Assignment 3

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Problem 1: Hubble goes GP

You will remember that Edwin Hubble produced the first observational evidence for the expansion of the universe by linear regression of velocities and distances of nearby galaxies. One main limitation with his analysis is the lack of error estimates for any of the observed quantities. In Assignment, we assumed that all observed distances have and unknown but *the same* error. Here we will use the flexibility of Gaussian Processes instead.

Problem 1.1 (3pts):

Load the data file hubble_corrected.txt . It's a version of the data from Assignment 1, Problem 4, that applies several astronomically motivated corrections, but still comes without error estimates.

Perform GP regression of the relation R(V) for noisy data with unknown variance from <code>scikit-learn</code> that we discussed during the lecture. Use <code>ConstantKernel * Matern</code> (a robust replacement of RBF) and <code>WhiteKernel kernel</code> functions. Plot the data, the regression mean and $\pm 1\sigma$ confidence regions. Don't forget axis labels.

Problem 1.1 Solution

As instructed in the exercise, we use a combination of the Constant kernel and the Matern kernel for the Gaussian process kernel and the WhiteKernel for the noise kernel. We fit the Gaussian Process for three different choices of the initial values for the kernel parameters. Ideally, we want to see convergence against the same set of kernel parameters for each of the choices for the initial values.

Begin by loading the data.

```
In [3]:
     #Problem 1.1
     import numpy as np
     import pandas as pd
     #Load data set
     data = pd.read table("catalog.txt").iloc[:,0:2]
     V = np.array(data.iloc[:,0])
     R = np.array(data.iloc[:,1])
     del(data)
In [4]: V, R
Out[4]: (array([ -16.884707, 25.814468, 52.784249,
                                      6.177834, -35.519733,
           -69.594526, 397.904002, 409.449093, 434.157392, 310.307323,
           375.513335, 92.004747, 588.660797, 214.828359, 429.343347,
           819.277569, 591.815353, 735.358921, 613.147178, 1041.62637,
           521.526479, 839.773785, 806.459658, 1106.849401]),
      array([0.032, 0.034, 0.214, 0.063, 0.275, 0.275, 0.45 , 0.5 , 0.5 ,
           0.63, 0.4, 0.9, 0.9, 0.6, 1., 1.1, 1.1,
           1.4 , 1.7 , 1. , 1. , 1. , 2. ]))
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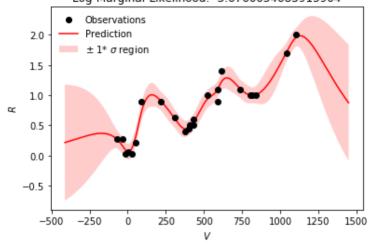
Continue by defining the intial choices of the kernel parameter and for each choice, fit the Gaussian Process and plot the result.

