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9:00-10:00 **Platica inagural.** Oliver López Corona. *IxM IIMAS*

10:00-12:00 **Física y Matemáticas en las ciencias de la vida. Enseñanza formal y no formal.** David Mustri-Trejo. *Universidad Anáhuac Veracruz, campus Xalapa.*

12:00-14:00 **Antifragile feedback control for biological and technical systems.** Cristian Axenie. *Nuremberg Institute of Technology.*

Martes 30 de abril

9:00-10:00 **Mesa de discusión.** Oliver López, Pablo Padilla y Elvia Ramírez.

10:00-12:00 **A non-standard introduction to information theory.** Alessandro Bravetti. *IIMAS-UNAM.*

12:00-14:00 **A new tool in the financial market. Biodiversity Credits and how to set up the reporting.** Michael Schmidt. *Biometrio.earth GmbH (private, Germany based company).*

Miércoles 1 de mayo

9:00-10:00 **Mesa de discusión.** Oliver López, Pablo Padilla y Elvia Ramírez.

10:00-12:00 **Series de tiempo en percepción remota y salud ecosistémica.** Inder Tecuapetla. *CONABIO.*

12:00-14:00 **El marco de pensamiento de la Toma de Decisiones Robustas: Aplicaciones para sistemas de energía.** Giovanni H. Uribe. *Transition Modelling Lab .*



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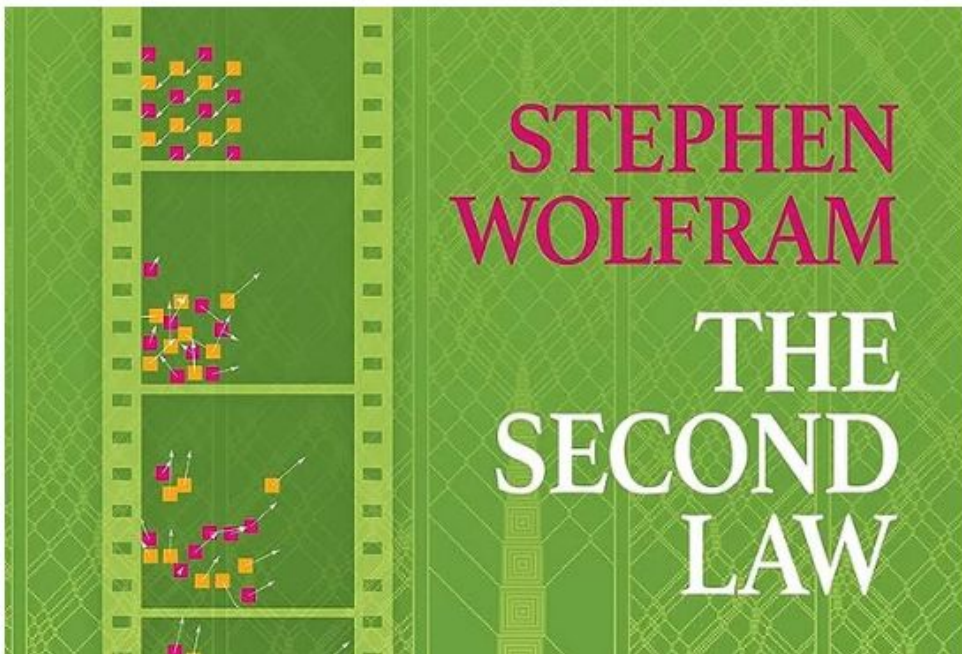


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In 1967, Marvin Minsky, a founder of the field of artificial intelligence (AI), made a bold prediction: “Within a generation...the problem of creating ‘artificial intelligence’ will be substantially solved.” Assuming that a generation is about 30 years, Minsky was clearly overoptimistic. But now, nearly two generations later, how close are we to the original goal of human-level (or greater) intelligence in machines?

