

1 Code

The following code was used to generate (function) samples from Gaussian processes using several covariance functions. The simulations are shown below.

Listing 1: GP code

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# For the squared exponential and
# two other covariance functions (your choice)
# plot (function) samples from a Gaussian process.
# Several plots should be included for each covariance function,
# varying the number of draws, and the hyperparameters
# associated with each.

# set up workspace
rm(list=ls())
library(MASS)
set.seed(8675309)

# covariance_functions

# squared exponential covariance function
# try l=1,2,...
squared_expo = function(x1, x2, l=1){
  sigma = matrix(0, nrow=length(x1), ncol=length(x1))
  for (i in 1:nrow(sigma)) {
    for (j in 1:ncol(sigma)) {
      sigma[i,j] = exp( -( ( x1[i]-x2[j] )^2 ) / ( 2 * l^2 ) ) )
    }
  }
  return(sigma)
}

# rational quadratic covariance function
rational_quad = function(x1, x2, l=1, alpha=0.5) {
  sigma = matrix(0, nrow=length(x1), ncol=length(x1))
  for (i in 1:nrow(sigma)) {
    for (j in 1:ncol(sigma)) {

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        r = abs(x1[i]-x2[j])
        sigma[i,j] = ( 1 + (r^2)/(2 * alpha * l^2) )^(-alpha)
    }
}
return(sigma)
}

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# gamma exponential covariance function
gamma_expo = function(x1, x2, l, gamma=1){
  sigma = matrix(0, nrow=length(x1), ncol=length(x1))
  for (i in 1:nrow(sigma)) {
    for (j in 1:ncol(sigma)) {
      r = abs(x1[i]-x2[j])
      sigma[i,j] = exp( -(r/l)^gamma )
    }
  }
  return(sigma)
}

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plot_gp = function(nsamps=3, mu=0, l=1, alpha=0.5, gamma=1, cvfun="squared_exp")
  xs = seq(-10,10,length.out=200)
  xlab = paste("x, n=", nsamps, ", mu=", mu, ", l=", l, sep="")

  if(cvfun=="squared_exp"){
    sigma = squared_exp(xs, xs, l)
  } else if(cvfun=="rational_quad"){
    sigma = rational_quad(xs, xs, l, alpha)
    xlab = paste(xlab, ", alpha=", alpha, sep="")
  } else if(cvfun=="gamma_exponential"){
    sigma = gamma_expo(xs, xs, l, gamma)
    xlab = paste(xlab, ", gamma=", gamma, sep="")
  }
}

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# draw samples
samps = matrix(rep(0, length(xs)*nsamps), ncol=nsamps)
for (i in 1:nsamps) {
  samps[,i] <- mvrnorm(1, rep(mu, length(xs)), sigma)
}
samps <- cbind(x=xs, as.data.frame(samps))

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# plot function draws
plot(samps$x, samps$V1,

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        lwd=2,
        ylim=c(-3, 3),
        type="l",
        col="grey60",
        xlab=xlab,
        ylab="f(x)")
    for(i in 3:(nsamps+1)) {
        lines(samps[,1], samps[,i], col=i, lwd=2)
    }
}

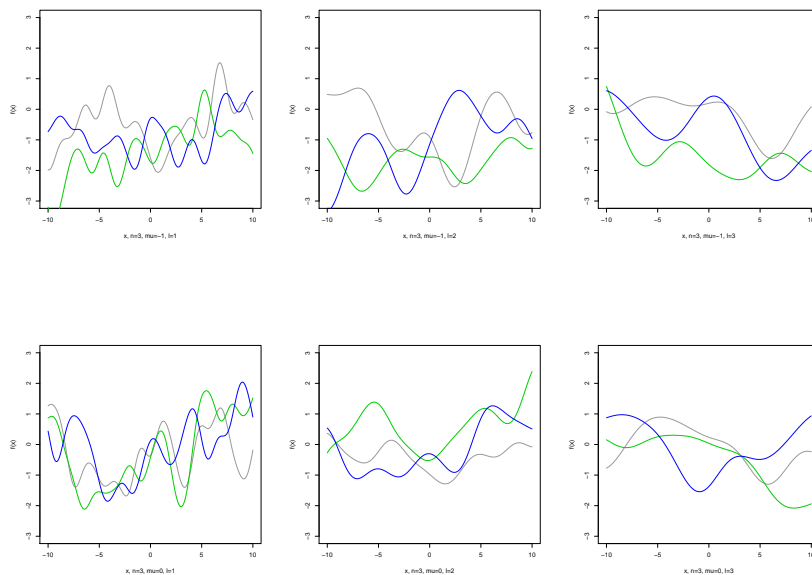
for(n in c(3, 5, 10)){
  for(m in c(-1, 0, 1)){
    for(l in c(1, 2, 3)){
      for(cv in c("squared_exponential", "rational_quadratic", "gamma_exponential")){
        if(cv=="squared_exponential"){
          filename = paste("n", n, "-m", m, "-l", l, sep="")
          filename = paste(filename, ".pdf", sep="")
          pdf(filename)
          plot_gp(nsamps=n, mu=m, l=l, cvfun=cv)
          dev.off()
        } else if(cv=="rational_quadratic"){
          for(a in c(0.5, 2, 3)){
            filename = paste("n", n, "-m", m, "-l", l, sep="")
            filename = paste(filename, "-a", a*2, ".pdf", sep="")
            pdf(filename)
            plot_gp(nsamps=n, mu=m, l=l, alpha=a, cvfun=cv)
            dev.off()
          }
        } else if(cv=="gamma_exponential"){
          for(g in c(0.5, 1, 2)){
            filename = paste("n", n, "-m", m, "-l", l, sep="")
            filename = paste(filename, "-g", g*2, ".pdf", sep="")
            pdf(filename)
            plot_gp(nsamps=n, mu=m, l=l, gamma=g, cvfun=cv)
            dev.off()
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

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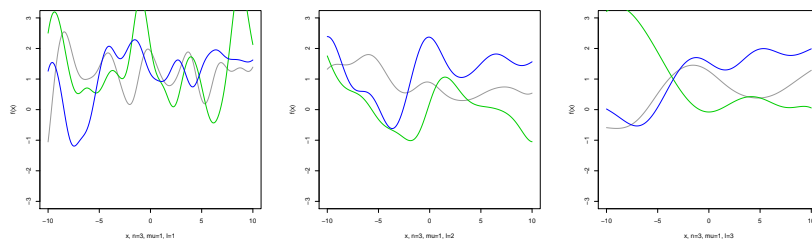


