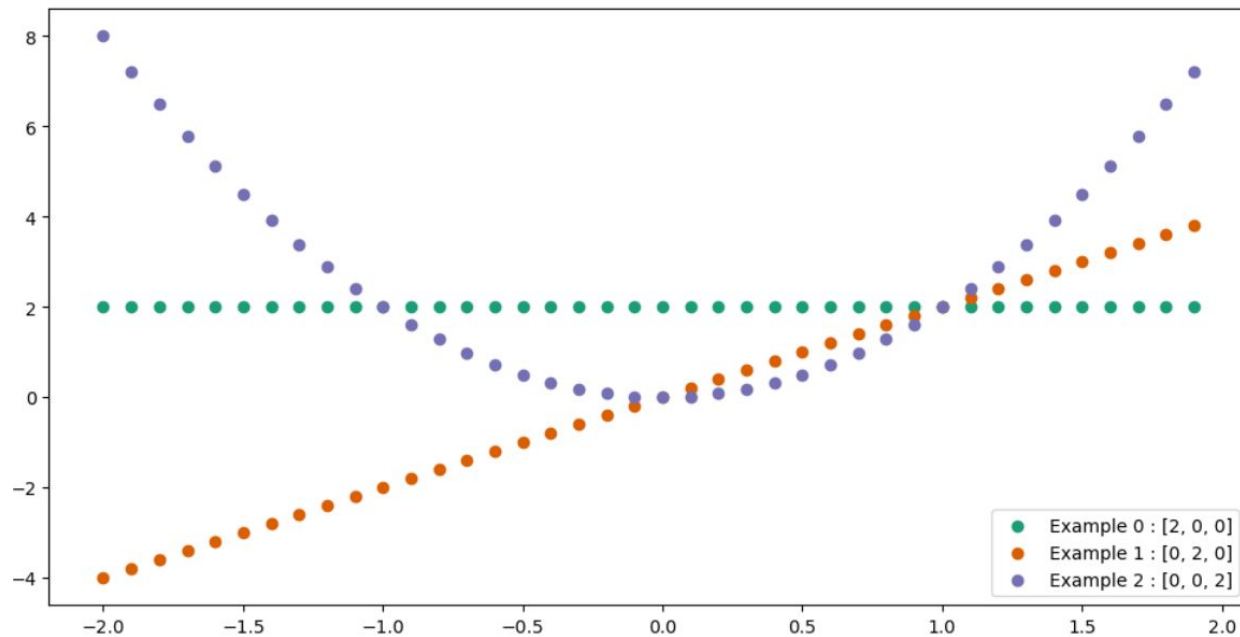
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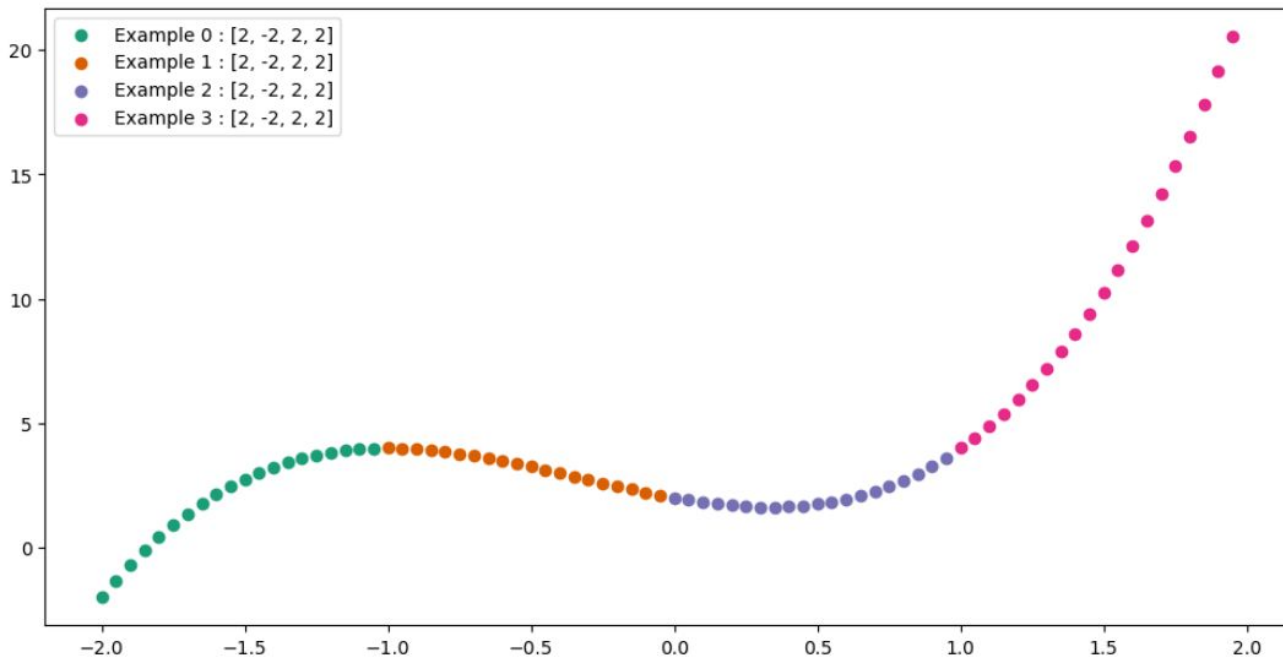
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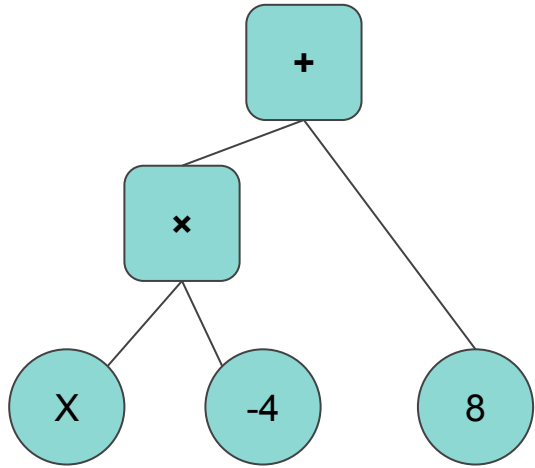
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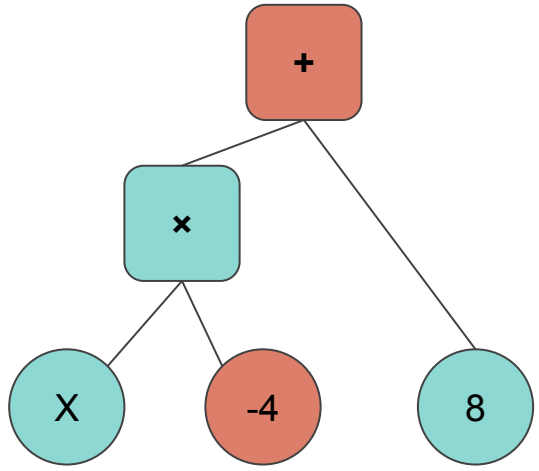
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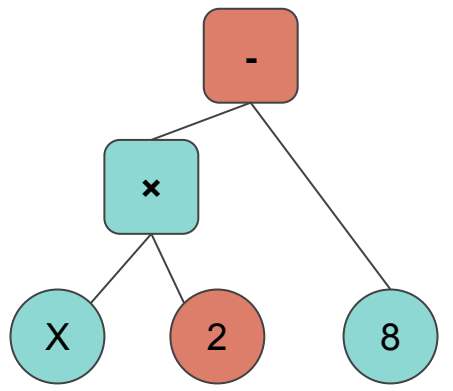