```
#Fit a Gaussian process to the data
        from sklearn.gaussian process import GaussianProcessRegressor
        from sklearn.gaussian process.kernels import Matern, WhiteKernel, ConstantKernel as C
        from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
        %matplotlib inline
        np.random.seed(1)
        #initial quesses for kernel parameter
        C_{scale} = [0.05, 1.0, 10.0]
        M \text{ scale} = [1.0, 100.0, 500.0]
        WK scale = [0.05, 1.0, 10.0]
        for i in range(len(C scale)):
           #set up the kernel
           kernel = C(C_scale[i], (1e-3, 1e3)) * Matern(length_scale=M_scale[i], length_scal
        e_bounds=(1e-3, 1e3), nu=1.5) \
                       + WhiteKernel(noise level=WK scale[i], noise level bounds=(1e-10, 1e+
        1))
           #fit the Gaussian process
           gp = GaussianProcessRegressor(kernel=kernel, alpha=0.0).fit(V.reshape(-1,1), R)
           #define a V-space grid based on which the GP predictions will be made
           x = np.linspace(start=min(V)-np.std(V), stop = max(V)+np.std(V), num = 1000)
           #calculate the GP predictions on the V-space grid
           R_pred, sigma = gp.predict(x.reshape(-1,1), return_std=True)
           #plot
           plt.figure()
           plt.plot(V, R, 'ko', zorder=10, label='Observations')
           plt.plot(x, R_pred, 'r-', label='Prediction')
           plt.fill(np.concatenate([x, x[::-1]]),
                    np.concatenate([R pred - 1.0 * sigma,
                                  (R_pred + 1.0 * sigma)[::-1]),
                    alpha=.2, fc='r', ec='None', label='$ \pm$ 1* $\sigma$ region')
            plt.xlabel("$V$")
           plt.ylabel("$R$")
           plt.title("Initial: %s\nOptimum: %s\nLog-Marginal-Likelihood: %s"
                     % (kernel, gp.kernel,
                        gp.log_marginal_likelihood(gp.kernel_.theta)))
            plt.legend(loc='upper left', frameon=False);
            plt.show()
```

Initial: 0.224**2 * Matern(length_scale=1, nu=1.5) + WhiteKernel(noise_level=0.05)

Optimum: 1.06**2 * Matern(length_scale=294, nu=1.5) + WhiteKernel(noise_level=0.0127)

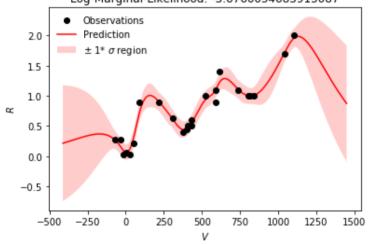
Log-Marginal-Likelihood: -3.6760054683915904



Initial: 1**2 * Matern(length_scale=100, nu=1.5) + WhiteKernel(noise_level=1)

Optimum: 1.06**2 * Matern(length_scale=294, nu=1.5) + WhiteKernel(noise_level=0.0127)

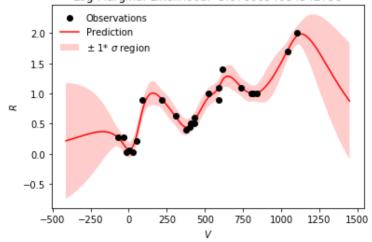
Log-Marginal-Likelihood: -3.6760054683915087



Initial: 3.16**2 * Matern(length_scale=500, nu=1.5) + WhiteKernel(noise_level=10)

Optimum: 1.06**2 * Matern(length_scale=294, nu=1.5) + WhiteKernel(noise_level=0.0127)

Log-Marginal-Likelihood: -3.6760054684342798



We make the following observations:

- The optimal kernel parameters are similar for each of the three initial choices of kernel parameters. This indicates that (with reasonable doubt), the optimization process converges against the same set of kernel parameters, independent of the initial choices. This is very promising.
- The predictions by the fitted Gaussian Process look very reasonable. Particularly, most of the observations are contained in the $\pm 1\sigma$ region, which corresponds to a confidence interval of approximately 67%.

Problem 1.2 (1pt):

The approach in 1.1 suffices to support Hubble's original finding that the universe is in fact expanding, but it is not satisfying for two reasons:

- 1. The GP mean function is not a straight line, in contrast to our (well: Hubble's) theoretical prejudice.
- 2. The variance of the data is assumed to be constant and uncorrelated: $\Sigma_{y,i} = \Sigma_y \ orall i.$

Let's say that we are certain that the data model is linear without intercept. Then we can remedy both of these problems by specifying the analytic likelihood as a stochastic process with two sets of RVs:

$$y(x) = bx + e(x) \ e(x) \sim \operatorname{GP}(\mu(x), \kappa(x, x'))$$

That means we impose that data come from a linear model (with only a slope parameter and no intercept) and that the residual errors e of the linear model come from a GP. That evidently addresses shortcoming 1, and it allows for a more flexible error model.

To visualize the approach, let's break it up into two steps.

- 1. Compute $e_i=R_i- ilde{b}_{MLE}V_i$, where $ilde{b}_{MLE}$ is the MLE of the ordinary linear regression.
- 2. Perform GP regression of e(V) with the same kernel as in 1.1.

Problem 1.2 Solution

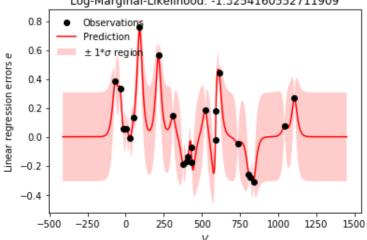
First, we calculate the MLE estimator for the slope and the corresponding residuals.

