

## Motion planning—Probability

### 1. Bayesian Method

#### (1) Bayesian infer

We can make use of Bayesian formula:

method:

$$p(w|\text{Data}) = p(w|X, Y) = \frac{p(w, Y|X)}{p(Y|X)} = \frac{\overset{\text{likelihood}}{p(Y|w, X)} \overset{\text{prior}}{p(w)}}{\int p(Y|w, X) p(w) dw}$$

posterior

Suppose:

$$w \sim N(0, \Sigma_p)$$

That is to say,  $w$  is prior normal distribution.

According to some calculation, we can get posterior distribution:

$$p(w|\text{Data}) \sim N(\sigma^{-2} A^{-1} X^T Y, A^{-1}) \quad (A = \sigma^{-2} X^T X + \Sigma_p^{-1})$$

If the process include error  $\varepsilon$  :  $y = f(x) + \varepsilon$ ,  $f(x) = x^T w$

$$\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma_n^2).$$

If the process doesn't contain error. So the posterior distribution doesn't contain error covariance.

#### (2) Prediction

• predict:

noise-free:

idea:  $f(x^*) = x^{*T} w$   $\xrightarrow{\text{posterior } \sim N(\mu_w, \Sigma_w)}$   $\Rightarrow f(x^*) \sim N(x^{*T} \mu_w, x^{*T} \Sigma_w x^*)$

noise:  $y^* = f(x^*) + \varepsilon \sim (0, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow p(y^*|\text{Data}, x^*) \sim N(x^{*T} \mu_w, x^{*T} \Sigma_w x^* + \sigma^2)$

Posterior is expressed as followed for simplicity.

$$\text{Posterior} \sim N(\mu_w, \Sigma_w)$$

## 2 Gaussian Process for motion planning

A Gaussian process is a collection of random variables, any Gaussian process finite number of which have a joint Gaussian distribution.

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(m(\mathbf{x}), k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$$

Gaussian process prediction formula:

consider:  $f(x) \sim N(\mu(x), k(x, x)) \Rightarrow$  noise free.

$y = f(x) + \varepsilon \sim N(\mu(x), k(x, x) + \sigma^2 I) \Rightarrow$  noise

prediction: Given  $\mathbf{x}^* = (x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_n^*)$

$y^* = f(x^*) + \varepsilon$

condition possibility:  $\begin{pmatrix} y \\ f(x^*) \end{pmatrix} \sim N \left( \begin{pmatrix} \mu(x) \\ \mu(x^*) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} k(x, x) + \sigma^2 & k(x, x^*) \\ k(x^*, x) & k(x^*, x^*) \end{pmatrix} \right)$

$P(f(x^*) | y, x, x^*) \xrightarrow{\text{formula}}$

formula:

Given  $x \sim (\mu, \Sigma)$

$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_a \\ x_b \end{pmatrix} \mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_a \\ \mu_b \end{pmatrix} \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{aa} & \Sigma_{ab} \\ \Sigma_{ba} & \Sigma_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$

$x_b | x_a \sim N(\mu_{b|a}, \Sigma_{b|a})$

$\mu_{b|a} = \Sigma_{ba} \Sigma_{aa}^{-1} (x_a - \mu_a) + \mu_b$

$\Sigma_{b|a} = \Sigma_{bb} - \Sigma_{ba} \Sigma_{aa}^{-1} \Sigma_{ab}$

We can tackle the Gaussian process motion planning problem with this pattern.

LTV-SDE:

$$\dot{\theta}(t) = \mathbf{A}(t)\theta(t) + \mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{F}(t)\mathbf{w}(t)$$

Gaussian process:

$$\mathbf{w}(t) \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_C \delta(t - t'))$$

Answer for LTV-SDE:

$$\theta(t) = \Phi(t, t_0)\theta_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \Phi(t, s)(\mathbf{u}(s) + \mathbf{F}(s)\mathbf{w}(s))ds$$

The mean and covariance of Gaussian process can be got from LTV-SDE answer.

$$\tilde{\mu}(t) = \Phi(t, t_0)\mu_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \Phi(t, s)\mathbf{u}(s) ds \quad ($$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{K}}(t, t') &= \Phi(t, t_0)\mathcal{K}_0\Phi(t', t_0)^T \\ &+ \int_{t_0}^{\min(t, t')} \Phi(t, s)\mathbf{F}(s)\mathbf{Q}_C\mathbf{F}(s)^T\Phi(t', s)^T ds \end{aligned}$$