# Gravity Adaptive Model (GAM)

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# 1 Core concept

The GAM is build with idea to use two phases for the algorithm.

# 1.1 Gravity-Based clustering (phase 1

This aims to identify the natural clusters within the data by simulating a gravitational attraction between data points.

### 1.1.1 Data Points

Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n\}$  be a set of N input data points, where each  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^D$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^D$  is D-dimentional feature vector.

#### 1.1.2 Gravitational force

This is a theoretical force or influence exerted by point  $x_j$  on  $x_i$  is moduled using a Gaussian (Radial Basis Function) kernel, which ensures highly localized interaction

$$I(x_i, x_j) = \exp(-\gamma ||x_i - x_j||^2)$$

where  $||x_i - x_j||^2$  is the squared Euclidean distance between  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ , and  $\gamma > 0$  is the bandwith parameter, which is used to control the spread of the influence. A larger  $\gamma$  means more localized force, and vice versa.

#### 1.1.3 Iterative movement

Points iteratively move towards regions of higher density. For each point  $x_i$ , its new position is calculated as the weighted average of all other points' current positions, where weights are determined by the gravitational influence:

$$x_i^{new} = \frac{\sum_{j \neq i} I(x_i^{current}, x_j^{current}) * x_j^{current}}{\sum_{j \neq i} I(x_i^{current}, x_j^{current})}$$

This iterative process allows all points to converge towards modes of density in the feature space

### 1.1.4 Cluster Identification

After k iteration, points that have converged to sufficient close locations are grouped into cluster using Agglomerative Clustering.

# 1.2 Adaptive Local Modeling (phase 2)

When clusters  $C_1, C_2, ..., C_M$  are identified, a specialized regression model is trained for each cluster.

### 1.2.1 Local model training

For each cluster  $C_m$ , a subset of the original data  $D_m = \{(x_i, y_i) \mid x_i \in C_m\}$  is used to train a local model  $f_m$ .

Each  $f_m$  is a polynomial regression model. This is achieved by first transforming the input features x using 'PolynomialFeatures' to generate higher-order and interaction terms, resulting in  $\phi(x)$ .

To prevent overfitting and wild extrapolation, the "Ridge" regularization is applied to these polynomial regressions. The local model  $f_m(x)$  then takes the form:

$$f_m(x) = w_m^T \phi(x)$$

The coefficients  $w_m$  are learned by minimizing the Ridge objective function:

$$\min_{m} ||Y_m - \Phi_m w_m||^2 + \lambda ||w_m||^2$$

Here,  $Y_m$  is the vector of target values for data points in cluster  $C_m$ ,  $\Phi_m$  is the design matrix where each row corresponds to the polynomial features  $\phi(x_i)$  for  $x_i \in C_m$ , and  $\lambda$  is the regularization strength  $(\lambda \geq 0)$ , a hyperparameter that controls the balance between fitting the training data well and keeping the model weights small.

## 1.3 Smooth Blending of Predictions

For a new, unseen data points  $x_{new}$ , the final prediction is a weighed sum of the predictions from all local models.

### 1.3.1 Cluster Centers

Each cluster  $C_m$  is represented by a center  $c_m$ , typically the mean of the original data points within that cluster.

#### 1.3.2 Blending Weights

The contribution of each local model  $f_m$  to the final prediction is determined by a blending weights  $B_m(x_{new})$ , which measures the proximity of  $x_{new}$  to the cluster center. This also uses Gaussian kernel:

$$\bar{B}_m(x_{new}) = \exp(-\alpha||x_{new} - c_m||^2)$$

where  $\alpha > 0$ , and it represents a blending bandwith parameter.

### 1.3.3 Normilzed Blending Weights

These weights are normalized across all clusters to sum to 1:

$$\bar{B}_m(x_{new}) = \frac{\bar{B}_m(x_{new})}{\sum_{k=1}^{M} B_k(x_{new})}$$

#### 1.3.4 final Prediction

The overall predictions  $\hat{y}(x_{new})$  is the blended sum:

$$\hat{y}(x_{new}) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \bar{B}(x_{new}) * f_m(x_{new})$$

This ensures a continuous and smooth blending prediction surface that adaptive responds to the local data structure.