Patched Gaussian Processes

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GAUSSIAN PROCESS

Gaussian Process : Random surface $W(s)$ over a domain $\mathcal{D}$ such that :

$$\forall \{s_1, \dots, s_n\} \in \mathcal{D}^n, W := (W(s_1), \dots, W(s_n)) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, C).$$

- **Mean function :** $\mu(s) := \mathbb{E}[W(s)] \longrightarrow \mu := [\mu(s_1), \dots, \mu(s_N)^T]$.
- **Covariance function :** $C(s, s') := \mathbb{C}\text{ov}[W(s), W(s')] \longrightarrow C := [C(s_i, s_j)]_{1 \leqslant i,j \leqslant N}$.

Law of W :

$$p(W) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d \det(C)}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(W-\mu)^T C^{-1}(W-\mu)\right).$$

KRIGING

Observations : $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_i, y_i) \mid i \in \{1, \dots, N\}\}$.

$$\textbf{Locations } \boldsymbol{x} := [x_1, \dots, x_N]^T \longrightarrow \textbf{Responses } \boldsymbol{y} := [y_1, \dots, y_N]^T.$$

Kriging : Stochastic predictions based on these observations.

- **Reponses $\boldsymbol{y}$** seen as realizations of a **gaussian process $\boldsymbol{f}$** with noise :

$$y_i = f(x_i) + \varepsilon_i, \text{ where } \varepsilon_i \overset{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2).$$

- **Prediction $\boldsymbol{f_*} := \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x^*})$** at new location $x^* \longrightarrow$ **Joint law of $(\boldsymbol{f_*}, \boldsymbol{y})$**:

$$p(f_*, y) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \begin{bmatrix} c_{**} & c_{x*}^T \\ c_{x*} & \sigma^2 I + C_{xx} \end{bmatrix}\right).$$

where $c_{**} = C(x^*, x^*), c_{x*} = [C(x_1, x^*), \dots, C(x_N, x^*)]^T, C_{xx} = [C(x_i, x_j)]_{1 \leqslant i,j \leqslant N}$.

KRIGING

Predictive distribution :

$$p(f_* \mid y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\underbrace{c_{x*}^T(\sigma^2 I + C_{xx})^{-1} y}_{\text{predictive mean}}, \underbrace{c_{**} - c_{x*}^T(\sigma^2 I + C_{xx})^{-1} c_{x*}}_{\text{predictive variance}})$$

- **Predicted value :** $f_*(x^*) \approx c_{x*}^T(\sigma^2 I + C_{xx})^{-1} y.$
- **Uncertainty :** $c_{**} - c_{x*}^T(\sigma^2 I + C_{xx})^{-1} c_{x*}.$

BAYESIAN APPROACH

Hierarchical model :

$$y_i = X(x_i) \cdot \beta + f_\theta(x_i) + \varepsilon_i.$$

- **Regression term $X(x_i) \cdot \beta$:** Captures effects of known explanatory variables X.
- **Spatial effect $f_\theta(x_i)$:** Realization of a gaussian process $f_\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, C_\theta)$.
- **Noise ε_i :** $\varepsilon_i \overset{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \tau^2)$.

BAYESIAN APPROACH

Bayesian Inference : Estimation of the **hidden state** f_θ and **parameters** $\phi := \{\beta, \theta, \tau^2\}$.

- **Prior distributions :** We assume prior knowledge $p(\beta)$, $p(\theta)$ and $p(\tau^2)$.
- **Likelihood :** $p(y \mid f_\theta, \beta, \tau^2) = \mathcal{N}(X\beta + f_\theta, \tau^2 I)$.
- **Latent GP prior :** $p(f_\theta \mid \theta) = \mathcal{N}(0, C_\theta)$.

Joint posterior distribution :

$$p(f_\theta, \beta, \theta, \tau^2 \mid y) \propto \underbrace{p(y \mid f_\theta, \beta, \tau^2)}_{\text{data likelihood}} \times \underbrace{p(f_\theta \mid \theta)}_{\text{spatial link}} \times \underbrace{p(\beta)p(\theta)p(\tau^2)}_{\text{parameter priors}}.$$

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COMPUTATIONAL COSTS

Both the predictive mean and variance require **solving linear systems** involving $\Sigma = \sigma^2 I + C_{xx}$.

- **Time complexity :** Matrix inversion $\longrightarrow \boldsymbol{O(N^3)}$.
- **Space complexity :** Storing covariance matrix $\longrightarrow \boldsymbol{O(N^2)}$.

Solutions :

- Acting on the **covariance matrix** $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$: compact support, covariance tapering, markovian models $\longrightarrow$ **Sparse matrix**.
- Acting on the **amount of observations** $\boldsymbol{N}$...

INDEPENDANT LOCAL KRIGING

Idea : Split the observations $\mathcal{D}$ into subsets $\mathcal{D}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{D}_K$, with $\mathcal{D}_k := \{(x_i, y_i) \mid x_i \in \Omega_k\}$.

Region $\Omega_k \longrightarrow$ Local gaussian process $f_k \longrightarrow$ Associated covariance function $C_k(\cdot, \cdot)$.

