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Unsupervised and Composite Gaussian Processes

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Today

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Learning Theory

- \mathcal{F} space of functions
- \mathcal{A} learning algorithm
- $\mathcal{S} = \{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)\}$
- $\mathcal{S} \sim P(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})$
- $\ell(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{S}), x, y)$ loss function

$$e(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{F}) = \mathbb{E}_{P(\{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}\})} [\ell(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{S}), x, y)]$$

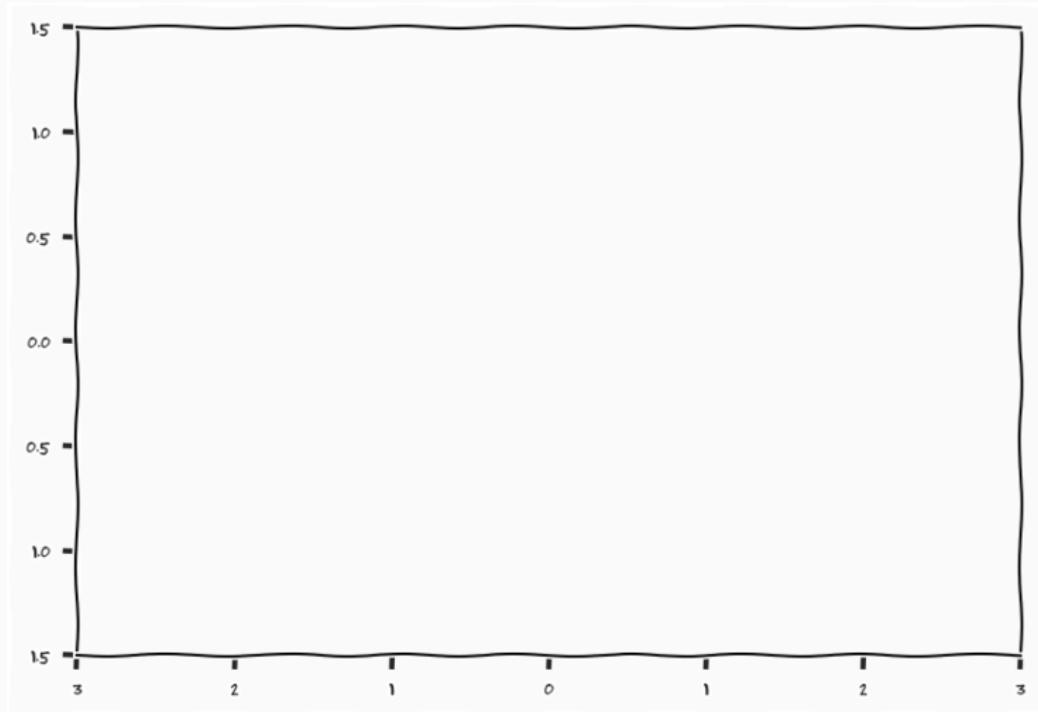
Statistical Learning

$$\begin{aligned} e(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{F}) &= \mathbb{E}_{P(\{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}\})} [\ell(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{S}), x, y)] \\ &\approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{n=1}^M \ell(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{S}), x_n, y_n) \end{aligned}$$

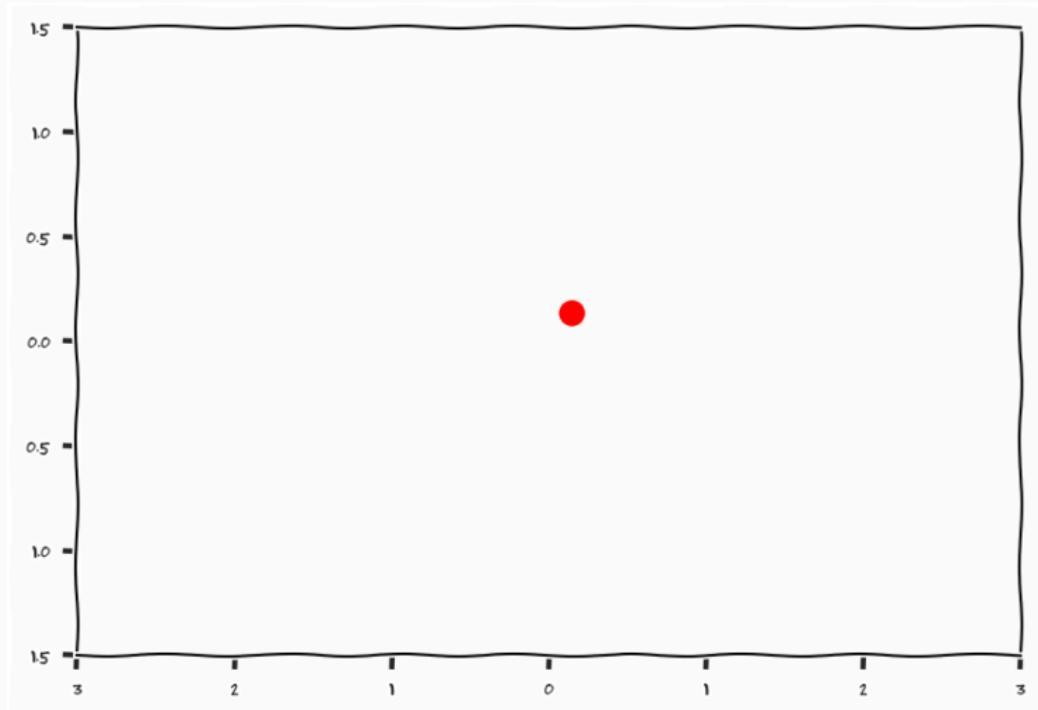
No Free Lunch

We can come up with a combination of $\{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{F}\}$ that makes $e(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{F})$ take an arbitrary value

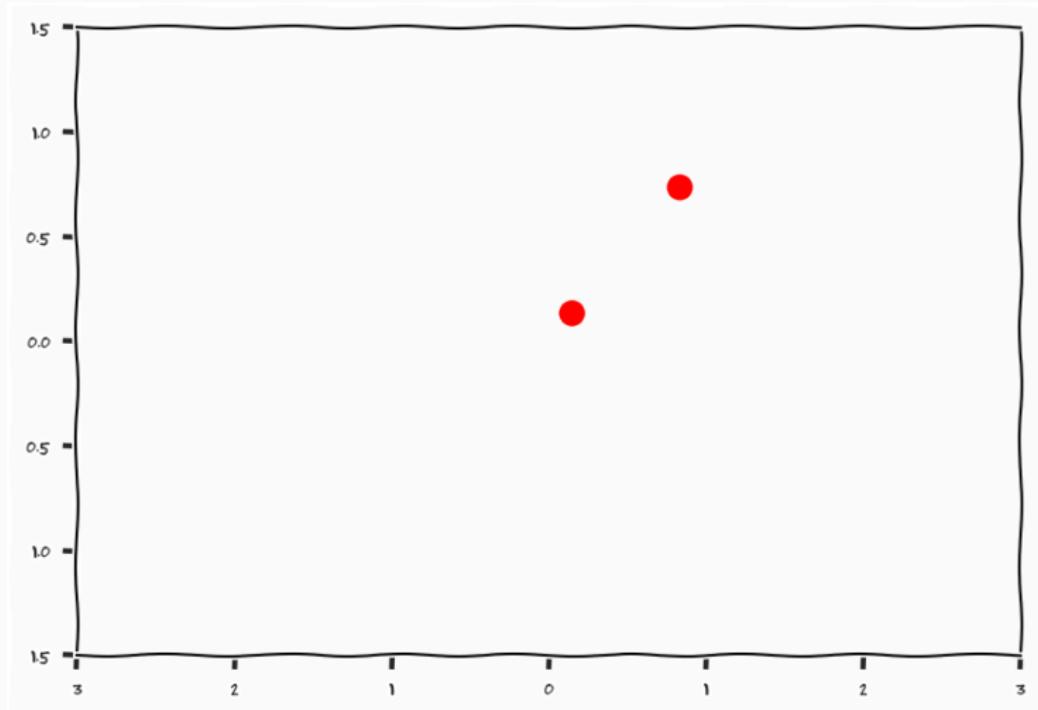
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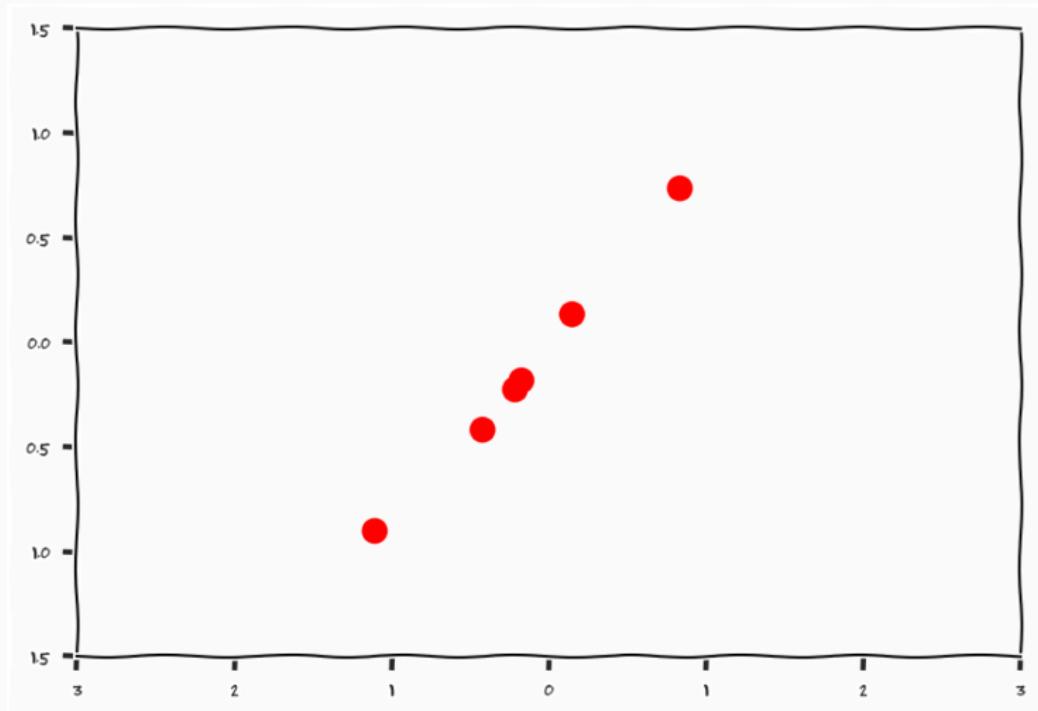
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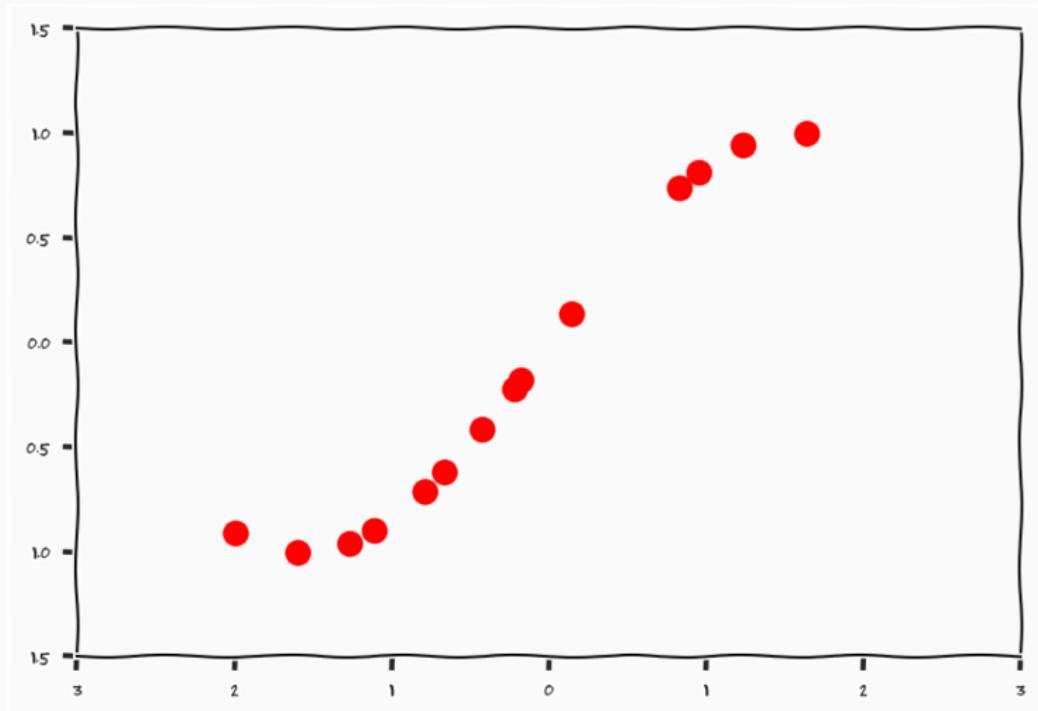
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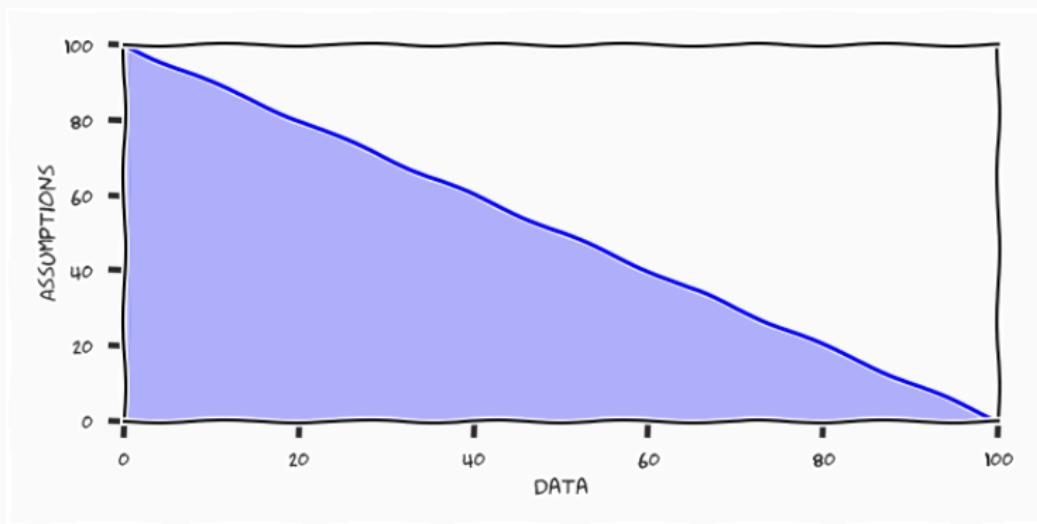
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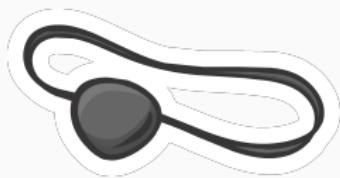
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Data and Knowledge



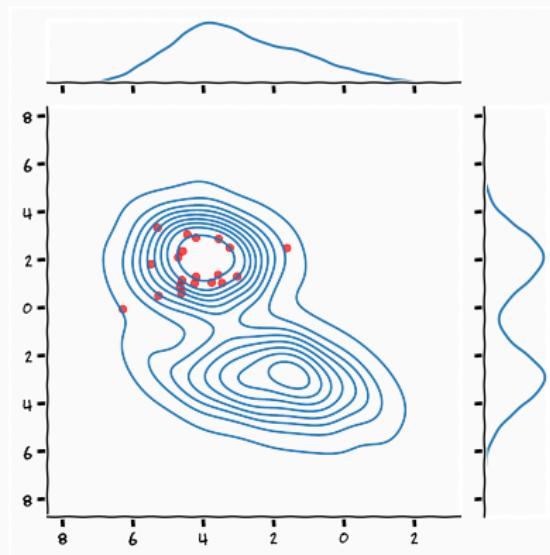
Assumptions: Algorithms



Statistical Learning

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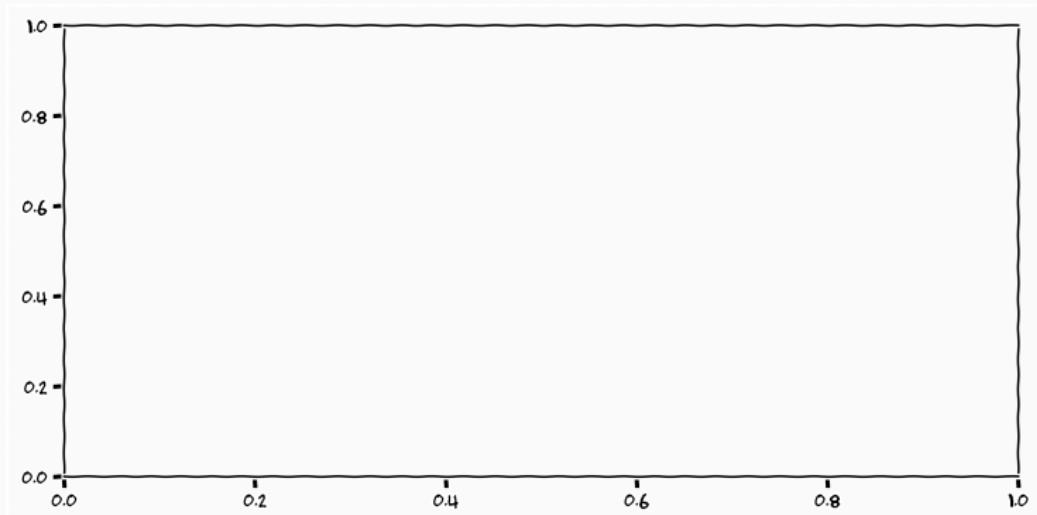
Assumptions: Biased Sample



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Assumptions: Hypothesis space



