Composition of Movement Primitives

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1 ProMPs

1.1 Recap

From (Paraschos et al., 2013, 2018):

$$\mathbf{\Phi}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 & \dot{\phi}_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \phi_n & \dot{\phi}_n \end{bmatrix} \tag{1}$$

Table 1: Notation

q_t	joint angle over time
$\dot{q}_t$	joint velocity over time
$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \{q_t\}_{t=0\ldots T}$	trajectory
$\boldsymbol{w}$	weight vector of a single trajectory $[n \times 1]$
ϕ_t	basis function
n	number of basis functions
$\mathbf{\Phi}_t = [\phi_t, \dot{\phi}_t]$	$n \times 2$ dimensional time-dependent basis matrix
$z(t)$	monotonically increasing phase variable
$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_y)$	zero-mean i.i.d. Gaussian noise

$$\boldsymbol{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} q_t \\ \dot{q}_t \end{bmatrix} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_y \tag{2}$$

$$p(\boldsymbol{\tau}|\boldsymbol{w}) = \prod_t \mathcal{N}\Big(\boldsymbol{y}_t | \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y\Big) \tag{3}$$

$$p(\boldsymbol{\tau};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int p(\boldsymbol{\tau}|\boldsymbol{w}) \cdot p(\boldsymbol{w};\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\boldsymbol{w} \tag{4}$$

1.2 Coupling between joints

$$p(\boldsymbol{y}_t|\boldsymbol{w}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{y}_{1,t} \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{y}_{d,t} \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t^\top & \cdots & \boldsymbol{0} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{0} & \cdots & \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t^\top \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y \right) = \mathcal{N}\Big(\boldsymbol{y}_t | \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y\Big) \tag{5}$$

with:

Table 2: Notation

$\boldsymbol{w} = [\boldsymbol{w}_1^\top, \ldots, \boldsymbol{w}_n^\top]^\top$	combined weight vector $[n \times n]$
$\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t$	block-diagonal basis matrix containing the basis functions and their derivatives for each dimension
$\boldsymbol{y}_{i,t} = [q_{i,t}, \dot{q}_{i,t}]^\top$	joint angle and velocity for the i^{th} joint

1.3 Hierarchical Bayesian Model

The Hierarchical Bayesian Model used in ProMPs is illustrated in Fig. 1.

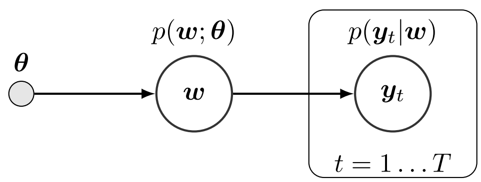

Figure 1: Hierarchical Bayesian Model used in ProMPs.

$$\begin{aligned} p(\boldsymbol{y}_t;\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \int \mathcal{N}\Big(\boldsymbol{y}_t | \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y\Big) \cdot p(\boldsymbol{w};\boldsymbol{\theta})\ d\boldsymbol{w} & (6) \\ &= \int \mathcal{N}\Big(\boldsymbol{y}_t | \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y\Big) \cdot \mathcal{N}\Big(\boldsymbol{w} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\Big)\ d\boldsymbol{w} & (7) \\ &= \mathcal{N}\Big(\boldsymbol{y}_t | \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y\Big) & (8) \end{aligned}$$

See Appendix A for the proof.

Table 3: Notation

$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{\boldsymbol{\mu}_w, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w\}$	parameters
$p(\boldsymbol{w};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_w, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w)$	prior over the weight vector $\boldsymbol{w}$, with parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, assumed to be Gaussian

Table 4: Notation

$\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star = [\boldsymbol{y}_t^\star, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^\star]$	desired observation
$\boldsymbol{y}_t^\star$	desired position and velocity vector at time t
$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^\star$	accuracy of the desired observation

1.4 Via-Points Modulation

Using Bayes rule:

$$p(\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star) = \frac{p(\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star|\boldsymbol{w}) \cdot p(\boldsymbol{w})}{p(\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star)} \tag{9}$$

$$p(\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star) \propto \mathcal{N}\left(\boldsymbol{y}_t^\star|\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^\star\right) \cdot \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_w, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w) \tag{10}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}^{[new]} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y^\star + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t\right)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{y}_t^\star - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}) \tag{11}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}}^{[new]} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y^\star + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t\right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \tag{12}$$

See Appendix B for the proof.

