

Group invariant machine learning on pure maths datasets

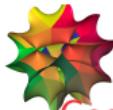
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Abstract: It is a recent trend to use machine learning on pure maths datasets, for example to approximately compute geometric invariants of spaces that are expensive to compute exactly. Often, the map taking some representation of a space to its geometric invariants is invariant under some group action. A common example is that the input space is represented by a matrix and the map is invariant under row and column permutations. I report on some work comparing group invariant and ordinary machine learning models on such datasets. We find that models that are approximately group invariant perform better than fully group invariant models and better than models that are not invariant at all. I will explain one such "approximately group invariant" machine learning model in detail. This is based on two joint works: one published paper with B. Aslan, D. Sheard, and one unpublished work in progress with C. Ewert, S. Magruder, V. Maiboroda, Y. Shen, P Singh.

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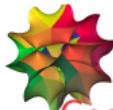
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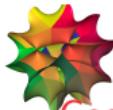


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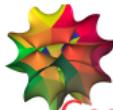
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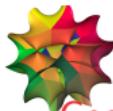
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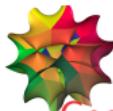
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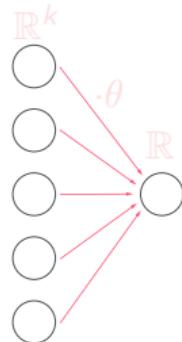


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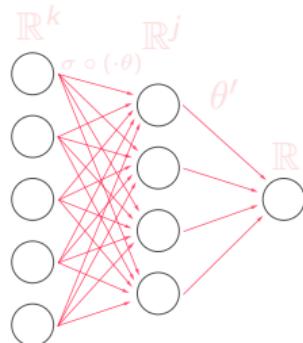
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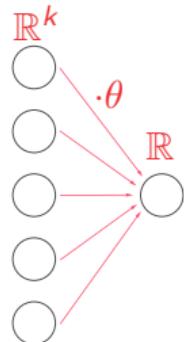
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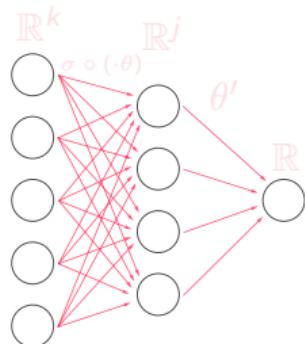
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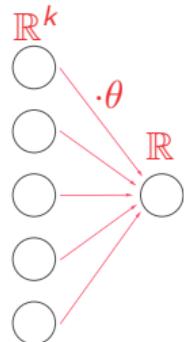
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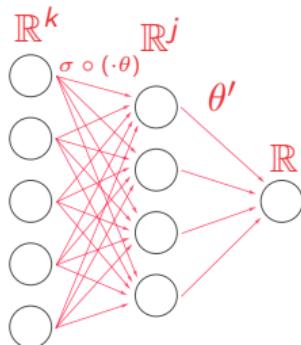
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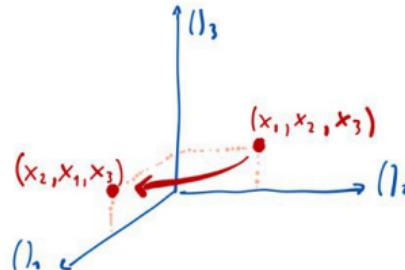