2 Squared Exponential Covariance

The simulations in this section use the squared exponential covariance function:

$$k(x, x') = \exp\left\{-\frac{(x - x')^2}{2\ell^2}\right\}$$

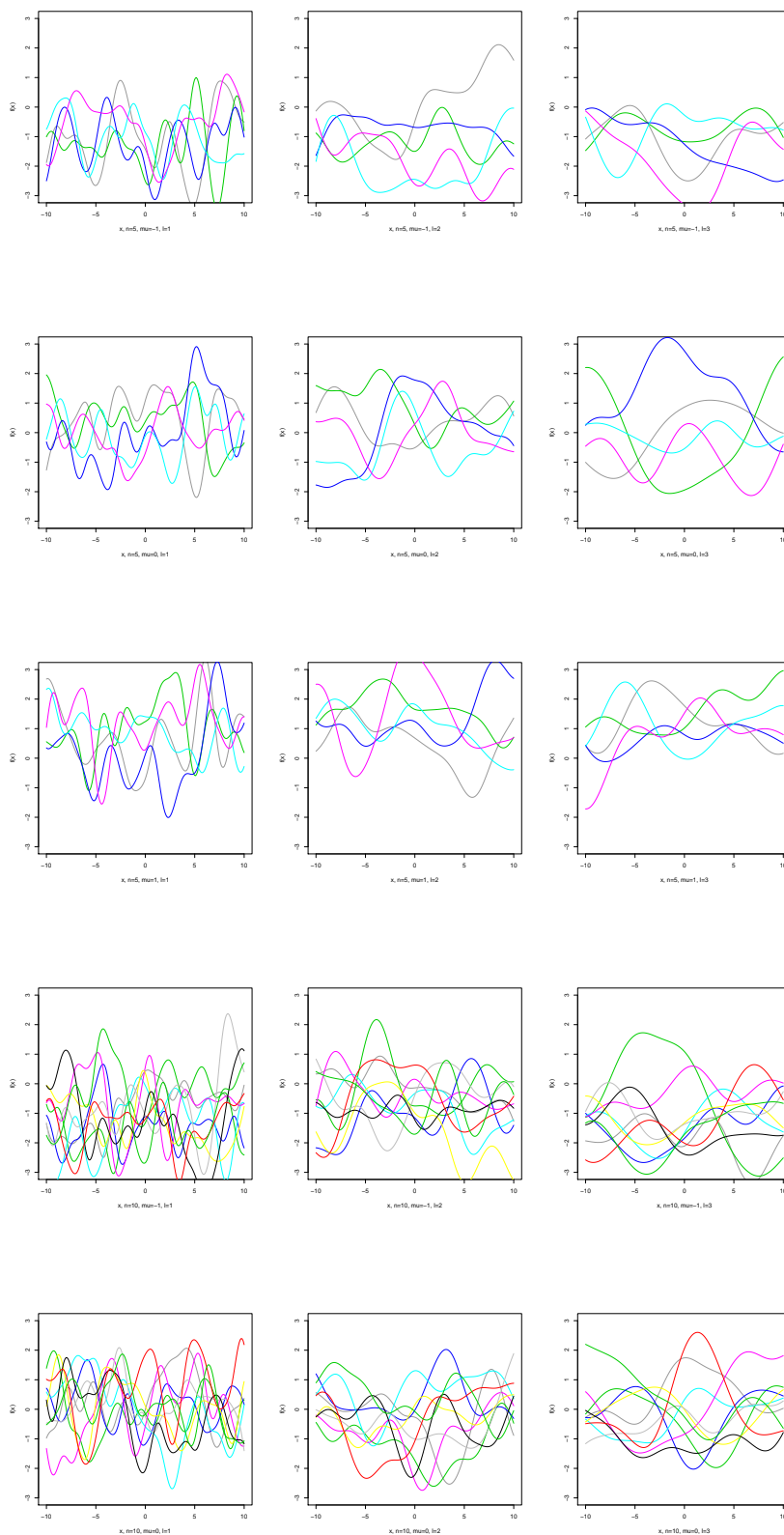
The parameters of interest here are the number of functions generated, n , the mean of the multivariate normal used for the simulations, μ , and the length scale ℓ . Each simulation plot shows the parameters used.



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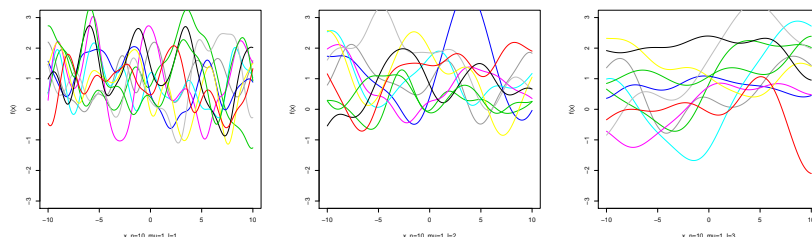
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3 Rational Quadratic Covariance

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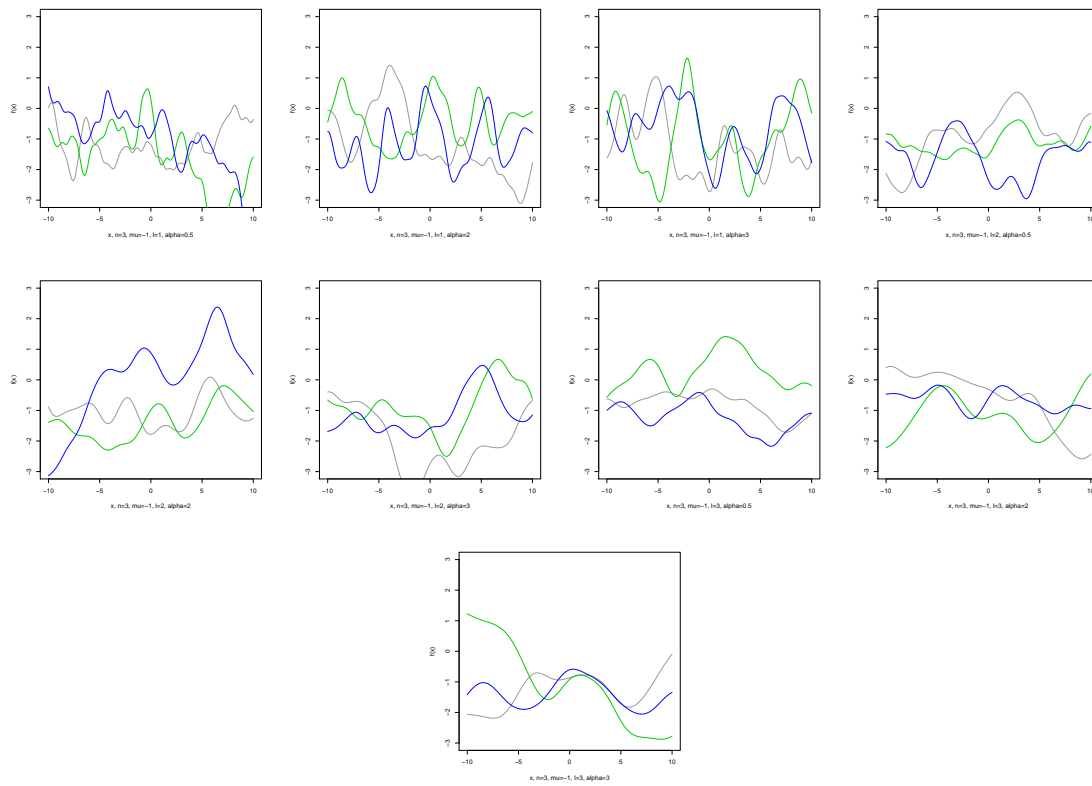
$$k(x, x') = \left(1 + \frac{(x - x')^2}{2\alpha\ell^2}\right)^{-\alpha}$$

The parameters of interest here are the same as above with the addition of α . The tuple (α, ℓ) can be seen as a scale mixture.

