

# Multiooutput Gaussian Processes

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# Simple Markov Chain

- ▶ Assume 1-d latent state, a vector over time,  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \dots x_T]$ .
- ▶ Markov property,

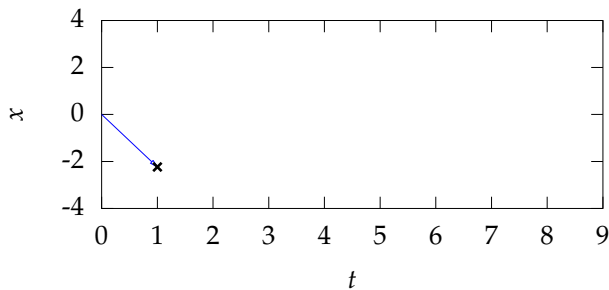
$$\begin{aligned}x_i &= x_{i-1} + \epsilon_i, \\ \epsilon_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha) \\ \implies x_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(x_{i-1}, \alpha)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Initial state,

$$x_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha_0)$$

- ▶ If  $x_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha)$  we have a Markov chain for the latent states.
- ▶ Markov chain it is specified by an initial distribution (Gaussian) and a transition distribution (Gaussian).

# Gauss Markov Chain

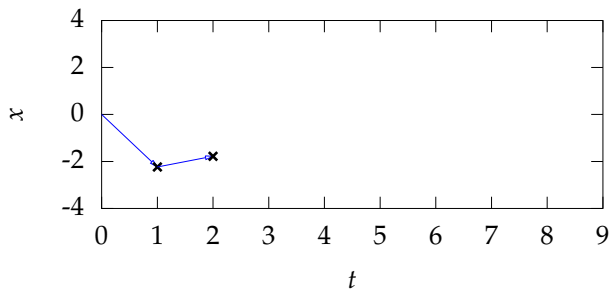


$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$x_0 = 0.000, \quad \epsilon_1 = -2.24$$

$$x_1 = 0.000 - 2.24 = -2.24$$

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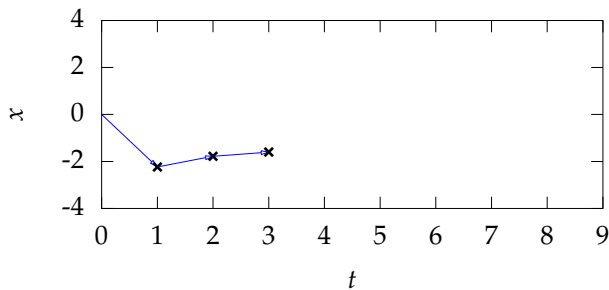


$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

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$$x_2 = -2.24 + 0.457 = -1.78$$

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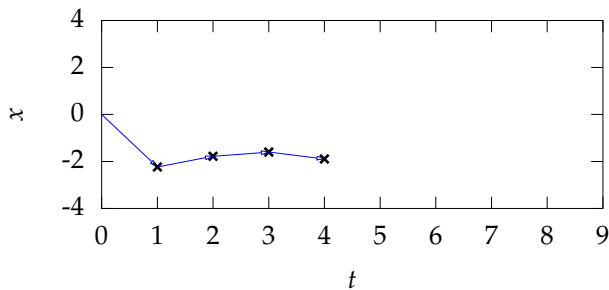


$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$x_2 = -1.78, \quad \epsilon_3 = 0.178$$

$$x_3 = -1.78 + 0.178 = -1.6$$

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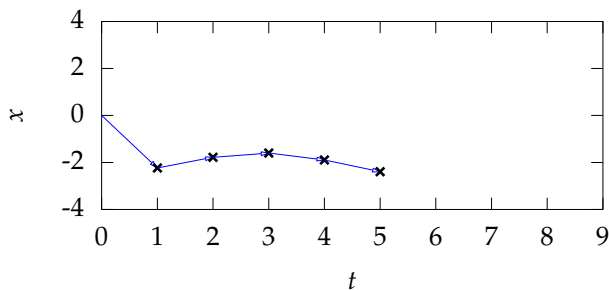
$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$x_3 = -1.6, \quad \epsilon_4 = -0.292$$

