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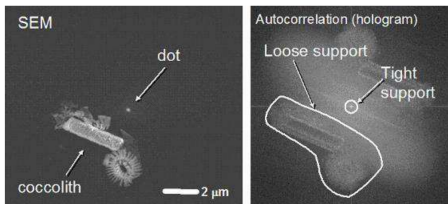
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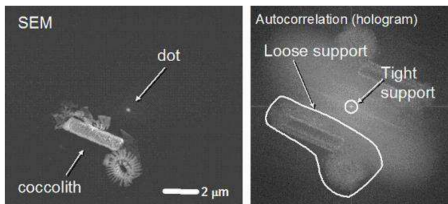
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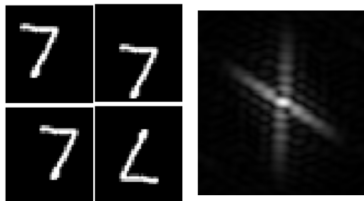
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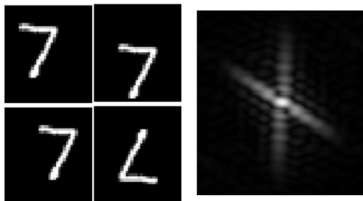
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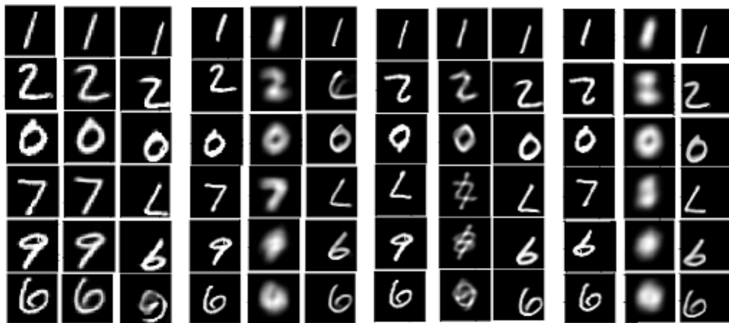
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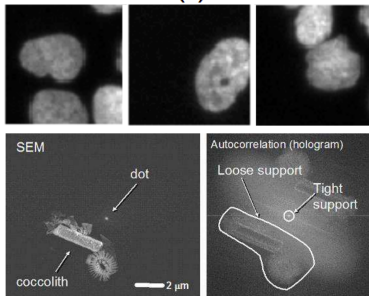
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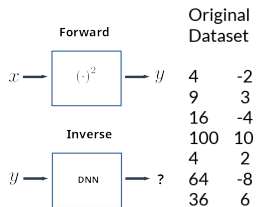


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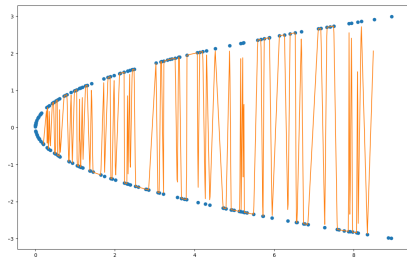
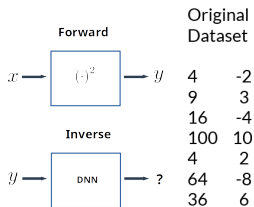
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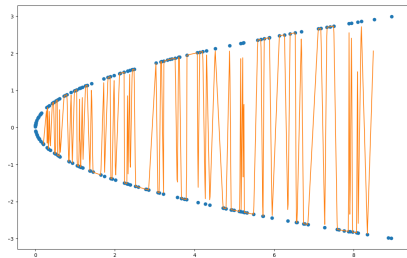
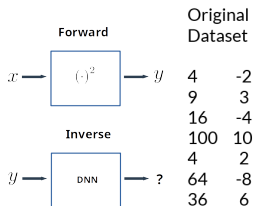
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nearby inputs mapped to remote outputs **due to symmetries**

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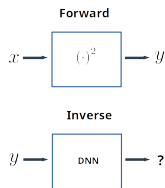
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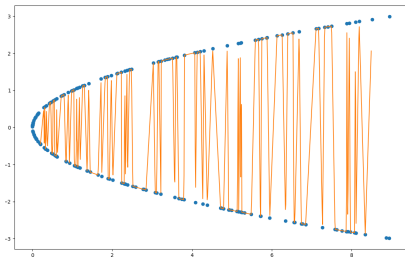
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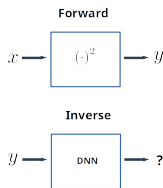


