

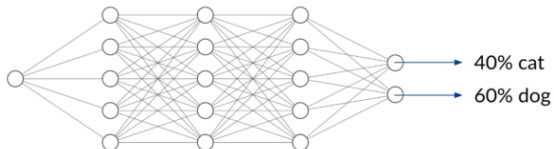
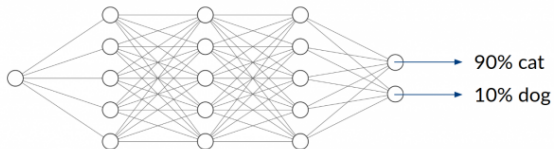
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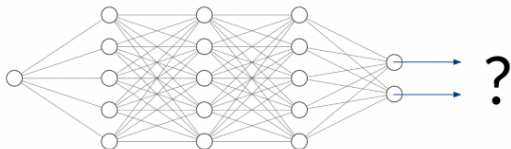
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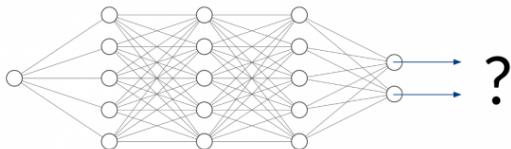
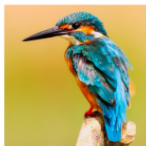
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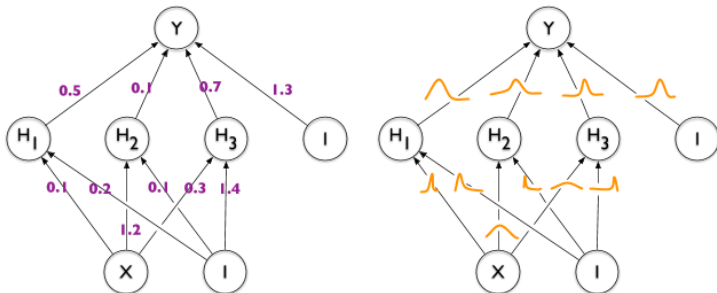






Deep learning methods are unable to quantify the uncertainty of their predictions!

Straight-forward solution: Using a Bayesian model.



Making predictions **requires the posterior** over the parameters of the model  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ :

$$p(y^*|\mathbf{x}^*, \mathcal{D}) = \int p(y^*|\mathbf{x}^*, \boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{D}) d\boldsymbol{\theta} ,$$

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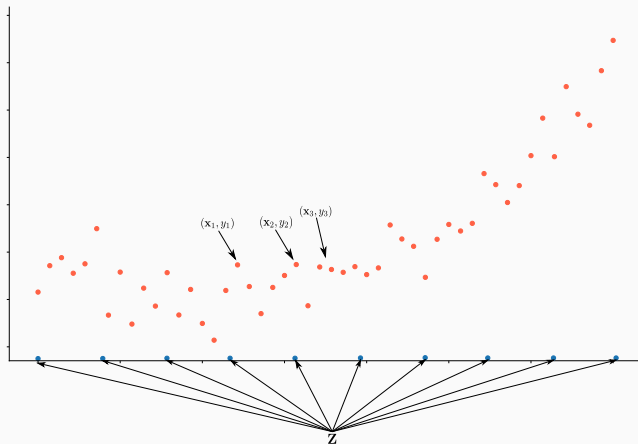
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*Gaussian noise with variance  $\sigma^2$  is considered for the targets*

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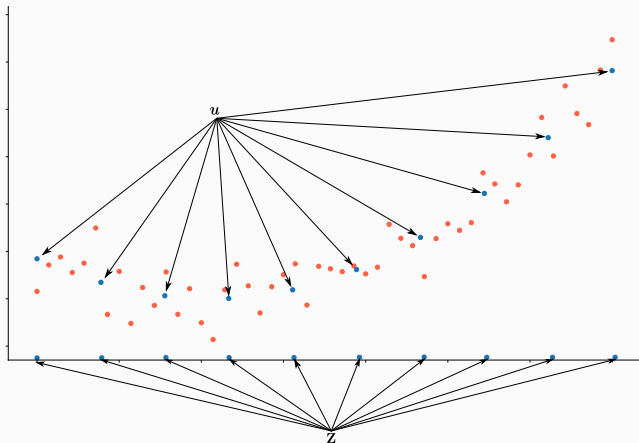
Define a set of *inducing locations*  $\mathbf{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}^D$  that “summarize” the training inputs  $\mathbf{X}$ .





