



# Gaussian Process and Determinantal Point Process

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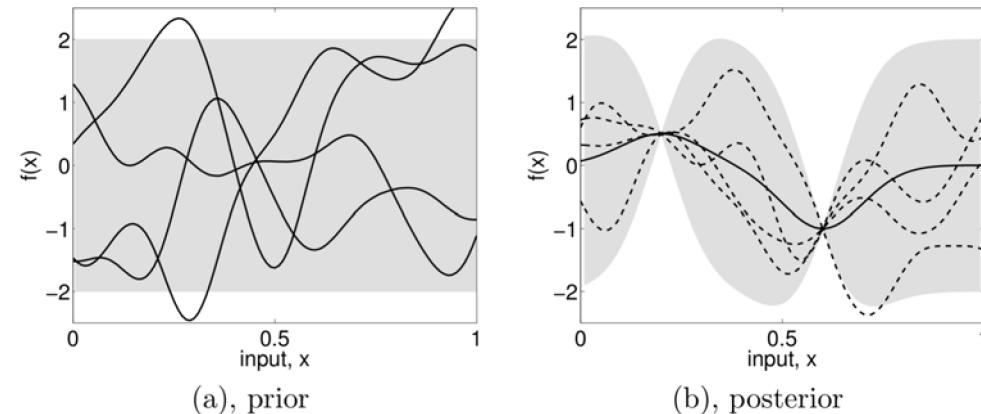
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# Outline

- Part 1: Gaussian Processes (GPs)
  - Motivating example of GPs
  - Parametric model and non-parametric model
  - Definition of GPs
  - Inference and learning with GPs
  - Deep kernel learning
  - Graph Convolutional Gaussian Processes (ICML 2019)
- Part 2: Determinantal Point Process (DPP)



[Walker, I., & Glocker, B. \(2019, May\). Graph convolutional Gaussian processes. In International Conference on Machine Learning \(pp. 6495-6504\). PMLR.](#)



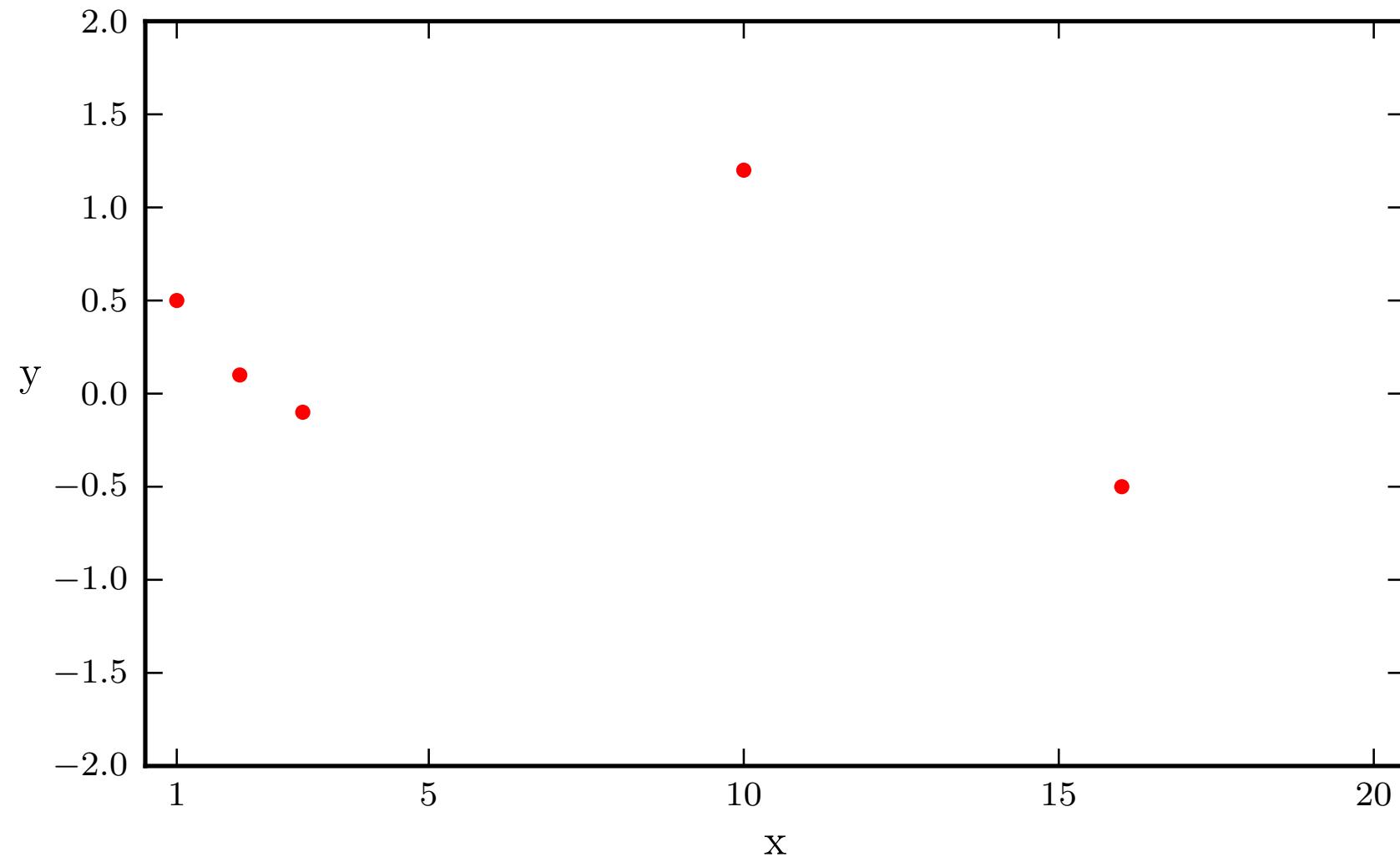


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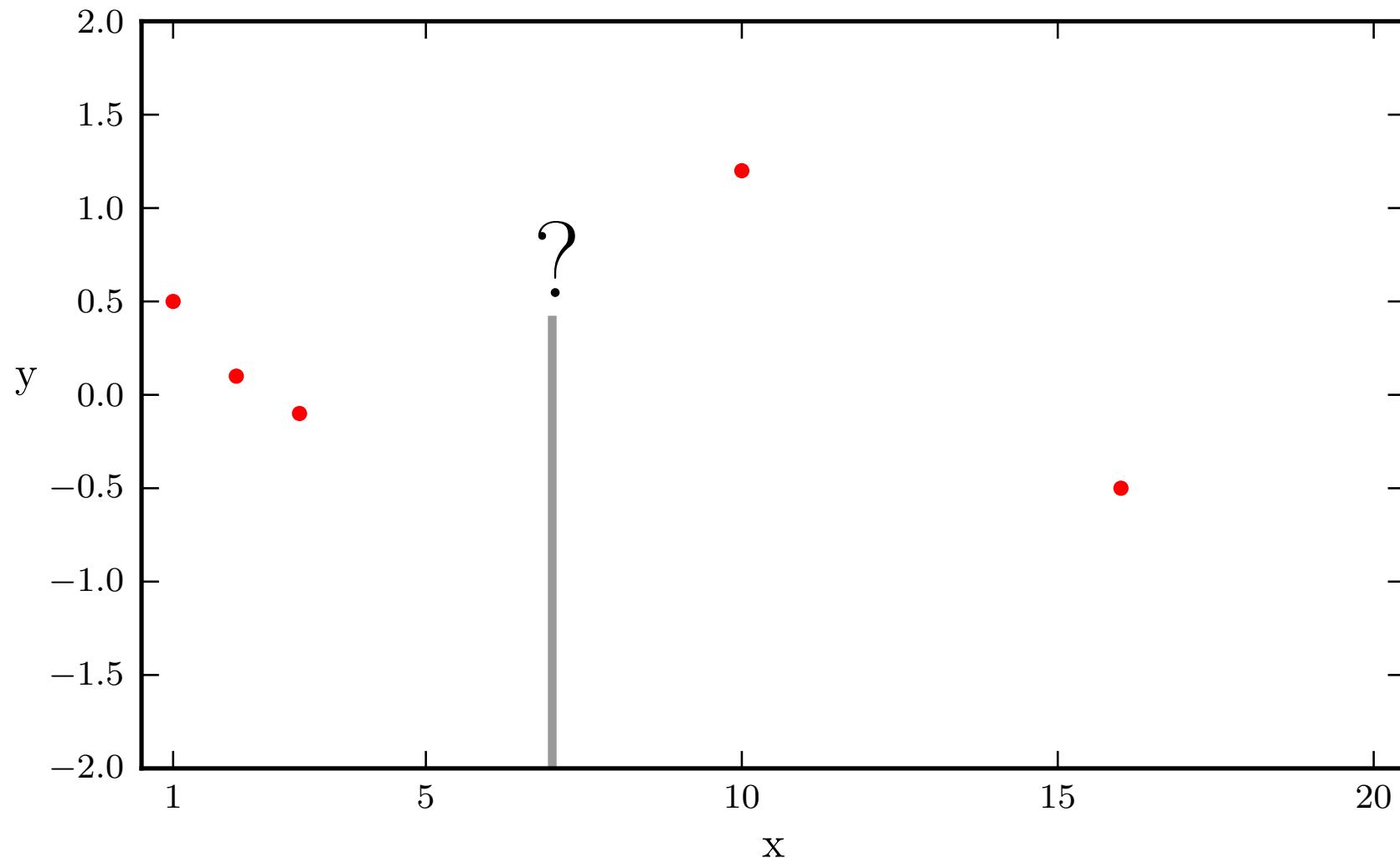
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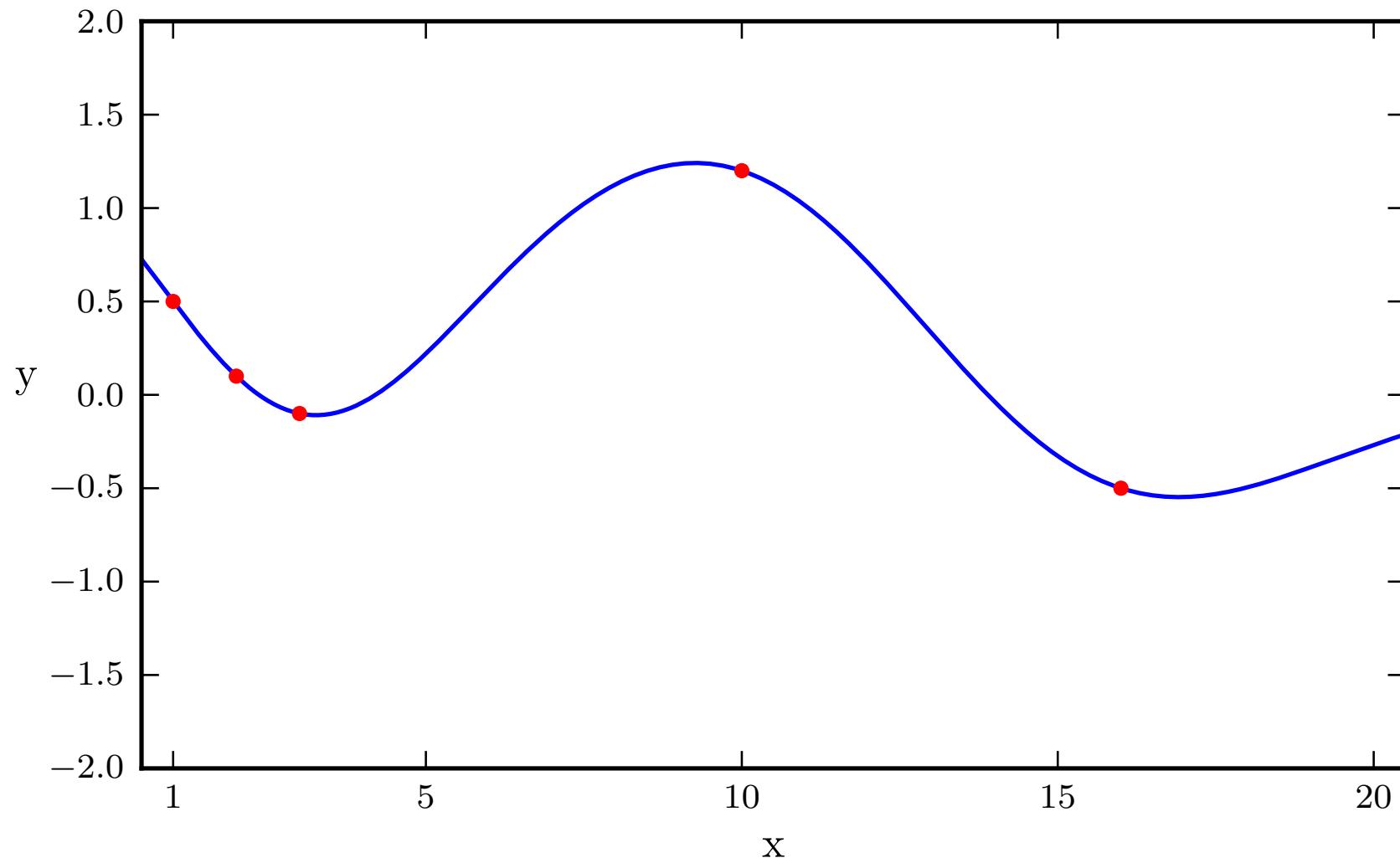
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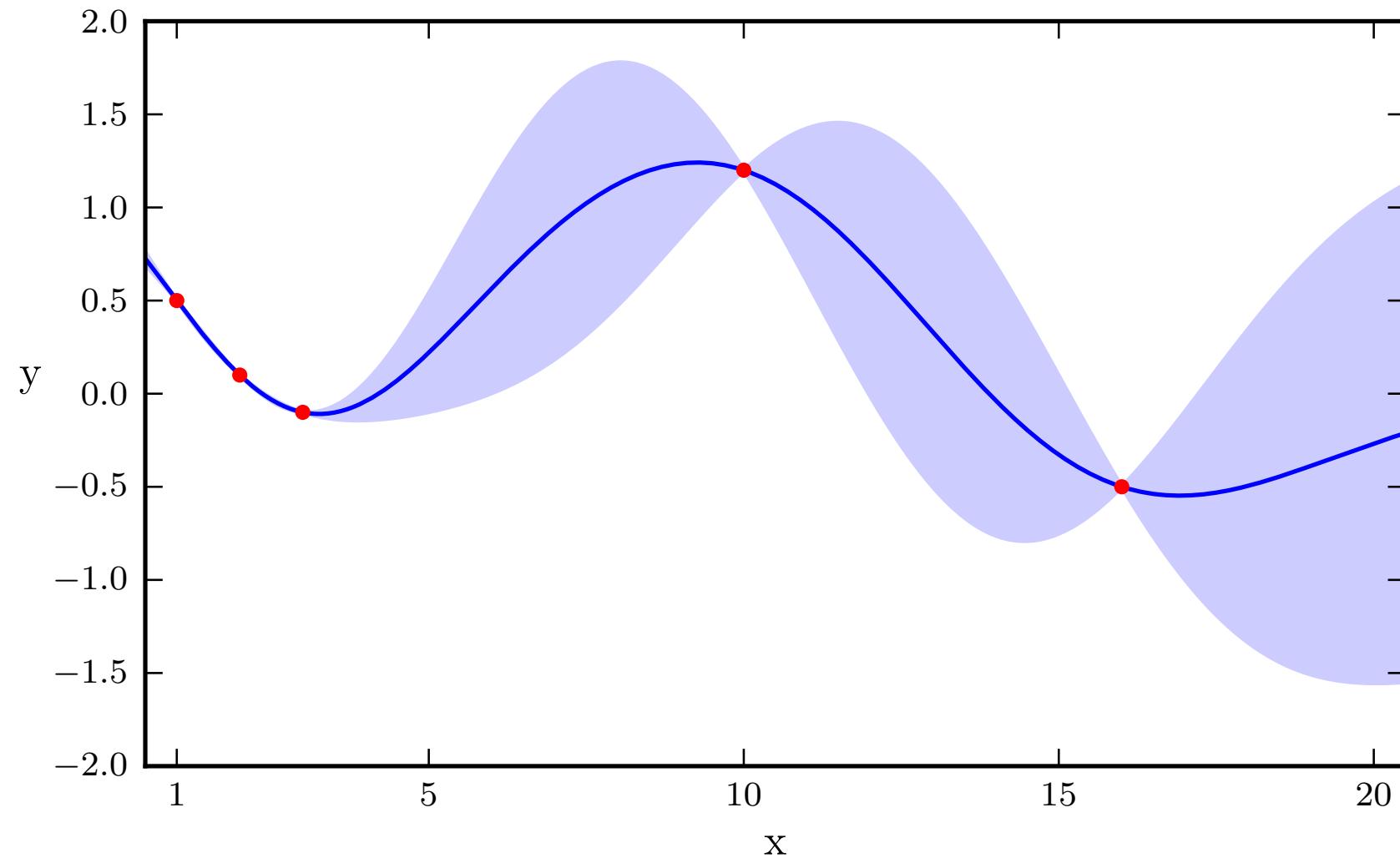
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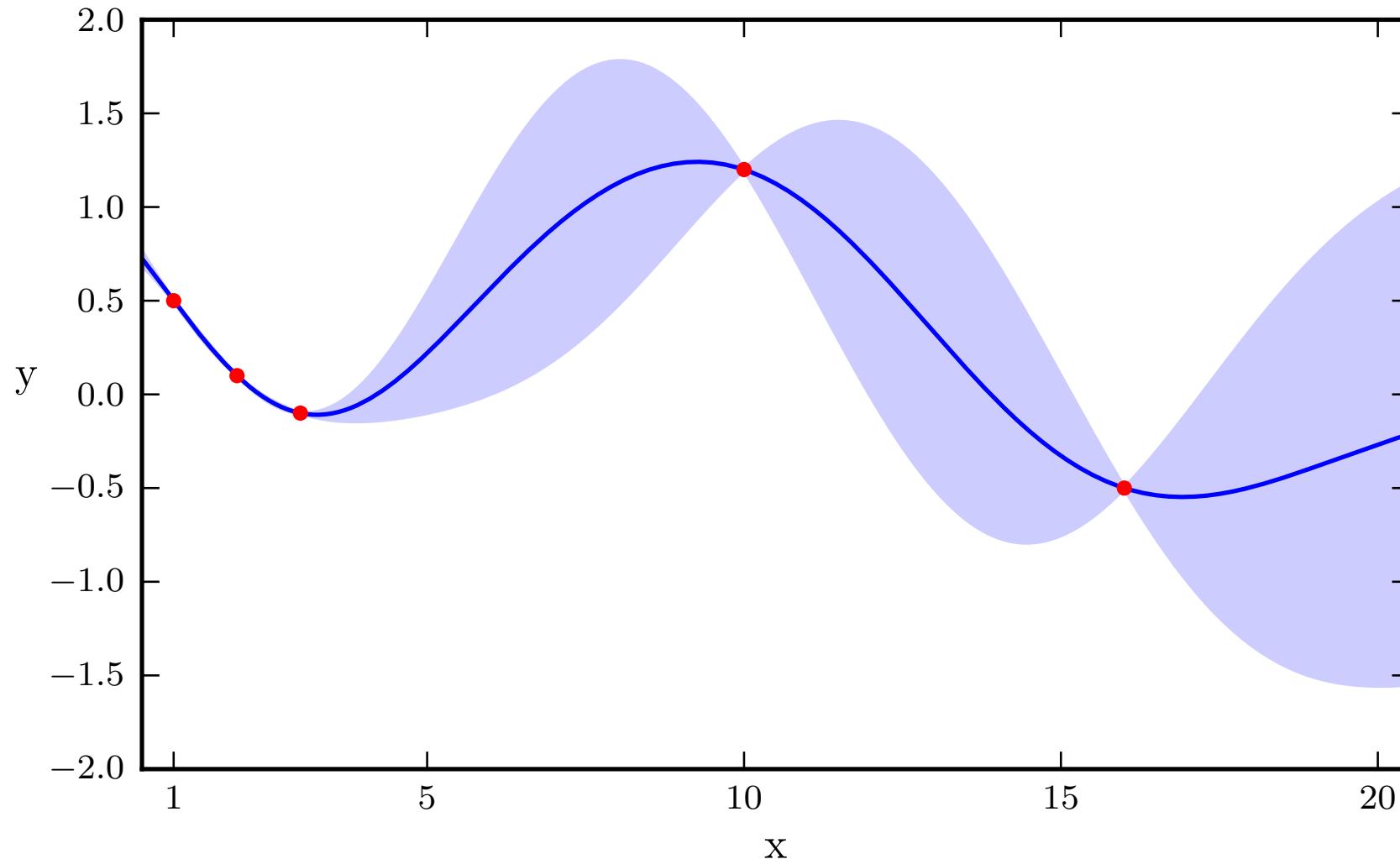
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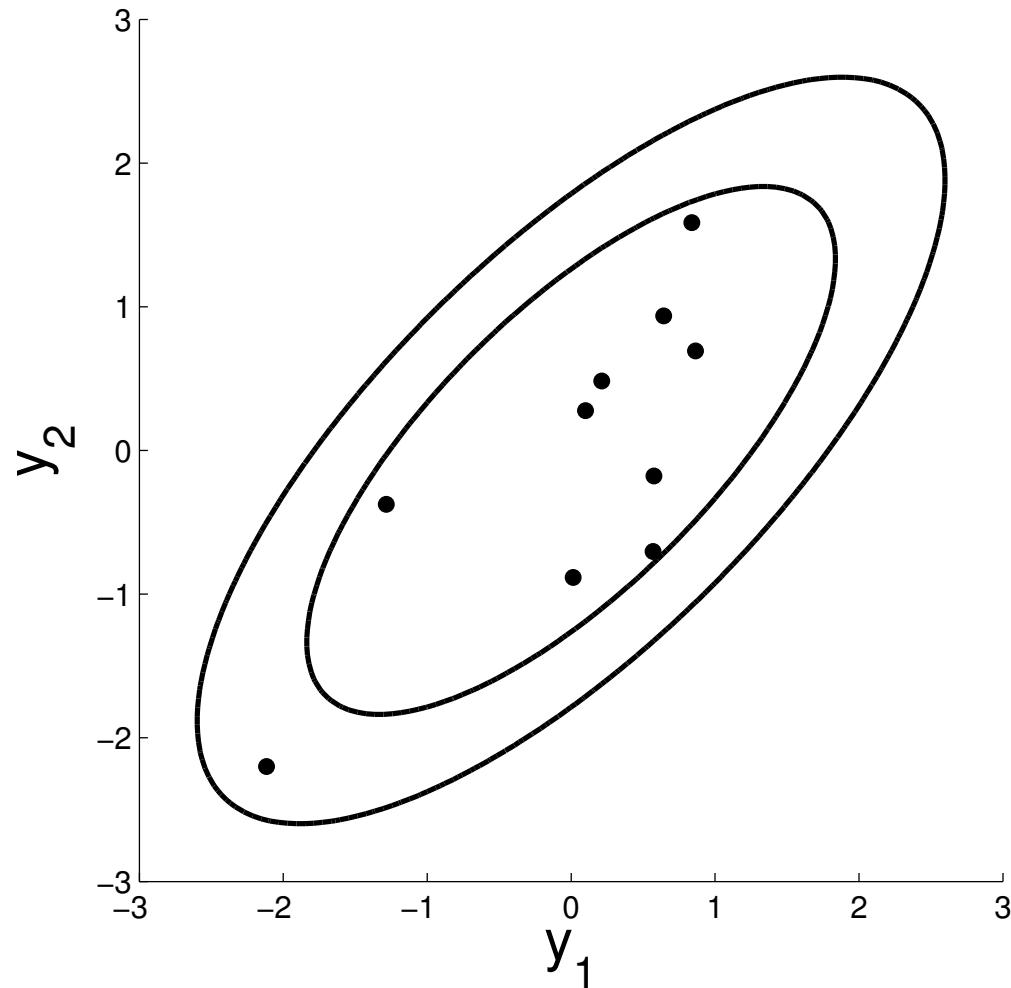


