

Estimation of Covariance Matrices using Gaussian Processes

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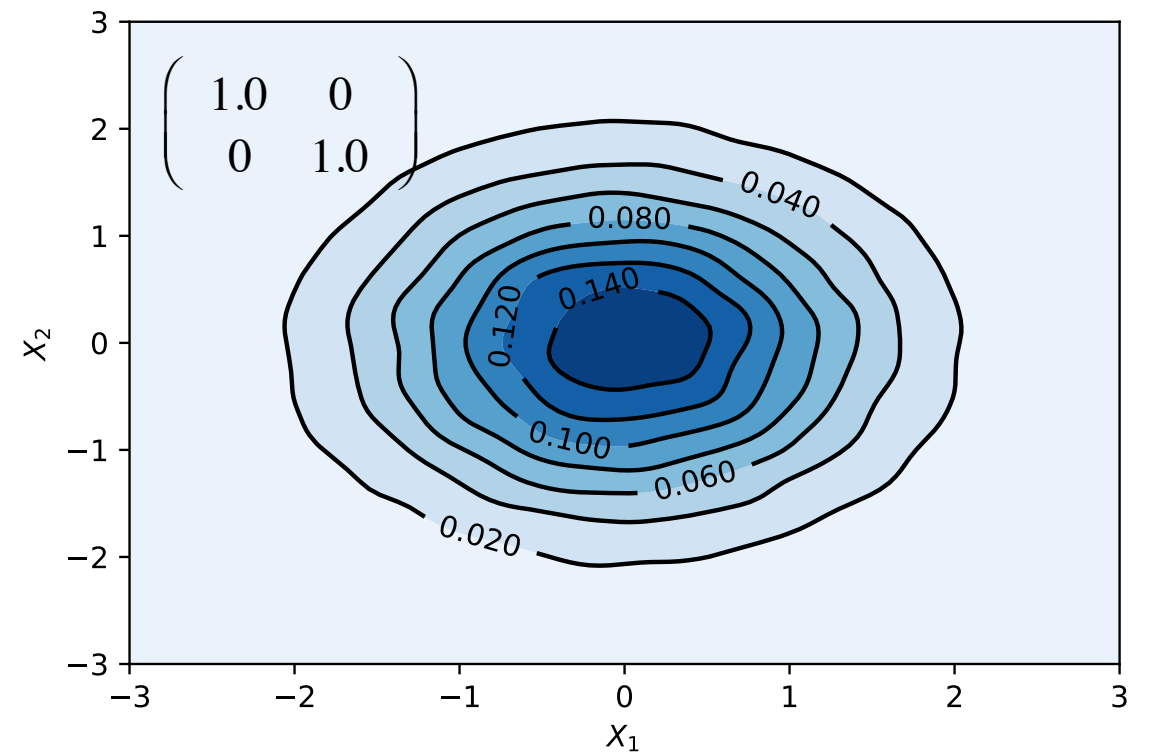
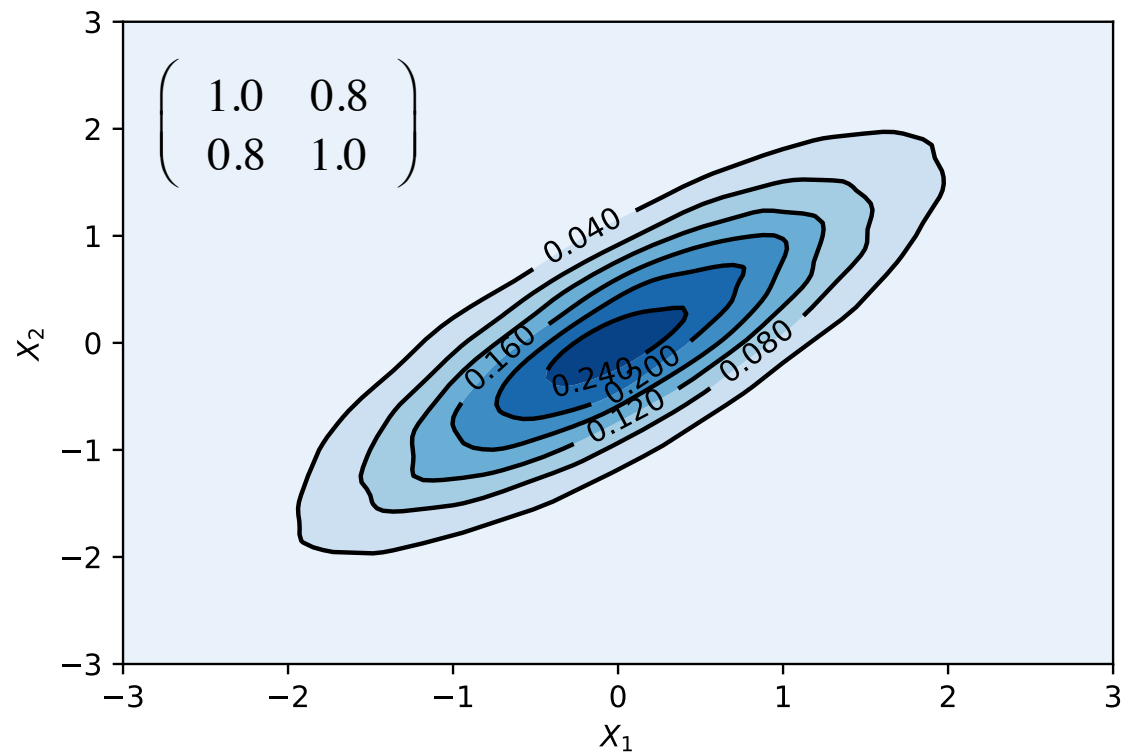
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- Gaussian Processes
- Latent Variable Models
- Financial Applications

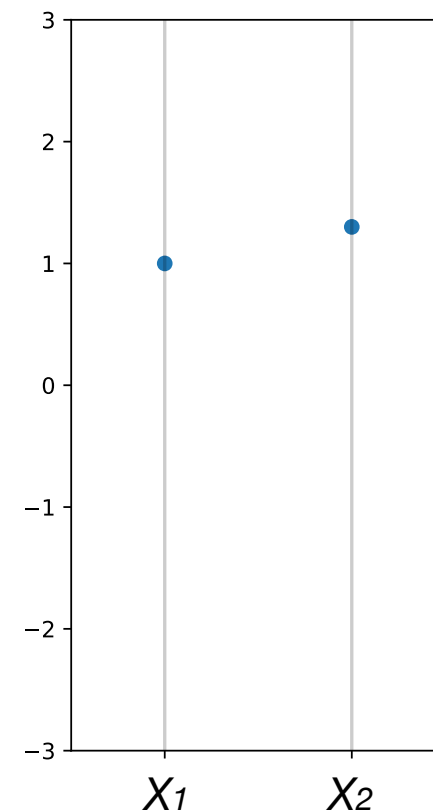
