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Chapter 1

Report

1.1 Select notation and setup

1.1.1 Covariance functions

Let

- x_i be a row vector. That is, $x_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_{(i,1)} & x_{(i,2)} & \cdots & x_{(i,d)} \end{bmatrix}$
- $d = \dim(x)$
- $d_1, d_2 \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \dim(x)\}$, where d_i indicates the dimension to which the derivative is taken for the i -th argument of $k(\cdot, \cdot)$
- $g(\cdot)$ is a correlation function.

$$\boxed{d_1 = d_2 = 0} \Rightarrow \text{"matern"/"sqexp"}$$

$$\text{Cov}(Y(x_1), Y(x_2)) = k^{00}(x_1, x_2) \quad (1.1)$$

$$= \sigma^2 \prod_{m=1}^d g(x_{(1,m)}, x_{(2,m)}; l_m) \quad (1.2)$$

$$\boxed{d_1 > 0, d_2 = 0 \text{ or } d_1 = 0, d_2 > 0} \Rightarrow \text{"matern1"/"sqexp1"}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{(1,i)}} Cov(Y(x_1), Y(x_2)) = k^{i0}(x_1, x_2) \quad (1.3)$$

$$= \sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{(1,i)}} \prod_{m=1}^d g(x_{(1,m)}, x_{(2,m)}; l_m) \quad (1.4)$$

$$= \sigma^2 \left[\prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^d g(x_{(1,m)}, x_{(2,m)}; l_m) \right] \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{(1,i)}} g(x_{(1,i)}, x_{(2,i)}; l_i) \right] \quad (1.5)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{(2,i)}} Cov(Y(x_1), Y(x_2)) = k^{0i}(x_1, x_2) \quad (1.6)$$

$$= -k^{i0}(x_1, x_2) \quad (1.7)$$

$$\boxed{d_1, d_2 > 0} \Rightarrow \text{"matern2"/"sqexp2"}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{(2,j)} \partial x_{(1,i)}} Cov(Y(x_1), Y(x_2)) = k^{ij}(x_1, x_2) \quad (1.8)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \sigma^2 \left[\prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i,j}}^d g(x_m, x'_m; l_m) \right] \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{(2,i)} \partial x_{(1,i)}} g(x_{(1,i)}, x_{(2,i)}; l_i) \right], i = j \\ \sigma^2 \left[\prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i,j}}^d g(x_m, x'_m; l_m) \right] \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{(2,j)}} g(x_{(1,j)}, x_{(2,j)}; l_j) \right] \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{(1,i)}} g(x_{(1,i)}, x_{(2,i)}; l_i) \right], i \neq j \end{cases} \quad (1.9)$$

1.1.2 Multiple inputs

$k^{d_1 d_2}(x_1, x_2)$ has been defined so that both arguments are row vectors. That is,

$$x_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_{(i,1)} & x_{(i,2)} & \cdots & x_{(i,d)} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and so } d = \dim(x).$$

Now I extend the definition of $k(\cdot, \cdot)$ to the function $K^{d_1 d_2}(\cdot, \cdot)$, which allows for multiple inputs. Let

$$\underbrace{X}_{n_i \times d} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{n_i} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{(1,1)} & x_{(1,d)} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{(n_i,1)} & x_{(n_i,d)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.10)$$

Then define

$$\underbrace{K^{d_1 d_2} \left(\underbrace{\widehat{X}}_{n_1 \times d}, \underbrace{\widehat{X'}}_{n_2 \times d} \right)}_{n_1 \times n_2} = K^{d_1 d_2} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{n_1} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ \vdots \\ x_{n_2}' \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left[k^{d_1 d_2}(x_i, x_j') \right]_{ij}. \quad (1.11)$$

There are a total of $n_1 + n_2$ inputs, resulting in an $n_1 \times n_2$ matrix. Note that the dimension of each of the inputs must all be the same d . Also,

$$K^{d_1 d_2}(X, X') = X^{d_1 d_1}(X', X)^T. \quad (1.12)$$

1.1.3 Matern correlation function and its derivatives

If $g(\cdot, \cdot)$ is from the Matern class of covariance functions with parameter $5/2$ there is a more simple form. The subscripts for the inputs in $g(\cdot, \cdot)$ are dropped for legibility.

