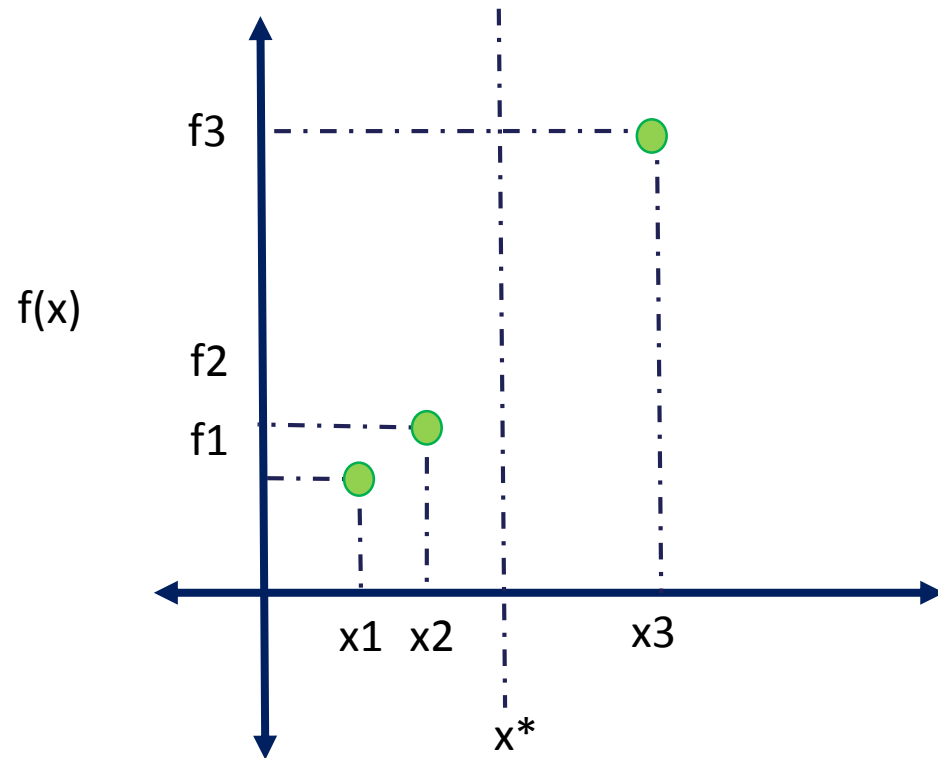


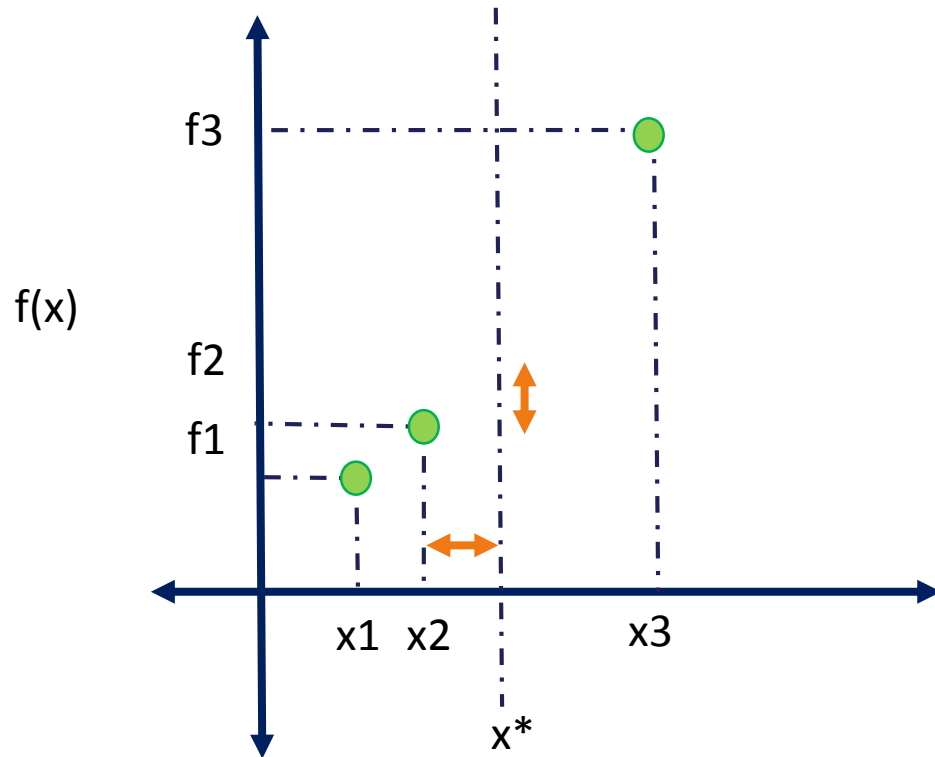
Kernels

Similarity



$$\begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} \sim N\left(\mu = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & K_{13} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} & K_{23} \\ K_{31} & K_{32} & K_{33} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

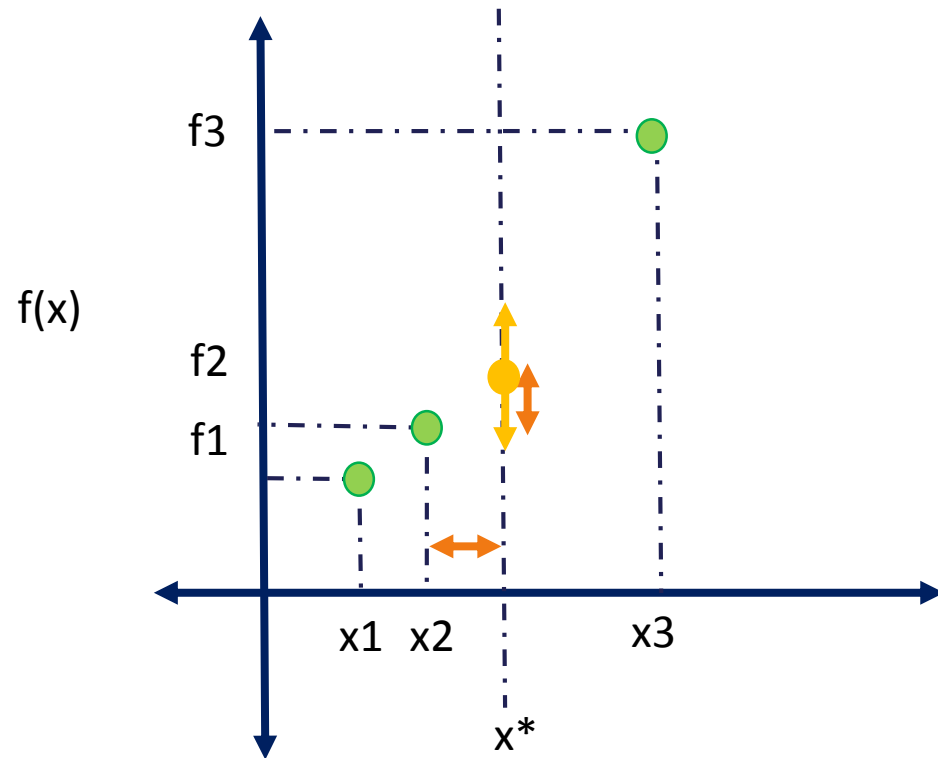
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If the distance in \mathbf{x} is small, we expect the distance in \mathbf{y} to be small.

