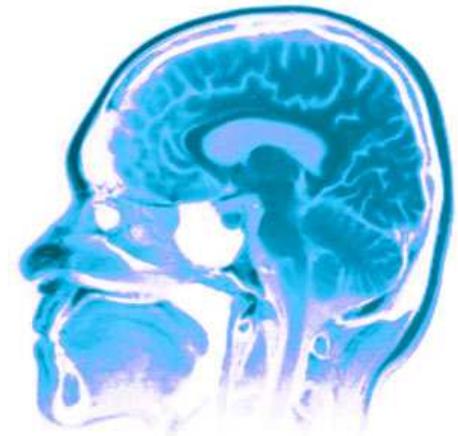




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Gaussian Processes



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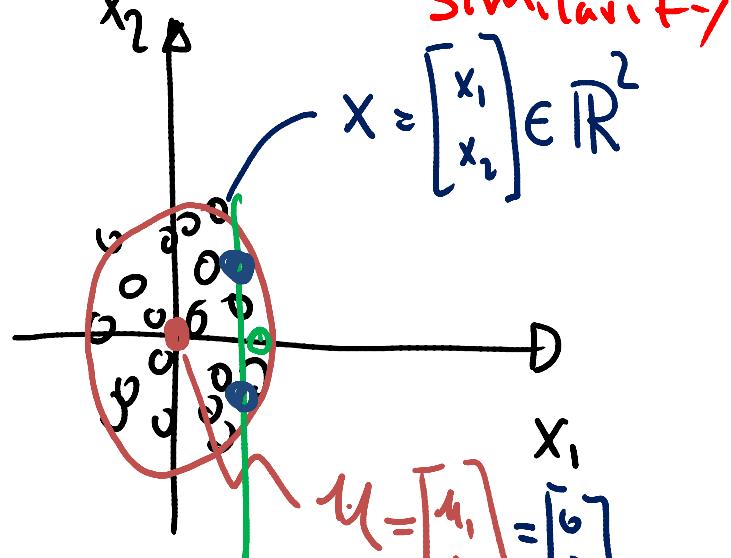
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KPM Book Sections 4.3 and 15.2.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Gaussian basics

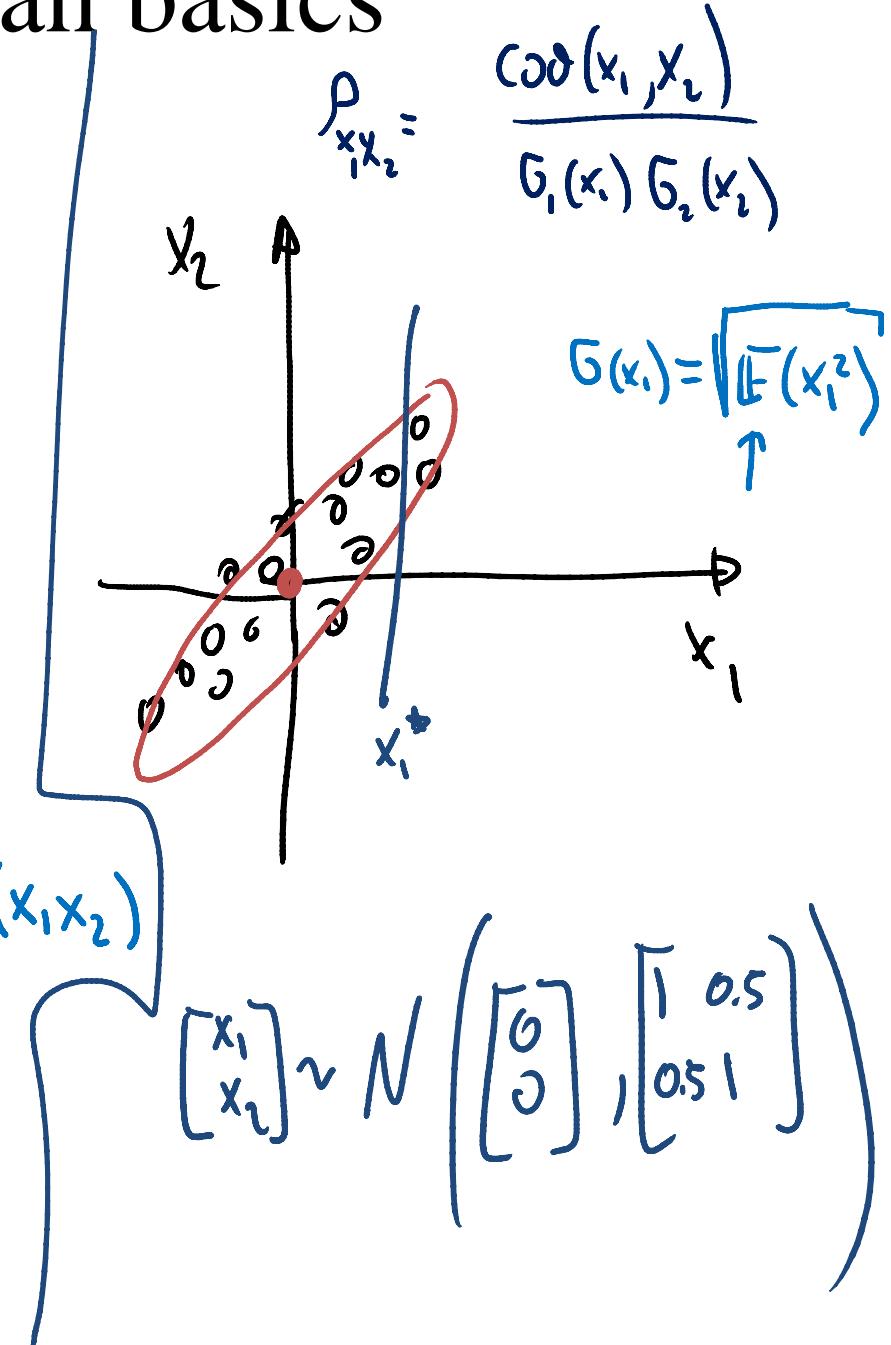


dot products
measure
similarity

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim N \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$



