

# Particle Swarm Optimization for Spatial Design

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## Abstract

## KEY WORDS:

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# 1 Introduction

## 2 Model

Suppose we are interested in the latent spatial field of some response variable  $Y(\mathbf{s})$ ,  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ . Specifically, we are interested in predicting  $Y(\mathbf{s})$  at a set of locations  $\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \dots, \mathbf{s}_M \in \mathcal{D}$ . 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  $\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2, \dots, \mathbf{d}_N \in \mathcal{D}$  denote the locations of the  $N$  monitors. We will assume the universal kriging setup with only location as a predictor. In other words, we assume the  $Y(\mathbf{s})$  is a geostatistical process with mean function  $\mu(\mathbf{s})$  and covariance function  $C_Y(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})$  for  $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathcal{D}$ . Further, we assume that  $\mu(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{x}'(\mathbf{s})\boldsymbol{\beta}$  where if  $\mathbf{s} = (u, v)$ , then  $\mathbf{x}'(\mathbf{s}) = (1, u, v)$ . Finally, we observe  $Z(\mathbf{d}_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  where  $Z(\mathbf{d}) = Y(\mathbf{d}) + \varepsilon(\mathbf{d})$  and  $\varepsilon(\mathbf{d})$  is mean zero white noise with variance  $\sigma_\varepsilon^2$ .

Let  $\mathbf{Z} = (Z(\mathbf{d}_1), Z(\mathbf{d}_2), \dots, Z(\mathbf{d}_N))'$ ,  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{d}_1), \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{d}_2), \dots, \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{d}_N))'$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_Z = \text{cov}(\mathbf{Z})$  where  $\text{cov}(Z(\mathbf{d}_i), Z(\mathbf{d}_j)) = C_Y(\mathbf{d}_i, \mathbf{d}_j) + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 1(\mathbf{d}_i = \mathbf{d}_j)$ , and  $\mathbf{c}_Y(\mathbf{s}_0) = \text{cov}(Y(\mathbf{s}_0), \mathbf{Z})$  where  $\text{cov}(Y(\mathbf{s}_0), Z(\mathbf{d}_i)) = C_Y(\mathbf{s}_0, \mathbf{d}_i)$ . Then the generalized least squares estimator of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{gls} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{C}_Z^{-1}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{C}_Z^{-1}\mathbf{Z}$ , the universal kriging predictor of  $Y(\mathbf{s}_0)$  is  $\hat{Y}(\mathbf{s}_0) = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}_0)'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{gls} + \mathbf{c}_Y(\mathbf{s}_0)'\mathbf{C}_Z^{-1}(\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{gls})$ , and its mean square prediction error is

$$\sigma_{\hat{Y}}^2(\mathbf{d}; \mathbf{s}_0) = \mathbf{c}_Y(\mathbf{s}_0)'\mathbf{C}_Z(\mathbf{d})^{-1}\mathbf{c}_Y(\mathbf{s}_0) + [\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}_0) - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{d})\mathbf{C}_Z(\mathbf{d})^{-1}\mathbf{c}_Y(\mathbf{s}_0)]' [\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{d})'\mathbf{C}_Z(\mathbf{d})^{-1}\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{d})]^{-1} [\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}_0) - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{d})\mathbf{C}_Z(\mathbf{d})^{-1}\mathbf{c}_Y(\mathbf{s}_0)]$$

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

$$U(\mathbf{d}) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M \sigma_{\hat{Y}}^2(\mathbf{d}; \mathbf{s}_j)$$

where  $\{\mathbf{s}_j\}$  are the  $M$  locations we wish to predict and our goal is to minimize  $U$  in  $\mathbf{d}$ .

Alternatively if we wish to learn about the entire spatial domain, we can minimize

$$U_C(\mathbf{d}) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \sigma_Y^2(\mathbf{d}; \mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{s},$$

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 optimization 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 DEPENDENT ON ENTROPY?]

Also note that  $U(\mathbf{d})$  depends on the covariance function,  $C_Y(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t})$ , which may depend on unknown parameters. In that case, we can put a prior on those unknown parameters and instead minimize  $E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}[U(\mathbf{d}; \boldsymbol{\theta})] = \int_{\Theta} U(\mathbf{d}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) [\boldsymbol{\theta}] d\boldsymbol{\theta}$  where  $[\boldsymbol{\theta}]$  is the prior on  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . [CONNECTION TO FACT THAT KRIGING CAN BE DERIVED FROM A BAYESIAN HIERARCHICAL LINEAR MODEL]