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Constraints on GP Predictions

Not so normal after all

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Camera system development



Automation



Prototype development



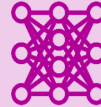
Camera integration

Advanced camera technologies

- UV \rightarrow LWIR
- Multi- and hyperspectral
- 3D imaging
- Variable focus, zoom
- Image intensifiers
- Polarization camera's

Camera calibration and fusion

Image processing and camera simulation



Machine learning



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What about your data? **Does it matter?**

2. Problem Locally - Bound Constraints

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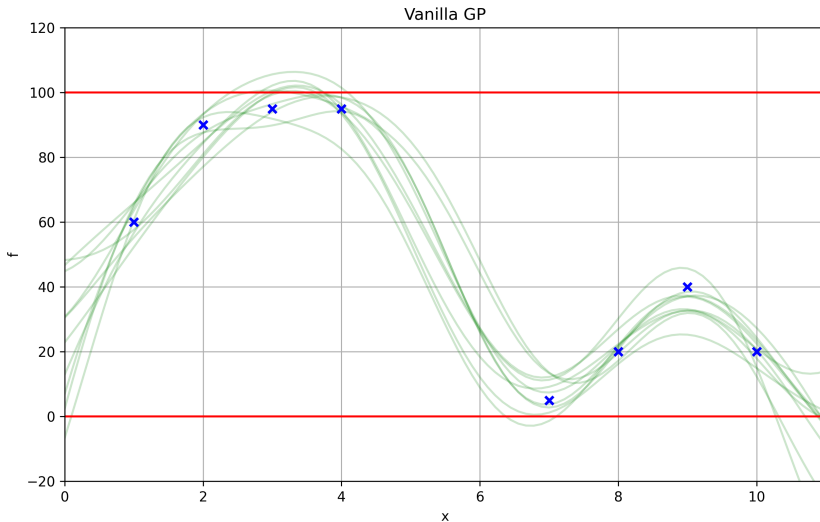
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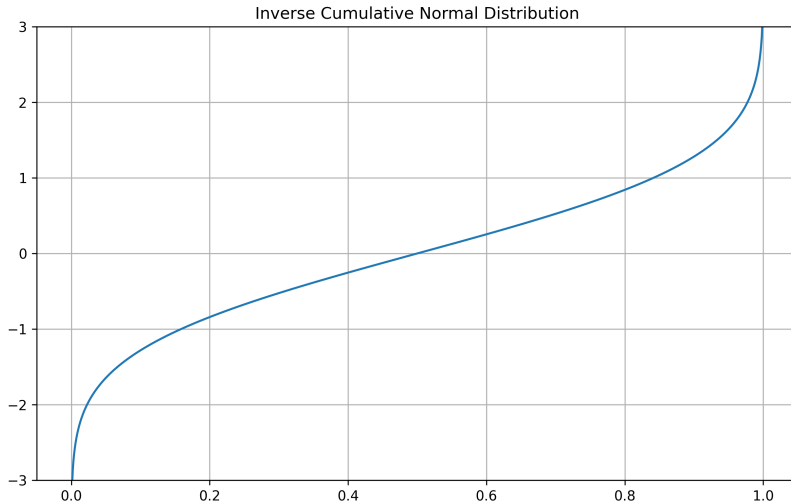
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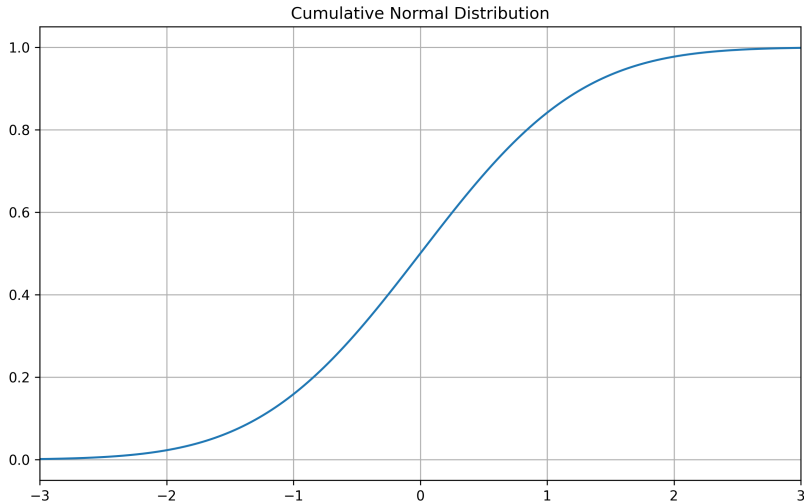
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$$0 \leq f(x) \leq 100, u_i = \Phi^{-1}(y_i), [0, 1] \rightarrow [-\infty, +\infty]$$