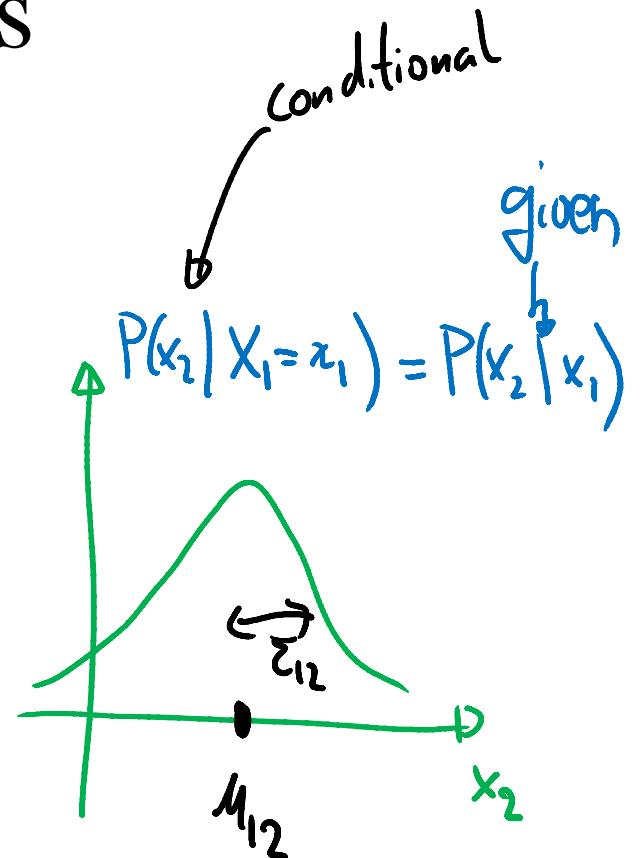
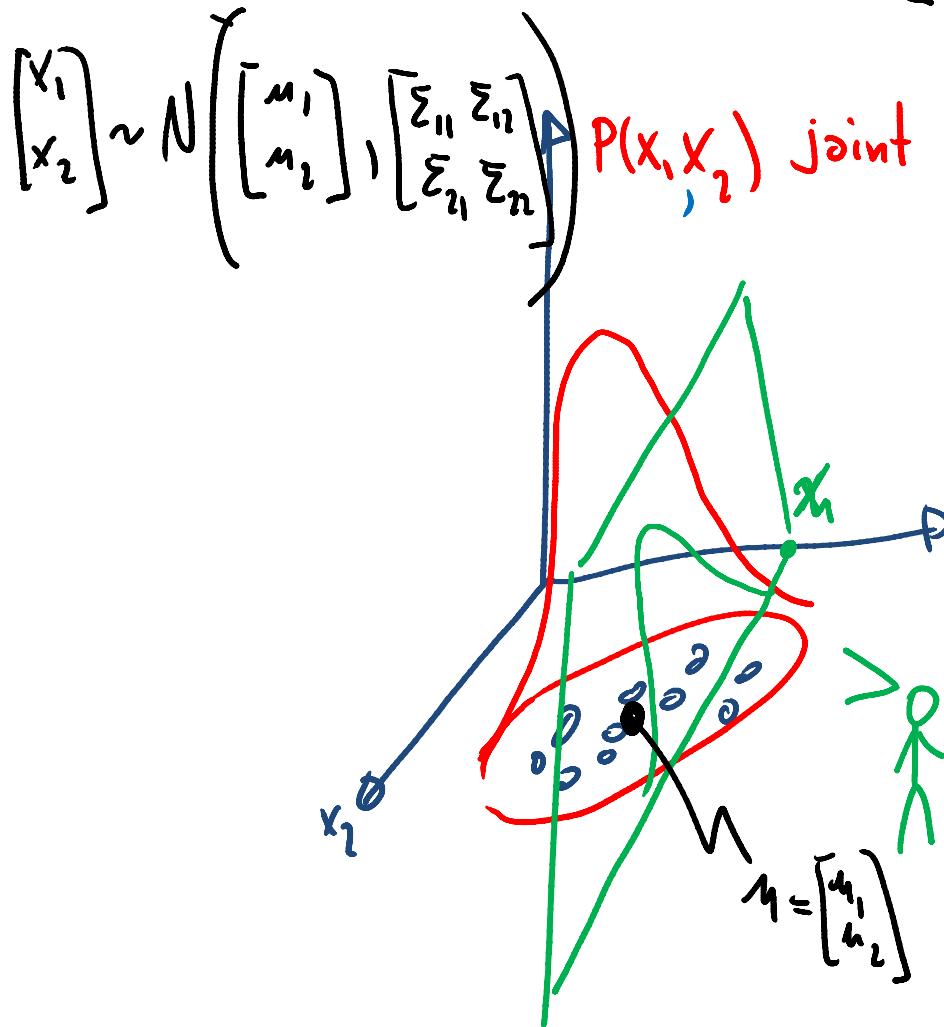
$$\rho_{x_1 x_2} = \frac{\text{cov}(x_1, x_2)}{G_1(x_1) G_2(x_2)}$$

$$G(x_i) = \sqrt{\mathbb{E}(x_i^2)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim N \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Gaussian basics