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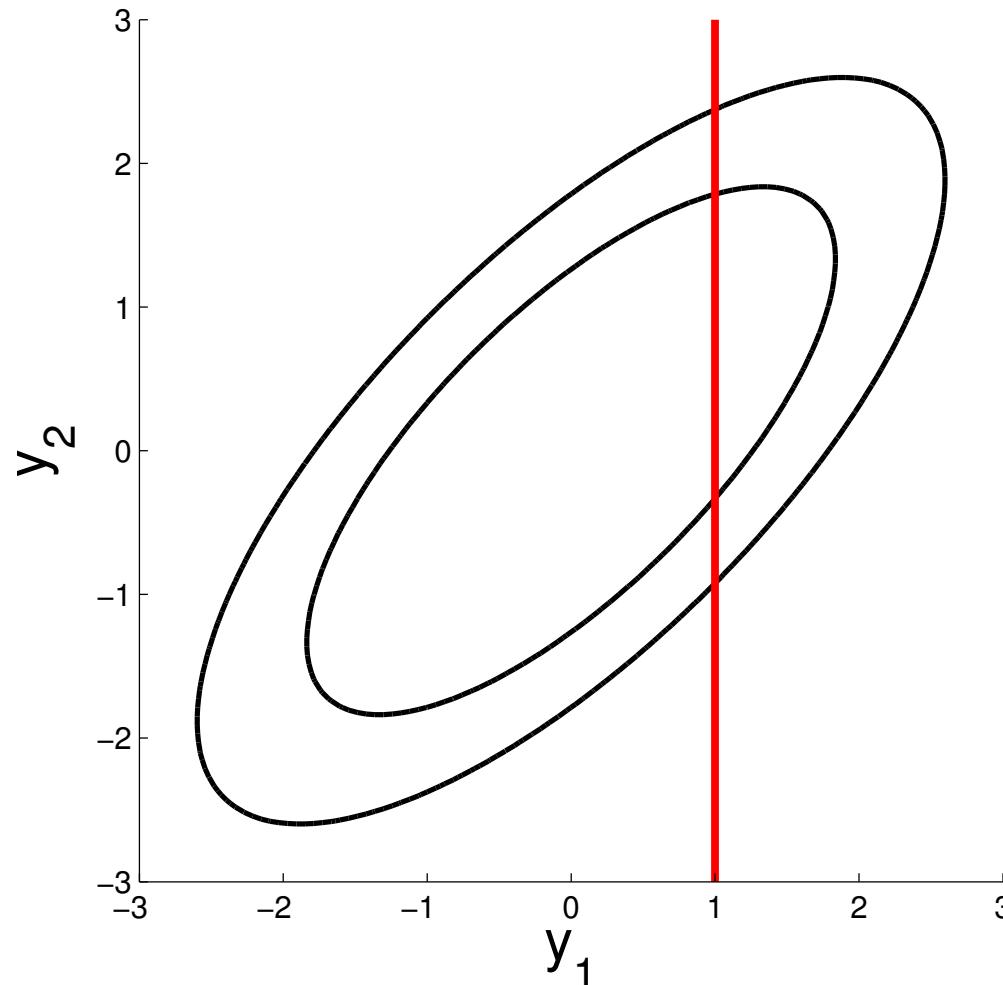


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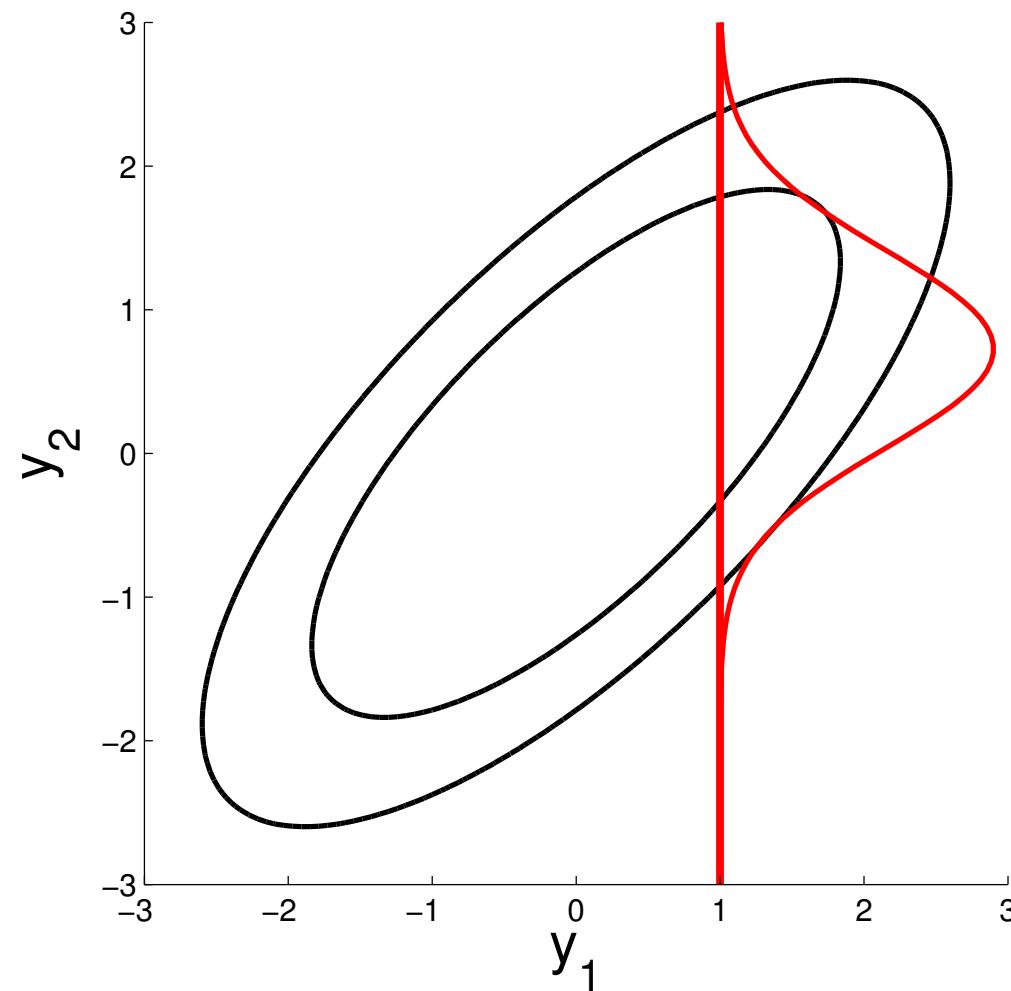
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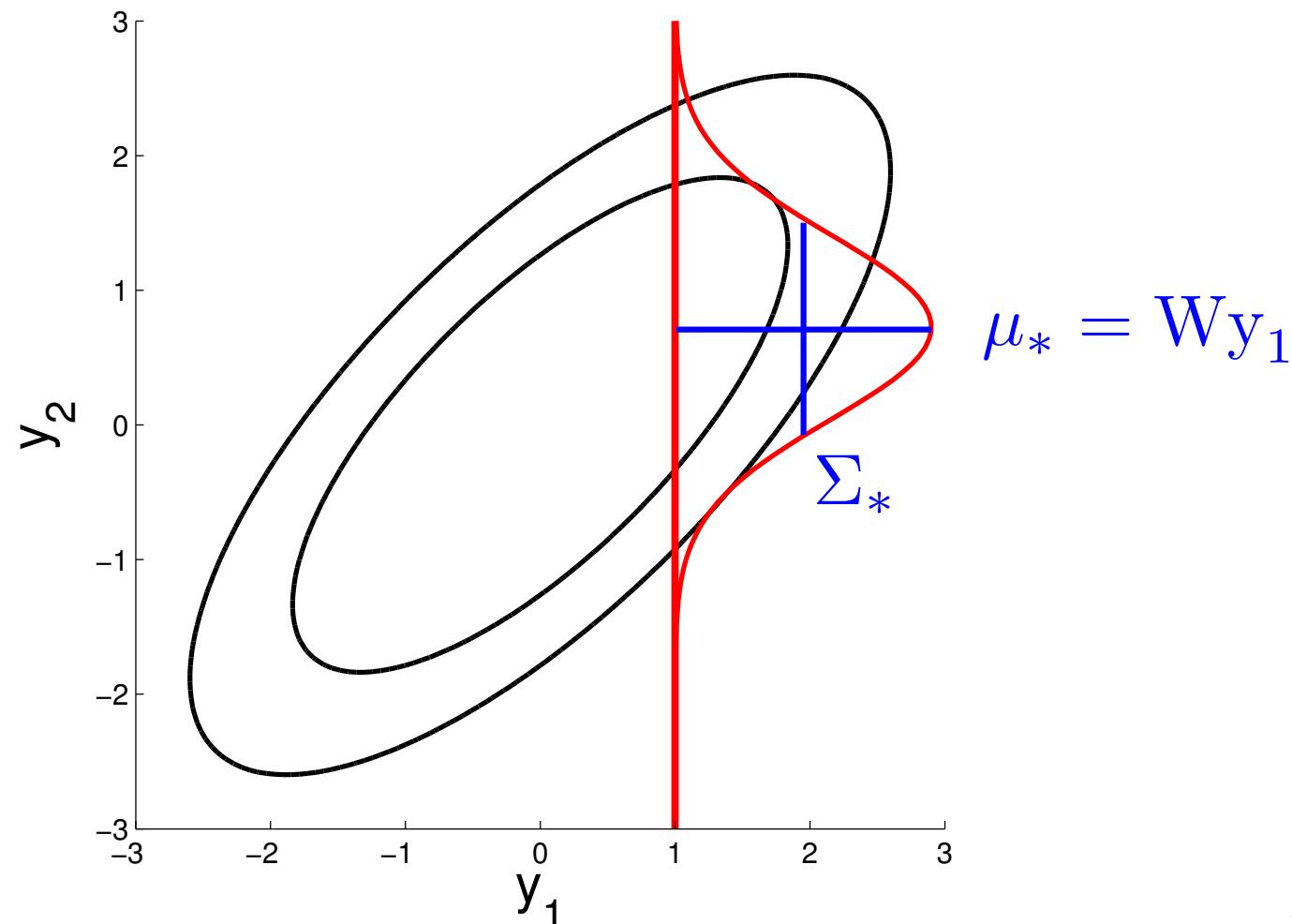
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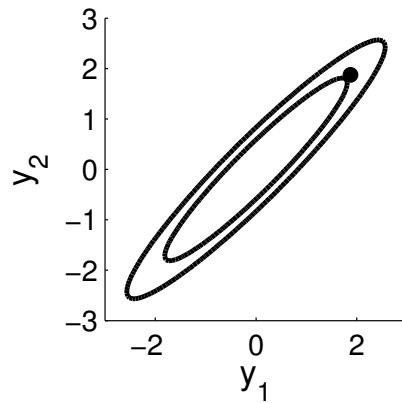
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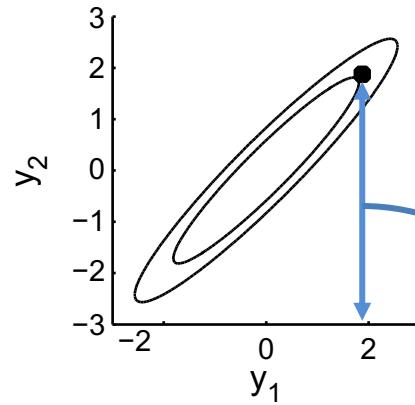


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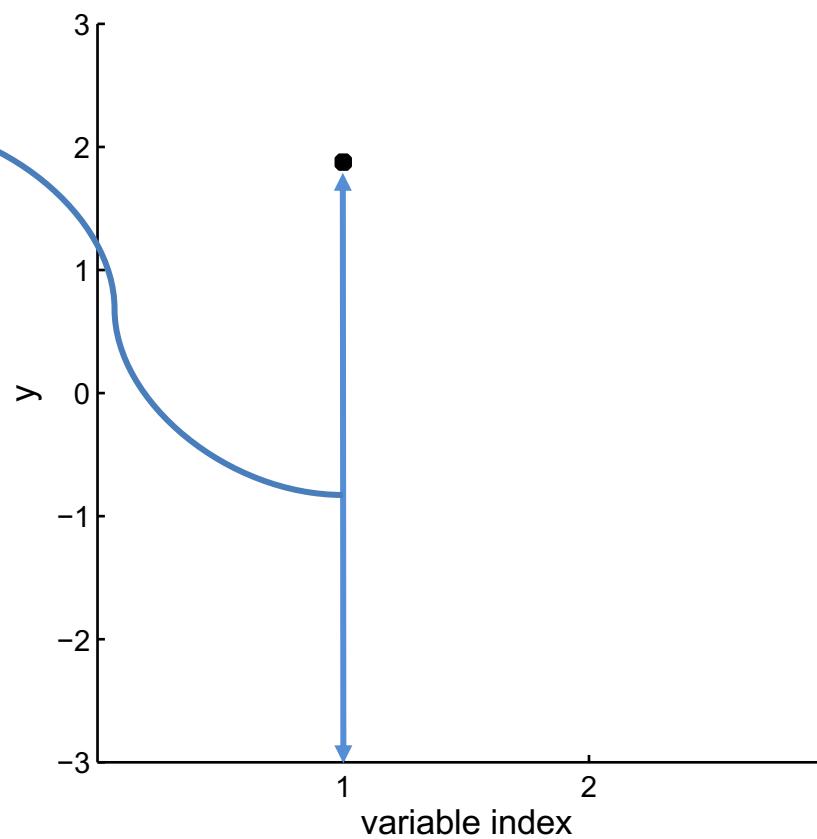


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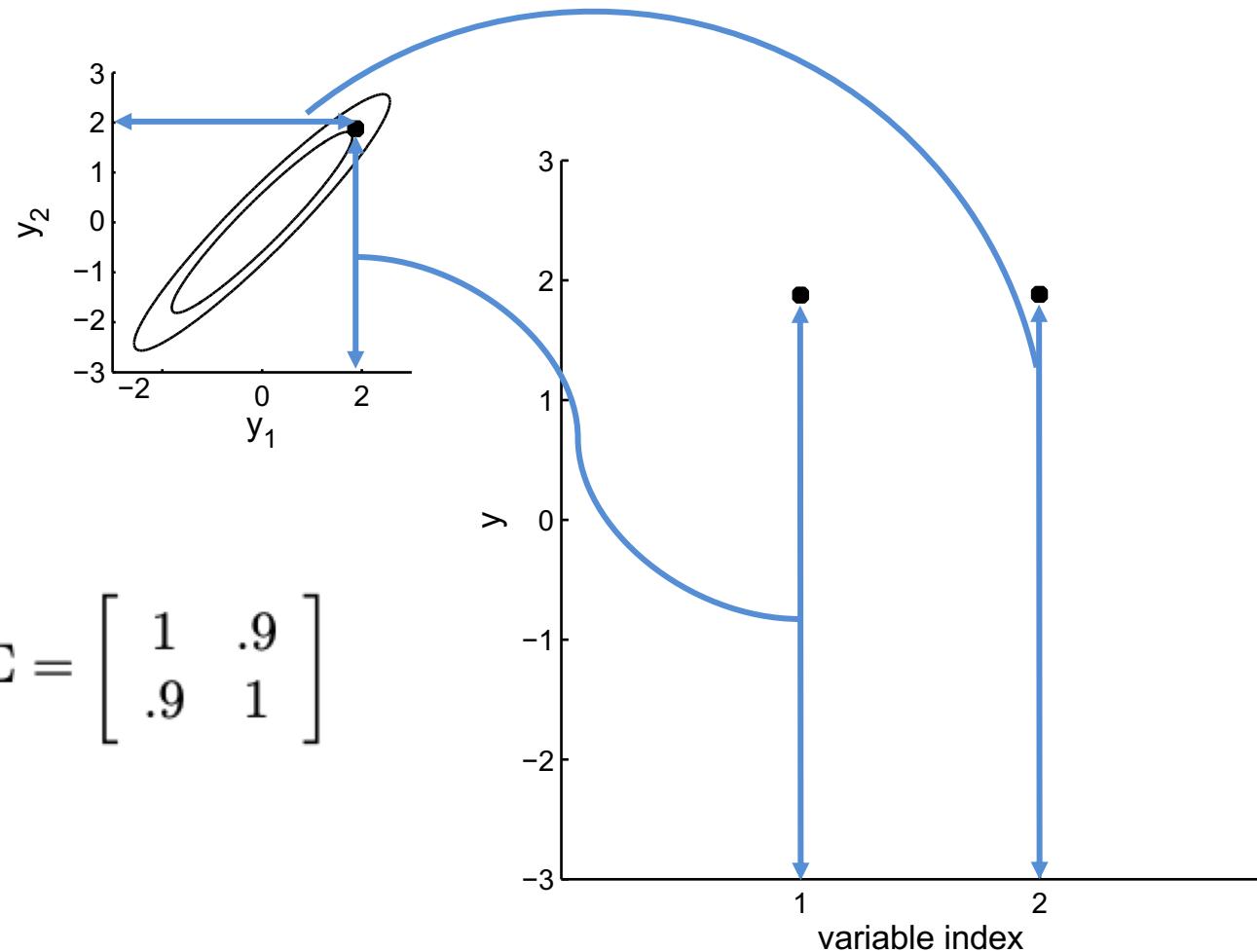


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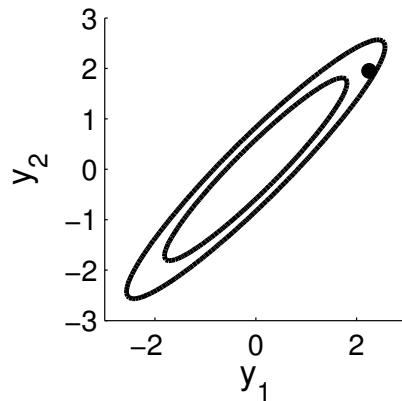
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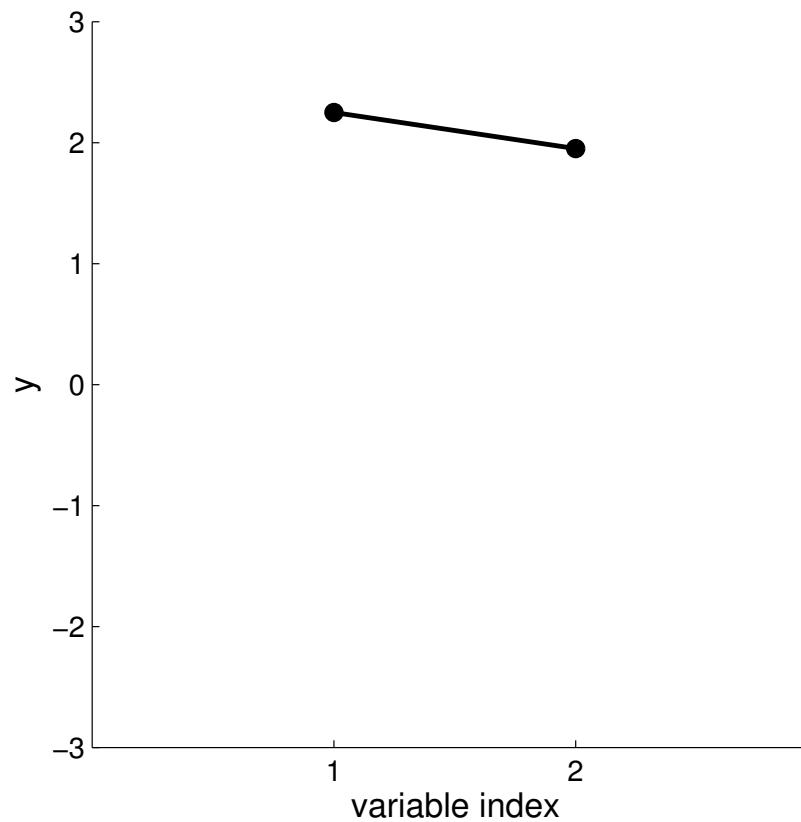


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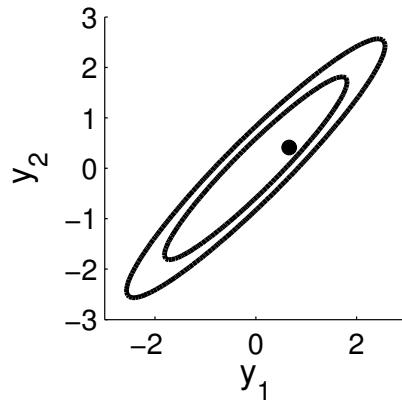


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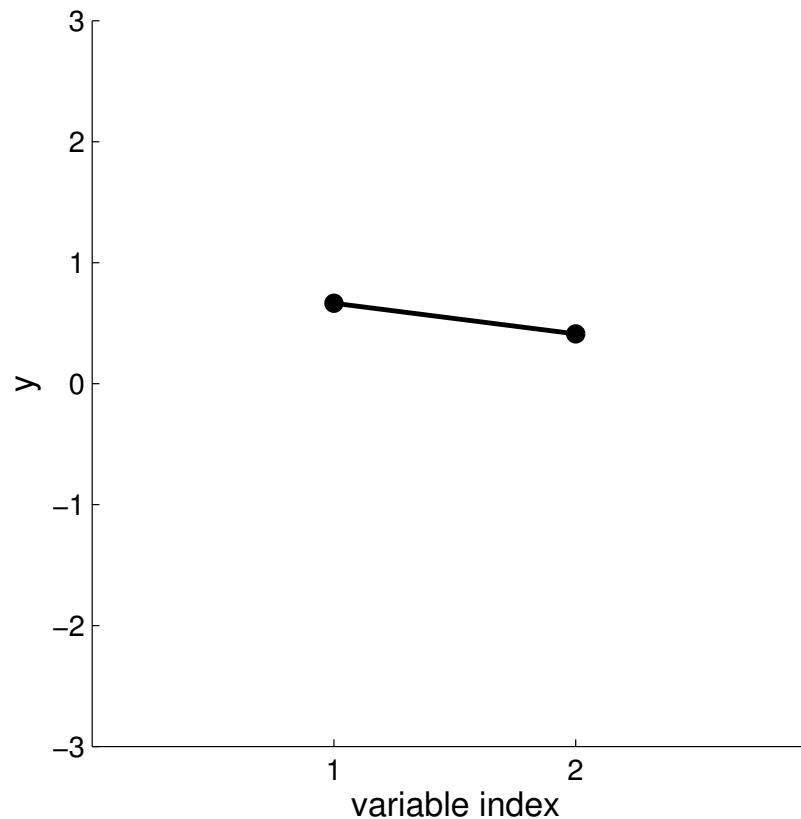