```
In [19]:
         #Fit Gaussian Process to residuals
         #initial quesses for kernel parameter
         C scale = 0.01
         M scale = 10.0
         WK scale = 1e-7
         #set up the kernel
         kernel = C(C_scale , (1e-3, 1e3)) * Matern(length_scale=M_scale, length_scale_bounds=
         (1e-3, 1e3), nu=1.5) \setminus
                    + WhiteKernel(noise level=WK scale, noise level bounds=(1e-10, 1e+1))
         #fit the Gaussian process
         gp = GaussianProcessRegressor(kernel=kernel, alpha=0.0).fit(V.reshape(-1,1), e)
         #define a V-space grid based on which the GP predictions will be made
         x = np.linspace(start=min(V)-np.std(V), stop = max(V)+np.std(V), num = 1000)
         #calculate the GP predictions on the V-space grid
         e pred, sigma = gp.predict(x.reshape(-1,1), return std=True)
         #plot residual fit
         plt.figure()
         plt.plot(V, e, 'ko', zorder=10, label='Observations')
         plt.plot(x, e pred, 'r-', label='Prediction')
         plt.fill(np.concatenate([x, x[::-1]]),
                 np.concatenate([e_pred - 1.0 * sigma,
                                (e_pred + 1.0 * sigma)[::-1]]),
                 alpha=.2, fc='r', ec='None', label='$\pm$ 1*$\sigma$ region')
         plt.xlabel("$V$")
         plt.ylabel("Linear regression errors $e$")
         plt.title("Initial: %s\nOptimum: %s\nLog-Marginal-Likelihood: %s"
                  % (kernel, gp.kernel,
                     gp.log marginal likelihood(gp.kernel .theta)))
         plt.legend(loc='upper left', frameon=False);
         plt.show()
```

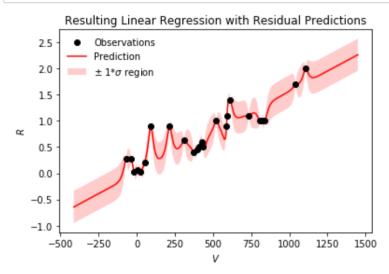
Initial: 0.1**2 * Matern(length_scale=10, nu=1.5) + WhiteKernel(noise_level=1e-07)

Optimum: 0.306**2 * Matern(length_scale=20.4, nu=1.5) + WhiteKernel(noise_level=1e-07)

Log-Marginal-Likelihood: -1.3254160552711909



The resulting predictions taking the linear model and the residuals predictions into account is given by



We can also incorporate the estimate for the errors, e, as uncertainties in the measured R(V) against a more informed linear regression:

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In [21]: from scipy.optimize import curve_fit

pred_errors = gp.predict(e.reshape(-1,1))

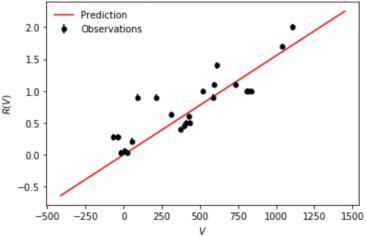
def fn(x, b):
    return x*b
    # take predicted errors and add them to a diagonal covariance matrix
    sigma_matrix = np.diag(np.squeeze(pred_errors**2))

# re-fit the curve_fit module using the covariances
b_mle,covm = curve_fit(fn, V, R, sigma=sigma_matrix)
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In [29]: print(b_mle, b)
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[0.00155408] 0.0015621020061833638

Resulting Linear Regression with Residual Error Predictions



Problem 1.3 (3pts):

The linear regression errors e from 1.2 appear locally clustered. These correlations of the errors can be accounted for by the GP, but so far the linear regression does not "know" of this new modeling flexibility. Let's find a way to optimize the linear model *and* the GP simultaneously.

The likelihood for the data $\{(x_1,y_1),\ldots,(x_N,y_N)\}$ is

$$egin{aligned} & \ln p(\{y_i\}|\{x_i\},b, heta) = -rac{1}{2}e^ op K_ heta^{-1}e - rac{1}{2}\ln |K_ heta| - rac{N}{2}\ln (2\pi) \ & = -rac{1}{2}(y-bx)^ op K_ heta^{-1}(y-bx) - rac{1}{2}\ln |K_ heta| - rac{N}{2}\ln (2\pi) \end{aligned}$$

where $K_{\theta} = \kappa(x, x^{\top} | \theta)$ is the error covariance matrix, and θ denotes the parameter vector of the kernel function. In other words, K is the covariance matrix of the e_i , whose parameters we seek to determine while also determining b through minimizing the e_i .

For this to be meaningful we need to specify κ . The deviations from the mean appear locally clustered, which suggest a distance-based kernel. Like above, we'll use the robust Matérn 3/2 kernel:

$$\kappa(x,x'|lpha, au) = lpha^2 \left(1 + rac{\sqrt{3}d}{ au}
ight) \exp\!\left(-rac{\sqrt{3}d}{ au}
ight)$$

where $d=\|x-x'\|_2$. To account for some (unknown) constant noise level, the data covariance matrix K contains a diagonal term $\sigma_v^2 \mathbb{I}$ with the unknown noise variance σ_v^2 (that's what the WhiteKernel above does):

$$K_ heta o K_y \equiv \sigma_y^2 \mathbb{I} + \kappa(x, x^ op | lpha, au)$$

Implement the kernel function and the log likelihood above. Instead of a grid search, compute the gradients wrt the parameters b, σ_y , α , and τ with <code>jax.grad</code> . Evaluate the gradients at $(b=0.0015, \sigma_y=0.1, \alpha=1, \tau=100)$.

Hints:

- import jax.numpy as np
- If you cannot install jax, try autograd (https://github.com/HIPS/autograd) (its predecessor, installable with pip install autograd). Its grad function works just the same, but there's no built-in just-in-time compilation.

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In [30]: import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore', category=UserWarning)
```

