

GEOMETRIC DEEP LEARNING (L65)

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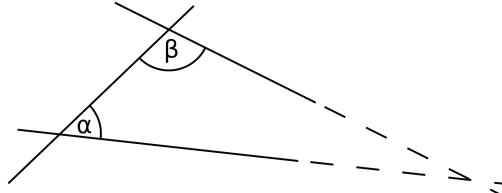
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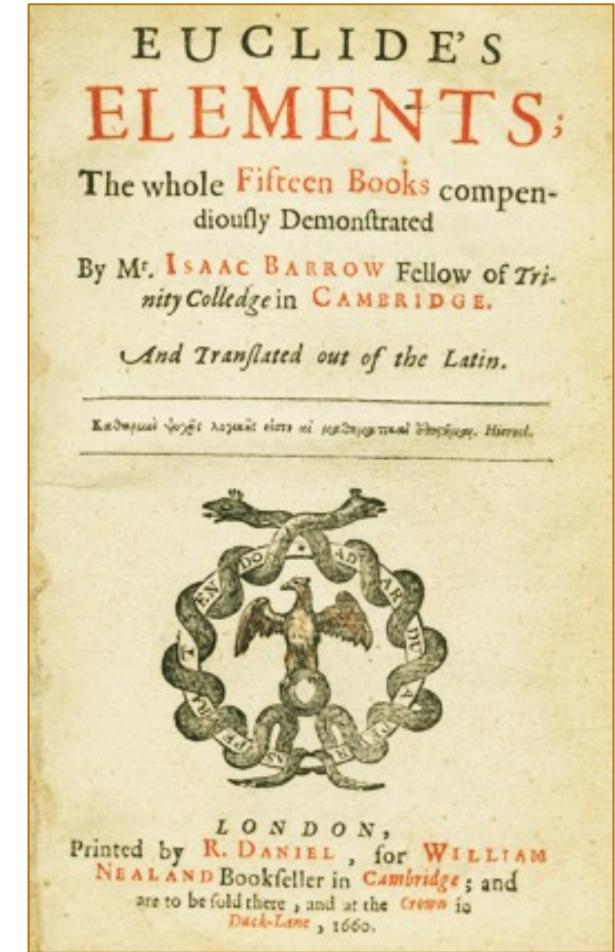
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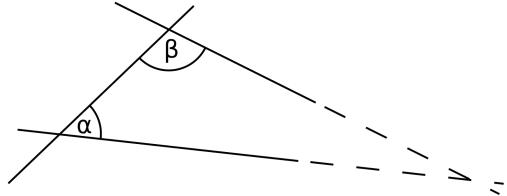


Euclid
~300 B.C.



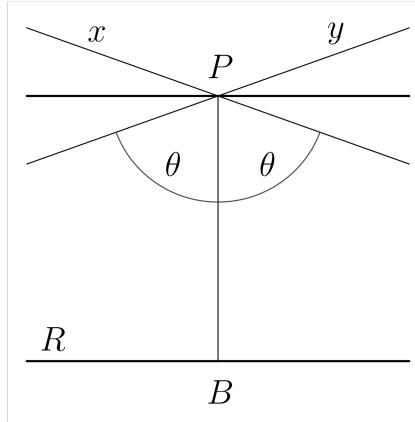
“In a plane, given a line and a point not on it, at most one line parallel to the given line can be drawn through the point”

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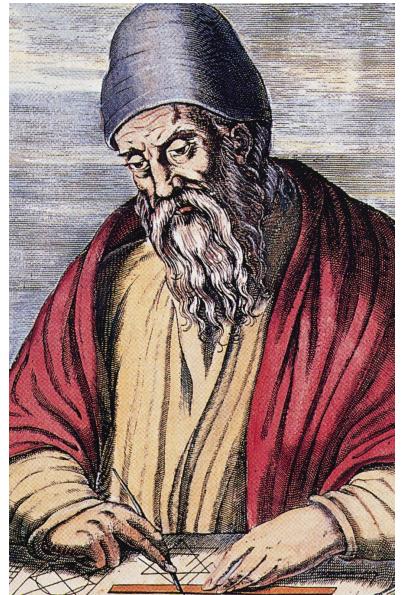
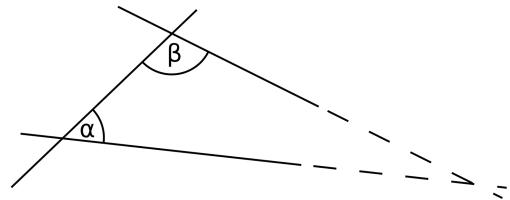


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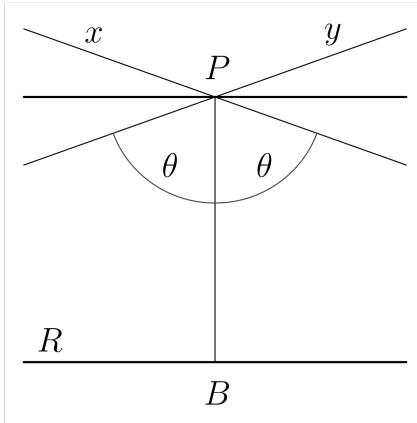
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“I have discovered such wonderful things that I was amazed...out of nothing I have created a strange new universe.”—János Bolyai, to his father