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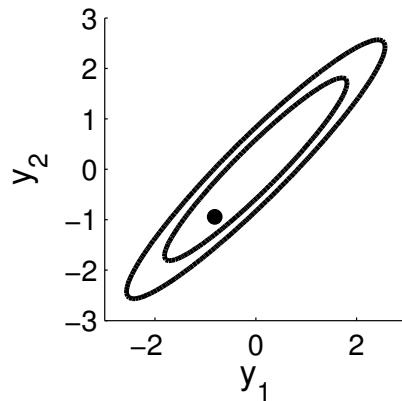


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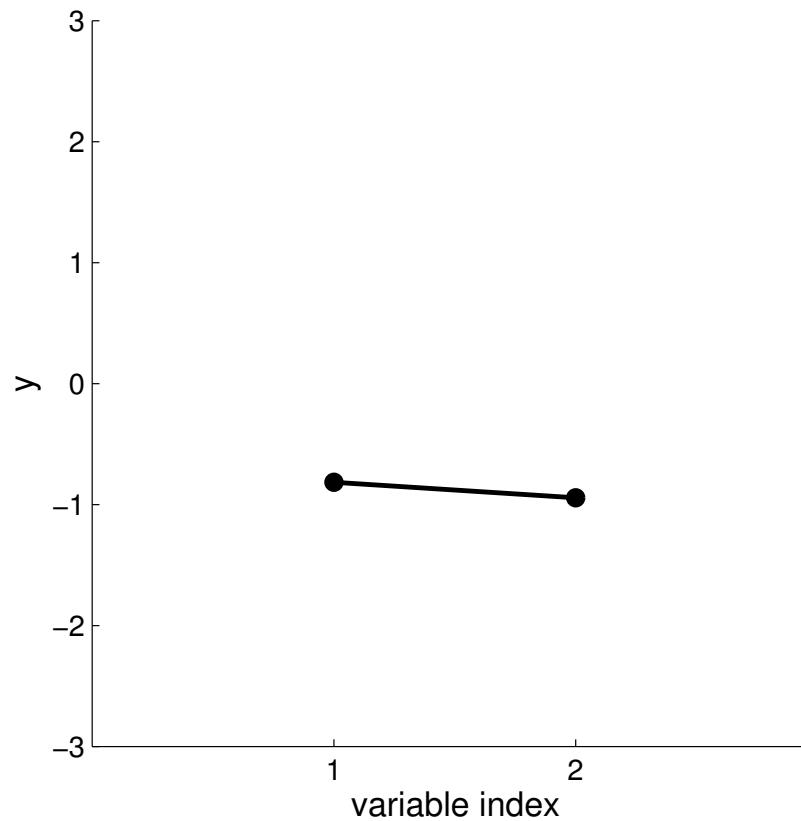


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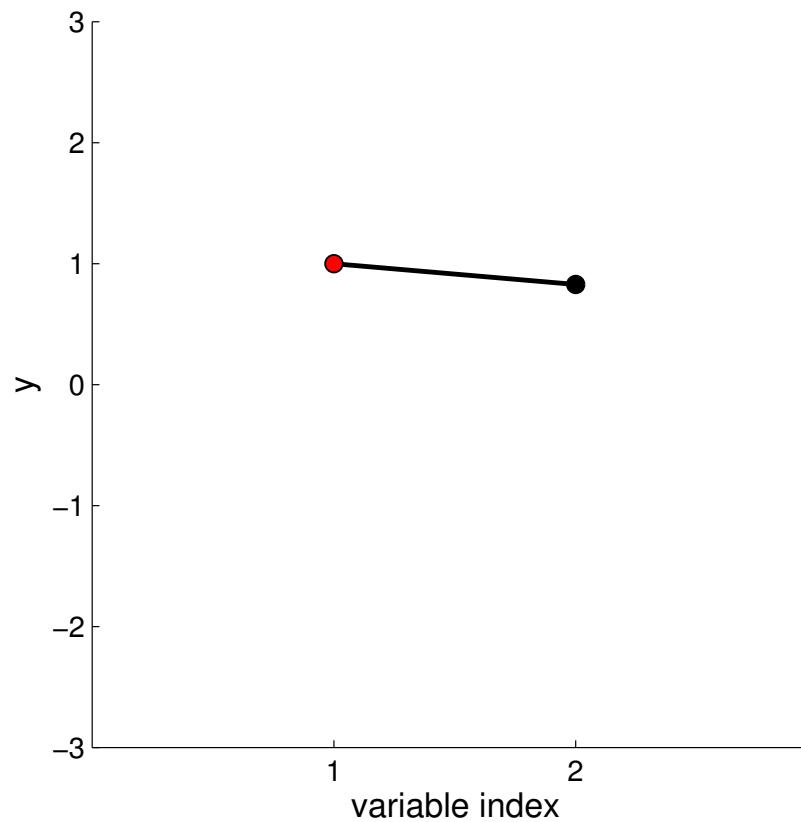
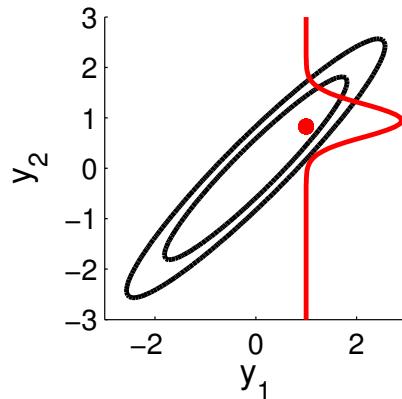


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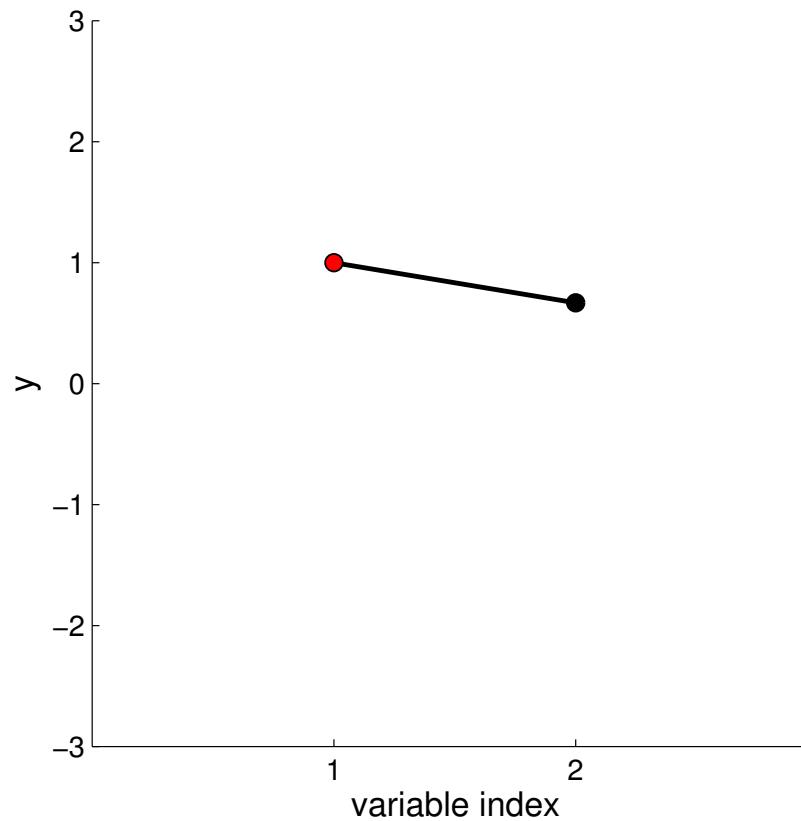
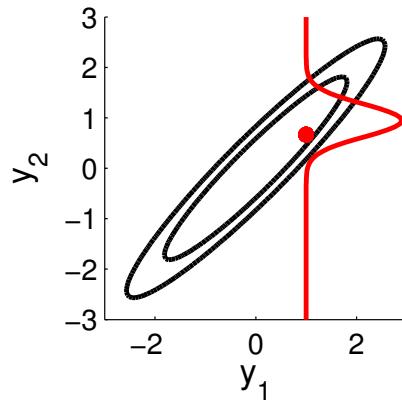


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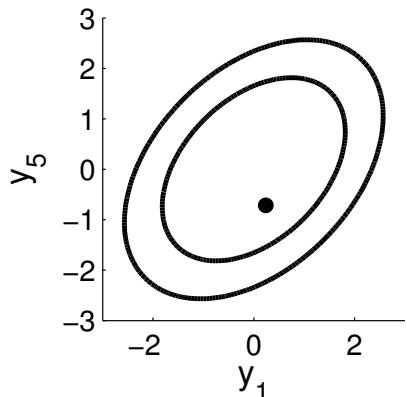


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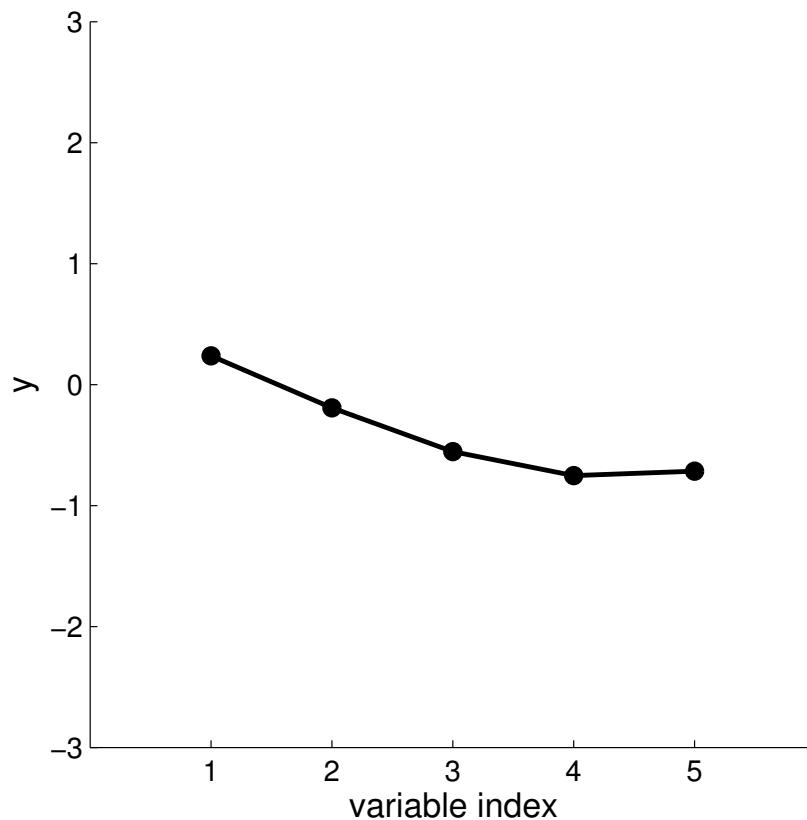


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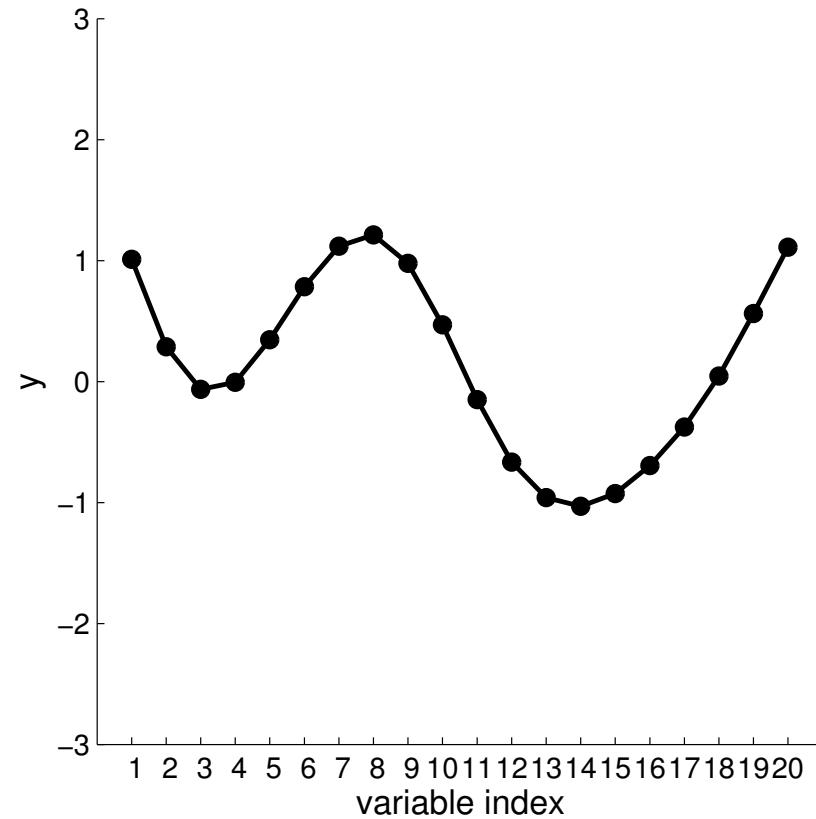
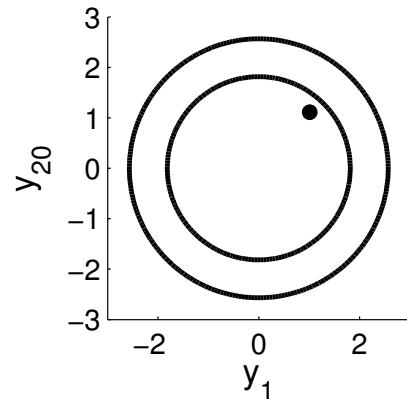
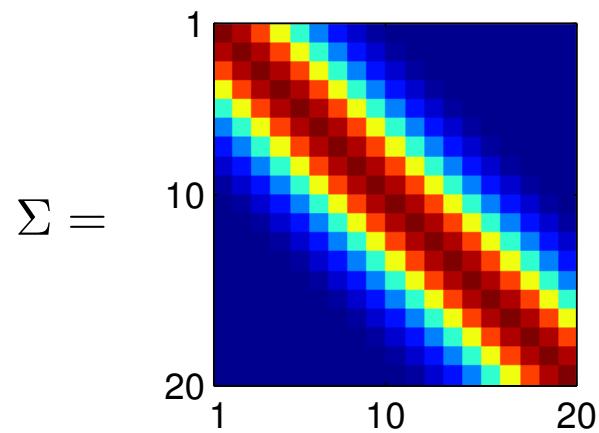


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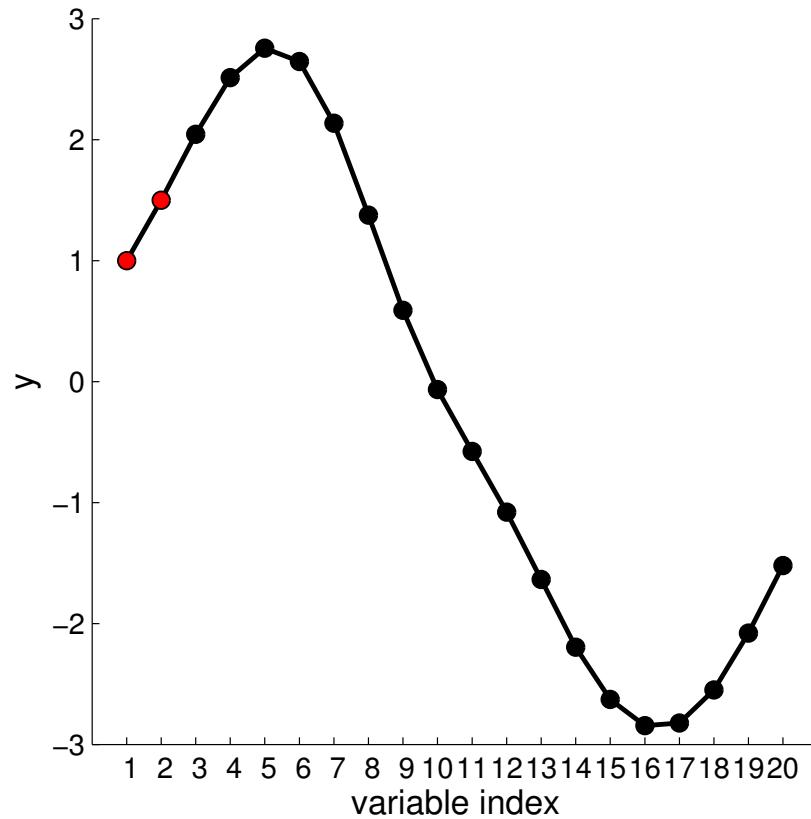
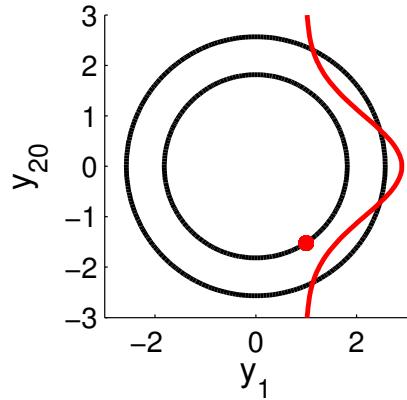
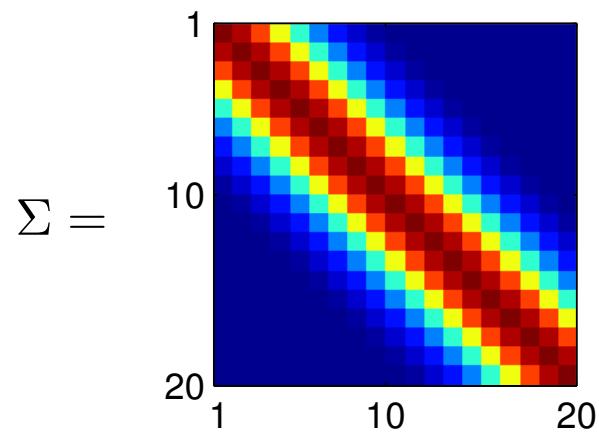
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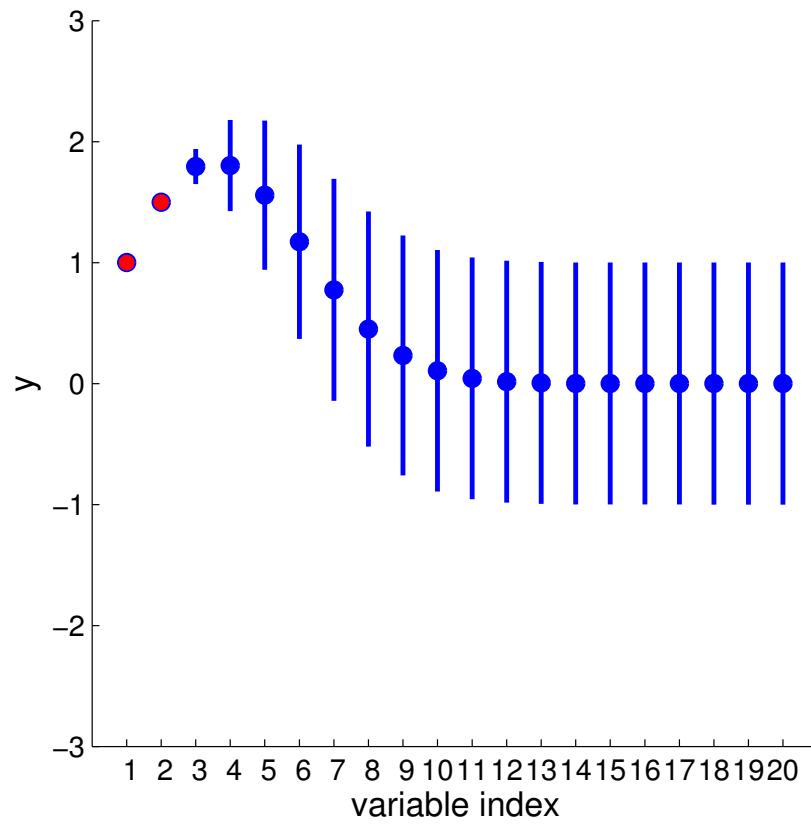
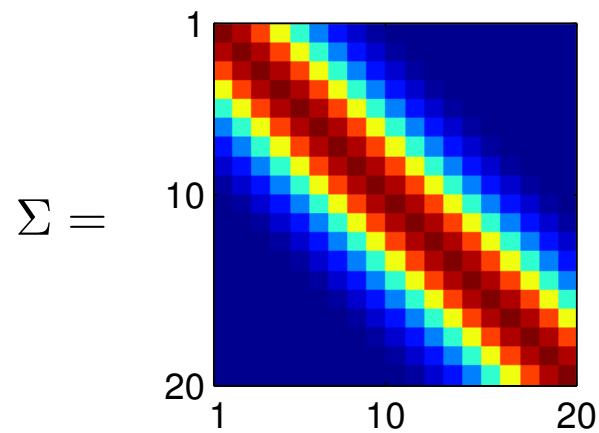
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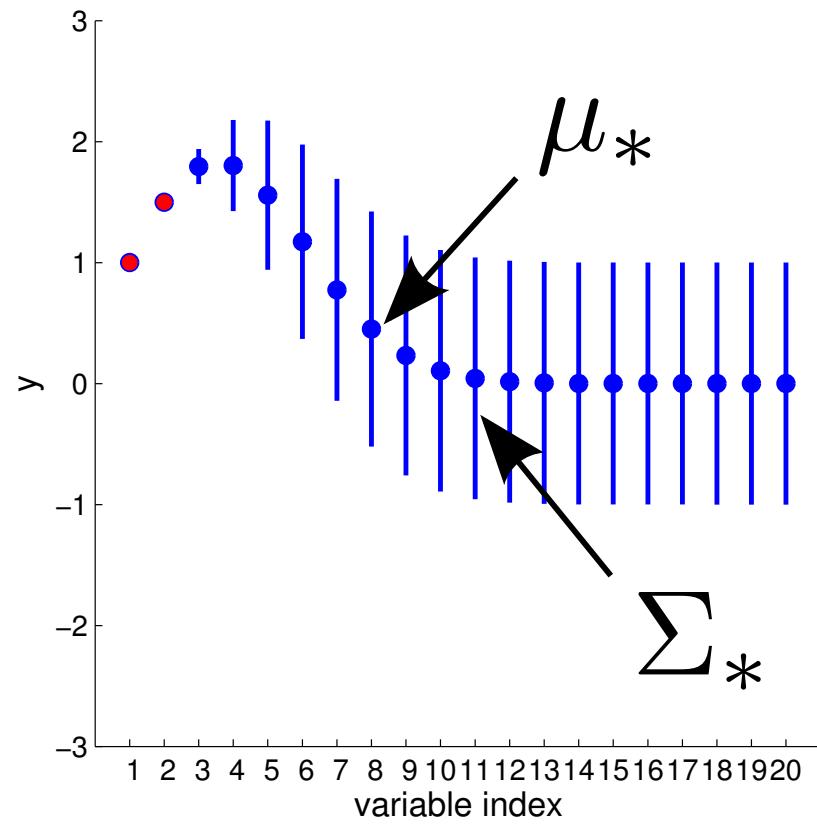
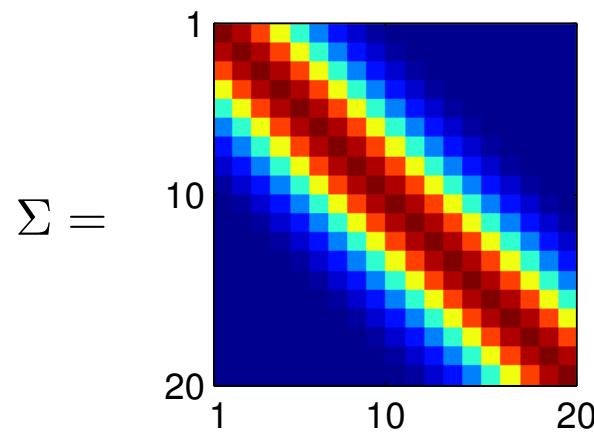
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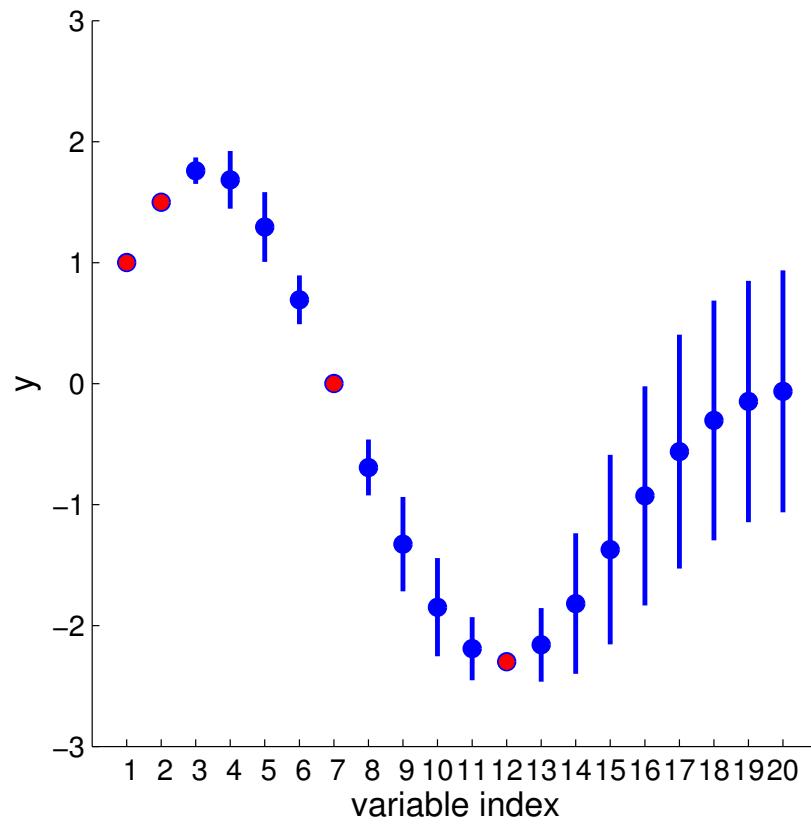
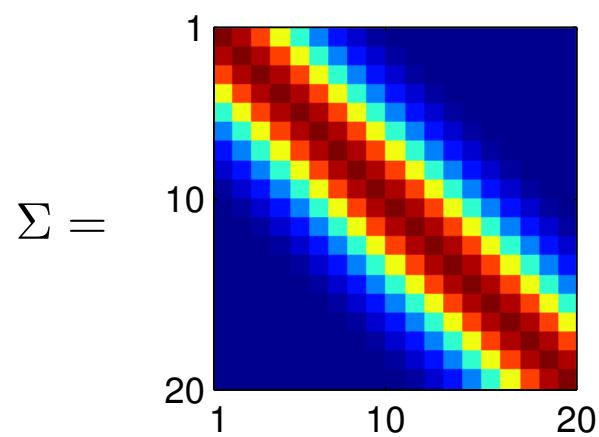
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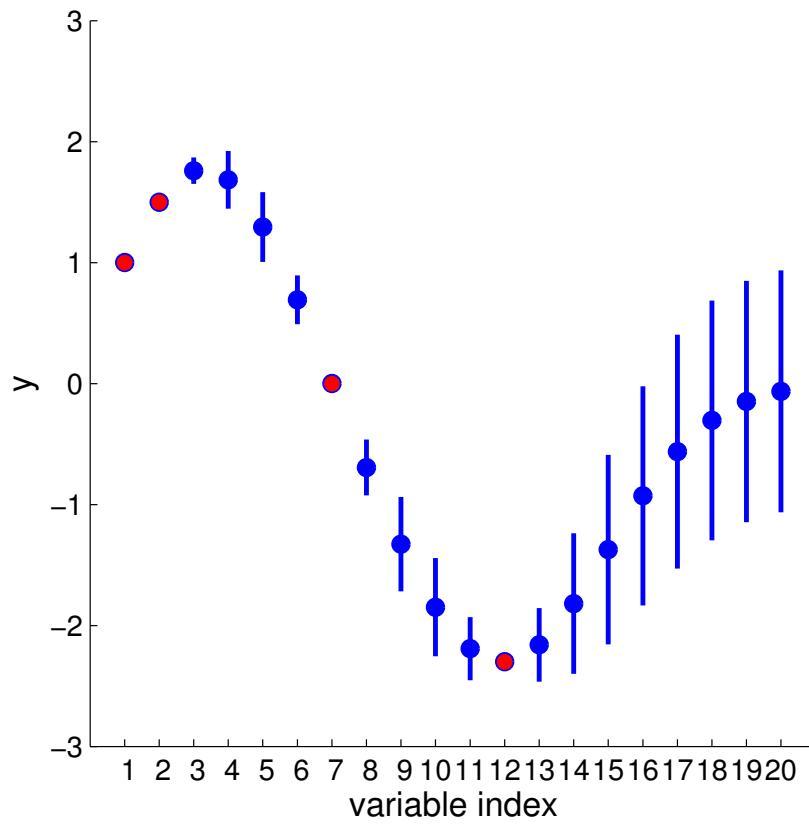
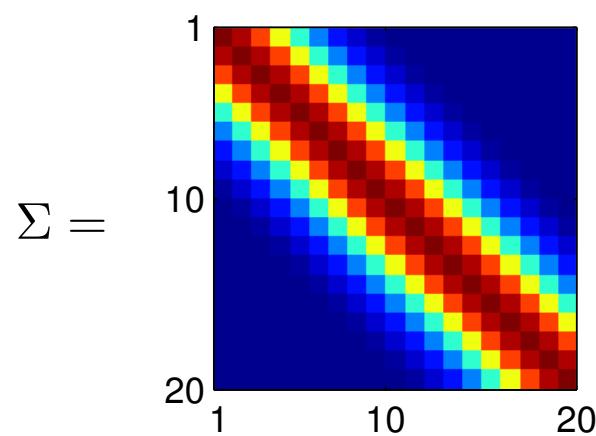