$$x_4 = -1.6 - 0.292 = -1.89$$



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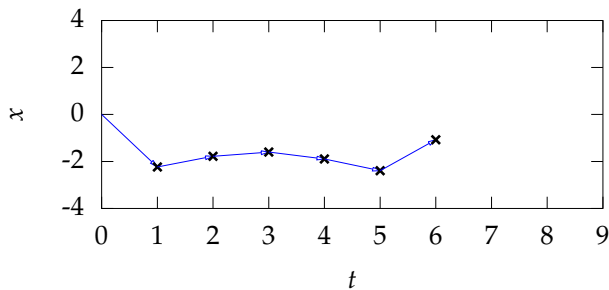


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$$x_4 = -1.89, \quad \epsilon_5 = -0.501$$

$$x_5 = -1.89 - 0.501 = -2.39$$

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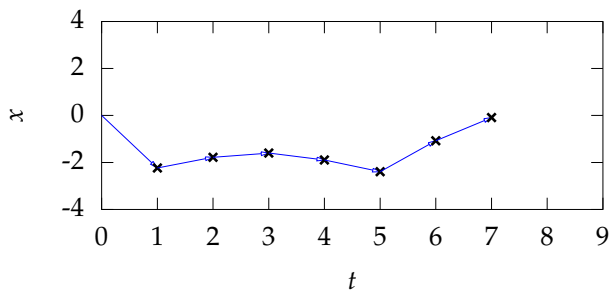


$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$x_5 = -2.39, \quad \epsilon_6 = 1.32$$

$$x_6 = -2.39 + 1.32 = -1.08$$

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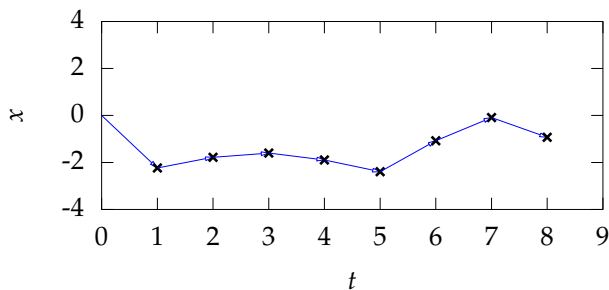


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$$x_6 = -1.08, \quad \epsilon_7 = 0.989$$

$$x_7 = -1.08 + 0.989 = -0.0881$$

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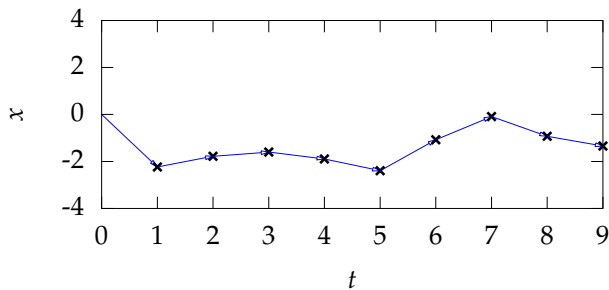


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# Multivariate Gaussian Properties: Reminder

If

$$\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{C})$$

and

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{b}$$

then

$$\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{W}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}^\top)$$

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$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{L}_1 \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

# Multivariate Process

- ▶ Since  $\mathbf{x}$  is linearly related to  $\epsilon$  we know  $\mathbf{x}$  is a Gaussian process.
- ▶ Trick: we only need to compute the mean and covariance of  $\mathbf{x}$  to determine that Gaussian.

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## Latent Process Mean

$$\langle \mathbf{x} \rangle = \mathbf{0}$$

## Latent Process Covariance

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top = \mathbf{L}_1\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\top\mathbf{L}_1^\top$$

$$\mathbf{x}^\top = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\top\mathbf{L}^\top$$

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## Covariance for Latent Process II

- ▶ Make the variance dependent on time interval.
- ▶ Assume variance grows *linearly* with time.
- ▶ Justification: sum of two Gaussian distributed random variables is distributed as Gaussian with sum of variances.
- ▶ If variable's movement is additive over time (as described) variance scales linearly with time.