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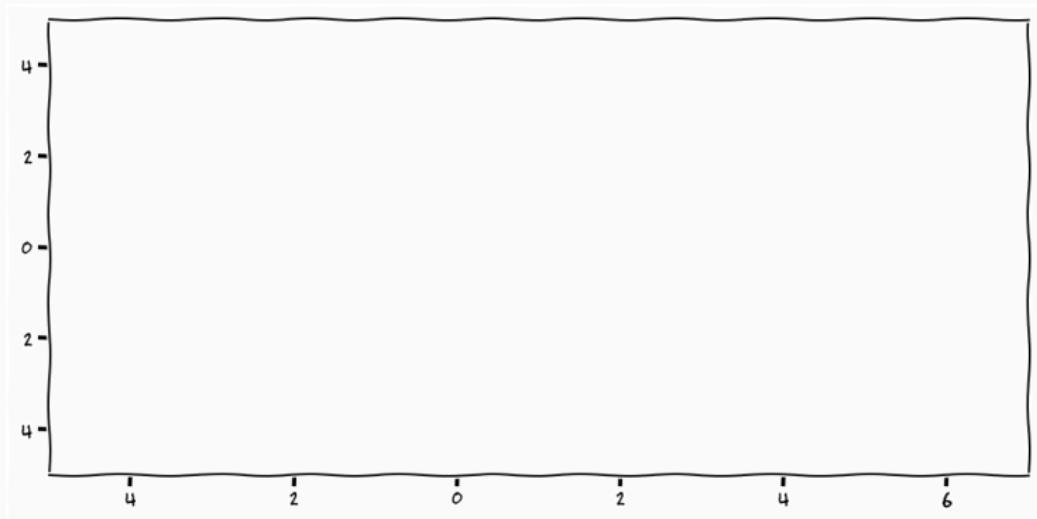
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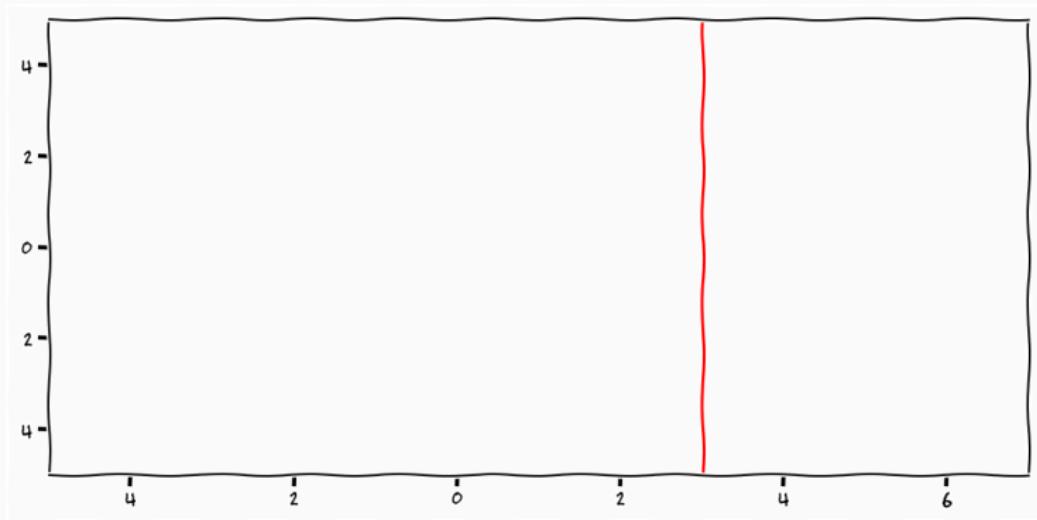
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- *Your solution can only ever be interpreted in the light of your assumptions*

Gaussian Processes

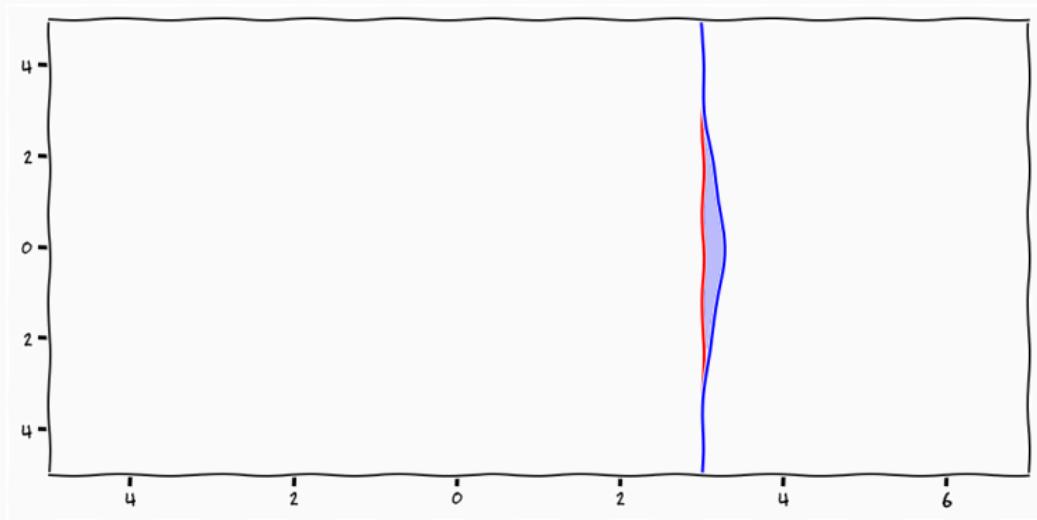
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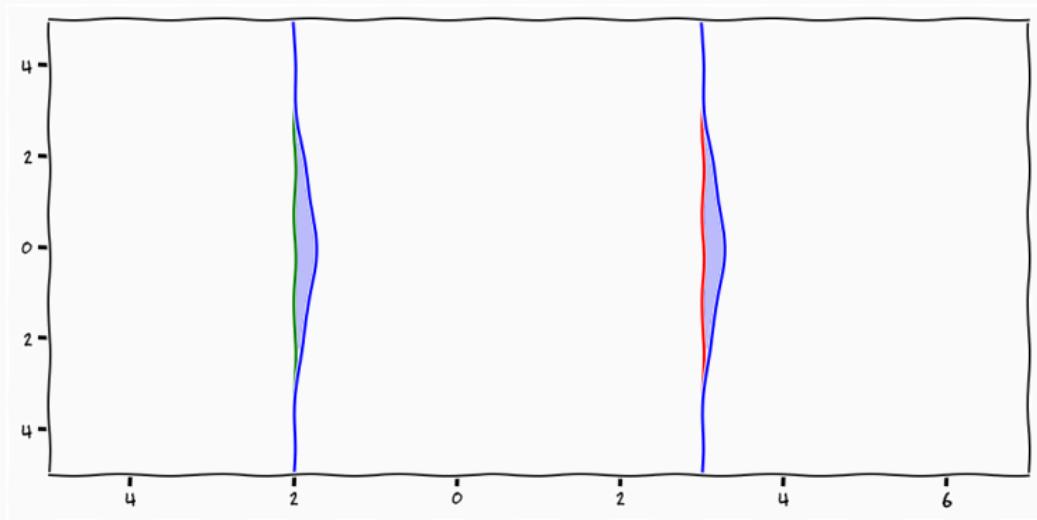
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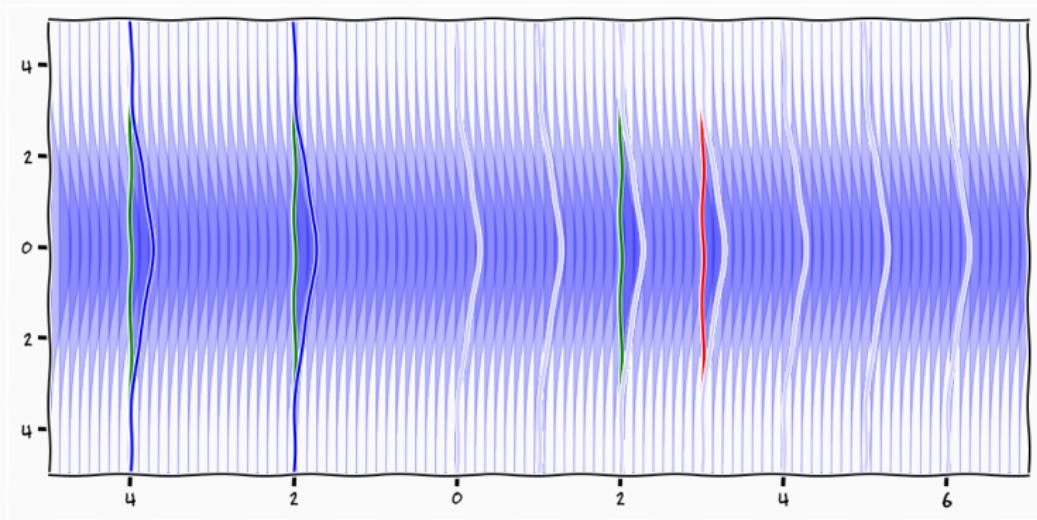
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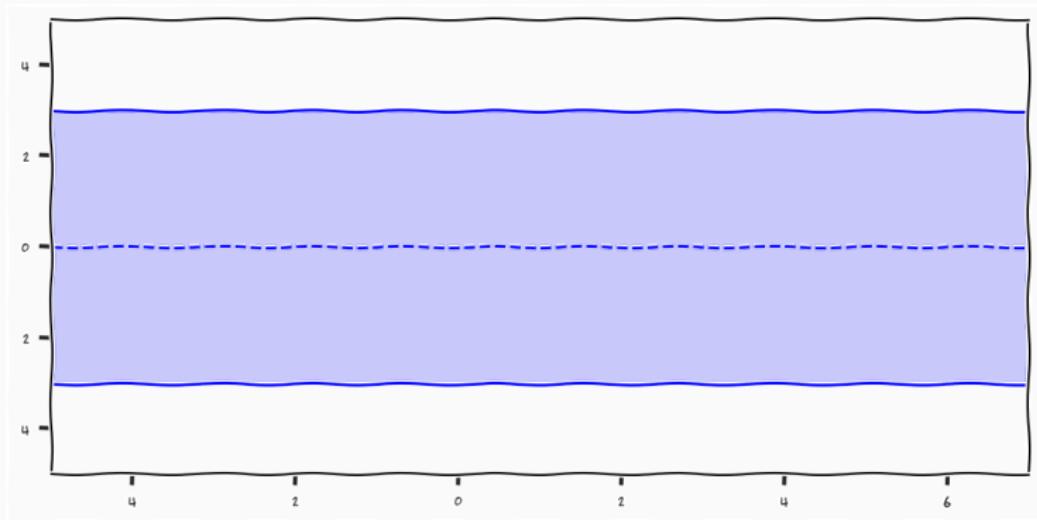
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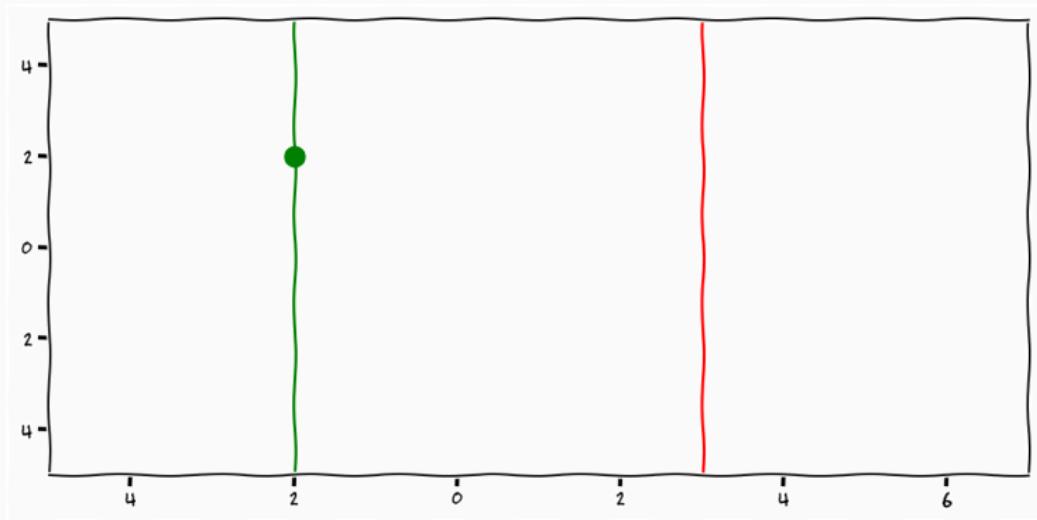
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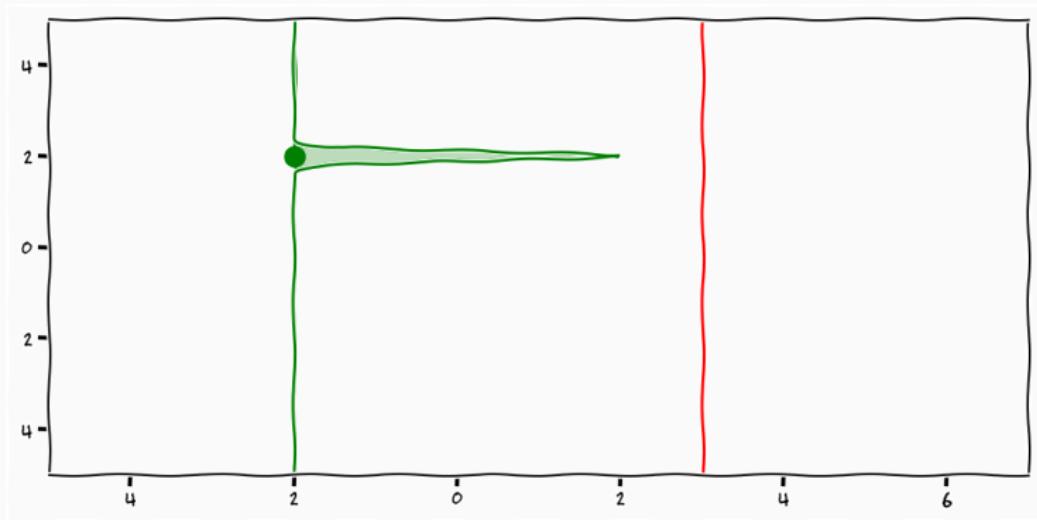
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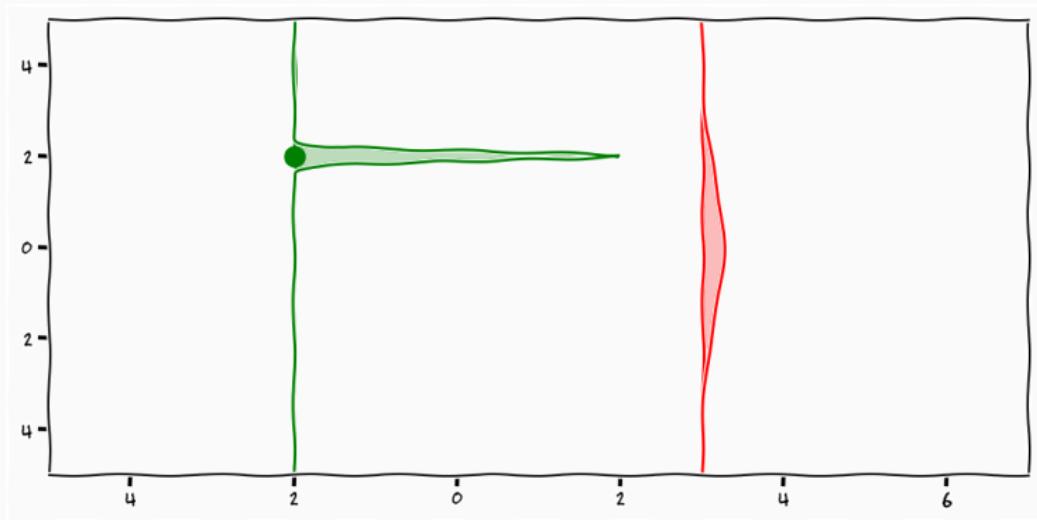
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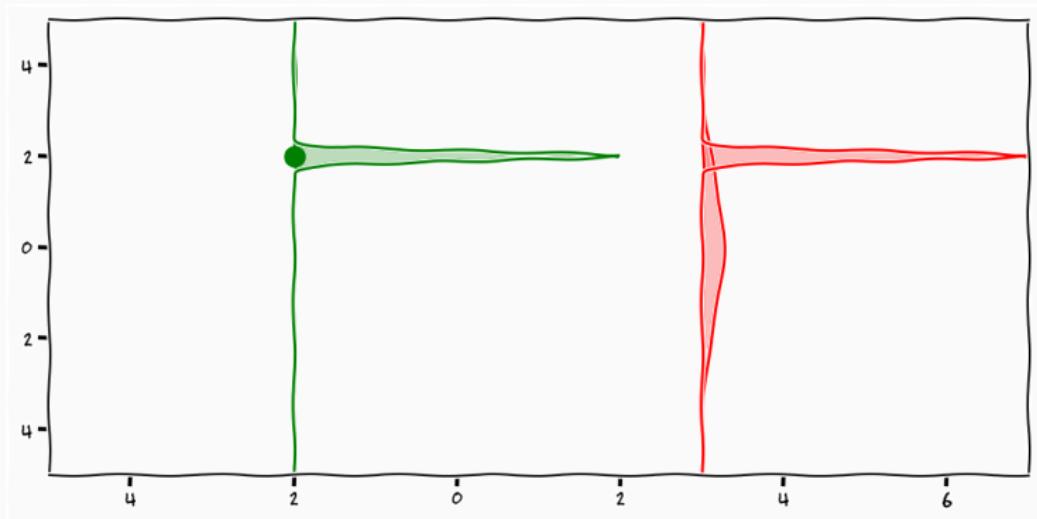
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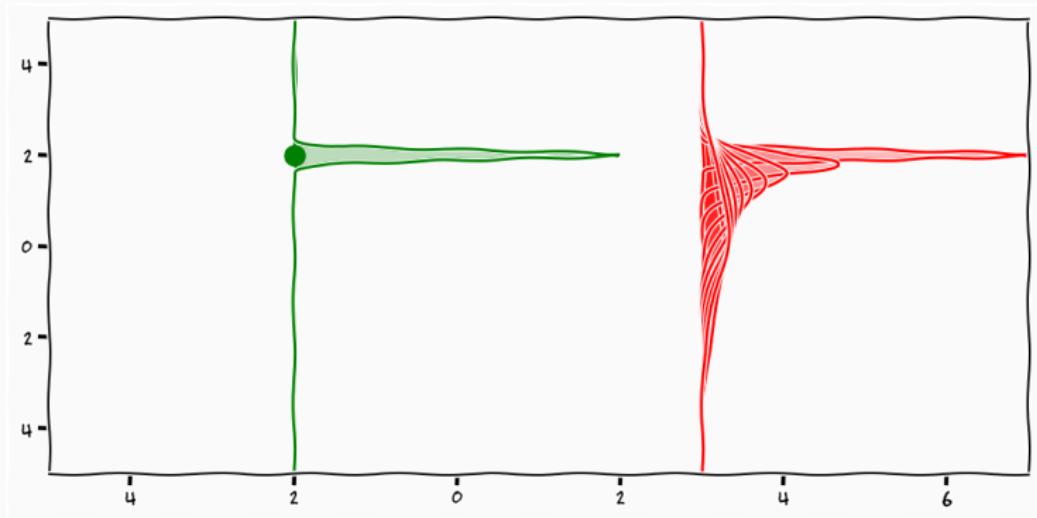
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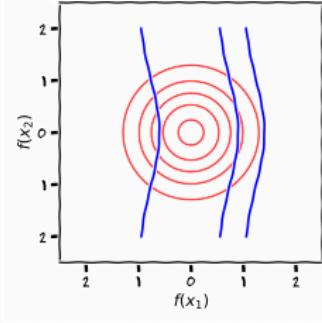
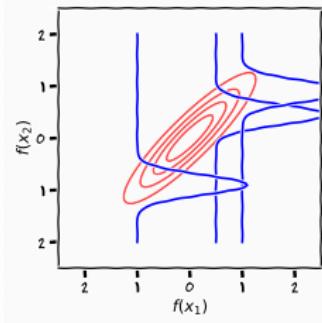
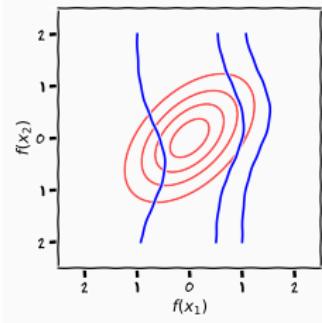
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Conditional Gaussians

