

# Gaussian Process

- Training data:

$$\circ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ x_n & y_n \end{bmatrix} = [X \quad Y]$$

- Kernel function:

$$\circ k(x_n, x_m) = \sigma^2 \left(1 + \frac{\|x_n - x_m\|^2}{2\alpha\ell^2}\right)^{-\alpha}$$

There is a function  $f$  could transfer each  $x_i$  into corresponding  $y_i$  (i.e.,  $f(x_i) = y_i$ ).

Assume that  $y_i = f(x_i) + \epsilon$ , where  $\epsilon \sim N(0, \beta)$  and  $f \sim N(0, K_n)$ .

(i.e.,  $Y \sim N(f, \beta)$ )

On estimate the  $x_*$  point, we have formula  $\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ y_* \end{bmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ y_* \end{bmatrix} \mid 0, K_{n+1}\right)$

After the [derivation of probability](#), we get the

- $\mu(x_*) = k(x, x_*)^T (K_n + \beta I)^{-1} Y$
- $cov(x_*) = k(x_*, x_*) - k(x, x_*)^T (K_n + \beta I)^{-1} k(x, x_*)$

This form is almost the same as the formula mentioned by Prof. Chiu in the class.

The tiny difference is that it take the  $\beta$  out of the matrix  $K$ , but the course slide takes it into the matrix.

Thus, we could apply the  $x_*$  to describe our model.

We notice that the kernel method is decided by some kernel parameters ( e.g.,  $\sigma, \alpha, \ell$  ), so we need to find the parameters which could have the maximum likelihood.

In my practice, I choose the random value of all parameter between 0 and 10, and call the

`scipy.optimize.minimize` to optimize it.

The relative formula is shown below,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{argmax}(\ln p(y \mid \theta)) &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln |C_\theta| - \frac{1}{2} y^T C_\theta^{-1} y - \frac{N}{2} \ln(2\pi) \\ &\propto -\ln |C_\theta| - y^T C_\theta^{-1} y \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}(\ln |C_\theta| + y^T C_\theta^{-1} y) \end{aligned}$$

## Step1

Use `get_k` to compute the covarince matrix, and `get_k_test` use to compute the  $k(x, x_*)$  matrix.

```
def rq_kernel(xn, xm, length_scale, scale_mixture, amplitude):  
    delta = abs(xn-xm)
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        return amplitude * (1 + delta**2/(2*scale_mixture*(length_scale**2)))**(-
scale_mixture)

def get_K(X, length_scale, scale_mixture, amplitude, beta):
    n = len(X)
    K = np.zeros((n, n), dtype=np.float32)
    for i in range(0, n):
        for j in range(0, n):
            K[i, j] = rq_kernel(X[i], X[j], length_scale, scale_mixture,
amplitude)
            if i==j:
                K[i, j] += 1/beta
    return K

def get_k_test(test, train, length_scale, scale_mixture, amplitude):
    n = len(train)
    K = np.zeros((n, 1), dtype=np.float32)
    for i in range(0, n):
        K[i, 0] = rq_kernel(train[i], test, length_scale, scale_mixture,
amplitude)
    return K

```

## Step2

Initial the value of parameters.

```

#given assumption
beta = 5.0

#initial kernel parameter
length_scale = rd.uniform(1, 10.0)
scale_mixture = rd.uniform(1, 10.0)
amplitude = rd.uniform(1, 10.0)
K = get_K(train_x, length_scale, scale_mixture, amplitude, beta)

```

## Step3

Add the  $x_*$  for the range of  $[-60, 60]$ , and apply the formula derived above.

```

test_x = np.arange(-60, 60, 0.5)

test_y = np.zeros((len(test_x), 1))
test_var = np.zeros((len(test_x), 1))
for i in range(len(test_x)):
    k = get_k_test(test_x[i], train_x, length_scale, scale_mixture, amplitude)
    test_y[i] = np.matmul(np.matmul(np.transpose(k), np.linalg.inv(K)),
train_y)
    k_new = rq_kernel(test_x[i], test_x[i], length_scale, scale_mixture,
amplitude) + 1/beta
    test_var[i] = k_new - np.matmul(np.matmul(np.transpose(k),
np.linalg.inv(K)), k)

```

## Step4

Use `scipy.optimize.minimize` to find the optimized parameter and re-do the gaussian process.

