

# Gaussian Process.

## (1) Background:

Consider a particle in time duration  $z$ . Let  $e(\eta)$

is d.f of the particle moves  $\eta$  units on a line.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e(\eta) d\eta = 1. \quad \text{So } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \eta e(\eta) d\eta = 0.$$

Denote:  $D = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \eta^2 e(\eta) d\eta$ ,  $f(x, t)$  = the number of particles at  $x$  at time  $t$ . Suppose  $f(0, 0) = c$ .

## (i) Conservation Law: (To find $f(x, t)$ )

By assumption: We have:  $f(x, t+z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-\eta, t) e(\eta) d\eta$

$$\text{From expansion: } \begin{cases} f(x, t+z) = f(x, t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} z + o(z) \\ f(x-\eta, t) = f(x, t) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \eta + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \eta^2 + o(\eta^2). \end{cases}$$

Ignore infinitesimal terms. Replace in the equation:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{D}{2z} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow \text{Solve } f(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi c' t}} e^{-x^2 / 2c' t}, \quad c' = \frac{D}{2z}$$

## (ii) Entropy:

Actually, the process above has max entropy.

Rmk: More entropy means more randomness!

Consider  $H(x) = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(t) \log f_x(t) dt$ .  $X \sim f_x$ .

Which defines the entropy of r.v.  $X$ .

Suppose  $E(X) = m$ ,  $E(X^2) = \sigma^2$

$$G(f) = - \int f_x \log f_x + \lambda_1 \left( \int f_x - 1 \right) + \lambda_2 \left( \int x f_x - m \right) + \lambda_3 \left( \int x^2 f_x - \sigma^2 \right).$$

By variation method: If  $f_0$  is optimal solution,

$$H(t) = G(f_0 + tq), \text{ for func. } q. \text{ Note: } H(0) \geq H(t).$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=0} = 0 \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^1} q (-\log f_x + \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_2 x + \lambda_3 x^2) = 0, \forall q.$$

$$\text{So } \log f_x = \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_2 x + \lambda_3 x^2, f_x = e^{\lambda_3 x^2 + \lambda_2 x + \tilde{\lambda}_1}, \tilde{\lambda}_1 = \lambda_1 + 1$$

which is d.f has same form in  $\mathcal{Q}$ .

Prmk: i) If  $X(\omega)$  take value in  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , ignore " $E(X^2) = \sigma^2$ ".  
i.e. discard " $\lambda_3 \int x^2 f_x - \sigma^2$ ". Then:  $f_x = e^{\lambda_2 x + \tilde{\lambda}_1}$

which is exponential dist.

ii) If  $X(\omega) \in [a, b]$ , without moment constraint.

Then  $f_x$  is d.f of uniform dist.

## (2) Gaussian Vectors:

### (1) Gaussian r.v.'s:

Def:  $X(\omega) \in \mathbb{R}^1$  is standard Gaussian variable if

$$X \sim p_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}, Y \text{ is Gaussian with } \mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2) - \text{dist. if } Y = \sigma X + m.$$



prop. For seq of r.v.'s  $(X_n)$ .  $X_n \sim N(m_n, \sigma_n^2)$ .  $X$  is r.v.

i)  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \Rightarrow X \sim N(m, \sigma^2)$ ,  $m = \lim m_n$ ,  $\sigma^2 = \lim \sigma_n^2$ .

ii)  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X \Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{L^p} X$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Pf: i)  $\lim_n f_n(t) = \lim_n e^{im_n t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma_n^2 t^2} = f(t)$ . ch.f of  $X$ .

$\Rightarrow |f_n| \rightarrow |f|$ .  $\exists t_0$ .  $\sigma_n^2 t_0^2 \rightarrow -2 \log |f(t_0)| < \infty$ .

So  $\lim \sigma_n^2 = \sigma^2$  exists.  $\Rightarrow m_n \rightarrow m$  exists

follows from:  $f_n e^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma_n^2 t^2} \rightarrow f e^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$ . So  $f = e^{im t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$

ii) by i).  $(\sigma_n^2)$ ,  $(m_n)$  are bdd. So:

$\sup_n E |X_n|^2 < \infty$ .  $\forall n \geq 1$ . by property of normal dist.

$\Rightarrow (X_n)$  is u.i. besides  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ .

## ② Vectors:

Def:  $E$  is  $n$ -dim Euclidean space.  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is inner product.

$X(u)$  take values in  $E$  is called Gaussian vector if  $\forall u \in E$ .  $\langle u, X \rangle$  is Gaussian variable.

Rmk:  $\exists m_X \in E$ .  $q_X$  quadratic form on  $E$ . st.  $\forall u \in E$ .

$E \langle u, X \rangle = \langle u, m_X \rangle$ .  $\text{Var} \langle u, X \rangle = q_X(u) \geq 0$ .