Let $\theta = \sqrt{5}/l$:

$$g(x, x') = \left(1 + \theta |x - x'| + \frac{1}{3}\theta^2 |x - x'|^2\right) \exp\{-\theta |x - x'|\} \quad (1.13)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} g(x, x') = -\frac{1}{3}\theta^2 (x - x') [1 + \theta |x - x'|] \exp\{-\theta |x - x'|\} \quad (1.14)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x' \partial x} g(x, x') = \frac{1}{3}\theta^2 [1 + \theta |x - x'| - \theta^2 (x - x')^2] \exp\{-\theta |x - x'|\} \quad (1.15)$$

See calculations of derivatives of $g(\cdot, \cdot)$ below.

First derivative

Recall: $g(x, x') = \left[1 + \theta |x - x'| + \frac{1}{3}\theta^2 |x - x'|^2\right] \exp\{-\theta |x - x'|\}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} g(x, x') = \left[\theta \operatorname{sign}(x - x') + \frac{2}{3}\theta^2 (x - x')\right] \exp\{-\theta |x - x'|\} \quad (1.16)$$

$$+ \left[1 + \theta |x - x'| + \frac{1}{3}\theta^2 (x - x')^2\right] \exp\{-\theta |x - x'|\} (-\theta \operatorname{sign}(x - x')) \quad (1.17)$$

$$= \exp\{-\theta |x - x'|\} \left[-\frac{1}{3}\theta^2 (x - x') - \frac{1}{3}\theta^3 (x - x')^2 \operatorname{sign}(x - x')\right] \quad (1.18)$$

$$= \exp\{-\theta |x - x'|\} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\theta^2 (x - x')\right) [1 + \theta (x - x') \operatorname{sign}(x - x')] \quad (1.19)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3}\theta^2 (x - x') [1 + \theta |x - x'|] \exp\{-\theta |x - x'|\} \quad (1.20)$$

Second derivative

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x' \partial x} g(x, x') = \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \left[-\frac{1}{3} \theta^2 (x - x') [1 + \theta |x - x'|] \exp \{-\theta |x - x'|\} \right] \quad (1.21)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \left[\left[-\frac{1}{3} \theta^2 (x - x') - \frac{1}{3} \theta^3 (x - x')^2 \text{sign}(x - x') \right] \exp \{-\theta |x - x'|\} \right] \quad (1.22)$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{3} \theta^2 - \frac{2}{3} \theta^3 (x - x') (-1) \text{sign}(x - x') \right] \exp \{-\theta |x - x'|\} \quad (1.23)$$

$$+ \left[-\frac{1}{3} \theta^2 (x - x') - \frac{1}{3} \theta^3 (x - x')^2 \text{sign}(x - x') \right] \exp \{-\theta |x - x'|\} (\theta \text{sign}(x - x')) \quad (1.24)$$

$$= \exp \{-\theta |x - x'|\} \left[\frac{1}{3} \theta^2 + \frac{2}{3} \theta^3 |x - x'| - \frac{1}{3} \theta^3 |x - x'| - \frac{1}{3} \theta^4 (x - x')^2 \right] \quad (1.25)$$

$$= \exp \{-\theta |x - x'|\} \left[\frac{1}{3} \theta^2 + \frac{1}{3} \theta^3 |x - x'| - \frac{1}{3} \theta^4 (x - x')^2 \right] \quad (1.26)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \theta^2 [1 + \theta |x - x'| - \theta^2 (x - x')^2] \exp \{-\theta |x - x'|\} \quad (1.27)$$

1.1.4 Setup

Assume

$$[y^*, y_1^\delta, y_2^\delta, \dots, y_d^\delta, y | \sigma^2, l] \sim N(0, \Sigma) \quad (1.28)$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} K^{00}(X^*, X^*) & K^{01}(X^*, X_1^\delta) & K^{02}(X^*, X_2^\delta) & \dots & K^{0d}(X^*, X_d^\delta) & K^{00}(X^*, X) \\ K^{10}(X_1^\delta, X^*) & K^{11}(X_1^\delta, X_1^\delta) & K^{12}(X_1^\delta, X_2^\delta) & \dots & K^{10}(X_1^\delta, X_d^\delta) & K^{10}(X_1^\delta, X) \\ K^{20}(X_2^\delta, X^*) & K^{21}(X_2^\delta, X_1^\delta) & K^{22}(X_2^\delta, X_2^\delta) & \dots & K^{10}(X_2^\delta, X_d^\delta) & K^{20}(X_2^\delta, X) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ K^{d0}(X_d^\delta, X^*) & K^{d1}(X_d^\delta, X_1^\delta) & K^{d2}(X_d^\delta, X_2^\delta) & \dots & K^{dd}(X_d^\delta, X_d^\delta) & K^{d0}(X_d^\delta, X) \\ K^{00}(X, X^*) & K^{01}(X, X_1^\delta) & K^{02}(X, X_2^\delta) & \dots & K^{0d}(X, X_d^\delta) & K^{00}(X, X) \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.29)$$