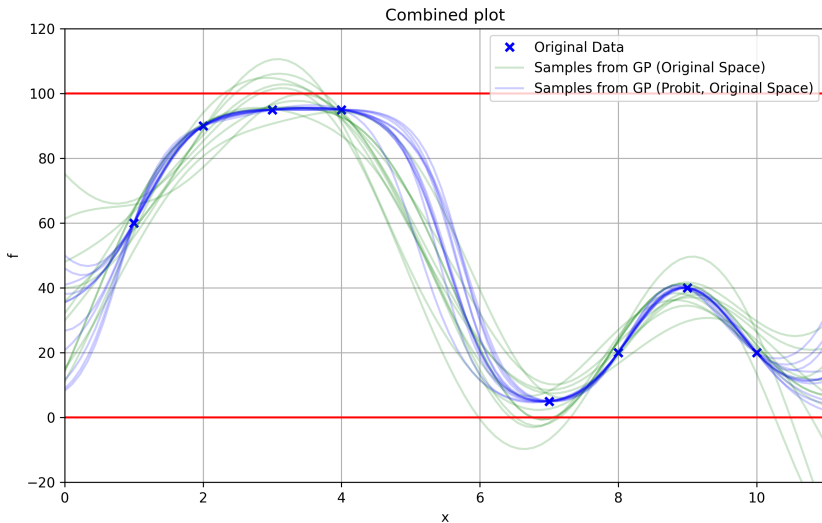
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train GP on $\{x_i, u_i\}$, warp prediction back via Φ



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Bound Constraints - Likelihood Tinkering

$$p(\mathbf{f}|X, y, \theta) = \frac{p(y|X, \mathbf{f}, \theta)p(\mathbf{f}|X, \theta)}{p(y|X, \theta)}$$

3. Problem Globally - Differential Equation Constraints

Differential Equation Constraints with Data

$\mathcal{L}u = f$, with data on u and f , and \mathcal{L} linear partial differential operator

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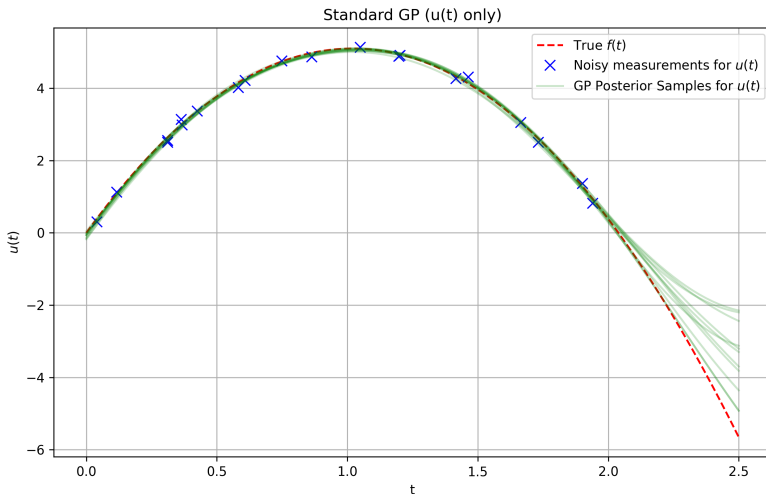
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$$k \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}'_1 \\ \mathbf{x}'_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}'_1) & \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{x}'} k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}'_2) \\ \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{x}} k(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}'_1) & \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{x}'} k(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}'_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

