Gaussian Processes and Bayesian Methods

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Representation of data

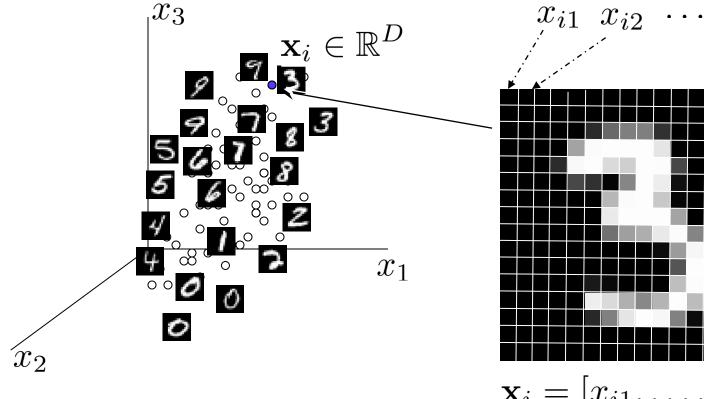
- What does it mean by learning from data
 - Computer's learning method
 - Generalization

Gaussians and parameter estimation

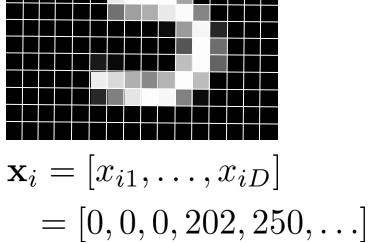




Data Space



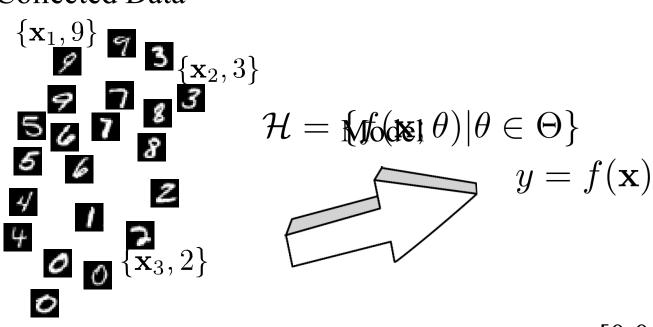
• Each datum is one point in a data space



Machine Learning is All About "Data" and Generalization

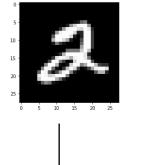
Prediction Pipeline

Collected Data



$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^D, y_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$$

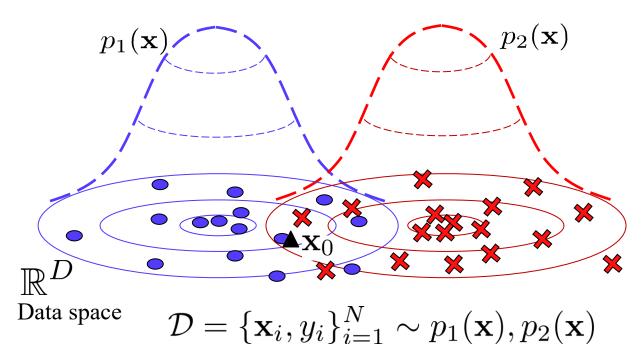


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Machine Learning Assumptions

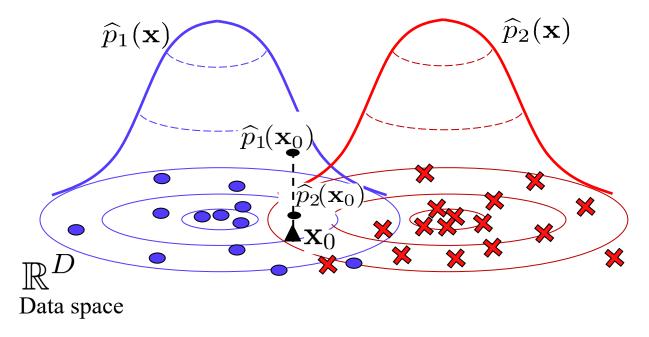
- What does make prediction possible?
 - Assumptions on the

(true / data generating / underlying) probability density functions





Bayes Classification and Generalization



$$\widehat{p}_1(\mathbf{x}_0) \geq \widehat{p}_2(\mathbf{x}_0)$$

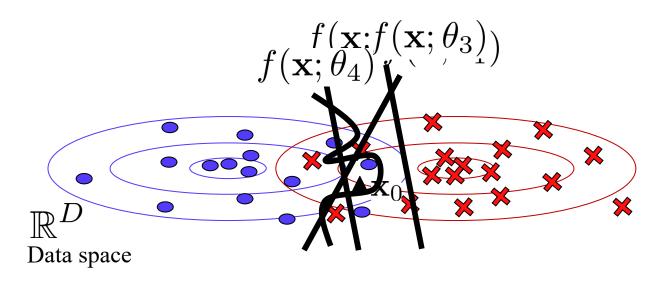
Misclassification rate $> R^*$ (Misclassification using true density functions)



Generative vs. Discriminative Models

Discriminative Models – Models on posterior or
 discrimination function

$$\mathcal{H} = \Big\{ f(\mathbf{x}; \theta) \in \{1, 2\} \ \Big| \ \theta \in \Theta \Big\} \quad \text{discrimination function}$$



$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^N \sim p_1(\mathbf{x}), p_2(\mathbf{x})$$



Models in Science vs. Models for Prediction

- Richard. P. Feynman (1998)
 - the more specific a rule is, the more interesting it is. The more definite the statement, the more interesting it is to test.
- George. E. P. Box (1979)
 - All models are wrong but some are useful
 - For such a model there is no need to ask the question "Is the model true?". If "truth" is to be the "whole truth" the answer must be "No". The only question of interest is "Is the model illuminating and useful?".



