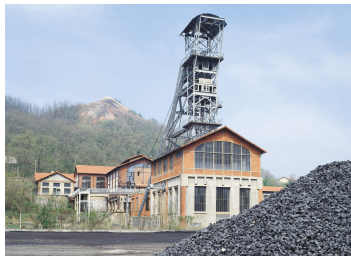


# An introduction to Kriging metamodels

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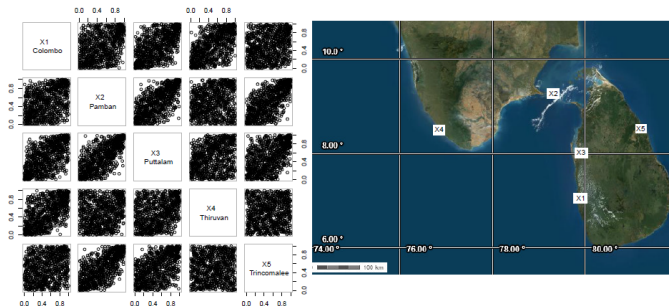
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## Introduction

# Introduction example : rainfall data

An example of rainfall data in Sri Lanka



- How to **predict rainfall** somewhere, if it is only measured on few specific sites ?

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Which sites exhibits more correlation ?

QUIZZ

Is this in link with spatial distance between sites ?

QUIZZ

How would you do to predict between two sites ?

# The Origins of Kriging

- ... ok about rain but...
- How to predict **gold concentration** somewhere, if it is only measured on few specific sites ?



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Who is this guy ?

1. Danie Spline
2. Danie Krige
3. Danie Kernel

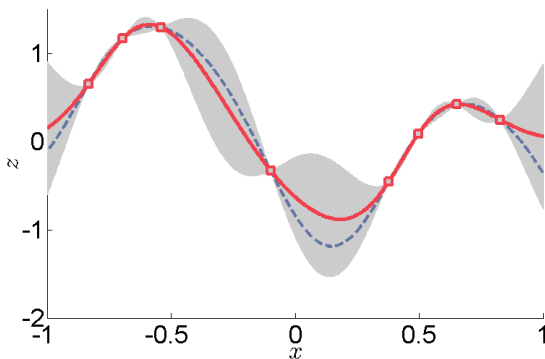
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Where is this mining engineer in the picture ?

- A. South Africa
- B. Bermuda
- C. Couriot Mine in Saint-Etienne

# Kriging ?

"In statistics, originally in geostatistics, kriging or Gaussian process regression is a *method of interpolation* for which the interpolated values are modeled by a *Gaussian process* governed by prior covariances (...)". Wikipedia (citation and curve)

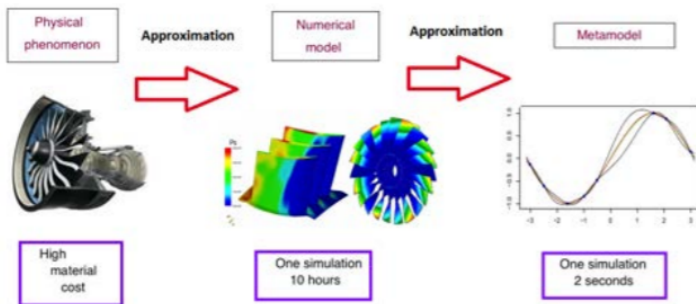


Mathematical formalization by [Georges Matheron](#) (Ecole des Mines de Paris, student of Paul Lévy) in *Mémoires du BRGM*.

# Many possible applications

## Use with computer experiments

Kriging is most often used in the context of expensive experiments (simulators)



*Illustration from your previous lecture Design of Experiment.*

## Many possible domains

Geostatistic (climate, mining)

Industry (crash tests, computer experiments)

Insurance (mortality tables, Economic Scenario Generator, nested simulations).



# Context

## Observations

Each experiment can be seen as a function of the input parameters.

input parameters  $\in \chi \longrightarrow$  (computer/physical/...) experiment  $\longrightarrow$  output  $\in \mathbb{R}$

so that  $y = f(x)$  where  $f$  is a **costly to evaluate function**.