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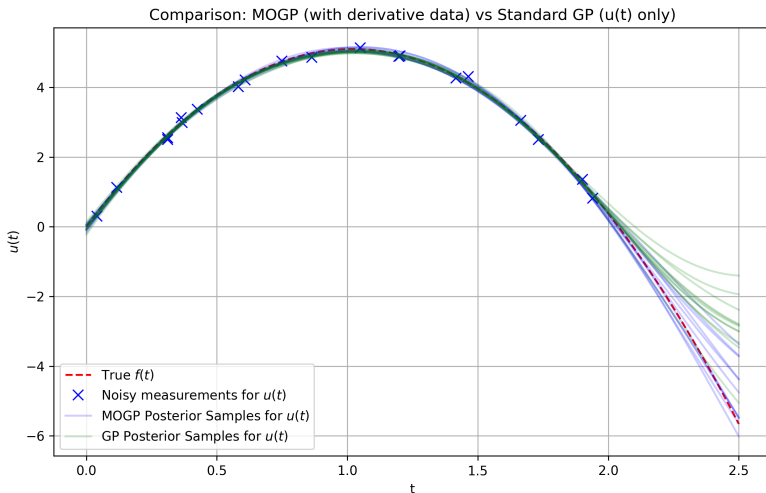
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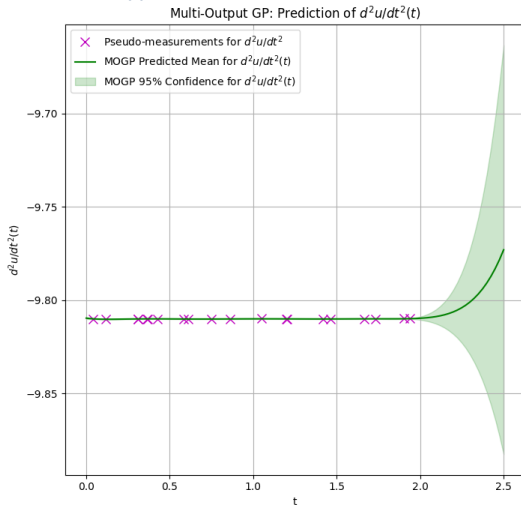
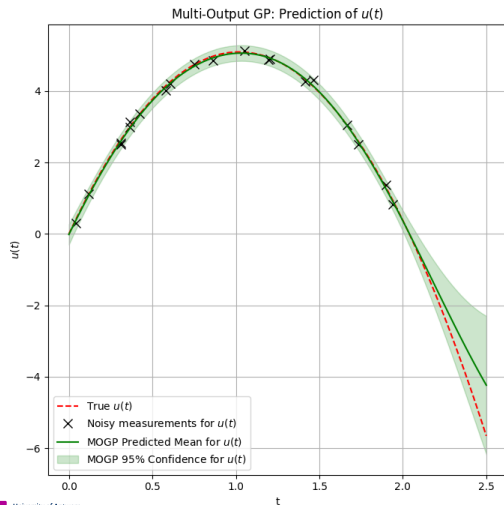
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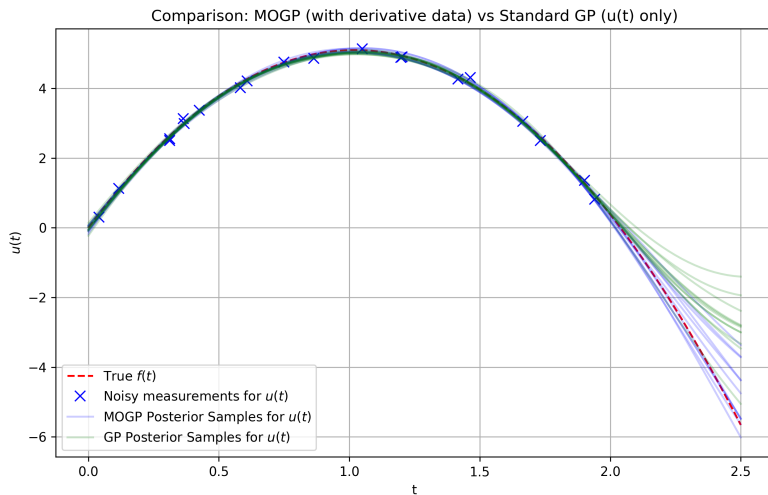
$$\frac{df}{dt} > 0$$