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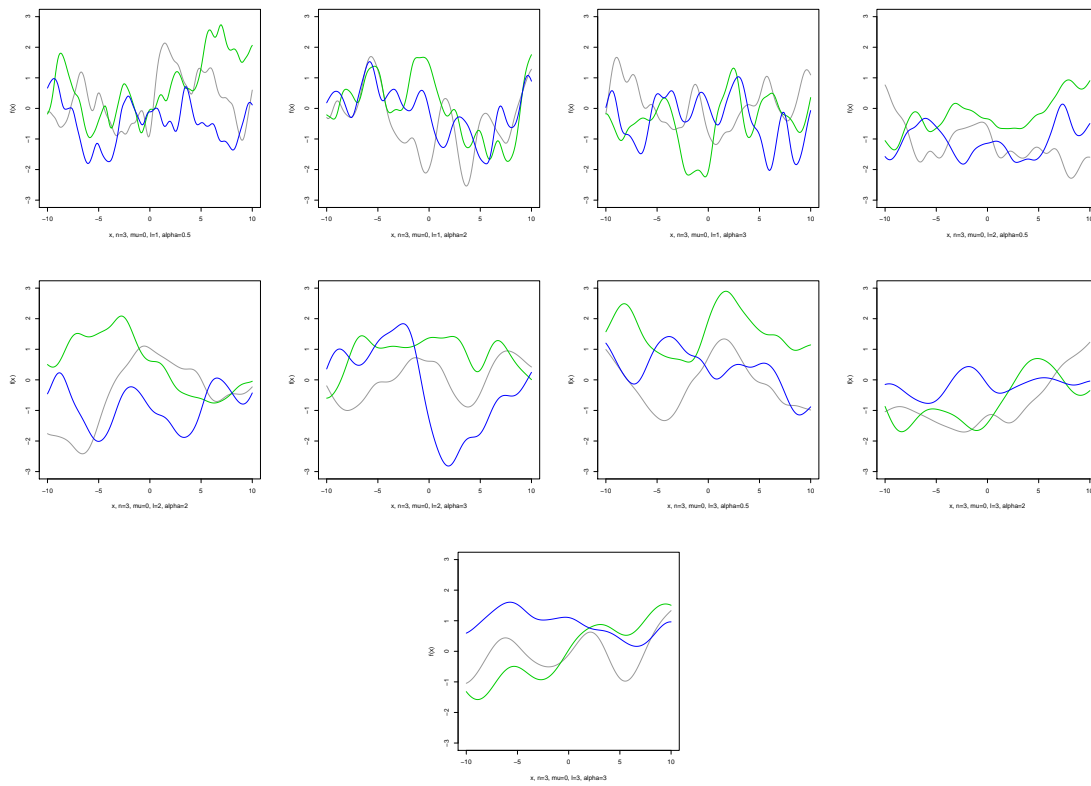
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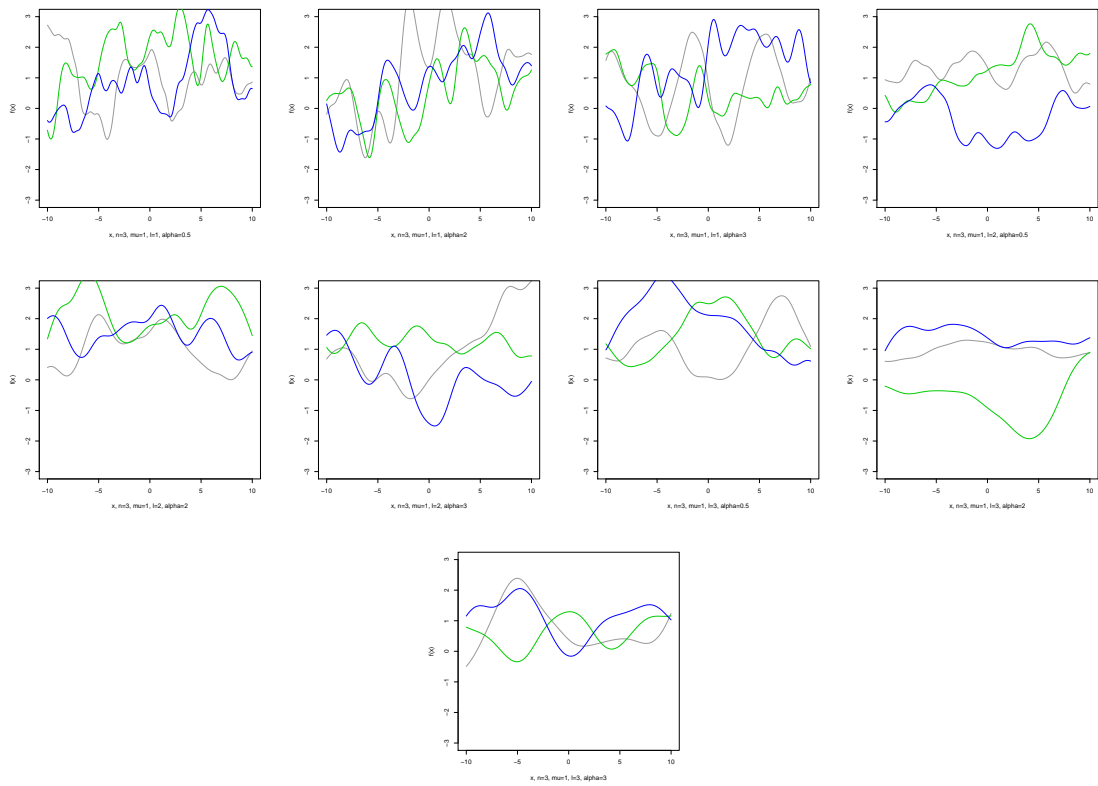
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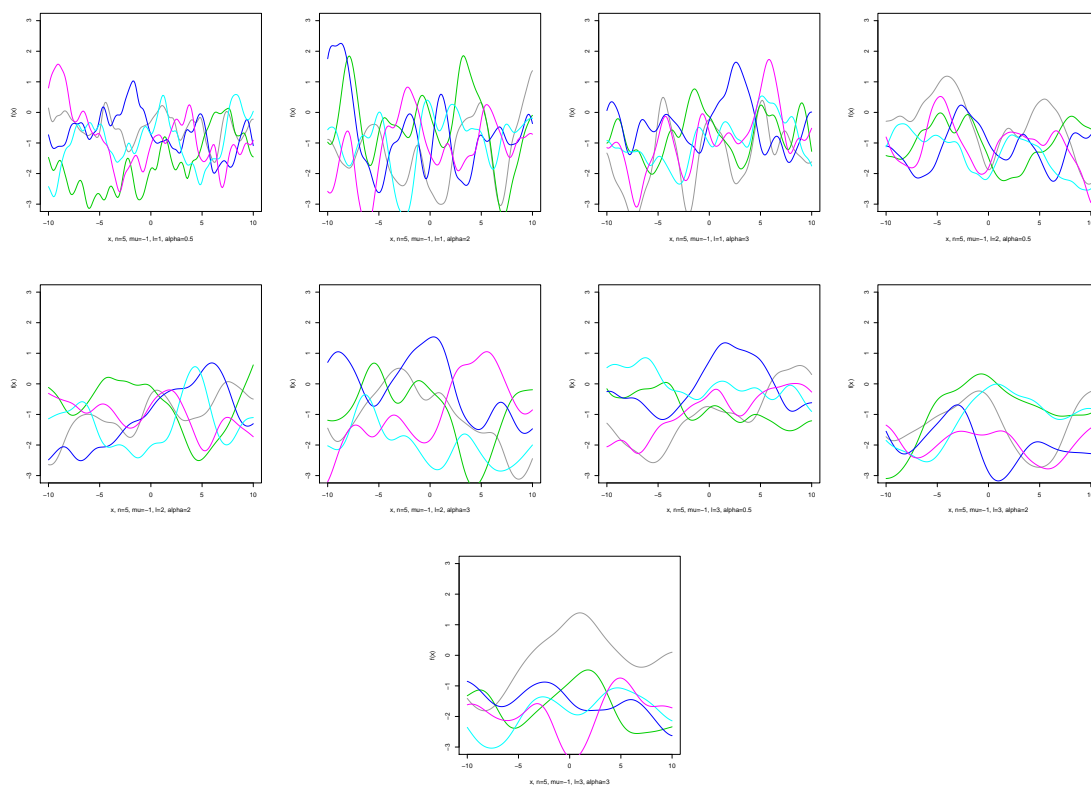