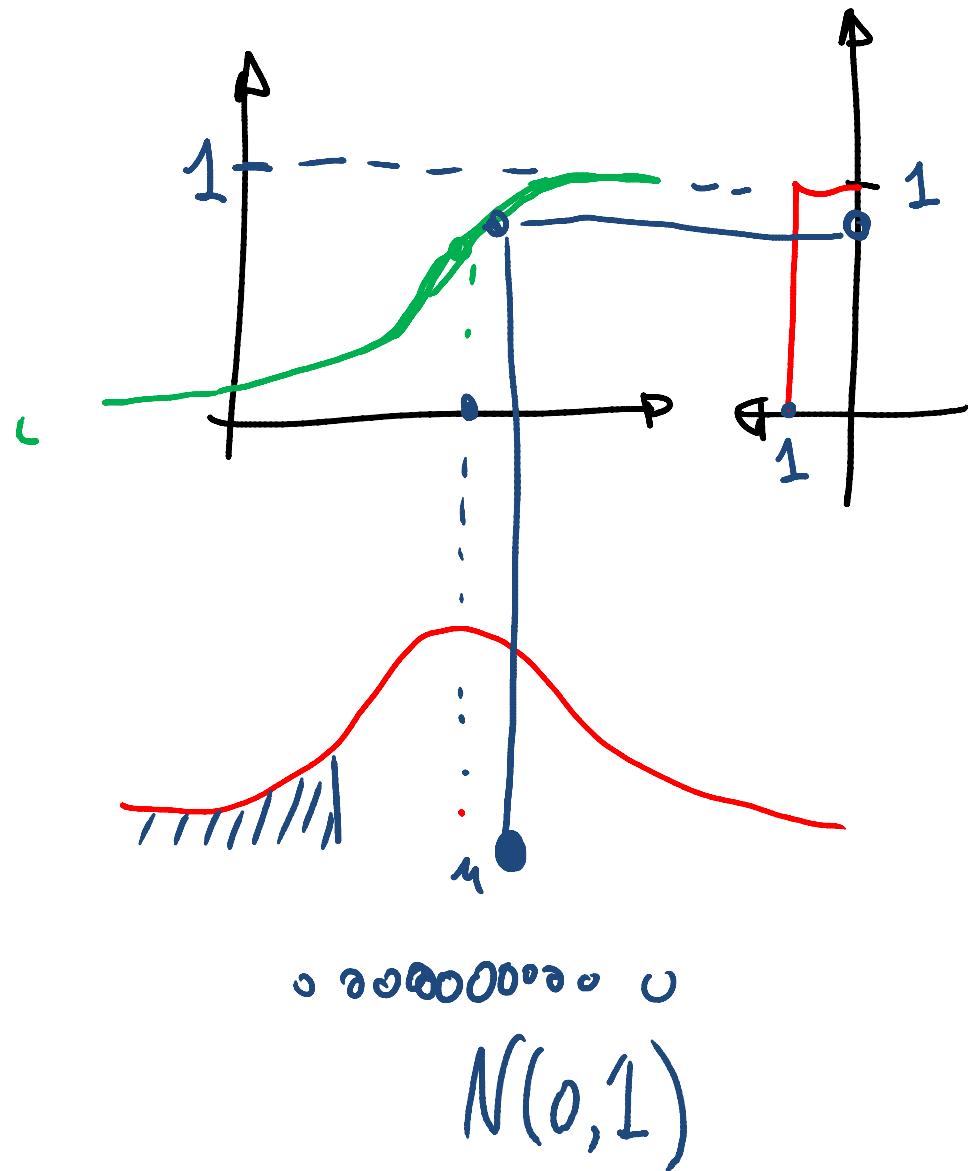
$$x^T \Sigma x$$



$$\mu_{12} = \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (x_2 - \mu_2)$$

$$\Sigma_{12} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}$$

Cholesky
 $\Sigma = LL^T$



Gaussian basics

$$x_i \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$x_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\sim \mu + \sigma N(0, 1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}_i \sim N \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}_i \sim N \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$x \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$$

$$x \sim \mu + L N(0, I)$$

Multivariate Gaussian Theorem (see KPM)

Theorem 4.2.1 (Marginals and conditionals of an MVN). *Suppose $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$ is jointly Gaussian with parameters*

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.12)$$

Then the marginals are given by

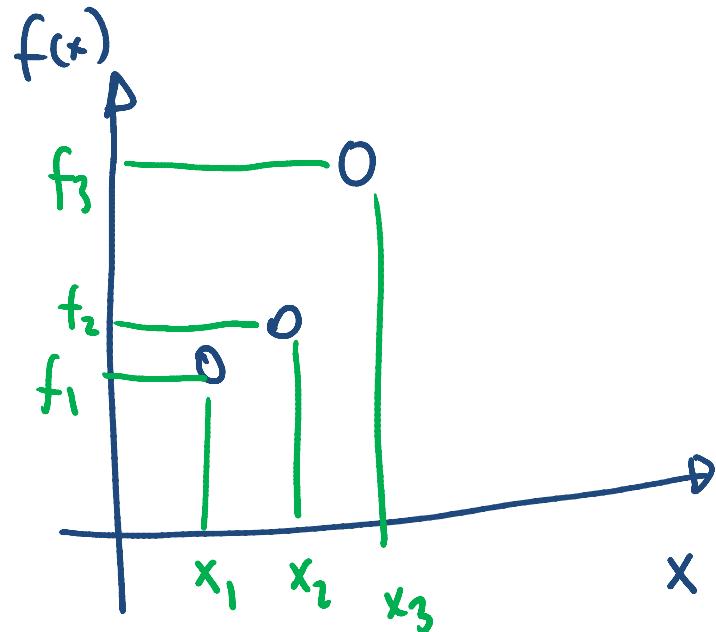
$$\begin{aligned} \xrightarrow{\text{→}} p(\mathbf{x}_1) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_1 | \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}) \\ p(\mathbf{x}_2) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_2 | \boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}) \end{aligned}$$

and the posterior conditional is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{x}_2) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_1 | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{1|2}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{1|2}) \\
 \boldsymbol{\mu}_{1|2} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \\
 &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{12} (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \\
 &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{1|2} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{11} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{12} (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)) \\
 \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{1|2} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} = \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{11}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian basics

x 's given
want to model f 's



$$\begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & K_{13} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} & K_{23} \\ K_{31} & K_{32} & K_{33} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

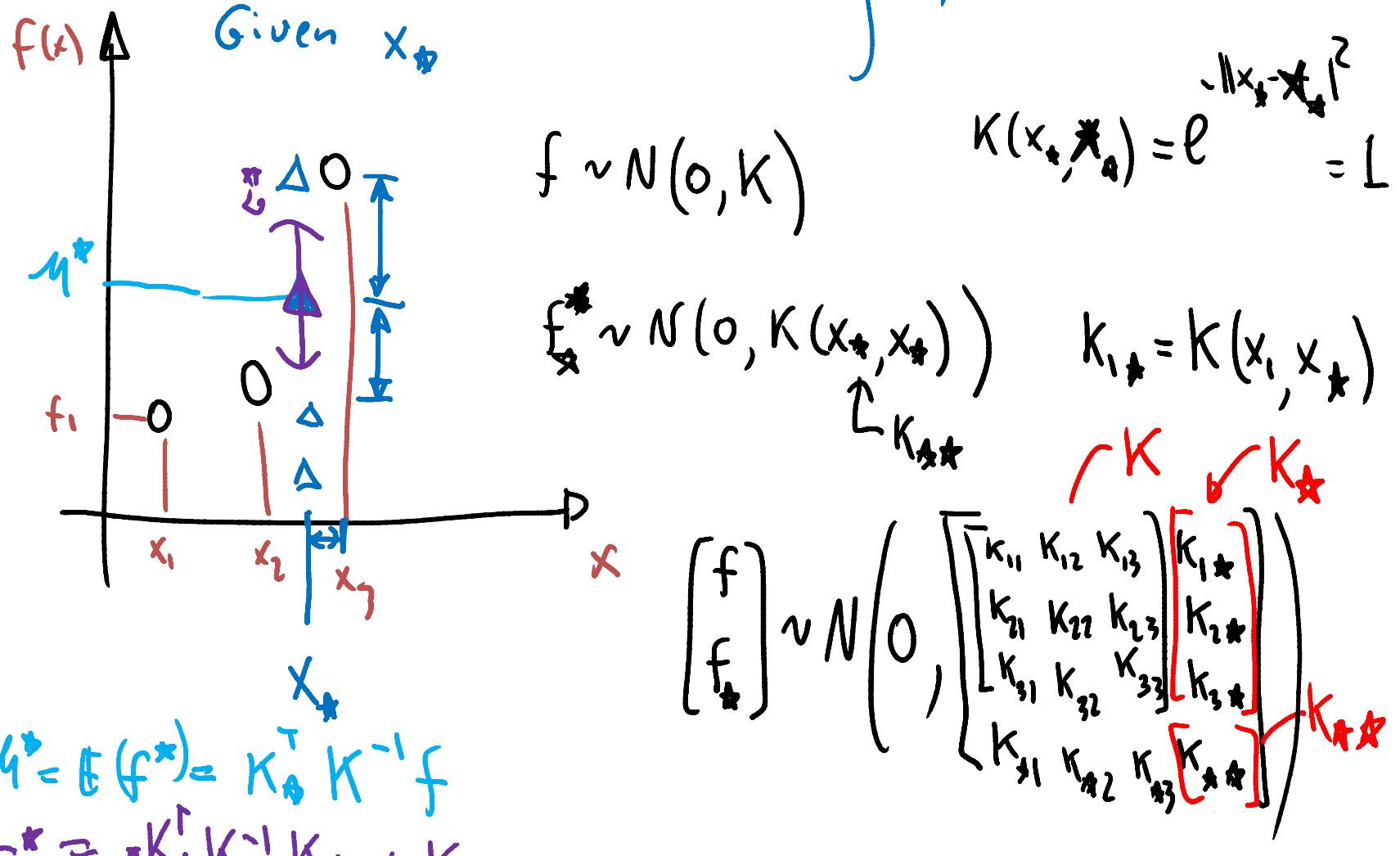
$$\sim \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.7 & 0.2 \\ 0.7 & 1 & 0.6 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$f \sim N(0, K)$$

