



# Gaussian process regression models under linear inequality conditions

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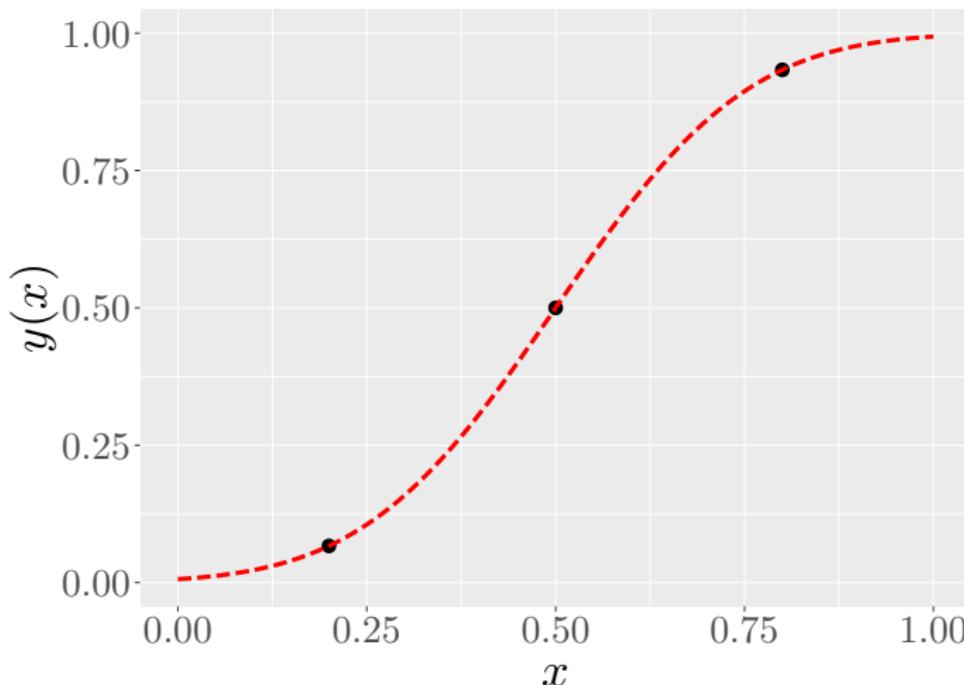
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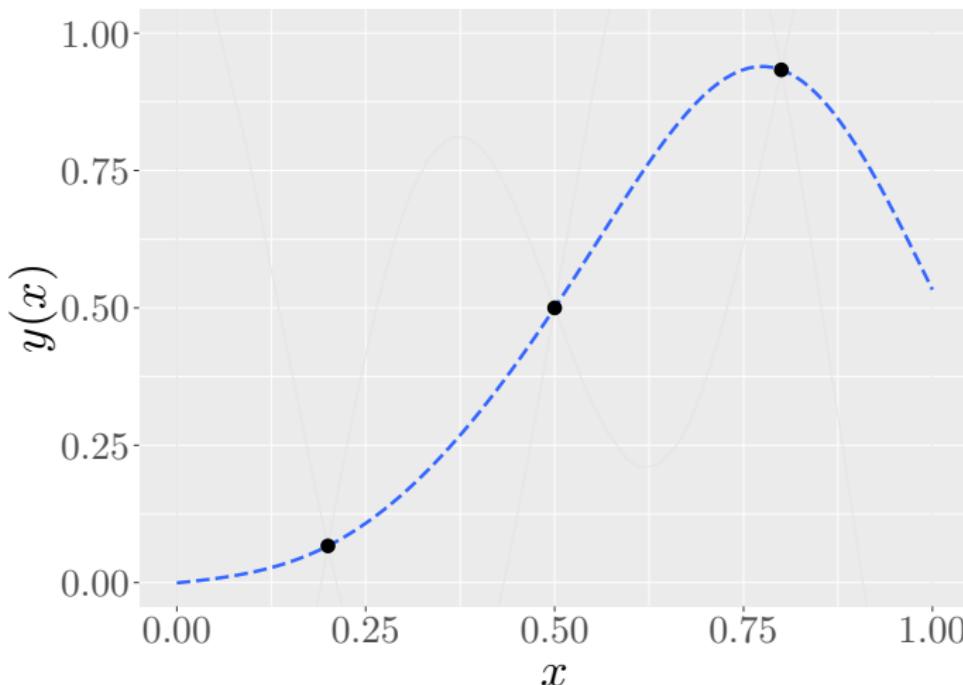
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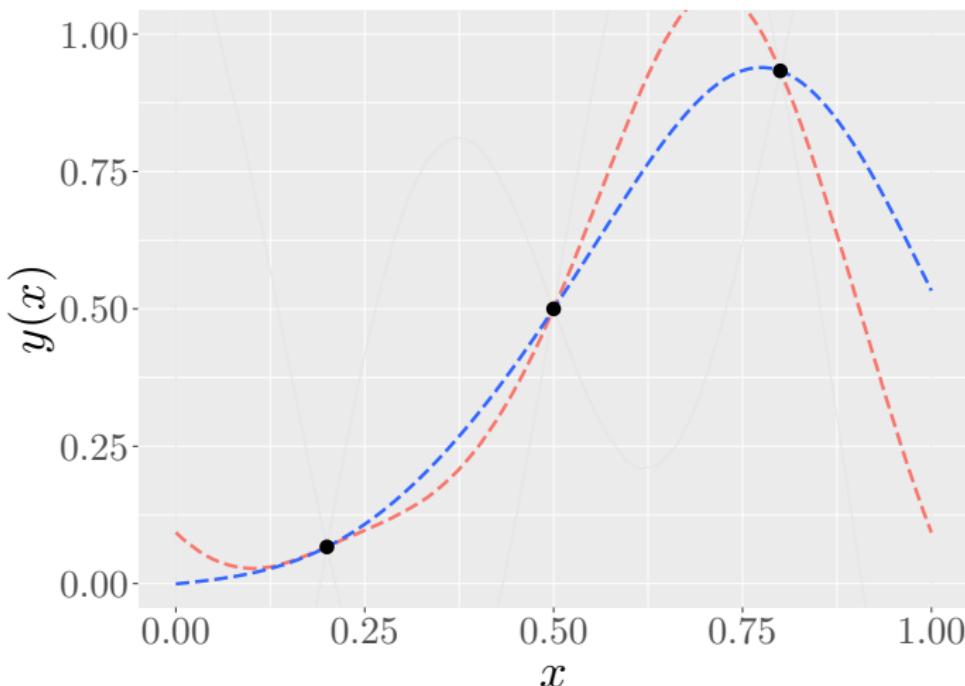


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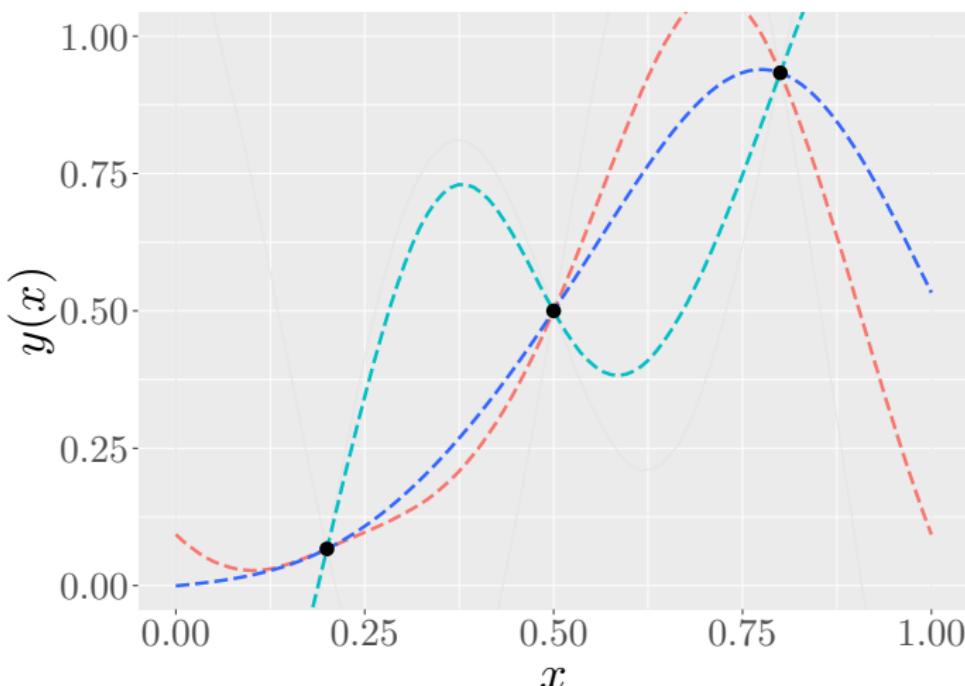
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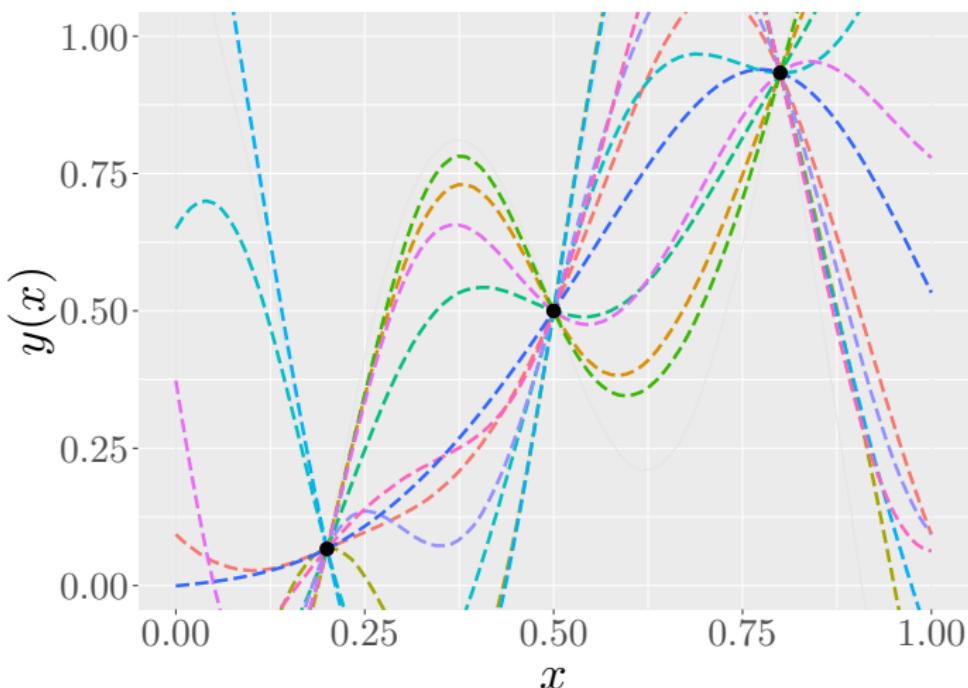
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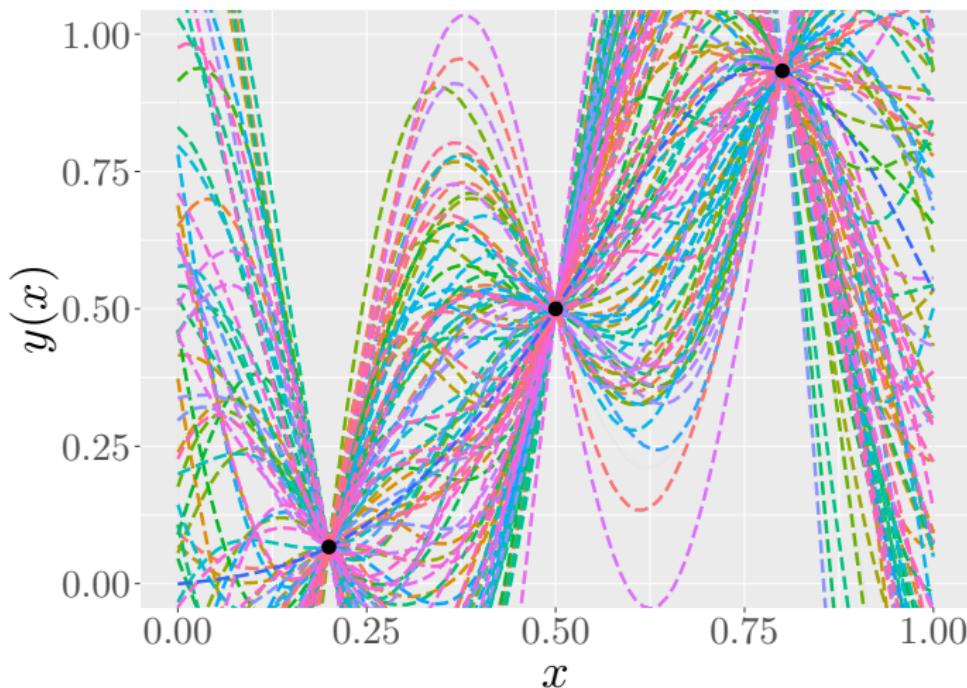


