

# Gaussian Process Regression

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In [1]: # Run this cell first (shit+enter) to import all packages

from numpy import array, matrix, meshgrid, invert, ones, \
hstack, vstack, dot, linspace, sin, diag, abs, arange, \
cos, exp, identity
import numpy as np
from numpy.linalg import inv
from numpy.ma import masked_where
from matplotlib.pyplot import plot, fill_between

%matplotlib inline
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## 1 Gaussian Process Regression Demonstration

### 1.1 About

This notebook is supplementary material for the lecture “[Maschinelles Lernen 2](#)” at the [Karlsruhe Institute of Technology](#). It is intended to give the class’ participants a feeling for the discussed algorithm and a brief introduction to numerical computation with python and [jupyter](#). You are invited to modify the code but please do not share it outside the scope of the lecture. To install it on windows, it is recommended to use the [anaconda distribution](#). Please inform us if you encounter problems with this notebook.

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### 1.2 Kernel functions

The kernel functions in this notebook use a [python decorator](#) that transforms the *first two* arguments into matrices which yield all combinations of the input vectors when compared element-wise (cf. Cartesian product). Note that this works only for vectors and not for matrices (see [this thread](#) to handle higher dimensions).

Example:

$$k((x_1, x_2)^T, (y_1, y_2)^T) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} k(x_1, y_1) & k(x_1, y_2) \\ k(x_2, y_1) & k(x_2, y_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

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In [2]: # Press shift+enter to execute this cell
# and add the kernel functions
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def kernel_function(f):
    def decorator(x,y,*args, **kwargs):
        xx,yy = meshgrid(x,y)
        val = f(xx,yy, *args, **kwargs)
        return matrix(val)
    return decorator

class kernels(object):
    @kernel_function
    def periodic(x,y):
        return np.exp(np.cos((x-y)))

    @kernel_function
    def squared_exponential(x,y):
        return np.exp(-(x-y)**2/2)

    @kernel_function
    def exponential(x,y):
        return np.exp(-(x-y)/0.5)

    @kernel_function
    def symmetric(x,y):
        return np.exp(-(abs(x)-abs(y))**2/2)

    @kernel_function
    def squared_exponential_param(x,y,signal_variance=1.0,
                                   length_scale=0.1):
        return signal_variance * \
            np.exp(-(x-y)**2/length_scale)

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## 1.3 Regression Examples

### 1.3.1 Squared Exponential

Kernel function (stationary):

$$k(d) = \exp\left(-\frac{d^2}{2}\right), \quad \text{where } d = \|x - y\|$$

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In [3]: latent = lambda x: sin(x) # the latent function
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# input values of the training instances
X = array([1.5,2,3.5,4.5])
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## Uncomment the following two lines to see an example
## showing that it is often necessary to determine the
## hyperparameters of a kernel:
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# latent = lambda x: exp(-((x)**2)/0.25)
# X = array([-1,-0.25,0,0.25])

Y = latent(X) # Compute the function values at

# for plotting, evaluate the GP at many x-values
x = linspace(-8,8,50)

kernel = kernels.squared_exponential

cov_X = kernel(X,X)
cov_Xx = kernel(x,X)
cov_x = kernel(x,x)

