

CS-E4895 Gaussian Processes

Lecture 10: Latent modelling and unsupervised learning

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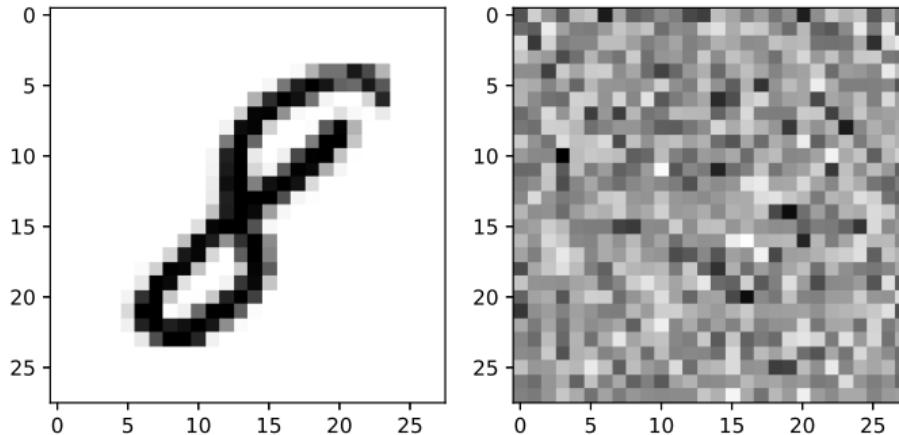
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Agenda for today

- Introduction
 - Why are LVMs useful?
 - Definition of LVMs
- Gaussian process latent variable models
 - Principal Component Analysis
 - Probabilistic PCA
 - Dual probabilistic PCA
 - GPLVM
- Multi-output models
 - Intrinsic Model of Coregionalisation
 - Semiparametric Latent Factor Model
 - Linear Model of Coregionalisation

Why are LVMs useful?

- Data x has structure



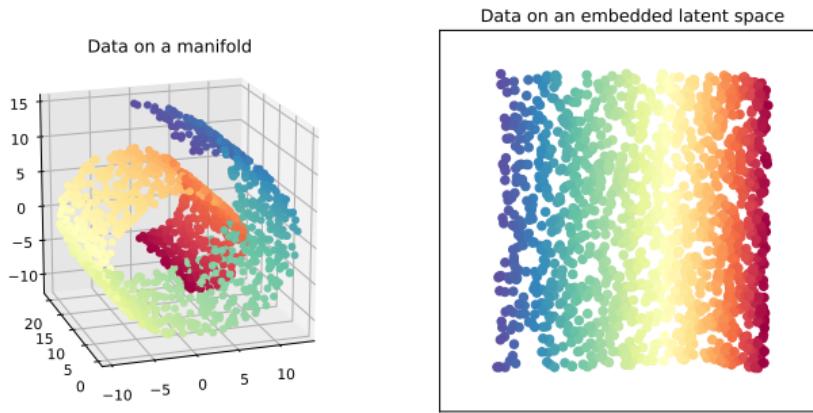
- ... the dimension of this space is large ($D = 784$)
- ... you would never sample this digit randomly

Why are LVMs useful?

- These samples lie on a **very** narrow manifold in $\mathbb{R}^{28 \times 28}$
- We should only require enough dimensions to describe the digit sufficiently
 - e.g. shape and distortions (rotation, translation, stretching)
- The number of these dimensions is called the *intrinsic dimensionality* and is often significantly smaller than the number of features.
- It's often far easier to perform your inference on this embedded manifold

Swiss roll example

Moving from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^2



Setting:

- Features $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$, latent variables $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times Q}$, N datapoints
- Often our goal is to find a lower-dimensional latent representation $Q < D$
- Unsupervised learning: no output covariates

Definition of LVMs

Dimensionality reduction: Learning a projection onto a lower dimensional embedding \mathbf{z}

Manifold learning: Learning this embedding and a *map* $g : \mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$

A latent variable model is of the form:

$$\mathbf{x} = g(\mathbf{z}) + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim p(\epsilon) \tag{1}$$

Our goal is to learn the **embedding** \mathbf{z}_n of datapoint \mathbf{x}_n

Often such models make assumptions of

- Independence across latent samples
- Conditional independence across features given latent samples