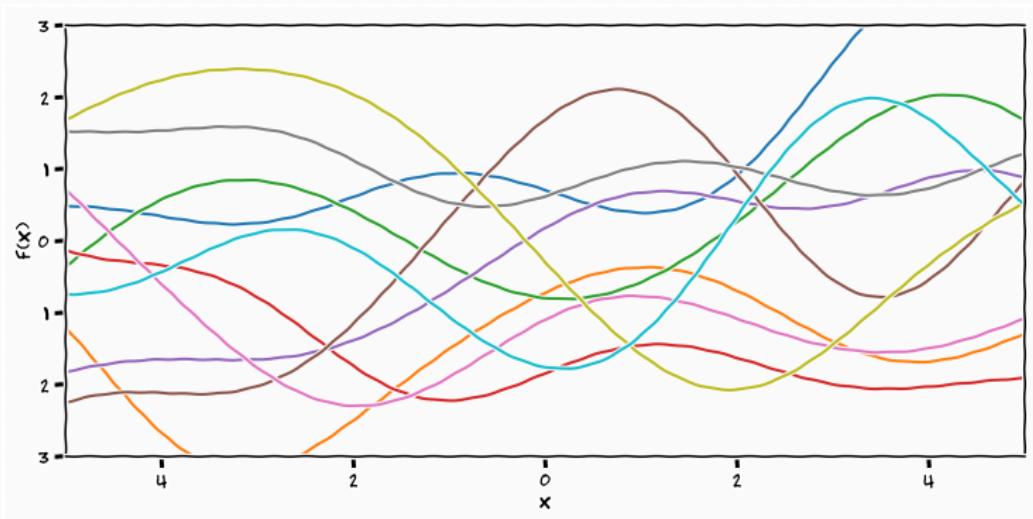


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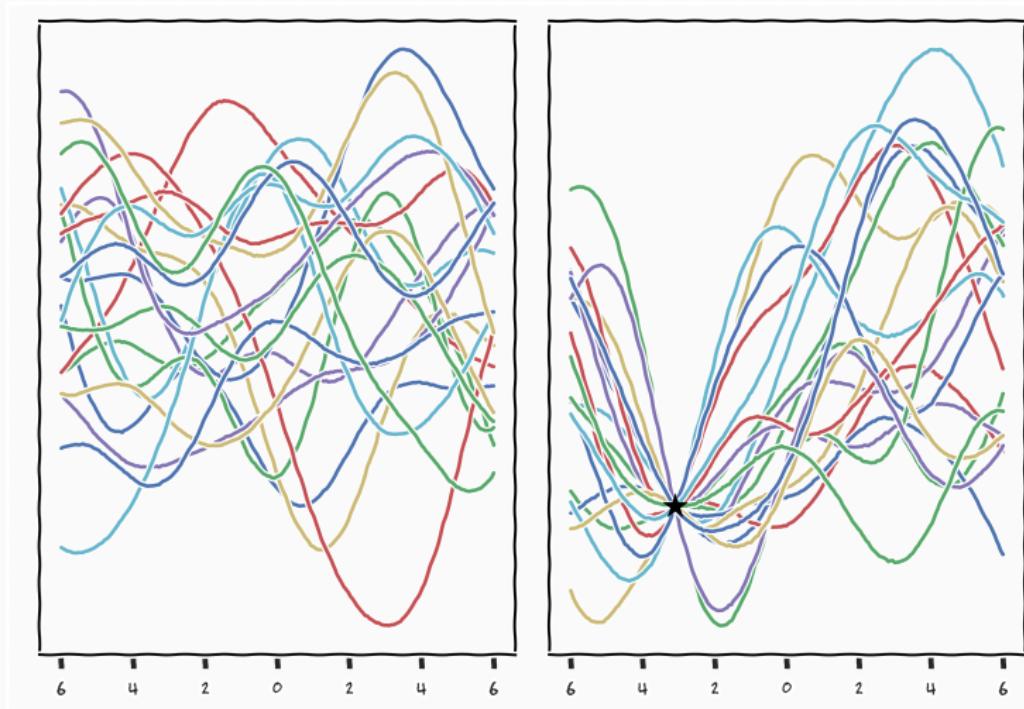
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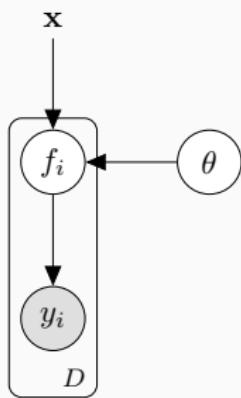
The Gaussian Identities

$$p(x_1, x_2) \quad p(x_1) = \int p(x_1, x_2) dx \quad p(x_1|x_2) = \frac{p(x_1, x_2)}{p(x_2)}$$

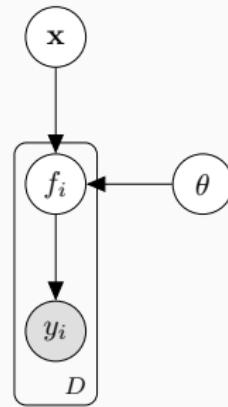
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Unsupervised Gaussian Processes

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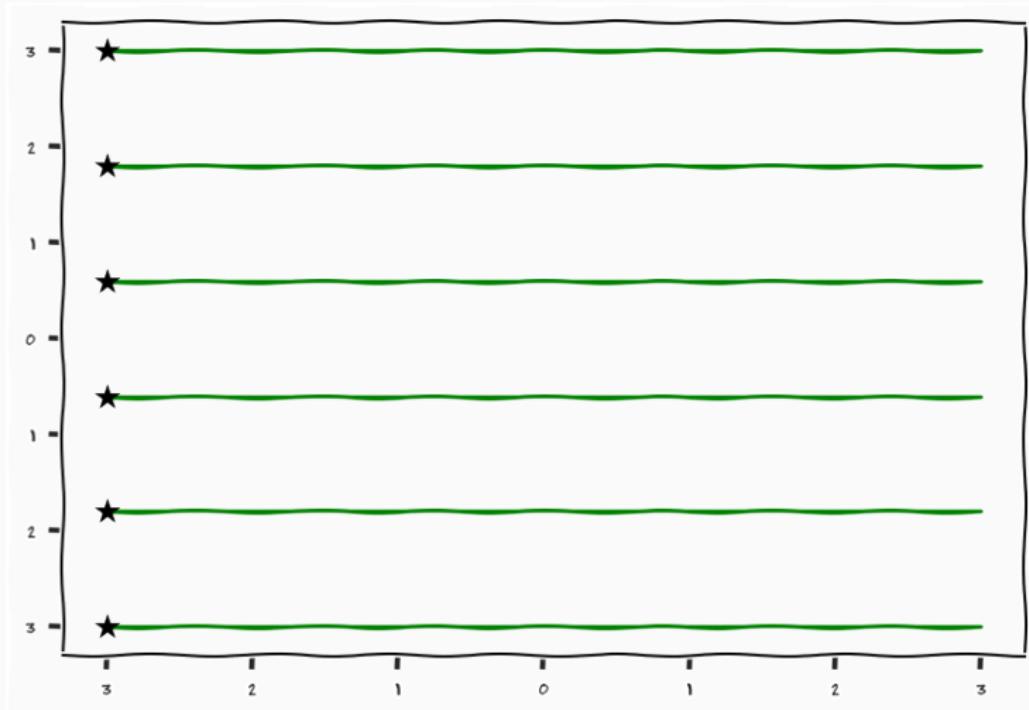


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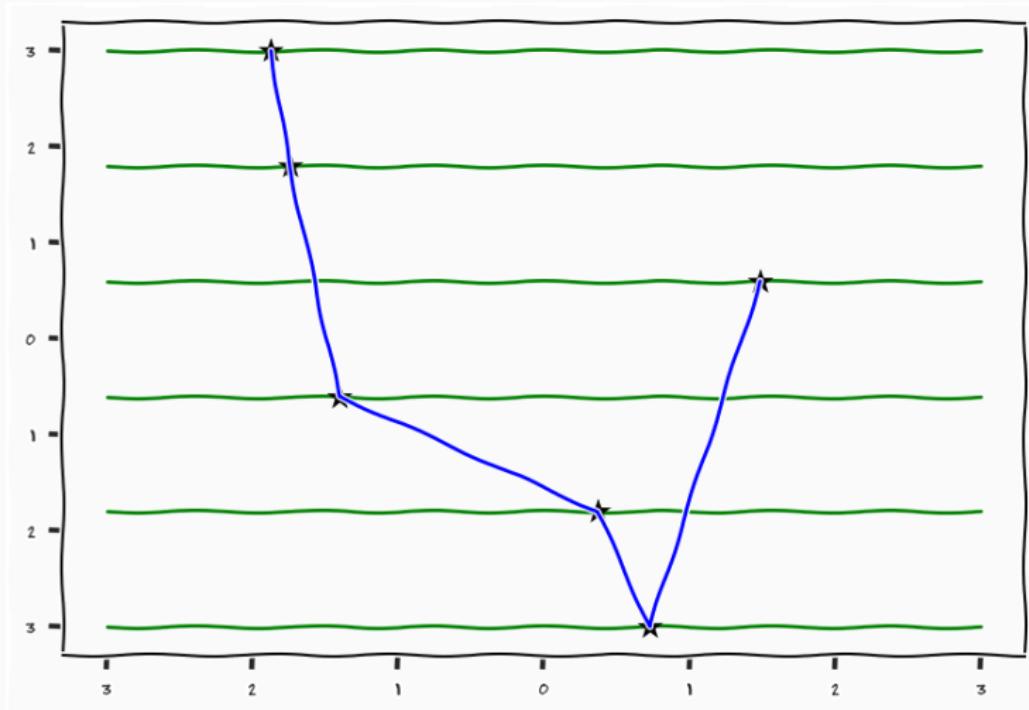


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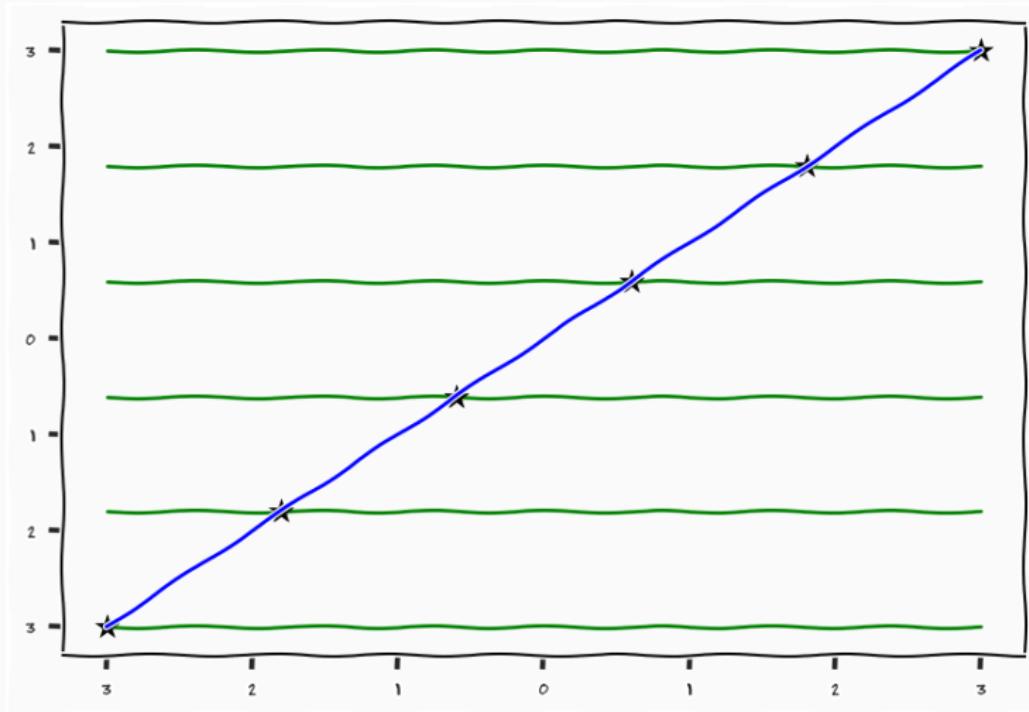
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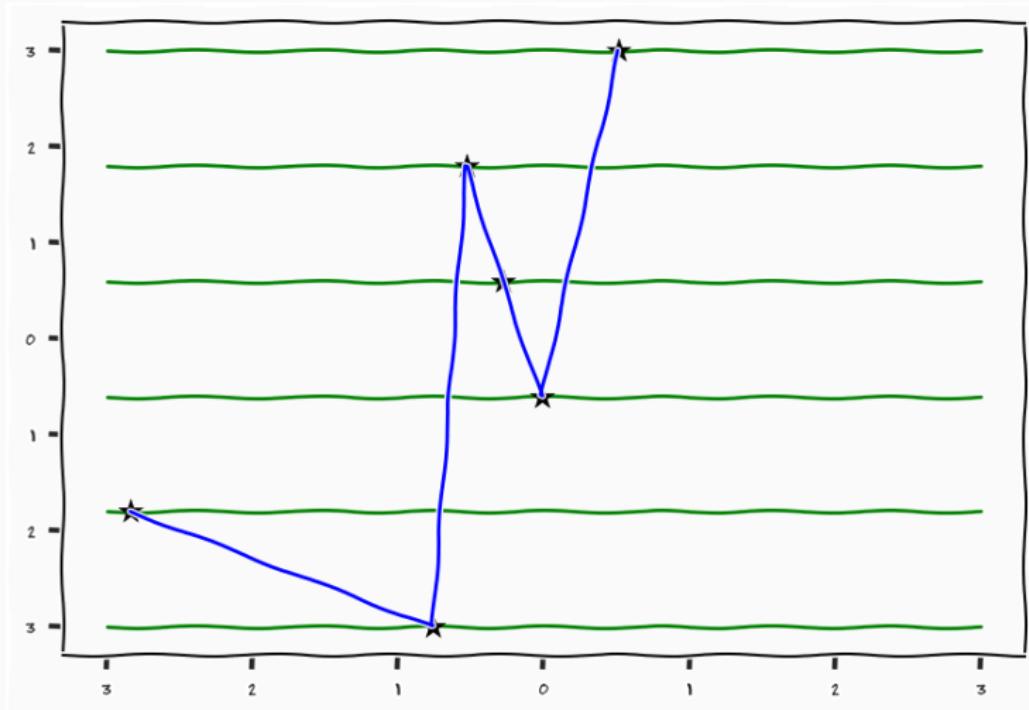
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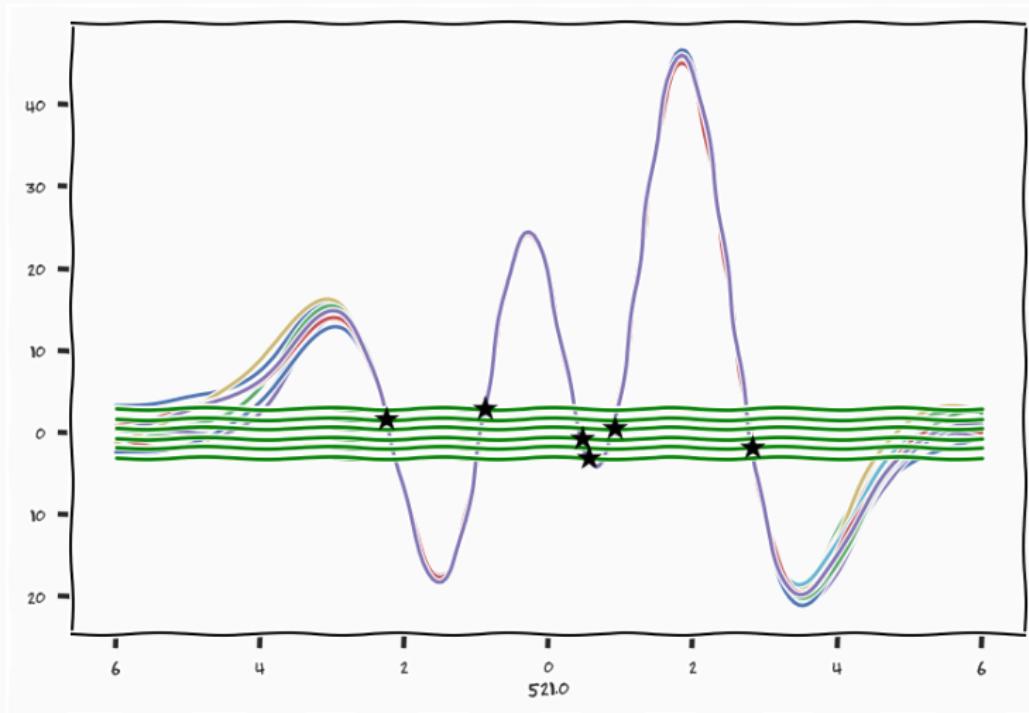
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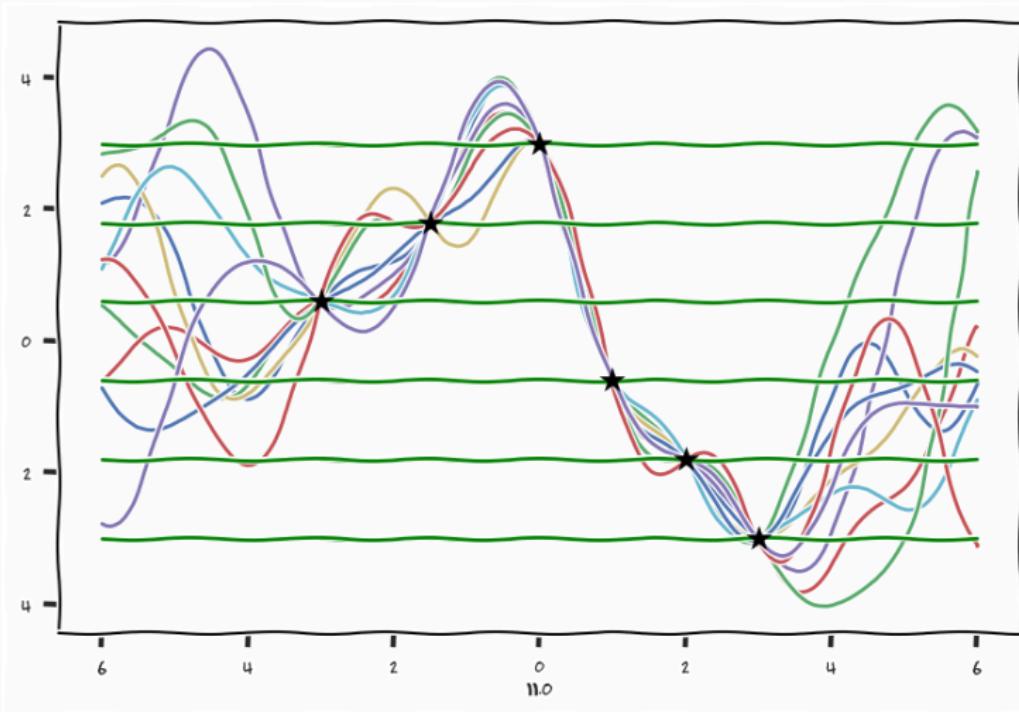
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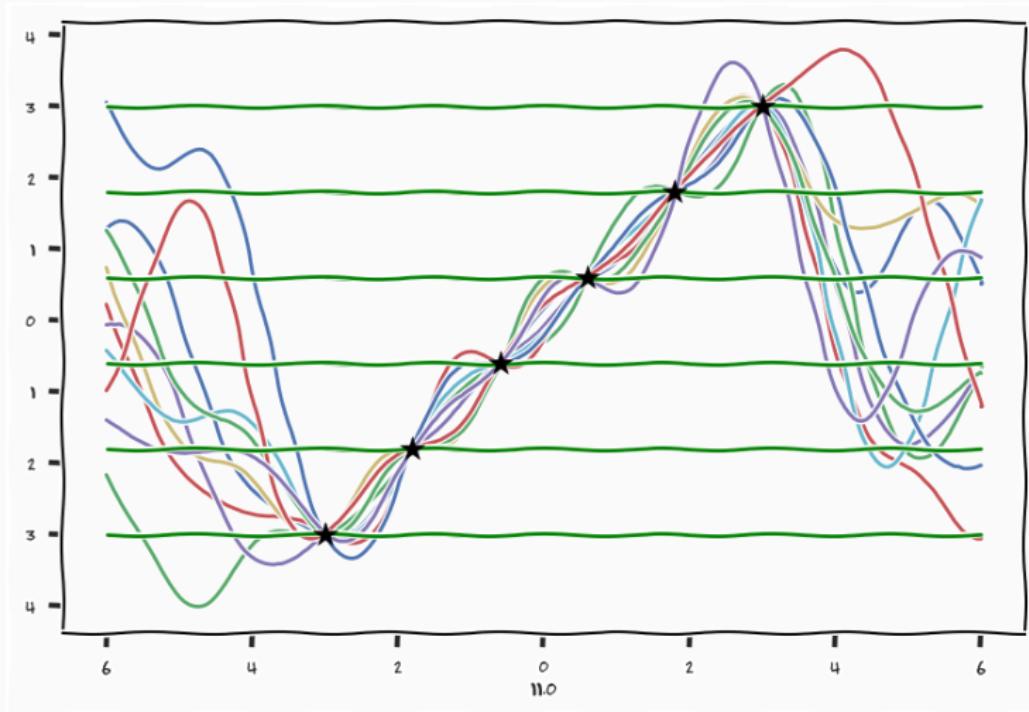
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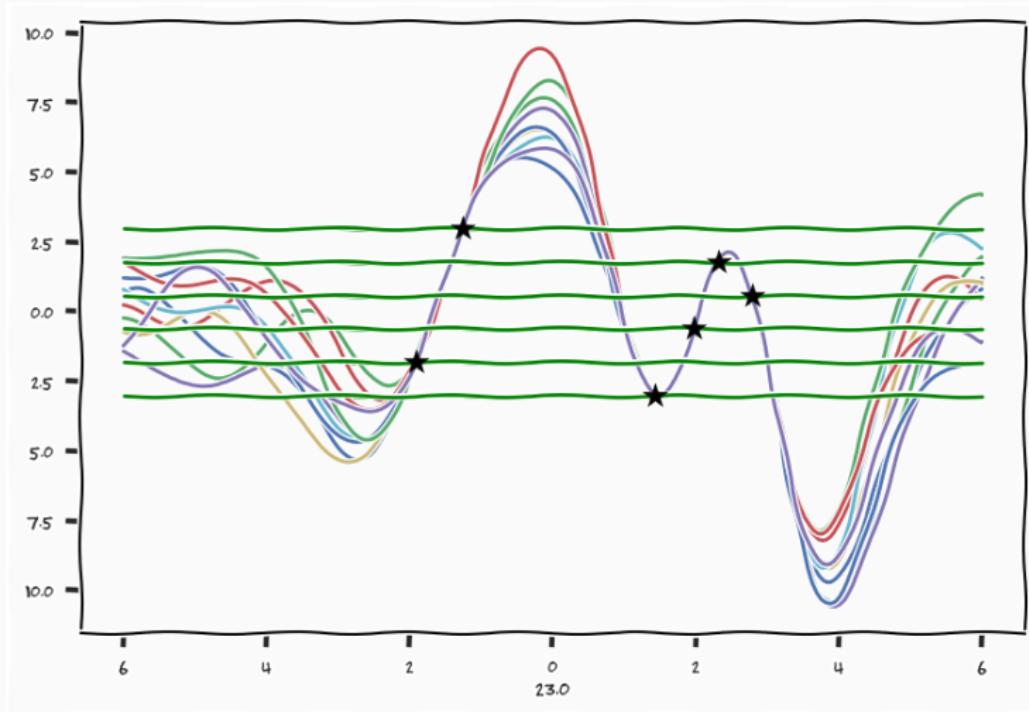
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Priors



