

Sparse Gaussian

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1 mathematical notations

We first give brief description of mathematical notations will be used throughout the project.

The original data set will be denoted as \mathcal{D} which consists of N d -dimensional vectors $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \mid i = 1, \dots, N\}$. Let the new input data be $\mathbf{x}^* = (x_1^*, \dots, x_d^*)$. The pseudo input data set is denoted as $\bar{\mathcal{D}}$ consists of $\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \{\bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \mid i = 1, \dots, M\}$. \mathbf{X} is paired with target $\mathbf{Y} = (y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(N)})$, notice that $y^{(i)}$ are scalars. \mathbf{x}^* is paired with new target y^* . The underlining latent function is denoted as $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}$ and the pseudo one is $\bar{\mathbf{f}}$. A Gaussian distribution is denoted as $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{V})$ with mean \mathbf{m} and variance \mathbf{V} .

2 sparse Gaussian process

We first give a zero mean Gaussian prior over the underlining latent function: $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K}_N)$ where \mathbf{K}_N is our kernel matrix with elements given by, $[\mathbf{K}_N]_{ij} \equiv K_{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}\mathbf{x}^{(j)}} = K(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)})$: Notice that this is the case that we have same number of $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)}$. In case of different sizes, we use \mathbf{K}_{NM} , i.e. N rows for the first input matrix, M rows for the second input matrix.

$$K(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)}) = c \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^D b_k (x_k^{(i)} - x_k^{(j)})^2\right], \quad \boldsymbol{\theta} \equiv \{c, \mathbf{b}\}, \quad (1)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ is the hyperparameters. We provide noises to \mathbf{f} such that $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$. By integrating out the latent function we have the marginal likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K}_N + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) \quad (2)$$

For prediction, the new input \mathbf{x}^* conditioning on the observed data and hyperparameters. Let write the joint probability first

$$p(y^*, \mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}^*, \mathcal{D}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} K_{\mathbf{x}^*\mathbf{x}^*} + \sigma^2 & \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*\mathbf{x}_N} \\ \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}_N^T} & \mathbf{K}_N + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}\right), \quad (3)$$

where $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*\mathbf{x}_N} = (K(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}^{(1)}), \dots, K(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}))$, i.e. $[\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*\mathbf{x}_N}]_i = K(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})$, and $K_{\mathbf{x}^*\mathbf{x}^*} = K(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}^*)$. Now we can condition on \mathbf{y} and get

$$\begin{aligned} p(y^*|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}^*, \mathcal{D}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ = \mathcal{N}(y^*|\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*\mathbf{x}_N}(\mathbf{K}_N + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y}^T, K_{\mathbf{x}^*\mathbf{x}^*} + \sigma^2 - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*\mathbf{x}_N}(\mathbf{K}_N + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}_N^T}). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

For detailed proof, check Theorem 4.3.1 in Murphy's machine learning a probabilistic perspective.

Now we consider pseudo input $\bar{\mathbf{X}}$. Everything still holds except that there are no noises in it. The new input and target pair (\mathbf{x}^*, y^*) is replaced by one of the actually data set and targets pairs $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y_i)$. We therefore just use $\bar{\mathbf{f}}$ represents the pseudo outputs and $\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$, and the single point likelihood is given by

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}, \bar{\mathbf{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{X}}) = \mathcal{N}(y|\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}M}\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}\bar{\mathbf{f}}, K_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}} + \sigma^2 - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}M}\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}M}^T), \quad (5)$$

where $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}M} = (K(\mathbf{x}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)}), \dots, K(\mathbf{x}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(M)}))$, i.e. $[\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}M}]_i = K(\mathbf{x}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)})$. As the target data are i.i.d given the inputs, the complete data likelihood is given by

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \bar{\mathbf{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{X}}) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(y_i|\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \bar{\mathbf{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{X}}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{K}_{NM}\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}\bar{\mathbf{f}}, \mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}), \quad (6)$$

where $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda)$, $\lambda_i = K_{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}\mathbf{x}^{(i)}} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}M}\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}M}^T$, is a $N \times N$ diagonal matrix, and $[\mathbf{K}_{NM}]_{ij} = K(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)})$. Together with a Gaussian prior, $p(\bar{\mathbf{f}}|\bar{\mathbf{X}}) = \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mathbf{f}}|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K}_M)$, integrate over Eq.6 we have the SPGP marginal likelihood over pseudo inputs