Model for Prediction

Set of candidate functions

$$\mathcal{H} = \{h_1(\mathbf{x}), h_2(\mathbf{x}), \dots, h_{N_{\mathcal{H}}}(\mathbf{x})\}$$
In general, $N_{\mathcal{H}}$ is infinite.

 $-h_i(\mathbf{x})$ can be a prediction function

$$h_i(\mathbf{x}) \to y$$
 $f(\mathbf{x}) = h_i(\mathbf{x})$

 $-h_i(\mathbf{x})$ can be a probability density

$$h_i(\mathbf{x}) \to p(\mathbf{x})$$
 $f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{h_i(\mathbf{x})}{h_i(\mathbf{x}) + h_i(\mathbf{x})}$



Quantify the Evaluation (Use Data)

Measure of quality: expected loss

$$L = \mathbb{E}_P[l(y, f(\mathbf{x}))]$$
 $l(y, y')$: loss function

Estimated error

$$\hat{L} = \sum_{n} l(y_n, f(\mathbf{x}_n)), \quad f(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{H}$$

- Examples
 - Classification

$$l(y, f(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbb{I}(y \neq f(\mathbf{x}))$$

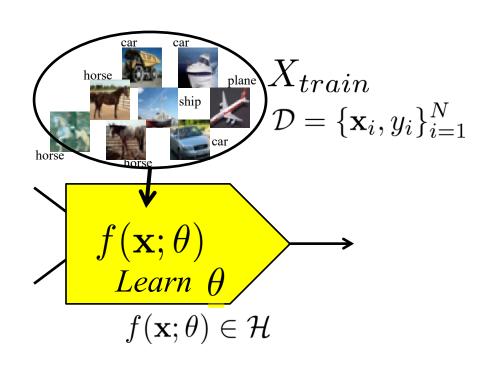
- Regression

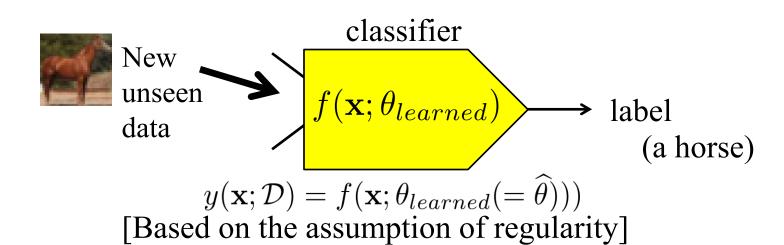
$$l(y, f(\mathbf{x})) = ||y_n - f(\mathbf{x}_n)||^2$$

Clustering

$$l(f(\mathbf{x})) = \min_{c_n \in \mathcal{C}} ||c_n - f(\mathbf{x}_n)||^2$$







Consistent Learner

• Model ${\cal H}$ satisfies

$$\widehat{L}_{N
ightarrow\infty}L$$

$$P\{\sup_{f\in\mathcal{H}}(L(f)-\widehat{L}(f))>\epsilon\}\to 0\quad\text{for}\quad\epsilon>0$$

- Caution:
 - The definition of consistency is not

$$\widehat{L}(f) \to L(f)$$
 for $f \in \mathcal{H}$



Consistent Learner

Consider a hypothesis set \mathcal{H} which satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}_{P}\left[\left[L(f) - \widehat{L}(f, N)\right]^{2} \mid f(\mathbf{x}; \theta)\right] = \left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^{\theta}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{f(\mathbf{x}; \theta) \mid \theta > 0\right\}$$

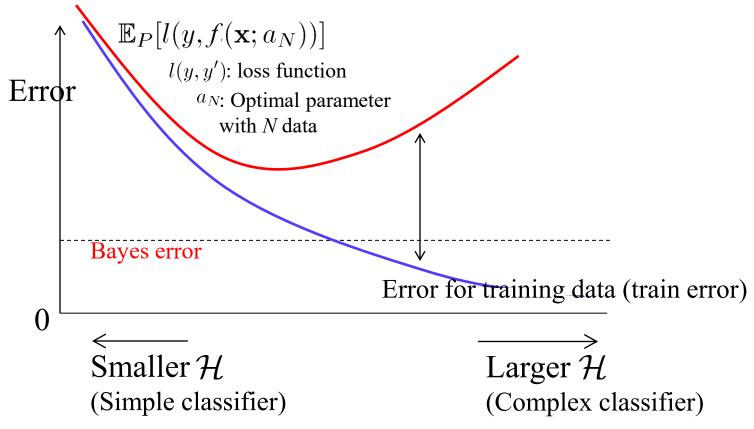
Explain that learning with \mathcal{H} is not consistent though it satisfies $\widehat{L}(f) \to L(f)$.

$$\mathbb{E}_{P}\left[[L(f)-\widehat{L}(f,N)]^{2} \mid f(\mathbf{x};\theta)\right]$$

What is the possible problem in this case?

