

# TRANSFORMER-BASED MODEL FOR SYMBOLIC REGRESSION VIA JOINT SUPERVISED LEARNING

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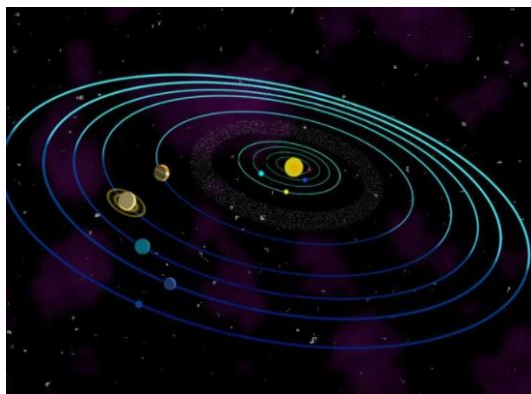
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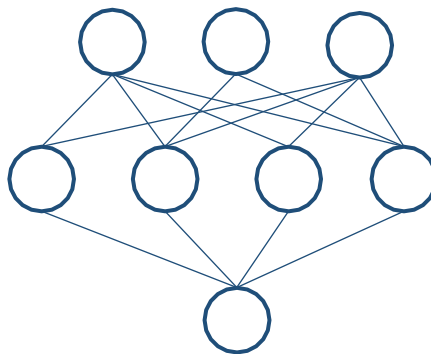
Given a dataset  $X, y$ , where each feature  $X_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and target  $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , the goal of symbolic regression is to identify a function  $f$  (i.e.,  $y \approx f(X): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ) that best fits the dataset, where the functional form of  $f$  is a short **closed-form mathematical expression**.

The law of  
universal gravitation



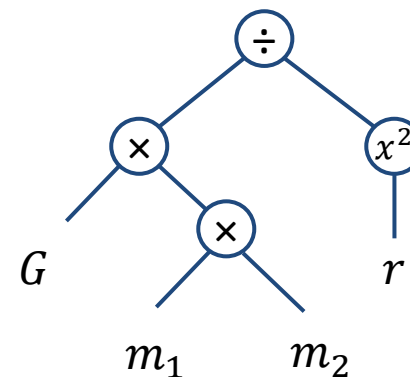
Deep Learning

$$F = \text{Relu}(W \text{Relu}(WX \dots) + b)$$



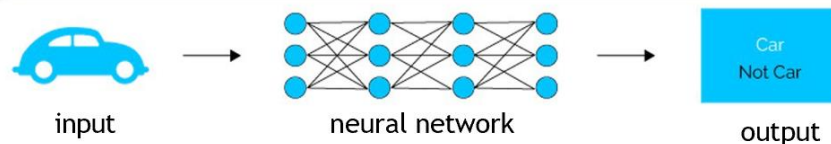
Symbolic Regression

$$F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$



# Introduction of Symbolic Regression

## Deep Learning

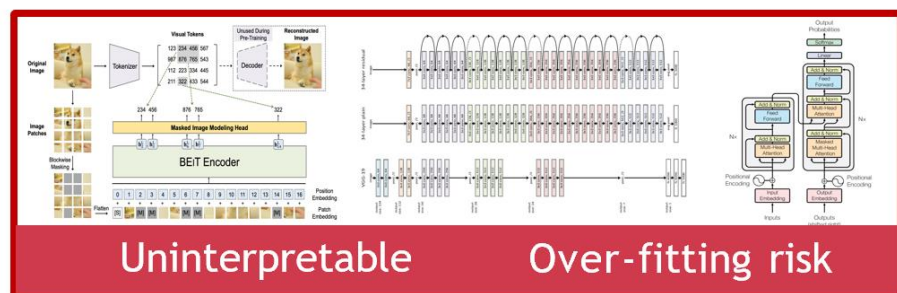


**DALL·E 2**

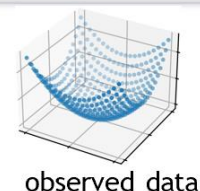
DALL·E 2 is a new AI system that can create realistic images and art from a description in natural language.