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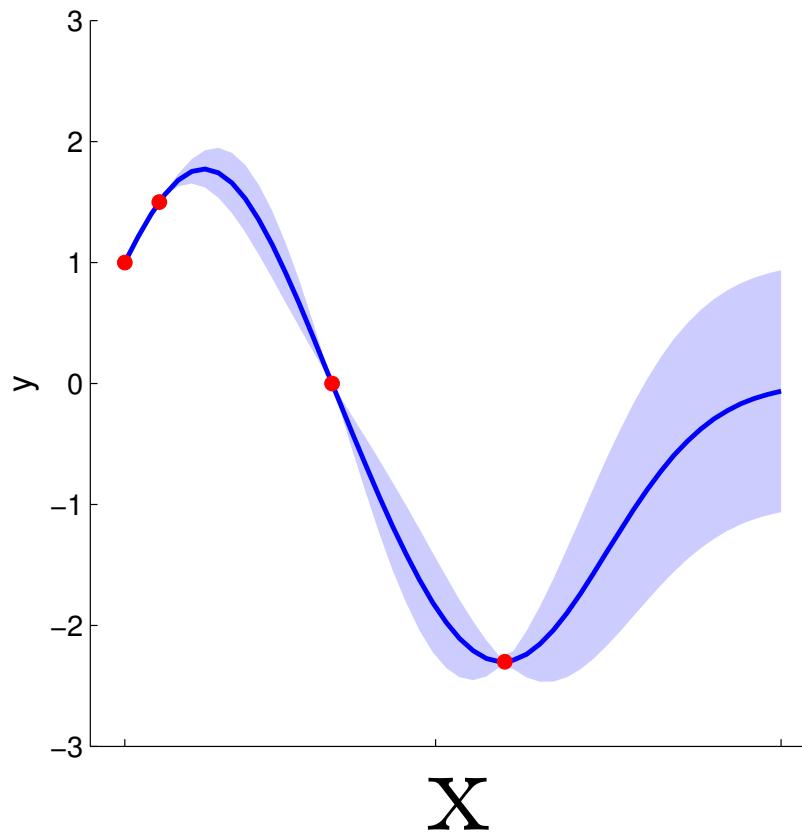
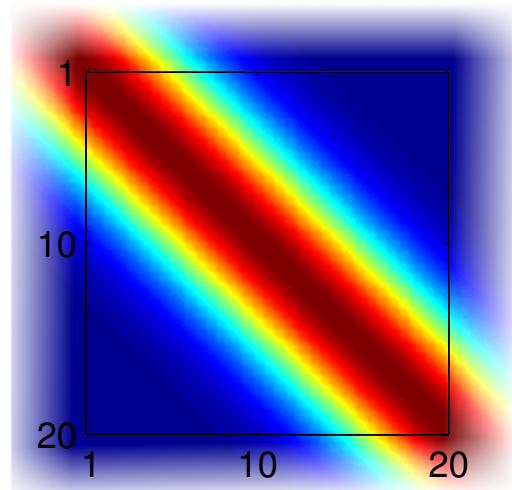
## Regression: probabilistic inference in function space

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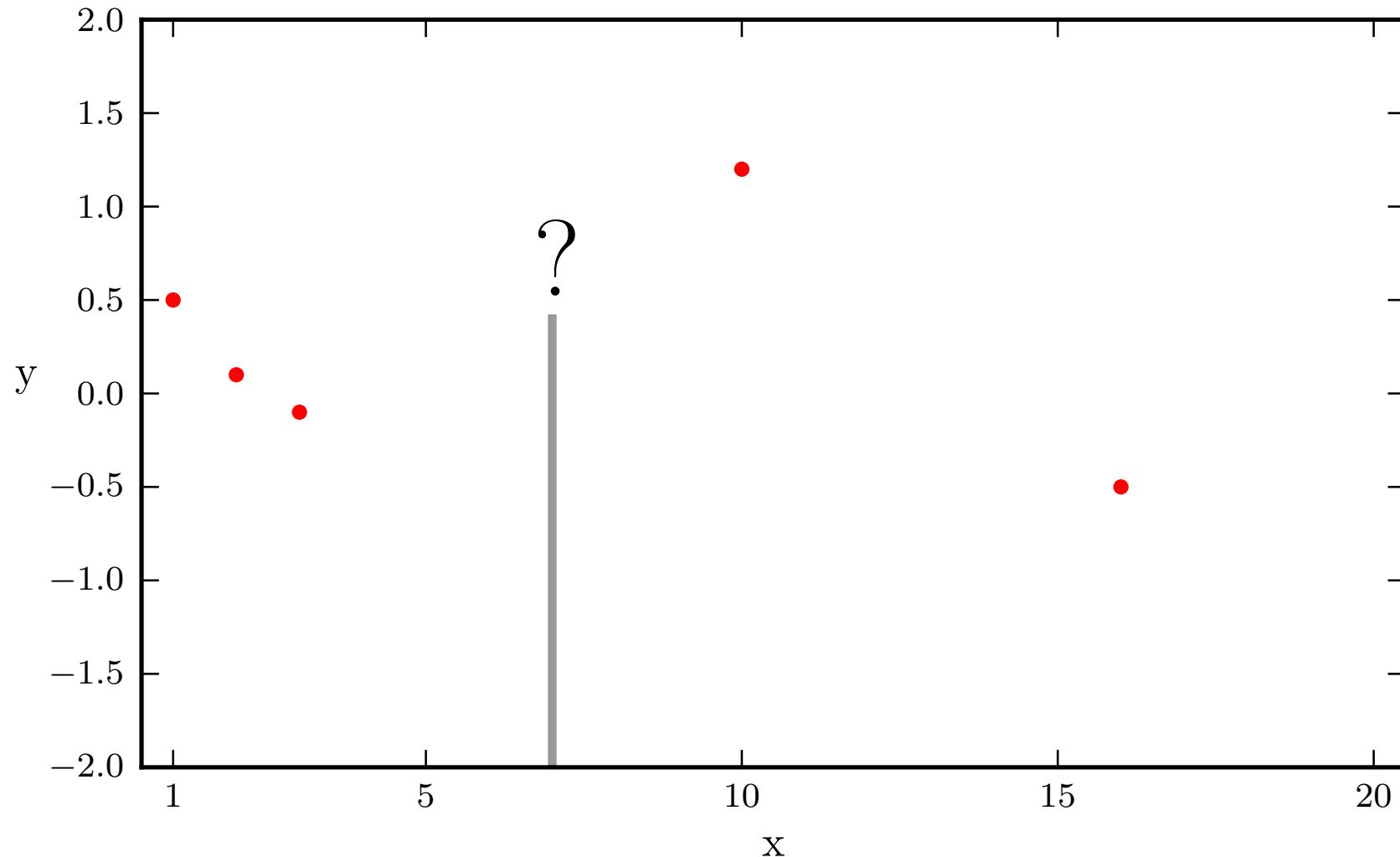
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Choose an error measure  $E(\mathbf{w})$ , minimize with respect to  $\mathbf{w}$

- ▶  $E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^N [f(x_i, \mathbf{w}) - y(x_i)]^2$





# A Probabilistic Approach

We could explicitly account for noise in our model.

- ▶  $y(x) = f(x, \mathbf{w}) + \epsilon(x)$ , where  $\epsilon(x)$  is a noise function.

One commonly takes  $\epsilon(x) = \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$  for i.i.d. additive Gaussian noise, in which case

$$p(y(x)|x, \mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) = \mathcal{N}(y(x); f(x, \mathbf{w}), \sigma^2) \quad \text{Observation Model}$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}|x, \mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{N}(y(x_i); f(x_i, \mathbf{w}), \sigma^2) \quad \text{Likelihood}$$

- ▶ Maximize the likelihood of the data  $p(\mathbf{y}|x, \mathbf{w}, \sigma^2)$  with respect to  $\sigma^2, \mathbf{w}$ .





# A Probabilistic Approach

- ▶ The probabilistic approach helps us interpret the error measure in a deterministic approach, and gives us a sense of the noise level  $\sigma^2$ .
- ▶ Probabilistic methods thus provide an intuitive framework for representing uncertainty, and model development.





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- ▶ Average of infinitely many models weighted by their posterior probabilities.
- ▶ No over-fitting, automatically calibrated complexity.
- ▶ Typically more interested in distribution over functions than in parameters  $\mathbf{w}$ .





# Parametric vs. Nonparameteric Modeling

- Parametric models:
  - Assume data can be represented using a fixed, finite number of parameters.
  - Mixture of K Gaussians, polynomial regression, neural nets, etc.
- Nonparameteric models:
  - Number of parameters can grow with sample size.
  - Kernel density estimation.
- Bayesian nonparametrics:
  - Allow for an infinite number of parameters a priori.
  - Models of finite datasets will have only finite number of parameters.
  - Other parameters are integrated out.

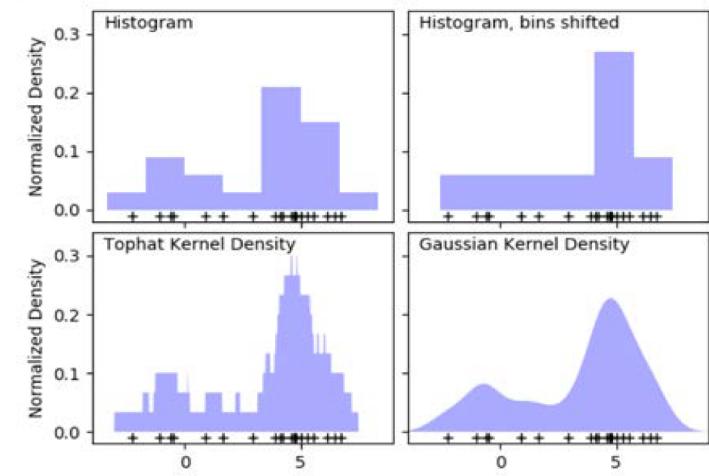


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# Parametric Bayesian Inference

- ◆ A **parametric** likelihood:  $\mathbf{x} \sim p(\cdot|\theta)$
- ◆ Prior on  $\theta$  :  $\pi(\theta)$
- ◆ Posterior distribution

$$p(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)\pi(\theta)}{\int p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)\pi(\theta)d\theta} \propto p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)\pi(\theta)$$

## Examples:

- Gaussian distribution prior + 2D Gaussian likelihood  $\rightarrow$  Gaussian posterior distribution
- Dirichlet distribution prior + 2D Multinomial likelihood  $\rightarrow$  Dirichlet posterior distribution





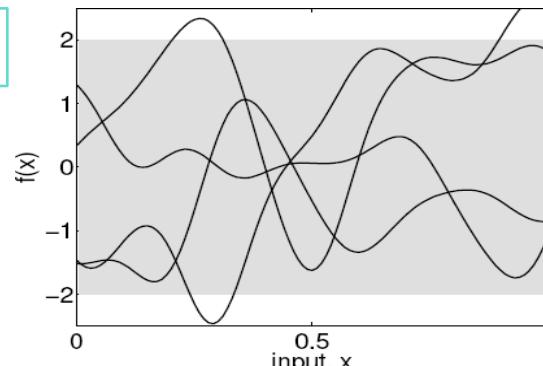
# Nonparametric Bayesian Inference

$\mathcal{M}$  is a richer model, e.g., with an infinite set of parameters

- ◆ A nonparametric likelihood:  $\mathbf{x} \sim p(\cdot|\mathcal{M})$
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Examples: function



Gaussian Process Prior [Doob, 1944;  
Rasmussen & Williams, 2006]  
+ Gaussian/Sigmoid/Softmax likelihood

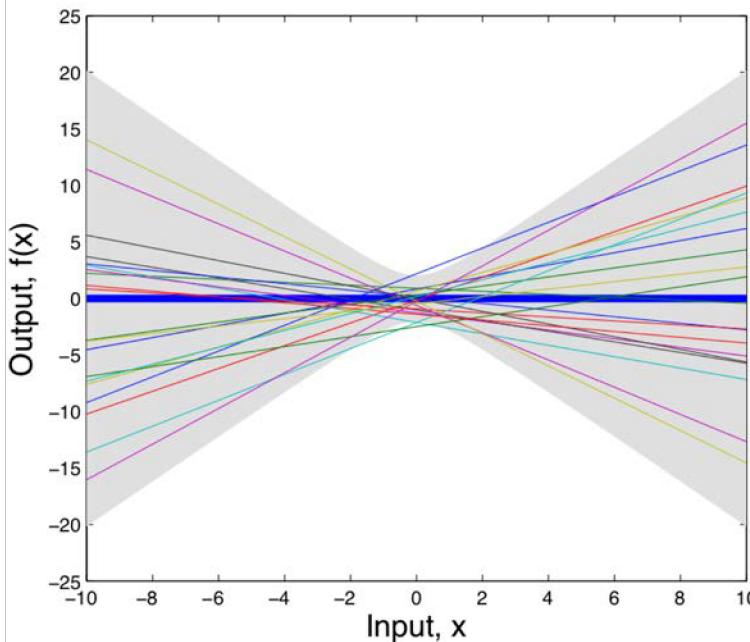




# Weight-space View

- | Consider a simple linear model that result in a family of functions

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x, \\ a_0, a_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$





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- | Definition: A Gaussian process (GP) is a collection of random variables, any finite number of which have a joint Gaussian distribution. We write  $f(x) \sim \mathcal{GP}(m, k)$  to mean

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$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_i = m(x_i)$$
$$K_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j),$$

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for any collection of input values  $x_1, \dots, x_N$ . In other words,  $f$  is a GP with mean function  $m(x)$  and covariance kernel  $k(x_i, x_j)$ .





