



Machine Learning for Time Series

(MLTS or MLTS-Deluxe Lectures)

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 - Bayesian Inference (1 lecture)
 - Gaussian processes (2 lectures) ←
 - State space models (2 lectures)
 - Autoregressive models (1 lecture)
 - Data mining on time series (1 lecture)
 - Deep learning on time series (4 lectures)
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1. Gaussian process classification (GPC) formulation
2. Gaussian process classification (GPC) prediction

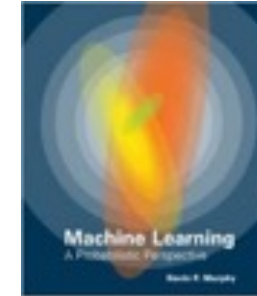
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References

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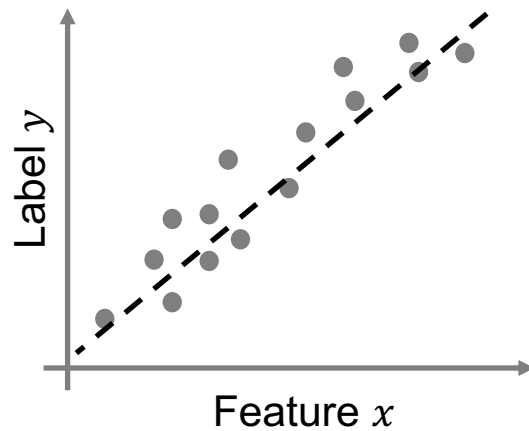


Gaussian process classification (GPC)

