

Notes - A GP model for shear fields

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Our Gaussian process “model” for the projected lensing potential

$$\psi \sim N(0, \Sigma(\vec{x}, \vec{y})) \quad (1)$$

which is a scalar field evaluated at the positions $x_i = (\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2)_i$ or $y_i = (\vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2)_i$ where we have data points. As usual, first column, x_1 or y_1 is the first spatial dimension, x_2 or y_2 is the second one, the i -th row correspond to spatial coordinates of the i -th data point.

\vec{x} and \vec{y} are the same but we call them different names for denoting their location in the covariance matrix
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For inferring the convergence and shear, we need the 2nd spatial derivatives. The subscripts in these WL equations correspond to the spatial coordinates x_1, x_2 NOT the observation numbers i.e. $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ observations

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa &= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\psi_{,ij}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\psi_{,11} + \psi_{,22}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_2^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &= \frac{1}{2} (\psi_{,11} - \psi_{,22}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_2^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_2 &= \frac{1}{2} (\psi_{,12} + \psi_{,21}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Covariances of the required functions

Note that ψ, κ and γ are scalar fields. However, we are evaluating them at the locations of the data points $(x_1, x_2)_i$, therefore, when we are writing down the shorthand for the m, n subscripts below, we mean, we first

take the spatial derivatives of those scalar field(s) with respect to x_1 or x_2 , then evaluate them at the m -th or n -th position $(x_1, x_2)_m$. The spatial derivatives are represented as follows:

$$\psi_{,1} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_1}$$

etc. with a comma in the subscript.

Also note expectation and derivative are both linear operators, so we can exchange their positions (and try not to let mathematicians read this and shoot us)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Cov}_{m,n}(\kappa(\vec{x}), \kappa(\vec{y})) \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(\kappa - \mathbb{E}[\kappa])|_m (\kappa - \mathbb{E}[\kappa])|_n] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}\right)\psi - \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}\right)\psi\right]\right]\bigg|_m \left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2}\right)\psi - \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2}\right)\psi\right]\right]\bigg|_n\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4}\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}\right)\bigg|_m [\psi - \mathbb{E}[\psi]]_m \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2}\right)\bigg|_n [\psi - \mathbb{E}[\psi]]_n\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4}\left(\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2}\right)\bigg|_m \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2}\right)\bigg|_n + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2}\right)\bigg|_m \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2}\right)\bigg|_n + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}\right)\bigg|_m \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2}\right)\bigg|_n + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}\right)\bigg|_m \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2}\right)\bigg|_n\right) \Sigma_{mn} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2}\right) \Sigma_{mn} \end{aligned}$$

Now I have dropped the (m,n) subscripts and the following subscripts correspond to the spatial dimensions, the first two subscripts correspond to spatial derivatives w.r.t. x and evaluated for the m -th data points, the last two correspond to spatial derivatives w.r.t. y and evaluated for the n -th data points.

$$\text{Cov}(\kappa(\vec{x}), \kappa(\vec{y})) = \frac{1}{4} (\Sigma_{,1111} + \Sigma_{,1122} + \Sigma_{,2211} + \Sigma_{,2222}) \quad (2)$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Cov}_{mn}(\gamma_1(\vec{x}), \gamma_1(\vec{y})) \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(\gamma_1 - \mathbb{E}[\gamma_1])|_m (\gamma_1 - \mathbb{E}[\gamma_1])|_n] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}\right)\psi - \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}\right)\psi\right]\right]\bigg|_m \left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2}\right)\psi - \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2}\right)\psi\right]\right]\bigg|_n\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4}\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}\right)\bigg|_i [\psi - \mathbb{E}[\psi]]_m \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2}\right)\bigg|_j [\psi - \mathbb{E}[\psi]]_n\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2^2}\right) \Sigma_{mn} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Cov}(\gamma_1(\vec{x}), \gamma_1(\vec{y})) = \frac{1}{4} (\Sigma_{,1111} - \Sigma_{,1122} - \Sigma_{,2211} + \Sigma_{,2222}) \quad (3)$$