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \bar{\mathbf{X}}) &= \int p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}, \bar{\mathbf{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{X}}) p(\bar{\mathbf{f}}|\bar{\mathbf{X}}) d\bar{\mathbf{f}} \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K}_{NM}\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{MN} + \mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Same as we have done from Eq.3 to Eq.4, we first write the joint probability of y^*, \mathbf{y}

$$\begin{aligned} p(y^*, \mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{X}, \bar{\mathbf{X}}) \\ = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} K_{\mathbf{x}^*\mathbf{x}^*} + \sigma^2 & \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*M}\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{MN} \\ (\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*M}\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{MN})^T & \mathbf{K}_{NM}\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{MN} + \mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*M} = (K(\mathbf{x}^*, \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)}), \dots, K(\mathbf{x}^*, \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(M)}))$, i.e. $[\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*M}]_i = K(\mathbf{x}^*, \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)})$. From now on we let

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}'} \equiv \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}') = \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{X}M}\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{MX'} \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_N = \mathbf{K}_{NM}\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{MN}, \quad (10)$$

Also, remember that here N and M represents input and pseudo input data set, matrices, as input matrices of \mathbf{K} , respectively. And after conditioning on \mathbf{y} , we have the SPGP predictive distribution

$$p(y^*|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{X}, \bar{\mathbf{X}}) = \mathcal{N}(\mu^*, \sigma^{*2}) \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^* &= \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{x}^*N}(\mathbf{Q}_N + \mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{y} \\ \sigma^{*2} &= K_{\mathbf{x}^*\mathbf{x}^*} - \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{x}^*N}(\mathbf{Q}_N + \mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{Q}_{N\mathbf{x}^*} + \sigma^2. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The pseudo input $\bar{\mathbf{C}}$ and hyperparameters $\boldsymbol{\Theta} = \{\boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma^2\}$, this can be done by maximizing Eq.7.

Some simplification for matrix inversion. First from matrix inversion lemma

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{UBU}^T)^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} - \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{B}^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{U})^{-1}\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1} \quad (13)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{UBU}^T) = \det(\mathbf{A})\det(\mathbf{B})\det(\mathbf{B}^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{U}), \quad (14)$$

we can rewrite following

$$(\mathbf{K}_{NM}\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{MN} + \mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I})^{-1} \quad (15)$$

$$= (\mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I})^{-1} - (\mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{NM}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{MN}(\mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I})^{-1}, \quad (16)$$

where $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{K}_M + \mathbf{K}_{MN}(\mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{NM}$. Now matrix inversion only happens to $(\mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I})^{-1}$ which is $\mathcal{O}(N)$ as it is diagonal. Now Eq.12 become

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^* &= \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*M}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{MN}(\mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{y} \\ \sigma^{*2} &= \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*\mathbf{x}^*} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}^*M}(\mathbf{K}_M^{-1} - \mathbf{B}^{-1})\mathbf{K}_{M\mathbf{x}^*} + \sigma^2. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

3 implementation

Rewrite

$$\sigma^2\mathbf{\Gamma} = \mathbf{\Lambda} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}, \quad (18)$$

and suppressing data dependency of Eq.7, we have

$$p(\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_N + \sigma^2\mathbf{\Gamma}). \quad (19)$$

We maximize $\mathcal{L} = -\log p(\mathbf{y})$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\log(\det(\mathbf{Q}_N + \sigma^2\mathbf{\Gamma})) + \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{Q}_N + \sigma^2\mathbf{\Gamma})^{-1}\mathbf{y}^T + N \log(2\pi)). \quad (20)$$

Let

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \log(\det(\mathbf{Q}_N + \sigma^2\mathbf{\Gamma})) \quad (21)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{Q}_N + \sigma^2\mathbf{\Gamma})^{-1}\mathbf{y}^T. \quad (22)$$

Use matrix inversion lemma again, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_1 &= \log(\det(\mathbf{K}_M + \sigma^{-2}\mathbf{K}_{MN}\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{NM}) \det(\mathbf{K}_M^{-1}) \det(\sigma^2\mathbf{\Gamma})) \\ &= \log(\det(\mathbf{A})) - \log(\det(\mathbf{K}_M)) + \log(\det(\mathbf{\Gamma})) + (N - M) \log(\sigma^2) \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \sigma^{-2}\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} - \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{NM}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{MN}\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1})\mathbf{y}^T \quad (24)$$

$$= \sigma^{-2}(\|\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{y}^T\|^2 - \|\mathbf{A}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{K}_{NM})^T(\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{y}^T)^T\|^2) \quad (25)$$

where $\mathbf{A} = \sigma^2\mathbf{K}_M + \mathbf{K}_{MN}\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{NM}$. The final negative log marginal likelihood is