- **Stationary process :** $C_k(\cdot, \cdot) = C(\cdot, \cdot)$.
- Otherwise : Different covariance functions C_k.

$$y_{k,i} = f_k(x_i) + \varepsilon_{k,i}.$$

Two questions :

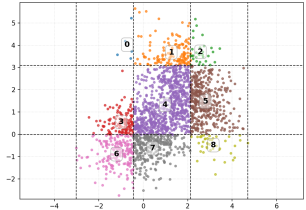
- How to split the observations efficiently ?
- How to deal with shared boundaries $\Gamma_{k,\ell} := \overline{\Omega}_k \cap \overline{\Omega}_\ell$?

SPLITTING THE OBSERVATIONS

Grid partitioning : Splitting the data using an uniform grid to cover the space.

(+) Very easy implementation.

(−) High density variance between regions.

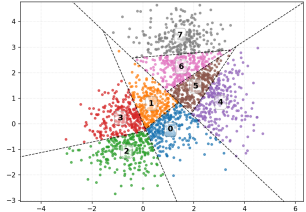


Grid partitioning

PCA partitioning : Splitting the data based on principal component projections values.

(+) Balanced number of points ($N_k \approx$ cst).

(−) Complex boundary definition.



PCA partitioning

BORDER DISCONTINUITY

Issue :

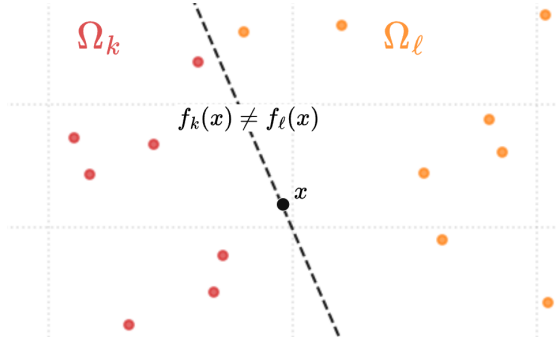
$f_k(x) \neq f_\ell(x)$ at frontier $\Gamma_{k,\ell}$.

Solution :

Set $\delta_{k,\ell} := f_k - f_\ell = 0$ at $\Gamma_{k,\ell}$.

In practice : pseudo-observations $\delta_{k,\ell}(x) = 0$ at the frontiers.

$$\mathbb{E}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y\right] \longrightarrow \mathbb{E}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta = 0\right].$$
$$\mathbb{V}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y\right] \longrightarrow \mathbb{V}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta = 0\right].$$



Potential discontinuity at frontier

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PSEUDO-OBSERVATIONS

For two neighbor regions Ω_k, Ω_ℓ, place B observations on the border $\Gamma_{k,\ell}$:

- **Pseudo-locations :** $x^{(k,\ell)} := \left(x_1^{(k,\ell)}, \dots, x_B^{(k,\ell)}\right)^T$.
- **Pseudo-values :** $\delta_{k,\ell} := \left(\delta_{k,\ell}(x_1^{(k,\ell)}), \dots, \delta_{k,\ell}(x_B^{(k,\ell)})\right)^T$.

➤ **Observations :** $y := \left(y_1^T, \dots, y_K^T\right)^T$.

➤ **Pseudo-observations :** $\delta := \left(\delta_{1,1}^T, \dots, \delta_{1,K}^T, \dots, \delta_{K,K}^T\right)^T$.

PATCHWORK KRIGING

Predict $f_*^{(k)} := f_k(x^*)$ at $x^* \in \Omega_k \longrightarrow$ **Joint law of $(\boldsymbol{f_*^{(k)}}, \boldsymbol{y}, \boldsymbol{\delta})$** :

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_*^{(k)} \\ y \\ \delta \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} c_{**} & c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)} & c_{*\delta}^{(k)} \\ c_{\mathcal{D}*}^{(k)} & C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} & C_{\mathcal{D}\delta} \\ c_{\delta*}^{(k)} & C_{\delta\mathcal{D}} & C_{\delta\delta} \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

PATCHWORK KRIGING

Definitions of the covariance blocks :

$$
\begin{aligned}
c_{**} &:= \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(f_*^{(k)}, f_*^{(k)}),\\
c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)} &:= \left(\mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(f_*^{(k)}, y_1), \dots, \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(f_*^{(k)}, y_K)\right),\\
c_{*\delta}^{(k)} &:= \left(\mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(f_*^{(k)}, \delta_{1,1}), \dots, \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(f_*^{(k)}, \delta_{K,K})\right),
\end{aligned}
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$$
C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(y_1, y_1) & \dots & \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(y_1, y_K) \\ \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(y_K, y_1) & \dots & \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(y_K, y_K) \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_{\mathcal{D}\delta} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(y_1, \delta_{1,1}) & \dots & \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(y_1, \delta_{K,K}) \\ \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(y_K, \delta_{1,1}) & \dots & \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(y_K, \delta_{K,K}) \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}
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$$
C_{\delta\delta} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(\delta_{1,1}, \delta_{1,1}) & \dots & \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(\delta_{1,1}, \delta_{K,K}) \\ \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(\delta_{K,K}, \delta_{1,1}) & \dots & \mathbb{C}\mathrm{ov}(\delta_{K,K}, \delta_{K,K}) \end{bmatrix}.
$$