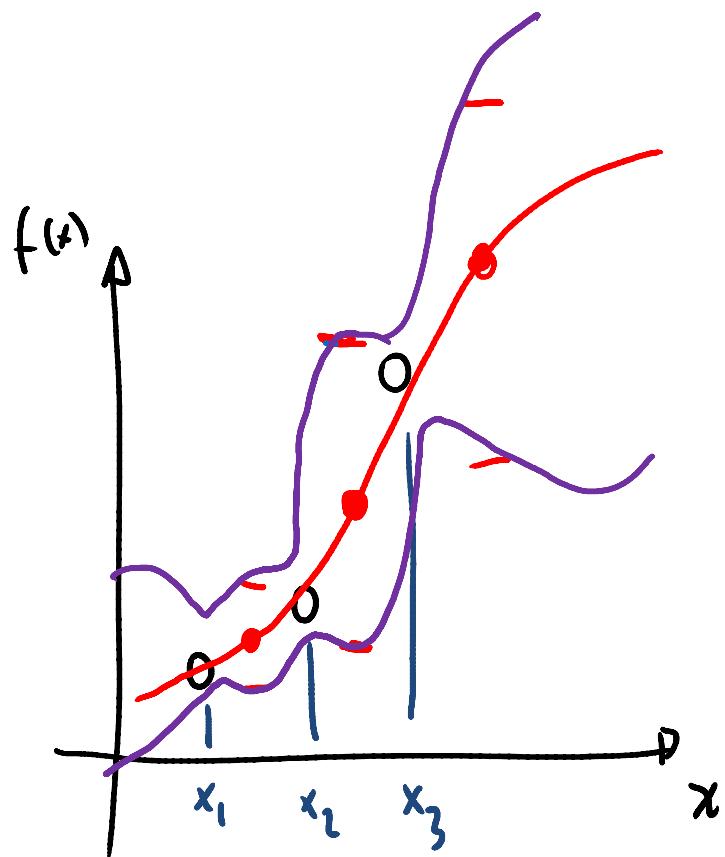
$$K_{ij} = e^{-\lambda \|x_i - x_j\|^2} = \begin{cases} 0 & \|x_i - x_j\| \rightarrow \infty \\ 1 & x_i = x_j \end{cases}$$

Gaussian basics

Given Data $D = \{(x_1, f_1), (x_2, f_2), (x_3, f_3)\} \Rightarrow f_* = ?$



Gaussian basics



GP: a distribution over functions

A GP is a Gaussian distribution over functions:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \sim GP(\underline{m(\mathbf{x})}, \underline{\kappa(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))})$$

$$m(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{x})]$$

$$\kappa(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \mathbb{E}[(f(\mathbf{x}) - m(\mathbf{x}))(f(\mathbf{x}') - m(\mathbf{x}'))^T]$$

$$k(x, x') = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - x')^2\right)$$

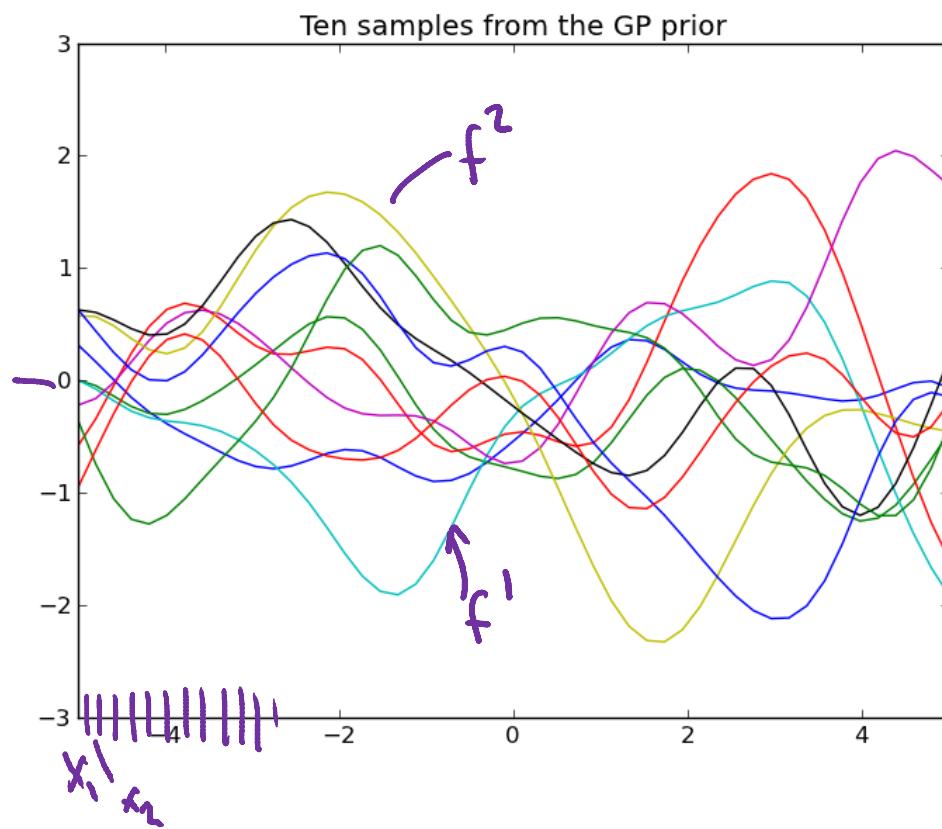
Create $\mathbf{x}_{1:N}$

Create $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}_N$, $K_{N \times N}$

$$K = L L^T$$

$$f^i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}_N, K)$$

$$\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) L$$



Sampling from $P(f)$

```
from __future__ import division
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as pl
```

```
def kernel(a, b):
```

 """ GP squared exponential kernel """

```
    sqdist = np.sum(a**2, 1).reshape(-1, 1) + np.sum(b**2, 1) - 2*np.dot(a, b.T)
    return np.exp(-.5 * sqdist)
```

$n = 50$ ↘ # number of test points.