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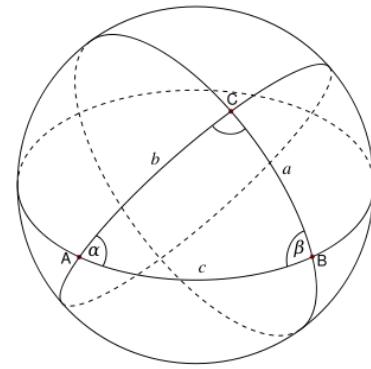
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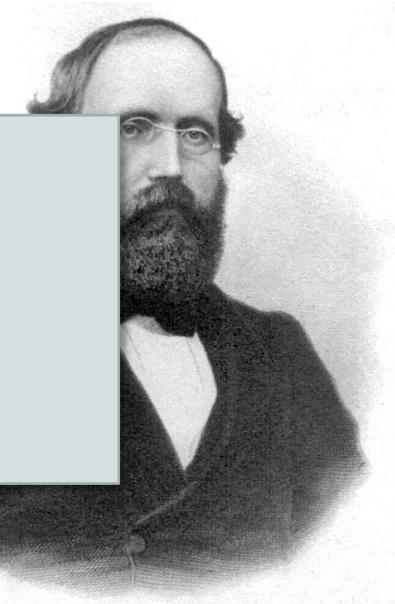
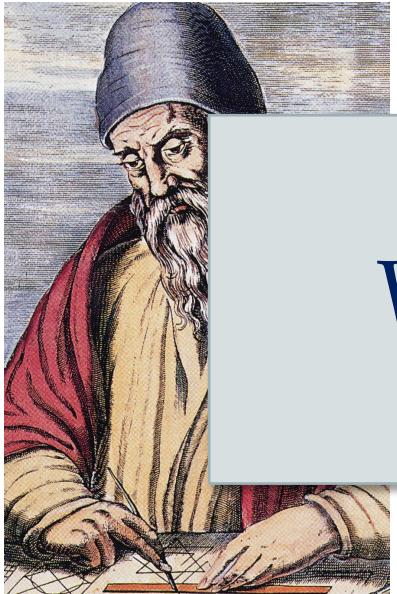
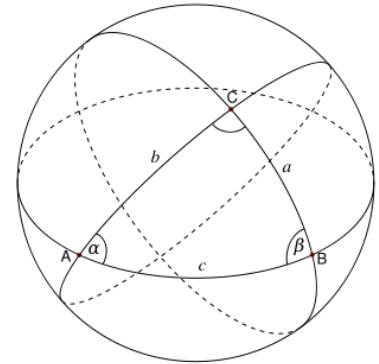
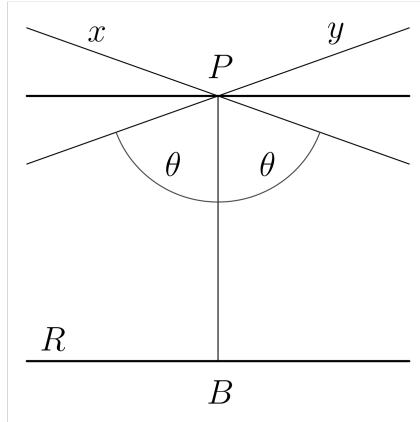
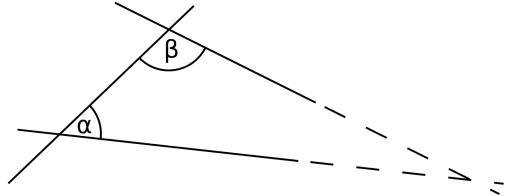


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What is the “one true geometry”?

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Felix Klein and the “Erlangen Program” (1872)



Vergleichende Betrachtungen

über

neuere geometrische Forschungen

von

Dr. Felix Klein,
o. ö. Professor der Mathematik an der Universität Erlangen.

Programm

zum Eintritt in die philosophische Facultät und den Senat
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zu Erlangen.

Blueprint for
unifying geometries

Using invariance
and symmetry

Formalised using
group theory

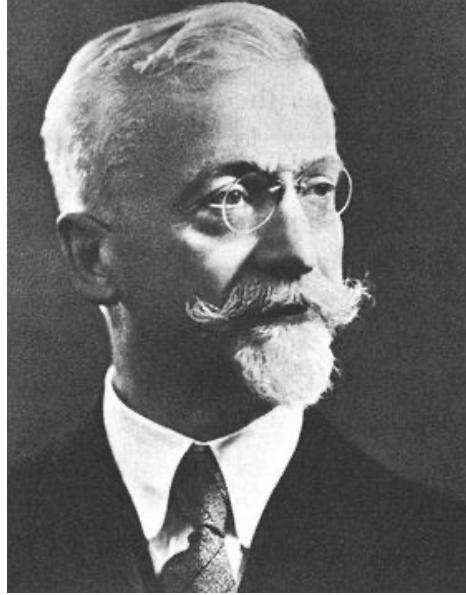
Erlangen.

Verlag von Andreas Deichert.

1872.

The impact of the Erlangen Program is hard to overstate!

Unified all
geometries



Cartan
1920s

LES GROUPES D'HOLONOMIE DES ESPACES GÉNÉRALISÉS.

PAR

E. CARTAN

à PARIS.

Introduction.

1. J'ai développé, dans ces dernières années, une théorie générale des espaces englobant la théorie classique des espaces de RIEMANN et celle plus récente des espaces de WEYL¹. Je me suis rencontré sur certains points avec différents auteurs, particulièrement M. J. A. SCHOUTEN, qui poursuivaient des généralisations analogues, mais mon idée directrice était cependant nettement différente des leurs. Au lieu de généraliser d'une manière plus ou moins naturelle les lois du transport par parallélisme des vecteurs, j'ai cherché à étendre le principe si fécond de KLEIN, d'après lequel toute Géométrie est l'étude des propriétés d'un groupe de transformations G : le *continuum* dans lequel sont localisées les figures dont s'occupe cette Géométrie, et dont les seules propriétés jugées essentielles sont celles qui se conservent par une transformation arbitraire de G , s'appelle un *espace*² à *groupe fondamental* G .

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Conservation
laws from
symmetry
+ Standard model!



Noether
1918

Invariante Variationsprobleme.

(F. Klein zum fünfzigjährigen Doktorjubiläum.)

Von

Emmy Noether in Göttingen.

Vorgelebt von F. Klein in der Sitzung vom 26. Juli 1918¹⁾.

Es handelt sich um Variationsprobleme, die eine kontinuierliche Gruppe (im Lieschen Sinne) gestatten; die daraus sich ergebenden Folgerungen für die zugehörigen Differentialgleichungen finden ihren allgemeinsten Ausdruck in den in § 1 formulierten, in den folgenden Paragraphen bewiesenen Sätzen. Über diese aus Variationsproblemen entspringenden Differentialgleichungen lassen sich viel präzisere Aussagen machen als über beliebige, eine Gruppe gestattende Differentialgleichungen, die den Gegenstand der Lieschen Untersuchungen bilden. Das folgende beruht also auf einer Verbindung der Methoden der formalen Variationsrechnung mit denen der Lieschen Gruppentheorie. Für spezielle Gruppen und Variationsprobleme ist diese Verbindung der Methoden nicht neu; ich erwähne Hamel und Herglotz für spezielle endliche, Lorentz und seine Schüler (z. B. Fokker), Weyl und Klein für spezielle unendliche Gruppen²⁾. Insbesondere sind die zweite Kleinsche Note und die vorliegenden Ausführungen gegenseitig durch einander beein-

1) Die endgültige Fassung des Manuskriptes wurde erst Ende September eingereicht.