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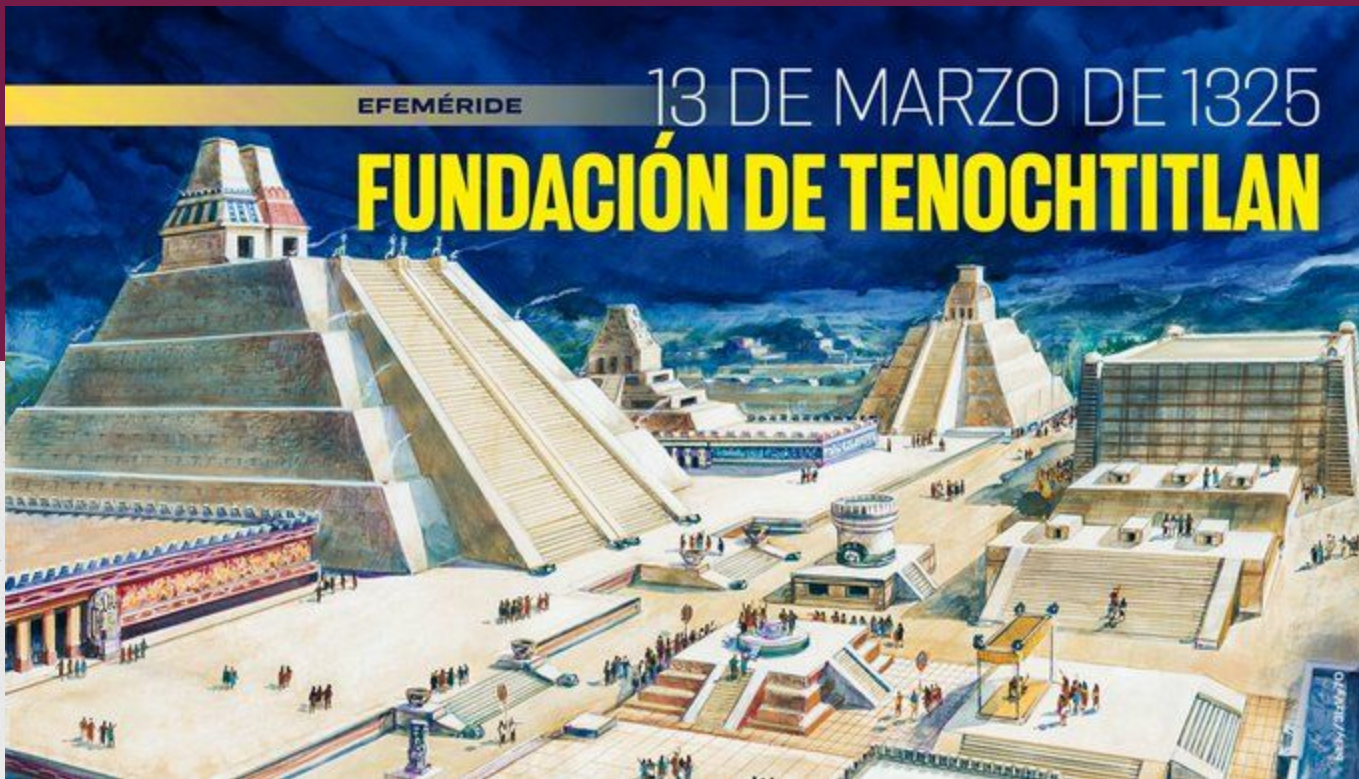



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Artículo

Diversity begets stability: Sublinear growth and competitive coexistence across ecosystems

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Editor's summary

Some of Earth's most biodiverse ecosystems are also its most stable over time, yet ecological theory predicts that communities become less stable when more species co-occur. The most commonly used models of species coexistence are derived from the Lotka-Volterra model, which assumes that populations follow logistic growth patterns and that self-regulation is required to allow multiple species to stably coexist. Hatton *et al.* show that an alternative model with sublinear population growth provides nearly identical predictions to generalized Lotka-Volterra models at the population level but very different predictions for communities. Under the sublinear model, diversity promotes stability. This model is consistent with published population time series and macroecological scaling relationships. —Bianca Lopez