In the following, we will assume that

- $x \in \chi$  : There are  $d$  input variables. Usually (but not necessarily)  $\chi$  is  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .
- $y \in \mathbb{R}$  : The output is a scalar. But extensions to GP regression with multiple outputs exist.

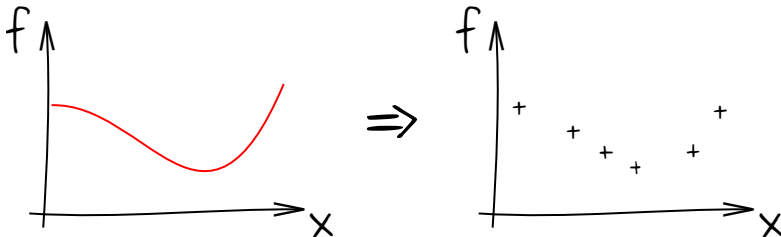
## The interpolation problem

How to predict the output value for some new input parameters ?

# $f$ costly

The fact that  $f$  is **costly to evaluate** changes a lot of things...

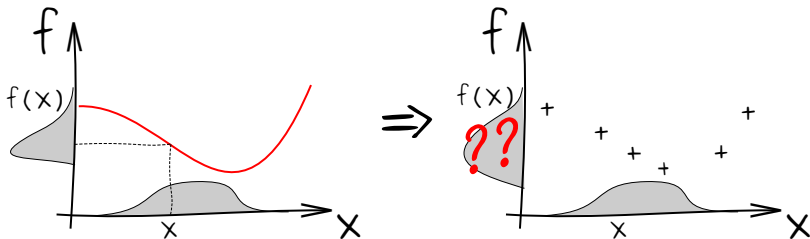
## 1. Representing the function is not possible...



# $f$ costly

The fact that  $f$  is **costly to evaluate** changes a lot of things...

## 2. Uncertainty propagation is not possible...



# $f$ costly

The fact that  $f$  is **costly to evaluate** changes a lot of things...

3. Optimisation is also tricky...



4. Computing integrals is not possible...

5. Sensitivity analysis is not possible...

# Need of a metamodel

## Metamodel

Need to replace the costly  $f$  by a metamodel

- that can give a mean interpolation
- that can also measure the uncertainty associated with this interpolation

## The presented one

Here we present **Kriging metamodels**, also known as **Gaussian Process Regression (GPR)** under some Gaussian assumptions.

Many other metamodels exist : splines, Inverse Distance Weighting, decomposition in basis functions, etc.

They are sometimes related to Kriging.

## The Statistical Approach

# Notations

## Observations

set of possible sites :	$\chi = \mathbb{R}^d$	(e.g. rainfall $\chi = \mathbb{R}^2$ )
$n$ observations sites :	$\mathbb{X} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \chi^n$	(e.g. $n$ city locations)
$n$ observed responses :	$\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = (Y_{x_1}, \dots, Y_{x_n})^\top \in \mathbb{R}^n$	(e.g. annual rainfall quantity)
indices :	$I = \{1, \dots, n\}$	

## Quantity of interest

One new prediction site :	$x \in \chi$	(e.g. one new city location)
Unknown response at this site :	$Y_x \in \mathbb{R}$	(e.g. rainfall to be predicted)

## Assumptions

- all  $Y_{x_i}$  are random variables with finite mean and finite variance
- Covariances matrix  $\mathbf{K} = (K_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$  and vector  $\mathbf{k}_x = (k_i(x))_{i \in I}$  are known.  
 where  $K_{ij} = \text{Cov}[Y_{x_i}, Y_{x_j}]$  covariance between responses,  
 and  $k_i(x) = \text{Cov}[Y_{x_i}, Y_x]$  covariance with target  $Y_x$ .

# Simple Kriging : the model

## The idea

Most natural idea : your prediction is a linear combination of observed responses.