## Covariance for Latent Process II

- Given

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \alpha \mathbf{I}) \implies \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \alpha \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{L}_1^\top).$$

Then

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Delta t \alpha \mathbf{I}) \implies \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Delta t \alpha \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{L}_1^\top).$$

where  $\Delta t$  is the time interval between observations.

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define  $\Delta t i = t_i$  so

$$k_{i,j} = \alpha \min(t_i, t_j) = k(t_i, t_j)$$

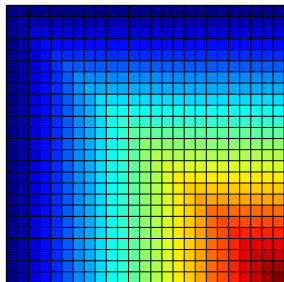
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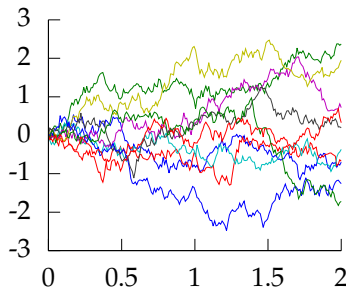
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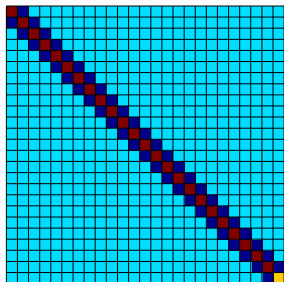
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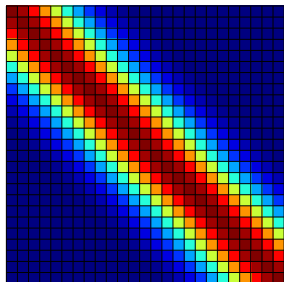
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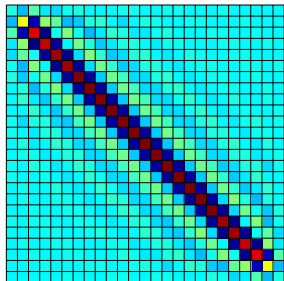
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- ▶ Each point is dependent on all the others.
- ▶ In this case non-Markovian.



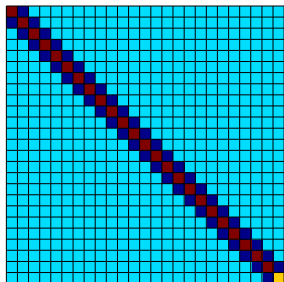
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# Simple Kalman Filter I

- ▶ We have state vector  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1 \dots \mathbf{x}_q] \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times q}$  and if each state evolves independently we have

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

- ▶ We want to obtain outputs through:

$$\mathbf{y}_{i,:} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_{i,:}$$

# Stacking and Kronecker Products I

- Represent with a 'stacked' system:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{K})$$

where the stacking is placing each column of  $\mathbf{X}$  one on top of another as

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# Kronecker Product

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \otimes \mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} a\mathbf{K} & b\mathbf{K} \\ c\mathbf{K} & d\mathbf{K} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Kronecker Product

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{dark gray} & \text{medium gray} \\ \text{medium gray} & \text{white} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \text{red} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{blue} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{dark red} & \text{dark green} & \text{red} & \text{green} \\ \text{dark green} & \text{dark blue} & \text{green} & \text{dark blue} \\ \text{red} & \text{green} & \text{red} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{dark blue} & \text{green} & \text{blue} \end{bmatrix}$$

The diagram illustrates the Kronecker product of two 2x2 matrices. The first matrix is a grayscale 2x2 matrix with a dark gray top-left, medium gray top-right, medium gray bottom-left, and white bottom-right. The second matrix is a 2x2 matrix with red top-left, green top-right, green bottom-left, and blue bottom-right. The result is a 4x4 matrix where each element is a 2x2 block of the second matrix, scaled by the corresponding element of the first matrix. The colors in the result are: top-left (dark red, dark green, red, green), top-right (dark green, dark blue, green, dark blue), bottom-left (red, green, red, green), and bottom-right (green, dark blue, green, blue).

