# Generalized Additive Models (GAMs) CMDA 4654 Project 2

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#### **Generalized Additive Models**



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1 GAMs are just GLMs

2 GAMs fit wiggly terms

3 use + s(foo) not foo in frmla

4 use method = "REML"

5 gam.check()

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#### Summation of Smooth

- Type of generalized linear model
- Response variable depends on smooth functions  $f_i(x_i)$
- General structure of a GAM:

$$g(E(Y)) = \beta_0 + f_1(x_1) + f_2(x_2) + \cdots + f_n(x_n)$$

 Smooth functions can be many different things (polynomials, splines, weighted means, etc)

#### **Generalized Additive Models**

A Linear Model sums the linear terms

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \sum_j \beta_j x_{ji} + \epsilon_i$$

GAMs sums the smooth functions

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \sum_j s_j(x_{ji}) + \epsilon_i$$

Where

$$\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2), y_i \sim \text{Normal}$$

## **Splines**

A *Spline* is a function made of up basis functions (the smoothing functions)

These simpler functions form a set of functions called the basis

When using a spline for GAMs, each basis function has a coefficient

The spline is formed by weighing the basis function coefficients and summing them at each value of  $\boldsymbol{x}$ 

#### Wiggliness and Penalized fit

As in the same case with a polynomial regression of excess "wiggles" not constraining the "Wiggliness" in the way that we penalize the fit in order to prevent overfitting

*W* or wiggliness is defined by:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} [f'']^2 dx = \boldsymbol{\beta}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{S} \boldsymbol{\beta} = W$$

## **Constraining Wiggliness**

We have to make wiggliness important by looking into the log-likelihood, or the measure of closeness to the data

The term **smoothing operator**  $\lambda$  defines the trade-off to find *spline* coefficients to maximize the penalized log-likelihood fit

$$\mathcal{L}_{p}(eta) = \mathcal{L}(eta) - rac{1}{2} \lambda eta^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{S} eta$$

or

$$\mathcal{L}_p = \log(\mathsf{Likelihood}) - \lambda W$$

## **Selecting smooth**

There are multiple methods to choose from the right amount of wiggle, some are: AIC, Mallow  $\mathcal{C}_p$ , Maximum Likelihood(ML), and Restricted Maximum Likelihood(REML). The most commonly method is REML for it's numerical stability

There are two ways to optimize the given  $\lambda$ :

- Predictive: Reducing generalization error
- Bayesian: Using priors for basis coefficients

## **Maximizing Wiggliness**

In a regular regression, the degree of freedom typically equal the predictors in the model. In the case for GAMs, we look at the smoothing *basis* of size k and consider that with **penalized** fitting, their parameters are limited. Thus, the models **effective** degrees of freedom (EDF) will not equal the size k

The models effective degrees of freedom are given by trace(F) where F is the EDF matrix

$$F = (X^T W X + \sum_j \lambda_j S_j)^{-1} X^T W X$$

#### Generalized Additive Models in R

- Two options for packages, mgcv and gam
- mgcv is more commonly used and better supported

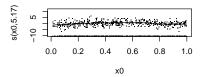
#### Smooth interactions in R

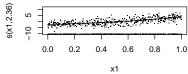
- Bivariate
- $\blacksquare$  s(x, z, bs = 'tp')
- 2 Tensor products
- te(x, z)

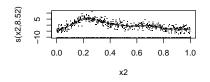
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library(mgcv)
set.seed(0)
sim_data <- gamSim(1, n = 400, dist="normal", scale=2)</pre>
Gu & Wahba 4 term additive model
head(sim data)
                            x1 x2 x3
1 5.114211 0.8966972 0.1478457 0.34826473 0.04572472 7.962274 0.6377368
2 2.175828 0.2655087 0.6588776 0.85868745 0.36652658 5.514517 1.4814113
3 6.334878 0.3721239 0.1850700 0.03443876 0.74139303 3.576406 1.8407682
4 6.853276 0.5728534 0.9543781 0.97099715 0.93350625 8.692625 1.9478442
5 7.743879 0.9082078 0.8978485 0.74511014 0.67320995 8.752859 0.5687870
6 13.920886 0.2016819 0.9436971 0.27325524 0.70135711 16.190349 1.1841037
                    f2 f3
       f1
1 1 344055 5 980482e+00 0
2 3.735028 2.980780e-01 0
3 1.447937 2.877006e-01 0
4 6.744695 8.611364e-05 0
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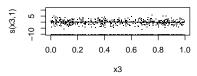
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fit \leftarrow gam(v \sim s(x0) + s(x1) + s(x2) + s(x3), data = sim data)
summary(fit)
Family: gaussian
Link function: identity
Formula:
y \sim s(x0) + s(x1) + s(x2) + s(x3)
Parametric coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 7.9150 0.1049 75.44 <2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Approximate significance of smooth terms:
       edf Ref.df F p-value
s(x0) 5.173 6.287 4.564 0.000134 ***
s(x1) 2.357 2.927 103.053 < 2e-16 ***
s(x2) 8.517 8.931 84.308 < 2e-16 ***
s(x3) 1.000 1.000 0.441 0.506929
___
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
R-sq.(adi) = 0.726 Deviance explained = 73.7%
GCV = 4.611 Scale est = 4.4029 n = 400
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plot(fit, pages=1, residuals=TRUE)

