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(a)

In a prediction process using Gaussian process with N training input and output pairs (X, Y), and T test inputs X_T , the joint training and test marginal likelihood:

$$P(Y, Y_T) = N(0, K_{N+T}), K_{N+T} = \begin{bmatrix} K_N & K_{NT} \\ K_{TN} & K_T \end{bmatrix}$$

(Suppose the data are centered to $\mu = 0$)

Condition on training outputs:

$$P(Y_T|Y) = \frac{P(Y, Y_T)}{P(Y)} = N(\mu_T, \Sigma_T)$$

$$\mu_T = \mu + K_{TN}K_N^{-1}Y$$

$$\Sigma_T = K_T - K_{TN}K_N^{-1}K_{NT}$$

When N is large, the inverse of the covariance matrix K_N will be computationally expensive. The complexity of n by n matrix inversion is $O(n^3)$

(b)

We can reduce the rank of the covariance using following approximation:

Given a positive definite matrix K of order $n \times n$ and a randomly generated Johnson -Lindenstrauss matrix Ω of order $r \times n$, we find the projection matrix Φ of order $m \times n$ which approximates the range and compute the approximate SVD decomposition via Nystrom approximation with Φ .¹

1. $\Phi^T =$ left factor of the rank m spectral projection of $K\Omega$

$$2. K_1 = \Phi K \Phi^T$$

$$3. \text{Choleski Factorization, } K_1 = BB^T$$

4. Nystrom factor $C = K\Phi^T(B^T)^{-1}$, spectral decomposition $C = UDV^T$

$$K \approx UD^2U^T = UDV^TVDU^T = K\Phi^T(B^T)^{-1}B^{-1}\Phi K$$

$$= K\Phi^T K_1^{-1}\Phi K = (\Phi K)^{-1}(\Phi K \Phi^T)^{-1}\Phi K$$

Consider the Gaussian Process with (Gaussian) noisy observations:

$$\mu_T = \mu + K_{TN}(K_N + \sigma^2 I)^{-1}Y$$

$$\Sigma_T = K_T - K_{TN}(K_N + \sigma^2 I)^{-1}K_{NT} + \sigma^2 I$$

¹ Banerjee, Anjishnu, David B. Dunson, and Surya T. Tokdar. "Efficient Gaussian process regression for large datasets." *Biometrika* 100.1 (2012): 75-89.

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Using the Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury matrix inversion lemma,

$$\begin{aligned}K_N &\approx UD^2U^T \\(K_N + \sigma^2 I)^{-1} &= \sigma^{-2}I - \sigma^{-2}U(D^{-2} + \sigma^{-2}U^T U)^{-1}U^T \sigma^{-2} \\&= \sigma^{-2}I - \sigma^{-4}U(D^{-2} + \sigma^{-2}I)^{-1}U^T\end{aligned}$$

In the above $(D^{-2} + \sigma^{-2}I)^{-1}$ is a diagonal matrix and the matrix inversion is avoided.