**ChatGPT**

Powerful fitting capability



## Symbolic Regression



$$f(x, y) = 2x^1 + 3y^1$$

Mathematical expression

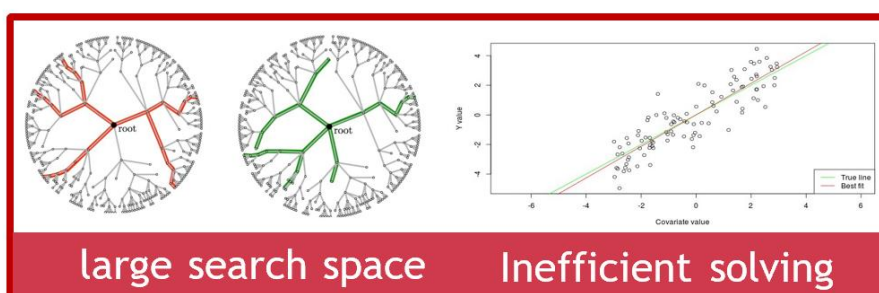
$$L = \frac{\hbar\omega^3}{\pi^2c^2(e^{\hbar\omega/k_bT} - 1)}$$

$$F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2}$$

$$r = \frac{a(1 - e^2)}{1 + e \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2\hbar^2}{m^2c^2} \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega} + \omega' - \sin^2 \theta\right)$$

Interpretable Good generalization





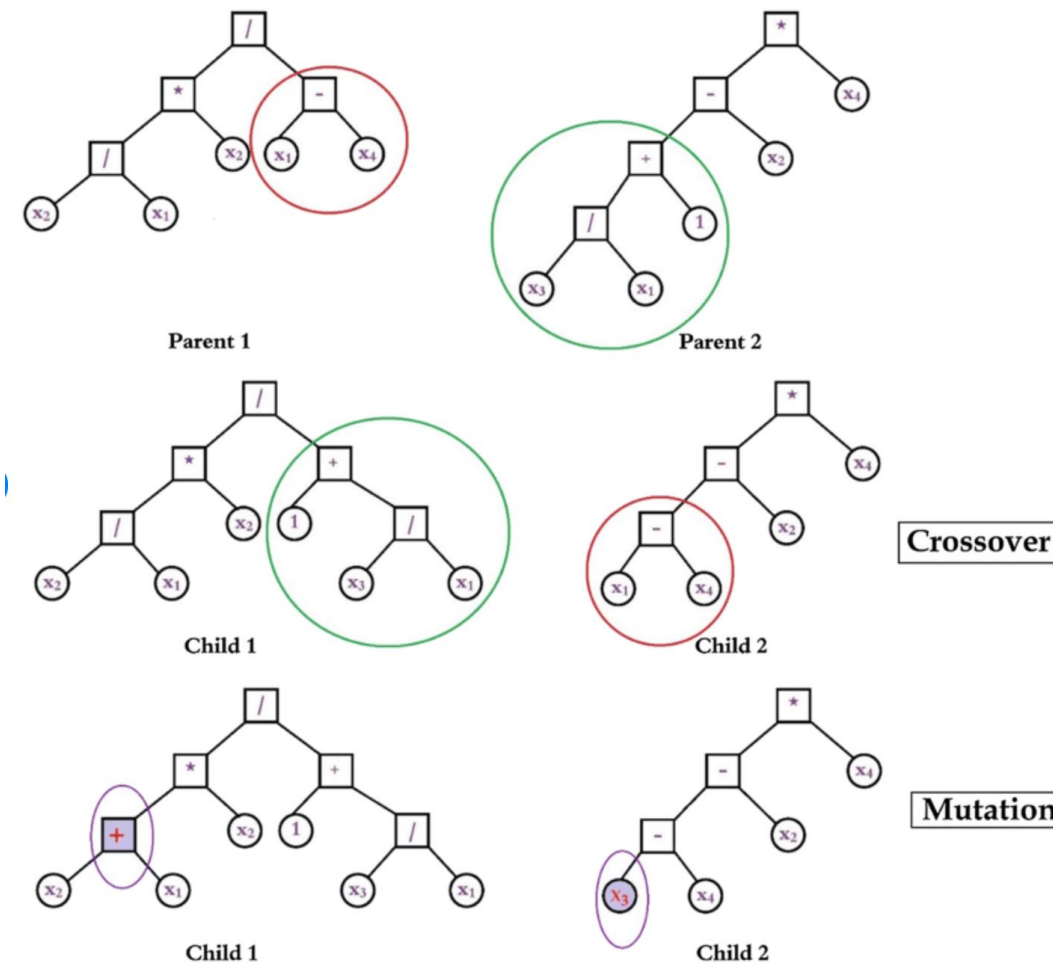
## Related Works



# Related Works

## Genetic Programming (GP)

- First and most common approach
- Expression it yields is complex
- Computationally expensive
- High sensitivity to hyperparameters