where

- $X(n \times d), X^*(n^* \times d), X_k^\delta(n_k \times d)$: input sets
- $y = y(X)$: observed target function values (training set)
- $y^* = y(X^*)$: unobserved function values
- $y_k^\delta = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} y(X^\delta) = y(X_k^\delta)$: vectors of partial derivatives in the k th input dimension;
 $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$
- σ^2 : constant variance parameter
- l : length-scale parameter
- $K^{d_1 d_2}(X, X')$: covariance functions. The superscripts are $d_1, d_2 \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d\}$,
 where d_i indicates the dimension to which the derivative is taken for the i -th
 argument of $K(\cdot, \cdot)$ (explicit formulas given earlier).

The posterior density

For 2-dimensional problems (qqq):

$$\left[l, \sigma^2, y^*, y_1^\delta, y_2^\delta \mid y \right] \propto \left[y, y^*, y_1^\delta, y_2^\delta \mid \sigma^2, l \right] \left[\sigma^2, l \right] \quad (1.30)$$

$$\propto \left[y^*, y_1^\delta, y_2^\delta \mid y, \sigma^2, l \right] \left[\left[y \mid \sigma^2, l \right] \right] \left[\sigma^2, l \right] \quad (1.31)$$

The goal is to evaluate densities on the RHS. Specifically,

$$\left[y^*, y_1^\delta, y_2^\delta \mid y, \sigma^2, l \right] \sim N(m, S)$$

due to the properties of the multivariate normal distribution (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multivariate_normal_distribution#Conditional_distributions). That is, the formulas from Kriging follow immediately.

To calculate m, S , start by dividing the covariance matrix Σ into the appropriate blocks:

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where} \quad (1.32)$$

$$\Sigma_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} K^{00}(x^*, x^*) & K^{10}(x_1^\delta, x^*)^T & K^{10}(x_2^\delta, x^*)^T \\ K^{10}(x_1^\delta, x^*) & K^{11}(x_1^\delta, x_1^\delta) & K^{11}(x_2^\delta, x_1^\delta)^T \\ K^{10}(x_2^\delta, x^*) & K^{11}(x_2^\delta, x_1^\delta) & K^{11}(x_2^\delta, x_2^\delta) \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.33)$$

$$\Sigma_{12} = \Sigma_{21}^T = \begin{bmatrix} K^{00}(x, x^*)^T \\ K^{01}(x, x_1^\delta)^T \\ K^{01}(x, x_2^\delta)^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K^{00}(x^*, x) \\ K^{10}(x_1^\delta, x) \\ K^{10}(x_2^\delta, x) \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.34)$$

$$\Sigma_{22} = K^{00}(x, x). \quad (1.35)$$

Then,

$$m = 0 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(y - 0) = \begin{bmatrix} K^{00}(x^*, x) \\ K^{10}(x_1^\delta, x) \\ K^{10}(x_2^\delta, x) \end{bmatrix} K^{00}(x, x)^{-1}y \quad (1.36)$$

$$S = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21} \quad (1.37)$$

1.2 Generating N particles

Recall that qq

$$\pi_t(l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta) \propto [y^*, y^\delta | y, l, \sigma^2] [y | l, \sigma^2] [l, \sigma^2] \prod_{p=1}^N \Phi(\tau_t y^{\delta(p)}) \quad (1.38)$$

I use Metropolis-Hastings within Gibbs to generate N particles for each parameter:

$l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta$.

Algorithm 1 Generating N particles

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1: input :
    • initial values:  $l_0, \sigma_0^2, y_0^*, y_0^\delta$ 
    • training set:  $y$ 
    • input sets:  $x, x^*, x^\delta$ 
    • step size for  $l$ :  $v_t, t = 1, \dots, M$ 