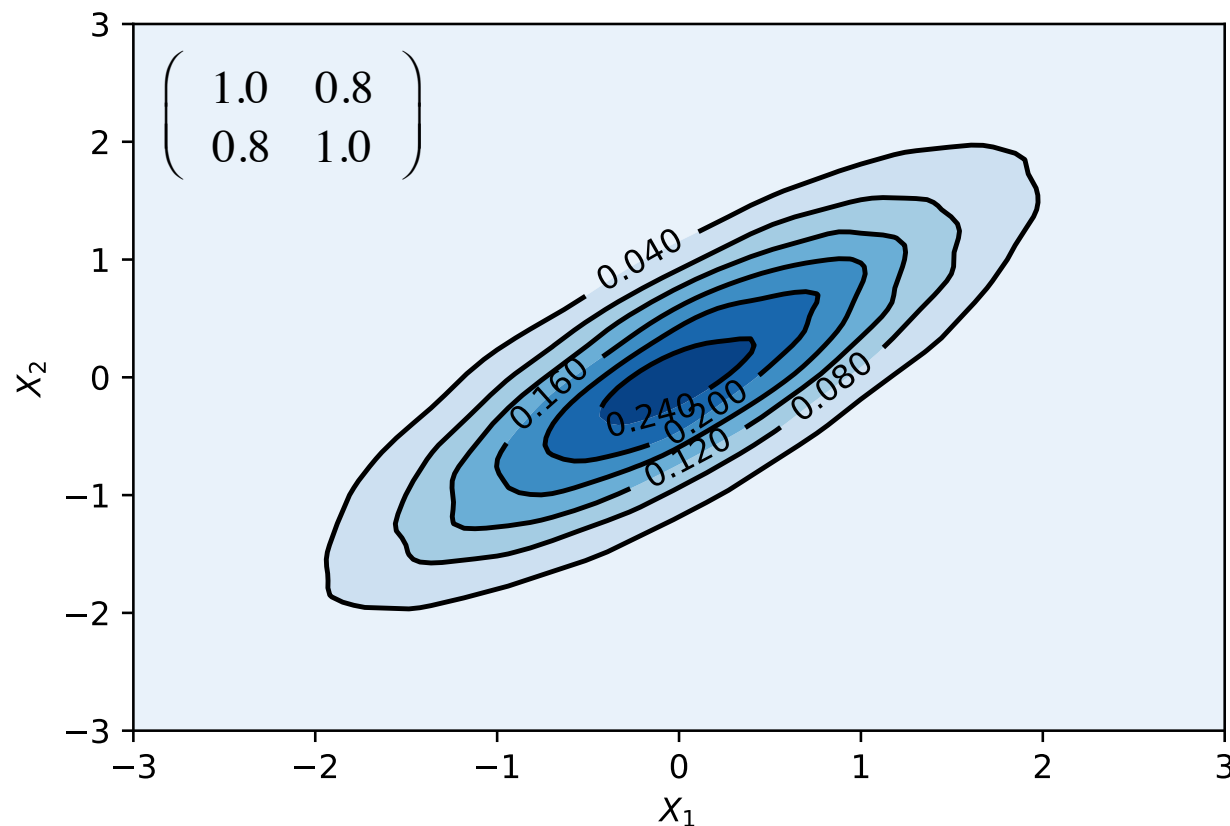
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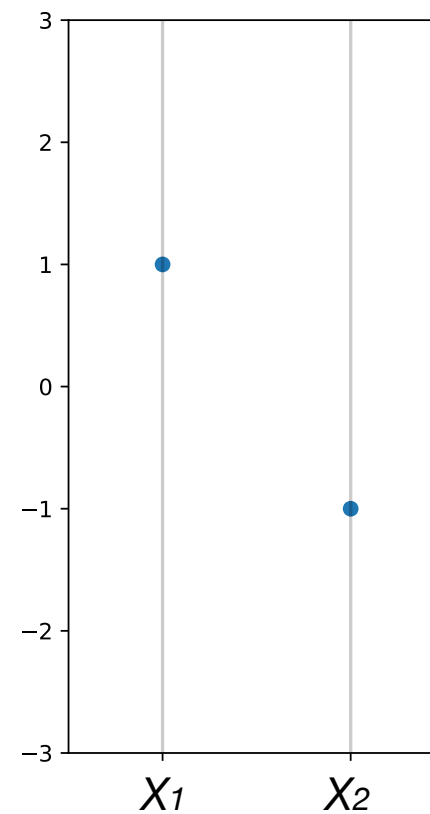
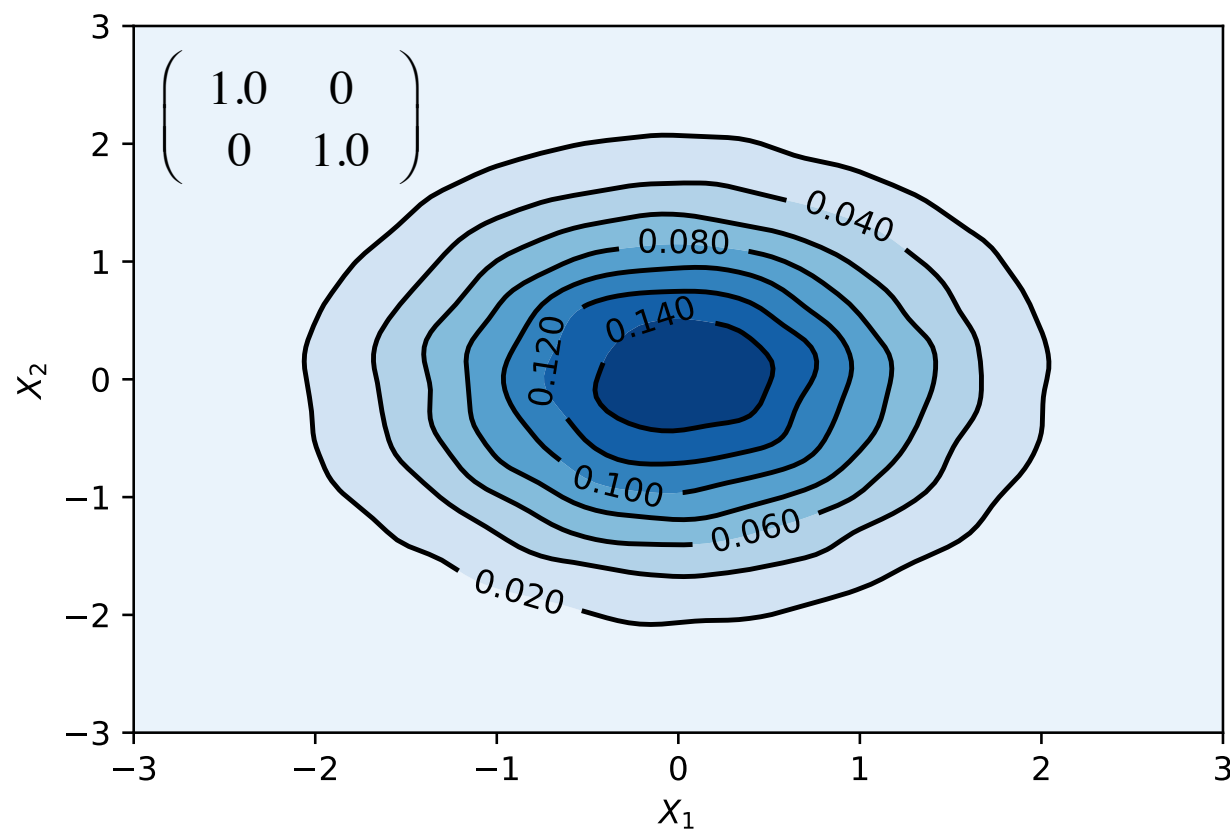
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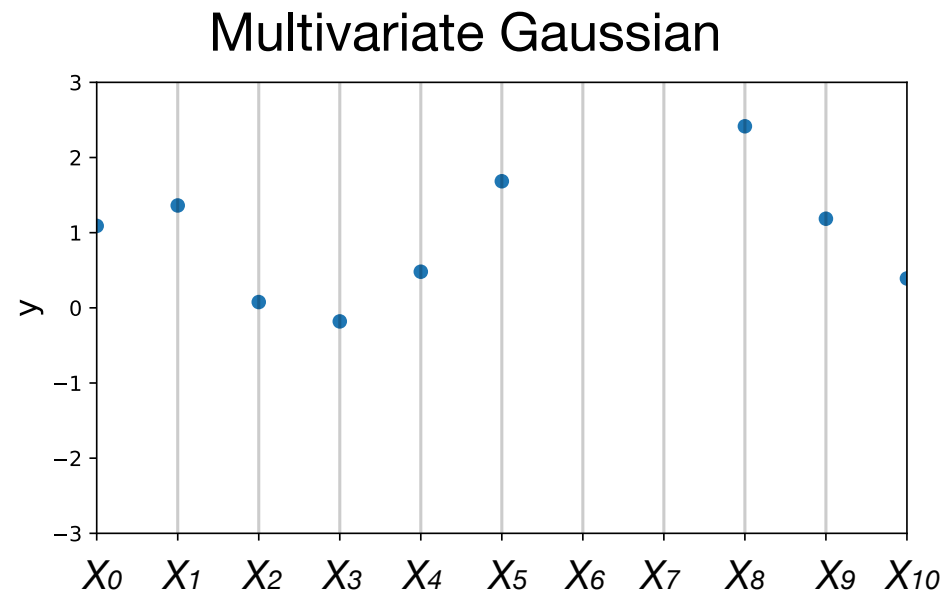
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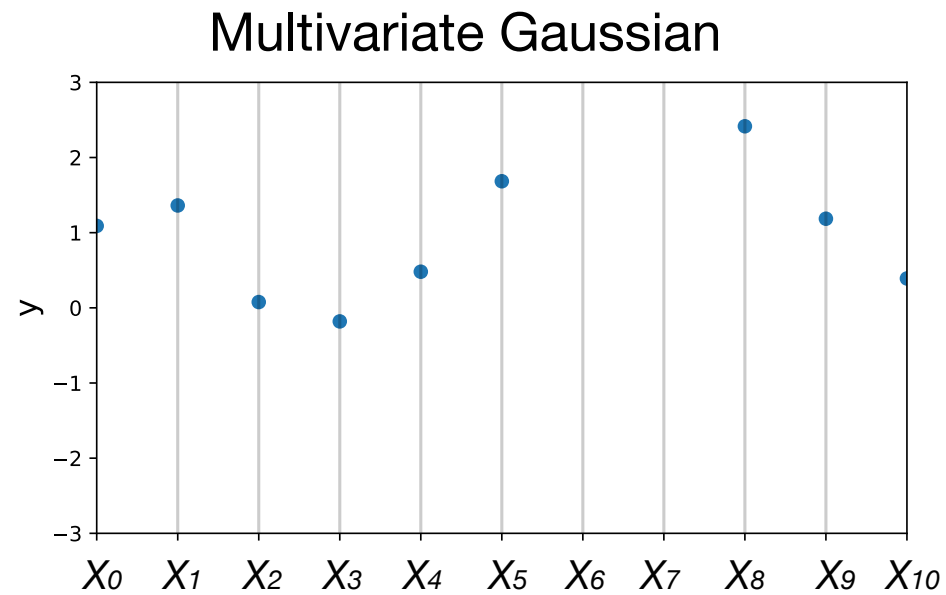