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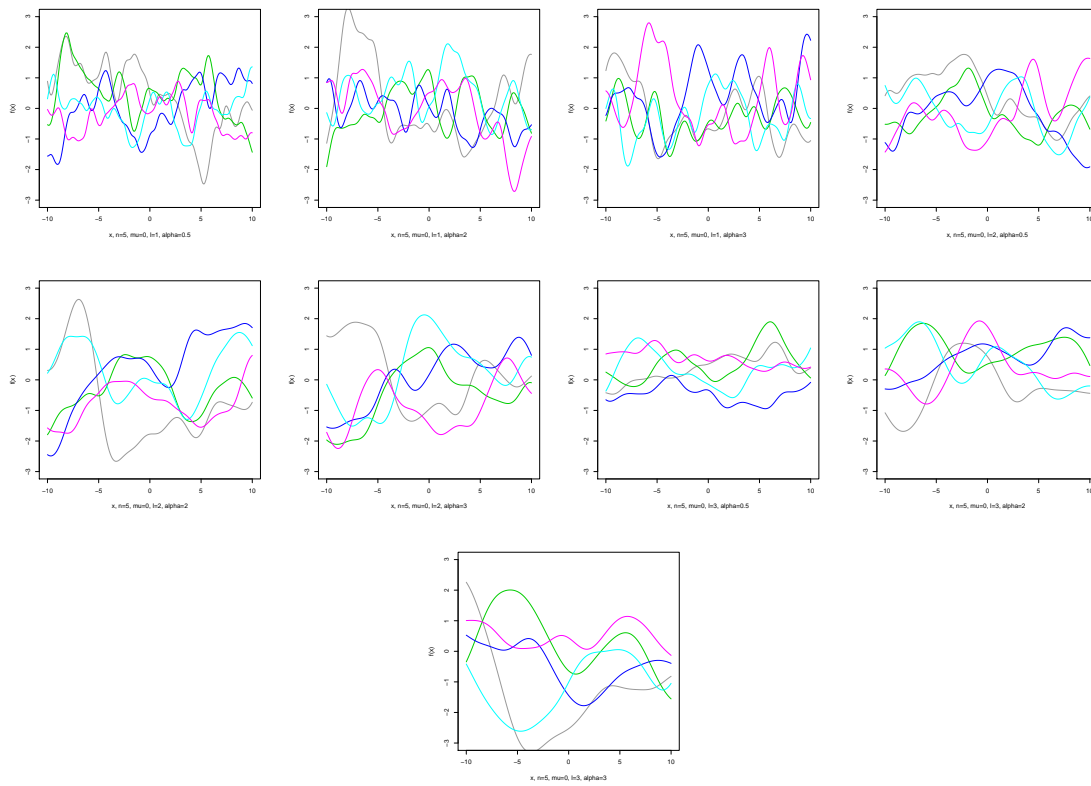
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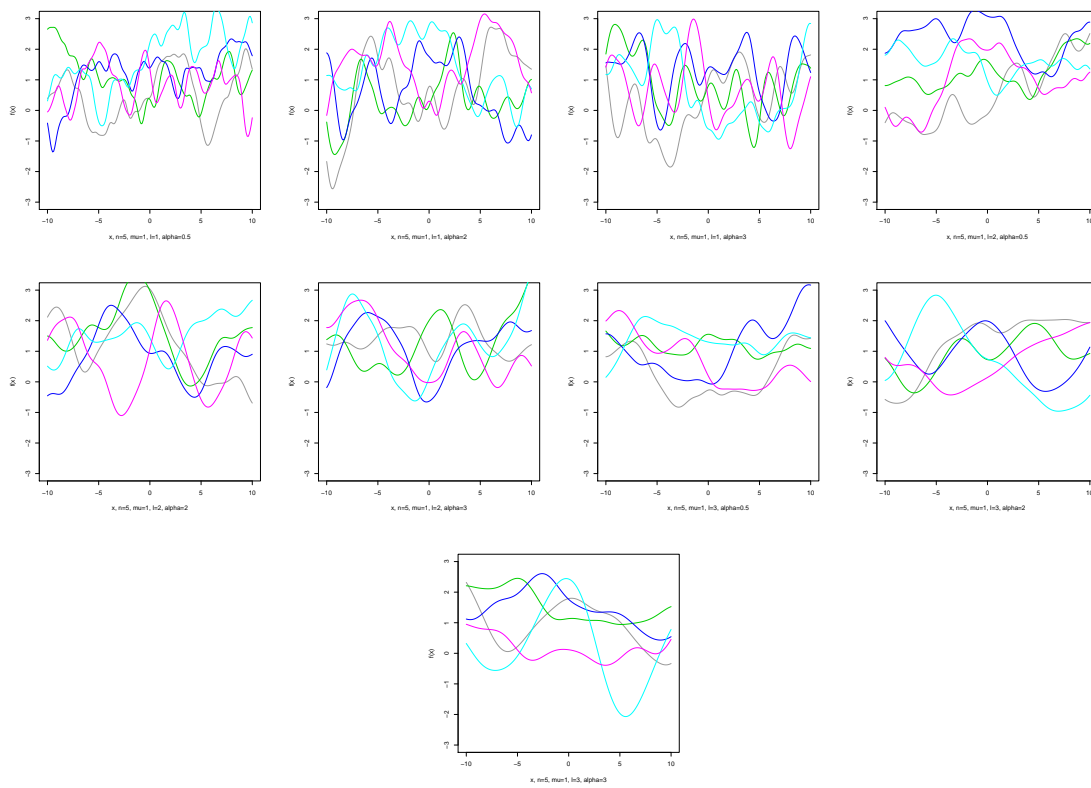
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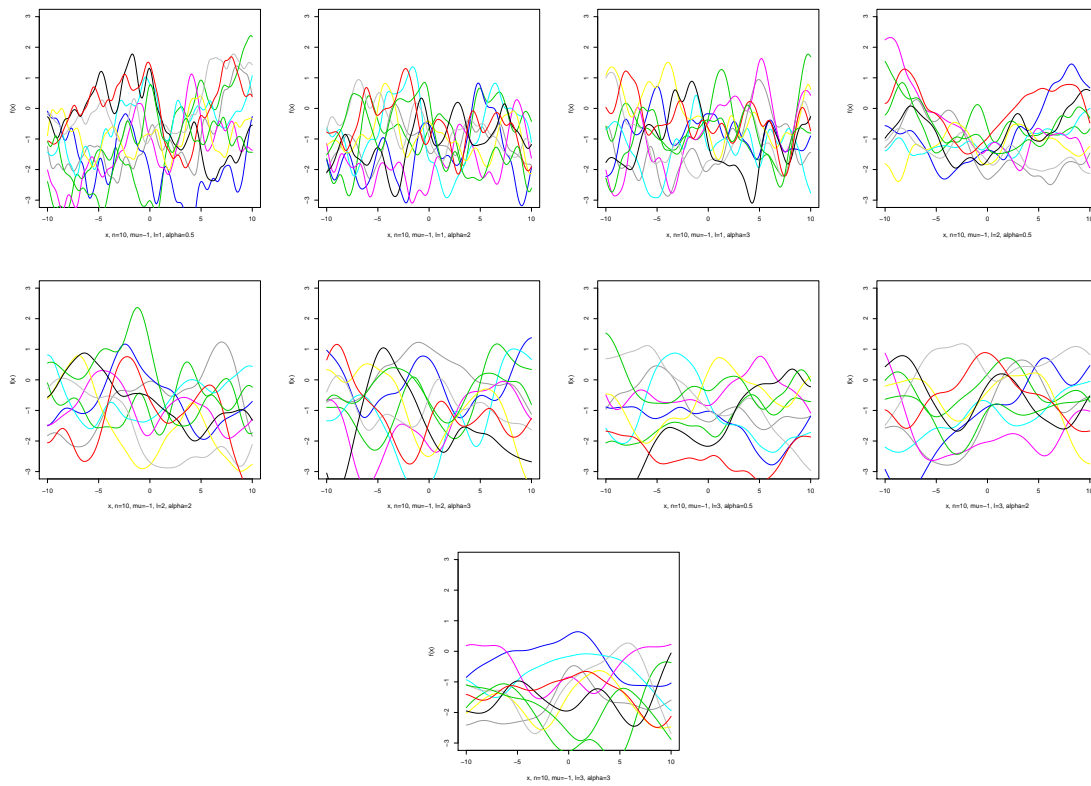
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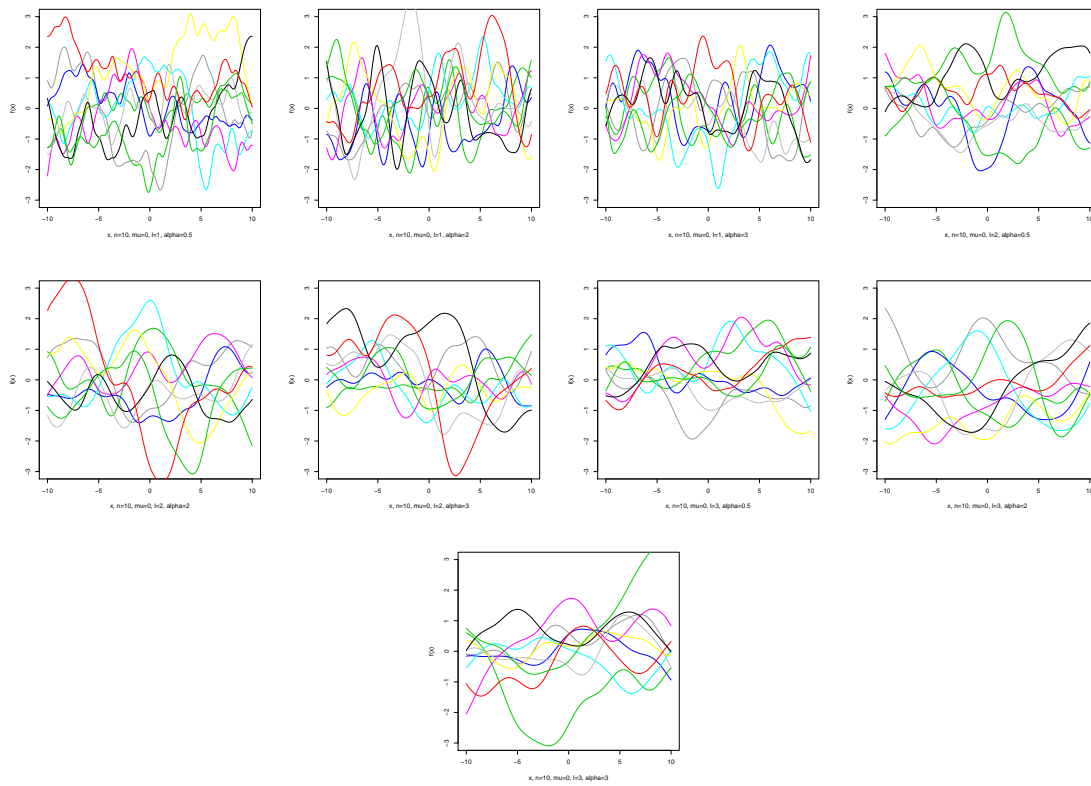