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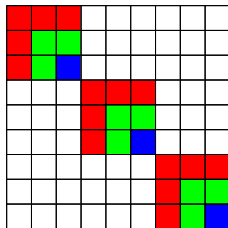
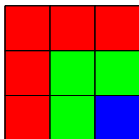
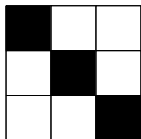
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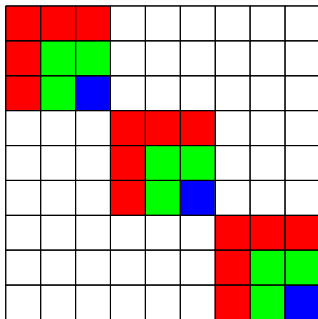
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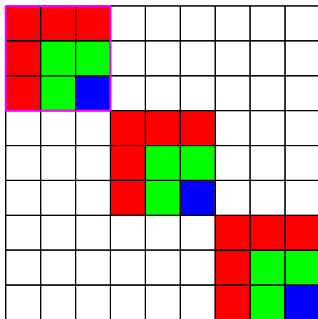
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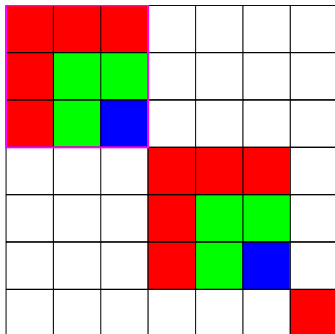




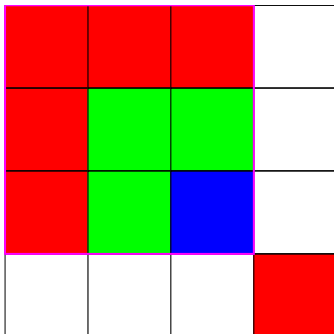
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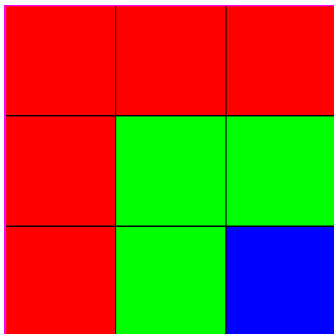
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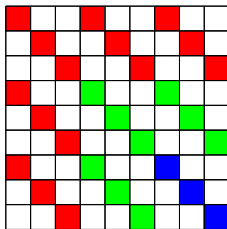
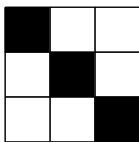
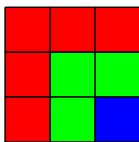
## Two Ways of Stacking

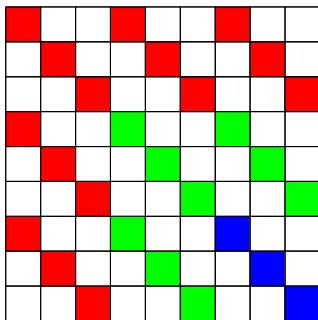
Can also stack each row of  $\mathbf{X}$  to form column vector:

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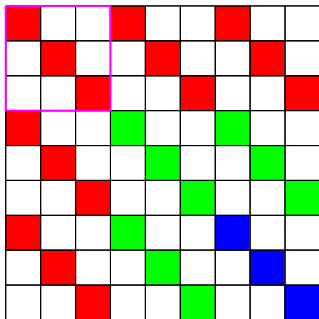
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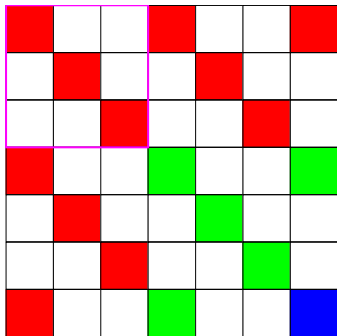


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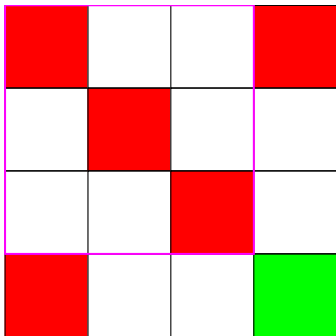