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_2 + N \log(2\pi)). \quad (26)$$

3.1 matrix derivatives

Let \mathbf{A} be a matrix with underlining parameter θ . The derivative of the inverse matrix w.r.t θ is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = -\mathbf{A}^{-1}\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial \theta}\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \quad (27)$$

where the partial derivative takes elementwise. If \mathbf{A} is positive definite symmetric, the derivative of the log determinant is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log(\det(\mathbf{A})) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial \theta}) \quad (28)$$

First ignoring the noise variance σ^2 , do partial derivative on $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\dot{\mathcal{L}}_1 &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{A}^{-\frac{T}{2}}) - \text{tr}(\mathbf{K}_M^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{\mathbf{K}}_M \mathbf{K}_M^{-\frac{T}{2}}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{\mathbf{\Gamma}} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \\ \dot{\mathcal{L}}_2 &= \sigma^{-2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{\mathbf{\Gamma}} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{y}^T)^T \right. \\ &\quad + (\mathbf{A}^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{K}_{NM})^T (\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{y}^T)^T)^T \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{A}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{A}^{-\frac{T}{2}} (\mathbf{A}^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{K}_{NM})^T (\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{y}^T)^T) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \mathbf{A}^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{\mathbf{K}}_{NM})^T (\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{y}^T)^T \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \mathbf{A}^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{K}_{NM})^T (\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{\mathbf{\Gamma}} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}}) (\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{y}^T)^T \right) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{A}} &= \sigma^2 \dot{\mathbf{K}}_M + 2 \text{sym}(\dot{\mathbf{K}}_{MN} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{NM}) - \mathbf{K}_{MN} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{\Gamma}} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{NM} \\ \dot{\mathbf{\Gamma}} &= \sigma^{-2} \text{diag}(\dot{\mathbf{K}}_N - 2 \dot{\mathbf{K}}_{NM} \mathbf{K}_M^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{MN} + \mathbf{K}_{NM} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{K}}_M \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{MN}) \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where $\text{sym}(\mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}^T)/2$, however, ignore this sym. To continue, rewrite the kernel

$$K(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)}) = c \exp[-\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^D b_k^{(p)} (x_k^{(i)} - x_k^{(j)})^p], \quad \boldsymbol{\theta} \equiv \{c, \mathbf{b}^{(p)}\}, \quad (31)$$

so here is polynomial kernel, choice different p , suggest linear $p = 1$, quadratic $p = 2$ and cubic $p = 3$. Now partial derivative w.r.t $c, \mathbf{b}^{(p)}$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c} \mathbf{K}_{NM} = \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{K}_{NM} \quad (32)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c} \mathbf{K}_N = \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{K}_N \quad (33)$$

$$\text{diag}(\frac{\partial}{\partial c} \mathbf{K}_N) = \mathbf{I} \quad (34)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b_k^{(p)}} K(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)}) = -\frac{(x_k^{(i)} - x_k^{(j)})^p}{p} K(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)}) \quad (35)$$

$$\text{diag}(\frac{\partial}{\partial b_k^{(p)}} \mathbf{K}_N) = \mathbf{I} \quad (36)$$

w.r.t pseudo inputs

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}_k^{(j')}} K(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(j)}) = \delta_{jj'} b_k^{(p)} (x_k^{(i)} - \bar{x}_k^{(j')})^{p-1} K(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(j')}) \quad (37)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}_k^{(i')}} K(\bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)}) = -\delta_{ii'} b_k^{(p)} (\bar{x}_k^{(i')} - x_k^{(j)})^{p-1} K(\bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i')}, \mathbf{x}^{(j')}) \quad (38)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}_k^{(j')}} K(\bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(j)}) = -\delta_{ij'} b_k^{(p)} (\bar{x}_k^{(j')} - \bar{x}_k^{(j)})^{p-1} K(\bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(j')}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(j)}) \quad (39)$$

$$- \delta_{jj'} b_k^{(p)} (\bar{x}_k^{(j')} - \bar{x}_k^{(i)})^{p-1} K(\bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(j')}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(j)}) \quad (40)$$