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Notation (Rasmussen and Williams, 2005)

Let  $Y$  be a GP. Then,  $Y(x)$  is completely defined by its **mean function**  $m(x)$  and **covariance function**  $k(x, x')$

$$Y(x) \sim \mathcal{GP}(m(x), k(x, x')), \quad (1)$$

with

$$m(x) = \mathbb{E} \{Y(x)\},$$

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

where the operator  $\mathbb{E} \{\cdot\}$  denotes the expectation of a random variable.

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GP regression model (Rasmussen and Williams, 2005)

Let  $Y$  be a zero-mean GP with covariance function  $k$ . Let  $\{x_i, y_i\}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$  be a set of observations. Then, the **joint distribution** of the vector of observations  $\mathbf{y}$ , and the vector of predictions  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is Gaussian

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{y}^* \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) & \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^*) \\ \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}) & \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}^*) \end{bmatrix} \right), \quad (2)$$

and the **conditional distribution**  $\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{y}$  is also Gaussian

$$\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N} (\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{y}^* | \mathbf{y}}), \quad (3)$$

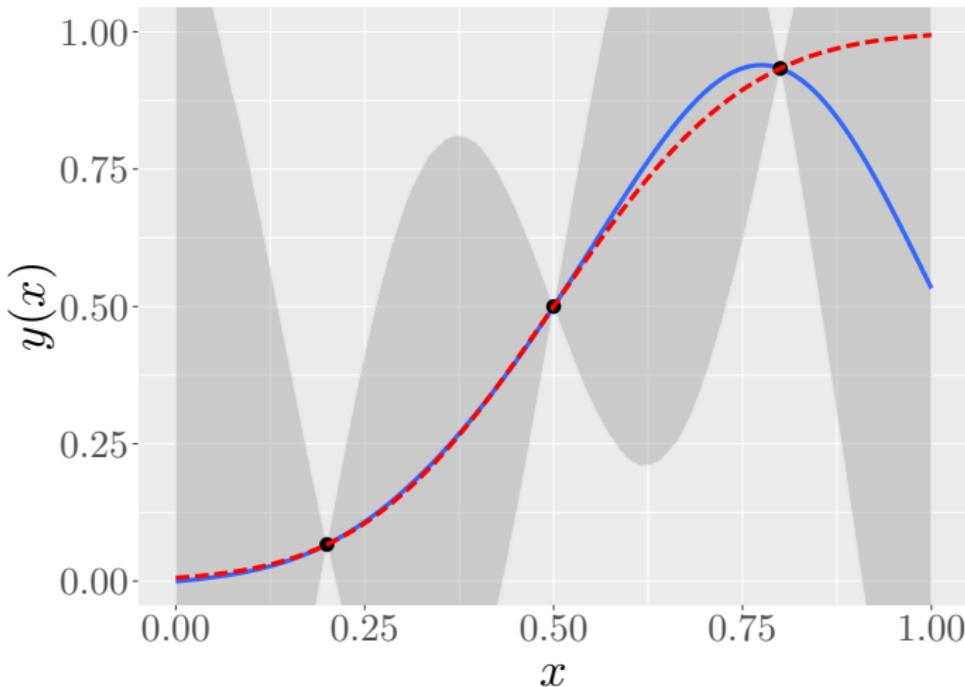
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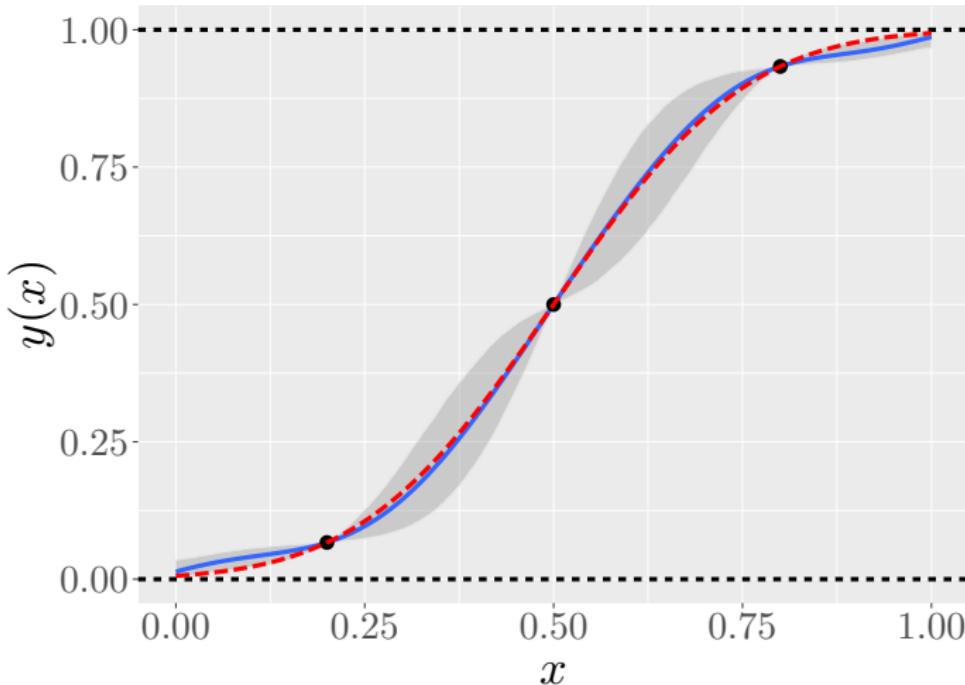
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What about if we encode a priori both **monotonicity** and **boundedness** trends from the Gaussian CDF into the GP model...

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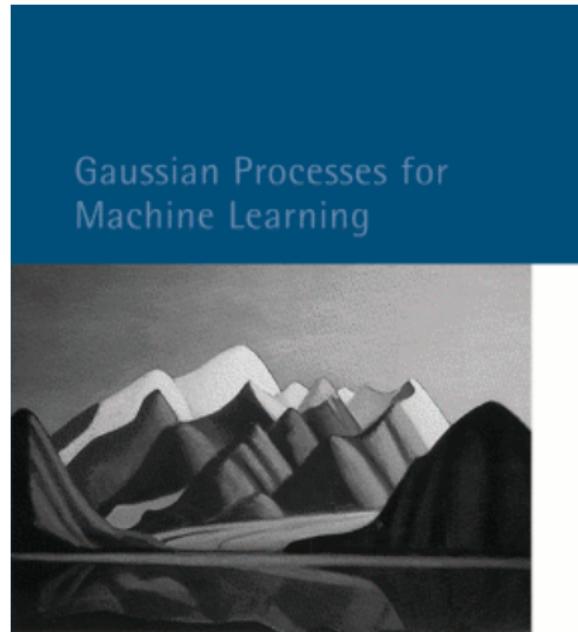
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## Disadvantages

- ① They are purely data-driven approaches.
- ② Curse of dimensionality:  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ .

# Rasmussen and Williams (2005)



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Link: <http://www.gaussianprocess.org/gpml/>

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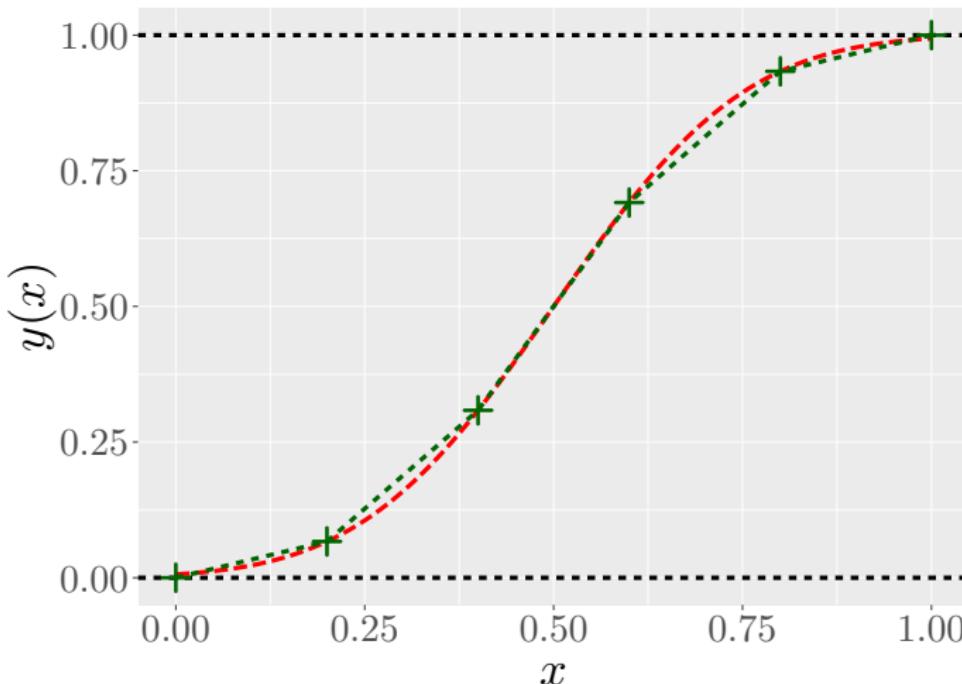
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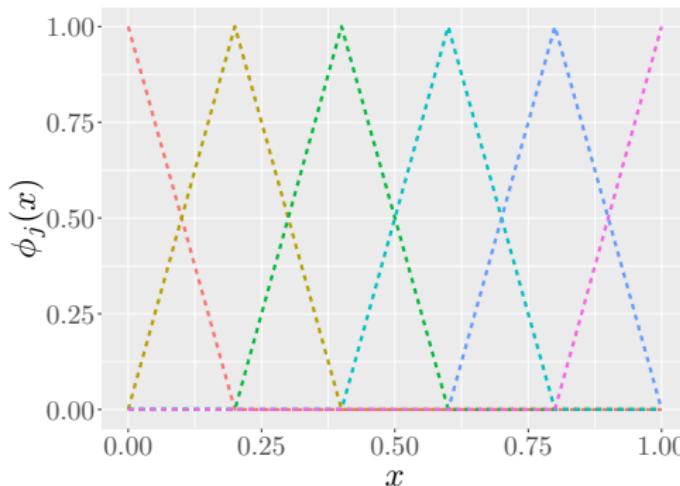
⇒ The finite approx. is also bounded and monotonic!