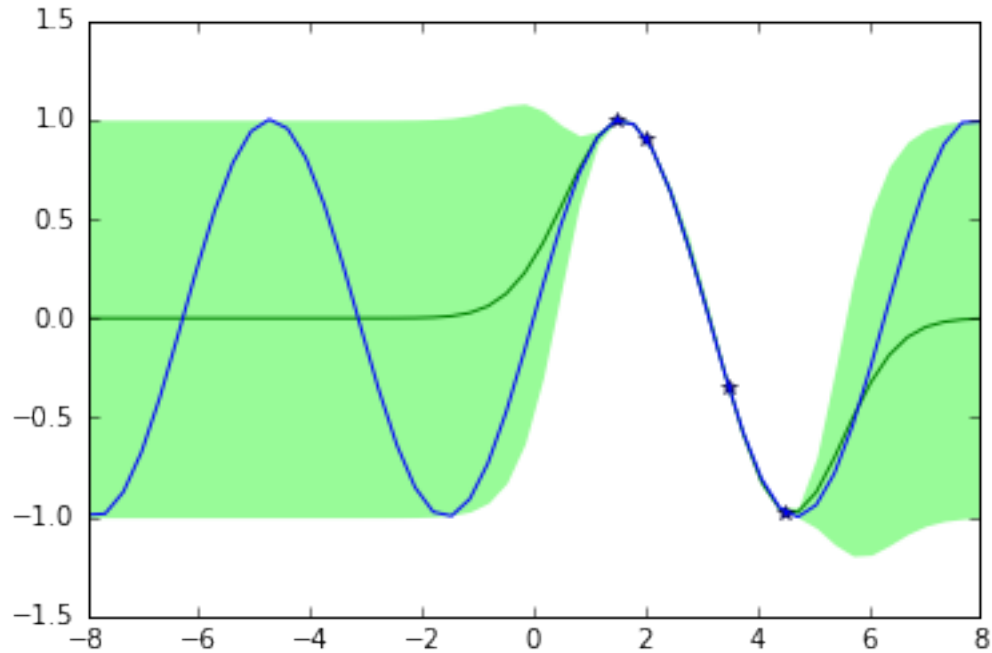
mean = cov_Xx.T * inv(cov_X) * Y.reshape(-1,1)
var = cov_x - cov_Xx.T * inv(cov_X) * cov_Xx

upper = mean+var.diagonal().T
lower = mean-var.diagonal().T

plot(x,mean, '-g')
fill_between(x, upper.A.flatten(), lower.A.flatten(),
             lw=0, facecolor='palegreen', interpolate=True)
plot(X,Y, '*b')
plot(x,latent(x), '-b')

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Out[3]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x112087fd0>]
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### 1.3.2 A symmetric kernel

Kernel function (**non-stationary**):

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

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In [4]: latent = lambda x: sin(x)

X = array([1.5, 2, 2.5])
Y = latent(X)
x = linspace(-8, 8, 55)

kernel = kernels.symmetric

cov_X = kernel(X, X)
cov_Xx = kernel(x, X)
cov_x = kernel(x, x)

mean = cov_Xx.T * inv(cov_X) * Y.reshape(-1, 1)
var = cov_x - cov_Xx.T * inv(cov_X) * cov_Xx

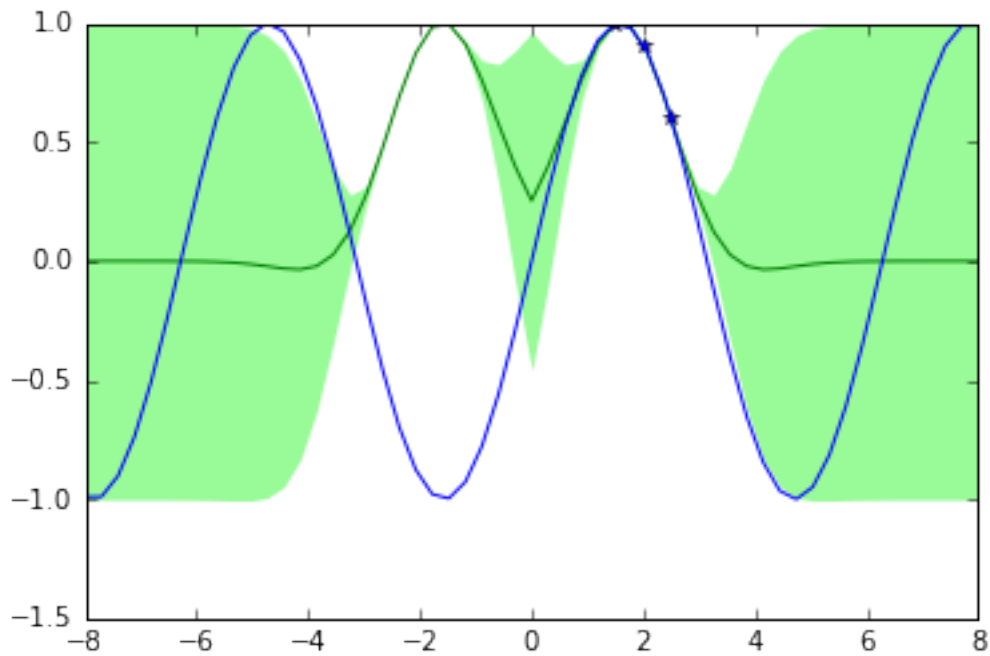
upper = mean + var.diagonal().T
lower = mean - var.diagonal().T
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plot(x,mean,'-g')
fill_between(x, upper.A.flatten(), lower.A.flatten(),
            lw=0, facecolor='palegreen', interpolate=True)
plot(X,Y,'*b')
plot(x,latent(x),'-b')