2) Hamel: Math. Ann. Bd. 59 und Zeitschrift f. Math. u. Phys. Bd. 50. Herglotz: Ann. d. Phys. (4) Bd. 36, bes. § 9, S. 511. Fokker, Verslag d. Amsterdamer Akad., 27./I. 1917. Für die weitere Litteratur vergl. die zweite Note von Klein: Göttinger Nachrichten 19. Juli 1918.

In einer eben erschienenen Arbeit von Kneser (Math. Zeitschrift Bd. 2) handelt es sich um Aufstellung von Invarianten nach ähnlicher Methode.

Kgl. Ges. d. Wiss. Nachrichten, Math.-phys. Klasse, 1918, Heft 2.

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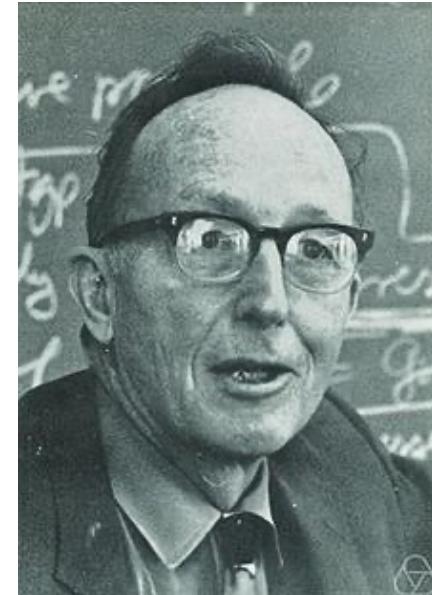


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Category Theory



Eilenberg & Mac Lane
1945



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Deep Learning, circa 2020

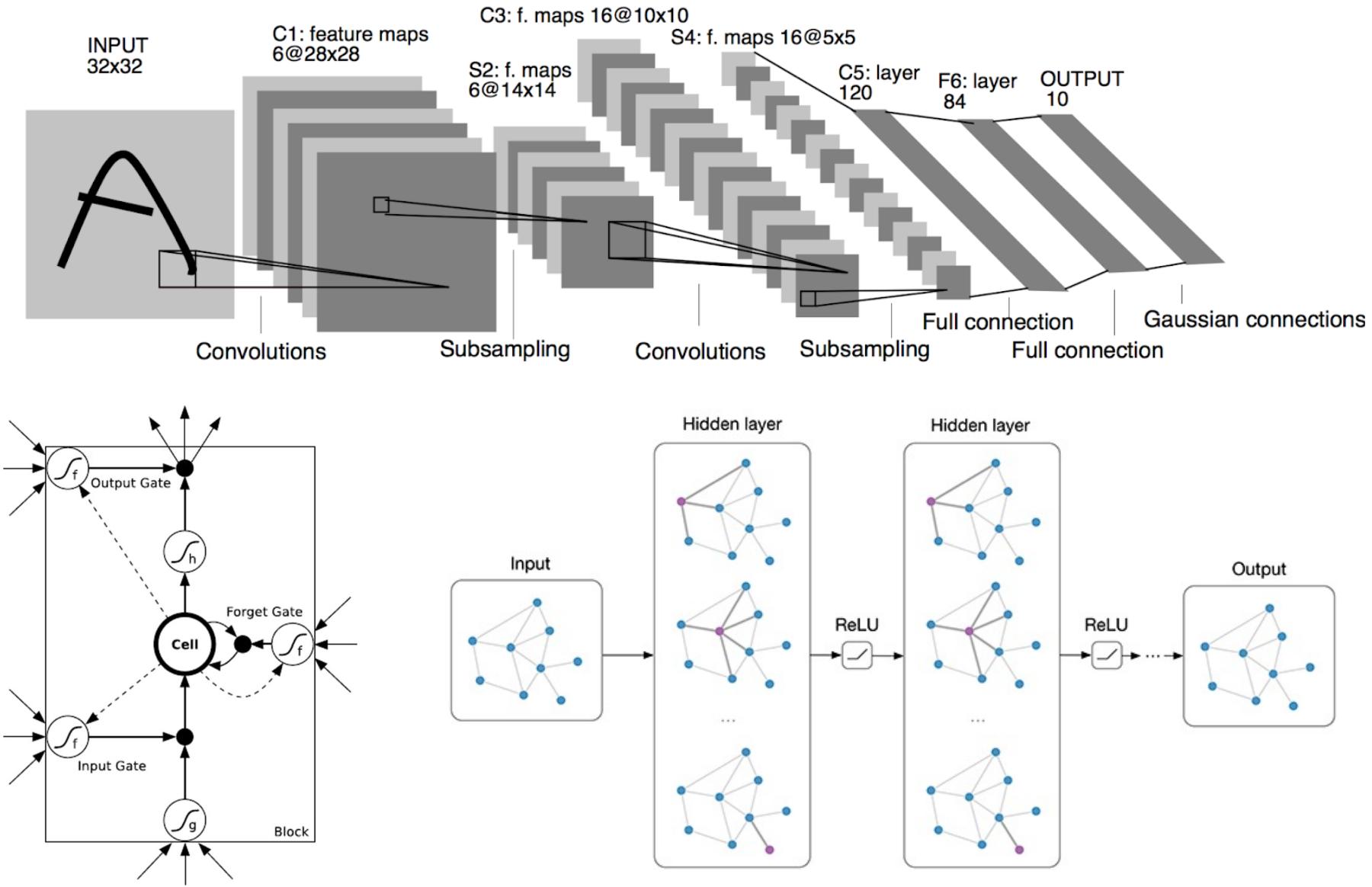
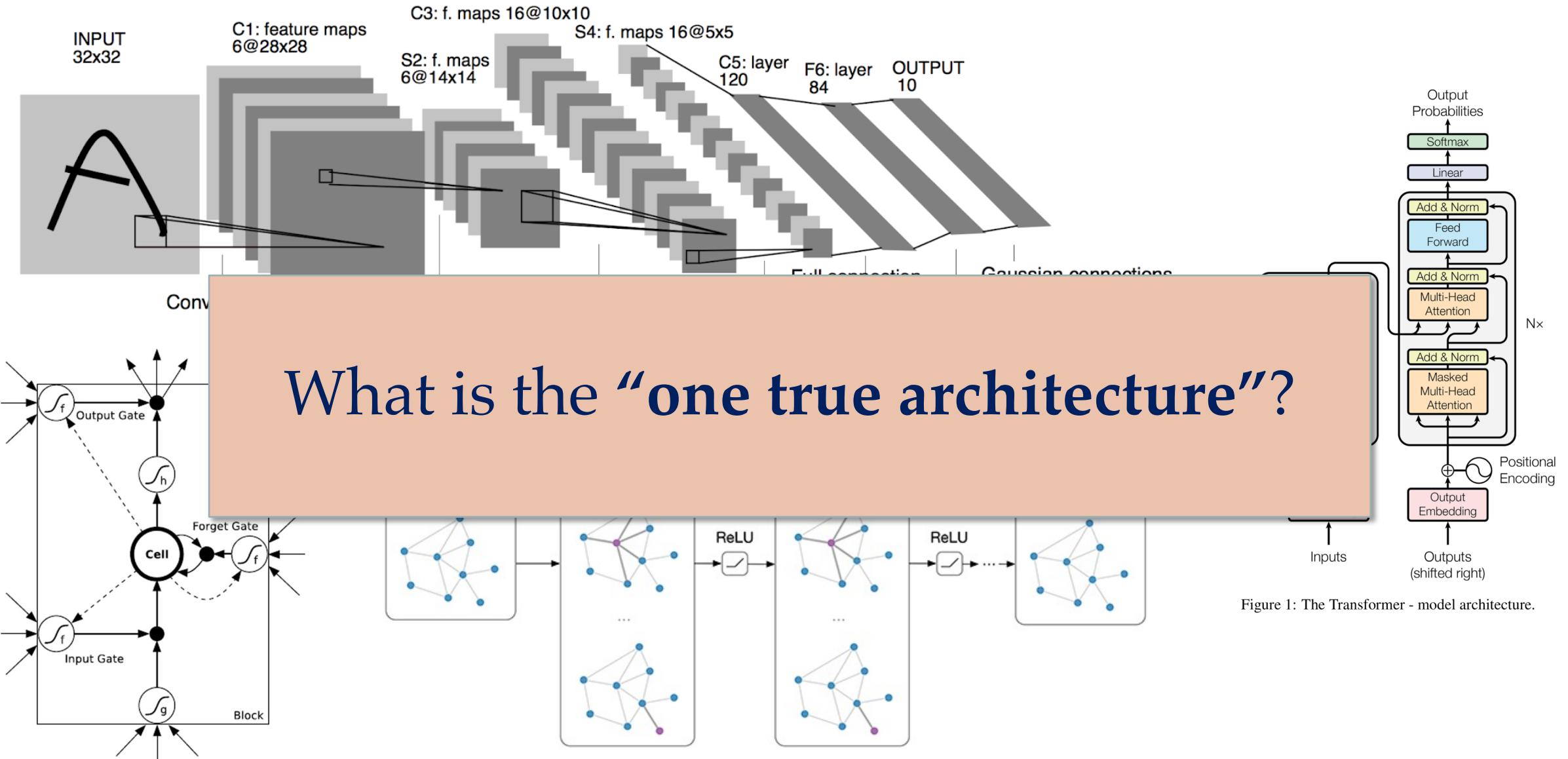