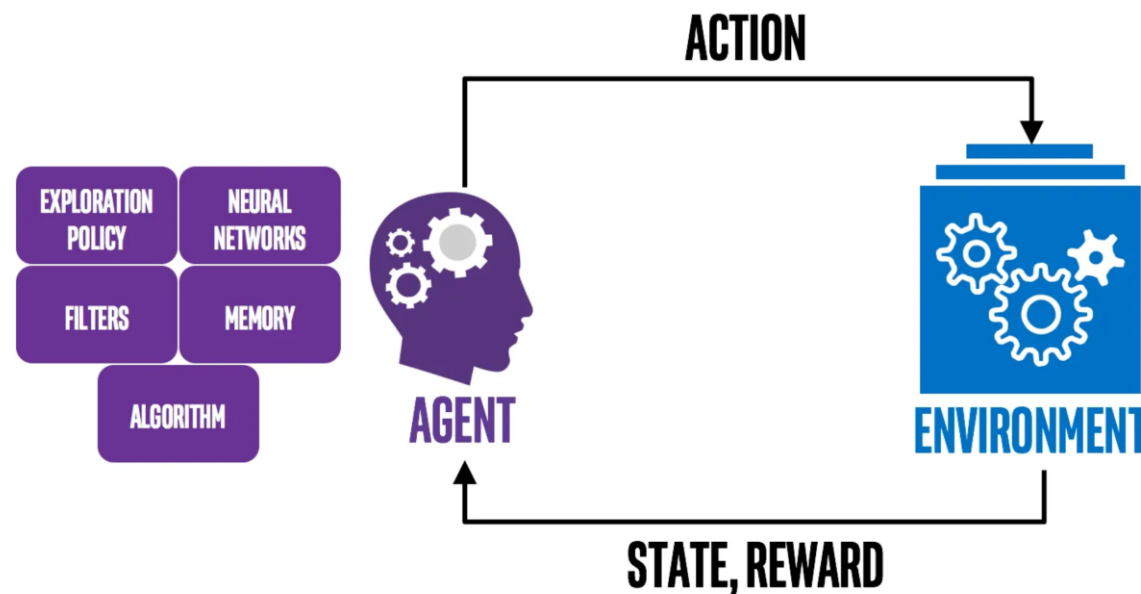


# Related Works

NN-based methods, especially Reinforcement Learning (RL)

- Above shortcomings are basically solved
- Handle symbolic regression as an instance-based problem
- Unable to incorporate past experiences

DSO (Petersen et al., 2021)





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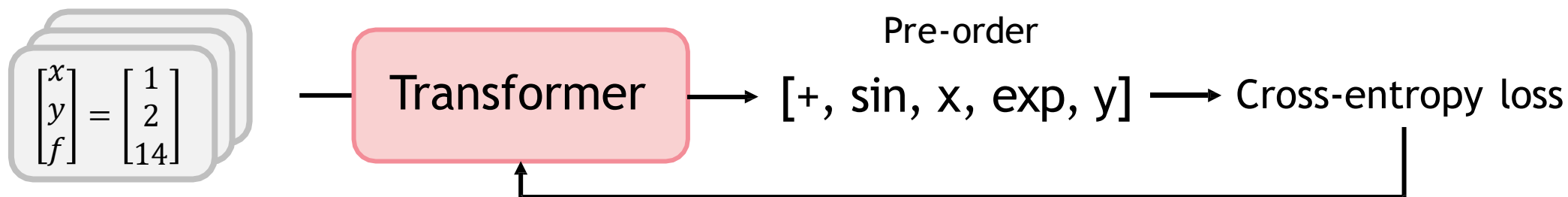
## Traditional Transformer-based methods

- DO NOT be trained from scratch
- Low-quality feature extraction from data points
- Skeletons provide ill-defined supervision

SymbolicGPT [Valipour et al., 2021]

NeSymRes [Biggio et al., 2021]