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Out[4]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1121dddd8>]



### 1.3.3 Periodic kernel

Kernel function (**stationary**):

$$k(d) = \exp(\cos(d))$$

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In [5]: latent = lambda x: sin(x)

## Experiment with higher frequencies!
# latent = lambda x: sin(x*2)

X = array([1.5, 2, 4.5])
Y = latent(X)
x = linspace(0, 20, 100)

kernel = kernels.periodic

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cov_X = kernel(X,X)
cov_Xx = kernel(x,X)
cov_x = kernel(x,x)

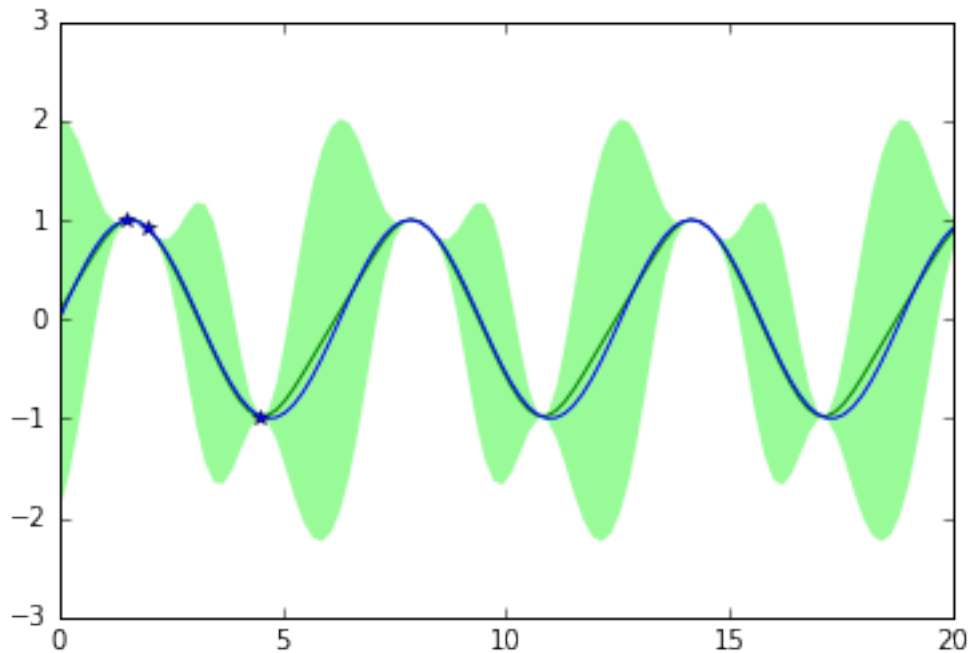
mean = cov_Xx.T * inv(cov_X) * Y.reshape(-1,1)
var = cov_x - cov_Xx.T * inv(cov_X) * cov_Xx

upper = mean+var.diagonal().T
lower = mean-var.diagonal().T

plot(x,mean,'-g')
fill_between(x, upper.A.flatten(), lower.A.flatten(),
            lw=0, facecolor='palegreen', interpolate=True)
plot(X,Y,'*b')
plot(x,latent(x),'-b')