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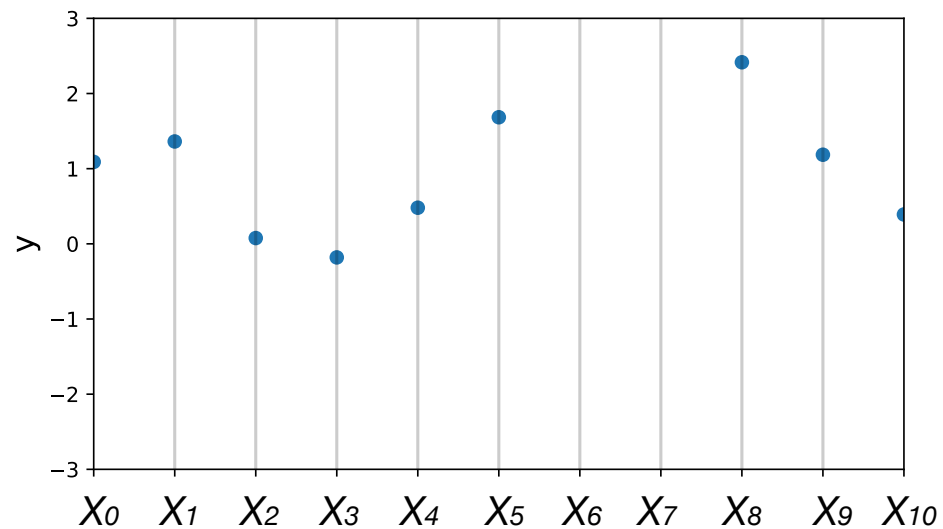


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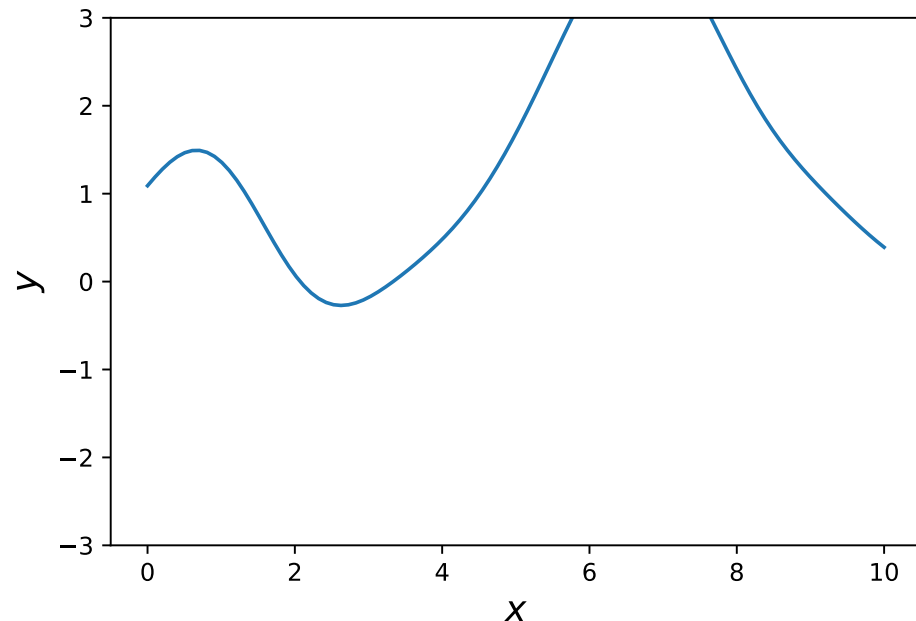
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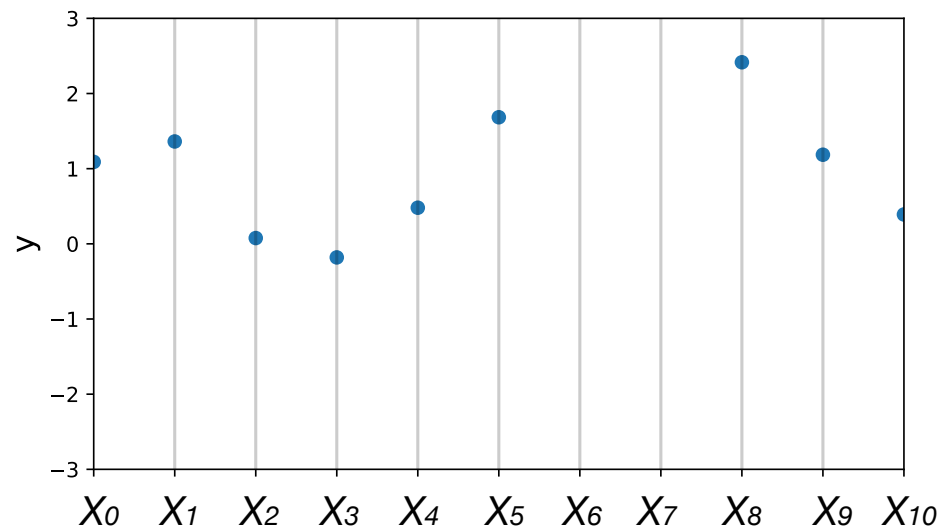