Found that if using random value of kernel parameters as its initial value, the result after optimizing might be bad for some extremely initial value.

```

#optimize the kernel parameters
def fun(x, args):
    X, Y, beta = args
    K = get_K(X, x[0], x[1], x[2], beta)
    v = np.log(np.linalg.det(K))+np.matmul(np.matmul(np.transpose(train_y),
np.linalg.inv(K)), train_y)
    return v

args = [train_x, train_y, beta]
cons = ({'type': 'ineq', 'fun': lambda x: x[0] - 0.1},
        {'type': 'ineq', 'fun': lambda x: x[1] - 0.1},
        {'type': 'ineq', 'fun': lambda x: x[2] - 0.1})

x0 = np.array((length_scale, scale_mixture, amplitude))
res = minimize(fun, x0, args=[train_x, train_y, beta], method='SLSQP',
constraints=cons)
length_scale, scale_mixture, amplitude = res.x

# re-try Gaussian Process with optimized parameter again
K = get_K(train_x, length_scale, scale_mixture, amplitude, beta)
test_x = np.arange(-60, 60, 0.5)

test_y = np.zeros((len(test_x), 1))
test_var = np.zeros((len(test_x), 1))
for i in range(len(test_x)):
    k = get_k_test(test_x[i], train_x, length_scale, scale_mixture, amplitude)

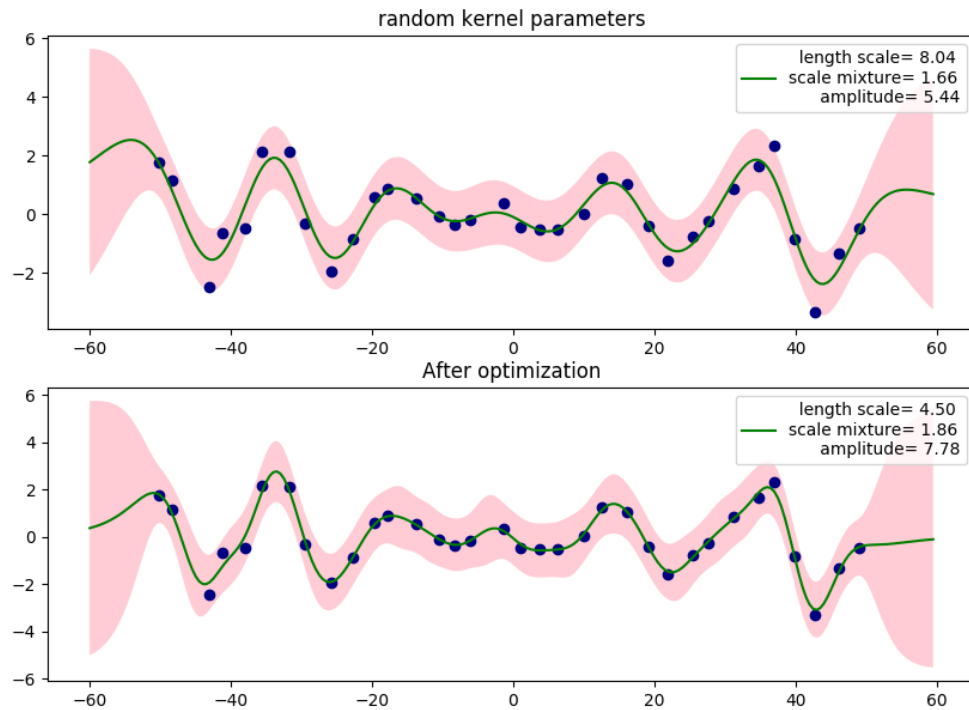
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test_y[i] = np.matmul(np.matmul(np.transpose(k), np.linalg.inv(K)),
train_y)
k_new = rq_kernel(test_x[i], test_x[i], length_scale, scale_mixture,
amplitude) + 1/beta
test_var[i] = k_new - np.matmul(np.matmul(np.transpose(k),
np.linalg.inv(K)), k)

```

- Result:



## Reference

- <https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/mlgroup/tutorials/gpr.pdf>