And,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}_{mn}(\gamma_2(\vec{x}), \gamma_2(\vec{y})) &= \mathbb{E}[(\gamma_2 - \mathbb{E}[\gamma_2])|_m (\gamma_2 - \mathbb{E}[\gamma_2])|_n] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[\left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \right) \psi - \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \right) \psi \right] \right] \Big|_m \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1 \partial y_2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2 \partial y_1} \right) \psi - \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1 \partial y_2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2 \partial y_1} \right) \psi \right] \right] \Big|_n \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Cov}_{mn}(\gamma_2(\vec{x}), \gamma_2(\vec{y})) = \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} \right) \Big|_m [\psi - \mathbb{E}[\psi]] \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_1 \partial y_2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_2 \partial y_1} \right) \Big|_n [\psi - \mathbb{E}[\psi]] \right]$$

$$\text{Cov}(\gamma_2(\vec{x}), \gamma_2(\vec{y})) = \frac{1}{4} (\Sigma_{,1212} + \Sigma_{,1221} + \Sigma_{,2112} + \Sigma_{,2121}) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Cov}(\kappa(\vec{x}), \gamma_1(\vec{y})) = \frac{1}{4} (\Sigma_{,1111} + \Sigma_{,2211} - \Sigma_{,1122} - \Sigma_{,2222}) \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Cov}(\kappa(\vec{x}), \gamma_2(\vec{y})) = \frac{1}{4} (\Sigma_{,1112} + \Sigma_{,2212} + \Sigma_{,1121} + \Sigma_{,2221}) \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Cov}(\gamma_1(\vec{x}), \gamma_2(\vec{y})) = \frac{1}{4} (\Sigma_{,1112} + \Sigma_{,1121} - \Sigma_{,2212} - \Sigma_{,2221}) \quad (7)$$

The squared exponential covariance function

$$\Sigma(r^2; \lambda, \rho) = \lambda^{-1} \exp \left(-\frac{\beta}{2} r^2 \right) \quad (8)$$

where $\beta = -1/4 \ln \rho$, and $0 < \rho < 1$, note Σ is an $N \times N$ matrix and the covariance functions of the derivatives should have the same dimension.

The metric D

$$r^2 = (\vec{x} - \vec{y})^T D (\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \quad (9)$$

Since we are working in projected (2D) space, D is a 2×2 matrix. More explicitly, I will use i,j,h,k as subscripts for the spatial dimensions and m, n for the observation number in the GP model:

$$\begin{aligned}
r_{mn}^2 &= (x_{m1} - y_{n1}, x_{m2} - y_{n2}) \begin{pmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} \\ D_{21} & D_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{m1} - y_{n1} \\ x_{m2} - y_{n2} \end{pmatrix} \\
\Sigma_{mn} &= \lambda^{-1} \exp \left(-\frac{\beta}{2} r_{mn}^2 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

An example of r^2 with an Euclidean metric for a pair of data points, \vec{x}_i and \vec{y}_j would be:

$$r_{mn}^2 = (x_{m1} - y_{n1})^2 + (x_{m2} - y_{n2})^2$$

In the following derivations, it is NOT important to keep the m, n subscripts. We are taking the derivatives w.r.t to the spatial dimensions, so I will drop the m, n subscripts. But keep in mind each forth derivative of Σ with the indices written out should be a scalar, each is an element in the big $m \times n \Sigma_{,x_i x_j y_h y_k}$ matrix.

Summary: basic derivatives of components, assuming diagonal D

Derivation of the derivatives for a non-symmetric / non-diagonal D would give more terms ...

