

Machine Learning

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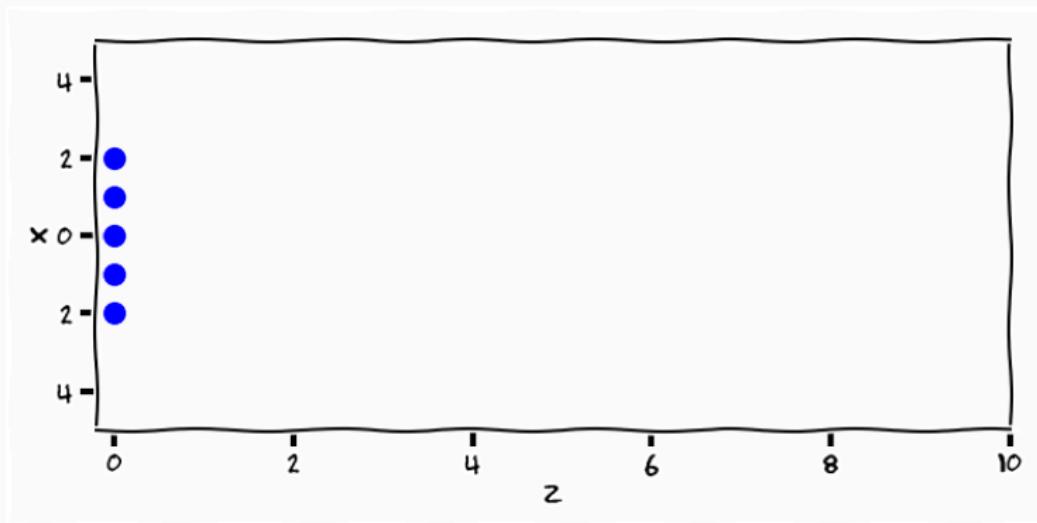
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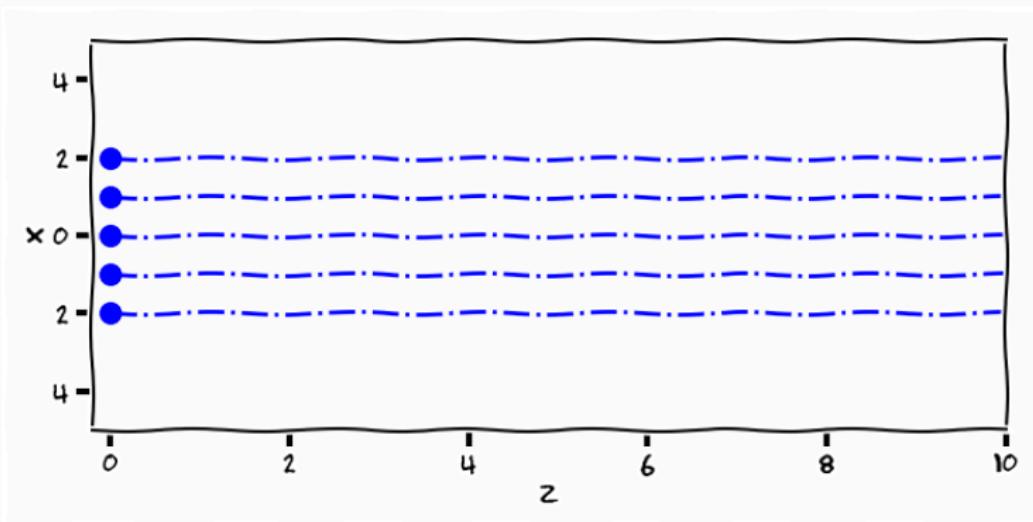
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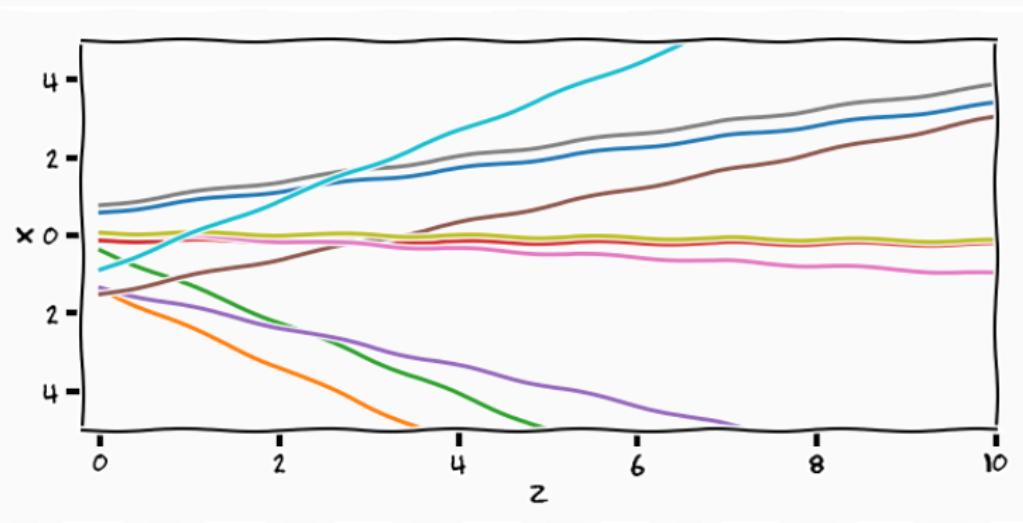
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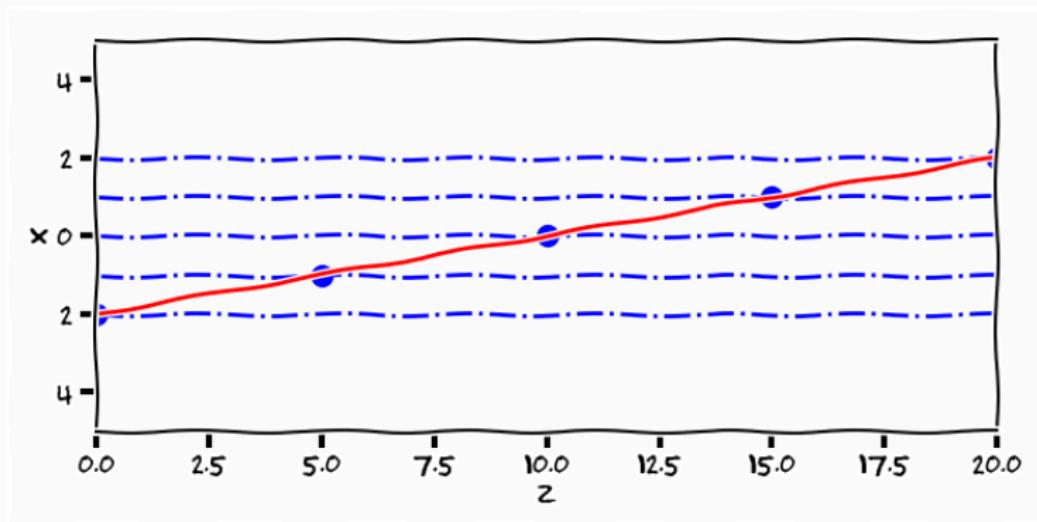
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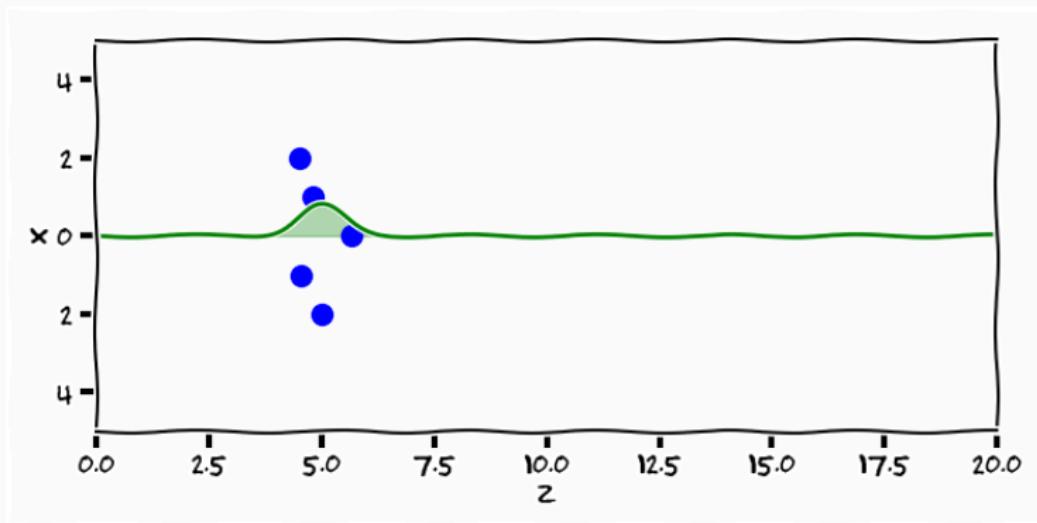
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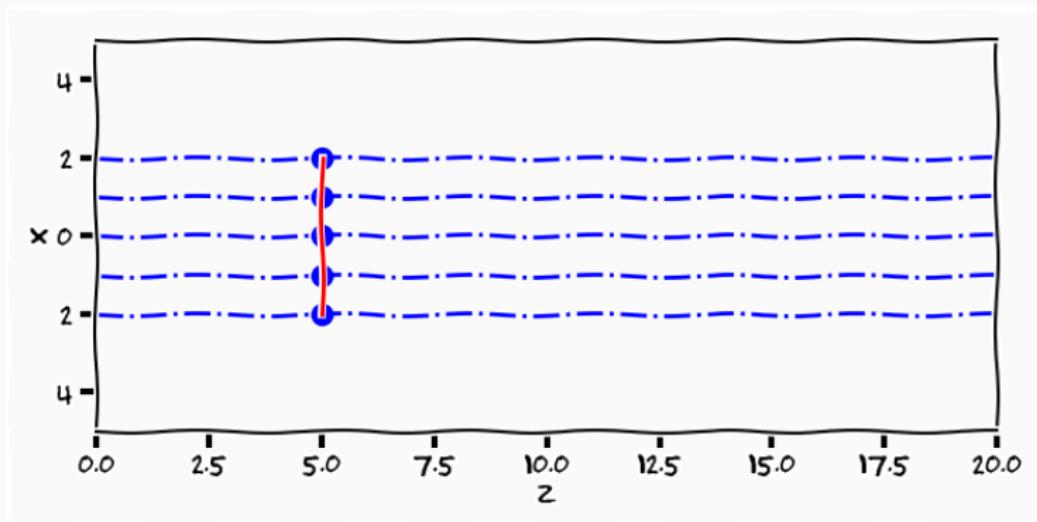
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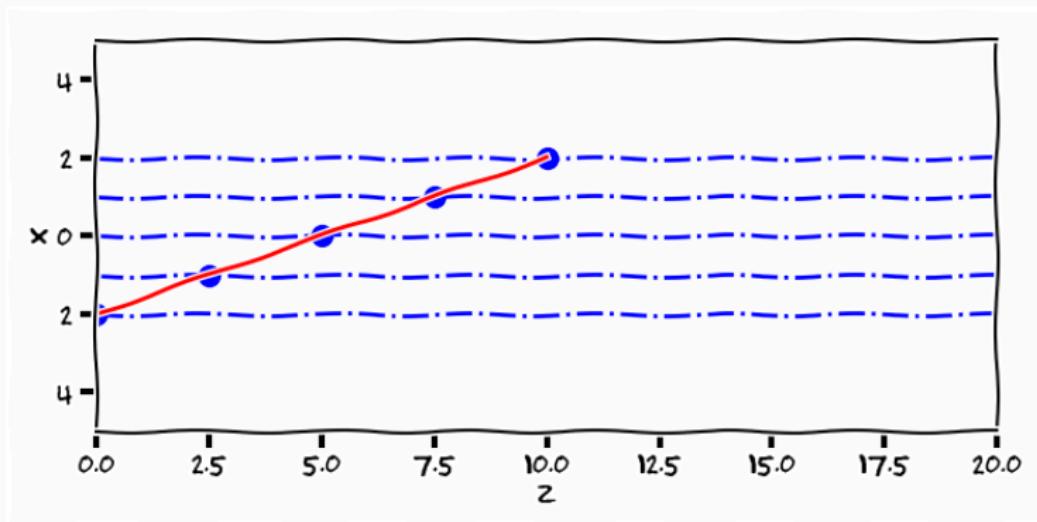
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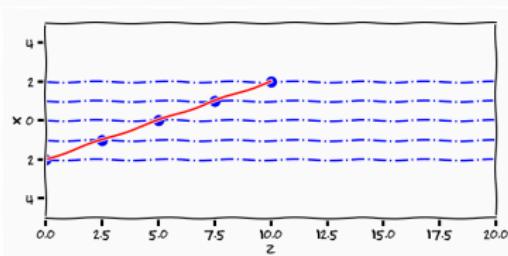
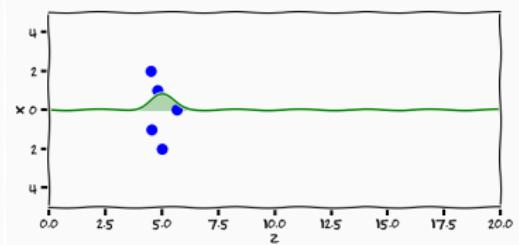
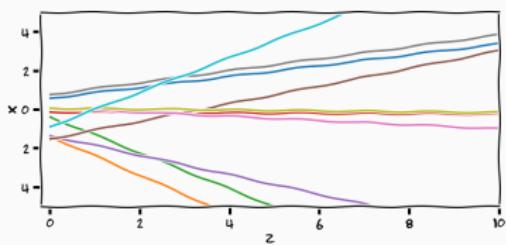
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Type II Maximum Likelihood