So  $\langle u, X \rangle \sim N(\langle u, m_X \rangle, q_X(u))$

prop.  $(e_i)_{i=1}^n$  is o.n.b of  $E$ .  $X_k = \langle e_i, X \rangle$ . Then:

$(X_k)_{k=1}^n$  indep  $\Leftrightarrow (\text{cov}(X_i, X_k))$  is diagonal

i.e.  $q_X$  is diagonal form.

Prk: For  $\mathcal{E}_X$ ,  $\exists$  unique symmetric endomorphism

$\gamma_X$  of  $E$ . st.  $\gamma_X(u) = \langle u, \gamma_X(u) \rangle$  and

matrix of  $\gamma_X$  in  $(\varepsilon_i)_1^d$  is  $(\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j))_{i,j=1}^d$

Thm. For centered Gaussian vector (i.e.  $m_X = 0$ )

i)  $\forall$  nonnegative symmetric endomorphism  $\gamma$  of  $E$ .

Then:  $\exists X$  Gaussian vector. st.  $\gamma_X = \gamma$ .

ii)  $X$  is centered Gaussian vector.  $(\varepsilon_i)_1^d$  is basis of  $E$ . st.  $\gamma_X$  is diagonal.  $\gamma_X \varepsilon_j = \lambda_j \varepsilon_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq d$ .

where  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0 = \lambda_{r+1} = \dots = \lambda_d = 0$ . Then:

$X = \sum_{i=1}^r Y_i \varepsilon_i$ ,  $(Y_i)_1^r$  indep.  $\text{Var}(Y_i) = \lambda_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$

$S_0$ : If  $X \sim P_X$ ,  $\text{supp}(P_X) = \text{span}(\varepsilon_i)_1^r$  and

$P_X \ll \text{Lebesgue measure of } E \Leftrightarrow r = d$ .

pf: i)  $(\varepsilon_i)_1^d$  is o.n.b of  $E$ . st.  $\gamma$  is diagonal.

$\gamma(\varepsilon_i) = \lambda_i \varepsilon_i$ . Let  $Y_i$  Gaussian variables

$\text{Var}(Y_i) = \lambda_i$ . Let  $X = \sum_{i=1}^d Y_i \varepsilon_i$ .

ii)  $X = \sum_{i=1}^d Y_i \varepsilon_i$ .  $S_0$ :  $\text{Var}(Y_i) = 0$ ,  $\forall r < i \leq d \Rightarrow Y_i = 0$  a.s.

$\Rightarrow X = \sum_{i=1}^r Y_i \varepsilon_i$ ,  $\text{Var}(Y_i) = \lambda_i$ ,  $\text{supp}(P_X) = \text{span}(\varepsilon_i)_1^r$ .

It's easy to check the latter, since  $Y_i$  indep.

$P(a_i \leq Y_i \leq b_i, 1 \leq i \leq k) = \prod P(a_i \leq Y_i \leq b_i)$

$\Rightarrow r < d$ .  $P_X \perp \mathcal{M}_E$ .

Prk: To obtain p.d.f in ii):  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_d) \sim$

$(2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \sqrt{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_d} \exp(-\frac{1}{2} \sum \eta_i^2 / \lambda_i)$ . For  $\forall \eta$

$\forall k \geq 1$ , c.o.t.i.  $E(g(X)) = E(g(\psi(Y)))$ ,  $\psi(\vec{\eta}) =$

$\sum \varepsilon_i \eta_i$ .  $S_0$ :  $X \sim P_X = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} |\det \gamma_X|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \langle X, \gamma_X^{-1} X \rangle}$



### (3) Gaussian Space:

Def: i) Gaussian space is closed linear space of  $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . Contains only Gaussian variables.

ii)  $(E, \mathcal{E})$  measurable space. A random process with values in  $E$ , is collection  $(X_t)_{t \in T}$ .

s.t.  $X_t(\omega) \in E$ . It's Gaussian process if:

Any finite linear combination of  $(X_t)_{t \in T}$  is

Gaussian variable ( $E = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ ).

Prmk: CLS  $(X_t)_{t \in T}$  is a Gaussian space generated by Gaussian process  $X$ . Since  $L^2$  limit of  $X_t$  is still Gaussian.

Thm:  $M$  is centered Gaussian space.  $(M_i)_{i \in I}$  is collection of linear subspace of  $M$ . Then:  $M_i \perp M_j, i \neq j \Leftrightarrow \sigma(M_i), i \in I$ , indep.

Pf:  $(\Leftarrow)$  Indep implies:  $\langle X, Y \rangle_{L^2} = \int_{\Omega} XY dP = E(XY) = 0$

$(\Rightarrow)$  Find o.n.b.  $(g_i^j)_{i=1}^{n_j}$  for  $(M_i)_{i=1}^p \subseteq (M_i)_{i \in I}$   
 $(g_1^1, \dots, g_{n_1}^1), \dots, (g_1^p, \dots, g_{n_p}^p)$  indep.