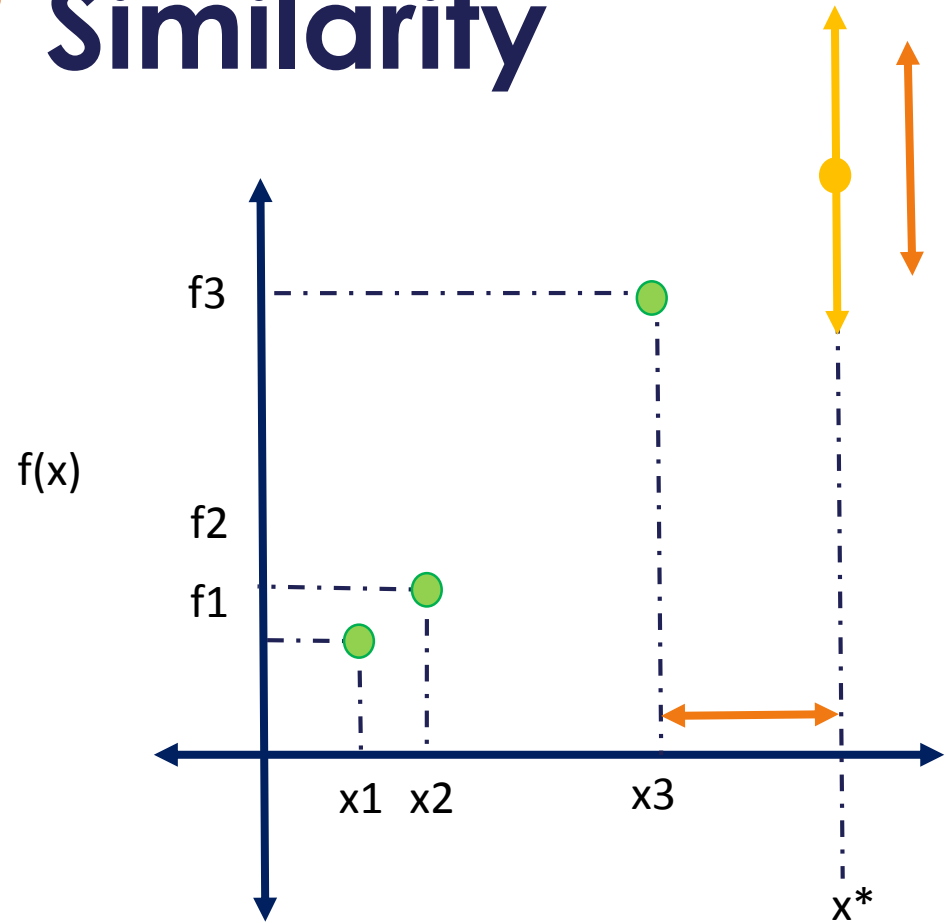
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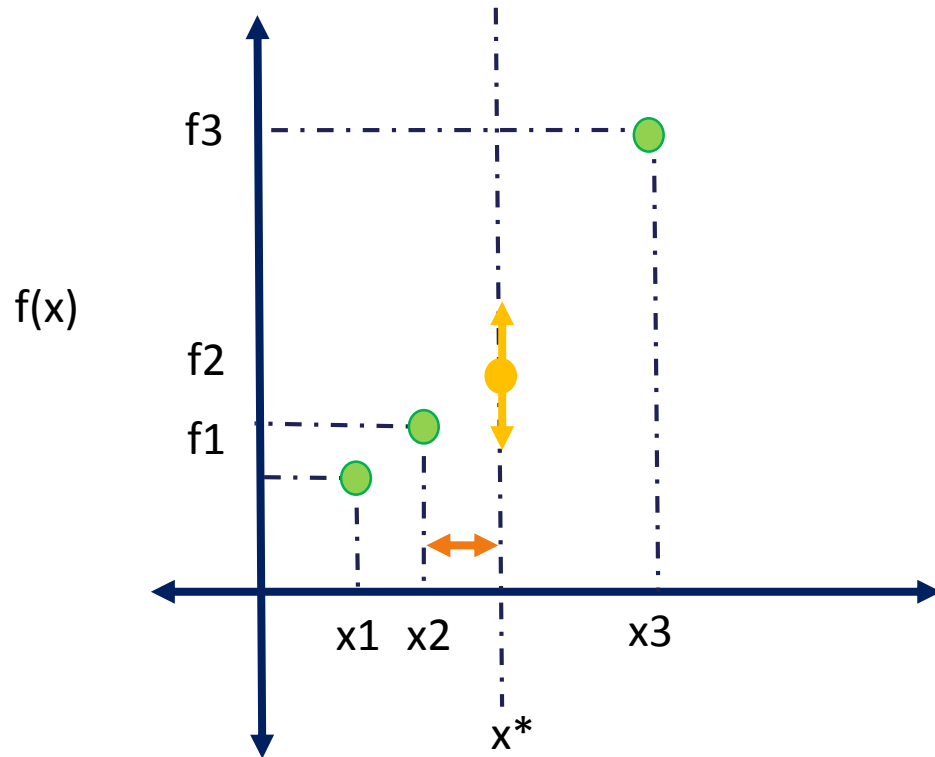
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If the distance in x is big, we expect the distance in y to be big.

