Uncertainty and the End of Science

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Abstract

Science—the search for patterns in nature—thrives on the Unknown. Science thrives on the possibility of discovery. Could science end?

Attempts to answer this question lead us to explore concepts of uncertainty, ignorance and probability. Is ignorance probabilistic? Is quantum indeterminism probabilistic? What are the implications of indeterminism for the Newtonian paradigm?