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In [31]:
       #Problem 1.3
       import jax.numpy as np
       from jax import grad
       def k(x_0, x_1, alpha, tau):
          return alpha**2 *(1+np.sqrt(3)*np.linalg.norm(x_0-x_1)/tau)*np.exp(-np.sqrt(3)*np
       .linalg.norm(x 0-x 1)/tau)
       def negloglikelihood(param):
          b, sg y, alpha, tau = param
          km = np.vectorize(lambda x_0,x_1: k(x_0,x_1,alpha,tau))(V[:,None], V)+sg_y**2 * n
       p.identity(len(R))
          return (np.dot( 0.5*(R-b*V), np.linalg.solve(km, R-b*V))+0.5*np.log(np.linalg.det
       (km)))
       grad_negloglike = grad(negloglikelihood)
       print('Gradients: ', [round(float(_),4) for _ in grad_negloglike([0.0015, 0.1, 1.0, 1
       00.01)1)
```

Gradients: [-395.2869, 28.3595, 14.7657, -0.0891]

Problem 1.4 (2pt):

Use the gradient function from 1.3 to perform first-order gradient descent. Choose suitable step sizes and parameter initializations.

Hints:

- · Make sure that all parameters stay positive.
- If needed, terminate the optimization when the value of the loss function increases.

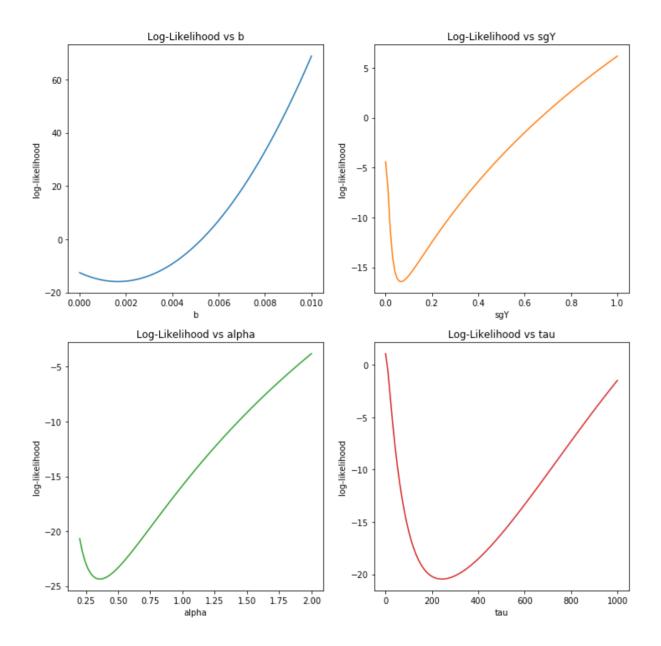
Problem 1.4 Solution