$$p(y) = \int p(y|f)p(f|x)p(x)dfdx$$

1. Priors that makes sense
 - $p(f)$ describes our belief/assumptions and defines our notion of complexity in the function
 - $p(x)$ expresses our belief/assumptions and defines our notion of complexity in the latent space
2. Now lets churn the handle

Relationship between x and data

$$p(y) = \int p(y|f)p(f|x)p(x)dfdx$$

- GP prior

$$p(f|x) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, K) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}(f^T K^{-1} f)}$$

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- Likelihood

$$p(y|f) \sim N(y|f, \beta) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2\beta} \text{tr}(y-f)^T (y-f)}$$

Laplace Integration

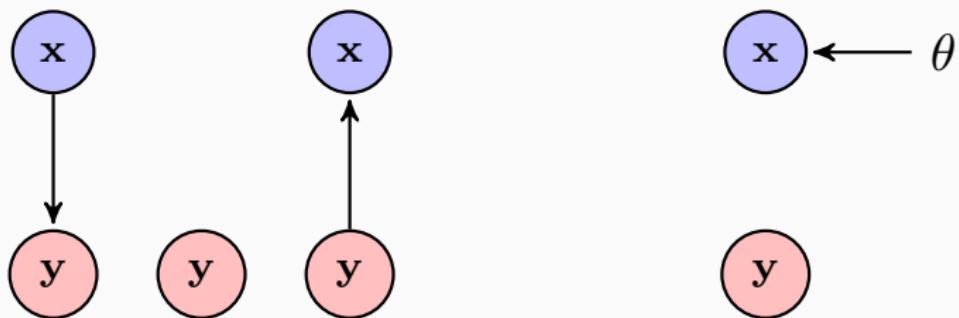


"Nature laughs at the difficulties of integrations"
– Simon Laplace

Approximate Inference

$$p(y) = \int p(y \mid x)p(x)dx$$

Lower Bound



$$p(y) = \int_x p(y|x)p(x) = \frac{p(y|x)p(x)}{p(x|y)}$$

$$q_{\theta}(x) \approx p(x|y)$$

Variational Bayes

$$p(y)$$

$$\log p(y)$$

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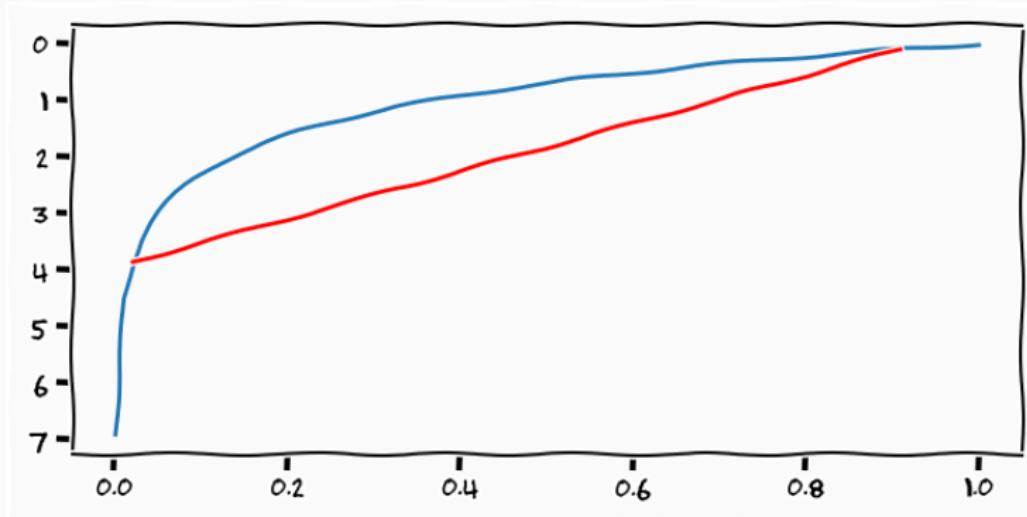
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Jensen Inequality



$$\int \log(x)p(x)dx \geq \log \left(\int xp(x)dx \right)$$

moving the log outside the integral is a lower-bound on the integral

The "posterior" term

$$\int q(x) \log \frac{q(x)}{p(x|y)} dx$$

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Kullback-Leibler Divergence

$$KL(q(x)||p(x|y)) = \int q(x) \log \frac{q(x)}{p(x|y)} dx$$

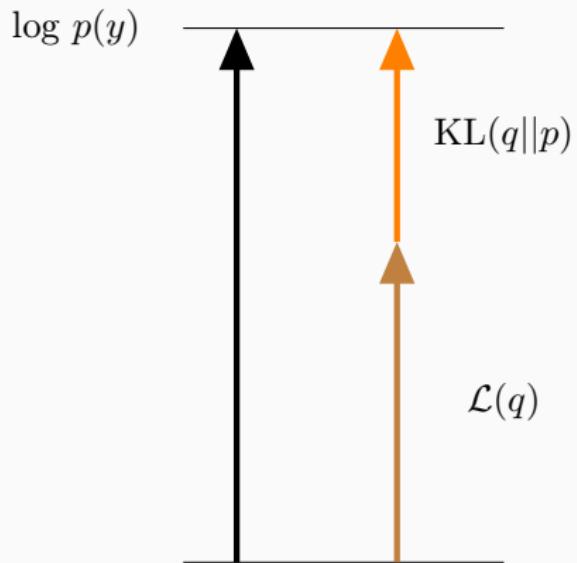
- Measure of divergence between distributions
- Not a metric (not symmetric)
- $KL(q(x)||p(x|y)) = 0 \Leftrightarrow q(x) = p(x|y)$
- $KL(q(x)||p(x|y)) \geq 0$

Variational Bayes

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- The Evidence Lower BOnd
- Tight if $q(x) = p(x|y)$

Deterministic Approximation



$$\begin{aligned}\log p(y) &\geq - \int q(x) \log q(x) dx + \int q(x) \log p(x, y) dx \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{q(x)} [\log p(x, y)] - H(q(x)) = \mathcal{L}(q(x))\end{aligned}$$

- if we maximise the ELBO we,
 - find an approximate posterior
 - lower bound the marginal likelihood
- *maximising $p(y)$* is learning
- finding $q(x) \approx p(x|y)$ is prediction

How to choose Q?

$$\mathcal{L}(q(x)) = \mathbb{E}_{q(x)} [\log p(x, y)] - H(q(x))$$

- We have to be able to compute an expectation over the joint distribution
- The second term should be trivial

Lower Bound¹

$$\mathcal{L} = \int_x q(x) \log \left(\frac{p(y, f, x)}{q(x)} \right)$$

¹Damianou, 2015

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¹Damianou, 2015

Lower Bound

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \int q(x) \log p(y|f)p(f|x) df dx$$

- Has not eliviate the problem at all, x still needs to go through f to reach the data
- Idea of sparse approximations²

²Candela et al., 2005

Lower Bound³

$$p(f, u \mid x, z)$$

- Add another set of samples from the same prior
- Conditional distribution

³Titsias et al., 2010

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$$\begin{aligned} p(f, u \mid x, z) &= p(f \mid u, x, z)p(u \mid z) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(f \mid K_{fu}K_{uu}^{-1}u, K_{ff} - K_{fu}K_{uu}^{-1}K_{uf})\mathcal{N}(u \mid \mathbf{0}, K_{uu}) \end{aligned}$$

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Lower Bound

$$p(y, f, u, x \mid z) = p(y \mid f)p(f \mid u, x)p(u \mid z)p(x)$$

- we have done nothing to the model, just project an additional set of marginals from the GP
- *however* we will now **interpret** u and z not as **random** variables but **variational** parameters
- i.e. the variational distribution $q(\cdot)$ is parametrised by these

Lower Bound

- Variational distributions are approximations to intractable posteriors,

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- Bound is **tight** if u completely represents f i.e. u is sufficient statistics for f

$$q(f) \approx p(f \mid u, x, z, y) = p(f \mid u, x, z)$$

Lower Bound

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \int_{x,f,u} q(f)q(u)q(x)\log \frac{p(y, f, y \mid x, z)}{q(f)q(u)}$$

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- Assume that u is sufficient statistics of f

$$q(f) = p(f \mid u, x, z)$$

Lower Bound

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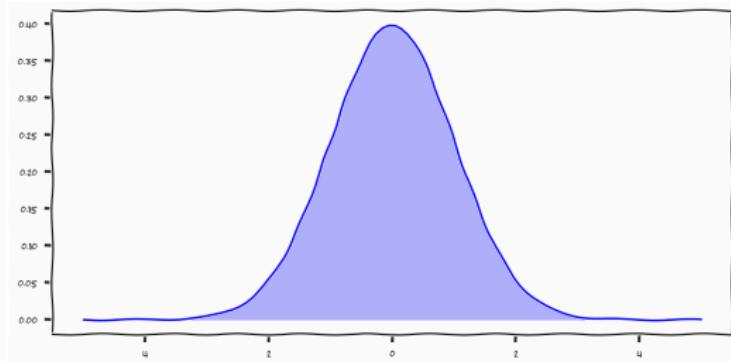
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- Expectation tractable (for some co-variances)
- Allows us to place priors and not "regularisers" over the latent representation
- Stochastic inference Hensman et al., 2013
- Importantly $p(x)$ only appears in $\text{KL}(\cdot \parallel \cdot)$ term!

Latent Space Priors



$$p(x) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

Automatic Relevance Determination

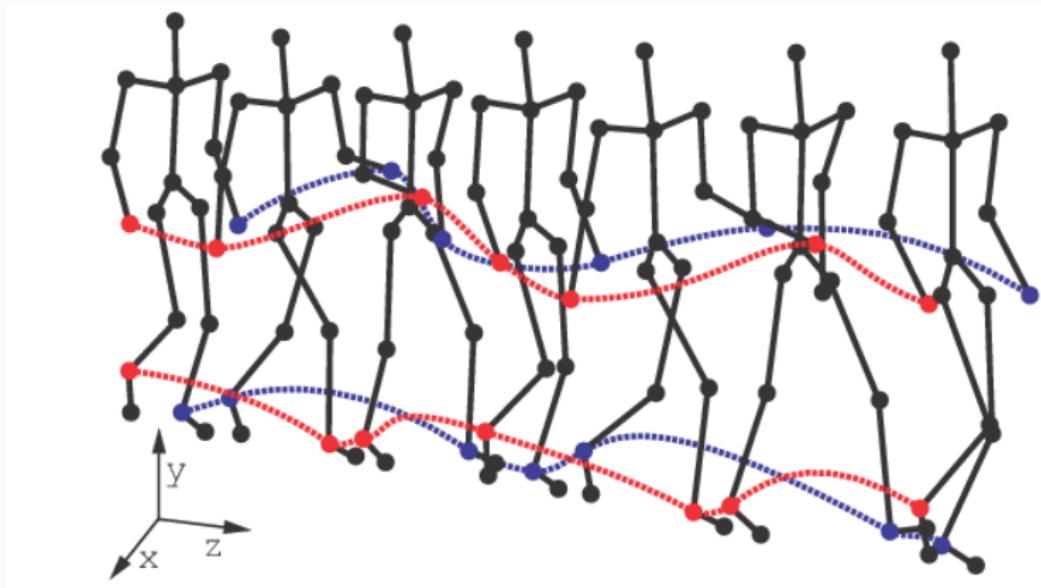
$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \sigma e^{-\sum_d^D \alpha_d \cdot (x_{i,d} - x_{j,d})^2}$$

GPy

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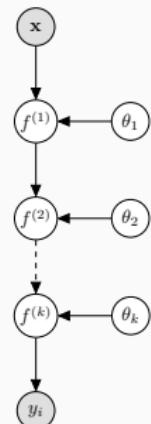
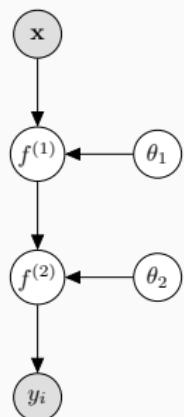
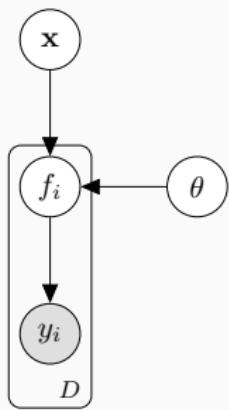
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Dynamic Prior

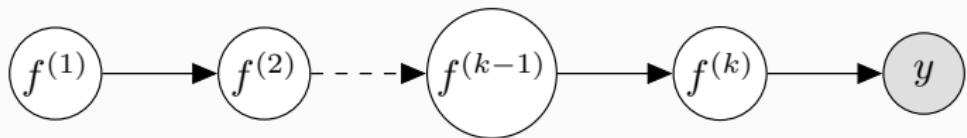


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Composite Gaussian Processes



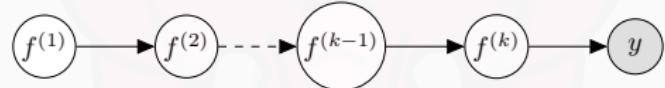
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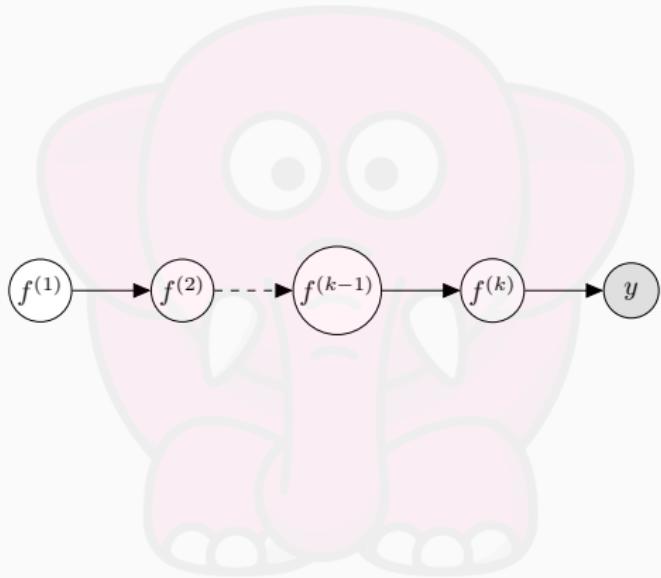