1.4.1 Do we actually get the desired mean by applying the conditioning update?

Proof that the posterior mean equals the observed mean.

$$\mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{y}_t|\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star] = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{y}_t|\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star} = \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star} = \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^\star + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t\right)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{y}_t^\star - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}) \tag{13}$$

We set the observed covariance $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^\star$ to 0 so as to have perfect accuracy around our observed position.

$$\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star} = \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} + \cancel{\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t} \left(\cancel{\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t}\right)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{y}_t^\star - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}) \tag{14}$$

$$= \cancel{\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}} + \boldsymbol{y}_t^\star - \cancel{\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}} \tag{15}$$

$$= \boldsymbol{y}_t^\star \tag{16}$$

□

1.4.2 Multi via-points

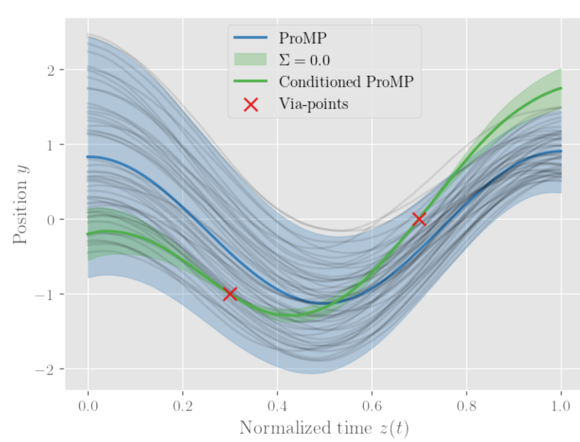

Figure 2: Example of ProMP with two via-points.

1. For the first via-point conditioning update with the observed via-point $\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1} = [\boldsymbol{y}^\star_{t_1}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_1}]$, we can directly apply Eq. (11) and (12), with $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_1}$ the observation matrix at time t_1:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_1}\left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_1} + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_1}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_1}\right)^{-1}(\boldsymbol{y}^\star_{t_1} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_1}^\top\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}) \tag{17}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_1}\left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_1} + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_1}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_1}\right)^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_1}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \tag{18}$$

2. For the second via-point conditioning update with the observed via-point $\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_2} = [\boldsymbol{y}^\star_{t_2}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_2}]$, the prior is the posterior from the first via-point, *i.e.*, $\boldsymbol{w} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}})$, the likelihood is $\boldsymbol{y}^\star_{t_2} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_2}^\top\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_2})$, with $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_2}$ the observation matrix at time t_2, and the posterior update becomes:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_2}} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_2}\left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_2} + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_2}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_2}\right)^{-1}(\boldsymbol{y}^\star_{t_2} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_2}^\top\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}}) \tag{19}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_2}} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_2}\left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_2} + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_2}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_2}\right)^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_2}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1}} \tag{20}$$

3. For the k^{th} via-point conditioning update with the observed via-point $\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_k} = [\boldsymbol{y}^\star_{t_k}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_k}]$, the prior is the posterior after conditioning on the previous $k-1$ via-points, *i.e.*, $\boldsymbol{w} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_{k-1}}}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_{k-1}}})$, the likelihood is $\boldsymbol{y}^\star_{t_k} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_k}^\top\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_k})$, with $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_k}$ the observation matrix at time t_k, and the posterior update becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_k}} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_{k-1}}} \\ &\quad + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_{k-1}}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_k}\left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_k} + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_k}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_{k-1}}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_k}\right)^{-1}(\boldsymbol{y}^\star_{t_k} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_k}^\top\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_{k-1}}})\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_k}} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_{k-1}}} \\ &\quad - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_{k-1}}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_k}\left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_k} + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_k}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_{k-1}}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_k}\right)^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_k}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_1},\ldots,\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_{k-1}}}\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Alternative Batch Formulation Instead of iterative updates, we could condition on all via-points simultaneously by stacking the observations:

$$\boldsymbol{y}^\star = \begin{bmatrix}\boldsymbol{y}^\star_{t_1} \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{y}^\star_{t_k}\end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Psi} = \begin{bmatrix}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_1} \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t_k}\end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star = \mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_1}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star_{t_k}) \tag{23}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\{\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_k}\}_{k=1}^K} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}\left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star + \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}\right)^{-1}(\boldsymbol{y}^\star - \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\top\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}) \tag{24}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\{\boldsymbol{x}^\star_{t_k}\}_{k=1}^K} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}\left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\star + \boldsymbol{\Psi}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}}\boldsymbol{\Psi}\right)^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Psi}^\top\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \tag{25}$$