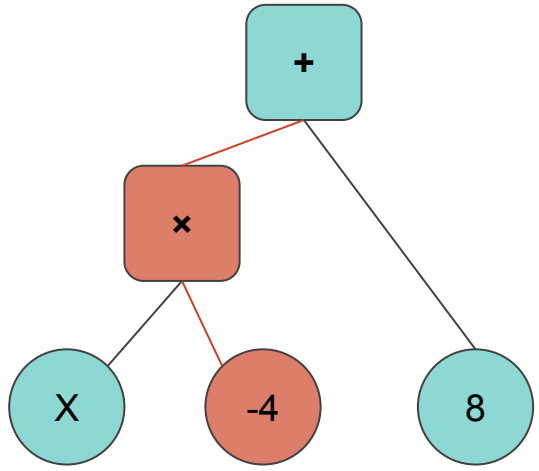
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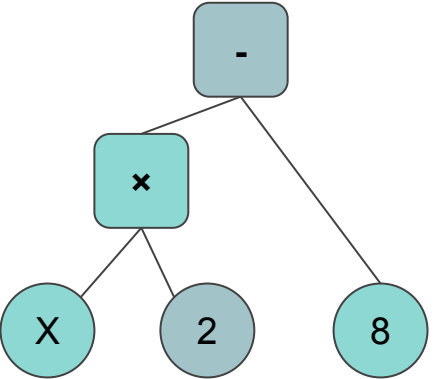