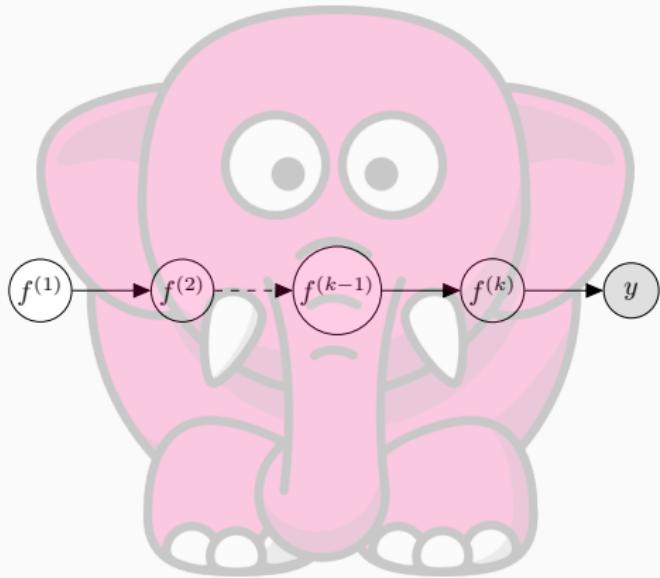
$$y = f^{(k)}(f^{(k-1)}(\dots f^{(2)}(f^{(1)}(x))))$$

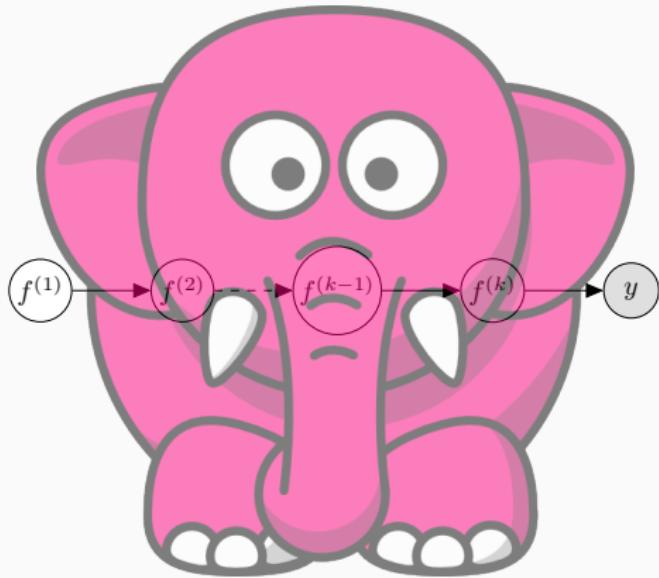
⁴Damianou et al., 2013

Composite Models

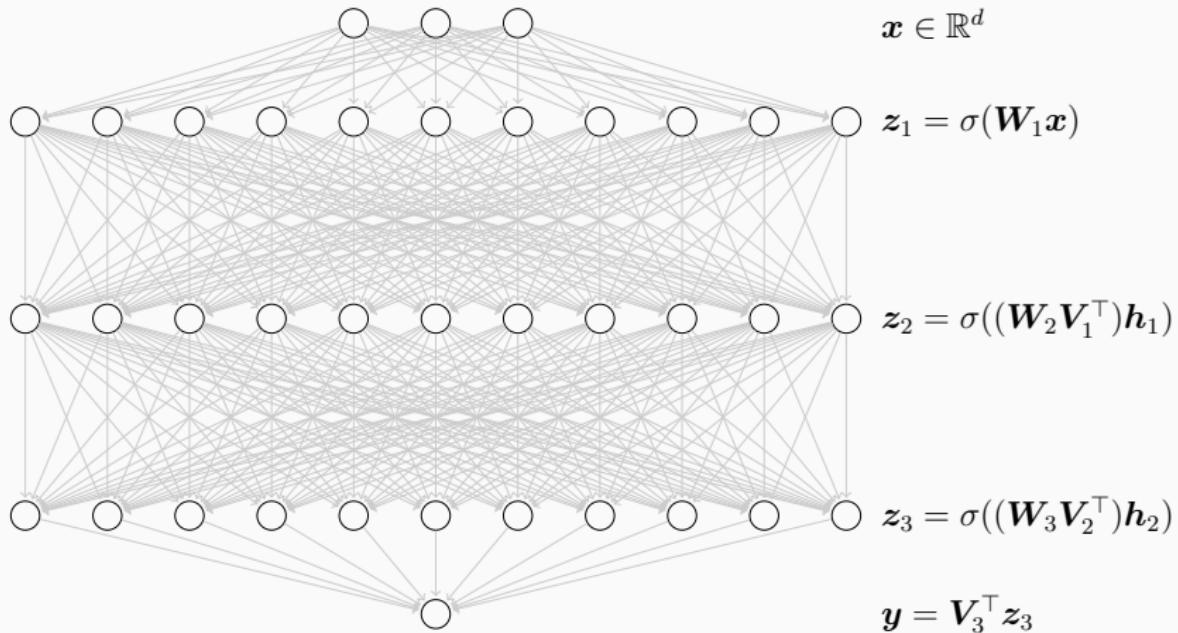




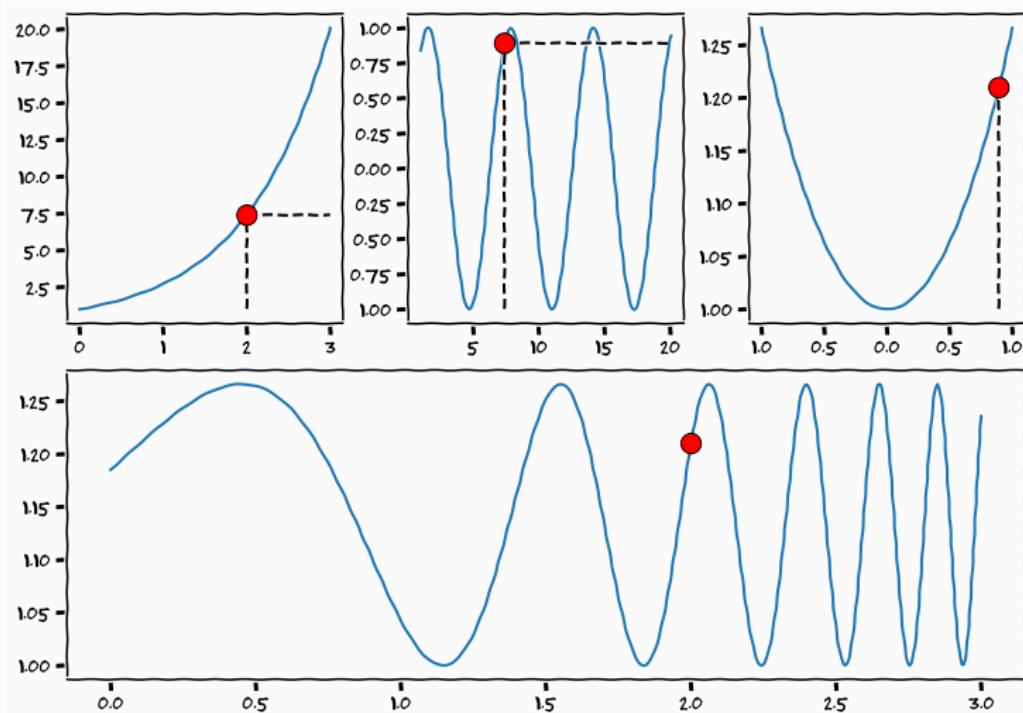




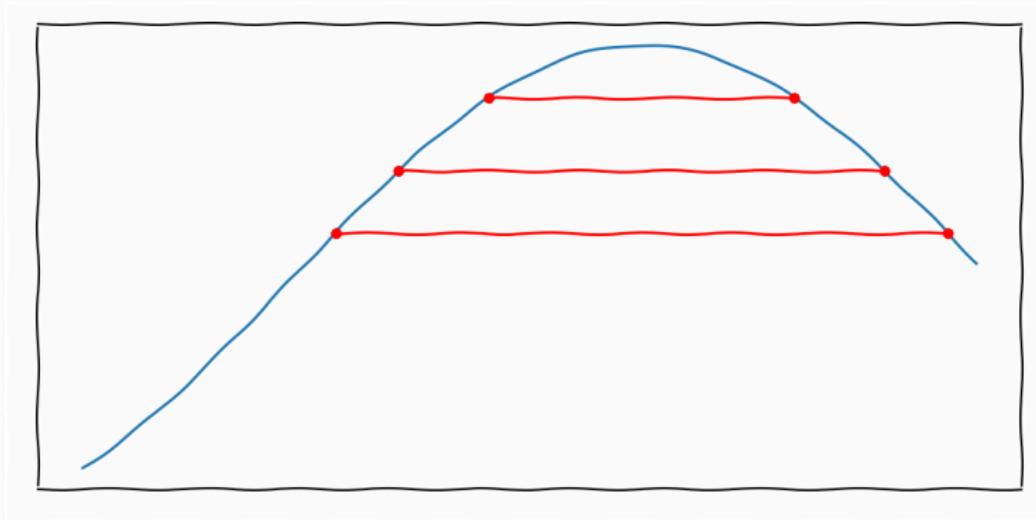
Neural Networks



What is a composite function?



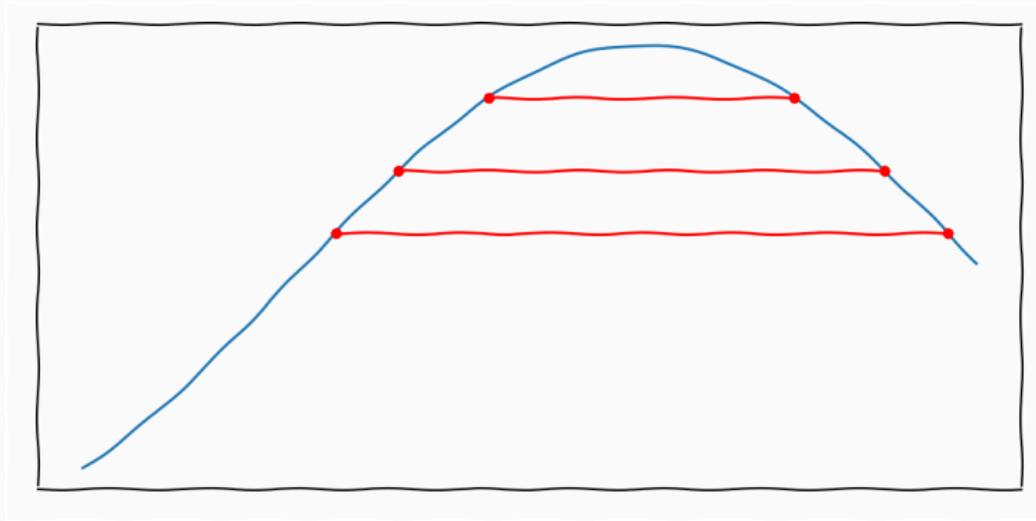
What Does Compositions Do?



$$\text{Im}(f)[\mathcal{X}] = \{f(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

$$\text{Kern}(f)[\mathcal{X}] = \{(x, x') \mid f(x) = f(x'), \quad (x, x') \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}\}$$

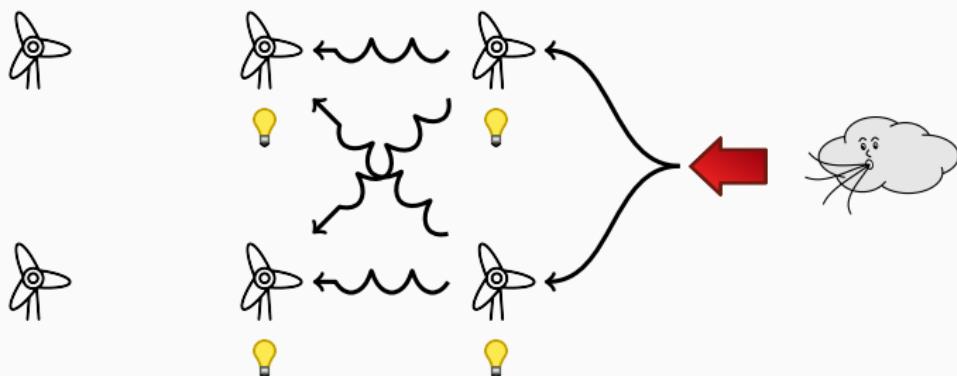
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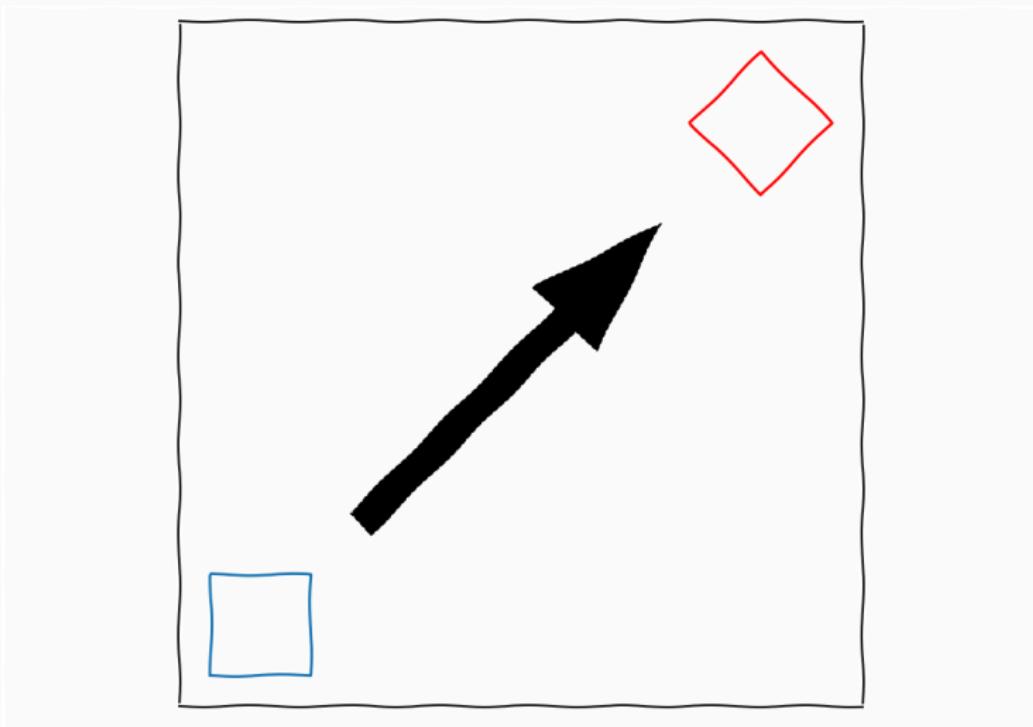
$$\text{Kern}(f_1) \subseteq \text{Kern}(f_{k-1} \circ \dots \circ f_2 \circ f_1) \subseteq \text{Kern}(f_k \circ f_{k-1} \circ \dots \circ f_2 \circ f_1)$$

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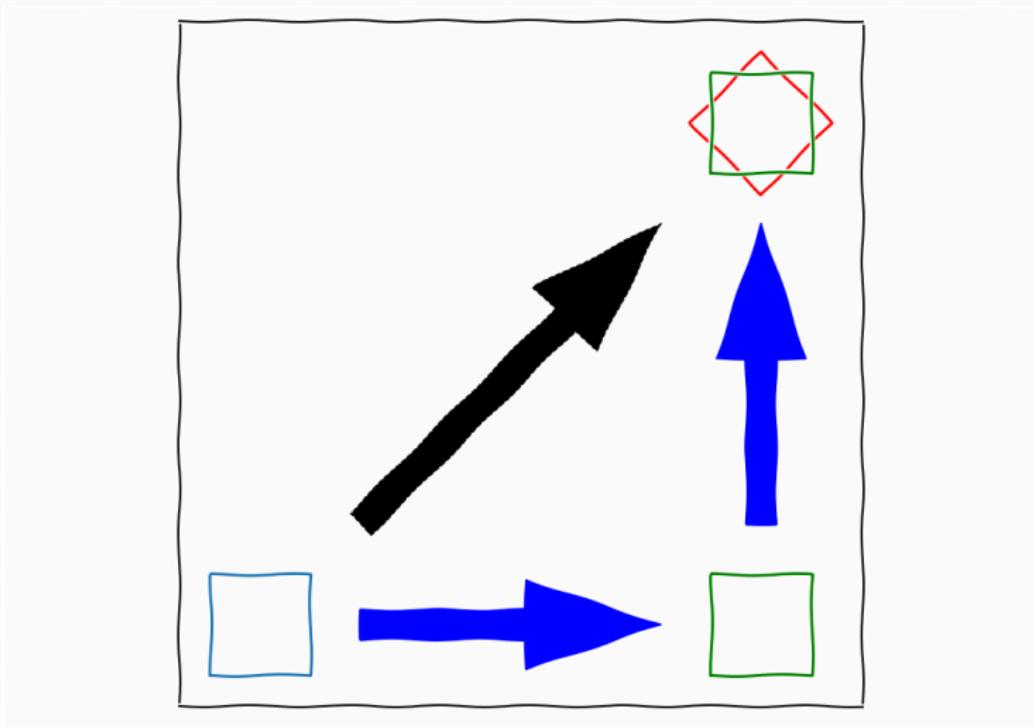
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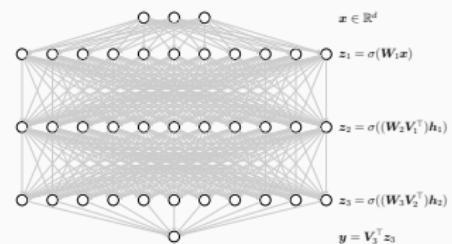
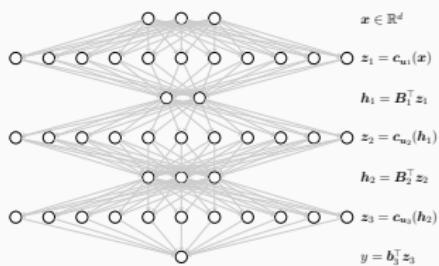
Because we want to hang out with the cool kids



Deep Learning is a bit like smoking, you know that its wrong but you do it anyway because you want to look cool.