1. Encode data points
2. Predict the pre-order traversal
3. Compute cross-entropy loss



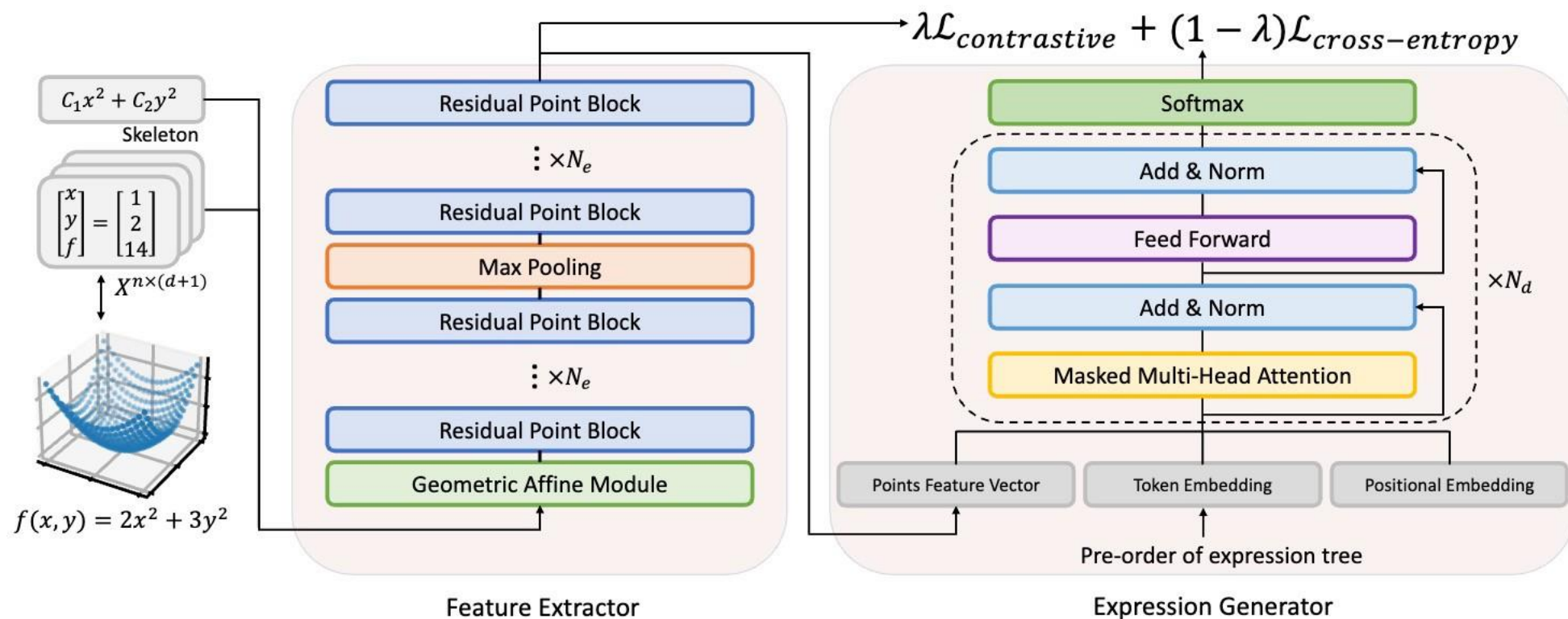
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## Architecture & Methods



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## 1.Feature Extractor: PointMLP (Ma et al., 2022)

$$D = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times (d+1)}$$

$$O_i = POS(MaxPool(PRE(f_{i,j}), | i = 1, \dots, N_s; j = 1, \dots, K))$$

- $N_s$  points are re-sampled by the farthest point sampling (FPS) algorithm in the  $s$  stage
- Using KNN algorithm to find  $K$ -nearest neighbors for local information
- $POS/PRE$  are residual Point MLP blocks

$$\{f_{i,j}\} = \alpha \square \frac{\{f_{i,j}\} - f_i}{\sigma + \varepsilon} + \beta, \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{k \times n \times d} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k (f_{i,j} - f_i)^2}$$

- Applying lightweight geometric affine to transform the dataset to a Gaussian distribution



# Architecture & Methods

## 2. Training with Joint Supervision Information

$$L = (1 - \lambda)L_{CE} + L_{CL}$$

$$L_{CE} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^C y_{i,c} \cdot \ln y_{i,c}$$

