

1 Input coordinates in second dimension are same as data coordinates

In the 1D case, the predictive distribution of a GP at coordinates $\mathbf{y}^* = (t_1^*, t_2^* \dots t_p^*)^T$ has a mean given by

$$\mu_p^* = \mu_\theta(t_p^*) + K(t_p^*, \mathbf{t})\mathbf{z} \quad (1)$$

where $\mathbf{z} = K(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t})^{-1}[\mathbf{y} - \mu_\theta(\mathbf{t})]$. In the 2D case for a GP with covariance in the second dimension defined the covariance matrix $Q(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u})$, the predictive distribution is given by

$$\mu_p^* = \mu_\theta(t_p^*) + K(t_p^*, \mathbf{t})X \quad (2)$$

where $X_p = Q(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u})\mathbf{z}_{pM:(p+1)M}$ is a vector of length M and $\mathbf{z} = K_{2D}^{-1}[\mathbf{y} - \mu_\theta(\mathbf{t})]$ where K_{2D} is the full 2D covariance matrix and $\mathbf{y} = [y(t_1, u_1), y(t_1, u_2), \dots y(t_1, u_M), y(t_2, u_1), \dots y(t_N, u_M)]^T$ is the dataset on which the GP is conditioned. The algorithm for computing the predictive distribution is given by equations B26-B30 in FM17 with the substitution of X for \mathbf{z} . The result is a matrix $\mu^* \in \mathbb{Z}^{N \times M}$ where $\mu_{n,m}$ is the predicted mean at coordinates (t_n, u_q) .

2 Input coordinates in second dimension are different from data coordinates

When the input coordinates for the second dimension do not coincide with the data coordinates, the matrix X becomes

$$X_p = Q(\mathbf{u}^*, \mathbf{u})\mathbf{z}_{pM:(p+1)M} \quad (3)$$

From which we see that \mathbf{X}_p is just the mean of the predictive distribution for a 1D process with kernel Q at input coordinates \mathbf{u}^* . If the covariance in the second dimension is also defined by a celerite kernel, the cost of computing each \mathbf{X}_p is $\mathcal{O}(mM + rR)$ where M is the number of data coordinates in the second dimension, R is the number of input coordinates, and m and r are some constants. Therefore the total cost of computing X is $\mathcal{O}(mMP + rRP)$, and the total cost of the 2D prediction algorithm is $\mathcal{O}(mMP + rRP + pP + nN) \sim \mathcal{O}((mM + rR + p)P + nN)$