Consistency and Bayes Error

 Minimizing expected error (objective) vs. minimizing estimated error



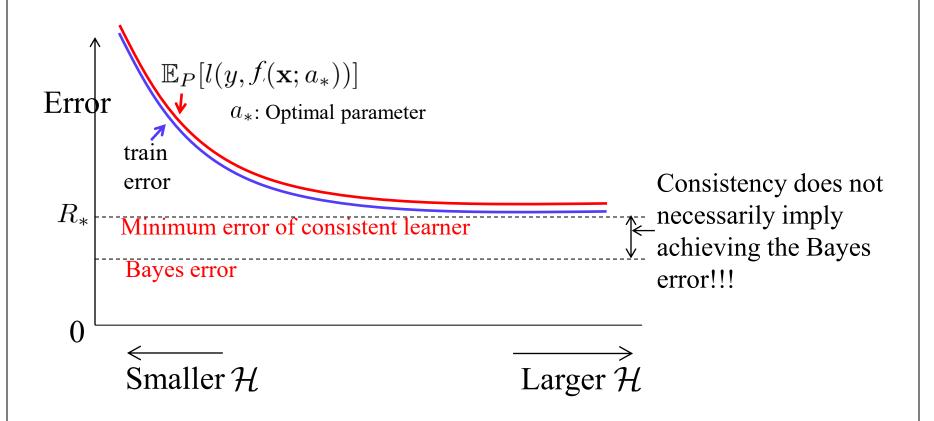
(For example, a linear classifier with regularization)





Consistency and Bayes Error

Consistent learner with many data



(For example, a linear classifier with regularization)



When the Model Cannot Learn (from Data)?

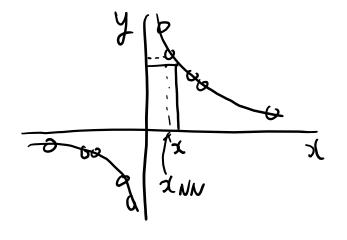
• Model ${\cal H}$

For training data (o: class 0, x: class 1)



When the Model Cannot Learn (from Data)?

Problem



Neuvest neighbor regression y(ol) = y (xnn)

Computations for Machine Learning

For given model
$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ f(\mathbf{x}; \theta) \mid \theta \in \Theta \right\}$$

- Optimization (Frequentist)
 - Find $f(\mathbf{x}; \theta^*)$ s.t.

$$\theta^* = \arg\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (f(\mathbf{x}_i; \theta) - y_i)^2 + \lambda \Omega(\theta)$$

- Integration (Bayesian)
 - Obtain y from

$$y = \arg\max_{y} P(y|\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) = \arg\max_{y} \int P(y|\mathbf{x}; \theta) p(\theta|\mathcal{D}) d\theta$$

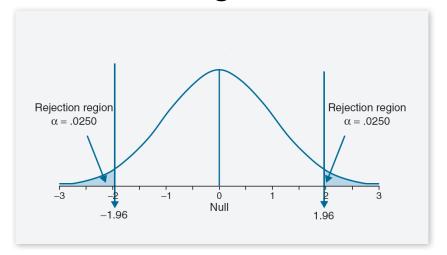
$$y = \int y \ p(y|\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) dy = \iint_{\text{Regression}} y \ p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta) p(\theta|\mathcal{D}) d\theta dy$$
Regression



 $f(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$

Relationship to Traditional Statistics

- Statistics for Science
 - Hypothesis testing
 - Pursuit of Truth
- Statistical test for High-dimensional Data

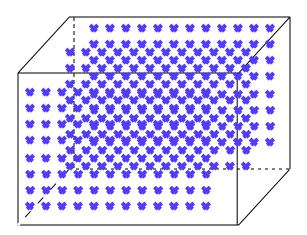


 High-dimensional spaces usually have a large amount of discriminativity. Are the underlying densities separated? YES! (Null-hypothesis rejected!)



Curse of Dimensionality

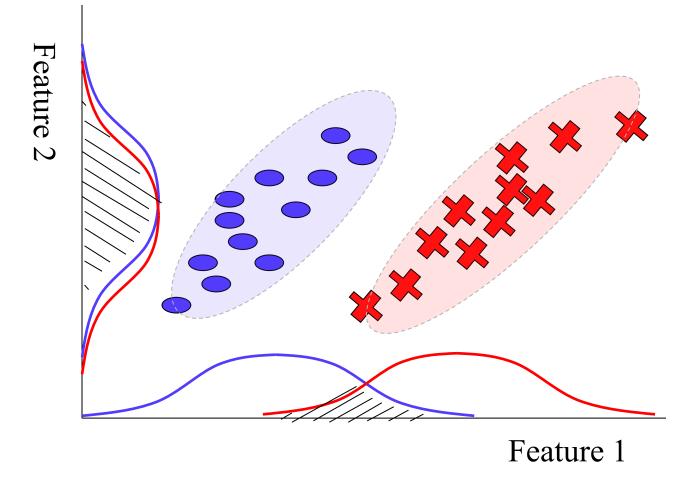
- To achieve same density as N = 100 for 1variable
- We need $N = 100^D$ for D variables



– Conversely, when we have 60,000 data for 10-dimensional space, the density is the same as 3 data in 1-dimensional space.