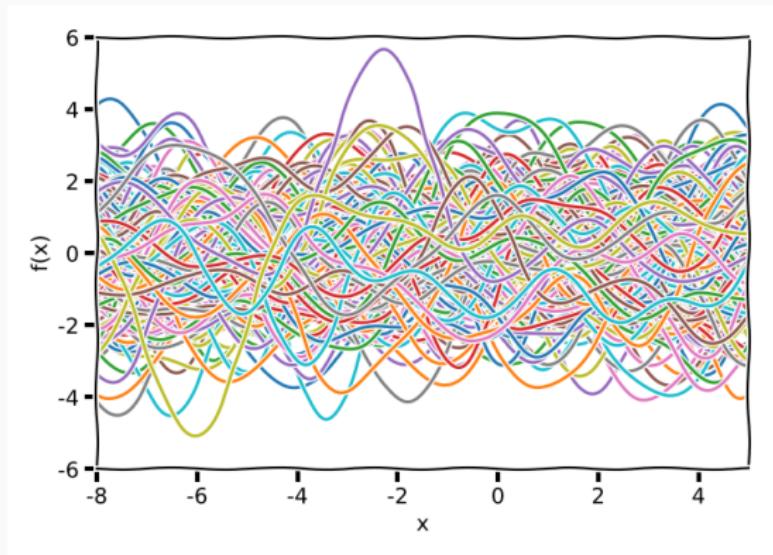
$$\hat{\mathbf{W}} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{W}} p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{W}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z})d\mathbf{z}$$

1. Intractable to reach posterior of both
2. Integrate out one variable, marginalise, expectation
3. Take point-estimate of the remaining

Principal Component Analysis

- You might have seen this explained in a different way
 - *Retain variance*
 - *Error minimisation*
- These provides the same solution as the maximum likelihood but solved by an eigenvalue problem
- Do not provide intuition as it doesn't state assumptions

Non-linear latent variable model



$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} | \theta) = \int p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{f})p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}, \theta)p(\mathbf{z})d\mathbf{f}$$

Unsupervised Learning

- Unsupervised learning is a misnomer, there is no such thing, you have to have beliefs in order to learn.
- Think about unsupervised learning as "less supervised" learning, you have to have stronger beliefs

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5. Derive your updated belief, derive knowledge from data

$$p(\theta|\mathbf{Y}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{Y}|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int p(\mathbf{Y}|\theta)p(\theta)}$$

Next lectures

Today Bayesian Optimisation

Tuesday Evidence and Graphical Models

Monday Dirichlet Processes

Tuesday Topic Models

Monday Neural Networks

Tuesday Reinforcement Learning

The aim is for you to connect these things to what you have learnt so far and see that what the methodology allows you to do and different tools following the same methodology. Try to see that it is all the same thing.

Bayesian Optimisation

Uncertainty

- Deterministic world

$$x = 4$$

- Point estimate world

$$\operatorname{argmax}_x p(x) = 4$$

- Stochastic world

$$p(x) = \mathcal{N}(4, 10^2)$$

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The Uber Crash

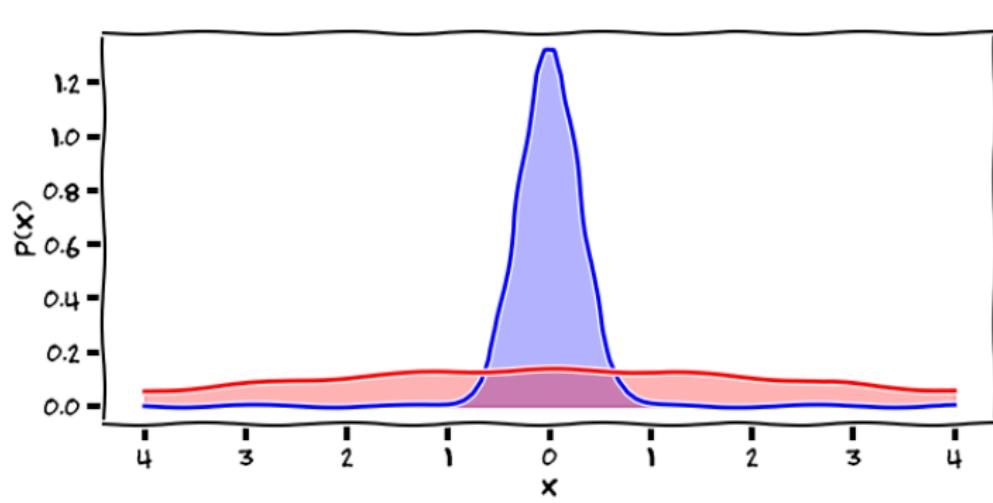


The Uber Crash¹

..the system first registered radar and LIDAR observations of the pedestrian about 6 seconds before impact, when the vehicle was traveling at 43 mph. As the vehicle and pedestrian paths converged, the self-driving system software classified the pedestrian as an unknown object, as a vehicle, and then as a bicycle with varying expectations of future travel path.

¹[Link to report](#)

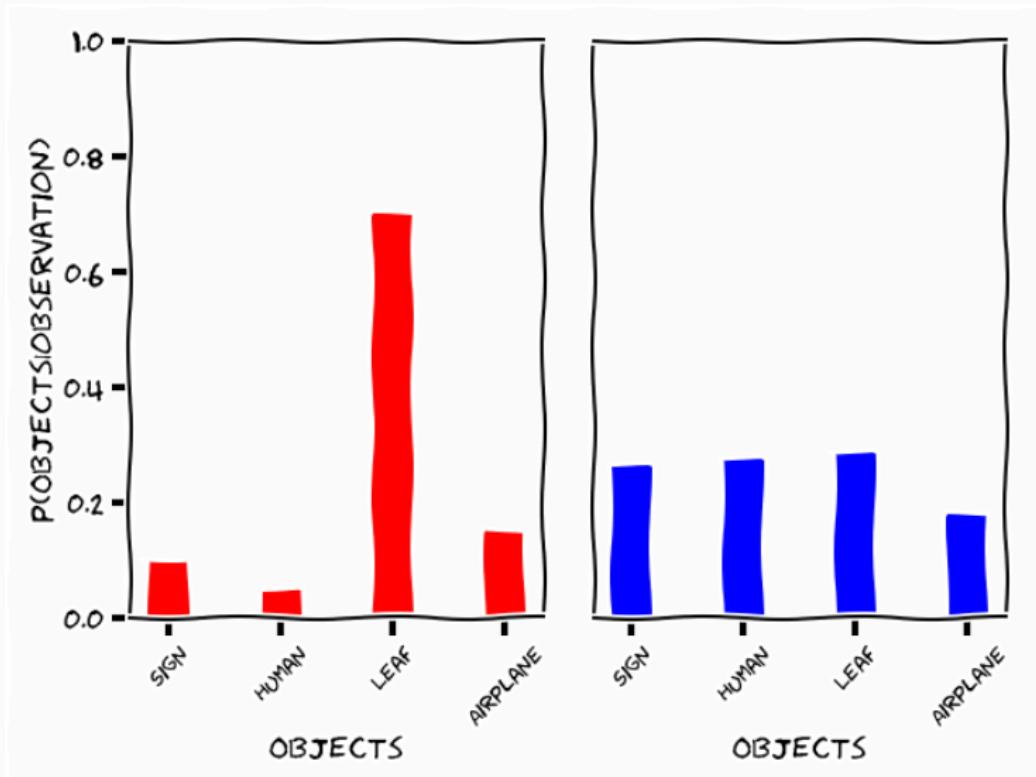
The importance of uncertainty



$$\hat{x} = \operatorname{argmax}_x p(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_x p(\hat{x})$$

$$p(\hat{x}) \neq p(\hat{\hat{x}})$$

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According to Uber, emergency braking maneuvers are not enabled while the vehicle is under computer control, to reduce the potential for erratic vehicle behavior. The vehicle operator is relied on to intervene and take action.

The system is not designed to alert the operator.

Real Doctors



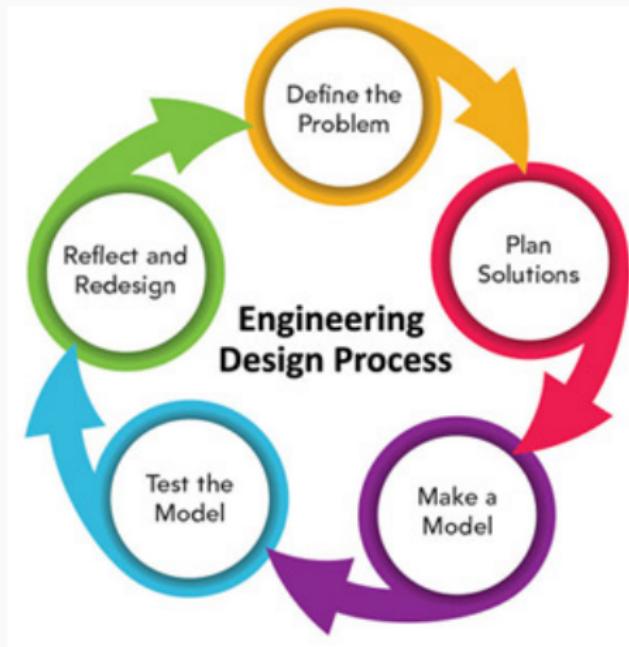


Medicine





Design



Optimisation

- All problems above can be seen as optimisation problems
- Classic optimisation

$$\hat{x} = \operatorname{argmin}_x f(x)$$

- Much more common

$$\hat{x} = \operatorname{argmin}_x \text{black-box}(x)$$

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- *can we use machine learning to do this for us?*

$$x_M = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x)$$

- \mathcal{X} is a bounded domain
- f is explicitly unknown
- Evaluations of f may be noisy
- Evaluations of f is expensive