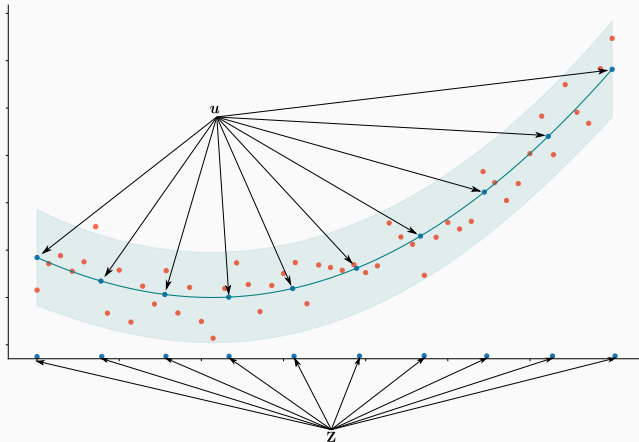
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With  $\mathbf{u} = f(\mathbf{Z})$ , the posterior  $p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y})$  is approximated with variational distribution  $q(\mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .



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The inducing points can be marginalized in closed form to make predictions.



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Let  $\mathcal{H}_0(\mathcal{X})$  be the linear span of  $K$  on  $\mathcal{X}$  defined as

$$\mathcal{H}_0(\mathcal{X}) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}_i) : n \in \mathbb{N}, a_i \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{X} \right\},$$

by Moore–Aronszajn theorem  $\mathcal{H} := \overline{\mathcal{H}_0(\mathcal{X})}$  is the only Hilbert space verifying the reproducing property as  $\phi_{\mathbf{x}} = K(\cdot, \mathbf{x})$ ,  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ .

# Dual representation of Gaussian Processes

Given a **Gaussian process**  $f \sim \mathcal{GP}(m, K)$ , and the RKHS  $\mathcal{H}$  defined by its kernel  $K$ . If  $m \in \mathcal{H}$ , the GP is equivalent to a Gaussian measure on a Banach space  $\mathcal{B}$  which contains the RKHS  $\mathcal{H}$ .

There exists  $\mu \in \mathcal{H}$  and a linear semi-definite positive operator  $\Sigma : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that, for any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $\exists \phi_{\mathbf{x}}, \phi_{\mathbf{x}'} \in \mathcal{H}$ , verifying

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A **regression GP posterior** is recovered with

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \phi_{\mathbf{x}_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma(\phi) = \phi - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \phi_{\mathbf{x}_i} \Lambda_{i,j} \langle \phi_{\mathbf{x}_j}, \phi \rangle ,$$

where  $\mathbf{\Lambda} = (K(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .

A SVGP is equivalent to restricting the mean and covariance functions in the RKHS to

$$\tilde{\mu}_{\mathbf{a}} = \sum_{m=1}^M a_m \phi_{\mathbf{z}_m}, \quad \tilde{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{A}}(\phi) = \phi + \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^M \phi_{\mathbf{z}_i} A_{i,j} \langle \phi_{\mathbf{z}_j}, \phi \rangle,$$

where  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_M)^T \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = (A_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$  such that  $\tilde{\Sigma} \geq 0$  and  $\phi_{\mathbf{z}} \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\forall \mathbf{z} \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

A SVGP with  $q(\mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{S})$  is *built* with

$$\mathbf{a} = K(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}, \quad \mathbf{A} = K(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z})^{-1} \mathbf{S} K(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z})^{-1} - K(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z})^{-1}$$

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A SVGP can be **generalized** with mean and covariance functions of the dual representation in the RKHS to

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mu}_{\alpha, \mathbf{a}} &= \sum_{m=1}^{M_{\alpha}} a_m \phi_{\mathbf{z}_{\alpha, m}} \\ \tilde{\Sigma}_{\beta, \mathbf{A}}(\phi) &= \phi + \sum_{i=1}^{M_{\beta}} \sum_{j=1}^{M_{\beta}} \phi_{\mathbf{z}_{\beta, i}} A_{i, j} \langle \phi_{\mathbf{z}_{\beta, j}}, \phi \rangle .\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{z}_{\alpha}$  and  $\mathbf{z}_{\beta}$  are two sets of inducing locations.

