

Some recent progress with free mathematical software

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- In a recent paper **“Advancing mathematics by guiding human intuition with AI”**, appeared in **Nature**

https:

[//www.nature.com/articles/s41586-021-04086-x](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-021-04086-x)

by Davies et al., incl. Geordie Williamson

- tools and software in the field artificial intelligence were used
- to obtain two novel theoretical results
in topology and
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JULIA language

- The usage of the modern JULIA language <https://julialang.org/>, backed by MIT (and meanwhile, many others)
- helps to achieve high level of integration of tools from various mathematical areas
- It already offers a developed ecosystem of high performance packages

JULIA and OSCAR

OSCAR Project, supported by the German DFG

`https://oscar.computeralgebra.de` is build in the JULIA ecosystem; in turn, it builds on and extends the four cornerstone systems

- GAP – computational discrete algebra
`https://www.gap-system.org`
- SINGULAR – commutative and non-commutative algebra, algebraic geometry
`https://www.singular.uni-kl.de`
- POLYMAKE – polyhedral geometry
`https://polymake.org/`
- ANTIC (HECKE, NEMO) – number theory
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