Strategies

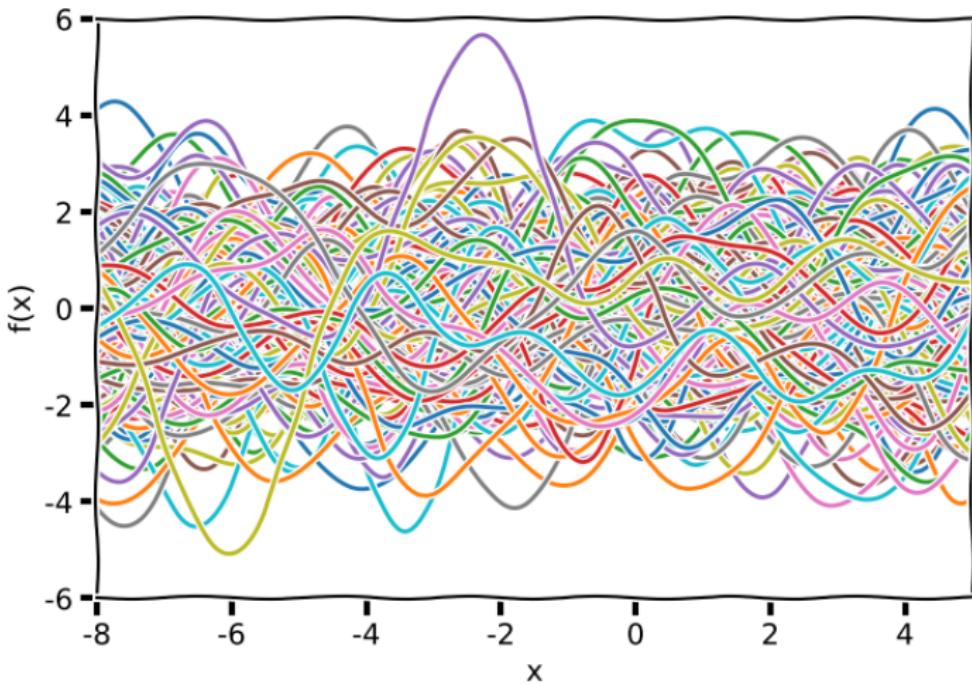
- Implicit knowledge
- Grid search

$$f(x_M) - f(x'_M) \leq \epsilon$$

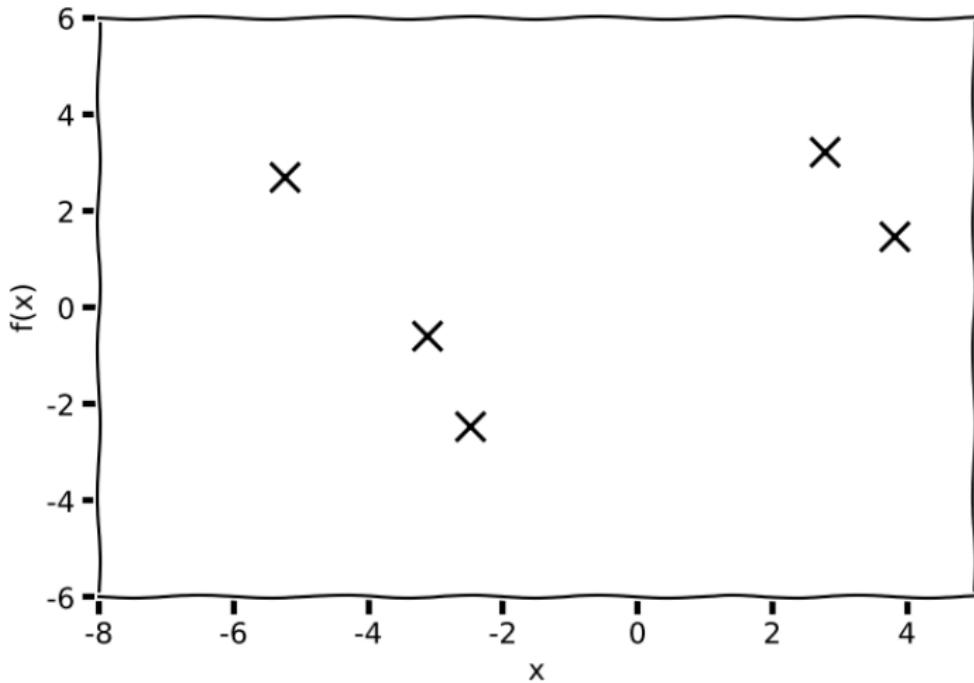
we need $(L/\epsilon)^D$ evaluations (if f is L -Lipschitz)

- Random sampling

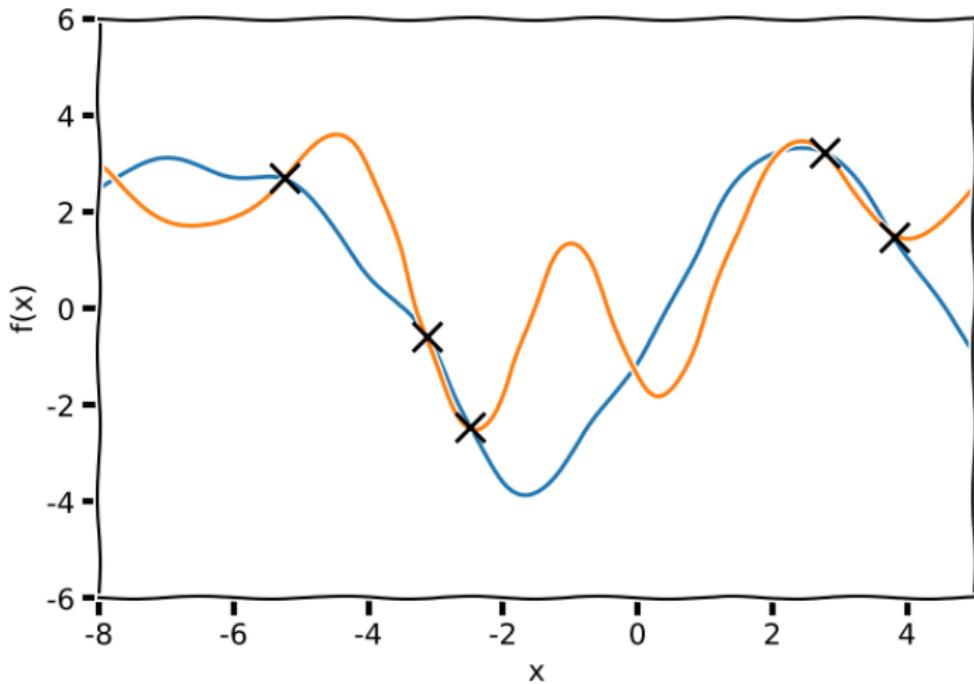
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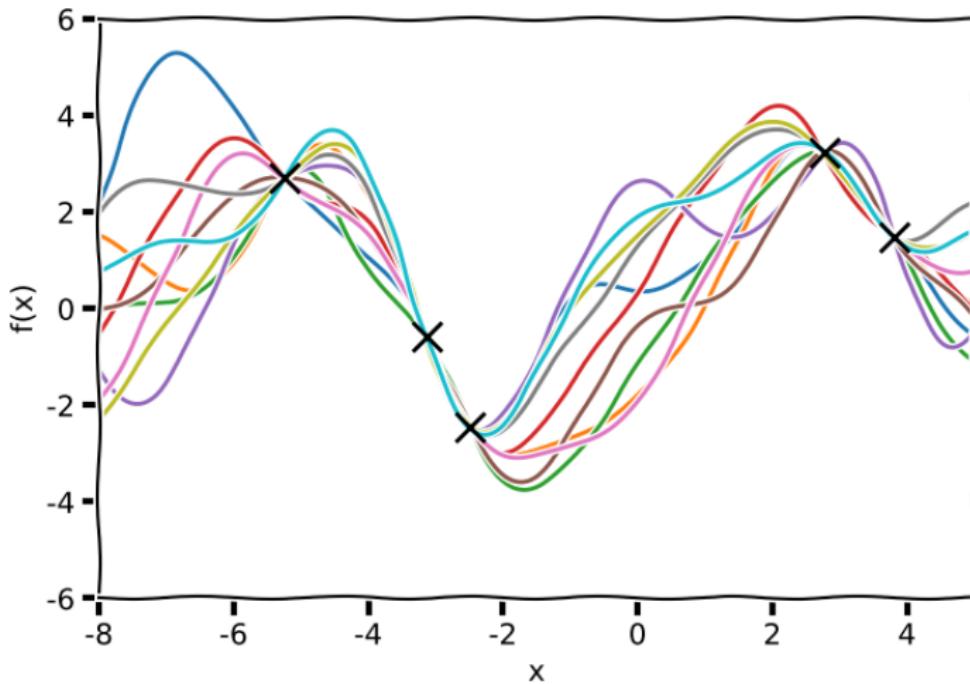
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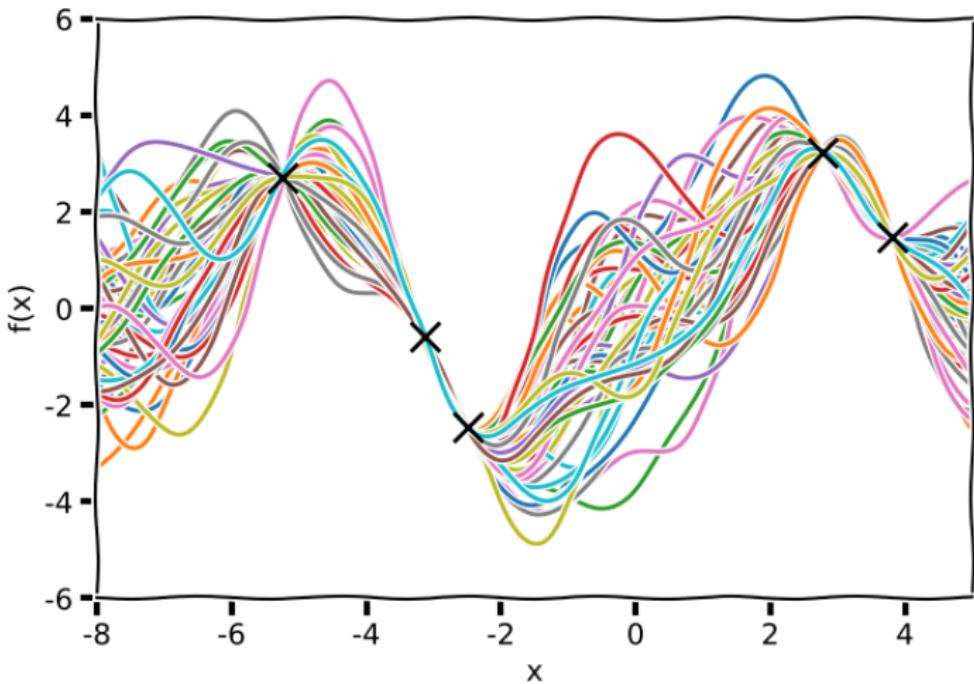
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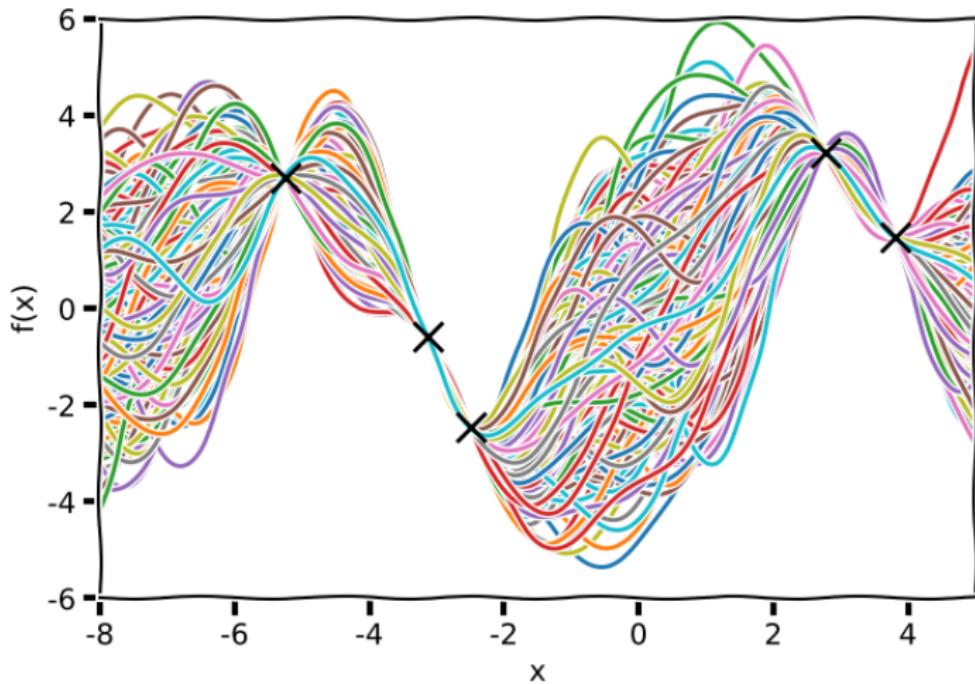
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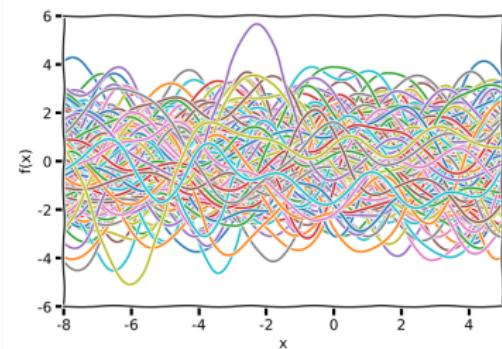
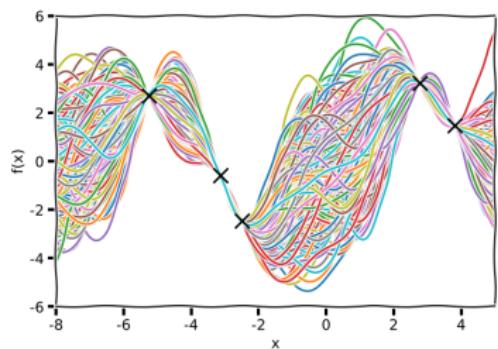
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What did we actually do