Two-Dimensional Benefits

Feature 1 and Feature 2 have correlation





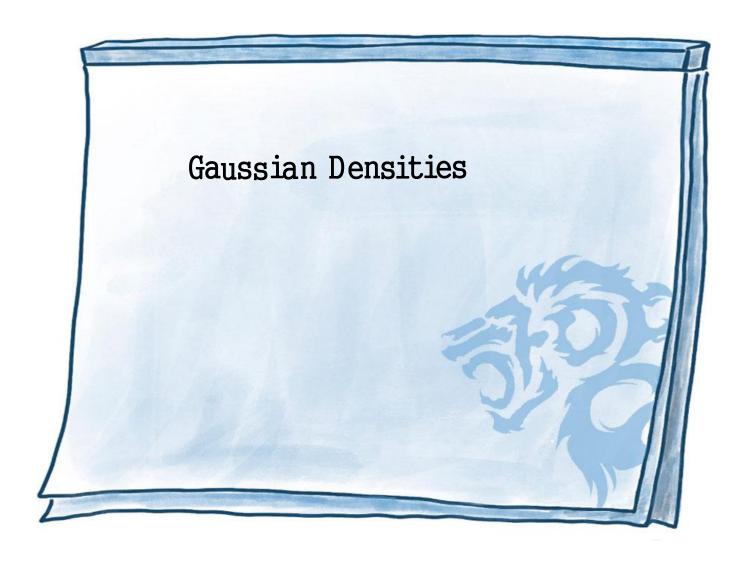
Everything for Gaussians (?!)

Parameter estimation for Gaussians

Inference using Gaussians

 Gaussian Processes – Infinite dimensional Gaussians (function space view)

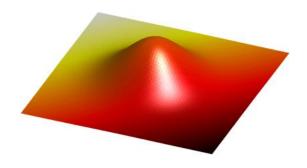




Gaussian Random Variable

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^D} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)\right)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_D \end{pmatrix}$$



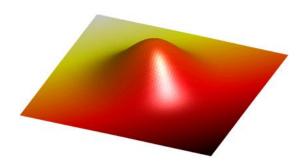
$$[\Sigma]_{ij} = \mathbb{E}[x_i x_j] - \mathbb{E}[x_i] \mathbb{E}[x_j]$$

$$x_j$$

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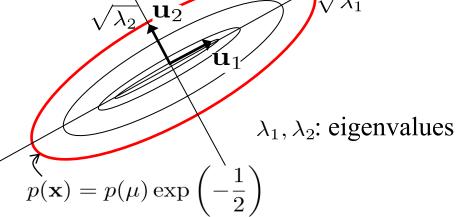
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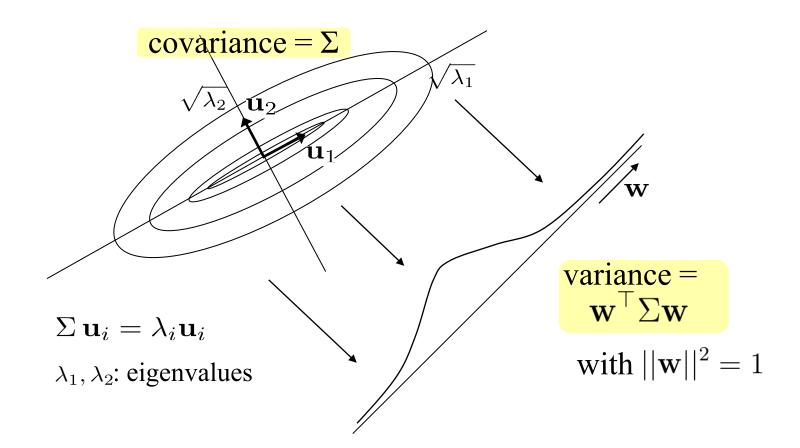
Principal axes are the eigenvector