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Out[5]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x11224d898>]



### 1.3.4 Paramterized Squared Exponential

Kernel (**stationary**):

$$k(d) = \sigma_f^2 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-d^2}{2 \cdot l^2}\right) + \sigma_n^2 \delta(d)$$

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In [6]: latent = lambda x: sin(x)

X = array([1.5, 2, 2.5])
Y = latent(X)
x = linspace(0, 4, 50)

# setup the hyperparameters

signal_variance=1
length_scale=1.0
noise_variance=.5

# Shortcut (no need to modify successing code)
kernel = lambda a,b: \
    kernels.squared_exponential_param(a,b, signal_variance,
                                       length_scale)

cov_X = kernel(X,X) + identity(X.size)*noise_variance
cov_Xx = kernel(x,X)
cov_x = kernel(x,x)

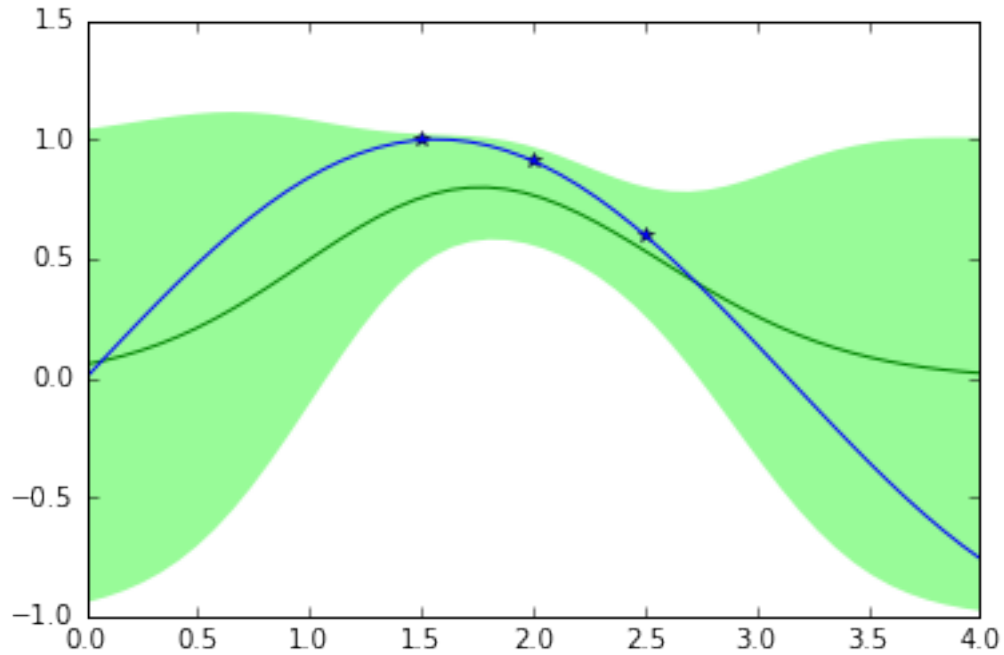
mean = cov_Xx.T * inv(cov_X) * Y.reshape(-1,1)
var = cov_x - cov_Xx.T * inv(cov_X) * cov_Xx

upper = mean+var.diagonal().T
lower = mean-var.diagonal().T

plot(x,mean, '-g')
fill_between(x, upper.A.flatten(), lower.A.flatten(),
            lw=0, facecolor='palegreen', interpolate=True)
plot(X,Y, '*b')
plot(x,latent(x), '-b')

Out [6]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x11234dba8>]

