

Unsupervised Learning with Gaussian Processes

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Introductions

This where I live



This is what I do













Distance to horizon 6.2km Hidden height 125.6m









"In inductive inference, we go from the specific to the general. We make many observations, discern a pattern, make a generalization, and infer an explanation or a theory"

- Wassertheil-Smoller

- ${\mathcal F}$ space of functions
- ${\mathcal A}$ learning algorithm
- $S = \{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)\}$
- $\mathcal{S} \sim P(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y})$
- $\ell(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{S}), x, y)$ loss function

$$e(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{F}) = \mathbb{E}_{P(\{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}\})} \left[\ell(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{S}), x, y) \right]$$

No Free Lunch

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$$\approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{n=1}^{M} \ell(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{S}), x_n, y_n)$$

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Learning



"Machine Learning is nothing but curve fitting, but its amazing what you can do by fitting curves." - Judea Pearl























Conditional Gaussians







$$\mathsf{N}\left(\left[\begin{array}{c}0\\0\end{array}\right], \left[\begin{array}{c}1&0.5\\0.5&1\end{array}\right]\right) \qquad \mathsf{N}\left(\left[\begin{array}{c}0\\0\end{array}\right], \left[\begin{array}{c}1&0.9\\0.9&1\end{array}\right]\right) \qquad \mathsf{N}\left(\left[\begin{array}{c}0\\0\end{array}\right], \left[\begin{array}{c}1&0\\0&1\end{array}\right]\right)$$





Unsupervised Learning




p(y|x)

p(y)









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Priors

$$p(y) = \int p(y|f)p(f|x)p(x)dfdx$$
$$p(x|y) = p(y|x)\frac{p(x)}{p(y)}$$

- 1. Priors that makes sense
 - p(f) describes our belief/assumptions and defines our notion of complexity in the function
 p(x) expresses our belief/assumptions and defines our notion of complexity in the latent space
- 2. Now lets churn the handle

Relationship between x and data

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• Analytically intractable (Non Elementary Integral) and infinitely differientiable

Laplace Integration



"Nature laughs at the difficulties of integrations" - Simon Laplace



Being Bayesian¹



¹By Dieric Bouts (circa 1420-1475) - The Yorck Project: 10.000 Meisterwerke der Malerei, Public Domain, URL

Unnsupervised Learning with GPs

$$\hat{x} = \operatorname{argmax}_{x} \int p(y|f)p(f|x)dfp(x)$$

= $\operatorname{argmin}_{x} \frac{1}{2}y^{\mathrm{T}}\mathsf{K}^{-1}y + \frac{1}{2}|\mathsf{K}| - \log p(x)$

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- Approximate integration!³

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Variational Bayes

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Jensen Inequality



Convex Function

$$egin{aligned} \lambda f(x_0) + (1-\lambda)f(x_1) &\geq f(\lambda x_0 + (1-\lambda)x_1) \ & x \in [x_{min}, x_{max}] \ & \lambda \in [0,1]] \end{aligned}$$

Jensen Inequality



$$\mathbb{E}[f(x)] \ge f(\mathbb{E}[x])$$
$$\int f(x)p(x) dx \ge f\left(\int xp(x) dx\right)$$

Jensen Inequality in Variational Bayes



moving the log inside the the integral is a lower-bound on the integral

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- i.e. $\operatorname{argmin}_{q} \operatorname{KL}(q(\mathsf{X})||p(\mathsf{X}|\mathsf{Y}))$
 - \Rightarrow variational distributions are approximations to intractable posteriors

$\mathrm{KL}(q(\mathsf{X})||p(\mathsf{X}|\mathsf{Y}))$

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- if we maximise the ELBO we,
 - find an approximate posterior
 - get an approximation to the marginal likelihood
- maximising $p(\mathbf{Y})$ is learning
- finding $p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}) \approx q(\mathbf{X})$ is prediction



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- Has not eliviate the problem at all, X still needs to go through F to reach the data
- Idea of sparse approximations⁷

⁷Quinonero-Candela, Joaquin, & Rasmussen, C. E. (2005). A unifying view of sparse approximate Gaussian process regression & Snelson, E., & Ghahramani, Z. (2006). Sparse Gaussian processes using pseudo-inputs

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• Conditional distribution

$$\begin{split} p(\mathbf{f}_{:,j},\mathbf{u}_{:,j}|\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Z}) &= p(\mathbf{f}_{:,j}|\mathbf{u}_{:,j},\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Z})p(\mathbf{u}_{:,j}|\mathbf{Z}) \\ &= \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{f}_{:,j}|\mathbf{K}_{fu}(\mathbf{K}_{uu})^{-1}\mathbf{u}_{:,j},\mathbf{K}_{ff} - \mathbf{K}_{fu}(\mathbf{K}_{uu})^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{uf}\right)\mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{u}_{:,j}|\mathbf{0},\mathbf{K}_{uu}\right), \end{split}$$

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- i.e. parametrise approximate posterior using these parameters (remember sparse motivation)

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 Assume that we can *find* U that completely represents F, i.e. U is sufficient statistics of F,

$$q(\mathsf{F}) \approx p(\mathsf{F}|\mathsf{U},\mathsf{X},\mathsf{Z},\mathsf{Y}) = p(\mathsf{F}|\mathsf{U},\mathsf{X},\mathsf{Z})$$

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 $= \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathsf{F}),q(\mathsf{X}),q(\mathsf{U})}\left[p(\mathsf{Y}|\mathsf{F})\right] - \mathrm{KL}\left(q(\mathsf{U})||p(\mathsf{U}|\mathsf{Z})\right)$

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- Expectation tractable (for some co-variances)
- $\bullet\,$ Reduces to expectations over co-variance functions know as $\Psi\,$ statistics
- Allows us to place priors and not "regularisers" over the latent representation

Latent space priors

$\mathbb{E}_{q(\mathsf{F}),q(\mathsf{X}),q(\mathsf{U})}\left[p(\mathsf{Y}|\mathsf{F})\right] - \mathrm{KL}\left(q(\mathsf{U})||p(\mathsf{U}|\mathsf{Z})\right) - \mathrm{KL}\left(q(\mathsf{X})||p(\mathsf{X})\right)$

- Importantly p(X) appears only in KL term
- Allows us to express stronger assumptions about the model

⁸Damianou, A. C., Titsias, M., & Lawrence, Neil D, Variational Inference for Uncertainty on the Inputs of Gaussian Process Models (2014)

The Gaussian blob



 $p(\mathbf{X}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{I})$

$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \sigma e^{-\sum_d^D \alpha_d \cdot (\mathbf{x}_{i,d} - \mathbf{x}_{j,d})^2}$$

GPy

RBF(...,ARD=True) Matern32(...,ARD=True)

Theorem (Change of Variable)

Let $x \in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a random vector with a probability density function given by $p_x(x)$, and let $y \in \mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a random vector such that $\psi(y) = x$, where the function $\psi : \mathcal{Y} \to \mathcal{X}$ is bijective of class of \mathcal{C}^1 and $|\nabla \psi(y)| > 0, \forall y \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then, the probability density function $p_y(\cdot)$ induced in \mathcal{Y} is given by

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Warped Gaussian Processes^{9, 10}



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• Place a GP as a warping function, that is warped, ...

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Data inefficiency¹²



¹²Nguyen, A. M., Yosinski, J., & Clune, J., Deep neural networks are easily fooled: high confidence predictions for unrecognizable images, CoRR, abs/1412.1897(), (2014).



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$$y_1 = f(w_1^{\mathrm{T}}x) \quad y_2 = f(w_2^{\mathrm{T}}x)$$

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Appendix

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