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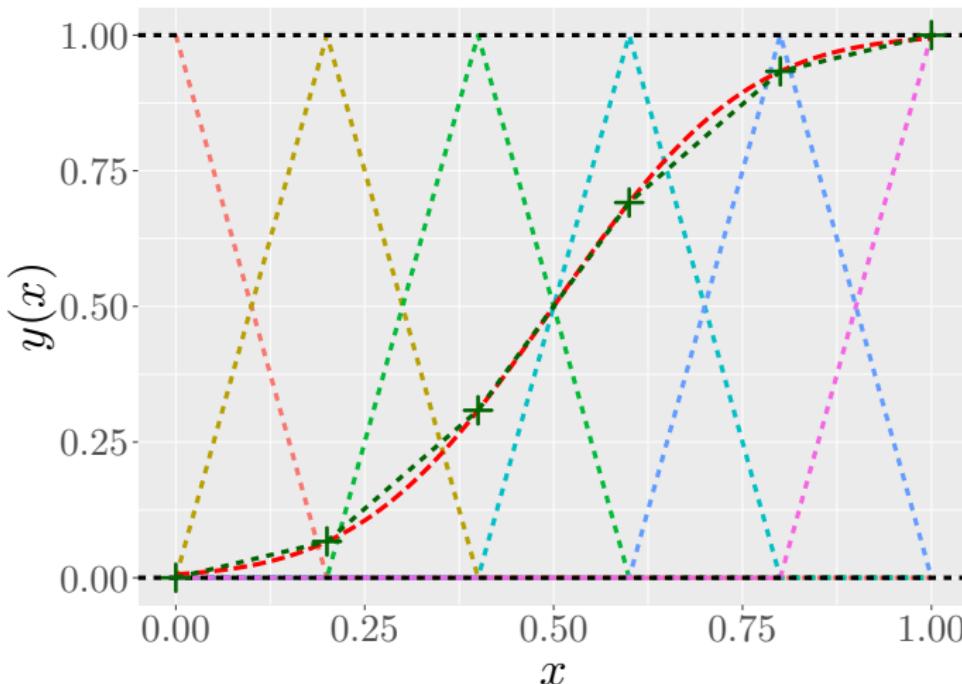
$$Y_m(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_j \phi_j(x), \quad \text{s.t.} \quad Y_m(x_i) = y_i \quad (\text{interpolation conditions})$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\xi} = [\xi_1, \dots, \xi_m]^\top \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Gamma})$ , with covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma} = (k(t_i, t_j))$   $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ , and  $\phi_j : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are hat functions.



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Finite-dimensional representation.

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Since  $\boldsymbol{\xi} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Gamma})$ , then  $\mathbf{Y}_m = [Y_m(x_1), \dots, Y_m(x_n)]^\top = \boldsymbol{\Phi}\boldsymbol{\xi}$ , is also Gaussian

$$\mathbf{Y}_m \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Phi}\boldsymbol{\Gamma}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^\top), \quad (4)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Phi}$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix defined by  $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{i,j} = \phi_j(x_i)$ . Furthermore, the **posterior distribution**  $\boldsymbol{\xi}|\{\mathbf{Y}_m = \mathbf{y}\}$  follows

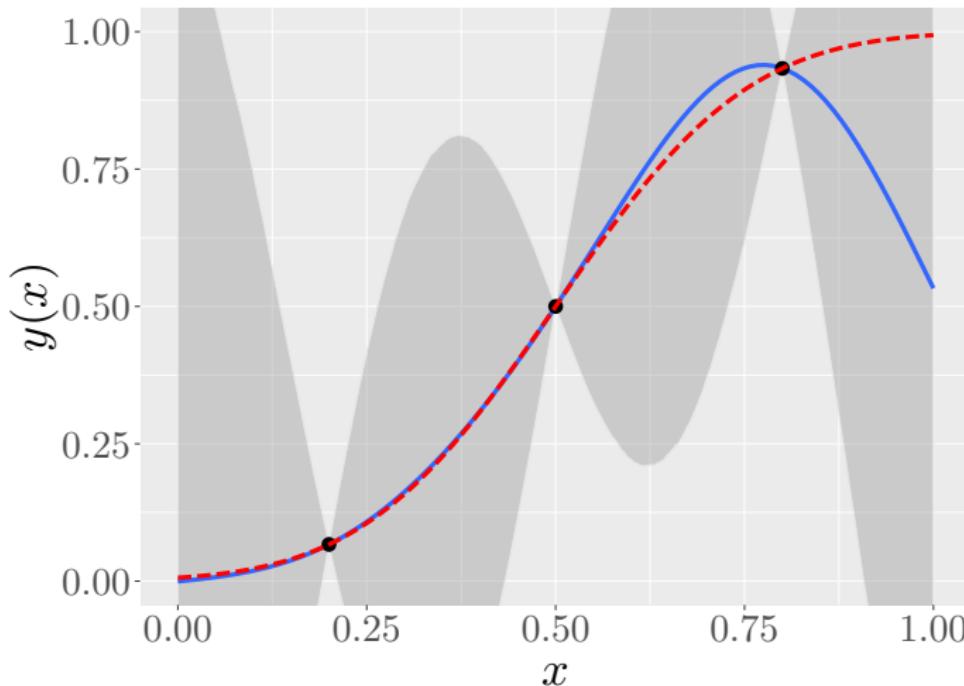
$$\boldsymbol{\xi}|\{\mathbf{Y}_m = \mathbf{y}\} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}), \quad (5)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\mu} &= \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^\top[\boldsymbol{\Phi}\boldsymbol{\Gamma}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^\top]^{-1}\mathbf{y}, \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma} &= \boldsymbol{\Gamma} - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^\top[\boldsymbol{\Phi}\boldsymbol{\Gamma}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^\top]^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Phi}\boldsymbol{\Gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

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Finite-dimensional Gaussian approximation with  $m = 100$ .

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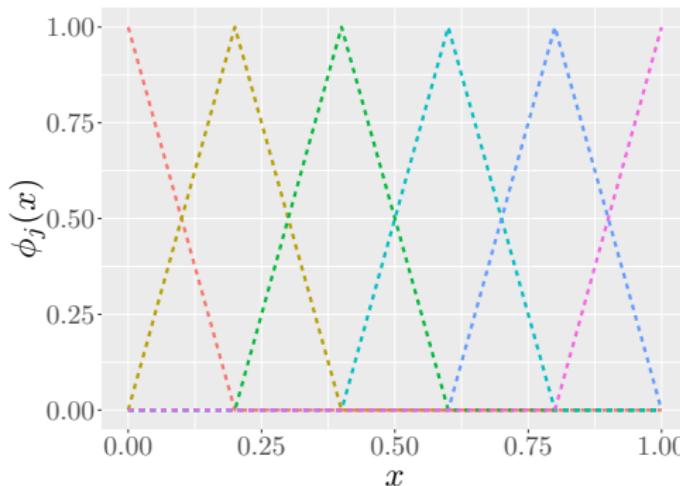
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where  $\boldsymbol{\xi} = [\xi_1, \dots, \xi_m]^T \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Gamma})$ , and  $\phi_j : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are hat functions (Maatouk and Bay, 2017).



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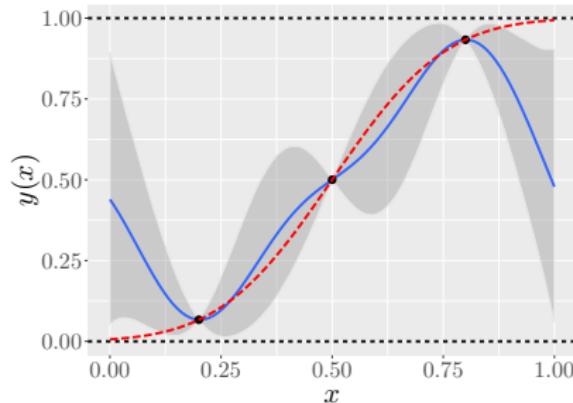
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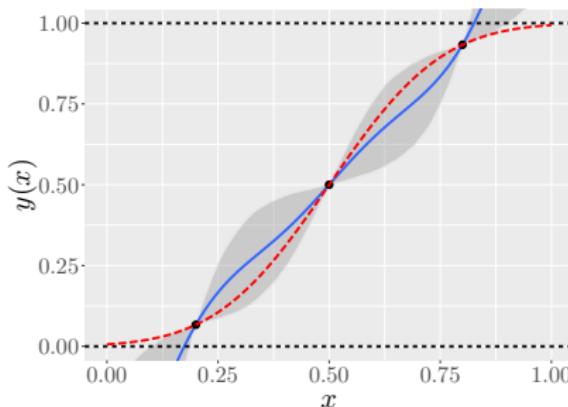
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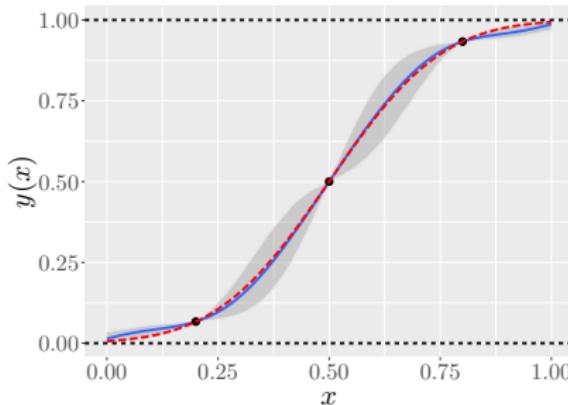
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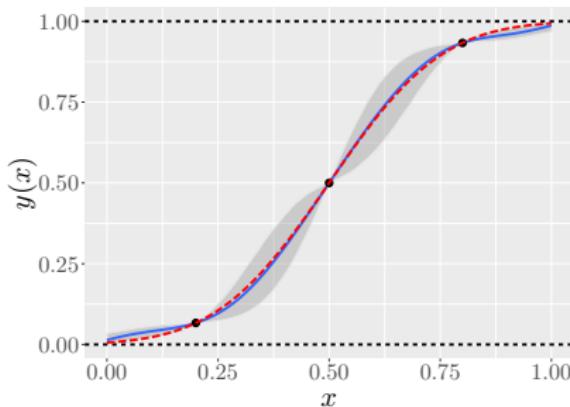
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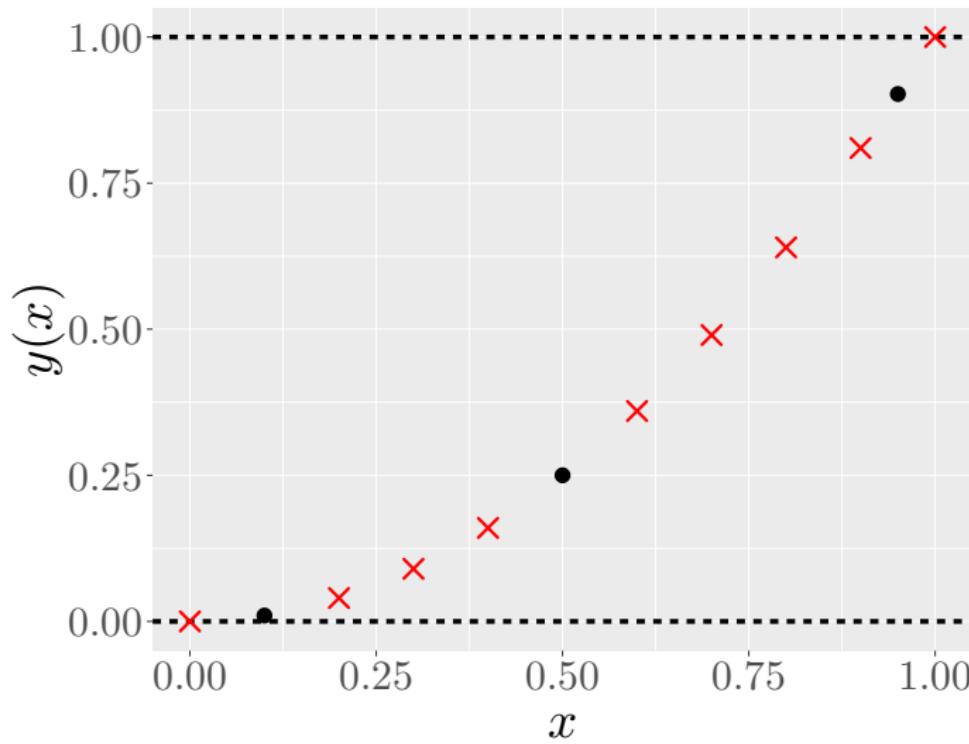