```
In [32]: from jax import jit
import tqdm
from tqdm import tqdm_notebook
```

First we plot the negative log-likelihood, varying only one parameter at a time. From these plots, we can select good initialisations and appropriate step sizes for the optimisation process.

```
In [33]: # Compute the negative log-likelihood at a grid of values, varying one parameter at a
         b_0, sgY_0, alpha_0, tau_0 = 0.0015, 0.1, 1.0, 100.0
         x b = np.linspace(1e-5, 1e-2, 100)
         y_b = []
         for i in tqdm_notebook(range(len(x_b)), 'b'):
             y_b.append(negloglikelihood([x_b[i], sgY_0, alpha_0, tau_0]))
         x sgY = np.linspace(1e-5, 1, 100)
         y_sgY = []
         for i in tqdm_notebook(range(len(x_sgY)), 'sgY'):
             y_sgY.append(negloglikelihood([b_0, x_sgY[i], alpha_0, tau_0]))
         x alpha = np.linspace(1e-5, 2, 100)
         y_alpha = []
         for i in tqdm_notebook(range(len(x_alpha)), 'alpha'):
             y_alpha.append(negloglikelihood([b_0, sgY_0, x_alpha[i], tau_0]))
         x tau = np.linspace(1, 1000, 100)
         y tau = []
         for i in tqdm_notebook(range(len(x_tau)), 'tau'):
             y_tau.append(negloglikelihood([b_0, sgY_0, alpha_0, x_tau[i]]))
```