Graphical model representation

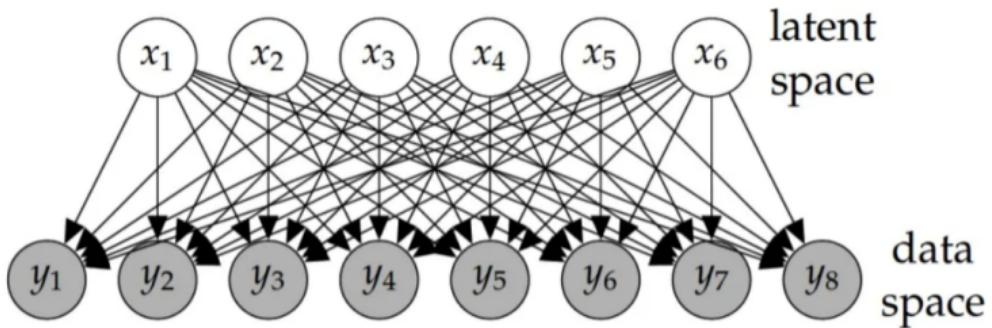
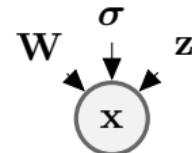


Image from Neil Lawrence, GPSS 2014
(We use x for data and z for latents)

The Gaussian process latent variable model (GPLVM)

Principal Component Analysis



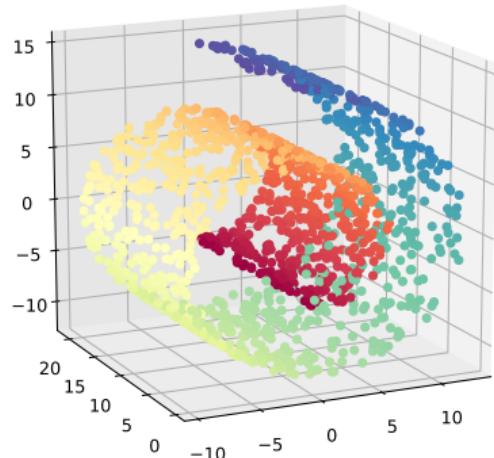
$$\underbrace{\mathbf{x}_n}_{\mathbb{R}^D} = \underbrace{\mathbf{W}}_{\mathbb{R}^{D \times Q}} \underbrace{\mathbf{z}_n}_{\mathbb{R}^Q} + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_n}_{\mathbb{R}^D}, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_D) \quad (2)$$

- Linear projection $\mathbf{W} : \mathbb{R}^Q \mapsto \mathbb{R}^D$
- ... such that the new basis \mathbf{z} is comprised of *principal components*
- ... which span the directions of greatest variance

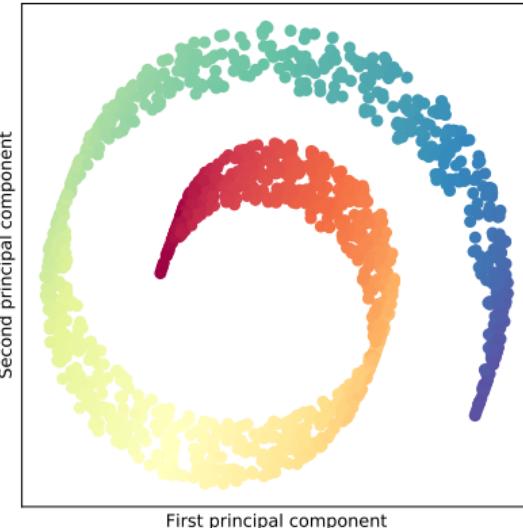
Only works well if data lies on a **plane** in high dimensional space

No representation of uncertainty

Principal Component Analysis



(a) Swiss roll data



(b) PCA embedding

This is not optimal. This embedding does not capture all of the variance!

Probabilistic PCA

- Likelihood for $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)$

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}, \sigma) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{W}\mathbf{z}_n, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}). \quad (3)$$

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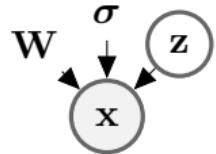
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- Integrate over latent variables \mathbf{Z} to obtain the marginal likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{W}, \sigma) = \prod_{n=1}^N \int p(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{z}_n, \sigma) p(\mathbf{z}_n) d\mathbf{z}_n. \quad (5)$$

Probabilistic PCA

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We can derive

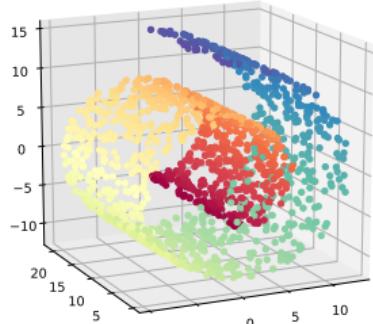
$$p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{W}, \sigma) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\mathbf{0}, \underbrace{\mathbf{WW}^T}_{\mathbb{R}^{D \times D}} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}) \quad (8)$$

due to

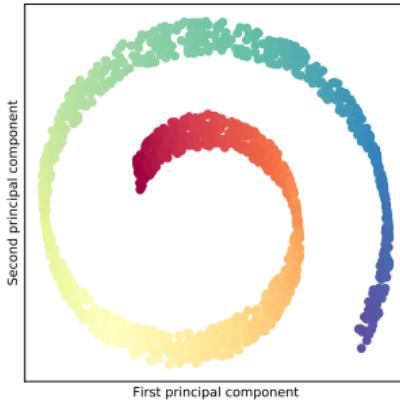
$$\text{cov}[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \epsilon)((\mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \epsilon))^T] \quad (9)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{W}\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^T\mathbf{W}^T] + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon\epsilon^T] = \mathbf{WW}^T + \sigma^2 I. \quad (10)$$