– Fantomens Djungelordspråk

DGP vs DNN Neal, 1996



- Approximate Posterior

$$\begin{aligned} p(f \mid u, x, z, y) &\approx q(f) = p(f \mid u, x, z) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(f \mid K_{fu}K_{uu}^{-1}u, K_{ff} - K_{fu}K_{uu}^{-1}K_{uf}) \end{aligned}$$

- Linear Mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[f(x)] &= K_{fu}K_{uu}^{-1}u = b^T c_u(x) \\ c_u(x) &= k(x, u) \end{aligned}$$

Prediction

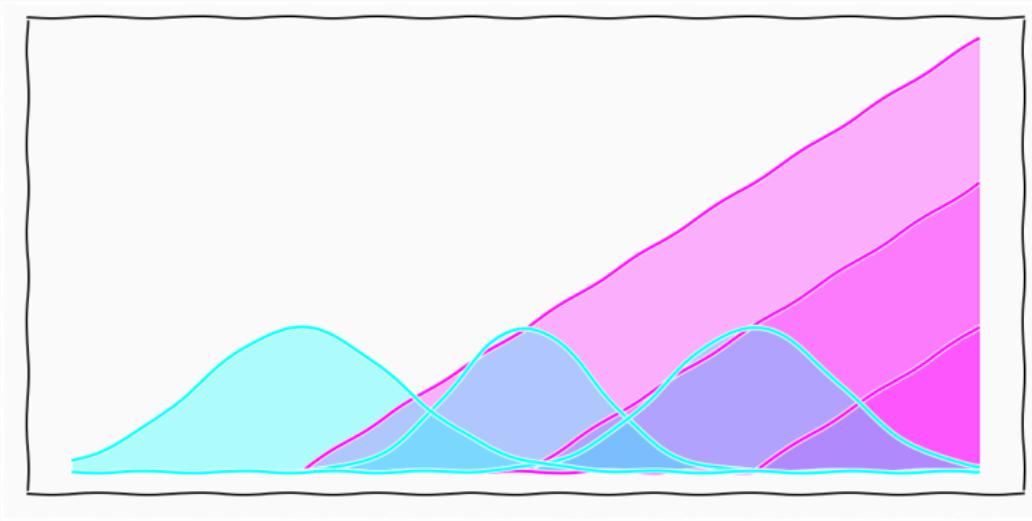
Composite GP predictive mean

$$\mathbb{E}[f_{DGP}(x)] = B_L^T c_{u_L}(\cdots B_2^T c_{u_2}(B_1^T(x)))$$

Neural Network forward pass

$$f_{NN}(x) = V_L^T \sigma(W_L \cdots V_2^T \sigma(W_2 V_1^T \sigma(W_1 x)))$$

"Activations"



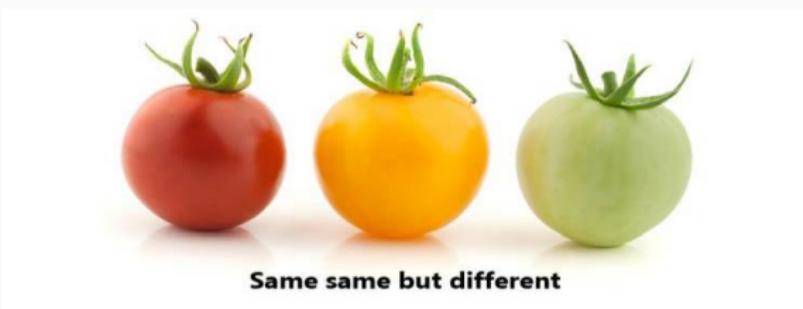
DNNs as point estimates for DGPs⁵

$$c_u(\cdot) \sim \sigma(W\cdot)$$

- Define an equivalence between activation functions and co-variance
- Interdomain Gaussian Processes Lázaro-Gredilla et al., 2009

⁵Dutordoir et al., 2021a.

Same Same



Same same but different

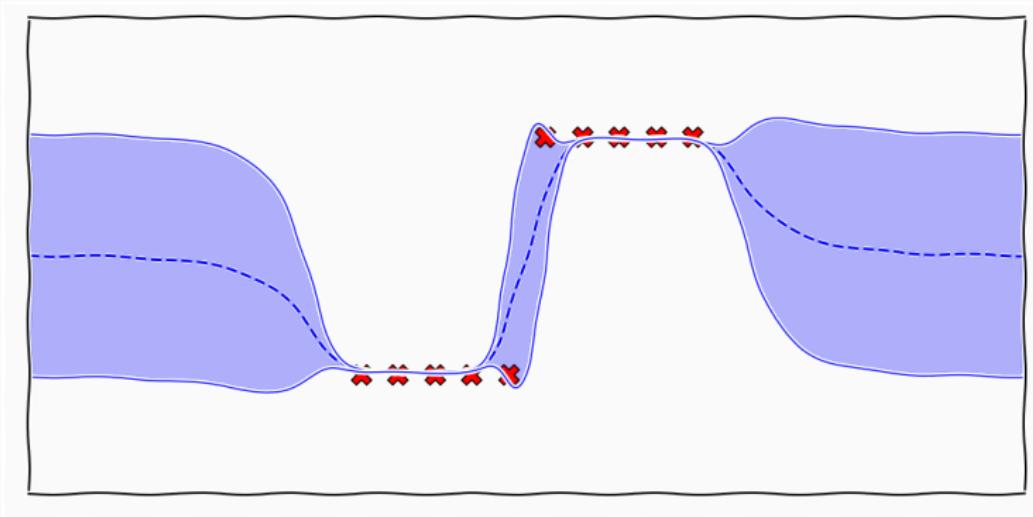
- Gaussian process

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \underbrace{\int p(y \mid f_L) p(f_L \mid f_{L-1}) \cdots p(f_2 \mid f_1) p(f_1) df_{L,L-1,\dots,2,1}}_{p_{\theta}(y)}$$

