

# Gaussian Processes for Computer Experiments

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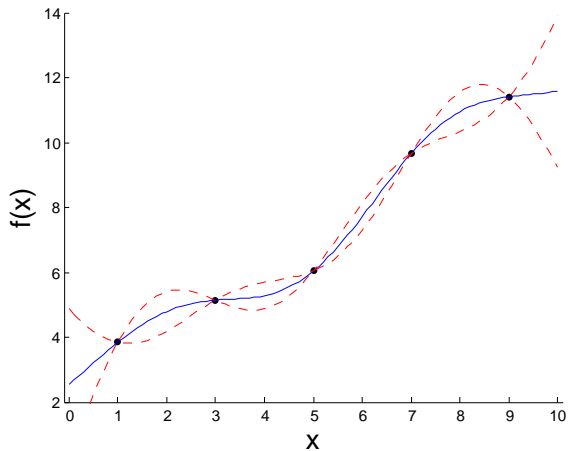
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- If we *specify* a zero mean GP with covariance function (1), for fixed  $v$ , model is equivalent to the hierarchical GP with the mean function  $x\beta$ .

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- Using a second GP (with noise) for the mean can help deal with nonstationarity:

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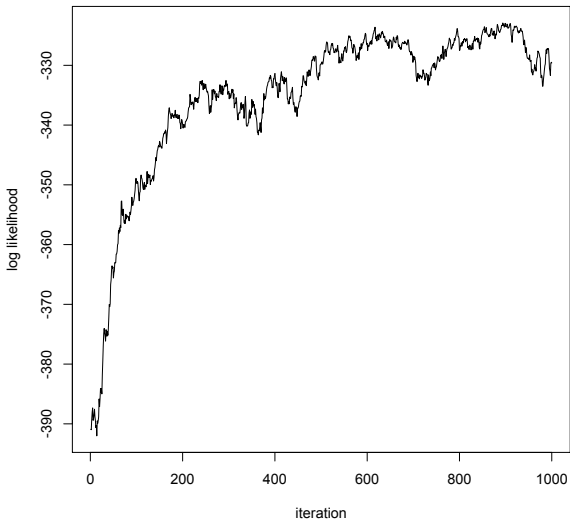
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Initial Gibbs sampler can be helpful for starting an optimiser. Example: 18 input climate model