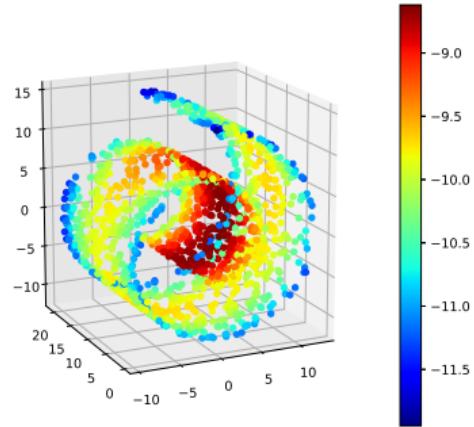
Probabilistic PCA - Swiss roll example



(a) Swiss roll data



(b) PCA embedding



(c) Log-likelihood

Dual PPCA

- Likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}, \sigma) = \prod_{d=1}^D \mathcal{N}\left(\underbrace{\mathbf{x}_d}_{\mathbb{R}^N} \mid \underbrace{\mathbf{Z}}_{\mathbb{R}^{N \times Q}} \underbrace{\mathbf{w}_d^T}_{\mathbb{R}^{Q \times 1}}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}\right) \quad (11)$$

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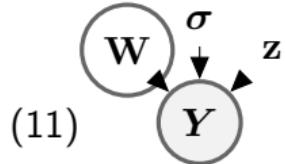
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- ... and integrate over transformation \mathbf{W} to obtain the **marginal likelihood**

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z}, \sigma) = \prod_{d=1}^D \int p(\mathbf{x}_d | \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{z}, \sigma) p(\mathbf{W}) d\mathbf{W} = \prod_{d=1}^D \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_d | \mathbf{0}, \underbrace{\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}^T}_{\mathbb{R}^{N \times N}} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$

The kernel

- The dual PPCA marginal likelihood

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- The covariance matrix $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}^T + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$ is a linear kernel
- The marginal likelihood for DPPCA is a product of D independent Gaussian processes with a linear kernel
- We can change this kernel and obtain the GPLVM class of models

$$x_d(\mathbf{z}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(m(\mathbf{z}), k(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}')), \quad (14)$$

where $d = 1, \dots, D$ iterates over data dimensions

GPLVM summary

- DPPCA is a special case of GPLVM with a linear kernel
- Each dimension x_d of the marginal can be interpreted as an independent GP
- Each dimension x_d is *a priori* assumed independent and identically distributed

Analytic solutions

- For PCA, PPCA and DPPCA, an analytic solution exists via solving an eigenvalue problem

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Maximum marginal likelihood (MLL)

- Once we use a non-linear kernel analytical solutions often become intractable
- Instead we may resort to gradient based optimisation for $(\mathbf{z}, \theta, \sigma)$.¹

$$\hat{\mathbf{Z}}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{\sigma} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{Z}, \theta, \sigma} \log(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Z}, \theta, \sigma) \propto \arg \max_{\mathbf{z}, \theta, \sigma} \left\{ -\frac{D}{2} \log |\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}}| - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}}^{-1} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T) \right\}$$

- Initialisation
 - Initialise \mathbf{z}_n for each \mathbf{x}_n randomly
 - Initialise \mathbf{Z} from standard PCA of \mathbf{X}

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GPLVM inference - MAP

Maximum a marginal posterior (MAMP)

- Place a prior on latent variables \mathbf{Z}

$$\hat{\mathbf{Z}}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{\sigma} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{Z}, \theta, \sigma} \left\{ \log p(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Z}, \theta, \sigma) + \log p(\mathbf{Z}) \right\}$$

- We again use gradient based optimisation
- This prior acts to regularise the latent variables