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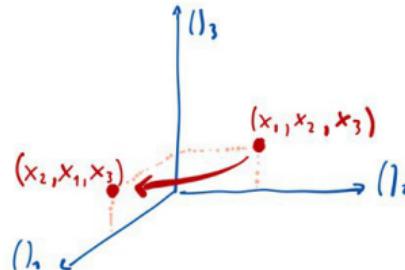
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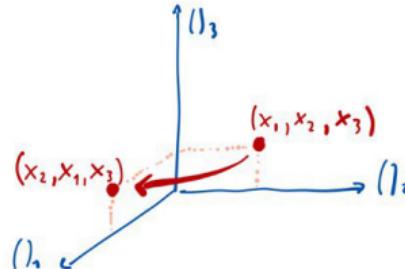
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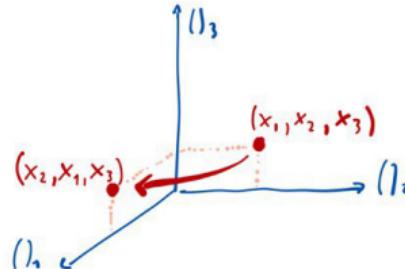
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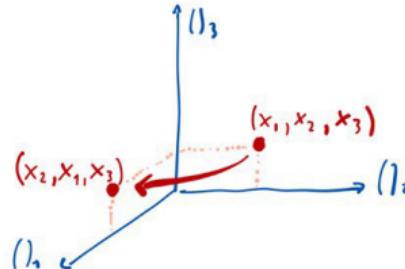
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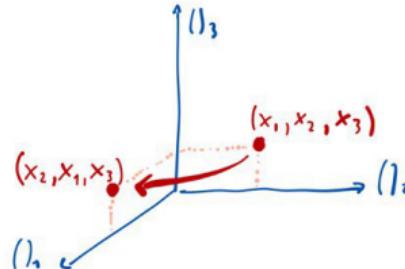
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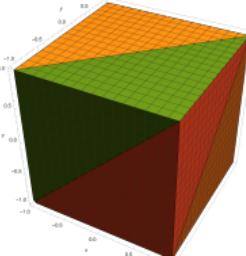
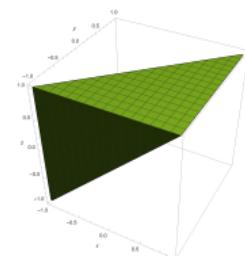
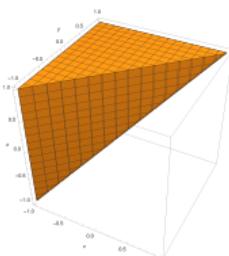
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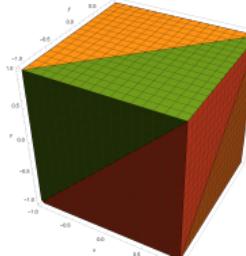
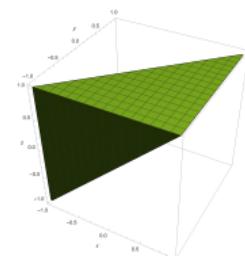
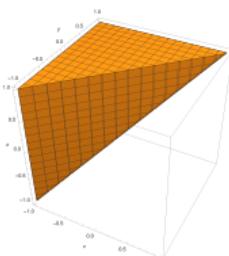
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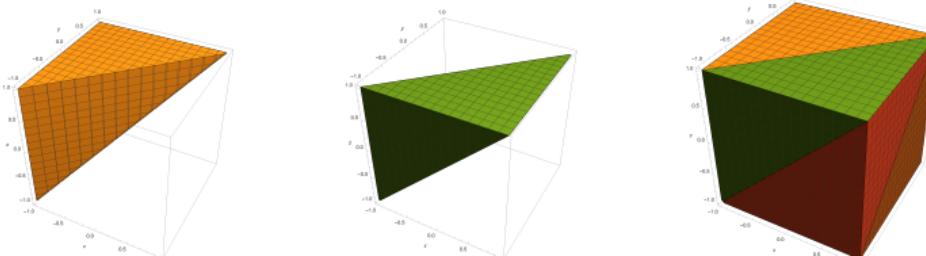
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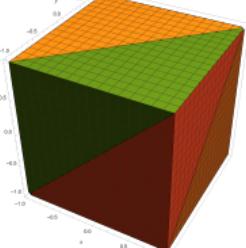
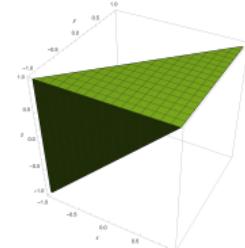
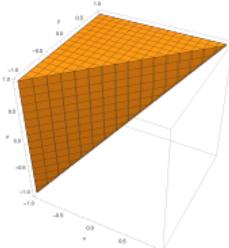
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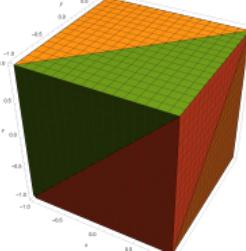
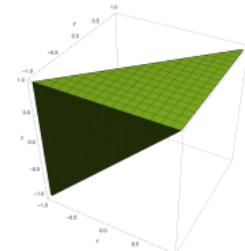
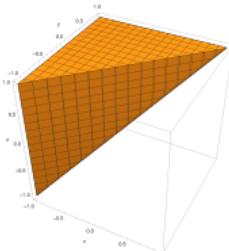