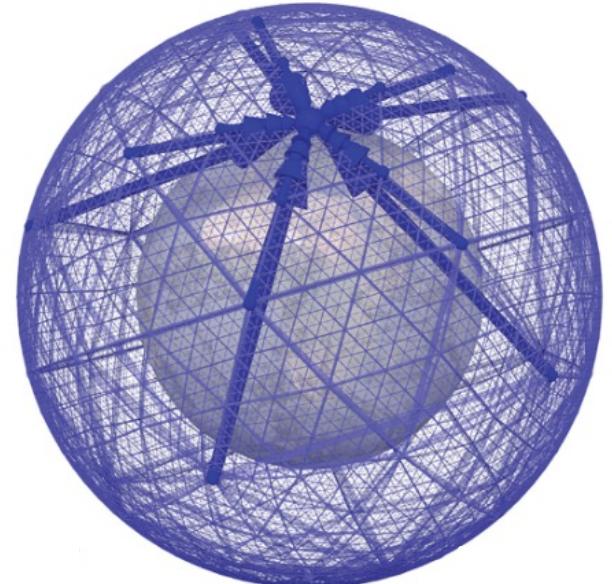
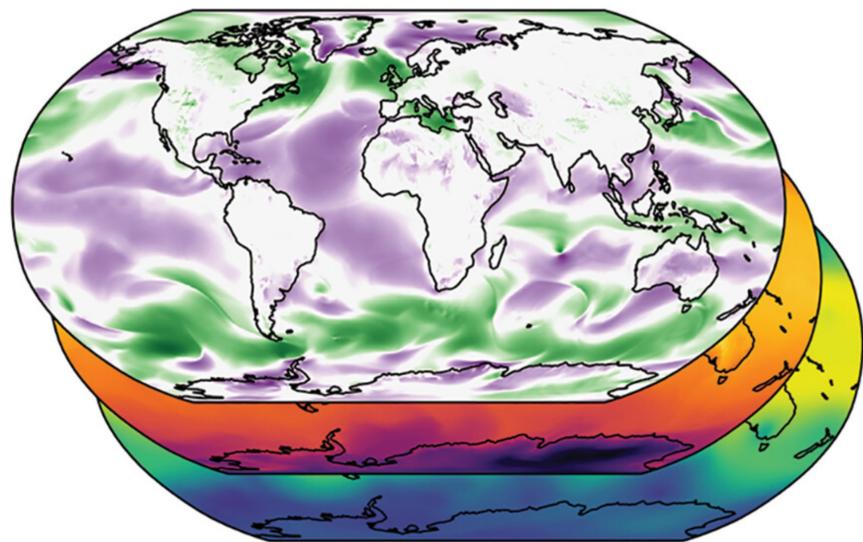
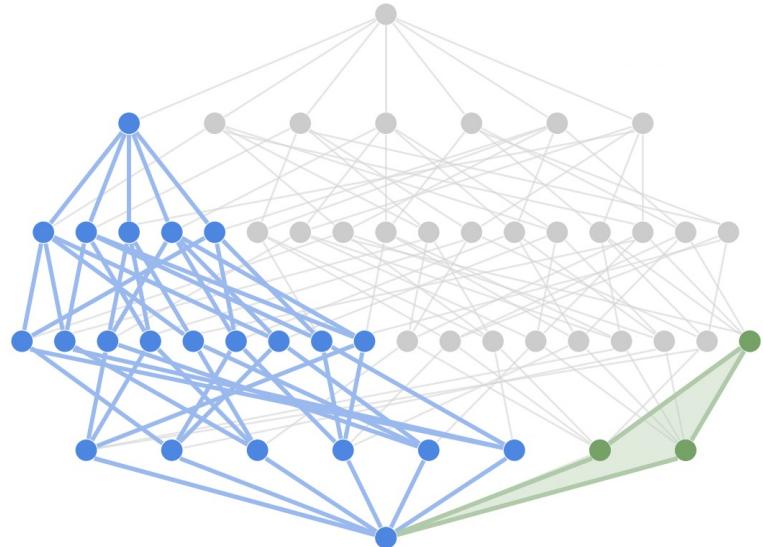
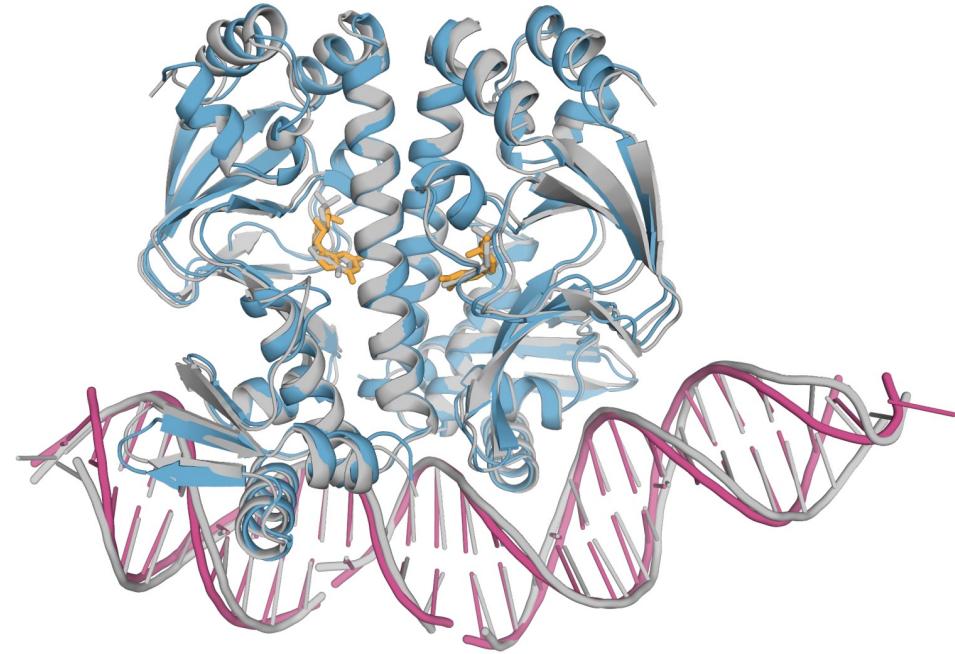
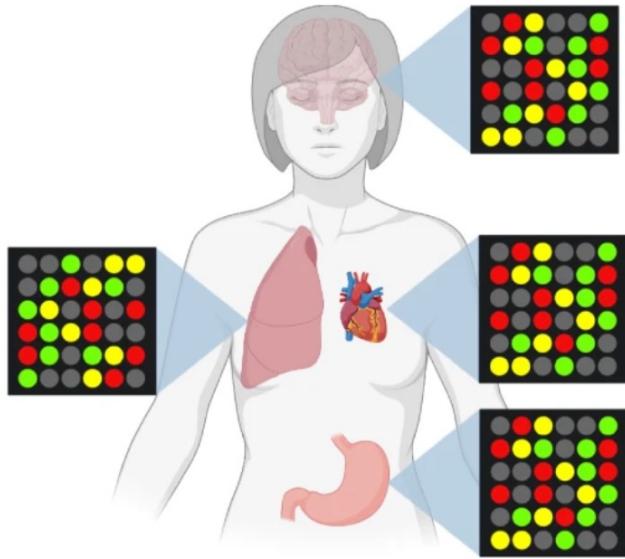
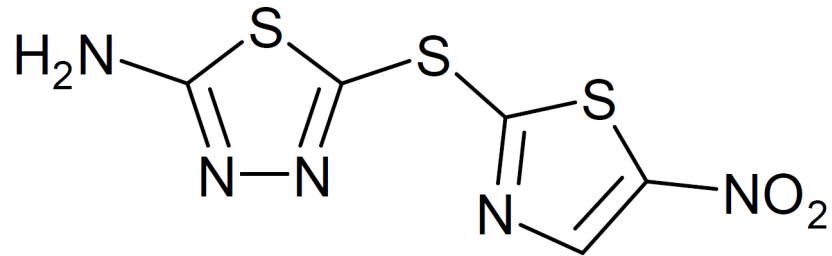
Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