or simply,

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} l_b \\ l_m \end{bmatrix}}_l \leq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_b \\ \Lambda_m \end{bmatrix}}_{\Lambda} \boldsymbol{\xi} \leq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_b \\ u_m \end{bmatrix}}_u.$$

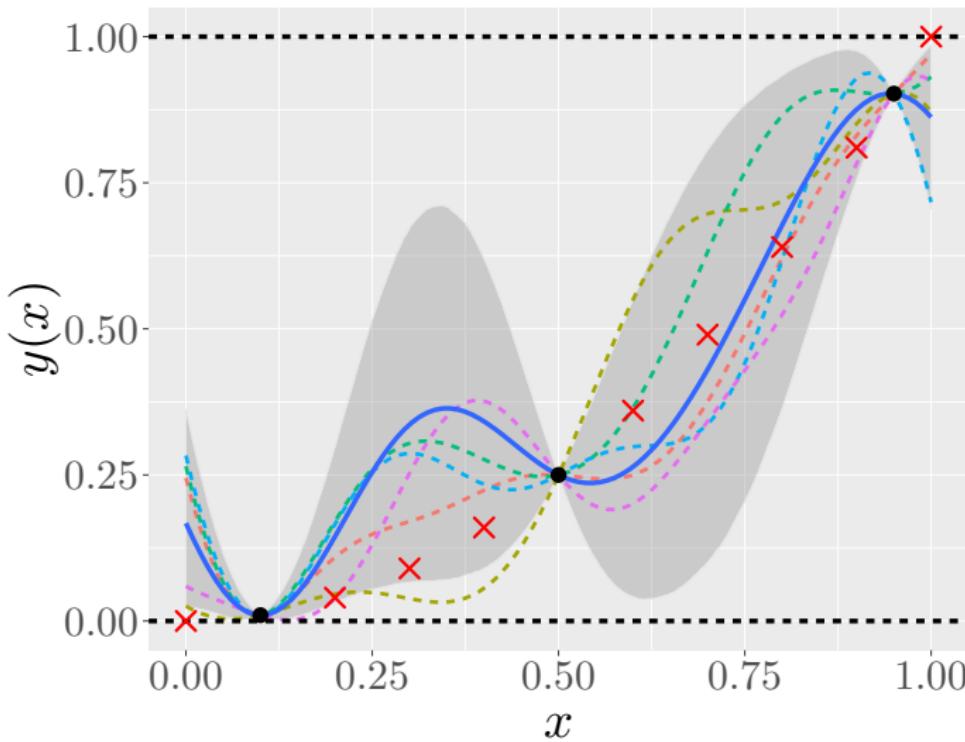
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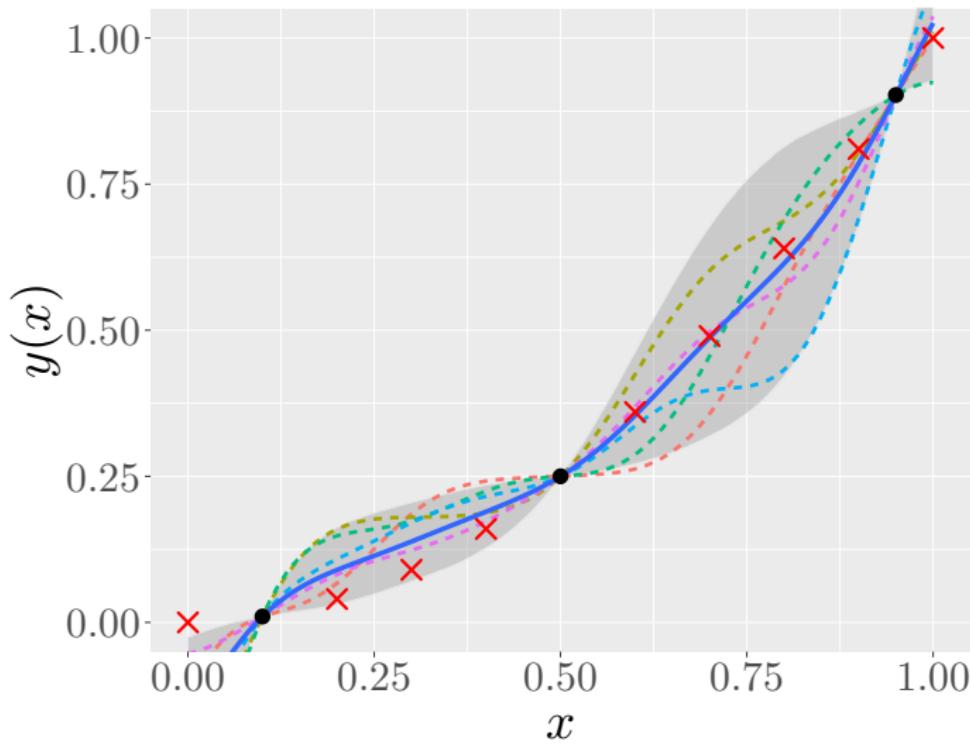
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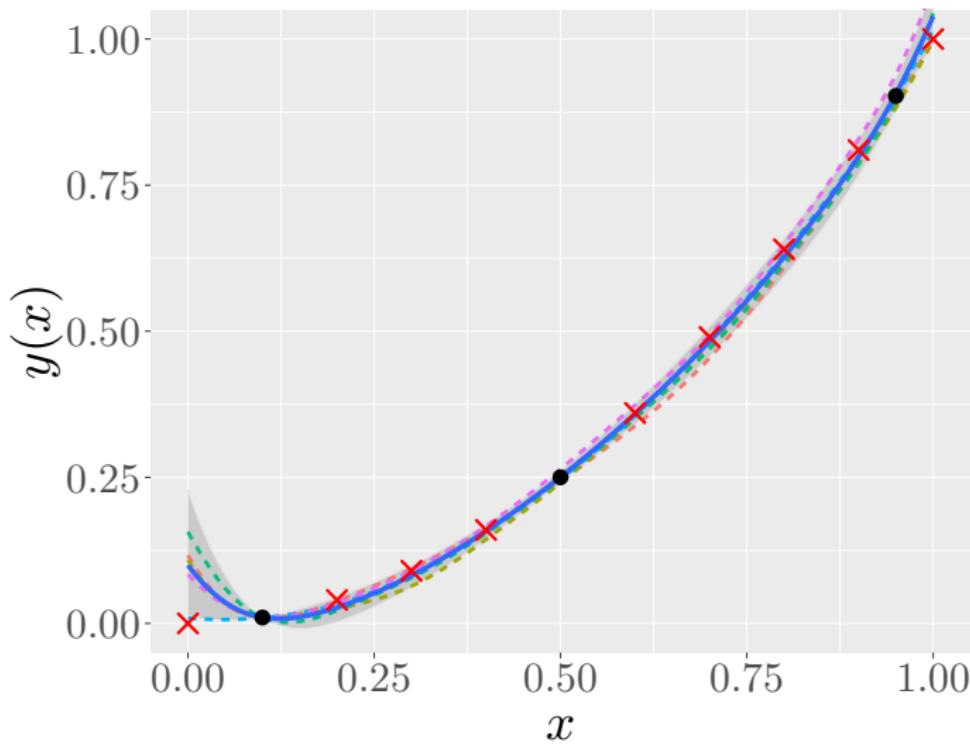
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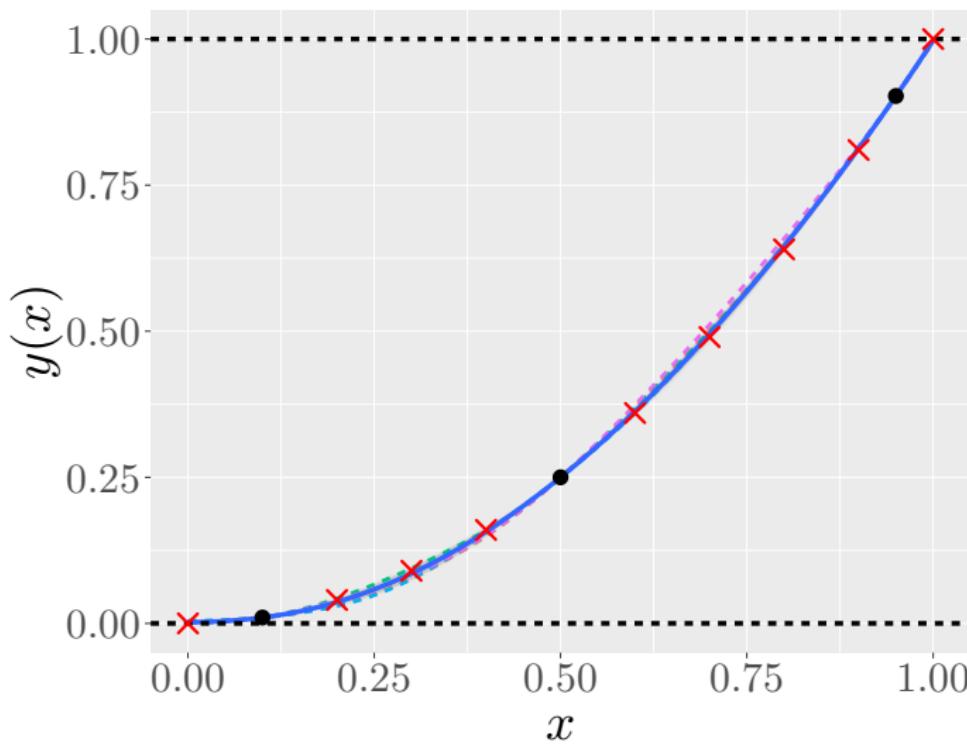
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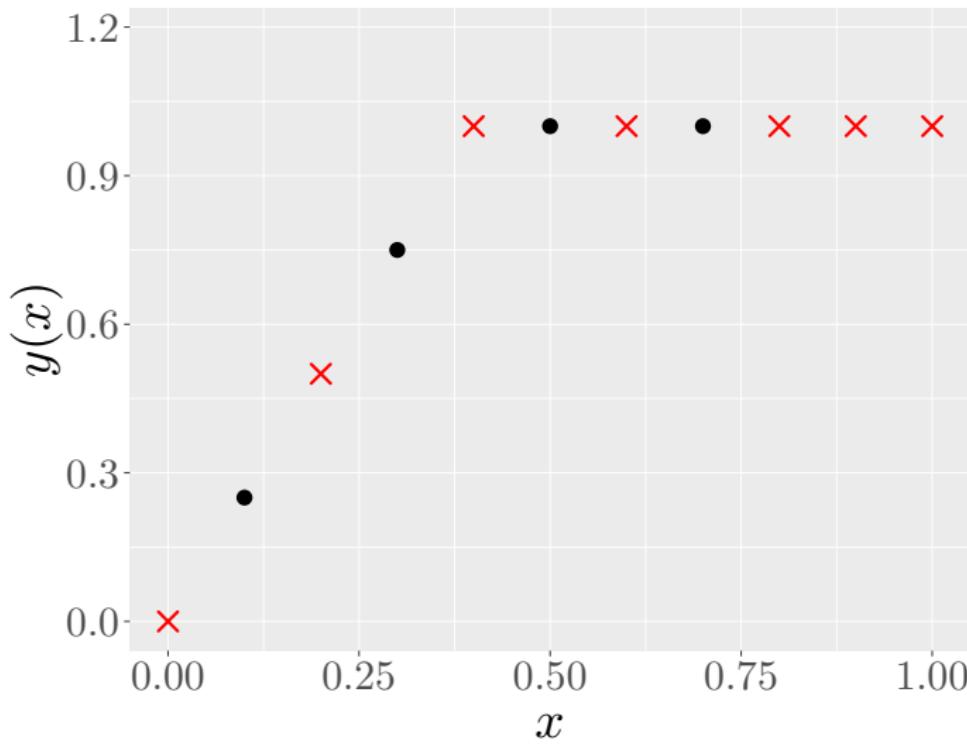
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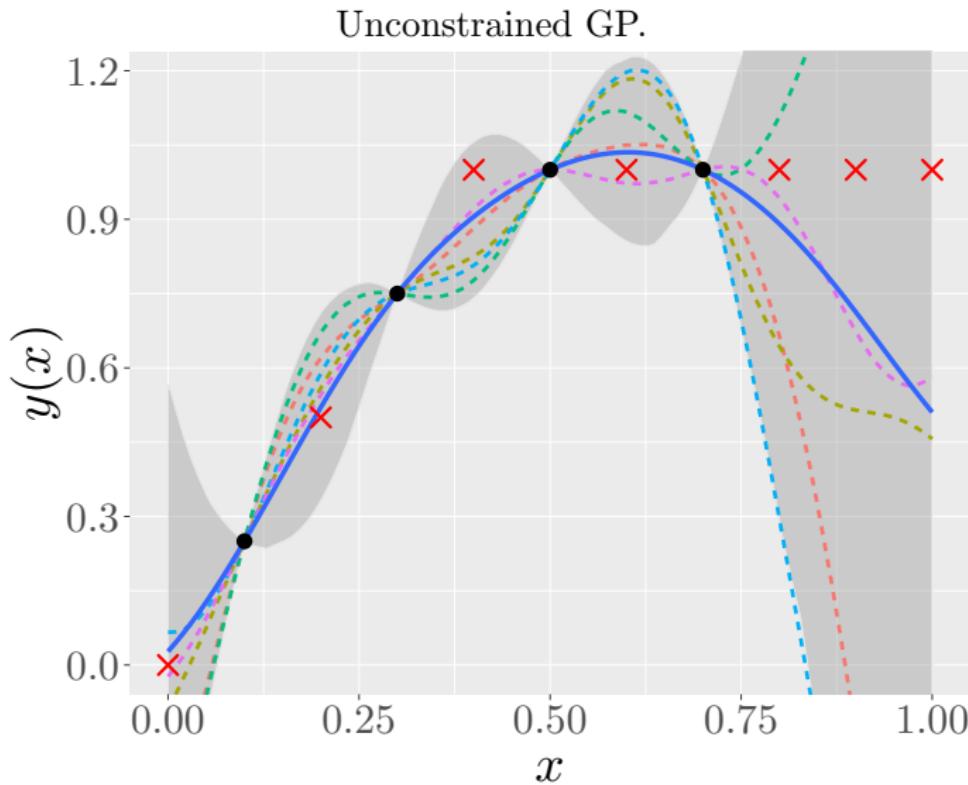