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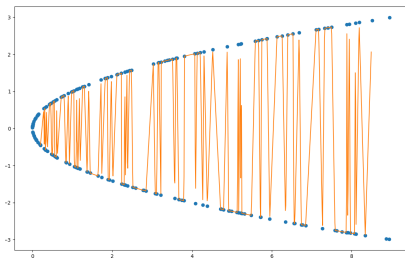


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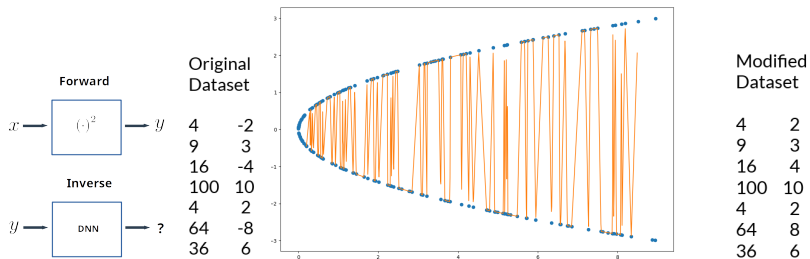
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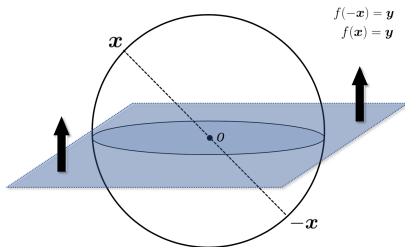
idea: fix the sign symmetry

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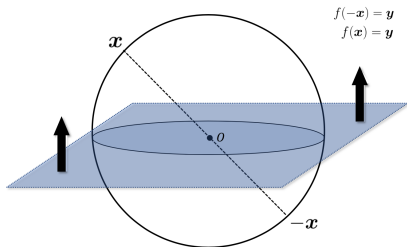
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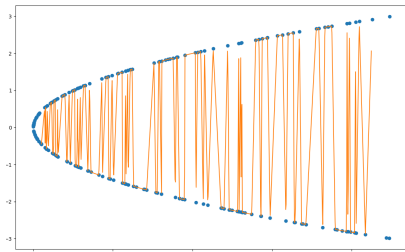
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NN-A: **after** symmetry breaking —
more is worse

NN-B: **before** symmetry breaking

K-NN: K-nearest neighbor baseline



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Pros: 1) math. principled 2) only symmetry info needed even if f unknown [[Krippendorf and Syvaeri, 2020](#)]

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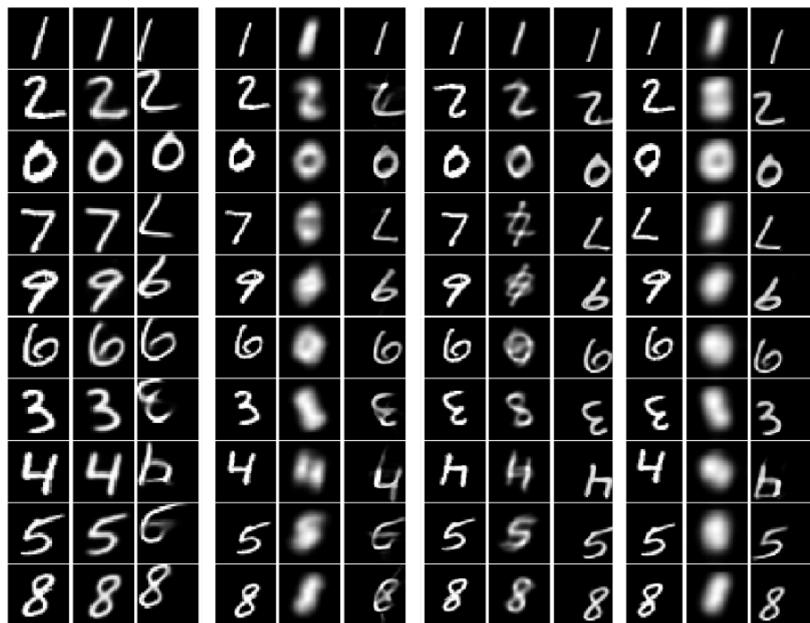
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- Why it might work?
 - * $\text{DNN}_{\mathbf{W}}$ is simple when symmetries are broken
 - * **implicit regularization** means simple $\text{DNN}_{\mathbf{W}}$ is preferred

similar idea appears in [[Metzler et al., 2020](#)]

Does it work?



- Complex-valued images

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Pros: 1) lightweight 2) general

Cons: 1) f is needed 2) dense data needed (?)

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- End-to-end learning offers new opportunities for solving difficult PR instances
- Current successes are contaminated by dataset biases
- Symmetry breaking seems to offer a way out

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