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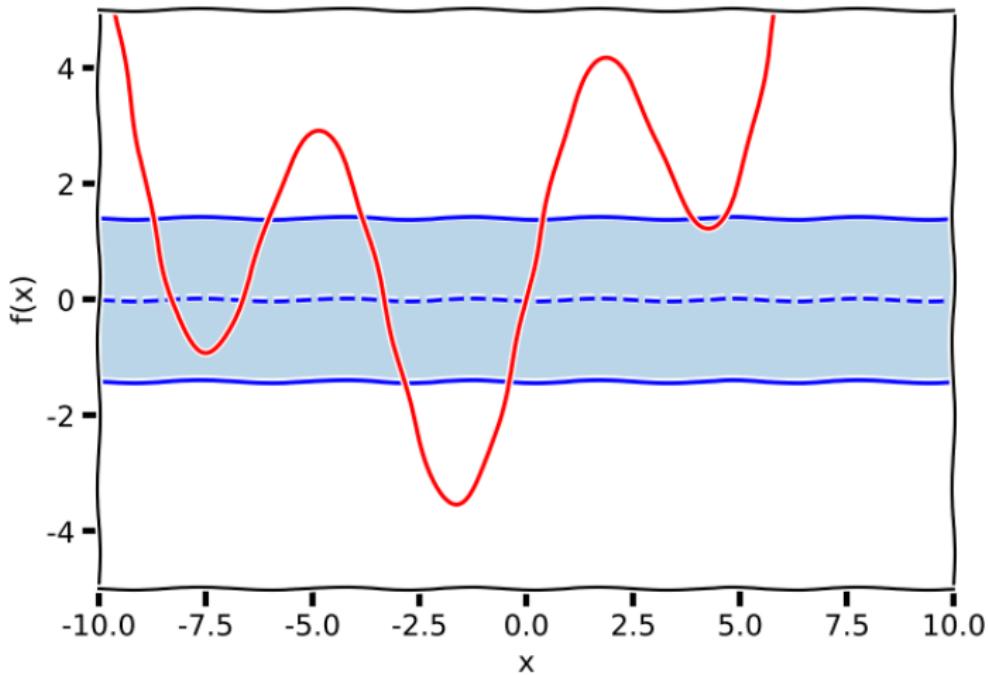
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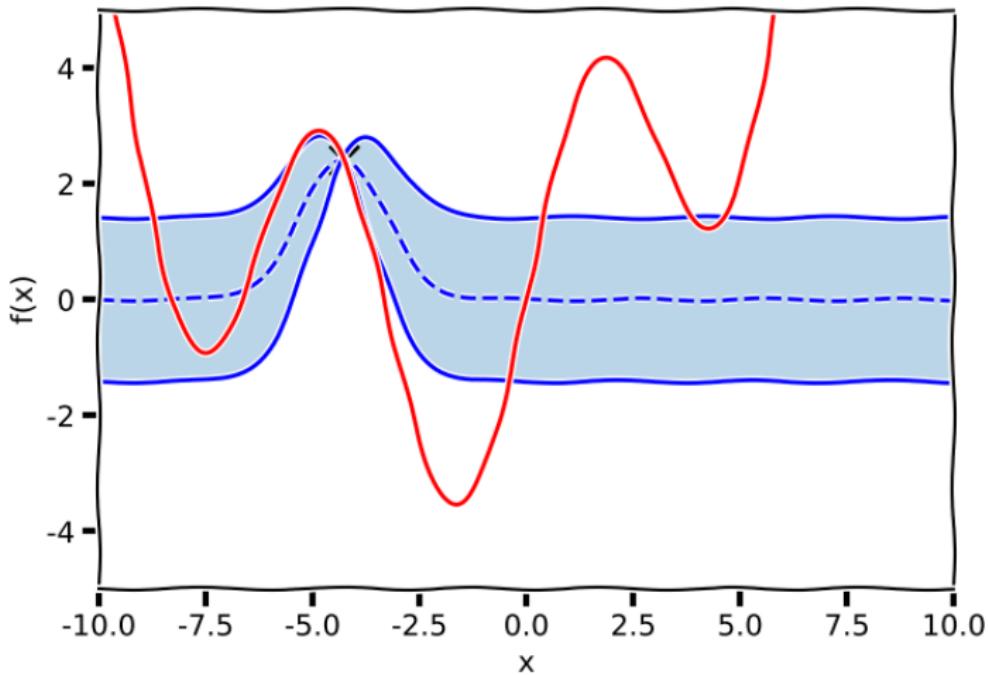
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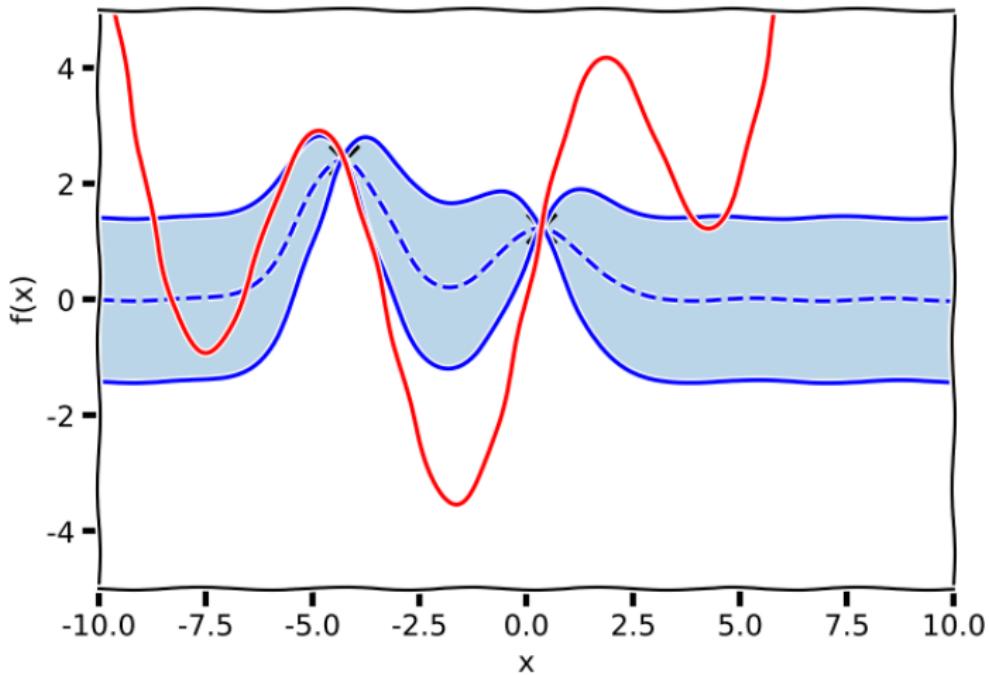
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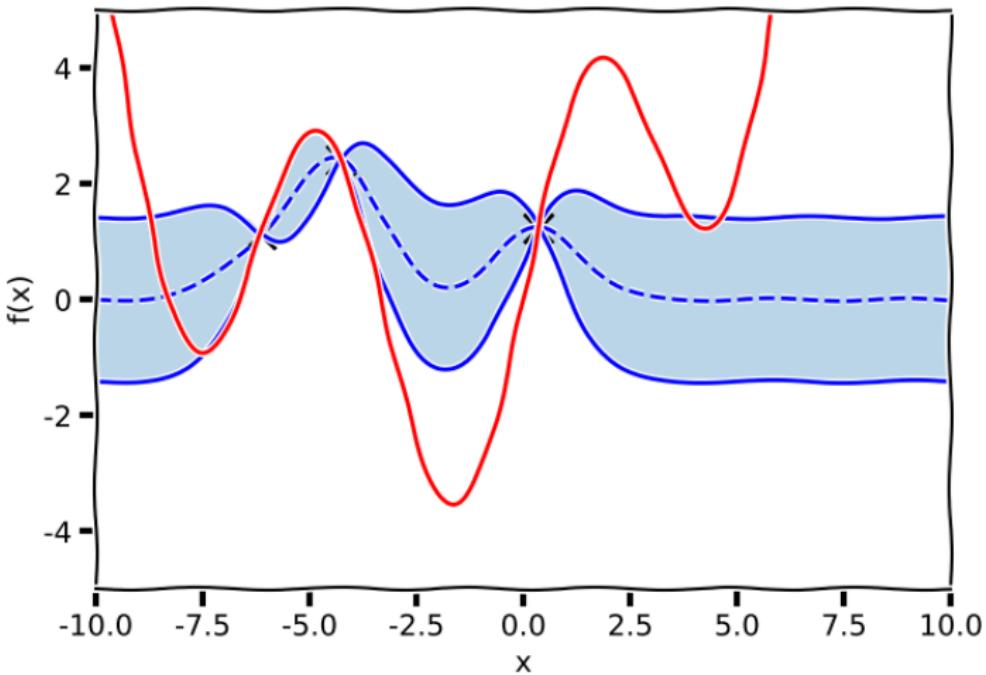
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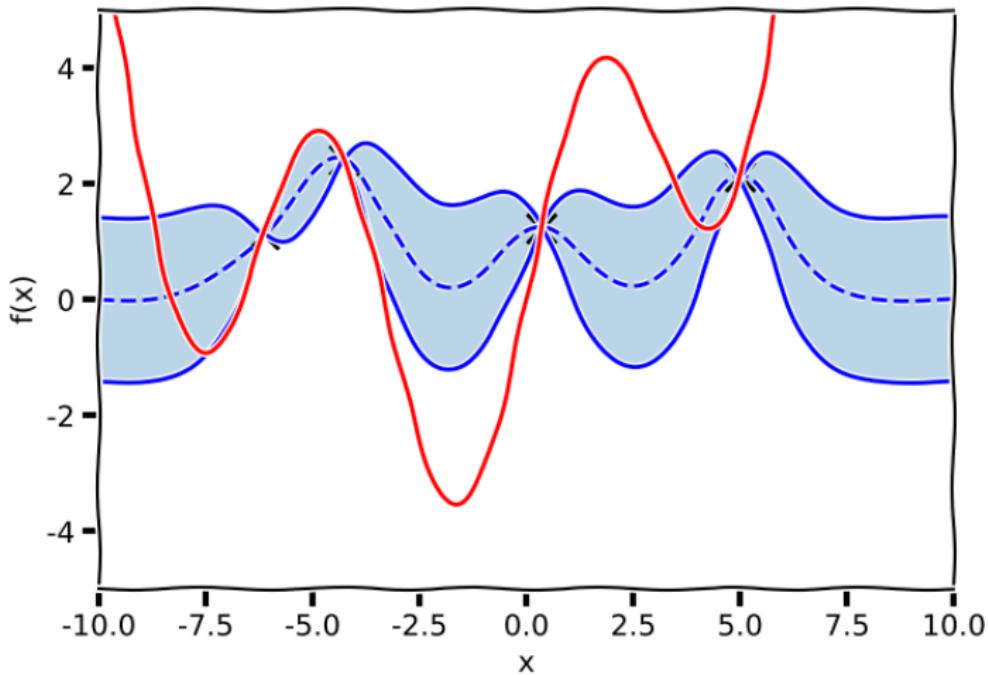
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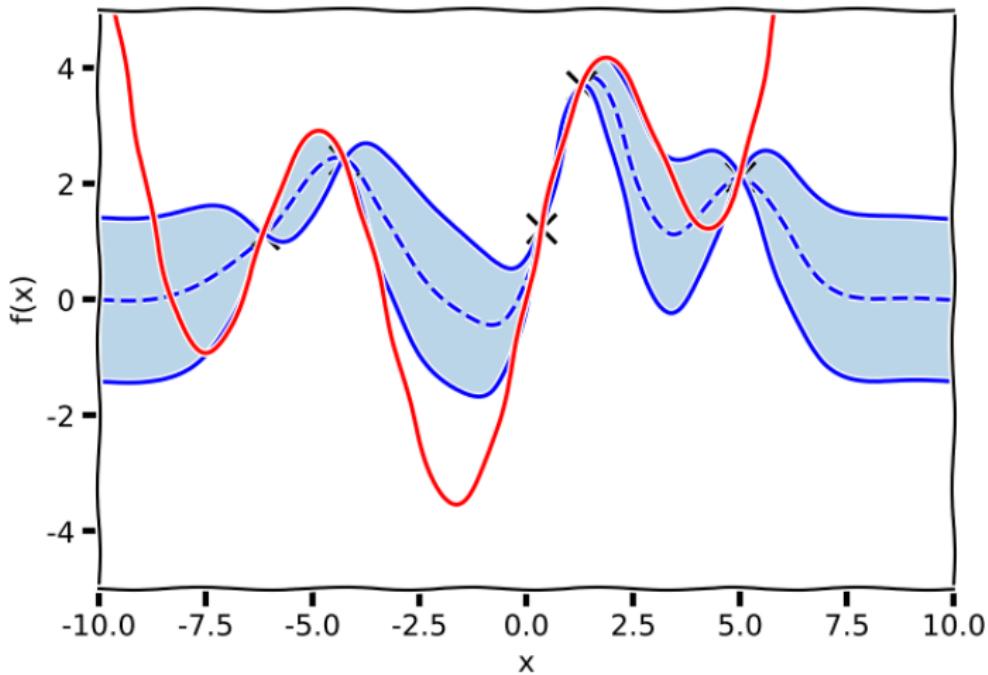
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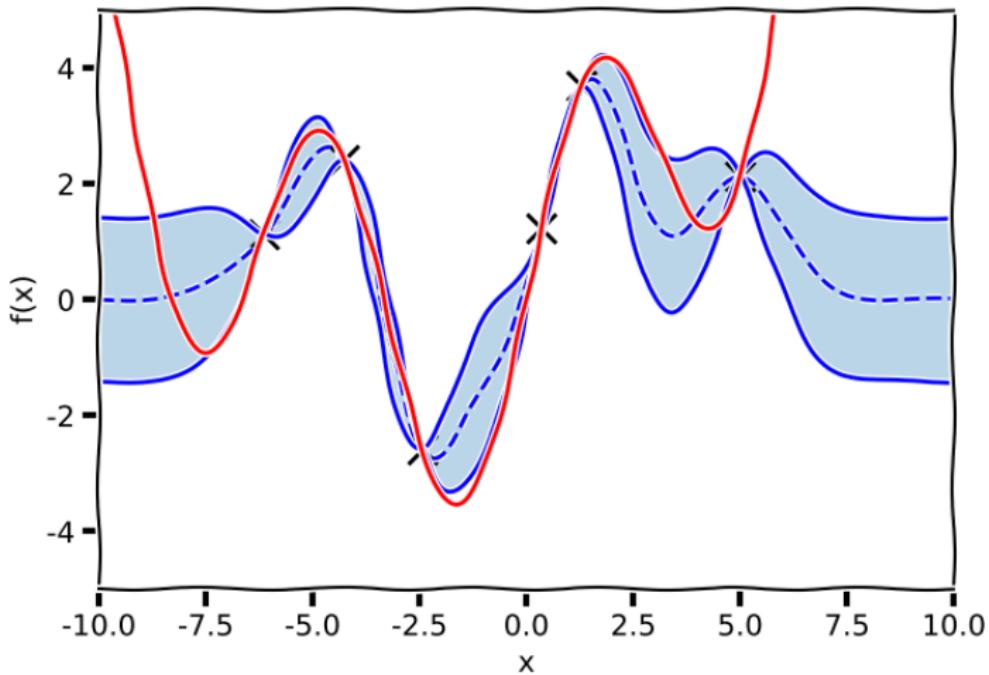
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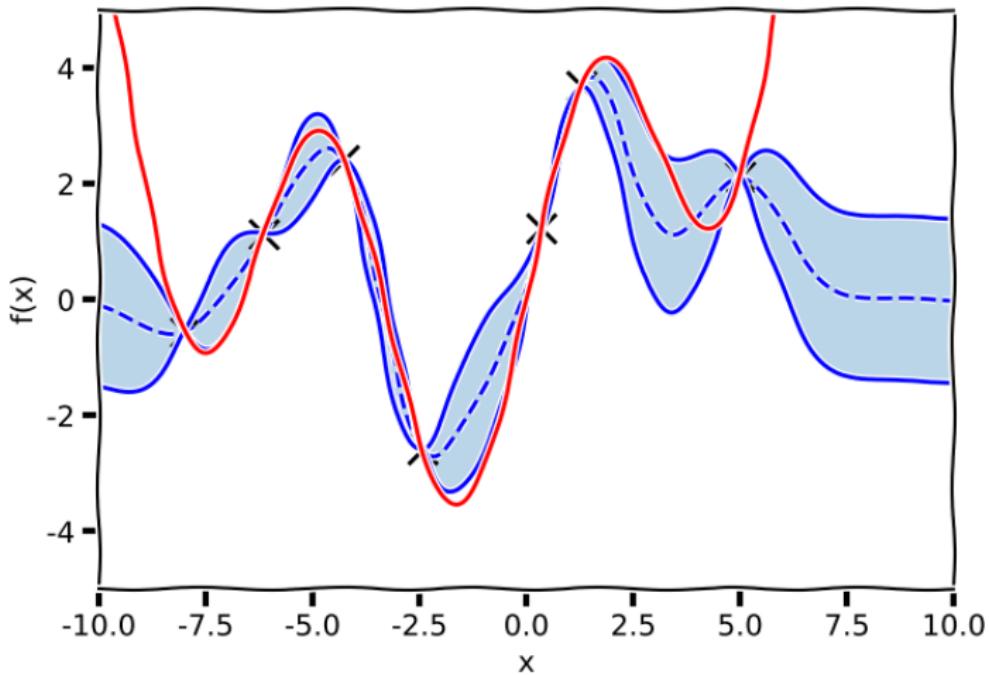
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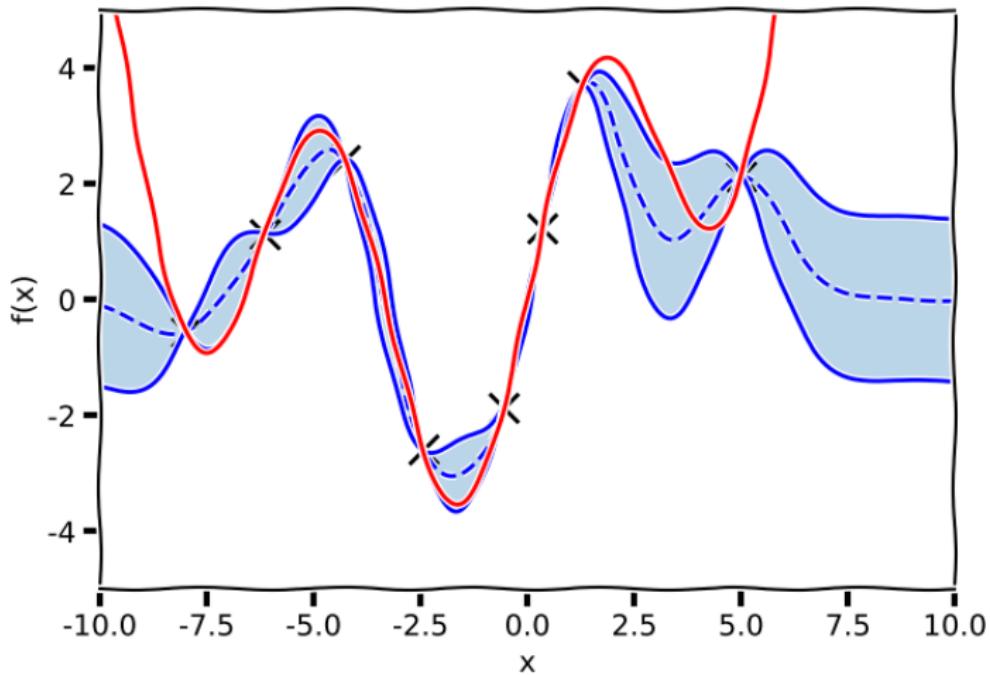