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## Fixing the Mean Function

Let  $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathcal{X}$  any compact subset of the input space. If the kernel is **universal**, for any function  $h \in C(\mathcal{Z})$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $M_\alpha > 0$ , a set of inducing locations  $\{\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_{M_\alpha}\} \subset \mathcal{Z}$ , and scalar values  $a_1, \dots, a_{M_\alpha}$  such that

$$m(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \phi_{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mu}_{\alpha, \mathbf{a}} \rangle = \sum_{m=1}^{M_\alpha} a_m K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}_m)$$

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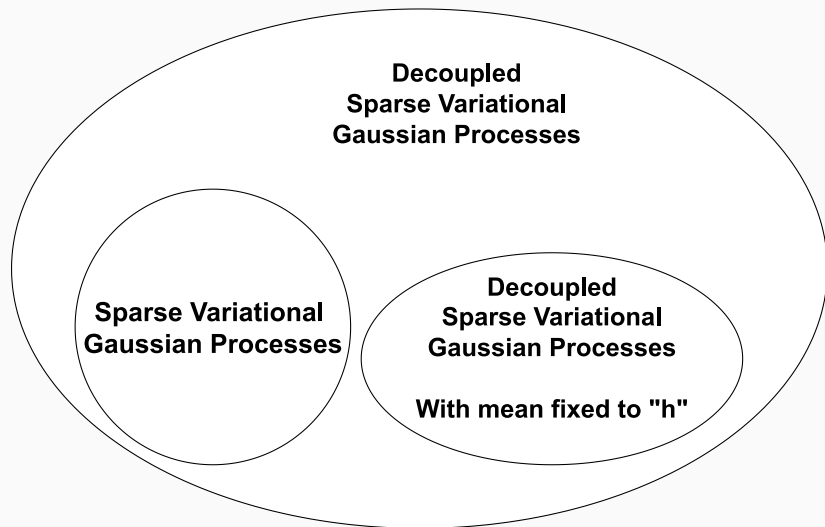
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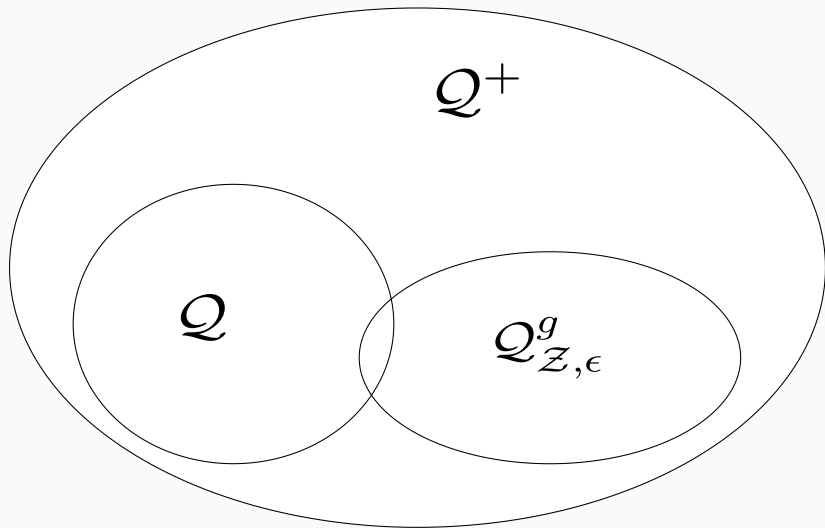
$$m^*(\mathbf{x}) \approx h(\mathbf{x}) ,$$