Existing evidence on the use of environmental DNA as an operational method for studying rivers: a systematic map and thematic synthesis

[R. Cruz-Cano](#), [M. Kolb](#) , [R. A. Saldaña-Vázquez](#), [L. Bretón-Deval](#), [N. Cruz-Cano](#) & [A. Aldama-Cervantes](#)

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Abstract

Background

Environmental DNA (eDNA) is the DNA that can be extracted from an environmental sample, enabling the monitoring of whole biological communities across a large number of samples, at a potentially lower cost, which can significantly benefit river conservation. A systematic mapping protocol was designed to investigate the use of eDNA in rivers, specifically in terms of research topics, geographic and taxonomic biases, as well as information gaps.

Furthermore, the potential research opportunities of eDNA in rivers and possible paths to find this kind of information on available platforms are identified.

Numerosity Categorization by Parity in an Insect and Simple Neural Network



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A frequent question as technology improves and becomes increasingly complex, is how we enable technological solutions and models inspired by biological systems. Creating technology based on humans is challenging and costly as human brains and cognition are complex. The honeybee has emerged as a valuable comparative model which exhibits some cognitive-like behaviors. The relative simplicity of the bee brain compared to large mammalian brains enables learning tasks, such as categorization, that can be mimicked by simple neural networks. Categorization of abstract concepts can be essential to how we understand complex information. Odd and even numerical processing is known as a parity task in human mathematical representations, but there appears to be a complete absence of research exploring parity processing in non-human animals. We show that free-flying honeybees can visually acquire the capacity to differentiate between odd and even quantities of 1–10 geometric elements and extrapolate this categorization to the novel numerosities of 11 and 12, revealing that such categorization is accessible to a comparatively simple system. We use this information to

Connectivity conservation planning through deep reinforcement learning

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Abstract

1. The United Nations has declared 2021–2030 the decade on ecosystem restoration with the aim of preventing, stopping and reversing the degradation of the ecosystems of the world, often caused by the fragmentation of natural landscapes. Human activities separate and surround habitats, making them too small to sustain viable animal populations or too far apart to enable foraging and gene flow. Despite the need for strategies to solve fragmentation, it remains unclear how to efficiently reconnect nature. In this paper, we illustrate the potential of deep reinforcement learning (DRL) to tackle the spatial optimisation aspect of connectivity conservation planning.
2. The propensity of spatial optimisation problems to explode in complexity depending on the number of input variables and their states is and will continue to be one of its most serious obstacles. DRL is an emerging class of methods focused on training deep neural networks to solve decision-making tasks and has been used to learn good heuristics for complex optimisation problems. While the potential of DRL to optimise conservation decisions seems huge, only few examples of its application exist.
3. We applied DRL to two real-world raster datasets in a connectivity planning setting, targeting graph-based connectivity indices for optimisation. We show that DRL converges to the known optimums in a small example where the objective is the overall improvement of the Integral Index of Connectivity and the only constraint is the budget. We also show that DRL approximates high-quality solutions on a large example with additional cost and spatial configuration constraints where the more complex Probability of Connectivity Index is targeted. To the best of our knowledge, there is no software that can target this index for optimisation on raster data of this size.

Antifragility as a complex system's response to perturbations, volatility, and time

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ABSTRACT

Antifragility characterizes the benefit of a dynamical system derived from the variability in environmental perturbations. Antifragility carries a precise definition that quantifies a system's output response to input variability. Systems may respond poorly to perturbations (fragile) or benefit from perturbations (antifragile). In this manuscript, we review a range of applications of antifragility theory in technical systems (e.g., traffic control, robotics) and natural systems (e.g., cancer therapy, antibiotics). While there is a broad overlap in methods used to quantify and apply antifragility across disciplines, there is a need for precisely defining the scales at which antifragility operates. Thus, we provide a brief general introduction to the properties of antifragility in applied systems and review relevant literature for both natural and technical systems' antifragility. We frame this review within three scales common to technical systems: intrinsic (input-output nonlinearity), inherited (extrinsic environmental signals), and interventional (feedback control), with associated counterparts in biological systems: ecological (homogeneous systems), evolutionary (heterogeneous systems), and interventional (control). We use the common noun in designing systems that exhibit antifragile behavior across scales and guide the reader along the spectrum of fragility–adaptiveness–resilience–robustness–antifragility, the principles behind it, and its practical implications.