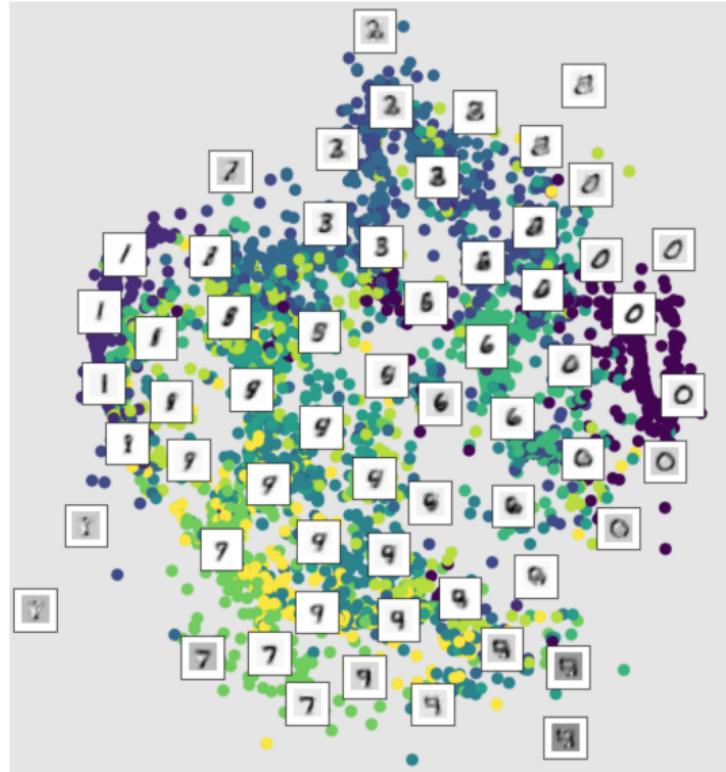
These both optimise over a huge space, but don't do as poorly as you'd expect!

GPLVM - Caveats and practical points

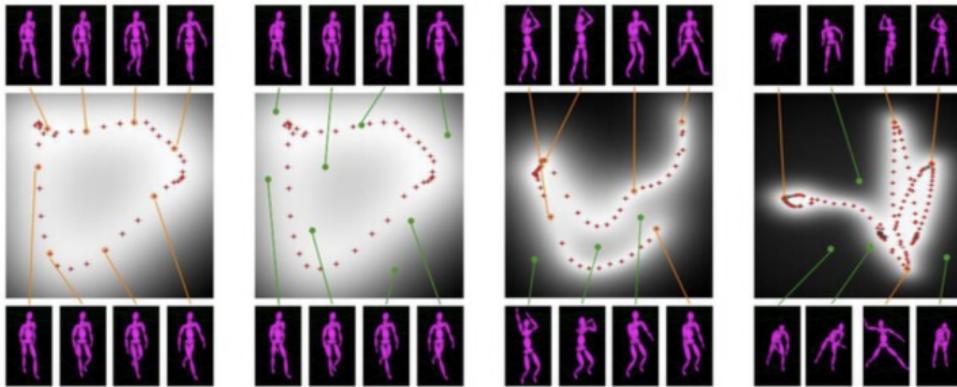
- Optimisation is *very* non-convex.
 - Multiple restarts, initialisation. How do we initialise?
- What is the latent dimensionality?
- Computational cost.

GPLVM for MNIST

- The images x_n are fixed
- We learn the layout of the embeddings: here two-dimensional
- How to interpolate between images?
Use GP regression



GPLVM for motion capture



Bayesian GPLVM

- We may also want to place a prior on \mathbf{z} and integrate it out². The \mathbf{x}_d is the d 'th column of \mathbf{X} ,

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z}) = \prod_{d=1}^D \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_d | \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{ZZ}} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$

$$p(\mathbf{X}) = \int p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z})p(\mathbf{Z})d\mathbf{Z} \quad \text{and introduce} \quad p(\mathbf{Z}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_n | \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

- This is intractable as \mathbf{z} appears non-linearly in the inverse of the kernel
- Lets try and apply the standard *variational Bayes* approach

²We omit θ and σ from the notation for clarity, but they are still part of the model.

Bayesian GPLVM

Introduce a variational distribution

$$p(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}) \approx q(\mathbf{Z}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_n|\mathbf{m}_n, S_n)$$

And compute the Jensen's lower bound

$$\log p(\mathbf{X}) \geq \underbrace{\sum_{d=1}^D \int q(\mathbf{Z}) \log p(\mathbf{x}_d|\mathbf{Z}) d\mathbf{Z}}_{\text{this remains intractable}} - \underbrace{\int q(\mathbf{Z}) \log \frac{q(\mathbf{Z})}{p(\mathbf{Z})} d\mathbf{Z}}_{KL(q||p)}$$

Lets apply the variational sparse methodology of [1] that we learnt in previous lectures

Bayesian GPLVM (revisiting the variational sparse approach)

