# Particle Swarm Optimization for Spatial Design

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Abstract

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## 1 The Problem

Suppose we are interested in the latent spatial field of some response variable Y(s),  $s \in \mathcal{D} \subseteq \Re^2$ . Specifically, we are interested in predicting Y(s) at a set of target locations  $s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_M \in \mathcal{D}$ . We have the ability to sample N locations anywhere in  $\mathcal{D}$ , and we wish to place them in order to optimize some design criterion. Let  $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_N \in \mathcal{D}$  denote the N sampled locations. Suppose that Y(s) is a geostatistical process with mean function  $\mu(s) = x(s)'\beta$  for some known covariate x(s) and covariance function C(s,t) for  $s,t \in \mathcal{D}$ . Once the design points are selected, we observe  $Z(d_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, N$  where  $Z(d) = Y(d) + \varepsilon(d)$  and  $\varepsilon(d)$  is mean zero white noise with variance  $\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2$ , representing measurement error. An intuitive criterion to minimize is average mean square prediction error (MSPE) from kriging across each of the target locations.

#### 1.1 Simple Kriging

In simple kriging, C(.,.),  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , and  $\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2$  are all treated as known. Let  $\boldsymbol{Z} = (Z(\boldsymbol{d}_1), Z(\boldsymbol{d}_2), \ldots, Z(\boldsymbol{d}_N))'$ ,  $\boldsymbol{X} = (\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{d}_1), \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{d}_2), \ldots, \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{d}_N))'$ ,  $\boldsymbol{C}_Z = \operatorname{cov}(\boldsymbol{Z})$  where  $\operatorname{cov}(Z(\boldsymbol{d}_i), Z(\boldsymbol{d}_j)) = C(\boldsymbol{d}_i, \boldsymbol{d}_j) + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2 1(\boldsymbol{d}_i = \boldsymbol{d}_j)$ , and  $\boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0) = \operatorname{cov}(Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0), \boldsymbol{Z})$  where  $\operatorname{cov}(Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0), Z(\boldsymbol{d}_i)) = C(\boldsymbol{s}_0, \boldsymbol{d}_i)$ . Then the simple kriging predictor of  $Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)$  is the linear predictor  $\boldsymbol{Y}^*(\boldsymbol{s}_0) = \boldsymbol{\lambda}' \boldsymbol{Z} + k$  that MSPE conditional on sampled locations,  $\boldsymbol{d}_1, \boldsymbol{d}_2, \ldots, \boldsymbol{d}_N$ . Specifically it minimizes  $\mathrm{E}[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0) - Y^*(\boldsymbol{s}_0)]^2$  over  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  and k such that  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}' \boldsymbol{1} = 1$  where  $\boldsymbol{1}$  is a column vector of ones. The simple kriging predictor is easily derived as

$$Y^*(s_0) = x(s_0)'\beta + c_Y(s_0)'C_Z^{-1}(Z - X\beta)$$

with MSPE

$$S_{sk}^2(\mathbf{s}_0) = C(\mathbf{s}_0, \mathbf{s}_0) - \mathbf{c}_Y(\mathbf{s}_0)' \mathbf{C}_Z^{-1} \mathbf{c}_Y(\mathbf{s}_0).$$

The simple kriging MSPE a function of the design points,  $D = (d_1, d_2, ..., d_N)$ , through  $c_Y(s_0)$  and  $C_Z^{-1}$ .

From a Bayesian perspective, this predictor can be rationalized by a particular Bayesian hierarchical model (HM) that has a bit more structure. Specifically, we now assume that  $\{Y(s): s \in \mathcal{D}\}$  and  $\{\varepsilon(s): s \in \mathcal{D}\}$  are independent Gaussian processes. Then the posterior predictive distribution for  $Y(s_0)$  can be derived as

$$[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Z}] = \int [Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Y},\boldsymbol{Z}][\boldsymbol{Y}|\boldsymbol{Z}]d\boldsymbol{Y}$$

where it is easy to derive that

$$Y(s_0)|Y, Z \sim N\left[x(s_0)'\beta + c_Y(s_0)'C_Y^{-1}(Y - X\beta), C(s_0, s_0) - c_Y(s_0)'C_Y^{-1}c_Y(s_0)\right],$$

$$Y|Z \sim N\left[X\beta + C_YC_Z^{-1}(Z - X\beta), C_Y - C_YC_Z^{-1}C_Y\right]$$

so that  $Y(s_0)|\mathbf{Z}$  is Gaussian with

$$E[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Z}] = E\{E[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Y},\boldsymbol{Z}]|\boldsymbol{Z}\} = \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_0)'\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)'\boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1}(\boldsymbol{Z} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}),$$

$$var[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Z}] = E\{var[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Y},\boldsymbol{Z}]|\boldsymbol{Z}\} + var\{E[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Y},\boldsymbol{Z}]|\boldsymbol{Z}\}$$

$$= C(\boldsymbol{s}_0,\boldsymbol{s}_0) - \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)'\boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1}\boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0).$$

