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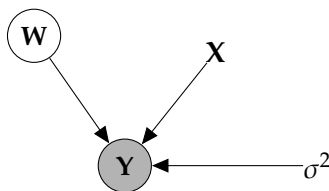
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Non-Linear Latent Variable Model

Dual Probabilistic PCA

- ▶ Define *linear-Gaussian relationship* between latent variables and data.
- ▶ **Novel** Latent variable approach:
 - ▶ Define Gaussian prior over *parameters*, \mathbf{W} .
 - ▶ Integrate out *parameters*.



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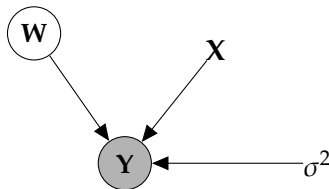
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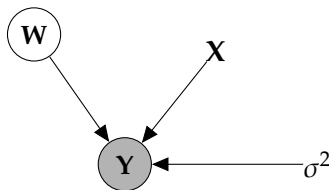


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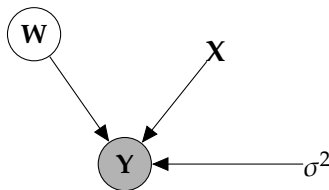
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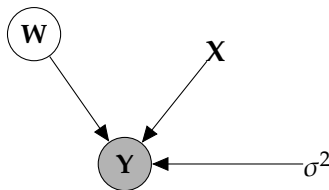
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This is a product of Gaussian processes with linear kernels.

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 - ▶ We call this the Gaussian Process Latent Variable model (GP-LVM).



$$p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{j=1}^p \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}_{:,j} | \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K})$$

$\mathbf{K} = ?$

Replace linear kernel with non-linear kernel for non-linear model.

Non-linear Latent Variable Models

Exponentiated Quadratic (EQ) Covariance

- ▶ The EQ covariance has the form $k_{i,j} = k(\mathbf{x}_{i,:}, \mathbf{x}_{j,:})$, where

$$k(\mathbf{x}_{i,:}, \mathbf{x}_{j,:}) = \alpha \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_{i,:} - \mathbf{x}_{j,:}\|_2^2}{2\ell^2}\right).$$

- ▶ No longer possible to optimise wrt \mathbf{X} via an eigenvalue problem.
- ▶ Instead find gradients with respect to \mathbf{X}, α, ℓ and σ^2 and optimise using conjugate gradients.

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Other Topics

- ▶ Local distance preservation [▶ Details](#)
- ▶ Dynamical models [▶ Details](#)
- ▶ Hierarchical models [▶ Details](#)
- ▶ Bayesian GP-LVM [▶ Details](#)

Local Distance Preservation (Lawrence and Quiñonero Candela, 2006)

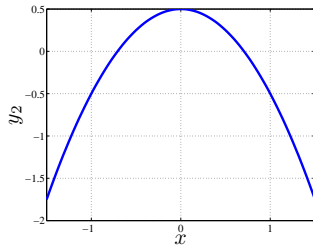
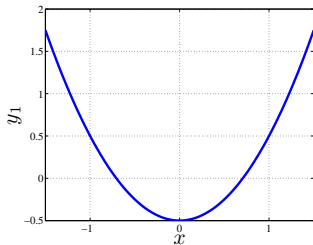
- ▶ Most dimensional reduction techniques preserve local distances.
- ▶ The GP-LVM does not.
- ▶ GP-LVM maps smoothly from latent to data space.
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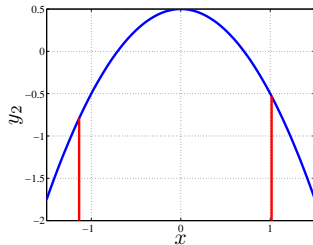
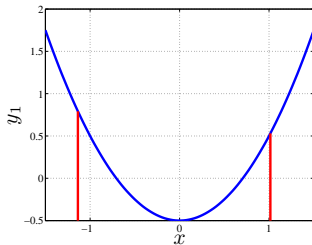