directions of \sum

$$\Sigma \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i$$



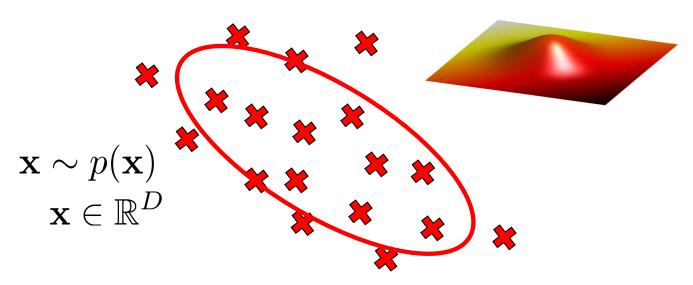
Covariance Matrix and Projection



PARAMETER ESTIMATION

Motivation - Parameter Estimation

Parameter estimation is an optimization problem

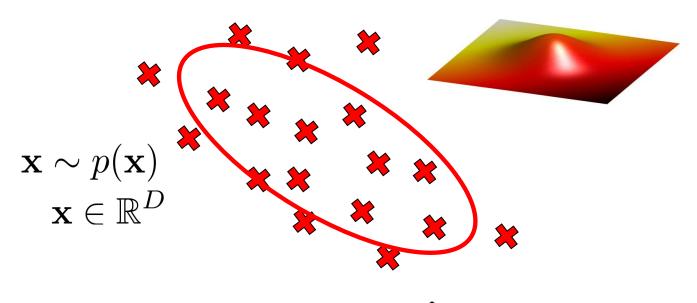


 $\widehat{p}(\mathbf{x})$: estimated probability density function, in other words, density function that fits data the most



Maximum Likelihood Estimation

 Parameter estimation is an optimization problem



$$\widehat{p}(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}|\widehat{\mu}, \widehat{\Sigma})$$

$$\widehat{\mu}, \widehat{\Sigma} = \arg \max_{\mu, \Sigma} p(\mathbf{x}|\mu, \Sigma)$$



Maximum Likelihood for Gaussian

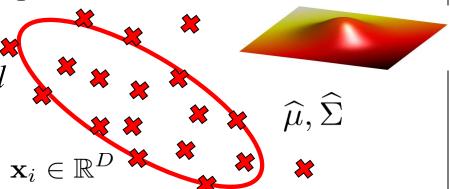
$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^D}|\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)\right)$$

· With optimal parameters satisfying

$$\widehat{\mu}, \widehat{\Sigma} = \arg\max_{\mu, \Sigma} p(X|\mu, \Sigma) = \arg\max_{\mu, \Sigma} \prod_{i=1}^{N} p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mu, \Sigma)$$

$$\widehat{\mu} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbf{x}_{i} \qquad \widehat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\mathbf{x}_{i} - \widehat{\mu}) (\mathbf{x}_{i} - \widehat{\mu})^{\top}$$

Empirical mean and empirical covariance are the maximum likelihood solutions.



Maximum Likelihood for Gaussian

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^D}|\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)\right)$$

$$\nabla_{\theta} \ln p(X|\theta) = \vec{0} \quad \theta = \mu, \Sigma$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln p(X|\mu, \Sigma)}{\partial \mu} = 0 \longrightarrow \widehat{\mu} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbf{x}_{i}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln p(X|\mu, \Sigma)}{\partial \Sigma} = 0 \longrightarrow \widehat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\mathbf{x}_i - \widehat{\mu}) (\mathbf{x}_i - \widehat{\mu})^{\top}$$



Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) Estimation

MAP estimation

$$\theta^* = \arg\max_{\theta} p(\theta|X)$$
 cf) $\theta^* = \arg\max_{\theta} p(X|\theta)$

- Likelihood (Model): $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$
- Prior: $p(\theta)$
- Bayes rule:

$$p(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$



Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) Estimation for Gaussian

$$p(x|\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2\right)$$

$$\widehat{\mu} = \arg\max_{\mu} p(\mu|X) = \arg\max_{\mu} \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(\mu|x_i)$$

Let the prior

$$p(\mu) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_0^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_0^2}(\mu - \mu_0)^2\right)$$

The posterior can be calculated using

$$p(\mu|X) \propto p(X|\mu)p(\mu) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} p(x_i|\mu)p(\mu) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2)$$



Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) Estimation for Gaussian

$$\prod_{i=1}^{N} p(x_i|\mu) p(\mu) = \left[\prod_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x_i - \mu)^2\right) \right]$$
$$\cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_0^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_0^2} (\mu - \mu_0)^2\right)$$

$$\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\sum \frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\mu-\mu_0}{\sigma_0^2}\right)\right)$$

$$\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\mu^2\left[\frac{N}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2}\right] - 2\mu\left[\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\sum x_i + \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma_0}\right]\right)\right)$$

$$\propto \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\mu - \mu_n)^2)$$



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Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) Estimation for Gaussian

Posterior density

$$\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\mu^2\left[\frac{N}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2}\right] - 2\mu\left[\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i + \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma_0}\right]\right)\right)$$

- Caution: Posterior of μ , not the density function of x
- MAP of μ = Mean of μ = μ_n

$$\mu_n = \frac{N\sigma_0^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \widehat{\mu}_{ML} + \frac{\sigma^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \mu_0$$



