

# Approximating Posterior Gaussian Processes

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## Note

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- ▶  $f(x) := (f(x_j))_{j=1}^n \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- ▶  $\mu(x) := (\mu(x_j))_{j=1}^n \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- ▶  $c(x, x) := (c(x_i, x_j))_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- ▶  $c(x, t) := (c(x_j, t))_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$
- ▶  $c(t, x) := (c(t, x_j))_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$

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## Fact

Let  $T$  be a set,  $c : T^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  positive definite,  $x = (x_j)_{j=1}^n \in T^n$ ,  $y = (y_j)_{j=1}^n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose we have the following model:

$$y_i = f(x_i) + \epsilon_i$$

$$\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$f \sim GP(0, c)$$

Then

$$f|x, y \sim GP(\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{c})$$

where

$$\tilde{\mu}(t) = c(t, x)[c(x, x) + \sigma^2 I]^{-1}y$$

and

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## Answer

One thing to try would be to approximate  $\tilde{\mu}$  and  $\tilde{c}$ . In this case we discuss approximating  $\tilde{\mu}$  and  $\tilde{c}$  with neural networks. Then, after training, evaluation would be constant time (with respect to data size).

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We propose using a loss function derived from an alternative formulation of the posterior mean and covariance. To make this less vague, we will discuss the necessary background, which consists of calculus on Banach spaces and convex analysis on Banach spaces and reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces .

# Banach Spaces

## Remark

When working with finite dimensional normed vector spaces, all linear operators are continuous. However, in general this is not true if we drop the assumption of finite dimensionality. We will introduce the concept of boundedness, which is equivalent to continuity in the context of linear operators.

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Let  $X$  be a normed vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . We define the **dual space of  $X$** , denoted  $X^*$ , by  $X^* = L(X; \mathbb{R})$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $T$  is said to be a **bounded linear functional on  $X$**  if  $T \in X^*$ .

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Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and  $Y$  be normed vector spaces and

$T : \prod_{j=1}^n X_j \rightarrow Y$  a multilinear linear map. Then  $T$  is said to be

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$$\|T(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| \leq C \|x_1\| \dots \|x_n\|$$

We define

$$L^n(X_1, \dots, X_n; Y) = \{T : X \rightarrow Y : T \text{ is multilinear and bounded}\}$$

If  $X_1, \dots, X_n = X$ , we write  $L^n(X; Y)$  in place of  $L^n(X, \dots, X; Y)$ .

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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be normed vector spaces. We may identify  $L(X; L(X; Y))$  and  $L^2(X; Y)$  via the isometric isomorphism  $L(X; L(X; Y)) \rightarrow L^2(X; Y)$  given by  $\phi \mapsto \psi_\phi$  where

$$\psi_\phi(x_1, x_2) = \phi(x_1)(x_2)$$

This immediately generalizes to higher dimensions.



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$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + Df(x_0)(h) + o(\|h\|) \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0$$

If  $f$  is Frechet differentiable at  $x_0$ , we define the **Frechet derivative of  $f$  at  $x_0$**  to be  $Df(x_0)$ . We say that  $f$  is **(1-st order) Frechet differentiable** if for each  $x_0 \in A$ ,  $f$  is Frechet differentiable at  $x_0$ .

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Continuing inductively, if  $f$  is  $(n - 1)$ -th order Frechet differentiable,  $f$  is said to be  **$n$ -th order Frechet differentiable at  $x_0$**  if  $D^{n-1}f$  is Frechet differentiable at  $x_0$ . We define  $D^n f(x_0) = D(D^{n-1}f)(x_0)$ . If  $f$  is  $n$ -th order Frechet differentiable, we define the  **$(n$ -th) order Frechet derivative** of  $f$ , denoted  $D^n f : A \rightarrow L^n(X; Y)$ , by

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Using the identification mentioned earlier, we may think of the  $n$ -th Frechet derivative as a bounded multilinear map:  
 $D^n f(x_0) \in L^n(X; Y)$ .

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$$\nabla f(x_0) = Df(x_0)^*$$

That is,  $\nabla f(x_0)$  is the unique element of  $H$  such that for each  $y \in H$ ,

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$$c_H(s, t) = \langle c_s, c_t \rangle$$

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# Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces

## Fact

Let  $T$  be a set,  $c : T^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a symmetric, positive definite kernel on  $T$ ,  $H \subset \mathbb{R}^T$  the corresponding RKHS,  $x = (x_j)_{j=1}^n \in T^n$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $y = (y_j)_{j=1}^n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

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## Remark

Recall that we defined  $c(x, x) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  by  $c(x, x)_{i,j} = c(x_i, x_j)$ .