## The Simple Kriging Model

One assumes  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbf{x}}$  and  $Y_x$  centered :  $\forall x, E[Y_x] = 0$ . Define a predictor  $M(x)$  as

$$M(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i(x) Y_{x_i} \quad (1)$$

where weights  $\alpha_x = (\alpha_i(x))_{i=1..n}$  are minimizing

$$\Delta(x) = E \left[ (M(x) - Y_x)^2 \right]. \quad (2)$$



Check that unbiasedness holds :  $E[M(x)] = E[Y_x]$



# Simple Kriging : calculations (1)



Step 1 : Develop  $\Delta(x)$ , express it as a function of covariances  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{k}_x$

Recall that  $\mathbf{k}_x$  is the covariance vector between  $Y_x$  and the vector  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}$ , and  $\mathbf{K}$  is the covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}$ . Using  $M(x) = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_x^\top \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}$ , let us develop

$$\Delta(x) = \mathbb{E} \left[ (M(x) - Y_x)^2 \right] .$$

*do your calculations here :*

## Simple Kriging : calculations (2)



Step 2 : find the weights  $\alpha_x$  that minimize  $\Delta(x)$

Now let us minimize on  $\alpha_x$

$$\Delta(x) = \alpha_x^\top \mathbf{K} \alpha_x - 2\alpha_x^\top \mathbf{k}_x + \text{constant}$$

*do your calculations here :*

# Simple Kriging : Result (1)

## Optimal weights

This leads to the vector of weights

$$\alpha_x = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{k}_x$$

where  $\mathbf{k}_x$  is the covariance vector between  $Y_x$  and the vector  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}$ , and  $\mathbf{K}$  is the covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}$ .

## Predictor and variance

From that follows the expression of  $M(x)$  and  $\Delta(x)$  :

$$\begin{cases} M(x) &= \mathbf{k}_x^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} \\ \Delta(x) &= \sigma_x^2 - \mathbf{k}_x^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{k}_x \end{cases}$$

Notice that  $\Delta(x)$  does not depend on observed responses  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}$ .

## Simple Kriging : Result (1)

Results remain valid for  $q$  prediction points. Given a specific instance  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{y}$ , we get :

### Simple Kriging

One assumes that  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}$  and  $Y_x$  are centered. Kriging mean corresponds to the **Best Linear Unbiased Predictor** of  $Y_x$  given  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{y}$ , and Kriging variance to the mean square error  $\Delta(x)$  :

$$\begin{cases} m(x) &= \mathbf{k}_x^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{y} \\ v(x) &= \sigma_x^2 - \mathbf{k}_x^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{k}_x \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

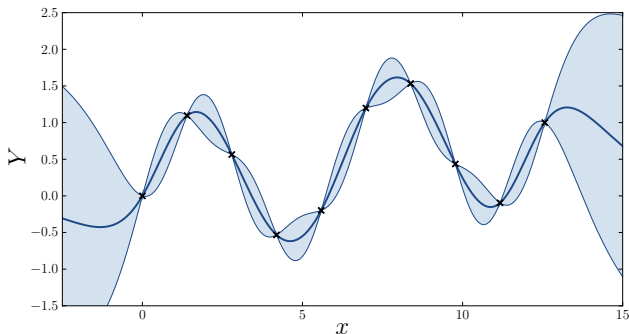
where  $\mathbf{K} = \text{Cov}[\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}, \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}]$  is  $n \times n$  covariance matrix, and  $\mathbf{k}_x = \text{Cov}[\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}, Y_x]$  is a  $n \times q$  covariance matrix.



At home, for  $x, x' \in \mathcal{X}$ , determine  $\Delta(x, x') = \mathbb{E}[(M(x) - Y_x)(M(x') - Y_{x'})]$ , compare with  $c(x, x')$  in the next section.

## Simple Kriging : illustration

It can be summarized by a mean function  $m(x)$  and 95% confidence intervals corresponding to the variance  $v(x)$  (under a distribution assumption).



The kriging predictor is interpolating  $m(x_i) = Y_{x_i}$  for all  $i$ , why?

# Ordinary Kriging (1)

One assumes  $Y_{x_i}$ ,  $i \in I$  and  $Y_x$  have the same unknown mean  $\mu$ . The predictor  $M(x)$  writes as previously :

$$M(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i(x) Y_{x_i} \quad (4)$$

but unbiasedness condition  $E[M(x)] = E[Y_{x_i}]$  implies  $\sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i(x) = 1$ .