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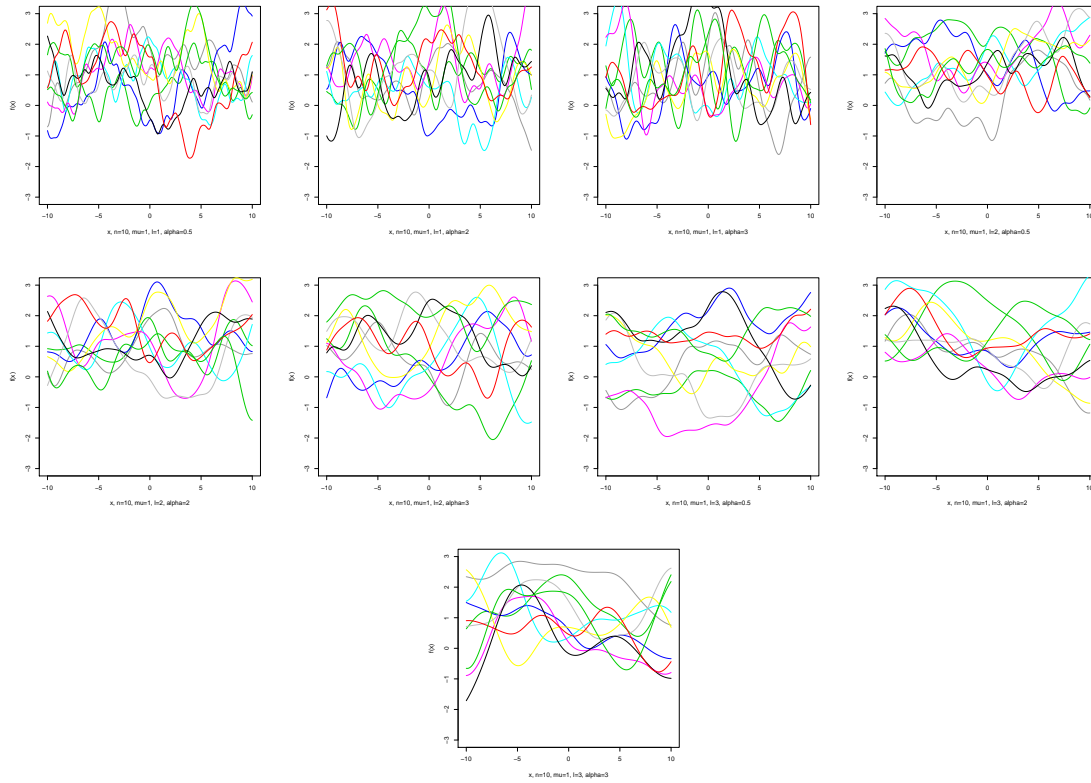
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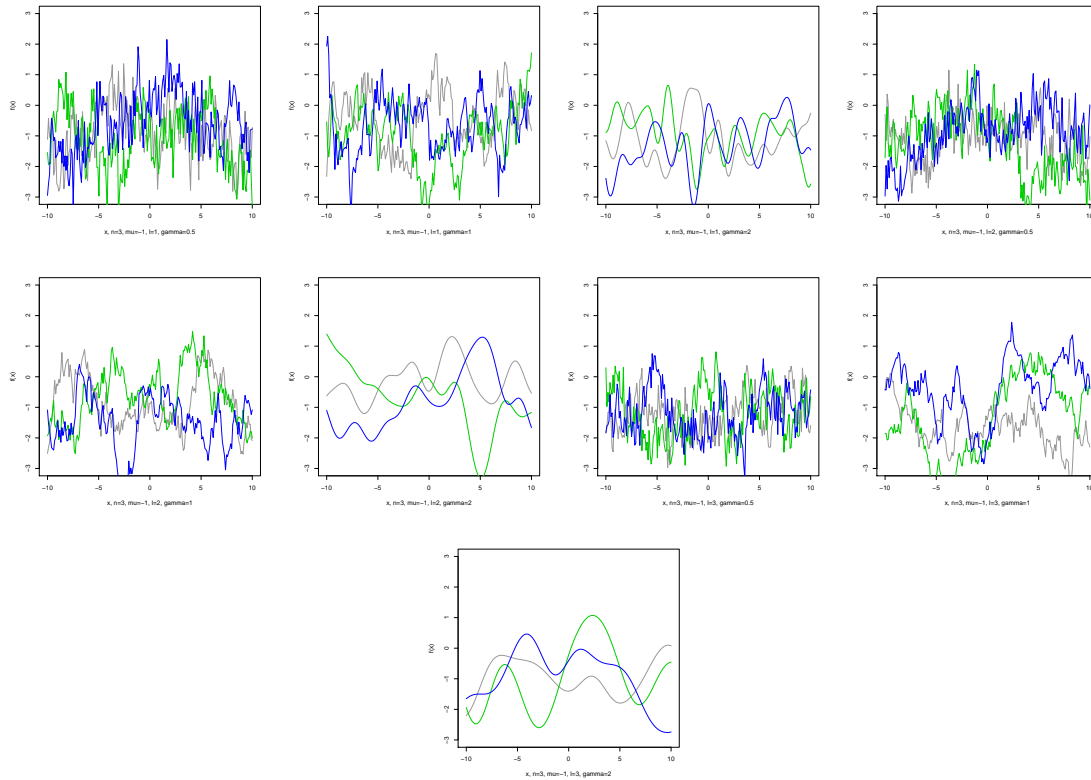
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4 γ -Exponential Covariance