GPC formulation



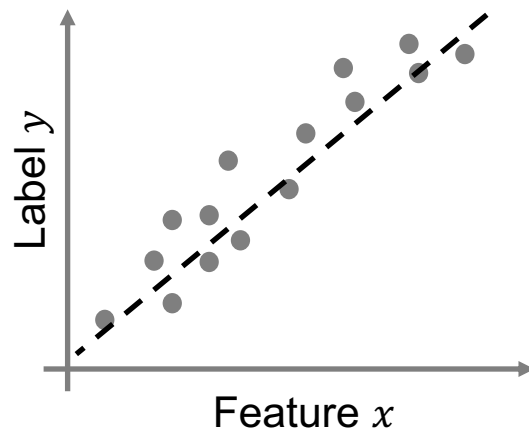
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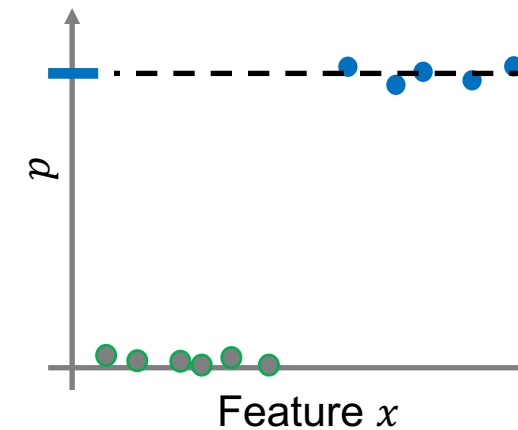
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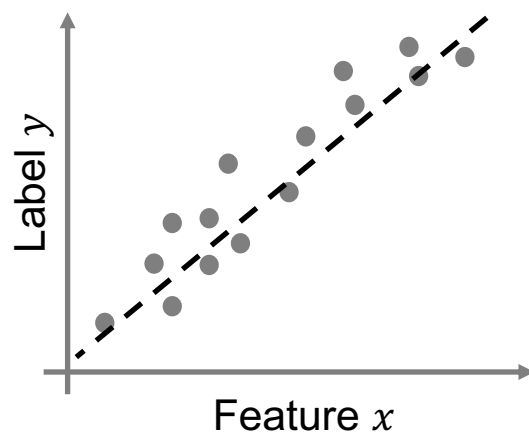
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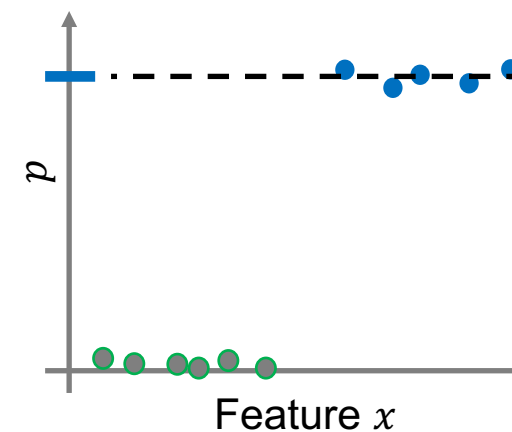