# Another GP Example: Linear Basis Function Models

| Model specification:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x, \mathbf{w}) &= \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(x) \\ p(\mathbf{w}) &= \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma_w)\end{aligned}$$

| Moments of the induced distribution over functions:

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# Gaussian Processes

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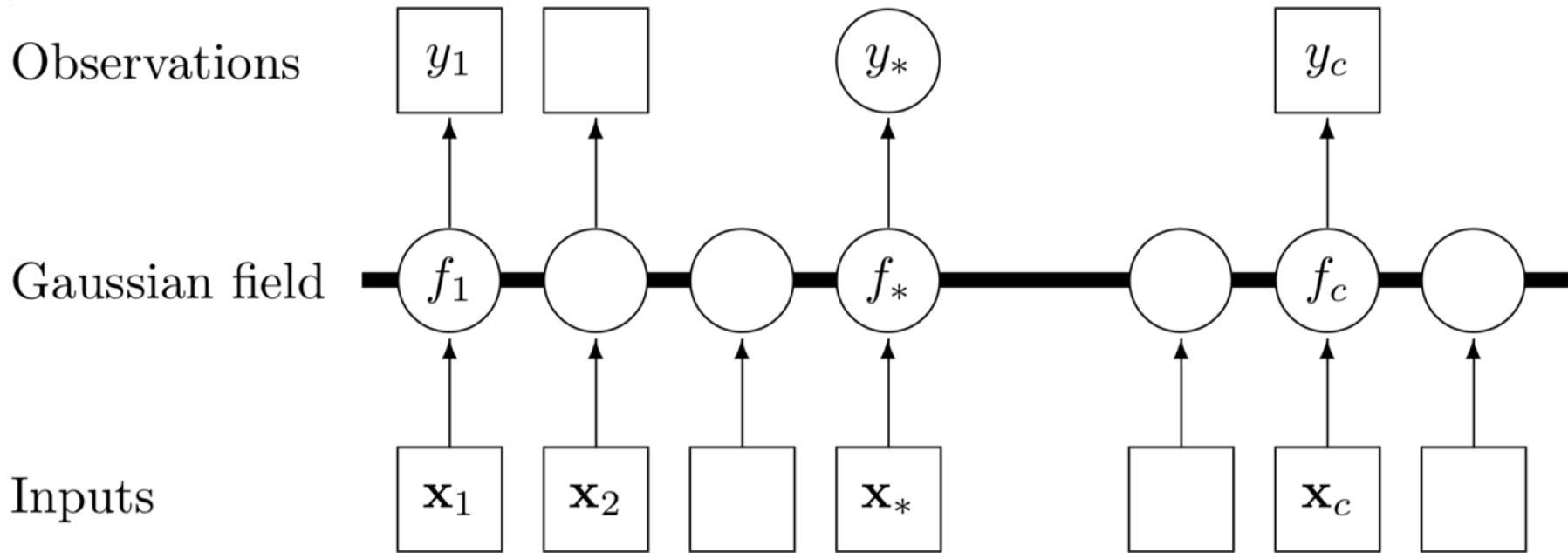
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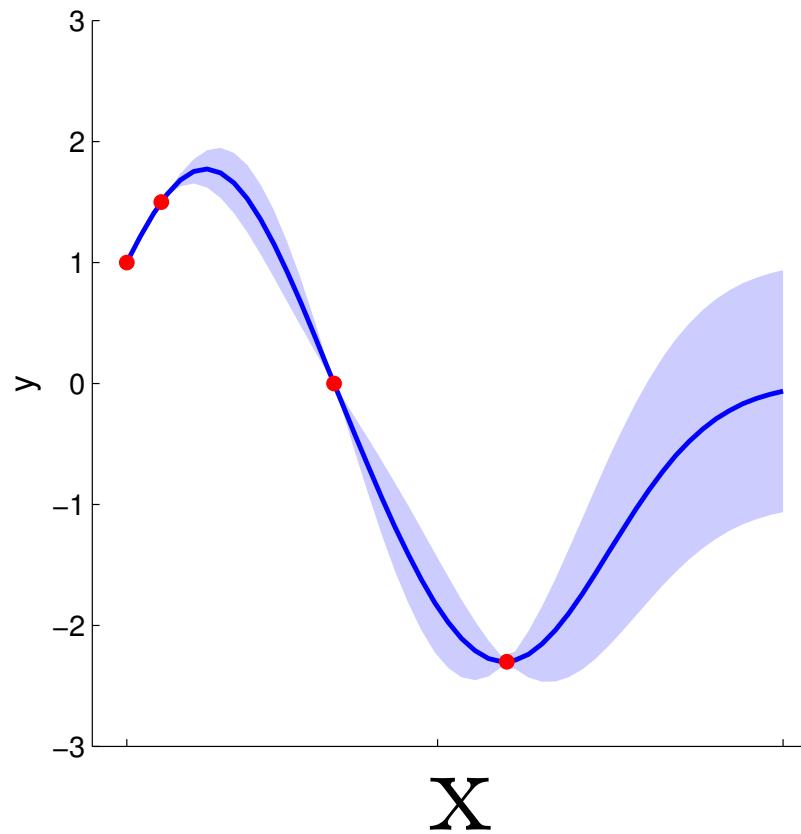
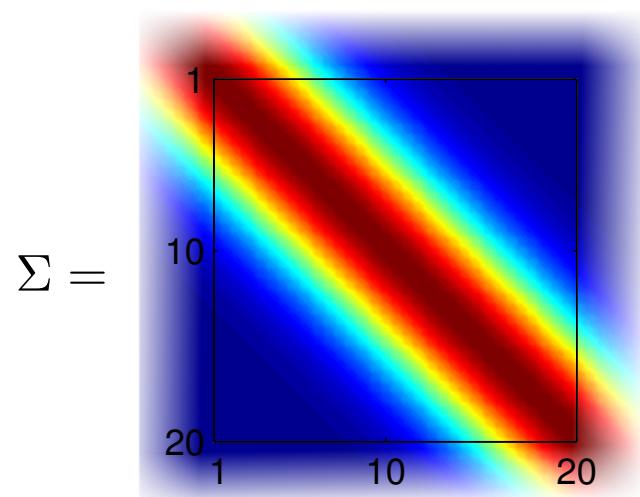


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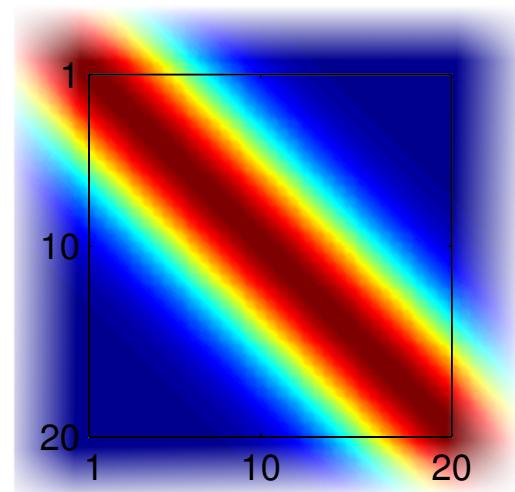
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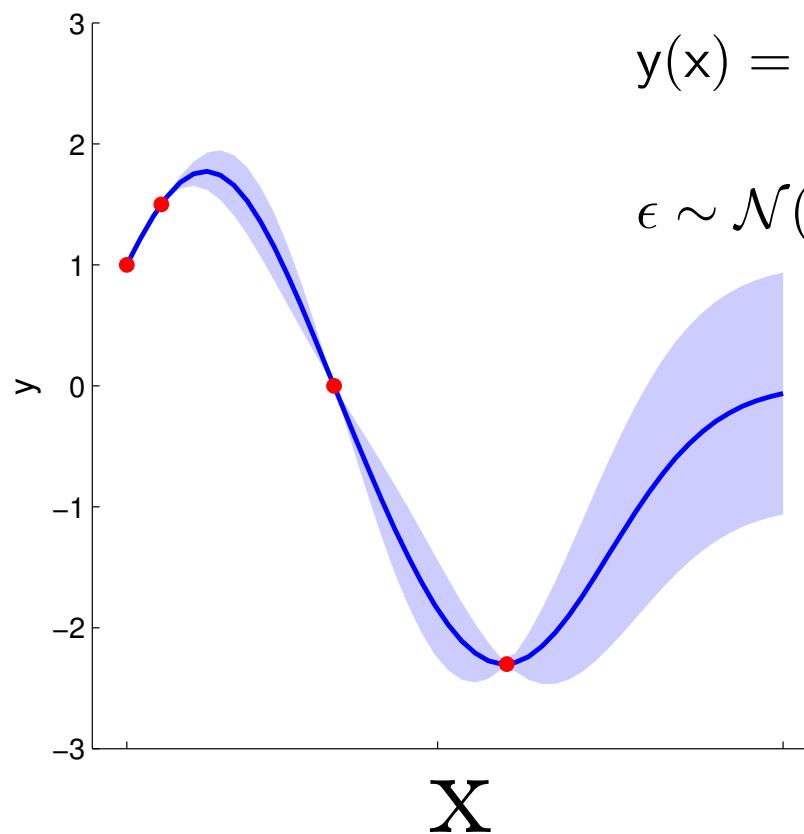
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Parametric model

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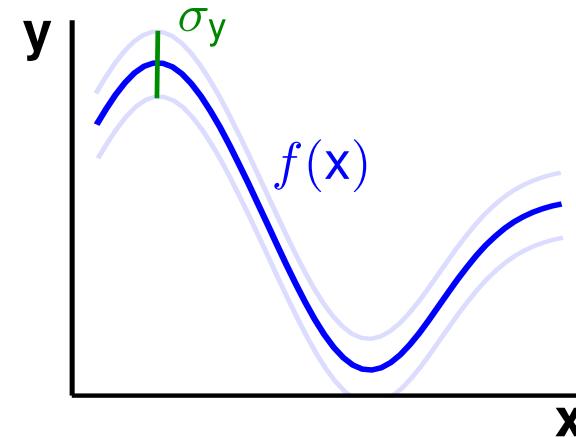
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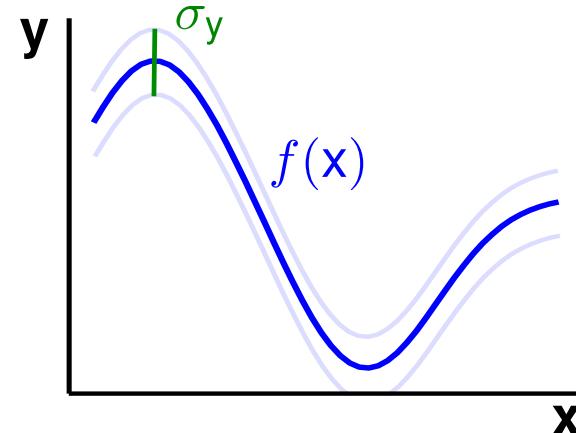
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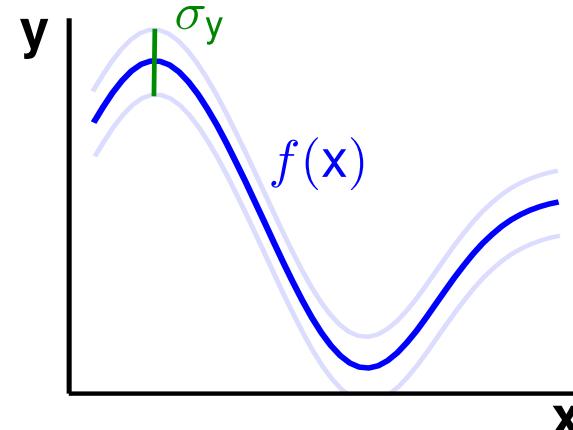
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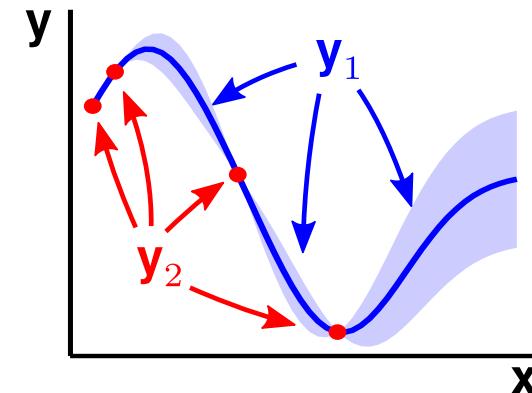
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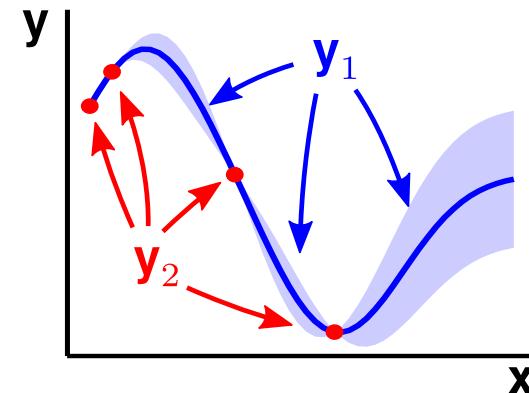
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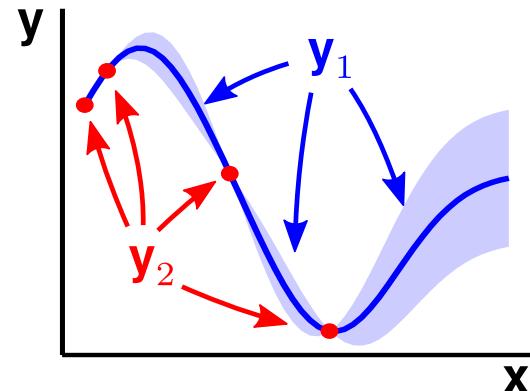
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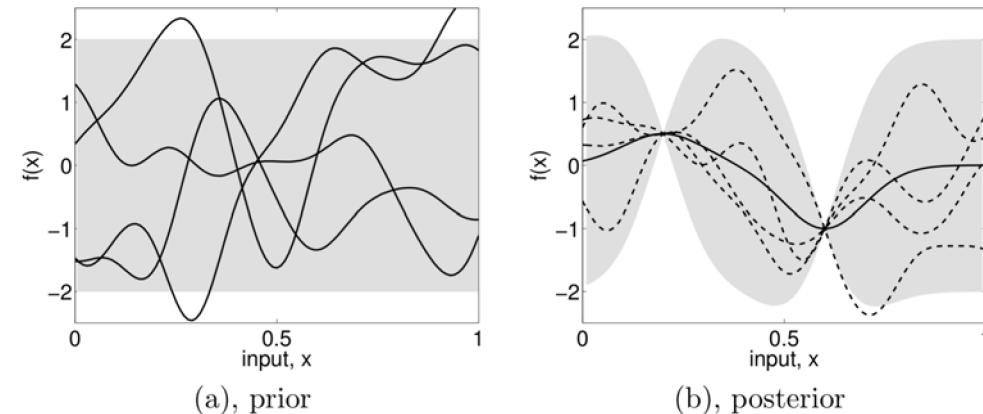
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[Walker, I., & Glocker, B. \(2019, May\). Graph convolutional Gaussian processes. In International Conference on Machine Learning \(pp. 6495-6504\). PMLR.](#)





# Review: Definition of Gaussian Process

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$$\begin{aligned}[f(x_1), \dots, f(x_N)] &\sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, K) \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_i &= m(x_i) \\ K_{ij} &= k(x_i, x_j),\end{aligned}$$

for any collection of input values  $x_1, \dots, x_N$ . In other words,  $f$  is a GP with mean function  $m(x)$  and *covariance kernel*  $k(x_i, x_j)$ .

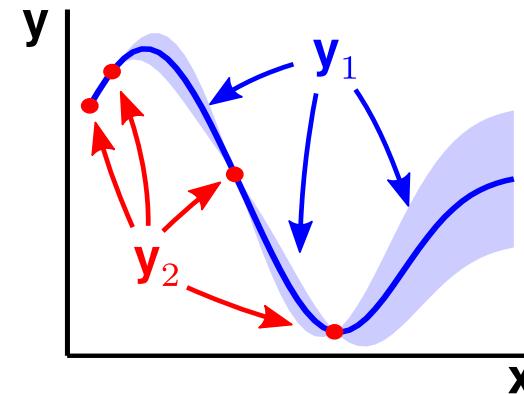
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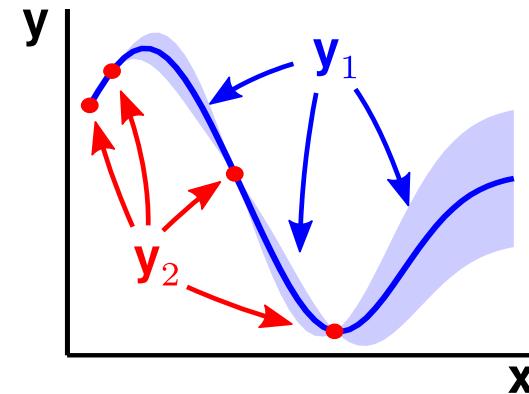
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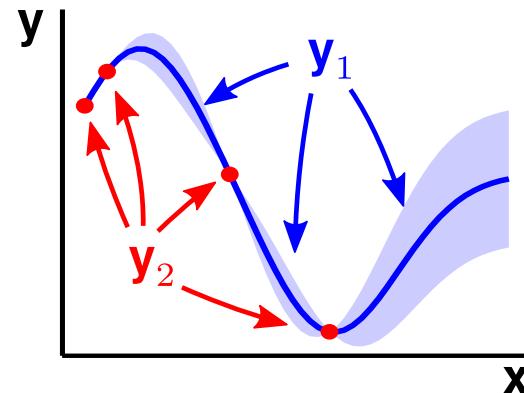
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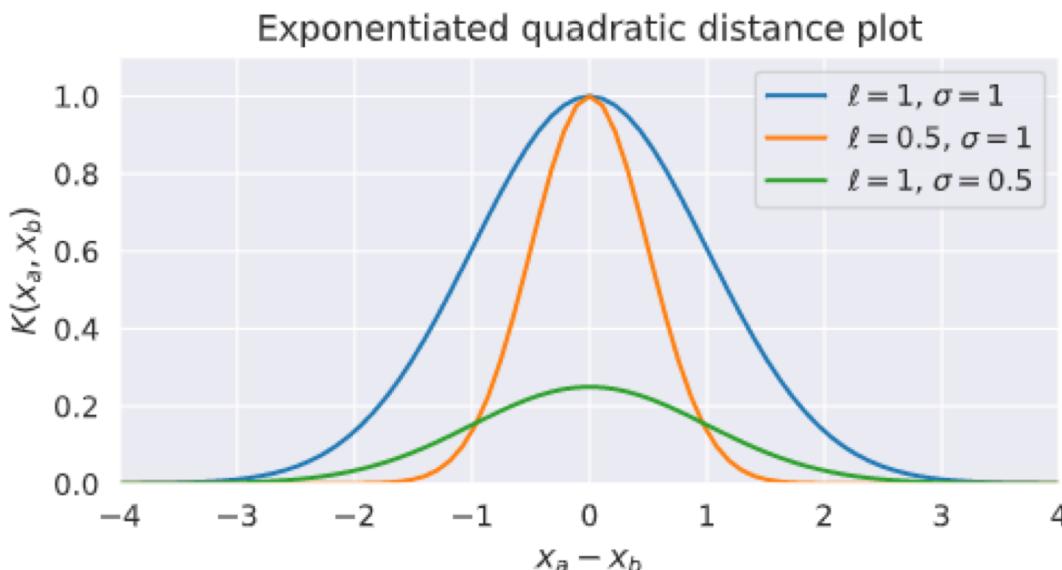
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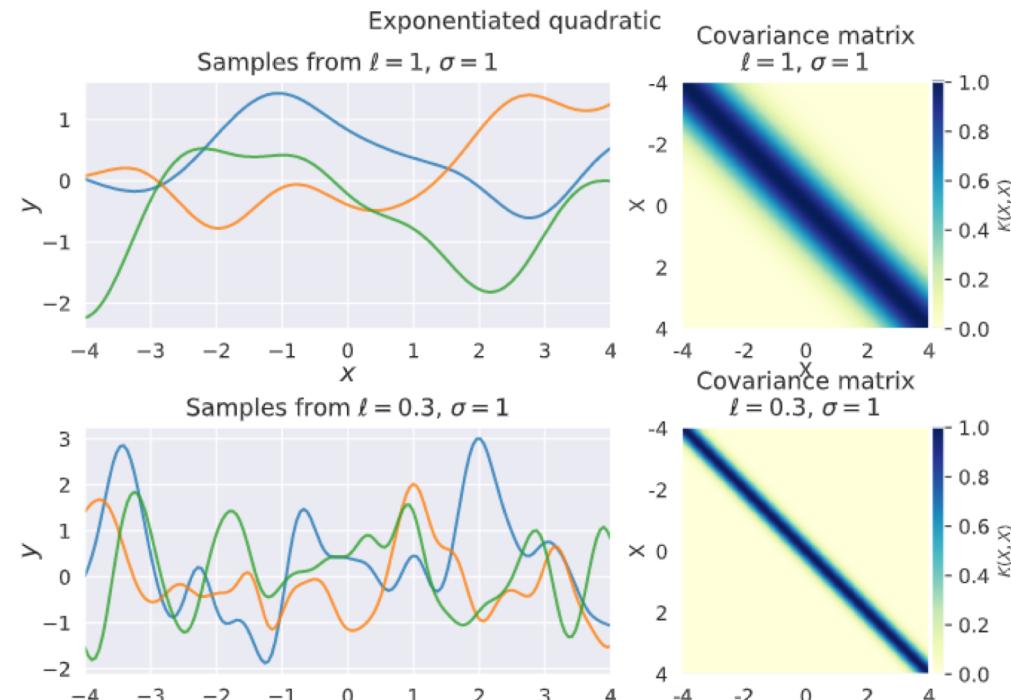
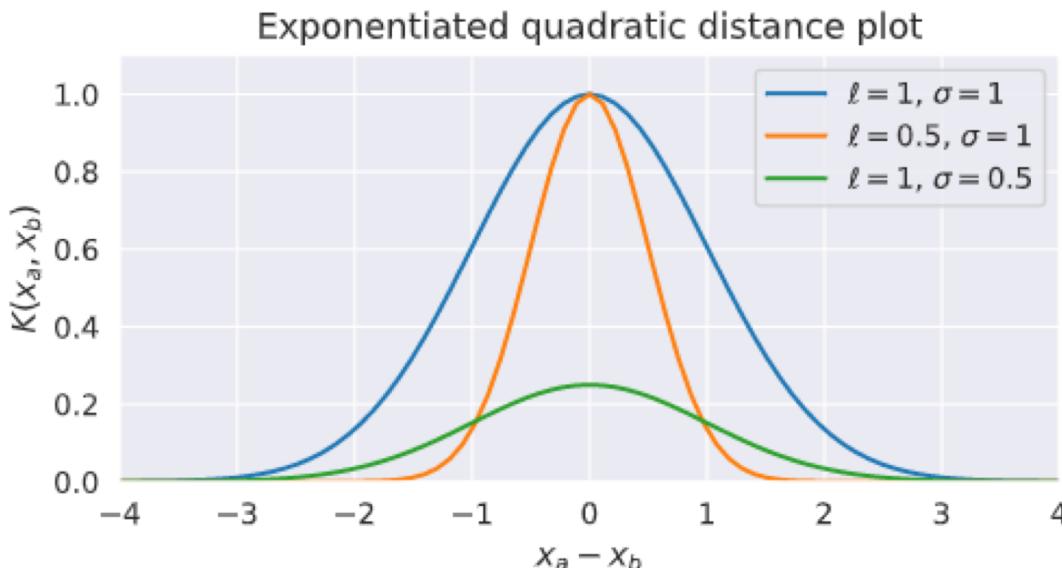
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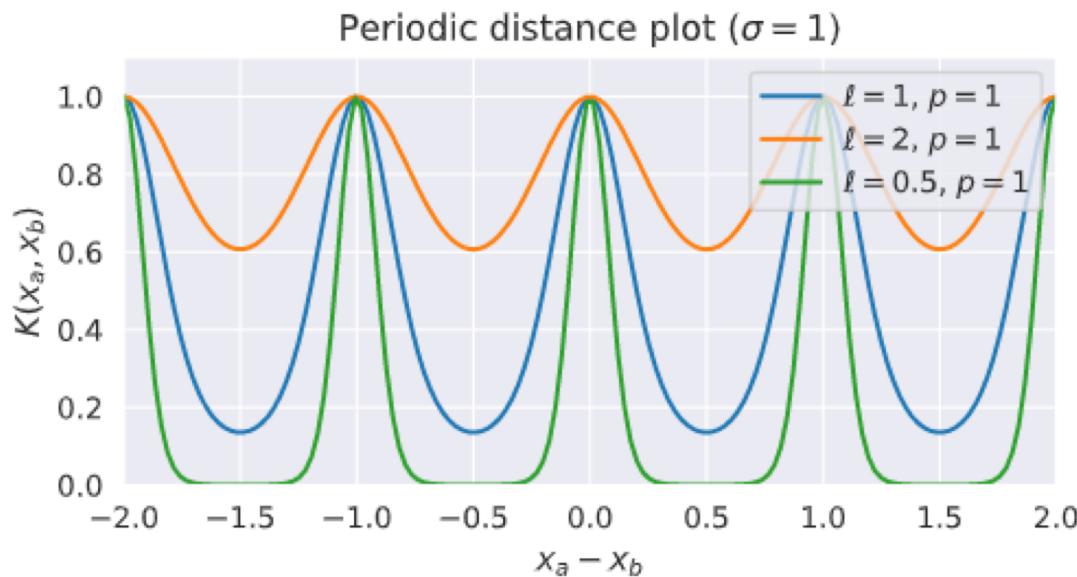