MLE vs. MAP

- For Gaussian
 - When N is just a few (say N = 5),

$$\sigma_0^2 = 5, \sigma^2 = 3$$

$$\mu_n = \frac{25}{5 \cdot 5 + 3} \widehat{\mu}_{ML} + \frac{3}{5 \cdot 5 + 3} \mu_0$$
Dominant

$$\sigma_n = \frac{5 \cdot 3}{25 + 3} = 0.54$$



MLE vs. MAP

- For Gaussian
 - When we have a few outliers

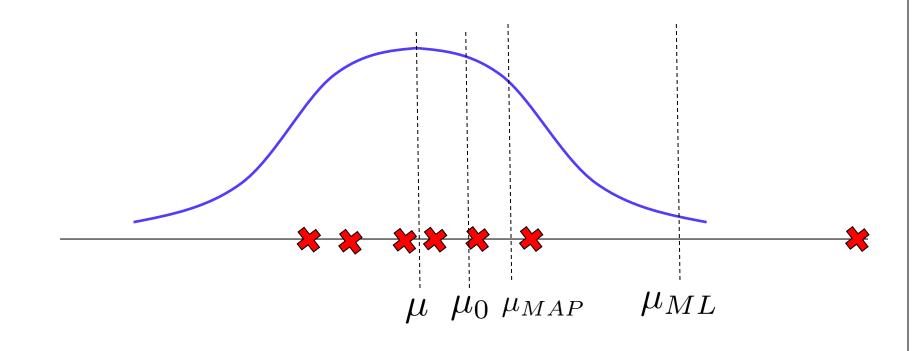
$$\sigma_0^2 = 5, \sigma^2 = 100$$

$$\mu_n = \frac{25}{5 \cdot 5 + 100} \hat{\mu}_{ML} + \frac{100}{5 \cdot 5 + 100} \mu_0$$
Dominant (learn from μ_0)

$$\sigma_n = \frac{5 \cdot 100}{25 + 100} = 4$$



MLE vs. MAP



Bayesian Integration

- The final standard method of prediction is to use Bayesian inference instead of estimating the parameter point.
 - Do not insert $\widehat{\mu}_{MAP}$ directly, but marginalize.

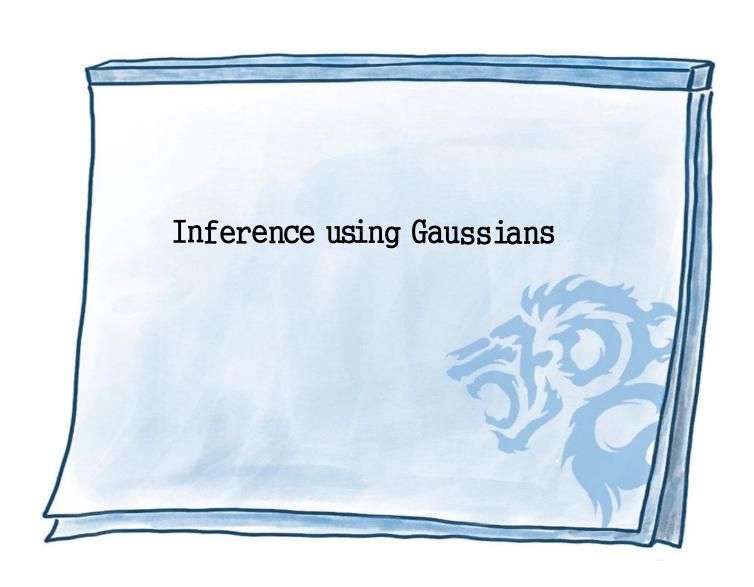
$$p(x|X) = \int p(x|\mu)p(\mu|X)d\mu$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_n^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_n}(\mu-\mu_n)^2\right) d\mu$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(\sigma^2+\sigma_n^2)}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(\sigma^2+\sigma_n^2)}(x-\mu)^2\right)$$

$$= \mathcal{N}(\mu_n, \sigma^2 + \underline{\sigma_n^2})$$
Uncertainty for prediction





Decomposition for Inference

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{a} \\ \mathbf{x}_{b} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{D_{a}} \qquad \mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{a} \\ \mu_{b} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{a} & \Sigma_{ab} \\ \Sigma_{ba} & \Sigma_{b} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^{D}} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^{T} \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)\right)$$

$$= C \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_{a} - \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{b}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_{b} - \mu_{b}))^{T} \left(\Sigma_{a} - \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{b}^{-1} \Sigma_{ba}\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{x}_{a} - \Sigma_{ab} \Sigma_{b}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_{b} - \mu_{b})\right)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_{b} - \mu_{b})^{T} \Sigma_{b}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_{b} - \mu_{b})\right)$$

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$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^D} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)\right)$$
$$= C_1 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_a - \mu_{a|b}(\mathbf{x}_b))^{\top} \Sigma_{a|b}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_a - \mu_{a|b}(\mathbf{x}_b))\right) \cdot$$
$$C_2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}_b - \mu_b)^{\top} \Sigma_b^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_b - \mu_b)\right)$$

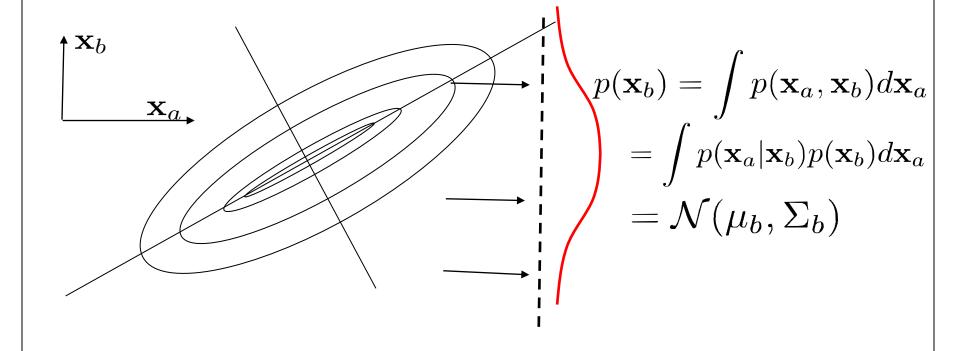
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Gaussian Random Variable - Marginal