2: loop :
3: for  $i := 1, \dots, N$  do
4:    $(l^{(i)}, \sigma^{2(i)}, y^{*(i)}, y^{\delta(i)}) \leftarrow (l^{(i-1)}, \sigma^{2(i-1)}, y^{*(i-1)}, y^{\delta(i-1)})$ 
5:    $l$  :
6:     sample  $l^{new} \sim N(l^{(i-1)}, v_i)$ 
7:     while any entry of  $l^{new} < 0.05$  do
8:       sample  $l^{new} \sim N(l^{(i-1)}, v_i)$ 
9:      $l^{(i)} \leftarrow l^{new}$  with probability  $p = \min\{1, HR\}$ ,  $HR = \frac{\pi_0(l^{new}, \sigma^{2(i)}, y^{*(i)}, y^{\delta(i)})}{\pi_0(l^{(i)}, \sigma^{2(i)}, y^{*(i)}, y^{\delta(i)})}$  i.e.
10:    if  $\log(HR) > \log(u)$ ,  $u \sim Unif(0, 1)$  then
11:       $l^{(i)} \leftarrow l^{new}$ 
12:     $\sigma^2$  :
13:      sample  $\sigma^{2,new} \sim \chi^2(\sigma^{2(i-1)})$ 
14:      while  $\sigma^{2,new} \leq 1.7$  do
15:        sample  $\sigma^{2,new} \sim \chi^2(\sigma^{2(i-1)})$ 
16:       $\sigma^{2(i)} \leftarrow \sigma^{2,new}$  with probability  $p = \min\{1, HR\}$ ,  $HR = \frac{\pi_0(l^{(i)}, \sigma^{2,new}, y^{*(i)}, y^{\delta(i)})}{\pi_0(l^{(i)}, \sigma^{2(i)}, y^{*(i)}, y^{\delta(i)})}$ 
17:     $(y^*, y^\delta)$  :
18:      sample  $(y^*, y^\delta)^{(i)} \sim N(\mu_i, \tau_i^2)$  where  $\mu_i$  and  $\tau_i^2$  are calculated using  $\sigma^{2(i)}, l^{(i)}$ :
      
$$\mu_i = \begin{bmatrix} K^{00}(X^*, X) \\ K^{\bullet 0}(X^\delta, X) \end{bmatrix} K^{00}(X, X)^{-1} y$$
 and
      
$$\tau_i^2 = \begin{bmatrix} K^{00}(X^*, X^*) & K^{\bullet 0}(X^\delta, X^*)^T \\ K^{\bullet 0}(X^\delta, X^*) & K^{\bullet\bullet}(X^\delta, X^\delta) \end{bmatrix} \text{ (see qqg Setup)}$$

    return :  $N$  particles  $(l^{(1)}, \sigma^{2(1)}, y^{*(1)}, y^{\delta(1)}), \dots, (l^{(N)}, \sigma^{2(N)}, y^{*(N)}, y^{\delta(N)})$ 

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1.3 Imposing monotonicity

Recall that qqg

$$\pi_t(l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta) \propto [y^*, y^\delta | y, l, \sigma^2] [y | l, \sigma^2] [l, \sigma^2] \prod_{p=1}^N \Phi(\tau_t y^{\delta(p)}) \quad (1.39)$$

Algorithm 2 SMC for monotone emulation

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1: input :
    • a sequence of constraint parameters:  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_M$  where  $\tau_1 = 0$ 
    • step size for  $l$ :  $v_t, t = 1, \dots, M$  qq
    • step size for  $(y^*, y^\delta)$ :  $q_t, t = 1, \dots, M$  qq

2: Generate  $N$  particles for each parameter via Algorithm 1:  $(l, \sigma^2, y^{*(1)}, y^\delta)^{1:N} =$ 
    $(l^{(1)}, \sigma^{2(1)}, y^{*(1)}, y^{\delta(1)}), \dots, (l^{(N)}, \sigma^{2(N)}, y^{*(N)}, y^{\delta(N)})$ 
3:  $(l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta)_1^{1:N} \leftarrow (l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta)^{1:N}$ 
4: Give all particles equal weight:  $W_1^{1:N} \leftarrow 1/N$ 
5: loop :
6: for  $t := 2, \dots, M$  do
7:    $(l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta)_t^{1:N} \leftarrow (l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta)_{t-1}^{1:N}$ 
8:   weights :
9:     Weight calculation:  $W_t^i \leftarrow W_{t-1}^i \tilde{w}_t^i$ ,
       where  $\tilde{w}_t^i = \frac{\prod_{p=1}^N \Phi(\tau_t y^{\delta(p)})}{\prod_{p=1}^N \Phi(\tau_{t-1} y^{\delta(p)})}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, N$  particles
10:    Normalise  $W_t^i$ :  $W_t^i \leftarrow \frac{W_t^i}{\sum_{i=1}^N W_t^i}$ 
11:    Use one of the two following re-sampling options:
12:    

