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TAM 598

Lecture 22:

Gaussian Process Regression

Announcements:

- HW b covers lectures 21-23; due on Fri May 2

where we are:

- * we have a Gaussian Process prior (an "infinite variate" gaussian) for unknown function $f(\cdot)$, given by $p(f(\cdot))$
- * we are going to collect some data and use Bayes' rule to update our prior and obtain the posterior

$$p(f(\cdot) | D) \propto p(D | f(\cdot)) p(f(\cdot))$$

(we'll do this for an arbitrary n -variate Gaussian;
the approach generalizes to the continuous infinite case)

$$p(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n | D)$$

Gaussian Process ; a distribution over functions

$$D = \{ (x_i, f_i), i=1, \dots, N \}$$

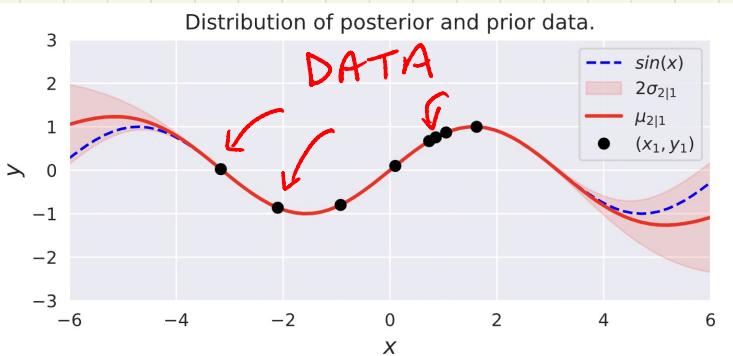
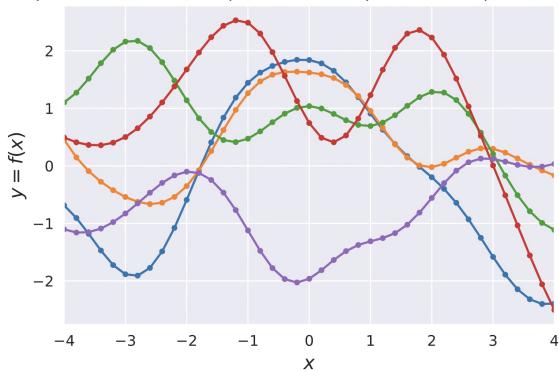
$$p(f|D) = \frac{p(D|f) p(f)}{p(D)}$$

prior

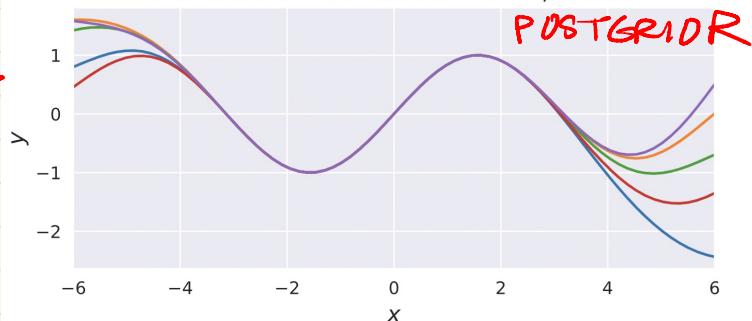
posterior

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5 different function realizations at 41 points sampled from a Gaussian process with exponentiated quadratic kernel