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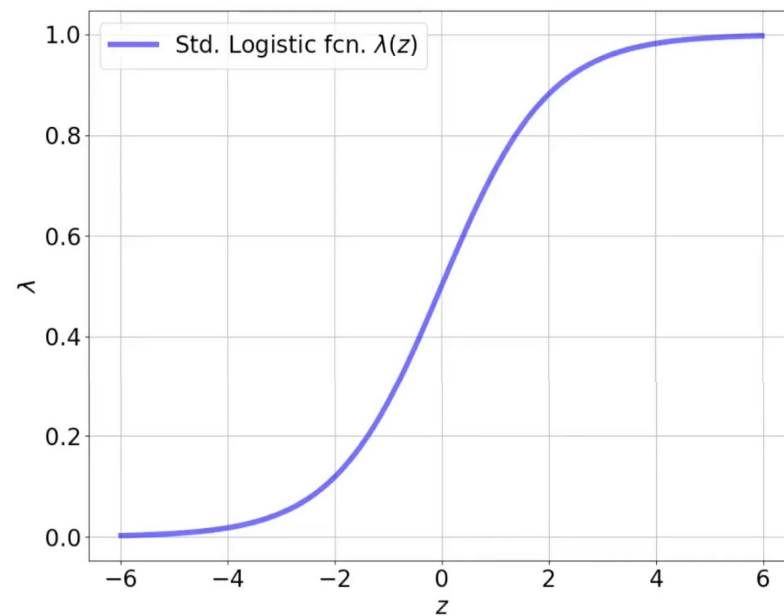
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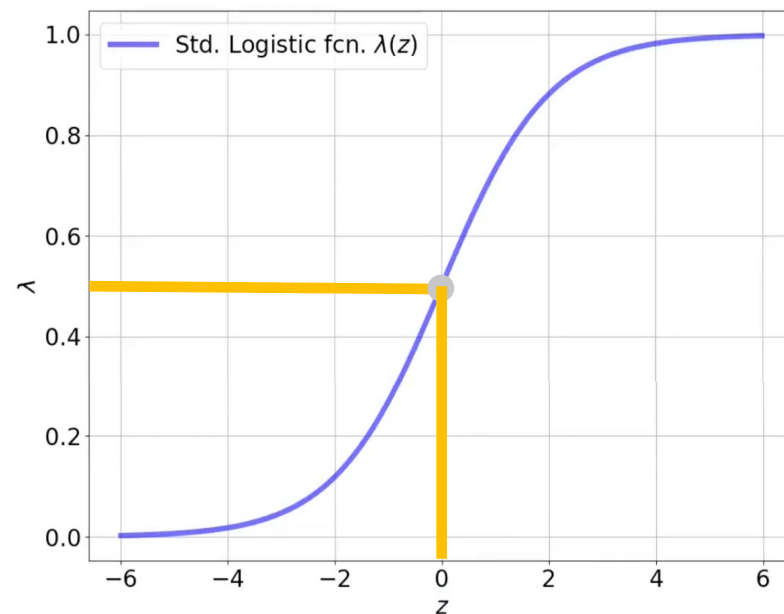
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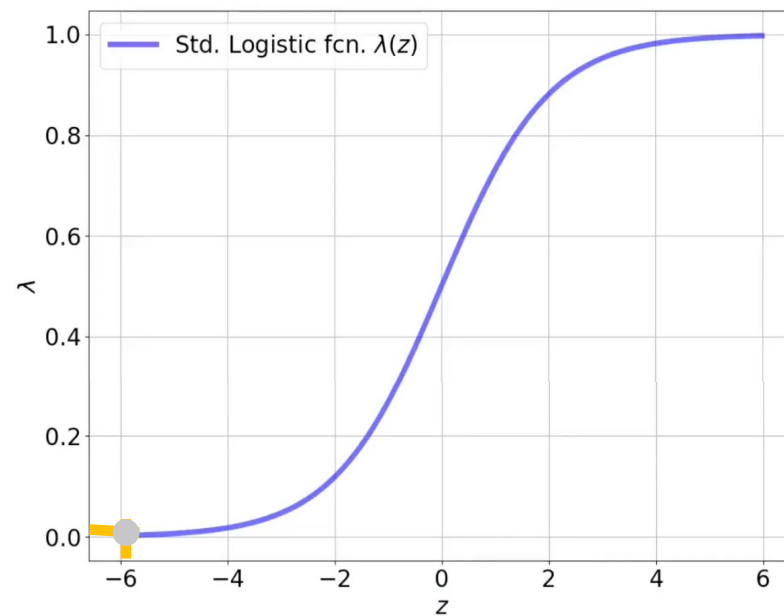
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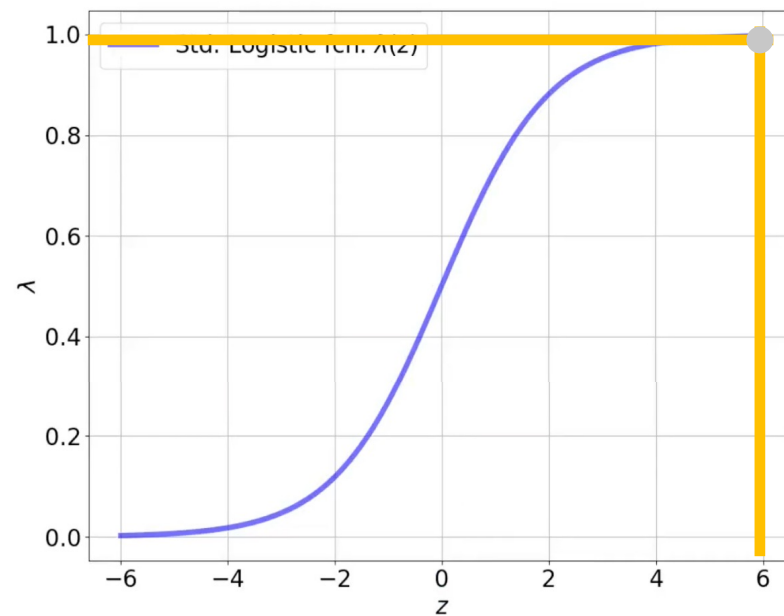