13:      1. re-sampling based on ESS :
14:      if  $ESS_t \leq N/2$ , where  $ESS_t = 1 / \sum_{i=1}^N W_t^i$  then
15:        re-sample particles  $(l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta)_t^{1:N}$  with weights  $W_t^{1:N}$ 
16:         $W_t^{1:N} \leftarrow 1/N$ 
17:


18:    

19:      2. re-sampling always :
20:      re-sample particles  $(l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta)_t^{1:N}$  with weights  $W_t^{1:N}$ 
21:


18:    if the first re-sampling option is used then
19:      Proceed to algorithm 3 for sampling until finished  $t = M$ 
20:    return :  $N$  particles  $(l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta)_M^{1:N}$ 

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Algorithm 3 SMC sampling

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1: continuously adapt step sizes :
2:  $a_{l,t} \leftarrow$  the acceptance rate of the  $l$  particles at time  $t$ 
3:  $a_{(y^*, y^\delta), t} \leftarrow$  the acceptance rate of the  $(y^*, y^\delta)$  particles at time  $t$ 
4: if  $t = 2$  then
5:    $q_t \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} \hat{var} \left( ([l]_1)_{1:1:N} \right) & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{var} \left( ([l]_2)_{1:1:N} \right) \end{bmatrix}$ 
6:    $v_t = 0.1$ 
7: if  $t > 2$  and  $t \leq \left\lceil \frac{M}{3} \right\rceil$  then
8:   if  $a_{l,t-1} < 0.25$  or  $a_{l,t-1} > 0.4$  then
9:      $v_t \leftarrow v_{t-1} \frac{a_{l,t-1}}{0.25}$ 
10:   if  $a_{(y^*, y^\delta), t-1} < 0.25$  or  $a_{(y^*, y^\delta), t-1} > 0.4$  then
11:      $q_t \leftarrow q_{t-1} \frac{a_{(y^*, y^\delta), t-1}}{0.25}$ 
12: sampling :
13: Sample  $(l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta)_t^{1:N}$ 
14: for  $i := 1, \dots, N$  do
15:    $l$  :
16:     sample  $l^{new} \sim N(l_{t-1}^{(i)}, v_t)$ 
17:     while any entry of  $l^{new} < 0.05$  do
18:       sample  $l^{new} \sim N(l_{t-1}^{(i)}, v_t)$ 
19:      $l_t^{(i)} \leftarrow l^{new}$  with probability  $p = \min\{1, HR\}$ ,  $HR = \frac{\pi_t(l^{new}, \sigma^{2(i)}_t, y^{*(i)}_t, y^{\delta(i)}_t)}{\pi_t(l^{(i)}, \sigma^{2(i)}_t, y^{*(i)}_t, y^{\delta(i)}_t)}$  i.e.
20:     if  $\log(HR) > \log(u)$ ,  $u \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$  then
21:        $l_t^{(i)} \leftarrow l^{new}$ 
22:    $\sigma^2$  :
23:     sample  $\sigma^{2,new} \sim \chi^2(\sigma_{t-1}^{2(i)})$ 
24:     while  $\sigma^{2,new} \leq 1.7$  do
25:       sample  $\sigma^{2,new} \sim \chi^2(\sigma_{t-1}^{2(i)})$ 
26:      $\sigma_t^{2(i)} \leftarrow \sigma^{2,new}$  with probability  $p = \min\{1, HR\}$ ,  $HR = \frac{\pi_t(l^{(i)}_t, \sigma^{2,new}_t, y^{*(i)}_t, y^{\delta(i)}_t)}{\pi_t(l^{(i)}_t, \sigma^{2(i)}_t, y^{*(i)}_t, y^{\delta(i)}_t)}$ 
27:    $(y^*, y^\delta)$  :
28:     sample  $(y^*, y^\delta)^{new} \sim N\left((y^*, y^\delta)_{t-1}^{(i)}, q_t C_{t-1}^{(i)}\right)$  where
        $C_{t-1}^{(i)} = K^{0\bullet}(X^*, X^\delta; l_t^i, \sigma^2 = 1)$  is a correlation matrix with length scale  $l_t^i$  and
        $q_t$  is the constant variance and step size
29:      $(y^*, y^\delta)^{(i)} \leftarrow (y^*, y^\delta)^{new}$  with probability
        $p = \min\{1, HR\}$ ,  $HR = \frac{\pi_t(l^{(i)}_t, \sigma^{2(i)}_t, y^{*new}_t, y^{\delta new}_t)}{\pi_t(l^{(i)}_t, \sigma^{2(i)}_t, y^{*(i)}_t, y^{\delta(i)}_t)}$ 
       return :  $N$  particles  $(l, \sigma^2, y^*, y^\delta)_t^{1:N}$  and
       return to algorithm 2 for next iteration of  $t$ 