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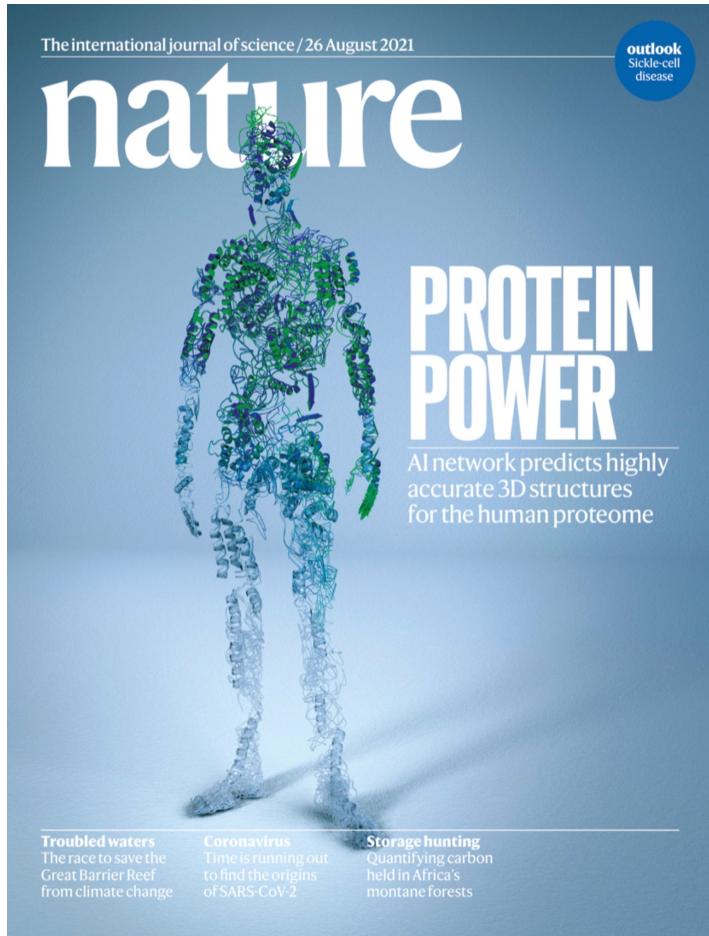


