

Lecture 22: Gaussian process regression

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Tuning the hyper-parameters

The posterior over parameters and latent function values

$$f(\cdot) | \theta \sim \text{GP}(\mathbf{0}, c(\cdot, \cdot; \theta))$$

$$c(x, x'; \theta) = s^2 \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-x')^2}{2\ell^2}\right\}, \quad \theta = (s, \ell)$$

Observations: $x_{1:n}, y_{1:n}$

Likelihood: $p(y_i | f(x_i), \sigma^2) = N(y_i | f(x_i), \sigma^2)$

$$\rightarrow f(\cdot) | x_{1:n}, y_{1:n}, \theta, \sigma \sim \text{GP}(m_n^*(\cdot), c_n^*(\cdot, \cdot))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &\sim p(\theta) \\ \sigma &\sim p(\sigma) \end{aligned}$$



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$$\rightarrow p(\theta, \sigma | x_{1:n}, y_{1:n}) \stackrel{\text{Sum Rule}}{=} \int p(f_{1:n}, \theta, \sigma | x_{1:n}, y_{1:n}) df_{1:n}$$

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Baye's Rule $\int p(y_{1:n} | f_{1:n}, \sigma) p(f_{1:n} | x_{1:n}, \theta) p(\theta) p(\sigma) df_{1:n}$

$$= \int \underbrace{p(y_{1:n} | f_{1:n}, \sigma)}_{\text{L}} \times \underbrace{p(f_{1:n} | x_{1:n}, \theta)}_{\text{L}} p(\theta) p(\sigma) df_{1:n}$$

$$= N(y_{1:n} | m_{1:n}, C_n + \sigma^2 I_n) p(\theta) p(\sigma)$$

Estimating the parameters by maximizing the marginal likelihood

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max_{\theta, \sigma} \log p(\theta, \sigma \mid x_{1:n}, y_{1:n}) \\
 & \quad \parallel \\
 & \log \mathcal{N}(y_{1:n} \mid \mu_{1:n}, C_n + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n) + \log p(\theta) + \log p(\sigma) \\
 & \quad \parallel \\
 & -\frac{1}{2} \log |C_n + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n| - \frac{1}{2} (y_{1:n} - \mu_{1:n})^T [C_n + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n]^{-1} (y_{1:n} - \mu_{1:n}) \\
 & \quad + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