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1.4 1-dimensional inputs

(EX1) I was able to replicate Shirin’s results by using: **Algorithm 2 following “always re-sampling” (lines 16-17) without any sampling (algorithm 3 skipped).**

- Algorithm 2 and always re-sampling (lines 16-17) with sampling (algorithm 3 included) may also be used. However, including the sampling does not seem to change the posterior distributions of y^* much and so this variant of the algorithm is not included.
- Similar performance can be achieved by re-sampling based on ESS with sampling if I increase the number of time steps (up to 40-60), which takes more time.
- There seems to be no clear benefit to re-sampling based on ESS and sampling when the increase in computational time does not seem to improve the performance for this example.
- Testing other functions with steeper curves and those that oscillate more (while remaining monotonic), it seems that this is where re-sampling based on ESS and sampling are needed.
 - Always resampling and skipping algorithm 3 causes all the weights to become focussed on a single particle very quickly no matter how slowly τ increases. That is, I end up with a single particle and the algorithm essentially terminates early.
 - In contrast if I re-sample based on ESS and use algorithm 3, I need to increase the number of time steps, but in return I no longer end up with a single particle.
- Since the inputs are only 1-dimensional, 100 particles with 100 burn-in seems to work fine.
- In summary, if a problem has 1-dimensional inputs
 1. Generate $N = 100$ (+ 100 burn-in) particles using algorithm 1.

2. Try algorithm 2 with $M = 20$ time steps and always re-sample.
3. If all the weight ends up on a single particle or the algorithm terminates early for some other reason, then try combinations of the following options:
 - run algorithm 2 using re-sampling based on ESS and sample with algorithm 3.
 - increase the number of time steps M .
 - increase the number of particles N .

1.5 2-dimensions

(EX2) I was able to obtain posterior distributions similar to Shirin’s results by using: **Algorithm 2 following “sampling based on ESS” (lines 12-15) along with sampling (algorithm 3).**

- Differences in results include:
 - The posterior density curves for y^* (or indeed any of the parameters) do not “move” as smoothly as those of Shirin as M increases. Mine sometimes jump a lot from one time step to the next whereas hers move a similar amount each time. Hers are also all very clearly unimodal whereas my density shapes can look somewhat deformed at times.
 - We end up with different posterior means for the length-scale parameters. However, the difference is small enough that I think we can let that pass.
 - The posterior mean for the constant variance parameter σ^2 is very different. It seems like mine is approximately the square of Shirin’s.

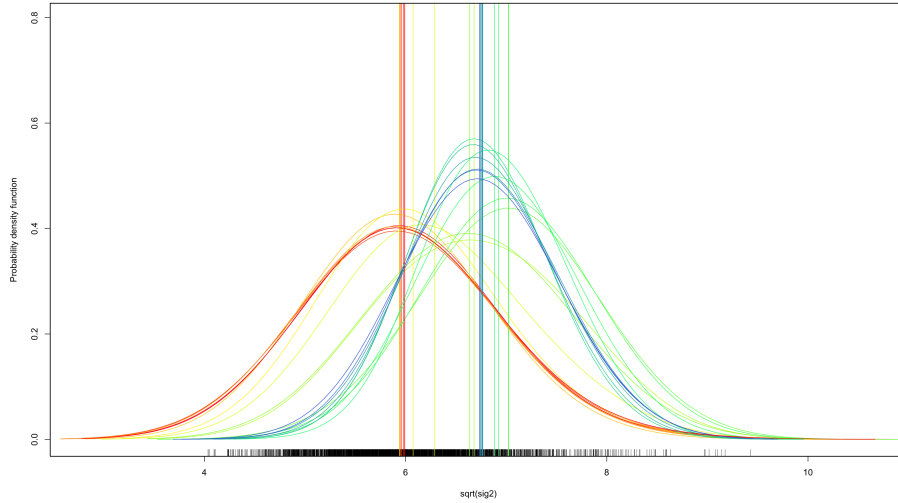


Figure 1.1: Posterior means for σ from time 2 (red) to 20 (blue); $M = 20$, $N = 3000$ (+ 1000 burn-in) qqz sizing

- The posterior means for y^* are rather lacklustre with $M = 20$ and $N = 1000$ (+ 1000 burn-in). I need to either raise N to 3000 or raise M above 40 to achieve better posterior means.
- For some reason, $N = 4000$ and $M = 20$ performs worse in terms of posterior means of y^* than $N = 3000$ and $M = 20$.
- When sampling (algorithm 3) is always included, it does not seem to matter how re-sampling is done. That is, the posterior distributions of y^* do not change much.
- If sampling is not used, then even for large M and N the algorithm terminates early due to all the weights being concentrated on a single particle. I have tested up to $M = 60$ with $N = 5000$ with similar outcomes. Looking at the posterior means of y^* a few time steps before the algorithm terminates, the results are poor, which suggests that sampling must be included for all except 1-dimensional problems.