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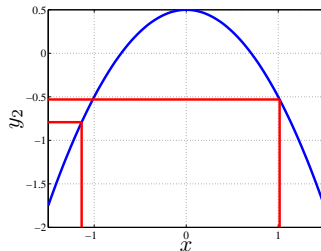
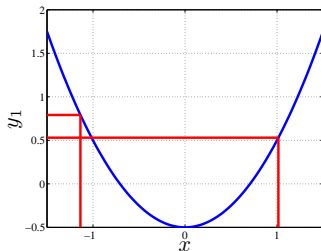


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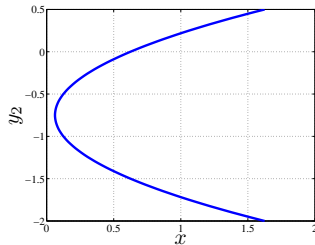
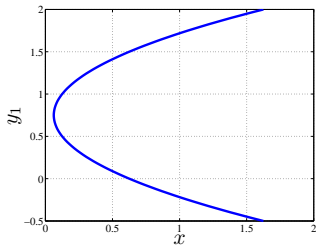


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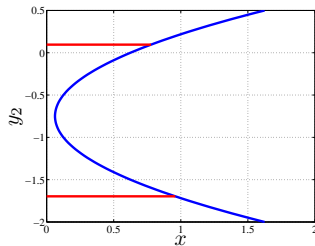
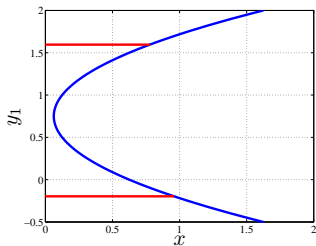


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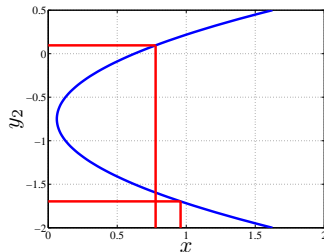
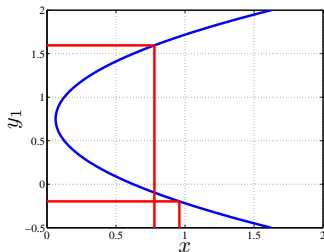


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Multi-Dimensional Scaling with a Mapping

- ▶ Lowe and Tipping (1997) made latent positions a function of the data.

$$x_{i,j} = f_j(\mathbf{y}_{i,:}; \mathbf{v})$$

- ▶ Function was either multi-layer perceptron or a radial basis function network.
- ▶ Their motivation was different from ours:
 - ▶ They wanted to add the advantages of a true mapping to multi-dimensional scaling.

Back Constraints in the GP-LVM

Back Constraints

- ▶ We can use the same idea to force the GP-LVM to respect local distances. (Lawrence and Quiñonero Candela, 2006)
 - ▶ By constraining each \mathbf{x}_i to be a 'smooth' mapping from \mathbf{y}_i local distances can be respected.
- ▶ This works because in the GP-LVM we maximise wrt latent variables, we don't integrate out.
- ▶ Can use any 'smooth' function:
 1. Neural network.
 2. RBF Network.
 3. Kernel based mapping.

Computing Gradients

- ▶ GP-LVM normally proceeds by optimising

$$L(\mathbf{X}) = \log p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X})$$

with respect to \mathbf{X} using $\frac{dL}{d\mathbf{X}}$.

- ▶ The back constraints are of the form

$$x_{i,j} = f_j(\mathbf{y}_{i,:}; \mathbf{v})$$

where \mathbf{v} are parameters.

- ▶ We can compute $\frac{dL}{d\mathbf{v}}$ via chain rule and optimise parameters of mapping.