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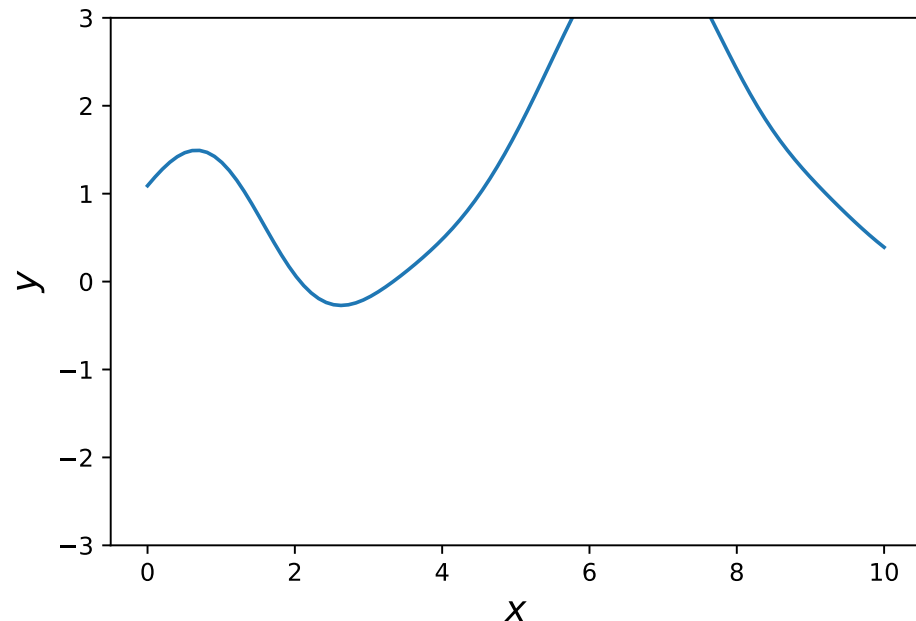
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Other Kernels

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OU $k_{\theta}(x_i, x_j) = \theta_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2\theta_2}|x_i - x_j|}$