$X_{\text{test}} = \text{np.linspace}(-5, 5, n).reshape(-1, 1)$ # Test points.

$K_ = \text{kernel}(X_{\text{test}}, X_{\text{test}})$ ↘ # Kernel at test points.

draw samples from the prior at our test points.

$L = \text{np.linalg.cholesky}(K_ + 1e-6 * \text{np.eye}(n))$

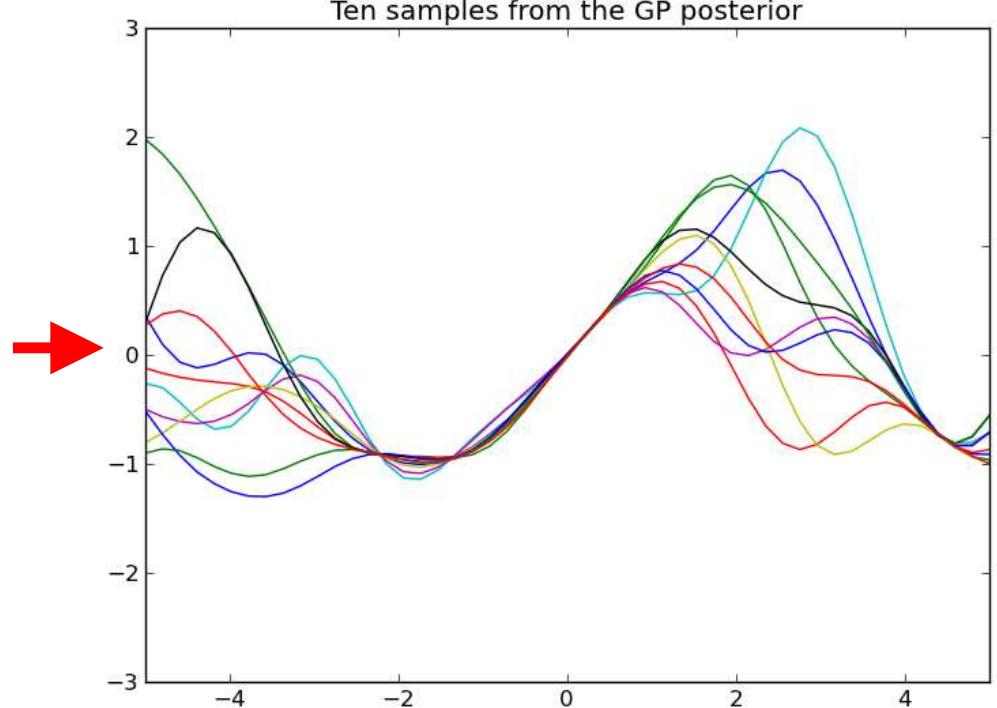
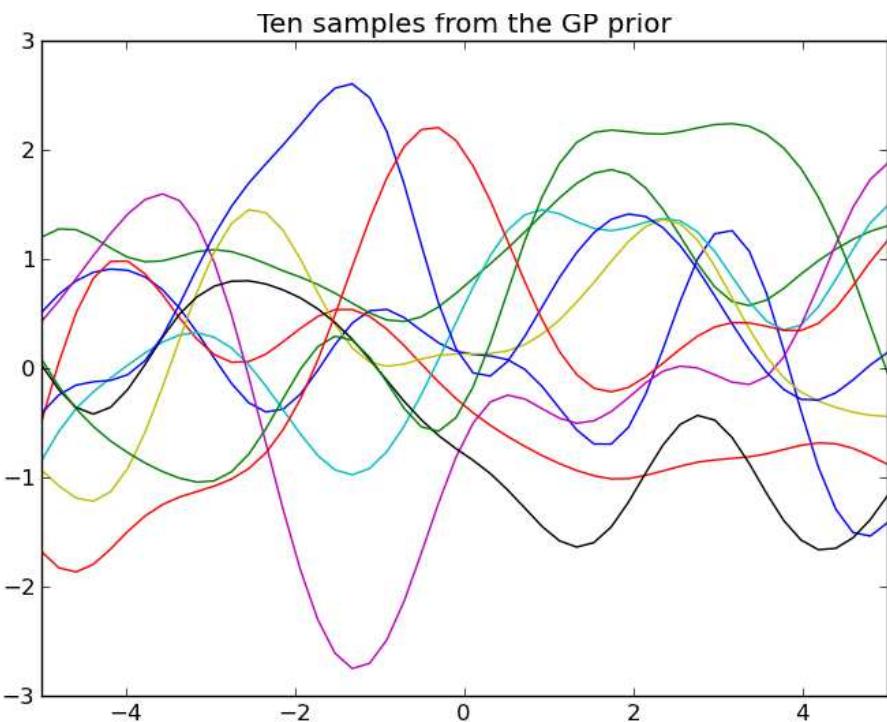
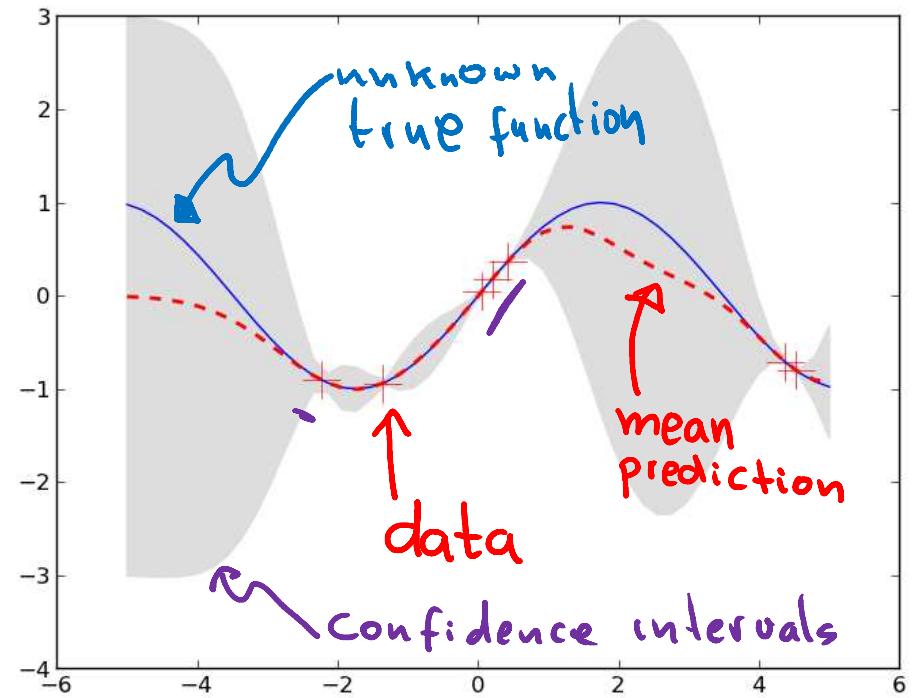
$f_{\text{prior}} = \text{np.dot}(L, \text{np.random.normal}(\text{size}=(n, 10)))$ ↘ $\mathcal{N}(0, I)$