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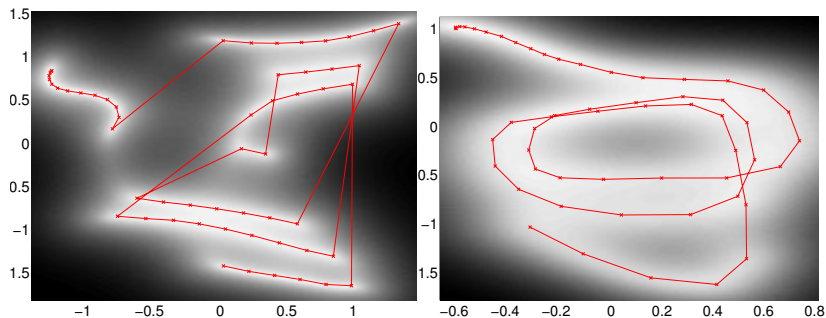
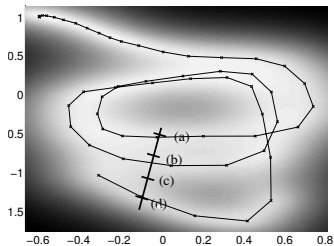


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Stick Man Results

demStickResults



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Projection into data space from four points in the latent space. The inclination of the runner changes becoming more upright.

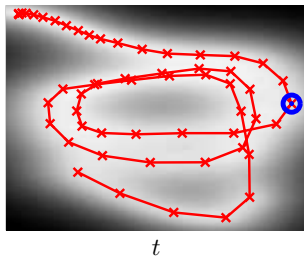
MAP Solutions for Dynamics Models

- ▶ Data often has a temporal ordering.
- ▶ Markov-based dynamics are often used.
- ▶ For the GP-LVM
 - ▶ Marginalising such dynamics is intractable.
 - ▶ But: MAP solutions are trivial to implement.
- ▶ Many choices: Kalman filter, Markov chains *etc.*.
- ▶ Wang et al. (2006) suggest using a Gaussian Process.

Gaussian Process Dynamics

GP-LVM with Dynamics

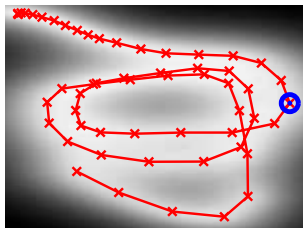
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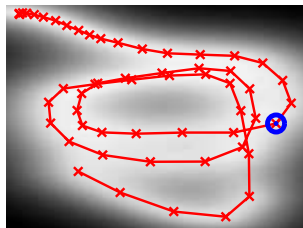
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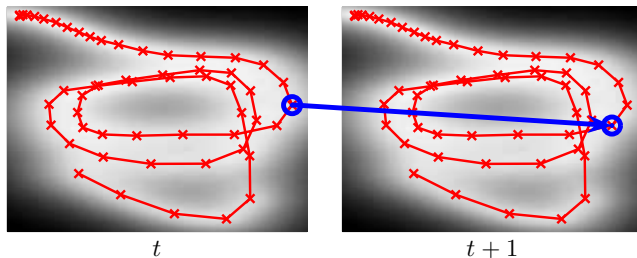


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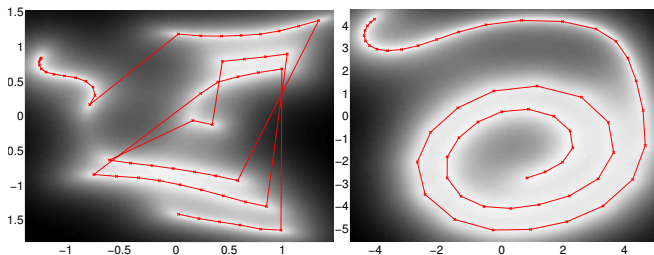
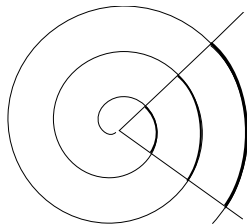


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Inner Groove Distortion

- ▶ Autoregressive unimodal dynamics, $p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$.
- ▶ Forces spiral visualisation.
- ▶ Poorer model due to inner groove distortion.



Direct use of Time Variable

- ▶ Instead of auto-regressive dynamics, consider regressive dynamics.
- ▶ Take \mathbf{t} as an input, use a prior $p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{t})$.
- ▶ User a Gaussian process prior for $p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{t})$.
- ▶ Also allows us to consider variable sample rate data.