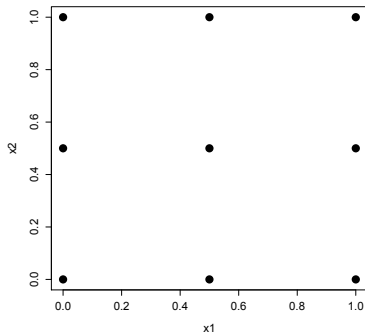


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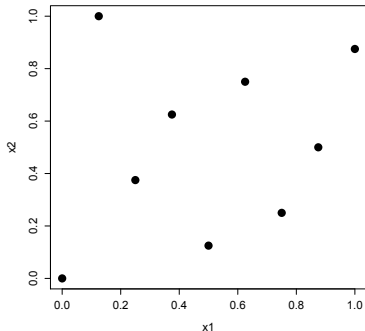
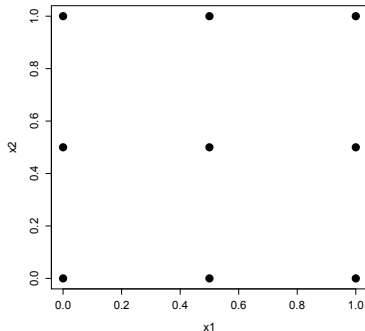
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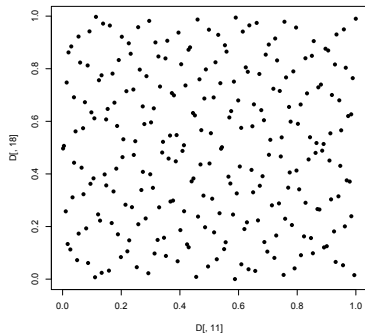
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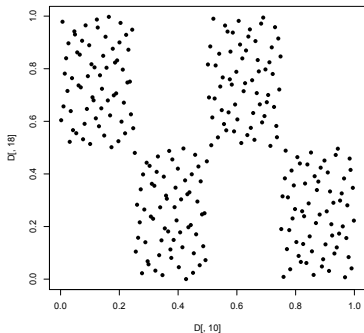
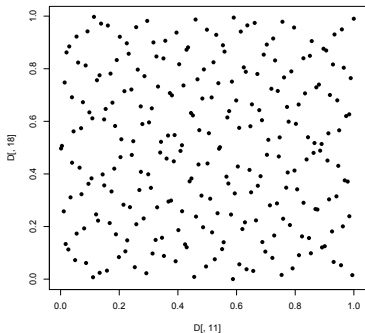
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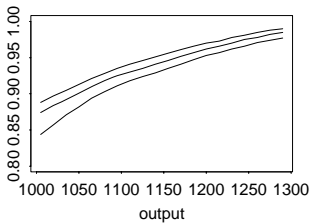
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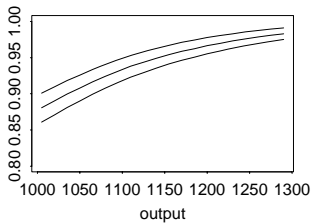
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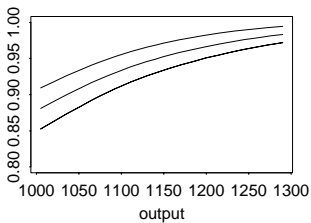
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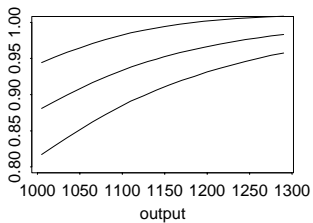
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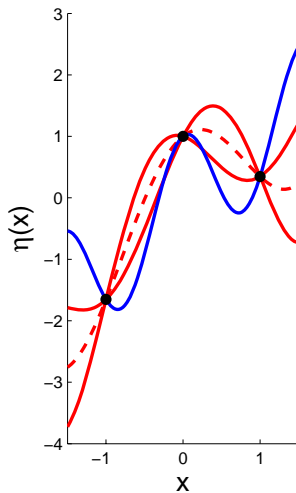
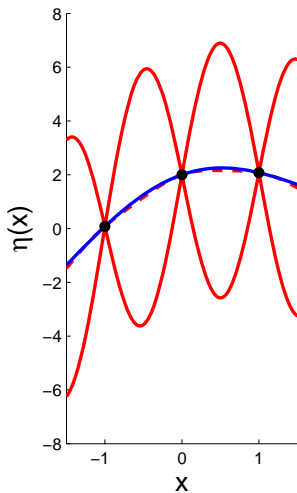
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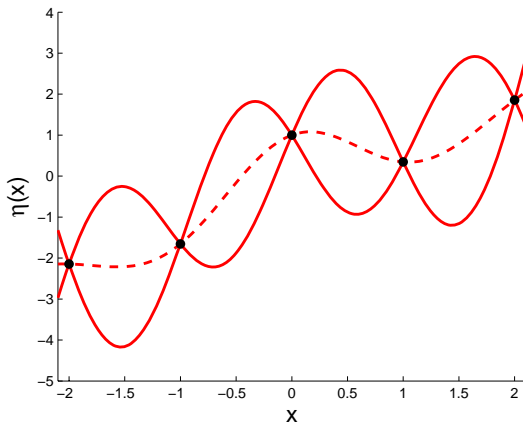
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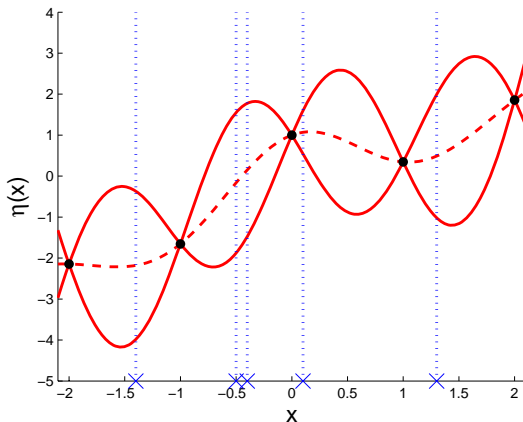
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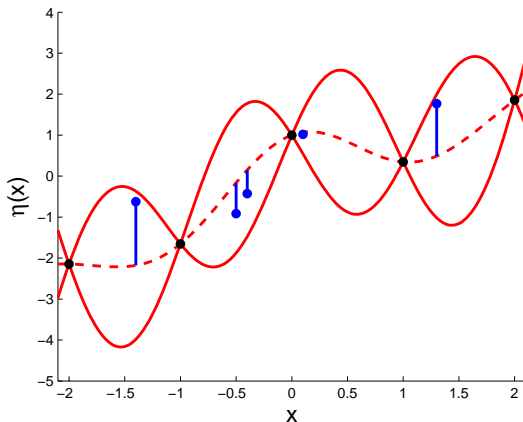
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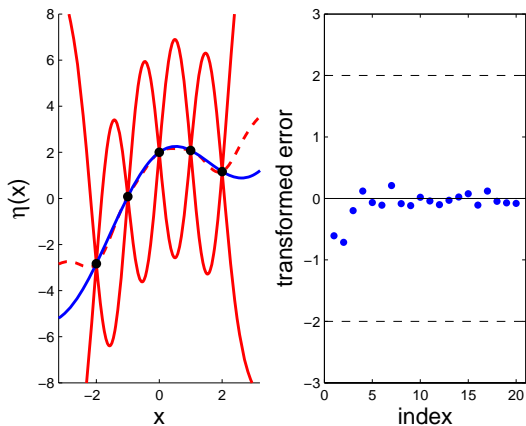
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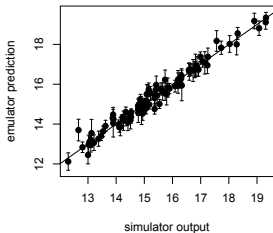
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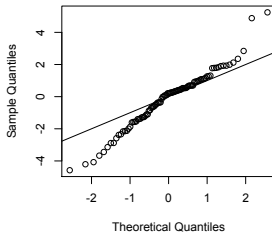