Lets expand our intractable integral term and augment with inducing variables³

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Bayesian GPLVM

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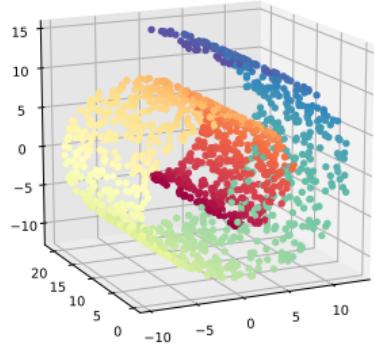
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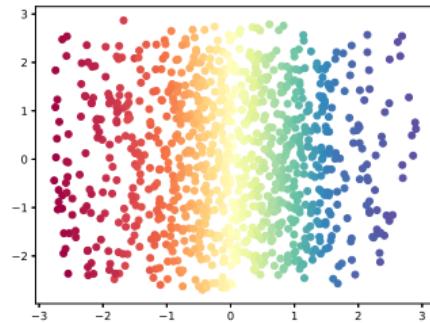
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- We can integrate $q(\mathbf{Z})$ tractably first, and rest of the integral is tractable as well
- For more details see [2] or [3]

Bayesian GPLVM - example



(a) Swiss roll data



(b) BGPLVM embedded mean

The many flavours of GPLVM

- Shared GPLVM - map from a shared latent space to separate observation spaces
- Back constrained GPLVM - preserving locality in the image map
- Dynamic GPLVM (or GP dynamical model) - add a dynamic prior for supervised learning
- 'Deep' GPs - add a GP prior onto \mathbf{Z} .

... and many more!

The applications of GPLVM

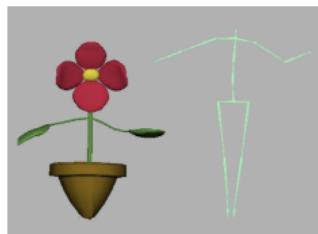


Figure: Shared GPLVM: Disney research ([link](#))

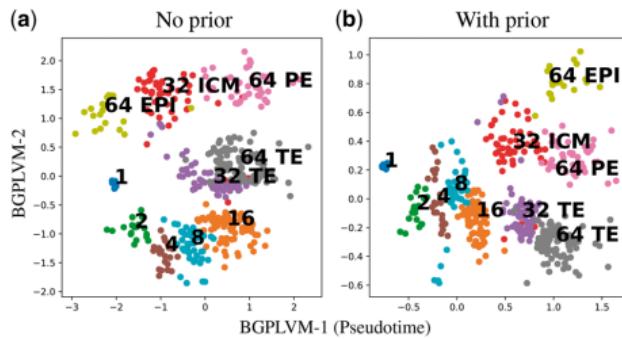


Figure: BGPLVM for single cell data

Further reading

Models

- [4] - PCA → PPCA → DPPCA → GPLVM derivation details
- [3] - Bayesian GPLVM paper
- [2] - Bayesian GPLVM thesis
- [5] - Back constrained GPLVM
- [6] - Shared GPLVM

Applications

- [7] - Disney research Shared GPLVM for animation
- [8] - BGPLVM for single cell data

Multi-output Gaussian processes

Pre-requisites: The Kronecker product

Take two matrices $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & \dots & a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1}\mathbf{B} & \dots & a_{1,n}\mathbf{B} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m,1}\mathbf{B} & \dots & a_{m,n}\mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix}$$

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So what is the dimension of $\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}$?

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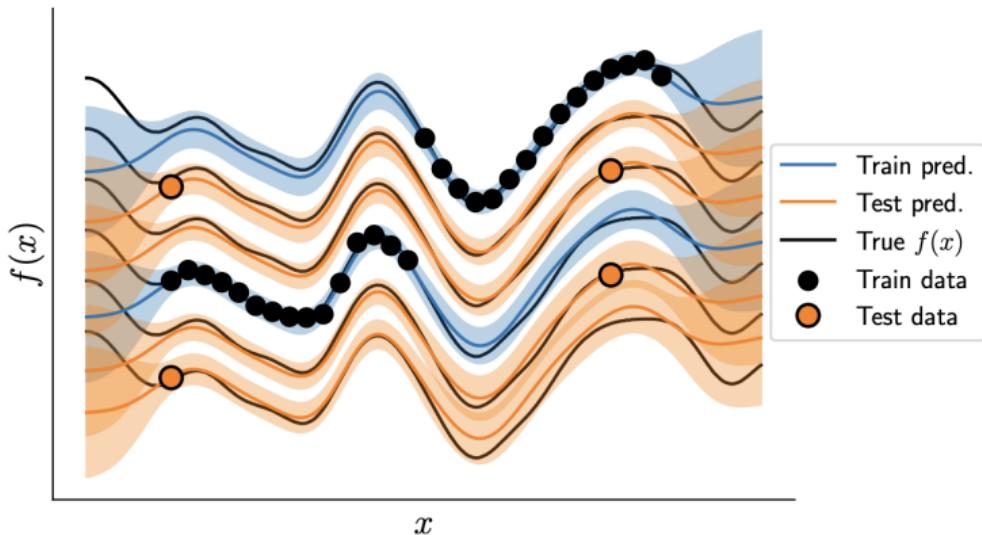
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The motivation