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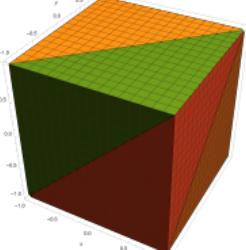
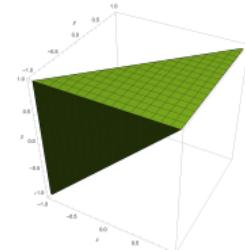
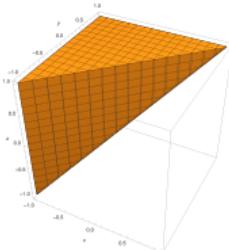
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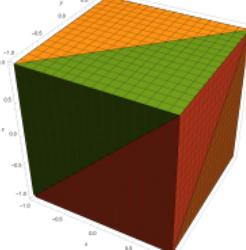
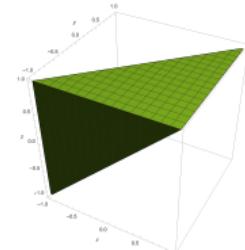
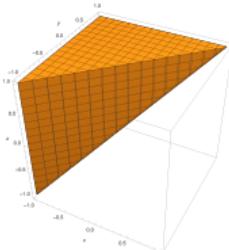
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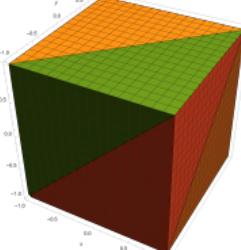
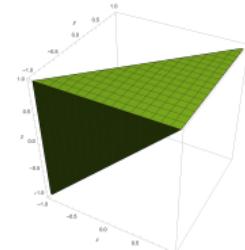
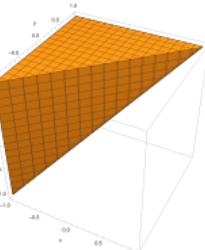
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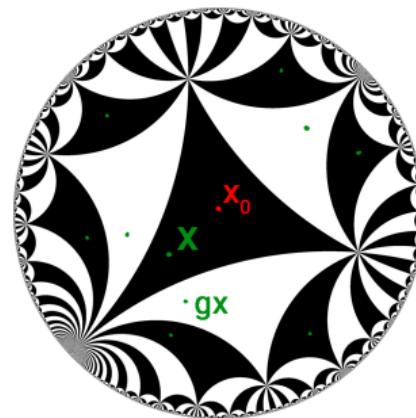
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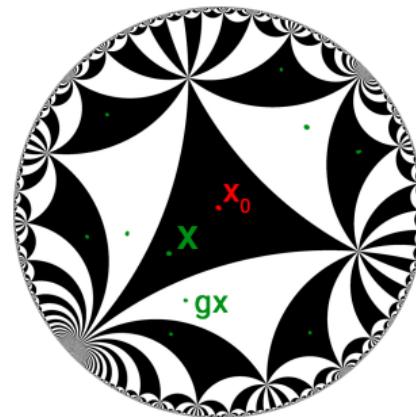
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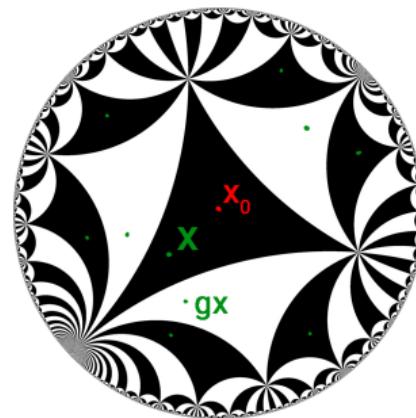
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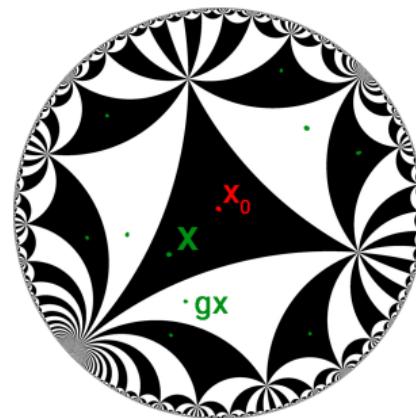
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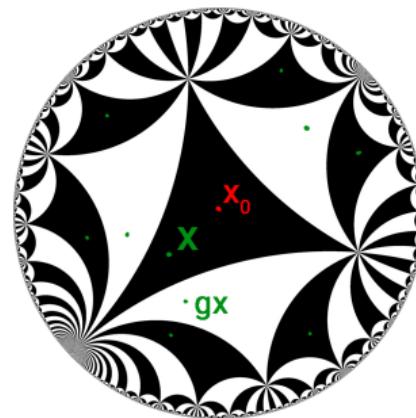
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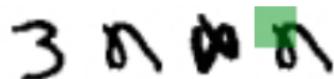
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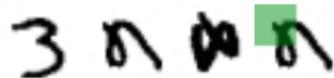
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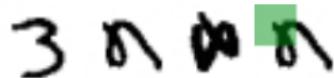