Find the weights minimizing  $\Delta(x) = E[(Y_x - M(x))^2]$ , subject to  $\sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i(x) = 1$

## Ordinary Kriging (2)

Using a Lagrange multiplier, we minimize in  $\alpha_x$

$$\Delta(x) - 2\lambda(\mathbf{1}^\top \alpha_x - 1) = \alpha_x^\top \mathbf{K} \alpha_x - 2\alpha_x^\top \mathbf{k}_x + \sigma_x^2 - 2\lambda(\mathbf{1}^\top \alpha_x - 1) \quad (5)$$

after few calculation this gives

### Ordinary Kriging

Under the assumption  $E[Y_{x_i}] = E[Y_x] = \mu$ , for all  $i \in I$ , Ordinary Kriging mean and variance are

$$\begin{cases} m(x) &= \alpha_x^\top \mathbf{y} \\ v(x) &= \alpha_x^\top \mathbf{K} \alpha_x - 2\alpha_x^\top \mathbf{k}_x + \sigma_x^2 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{with } \alpha_x = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \left( \mathbf{k}_x + \underbrace{\left( \frac{1 - \mathbf{k}_x^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{1}} \right)}_{=\lambda} \cdot \mathbf{1} \right).$$

Ordinary Kriging can be seen as a Simple Kriging on residuals, with :

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\mu} &= (\mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{1})^{-1} \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} \\ m(x) &= \hat{\mu} + \mathbf{k}_x^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} - \hat{\mu} \mathbf{1}) \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

# Universal Kriging

Consider given matrices of factors, e.g.  $F(\mathbb{X}) = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbb{X})$  and  $F(x) = (1, x)$ .  
The universal Kriging predictor writes

$$M(x) = F(x)^\top \beta + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i(x) Y_{x_i} \quad (8)$$

The vector  $\beta$  does not depend on  $x$ . One can show ([Sacks et al., 1989](#)) :

## Universal Kriging

The optimal coefficients  $\beta$  and  $\alpha(x)$  are the same as those obtained by :

1. doing a linear regression  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = F(\mathbb{X})^\top \beta + \epsilon$  to estimate the  $\beta_i$ 's

$$\hat{\beta} = \left( F(\mathbb{X})^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} F(\mathbb{X}) \right)^{-1} F(\mathbb{X})^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}$$

2. then doing a Simple Kriging on residuals

... so that no other results are needed 😊.



What happens when  $F(\mathbb{X}) = \mathbf{1}$ ?



# Advantages of the Statistical Approach

Some advantages of the “statistical approach” (compared to other approaches)

## Pro

- **General** : only requires random variables with two moments, no Gaussian assumption, manipulate only finite vectors
- **Can be extended** with other regression techniques : penalizations (LASSO, ridge), cross effects, quadratic terms, link functions...

$$M(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i(x) Y_{x_i} - \lambda \left| \sum_i \alpha_i(x) \right|$$

$$M(x) = f(Y_{x_1}, \dots, Y_{x_n}, \alpha)$$

- **Can be nested** using other estimators

$$M(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i(x) M_i(x)$$

## Cons

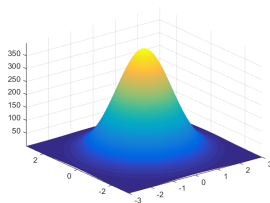
- **Interpretation** : No direct interpretation as a conditional process
- **Theoretical** : Conditional quantities sometimes hard to derive

## The Gaussian Process Approach

# Gaussian Vectors

A Gaussian Vector  $\mathbf{Y}$  with mean  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is a random vector with density

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y_1, \dots, y_d) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d \det \boldsymbol{\Sigma}}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right) \quad (9)$$



- Non-degenerate if  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  definite positive :  $\forall \mathbf{a}$  non zero,  $\mathbf{a}^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{a} > 0$ .
- Linear combinations of components of  $\mathbf{Y}$  are Gaussian,
- thus components  $Y_i$  are Gaussian,  $i = 1, \dots, d$  (reverse not true).