Cor:  $k \in M$ . CLS. For  $X \in M$ . Then  $E(X | \sigma(k)) = P_k X$

Prmk: For general r.v.  $X$ .  $E(X | \sigma(k)) = P_{L^2(\Omega, \sigma(k), P)}^{(X)}$   
 $k$  is much smaller than  $L^2(\Omega, \sigma(k), P)$

Cor: For  $M_i \subseteq M, i=1,2$ . If  $E(X, X_2) = E(P_k(X_1) P_k(X_2))$   
for  $\forall X_1 \in M_1, X_2 \in M_2$ . Then:  $\sigma(M_1), \sigma(M_2)$  are conditionally indep given  $\sigma(k)$ .



Pf: For  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in M_1, X_1, \dots, X_m \in M_2$ .

Show:  $E(I_{\{X_i \in A_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}} I_{\{X_j \in A_j, 1 \leq j \leq m\}} | \mathcal{G}(k))$

$$= E(I_{B_1} | \mathcal{G}(k)) E(I_{B_2} | \mathcal{G}(k)) \dots (*)$$

Replace  $(X_i^j)$  by  $(Z_i^j)_{i=1}^{n_j}$  - o.n.b. of  $\text{span}(X_i^j)$

Then use MCT. to obtain  $E_i \in \mathcal{G}(M_i)$

From condition:  $E((Z_i^s - p_k Z_i^s)(Z_j^r - p_k Z_j^r)) = 0$

When  $r = s, i \neq j$ , or  $r \neq s, \forall i, j$ .

Set  $Y_i^s = Z_i^s - p_k(Z_i^s)$ . replace  $Z_i^s$  in (\*)

Note  $p_k(Z_i^s) \in \mathcal{G}(k)$ . So (\*) holds!

Thm.  $I: T \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  symmetric, positive type. Then:

there exists prob. space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and Gaussian process  $(X_t)_{t \in T}$  s.t. covariance function is  $I$

Pf:  $\forall$  finite subset  $S$  of  $T \Rightarrow$  exists  $(X_i)_{i \in S}$  for  $I|_S$

check the list satisfies consistency condition.

Then apply Kolmogorov Extension Thm.

#### (4) Gaussian White Noise:

Def:  $(E, \mathcal{E})$  measure space.  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite measure.

A Gaussian white noise with intensity  $\mu$  is:

$$G: L^2(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu) \xrightarrow{\text{isometry}} \text{Gaussian space } (M, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$$

Prop: For  $f, g \in L^2(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu)$ .  $E(G(f), G(g))$

$$= \langle G(f), G(g) \rangle_{L^2(M, \mathcal{F}, P)} = \langle f, g \rangle_{L^2(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu)}$$



In particular,  $f = I_A \Rightarrow$  Define  $G(A) = G(I_A)$   
 $\hookrightarrow N(0, M(A))$ . For  $(A_i)$  disjoint, finite measure.  
 $(G(A_i))$  are indep.

prop.  $(E, \mathcal{E})$  measurable space with  $\sigma$ -finite measure  $\mu$ . Then there exists prob. space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$   
 a Gaussian white noise with intensity  $\mu$  on it.

Pf.  $(f_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is o.n.b of  $L^2(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu)$

Construct  $(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \sim N(0, 1)$ , indep. on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$

Set  $G: f = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle f, f_i \rangle f_i \mapsto \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle f, f_i \rangle X_i$ , isometry.

Rmk:  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  should be appropriate since many  
 prob. space can only contain countable indep r.v.'s.

prop.  $G$ , Gaussian white noise with  $\mu$  on  $(E, \mathcal{E})$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{E}$ , st.  
 $\mu(A) < \infty$ . If  $\exists (A_i^n)_{i=1}^{k_n}$ , st.  $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{k_n} A_i^n$ , whose "mesh"  $\rightarrow 0$   
 i.e.  $\lim_n \sup_{1 \leq j \leq k_n} \mu(A_j^n) = 0$ . Then:  $\sum_{i=1}^{k_n} G(A_j^n)^2 \xrightarrow{L^1} \mu(A)$ ,  $(n \rightarrow \infty)$

Pf. For fix  $n$ ,  $(G(A_i^n))_{i=1}^{k_n}$  is indep.  $E(G(A_i^n)^2) = \mu(A_i^n)$

Note:  $E \left| \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} G(A_i^n) - \mu(A) \right|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} \text{Var}(G(A_i^n)^2) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} \mu(A_i^n)^2$

follows from  $\text{Var}(X^2) = 2\sigma^4$  if  $X \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

RHS  $\leq (\sup_i \mu(A_i^n)) \mu(A) \rightarrow 0$   $(n \rightarrow \infty)$

Rmk: It provides a way to recover  $\mu(A)$  by  
 values of  $G$  on atoms of finer partition  
 of  $A$ .