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial r^2}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial(x_q - y_q)D_{qr}(x_r - y_r)}{\partial x_i} \\ &= \delta_{iq}D_{qr}(x_r - y_r) + (x_q - y_q)\delta_{iq}D_{qr} \\ &= 2D_{ii}(x_i - y_i) \\ &= 2[D(\vec{x} - \vec{y})]_i \end{aligned}$$

The third line in the above derivation is only true for diagonal D or else there are other summation terms.

$$r_{,x_i} = 2[D(\vec{x} - \vec{y})]_i \equiv 2X_i \quad (10)$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial r^2}{\partial y_h} &= \frac{\partial(x_q - y_q)D_{qr}(x_r - y_r)}{\partial y_h} \\ &= -\delta_{iq}D_{qr}(x_r - y_r) - (x_q - y_q)\delta_{iq}D_{qr} \\ &= -2[D(\vec{x} - \vec{y})]_h \end{aligned}$$

$$r_{,y_h} = -2[D(\vec{x} - \vec{y})]_h \equiv -2X_h \quad (11)$$

where $i = 1, 2$

Second derivatives of r^2

$$r_{,x_i x_j}^2 = 2\delta_{ij}D_{ij} \quad (12)$$

$$r_{,y_h y_k}^2 = 2\delta_{hk}D_{hk} \quad (13)$$

$$r_{,x_i y_h}^2 = -2\delta_{ih}D_{ih} \quad (14)$$

$$X_i = [D(\vec{x} - \vec{y})]_i \quad (15)$$

$$X_i, x_j = D\delta_{ij} \quad (16)$$

$$X_i, y_h = -D\delta_{ih} \quad (17)$$

derivatives of the kernel

$$\Sigma = \lambda^{-1}k$$

$$k = \exp\left(\frac{-\beta}{2}r^2\right) \quad (18)$$

$$k_{,x_i} = \frac{-\beta}{2}kr_{,x_i}^2 = -\beta kX_i \quad (19)$$

$$k_{,y_h} = \beta kX_h \quad (20)$$

$$k_{,x_i x_j} = \frac{-\beta}{2}(k_{,x_j}r_{,x_i}^2 + kr_{,x_i x_j}^2) \quad (21)$$

$$k_{,x_i x_j y_h} = \frac{-\beta}{2}(k_{,x_j y_h}r_{,x_i}^2 + k_{,x_j}r_{,x_i y_h}^2 + k_{,y_h}r_{,x_i x_j}^2) \quad (22)$$

$$k_{,x_i x_j y_h y_k} = \frac{-\beta}{2}(k_{,x_j y_h y_k}r_{,x_i}^2 + k_{,x_j y_h}r_{,x_i y_k}^2 + k_{,x_j y_k}r_{,x_i y_h}^2 + k_{,y_h y_k}r_{,x_i x_j}^2) \quad (23)$$

second derivatives

just work on terms that are parts of the 4th kernel derivative

$$\begin{aligned} k_{,x_i x_j} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(-\beta kX_i) \\ &= -\beta(k_{,x_j}X_i + kX_{i,x_j}) \\ &= -\beta(-\beta kX_jX_i + k\delta_{ij}D_{ij}) \\ &= (\beta^2 X_jX_i - \beta\delta_{ij}D_{ij})k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_{,x_i y_h} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y_h}(-\beta kX_i) \\ &= -\beta(k_{,y_h}X_i + kX_{i,y_h}) \\ &= -\beta(\beta kX_hX_i - k\delta_{ih}D_{ih}) \\ &= -(\beta^2 X_hX_i - \beta\delta_{ih}D_{ih})k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_{,y_h y_k} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y_h}(\beta kX_h) \\ &= \beta(k_{,y_k}X_h + kX_{h,y_k}) \\ &= \beta(\beta kX_kX_h - k\delta_{hk}D_{hk}) \\ &= (\beta^2 X_hX_k - \beta\delta_{hk}D_{hk})k \end{aligned}$$

$$k_{,x_i x_j} = (\beta^2 X_jX_i - \beta\delta_{ij}D_{ij})k \quad (24)$$

$$k_{,x_i y_h} = -(\beta^2 X_hX_i - \beta\delta_{ih}D_{ih})k \quad (25)$$

$$k_{,y_h y_k} = (\beta^2 X_hX_k - \beta\delta_{hk}D_{hk})k \quad (26)$$

Term 1 of the 4th derivative in eqn (20)