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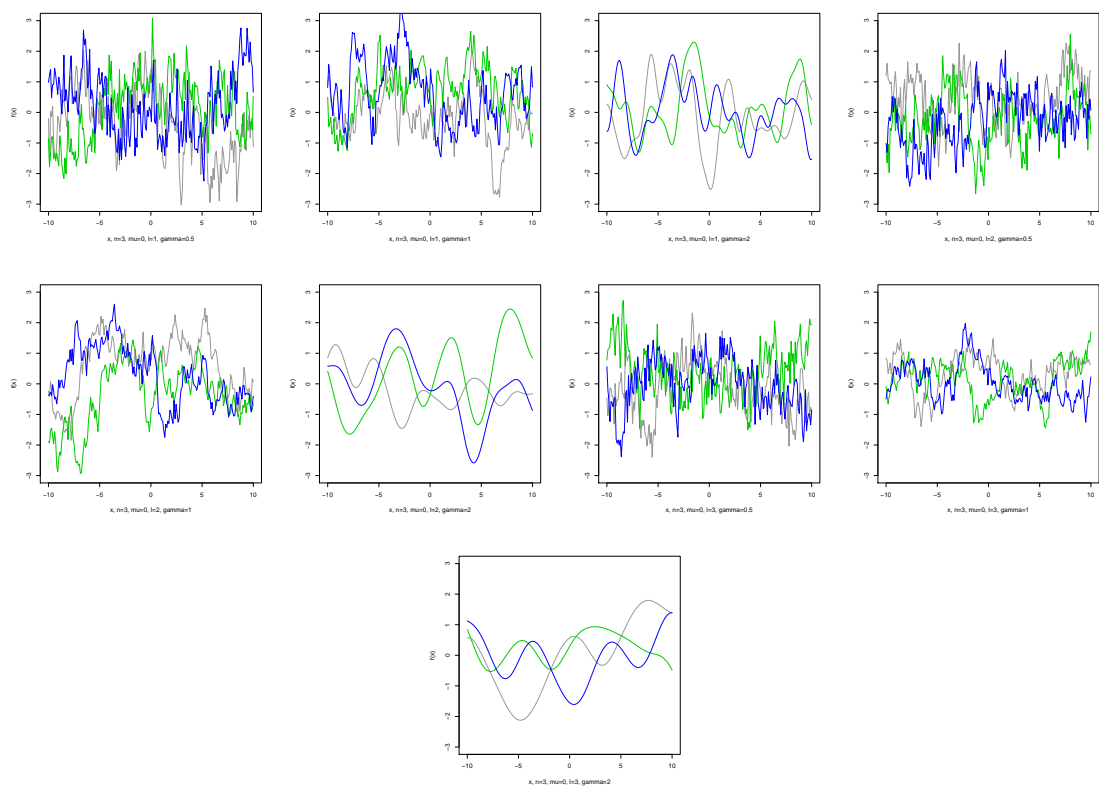
$$k(x, x') = \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{x - x'}{\ell}\right)^\gamma\right\}$$