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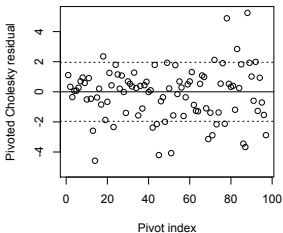
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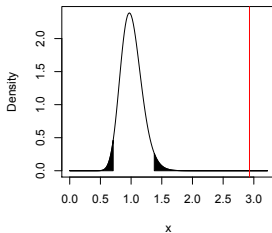
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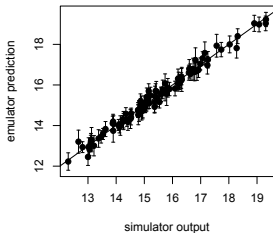
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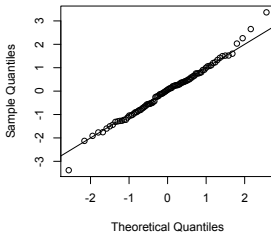


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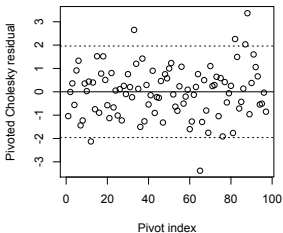
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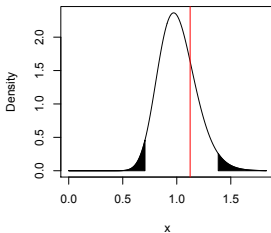
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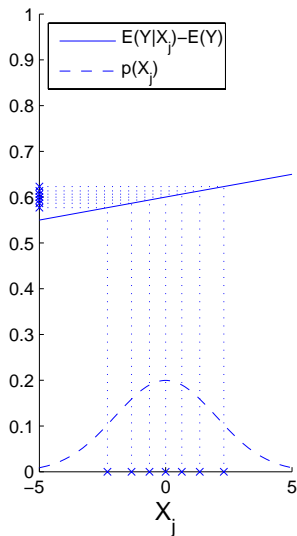
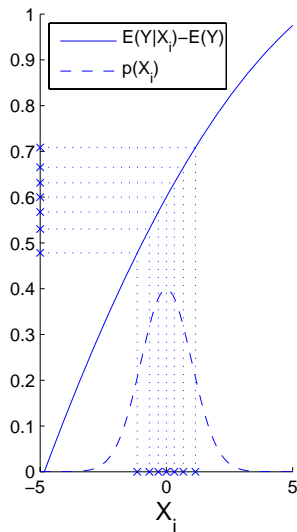
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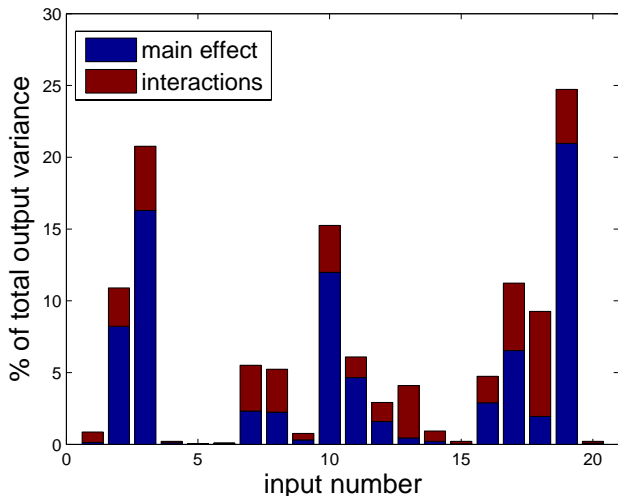
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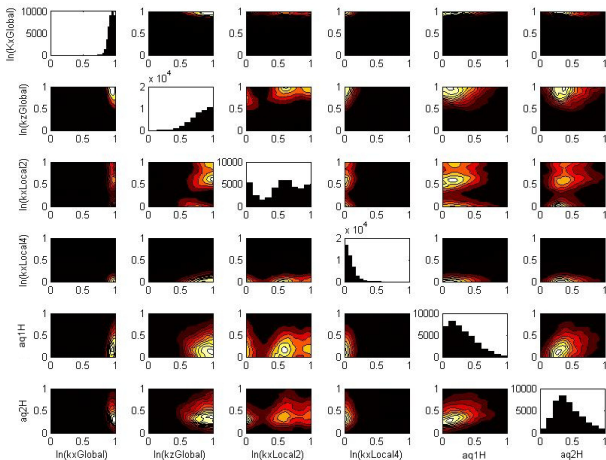
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