```
In [34]: # Plot the negative log-likelihood vs each parameter
         fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(12,12))
         axs[0,0].plot(x b, np.asarray(y b))
         axs[0,0].set_title('Log-Likelihood vs b')
         axs[0,0].set_xlabel('b')
         axs[0,1].plot(x_sgY, np.asarray(y_sgY), 'tab:orange')
         axs[0,1].set_title('Log-Likelihood vs sgY')
         axs[0,1].set xlabel('sgY')
         axs[1,0].plot(x_alpha, np.asarray(y_alpha), 'tab:green')
         axs[1,0].set_title('Log-Likelihood vs alpha')
         axs[1,0].set_xlabel('alpha')
         axs[1,1].plot(x_tau, np.asarray(y_tau), 'tab:red')
         axs[1,1].set_title('Log-Likelihood vs tau')
         axs[1,1].set_xlabel('tau')
         for ax in axs.flat:
             ax.set(ylabel='log-likelihood')
         fig.show()
```



From the plots, we see that the minima appear to be achieved at approximately b=0.00175, $\sigma_Y=0.075$, $\alpha=0.35$, and $\tau=220$. Thus, we choose values that are near to these as our initialisations.

Next, we define functions for our optimisation process.

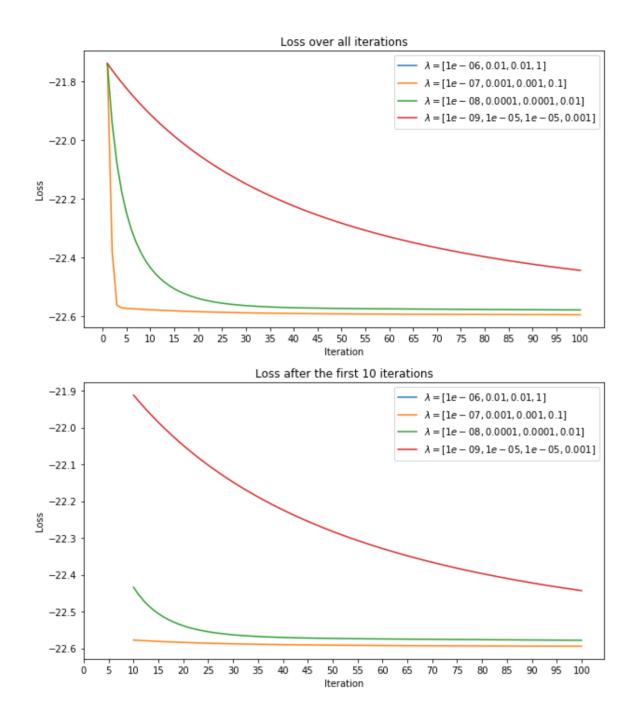
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In [35]: @jit
         def update(params, step_sizes):
             grads = grad negloglike(params)
             return tuple(x - step_size * dx for x, dx, step_size in zip(params, grads, step_s
         izes))
         # @jit
         def optimize(params, step sizes, steps=100):
             losses = [1e15]
             for step in tqdm notebook(range(steps)):
                 loss = negloglikelihood(params)
                 if loss > losses[-1]:
                     return params, losses
                 else:
                     losses.append(loss)
                     params = update(params, step sizes)
             return params, losses
```

Then, we use the update function to compute the actual changes in the parameters based on the gradient of our negative log-likelihood function and the step sizes. We use this to select our set of step sizes.

```
In [36]: # Initialisation
         params test = [0.002, 0.1, 0.5, 200.0]
         step_sizes_test = [1e-7, 1e-3, 1e-3, 1e-1]
         param_names = ['b', 'sg_Y', 'alpha', 'tau']
grads_test = [round(float(_),4) for _ in grad_negloglike(params_test)]
         diffs test = np.asarray(params test) - np.asarray(new params test)
         print('Parameters: ', param_names)
         print('Gradients: ', grads_test)
         print('Initial Parameters: ', params_test)
         print('New Parameters', new params test)
         print('Difference: ', diffs_test)
        Parameters: ['b', 'sg_Y', 'alpha', 'tau']
        Gradients: [2172.2314, -42.0288, -5.4194, 0.0308]
         Initial Parameters: [0.002, 0.1, 0.5, 200.0]
        New Parameters [0.0018, 0.142, 0.5054, 199.9969]
        Difference: [ 0.0002
                                 -0.042
                                             -0.0054
                                                         0.003097531
```