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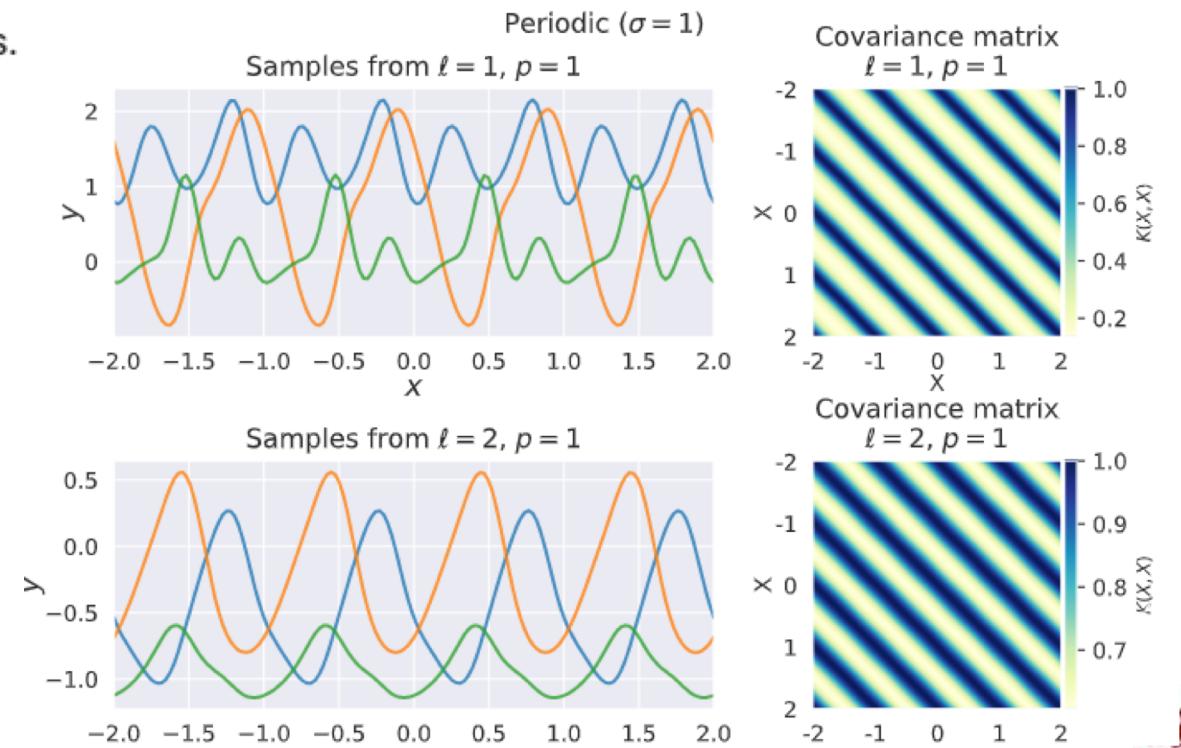
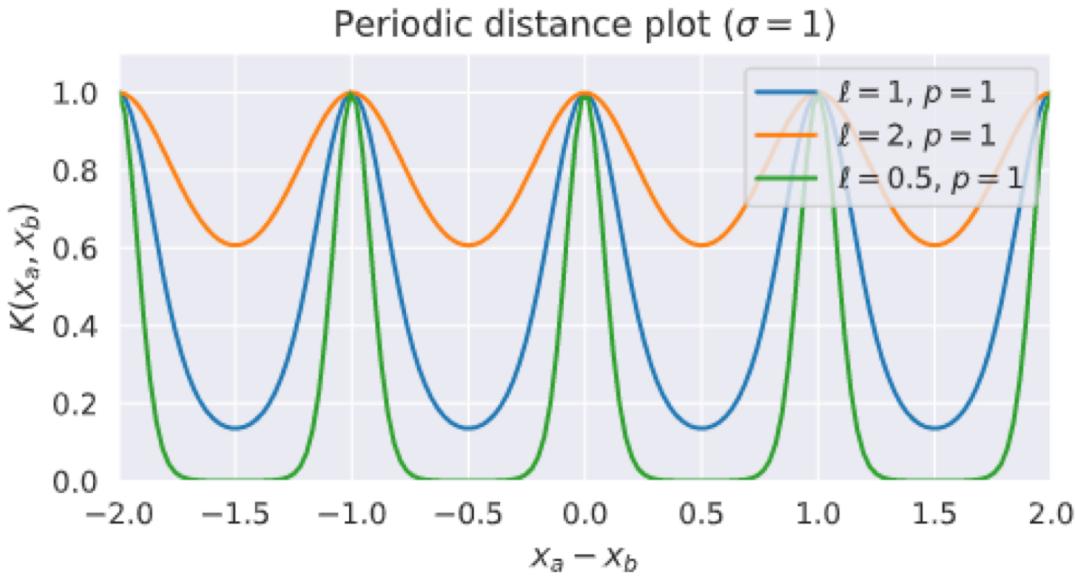


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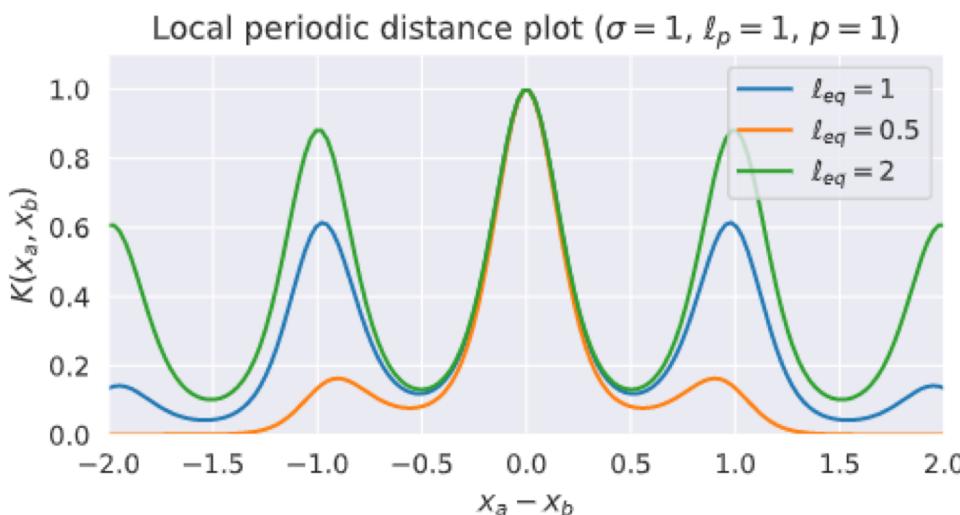
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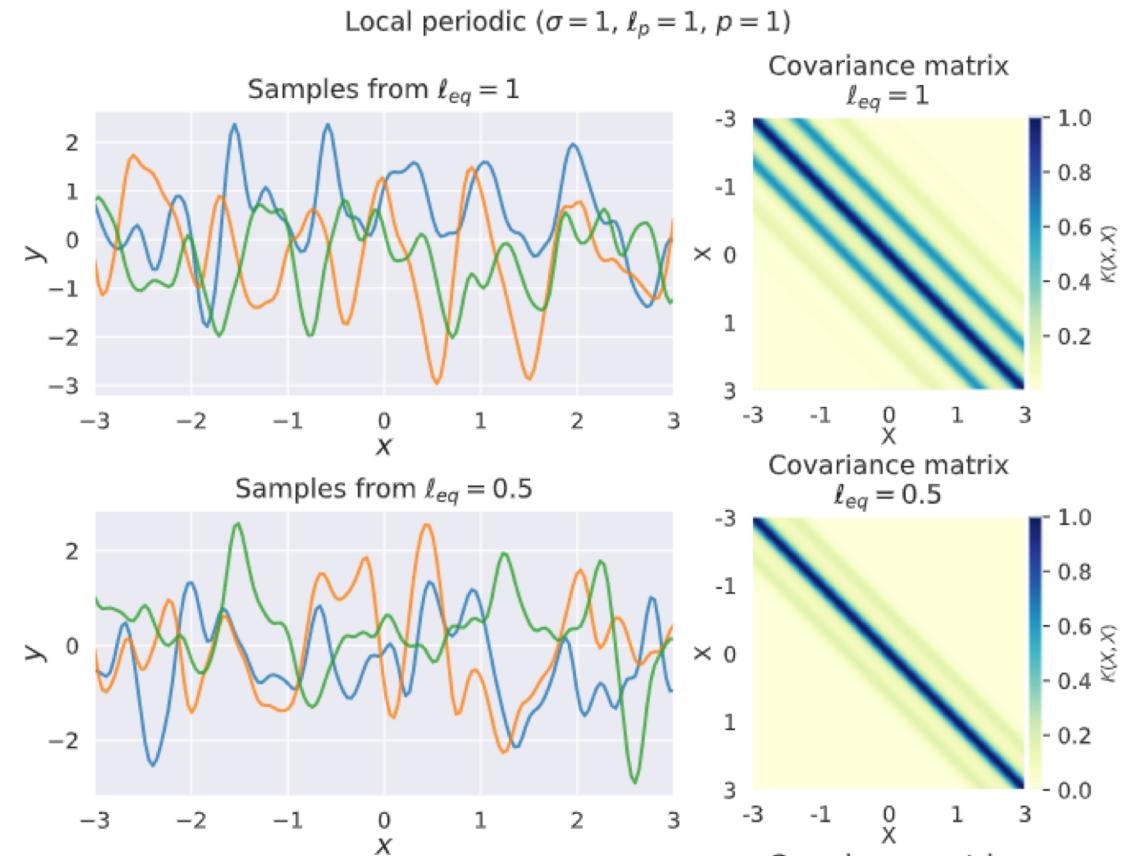
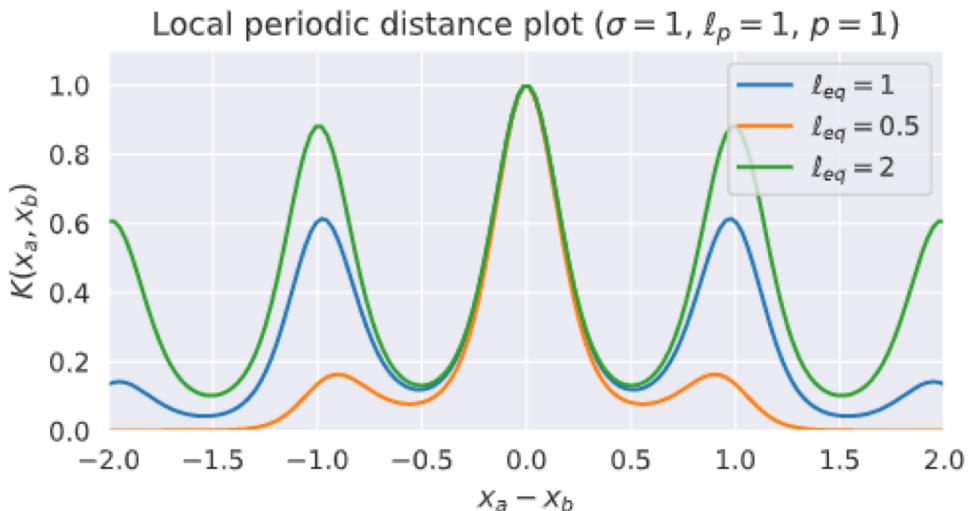
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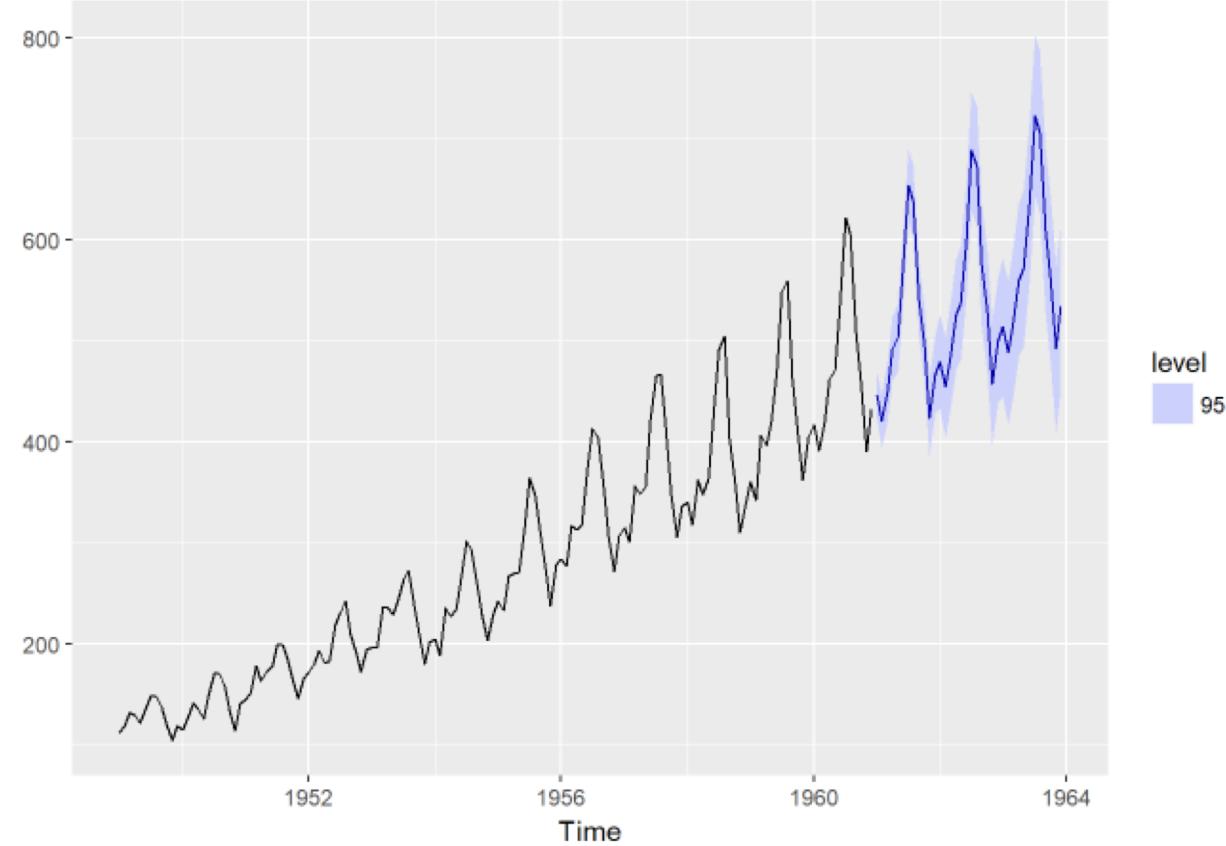
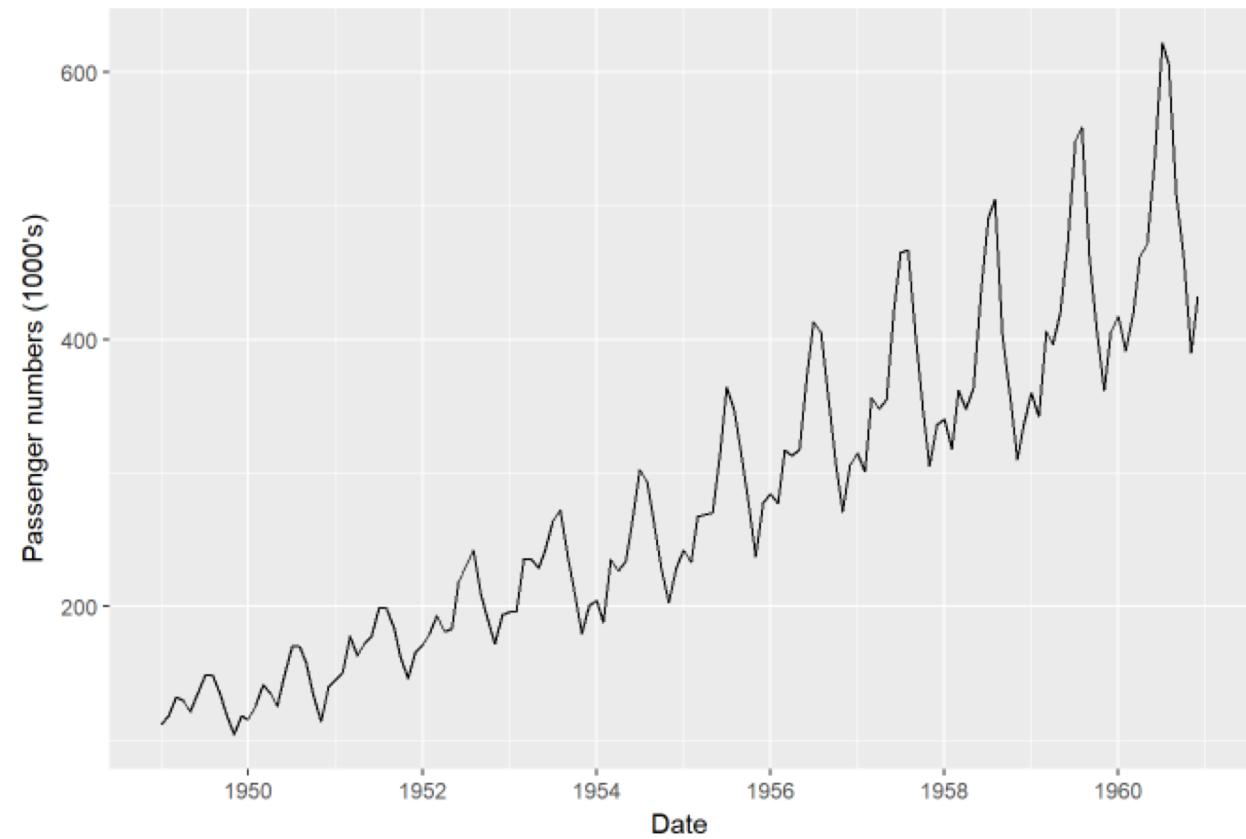
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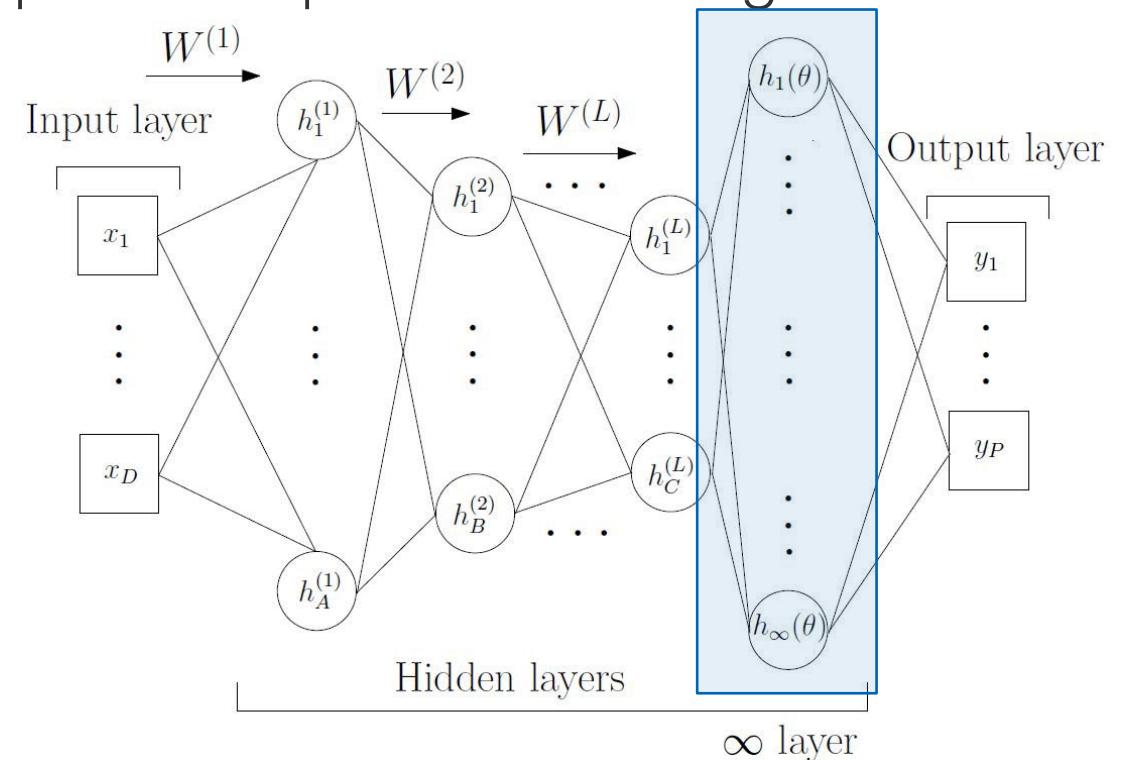
# Example: Airline Passenger Prediction





# Gaussian Process and Deep Kernel Learning

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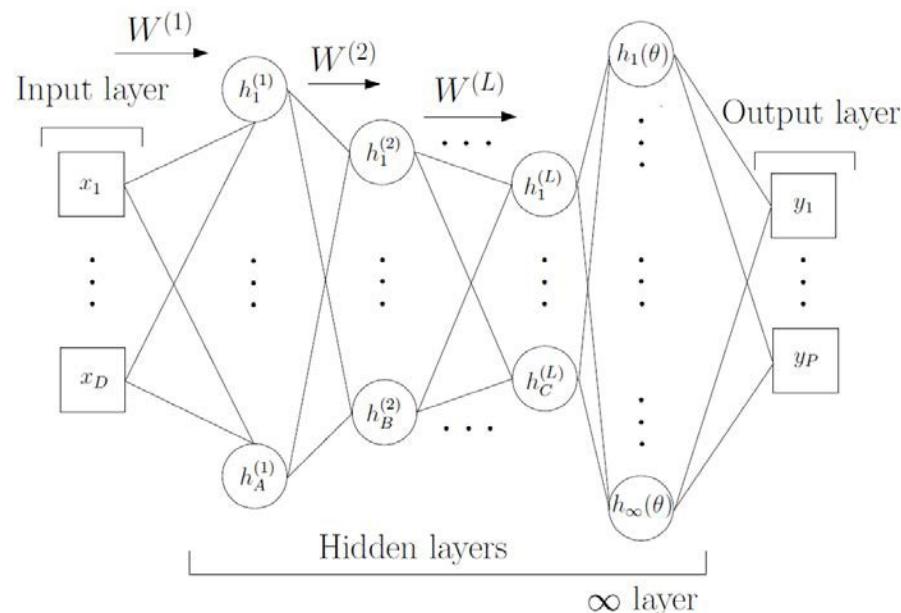




