

## Machine Learning Homework 10

**Problem 1**

$$\begin{pmatrix} y \\ f(x_*) \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \begin{pmatrix} \mu & K & K_* \\ \mu_* & K_*^T & K_{**} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Since the mean function  $m(X) = 0$  for every  $X$ , both  $\mu$  and  $\mu_*$  are equal to zero and:

$$\begin{aligned} K_{ij} &= K(X_i, X_j) \\ K_{*ij} &= K(X_i, X_{*j}) \\ K_{**ij} &= K(X_{*i}, X_{*j}) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{pmatrix} y \\ f(x_*) \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma) \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma &= \begin{pmatrix} K & K_* \\ K_*^T & K_{**} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} K(x_1, x_1) & K(x_1, x_2) & K(x_1, x_*) \\ K(x_2, x_1) & K(x_2, x_1) & K(x_2, x_*) \\ K(x_*, x_1) & K(x_*, x_2) & K(x_*, x_*) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.54 & 0.88 \\ 0.54 & 1.2 & 0.61 \\ 0.88 & 0.61 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

**Problem 2**

$$p(f_* | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{f_* | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}}, \Sigma_{f_* | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}}) \quad (5)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{f_* | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}} &= K_*^T K^{-1} y = 2.5039 \\ \Sigma_{f_* | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}} &= K_{**} - K_*^T K^{-1} K_* = 0.196 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

**Problem 3**

With noisy observations assumed, the covariance matrix takes the form of  $\tilde{K} = K + \sigma_y^2 I$ . Consequently, the covariance matrix of the joint distribution is

$$\tilde{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{K} & K_* \\ K_*^T & K_{**} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} K + \sigma_y^2 I & K_* \\ K_*^T & K_{**} \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Finally, the predictive distribution is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mu}_*, \tilde{\Sigma}_*) \\
 & \tilde{\mu}_* = m(f(x_*)) + K_*^T(K + \sigma_y^2 I)^{-1}(f - m(y)) = K_*^T(K + \sigma_y^2 I)^{-1}f \\
 & \tilde{\Sigma}_* = K_{**} - K_*^T(K + \sigma_y^2 I)^{-1}K_* = 1 - K_*^T(K + \sigma_y^2 I)^{-1}K_*
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$