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Standard approach to data analysis of a resonance lineshape





Machine Learning provides methods to learn from data to perform tasks

Widely used nowadays thanks to:

• Improvement in algorithms and hardware

Examples:

• Neural networks, Random forest, Genetic algorithms, ...

Widely used in physics

• Fitters, universal interpolators, classifiers

Explainability

• NNs are usually black boxes, so statistical methods have been developed to study them

AI/ML/NNs in hadron physics



Can machine learning help us?

The question

• Can we train a neural network to analyze a lineshape and get as a result what is the probability of each possible characterization?

First explorations of neural networks as classifiers for hadron spectroscopy

Sombillo et al., 2003.10770, 2104.141782, 2105.04898

If possible...

• What other information can we gain by using machine learning techniques?

Benchmark case

• The P_c(4312) lineshape: Ng et al. (JPAC) 2110.13742

Still far away from answering this question but we are advancing

Holy Grail: Al as a tool for physics discovery













Building a benchmark

Training the neural network

• We choose a model that we fully understand to teach the NN about lineshapes

Comparison

• Simple enough to perform a direct comparison between standard and NN approaches

Experimental data

• We use the model on data that we know well

Error analysis

• Implement uncertainites both in the training and the data analysis

Building the training set

10⁵ training curves

- Generated by randomly setting parameter values in a wide range
- Curves are computed at the experimental energies

Convolution

• Model is convoluted with the experimental resolution

Gaussian noise

- Included to mimic uncertainties
- Compare "blurry" to "blurry"



Training / validation



Training determines the parameters (weights) of the NN

-20

0

V 4 0.5

3.3

5.8

90.7

Experimental uncertainties: bootstrap

Associate a distribution to each experimental datapoint

 Typically a Gaussian with mean and sigma from experiment

Monte Carlo

 Generate pseudodata according to the chosen distribution

Run statistics on the pseudodatasets

• Compute distributions, mean, standard deviation, quantiles, ...



Applying the NN to LHCb data



We pass the data through the NN

• We pass the three LHCb datasets through the same NN to obtain three answers

Uncertainties

Bootstrap and dropout

Obtain proability distributions

 Sanity check: We recover the same result as with the standard approach: v|4

What we get from the NN

The NN is comprehensive exploring the parameter space

Standard χ^2 fit are often unstable and NN can help exploring the parameter space

Rather than testing a single model hypothesis, the NN tests various models all at once

But, there's more...

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Explainability



SHapley Additive exPlanations

Inherited from game theory

Application

 Allows to determine how a given feature in the input layer (in our case an experimental datapoint) impacts the decision made by the NN in the output layer (the classes)



Takeaways

We tested a relatively simple, ML based application, and we are positively surprised by the results

• Ng et al. (JPAC), 2110.13742

We started as skeptics and became excited about AI/ML

• Engaging topic for prospect students

NN is not a substitution of the canonical approach to analyzing data

We are (hopefully) just in the begining...