Point mutations

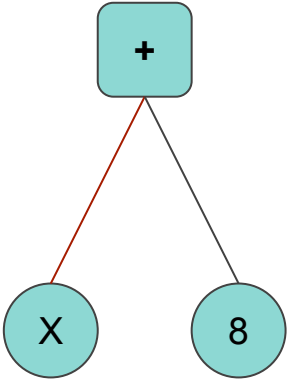


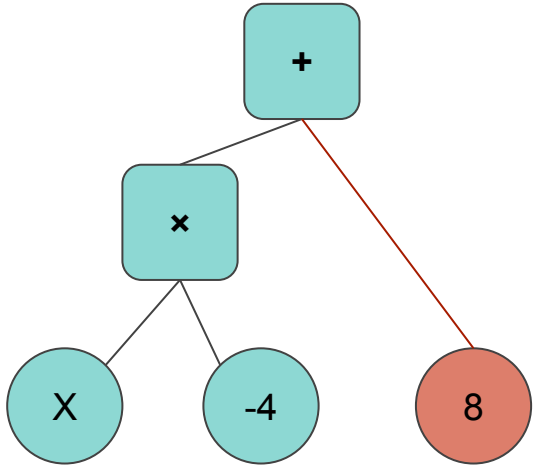


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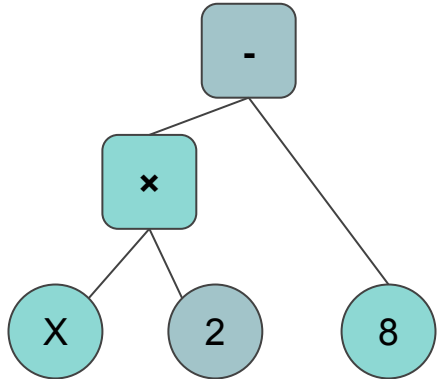


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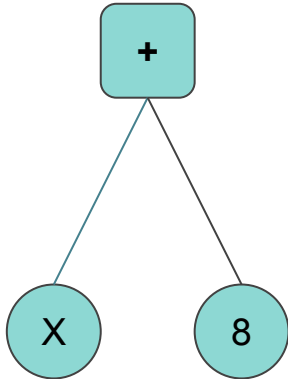