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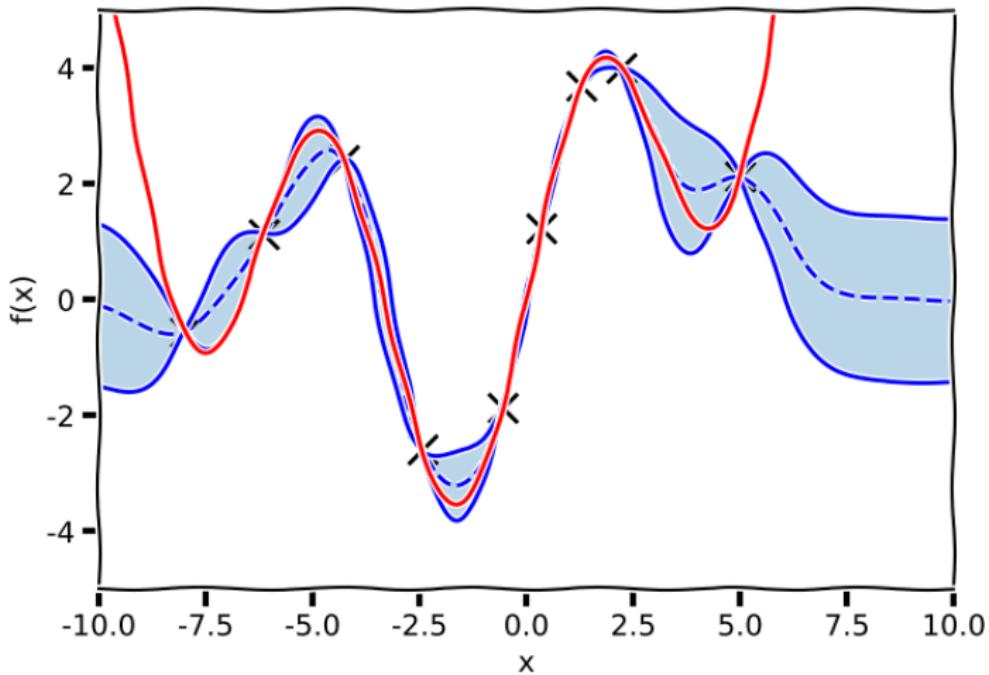
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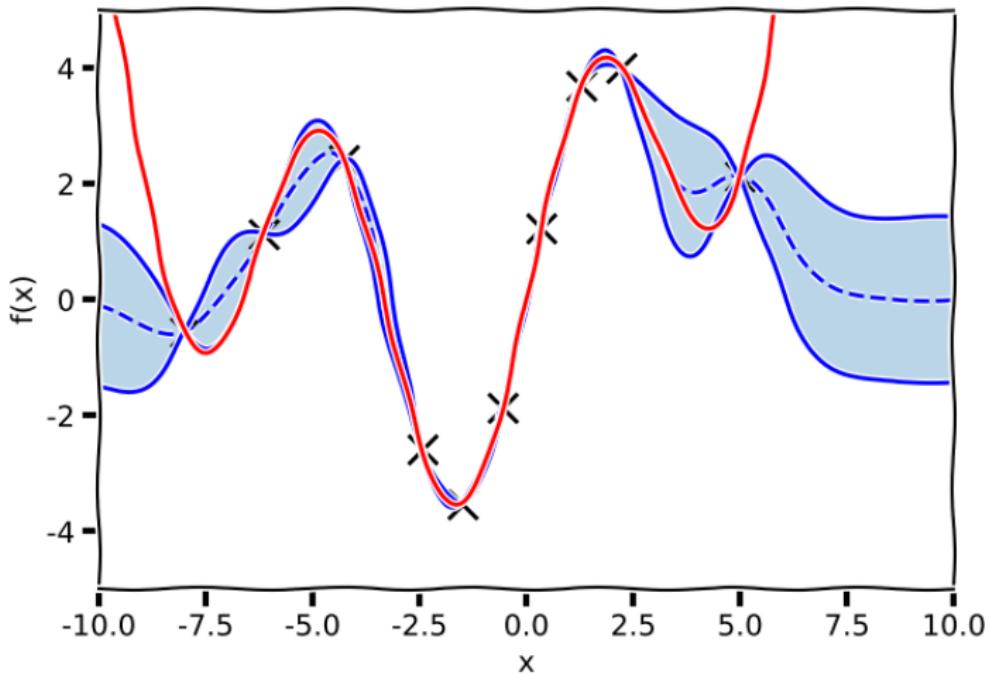
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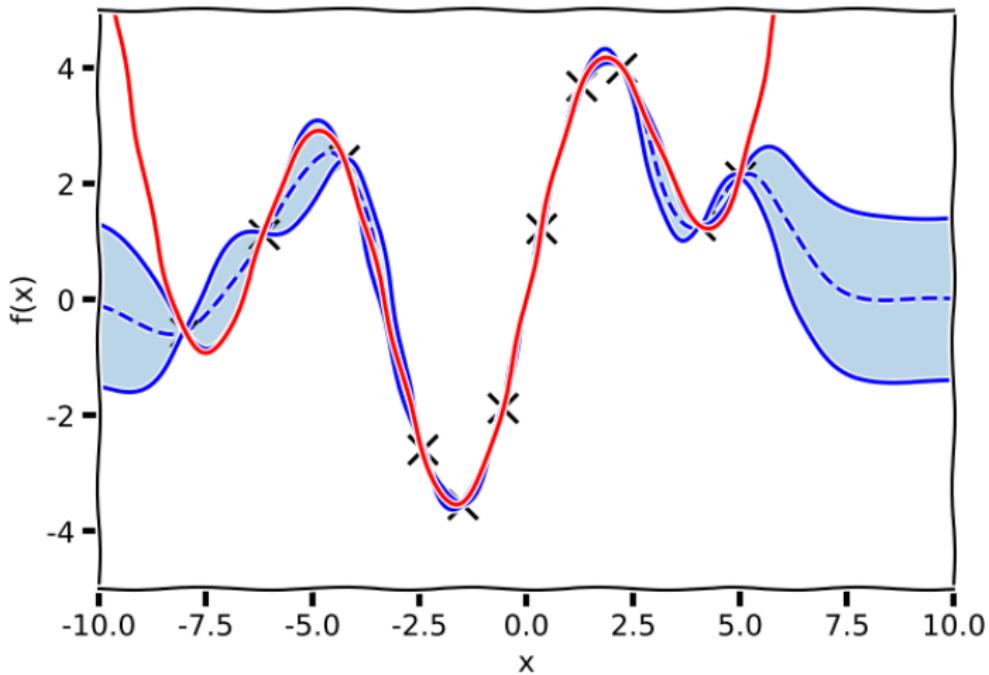
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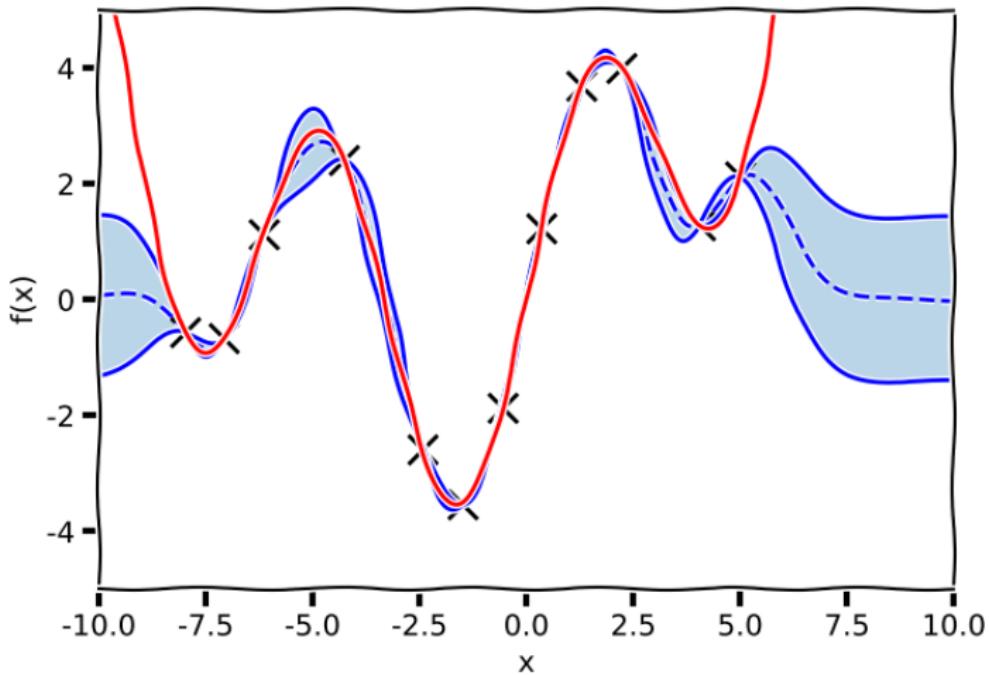
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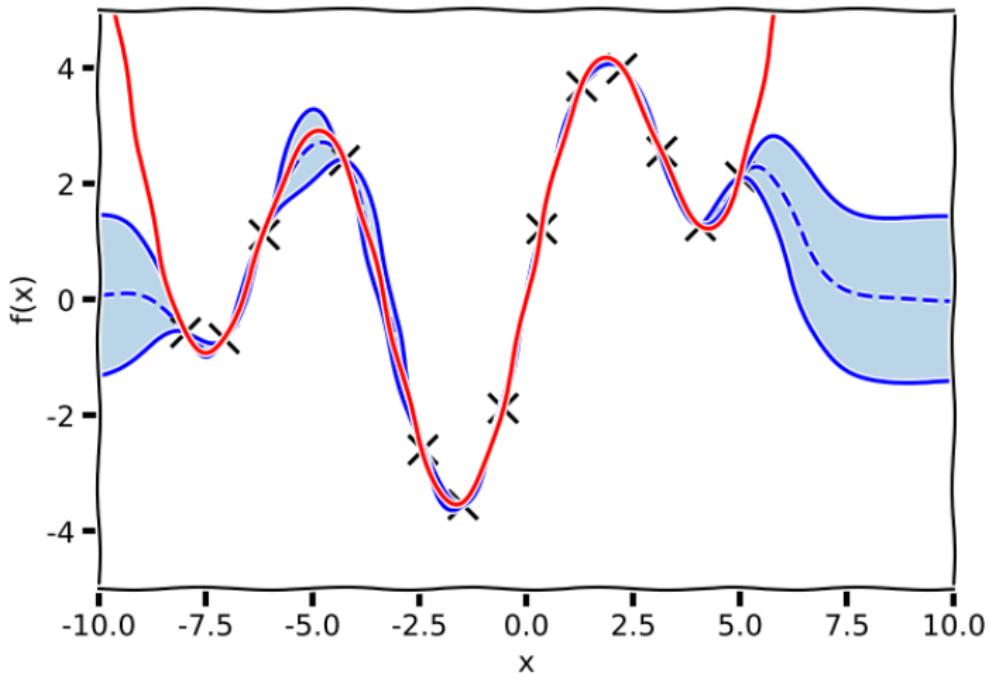
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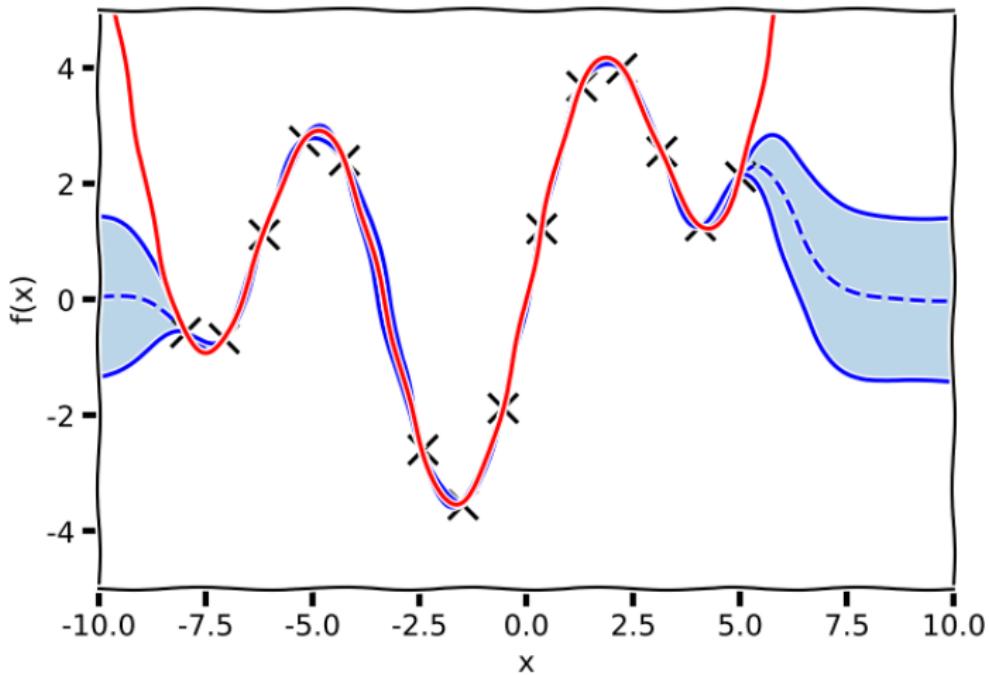
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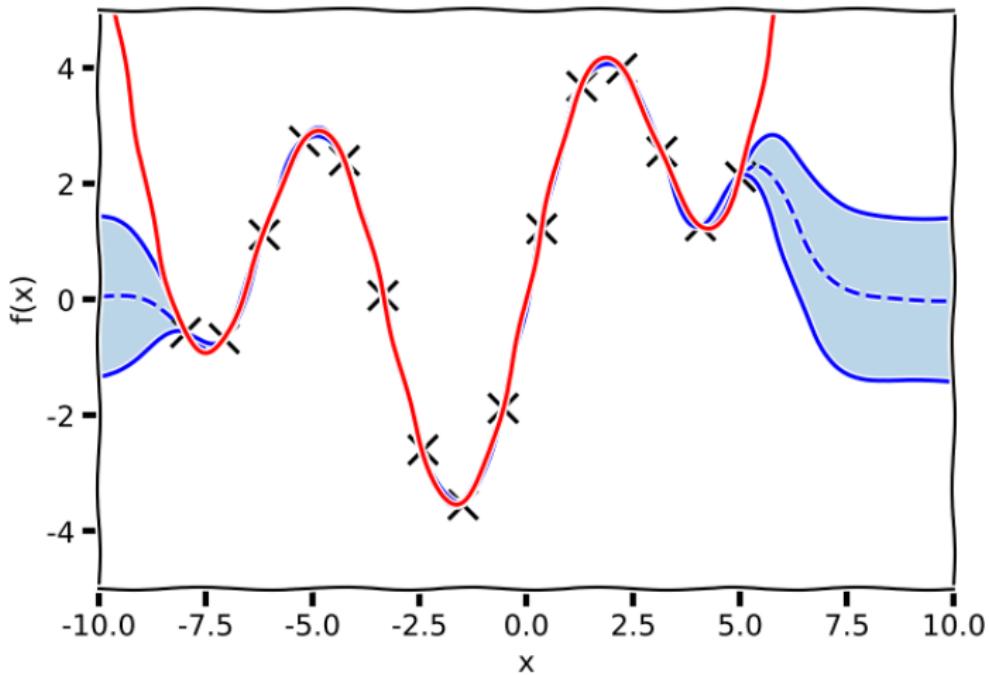
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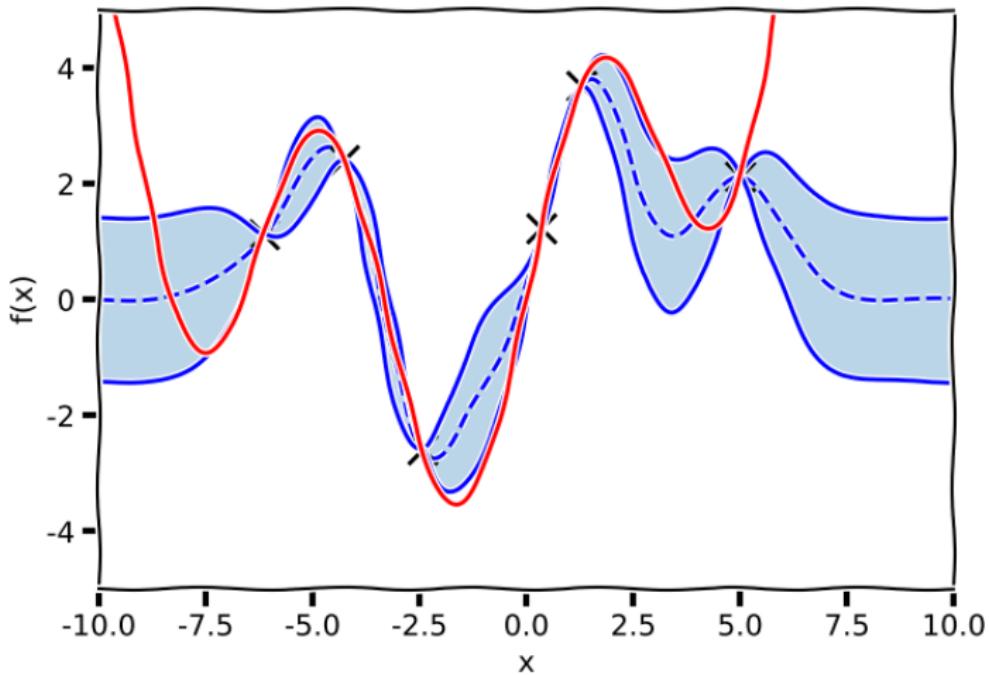