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_a \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_a \in \mathbb{R}^{D_a} \\ \mathbf{x}_b \in \mathbb{R}^{D_b} \qquad \mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_a \\ \mu_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_a & \Sigma_{ab} \\ \Sigma_{ba} & \Sigma_b \end{pmatrix}$$

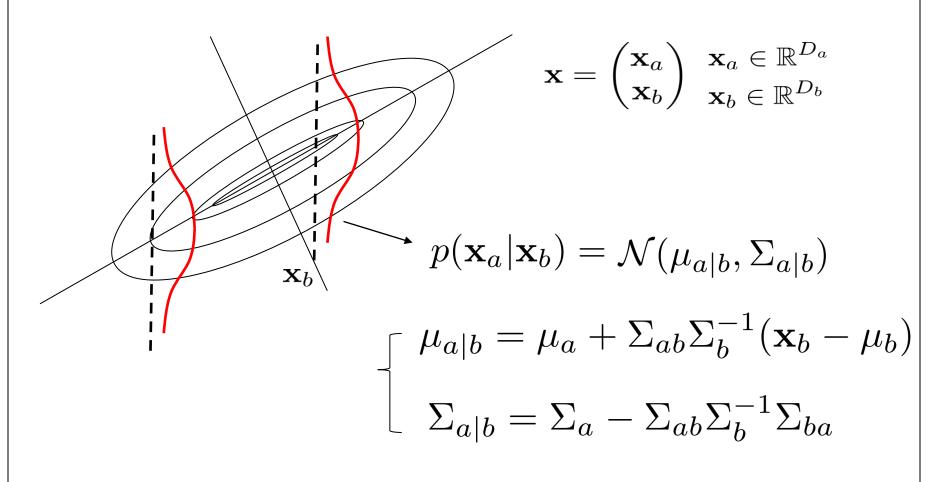
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Gaussian Random Variable - Conditional

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^D} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)\right)$$



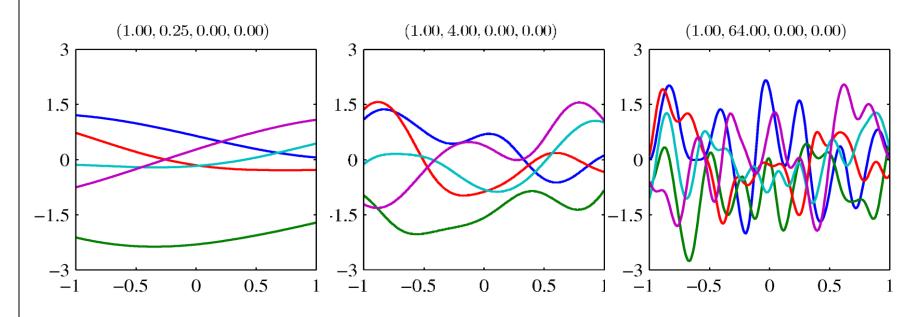
Gaussian Processes - Function Space View

$$y(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(m(\mathbf{x}), k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$$

$$m(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}[y(\mathbf{x})] = 0$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \mathbb{E}[(y(\mathbf{x}) - m(\mathbf{x}))(y(\mathbf{x}') - m(\mathbf{x}'))]$$

$$= \theta_1 \exp\left\{-\frac{\theta_2}{2}||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'||^2\right\} + \theta_3 + \theta_4 \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}'$$

