

## GP models for regression

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Back to the prediction of  $t^{(N+1)}$  given  $t_N$ .

$$p(t_{N+1}, t_N) = p(t^{(N+1)} | t_N) p(t_N)$$

joint density is  
Gaussian

conditional  
distribution

must be Gaussian

Gaussian

Notation:  $C_{N+1} = (N+1) \times (N+1)$  cov. matrix  
for  $t_{N+1} = (t^{(1)}, \dots, t^{(N)}, t^{(N+1)})$

write as

$$C_{N+1} = \begin{pmatrix} [C_N] & [k] \\ [k^T] & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

and we get

$$p(t^{(N+1)} | t_N) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} [t_N, t^{(N+1)}] C_{N+1}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} t_N \\ t^{(N+1)} \end{bmatrix}\right]$$

$\Rightarrow$  we need  $C_{N+1}^{-1}$

More elegant:

$$C_{N+1}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} M & m \\ m^T & \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$p\alpha = (\mathcal{H} - k^T C_N^{-1} k)^{-1}$$

$$m = -\mu C_N^{-1} k$$

$$M = C_N^{-1} + \frac{1}{\mu} m m^T$$

so that

$$p(t^{(N+1)} | t_N) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left[ -\frac{(t^{(N+1)} - \hat{t}^{(N+1)})^2}{2 \sigma_{t^{(N+1)}}^2} \right]$$

with

$$\text{mean: } \hat{t}^{(N+1)} = k^T C_N^{-1} t_N$$

$$\text{variance: } \sigma_{t^{(N+1)}}^2 = \mathcal{H} - k^T C_N^{-1} k$$

We can make a prediction  
for  $t^{(N+1)}$  in the form of a  
Gaussian (i.e. we have an uncertainty)  
with a cost  $N^3$  (inversion of  $C_N$ )

In fact, we might as

well predict  $M$  new target values

$$t_M = \left\{ t^{(N+i)} \right\}_{i=1}^M \text{ at once.}$$

$$C_{NM} = \begin{pmatrix} [c_N] & [k] \\ [k^T] & [\mu] \end{pmatrix}_{N \times M}^{M \times M}$$

$$p(t_m | t_N) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (t_m - \hat{t}_M)^T \Sigma_M^{-1} (t_m - \hat{t}_M) \right]$$

where the mean vector

$$\hat{t}_M = k^T C_N^{-1} t_N \quad (M \times 1)$$

$M \times N \quad N \times N \quad N \times 1$

and a covariance matrix  $\Sigma_M$

$$\Sigma_M = \Sigma - k^T C_N^{-1} k \quad (M \times M)$$

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How do we fix  $C_N$

(by adjusting hyperparameters  $\theta$  in)

$$C(x, x'; \theta)$$

?

Well, recall that

$$p(t_N) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\frac{1}{2} t_N^T C_N^{-1} t_N}$$

$$\text{where } [C_N]_{nn'} = C(x^{(n)}, x^{(n')}; \theta) + \sigma_v^2 \delta_{nn'}$$

A frequentist would find the maximum of  $p(t_N)$  or  $\log(p)$

$$\Rightarrow \underset{1 \times N}{\text{minimize}} \underset{N \times N}{t_N^T C_N^{-1} t_N} \underset{N \times 1}{\text{}}$$

A Bayesian might instead marginalize over  $\theta$ .

$$p(t_M | t_N) = \int d\theta p(t_M, \theta | t_N)$$

$$= \int d\theta p(t_M | \theta, t_N) p(\theta)$$

[Note: rarely performed in ML community]

## GP emulator

Is a fast and approximate mimic of a full simulation model.

Predict  $y = f(x)$  at  $x$

where both  $y$  and  $x$  can be multi-dim.

It is often structured as follows

$$f_i(x) = \sum_j \beta_{ij} g_{ij}(x_{A, i}) + u_i(x_{A, i}) + v_i(x)$$

where  $i=1, \dots, q$  is the output dimension

Active inputs  $x_{A, i}$

We can attempt to reduce the input dimension from  $D(x)$

to  $p(x_A)$  by e.g. AIC, BIC, etc.

The remaining machine inputs should

be captured by the nugget term

$w(x)$

Regression model

$\beta_{ij} g_{ij}(x_A)$

- where  $g_{ij}$  are known deterministic functions of  $x_A$  (often a low poly.) and  $\beta_{ij}$  are regression coeff.

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Often the large scale  
global behavior of  $f(x)$

is mimiced with a low-order  
( $\leq 3$ ) polynomial.

Gaussian process

$u(x)$  mimics the local behavior  
of  $f(x) - \beta g(x)$

This term will produce a  
mean and a variance for its  
output  $\Rightarrow$  uncertainty.

Nugget - term

A white noise process

$$\text{Cov}(w_i(x), w_i(x')) = T_{w_i}^2 \delta(x-x')$$

Training

Model evaluations performed  
at well chosen points in the

input space. Typically use space -  
filling methods (such as LHS)