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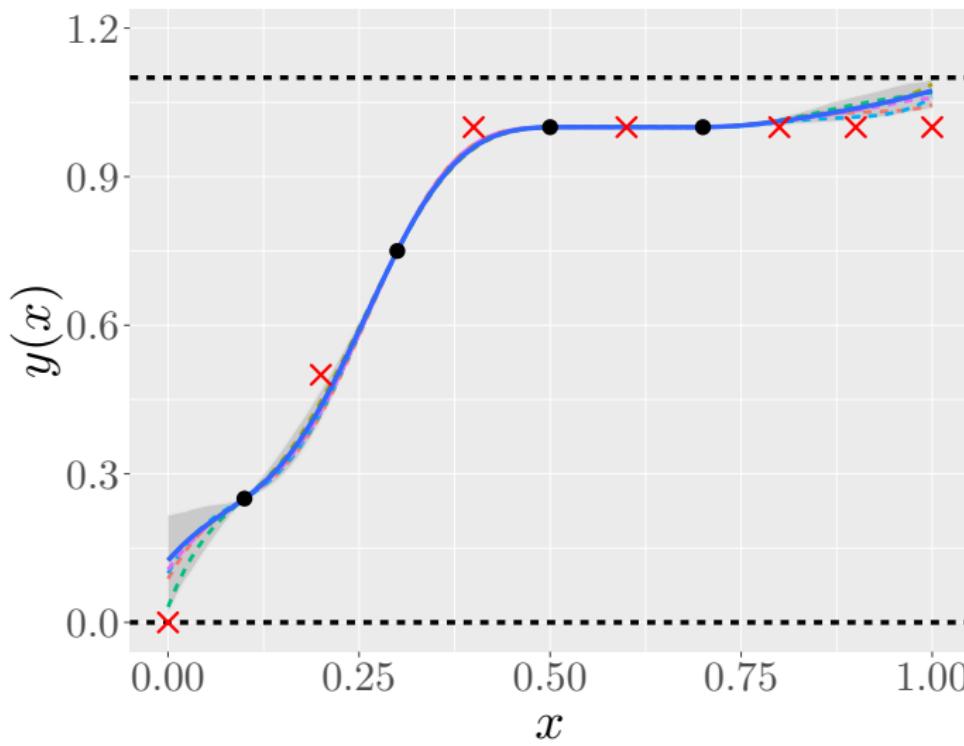


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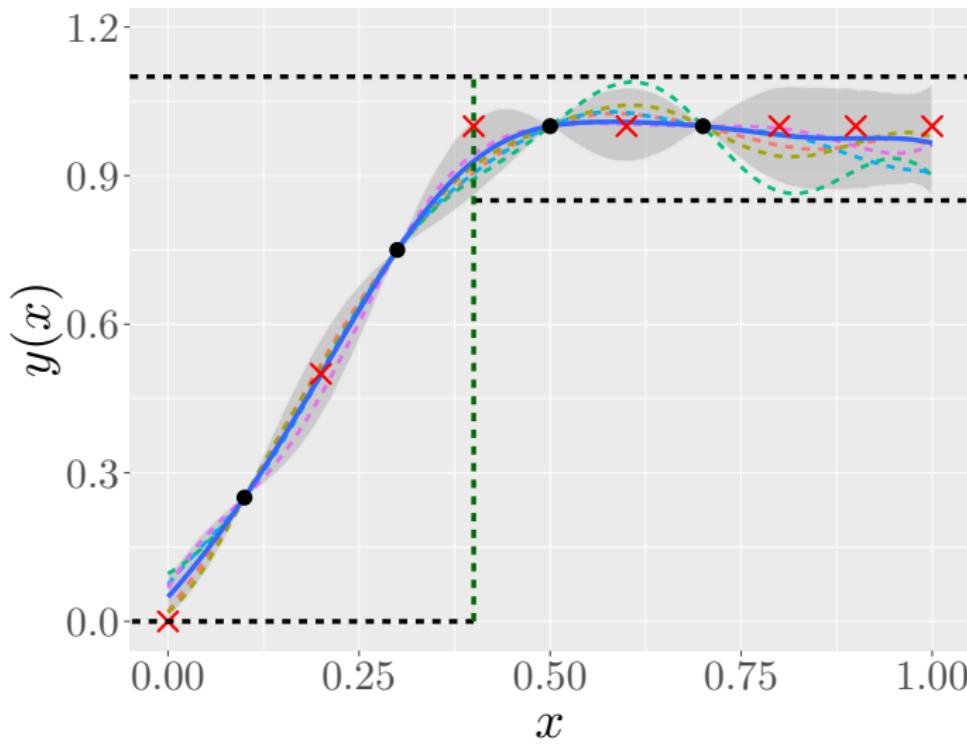
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# Extension for 2D input spaces

The approximation can be extended to two dimensional input spaces by tensorisation:

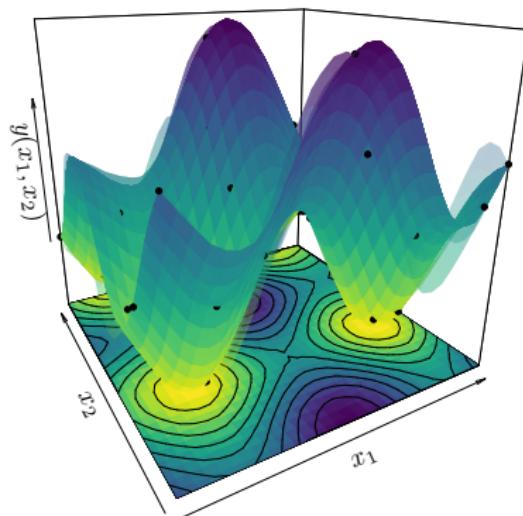
$$Y_{m_1, m_2}(x_1, x_2) := \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_1} \sum_{j_2=1}^{m_2} \xi_{j_2, j_1} \phi_{j_1}^1(x_1) \phi_{j_2}^2(x_2), \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} Y_{m_1, m_2}(x_1^i, x_2^i) = y_i, \\ \xi_{j_2, j_1} \in \mathcal{C}, \end{cases}$$

where  $\xi_{j_2, j_1} = Y(t_{j_1}, t_{j_2})$  and  $(x_1^1, x_2^1), \dots, (x_1^n, x_2^n)$  constitute a DoE, and  $\phi_{j_1}^1, \phi_{j_2}^2 : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are hat functions.