$$\begin{aligned}
k_{,x_j y_h y_k} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} k_{,x_j y_h} \\
&= -\frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} (\beta^2 X_h X_j - \beta \delta_{jh} D_{jh}) k \\
&= (\beta^2 D_{hk} \delta_{hk} X_j + \beta^2 X_h D_{jk} \delta_{jk}) k - (\beta^2 X_h X_j - \beta D_{jh} \delta_{jh}) \beta X_k k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&k_{,x_j y_h y_k} r_{,x_i}^2 \\
&= 2[\beta^2 X_j D_{hk} \delta_{hk} + \beta^2 X_h D_{jk} \delta_{jk} + \beta^2 X_k D_{jh} \delta_{jh} - \beta^3 X_h X_j X_k] X_i k \\
&= \boxed{2\beta^2 [X_j X_i D_{hk} \delta_{hk} + X_h X_i D_{jk} \delta_{jk} + X_k X_i D_{jh} \delta_{jh}] k - 2\beta^3 X_h X_j X_k X_i k}
\end{aligned}$$

Term 2 of the 4th derivative

$$\begin{aligned}
k_{,x_j y_h} r_{,x_i y_k}^2 &= -(\beta^2 X_h X_j - \beta D_{jh} \delta_{jh}) (-2D_{ik} \delta_{ik} k) \\
&= \boxed{(2\beta^2 X_h X_j D_{ik} \delta_{ik} - 2\beta D_{jh} D_{ik} \delta_{jh} \delta_{ik}) k}
\end{aligned}$$

Term 3 of the 4th derivative

This is completely analogous to term 2 except the subscripts are slightly different

$$k_{,x_j y_k} r_{,x_i y_h}^2 = \boxed{(2\beta^2 X_k X_j D_{ih} \delta_{ih} - 2\beta D_{jk} D_{ih} \delta_{jk} \delta_{ih}) k}$$

Term 4 of the 4th derivative

$$\begin{aligned}
k_{,y_h y_k} r_{,x_i x_j}^2 &= (\beta^2 X_k X_h - \beta D_{hk} \delta_{hk}) k 2D_{ij} \delta_{ij} \\
&= \boxed{(2\beta^2 X_k X_h D_{ij} \delta_{ij} - 2\beta D_{ij} D_{hk} \delta_{hk} \delta_{ij}) k}
\end{aligned}$$

Collect terms of $\Sigma_{,x_i x_j y_h y_k}$ by plugging them in eqn 20

All the relevant terms are boxed above,

$$\Sigma_{,x_i x_j y_h y_k} = (\beta^4 X_h X_j X_k X_i - \beta^3 (X_j X_i D_{hk} \delta_{hk} + 5\text{perm.}) + \beta^2 (D_{jh} D_{ik} \delta_{jh} \delta_{ik} + 2\text{perm.})) \Sigma \quad (27)$$

$$= \Gamma \Sigma \quad (28)$$

Note that when we evaluate the terms in the parenthesis, they come out to be a $n \times n$ matrix, and we should multiply those terms to Σ using a [Schur product](#)

Each spatial derivative result in an extra factor of inverse length in terms of the units. Therefore, the covariance function of the 4th spatial derivative has units of (inverse length)⁴...

notes

- γ_2 , unlike κ and γ_1 does not have any pair of repeated indices, e.g. 1122, nor 2211 nor 1111 etc., so for small angular separation, only κ and γ_1 has increased covariances on the diagonal compared to ψ_s

Thoughts on implementation

- The metric object should incorporate the δ_{ij} condition for diagonal D, which will kill a lot of terms (sorry for being pedantic about including δ since I don't want myself to forget about it)

Comparison between parametrization of George and our parametrization

Test 1:

Let's check that our general expression of the 4th derivative of Σ is correct by working out an example