(EX2) figures for a run with $N = 3000$ (+ 1000 burn-in), $M = 20$:

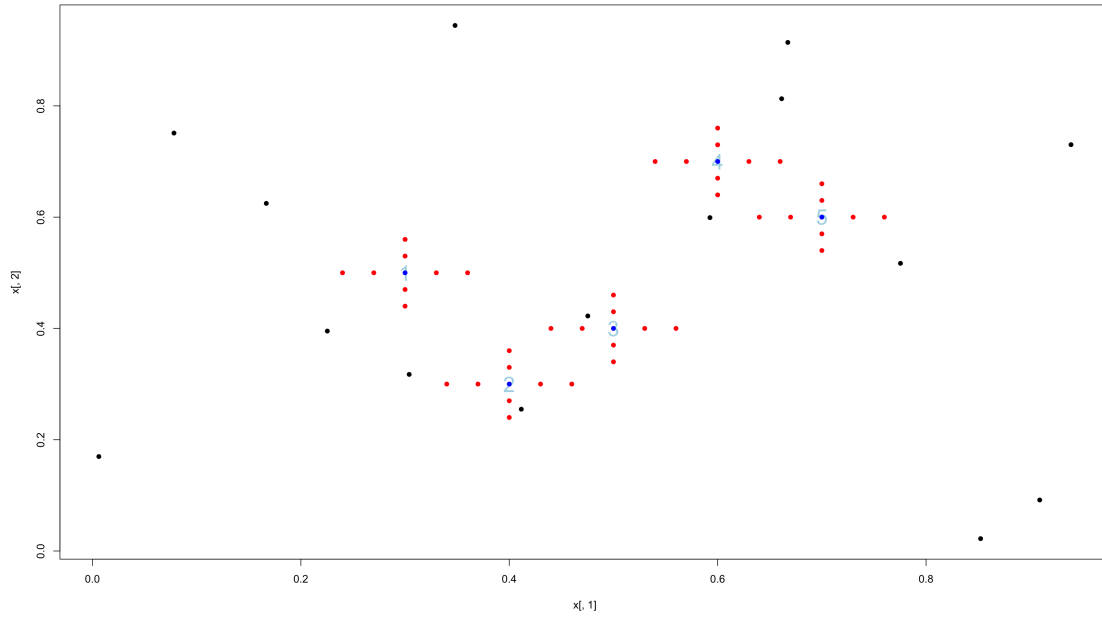


Figure 1.2: Problem setup; black is X , blue is X^* , red is X^δ .

