Representing Additive Models as Mixed Models

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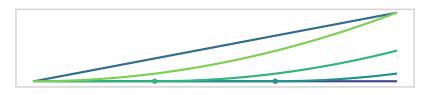
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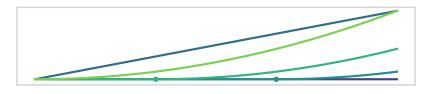
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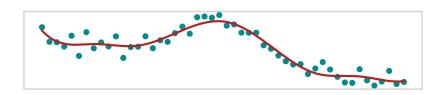
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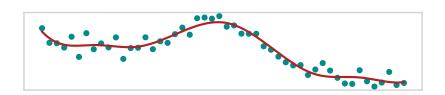
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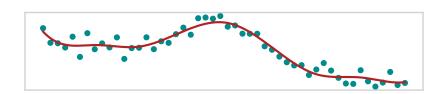


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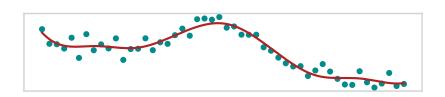
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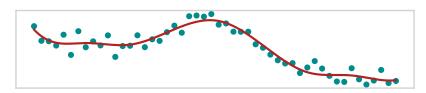


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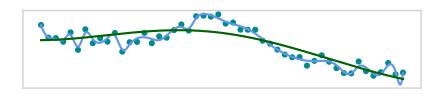


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$$\log L(\xi,\gamma) + \lambda \int_{x_1}^{x_n} \left[f''(x) \right]^2 dx$$

Control wiggliness (bias-variance tradeoff):

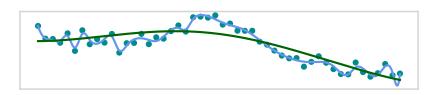


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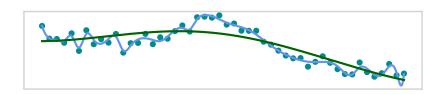


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⇒ Empirical Bayes is equivalent to penalized Maximum Likelihood

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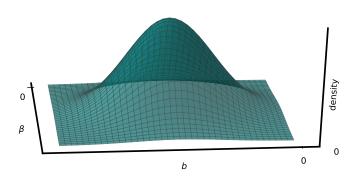
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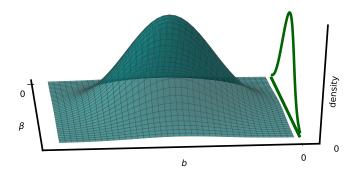
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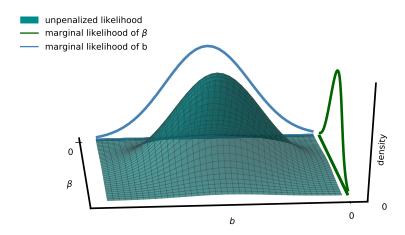
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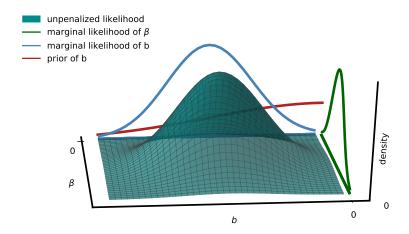


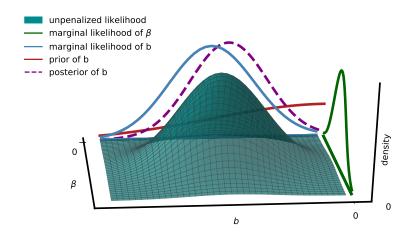


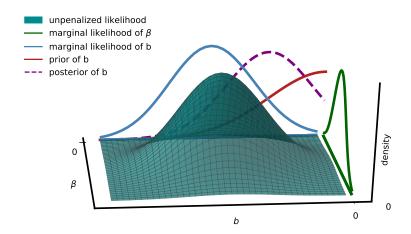
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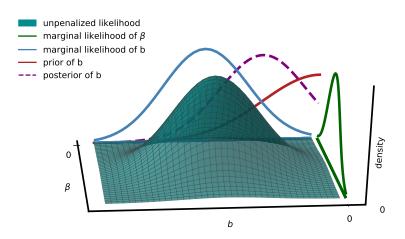
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- \tilde{X}_i is a basis of the null space of K_i (condition 3)
- $\tilde{Z}_j = L_j(L_j^T L_j)^{-1}$ with $K_j = L_j L_j^T$ (conditions 1 and 4)
- Choose L_j s. t. $L_j^T \tilde{X}_j = 0$ and $\tilde{X}_j L_j^T = 0$ (condition 2) e. g. spectral decomposition: $K_j = \Gamma_j \Lambda_j \Gamma^T$, so $L_j = \Gamma \Lambda_j^{1/2}$