Periodic $k_{\theta}(x_i, x_j) = \theta_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2\theta_2}(\sin^2(\theta_3(x_i - x_j)))}$

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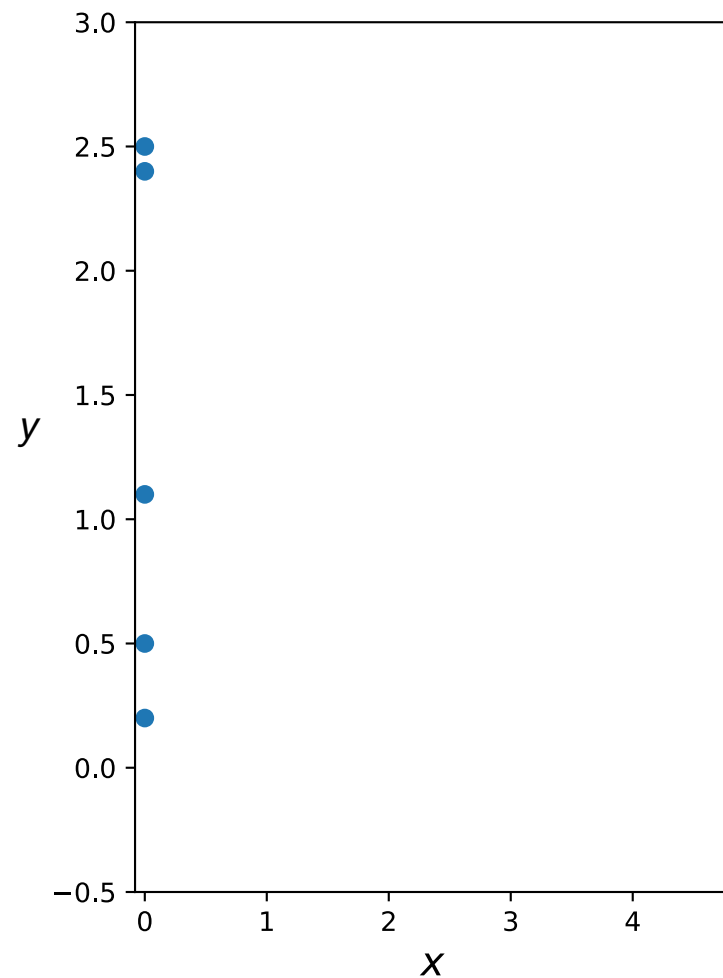
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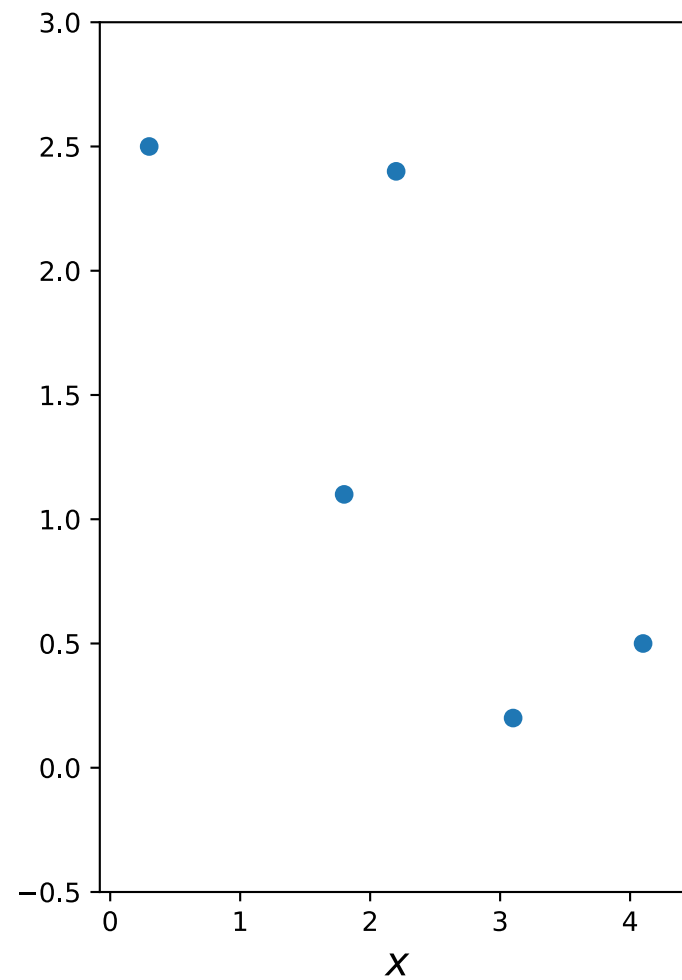
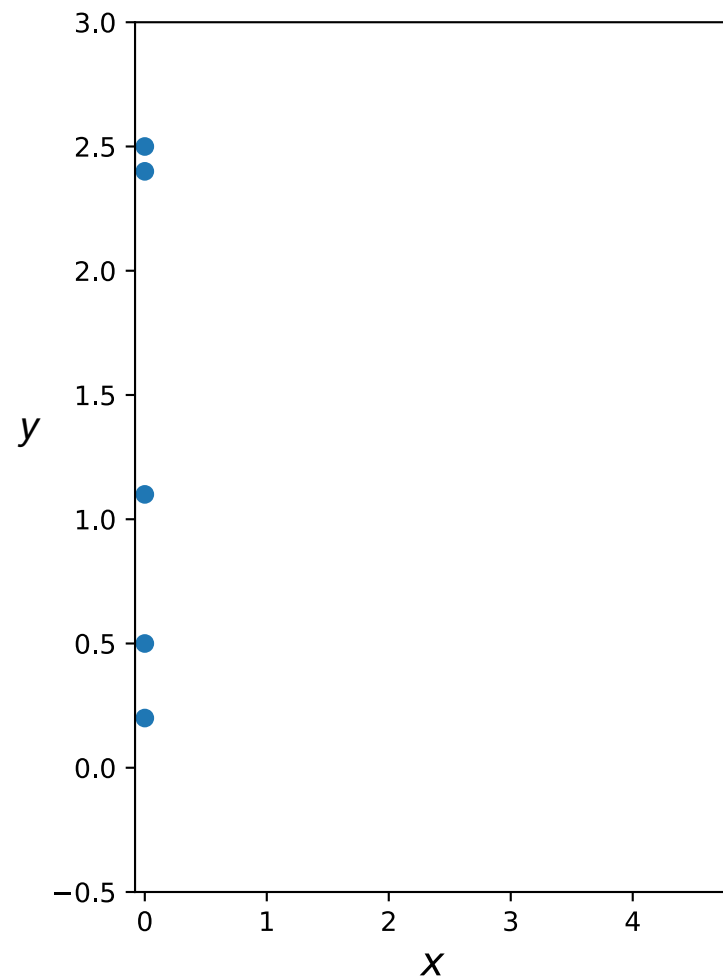