Then the design criterion we minimize is average simple kriging variance,  $\overline{S}_{sk}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N S_{sk}^2(\boldsymbol{s}_i)/N$ . Note that in order to  $\overline{S}_{sk}^2$ , we need to know  $\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s})$  a priori for each location  $\boldsymbol{s} \in \mathcal{D}$ . Often for this to be feasible,  $\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s})$  must be some know function of  $\boldsymbol{s}$  and not a covariate that must be measured at location  $\boldsymbol{s}$ . For example if  $\boldsymbol{s} = (u, v)$ , then  $\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}) = (1, u, v)'$  requires no additional measurement.

Naively, it appears strange to minimize a *posterior* predictive variance prior to seeing the data. However, in the simple kriging setup, it turns out that  $var[Y(s_0)|Z]$  does not depend on Z. More generally, a Bayesian would minimize the *expected* posterior predictive variance,  $\mathbb{E}\left\{var[Y(s_0)|Z]\right\}$ .

### 1.2 Universal Kriging

A major limitation of simple kriging is that typically  $\beta$ ,  $\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2$ , and C(.,.) are unknown. Universal kriging attempts to remedy this by allowing  $\beta$  to be unknown. The universal kriging predictor is

$$\widehat{Y}(s_0) = \boldsymbol{x}(s_0)'\widehat{\boldsymbol{eta}}_{gls} + \boldsymbol{c}_Y(s_0)'\boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1}(\boldsymbol{Z} - \boldsymbol{X}\widehat{\boldsymbol{eta}}_{gls})$$

where  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{gls} = (\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1}\boldsymbol{Z}$  is the generalized least squares estimate of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , and the MSPE of  $\hat{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_0)$  is

$$\overline{S}_{uk}^{2}(s_{0}) = C(s_{0}, s_{0}) - c_{Y}(s_{0})'C_{Z}^{-1}c_{Y}(s_{0}) 
+ [x(s_{0}) - X'C_{Z}^{-1}c_{Y}(s_{0})]'[X'C_{Z}^{-1}X][x(s_{0}) - X'C_{Z}^{-1}c_{Y}(s_{0})].$$

This can also be justified via a Bayesian HM by using the same Gaussian assumptions as before, but further assuming that  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  has the improper uniform prior, i.e.  $\boldsymbol{\beta} \sim U(-\infty, \infty)$ . Let  $\boldsymbol{C}_Y = \operatorname{cov}(\boldsymbol{Y})$  where  $\operatorname{cov}(Y(\boldsymbol{d}_i), Y(\boldsymbol{d}_j)) = C(\boldsymbol{d}_i, \boldsymbol{d}_j)$ . Now we have

$$[Y(s_0)|Z] = \int \int [Y(s_0)|Y, \beta, Z][Y|Z]dYd\beta$$

where

$$Y(s_0)|Y, \beta, Z \sim N\left[x(s_0)'\beta + c_Y(s_0)'C_Y^{-1}(Y - X\beta), C(s_0, s_0) - c_Y(s_0)'C_Y^{-1}c_Y(s_0)\right],$$

$$Y|\beta, Z \sim N\left[X\beta + C_YC_Z^{-1}(Z - X\beta), C_Y - C_YC_Z^{-1}C_Y\right],$$

$$\beta|Z \sim N\left[\widehat{\beta}_{gls}, (X'C_Z^{-1}X)^{-1}\right],$$

so that  $Y(s_0)|\mathbf{Z}$  is again Gaussian with

$$E[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Z}] = E\left\{E[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Y},\boldsymbol{\beta},\boldsymbol{Z}]|\boldsymbol{Z}\right\} = \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_0)'\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{gls} + \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)'\boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1}(\boldsymbol{Z} - \boldsymbol{X}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{gls}),$$

$$var[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Z}] = E\left\{var[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Y},\boldsymbol{\beta},\boldsymbol{Z}]|\boldsymbol{Z}\right\} + var\left\{E[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Y},\boldsymbol{\beta},\boldsymbol{Z}]|\boldsymbol{Z}\right\}$$

$$= C(\boldsymbol{s}_0,\boldsymbol{s}_0) - \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)'\boldsymbol{C}_Y^{-1}\boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0) + var\left\{[\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_0) - \boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_Y^{-1}\boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)]'\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)'\boldsymbol{C}_Y^{-1}\boldsymbol{Y}|\boldsymbol{Z}\right\}.$$