...now it's our turn to study geometry ☺

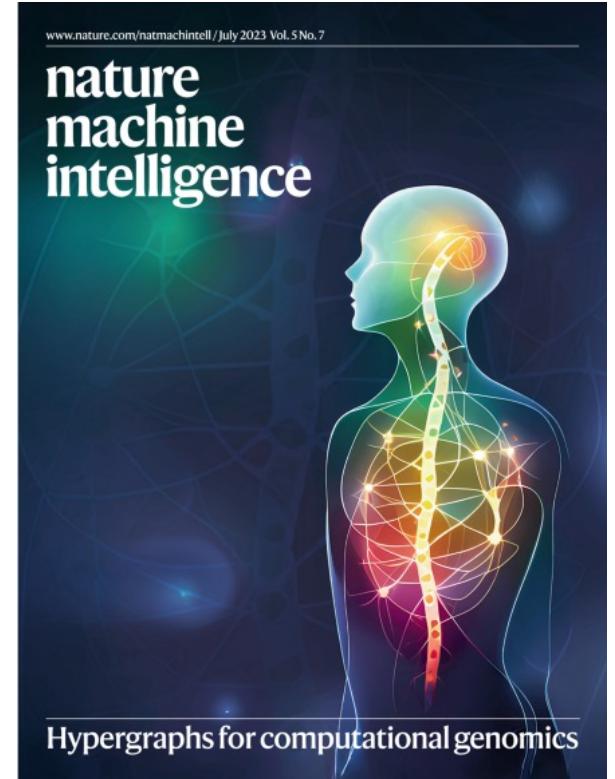
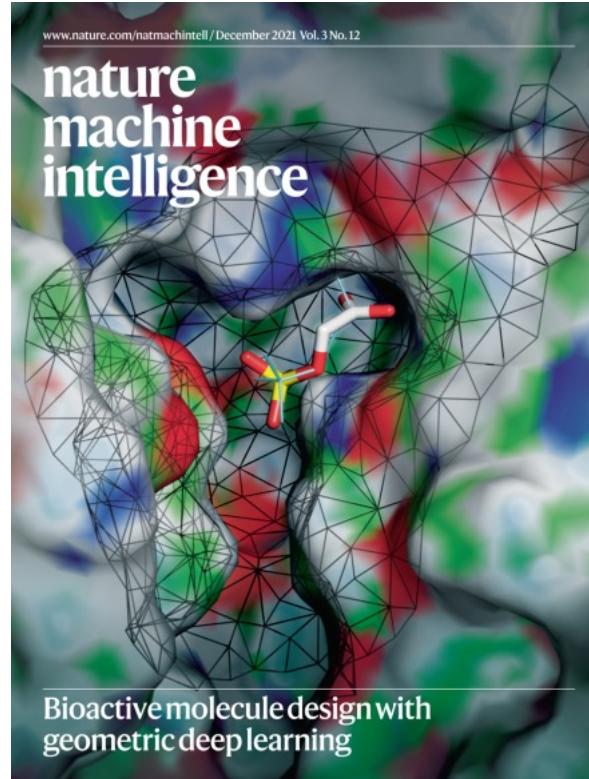
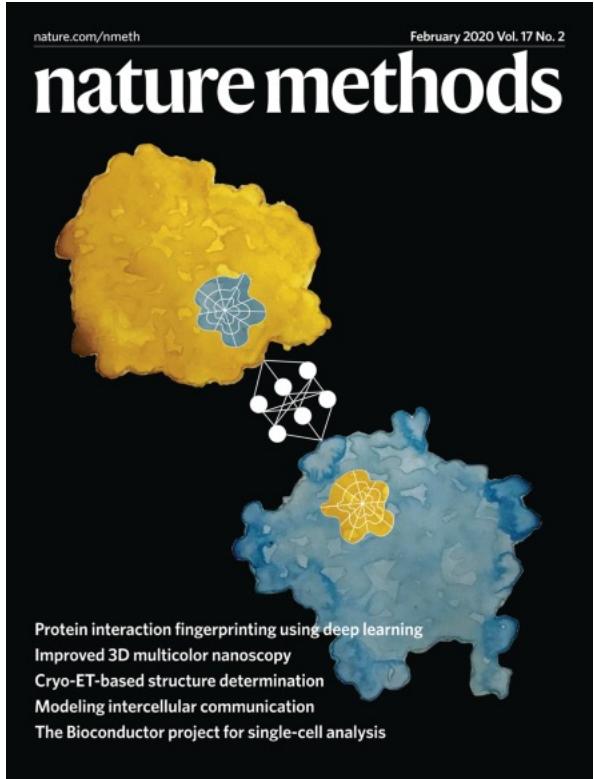
Data from nature is often geometric