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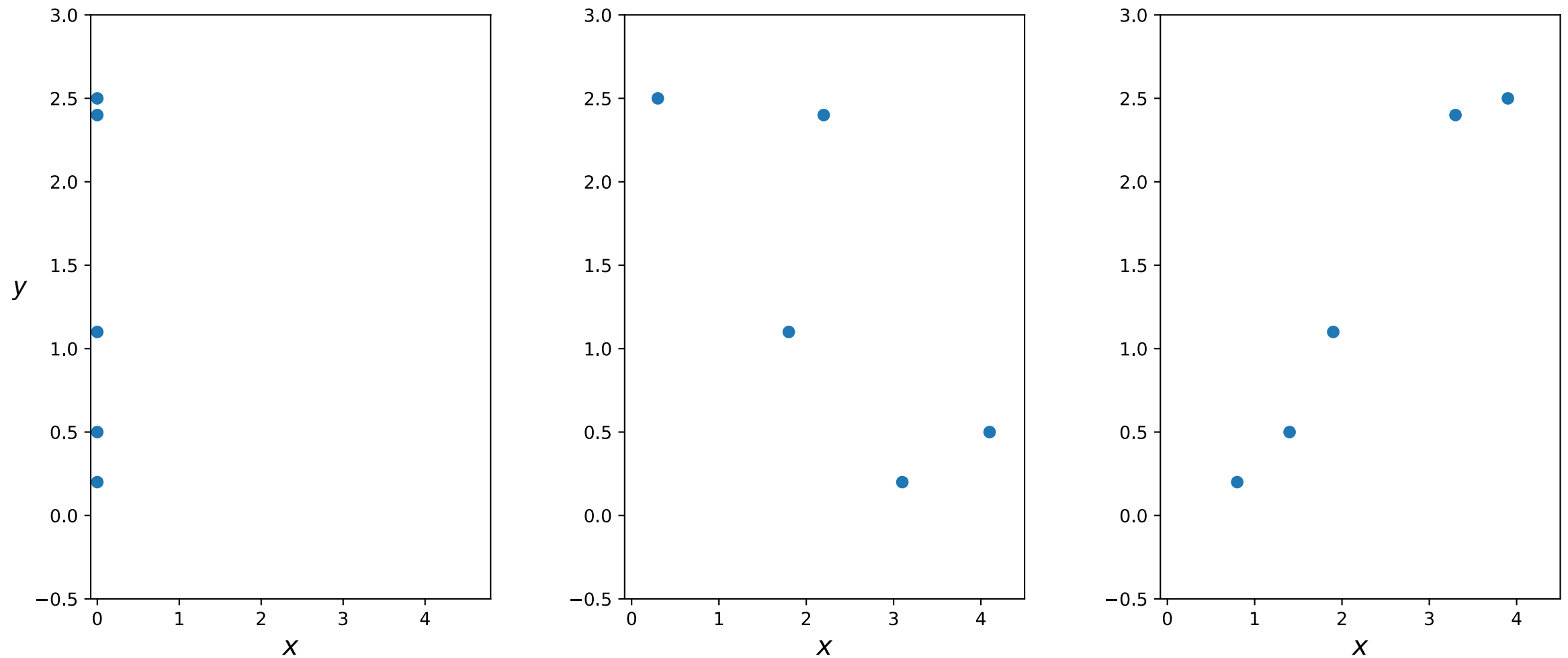
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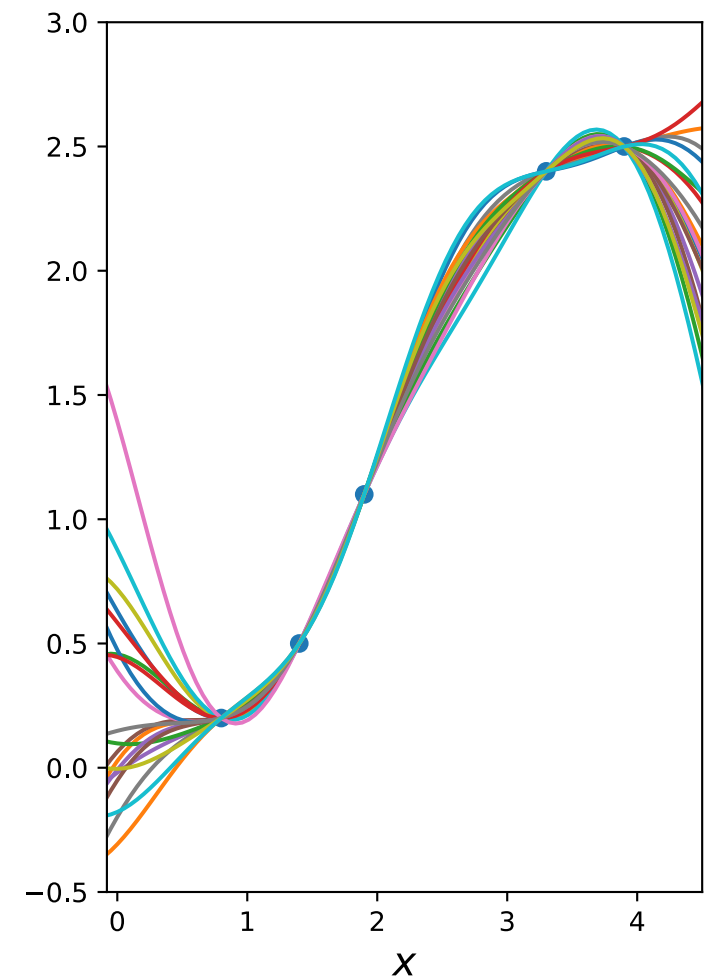
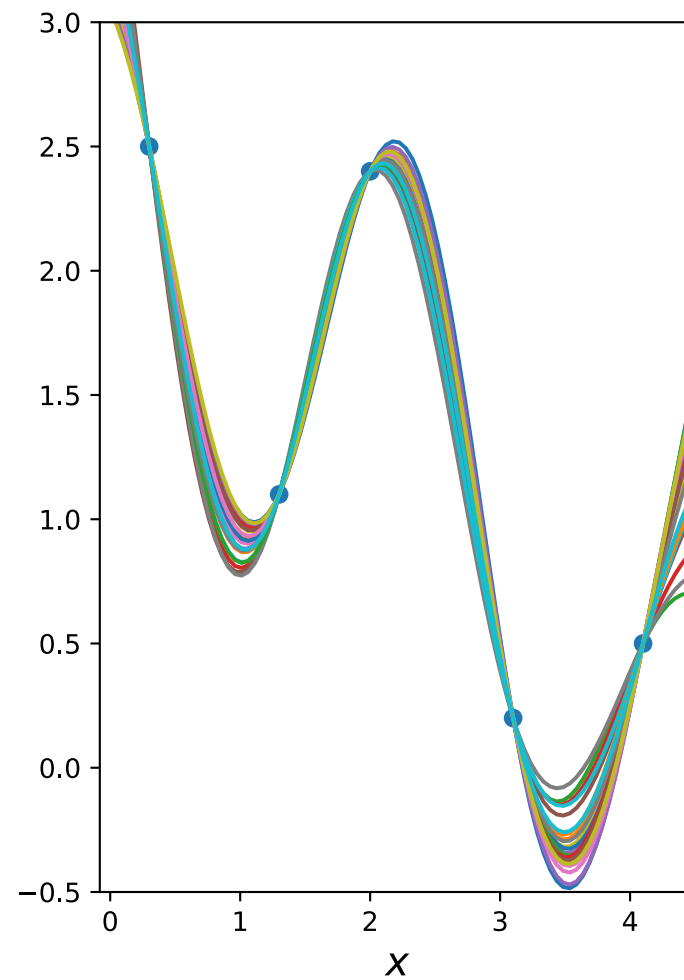
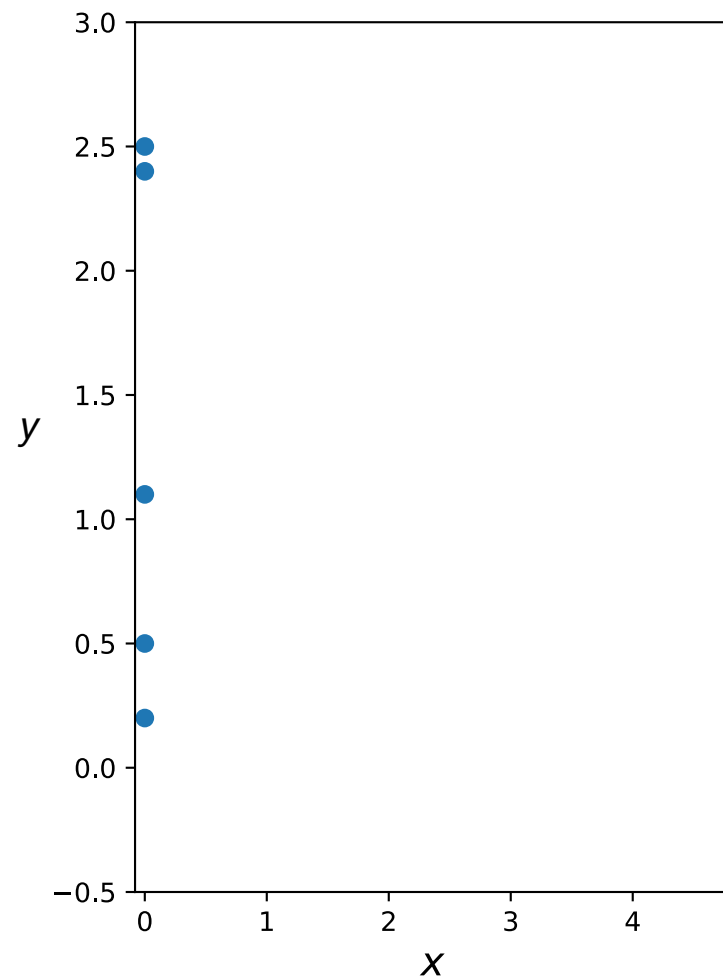
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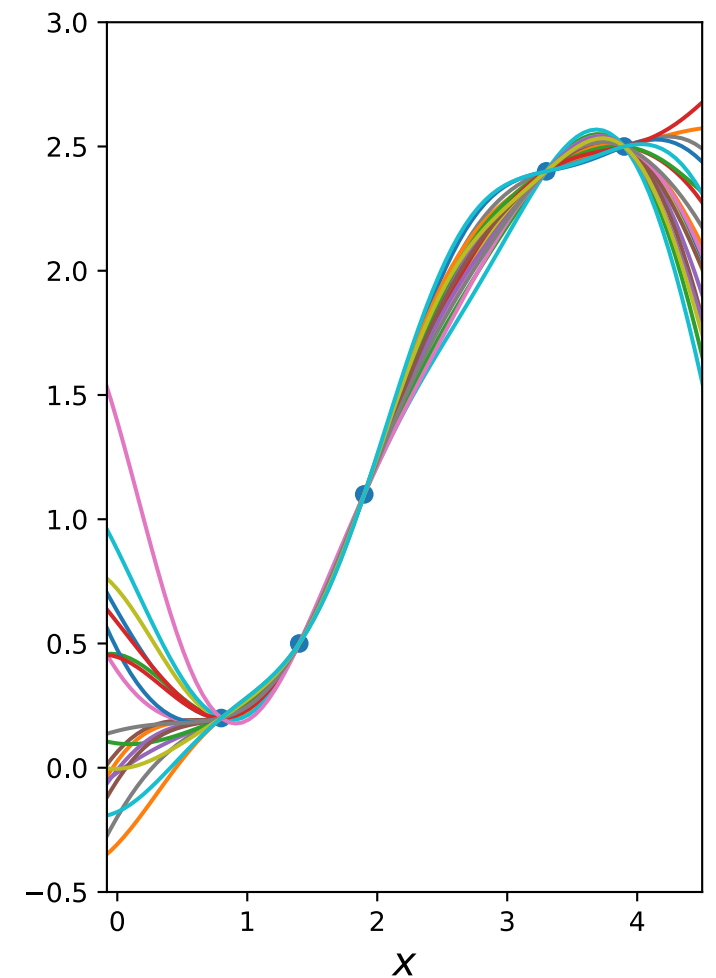