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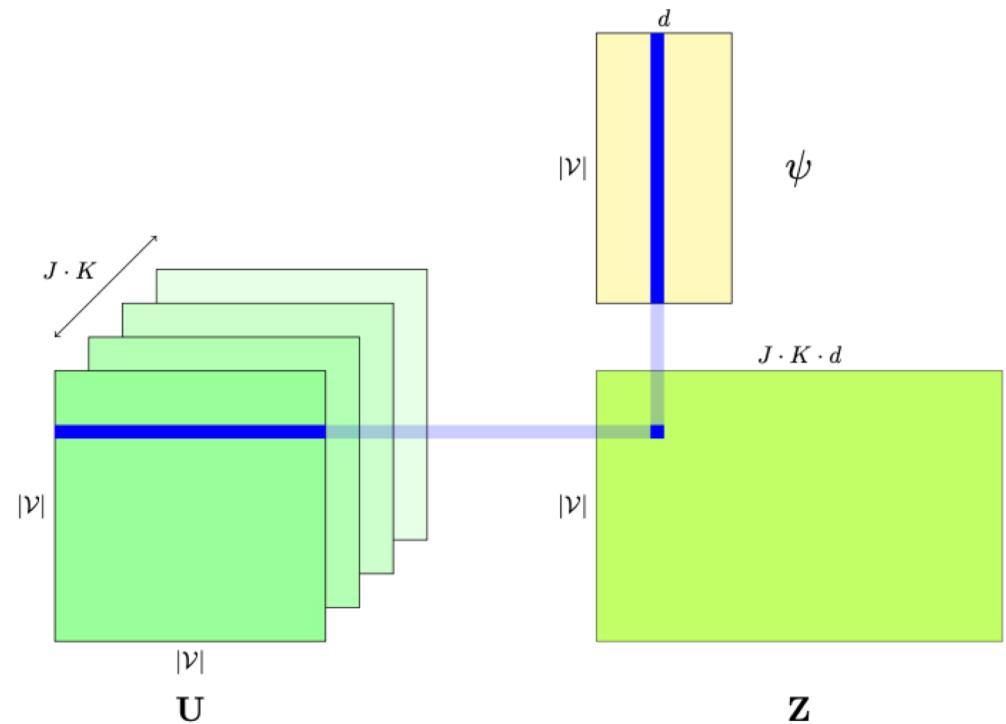


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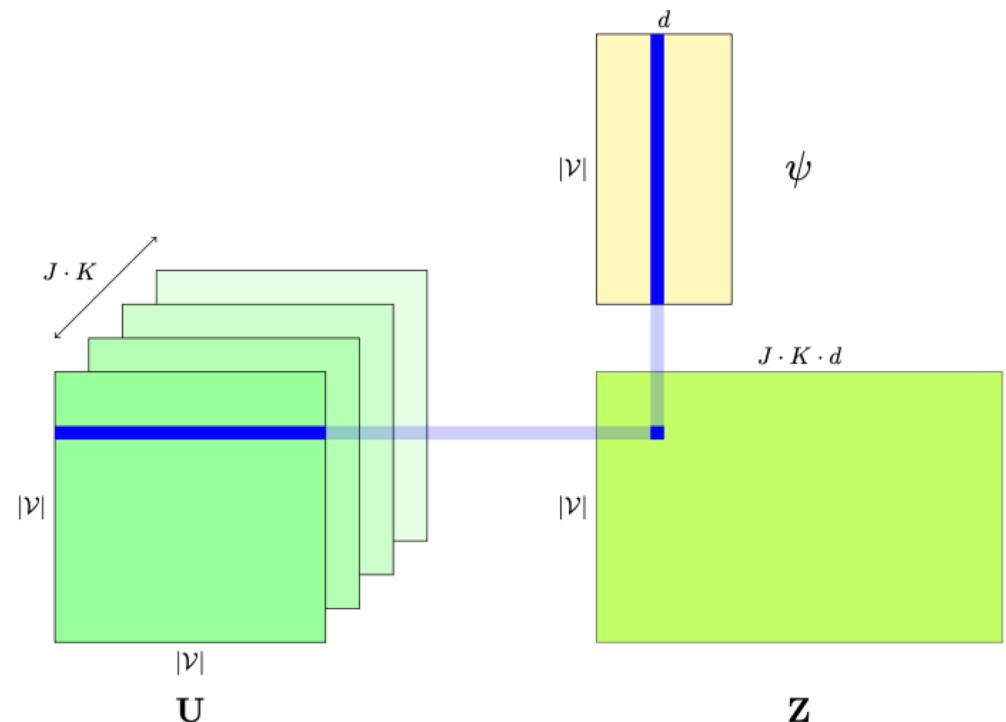
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where  $\rho(\cdot)$  measures the intrinsic radial distance and  $\theta(\cdot)$  measures the intrinsic angular distance from  $x$  to  $x'$ .





# Graph Convolutional Gaussian Processes (ICML 2019)

Given a graph.  $G = \langle \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$  with features in  $\mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times d}$ , define GP  $f : \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $f$  is a function on graphs, but it ignores graph structure.

$$f(\psi) = h(\mathcal{Z}(\psi)) = h(Z)$$

$$h : \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times (JKd)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \mathcal{Z} : \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times (JKd)}$$

Different  $u_{j,k}(x, x')$  can be used for  $Z$

- Manifold:

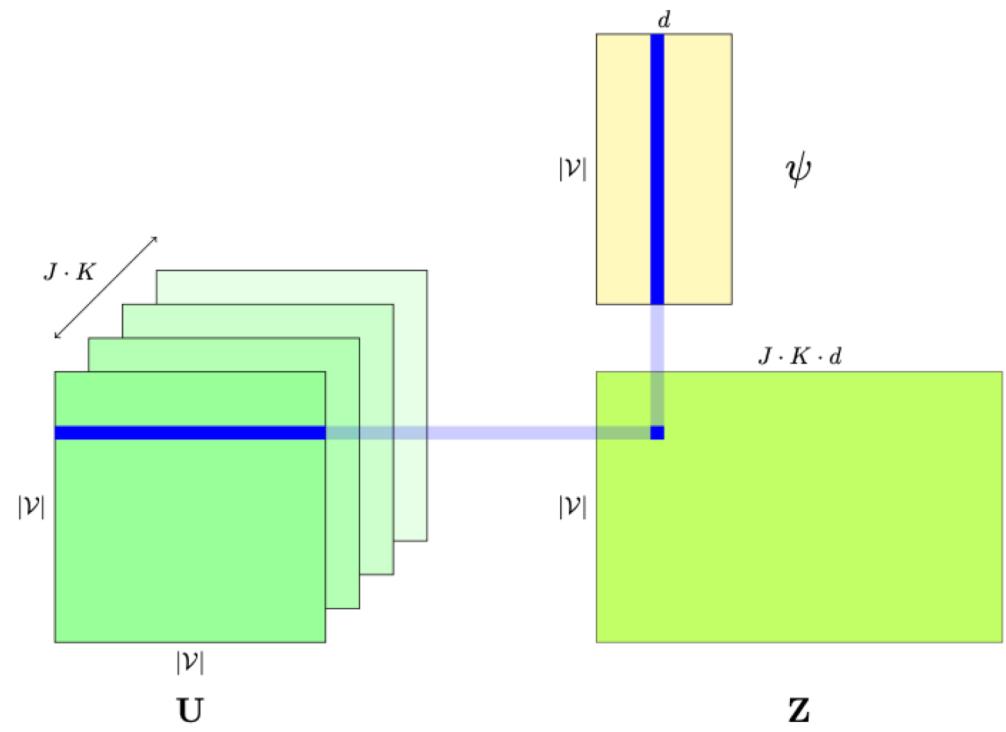
$$u_{j,k}(x, x') = \exp\left(-\frac{(\rho(x, x') - \rho_k)^2}{2\sigma_\rho^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{(\theta(x, x') - \theta_j)^2}{2\sigma_\theta^2}\right)$$

where  $\rho(\cdot)$  measures the intrinsic radial distance and  $\theta(\cdot)$  measures the intrinsic angular distance from  $x$  to  $x'$ .

- General graphs:

$$u_j(x, x') = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\rho(x, x') - \rho_j)\Sigma_j^{-1}(\rho(x, x') - \rho_j)\right)$$

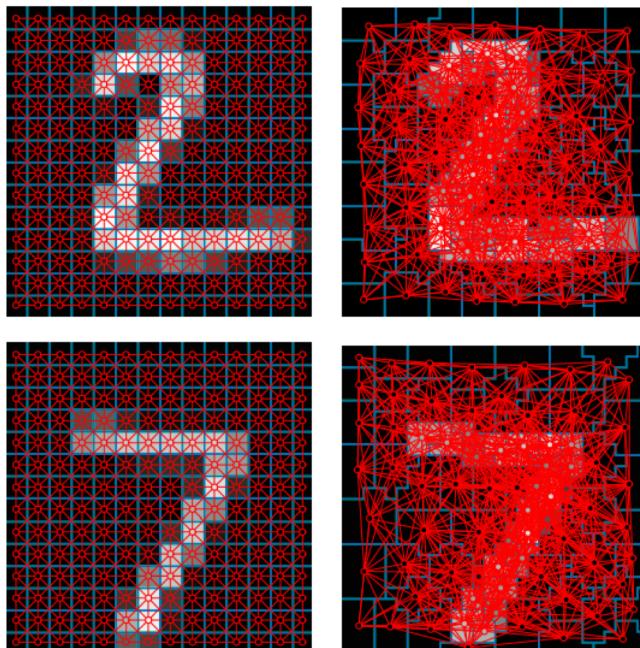
$$\rho(x, x') = (\deg(x)^{-1/2}, \deg(x')^{-1/2})$$





# Graph Convolutional Gaussian Processes (ICML 2019)

Application: superpixel digit classification and pose classification



## MNIST Superpixel 75

ChebNet (Defferrard et al., 2016)	24.4%
MoNet (Monti et al., 2017)	8.9%
<b>GCGP</b>	<b>4.2%</b>

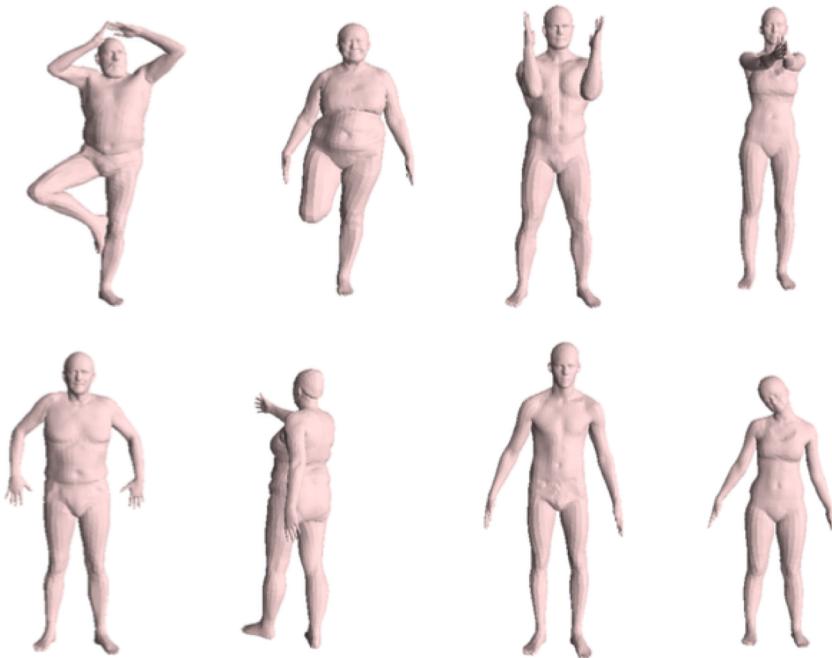


Table 3. Error rates on MPI Faust mesh classification

Number of vertices	500	1000	2500
MoNet	40.00%	33.33%	33.33%
<b>GCGP</b>	<b>23.33%</b>	<b>10.00%</b>	<b>3.33%</b>





# Summary

- | Gaussian process are Bayesian nonparametric models that can represent distributions over smooth functions.
- | Inference can be done fully analytically (in case of Gaussian likelihood).
- | Gaussian process can be combined with different kernel functions and even deep neural networks.





# Determinantal Point Process (DPP)





# Subset Selection

- Given a set of  $K$  items, select a subset from them
- Extractive document summarization: select a subset of sentences to summarize a document
- Feature selection: select a subset of features to speed up computation
- Product recommendation: recommend a subset of products to users





# Diverse Subset Selection

- We prefer selected items to be mutually dissimilar from each other
- Diverse extractive document summarization: a subset of sentences with different meanings
- Diverse feature selection: a subset of features represent different perspectives of the data
- Diverse product recommendation: no redundant products from the same category





# Determinantal Point Process (DPP)

- ❑ A distribution over subsets and favors "diverse" subsets
- ❑ Given a set of  $K$  items  $\mathcal{Y} = \{a_i\}_{i=1}^K$ , where  $a_i$  is the feature representation of item  $i$
- ❑ Calculate a  $K$ -by- $K$  Gram matrix  $L$ , where  $L_{ij} = \langle a_i, a_j \rangle$ .
- ❑ The probability of a subset of items  $Y \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$  is defined as

$$p(Y) = \frac{\det(L_Y)}{\det(L + I)}$$

- ❑  $L_Y$  is a sub-matrix of  $L$  where the rows and columns are indexed by elements in  $Y$ .
- ❑  $\det(\cdot)$  denotes the determinant of a matrix
- ❑  $I$  is an identity matrix





# Determinantal Point Process (DPP)

$$Y = \{2,3\} \subseteq \{1,2,3,4\}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & L_{12} & L_{13} & L_{14} \\ L_{21} & L_{22} & L_{23} & L_{24} \\ L_{31} & L_{32} & L_{33} & L_{34} \\ L_{41} & L_{42} & L_{43} & L_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

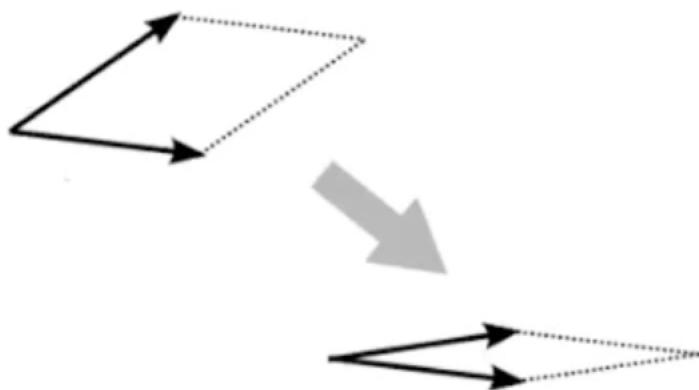
$$p(Y) = \frac{\det(L_Y)}{\det(L + I)}$$





# Diversity and DPP

- DPP has an induction bias of diversity: it has higher probability mass on a subset where the items are more diverse.
- Why?
  - $\det(L_Y)$  is the volume of the parallelepiped formed by vectors in the subset indexed by  $Y$





# Partition Function (Normalizing Factor) of DPP

- Has a closed-form  $\det(L + I)$
- How to prove  $\det(L + I)$  is the partition function?
  - Namely  $\det(L + I) = \sum_{Y \subseteq \mathcal{Y}} \det(L_Y)$
  - We first prove the following theorem

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**Theorem 1** For any  $A \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$ ,

$$\sum_{A \subseteq Y \subseteq \mathcal{Y}} \det(L_Y) = \det(L + I_{\bar{A}}),$$

where  $I_{\bar{A}}$  is the diagonal matrix with ones in the diagonal positions corresponding to elements of  $\bar{A} = \mathcal{Y} - A$ , and zeros everywhere else.

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Y} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ A &= \{2, 4\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

- Let  $A$  be an empty set, then  $\det(L + I) = \sum_{Y \subseteq \mathcal{Y}} \det(L_Y)$





# Kernel Version of DPP

Calculate a K by K Gram matrix L, where  $L_{ij} = \langle a_i, a_j \rangle$ .



Calculate a K-by-K kernel matrix L, where  $L_{ij} = l(a_i, a_j) = \langle \phi(a_i), \phi(a_j) \rangle$

- $l(\cdot, \cdot)$  is a kernel function.

$$p(Y) = \frac{\det(L_Y)}{\det(L + I)}$$





# Deep DPP

- Calculate a K-by-K kernel matrix L, where  $L_{ij} = l(a_i, a_j) = \langle \phi(a_i), \phi(a_j) \rangle$ 
  - $l(\cdot, \cdot)$  is a deep kernel.

$$p(Y) = \frac{\det(L_Y)}{\det(L + I)}$$

A deep neural network





## Inference: Find the Mode of DPP

- $Y^* = \operatorname{argmax}_Y \logdet(L_Y)$
- Exact solution is NP hard.
- Approximate algorithm (Gillenwater et al., 2012)
  - Continuous relaxation of item selection variables:  $\{0,1\} \rightarrow [0,1]$
  - Continuous relaxation of  $\logdet(L_Y)$ :  $F(y) = \logdet(\operatorname{diag}(y)(L-I)+I)$
  - Find  $y^* = \operatorname{argmax}_y F(y)$
  - Rounding elements in  $y^*$  to  $\{0,1\}$





# Learning: Hyperparameters in the Kernel

- Learn the hyperparameters in the kernel function
- Observations: (universal set  $\mathcal{Y}$ , selected subset Y)
  - E.g., in the training data of extraction summarization, the groundtruth sentences are given
- Maximum log-likelihood

$$\log \prod_{i=1}^N p(Y_i|y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log \det(L_{Y_i}) - \log \det(L_{y_i} + I_{y_i})$$





# Conditional DPP

- Personalized product recommendation: given a user  $x$  and a set of products  $\mathcal{Y}$ , select a subset of products  $Y$  that are not only diverse, but also relevant to the user
- Calculate a K-by-K kernel matrix  $L(x)$ , where  $L_{ij}(x) = l(a_i, a_j | x)$ 
  - E.g.  $l(a_i, a_j | x) = g(a_i, x)s(a_i, a_j)g(a_j, x)$

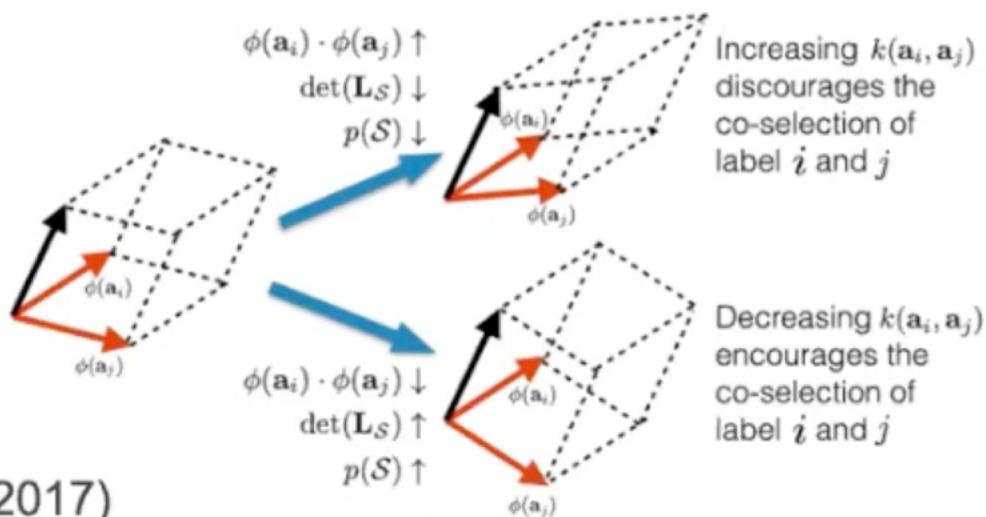
$$p(Y|x) = \frac{\det(L_Y(x))}{\det(L(x) + I)}$$





# Case Study: Deep DPP for Multi-label Classification

- Multi-label classification (MLC): given an input, select a subset of labels
- Deep DPP for MLC 
$$p(\mathcal{S}|x) = \frac{\det(\mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{S}}(x))}{\det(\mathbf{L}(x) + \mathbf{I})}$$
- Incorporate prior knowledge
  - Cannot links and must links



(Xie et al., 2017)

$$\max_{\Theta} \quad \mathcal{L}(\{(x_n, \mathcal{S}_n)\}_{n=1}^N) + \lambda \left( - \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{M}} k(\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{a}_j) + \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{C}} k(\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{a}_j) \right)$$





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# Appendix



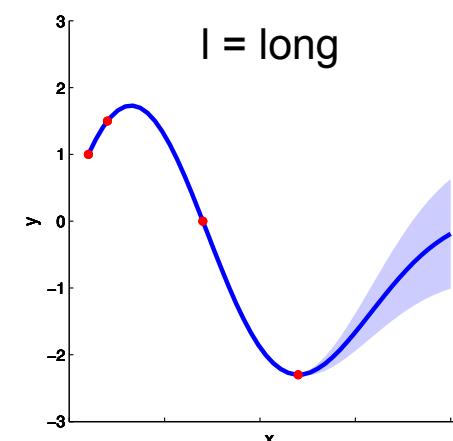
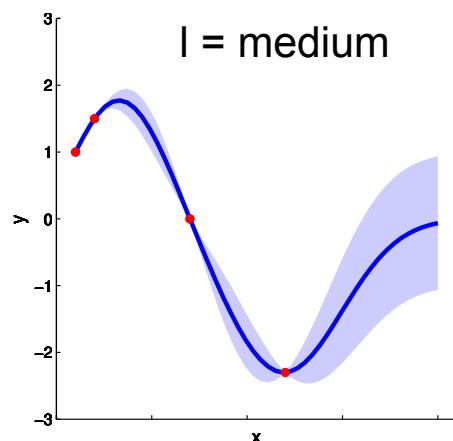
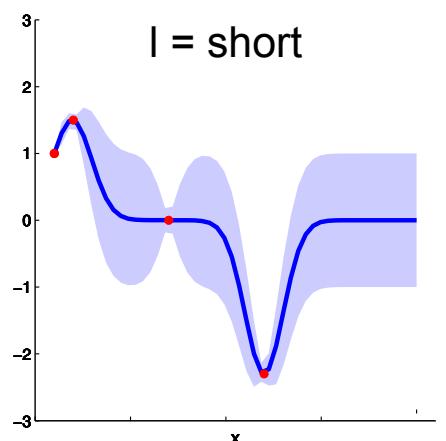
## What effect do the hyper-parameters have?