Saemundson et al, Meta Reinforcement Learning with Latent Variable Gaussian Processes

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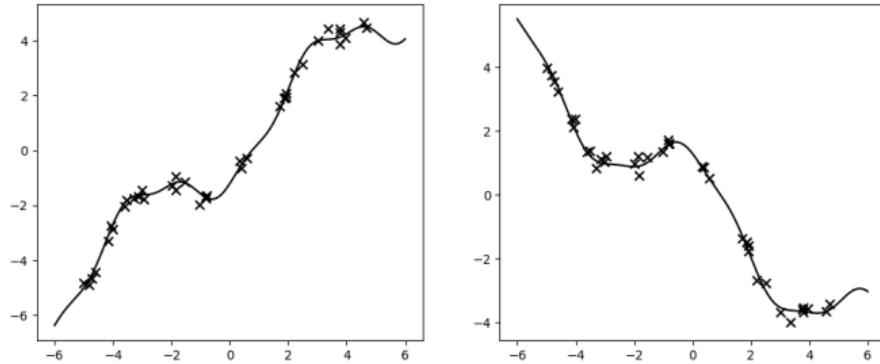


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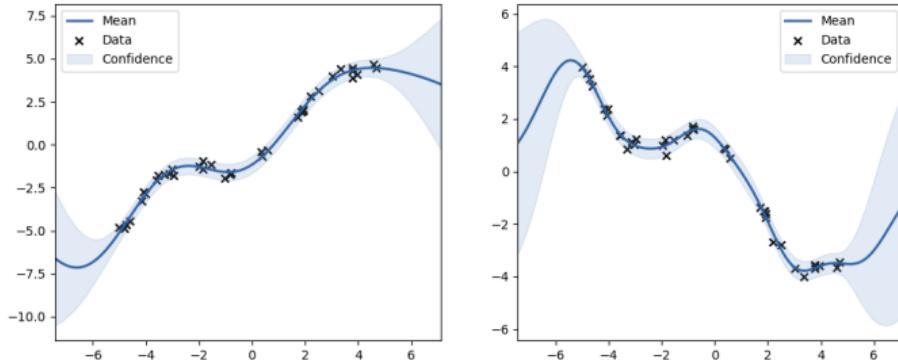


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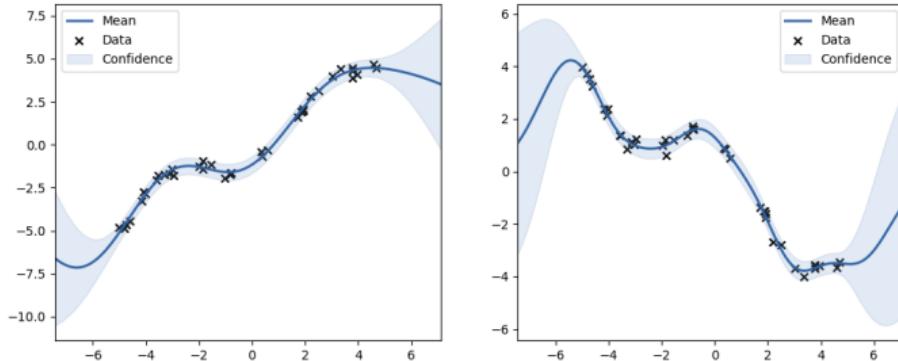


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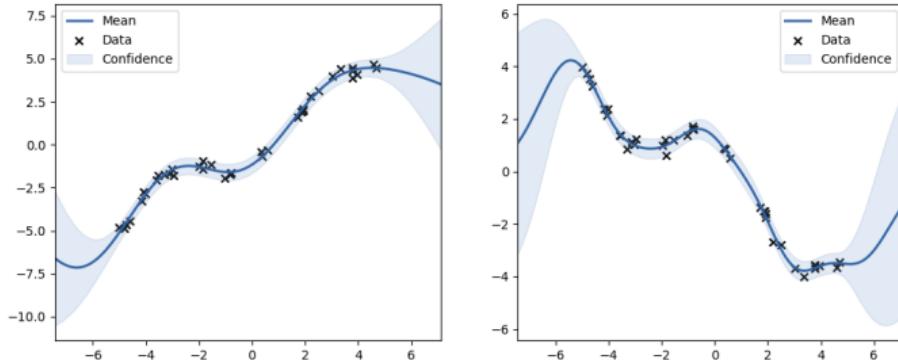