pl.plot(Xtest, f_prior) ↘

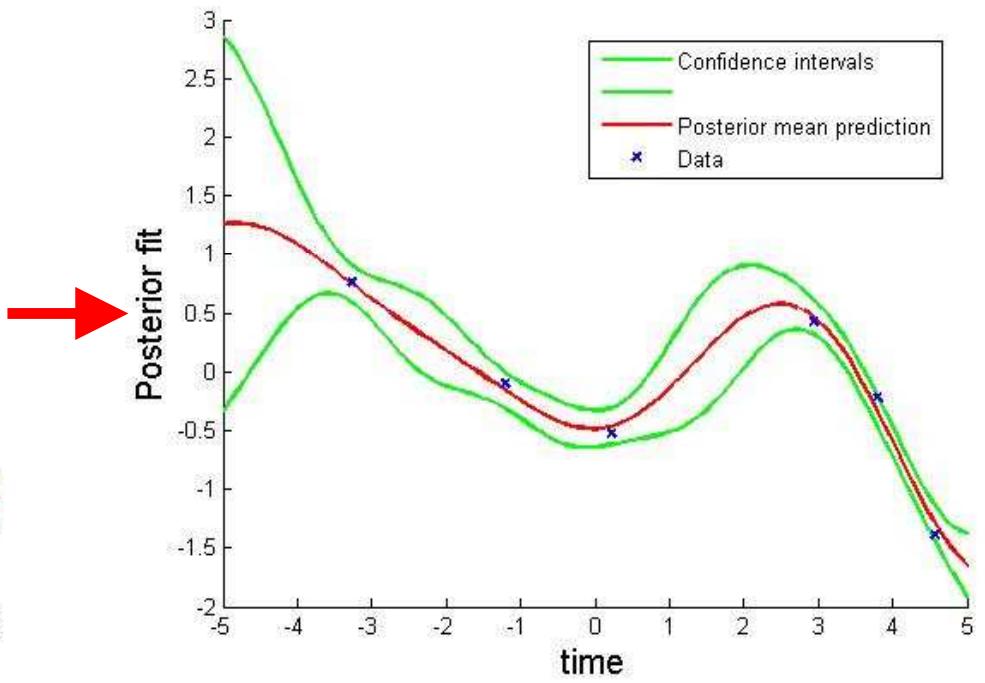
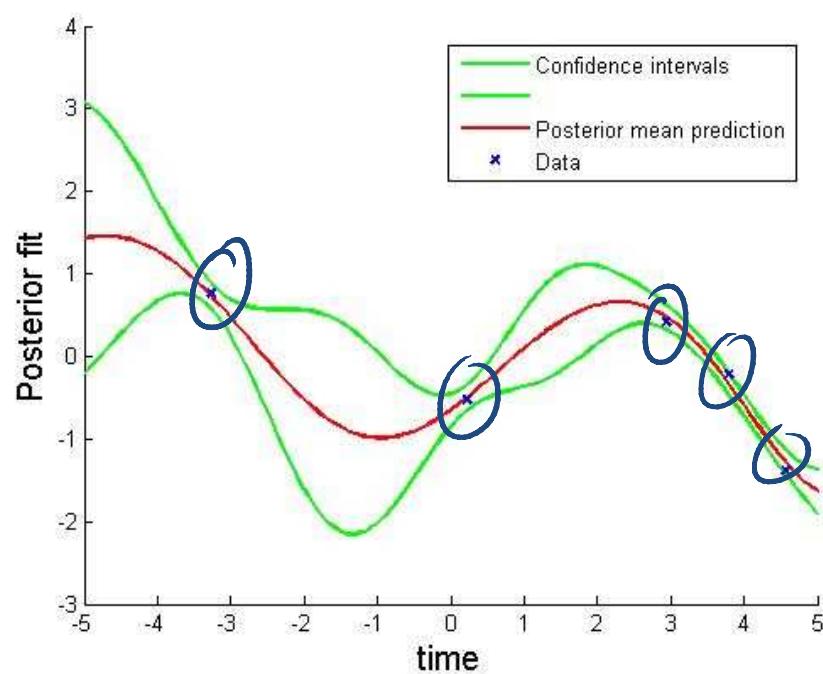
GP posterior

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, f_i), i = 1 : N\}$$

$$p(f|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{p(\mathcal{D}|f)p(f)}{p(\mathcal{D})}$$



Active learning with GPs



Noiseless GP regression

we observe a training set $\mathcal{D} = \{(\underline{\mathbf{x}}_i, \underline{f}_i), i = 1 : N\}$, where $\underline{f}_i = \underline{f}(\underline{\mathbf{x}}_i)$

Given a test set $\underline{\mathbf{X}}_*$ of size $N_* \times D$, we want to predict the function outputs $\underline{\mathbf{f}}_*$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{f}_* \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_* \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K} & \mathbf{K}_* \\ \mathbf{K}_*^T & \mathbf{K}_{**} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

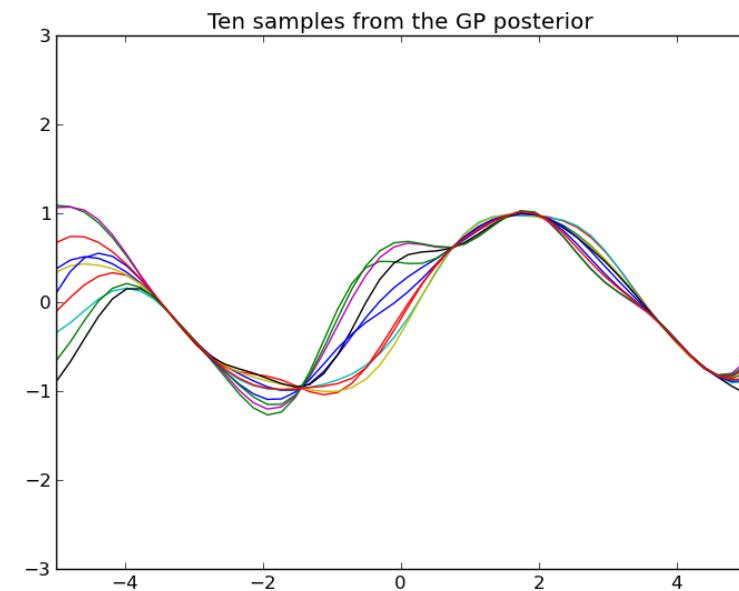
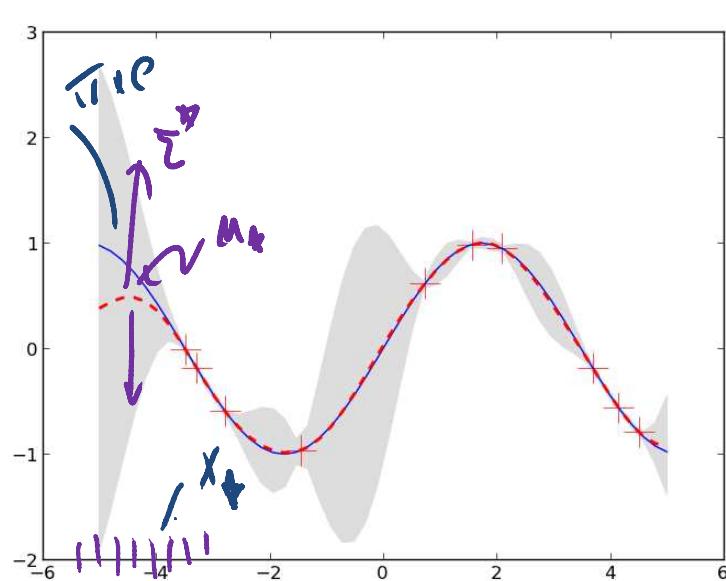
where $\mathbf{K} = \kappa(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})$ is $N \times N$, $\mathbf{K}_* = \kappa(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_*)$ is $N \times N_*$, and $\mathbf{K}_{**} = \kappa(\mathbf{X}_*, \mathbf{X}_*)$ is $N_* \times N_*$.