# Conditional Gaussian Vectors

Let  $\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_1 \\ \mathbf{Y}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  be Gaussian with mean  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  and covariance  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
then

## Conditional Gaussian Vector

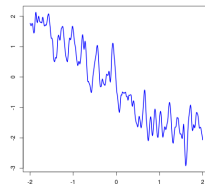
The conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{Y}_1$  given  $\mathbf{Y}_2 = \mathbf{y}_2$  is Gaussian with mean and covariance

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{2|1} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{2|1} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}. \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

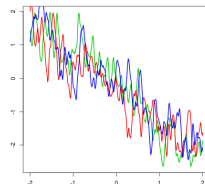
# Random Process

A random process is a set of RV's indexed by  $x \in \mathcal{X}$

random event  $\omega \in \Omega$   
(e.g., weather)



Repeat the random event ( $3\times$ )



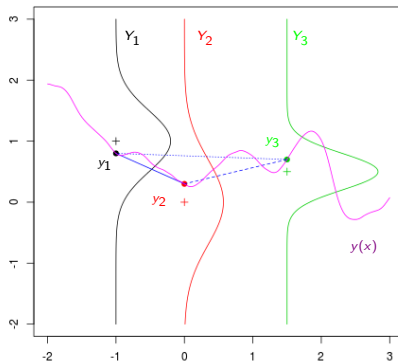
This creates 3 trajectories  $y(x)$ 's. They are different, yet bear strong similarities.

# Gaussian Process (1) : definition

## Gaussian Process : one possible definition

A stochastic process is Gaussian  $\iff$  all finite subvectors are Gaussian

- implies that for any  $x \in \chi$ ,  $Y_x$  is a Gaussian RV (reverse not true).
- implies that any finite linear combination of some  $Y_x$ 's is Gaussian.



## Gaussian Process (2) : characterisation

For such a Gaussian Process (GP), we denote

$$k(x, x') = \text{Cov}[Y_x, Y_{x'}].$$

### Gaussian Process (2) : characterisation

The distribution of a GP is fully characterised by :

- its mean function  $\mu : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  :

$$\mu(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y_x]$$

- its covariance function, or *kernel*,  $k : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  :

$$k(x, x') = \text{Cov}[Y_x, Y_{x'}]$$

In particular,  $\forall \mathbb{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{X}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} Y_{x_1} \\ \vdots \\ Y_{x_n} \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu(\mathbb{X}), \mathbf{K})$ ,

where  $\mathbf{K} = (K_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$ ,  $K_{ij} = \text{Cov}(Y_{x_i}, Y_{x_j}) = k(x_i, x_j)$ .

## Gaussian Process (3) : covariance function

### Conditions

... but conditions hold (detailed later) for the covariance function  $k(.,.)$ !



Should  $k(x, x') = k(x', x)$ ? why?



For any  $\mathbf{a}$ , variance of the random variable  $\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}$ ? consequence on  $k(.,.)$ ?

### One example (for the moment)

The *Gaussian kernel*, or *Squared Exponential (SE) covariance function* :

$$k(x, x') = \sigma^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\theta^2} \|x - x'\|_2^2\right)$$

has two parameters, the variance  $\sigma^2$  and the lengthscale  $\theta$ .

### Matrix notations for kernels

for two vectors  $\mathbf{u} \in \chi^q$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \in \chi^n$ , we often use the matrix notation :

$$k(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = (k(u_i, v_j))_{i=1, \dots, q; j=1, \dots, n} \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n}$$

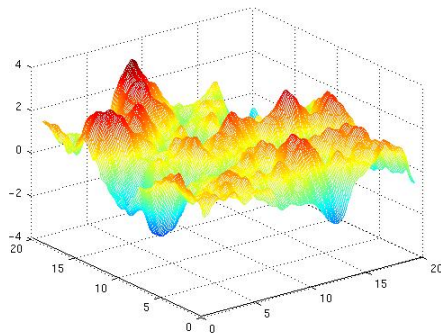
- $\mathbf{K} = k(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,
- $\mathbf{k}_x = k(\mathbb{X}, x) = k(x, \mathbb{X})^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ .



## Gaussian Process (4) : random fields

On previous illustrations  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , so that trajectories are functions  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

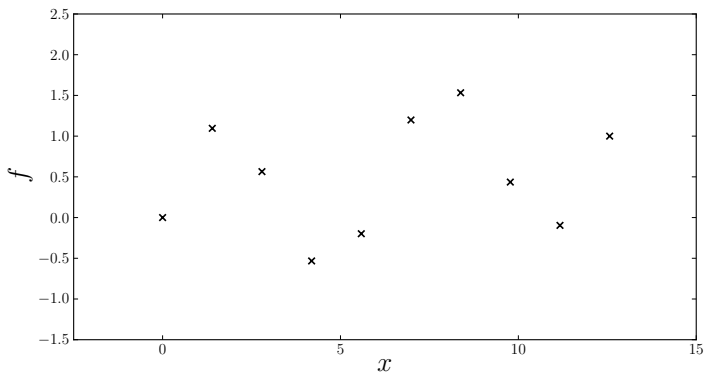
When  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , with  $d > 1$ , trajectories are functions  $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .



Nothing is changed, but we sometimes call the process a **Gaussian Random Field**.

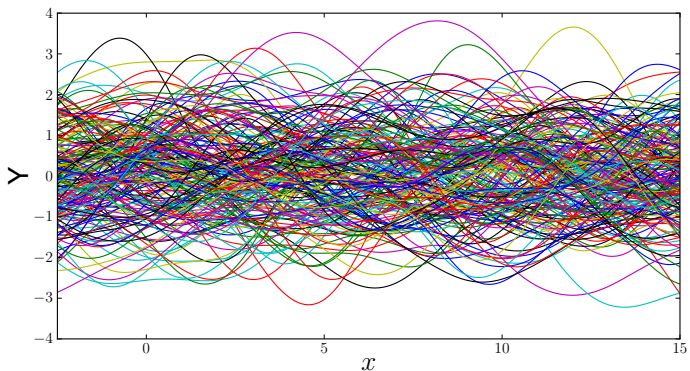
# Gaussian process regression

Assume we have observed a function  $f()$  over a set of points  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  :



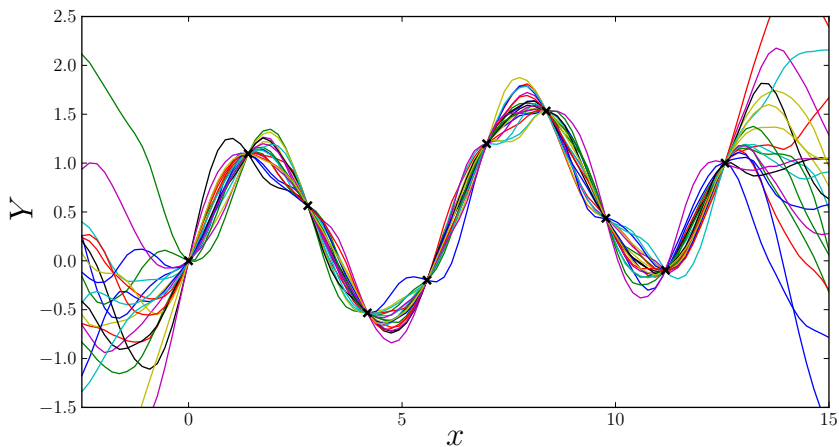
The vector of observations is  $\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbb{X})$ , i.e.  $y_i = f(x_i)$  .