⇒ We can also assume that  $\boldsymbol{\xi} = [\xi_{1,1}, \dots, \xi_{1,m_1}, \dots, \xi_{m_2,1}, \dots, \xi_{m_2,m_1}]^\top$  is a zero-mean Gaussian vector with covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}$ .

# Extension for 2D input spaces

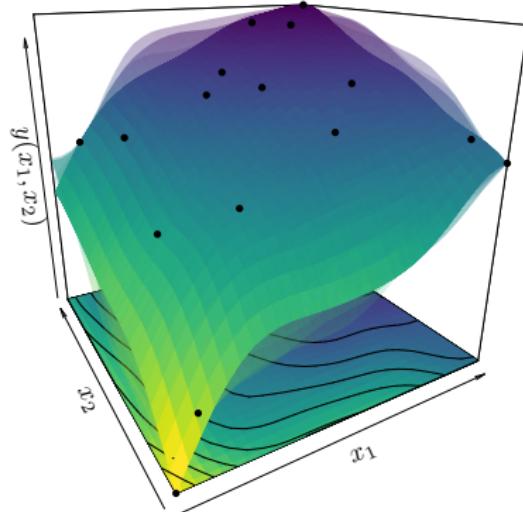
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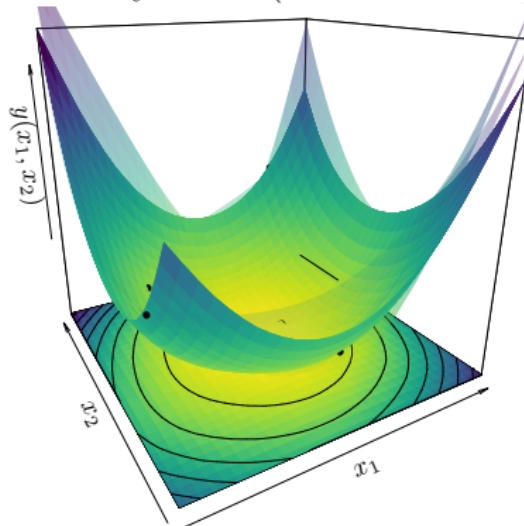
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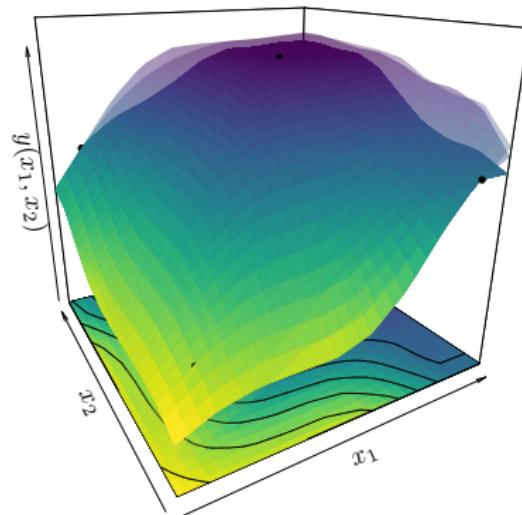
Convexity in 2D (a weak version).



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- Unconstrained log likelihood.
- Gaussian orthant probabilities (Botev, 2017; Genz, 1992).

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# Asymptotic analysis

Let  $\mathcal{E}_\kappa$  be one of the following convex set of functions

$$\mathcal{E}_\kappa = \begin{cases} f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ is } C^0 \text{ and } \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{X}, \ell \leq f(\mathbf{x}) \leq u & \text{if } \kappa = 0, \\ f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ is } C^1 \text{ and } \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{X}, \forall i = 1, \dots, d, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 & \text{if } \kappa = 1, \\ f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ is } C^2 \text{ and } \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{X}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2} f(\mathbf{x}) \text{ is a non-negative definite matrix} & \text{if } \kappa = 2, \end{cases}$$

which corresponds to boundedness, monotonicity, and convexity constraints. We will focus on the GP  $Y$  and the observation vector

$$\mathbf{Y}_n = [Y(x_1), \dots, Y(x_n)]^\top.$$

# Maximum likelihood (ML)

## Proposition 1: asymptotic consistency of ML

Let  $Y$  be a centred GP on  $\mathbb{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  with covariance  $k$  satisfying Condition A.1 from (López-Lopera et al., 2017). Let  $\mathbf{Y}_n = [Y(x_1), \dots, Y(x_n)]^\top$ . Let

$$\mathcal{L}_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(\mathbf{R}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}})) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{Y}_n^\top \mathbf{R}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_n - \frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi, \quad (\text{Unconstrained likelihood})$$

with  $\mathbf{R}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = (k_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(x_i, x_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ . Let  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \in \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \mathcal{L}_n(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ . Assume  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$P(\|\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^*\| \geq \varepsilon) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0. \quad (\text{Consistency of the unconditional ML})$$

Let  $\kappa \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}_\kappa$ . Then, we have  $P(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa) > 0$  from Lemmas A.3, A.4 and A.5 of (López-Lopera et al., 2017), and thus

$$P(\|\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^*\| \geq \varepsilon \mid Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0. \quad (\text{Consistency of the conditional ML})$$

# Maximum likelihood (ML)

## Proof 1: asymptotic consistency of ML

We have

$$P(\|\hat{\theta} - \theta^*\| \geq \varepsilon \mid Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa) = \frac{P(\|\hat{\theta} - \theta^*\| \geq \varepsilon, Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa)}{P(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa)} \leq \frac{P(\|\hat{\theta} - \theta^*\| \geq \varepsilon)}{P(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa)}.$$

Since  $P(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa) > 0$  is fixed, and  $P(\|\hat{\theta} - \theta^*\| \geq \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ , the result follows.

# Constrained maximum likelihood (CML)

## Proposition 2: asymptotic consistency of CML

We use the same notations and assumptions as in Proposition 1. Let  $P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  be the distribution of  $Y$  with covariance function  $k_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ . Let

$$\mathcal{L}_{C,n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{L}_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \log P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa | \mathbf{Y}_n) - \log P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa). \quad (\text{Constrained ML})$$

Assume that  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  and  $\forall M < \infty$ , [\(Consistency of the unconditional ML\)](#)

$$P\left(\sup_{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^*\| \geq \varepsilon} (\mathcal{L}_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mathcal{L}_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) \geq -M\right) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0.$$

Then, [\(Consistency of the conditional CML\)](#)

$$P\left(\sup_{\|\boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\theta}^*\| \geq \varepsilon} (\mathcal{L}_{C,n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mathcal{L}_{C,n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) \geq -M \mid Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa\right) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0.$$

Consequently [\(Consistency of ML and CML estimators\)](#)

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \mathcal{L}_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{P} \boldsymbol{\theta}^*, \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \mathcal{L}_{C,n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{P|Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa} \boldsymbol{\theta}^*.$$

# Constrained maximum likelihood (CML)

## Proof 2: asymptotic consistency of CML

We have from Lemmas A.1 and A.2 from (López-Lopera et al., 2017) that  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$

$$P(\log(P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^*}(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa | \mathbf{Y}_n)) \geq \log(1 - \varepsilon) | Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 1.$$

Hence  $\forall \delta > 0$

$$P\left(\sup_{\|\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^*\| \geq \varepsilon} \log(P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa | \mathbf{Y}_n)) - \log(P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^*}(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa | \mathbf{Y}_n)) \geq \delta \mid Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa\right) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0.$$

Also, from Lemma A.6, there exists  $\Delta > 0$  so that we have

$$\inf_{\|\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^*\| \geq \varepsilon} P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa) \geq \Delta > 0,$$

so that

$$\sup_{\|\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^*\| \geq \varepsilon} -\log(P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa)) + \log(P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^*}(Y \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa)) \leq -\log(\Delta) < \infty.$$

Hence, the proposition follows.

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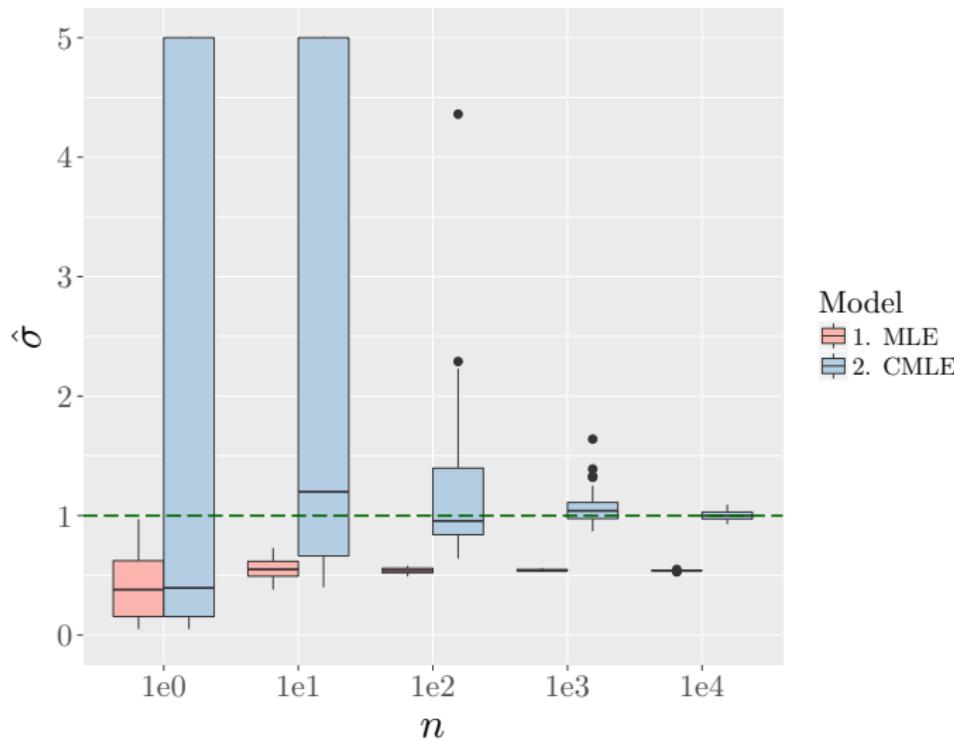
# Results: univariate truncated normal

We estimate  $(\sigma^*)^2 = 1$  using different nb of observations.

- We simulate from the truncated normal  
$$Y_i \sim \mathcal{TN}\left(0, (\sigma^*)^2, -1, 1\right) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n.$$
- We estimate  $\hat{\sigma}$  via MLE and CMLE.
- We repeat the experiment 100 times.

# Results: univariate truncated normal

Estimating  $\hat{\sigma}$  given different nb of samples.