1 Introduction

ANTIFRAGILE is a term coined to describe the opposite of fragile, as defined in a recent book that generated significant interest in both the public and scientific domain¹. Although the term has a wide range of applications, it contains a precise and mathematical definition. Systems or organisms can be defined as antifragile if they derive benefit from systemic variability,

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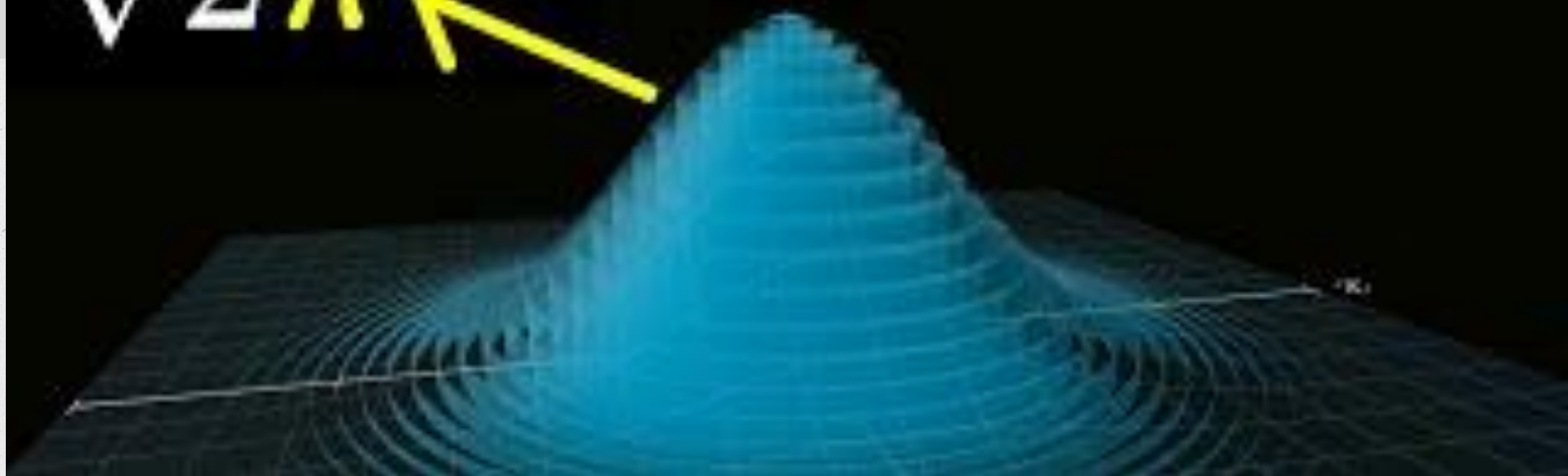
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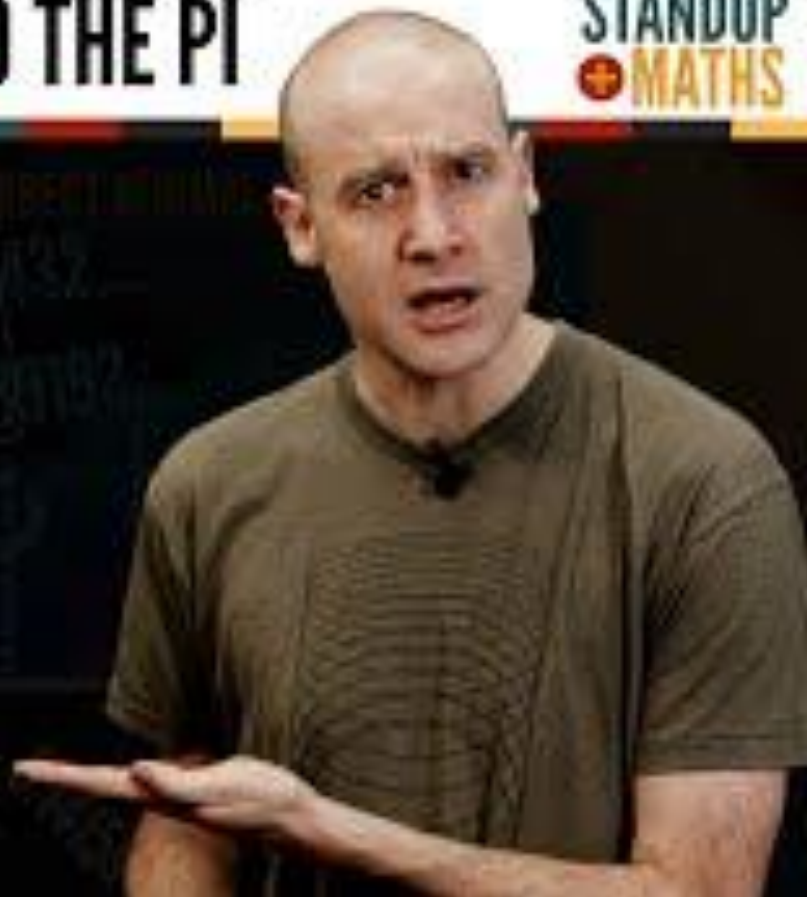
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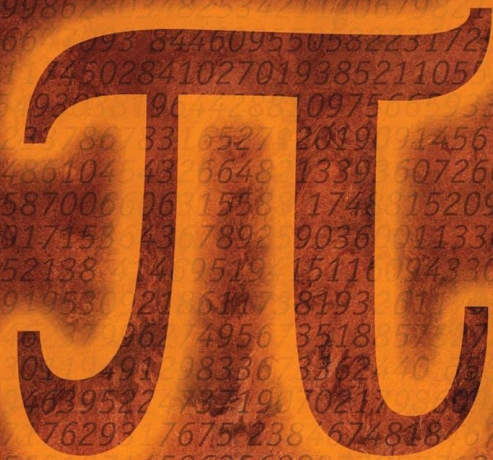
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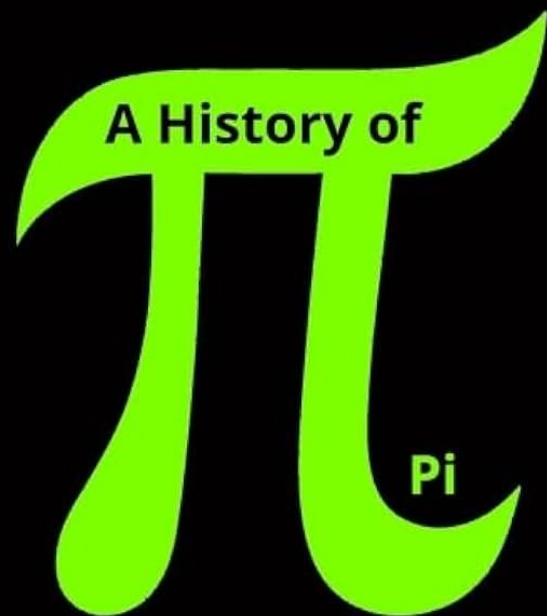
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Y está documentado también que los impactos del cambio climático inciden de manera importante en muchos aspectos de la vida, especialmente en la disponibilidad del agua, en la posibilidad de que ésta sea de calidad, así como en el incremento de los fenómenos hidrometeorológicos extremos (sequías e inundaciones) que año con año ocasionan pérdidas humanas.

En el Valle de México en donde conviven alrededor de 20 millones de personas, se han exacerbado en los últimos años las crisis por el agua. El modelo de crecimiento de la zona ha sobreexplotado a la cuenca, y ha sido necesario desarrollar grandes proyectos de infraestructura hidráulica, y de importación de agua de los alrededores, para garantizar el abasto de los servicios.

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Jason Daley

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