We note that the changes in the parameteres seem reasonable given our expected minima values. Finally, we perform the gradient descent optimisation.

```
In [37]: # Initialisation
         params_0 = [0.002, 0.1, 0.5, 200.0]
         step sizes list = [[1e-6, 1e-2, 1e-2, 1], # one order higher than set tested
                            [1e-7, 1e-3, 1e-3, 1e-1], # set tested
                            [1e-8, 1e-4, 1e-4, 1e-2], # one order lower than set tested
                            [1e-9, 1e-5, 1e-5, 1e-3]] # two orders lower than set tested
         fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(10,12))
         plot2_min_iter = 10
         params list = []
         losses list = []
         for step sizes in step sizes list:
             params, losses = optimize(params_0, step_sizes, steps=100)
             params list.append(params)
             losses list.append(losses)
             axs[0].plot(range(1,len(losses)),
                           losses[1:],
                           label='$\lambda={}$'.format(step_sizes))
             axs[1].plot(range(plot2 min iter,len(losses)),
                           losses[plot2 min iter:],
                           label='$\lambda={}$'.format(step sizes))
         for i in range(2):
             axs[i].legend();
             axs[i].set xlabel('Iteration');
             axs[i].set xticks(range(0,len(losses),5))
             axs[i].set ylabel('Loss');
         axs[0].set title('Loss over all iterations')
         axs[1].set_title('Loss after the first {} iterations'.format(plot2_min_iter))
         fig.show()
```



We see that the first set of step sizes are too large (blue) and the loss actually increases at the first step (see first progress bar), so the process stops. All of the other sets of step sizes work, but the second set clearly decreases fastest.

In order to better see how the different step sizes affect the optimisation process, we also plot the curves after 10 iterations (helps narrow in on the y-axis).

Problem 1.5 (1pt):

Visualize the result:

- 1. Plot the matrix $K_{ heta}$ for the data with the parameters $ilde{ heta}$ you have determined in 1.4.
- 2. Plot the data, the prediction mean and the $\pm 1\sigma$ confidence regions. For that, compute $e=y-\tilde{b}x$, compute the mean μ_* and covariance Σ_* of the GP for e. Note that the cross-covariance K_{X*} does not contain a diagonal error term. The final prediction is then $\tilde{y}=\tilde{b}x+\mu_*\pm\mathrm{Diag}\left(\Sigma_*^{1/2}\right)$.

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In [38]: # get parameters from gradient descent
import numpy as onp
    opt_params = onp.array(params_list[len(params_list)-1])

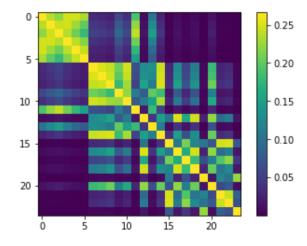
b_opt = opt_params[0]
    sg_y_opt = opt_params[1]
    alpha_opt = opt_params[2]
    tau_opt = opt_params[3]

print('b:', b_opt)
    print('sigma:', sg_y_opt)
    print('alpha:', alpha_opt)
    print('tau:', tau_opt)
```

b: 0.0018400357 sigma: 0.118829615 alpha: 0.50210536 tau: 199.99786

```
In [39]: # compute K_theta with new parameters from gradient descent [need to rename kernel fu
nction]
km = np.vectorize(lambda x_0,x_1: k(x_0,x_1,alpha_opt,tau_opt))(V[:,None], V)+sg_y_op
t**2 * np.identity(len(R))

plt.imshow(km)
plt.colorbar()
plt.show()
```



```
In [40]: import scipy

#fit the Gaussian process
e = R - b_opt*V
gp = GaussianProcessRegressor(kernel=kernel, alpha=0.0).fit(V.reshape(-1,1), e)

#define a V-space grid based on which the GP predictions will be made
x = np.linspace(start=min(V)-np.std(V), stop = max(V)+np.std(V), num = 1000)

#calculate the GP predictions on the V-space grid
mu_star, sigma_star = gp.predict(x.reshape(-1,1), return_cov=True) # now getting a co
variance matrix (return_cov)

# calculate final prediction [R~] and uncertainty [diag(Sigma*^{1/2})]
R_pred = b_opt*x + mu_star
uncertainty = np.diag(scipy.linalg.sqrtm(sigma_star))
```

Initial: 0.1**2 * Matern(length_scale=10, nu=1.5) + WhiteKernel(noise_level=1e-07)

Optimum: 0.334**2 * Matern(length_scale=22.9, nu=1.5) + WhiteKernel(noise_level=1e-07)

Log-Marginal-Likelihood: -2.6302967790222382