$$\kappa(x, x') = \sigma_f^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\ell^2}(x - x')^2\right)$$

Noiseless GP regression

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{f}_* \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ \mu_* \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K} & \mathbf{K}_* \\ \mathbf{K}_*^T & \mathbf{K}_{**} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{f}_* | \mathbf{X}_*, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{f}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}_* | \mu_*, \Sigma_*) \leftarrow \\ \mu_* &= \mu(\mathbf{X}_*) + \mathbf{K}_*^T \mathbf{K}^{-1} (\mathbf{f} - \mu(\mathbf{X})) \\ \Sigma_* &= \mathbf{K}_{**} - \mathbf{K}_*^T \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_* \end{aligned}$$

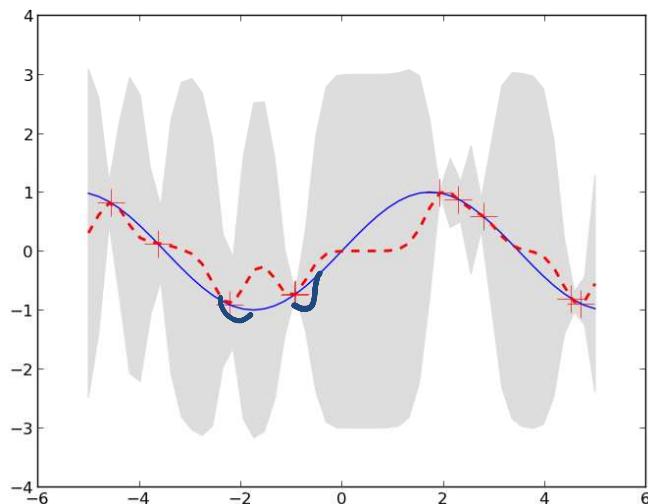


Effect of kernel width parameter

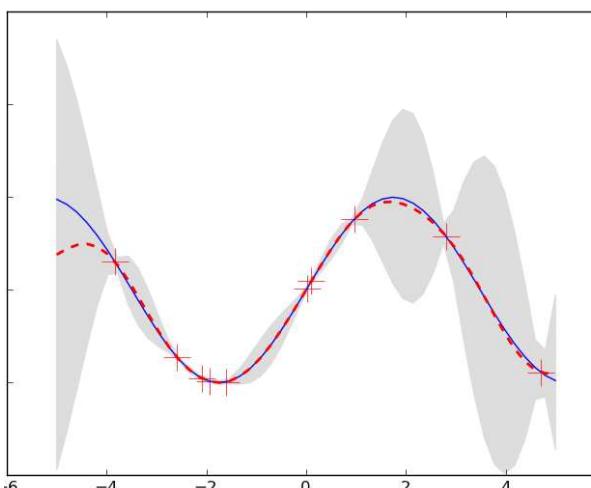
$$\kappa(x, x') = \sigma_f^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\ell^2}(x - x')^2\right)$$

Let $\sigma_f = 1$

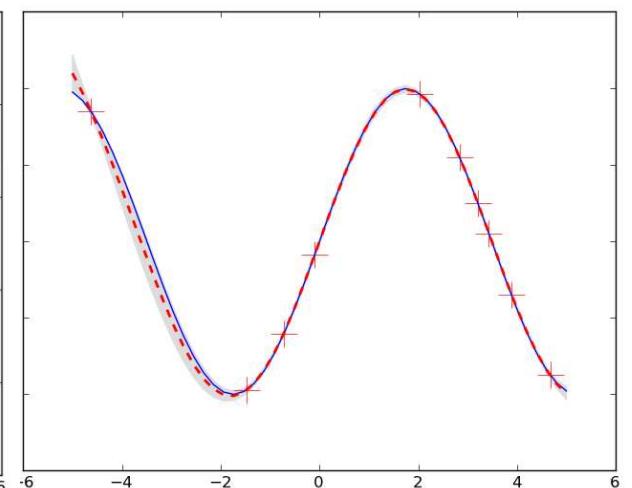
$\ell^2 = 0.1$



$\ell^2 = 1$



$\ell^2 = 10$



Noisy GP regression

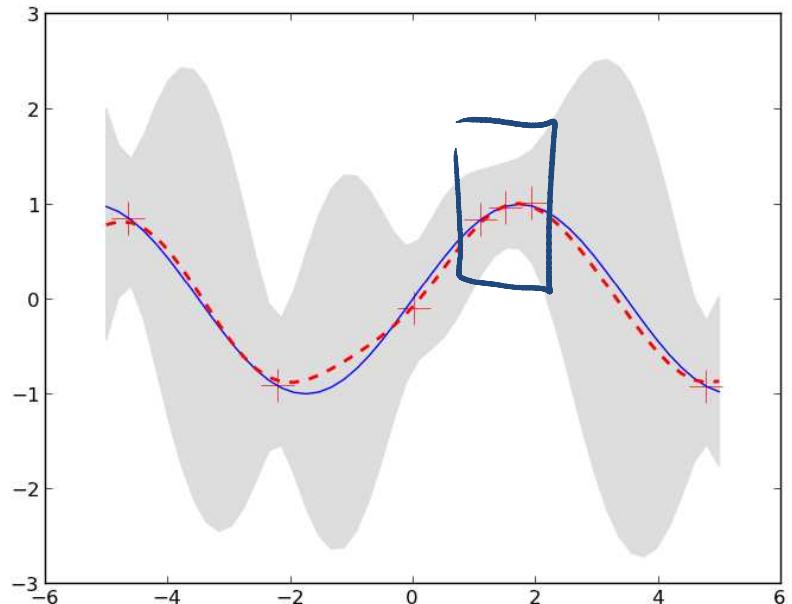
$$\text{Noisy } \underline{y} = \underline{f}(\mathbf{x}) + \underline{\epsilon}, \text{ where } \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_y^2)$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}) = \int p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{X})p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X})d\mathbf{f}$$

