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Message from the Guest Editors

The thermodynamics-based concept of entropy has spread across different areas of knowledge, and is currently permeating the natural and engineered worlds.

The idea of entropy is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty. Remarkably, the definition of entropy diverges in different contexts, and even within the same domain assorted perceptions of entropy are found connected with probabilities, or not. Chief related concepts such as relative entropy, skew entropy, and dynamical entropy, as well as magnitudes and properties such as invariance, additivity, concavity, subadditivity, strong subadditivity, continuity, etc., are not often enumerated in detail in the literature.



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