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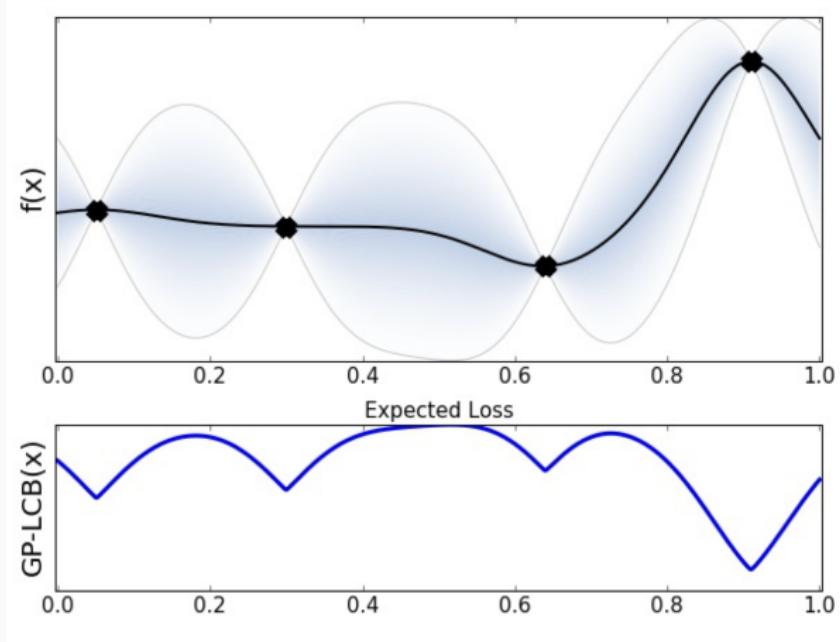