Convexity Constraint

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} > 0$$

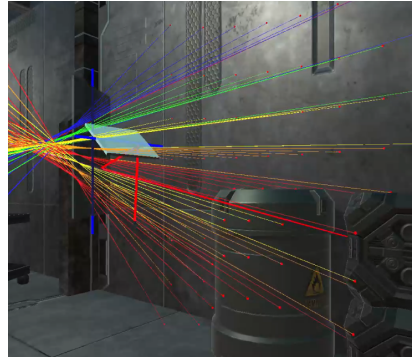
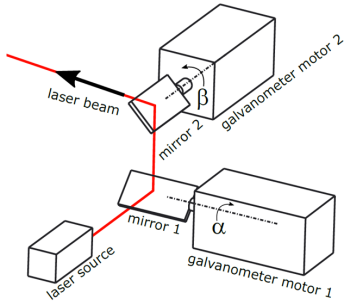
Concavity Constraint

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} < 0$$

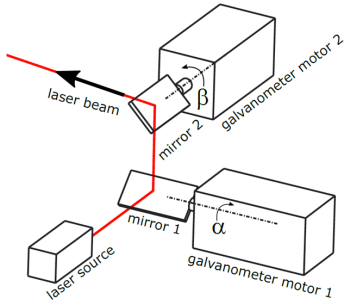


4. Problem Multi-Output - e.g. Predict Lines in 3D

Galvanometric Laser Scanner

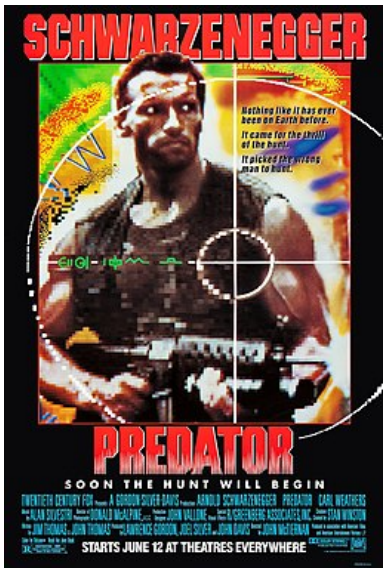


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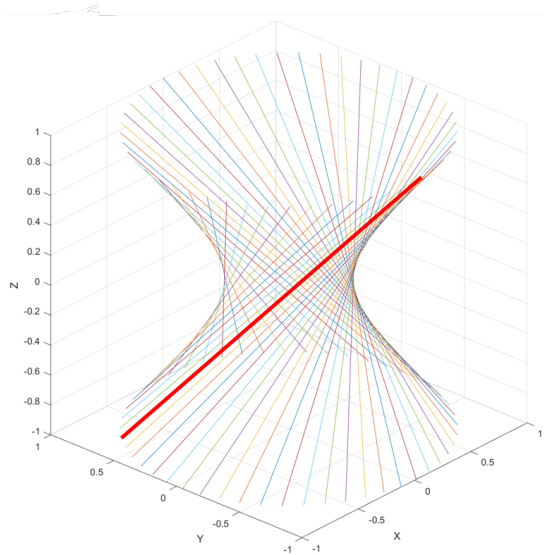