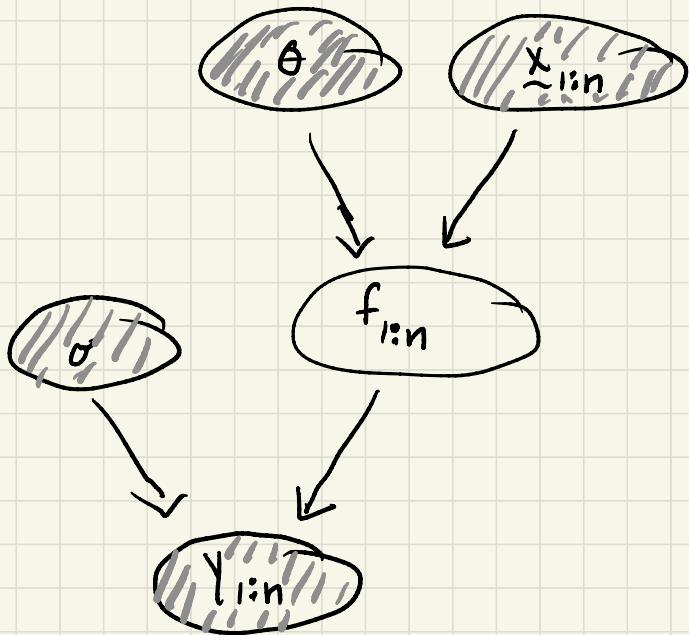


5 different function realizations from posterior

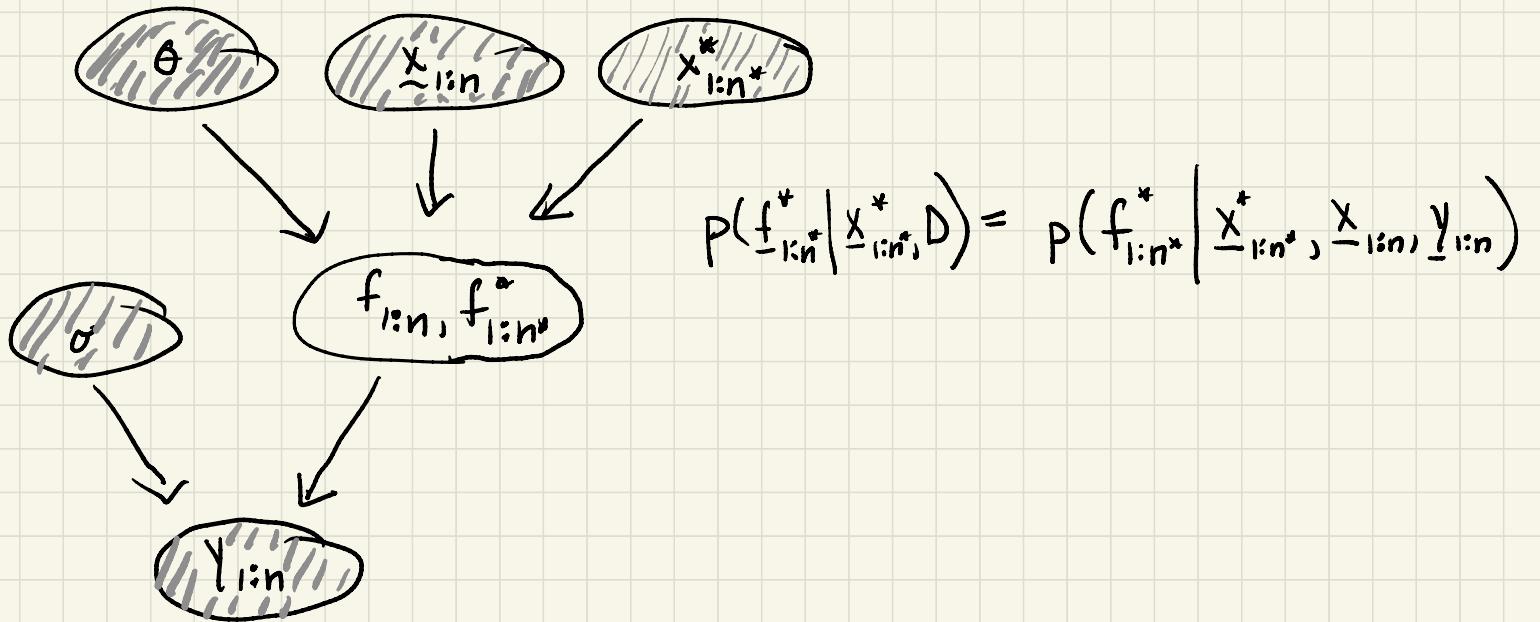


$$f(\cdot) \sim GP(m(\cdot), k(\cdot, \cdot)) \quad \text{so}$$

for any points $\underline{x}_{1:n} = (\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_n)$ the joint pdf of $\underline{f}_{1:n} = (f(\underline{x}_1), \dots, f(\underline{x}_n))$ is the multivariate gaussian



- fixed hyperparameters θ and σ
- arbitrary collection of test points, densely cover input space and function values



the result is a new Gaussian

$$p(f_{1:n^*}^* \mid \underline{x}_{1:n^*}^*, D) = N\left(f_{1:n^*}^* \mid \underline{m}_n(\underline{x}_{1:n^*}^*), \underline{K}_n(\underline{x}_{1:n^*}^*, \underline{x}_{1:n^*}^*)\right)$$

with posterior mean

and posterior covariance

point predictive distribution - to predict $f(\cdot)$ at a single point,
have your test points $\underline{x}_{\text{line}}^*$ just be a single point \underline{x}^* . Then

but the predicted measurement outcome y^* at \underline{x}^* is

HYPERPARAMETER OPTIMIZATION

- covariance function: θ
- measurement variance: σ^2

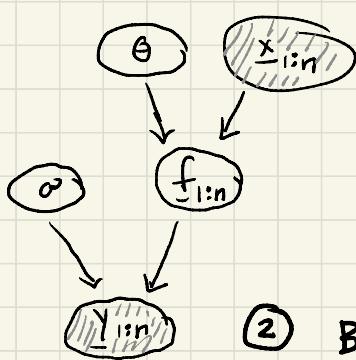
If we don't know them:

- start with priors $p(\theta)$, $p(\sigma)$
- Bayes Rule

$$P(\theta, \sigma | D) \propto p(D | \theta, \sigma) p(\theta) p(\sigma)$$

$$= \int p(y_{1:n} | f_{1:n}, \sigma) p(f_{1:n} | x_{1:n}, \theta) df_{1:n} p(\theta) p(\sigma)$$

- Maximum a posteriori estimation to evaluate



① joint pdf:

② Bayes Rule:

③ marginalize out the unobserved variable $f_{1:n}$

Maximum a Posteriori (MAP) Estimate of Hyperparameters

$$p(\theta, \sigma | D) \approx \delta(\theta - \theta^*) \delta(\sigma - \sigma^*)$$

where θ^*, σ^* maximize $\log p(\theta, \sigma | D)$

so $\log p(\theta, \sigma | D) =$