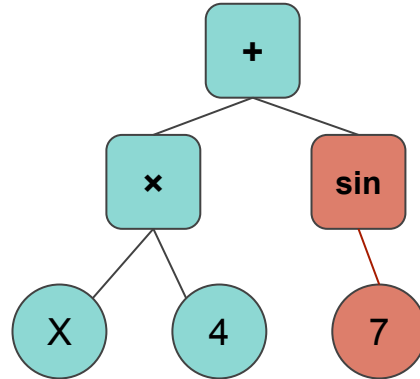
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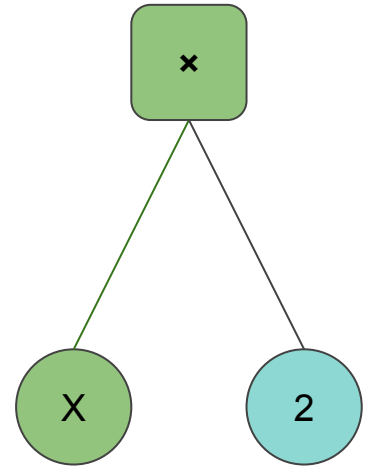
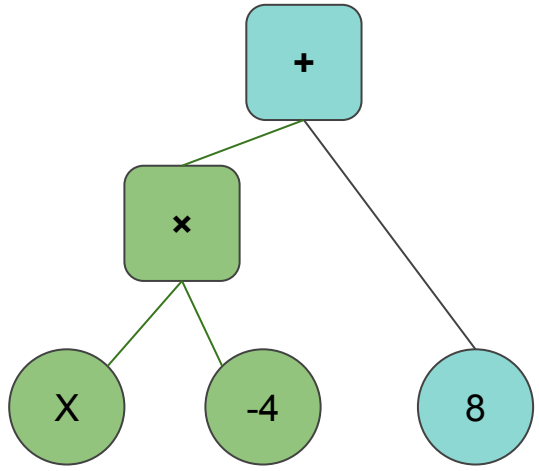


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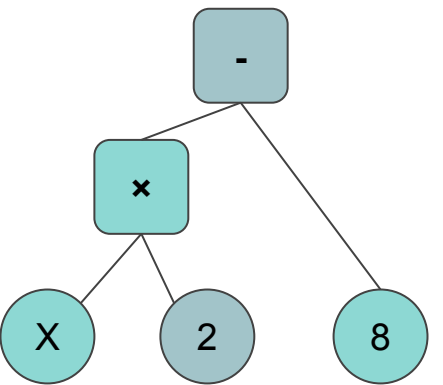


Subtree mutations

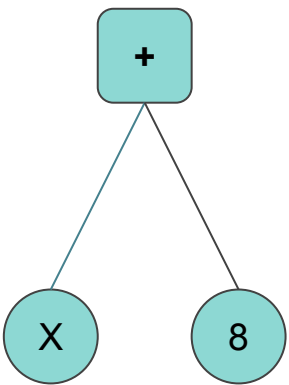




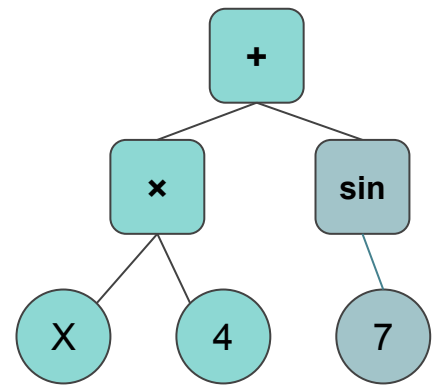
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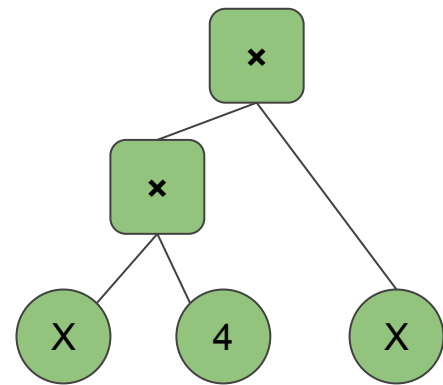
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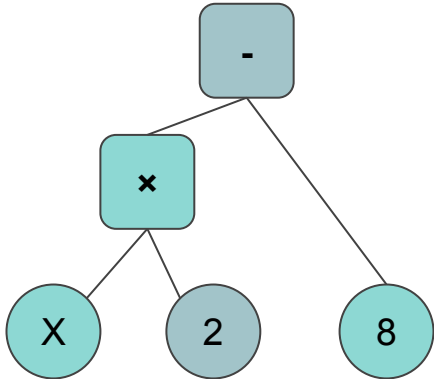