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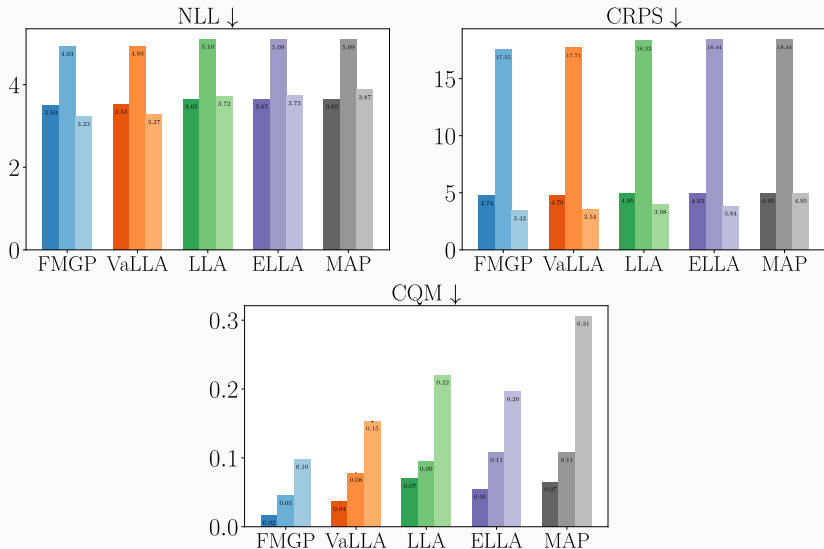
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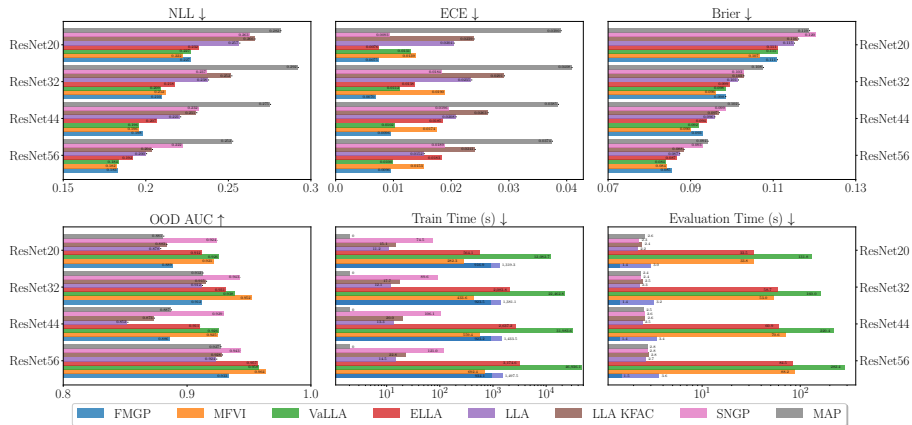
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# Results in Regression Problems