Kernels

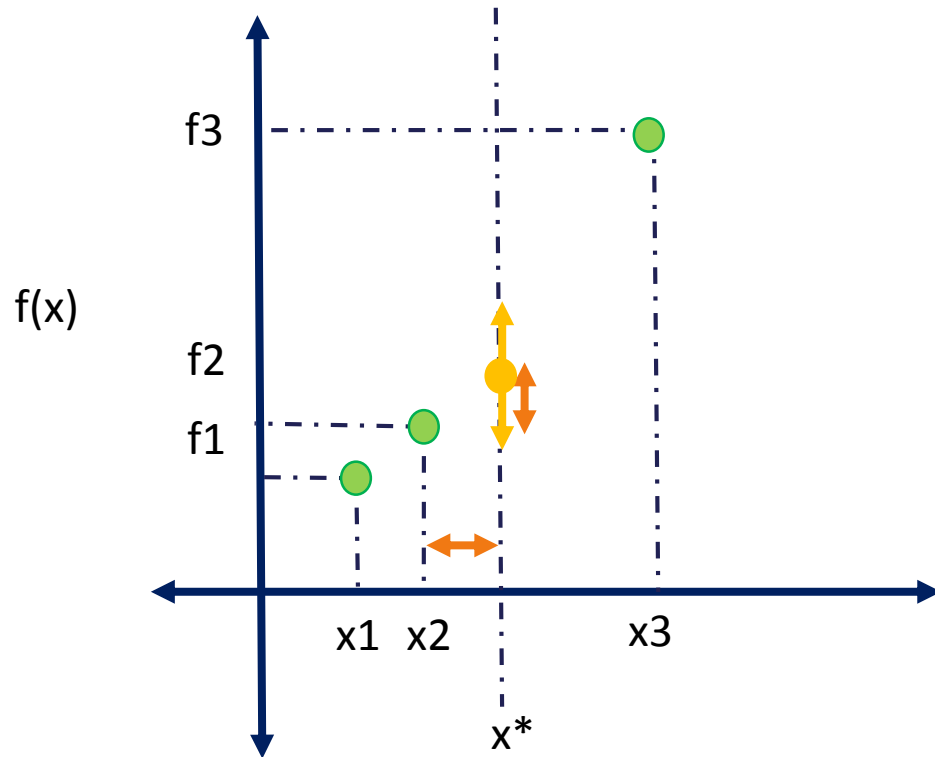


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Kernel:

- $K(x_i, x_j)$
- Kernels property \rightarrow points closer in the input space are more strongly correlated.
- Crucial to determine smoothness of the GP

Squared exponential kernel



$$\begin{bmatrix} f1 \\ f2 \\ f3 \end{bmatrix} \sim N(\mu = \begin{bmatrix} m1 \\ m2 \\ m3 \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} K11 & K12 & K13 \\ K21 & K22 & K23 \\ K31 & K32 & K33 \end{bmatrix})$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 \right)$$

- If x_i and x_j are close, $x_i - x_j \sim 0 \rightarrow k(x_i, x_j) = 1$
- If x_i and x_j are different, $x_i - x_j$ is big $\rightarrow k(x_i, x_j) = 0$

Squared exponential kernel

$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\theta^2} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2\right)$$