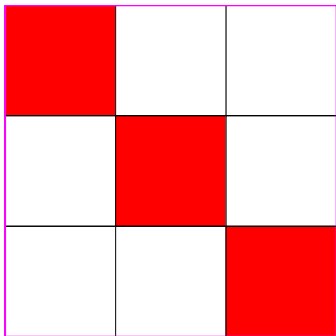
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# Observed Process

The observations are related to the latent points by a linear mapping matrix,

$$\mathbf{y}_{i,:} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_{i,:} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i,:}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$

# Mapping from Latent Process to Observed

$$\begin{bmatrix} W & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & W & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & W \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{1,:} \\ \mathbf{x}_{2,:} \\ \mathbf{x}_{3,:} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} W\mathbf{x}_{1,:} \\ W\mathbf{x}_{2,:} \\ W\mathbf{x}_{3,:} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Output Covariance

This leads to a covariance of the form

$$(\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{W})(\mathbf{K} \otimes \mathbf{I})(\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{W}^\top) + \mathbf{I}\sigma^2$$

Using  $(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{AC} \otimes \mathbf{BD}$  This leads to

$$\mathbf{K} \otimes \mathbf{WW}^\top + \mathbf{I}\sigma^2$$

or

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{WW}^\top \otimes \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{I}\sigma^2)$$

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## **Kernels for Vector-Valued Functions: A Review**

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# Kronecker Structure GPs

- ▶ This Kronecker structure leads to several published models.

$$(\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))_{d,d'} = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')k_T(d, d'),$$

where  $k$  has  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $k_T$  has  $n$  as inputs.

- ▶ Can think of multiple output covariance functions as covariances with augmented input.
- ▶ Alongside  $\mathbf{x}$  we also input the  $d$  associated with the *output* of interest.

# Separable Covariance Functions

- ▶ Taking  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top$  we have a matrix expression across outputs.

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')\mathbf{B},$$

where  $\mathbf{B}$  is a  $p \times p$  symmetric and positive semi-definite matrix.

- ▶  $\mathbf{B}$  is called the *coregionalization* matrix.
- ▶ We call this class of covariance functions *separable* due to their product structure.

# Sum of Separable Covariance Functions

- ▶ In the same spirit a more general class of kernels is given by

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sum_{j=1}^q k_j(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \mathbf{B}_j.$$

- ▶ This can also be written as

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) = \sum_{j=1}^q \mathbf{B}_j \otimes k_j(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}),$$

- ▶ This is like several Kalman filter-type models added together, but each one with a different set of latent functions.
- ▶ We call this class of kernels sum of separable kernels (SoS kernels).

- ▶ Use of GPs in Geostatistics is called kriging.
- ▶ These multi-output GPs pioneered in geostatistics: prediction over vector-valued output data is known as *cokriging*.
- ▶ The model in geostatistics is known as the *linear model of coregionalization* (LMC, Journel and Huijbregts (1978); Goovaerts (1997)).
- ▶ Most machine learning multitask models can be placed in the context of the LMC model.

# Weighted sum of Latent Functions

- ▶ In the linear model of coregionalization (LMC) outputs are expressed as linear combinations of independent random functions.
- ▶ In the LMC, each component  $f_d$  is expressed as a linear sum

$$f_d(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^q w_{d,j} u_j(\mathbf{x}).$$

where the latent functions are independent and have covariance functions  $k_j(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ .

- ▶ The processes  $\{f_j(\mathbf{x})\}_{j=1}^q$  are independent for  $q \neq j'$ .

# Kalman Filter Special Case

- ▶ The Kalman filter is an example of the LMC where  $u_i(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow x_i(t)$ .
- ▶ I.e. we've moved from time input to a more general input space.
- ▶ In matrix notation:

1. Kalman filter

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{X}$$

2. LMC

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{U}$$

where the rows of these matrices  $\mathbf{F}$ ,  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\mathbf{U}$  each contain  $q$  samples from their corresponding functions at a different time (Kalman filter) or spatial location (LMC).