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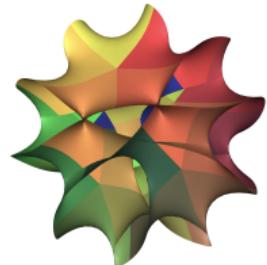
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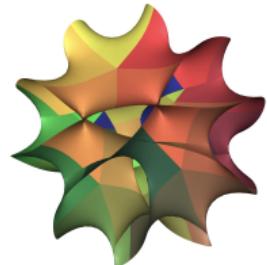
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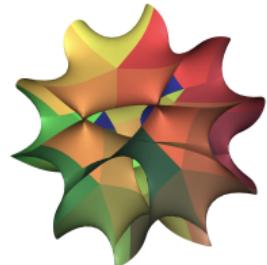
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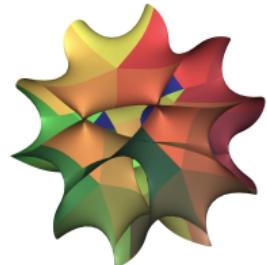
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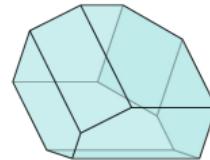
[Erbin and Finotello, 2021]

Example 3: Kreuzer-Skarke toric variety list

► $M \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 26}$

↔ polytope in \mathbb{R}^4 with 26 vertices

↔ Toric Fano variety



~~~ (Suitable degree) Hypersurface is Calabi-Yau manifold  $\text{CY}(M)$

► Learn

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►  $x_0, U, F$  as before ~~

| Model         | Accuracy<br>Original Dataset         | Accuracy<br>Permuted Dataset         |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Invariant MLP | $79.30 \pm 0.90\%$                   | $78.45 \pm 0.92\%$                   |
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| MLP+F         | $96.66 \pm 0.30\%$                   | <b><math>95.37 \pm 0.37\%</math></b> |

cf.

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