

# Exercise Sheet 5

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## Gaussian Process Regression

### 1. (a)

please see provided code in jupyter notebook.

Adding the second running period:

```
# time frame of running
runstart  = date2num(datetime(2009,7,1));
runend    = date2num(datetime(2009,12,5));
runstart2 = date2num(datetime(2013,8,1));
runend2   = max(X);
```

Modifying `phi_run`:

```
phi_run = lambda t : ( (t > runstart) * (t < runend) * (t -
    runstart) + (t >= runend) * (runend - runstart) \
    + (t > runstart2) * (t < runend2) * (t - runstart2) + (t >=
    runend2) * (runend2 - runstart2) ) / 1000.
```

Plotting the posterior mean and standard deviation with:

```
# Plotting the standard deviation and the posterior mean
fig2 = plt.figure();
plt.plot_date(Xd,Y, ' . ', color=dark);
plt.plot(t, mpost, '- ', color=red, lineWidth=4)
plt.plot(t, spost, '- ', color=dark, lineWidth=4)
```

This plots the posterior mean in *mpost* which is constant at 31 Dec 2013 and afterwards of  $-5.63411469$  and the standard deviation in *spost* which grows with time onwards is around 1.6.

### 1. (b)

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## 2. (a)

Using the properties from lecture 06 for Gaussian processes the marginal prior distribution for  $f_X$  is:

$$p(f_X) = \mathcal{N}(f_X; \mu_X, k_{XX})$$

With  $k_{XX}$  being a gaussian like kernel:

$$k(X_i, X_j) = \theta^2 \exp\left(-\frac{(X_i - X_j)^2}{2\lambda^2}\right)$$

## 2. (b)

Recalling the lecture "Gaussian distributions" and the fact that Gaussians are closed under linear maps gives:

$$\begin{aligned} p(f_X) &= \mathcal{N}(f_X; \mu_X, k_{XX}) \\ f_A &= Af_X \\ p(f_A) &= \mathcal{N}(Af_X; A\mu_X, Ak_{XX}A^T) \end{aligned}$$

Also recalling that Gaussians are closed under conditioning from lecture 03 – 17 gives:

$$\begin{aligned} p(f_B) &= \mathcal{N}(Bf_X; B\mu_X, Bk_{XX}B^T) \\ p(Y|f_X) &= \mathcal{N}(Y; Af_X, \sigma^2 I_m) \\ p(f_B|Y) &= \frac{p(f_B, Y)}{p(Y)} = \mathcal{N}(f_B; B\mu_{f_B} + k_{f_B} Y K_{YY}^{-1} (Y - Af_X), k_{f_B f_B} - k_{f_B Y} k_{YY}^{-1} k_{f_B Y}) \end{aligned}$$

## 2. (c)

Because the derivation is a linear operation we can just use the method from above:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \\ Tf(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \\ p(f) &= GP(f; 0, k) \\ p(f') &= GP(f'; 0, k') \\ p(f') &= GP(f'; T0, TkT^{-1}) = GP(f'; 0, \nabla k) \end{aligned}$$

The marginal is a Gaussian process, because marginals over Gaussians are also Gaussians (recalled from lecture 03-17):

$$\int \mathcal{N}\left[\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{xx} & \Sigma_{xy} \\ \Sigma_{yx} & \Sigma_{yy} \end{pmatrix}\right] = \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_x, \Sigma_{xx})$$

With the following gradient:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla k &= \frac{\partial k}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial k}{\partial b} \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial a}(\theta^2 \exp(-\frac{(a-b)^2}{2\lambda^2})) + \frac{\partial}{\partial b}(\theta^2 \exp(-\frac{(a-b)^2}{2\lambda^2})) \\
 &= -\frac{\theta^2(a-b)\exp(-\frac{(a-b)^2}{2\lambda^2})}{\lambda^2} + \frac{\theta^2(a-b)\exp(-\frac{(a-b)^2}{2\lambda^2})}{\lambda^2} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

**2. (d)**