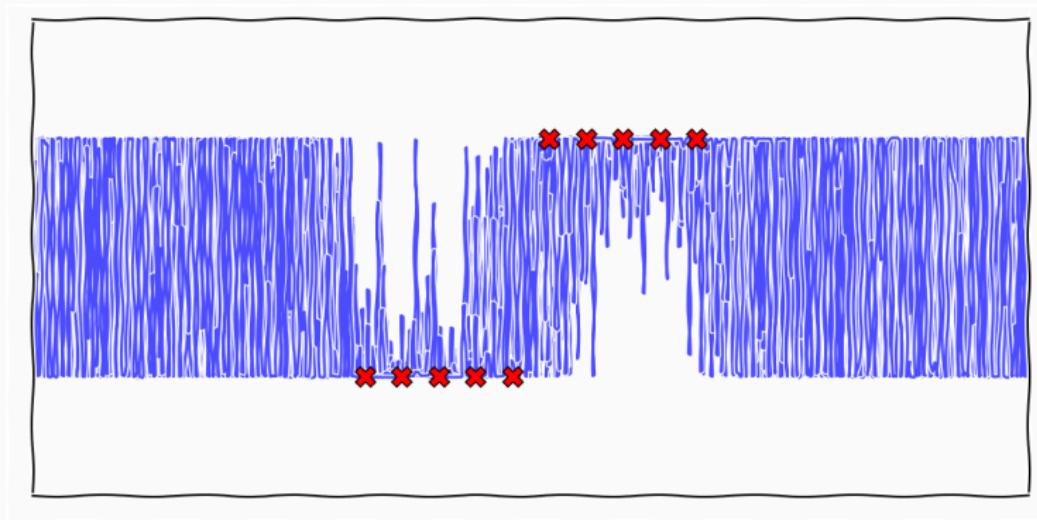
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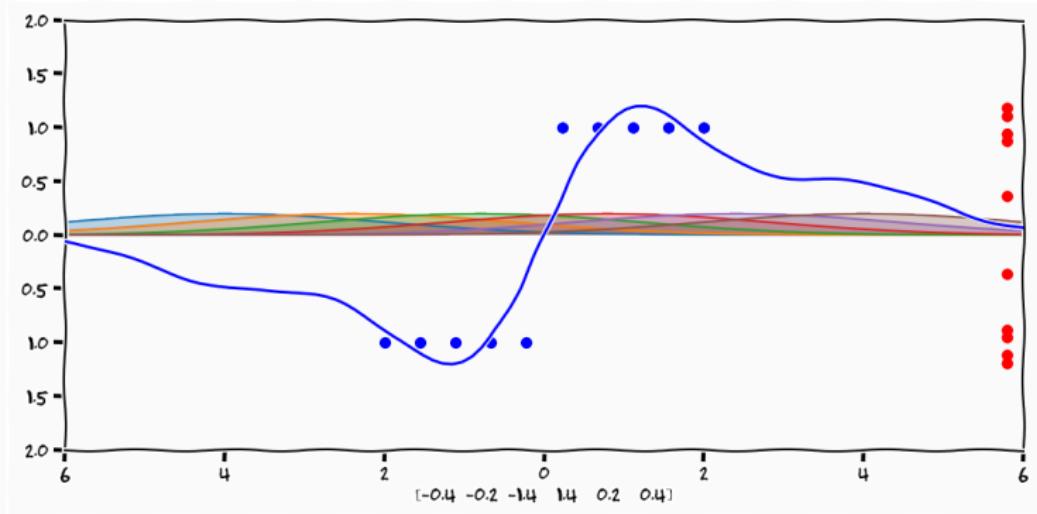
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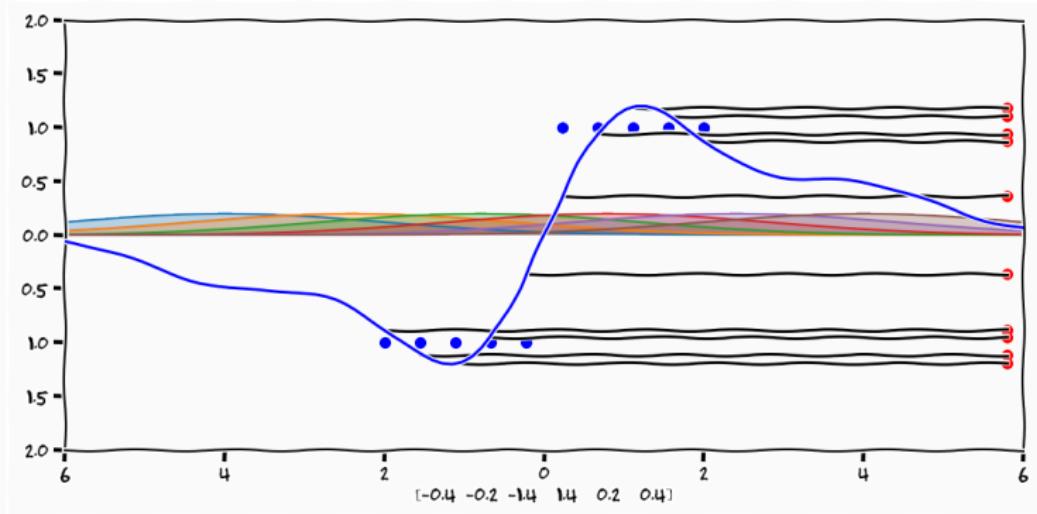
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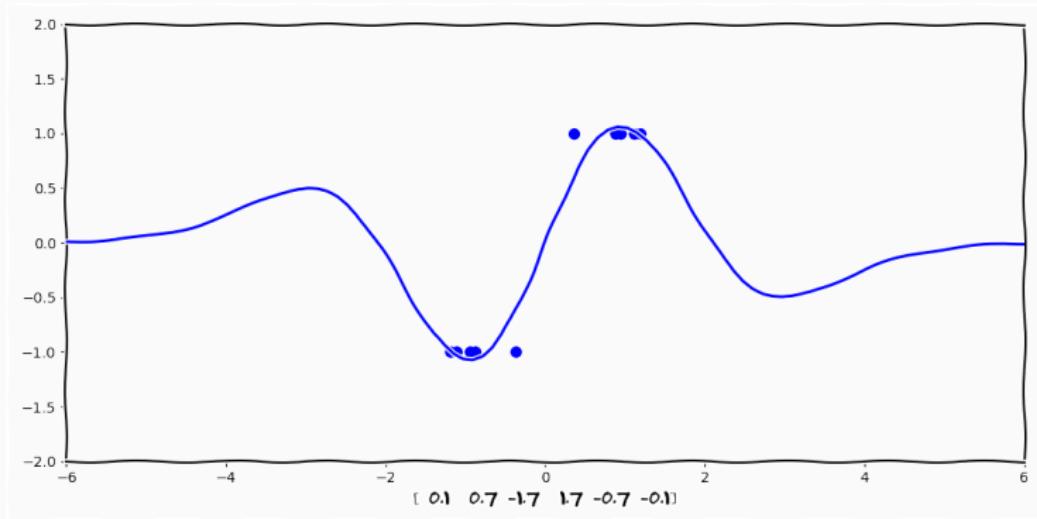
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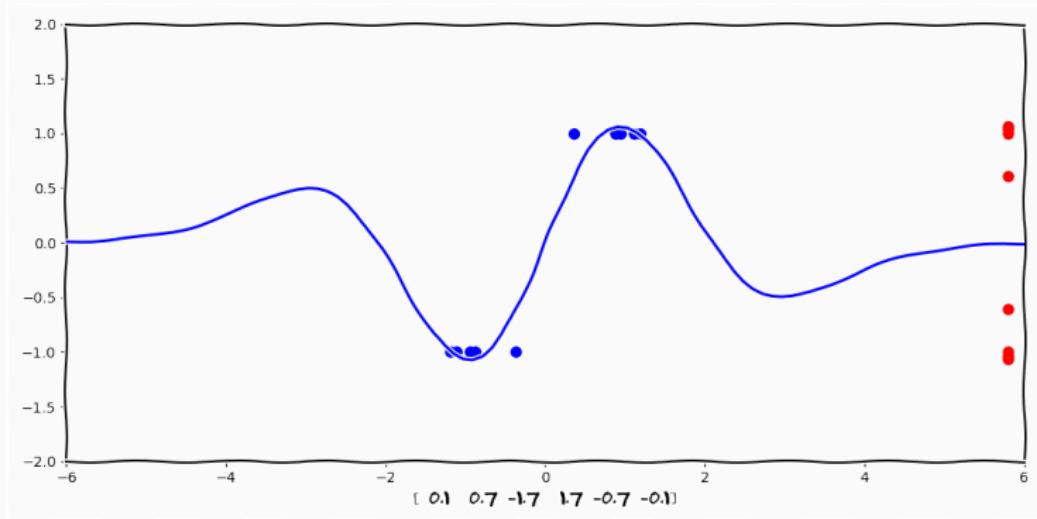
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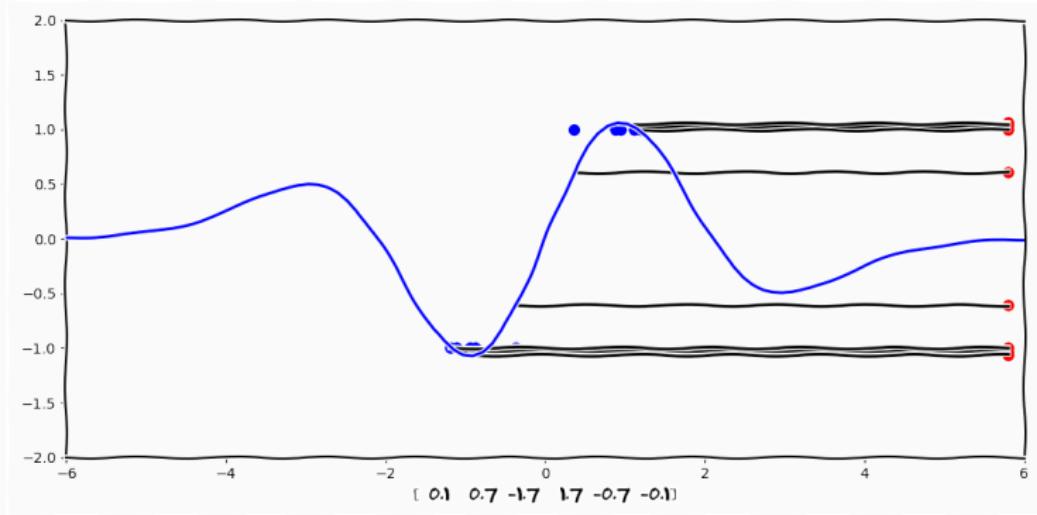
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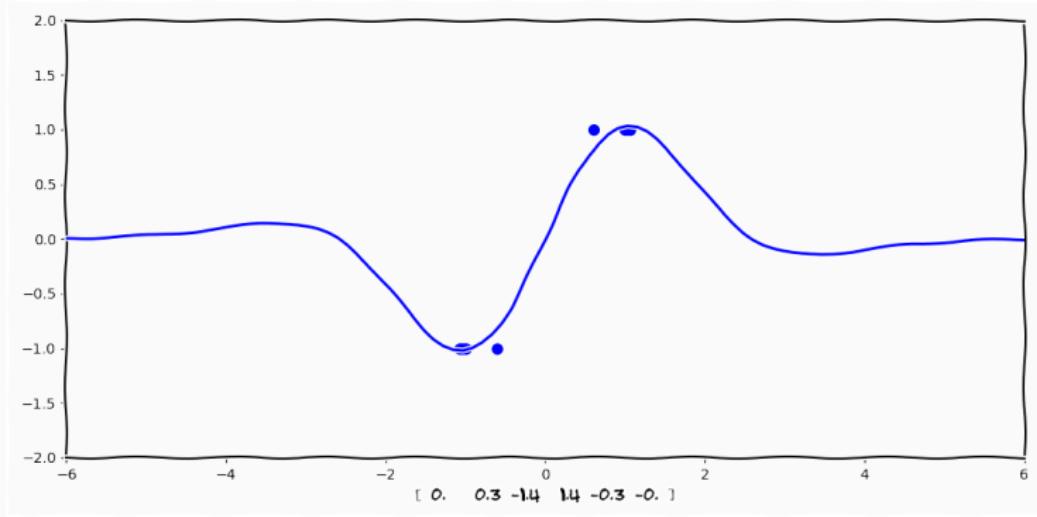
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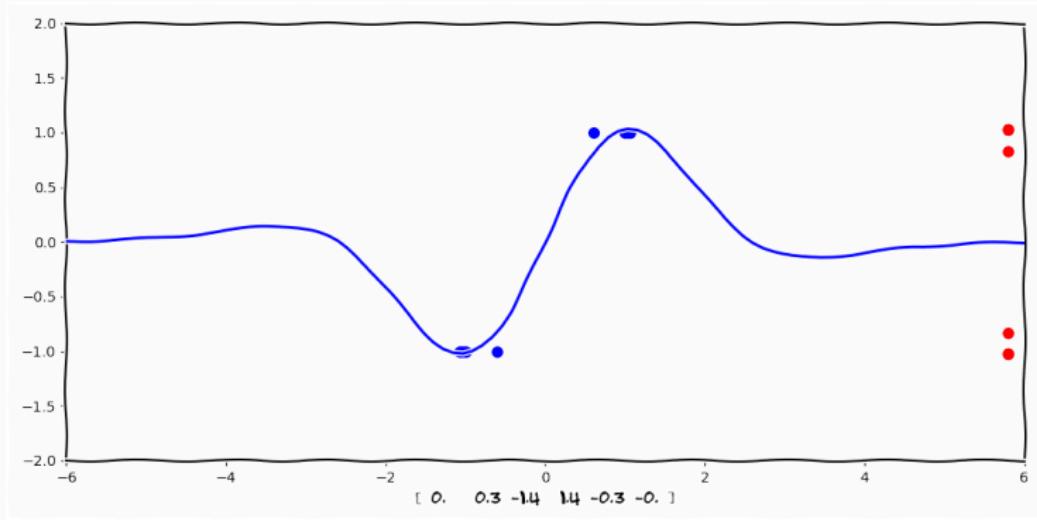
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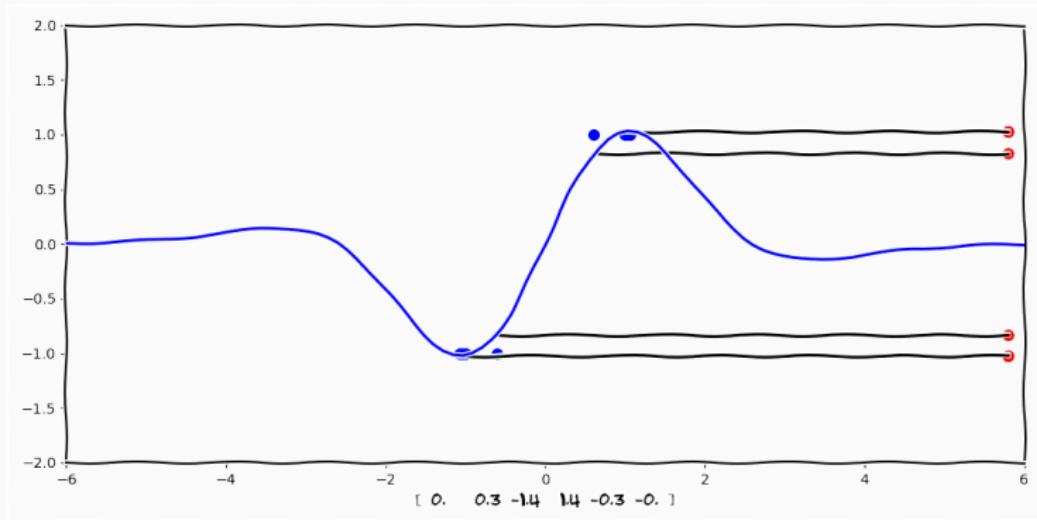
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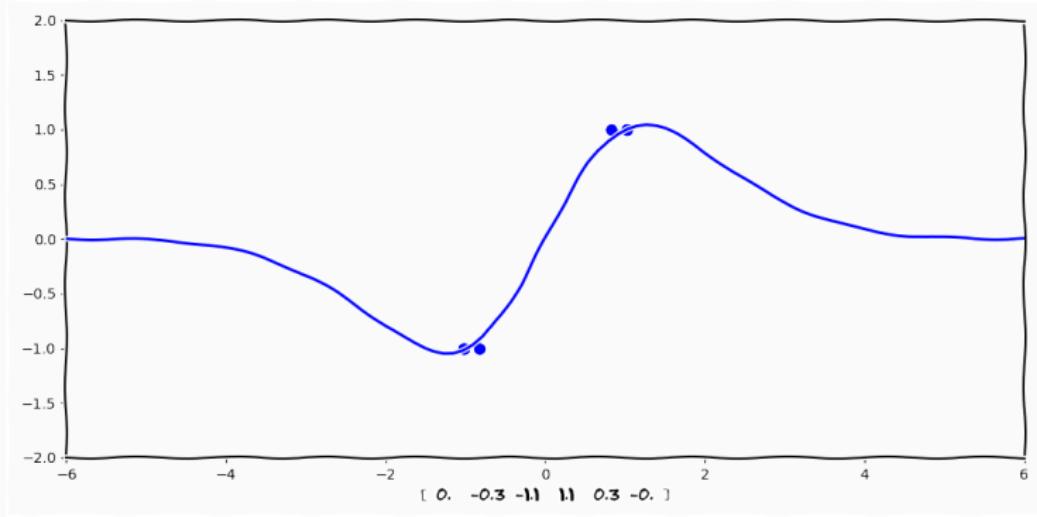
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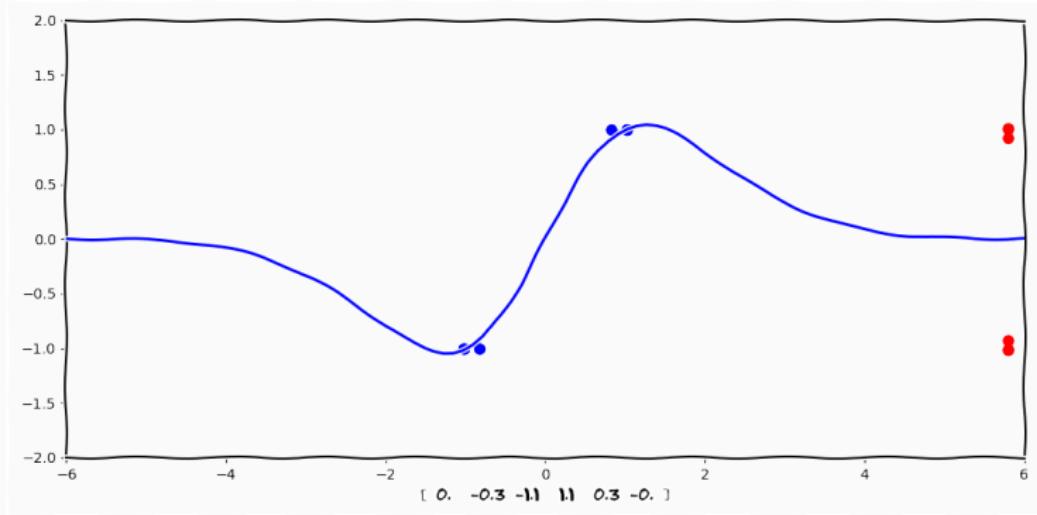
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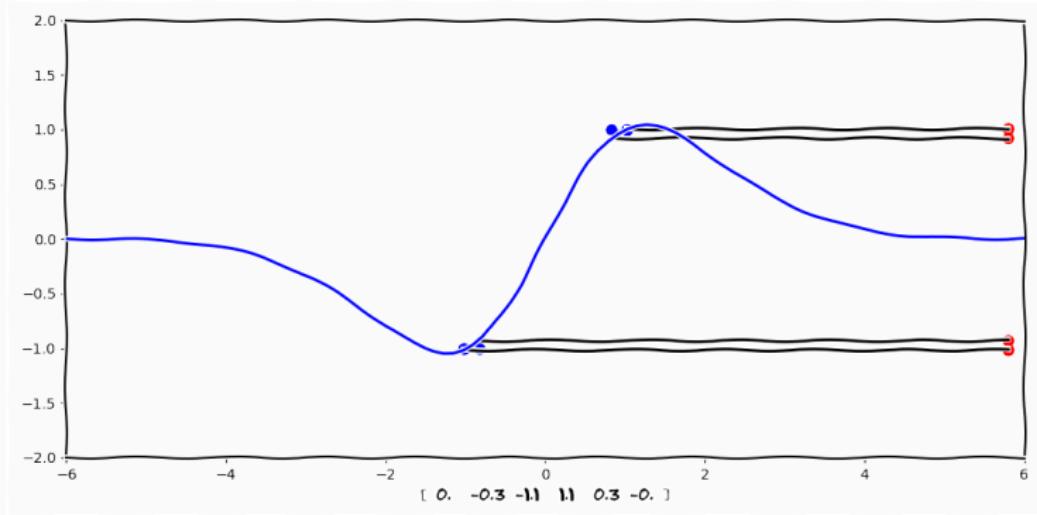
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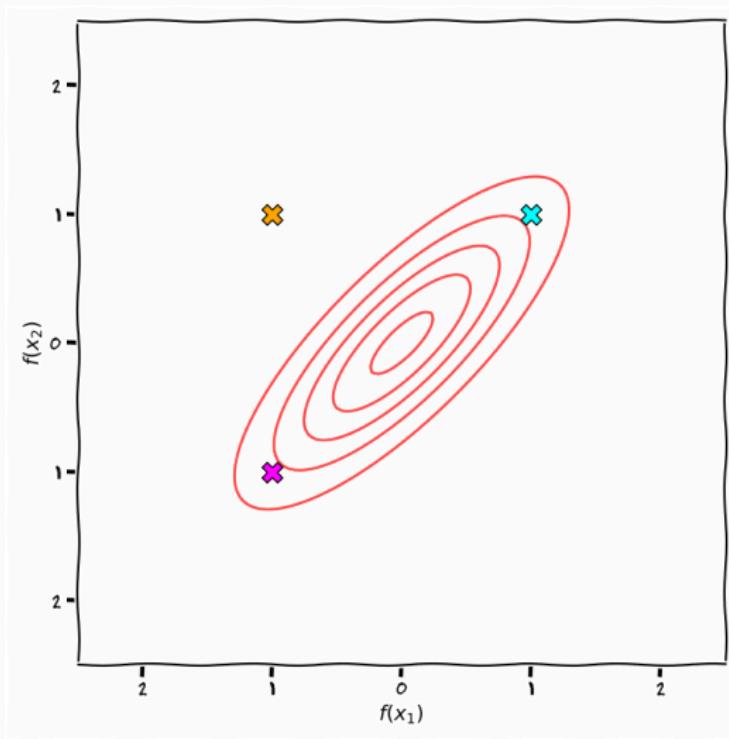
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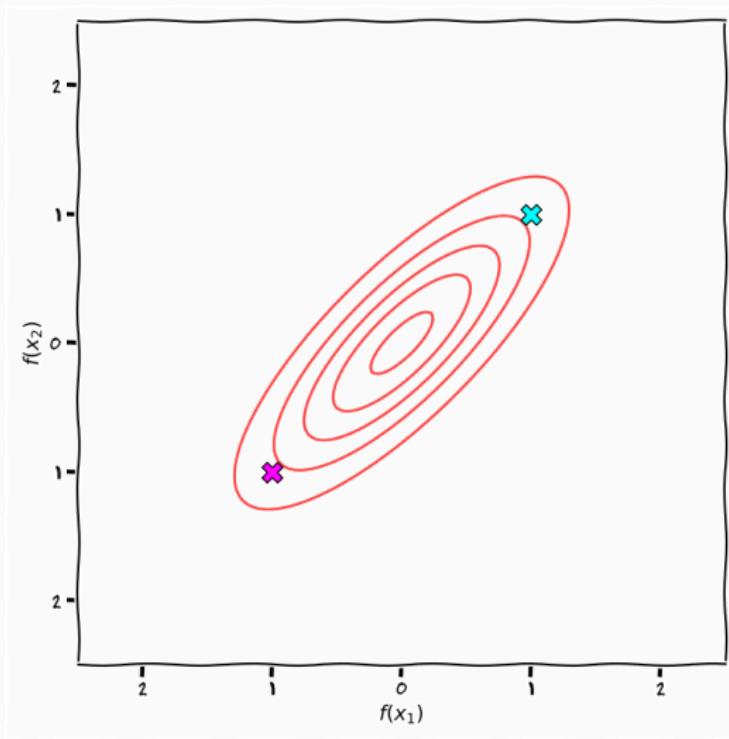
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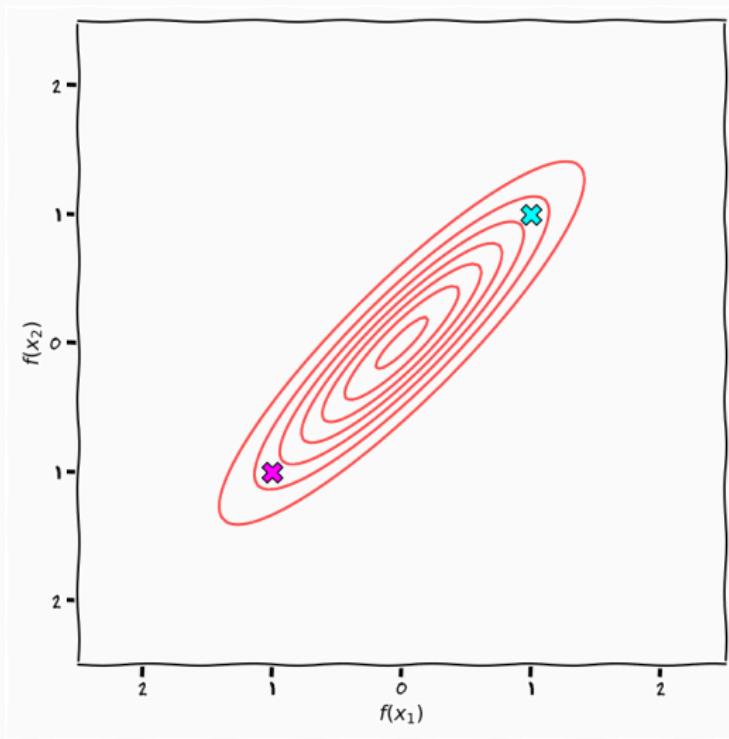
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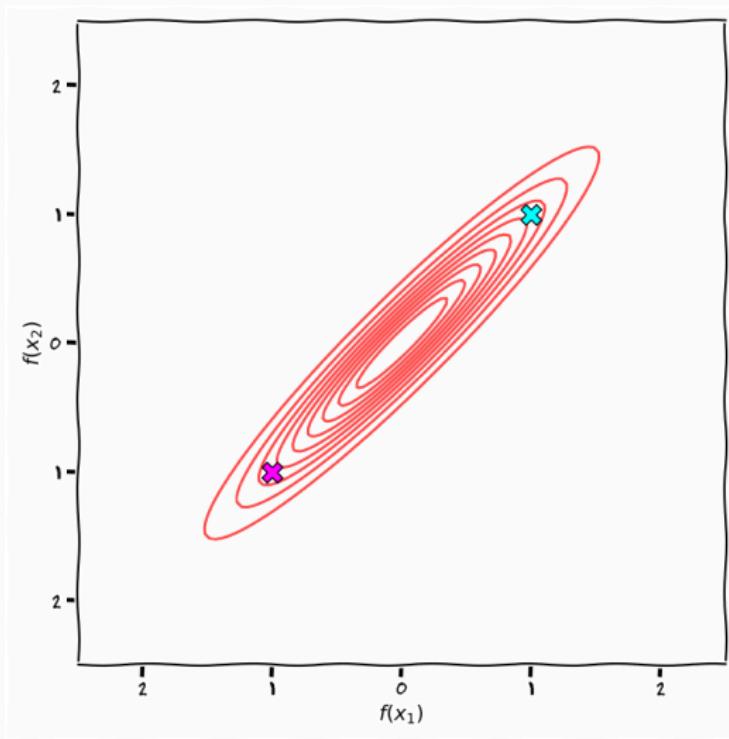
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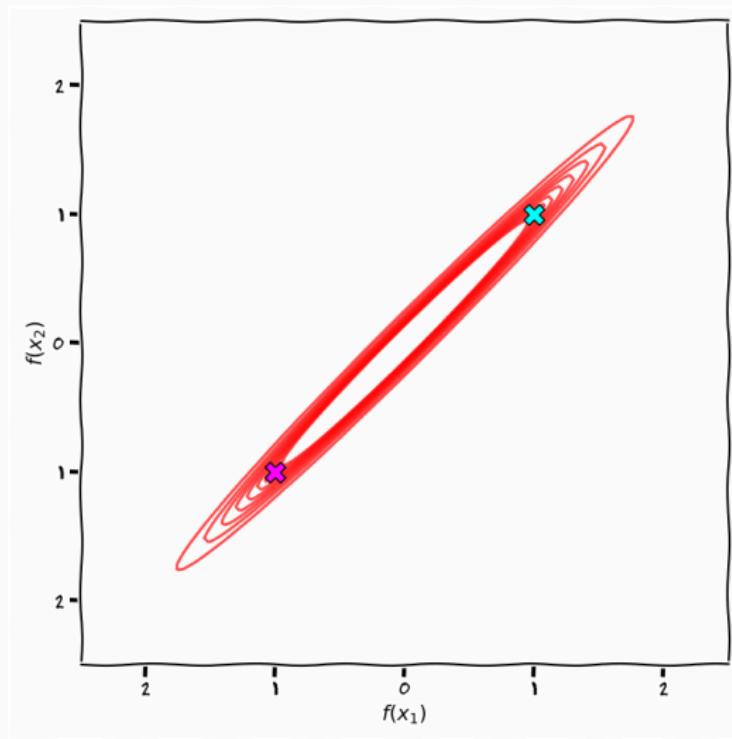
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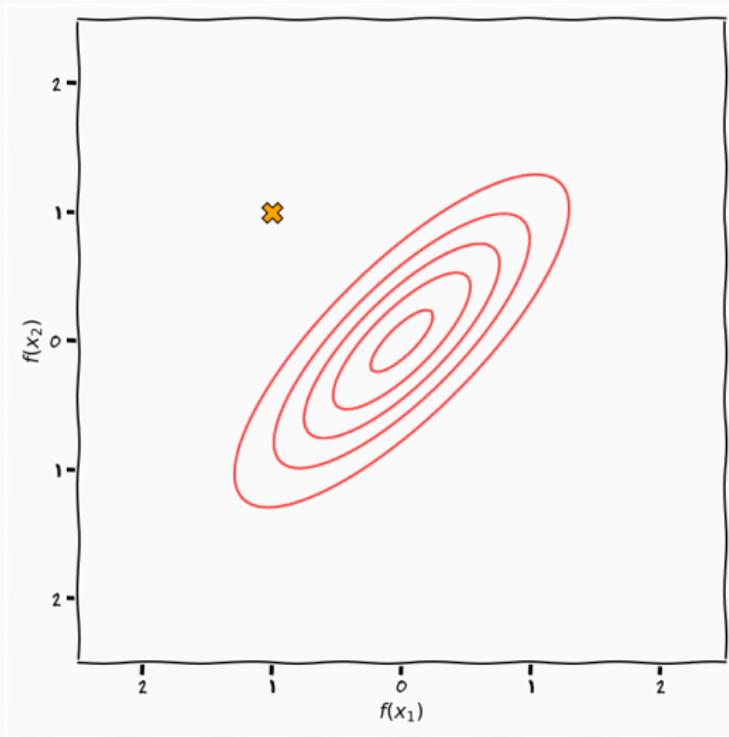
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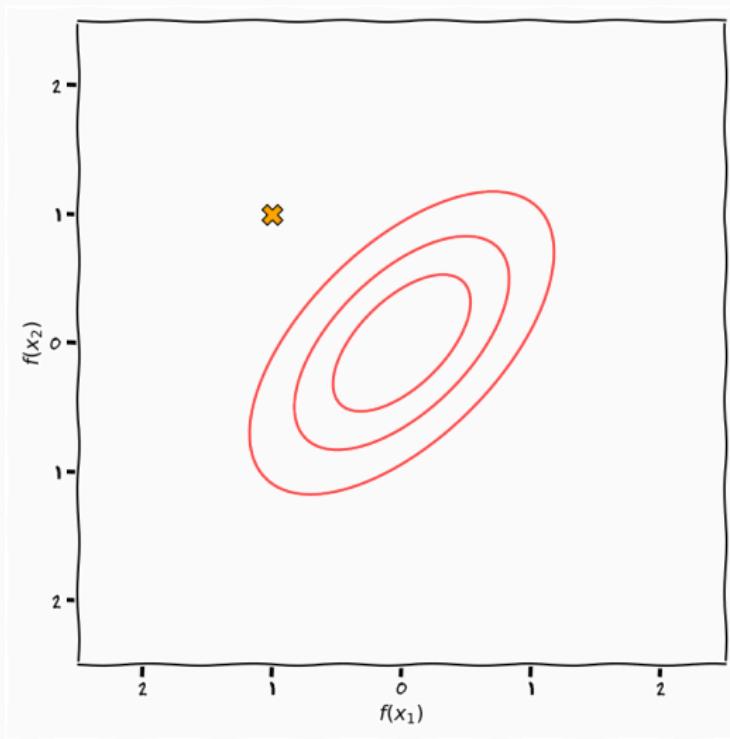
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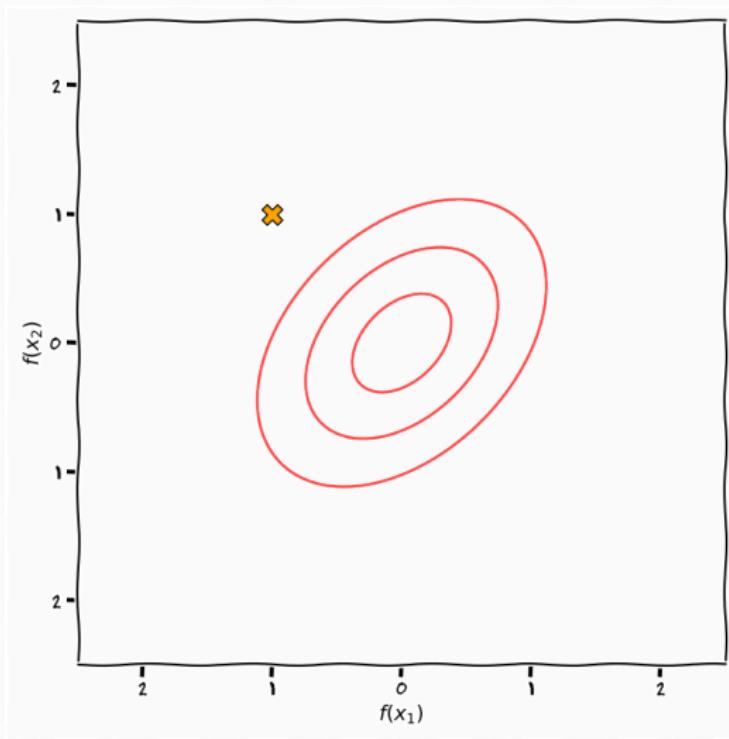
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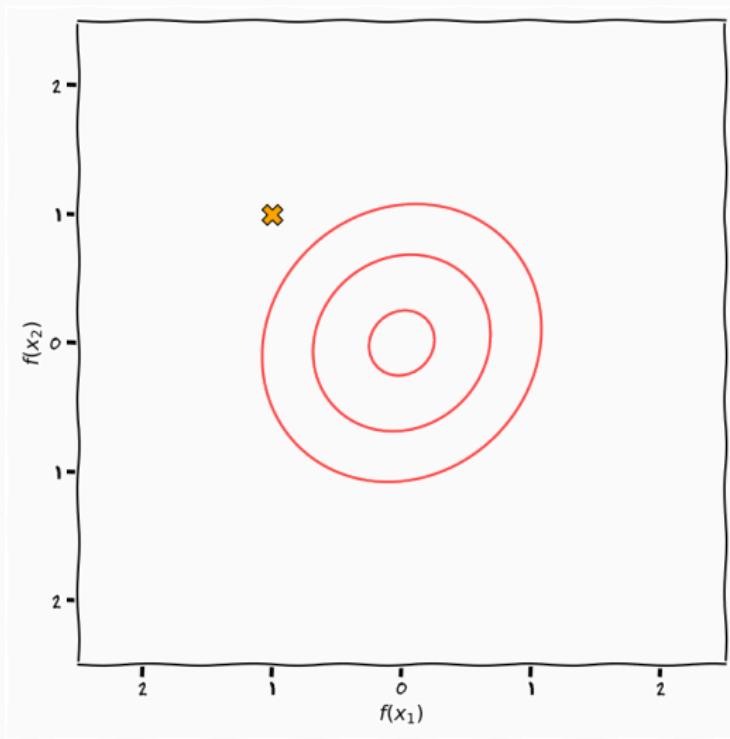
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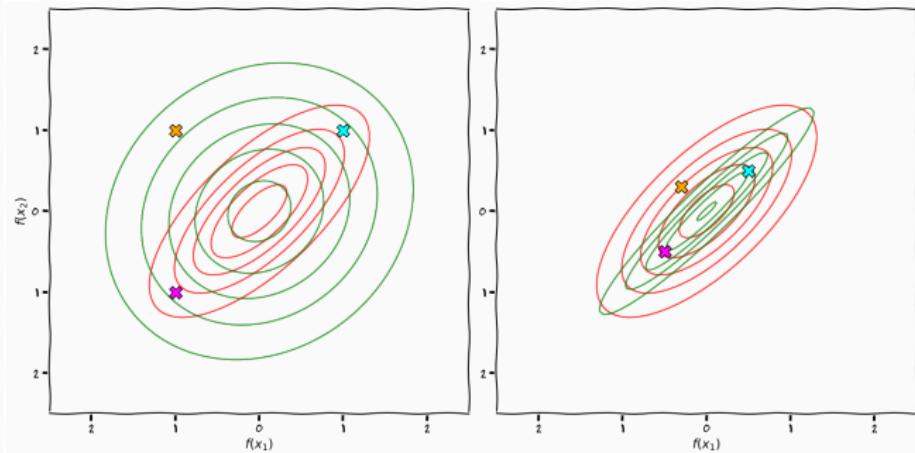
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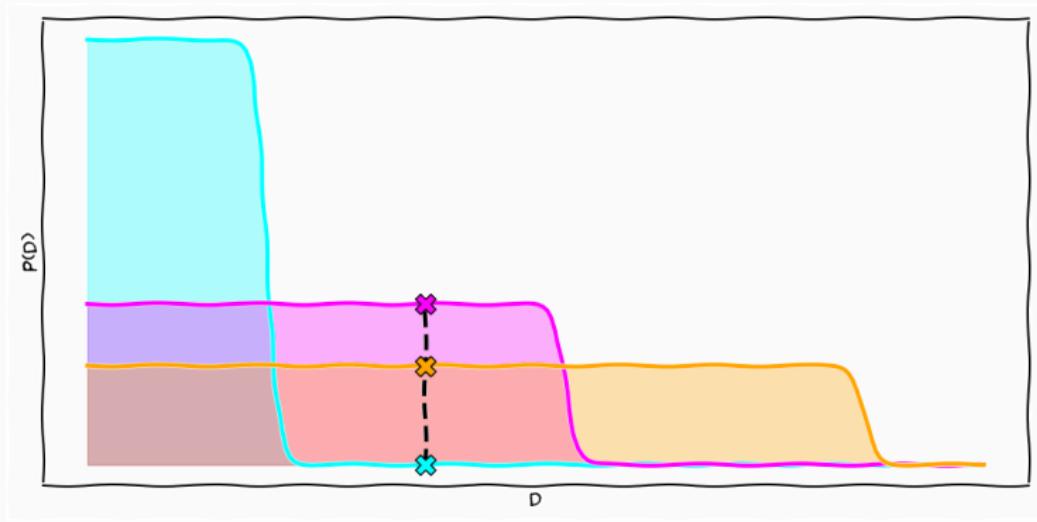
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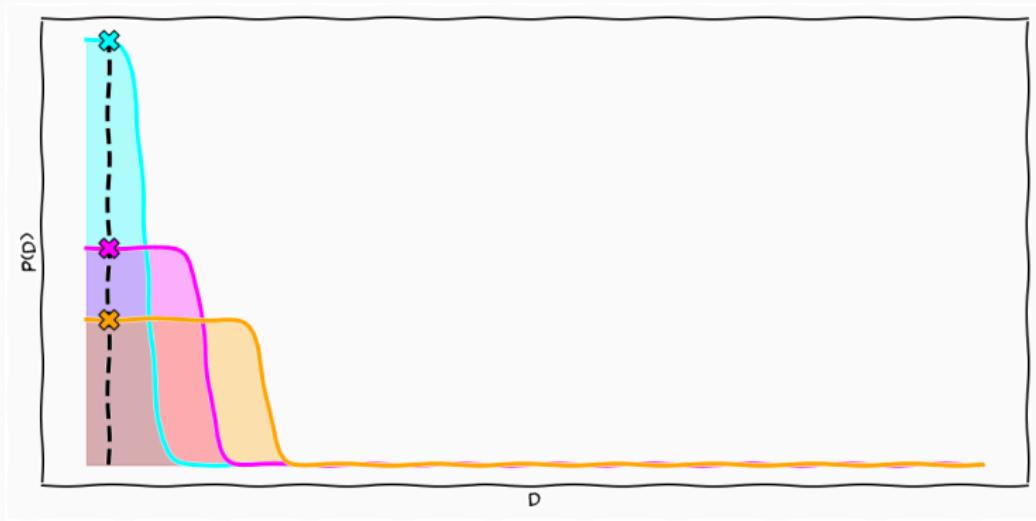
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Learning