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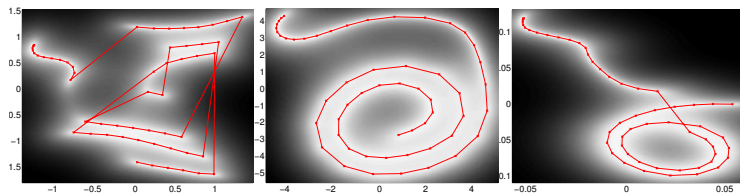


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Stacking Gaussian Processes

- ▶ Regressive dynamics provides a simple hierarchy.
 - ▶ The input space of the GP is governed by another GP.
- ▶ By stacking GPs we can consider more complex hierarchies.
- ▶ Ideally we should marginalise latent spaces
 - ▶ In practice we seek MAP solutions.

Two Correlated Subjects

(Lawrence and Moore, 2007)

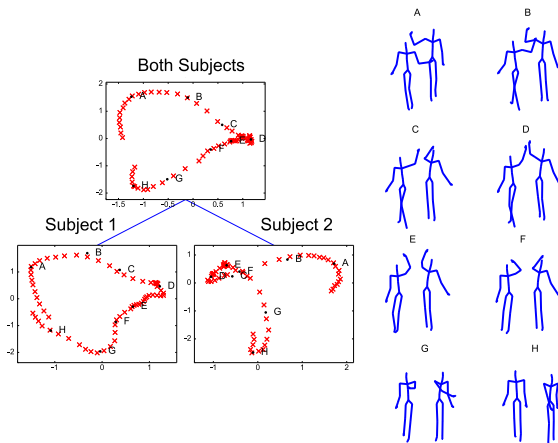


Figure : Hierarchical model of a 'high five'.

Within Subject Hierarchy

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Decomposition of Body

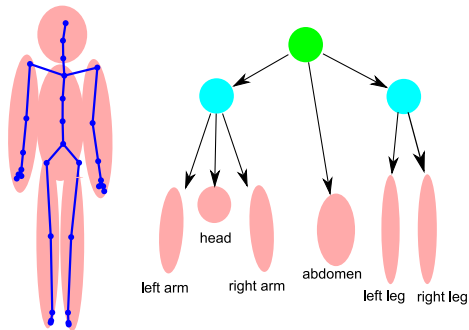


Figure : Decomposition of a subject.

Single Subject Run/Walk

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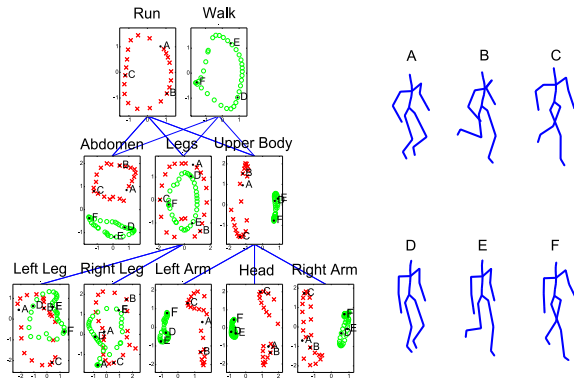


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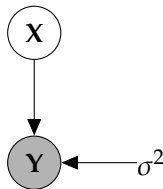
Selecting Data Dimensionality

- ▶ GP-LVM Provides probabilistic non-linear dimensionality reduction.
- ▶ How to select the dimensionality?
- ▶ Need to estimate marginal likelihood.
- ▶ In standard GP-LVM it increases with increasing q .

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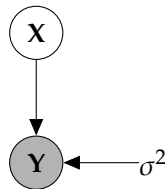


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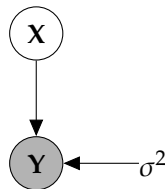


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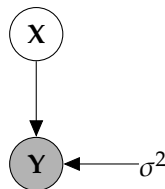
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 - ▶ Unfortunately integration is intractable.



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- ▶ Extremely difficult to compute because $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}}$ is dependent on \mathbf{X} and appears in the inverse.

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- ▶ Which is analytically tractable for Gaussian $q(\mathbf{X})$ and some covariance functions.