# Intrinsic Coregionalization Model

- ▶ If one covariance used for latent functions (like in Kalman filter).
- ▶ This is called the intrinsic coregionalization model (ICM, Goovaerts (1997)).
- ▶ The kernel matrix corresponding to a dataset  $\mathbf{X}$  takes the form

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{B} \otimes k(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}).$$

# Autokrigeability

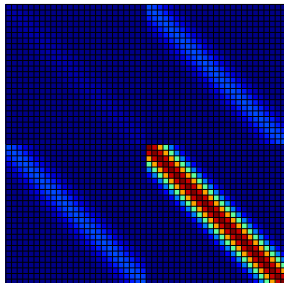
- ▶ If outputs are noise-free, maximum likelihood is equivalent to independent fits of  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$  (Helterbrand and Cressie, 1994).
- ▶ In geostatistics this is known as autokrigeability (Wackernagel, 2003).
- ▶ In multitask learning its the cancellation of intertask transfer (Bonilla et al., 2008).



# Intrinsic Coregionalization Model

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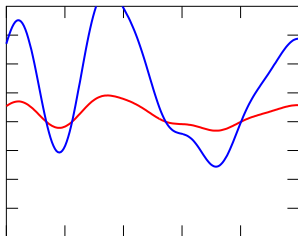
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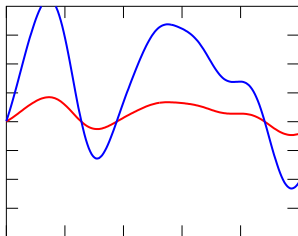
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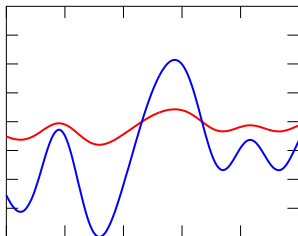
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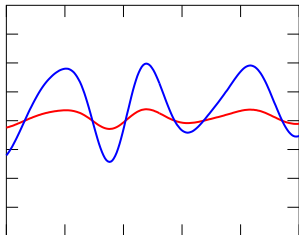
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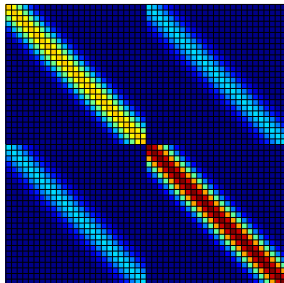
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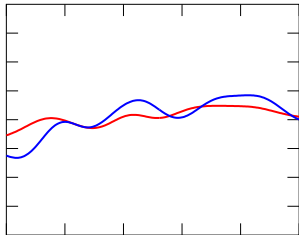
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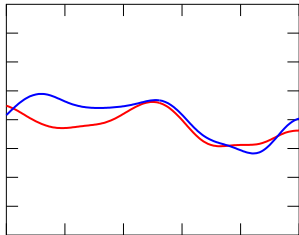
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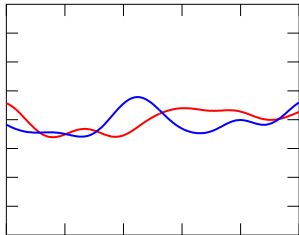




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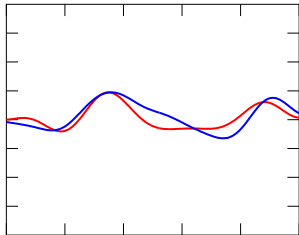
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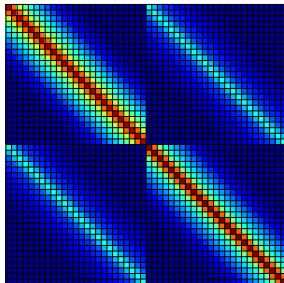
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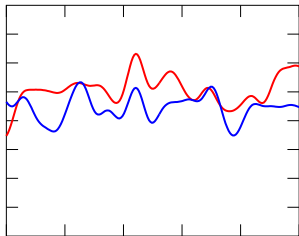
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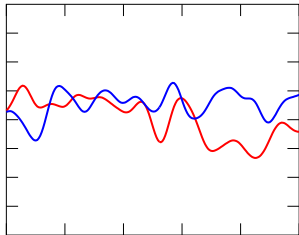
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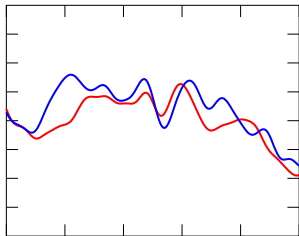
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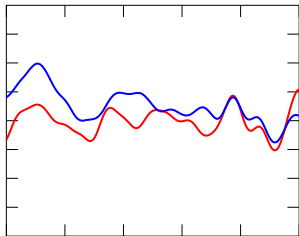
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# LMC in Machine Learning and Statistics