Predictive mean :

$$\mathbb{E}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta = 0\right] = \left(c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)} - c_{*\delta}^{(k)} C_{\delta\delta}^{-1} C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right) \left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta} C_{\delta\delta}^{-1} C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} y.$$

Predictive variance :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{V}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta = 0\right] =& c_{**} - c_{*\delta}^{(k)} C_{\delta\delta}^{-1} c_{\delta*}^{(k)} \\ &- \left(c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)} - c_{*\delta}^{(k)} C_{\delta\delta}^{-1} C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right) \left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta} C_{\delta\delta}^{-1} C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} \left(c_{\mathcal{D}*}^{(k)} - c_{\delta*}^{(k)} C_{\delta\delta}^{-1} C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Noting $Q := \left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta} C_{\delta\delta}^{-1} C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1}$, $v := L^{-1} C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}$ and $w_* := L^{-1} c_{\delta*}^{(k)}$ (where $C_{\delta\delta} = LL^T$),

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta = 0\right] &= (c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)} - w_*^T v) Q y. \\ \mathbb{V}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta = 0\right] &= c_{**} - w_*^T w_* - (c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)} - w_*^T v) Q (c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)} - w_*^T v)^T.\end{aligned}$$

PROOF

For two gaussian vectors $\mathbf{x}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$ and $\mathbf{x}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$, the conditional distribution $p(\mathbf{x}_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_2)$ is gaussian and verifies :

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_2] = \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_2 - \mu_2).$$
$$\mathbb{V}[\mathbf{x}_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_2] = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}.$$

Applying this to $\mathbf{x}_1 = f_*^{(k)}$ and $\mathbf{x}_2 = (y, \delta)$ gives :

$$\mathbb{E}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta\right] = \left[c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)}, c_{*\delta}^{(k)}\right] \begin{bmatrix} C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} & C_{\mathcal{D}\delta} \\ C_{\delta\mathcal{D}} & C_{\delta\delta} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \delta \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbb{V}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta\right] = c_{**} - \left[c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)}, c_{*\delta}^{(k)}\right] \begin{bmatrix} C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} & C_{\mathcal{D}\delta} \\ C_{\delta\mathcal{D}} & C_{\delta\delta} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} c_{\mathcal{D}*}^{(k)} \\ c_{\delta*}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

PROOF

For invertible matrix A, B, D, the following inversion formula holds true :

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & D \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \left(A - BD^{-1}B^T\right)^{-1} & -\left(A - BD^{-1}B^T\right)^{-1} BD^{-1} \\ -D^{-1}B^T\left(A - BD^{-1}B^T\right)^{-1} & \left(D - B^TA^{-1}B\right)^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Applying this to $A = C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}}, B = C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}, D = C_{\delta\delta}$ gives, for the predictive mean :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta\right] = &\begin{bmatrix} c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)} \\ c_{*\delta}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} & -\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1} \\ -C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} & \left(C_{\delta\delta} - C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}}^{-1}C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}\right)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \delta \end{bmatrix} \\ = &c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)}\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} y - c_{*\delta}^{(k)}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}^T\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} y \\ &- c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)}\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}\delta + c_{*\delta}^{(k)}\left(C_{\delta\delta} - C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}}^{-1}C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}\right)^{-1}\delta.\end{aligned}$$

Taking $\delta = 0$ finally leads to :

$$\mathbb{E}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta = 0\right] = \left(c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)} - c_{*\delta}^{(k)}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} y.$$

PROOF

Concerning the predictive variance, the inversion formula also gives :

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{V}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta\right] \\
&= c_{**} - \begin{bmatrix} c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)} \\ c_{*\delta}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} & -\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1} \\ -C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} & \left(C_{\delta\delta} - C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}}^{-1}C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}\right)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{\mathcal{D}*}^{(k)} \\ c_{\delta*}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= c_{**} - c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)}\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} c_{\mathcal{D}*}^{(k)} + c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)}\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}c_{\delta*}^{(k)} \\
&\quad + c_{*\delta}^{(k)}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1} c_{\mathcal{D}*}^{(k)} - c_{*\delta}^{(k)}\left(C_{\delta\delta} - C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}}^{-1}C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}\right)^{-1} c_{\delta*}^{(k)}.
\end{aligned}
$$

This finally yields to :

$$
\mathbb{V}\left[f_*^{(k)} \mid y, \delta = 0\right] = c_{**} - c_{*\delta}^{(k)}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}c_{\delta*}^{(k)} - \left(c_{*\mathcal{D}}^{(k)} - c_{*\delta}^{(k)}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)\left(C_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}C_{\delta\mathcal{D}}\right)^{-1}\left(c_{\mathcal{D}*}^{(k)} - C_{\mathcal{D}\delta}C_{\delta\delta}^{-1}c_{\delta*}^{(k)}\right).
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