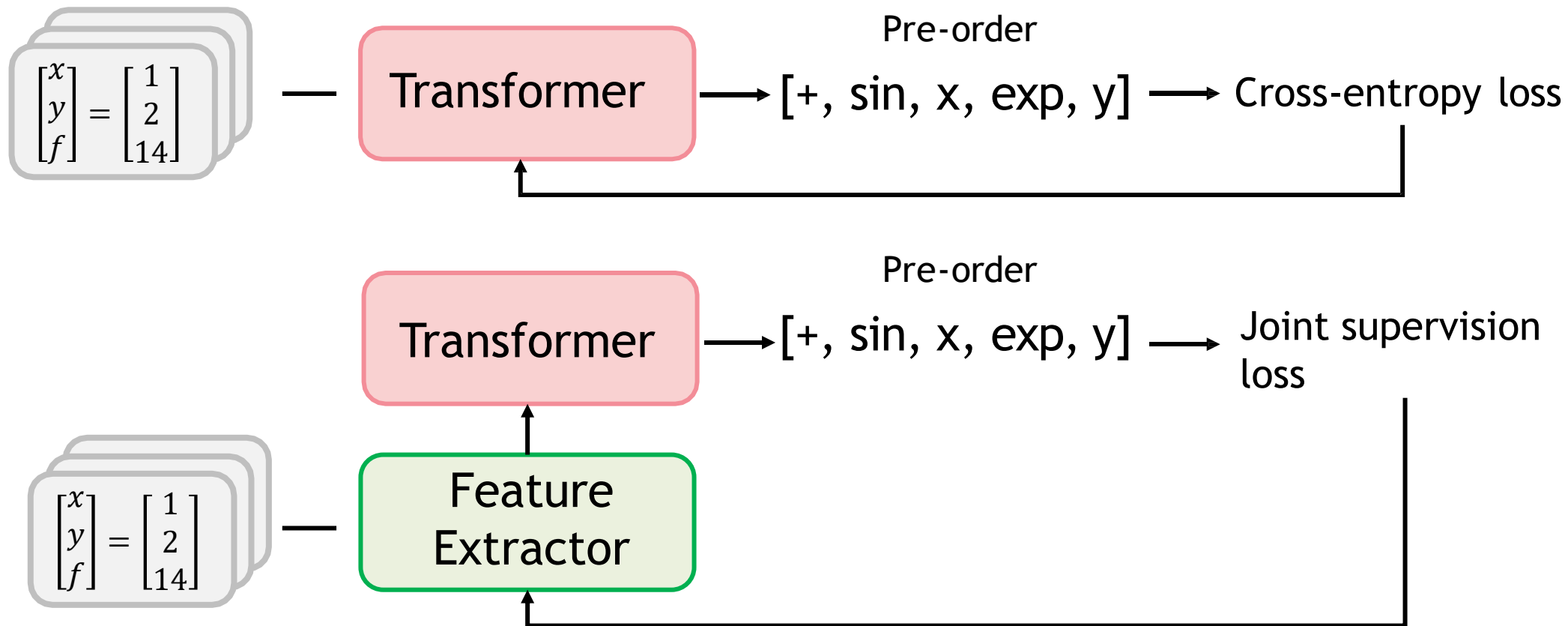
$$L_{CL} = -\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{N_{l_i} + \varepsilon} \sum_{j=1}^N 1_{i \neq j} 1_{l_i = l_j} \ln \frac{\exp(s_{i,j} / \tau)}{\sum_{k=1}^N 1_{i \neq k} 1_{l_i \neq l_k} \exp(s_{i,k} / \tau)}$$

$$s_{i,j} = \frac{\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j}{\|\vec{v}_i\| \cdot \|\vec{v}_j\|}$$



# Architecture & Methods

## 3. Difference from Traditional models



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# Experiments and Results



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## 1. Generating Datasets

- Given a prior probability distribution of operators and operands, generate 100,000 unique symbol skeletons with fixed probability. For each symbol skeleton, vary the constant  $C$  value 10,20,30,40,50 times; choose up to 2 independent variables 3 constants as the operation
- $X_i \in [-10,10], C \in [-2,2]$
- 4 NVIDIA V100 GPUs
- Adam optimizer



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## 2.Feature Extraction Performance