# Results in Cifar10 Problems



# Results in Imagenet

Model	Method	NLL	ECE	Train Time	Test Time
ResNet18	MAP	<b>1.247 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	0.026 $\pm$ 0.000	<b>0.000 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	<b>5.058 <math>\pm</math> 0.029 <math>\times 10^2</math></b>
	ELLA	1.248 $\pm$ 0.000	<b>0.025 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	<b>7.890 <math>\pm</math> 0.275 <math>\times 10^3</math></b>	8.060 $\pm$ 0.010 $\times 10^2$
	FMGP	1.248 $\pm$ 0.001	<b>0.015 <math>\pm</math> 0.001</b>	1.835 $\pm$ 0.099 $\times 10^4$	<b>7.324 <math>\pm</math> 0.001 <math>\times 10^2</math></b>
	MFVI	<b>1.242 <math>\pm</math> 0.001</b>	0.040 $\pm$ 0.000	7.602 $\pm$ 0.032 $\times 10^4$	3.773 $\pm$ 0.308 $\times 10^4$
ResNet34	MAP	<b>1.081 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	0.035 $\pm$ 0.000	<b>0.000 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	<b>5.088 <math>\pm</math> 0.004 <math>\times 10^2</math></b>
	ELLA	1.082 $\pm$ 0.000	<b>0.034 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	<b>1.201 <math>\pm</math> 0.373 <math>\times 10^4</math></b>	1.087 $\pm$ 0.018 $\times 10^3$
	FMGP	<b>1.077 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	<b>0.016 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	1.942 $\pm$ 0.103 $\times 10^4$	<b>8.563 <math>\pm</math> 0.011 <math>\times 10^2</math></b>
ResNet50	MAP	<b>0.962 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	0.037 $\pm$ 0.000	<b>0.000 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	<b>4.954 <math>\pm</math> 0.010 <math>\times 10^2</math></b>
	ELLA	<b>0.962 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	<b>0.036 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	2.997 $\pm$ 1.215 $\times 10^4$	1.954 $\pm$ 0.018 $\times 10^3$
	FMGP	<b>0.958 <math>\pm</math> 0.001</b>	<b>0.018 <math>\pm</math> 0.001</b>	<b>2.543 <math>\pm</math> 0.046 <math>\times 10^4</math></b>	<b>1.100 <math>\pm</math> 0.010 <math>\times 10^3</math></b>
ResNet101	MAP	<b>0.912 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	0.049 $\pm$ 0.000	<b>0.000 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	<b>5.059 <math>\pm</math> 0.001 <math>\times 10^2</math></b>
	ELLA	0.913 $\pm$ 0.000	<b>0.048 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	4.464 $\pm$ 1.649 $\times 10^4$	2.808 $\pm$ 0.001 $\times 10^3$
	FMGP	<b>0.900 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	<b>0.030 <math>\pm</math> 0.001</b>	<b>2.654 <math>\pm</math> 0.064 <math>\times 10^4</math></b>	<b>1.134 <math>\pm</math> 0.001 <math>\times 10^3</math></b>
ResNet152	MAP	<b>0.876 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	0.050 $\pm$ 0.000	<b>0.000 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	<b>6.324 <math>\pm</math> 0.004 <math>\times 10^2</math></b>
	ELLA	0.877 $\pm$ 0.000	<b>0.048 <math>\pm</math> 0.000</b>	6.820 $\pm$ 0.526 $\times 10^4$	3.877 $\pm$ 0.007 $\times 10^3$
	FMGP	<b>0.865 <math>\pm</math> 0.001</b>	<b>0.024 <math>\pm</math> 0.001</b>	<b>2.973 <math>\pm</math> 0.069 <math>\times 10^4</math></b>	<b>1.267 <math>\pm</math> 0.002 <math>\times 10^3</math></b>

# Results on Molecular Property Prediction

Method	NLL	CRPS
MAP	$-1.76 \pm 0.016$	$0.0221 \pm 0.00$
LLA	$-1.78 \pm 0.021$	<b><math>0.0218 \pm 0.00</math></b>
ELLA	<b><math>-1.80 \pm 0.013</math></b>	$0.0219 \pm 0.00$
FMGP	<b><math>-1.85 \pm 0.017</math></b>	<b><math>0.0216 \pm 0.00</math></b>

**Table 1:** Results on QM9 dipole moment prediction task.

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Thank you for your attention!

# Dual representation of Gaussian Processes

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# Regularization

In standard sparse GPs, tuning hyper-parameters involves **balancing** the fit of the mean to training data against reducing the model's predictive variance.

We consider another Gaussian measure  $q^\star \in \mathcal{Q}$  that shares  $q$ 's parameters but also incorporates  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{M_\beta}$  and  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{Z}_\beta$  as additional parameters for its predictive mean.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Z}, \theta) = & \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q(f)}[\log p(\mathbf{y}|f)] - \text{KL}(q|p)}_{\text{ELBO}(q)} \\ & + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q^\star(f)}[\log p(\mathbf{y}|f)] - \text{KL}(q^\star|p)}_{\text{ELBO}(q^\star)}\end{aligned}$$