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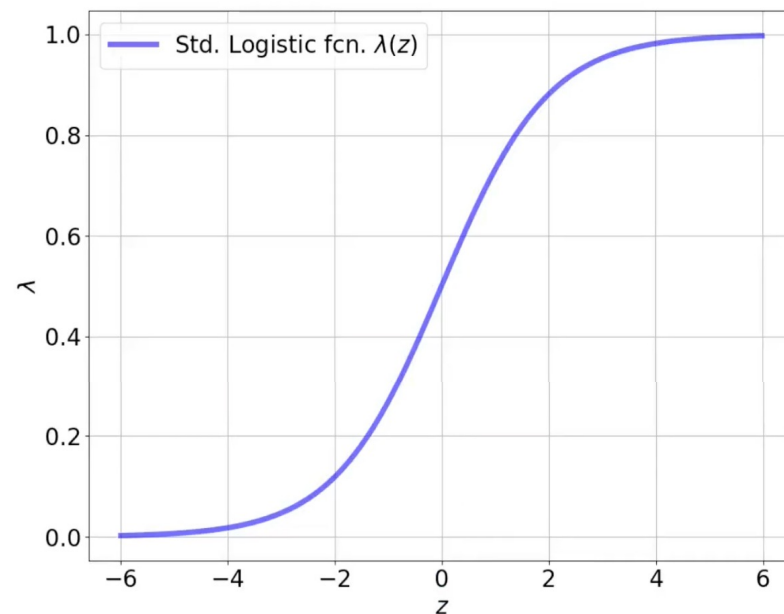
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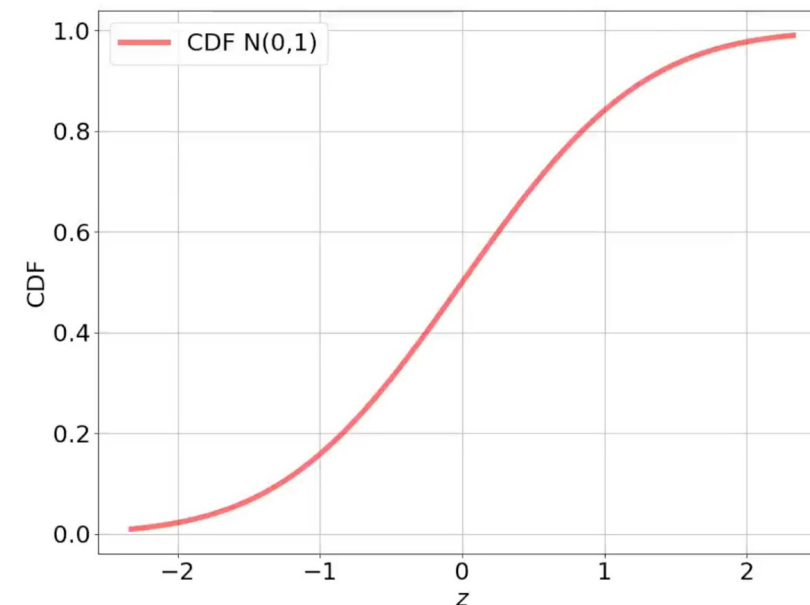
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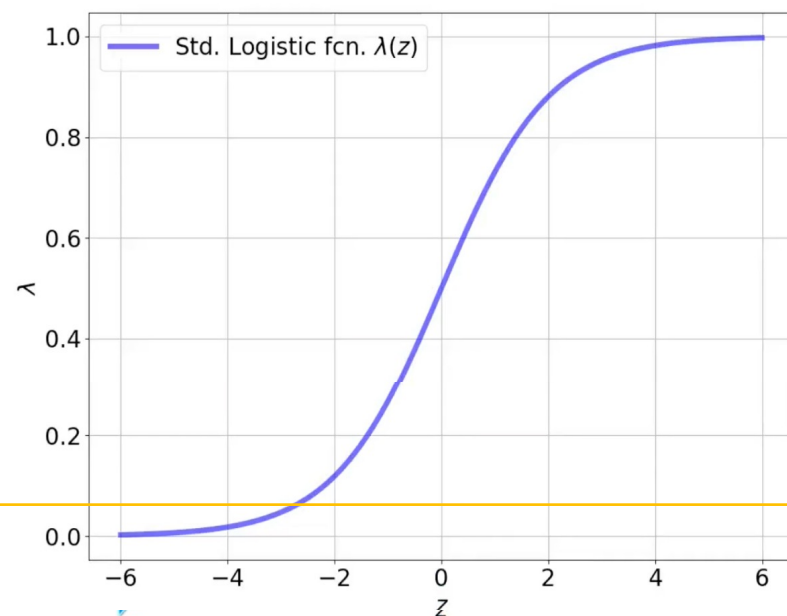
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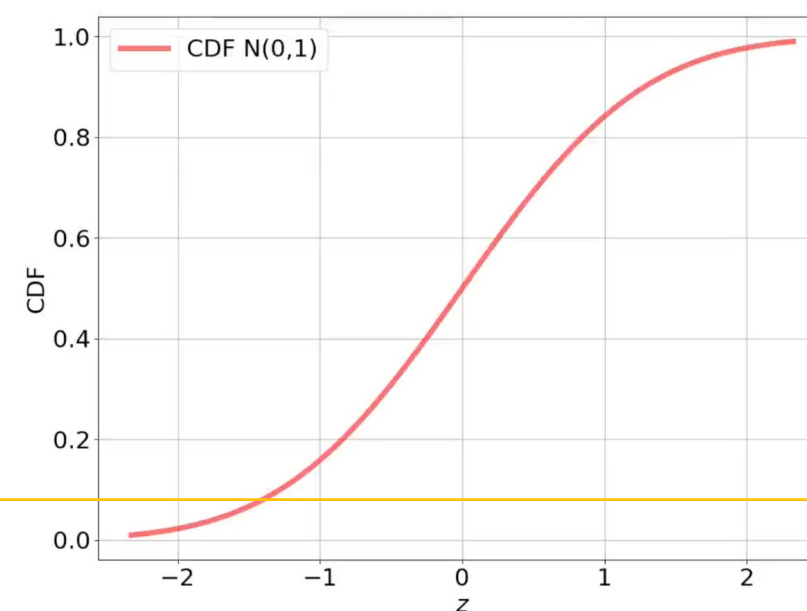


