

Problem for Day 5. *In this exercise we will create a smooth prior and use it to solve the hydraulic conductivity problem.*

To create a smooth prior we use a covariance kernel $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and define a covariance matrix \mathcal{C} . We can then use this covariance matrix to define a Gaussian random variable.

Use the code `exercise_1.py` in day 5 folder and follow the instructions below

- 1. create a discretization of the interval $[0, 1]$ as a vector \mathbf{s} and store it in a Python variable `s`.*
- 2. create a python function `gaussian_cov_func` to evaluate the Gaussian covariance kernel:*

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp\left(-\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^2}{2\ell^2}\right)$$

with $\ell = 0.05$ the correlation length.

- 3. create a covariance matrix \mathcal{C} with elements:*

$$[\mathcal{C}]_{ij} = f(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{s}_j).$$

- 4. use `np.random.multivariate_normal` to draw 5 samples from $\mathcal{N}(0, \mathcal{C})$. Plot the samples.*
- 5. repeat the experiment for $\ell = 0.2, 0.1$ and 0.05 . And plot the samples. How does ℓ effects the samples?*
- 6. now repeat the experiment above with the exponential kernel:*

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp\left(-\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{\ell}\right)$$

How does the behavior of the samples change?

- 7. Often in inverse problems, it is preferred to work with independent samples. However, components of $\mathcal{N}(0, \mathcal{C})$ are inherently correlated. We can perform a change of variable and create a set of independent variables using the change of variables*

$$X = \mathcal{C}^{1/2} Z \tag{1}$$

where X is the original random variable, $\mathcal{C}^{1/2}$ is the Cholesky factor of \mathcal{C} , and now, Z is a new variable with distribution $\mathcal{N}(0, I_n)$. For the Gaussian kernel above draw 5 samples by first drawing $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_n)$ and then multiplying them by the $\mathcal{C}^{1/2}$.

we will now use this prior to formulate the posterior distribution of the hydraulic imaging problem.

The code `hydraulic.py` contains the numerical approximation of the forward operator. You can follow the code `exercise_2.py` to see how you can pass a conductivity (the unknown \mathbf{x}) to create 5 pressure profiles for 5 number of injections. The code will return a matrix where the i -th row corresponds to the discrete pressure profile for i -th injection/measurement.

For the Hydraulic inverse problem we consider the statistical inverse problem:

$$Y_i = F_i(X) + E_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 5 \quad (2)$$

where F_i is the forward operator of the i th injection (in the code, the `hydraulic.py` will perform all F_i simultaneously), And $E_i = \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_i I_n)$, for $i = 1, \dots, 5$. Remember that the noise standard deviations σ_i are different for each measurement.

8. For a prior distribution $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathcal{C})$ write the posterior distribution, up to constant of proportionality, i.e.,

$$\pi_{X|Y_1=\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, Y_5=\mathbf{y}_5}(\mathbf{x}) \propto \dots \quad (3)$$

Hint: Use the fact that the 5 measurements are independent, and therefore,

$$\pi_{Y_1, \dots, Y_5|X}(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_5) = \pi_{Y_1|X}(\mathbf{y}_1) \cdots \pi_{Y_5|X}(\mathbf{y}_5).$$

9. Reformulate and rewrite the posterior using the change of variable (1), i.e.,

$$\pi_{Z|Y_1=\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, Y_5=\mathbf{y}_5} \propto \dots$$

Recall that in this case the prior distribution is simply

$$Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_n)$$

10. One measurement data is given to you in the file `obs.pickle`. The Python code `exercise_3.py` will read this file and create 2 variables `y_obs` and `sigma` which will hold the measurements $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_5$ and the noise standard deviations $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_5$.
11. complete the code in `exercise_3.py` to sample the posterior. Plot the posterior mean and point-wise posterior variance. Where in the solution do you suspect that there is a sudden increase in porosity?

These are steps to complete `exercise_3.py`

- (a) create a discretization of the interval $[0, 1]$ in a vector `s` with $N=100$ points.
- (b) initiate the hydraulic class with `N` with the command
`hydraulic = hydraulic_class(N)` .
- (c) Create a covariance matrix of the prior using a Gaussian covariance kernel with length scale 0.1, i.e., `length_scale=0.1`.
- (d) create the Cholesky factor of the covariance matrix.

For part (c) and (d) you can copy the code from the previous exercise.

- (e) create a Python function that evaluates the log of the un-normalized prior density $\pi_Z(\mathbf{z})$ (standard normal distribution).
 - (f) load the measurement file `obs.pickle`.
 - (g) create a Python function that evaluates the log of the un-normalized likelihood density.
 - (h) combine the two to create a Python function that evaluates the log of posterior.
 - (i) perform the random walk Metropolis-Hastings sampling method to draw sample 10000 samples from the posterior. The step size $c = 0.003$ is appropriate for this problem.
for (i) you can copy the code from the exercises in day 4.
 - (j) compute the mean and the point-wise variance.
12. **(optional)** what happens to uncertainty in estimation when pressure sensors are broken in half of the domain? You can simulate faulty pressure sensors by throwing away half of the output of `hydraulic.forward`, i.e., the forward operator becomes
- ```
hydraulic_broken = lambda x: hydraulic.forward(x)[: ,N/2:]
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- similarly you should discard half of the measurements in `y_obs`, i.e.,
- ```
y_obs_broken = y_obs[: ,N/2:]
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