The parameters of interest here are the same as the squared exponential, with the addition of γ . This is a more general class of covariance function, of which the exponential and squared exponential are special cases.

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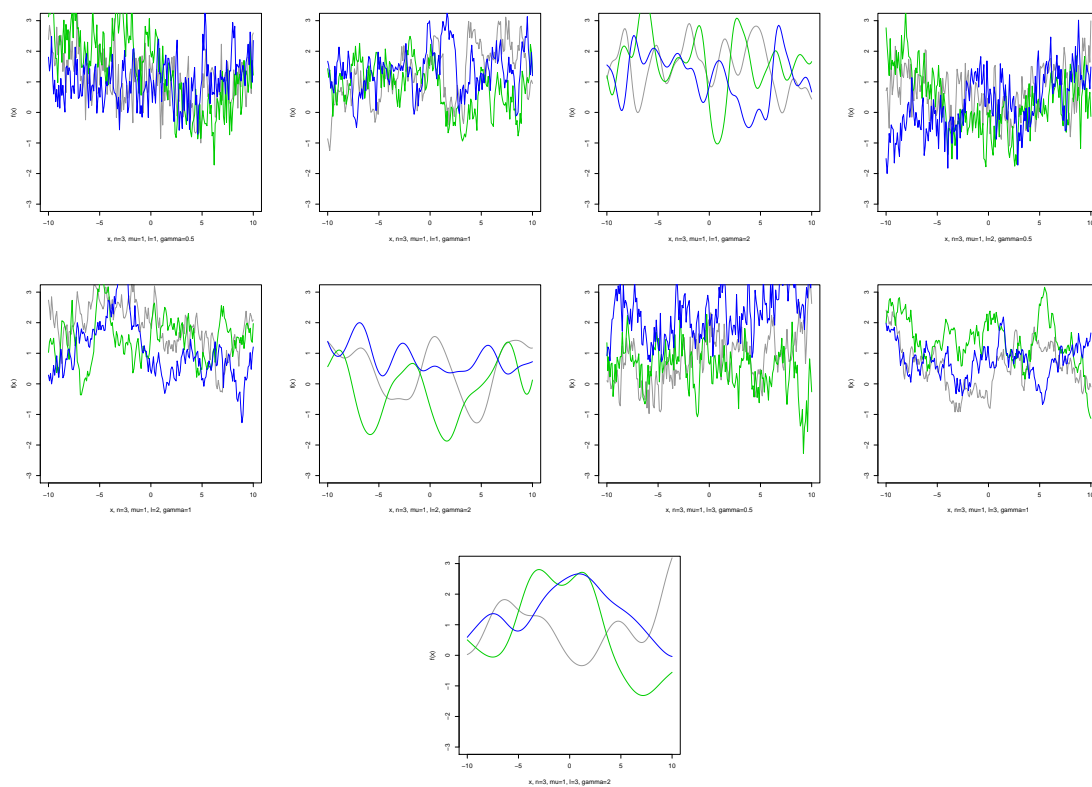
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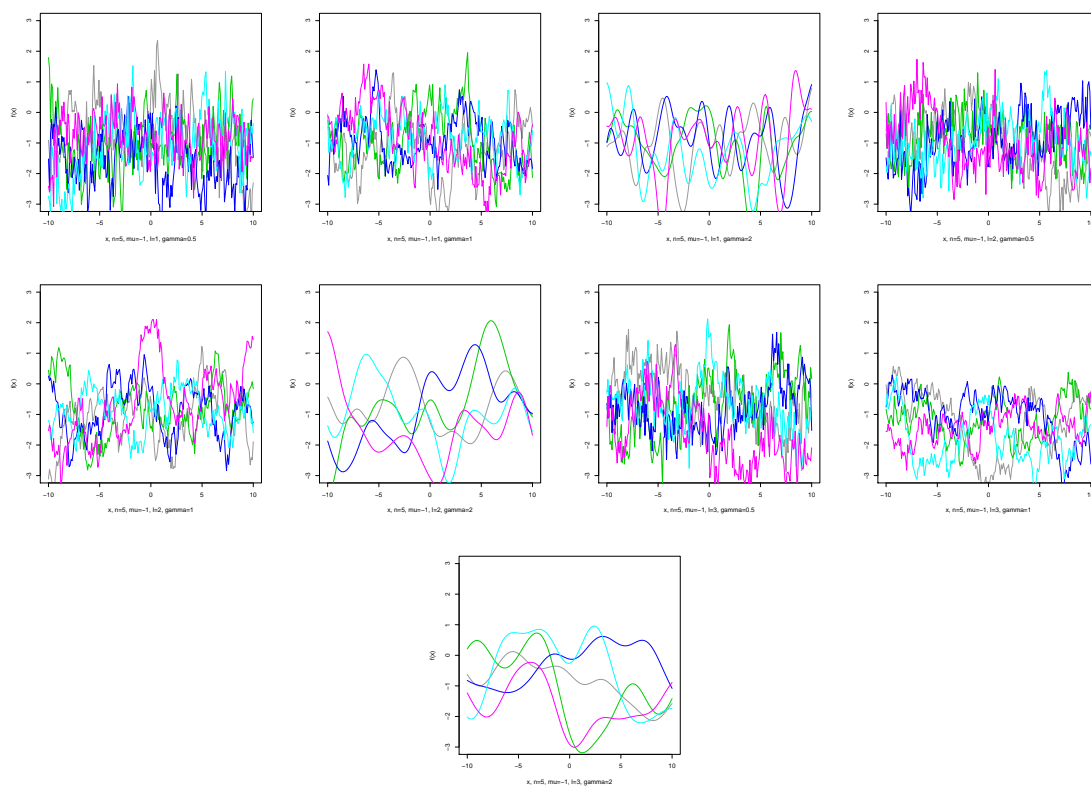