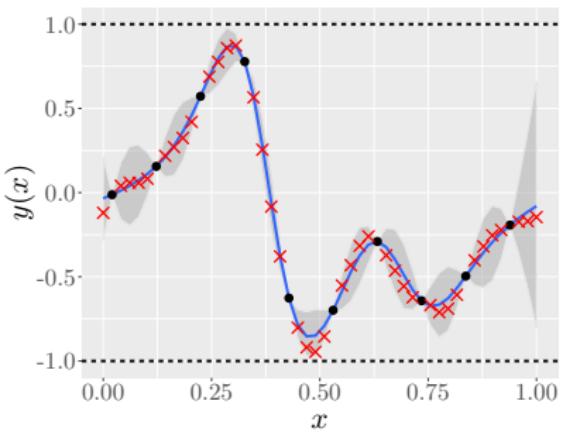
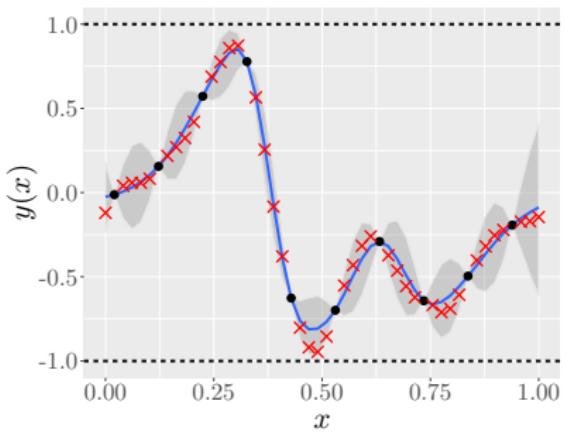
# Results: simulation study

We estimate  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = (\sigma^2 = 1, \theta = 0.2)$  using different realizations.

- We simulate from a zero-mean constrained GP  $Y$  using a Matérn 5/2 covariance function such that  $Y \in [-1, 1]$ .
- Nb of realizations: 100.
- We estimate  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  via MLE and CMLE.
- We evaluate the consistently estimable ratio  $\rho = \sigma^2/\theta^5$ .

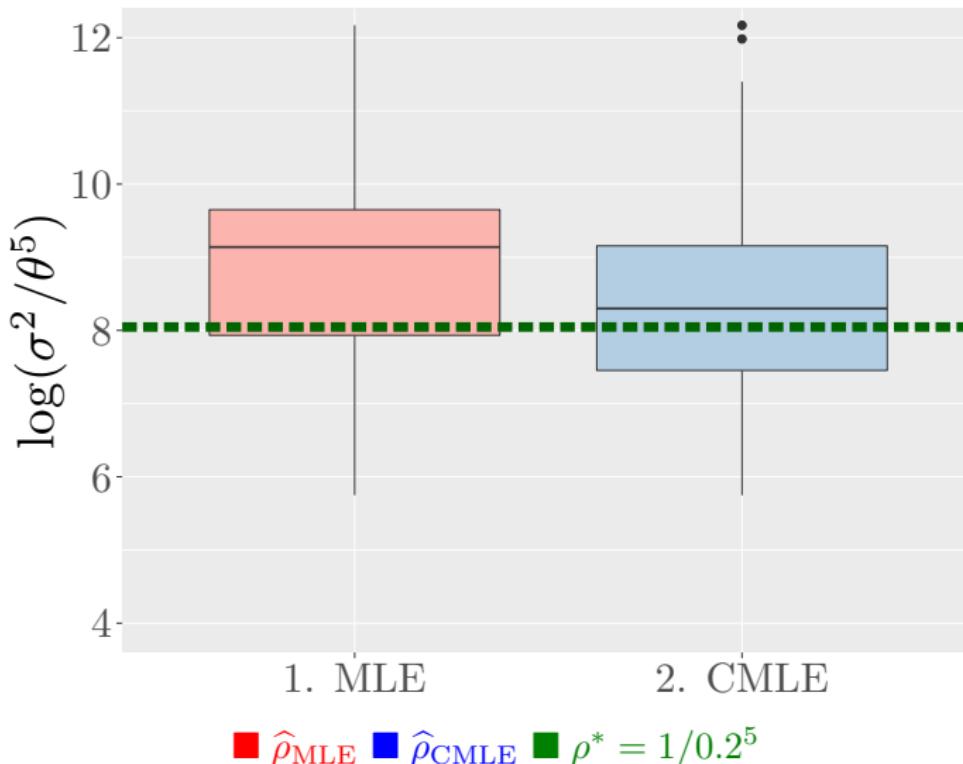
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Prediction results using (left) MLE and (right) CMLE.



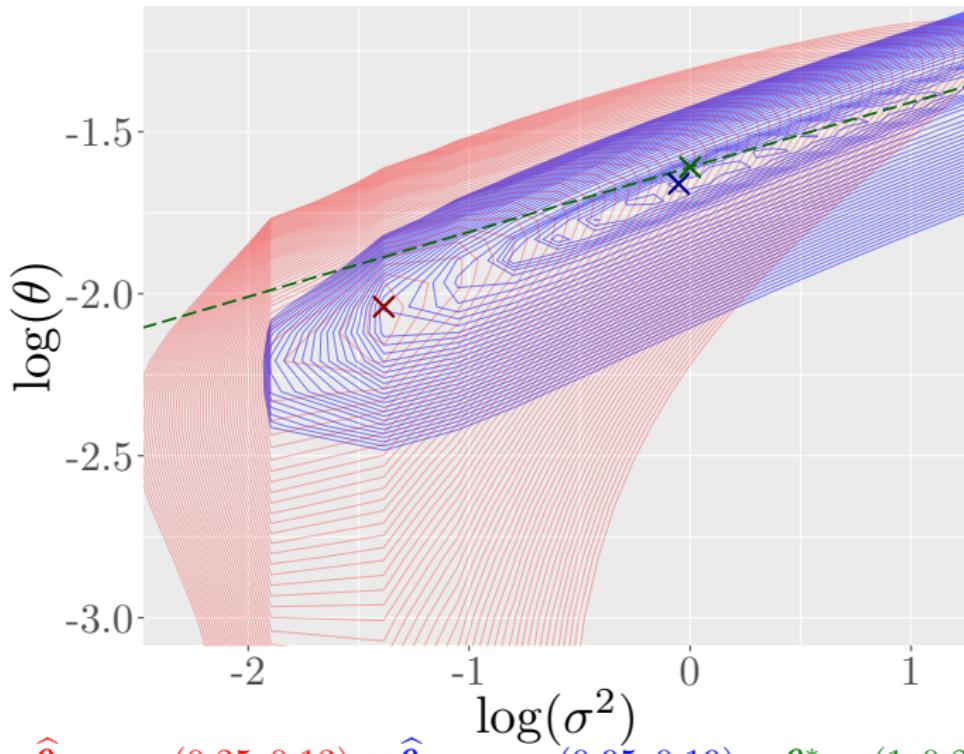
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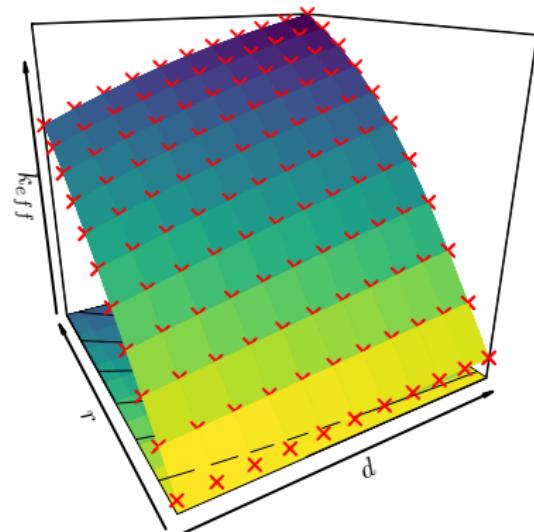
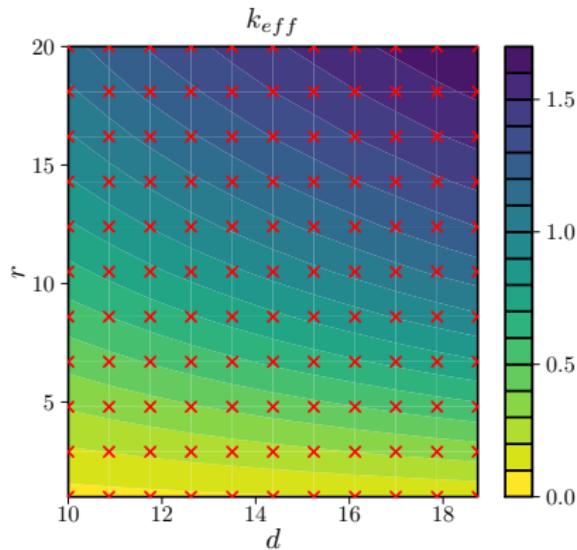
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# 2D example (IRSN)



Nuclear criticality safety assessments: IRSN's dataset.

$\Rightarrow k_{eff}$  is positive and non-decreasing.

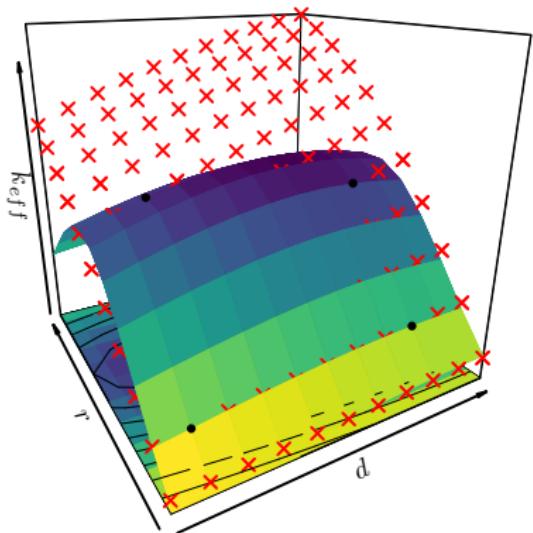
# 2D example (IRSN)

## Procedure:

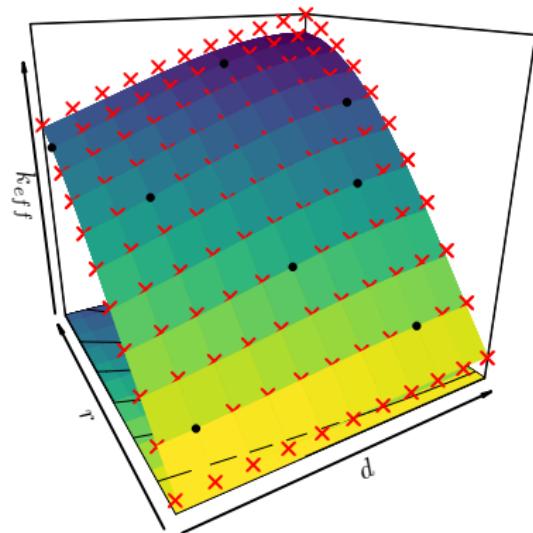
- ① We used a Latin hypercube design (LHD) with different number of training points  $n$ .
- ② We trained unconstrained and constrained models using either MLE or CMLE.
- ③ For the constrained models, we imposed both positivity and monotonicity constraints.
- ④ We evaluated their performances over the test points (i.e.  $121 - n$ ).