Required Expectations

- ▶ Need expectations under $q(\mathbf{X})$ of:

$$\log c_i = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[k_{i,i} - \mathbf{k}_{i,\mathbf{u}}^\top \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{u}}^{-1} \mathbf{k}_{i,\mathbf{u}} \right]$$

and

$$\log \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y} | \langle \mathbf{f} \rangle_{p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u},\mathbf{Y})}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) = -\frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(y_i - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{u}}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \right)^2$$

- ▶ This requires the expectations

$$\langle \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u}} \rangle_{q(\mathbf{X})}$$

and

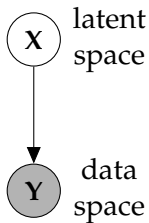
$$\langle \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{u}}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{f}} \rangle_{q(\mathbf{X})}$$

which can be computed analytically for some covariance functions.

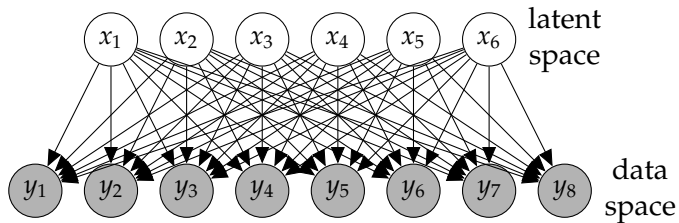
Titsias and Lawrence (2010)

- ▶ Variational marginalization of \mathbf{X} allows us to learn parameters of $p(\mathbf{X})$.
- ▶ Standard GP-LVM where \mathbf{X} learnt by MAP, this is not possible (see e.g. Wang et al., 2008).
- ▶ First example: learn the dimensionality of latent space.

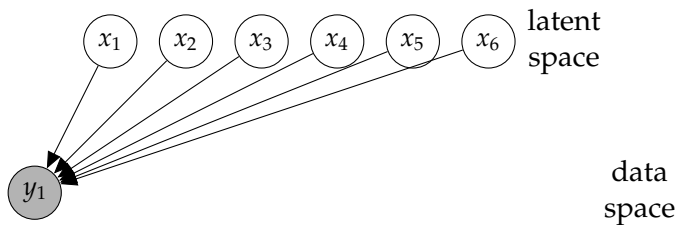
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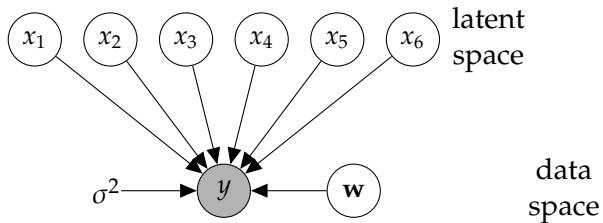
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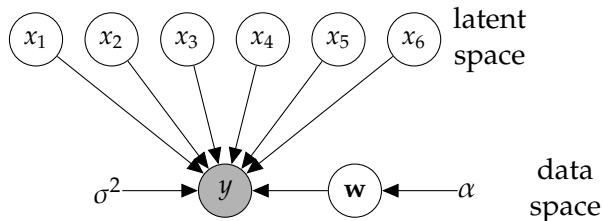
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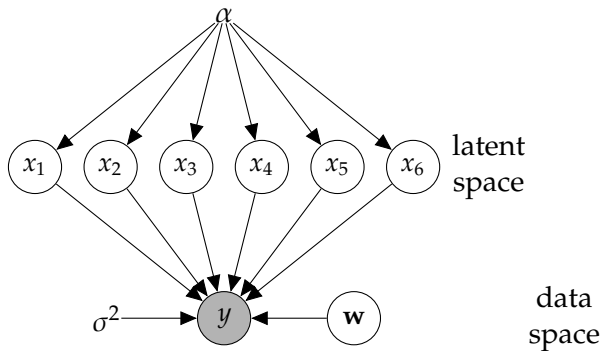
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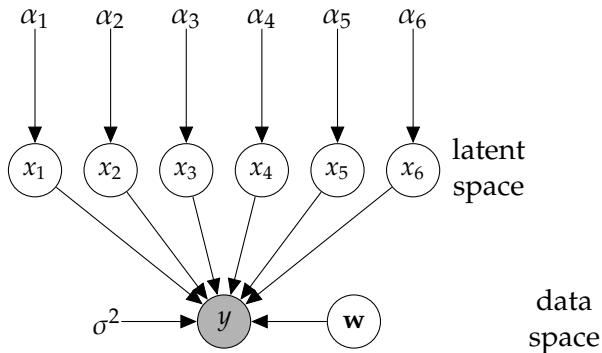
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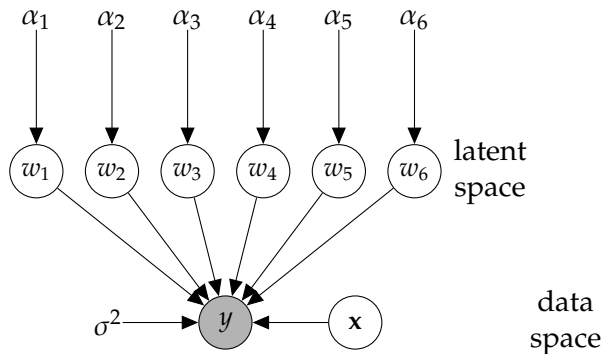
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Non-linear $f(\mathbf{x})$