To compute the last variance term, note that

$$cov(\boldsymbol{Y}|\boldsymbol{Z}) = E[cov(\boldsymbol{Y}|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{Z})|\boldsymbol{Z}] + cov[E(\boldsymbol{Y}|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{Z})|\boldsymbol{Z}]$$
$$= \boldsymbol{C}_{Y} - \boldsymbol{C}_{Y}\boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1}\boldsymbol{C}_{Y} + (\boldsymbol{I} - \boldsymbol{C}_{Y}\boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1})\boldsymbol{X}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}'(\boldsymbol{I} - \boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1}\boldsymbol{C}_{Y})$$

and

$$\operatorname{cov}(\boldsymbol{Y}, \boldsymbol{\beta}|\boldsymbol{X}) = \operatorname{E}[\operatorname{cov}(\boldsymbol{Y}, \boldsymbol{\beta}|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{Z})|\boldsymbol{Z}] + \operatorname{cov}[\operatorname{E}(\boldsymbol{Y}|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{Z}), \boldsymbol{\beta}|\boldsymbol{Z}]$$
  
=  $(\boldsymbol{I} - \boldsymbol{C}_{\boldsymbol{Y}}\boldsymbol{C}_{\boldsymbol{Z}}^{-1})\boldsymbol{X}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_{\boldsymbol{Z}}^{-1}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}.$ 

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{var}\left[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_{0})|\boldsymbol{Z}\right] = \\ & C(\boldsymbol{s}_{0},\boldsymbol{s}_{0}) - \boldsymbol{c}_{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0})'\boldsymbol{C}_{Y}^{-1}\boldsymbol{c}_{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0}) \\ & + \left[\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0}) - \boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_{Y}^{-1}\boldsymbol{c}_{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0})\right]'[\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}][\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0}) - \boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_{Y}^{-1}\boldsymbol{c}_{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0})] \\ & + \boldsymbol{c}_{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0})'\left\{\boldsymbol{C}_{Y}^{-1} - \boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1} + (\boldsymbol{C}_{Y}^{-1} - \boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1})\boldsymbol{X}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}'(\boldsymbol{C}_{Y}^{-1} - \boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1})\right\}\boldsymbol{c}_{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0}) \\ & + \boldsymbol{c}_{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0})'(\boldsymbol{C}_{Y}^{-1} - \boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1})\boldsymbol{X}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}[\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0}) - \boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_{Y}^{-1}\boldsymbol{c}_{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0})] \\ & + [\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0}) - \boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_{Y}^{-1}\boldsymbol{c}_{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0})]'(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0})'(\boldsymbol{C}_{Y}^{-1} - \boldsymbol{C}_{Z}^{-1})\boldsymbol{c}_{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_{0}), \end{aligned}$$

which reduces to

$$var[Y(s_0)|Z] = C(s_0, s_0) - c_Y(s_0)'C_Z^{-1}c_Y(s_0)$$

$$+ [x(s_0) - X'C_Z^{-1}c_Y(s_0)]'[X'C_Z^{-1}X][x(s_0) - X'C_Z^{-1}c_Y(s_0)].$$

Then the design criterion in this case is  $\overline{S}_{uk}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N S_{uk}^2(\boldsymbol{s}_i)/N$ , and once again  $\mathbb{E}\left\{ \operatorname{var}[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Z}] \right\} = \operatorname{var}[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Z}]$ , which is constant in  $\boldsymbol{Z}$ .

## 1.3 Full Uncertainty Kriging

In both simple and universal kriging the predictors and their MSPEs are the same as the posterior predictive means and posterior predictive variances for a suitably chosen Bayesian HM. In both cases if we wish to choose the sampled locations,  $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_N$ , in order to minimize the MSPE from the kriging estimate, we are effectively minimizing  $\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \text{var}[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_i)|\boldsymbol{Z}(\boldsymbol{D})] \right\} / N$  in  $\boldsymbol{D}$ . We can easily extend this to the case where both  $\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2$  and C(.,.) are unknown, though it may no longer correspond to the optimal linear predictor. Suppose the covariance function is parameterized by  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$ , denoted by  $C_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(.,.)$ , and let  $\boldsymbol{\phi} = (\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2)$ . Assume that a priori  $\boldsymbol{\phi} \sim [\boldsymbol{\phi}]$  — we relax the restriction that  $\boldsymbol{\beta} \sim U(-\infty, \infty)$ . Then we can write the expected posterior predictive variance of  $Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)$  as