2 Gaussian mixture modeling (GMM)/Gaussian mixture regression (GMR) recap

2.1 Gaussian Mixture Modeling (GMM)

$$p(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) \tag{26}$$

$$0 \le \pi_k \le 1, \quad \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1 \tag{27}$$

$$r_{nk} := \frac{\pi_k\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} \tag{28}$$

Table 5: Notation

π_k	mixture weights
$\boldsymbol{\theta} := \{\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k, \pi_k : k = 1, \ldots, K\}$	collection of all parameters of the model
r_{nk}	responsibility of the k^{th} mixture component for the n^{th} data point
N	number of data points
$N_k := \sum_{n=1}^{N} r_{nk}$	total responsibility of the k^{th} mixture component for the entire dataset

Update of the GMM means:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^{new} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} r_{nk}\boldsymbol{x}_n}{\sum_{n=1}^{N} r_{nk}} \tag{29}$$

Update of the GMM covariances:

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{new} = \frac{1}{N_k}\sum_{n=1}^{N} r_{nk}(\boldsymbol{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)(\boldsymbol{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^\top \tag{30}$$

Update of the GMM mixture weights:

$$\pi_k^{new} = \frac{N_k}{N}, \quad k = 1, \ldots, K \tag{31}$$

Algorithm 1: Expectation Maximization (EM) algorithm

1. Initialize $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$, π_k
2. *E-step*: Evaluate responsibilities r_{nk} for every data point $\boldsymbol{x}_n$ using current parameters $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$, π_k:

$$r_{nk} = \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j)} \tag{32}$$

3. *M-step*: Re-estimate parameters $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$, π_k using the current responsibilities r_{nk} (from E-step):

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_k = \frac{1}{N_k}\sum_{n=1}^{N} r_{nk}\boldsymbol{x}_n \tag{33}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k = \frac{1}{N_k}\sum_{n=1}^{N} r_{nk}(\boldsymbol{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)(\boldsymbol{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^\top \tag{34}$$

$$\pi_k = \frac{N_k}{N} \tag{35}$$

2.2 Gaussian Mixture Regression (GMR)

Requires to add a series of timesteps $t = (t_1, \ldots, t_j, \ldots, t_m)$ to divide each demonstration path evenly, and the points of each path can be re-written as $[(t_1, p_1), ..., (t_j, p_j), ..., (t_m, p_m)]$, so that each path has the same number of points for better alignment between demonstrations.

Table 6: Notation

p_j	position of a constructive point from demonstration, $j = 1, \ldots, m$
m	total number of points in all the demonstrations

Joint probability $\mathcal{P}(t, \boldsymbol{x})$ learned with GMM:

$$\mathcal{P}(t_j, x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^{K} \pi_i \cdot \mathcal{N}_i(x_j|t_j; m_i(t_j), cov_i) \cdot \mathcal{N}_i(t_j|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{it}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{it}) \tag{36}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{it} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{ix} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{itt} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{itx} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ixt} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ixx} \end{bmatrix} \tag{37}$$

$$\tag{38}$$

$$m_i(t_j) = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{ix} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ixt} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{itt}^{-1} \cdot (t_j - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{it}) \tag{39}$$

$$cov_i = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ixx} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ixt} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{itt}^{-1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{itx} \tag{40}$$

Marginal probability $P(t_j)$:

$$P(t_j) = \int P(t_j, x_j) dx = \sum_{i=1}^{K} \pi_i \cdot \mathcal{N}_i(t_j|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{it}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{it}) \tag{41}$$

Retrieve the conditional probability $\mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{x}|t)$ with GMR for each timestep:

$$P(x_j|t_j; m_i(t_j), cov_i) = \frac{P(t_j, x_j)}{P(t_j)} \tag{42}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{K} \pi_i \cdot \mathcal{N}_i(x_j|t_j; m_i(t_j), cov_i) \cdot \mathcal{N}_i(t_j|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{it}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{it})}{\sum_{i=1}^{K} \pi_i \cdot \mathcal{N}_i(t_j|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{it}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{it})} \tag{43}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{K} r_{nk} \cdot \mathcal{N}_i(x_j|t_j; m_i(t_j), cov_i) \tag{44}$$

Regression function (Eq. (45)) and conditional variance (Eq. (46)):

$$m(x) = \mathbb{E}(x_j|t_j) = \sum_{i=1}^{K} r_{nk} \cdot m_i(t_j) \tag{45}$$

$$var(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{K} r_{nk} \cdot cov_i \tag{46}$$

3 Composition of MPs

3.1 Stitching

The main issue with stitching is the smoothness of the mean and covariance between ProMPs, see Fig. 3.