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For symmetric sigmoid functions: $\sigma(-z) = 1 - \sigma(z)$

Thus: $p(y_i | x_i^T w) = \sigma(y_i f_i)$

➤ $y_i = \pm 1$ (Sign)

➤ $f_i = f(x_i) = x_i^T w$ (Gaussian Process)

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Posterior

Let's assume the prior on w :

$$w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_p) \quad \text{or} \quad w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma_p)$$

Enforcing prior.

Then, we can write the posterior over weights:

$$p(w|y, X) = \frac{p(y|X, w) p(w)}{p(y|X)}$$

The marginal likelihood can be written as:

$$p(y|X) = \int p(y|X, w) p(w) dw$$

Gaussian Process Classification (GPC)

A two-steps approach

Step 1: Gaussian Process (GP) over latent function $f(x)$

Step 2: Filter f through a sigmoid function to obtain

$$\pi(x) = p(y = +1|x) = \sigma(f(x))$$



Gaussian process classification

GPC prediction



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Unimodal Non-Gaussian

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prediction

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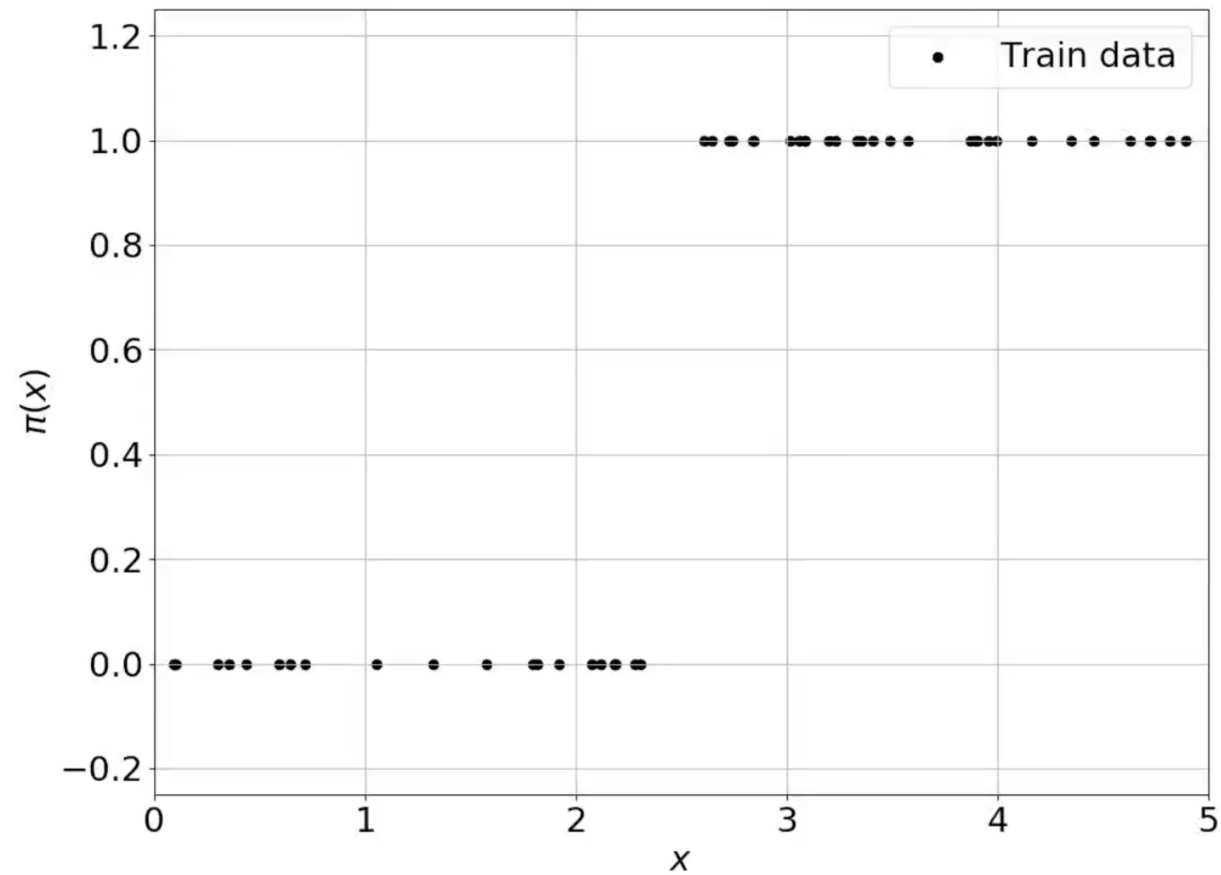
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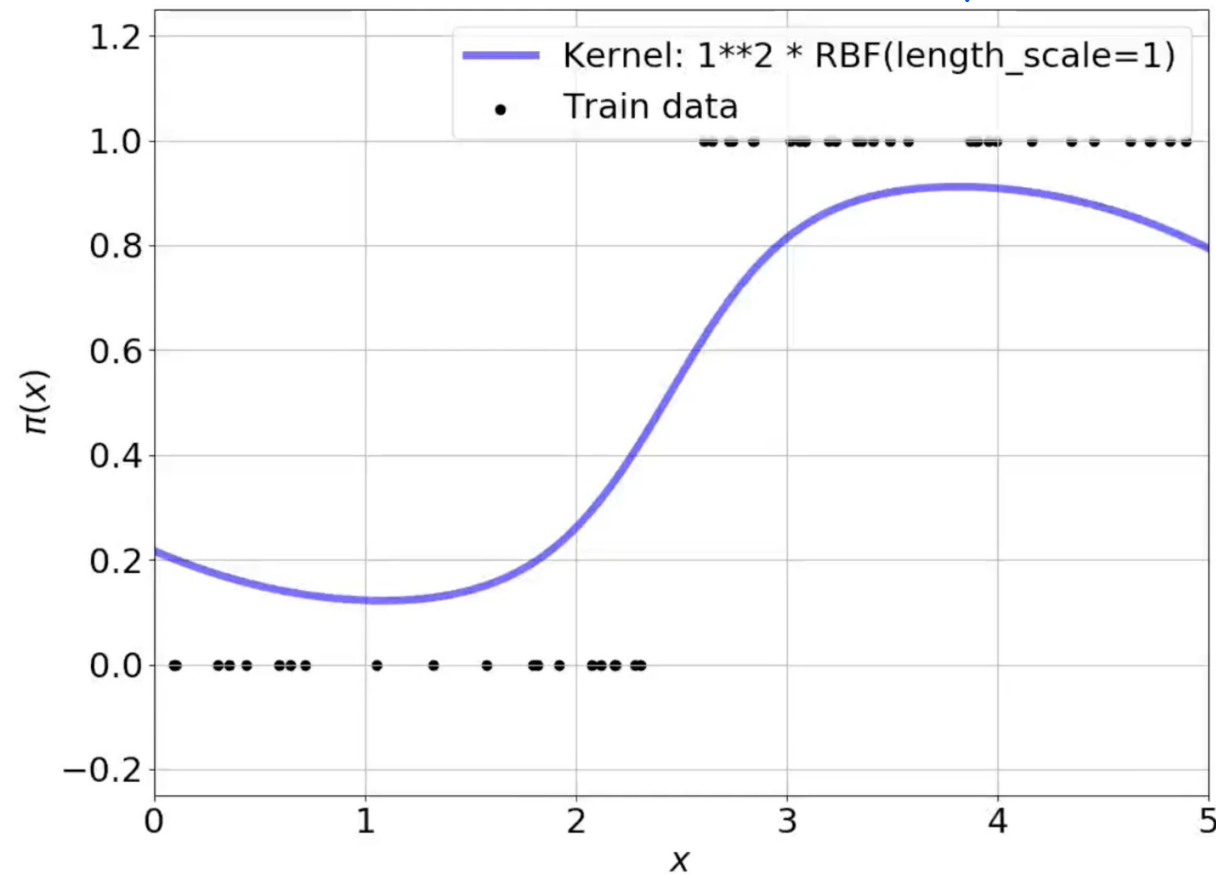
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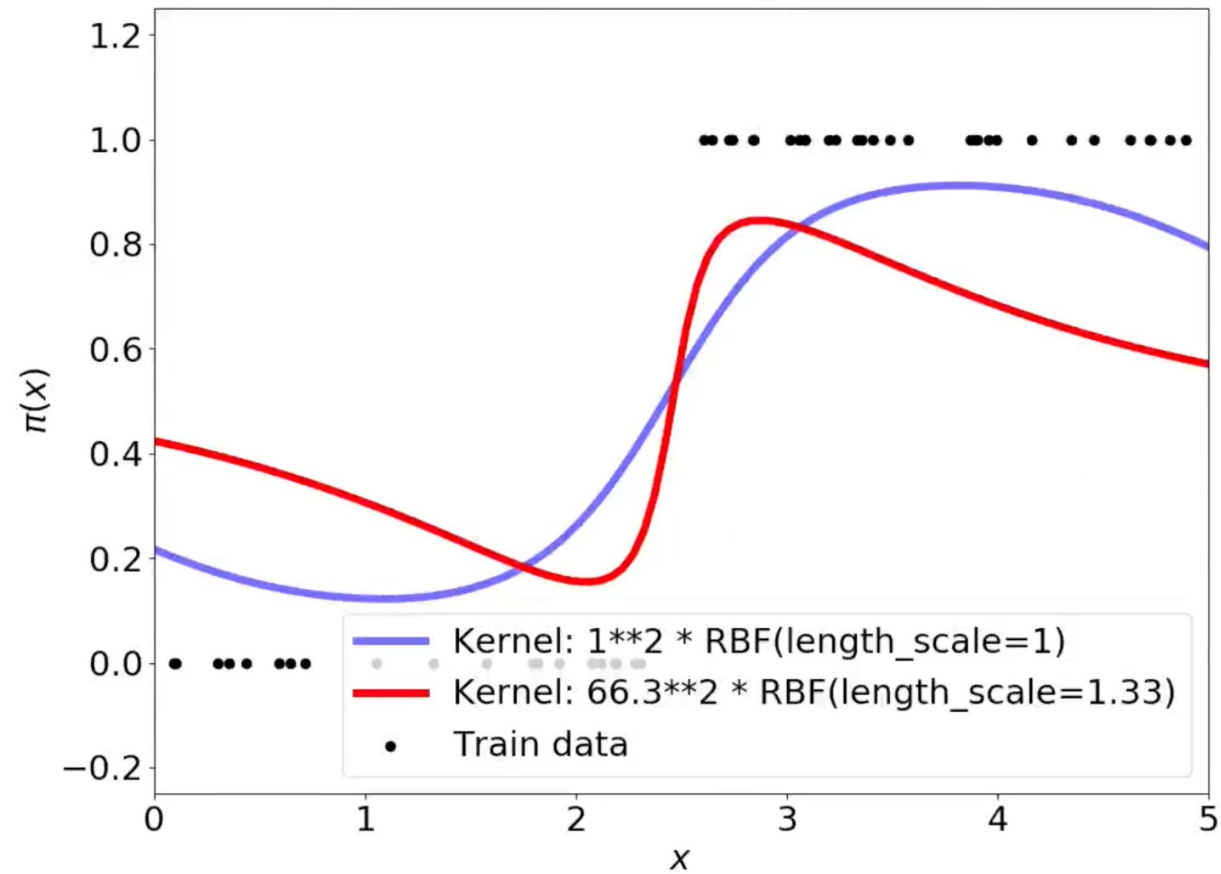
$$\pi^* \triangleq p(y^* = +1 \mid X, y, x^*) = \int \sigma(f^*) p(f^* \mid X, y, x^*) df^*$$