Crossover

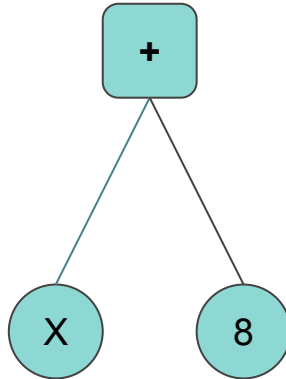


Create a new population from the previous best candidates

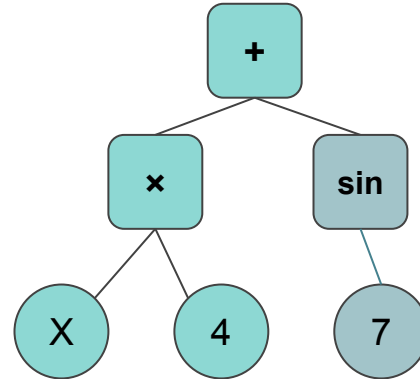
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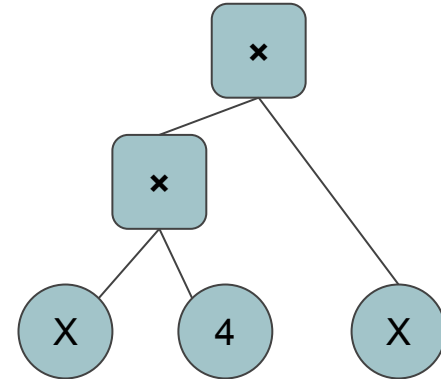
Hoist mutations



Subtree mutations



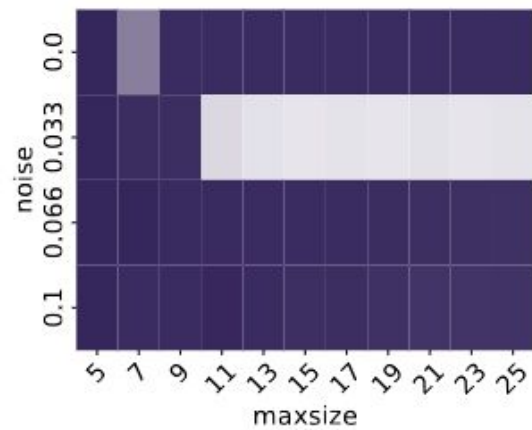
Crossover



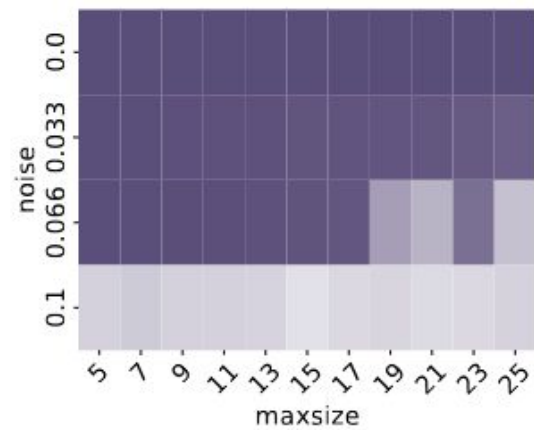
$$f_1(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \theta_3 x^3$$

$$f_2(x) = \sin(\theta_0 x_0 x_1) + \theta_1 (x_2 - \theta_2)^2 + \theta_3 x_3 + x_4$$

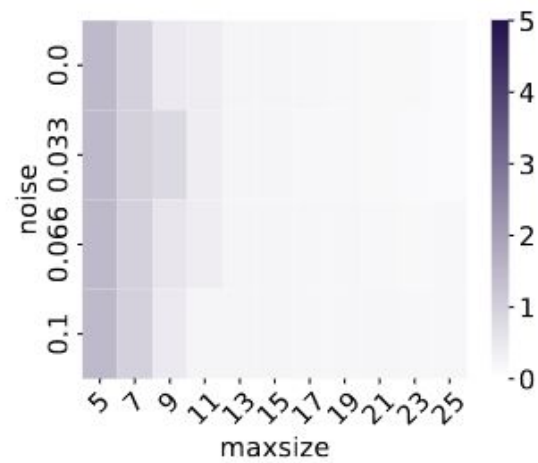
$$f_3(x) = \left(\theta_0 x_0^2 + \left(\theta_1 x_1 x_2 - \frac{\theta_2}{(\theta_3 x_1 x_3 + 1)} \right)^2 \right)^{0.5}$$