3.2 Piecewise Gaussian Process

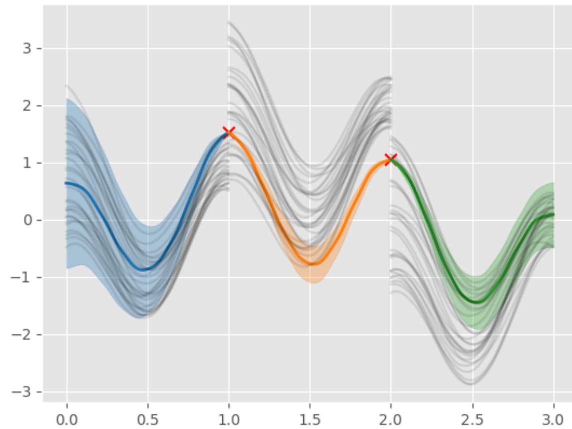

Figure 3: Stitching three ProMPs.

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A Hierarchical Bayesian Model proof

Proof of Eq. (8). From (Deisenroth et al., 2020), we have the joint distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_b \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \right) \tag{47}$$

and the marginal distribution $p(\mathbf{x}_a)$ of a joint Gaussian distribution $p(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b)$:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_a) = \int p(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b) d\mathbf{x}_b = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_a | \boldsymbol{\mu}_a, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa}) \tag{48}$$

Since $\boldsymbol{y}_t$ and $\boldsymbol{w}$ are jointly Gaussian, we have:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{y}_t \\ \boldsymbol{w} \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{y}_t} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathrm{Cov}[\boldsymbol{y}_t, \boldsymbol{y}_t] & \mathrm{Cov}[\boldsymbol{y}_t, \boldsymbol{w}] \\ \mathrm{Cov}[\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{y}_t] & \mathrm{Cov}[\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{w}] \end{bmatrix} \right) \tag{49}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{y}_t} &= \mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{y}_t] && (50) \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_y] && (51) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{w}] + \mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_y] && (52) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} + 0 && (53) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} && (54) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{y}_t, \boldsymbol{y}_t] = \text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_y] \tag{55}$$
$$= \text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w}] + \text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_y] \tag{56}$$
$$= \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{w}] \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y \tag{57}$$
$$= \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y \tag{58}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{y}_t \\ \boldsymbol{w} \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y & \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \end{bmatrix} \right) \tag{59}$$
$$p(\boldsymbol{y}_t; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\boldsymbol{y}_t | \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y \right) \tag{60}$$

□

B Via-Points conditioning proof

Proof of Eq. (11) *and Eq.* (12). With the joint distribution $p(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b)$ in Eq. (47), and from (Bishop and Bishop, 2024), the parameters of a conditional multivariate Gaussian $p(\mathbf{x}_a|\mathbf{x}_b) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{a|b})$ are the following:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_a + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \tag{61}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{a|b} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} \tag{62}$$

We want the posterior $p(\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star)$, knowing the likelihood $\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star|\boldsymbol{w} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\boldsymbol{y}_t^\star | \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^\star\right)$, and the prior $\boldsymbol{w} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_w, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_w)$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{w} \\ \boldsymbol{x}_t^\star \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \\ \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{w}] & \text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{x}_t^\star] \\ \text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star, \boldsymbol{w}] & \text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star, \boldsymbol{x}_t^\star] \end{bmatrix} \right) \tag{63}$$

$\text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star, \boldsymbol{x}_t^\star]$ follows from Eq. (58).

$$\text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{x}_t^\star] = \text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_y] \tag{64}$$
$$= \text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w}] \qquad (\text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\boldsymbol{y}}] = 0 \text{ since } \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\boldsymbol{y}} \text{ is independent of } \boldsymbol{w}) \tag{65}$$
$$= \mathbb{E}[(\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}})(\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}})^\top] \tag{66}$$
$$= \mathbb{E}[(\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}})(\boldsymbol{w} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}})^\top \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t] \tag{67}$$
$$= \text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{w}] \cdot \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t \tag{68}$$
$$= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t \tag{69}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{w} \\ \boldsymbol{x}_t^\star \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \\ \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t \\ \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} & \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^\star \end{bmatrix} \right) \tag{70}$$

Using Eq. (61) we get:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^\star + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t \right)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{y}_t^\star - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}) \tag{71}$$

Using Eq. (62) we get:

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}_t^\star} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^\star + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t \right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \tag{72}$$

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