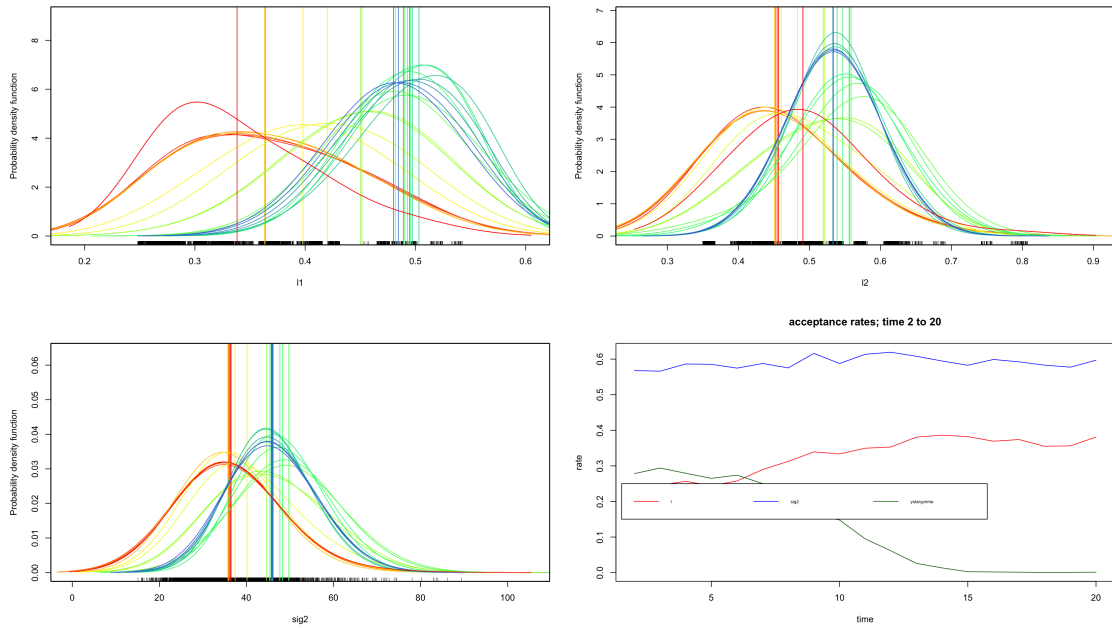


Figure 1.3: Posterior densities and means for l , σ^2 (red to blue) and acceptance rates.

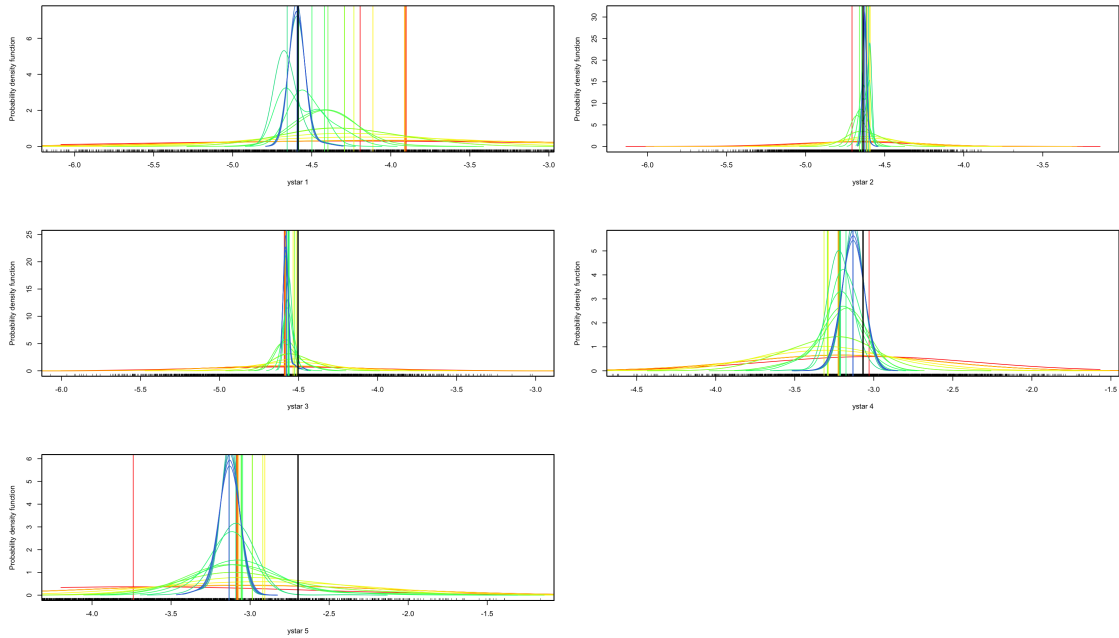


Figure 1.4: Posterior densities and means for y^* (red to blue).

1.5.1 Comparing the covariance functions

Matern

- No nugget required for any examples tried so far (EX1, EX2).

Squared exponential

- A nugget is required for EX2 (I used $10e-6$) everywhere a covariance matrix needs to be calculated.
- Seems to require many more time steps to reach a good estimate (posterior mean) for y^* . That is, under the same settings as when I use the Matern, the posterior means for y^* appear much worse.
- I did not test whether a nugget is required for 1-dimensional problems

1.6 Questions

- Why does the second derivative of the Matern function have the same formula regardless of whether the derivative is in the first or second argument?
- In EX2. are the proposal distributions for l, σ^2 still (truncated) normal and chi-squared respectively as in 1-dimension?
- What's the step size for l in higher dimensions? (I'm using a diagonal matrix multiplied by a constant.)
- Is the step size for l being continuously adapted? (I stop 2/3 of the way down the time steps.)
- (EX2) Why are my posterior means for y^* moving in such an ugly manner compared to the paper's EX2 results? (Though the final posterior means generally look reasonable.)
- (EX2) Why is my final posterior mean for σ^2 so large (looks squared) compared to that in the paper?
- (EX2) Is EX2 following the paper's algorithm or is it only relying on re-weighting (no sampling)?

Bibliography

Appendix A

Code