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Is this useful?

"A theory that explains everything, explains nothing"
– Karl Popper *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*

Approximate Inference

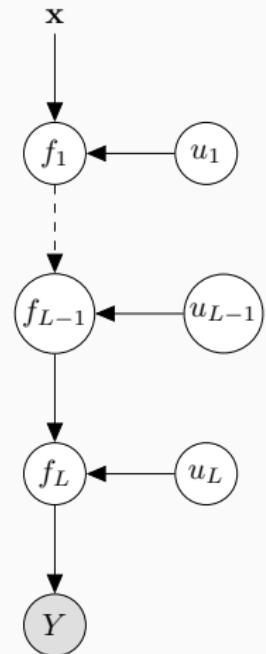
- Sufficient statistics

$$q(\mathbf{F})q(\mathbf{U})q(\mathbf{X}) = p(\mathbf{F}|\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})q(\mathbf{U})q(\mathbf{X})$$

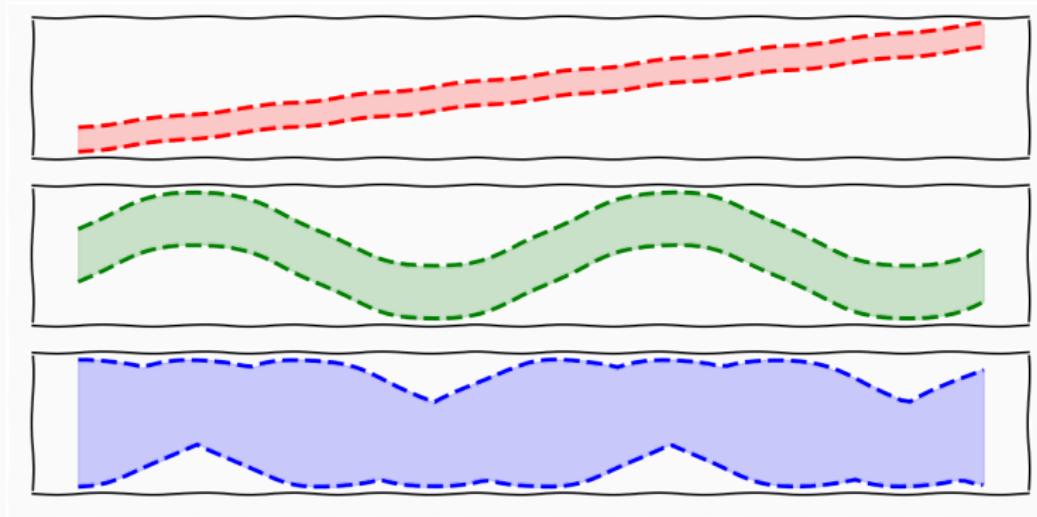
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- Mean-Field

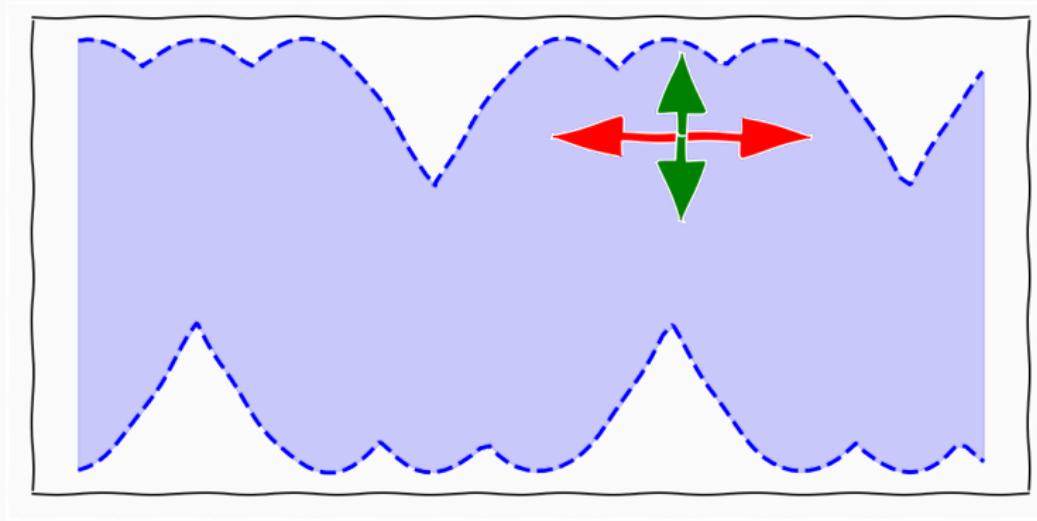
$$q(\mathbf{U}) = \prod_i^L q(\mathbf{U}_i)$$



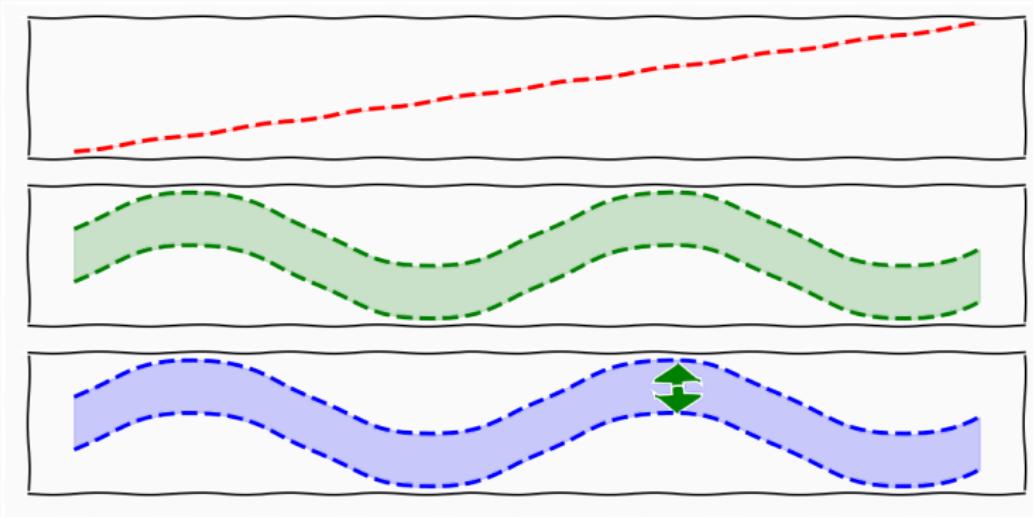
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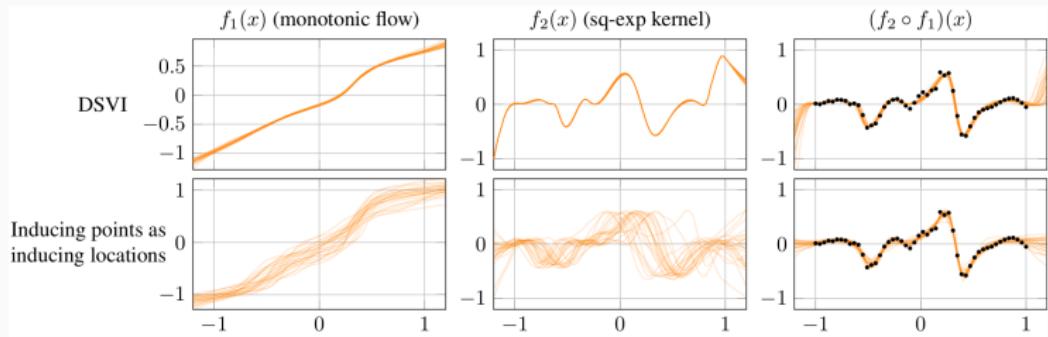


Motivation

Often when people talk about the limitations of variational inference, they really mean the limitations of mean-field.

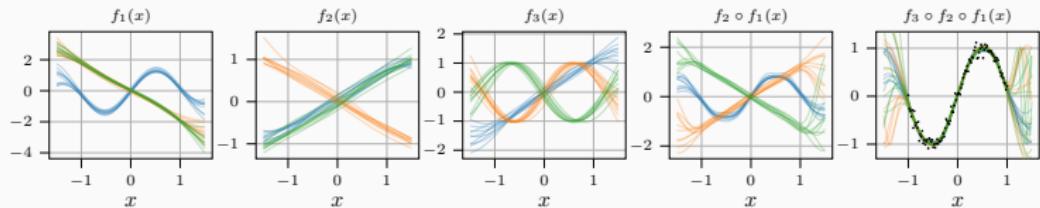
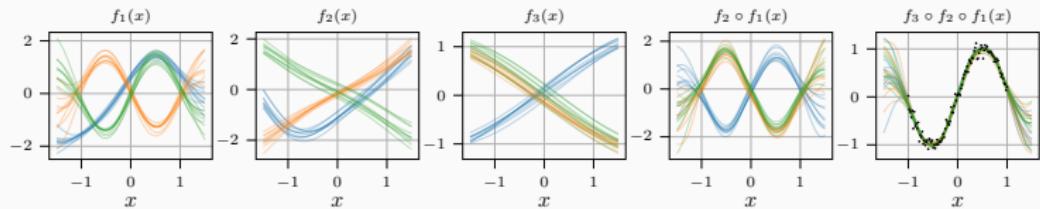
– Danilo J. Rezende (on twitter)

Results⁶



⁶Ustyuzhaninov et al., 2020.

"Multi-Modality"⁷



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Code

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[]python Initialise a 4-layer model consisting of NN layers and GP layers
model = Sequential ([ Dense (...) , Convolution (...) , GPLayer (...) , GPLayer (...) ])
model.compile(loss=LikelihoodLoss(Gaussian ()), optimizer ="Adam")
Fitting callbacks =[ReduceLROnPlateau (), TensorBoard (), ModelCheckpoint ()]
model.fit(X, Y, callbacks =callbacks )
Evaluating model.predict(X)
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GPFlux Dutordoir et al., 2021b

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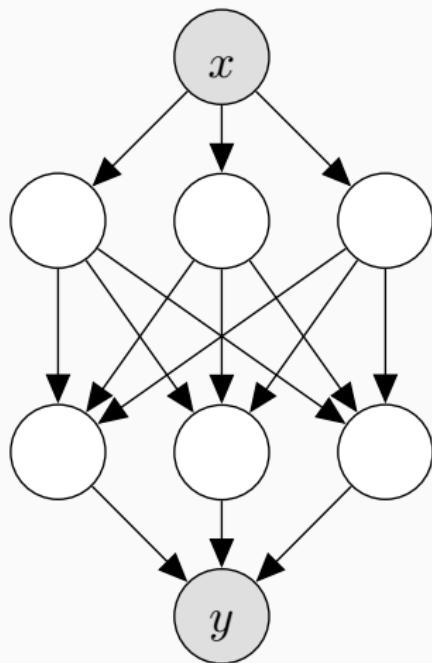
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"Bayesian Neural Networks"

$$y = f(x, \mathbf{W})$$

$$w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$



Bayesian Superiority



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 - what is a composite function prior?

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