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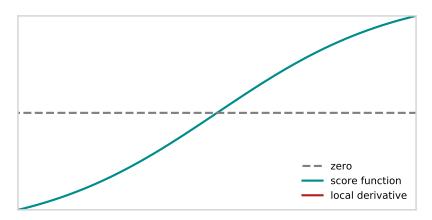
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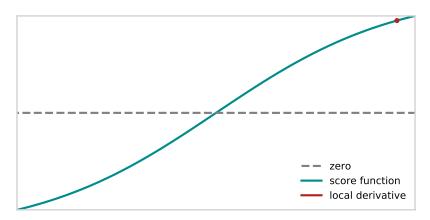
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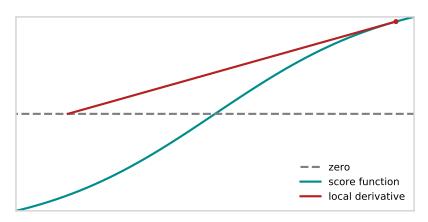
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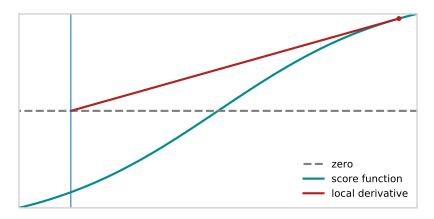
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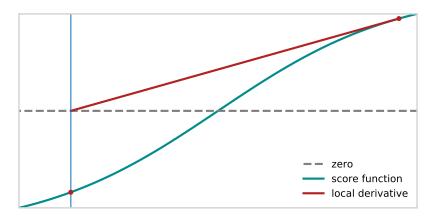
- directly uses marginal distribution of y
- Advantages over ML:
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 - + estimates mode of the marginal posterior for the variances

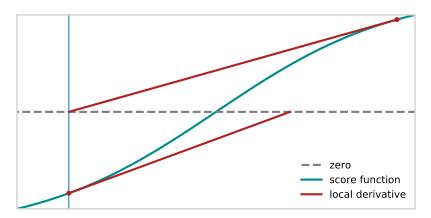


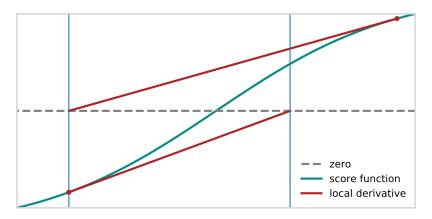


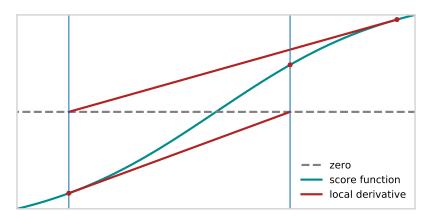


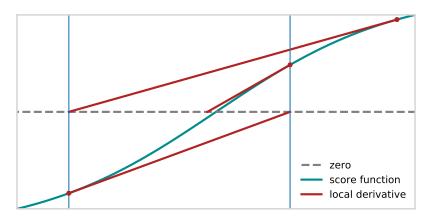


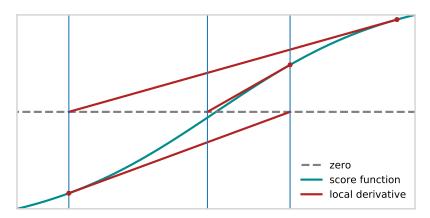


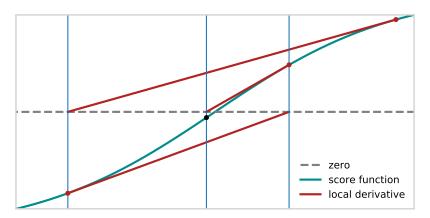












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 - Estimate \hat{eta}_{λ} and $\hat{m{b}}_{\lambda}$ in an inner loop
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- ⇒ Convergence is guaranteed (under mild regulatory conditions)

Comparison of Mixed Model Approach

Fully Bayesian approach (MCMC)

- + no reparameterization needed
- Markov chain convergence is difficult to determine
- how to choose hyperpriors?

Prediction error methods (AIC, GCV)

- + better prediction error performance
- worse resistance to overfit
- higher smoothing parameter variability
- increased tendency to multiple minima
- → more on that next week

Summary

- Semiparametric models can be written as mixed models.
- In order to get a proper random effects distribution, the flexible parameters have to be separated into sets of parameters with flat priors and sets with proper priors.
- The penalty term is proportional to the inverse of the prior variance: $\lambda \propto \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$
- For good results in mixed model inference, the penalty term
 has to be estimated in a nested iteration setup with the
 other parameters.

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