Some regular calculus shows that  $\hat{\alpha} = (c(x, x) + \lambda I)^{-1}y$ .

Another way to write this is

$$\hat{f}(t) = c(t, x)(c(x, x) + \lambda I)^{-1}y$$

## Remark

Hopefully this looks familiar. Indeed,  $\hat{f}$  is the posterior mean function of  $f|x, y$  from our original model when  $\lambda = \sigma^2$ .

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where  $l_x \in L(H; \mathbb{R}^n)$  is given by

$$l_x(f) = (f(x_j))_{j=1}^n$$

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Equating terms from Taylor's theorem, we see that

$D^2 Q(f_0)(h, h) = 2\|l_x(h)\|_2^2$ , which is p.s.d. So  $Q$  is convex. Since  $\|f_0\|_H^2 = \langle f_0, f_0 \rangle$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is a positive definite bounded bilinear function on  $H \times H$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_H$  is strictly convex. Since  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $L$  is strictly convex.

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# Approximating Posterior Gaussian Processes

## Remark

Recall our model: Let  $T$  be a set and  $x = (x_j)_{j=1}^n \in T^n$ ,  $y = (y_j)_{j=1}^n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Recall that if

$$y_i = f(x_i) + \epsilon_i$$

$$\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$f \sim GP(0, c)$$

Then

$$f|x, y \sim GP(\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{c})$$

where

$$\tilde{\mu}(t) = c(t, x)[c(x, x) + \sigma^2 I]^{-1}y$$

and

$$\tilde{c}(s, t) = c(s, t) - c(s, x)[c(x, x) + \sigma^2 I]^{-1}c(x, t)$$

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As pointed out previously,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mu} &= c(\cdot, x)[c(x, x) + \sigma^2 I]^{-1}y \\ &= \arg \min_{f \in H} L_{\sigma^2, y}(f)\end{aligned}$$

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Note that the posterior covariance function is given by

$$\tilde{c}(s, t) = c(s, t) - \bar{c}(s, t).$$

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Now, thanks to the background covered earlier, we know that

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla L_{\sigma^2, y}(\tilde{\mu}) &= 2 \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n (\tilde{\mu}(x_j) - y_j) c_{x_j} + \sigma^2 \tilde{\mu} \right] \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

and

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This gives us the following two restrictions:

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- ▶ for each  $s, t \in T$ ,

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## Remark

Now if we approximate  $\tilde{\mu} : T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by a neural network  $g_{\theta} : T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\bar{c} : T^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by a neural network  $h_{\eta} : T^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , substitution yields the following restrictions:

- ▶ for each  $s \in T$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (g_{\theta}(x_j) - y_j) c(s, x_j) + \sigma^2 g_{\theta}(s) = 0$$

- ▶ for each  $s, t \in T$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (h_{\eta}(x_j, t) - c(x_j, t)) c(s, x_j) + \sigma^2 h_{\eta}(s, t) = 0$$

# Approximating Posterior Gaussian Processes

## Remark

Focusing on  $g_\theta$ , let  $(s_k)_{k=1}^a$  be a grid of  $T$ . Using the triangle inequality and Jensen's inequality we obtain  $l^1$  and  $l^2$  loss functions given by



$$l_1(\theta) = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{k=1}^a \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n |g_\theta(x_j) - y_j| c(s_k, x_j) + \sigma^2 |g_\theta(s_k)| \right]$$



$$l_2(\theta) = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{k=1}^a \left[ \left( \sum_{j=1}^n (g_\theta(x_j) - y_j) c(s_k, x_j) \right)^2 + \sigma^4 g_\theta(s_k)^2 \right]$$

# Approximating Posterior Gaussian Processes

## Remark

We could also add an MSE penalty term,

$$MSE(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (y_j - g_{\theta}(x_j))^2$$

to  $l(\theta)$ . The motivation for doing this is that it might yield a better approximation inside the data range while still retaining desirable properties of the posterior mean outside the data range. In the following slides we make a comparison. The model is