- how should we explore the space?
- humans do active search?
 - studying for exam

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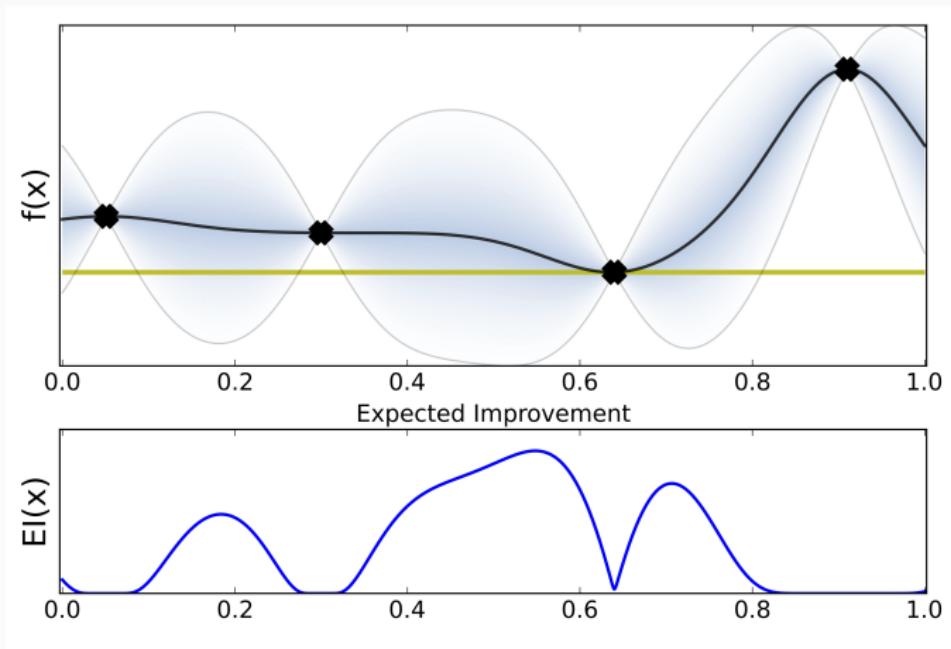


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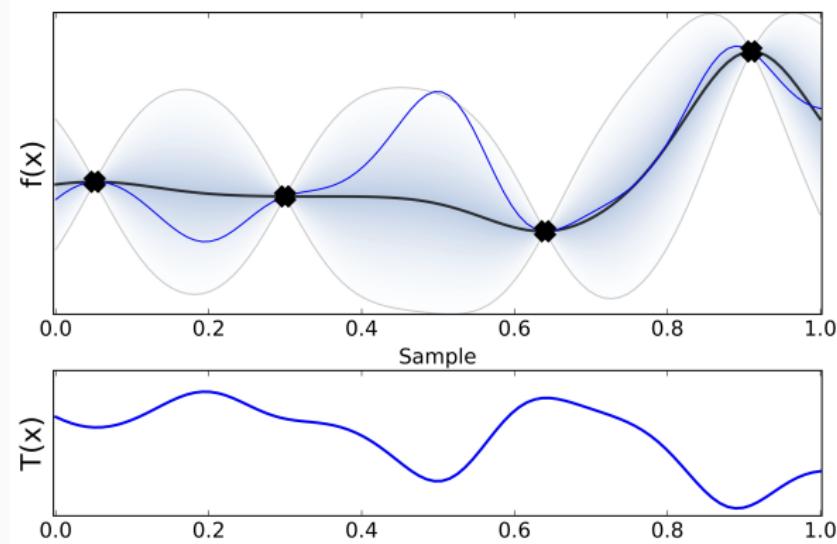
$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}; \theta, \mathcal{D}) = -\mu(\mathbf{x}; \theta, \mathcal{D}) + \beta_t \sigma(\mathbf{x}; \theta, \mathcal{D})$$

Expected Improvement



$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}; \theta, \mathcal{D}) = \int \max(0, y_{\text{best}} - y) p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta, \mathcal{D}) dy$$

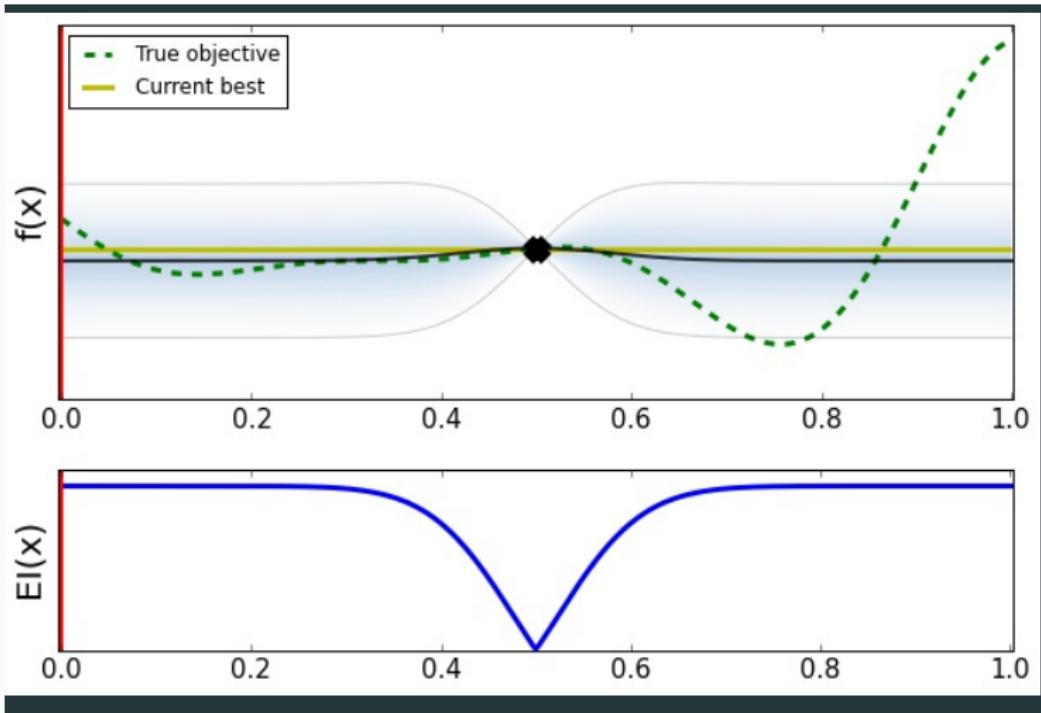
Thomson Sampling



$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}; \theta, \mathcal{D}) = g(\mathbf{x})$$