Models of nature are often geometric

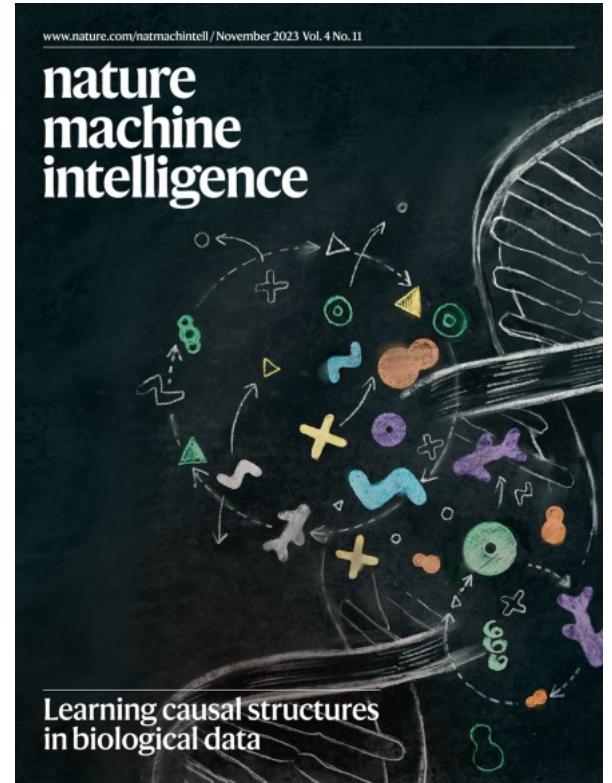
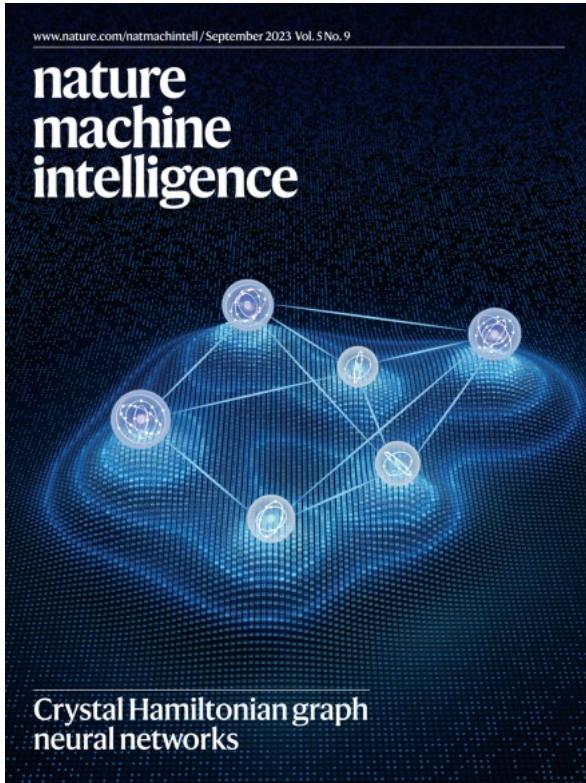
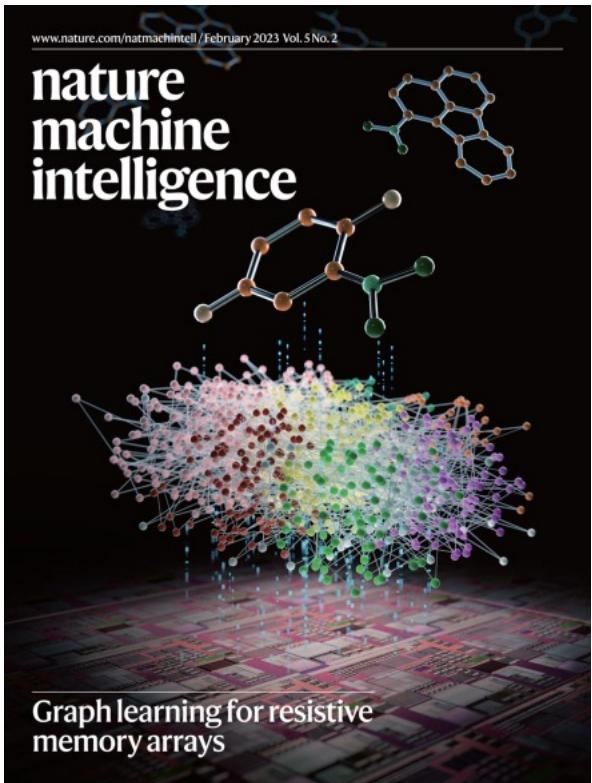


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Even “non-geometric” models secretly have geometric constraints

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But “geometry” is not just about *spatial* arrangement!

It is about *constraints*: design model to “respect” regularity in data
Models like Transformers touted as “generic”, but *significantly constrained*

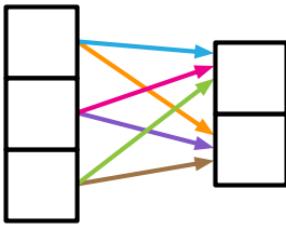
Generally, GDL offers us a *perspective* to categorise existing architectures
Based on which *data regularity constraints* they satisfy

This is a *useful perspective* even if you *never* encounter “geometric” data

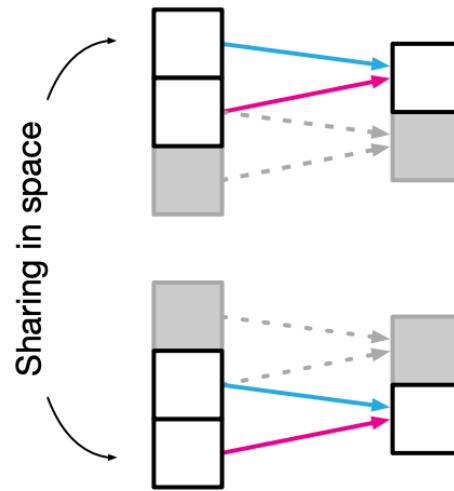
In the very least, it will allow you to reason about ‘frontier models’ of the past, present *and* future, in a less handwavy and more principled way

Could graphs be the answer?