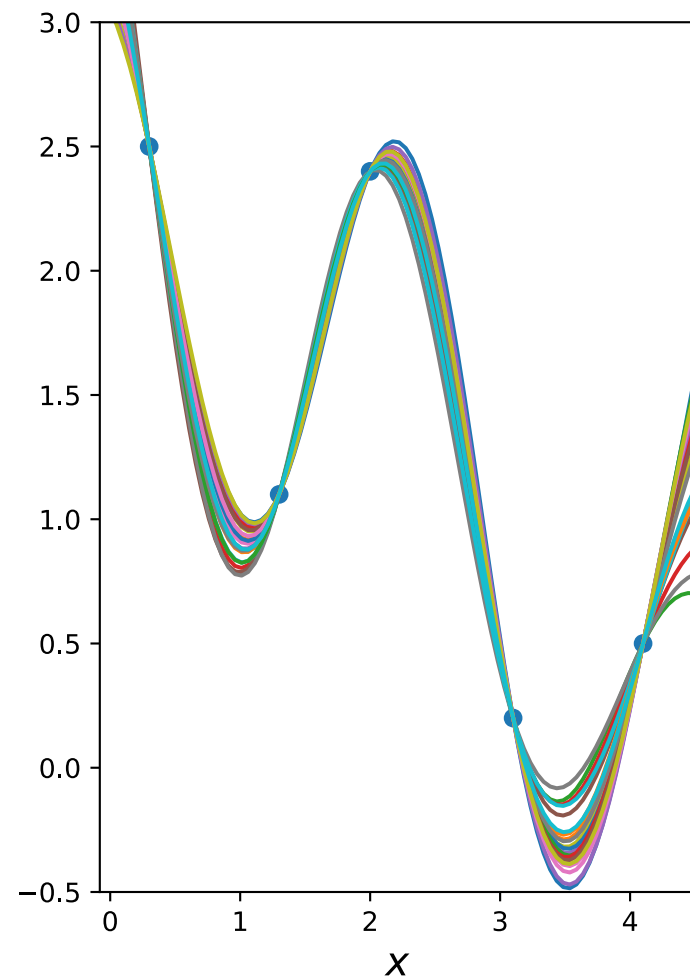
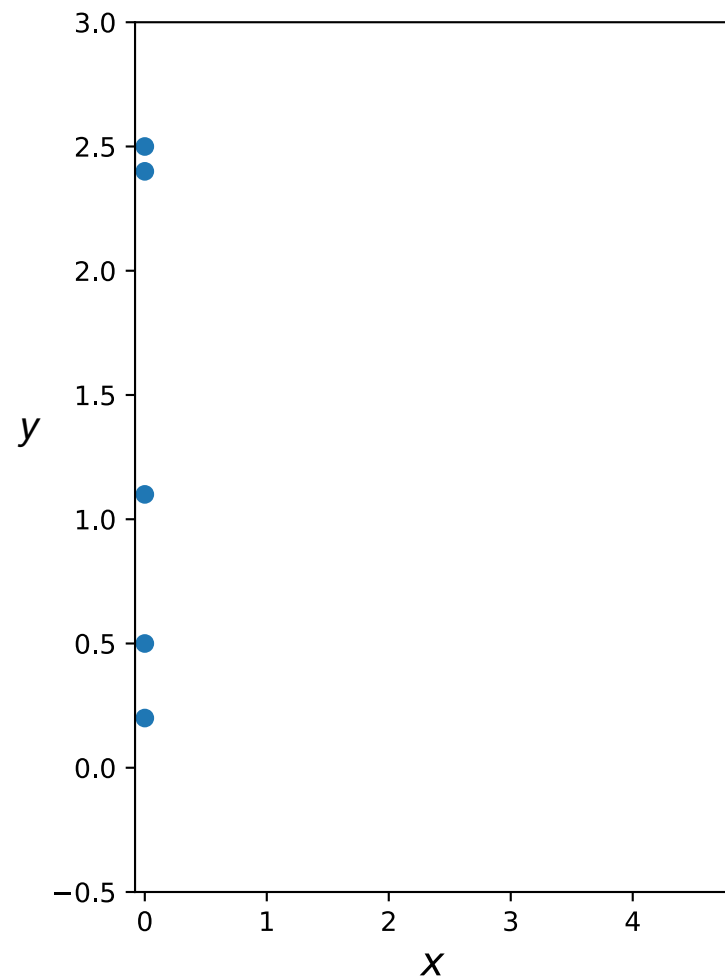
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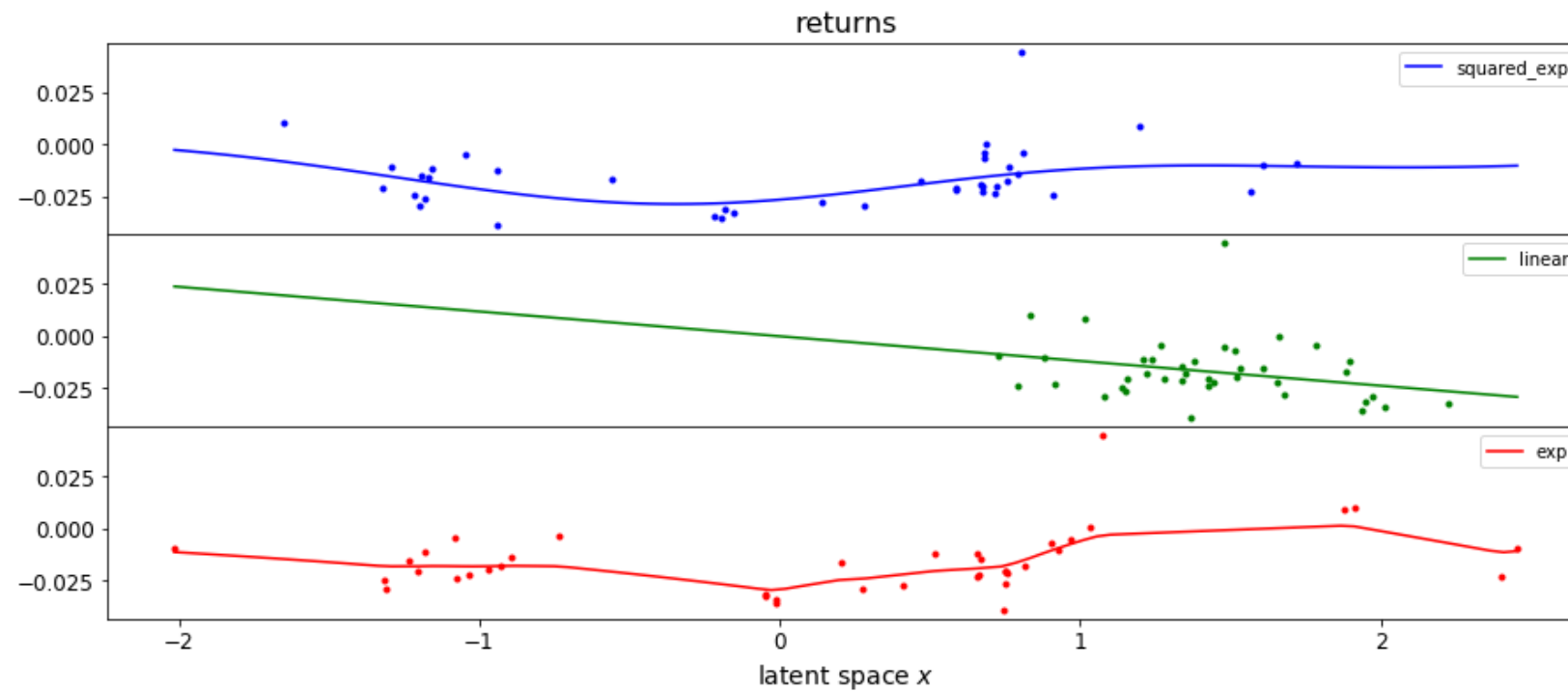
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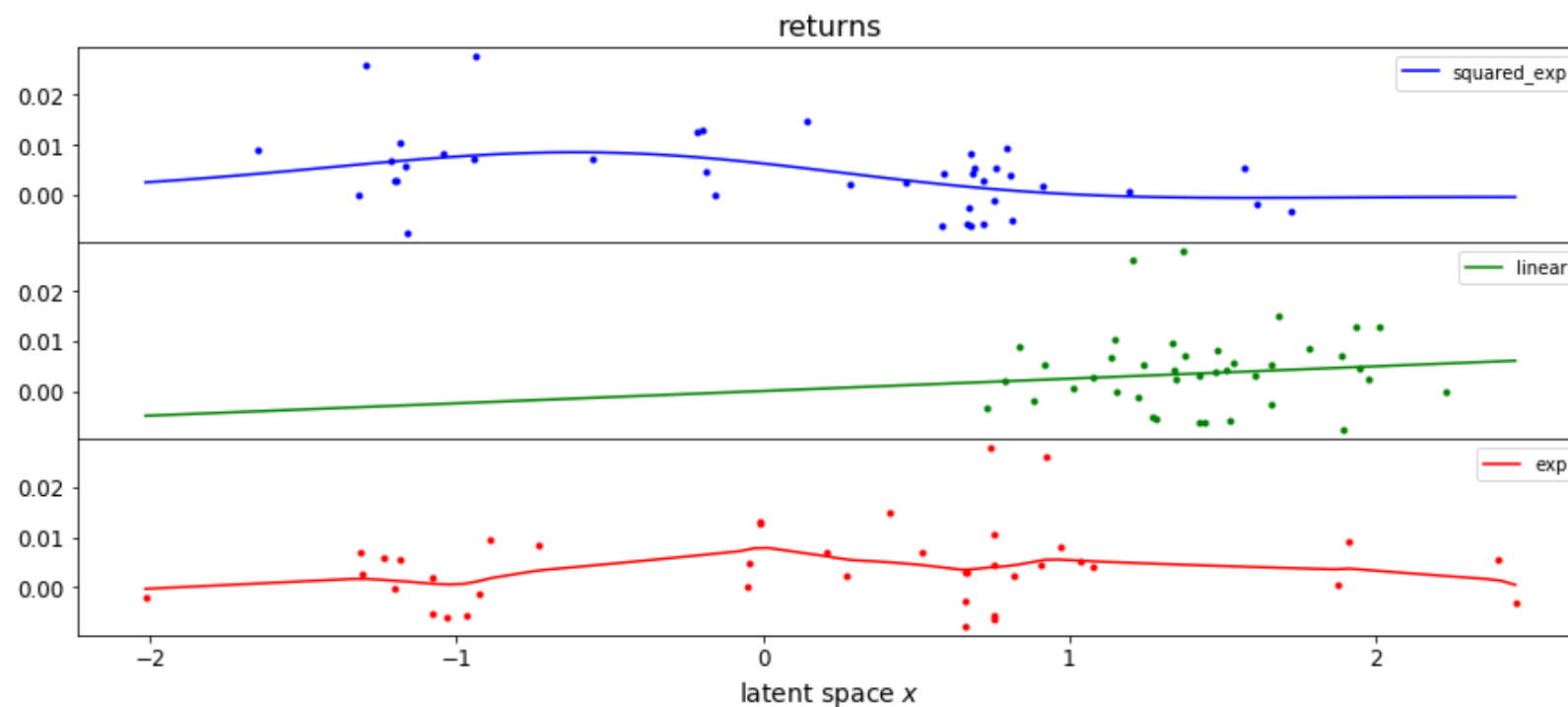
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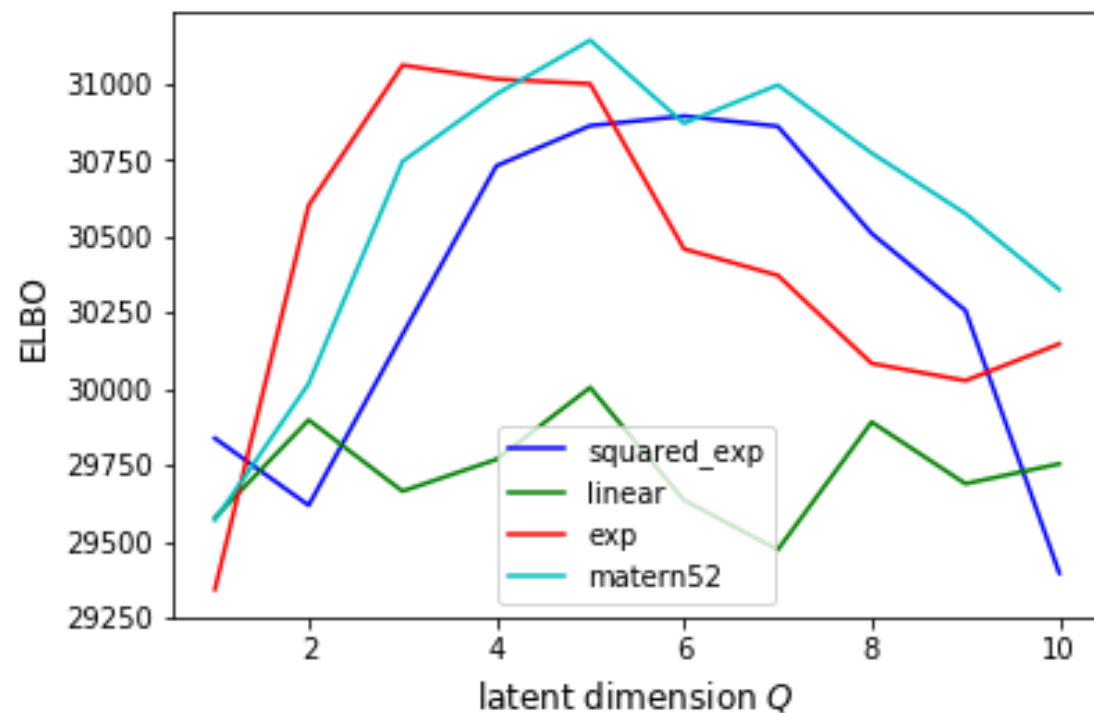