- ▶ In linear case equivalence because $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}$

$$p(w_i) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \alpha_i)$$

- ▶ In non linear case, need to scale columns of \mathbf{X} in prior for $f(\mathbf{x})$.
- ▶ This implies scaling columns of \mathbf{X} in covariance function

$$k(\mathbf{x}_{i,:}, \mathbf{x}_{j,:}) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_{i,:} - \mathbf{x}_{j,:})^\top \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}_{i,:} - \mathbf{x}_{j,:})\right)$$

\mathbf{A} is diagonal with elements α_i^2 . Now keep prior spherical

$$p(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{j=1}^q \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{:,j} | \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

- ▶ Covariance functions of this type are known as ARD (see e.g. Neal, 1996; MacKay, 2003; Rasmussen and Williams, 2006).

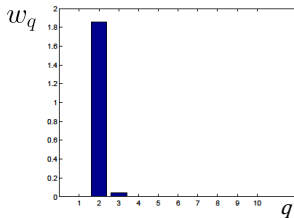
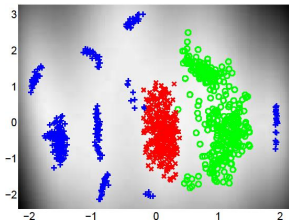
Automatic dimensionality detection

- Achieved by employing an *Automatic Relevance Determination (ARD)* covariance function for the prior on the GP mapping

- $f \sim GP(\mathbf{0}, k_f)$ with

$$k_f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \sigma^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{q=1}^Q w_q (x_{i,q} - x_{j,q})^2\right)$$

- Example



Applications

Style Based Inverse Kinematics

- ▶ Facilitating animation through modeling human motion (Grochow et al., 2004)

Tracking

- ▶ Tracking using human motion models (Urtasun et al., 2005, 2006)

Assisted Animation

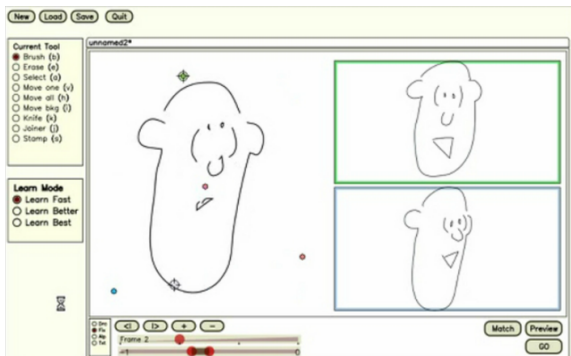
- ▶ Generalizing drawings for animation (Baxter and Anjyo, 2006)

Shape Models

- ▶ Inferring shape (e.g. pose from silhouette). (Ek et al., 2008b,a; Priacuriu and Reid, 2011a,b)

Example: Latent Doodle Space

(Baxter and Anjyo, 2006)



<http://vimeo.com/3235882>

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Generalization with much less Data than Dimensions

- ▶ Powerful uncertainty handling of GPs leads to surprising properties.
- ▶ Non-linear models can be used where there are fewer data points than dimensions *without overfitting*.

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