- ▶ Used in machine learning for GPs for multivariate regression and in statistics for computer emulation of expensive multivariate computer codes.
- ▶ Imposes the correlation of the outputs explicitly through the set of coregionalization matrices.
- ▶ Setting  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}_p$  assumes outputs are conditionally independent given the parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . (Minka and Picard, 1997; Lawrence and Platt, 2004; Yu et al., 2005).
- ▶ More recent approaches for multiple output modeling are different versions of the linear model of coregionalization.



# Semiparametric Latent Factor Model

- Coregionalization matrices are rank 1 Teh et al. (2005).  
rewrite equation (??) as

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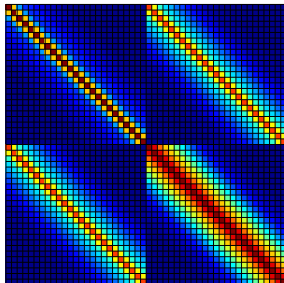
- Like the Kalman filter, but each latent function has a *different* covariance.
- Authors suggest using an exponentiated quadratic characteristic length-scale for each input dimension.

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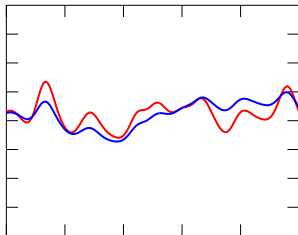


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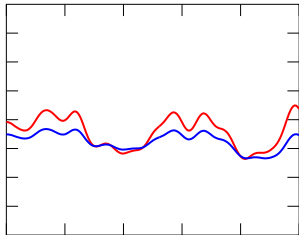


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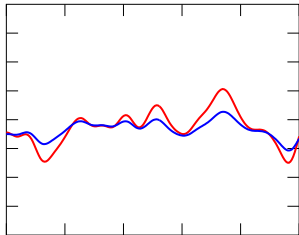


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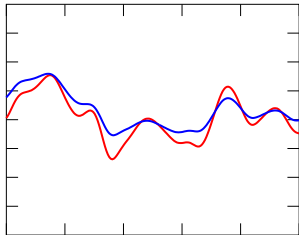


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# Gaussian processes for Multi-task, Multi-output and Multi-class

- ▶ Bonilla et al. (2008) suggest ICM for multitask learning.
- ▶ Use a PPCA form for  $\mathbf{B}$ : similar to our Kalman filter example.
- ▶ Refer to the autokrigeability effect as the cancellation of inter-task transfer.
- ▶ Also discuss the similarities between the multi-task GP and the ICM, and its relationship to the SLFM and the LMC.

# Multitask Classification

- ▶ Mostly restricted to the case where the outputs are conditionally independent given the hyperparameters  $\phi$  (Minka and Picard, 1997; Williams and Barber, 1998; Lawrence and Platt, 2004; Seeger and Jordan, 2004; Yu et al., 2005; Rasmussen and Williams, 2006).
- ▶ Intrinsic coregionalization model has been used in the multiclass scenario. Skolidis and Sanguinetti (2011) use the intrinsic coregionalization model for classification, by introducing a probit noise model as the likelihood.
- ▶ Posterior distribution is no longer analytically tractable: approximate inference is required.



# Computer Emulation

- ▶ A statistical model used as a surrogate for a computationally expensive computer model.
- ▶ Higdon et al. (2008) use the linear model of coregionalization to model images representing the evolution of the implosion of steel cylinders.
- ▶ In Conti and O'Hagan (2009) use the ICM to model a vegetation model: called the Sheffield Dynamic Global Vegetation Model (Woodward et al., 1998).

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