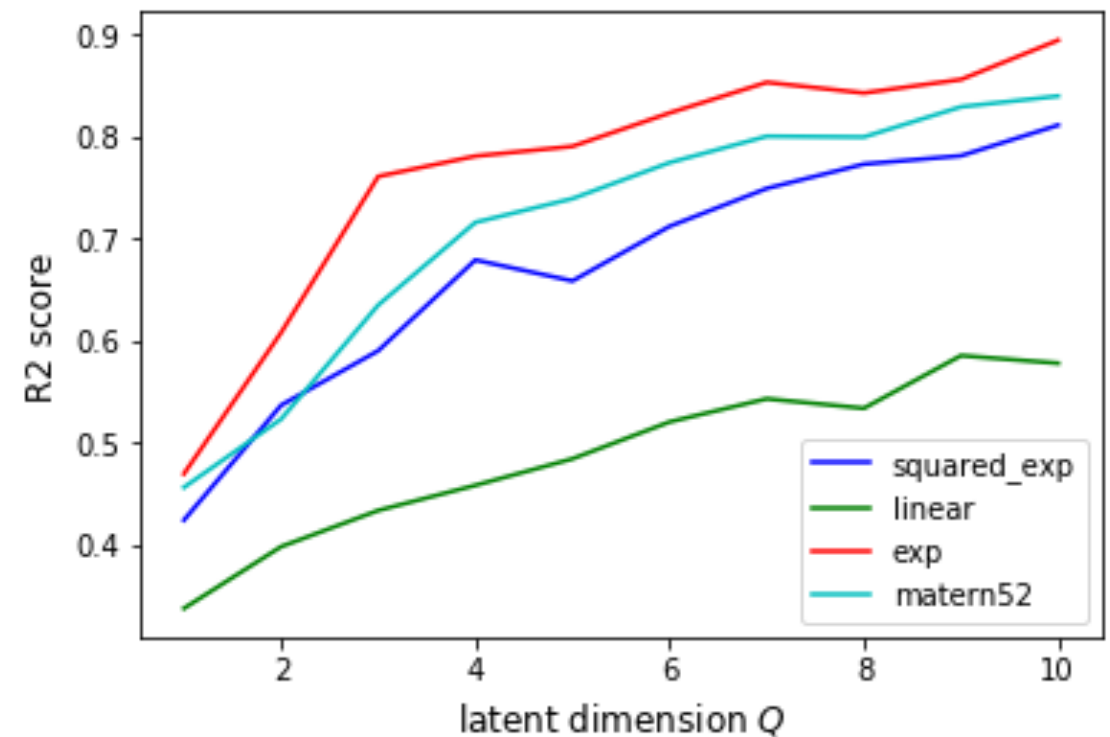


Day 2



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R squared:



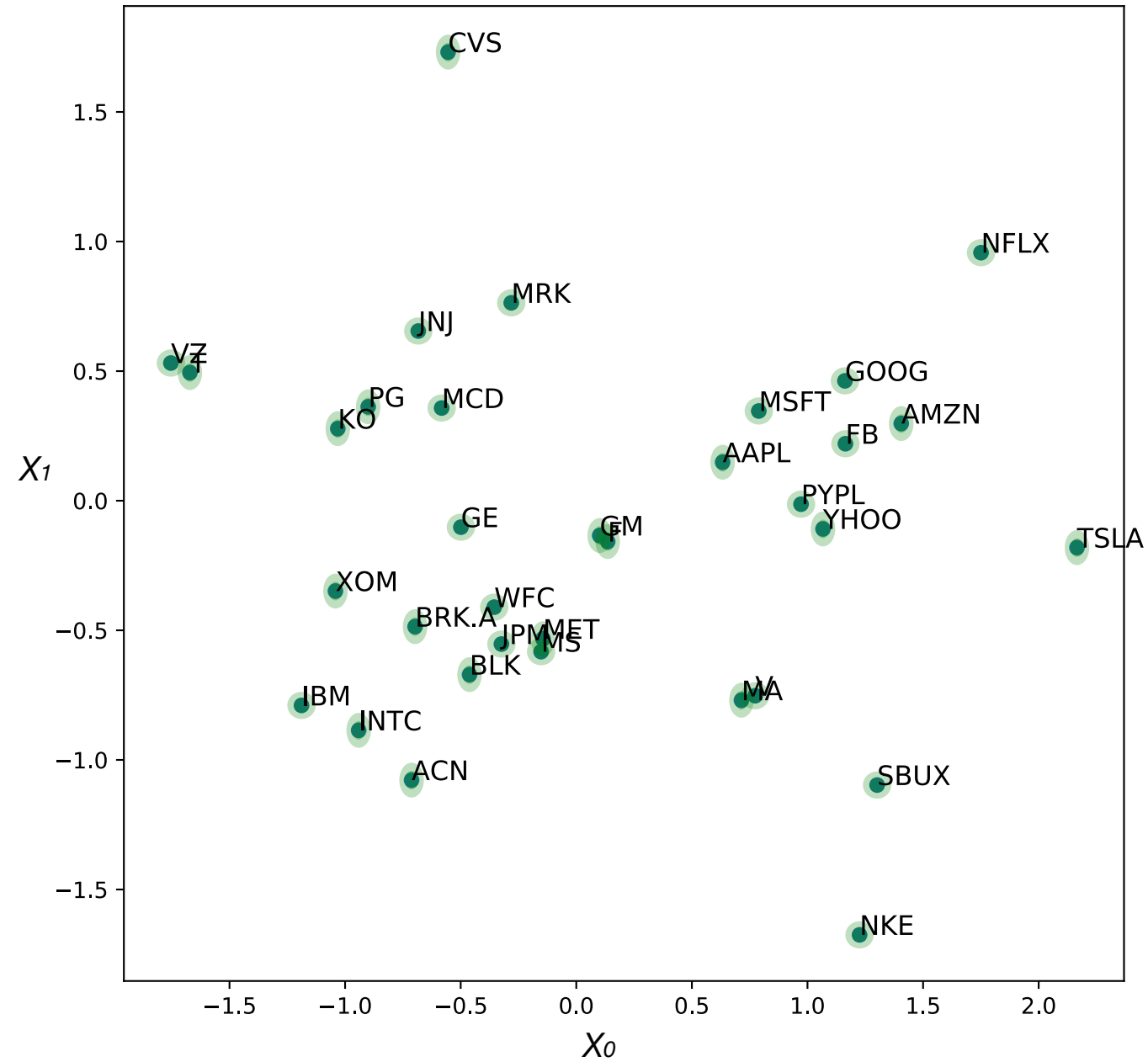
ELBO: Evidence Lower Bound

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Returns for learning period of 1 year and
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