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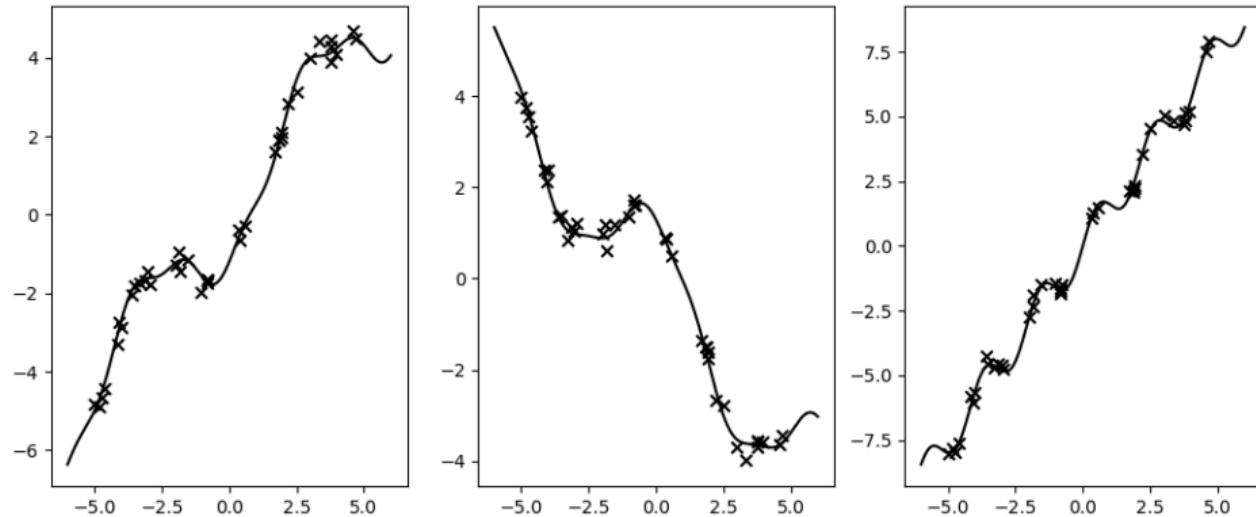


Figure: A third process

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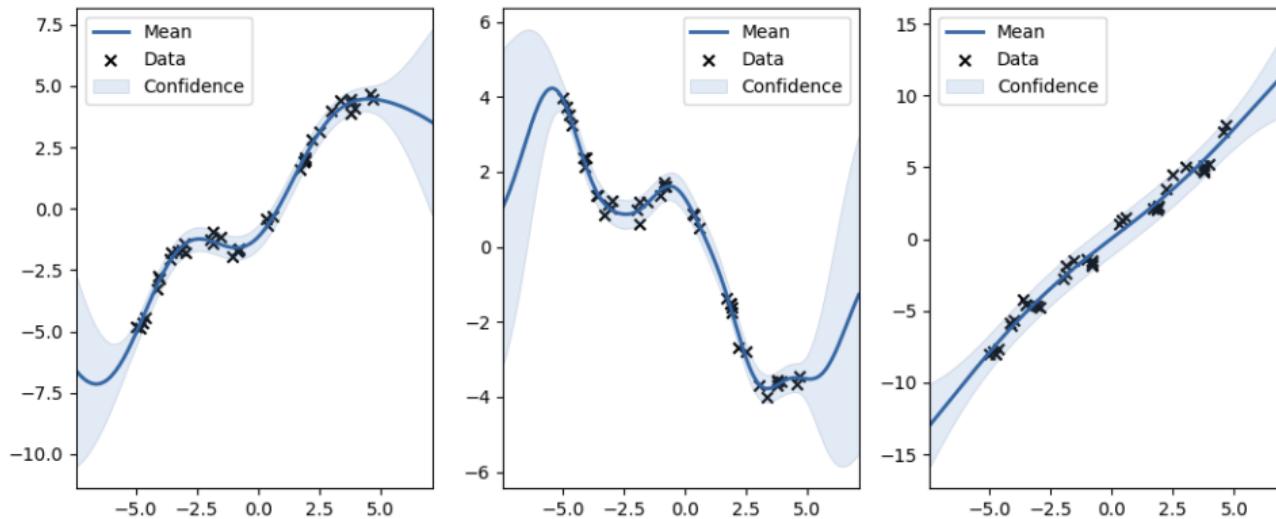