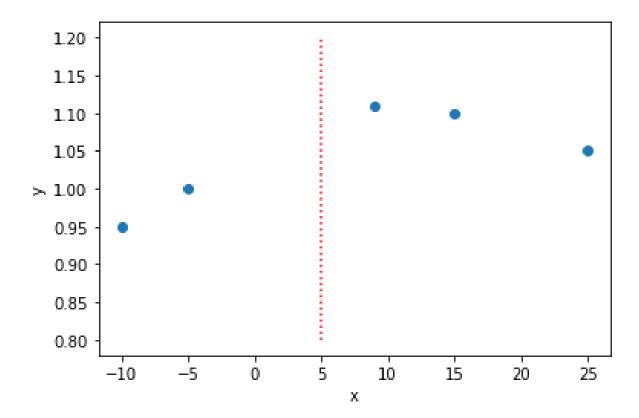


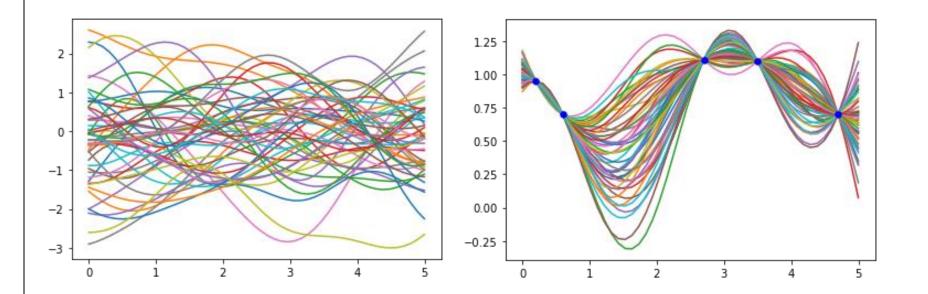
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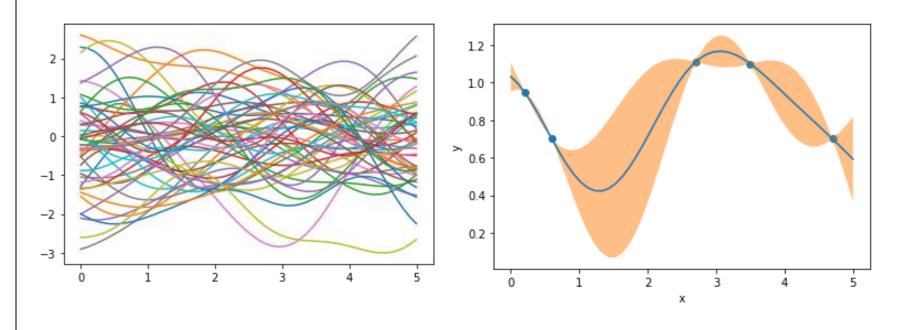




Regression



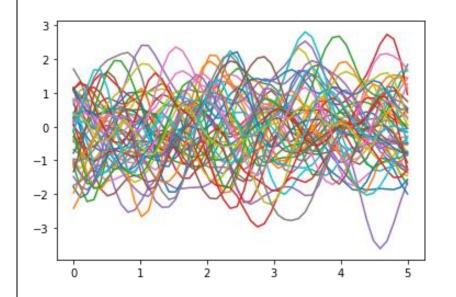


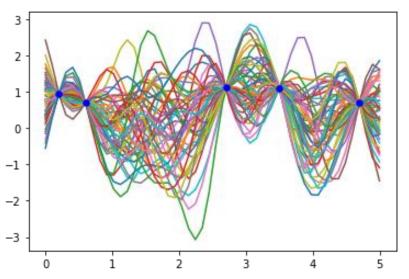


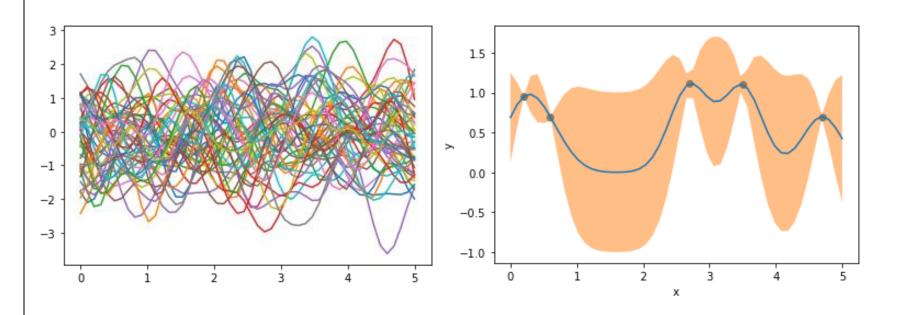
$$m(x) = \mathbf{k}^{\top} K^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$
$$\sigma^{2}(\mathbf{x}) = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{k}^{\top} K^{-1} \mathbf{k}$$

$$[\mathbf{k}]_i = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)$$
$$[\mathbf{K}]_{i,j} = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$
$$[\mathbf{y}]_i = y(\mathbf{x}_i)$$









$$m(x) = \mathbf{k}^{\top} K^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$
$$\sigma^{2}(\mathbf{x}) = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{k}^{\top} K^{-1} \mathbf{k}$$

$$[\mathbf{k}]_i = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)$$
$$[\mathbf{K}]_{i,j} = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$
$$[\mathbf{y}]_i = y(\mathbf{x}_i)$$





Review - Two Learning Paradigms

Data:

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^N \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D, y_i \in \{1, \dots, C\} \text{ or } y_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

Model:

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \theta) \in \mathcal{H} \text{ or } p(\mathcal{D}|\theta) \in \mathcal{H}$$

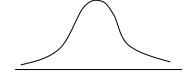
• 1) Choose the best fit to the data in terms of L(y, f)

$$\theta^* = \arg\min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^{N} L(y_i, f(\mathbf{x}_i))$$

Prediction:
$$y = f(\mathbf{x}; \theta^*)$$

• 2) Choose the best guess with likelihood

Likelihood:
$$p(\mathcal{D}|\theta)$$
 Prior: $p(\theta)$



Posterior:
$$p(\theta|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{p(\mathcal{D}|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(\mathcal{D})}$$

Prediction:
$$p(y|\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}) = \int p(y|\mathbf{x}; \theta) p(\theta|\mathcal{D}) d\theta$$