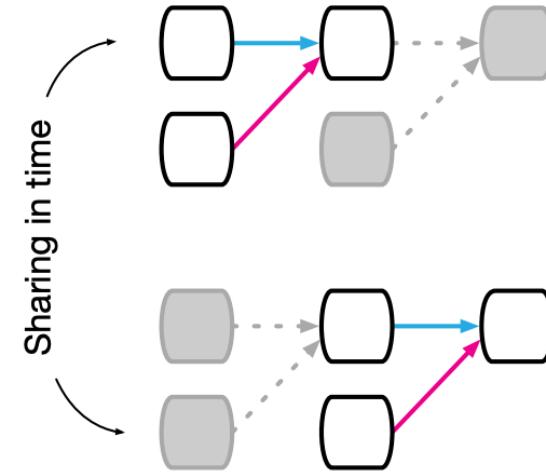
*If we squint hard enough,
(m)any NNs can be seen as passing data over a graph!*



(a) Fully connected



(b) Convolutional



(c) Recurrent

The *graph neural network (GNN)* may be the “one true architecture”!
Accordingly, this course’s approach to GDL will be very “*graphy*”

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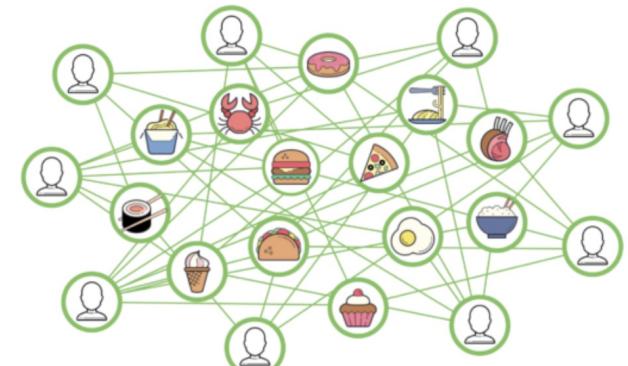
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GNN applications are still ripe in 2023!



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Millions of new materials discovered with deep learning

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TacticAI: an AI assistant for football tactics

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GNN application

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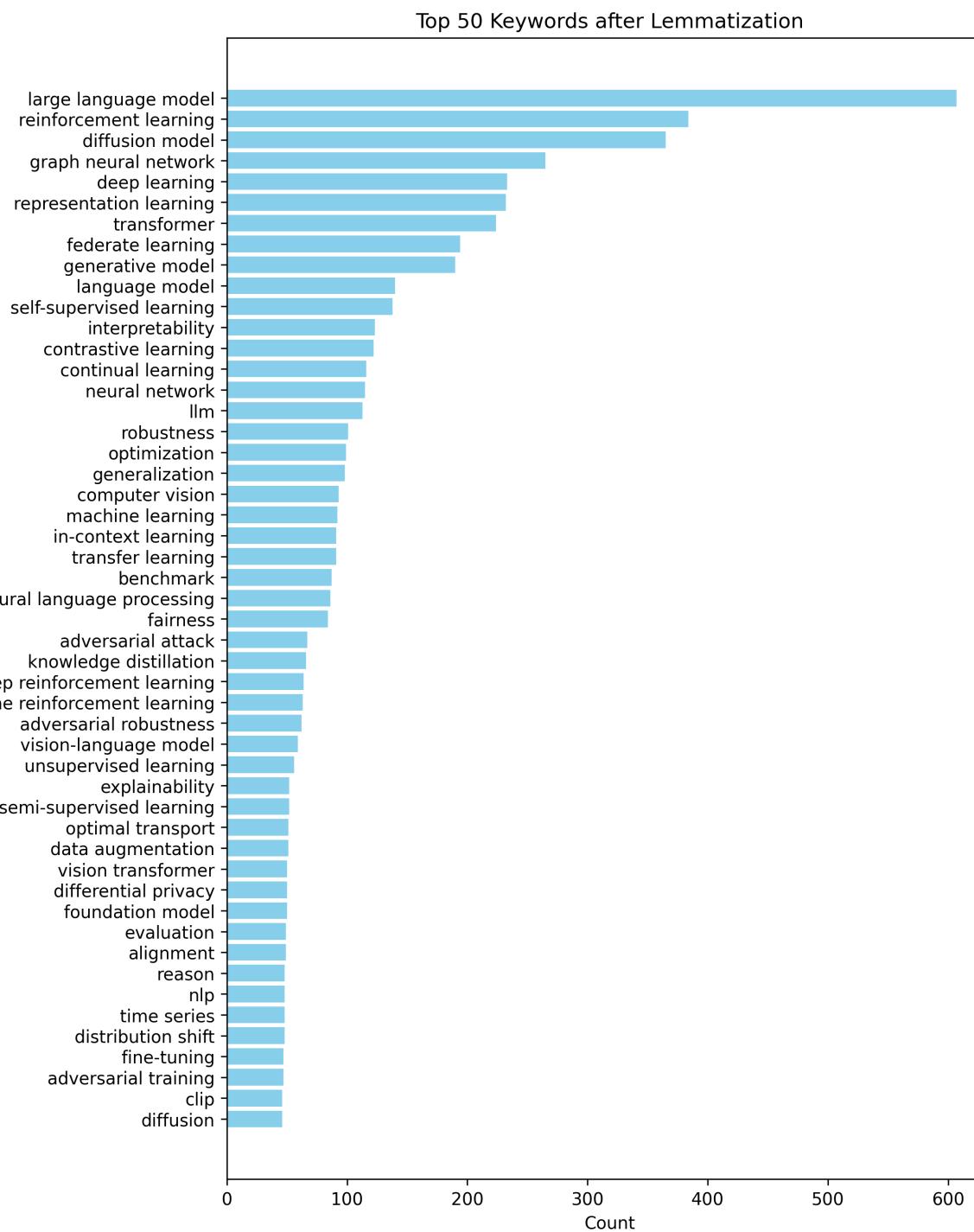
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Why are we here?

Geometric data --- especially *graphs* --- are *everywhere!*

Geometric deep learning (GDL) is here to stay, especially over *natural* data

Geometric understanding of deep learning is a very useful *perspective*

No matter what field you choose to specialise in, there is a good chance you will come into contact with GDL concepts

We want to make GDL easy to *navigate, leverage, and contribute to*

In a way that is **uniquely** suited to Cambridge's strongpoints

(Special focus on graphs!)

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Key concepts and skills

What do we want you to **take away** from the lectures?

- Why is it a good idea to study the geometry of data?
- Foundational material on groups, representations and graphs
- Theoretical principles of GDL & a way to navigate literature
- Observing GDL through the lens of graph representation learning
- The bigger picture: what lies beyond GDL?

The **assessments** (practical & mini-project) should **ground** these concepts with concrete implementations and **empower** you to derive key results

Recommended reading

Geometric Deep Learning Grids, Groups, Graphs, Geodesics, and Gauges

Michael M. Bronstein¹, Joan Bruna², Taco Cohen³, Petar Veličković⁴

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