Since  $f()$  is unknown, we make the general assumption that it is the sample path of a Gaussian process  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu(\cdot), k(\cdot, \cdot))$  :

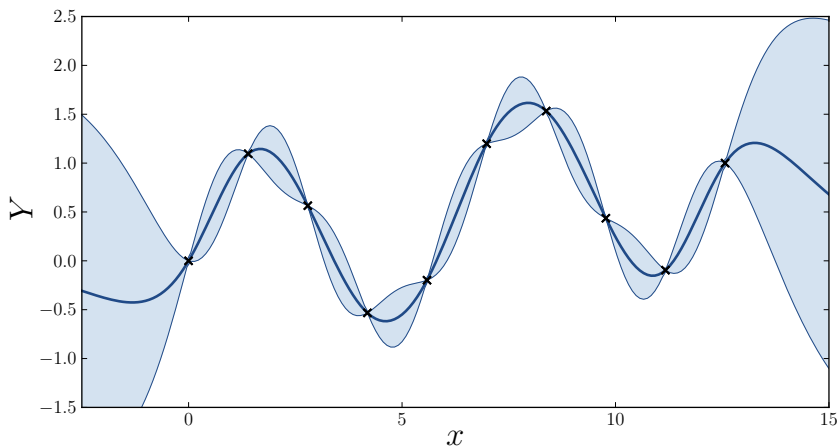


(here  $\mu(x) = 0$ )

If we remove all the samples that do not interpolate the observations we obtain :



It can be summarized by a mean function and 95% confidence intervals.



## Kriging equations (1/2)

The conditional distribution can be obtained analytically :

By definition,  $(Y_x, \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}})$  is multivariate normal. Formulas on the conditioning of Gaussian vectors, in Equation (10), give the distribution of  $Y_x | \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{y}$ . It is  $\mathcal{N}(m(\cdot), c(\cdot, \cdot))$  with :

$$\begin{aligned} m(x) &= \mathbb{E}[Y_x | \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{y}] \\ &= \mu(x) + k(x, \mathbb{X})k(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X})^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mu(\mathbb{X})) \\ c(x, x') &= \text{Cov}[Y_x, Y_{x'} | \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{y}] \\ &= k(x, x') - k(x, \mathbb{X})k(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X})^{-1}k(\mathbb{X}, x') \end{aligned}$$

### Simple Kriging, Gaussian case

For a centered process, when  $\mu(x) = \mu(\mathbb{X}) = 0$ , the simple Kriging predictor in Equation (3) corresponds to

$$\begin{cases} m(x) &= \mathbb{E}[Y_x | \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{y}] \\ v(x) &= \text{V}[Y_x | \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{y}] \end{cases}$$

# Kriging equations (2/2)

## Summary

The distribution of  $Y_x | \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{y}$  is  $\mathcal{N}(m(\cdot), c(\cdot, \cdot))$  with mean and covariance

$$\begin{cases} m(x) &= \mu(x) + k(x, \mathbb{X})k(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X})^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mu(\mathbb{X})) \\ c(x, x') &= k(x, x') - k(x, \mathbb{X})k(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X})^{-1}k(\mathbb{X}, x') \end{cases}$$

- $k(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X}) = [k(x_i, x_j)]$  : covariance matrix between observed outputs, sometimes named Gram matrix. It is of size  $n \times n$ .
- $k(x, \mathbb{X}) = [k(x, x_i), \dots, k(x, x_n)]$  :  $n \times 1$  covariance vector between observed output and target  $Y_x$ .

## Remarks

- It is a **Gaussian** distribution : gives confidence intervals, can be sampled, this is actually how the previous slides were generated.
- It is **Bayesian** :  $Y_x | \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{y}$  is the posterior distribution of  $Y_x$  once  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{y}$  is observed.
- It is named **Gaussian Process Regression**, often identified with the term *Kriging*.

# Properties

## A few remarkable properties of Gaussian Process Regression (GPR) models

- They (can) interpolate the data-points
- The prediction variance does not depend on the observations  $\mathbf{y}$
- The mean predictor does not depend on the scale of variances parameters
- They (usually) come back to the a priori trend  $\mu(x)$  when we are far away from the observations.



proofs left as exercise



# Kriging of noisy data

An important special case, noisy data  $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}} + \epsilon_{\mathbb{X}}$ .