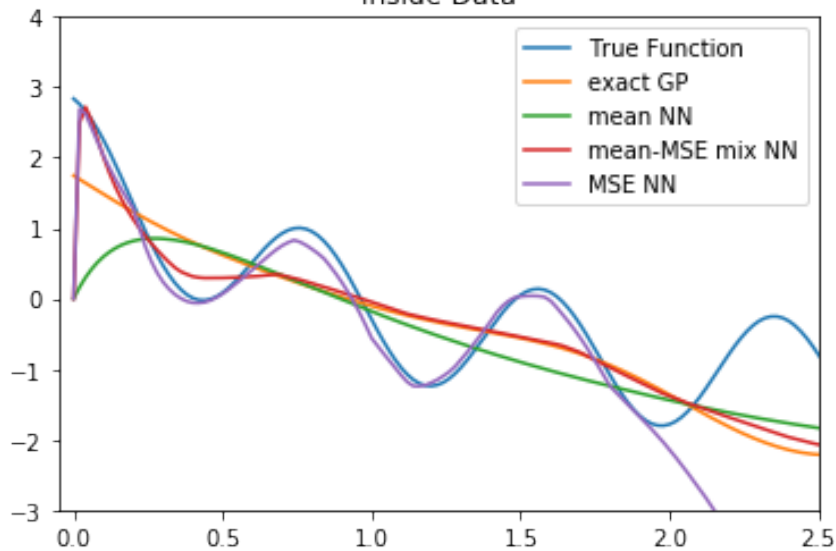
$$y_i \sim N(f(x_i), 0.1^2)$$

with the true data generating function given by

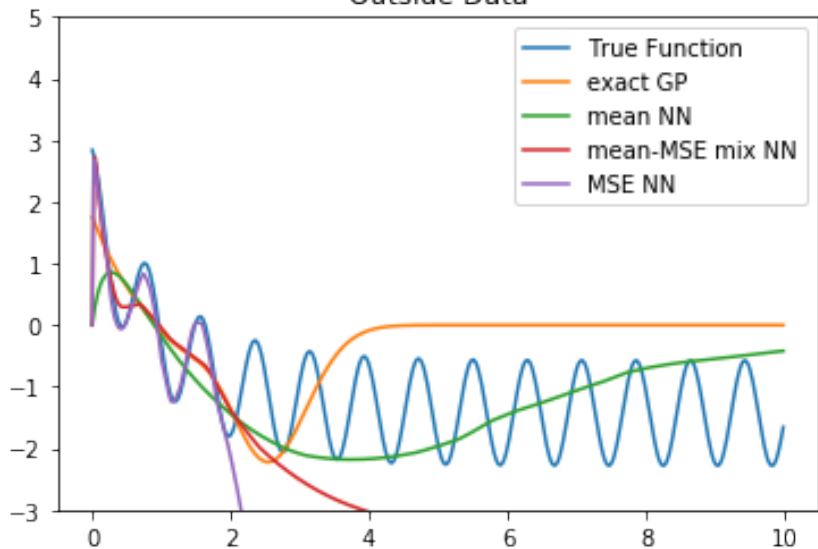
$$f_0(x) = 4 + 2e^{-x_i} + 0.5 \cos(8 \cdot x_i)$$



Inside Data



## Outside Data



# Approximating Posterior Gaussian Processes

## Remark

Focusing on  $h_\eta$ , let  $(s_k, t_l)_{k,l}^{a,b}$  be a grid of  $T^2$ . Using the triangle inequality like before, except now adding a symmetric penalty term, we obtain an  $l^1$  loss function given by

$$\begin{aligned} l_1(\eta) = & \frac{1}{ab} \sum_{k=1}^a \sum_{l=1}^b \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n |h_\eta(x_j, t_l) - c(x_j, t_l)| c(s_k, x_j) \right. \\ & \left. + \sigma^2 |h_\eta(s_k, t_l)| \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{ab} \sum_{k=1}^a \sum_{l=1}^b |c(s_k, t_l) - c(t_l, s_k)| \end{aligned}$$

# Approximating Posterior Gaussian Processes

## Remark

Using the Jensen's inequality like before, except now adding a symmetric penalty term, we obtain an  $l^2$  loss function given by

$$\begin{aligned} l_2(\eta) = & \frac{1}{ab} \sum_{k=1}^a \sum_{l=1}^b \left[ \left( \sum_{j=1}^n (h_{\eta}(x_j, t_l) - c(x_j, t_l)) c(s_k, x_j) \right)^2 \right. \\ & \left. + \sigma^2 h_{\eta}(s_k, t_l)^2 \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{ab} \sum_{k=1}^a \sum_{l=1}^b (c(s_k, t_l) - c(t_l, s_k))^2 \end{aligned}$$

# References

- ▶ analysis notes
- ▶ integration notes
- ▶ RKHS's
- ▶ Representer Theorem