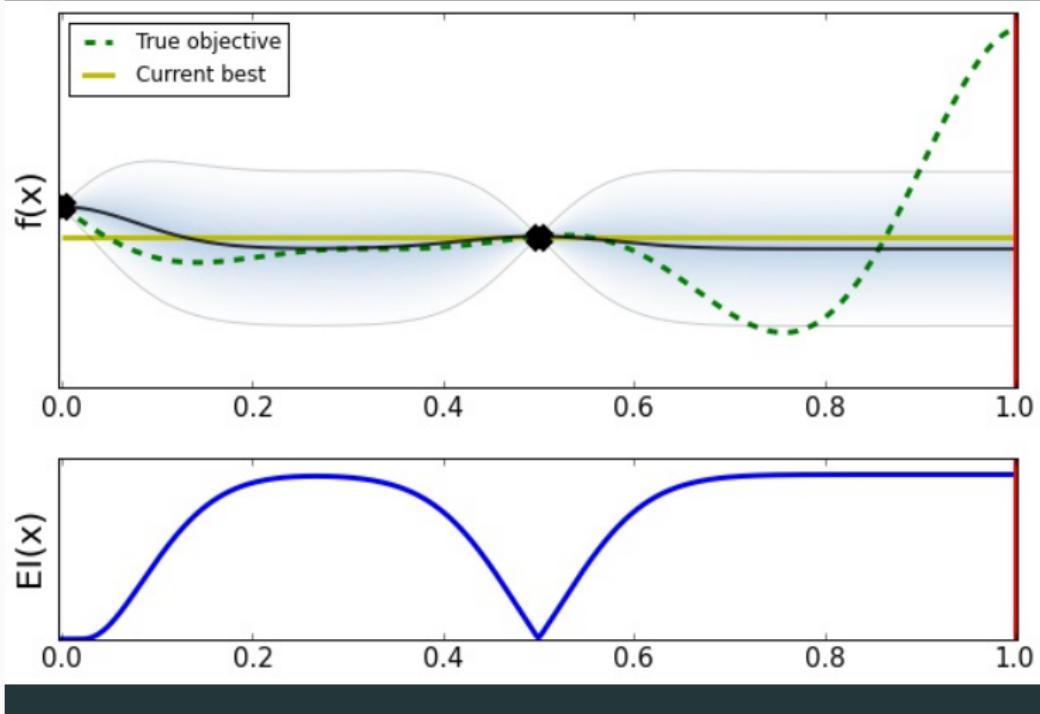
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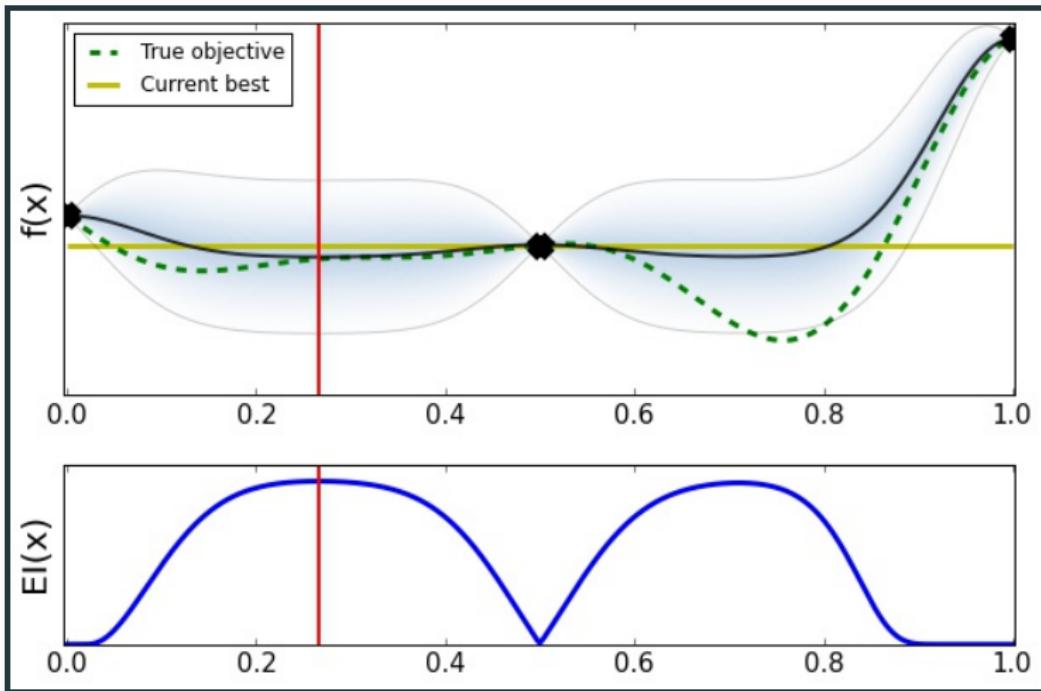
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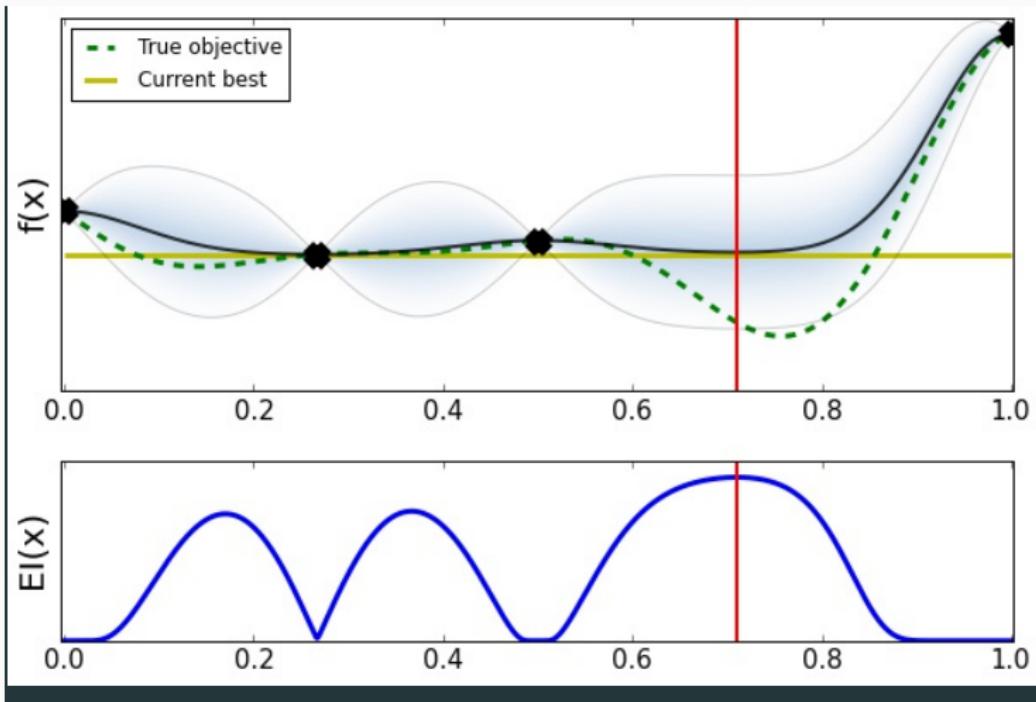
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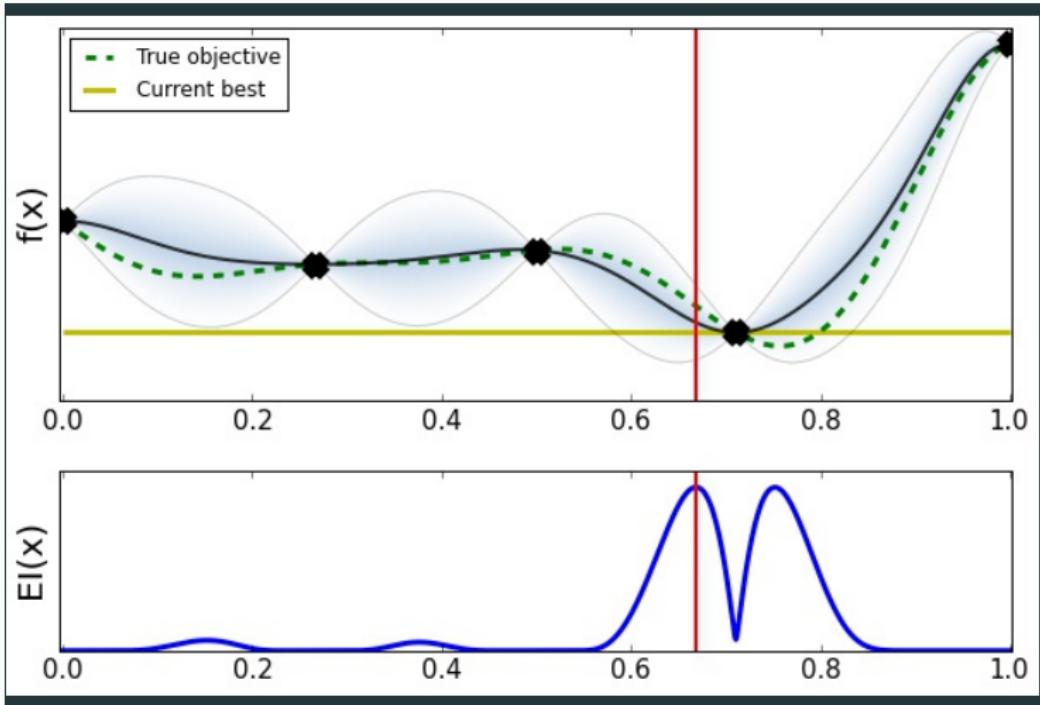
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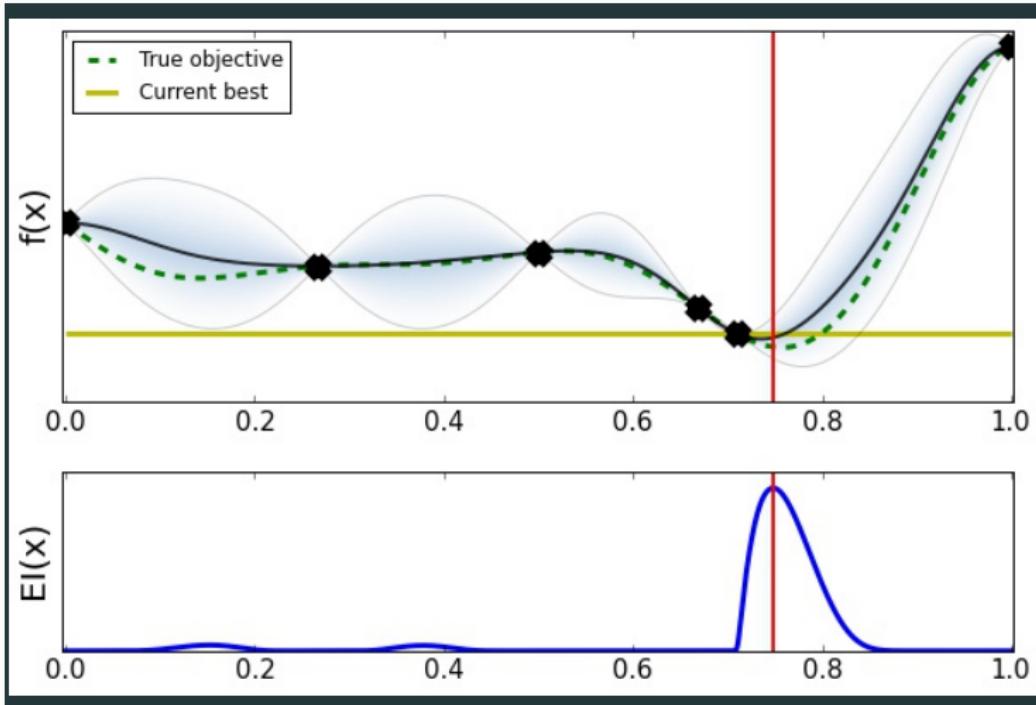
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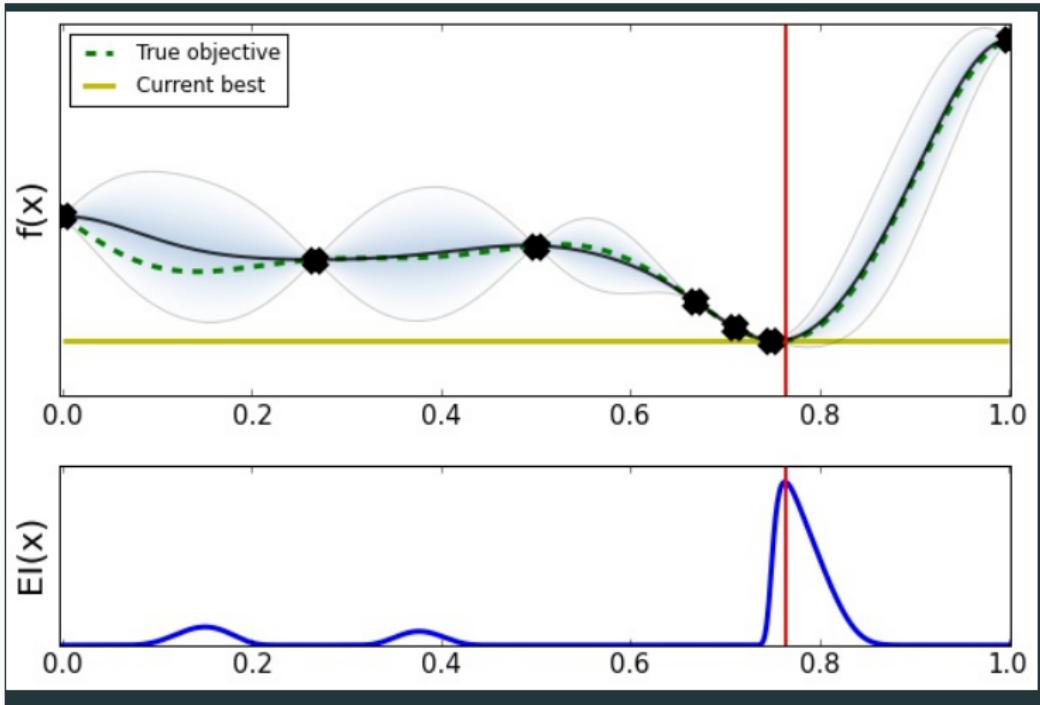
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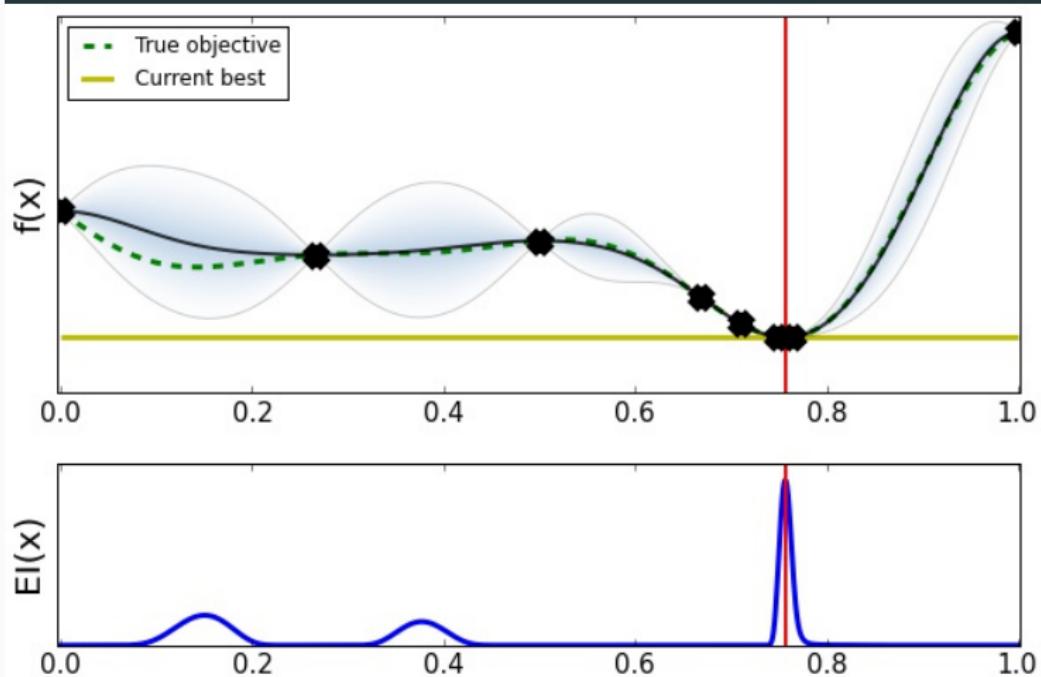
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 - $\alpha(x)$ is cheap to compute

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- What assumptions can we make about the function that we are optimising?
 - kernel
 - kernel parameters
 - etc.
- What search strategy should we have
 - exploration vs. exploitation
 - cost of search
- How should we optimise the acquisition function

Why³

Consumption	CO ₂ (lbs)
Air travel NY-SF	1 984
Human life (1 year)	11 023
American life (1 year)	36 156
Car life-time	126 000
Transformers NN	626 155

³Strubell, E., Ganesh, A., & McCallum, A., Energy and policy considerations for deep learning in nlp, CoRR, (), (2019).

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- BO is a rapidly evolving field
- it is happening now, its the thing that you want on your CV ;-)
- Two key aspects,
 - Gaussian processes to model function
 - Acquisition function to model exploration
- Take home message: *uncertainty matters*

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