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### 1.3.5 Polynomial Kernel

Kernel (?):

$$k(x, y) = \phi(x)^t \cdot \phi(y) + \sigma_n^2 \delta(d)$$

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In [7]: @kernel_function
def polynomial(x, y, deg):
    """
    Polynomial kernel (inefficient as it uses for-loops)
    """
    result = ones(x.shape)
    for i in range(x.shape[0]):
        for j in range(x.shape[1]):
            phi_x = x[i, j]**arange(deg+1)
            phi_y = y[i, j]**arange(deg+1)
            result[i, j] = dot(phi_x, phi_y)

    return result

latent = lambda x: sin(x*2)

X = array([-0.5, 0.25, 0., 0.25, 0.5])
Y = latent(X)
x = linspace(-2, 2, 50)
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# Experiment with the noise value!
# See what happen for noise=0 (numerical instability).
noise=0.001

kernel = lambda a,b: polynomial(a,b, 3)

cov_X = kernel(X,X) + diag(ones((X.size))) * noise
cov_Xx = kernel(x,X)
cov_x = kernel(x,x)

mean = cov_Xx.T * inv(cov_X) * Y.reshape(-1,1)
var = cov_x - cov_Xx.T * inv(cov_X) * cov_Xx

plot(x,mean, '-g')
plot(X,Y, '*b')
plot(x,latent(x), '-b')

# Note: Here we cut of values >/< +/- 5 as
# the variance increases quickly!

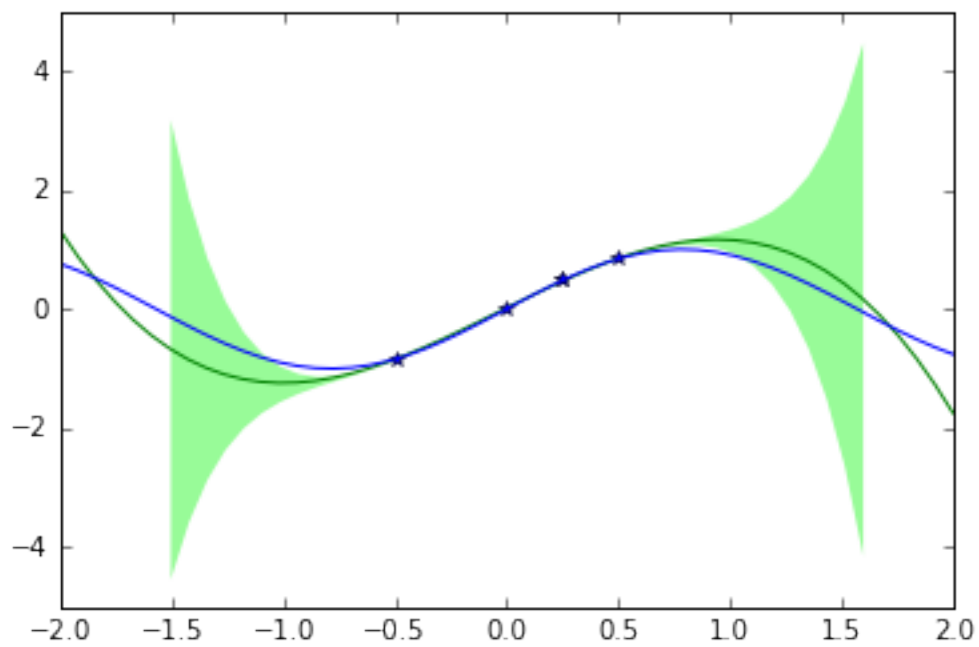
upper = (mean+var.diagonal().T).A.flatten()
lower = (mean-var.diagonal().T).A.flatten()

upper = masked_where(upper > 5.0, upper)
lower = masked_where(lower < -5.0, lower)

fill_between(x, upper, lower, lw=0,
             facecolor='palegreen', interpolate=True)

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Out[7]: <matplotlib.collections.PolyCollection at 0x11245b390>



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