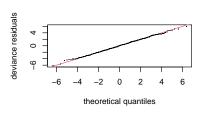


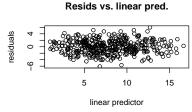


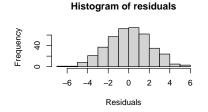


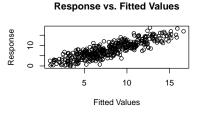


gam.check(fit)



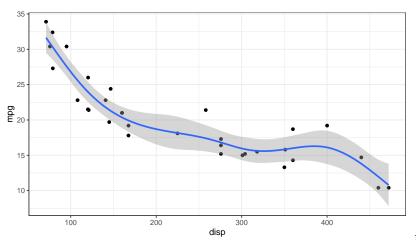




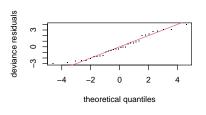


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data("mtcars")
mtcars_gam <-
  gam(mpg ~ s(disp), data = mtcars, method = "REML")
summary(mtcars gam)
Family: gaussian
Link function: identity
Formula:
mpg ~ s(disp)
Parametric coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 20.0906 0.3788 53.04 <2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Approximate significance of smooth terms:
         edf Ref.df F p-value
s(disp) 4.884 5.904 36.3 <2e-16 ***
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Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
R-sq.(adj) = 0.874 Deviance explained = 89.4%
-REMI = 74 101 Scale est = 4.5918 n = 32
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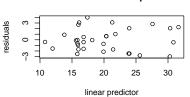
```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = disp, y = mpg)) +
    theme_bw() + geom_point() +
geom_smooth(method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x))
```



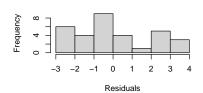
gam.check(mtcars\_gam)



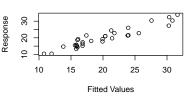
#### Resids vs. linear pred.



#### Histogram of residuals



#### Response vs. Fitted Values



#### **Example - Health Data - Explaining Data Set**

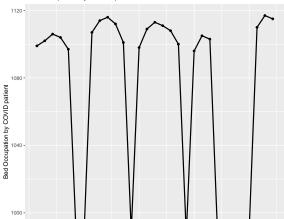
Dataset pulled from the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) which is a a cabinet-level department of the U.S. federal government. The Dataset provides state-aggregated data for estimated patient impact and hospital utilization by COVID-19 Patients by a State Timeseries.

https://healthdata.gov/dataset/covid-19-estimated-patient-impact-and-hospital-capacity-state

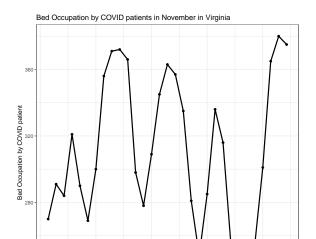
#### **Example - Health Data - Data Cleaning**

## **Example - Health Data - Country Wide**

#### Bed Occupation by COVID patients in November in the US

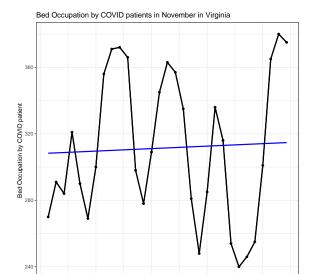


#### **Example - Health Data - VA**



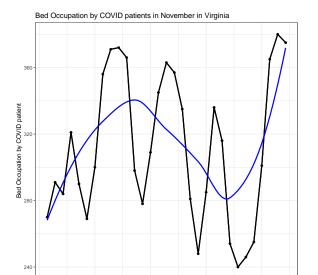
#### Example - Health Data - LM

```
# Linear Model Fit (uses formula = y-x)
p + geom_line(color = "black", size = 1) + geom_smooth(method = 'lm', se=FALSE, color = 'blue')
```



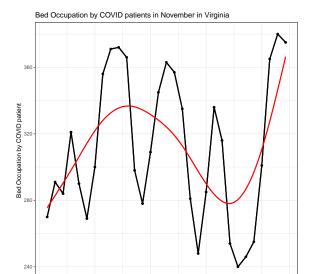
#### **Example - Health Data - Loess**

```
# Loess Model Fit
p + geom_line(color = "black", size = 1) + geom_smooth(method = 'loess', se=FALSE, color = 'blue')
```



## **Example - Health Data - GAM**

```
# GAM Model Fit (formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"))
p + geom_line(color = "black", size = 1) + geom_smooth(method = 'gam', se=FALSE, color = 'red')
```



#### **Conclusion**

- The benefits of implementing GAMs provides a flexible framework to accurately model nonlinear relationships.
- It's formed from basis functions, which weigh regression functions to form larger functions known as smooths
- To control overfitting, we penalize the fit of the model by adjusting the goodness of fit

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