## 2D example (IRSN)

Unconstrained model + MLE



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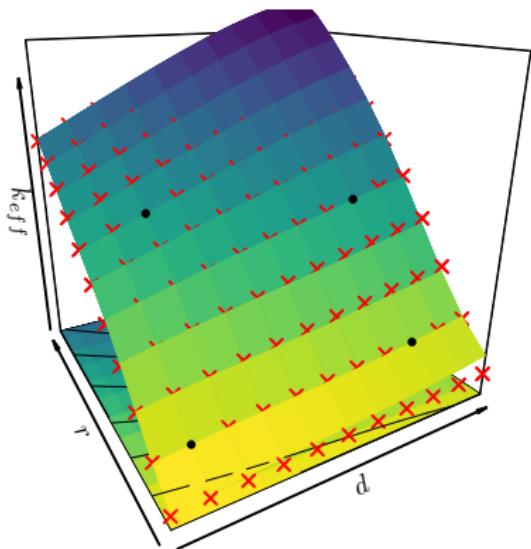


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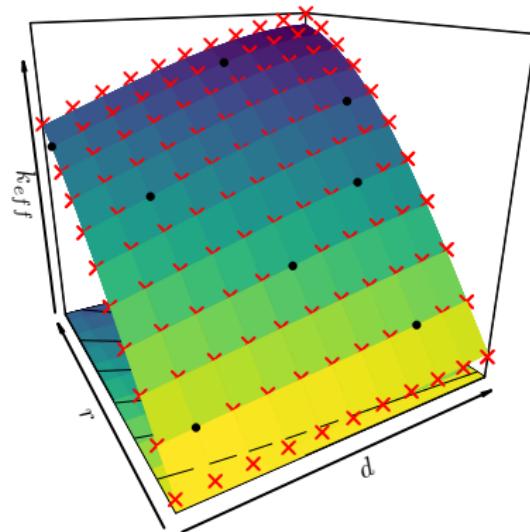
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## 2D example (IRSN)

Constrained model + MLE



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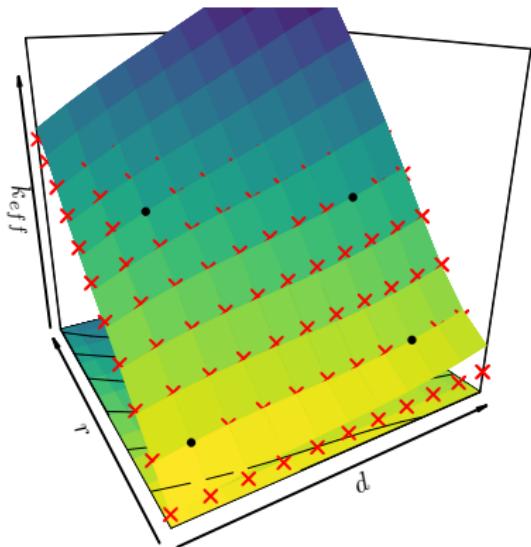


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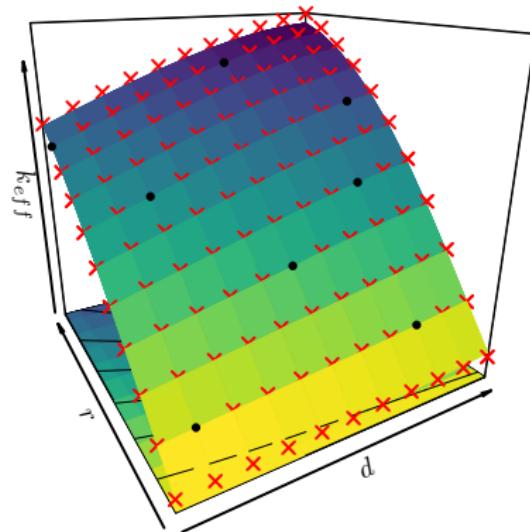
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## 2D example (IRSN)

Constrained model + CMLE



(e)



(f)

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## 2D example (IRSN)

Now, we repeat the procedure for 20 random LHDs, and we compute the  $Q^2$  and predictive variance adequation (PVA) criteria...

## 2D example (IRSN)

Let  $n_t$  be the number of test points,  $z_1, \dots, z_{n_t}$  and  $\hat{z}_1, \dots, \hat{z}_{n_t}$  the sets of test and predicted observations (respectively), then...

**$Q^2$  criterion:**

$$Q^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_t} (\hat{z}_i - z_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_t} (\bar{z} - z_i)^2}, \quad (12)$$

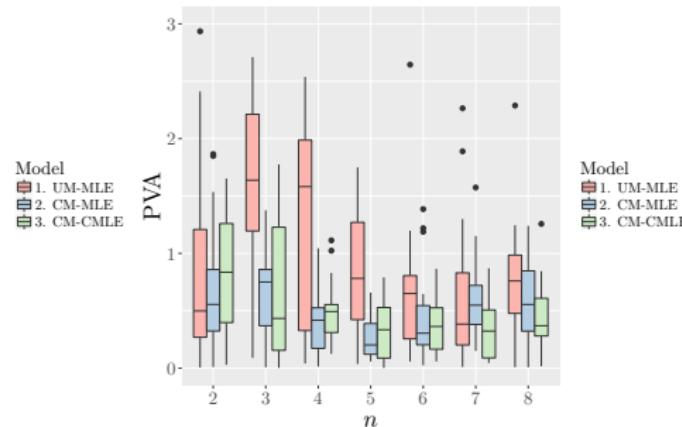
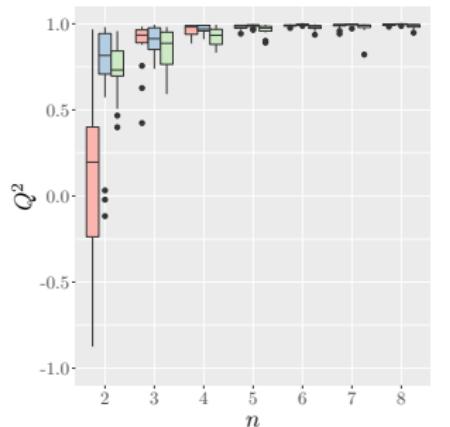
where  $\bar{z}$  is the mean of the test data.  $\Rightarrow Q^2 \rightarrow 1 \checkmark$

**Predictive variance adequation (PVA) criterion:**

$$\text{PVA} = \left| \log \left( \frac{1}{n_t} \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} \frac{(\hat{z}_i - z_i)^2}{\hat{\sigma}_i^2} \right) \right|, \quad (13)$$

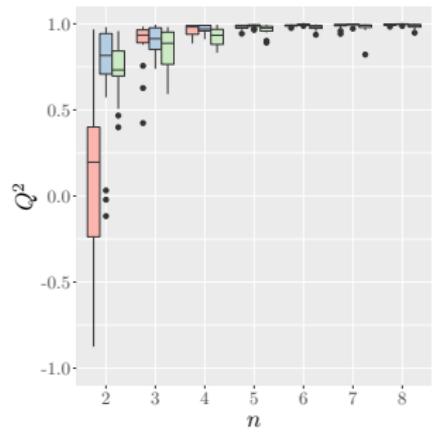
where  $\hat{\sigma}_i^2$  are the predictive variances.  $\Rightarrow \text{PVA} \rightarrow 0 \checkmark$

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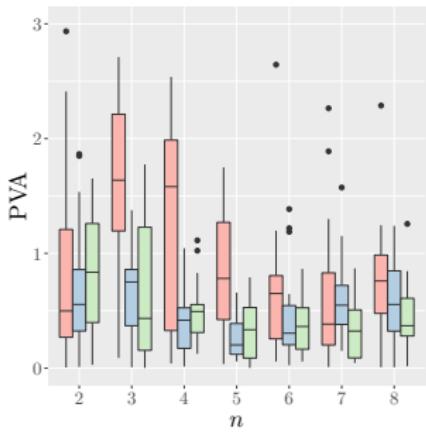


Assessment of the models for interpolating the IRSN's dataset using different number of training points  $n$  and using twenty different Latin hypercube designs.

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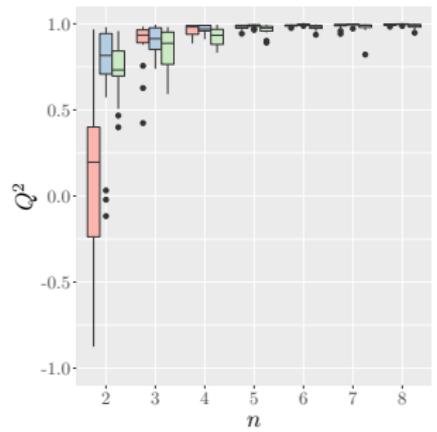


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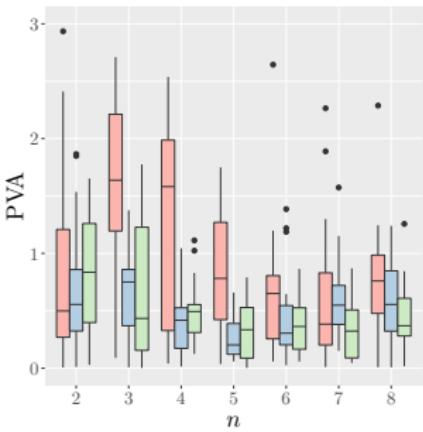
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⇒ Unconstrained model was often outperformed by constrained ones.

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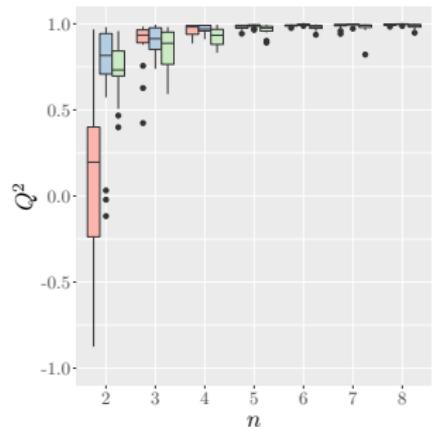


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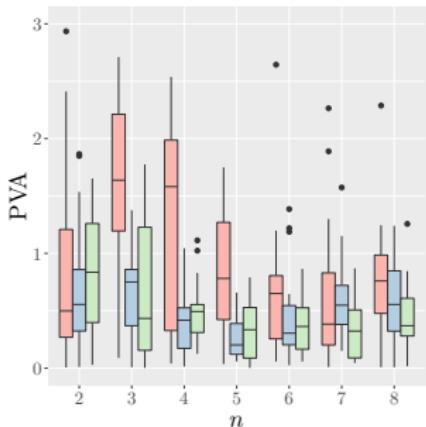
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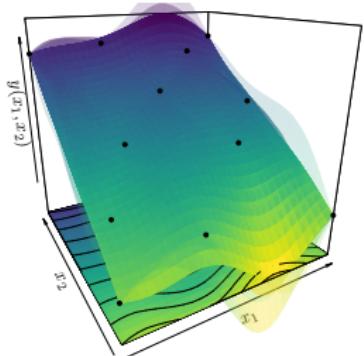
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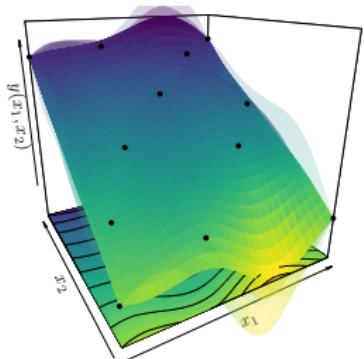
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