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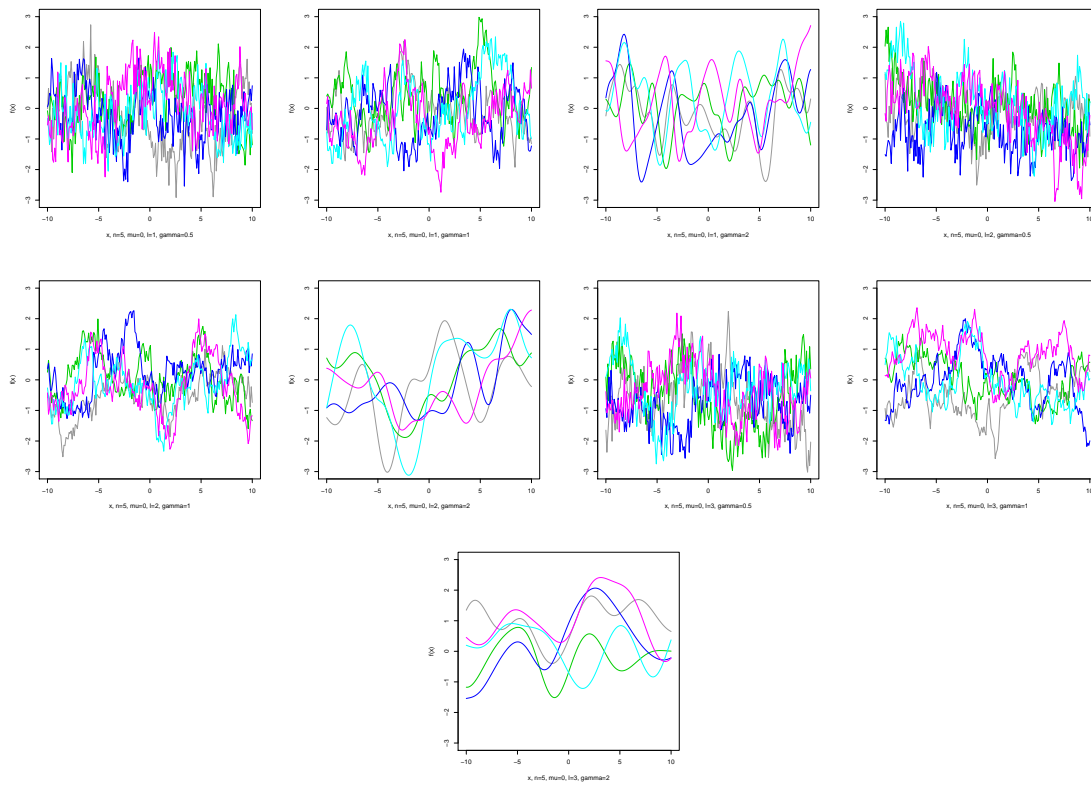
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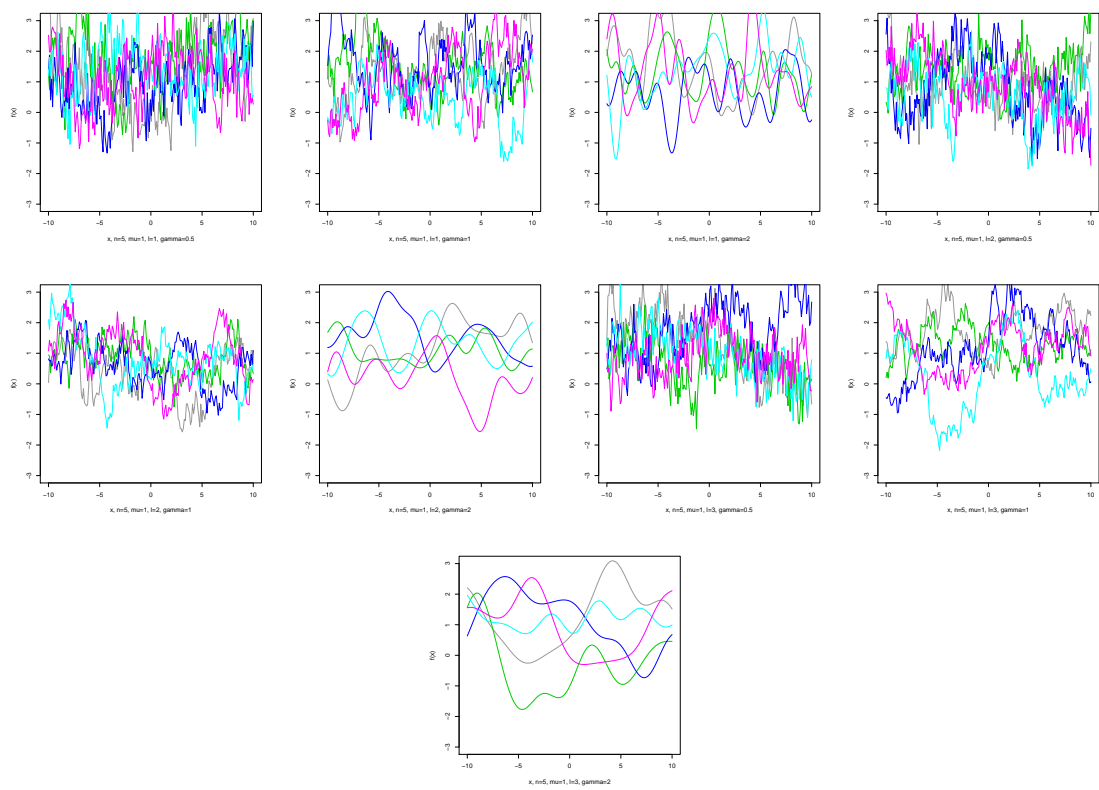
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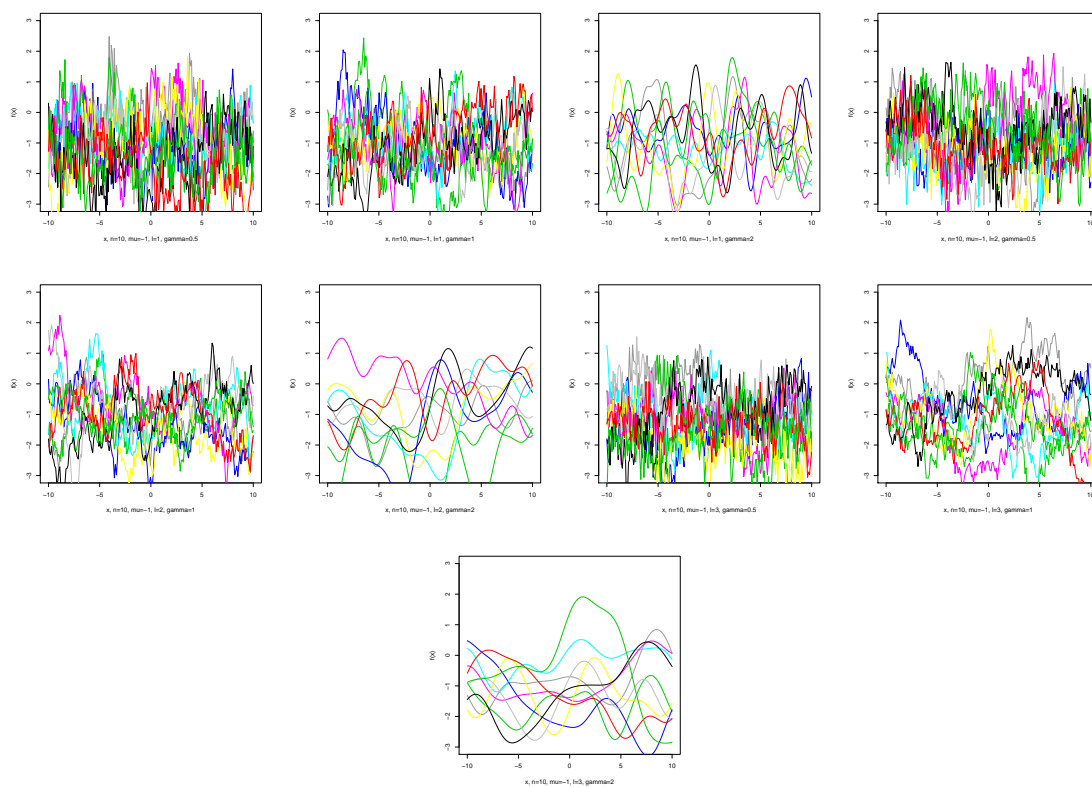
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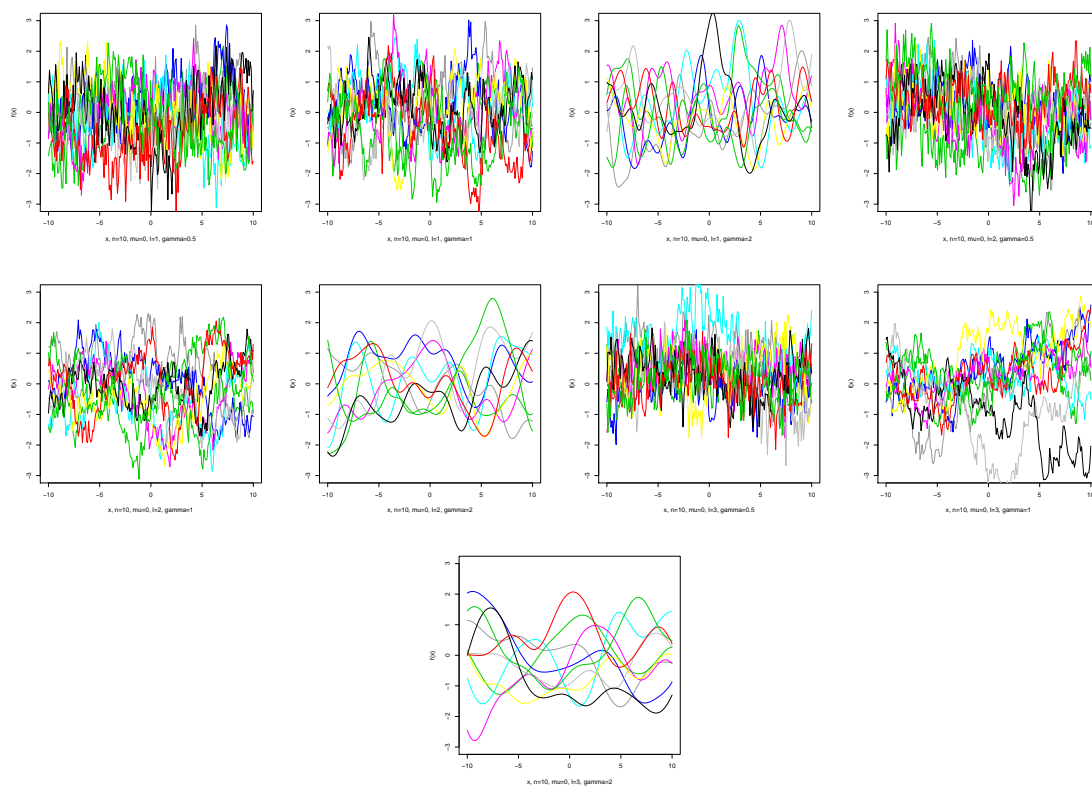
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