$$(\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow L$$

Predator



Hyperboloid



Hyperboloids



Hyperboloid Bridge

Corporation Street Bridge



Coordinates

 53°29'01"N 2°14'36"W

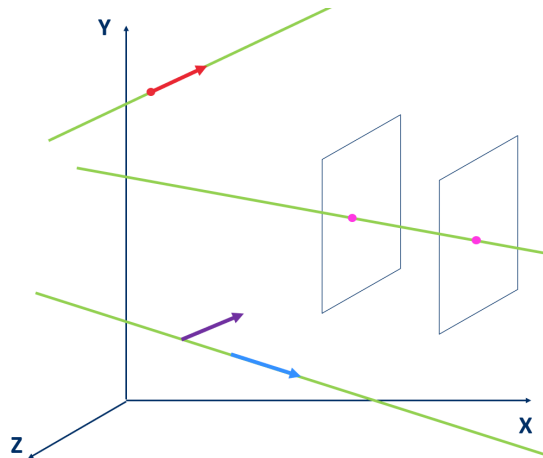
Crosses

Corporation Street

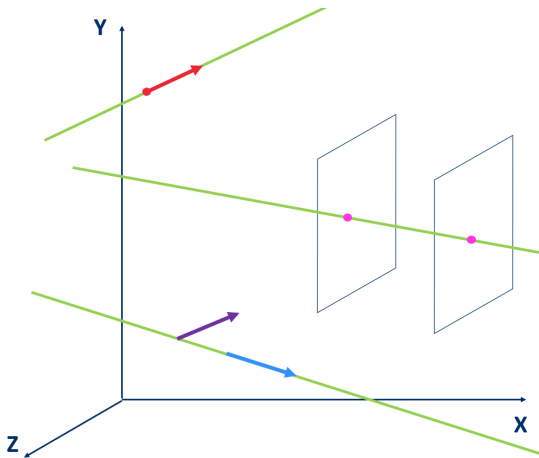
Locale

Manchester, England

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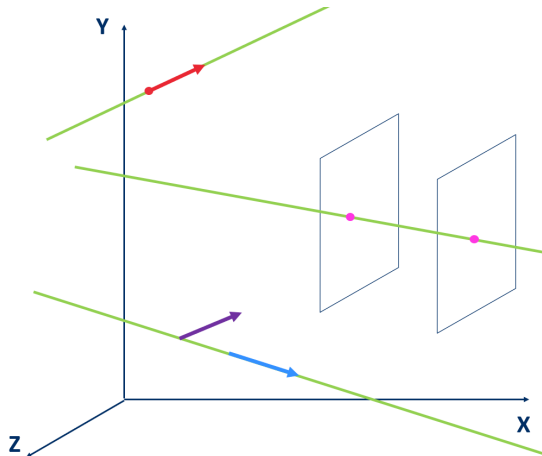
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 $L \in M_2^4$ (Klein Quadric) $\subset \mathbb{P}^5$

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$$l_1 l_4 + l_2 l_5 + l_3 l_6 \neq 0 \Rightarrow (l_1 : l_2 : l_3 : l_4 : l_5 : l_6) \text{ is a screw, } \notin M_2^4$$

NOT a line in 3D!!!

Constraints on predictions for L

$$l_1 l_1 + l_2 l_2 + l_3 l_3 = 1$$

$$l_1 l_4 + l_2 l_5 + l_3 l_6 = 0$$

5. Unit Norm: $l_1 l_1 + l_2 l_2 + l_3 l_3 = 1$

Input (α, β)

Periodic kernel in general:

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sigma_f^2 \exp \left(-\frac{2}{\ell^2} \sin^2 \left(\pi \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{p} \right) \right)$$

Periodic kernel for $\mathbf{x} = (\alpha, \beta)$, ARD and period 2π :

$$k_{PER}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sigma_f^2 \exp \left(-\frac{2}{l_\alpha^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{|\alpha - \alpha'|}{2} \right) \right) \exp \left(-\frac{2}{l_\beta^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{|\beta - \beta'|}{2} \right) \right)$$

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$$k_{DIF} = \mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{x}} k_{COM} \mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{x}'}^T = \begin{bmatrix} A & B & 0 \\ C & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} k_{COM},$$

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6. Grassmann-Plücker Relationship: $l_1l_4 + l_2l_5 + l_3l_6 = 0$

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Veronese mapping, $V_{52} : \mathbb{P}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{20}$, $V_{52}(\mathbb{P}^5) \subset \mathbb{P}^{20}$

\mathbf{Q} is rank 1, $\det(\mathbf{Q}) = 0$, all 2×2 minors = 0, 210 (independent) quadratic equations

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Problem multi-output: Relationships between outputs are not built-in. What about zero curl or divergence in a vector field? What about unit norm vectors?

What about your data? **Does it matter?**

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