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\operatorname{var}[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{Z}]\right\} = \mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{E}\left\{\operatorname{var}[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{\theta},\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2,\boldsymbol{Z}]|\boldsymbol{Z}\right\}\right) + \mathbb{E}\left(\operatorname{var}\left\{\mathbb{E}[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{\theta},\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2,\boldsymbol{Z}]|\boldsymbol{Z}\right\}\right)$$

where from the universal kriging case we know

$$E[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2, \boldsymbol{Z}] = \left\{ \left[ \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_0) - \boldsymbol{X}' \boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1} \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0) \right] (\boldsymbol{X}' \boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1} \boldsymbol{X})^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}' + \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)' \right\} \boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1} \boldsymbol{Z},$$

$$var[Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2, \boldsymbol{Z}] = C(\boldsymbol{s}_0, \boldsymbol{s}_0) - \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)' \boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1} \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)$$

$$+ \left[ \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_0) - \boldsymbol{X}' \boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1} \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0) \right]' [\boldsymbol{X}' \boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}] [\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_0) - \boldsymbol{X}' \boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1} \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)].$$

[PROBLEM: var  $\{E[Y(s_0)|\boldsymbol{\theta},\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2,\boldsymbol{Z}]|\boldsymbol{Z}\}$  IS NOT AVAILABLE IN CLOSED FORM]

## 2 other stuff

In practice both  $\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2$  and C(.,.) are unknown. Assume that the covariance function is parameterized,  $C_{\theta}(.,.)$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta$ . Standard practice is to estimate  $\theta$  and  $\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2$  by some means, then plug in those estimates to the formula for  $\widehat{\beta}_{gls}$ , to obtain the feasible GLS estimate, and into the universal kriging formula. However in the Bayesian context, we can continue to minimize the posterior predictive variance. Let  $\phi = (\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2, \theta)$  and assume that  $\phi$  is independent of  $\beta$  in the prior with  $\phi \sim [\phi]$ . Then we can write

[NOTE: THIS IS NOW A FUNCTION OF Z! So do we minimize the expected prior variance...?]

Then the generalized least squares estimator of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is  $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{gls} = (\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1}\boldsymbol{Z}$ , the universal kriging predictor of  $Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)$  is  $\widehat{Y}(\boldsymbol{s}_0) = \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{s}_0)'\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{gls} + \boldsymbol{c}_Y(\boldsymbol{s}_0)'\boldsymbol{C}_Z^{-1}(\boldsymbol{Z} - \boldsymbol{X}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{gls})$ , and its mean square prediction error is

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where  $\mathbf{d} = (\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2, \dots, \mathbf{d}_N)'$  and  $\mathbf{d}_i = (u_i, v_i)'$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Then the design criterion is

$$U(\boldsymbol{d}) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^{M} \sigma_{\widehat{Y}}^{2}(\boldsymbol{d}; \boldsymbol{s}_{j})$$

where  $\{s_j\}$  are the M locations we wish to predict and our goal is to minimize U in d. Alternatively if we wish to learn about the entire spatial domain, we can minimize

$$U_C(oldsymbol{d}) = rac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \sigma_{\widehat{Y}}^2(oldsymbol{d}; oldsymbol{s}) doldsymbol{s},$$

though this integral is unlikely to be available in closed form and so in practice we would approximate with a criterion with the form of  $U(\mathbf{d})$ . We could also modify  $U(\mathbf{d})$  by attaching weights to the spatial locations if some locations are more important than others.

We can consider two versions of this optimizatio problem: when M > N, i.e. we want to predict at more locations than we can observe, or the opposite case when M < N. When M < N, it is sensible to restrict ourself to designs where the first M observed locations are exactly the M locations at which we want to predict [CAN WE PROVE THIS?]. When M > N, it is no longer necessarily the case that putting a design location at a prediction location is a good idea.

[SHOULD WE CONSIDER OTHER OBJECTIVE FUNCTIONS? SOMETHING DE-PENDING ON ENTROPY?]

Also note that  $U(\mathbf{d})$  depends on the covariance function,  $C(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})$ , which may depend on unknown parameters. In that case, we can put a prior on those unknown parameters and

instead minimize  $E_{\theta}[U(\boldsymbol{d};\boldsymbol{\theta})] = \int_{\Theta} U(\boldsymbol{d};\boldsymbol{\theta})[\boldsymbol{\theta}]d\boldsymbol{\theta}$  where  $[\boldsymbol{\theta}]$  is the prior on  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . [CONNECTION TO FACT THAT KRIGING CAN BE DERIVED FROM A BAYESIAN HIERARCHICAL LINEAR MODEL]