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$$K(x_1, x_2) = \sigma^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2l^2}(x_1 - x_2)^2\right)$$

- Hyper-parameters have a strong effect
  - ▶  $l$  controls the horizontal length-scale
  - ▶  $\sigma^2$  controls the vertical scale of the data
- $\Rightarrow$  need automatic learning of hyper-parameters from data e.g.

$$\arg \max_{l, \sigma^2} \log p(\mathbf{y} | \theta)$$



## Regression: probabilistic inference in function space

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Non-parametric ( $\infty$ -parametric)

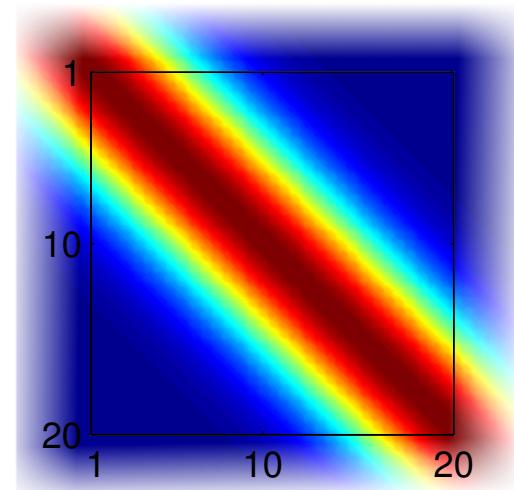
$$p(y|\theta) = \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$$

$$\Sigma(x_1, x_2) = K(x_1, x_2) + I\sigma_y^2$$

$$K(x_1, x_2) = \sigma^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2l^2}(x_1 - x_2)^2}$$

vertical-scale horizontal-scale

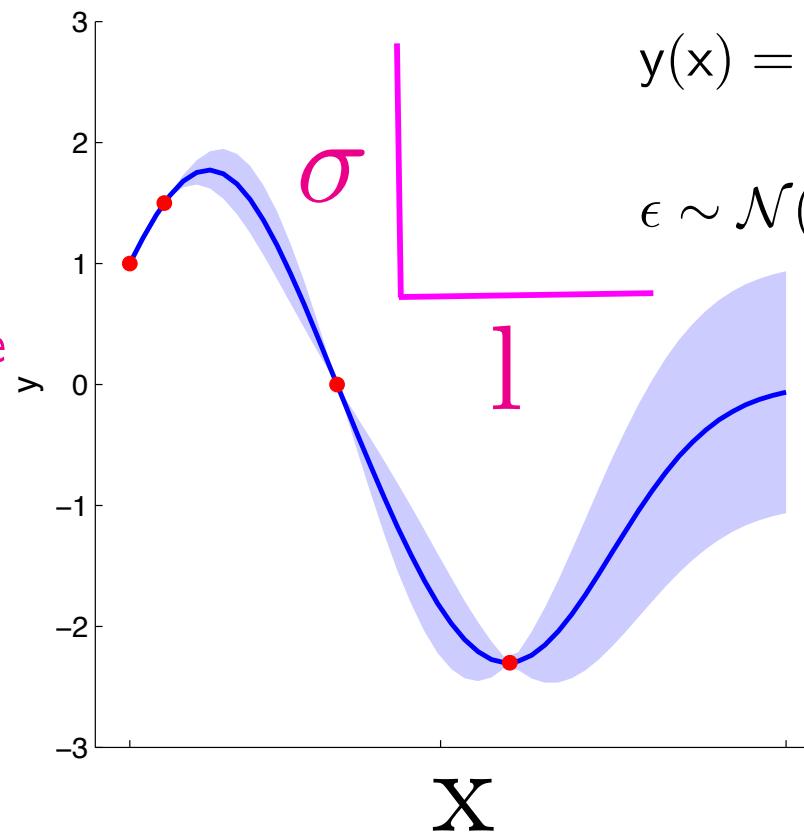
$$\Sigma =$$



Parametric model

$$y(x) = f(x; \theta) + \sigma_y \epsilon$$

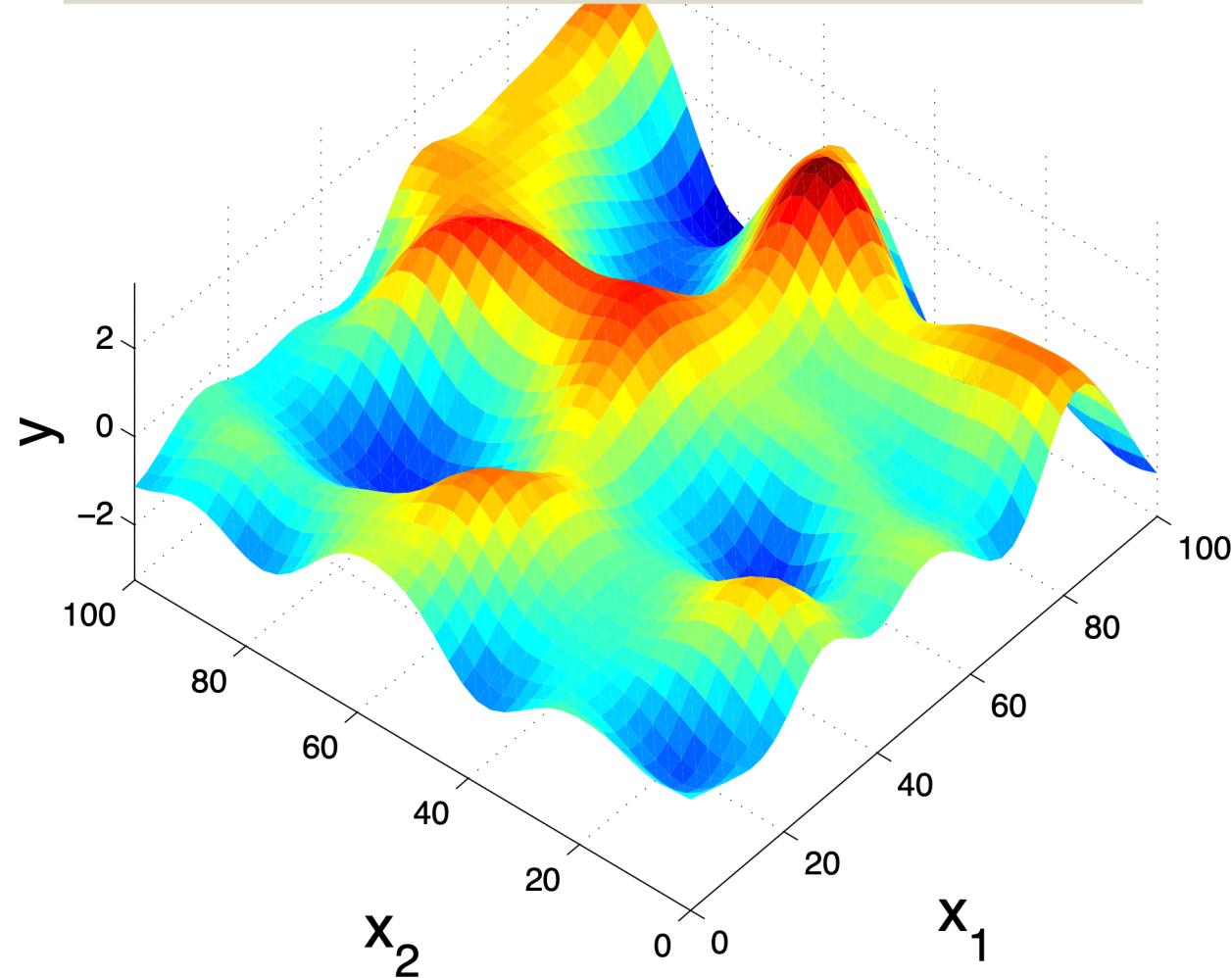
$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$



## Higher dimensional input spaces

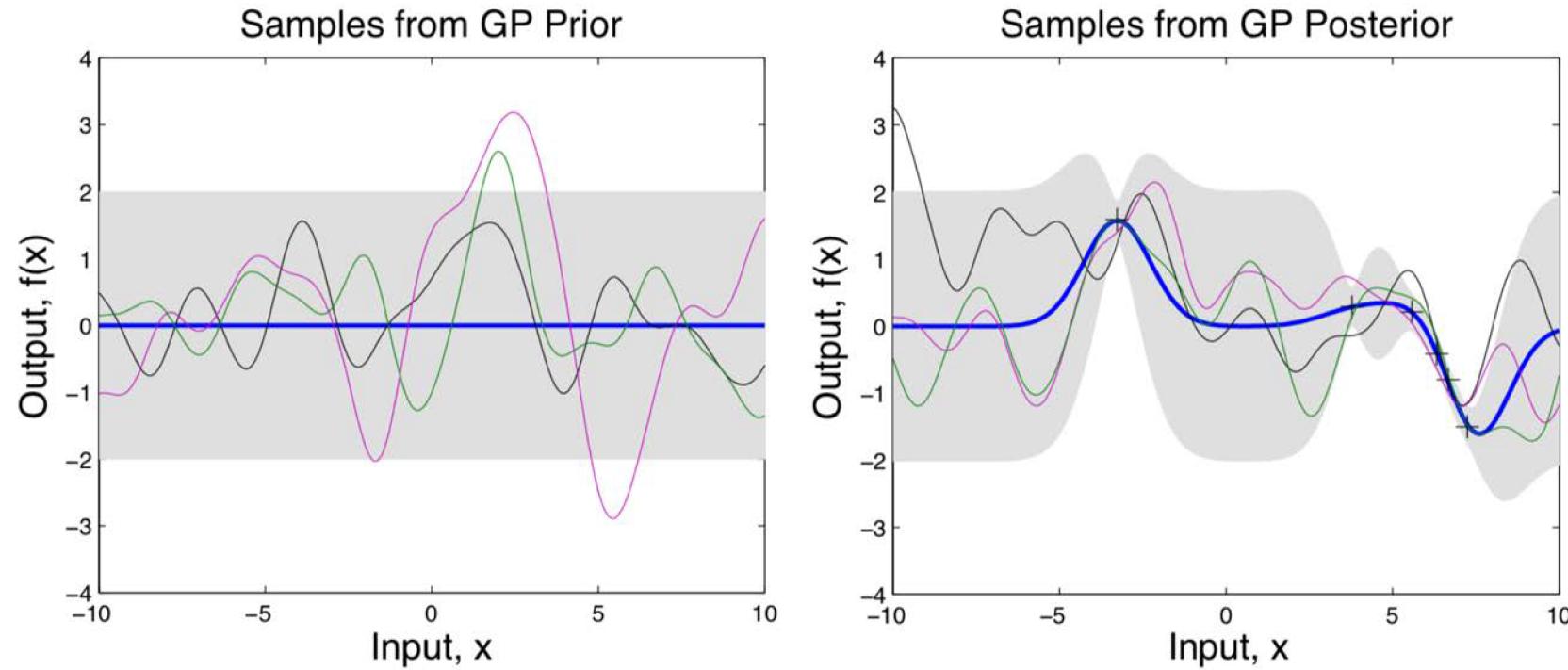
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$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sigma^2 \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2l_1^2}(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}'_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2l_2^2}(\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}'_2)^2 \right)$$





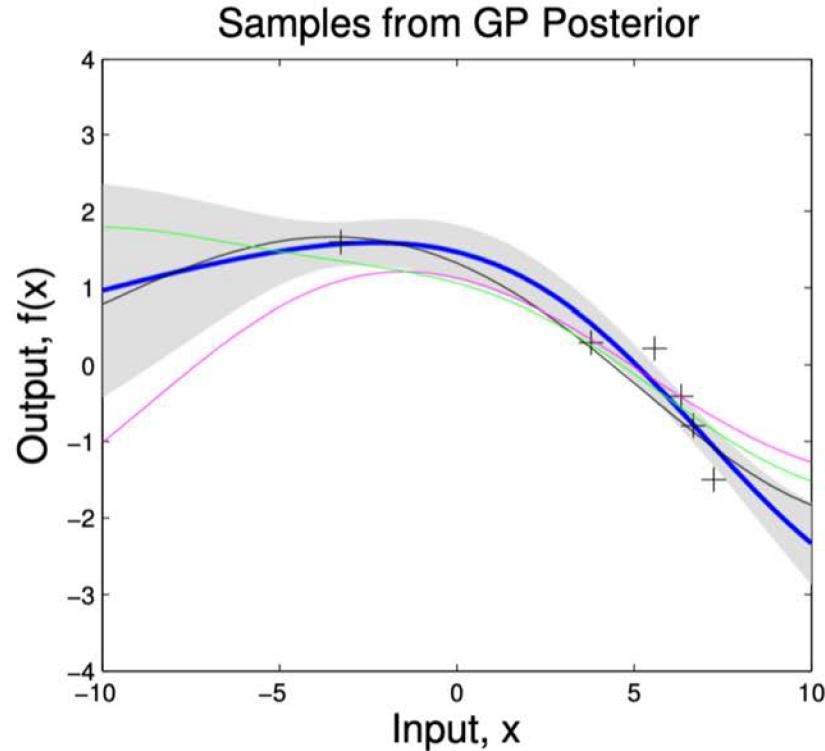
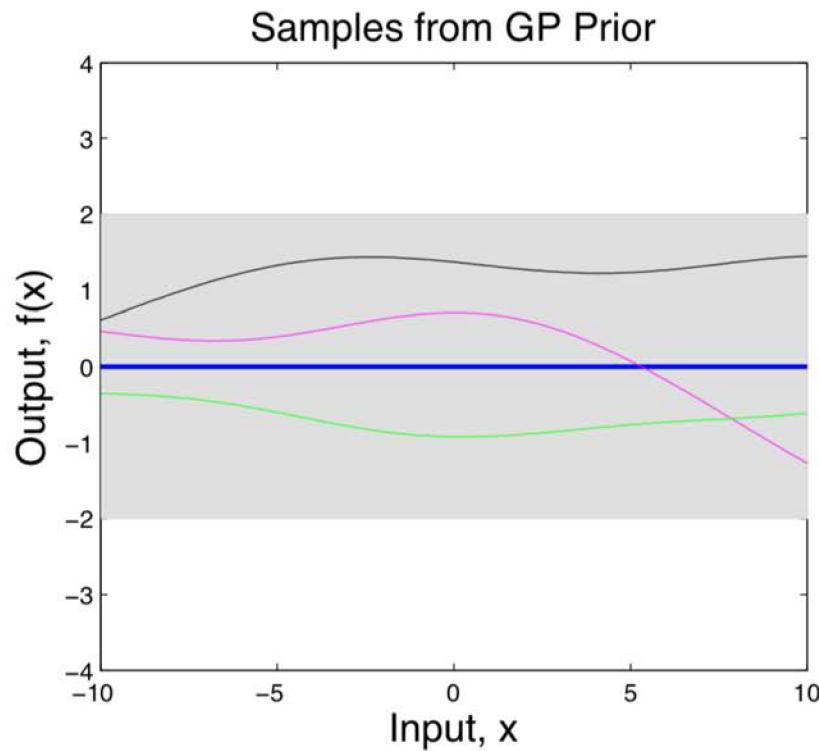
# Gaussian Process Inference





# Gaussian Process Inference

Increase the length-scale  $\ell$ .





# The Scalability Issue

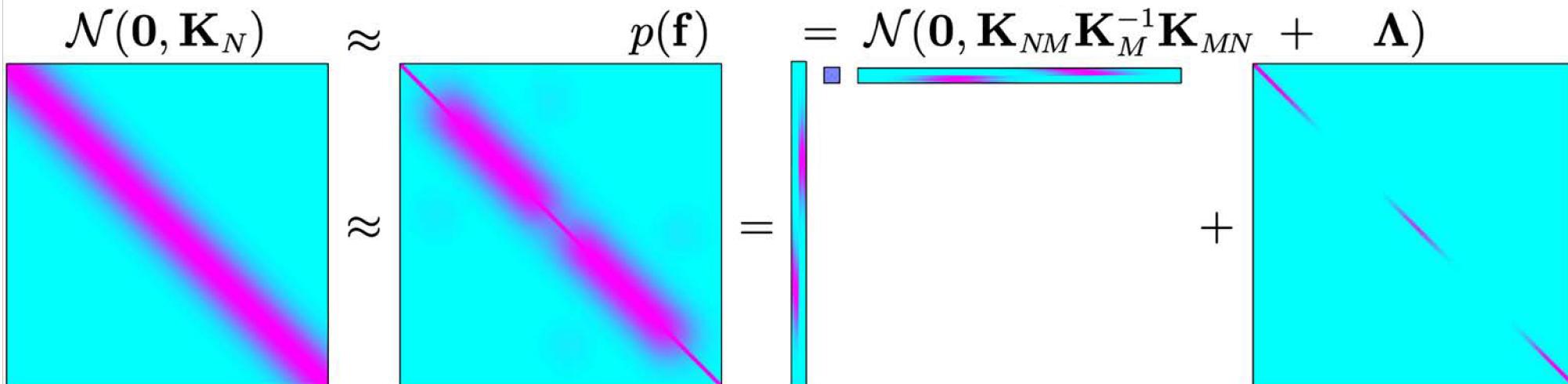
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- ▶ Computational bottlenecks for GPs:
    - ▶ Inference:  $(K_\theta + \sigma^2 I)^{-1} \mathbf{y}$  for  $n \times n$  matrix  $K$ .
    - ▶ Learning:  $\log |K_\theta + \sigma^2 I|$ , for marginal likelihood evaluations needed to learn  $\theta$ .
  - ▶ Both inference and learning naively require  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$  operations and  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  storage (typically from computing a Cholesky decomposition of  $K$ ). Afterwards, the predictive mean and variance cost  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  per test point.





# Inducing Point Methods

We can approximate GP through  $M < N$  inducing points  $\bar{\mathbf{f}}$  to obtain this Sparse Pseudo-input Gaussian process (SPGP) prior:  $p(\mathbf{f}) = \int d\bar{\mathbf{f}} \prod_n p(f_n|\bar{\mathbf{f}}) p(\bar{\mathbf{f}})$

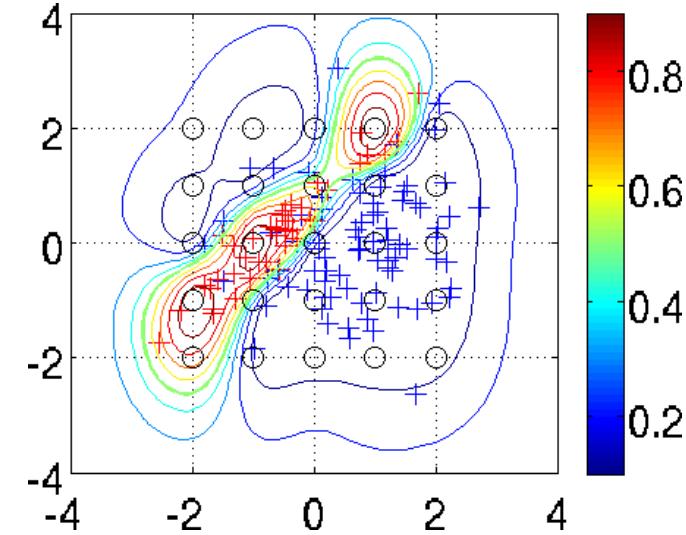
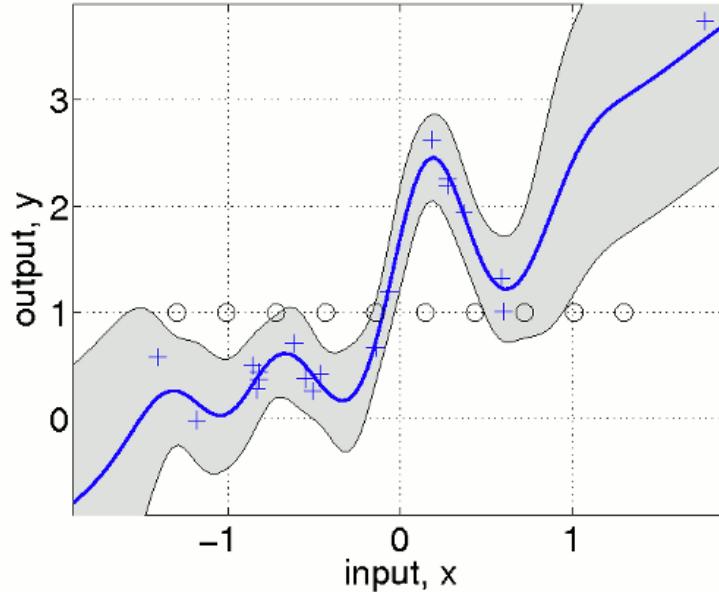


- SPGP covariance inverted in  $\mathcal{O}(M^2N) \ll \mathcal{O}(N^3) \Rightarrow$  much faster





# Inducing Point Methods



## Grids are tricky:

In high dimensions, one would need a LOT of inducing points to build a high-dimensional grid.  
This might drastically affect efficiency.

## Further reading:

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# Proof of Theorem 1

- Proof by induction
- Base case:  $A = \mathcal{Y}$ . The proof is trivial.
- Induction step.





# Induction Step

where  $I_{\bar{A}}$  is the diagonal matrix with ones in the diagonal positions corresponding to elements of  $\bar{A} = \mathcal{Y} - A$ , and zeros everywhere else.

suppose inductively that the theorem holds whenever  $\bar{A}$  has cardinality less than  $k$ . Given  $A$  such that  $|\bar{A}| = k > 0$ , let  $i$  be an element of  $\mathcal{Y}$  where  $i \in \bar{A}$ . Splitting blockwise according to the partition  $\mathcal{Y} = \{i\} \cup \mathcal{Y} - \{i\}$ , we can write

$$L + I_{\bar{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{ii} + 1 & L_{i\bar{i}} \\ L_{\bar{i}i} & L_{\mathcal{Y}-\{i\}} + I_{\mathcal{Y}-\{i\}-A} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $L_{\bar{i}i}$  is the subcolumn of the  $i$ -th column of  $L$  whose rows correspond to  $\bar{i}$ , and similarly for  $L_{i\bar{i}}$ . By multilinearity of the determinant, then,

$$\det(L + I_{\bar{A}}) = \begin{vmatrix} L_{ii} & L_{i\bar{i}} \\ L_{\bar{i}i} & L_{\mathcal{Y}-\{i\}} + I_{\mathcal{Y}-\{i\}-A} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0} \\ L_{\bar{i}i} & L_{\mathcal{Y}-\{i\}} + I_{\mathcal{Y}-\{i\}-A} \end{vmatrix} \quad (2.9)$$

$$= \det(L + I_{\overline{A \cup \{i\}}}) + \det(L_{\mathcal{Y}-\{i\}} + I_{\mathcal{Y}-\{i\}-A}). \quad (2.10)$$

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$$I_{\bar{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{\mathcal{Y}-A-\{i\}} \end{bmatrix}$$





# Induction Step

$$\det(r_1, \dots, r_{i-1}, s r_i + r'_i, r_{i+1}, \dots, r_n) = s \det(r_1, \dots, r_{i-1}, r_i, r_{i+1}, \dots, r_n) \\ + \det(r_1, \dots, r_{i-1}, r'_i, r_{i+1}, \dots, r_n).$$

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$$= \det(L + I_{\overline{A \cup \{i\}}}) + \det(L_{\mathcal{Y}-\{i\}} + I_{\mathcal{Y}-\{i\}-A}). \quad (2.10)$$

We can now apply the inductive hypothesis separately to each term, giving

$$\det(L + I_{\bar{A}}) = \sum_{A \cup \{i\} \subseteq Y \subseteq \mathcal{Y}} \det(L_Y) + \sum_{A \subseteq Y \subseteq \mathcal{Y}-\{i\}} \det(L_Y) \quad (2.11)$$

$$= \sum_{A \subseteq Y \subseteq \mathcal{Y}} \det(L_Y), \quad (2.12)$$

where we observe that every  $Y$  either contains  $i$  and is included only in the first sum, or does not contain  $i$  and is included only in the second sum.  $\square$

$$|\bar{A}| = k \quad |A| = K - k$$

$$|A \cup \{i\}| = K - k + 1$$

$$|\overline{A \cup \{i\}}| = k - 1$$