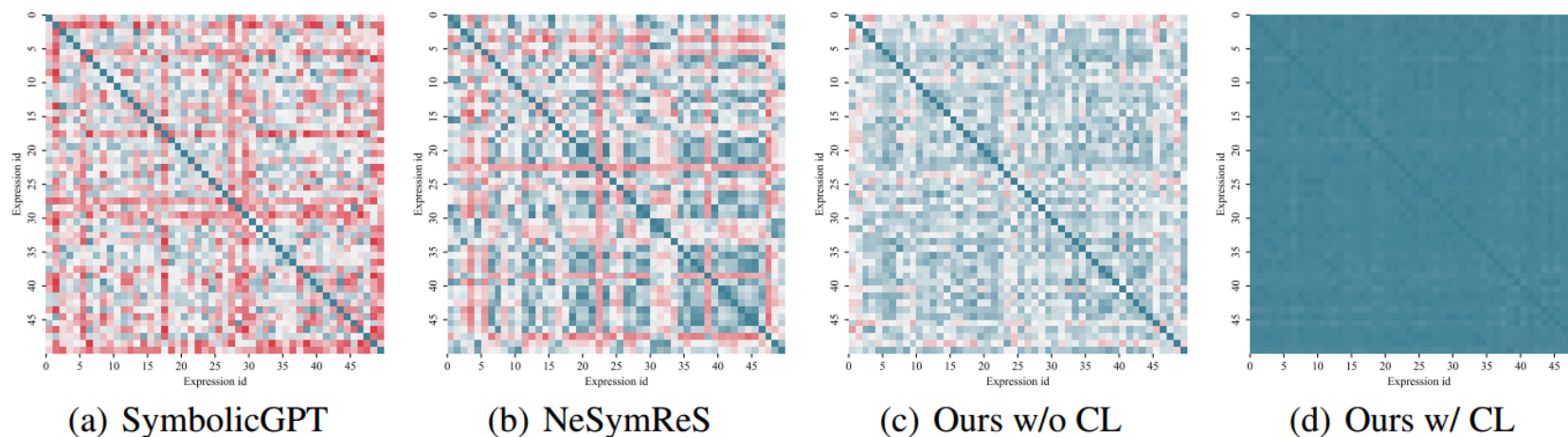


Figure 2: For the expression skeleton  $c_1 \sin(x_1) + c_2 \cos(x_2) + c_3$ , four heat maps of cosine similarity between the fifty different feature vectors from different methods, where the **redder** color means the cosine similarity is closer to 0, and the **greener** color means the cosine similarity is closer to 1.

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## 3. General Experiments

- $R^2$  fitting accuracy
- Different training sizes
- Gaussian noisy data
- Different BFGS restart times
- Out-of-domain performance
- Finding mathematically equivalent expressions

Table 2: Results comparing our method with CL with state-of-the-art methods on several benchmarks. Our method, SymbolicGPT, and NeSymReS all use the beam search strategy with the beam size equaling 128. We report the average value of  $R^2$  for each benchmark.

| Benchmark    | Ours           | SymbolicGPT    | NeSymReS       | DSO            | GP             |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|              | $R^2 \uparrow$ | $R^2 \uparrow$ | $R^2 \uparrow$ | $R^2 \uparrow$ | $R^2 \uparrow$ |
| Nguyen       | <b>0.99999</b> | 0.64394        | 0.97538        | 0.99489        | 0.89019        |
| Constant     | <b>0.99998</b> | 0.69433        | 0.84935        | 0.99927        | 0.90842        |
| Keijzer      | <b>0.98320</b> | 0.59457        | 0.97500        | 0.96928        | 0.90082        |
| R            | <b>0.99999</b> | 0.71093        | 0.99993        | 0.97298        | 0.83198        |
| AI-Feynman   | <b>0.99999</b> | 0.64682        | <b>0.99999</b> | <b>0.99999</b> | 0.92242        |
| SSDNC        | <b>0.94782</b> | 0.74585        | 0.85792        | 0.93198        | 0.88913        |
| Overall avg. | <b>0.98850</b> | 0.67274        | 0.94292        | 0.97806        | 0.89049        |

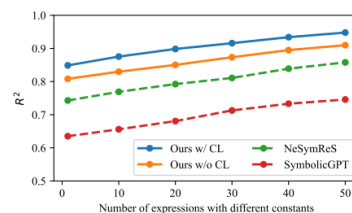


Figure 3: Training on different datasets that contain various numbers of expressions with different constants. Inference on SSDNC benchmark.

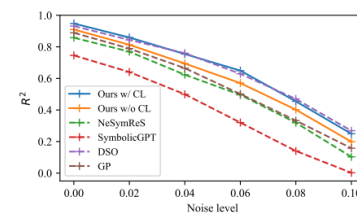


Figure 4:  $R^2$  vs gaussian noisy data. Error bar represent standard error. Inference on SSDNC benchmark.

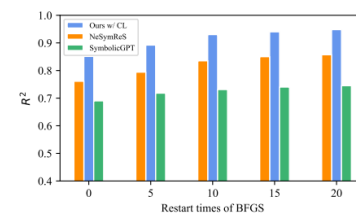


Figure 5:  $R^2$  for different restart times of BFGS in the constant optimization stage. Inference on SSDNC benchmark.



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