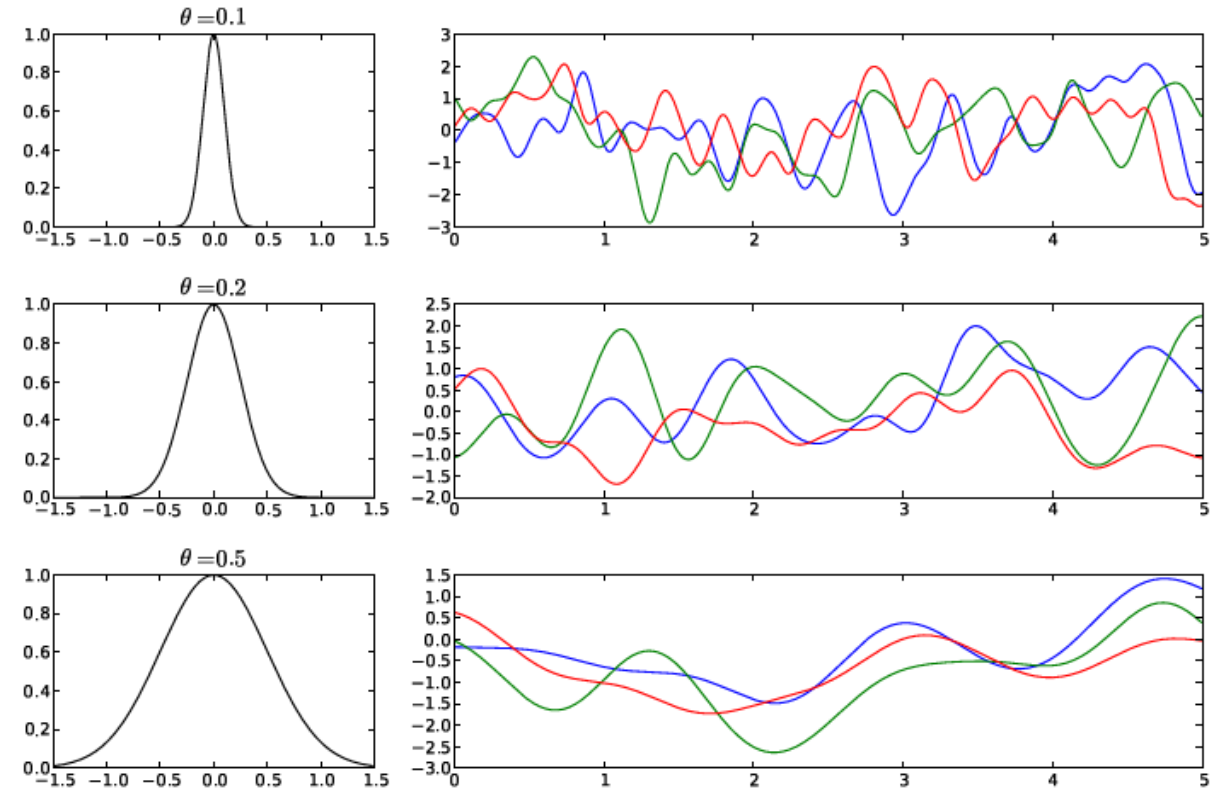
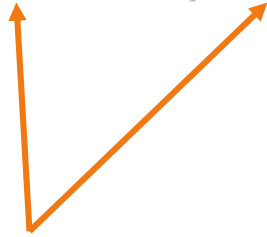


Figure 3: The effect of changing the kernel hyperparameters. Shown are squared exponential kernels with $\theta = 0.1, 0.2, 0.5$. On the left is the function $k(0, \mathbf{x})$. On the right are some one-dimensional functions sampled from a GP with the hyperparameter value.

[Image taken from Bochu, Cora, de Freitas, 2010](#)

Squared exponential kernel

$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \alpha \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\theta^2} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 \right)$$


- Kernel hyperparameters can be determined with cross-validation or Bayesian optimization

Martérn kernel

$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \frac{1}{2^{\zeta-1} \Gamma(\zeta)} (2\sqrt{\zeta} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|)^{\zeta} H_{\zeta}(2\sqrt{\zeta} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|),$$

where $\Gamma(\cdot)$ and $H_{\zeta}(\cdot)$ are the Gamma function and the Bessel function of order ζ .

- ζ is a smoothness parameter that allows greater flexibility to model the GP

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