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K})$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}) = \prod_i \mathcal{N}(y_i|f_i, \sigma_y^2)$$

$$\text{cov } [\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}] = \mathbf{K} + \boxed{\sigma_y^2 \mathbf{I}_N} \triangleq \mathbf{K}_y$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{f}_* \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\mathbf{0}, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K}_y & \mathbf{K}_* \\ \mathbf{K}_*^T & \mathbf{K}_{**} \end{pmatrix} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{thm}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{f}_*|\mathbf{X}_*, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}_*|\boldsymbol{\mu}_*, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_*) \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_* &= \mathbf{K}_*^T \mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \mathbf{y} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_* &= \mathbf{K}_{**} - \mathbf{K}_*^T \mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \mathbf{K}_* \end{aligned}$$

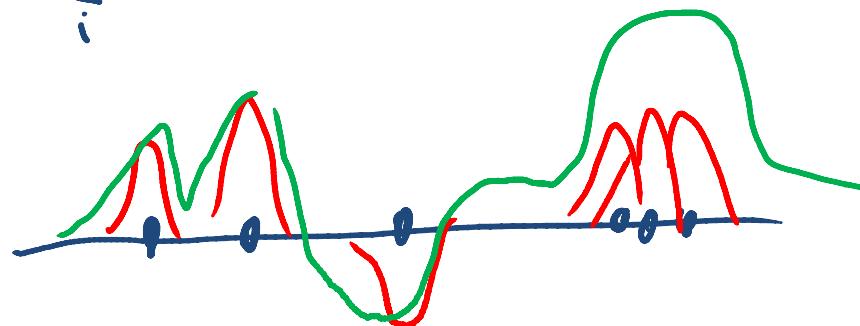
Noisy GP regression

In the case of a single test input, this simplifies as follows

$$p(f_* | \mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(f_* | \mathbf{k}_*^T \mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \mathbf{y}, k_{**} - \mathbf{k}_*^T \mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \mathbf{k}_*)$$

where $\mathbf{k}_* = [\kappa(\mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{x}_1), \dots, \kappa(\mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{x}_N)]$ and $k_{**} = \kappa(\mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{x}_*)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f}_* &= \underbrace{\mathbf{k}_*^T \mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \mathbf{y}}_{\text{mean}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \kappa(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_*) & \alpha &= \underbrace{\mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \mathbf{y}}_{\text{training}} \\ &= \mathbf{k}_*^T \alpha & & \\ &= \sum_i \alpha_i e^{-\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2} \end{aligned}$$



Noisy GP regression and Ridge

$$\min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta\|_2^2 + \delta^2 \|\theta\|_2^2$$

$$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$$

$$\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \delta^2 \mathbf{I}_d) \theta = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_N \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times d}$$

solution can be written as $\theta = \mathbf{X}^T \alpha$, where $\alpha = \delta^{-2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta)$

$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \theta + \delta^2 \theta = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$\delta^2 \theta = \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \theta)$$

$$\theta = \mathbf{X}^T \delta^{-2} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \theta) = \mathbf{X}^T \alpha$$

Noisy GP regression and Ridge

$$\underbrace{(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \delta^2 \mathbf{I}_d) \theta}_{\text{dxd}} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{dx1}$$

solution can be written as $\theta = \mathbf{X}^T \alpha$, where $\alpha = \delta^{-2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta)$

α can also be written as follows: $\underbrace{\alpha = (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T + \delta^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{y}}_{\text{nxn}}$

$$\delta^2 \alpha = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta$$

$$\delta^2 \alpha = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T \alpha$$

$$\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T \alpha + \delta^2 \mathbf{I}_n \alpha = \mathbf{y}$$

$$\alpha = \boxed{(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T + \delta^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{y}}$$

$$\mathbf{y}^* = \mathbf{x}^* \theta = \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{X}^T \alpha$$

Noisy GP regression and Ridge

$$\mathbf{y}^* = \underbrace{\mathbf{x}^*}_{1 \times d} \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{d \times 1} = \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

$$= \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{X}^T \underbrace{\left[\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T + \underbrace{\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n}_{G_y} \right]^{-1}}_{K_y^{-1}} \mathbf{y}$$

$$= \mathbf{K}_*^T \underbrace{K_y^{-1}}_{K_y} \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_*^T = \underbrace{\left[\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{x}_1^T \ \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{x}_2^T \ \dots \ \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{x}_n^T \right]}_{1 \times h}$$

$$K_y = \underbrace{\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T}_{n \times n} = \underbrace{\left[\mathbf{x}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{x}_n \right]}_{n \times d} \underbrace{\left[\mathbf{x}_1^T \ \dots \ \mathbf{x}_n^T \right]}_{d \times d} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^T & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_1^T & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n \end{bmatrix} \quad 1 \times d$$

$$\bar{f}_* = \mathbf{k}_*^T \mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

Learning the kernel parameters

marginal likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}) = \int p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{X})p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X})d\mathbf{f}$$

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K}) \quad \theta = \ell$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}) = \prod_i \mathcal{N}(y_i|f_i, \sigma_y^2)$$

$$\log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}) = \log \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K}_y) = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \mathbf{y} - \frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{K}_y| - \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}_y}{\partial \theta_j} \mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \mathbf{y} - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}_y}{\partial \theta_j}) \leftarrow$$

Numerical computation considerations

$$m_* = \bar{f}_* = \mathbf{k}_*^T \mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

α

$$\mathbf{K}_y = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}^T$$
$$\alpha = \mathbf{K}_y^{-1} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{L}^{-T} \mathbf{L}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

m

Algorithm 15.1: GP regression

$$1 \quad \mathbf{L} = \text{cholesky}(\mathbf{K} + \sigma_y^2 \mathbf{I});$$

$$\mathbf{L}^T \alpha = m$$

$$2 \quad \alpha = \mathbf{L}^T \setminus (\mathbf{L} \setminus \mathbf{y});$$

$$3 \quad \mathbb{E}[f_*] = \mathbf{k}_*^T \alpha;$$

$$4 \quad \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{L} \setminus \mathbf{k}_*;$$

$$5 \quad \text{var}[f_*] = \kappa(\mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{x}_*) - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v};$$

$$6 \quad \log p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{X}) = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \alpha - \sum_i \log L_{ii} - \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi)$$

Next lecture

In the next lecture, we capitalize on GPs to introduce **active learning**, **Bayesian optimization** and **GP bandits**.

For a recent article on bandits and **Thompson sampling** at work at Google, see:

<http://analytics.blogspot.ca/2013/01/multi-armed-bandit-experiments.html>

For an article on Bayesian optimization, see:

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1012.2599>