Figure: Independent Gaussian process fits

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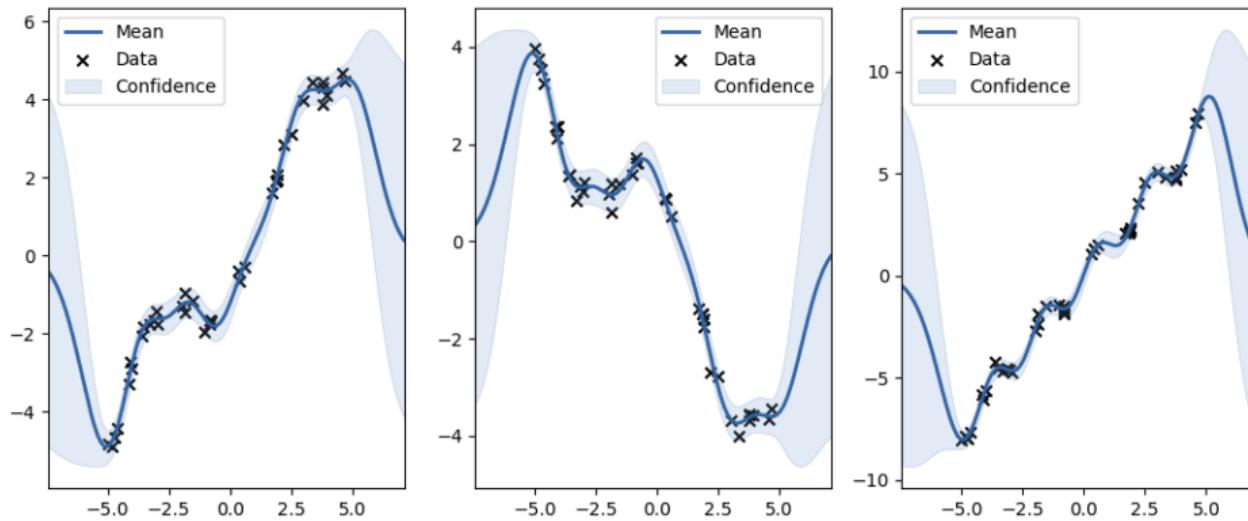


Figure: Linear Model of Coregionalisation fit

Gaussian process regression network (GPRN)

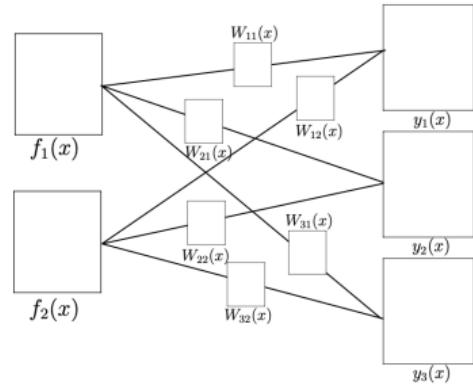
- Assume vector-valued output $\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^P$
- The GPRN [Wilson et al, ICML 2012]

$$\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) = W(\mathbf{x})[\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}] + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

$$f_i(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k_f), \quad i = 1, \dots, Q$$

$$W_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k_w), \quad W(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times Q}$$

- We learn Q latent GPs that are mixed by PQ mixing GPs
- Variational inference by learning inducing points for both functions, \mathbf{u}_{ij}^w and \mathbf{u}_i^f (or by MCMC)
- Global input space $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D$ for all functions



Spatial interpolation

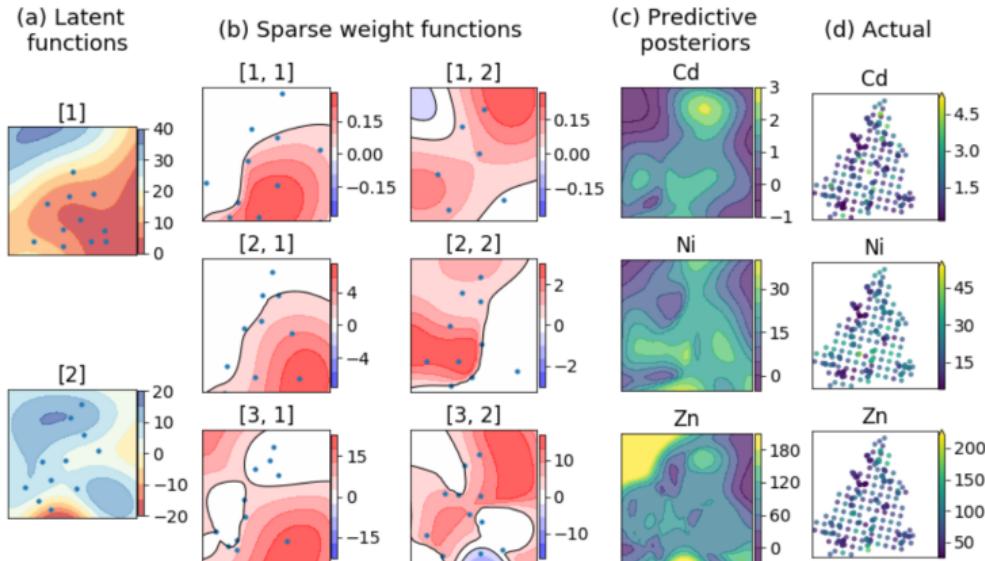


Figure includes a sparse extension, Hegde et al: Variational zero-inflated Gaussian processes with sparse kernels, UAI'2018

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