where  $\epsilon(\cdot) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, n(\cdot, \cdot))$  independent of  $Y(\cdot)$ . Then,

$$\begin{cases} \text{Cov}(Y_{x_i} + \epsilon_{x_i}, Y_{x_j} + \epsilon_{x_j}) &= k(x_i, x_j) + n(x_i, x_j) \\ \text{Cov}(Y_x, Y_{x_i} + \epsilon_{x_i}) &= k(x, x_i) \end{cases}$$

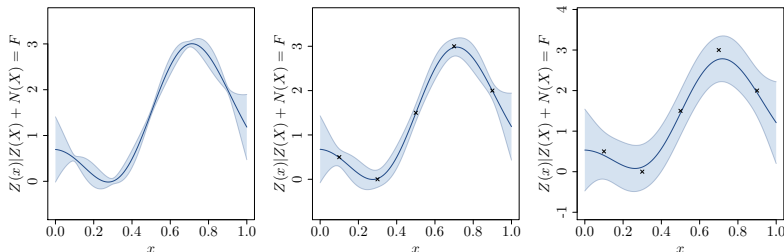
The expressions of GPR with noise become (just apply Gaussian vector conditioning with the above), when  $x \notin \mathbb{X}$  and  $\epsilon_x, \epsilon_{x'}, \epsilon_{\mathbb{X}}$  mutually independent.

$$\begin{aligned} m(x) &= \mathbb{E}[Z_x | \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{z}] \\ &= \mu(x) + k(x, \mathbb{X}) (k(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X}) + n(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X}))^{-1} (\mathbf{z} - \mu(\mathbb{X})) \\ c(x, x') &= \text{Cov}[Z(x), Z(x') | Z(\mathbb{X}) = \mathbf{z}] \\ &= k(x, x') - k(x, \mathbb{X}) (k(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X}) + n(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X}))^{-1} k(\mathbb{X}, x') \end{aligned}$$

## Remarks

- this is the same distribution as the one of  $Y_x | \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbf{z}, x \notin \mathbb{X}$ .
- usually  $n(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X})$  diagonal, called **nugget effect**.
- can be used to help the inversion of  $k(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X})$

Examples of models with observation noise for  $n(x, x') = \tau^2 \delta_{x, x'}$  :



The values of  $\tau^2$  are respectively 0.001, 0.01 and 0.1.

Kriging with noise kernel (nugget) does not interpolate the data.

A small  $\tau^2$  (e.g.,  $10^{-10}$ ) often used to make the covariance matrix invertible (more on regularization of GPs in [6]).

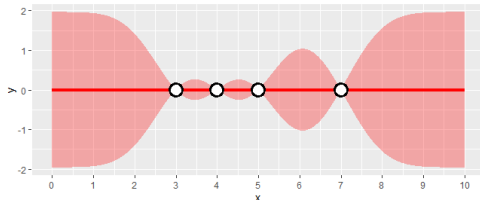
# Kriging based Design

Write here  $k(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X}) = \text{Cov}[\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}, \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}] = \mathbf{K}$  and  $k(\mathbb{X}, x) = \text{Cov}[\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbb{X}}, Y_x] = k(x, \mathbb{X})^\top = \mathbf{k}_x$ .

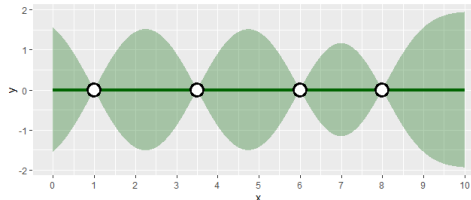
**Lower prediction variance is better** : optimize  $\mathbb{X}$  in order to minimize the sum of prediction variances over  $\chi$  for a given measure  $\mu$ .

$$IMSE(\mathbb{X}) = \int_{\chi} v(x) d\mu(x) = \int_{\chi} \left( \sigma_x^2 - k(x, \mathbb{X}) k(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X})^{-1} k(x, \mathbb{X}) \right) d\mu(x)$$

Pretty poor design, high integrated variance



Pretty good design, low integrated variance



Other criterions : maximizing entropy or Mutual Information [Krause et al., 2008](#).

to be continued...

in the rest of the lecture, we will detail more results on

- Kernels, covariance functions.
- (Hyper)-parameters estimation.

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