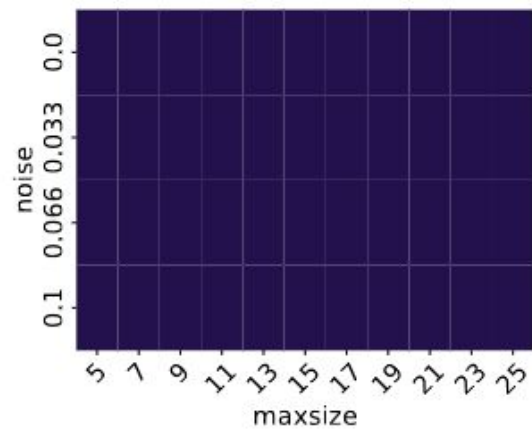
(g)



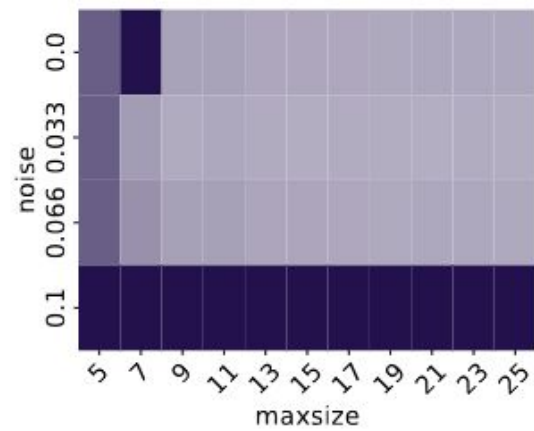
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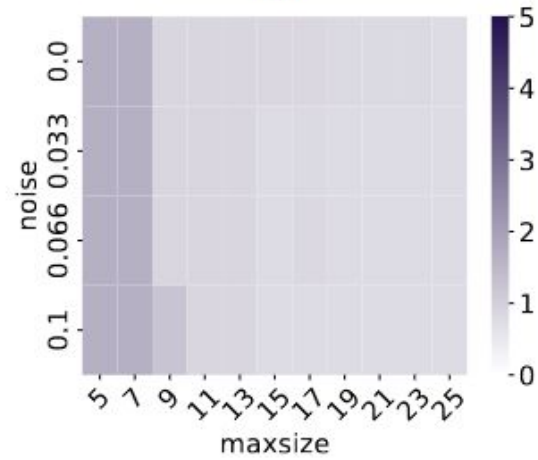
(i)



(j)



(k)



(l)

	View 1	View 2	View 3	View 4	Partial view
θ_0	2	0	0	2	2
θ_1	2	2	0	0	-2
θ_2	0	2	2	0	2
θ_3	0	0	2	2	2

Parameter	Value
population size	1000
number of evaluations	100000000
pool size	5
error metric	<i>MSE</i>
prob. cx	1.0
prob. mut.	0.25
max depth.	10
optim. iterations	100
aggregation function	max
operators	add, sub, mul, div, square, exp, sqrt, sin (f_2 only)

<i>Models</i>	Equation $f(x)$	$med(MSE)$	$MSE_{S\&P}$
Gaussian [2, 5]	$A \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{B}}$	0.363	0.260
Laplace [17]	$A \cdot e^{-B x }$	0.342	0.084
Cauchy [20]	$A \cdot B^2 / (x^2 + B^2)$	0.305	0.079
Linear-Laplace	$(A - Bx) \cdot e^{-C x }$	0.327	0.065
Exp-Laplace	$A \cdot e^{Bx - C x }$	0.328	0.063
Power-Laplace	$A \cdot e^{B x ^C}$	0.246	0.075