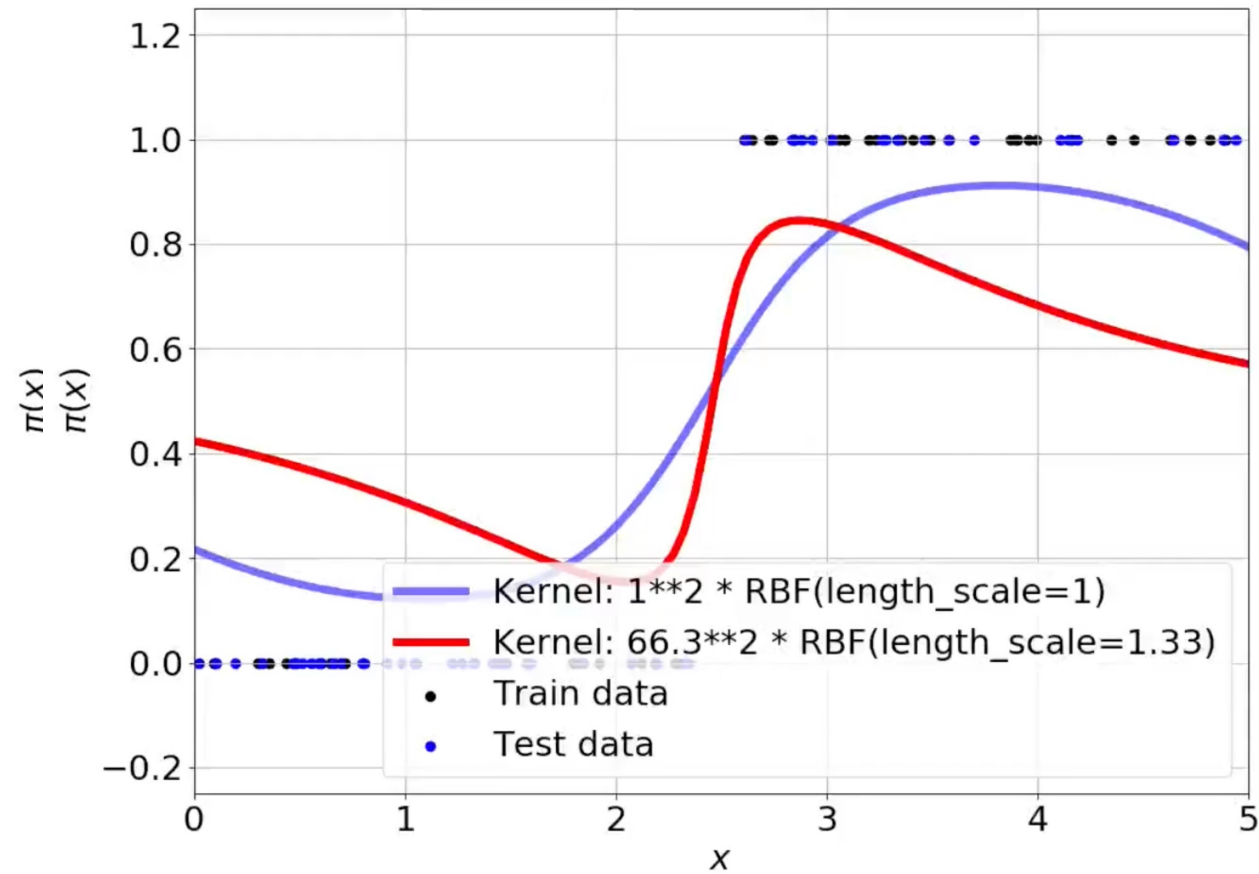
- $\pi^* = \pi(x^*)$ expresses the probability of the class
- The latent f has the role of nuisance function (we do not observe it)



radial basis function.









Gaussian process classification (GPC)

Recap



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- Gaussian process classification (GPC) formulation
 - GLM
 - Sigmoid
 - Gaussian process classification (GPC) prediction
 - Two step process
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